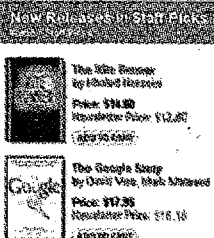




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Former judge: Flap not good for court

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Retired 35th District Court Judge James Garber said he's "not shocked" that current Chief Judge John MacDonald broke tradition and caused quite a controversy by choosing sides and endorsing a candidate for the judgeship that will be decided by voters in the Plymouths, Northvilles and Canton Township in the Nov. 7 general election.

However, Garber said for the best interests of the 35th District Court, he wished it hadn't happened.

MacDonald announced last week he's endorsing Westland attorney Jim Plakas for the six-year term, and not incumbent Ron Lowe, with whom he's served on the bench the past 12 years. MacDonald not only caused a buzz throughout the courthouse — which before last week had been unspeakable for judges at 35th District Court — but also because he publicly criticized Lowe, saying he felt "an obligation to the communities to set the tone for the future ... of the court."

Garber, who is "good friends" with both MacDonald and Lowe, said he's disturbed the long-time differences between the two jurists have become both public and political.

"It's occurred elsewhere, but it's the first time I've heard of endorsing a candidate at 35th District Court," said Garber, who served with

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Denise Picard is the owner of House of Fudge in downtown Plymouth.

Chocolate covering Candy shop finds a way to beat faltering economy

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In a faltering post-9/11 economy, Denise Picard knew keeping her House of Fudge candy shop in downtown Plymouth a viable business would be a matter of concern.

For Picard, who has owned the candy shop across from the Cozy Café for six years, it was a matter of survival.

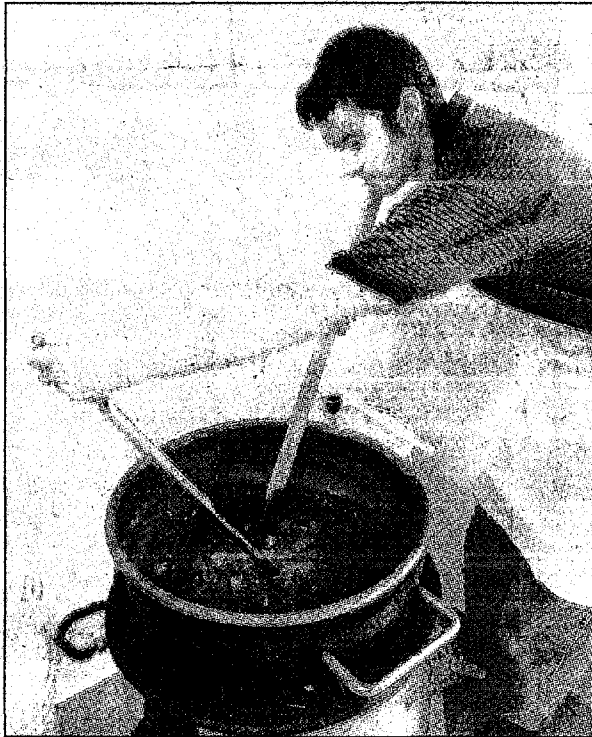
"After 9/11, we held through Christmas very well," said Picard, who has owned the House of Fudge, across from the Cozy Café, for about six years. "But after Christmas, things just dropped. People used to just walk in, but nowadays they just don't have the disposable cash," she added. "Candy is more of a luxury item."

Picard, who admits to seeking a little divine intervention, decided it was time to think out of the box and branch out.

"I just thought, 'We need more business or I'm going to close,'" Picard said. "I sent letters and samples to about a hundred cider mills and basket companies, and we had a 10-percent return, which was really good. We're doing OK with it."

Not only is Picard doing business with the popular Franklin Cider Mill, she was also able to

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Sean McEvilly stirs and checks the temperature of the fudge ingredients at the House of Fudge in downtown Plymouth.

MDOT will study Ridge light

State will wait for M-14 work to be finished

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Responding to numerous complaints from residents and government officials, the Michigan Department of Transportation will conduct a new traffic study to determine whether traffic volume warrants a full-time traffic signal at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Ridge.

The intersection is currently being serviced by a full signal due to a 38 percent increase in traffic since construction started on M-14, but MDOT officials recently said that signal was "temporary" and would come down when the M-14 project was complete, expected in late October or early November.

Residents want the interim light left in place while the study is done, but that seems unlikely, according to MDOT officials.

In an e-mail to residents, MDOT spokesman Mike Budai said the light will be taken down.

"The last time we conducted a full signal analysis at this intersection in 2004, it did not meet the requirements as defined by law," wrote Budai, a traffic and safety engineer in MDOT's Taylor office. "At this point, it has been decided ... to remove the temporary light and proceed with the lawfully required study."

According to Budai, the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices dictates the standards and placement guidelines for the state's signs, signals and pavement markings. Among the items looked at are eight-hour vehicle volume, four-hour vehicle volume, peak hour traffic, pedestrian volume, school crossings, coordinated signal system, crash experience and the roadway network.

To get the full signal, according to information provided to residents by Budai, the intersection would have to have 500 vehicles per hour on Ann Arbor Road and another 150 on Ridge; and the crash experience at the intersection would have to include at least five accidents susceptible to correction by a signal.

While the study is being conducted, officials said, the light will be restored to a flashing signal. While MDOT officials are telling residents they have to go by the numbers, the residents want the full signal left in place and what they call the "human factor" considered during the study.

"The light is serving a purpose right now and not hurting anyone or anything, it is actually helping, (so) why take it down to do the study?" said Kim Del Col, the resident who is leading the charge for the signal. "You can still monitor the traffic numbers with the light up. This just makes no sense and I think the 'human' aspect is taken out of the equation."

The intersection could qualify for a light after next year, when MDOT has plans to add a center-left-turn lane and widen the intersection. Del Col, whose daughter was injured in a 2004 accident at that intersection, hopes that's not too late.

"Taking the light down opens this area up to potential dangers," Del Col said. "Can't (MDOT) at least consider leaving it while they conduct the study? The light has improved the issues at the intersection, with or without a left-turn lane on Ann Arbor Road. I totally agree that the roads need work and I fully support it, but while this is all in the works, can't they leave the light?"

What do you think about this story?
E-mail your responses to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Budget work lands Sincock a pay hike

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock is getting high praise from city commissioners for his efforts in bringing fiscal integrity back to the once debt-ridden budget.

"We're impressed with the way Paul has dealt with drastic personnel cutbacks, and while still offering the services we've had in the past," Commissioner Dave Workman said. "Probably the most difficult part of his job is to manage the same or more services with fewer bodies to do it with, and he's done it. When you respond to the economic times like city has, then a 2-percent pay increase is certainly reasonable."

Commissioners Monday night rewarded Sincock, who has been city manager since March 2001, with a pay raise retroactive to July 1. The 2-percent pay increase equates to \$1,855, which will boost Sincock's annual base salary to \$94,623. He will also be allowed to sell back 10 days of unused vacation time for approximately \$3,000; bringing his total compensation to about \$97,600.

Last year, commissioners gave Sincock a 3-percent raise and 3-percent bonus, which resulted in total compensation of \$95,434.

Commissioners were so satisfied with Sincock's handling of the bud-

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FILE PHOTO

The Plymouth City Commission Monday included a 2-percent pay raise in their appraisal of city manager Paul Sincock.

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Coming Sunday in Health
Search Your Heart program brings healthy living to church.

Child seat clinic

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

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

Chiefettes variety show

The Canton Chiefettes pompon squad will host their annual variety show on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Salem High School auditorium. Showtimes are 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$6.

For information, call (734) 788-4461.

Maze challenge

Supporters of Maybury Farm hosts the Great Maze Challenge 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 at the farm located in Northville.

The annual Corn/Forest Maze Race is an opportunity for corporations, businesses and others to show their support for the continued success of Maybury Farm. The first person through will receive the coveted "Great Maze" trophy for one year. You will be taken by hay wagon to entrance of the Maze and then you are on your own to wind your way through the Maze. You will be given a stamp card where you must find the 12 stamp locations throughout the Maze and stamp your card to successfully complete the Maze.

Recommended attire is jeans and very comfortable shoes or boots. Donation is \$25 per per-

son, with all funds going to the care and feeding of the farm's animals through the winter months.

To pre-register (not required) or more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Fine arts exhibit

Award winning poet/photographer Cheryl A. Martin of Canton has juried into the 14th-annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibit. Her artwork, titled, "Westland's Camel" will be in the show Oct. 13-Nov. 5.

"I am ecstatic about having the opportunity to be a part of this fine exhibit," she said. "I've been impressed with the caliber of art that has been in this show."

In addition, Martin's poetry and photography juried into the Innerescapes Exhibit in Lowell, Mich. Her work will be on display there until Oct. 21.

Martin will also be a part of the Resurrected Voices: The Eloise Cemetery Project, where she will display her poetry and artwork. For further information, contact her at (734) 397-1626, peroinc5@comcast.net or <http://outskirtspress.com/womanreclining>

Lincoln round-table

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

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



Silver medal fund-raiser

Olympic Ice Dancers Ben Agosto and Tanith Belbin joined Starfish Family Services' CEO Dr. Ouida Cash at a Sept. 14 fund-raiser at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course in Van Buren Township. The Olympic silver medalists, who train at Artic Edge Arena in Canton, were honorary chairs of the Starfish Family Services Golf Classic, which raised \$6,000 for at-risk children and families in western Wayne County. Inkster-based Starfish Family Services serves 7,000 children and families a year with prevention and early intervention services.

Round Table

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

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

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Optimist Club is also selling the books, at their new fund-raising price of \$20. They can be picked up at Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The book offers up to 50-percent savings on casual dining, fast food, fine dining, trav-

el and hotels, entertainment and sports, and retail and services on everything from apparel to flowers.

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

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

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

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

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling the 2007 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. Pick up your 2007 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary

CORRECTION

The Canton and Plymouth high school football teams will be playing Friday night, not tonight as was erroneously reported in Sunday's *Observer*.

The Chiefs will host WLAA Western Division rival Livonia Franklin at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP

varsity stadium while the Wildcats will travel to Northville to tangle with the Mustangs in a game set to start at 7 p.m.

Salem travels to Walled Lake Northern today for a 7 p.m. game against the Knights.

Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The Entertainment Book offer is \$20 with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

Grief workshop

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

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

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

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

DFCU scholarships

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

Since introducing the Founders' Scholarship Program in 1998, DFCU Financial has committed more than \$100,000 in funds to high school seniors who are members of the credit union. To be eligible, applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate involvement in community service. A written essay is required for consideration. The winner of the renewable scholarship is determined following an interview with members of the senior management team at DFCU Financial.

Applications for the 2005 DFCU Financial Founders' Scholarship are available at the credit union's web site at www.dfucfinancial.com or by calling (313) 336-2700. The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 3. Candidates must be members of DFCU Financial, high school seniors graduating in 2007 and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average. For more information about DFCU Financial's community involvement and free educational seminars, please visit www.dfucfinancial.com.

Jr. Miss Scholarships

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

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

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

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

Anyone interested in attending the orientation meeting can contact Michigan Junior Miss At-Large Program Director Jan Sickle-Witte at 517-467-2589 or email JMSICKLE@comcast.net or Lydia Sarooosh at 734-426-4744 or email at celiff@yahoo.com.

Youth commission members

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is looking for members.

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

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

Craft show

Delta Kappa Gamma's annual Craft and Home Show is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at West Middle School at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon in Plymouth. The show features 100 quality crafters and home vendors and a quilt raffle. Proceeds from the show fund college scholarships for high school graduates. Admission is \$2 and lunch is available.

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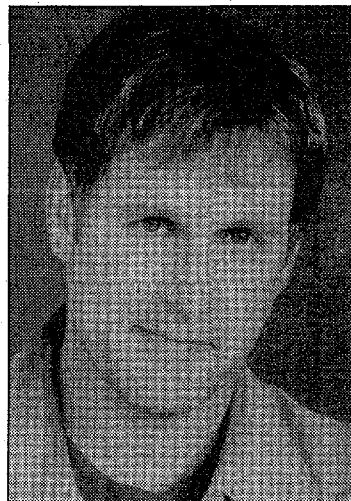
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Comic Coulier snared to headline show to benefit homeless shelter

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER



Coulier

It just didn't sit right with Patrick Elliott when he heard about a plan to shepherd Detroit's homeless out of sight during the week of the Super Bowl in Detroit last February, only to let them go back to the streets once the spotlight on the city was turned away.

So the Livonia resident and his father Gregory Elliott, a local dentist, decided to do something about it.

They launched an event last year and dubbed it "Hilarity for Charity." The event brought comedians to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill and all proceeds from ticket sales were donated to St. Aloysius Community Outreach Center, a homeless shelter in Detroit.

And the sales added up. "We raised a little more than \$15,000," Elliott said. "And this year we're hoping to do even better." Elliott was able to contact

nationally known comedian Dave Coulier (famous for his role in the sitcom "Full House" and more recently his appearances on "Skating with Celebrities"), and increase the price of tickets, in hopes of packing the house at the Village Theater. Coulier will take the stage at 8 p.m. on

Friday, Oct. 6. A reception with hors d'oeuvres will precede the event, starting at 7 p.m.

"It was harder than I thought, trying to find a well-known comedian with a clean act," Elliott said. He did some research and found Coulier was scheduled to be in the area early in October, and a few phone calls later he got a commitment from Coulier.

He sought out corporate sponsorships to cover the \$10,000 in costs to bring the comedian to the theater, so that all proceeds will benefit the shelter and its programs for the homeless in the city.

It's this kind of event that the theater is attracting more frequently as it begins its third season.

"We love being host to groups like this," said the theater's director, Jennifer Tobin. "It's a great project and a wonderful charity. And they take care of all the expenses and all of the risk."

What the theater staff does take care of is the details.

"We treat all the acts the same way. The technical crew is ready to unload you and get you everything you need and you're set up and comfortable. You're treated like royalty," Tobin said.

And that's why Elliott chose the Village Theater.

"When I started calling around to different theaters, no one was really taking me seriously. But Jennifer did," he said.

He was taken on a tour and given a couple of tickets to a show, and was impressed with what he saw.

"I just loved the theater itself. It's beautiful, and it was perfect for what we needed," Elliott said.

Ticket are \$50, available in advance at Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460. Tickets can also be purchased through Dr. Gregory E. Elliott DDS by calling (248) 473-2000. Cash, Visa and MasterCard are accepted at both locations. Checks are also accepted at Dr. Elliott's office.

League hosts candidate forum

Voters eager to get a look at the candidates for the state House's 20th and 21st Districts and the state Senate's 7th District seats get their chance Oct. 4.

That's when the League of Women Voters of the Northwest Wayne County, along with the Observer Newspapers, sponsors a two-part candidates' forum at the Canton Library.

The four candidates in the House race — Democrat Marc Corriveau and Republican Mark Abbo in the 20th and Democrat Al Sinis and Republican incumbent Phil LaJoy — square off from 7-7:55 p.m. Democrat challenger Mark Slavens and Republican incumbent Bruce Patterson, the candidates in the 7th Senate District race, appear from 8-8:45 p.m.

The event will be taped for broadcast on local-access television several times before the Aug. 8 primary. The Canton Public Library

is located at 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton.

Candidates will be allowed a one-minute opening statement, one-minute responses to questions and a two-minute summation. The event will be moderated by a League of Women Voters member, who will read questions submitted by audience members.

Anyone who can't attend but would like to submit questions can do so at the League's Web site at www.lwvwww.org and clicking the "contact us" link.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, political organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League does not endorse or oppose candidates or parties, but it does work to obtain and distribute information to the public on candidates and their views.

School district seeks housing panel members

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Housing Committee has two openings for the 2006 - 2007 school year.

The committee membership includes eight parents of P-CCS students. This year, the committee will be working toward having two parents from each quadrant of the school district — northeast, northwest, southwest and southeast — so that all areas are represented. There also are eight district employees on the committee, which includes elementary and middle school principals.

Representatives are needed at this time from the northeast and southeast quadrants of the district:

■ The northeast quadrant is

the area east of Sheldon Road and north of Hanford Road between Sheldon and Haggerty and then north of Warren Road between Haggerty and the eastern boundary of the district.

■ The southeast quadrant is the area east of Sheldon Road and south of Hanford Road between Sheldon and Haggerty and then south of Warren Road between Haggerty and the eastern boundary of the district.

Parents who live in other areas of the district may apply for membership on the Housing Committee, but will only be included in the random drawing if there are no volun-

teers who live in the northeast or southeast quadrants.

The primary purpose of the Housing Committee is to make recommendations to the Board of Education about the attendance area boundaries for district elementary and middle schools. Each year the committee gathers information about the number of students in every elementary and middle school and compares that to the capacity of the school in order to determine if a school is above capacity or has space for additional students.

When needed, the committee will make recommendations to the Board of Education for adjustments to the attendance

area boundaries for specific schools to alleviate overcrowded situations.

The Housing Committee meets twice a month on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m., usually at West Middle School. The first meeting takes place Oct. 17 at Bird Elementary because of an activity at West. Committee members generally volunteer to serve for three or more years.

Anyone interested in volunteering to serve on this committee should contact the district's Community Relations department, (734) 416-2757 by Monday, Oct. 9. Names of all volunteers will be drawn at random at the Tuesday, Oct. 10 school board meeting.

Downtown site for restaurant crawl

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

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

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

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

also features eight dessert and coffee shops.

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

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

Tickets for the crawl are \$25 and can only be purchased through the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Diners can also order them with a credit card over the phone by calling (734) 453-1540.

Fund-raiser helps with medical bills

A Westland couple has come to the aid of a Redford family in need.

Shelly and Bryon Morell of Westland have organized a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser to help Dave and Janet Pugh of Redford.

With no health insurance, the Pugh family's medical bills surpassed \$80,000 as Dave Pugh battles cancer and as Janet continues to try to recover from a stroke and a brain hemorrhage, according to Shelly Morell. The fund-raiser is scheduled

for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the A.O.H. Hall, 24242 Grand River, in Detroit. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

There will be entertainment at 8 p.m. with karaoke and a band. Drinks will cost an extra \$1, with proceeds also going to the family's fund.

Those who want to sign up for the dinner in advance may call Shelly Morell at (734) 748-9690. All checks should be made payable to Kimberly Pugh, who has power of attor-

ney over her mother, according to Morell. Kimberly Pugh is one of two adult children of the Pughs, according to Morell.

Area businesses that want to donate items for an auction to help the Pugh family also are encouraged to call Morell.

The Morells organized the fund-raiser to help the Pughs with medical bills, prescription costs, medical equipment and bills related to the remodeling of a bathroom to accommodate Janet Pugh's needs.

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Flutist Jessica Brashears concentrates on music and footwork during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's season opener of their competition show, "The Passion Within," at Novi High School Saturday.

Picking up where they left off

Band starts season with first-place trophy

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band captured the Flight I first-place trophy along with caption awards for Best Marching and Best General Effect and the highest score, 72.1, of the 13 high school marching bands at their first competition of the season at Novi High School Saturday.

"They had a good first show and they learned a lot today," said Marc Whitlock, director of bands at PCEP. "There was a lot of excitement and a lot of energy coming through the gate."

This year's approximately 10-minute show, "The Passion Within," is comprised of four parts: *The Dancer, The Painter, The Musician* and *Love*. A work in progress, the production is minutes short of being finished and will give audiences new things to look for at future competitions.

Whitlock is excited about his 187-member band's performance and potential.

"We took a leap forward in our performance intelligence (Saturday) on the field," he said. "There were some things that could have gone wrong that they kept right. Every year you may have the same uniforms on, but the personality and feel of every



Percussionists Sarah Jung (left), Amy Bammel, Adrienne Gibson and Molly Wallace surround the saxophone quartet comprised of Josh Hartage (hidden at left), Corwin Stout, Yoshioka and Nick Hendzell during Plymouth-Canton's award-winning season opener at Novi's Fanfare 2006 Saturday.

group is different year to year. Each year it's like your new baby is out there taking its first steps."

Clarinetist Kayla Ragland, a Salem freshman, was one of those taking first steps.

"I was kind of nervous going into this," she said, "but I think the band was really pumped. We just had to know our stuff and go out there and put on our best performance and that's what we all did. We worked really hard and the band should be very proud of what they did."

Plymouth junior Chia Lonis, a snare drummer said he is beginning to enjoy performing the show now. The Plymouth-Canton marchers have been putting in some intense practice hours over the summer, including a weeklong at-home camp followed by an additional week of away camp before swinging into the fall schedule of practice every day after school and on Saturday before competitions.

"Everything is starting to come together really well," he said.

In addition to Plymouth-Canton, other bands in Flight I included West Bloomfield, second; and Westland John Glenn, third.

"The great news is that our kids work hard and strive for knowledge and performance excellence," noted Whitlock. "They want excellence to be a



Vocalist Caitlyn Eckles adds a new dimension to P-CMB's competition performance, "The Passion Within." The 187 hometown marchers captured the Flight I first-place trophy and captions for Best Marching and Best General Effect along with the highest score of the 13 competing bands at Fanfare 2006 in Novi Saturday.

habit. I dare say that's why all these kids from all the bands are out here. They've found marching band is their niche and it helps them learn how to

be excellent." The next competition for the P-C marchers is at Woodhaven High School in Brownstown on Sept. 23.



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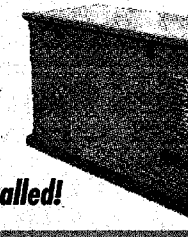
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Judge Dunbar Davis and MacDonald during his 16 years on the bench from 1979-1994. "Dunbar and I, and John and I, always thought it was a good idea for judges to stay out of judicial races. We thought that was in the best interest of the court."

"I'm not going to kid you, Dunbar Davis and I didn't

agree on everything, and neither did John and I," Garber said. "But I felt we were always capable of sitting down and talking with one another, working it out and getting past it. It's a tough job to begin with, and if there are other personal problems going on, it makes it much more difficult."

While many are disappointed in the appearance of politics at 35th District Court, it's apparently not an unusual occurrence throughout the state for judges to endorse candidates for judge.

"There's nothing unethical in doing that," said Paul Fischer, the executive director of the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission, an independent state agency responsible for investigating complaints of judicial misconduct. "A judge is allowed to endorse another candidate for judge, whether that can-

didate is an incumbent or non-incumbent.

"Should the incumbent win, and remain as a colleague with the person who didn't endorse him," Fischer added, "that's not an ethical problem, that's a political problem."

Attorney Brian Einhorn, of the Southfield law firm Collins, Einhorn, Farrell & Ulanoff, represents judges who are being investigated or prosecuted by the Michigan Tenure Commission.

"The Code of Judicial Conduct says a judge or candidate for judicial office shall not make speeches on behalf of a political party, or candidates for non-judicial offices, but they can speak out for candidates for judicial office," Einhorn said. "It's not unusual for judges to endorse the candidacy of other judges, or be on the committee of a candidate. However, they cannot be on the finance committee or sol-

it money on behalf of a candidate."

Einhorn also said the Code of Judicial Conduct gives leeway to judges to do what they can to improve the legal system.

"A judge may engage in activities to improve the law, the legal system and the administering of justice," Einhorn said. "If he (MacDonald) thinks he can improve the 35th District Court and wants to speak out ... there's nothing to prevent him from doing so."

Einhorn said the public discord between MacDonald and Lowe isn't good for the bench, but "35th District Court is not unique to that, I'm sad to say."

"District Court is a place common people go to air their grievances, and you'd like to think the people who are there are above the fray," he said.

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SINCOCK

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et, all seven gave him a perfect score of 5 — on a scale of 1-5 — for his handling of the budget.

Sincock received a 4.9 average for his handling of the city's contracts with its vendors, and in several of the 11 objectives earned an average 4.7. In fact, Sincock's lowest average score on the performance objectives was a 4.4, which grades the city manager on his effectiveness in handling the citizenry.

Workman said commissioners would like Sincock to put concerns raised by citizens more at the top of his list, admitting the city leaders would like to eliminate problems that reach them directly.

"We hear from residents when something isn't working for them as well as they think it ought to by a phone call, e-mail

or visit," Workman said. "We're just trying to encourage him to look at their interests, as well as everything else he has to do."

Sincock said the money is nice, but the evaluation is what's important to him.

"That's really the part that's the nuts and bolts of the operation, making sure the city commission is pleased with not only my performance, but the performance of our team," he said.

Compared to cities with comparable populations, Northville City Manager Pat Sullivan earns \$99,000; Farmington City Manager Vince Pastue receives \$96,830; and Shea Charles in Howell makes \$82,500.

Plymouth non-union employees received a 2.75 percent increase in July, Department of Municipal Services union members bargained a 2 percent pay hike.

Sincock said negotiations should soon result in a contract for Plymouth police officers.

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Locals rev up truck for Stone Soup charity draw

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

It was made in the U.S.A. — and remade in metro Detroit. This year's Stone Soup Nailhead truck, a charity fundraiser for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, was a labor of love for the 25-plus people who worked on it.

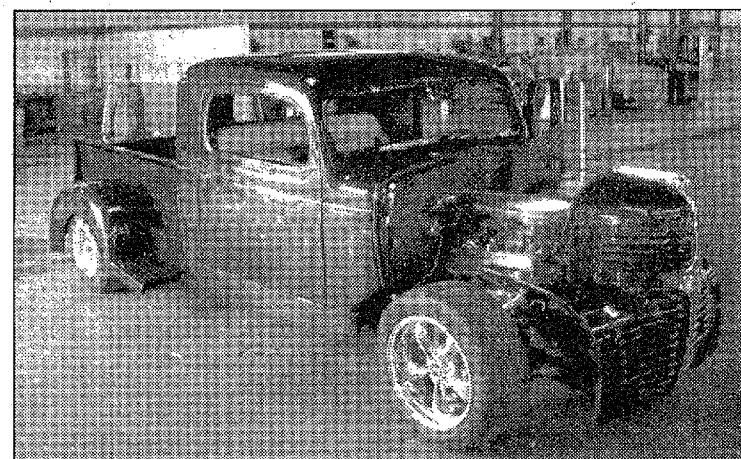
"We got it done in 26 days," said Stone Soup volunteer Asher Panian, general manager of Joe Panian Chevrolet of Southfield, where the truck was finished and unveiled Wednesday. The rough version was displayed on Woodward during last month's Dream Cruise.

The purple beauty is truly an all-American project.

"It's a '47 Dodge truck, but it has a Ford rear and a Buick engine," Panian said.

Organized through the J.J. and Lynne Morning Show on WCXS-FM (98.7), the four-year-old Stone Soup project raffles off a rebuilt custom vehicle each year to benefit the Southfield-based children's charity.

"It takes the theme of the children's fable *Stone Soup*, where everybody pitches in,"



Rebuilt at a Southfield auto dealership, this hot rod pickup awaits a new owner.

CLF spokeswoman Karen Mulligan said.

Acquired from a local auto shop, the vintage truck was widened, lengthened and repainted.

Priority was given to maintaining original parts. But not all the parts fit after the truck was customized. The old hood posed a special problem.

"The hood didn't fit, so we had a new one fabricated courtesy of Quality Metal of Livonia," Panian said.

Panian's own company, Lucky Devil Hot Rods, also played a major role in the project. He and partner Steven Evans are

no strangers to such projects, having customized dozens of hot rods and motorcycles.

Those who missed this year's Stone Soup truck Wednesday will be able to see it truck again 5:30-9 a.m. Thursday at Duggan's Irish Pub on Woodward in Royal Oak, during a special morning show broadcast.

Raffle tickets are \$25 and can be ordered online at wcxs.com/jjandlynn or by calling the CLF at (248) 353-8222, but hopefuls must hurry. The drawing will be conducted 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the station, One Radio Plaza, Detroit.

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"Zehnder's took off about nine weeks ago, and the cider mills just opened a month ago," she said. "A lot of them are open through Thanksgiving, and we're also selling to the basket companies. We're also seeing a little movement in the corporate business gifts."

Business has been good enough for Picard to begin a night shift, though she admits it's usually just her making fudge for the increased number of orders.

"If you're selling it, you don't mind," Picard said.

Picard, 40, has been at the House of Fudge since she began working part time as a 16-year-old. When the previous owners decided to retire, Picard decided to buy the it.

"I like my job, it's been fun, and I've never hated going to work," Picard said. "Most of the time people are in a really good mood when they come here. And I have really good help."

Along with the 17 varieties of

fudge — Picard said chocolate and chocolate walnut are the best sellers — her store also sells homemade chocolates and bulk candy items. Picard said even she sometimes has a difficult time staying away from all the sweets.

"You get used to it, and it can be weeks before I'll touch anything," she said. "And then, for a week straight, I'll graze."

Not unlike her own start in the fudge-making business, Picard said she likes to hire high school students who stay with her through college, and come back to help through the holidays. One of the perks is getting to test the sweets.

"When the kids come in and start working, I always let them eat what they want," Picard said. "In fact, I encourage it because it's hard to sell what you don't know."

Sean McEvilly, 18, of Canton Township — who visited the shop as a young boy — has been a fudge maker the past four years.

"When I first started, I just wanted to eat everything, and you tend to," said McEvilly, whose favorite is peanut butter fudge. "Now, I pace myself a little better and have willpower being around it. It's a candy

shop, so you can't help but have fun surrounded by all the chocolate."

McEvilly said he's gotten used to people peering through the store window, watching him make a batch of fudge, which takes about an hour or so from start to finish.

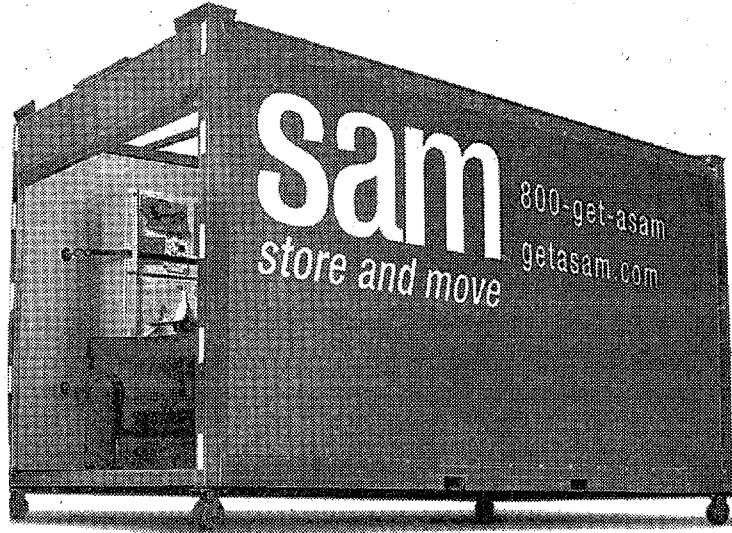
"There's always people walking by on the street, or in to watch for a couple of minutes," he said. "After a while, you get used to it after making so many batches."

Jeannette Brevik of Northville has been visiting House of Fudge for about as long as Picard has been working there, calling it her "home away from home." In fact, Picard said the triple-dipped chocolate pecan snapper — consisting of caramel, pecans and three layers of dark chocolate — was made specifically for Brevik.

"That's my addiction of choice," Brevik said. "For years I've been getting three pounds a week, and I would eat every one of them. I should be 500 pounds, but I'm not."

"My husband would bring me flowers, but I told him just to bring the snappers," she added. "Godiva chocolate doesn't hold a candle to them."

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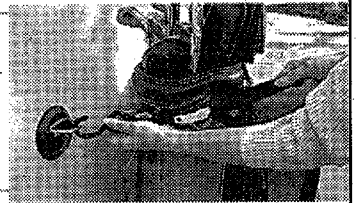
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Women business owners hold area conference

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This two-day event sponsored by General Motors Corp. and LaSalle Bank will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 26-27, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

The Conference is designed to create opportunities for women business owners to form strategic alliances and business-to-business opportunities with major corporations and other women business owners. MWBC, a program of the Center for Empowerment and Economic Development (CEED) committed to educating and promoting the ownership and certification of women-owned businesses, first introduced this Conference in 2001.

It realized women business owners' lack of opportunities in meeting with corporate purchasers/decision-makers and other women-owned businesses.

Conference highlights for 2006 include a Women's Summit Luncheon, Tune-Up Clinic, opportunities to meet with corporate purchasers, and a wide variety of workshops and presentations by local and national professionals.

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the needs of both aspiring and established women business owners and delivers strategies for succeeding in a highly competitive market," said Michelle Richards, executive director of CEED and MWBC President. "The conference provides huge value and opportunities for women business owners," she said of this conference that has experienced approximately 20-percent growth in attendance each year. Some 550 individuals attended last year, and based on the exciting offerings this year, MWBC envisions 700 attendees this September.

Bo Andersson, vice president, global purchasing and supply chain at General Motors Corp., represents the keynote speaker for the conference Awards Luncheon. He will be recognized in *Minority BusinessNews USA Magazine* as one of the 100 Men Impacting Supplier Diversity.

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McNamara honored with 'day' Thursday

Longtime Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who passed away Feb. 19, will be remembered with a day in his honor Thursday.

"Edward H. McNamara Day" will be recognized as the result of a resolution passed by the Wayne County Commission in March.

Born Sept. 21, 1926, McNamara served as county executive for four terms from 1987-2002. During his tenure, Metro Airport underwent a major renovation highlighted by a new terminal that bears his name. Under McNamara, the county was a partner in building the

new downtown sports stadiums, Comerica Park and Ford Field. McNamara also developed health care and juvenile justice programs, revitalized the County's parks system and cleaned up the Rouge River, once one of the most polluted waterways in the country.

"Mr. McNamara did so much for Wayne County during his tenure as County Executive," said Jewel Ware, chairwoman of the Wayne County Commission. "This is a fitting and lasting tribute to a true public servant who made Wayne County a much better place."



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Ballot proposal won't make better schools or smaller classes

One statewide ballot proposal voters will decide in the November general elections sounds a whole lot better than it really is.

Dubbed the K-16 initiative, the measure would guarantee annual funding increases to match inflation for local public elementary, middle and high schools, as well as intermediate school districts, community colleges and universities.

It is hard to argue about giving our children the best education possible. And it is logical to assume that guaranteed future funding increases would stabilize local school budgets, which would result in smaller class sizes, better technology and a more inspired learning environment.

Unfortunately, the only effect this ballot proposal would have is tying the hands of the governor and Legislature in the annual budget process, and shift ever increasing retiree pension costs from local districts to the state, which could blow a \$500 million hole in the state's general fund budget.

We urge a **no** vote on state ballot Proposal 5.

It would be irresponsible in these uncertain economic times to guarantee future funding increases for any state department, including education. The governor and Legislature have the responsibility — and duty — to appropriate revenues and it should not be left to referendum.

This proposal represents a clear example of robbing Peter to pay Paul. If the economy continues its downward trend, the governor and Legislature would have no choice but to cut other vital services including police, mental health and corrections.

There is no question state funding for public education always should be a top priority. A strong education system is vital to the state, but budget guarantees that tie the hands of the governor and state Legislature are not the answer.

'Rights' proposal is cynical, divisive

After a prolonged effort to keep the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (Proposal 2) off the November ballot, the federal court has decided that voters will be allowed to take a stand on this controversial proposal.

Voters will decide whether to amend the Michigan Constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to individuals or groups on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity or national origin in public education, public employment and government contracting.

On its face, it seems to be a proposal for equal treatment for all. But the history of this proposal is as complicated and twisted as the sorry history of race relations in Michigan.

For this reason and others, we recommend a **no** vote on Proposal 2 on Nov. 7.

Southeast Michigan is regularly cited as the most racially segregated area in the United States. It is a place where African Americans are disproportionately unemployed, living under the poverty level, educationally disadvantaged and less likely to receive medical care. They have a higher incidence of crime and drug addiction. It is an area with a long history of racial steering in real estate, insurance red lining, police harassment and job discrimination.

Opponents of affirmative action argue that it constitutes "reverse discrimination," giving unfair advantage to minorities and women, leading to increased social conflict and racial animosity. Beginning with the Bakke case in 1978, the U.S. Supreme Court has tried to define both the proper uses and limits of affirmative action. Most recently in 2003, the court ruled on two cases involving the University of Michigan. It ruled in *Grutter vs. Bollinger et al.* that the university can use race as one of many factors in assessing the qualifications of students, in this case at the Law School. But, in *Gratz et al. vs. Bollinger et al.*, the court ruled that a point system used at the undergraduate school could not be used.

But the leaders of major corporations, civic leaders from both major parties, military leaders and others have opposed this amendment as socially divisive.

We agree. We believe that the state constitution should not be amended to outlaw programs that help those who have been historically discriminated against for generations.

We urge a **no** vote on this misguided and cynical proposal.



Youth commission thanks

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many, many people who helped to make the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission's "Battle of the Bands" a great success! The PCYAC has been trying to put together an event like this for quite some time.

This affair would not have been possible without the assistance and donations of the following: the Fall Festival board, E.G. Nicks, Frank Agostini, Main Street Auto Wash, Pictorial Graphics, Sam Walton, a.k.a. "The Entertainment Czar," the *Journal Newspapers*, John Itsell of Palace Entertainment, Jeanne Knopf DeRoche and the friends and families of the PCYAC members who came out on a chilly Sunday night to help out and make sure everything ran smoothly.

Last, but not least, the "Battle of the Bands" would not have been anything without the talent of the five contending bands who participated. While not everyone can win, each gave a memorable performance. Thank you to the bands: Left Right Turn; Edge of Decency; The Dry Leaf Project; Over the Counter; and Which Way Is Home.

This was just another example of how our community comes together to ensure success. Thank you again to all who participated.

Michele R. Potter
Plymouth city commissioner
PCYAC liaison

Fall Festival celebrated

On behalf of Cass Community Social Services, I would like to extend a word of thanks to the Plymouth Rotary Clubs. Because of their thoughtfulness, a great number of the homeless in the Detroit area enjoyed spaghetti for dinner Sunday and chicken Monday following the Plymouth Fall Festival.

As a resident of Plymouth, it makes me quite proud to know that the surpluses of our grand events were shared with the less fortunate. There's a lot of suffering going on just down the road from our beautiful city.

To know that our civic organizations are mindful of this makes the food taste even better.

Ed Hingelberg
director of operations
Cass Community Social Services

Democrats are arrogant

The arrogance of the Michigan Democratic Party is truly amazing.

They think Michigan voters are really incompetent. They have an ad that purports that Debbie Stabenow is a supporter of Michigan manufacturers. There is no special trade prosecutor in spite of Stabenow's effort to create another useless layer of bloated bureaucracy to provide jobs for her otherwise unemployable friends.

According to the National Association of Manufacturers, Stabenow has supported the issues they favor only 6 percent of the time; 94 percent of the time

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she opposed them or didn't get involved. That's a friend?

They are criticizing the DeVos family for investing in the state of Michigan and creating thousands of jobs. They are criticizing Dick DeVos for internationalizing the company, creating hundreds of more jobs. This is all good for the state of Michigan.

Jennifer Granholm has never invested a dime of her own money in the state of Michigan which created a single job. She has made a career out of living from the public trough of taxpayer dollars. Jennifer Granholm takes a couple of nice vacations at taxpayers' expense to Japan. In the meantime, the Asian manufacturers are expanding in Michigan to destroy the domestic manufacturing industry, and she is happy to take credit for that. She even helped Toyota obtain property for a test track near Ann Arbor, even though local companies were willing to bid more money.

I fought in World War II and the Korean War to prevent the Asians from taking over our country. We were able to win in World War II because we were able to convert the domestic manufacturing capability into war-time production at a rate Japan never dreamed of. Japan and the other Asian countries know this and are slowly but surely destroying the manufacturing capability of this country.

There is no question that they outnumber us. The next war with Asia will require every bit of military product capability we can produce.

The Democrats feel that if the Asians produce their vehicles in this country, that it will create jobs. They are wrong. The Asian company vehicle domestic content is less than 35 percent and is mostly the cost of non-unionized assembly labor. One hundred percent of the Asian company profits go back to Asia.

Get your head out of the sand. Take back America, buy American and vote Republican.

Carl A. Lindner
Plymouth

Insulted by McCotter

On Saturday Sept. 9, I was pleased to attend a forum at Livonia's St. Edith's Catholic Church to discuss the Citizens for Peace call for a Department of Peace and Nonviolence, with Congressman Thad McCotter (from Michigan's 11th District, which includes Livonia).

The forum was scheduled for one hour to begin at 6:15 p.m.; it began a bit late at 6:30 p.m. I would estimate the crowd at approximately 100 people. The discussion began when a very well-informed member from St. Edith's spoke about what the Department of Peace was and why it's needed, especially in this time of war.

The first person to ask Congressman McCotter a question asked if he would support a resolution already signed by 100 Democrats (but not one Republican), in support of a cabinet-level Department of Peace. Congressman McCotter strongly replied "No," he would not support it.

Susan Melke
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Keep lawmakers far away from state's new science curriculum

As if we didn't need one more reason to sigh ... last week the state Board of Education voted 6-2 to delay adopting the science portion of Michigan's new high school graduation requirements.

What's this all about? You guessed it. Evolution, again. The delay was requested by the chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees to placate state Reps. Jack Hoogendyk, R-Portage, and John Moolenaar, R-Midland.

They want language jammed into the standards that would legitimize teaching creationism and so-called "intelligent design."

The standards now direct science teachers to show how fossils, comparative anatomy and other evidence "may" demonstrate evolution.

Hoogendyk and Moolenaar want "may or may not," language which allows teaching of creationism or intelligent design as alternative explanations and, thus, credible science.

Here's something that is really credible: If Michigan becomes known as a place with schools unwilling to teach accepted scientific reality, high-tech businesses will avoid us like a new Ice Age. And we can forget about evolving into a prosperous high-tech economy.

There may be better news soon. Topsiders in the Department of Education say the board's delay in adopting standards was a tactical maneuver. It did that to help out legislative leaders who want some time to calm down some of the crazier members of their caucus. The state board also wants to develop a method for lawmakers to provide "legislative input" in the design of teaching standards. That may sound silly, but that's far less intrusive than a now-sidetracked House bill that would have dictated entire standards.

We'll see. The state board meets next Oct. 10. Board members tell me the votes are there to adopt a clear teaching standard that rules out creationism. We better hope so.

Throwing a bone to legislative leaders may be good politics. But opening the door to teaching wacky "science" is the worst possible thing Michigan could do at this moment in our economic crisis.

Come to think of it, though, Hoogendyk and Moolenaar may be rather more acute than we may realize.

We might even extend their healthy skepticism about prevailing theories to all manner of things previously viewed as certain.

The teaching standards for math could be revised to indicate that two plus two "may or may not" equal four, as appears to be the

case in some alternative universes.

The Bible "may or may not" represent literal truth. The allies "may or may not" have won World War II; if so, the curriculum standards for history could stand some revision.

Even the prevailing notion that reducing business taxes automatically leads to economic growth could be subjected to the "may or may not" skepticism test.

But there's no "may or may not" in considering Michigan's economic crisis. We're in a lot of trouble. GM is cutting 30,000 jobs and closing plants. Ford just last week announced 44,000 cuts plus several more plants to be shuttered. DaimlerChrysler says it will lose \$1.5 billion this summer, and that may be just the start.

Things are bad now, and they're going to get much worse.

Michigan is going to prosper — if it prospers — by attracting high value added companies like Pfizer and Google that need a highly educated work force. The highly productive and profitable Chrysler engine plant in Dundee requires even its workers on the line to have at least a community college degree.

Dithering over inserting "may or may not" into the Michigan curriculum with respect to evolution is the easiest way to drive off any companies that need a skilled and educated work force.

The state Board of Education must not fold in the wrong way at what, for our state, would be the worst possible time.

Footnote: I'd like to correct last week's column, which attacked the so-called K-16 proposal to increase at no less than the rate of inflation state appropriations for schools, community colleges and universities. Because fully two-thirds of the extra money will go to shift the costs of teacher and school employee pensions from local school districts to the state, I called K-16 a cynical sham.

The measure does relatively little to improve education for kids, regardless of what the nice TV ads supporting it might say.

That is still the case, but I want to correct an incorrect assertion I made in my column. I said there were things local school districts could do to reduce the cost of school employee pensions.

That's just not so. The Legislature is in full control of these matters, and I should have known so.

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Faith communities must support affirmative action

Crash is one of those movies that not only won an Academy Award but will be watched over and over for decades. Whether it portrays the current level of anger among racial, religious, and other groups, or it makes a statement portending what's on the horizon, it is a powerful presentation of human relations in our country.

One of Crash's themes is frustration at the lack of progress for women and minority groups. So many well-intended governmental programs since the 1960s have not succeeded, either because of poor funding, poor execution or both. When we examine what has failed and what has worked, only three clear-cut successes quickly come to mind: (1) legal remedies for segregated facilities; (2) the Head Start preschool program; (3) affirmative action providing women and minorities with equal

Daniel R. Krichbaum

access to jobs, contracts and educational opportunities.

Unfortunately, affirmative action is on the defensive now in many states including Michigan with the November ballot issue. With language posturing it as pro-civil rights (Michigan Civil Rights Initiative), the ballot issue would ban opportunities related to governmental employment, educational recruitment and admission programs and governmental contracts for women and minorities. What's even worse, the ballot issue sends a signal to the private sector that diversity and affirmative action in the workplace and in our communities is not a value to be pursued.

A number of business, civic, union and political leaders have stepped up to the plate and are opposing the ballot initiative. The leadership of these groups in itself is major progress from the civil rights days of the '60s when business leaders, in particular, were reluctant to involve themselves in the fray. Businesses and other current leaders have taken this stand because affirmative action works; it sends a positive signal to customers and creates a more productive work force and improved bottom line. Regrettably, a major leadership segment from the Civil Rights era — religious leaders — has not led the incremental progress achieved in recent decades. Their previous involvement was a powerful expression of the moral imperative for equal and fair treatment of all peoples.

Forty years ago in metro Detroit, suburban and urban faith leaders, women and men from Christian, Jewish and Muslim perspectives locked arms, developed programs and led demonstrations to indicate that fairness and opportunity in education, employment, health, and housing must be for everyone or eventually it

will exist for only a privileged few. While some religious leaders continued that struggle, unfortunately, many moved to other priorities.

Thus, in many faith communities today that earlier commitment and resolve has diminished. New moral imperatives are attracting attention. Many faith groups are more concerned about spiritual and congregational growth and self-help strategies to heal individual wounds — all important concerns — but not a moral issue as imperative as that expressed by our country's Founders when they wrote of certain inalienable rights including "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Now, the nation needs and Michigan needs to be clear and stand unified on the moral imperative of ending racism and sexism by continuing to offer fair chances and increased opportunities for women and people of color too long denied the promise of the Founders.

Affirmative action is important because it helps create more diverse groups at work, in educational settings, at tables where contracts are signed. And greater diversity can lead to inclusivity. Inclusivity, in fact, is a moral value that runs throughout the sacred writings of all major faith groups — every person understood, respected, and valued. So, it is incumbent upon faith leaders to once again exert their moral leadership and defeat Proposal 2 on this fall's ballot and thereby preserve affirmative action in Michigan.

Major players from business, unions, civic and governmental organizations, along with some religious leaders, urge defeat of the anti-affirmative action ballot initiative. But many people still wonder, where do the members of faith groups stand? This is the elephant in the room.

This is why clergy leaders can play such an important role in this election. Bishops and executives of religious institutions can and should lead from the top, but it is the ongoing, caring relationships in every congregation that lend weight to the moral imperative of fairness and equal opportunity.

So, the defeat of this ballot initiative will continue the meaningful progress for which affirmative action is responsible. And no one can make as great a difference as the thousands of faith leaders, lay and clergy, in congregations across Michigan. They have the greatest opportunity and the strongest moral claim to stand for fairness and equal opportunity for all women and people of color. The nation promised no less 300 years ago and breaking covenants has no standing among serious communities of faith.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel H. Krichbaum is president and CEO The National Conference for Community and Justice of Michigan.

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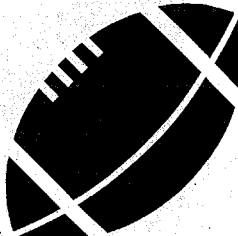
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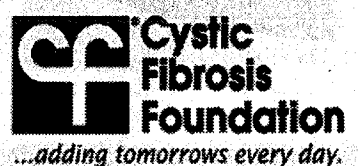
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Pursuit of spirit

Historic UU church welcomes all paths, all walks

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Where else can you go to church and sit between a person with Hindu beliefs and someone with Buddhist leanings?

Or, perhaps, worship with liberal Christians or humanists who believe in the non-existence of God?

Where else can you gather in a 154-year-old little white church — wearing whatever you want — and sing from a hymnal of traditional songs adapted to suit all beliefs?

At the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, there are no creeds and there are no rules.

"We don't think people should have to pass a litmus test to believe," said Rev. Alex Riegel, pastor at the historic church. "Each person has the right to pursue truth in meaning, according to their individual conscience."

That means no traditions, no pre-determined path to spiritual heights.

"The only ritual we have is coffee hour," smiled Riegel, who is in his sixth year at the church on Halsted, south of 13 Mile. The main structure of the church was built in 1852 in downtown Farmington and was moved to its current location in the 1960s on seven acres of donated land.

The Unitarian Universalist Church — as a denomination — has the most female pastors and clergy and the most gay and lesbian members and ordained ministers of any other denomination in the country, Riegel said.

In Farmington Hills, more

than 100 people gather at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. Fall services are at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sundays. The church's name reflects its Universalist heritage, that's why it's the Universalist Unitarian Church, instead of being named after the denomination, Unitarian Universalist, Riegel said.

SPEAKING TO ALL FAITHS

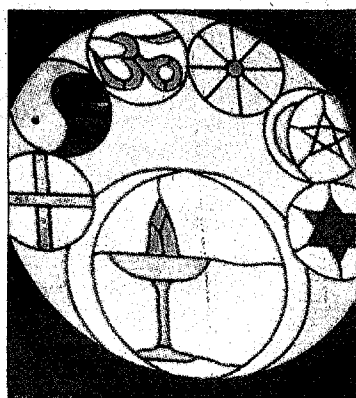
Riegel said he preaches on a vast array of topics and seldom does he draw from the Bible for reference or guidance. Instead, he uses resources from physics, Buddhism, even the comic strip, *Calvin & Hobbes* to present his message.

The seven principles of the Unitarian Universalist Church are to affirm and promote worth and dignity in every person; justice, equity and compassion in human relations; acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth; a free and responsible search for truth and meaning; right of conscience and use of democratic process; world community with peace, liberty and justice for all; respect for the interdependent web of all existence, including respect for the earth.

From there, it is up to the individual to take what he or she can from the message and use it in their own spiritual journey.

PERSONAL GROWTH

"The faith appeals to me because it encourages a personal spiritual journey and doesn't have a set of rules everyone has to agree upon," said Terie Spencer, a four-year member of the church. "This church is very



A stained glass piece in the church includes six religious symbols and the flaming chalice, denoting the Unitarian Universalist faith.

small and very friendly. Everyone has a personal stake in the church."

Spencer, of Commerce Township, grew up as a Lutheran.

"God can mean many things



The Rev. Alex Riegel and church member Terie Spencer talk about the unique experience at the historic Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.

to many people," she said. Riegel said, people often wander into the church, not knowing what to expect.

"There is a vast array of personal philosophies," he said. "There is always one more opinion than there are people. A UU church gives people a lot of different ways to think about the world."

RIEGEL'S JOURNEY

Riegel, who grew up in Saline, was without religion

before he became interested in learning about various religions at age 18.

"I started studying everything," he said.

He went on to graduate from the University of Michigan with a degree in philosophy and, from there, he graduated with two degrees from the Harvard Divinity School. His wife, Kimi Riegel, is pastor at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church in Southfield.

Alex's church regularly sponsors projects, such as swap meets, highway clean-ups and workshops promoting earth-friendly habits. Recently, the church hosted an earth-friendly craft fair.

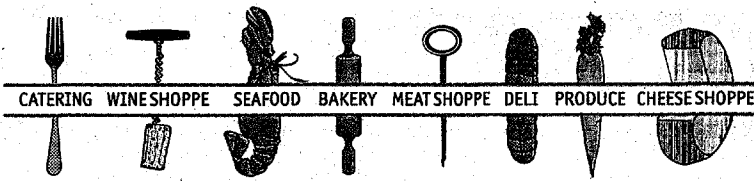
"We have worked to find local crafters who feel about the earth as we do and look forward to offering their wares to the community in an open and friendly venue," Spencer said.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- September 12, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on leave) Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas Staff Absent: Director Santomauro Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended, adding G-20, Consider Professional Services for Municipal Software Corporation (CityView) (MSD) and G-21, Consider Approval of Contract For Professional Services for Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA) Of Former Munn's Landfill Site. (MSD) and G-22, Approval of Finance Director. Motion carried by all members present.

Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of August 22, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments: Ginny Hauk, 43823 Proctor, spoke on behalf of the Cancer Action Network (CAN) Dan Devey, 43640 Antietum, suggested in the absence of Trustee Todd Caccamo, the words "absence on active duty" be placed in the minutes. James Hudgens, 879 Glenhulline Dr., stated he would like an exemption on his water bill for the charges assessed for not having a sump pump.

Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Expenditure Recap for September 12, 2006

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Total - All Funds 3,819,731.83

PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2007 BUDGETS. (FBD)

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. on the proposed December 1, 2006 millage rates and proposed FY 2007 budgets. Motion carried by all members present. Dan Devey, 43640 Antietum, offered public comment for general business practices. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. on the proposed December 1, 2006 millage rates and proposed FY 2007 budgets. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the proposed December 1, 2006 millage rates and FY2007 budgets. Motion carried by all members present.

Table with 5 columns: Millage Levy, 12/1/2005 Proposed, 12/1/2006 Proposed, Millage Increase (Decrease), Taxes on \$120,000 Value Home, Taxes on \$160,000 Value Home, Taxes on \$200,000 Value Home, Taxes on \$300,000 Value Home

2. PUBLIC HEARING-CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR DIVERSIFIED MACHINE INC. (SUPERVISOR). Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to open the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Diversified Machine Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Diversified Machine Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution approving application of Diversified Machine, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF DIVERSIFIED MACHINE, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, Diversified Machine, Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new personal property to be acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on September 12, 2006, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before August 14, 2006, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the expanded facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Diversified Machine, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new personal property to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: PARCEL NUMBER 003-99-0008-713-7261 Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as described as follows; Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 1, T.2.S., R.8.E., thence North 02 Degrees 07 Minutes 49 Seconds West, 85.5 feet along the North and South 1/4 line of Section 1, thence South 88 Degrees 45 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 49.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing South 88 Degrees 45 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 696.16 feet to the Easterly Right of Way of I-275 Expressway and of a non-tangent curve concave to the Southeast, having a radius of 11,334.15 feet, to which point a radial line bears North 81 Degrees 06 Minutes, 34 Seconds West, thence Northeasterly, 759.83 feet along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 03 Degrees 50 Minutes 28 Seconds (The chord of said curve bears North 10 Degrees 48 Minutes 40 Seconds East, 759.69 feet), thence North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 27 Seconds, East, 526.00 feet, thence South 02 Degrees 07 Minutes 49 Seconds East, 743.59 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 10.50 acres of land. Parcel no. 003 99 0008 713. (7261) and 7375 Commerce Boulevard) be and the same is hereby approved. 1. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 5 years in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in M.C.L. et seq. 3. PUBLIC HEARING-CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR GREENFIELD DIE & MANUFACTURING (SUPERVISOR). Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Greenfield Die & Manufacturing. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Greenfield Die & Manufacturing. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution approving application of Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF GREENFIELD DIE & MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, Greenfield Die & Manufacturing has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new personal property to be acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on September 12, 2006, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before August 14, 2006, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the expanded facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Greenfield Die & Manufacturing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new personal property to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: Parcel #003-99-0004-717 01R1A1A1,2 12N1A1A1A1,2 PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 1 AND NW 1/4 SEC 12 T2S R8E DESC AS BEG AT SW COR SEC 1 TH N 00DEG 33M 13S W 725.80FT TH S 89DEG 27M 41S E 691.31FT TH S 00DEG 33M 44S E 700.00FT TH S 89DEG 27M 43S E 630.07FT TH S 00DEG 33M 44S E 30.00FT TH S 00DEG 01M 25S W 30.01FT TH N 89DEG 27M 43S W 630.37FT TH S 00DEG 01M 25S W 268.91FT TH N 89DEG 58M 35S W 689.97FT TH N 00DEG 11M 25S W 309.37FT TO POB 17.24AC be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 5 years in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in M.C.L. et seq. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17 - SEPTEMBER 23 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the proclamation declaring September 17 - September 23, 2006 as "Constitution Week". Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ZSI, DEVELOPER INSTIGATED REVISIONS AND VARIANCE TO THE CONDOMINIUM ORDINANCE FOR PHASE 1 OF GRANDVIEW ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for developer instigated revisions and variance to the condominium ordinance for Phase 1 of Grandview Estates Site Condominium. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Revision to Phase 1 Preliminary Site Plan and Variance to Condominium Ordinance for Grandview Estates WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested a revision to the preliminary site plan and a variance to Section 82- 52(m) of the Condominium Ordinance for Phase 1 of Grandview Estates located on 56.45 acres located south of Geddes Road between Denton and Barr Roads; and, WHEREAS, the revised site plan includes grading and clearing for areas within future phases of Grandview to accommodate water and sewer line extensions to Mott Road; and the variance would permit clearing and grading within the limits of the Phase 1 site plan prior to final site plan approval; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan hereby approves the revision to the Phase 1 preliminary Site Plan and variance to Section 82-52(m) of the Condominium Ordinance for Grandview Estates located south of Geddes Road between Denton and Barr Roads on Parcel Nos. 121 99 0012 000, 121 99 0013 000, 121 99 0014 000, 121 99 0015 001, 121 99 0015 002, 121 99 0024 002, 121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 0032 000, 121 99 0033 000, 121 99 0034 000, 122 99 0038 000, 124 99 0001 000, 124 99 0002 000, 124 99 0003 005, 124 99 0004 000, 124 99 0010 000, limited to the areas within Phase 1 of Grandview Estates Site Condominium on 56.45 acres of the above described land and areas shown on the revised site plan for grading and clearing for the utility line extensions to Mott Road; subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 5. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR THE GRAND SAKWA SHOPPING CENTER. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special use for Grand Sakwa Shopping Center. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Grand Sakwa Shopping Center WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has requested special use approval for a shopping center in excess of 200,000 square feet to be located on Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck Roads, identified as tax EDP# 131-99-0001-000 through 131-99-0007-000, 131-99-0012-000, 0014-000 and 0015-000; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives of the Township subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, to conduct the special use for the proposed Grand Sakwa Shopping Center subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 6. CONSIDER CODRAY REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Codray Property Management LLC. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Codray Property Management LLC WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 4.41 acres located on the east side of Lotz Road and north of Palmer Road be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP no. 096-99-0009-701 from R-2, Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District Item 7. CONSIDER BASHAWATY PROPERTY SPLIT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the property split for parcel 036-01-0016-302, Bashawaty property, as shown on the survey dated 06/27/06. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. CONSIDER PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR WELLINGTON WILLOWS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for the preliminary PDD for Wellington Willows. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary PDD for Wellington Willows WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Preliminary Planned Development District approval for located Road (Parcel nos. 049-99-0001-712, 049-99-0001-713, 049-99-0001-714 and part of 049-99-0001-711); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the preliminary PDD plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL, subject to upgrading the elevations of the residential buildings (especially the sides and rear) and amending the overall conceptual design of the commercial buildings to incorporate some of the common design elements to provide continuity with the residential area; and to consider replacing the Patricia Place cul-de-sac with a t-turn around; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed preliminary PDD plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Wellington Willows located on the east side of Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads, (Parcel nos. 049-99-0001-712, 049-99-0001-713, 049-99-0001-714 and part of 049-99-0001-711); subject to upgrading the elevations of the residential buildings (especially the sides and rear) and amending the overall conceptual design of the commercial buildings to incorporate some of the common design elements to provide continuity with the residential area; and to consider replacing the Patricia Place cul-de-sac with a t-turn around; and subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 9. FIRST READING OF REPEAL OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to introduce, table and publish the first reading of the repeal of Chapter 102, Sign Ordinance, Section 102-01 through 102-63. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF SIGN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 102, SECTIONS 102-1 THROUGH 102-63. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE SIGN ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE CHAPTER 102; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: Section 1. Repeal Of The Ordinance. That the Sign Ordinance, Chapter 102, Section 102-1 through 102-63 be and is hereby repealed. Section 2. Violation And Penalty. Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court. Section 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. Section 4. Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. Section 5. Savings Clause. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended. Section 6. Publication. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. Introduced: 09/12/2006 Item 10. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF ARCSDE SOFTWARE AND INSTALLATION SERVICES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of ArcSDE, including installation and knowledge transfer in the amount of \$13,500, from the following accounts: Planning Services, Account # 101-853-977-0000, Computer Software \$10,000 Planning Services,

Store's promotion helps support Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

After 25 years in business Livonia's Country Cupboard keeps offering reasons for new and returning customers to come into the store.

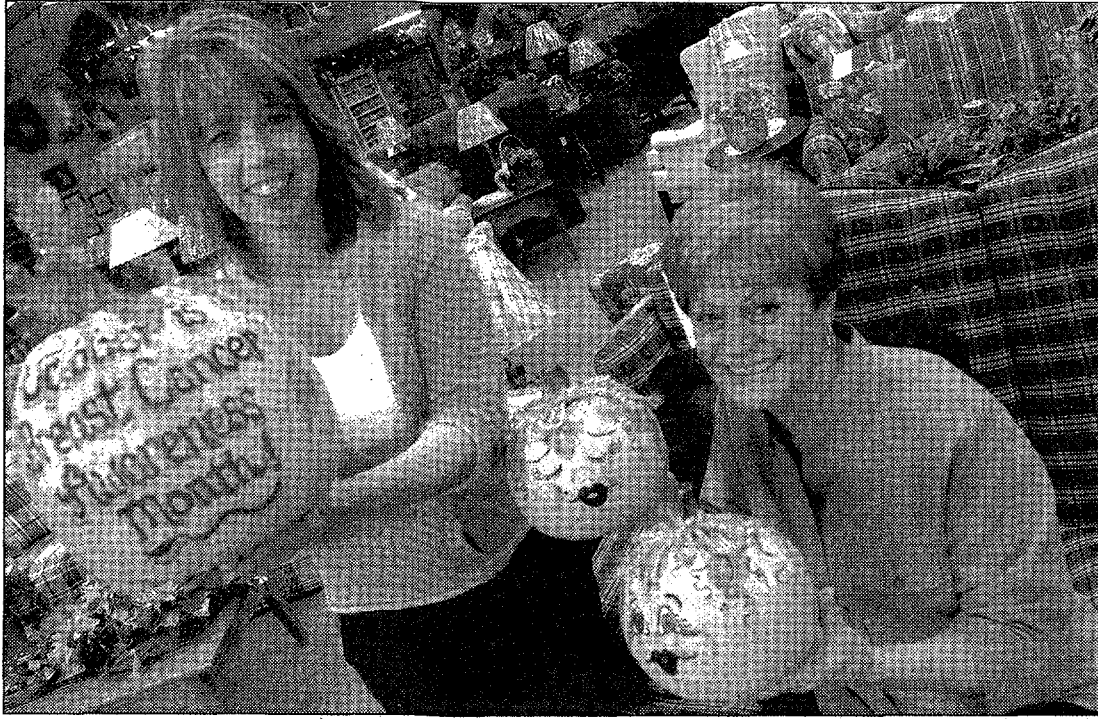
Located at 15970 Middlebelt Road just north of Five Mile, the warm, inviting store sells American-made furniture, decor and country-inspired items for the home.

Throughout the month of October co-owners Sue Delfgaw and Sharon Eccles and their staff will celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Country Cupboard style with Pink Fridays.

Each Friday in October customers are welcome to donate any amount they wish to a local breast cancer research and awareness organization. In return, they will receive a hand-painted pink, glittered pumpkin.

"We wanted to do something that would bring in new customers," said Beth Meade, a sales associate and Eccles' daughter. "We're open late on Fridays."

In addition to drawing in newcomers, the staff at Country Cupboard noted that they've met many customers who have been diagnosed with



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Beth Meade and Sue Delfgaw of The Country Cupboard in Livonia will give away pink glittered pumpkins to those customers who donate to support breast cancer research during Pink Fridays in October.

the disease over the years.

The store tends to draw in more women than men, according to Meade. And the staff know many of their loyal, returning shoppers by their first names.

The Country Cupboard staff works to keep in touch with shoppers. Staff members send

out a newsletter, complete with a riddle that's worth a 25 percent discount on one item. They offer a birthday club for customers to receive discounts. And they are planning more special events to come. This holiday season, the store will host a men's shopping night. Women will be invited to regis-

ter for gifts ahead of time, allowing their husbands, boyfriends or children to stop in during the event and make the purchase.

The store itself began as a way for Delfgaw and Eccles to sell their own handmade items. They had participated in area craft shows for about

seven years before opening Country Cupboard in Plymouth. They signed the lease and started the business with about \$2,000 each, Delfgaw recalled.

"We used to make everything we sold," said Delfgaw, a Redford resident. To fill out the store, they also took items for consignment, and later began carrying antiques.

The business opened on Aug. 25 in Plymouth's Old Village and later relocated into the downtown area. After 11 years in business, Delfgaw and Eccles opened a second store in downtown Rochester. Almost five years later, the Oakland County location was destroyed by a building fire.

Owners decided to expand Country Cupboard to a single, large space - where the business remains 16 years later - in Livonia. They also began offering furniture, as the area of town was then known as "furniture row," Delfgaw said. "Competition is good for business," she said.

While the furniture stores that once surrounded the shop have moved or gone out of business, Country Cupboard is celebrating its 25 years in business - surviving through three recessions, she noted.

Delfgaw said they are always working on new ways to draw in customers. She said Meade in particular "keeps us on our toes. She has great ideas. She won't let us get stale."

The store isn't just country, anymore. She said they also sell traditional items.

"It's homey and comfortable," said Meade. She said customers come in to browse, to shop, and to visit with employees. Many have been coming for years, she said, giving a new meaning to the idea of shopping therapy.

Delfgaw said customer service has always been the focus. But those who work at the store are considered, and sometimes are, family. She said they've seen each other through weddings, showers and babies.

Meade said because they are always decorating and redecorating - especially this time of year for the holidays - it's like decorating another home. "It's like playing house all the time," said Meade. "The customers make it so much fun."

For more information about Pink Fridays or the store itself, call (734) 425-1990.

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@ THE LIBRARY

The Plymouth District Library offers the following programs during September:

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP, Thursday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. - Our discussion subjects for this month will be fall planting, spring bulbs dividing and propagating native plants. This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and plans for the upcoming season. All gardeners are invited - no registration is required.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK, Sept. 23-30 - Book lovers can visit the Plymouth District Library and check out any number of books that have been banned over the years. For a list of banned books, stop at the Reader's Advisory Desk or go to <http://ala.org/bbooks>

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Sept. 27, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. Copies of these books are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, 734-453-0750, Ext. 206 or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

PLYMOUTH, MI: BB CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. - The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will present Jack Grant of the Plymouth Historical Society who will share his knowledge of Daisy Air Rifle history. He will introduce you to the people and places associated with the Air Rifle's invention and manufacture in Plymouth. Register for this program by calling 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

YOUR POETRY GROUP - No September meeting scheduled. Mark calendars now for the next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com

Youth programs

PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES, Session one Tuesdays through Sept. 26, 7 p.m.; Session two Wednesdays, through Sept. 27, 7 p.m. - This evening story time can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES, Wednesdays through Sept. 27, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. - Parents must remain in the library during these story time sessions for children ages 3-1/2-5 years. Registration is required and may be made by calling 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Tuesdays through Sept. 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. - The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-3 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session is for families with siblings and other family members welcome. Register for either program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

BABY PLAY, Monday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other chil-

dren. The Baby Play program takes place on the 4th Monday of each month, and then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required.

Did you know?

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

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

The Teen Zone has its very own website at <http://plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm>

Computer training

Plymouth residency (city or township) is required for all attendees of the Library's free computer training classes. All classes require registration. Please register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

GOOGLE TIPS, Thursday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. - Join us to learn how to do so much more with this popular search tool. You'll learn how to access word definitions, measurement conversions, instant maps, stock quotes and more. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 to register for this class.

COMPUTER BASICS, Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m. -

This course is designed to teach Microsoft Windows and basic mousing skills to Plymouth residents. The class provides one session of mousing practice and hands-on work with the keyboard and Windows. Participants are urged to return during the Drop-in tutoring session on Saturdays for additional practice. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 to register for this class.

ADVANCED EMAIL, Monday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. - For Plymouth patrons who have Yahoo or Hotmail accounts, you will learn how to create an address book and signature file. Tell electronic junk mail good bye - you will learn how to use an e-mail filter to get rid of it once and for all. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

LABELS IN MS WORD, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. - Learn to create an address book, mail merge and make labels using MS Word. Prior experience with MS Word is required.

For more information on any library programs, please contact Susan Stoney, Plymouth District Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Web site: www.plymouthtwp.org

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 5, 2006 for the following:

NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, from our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Account # 101-853-818-0000, Contracted Services \$ 3,500 Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER PURCHASE FOUR (4) LIFEPAK 500 AED DEFIBRILLATORS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of four (4) LIFEPAK 500 defibrillators from Medtronic Emergency Response Systems, 11811 Willows Rd. NE, PO Box 97023, Redmond, WA 98073-9723, in the amount of \$7120. Fire Capital Outlay Account 206 336 977 0000 line item #3. Cost Center P00055 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF DESKTOP COMPUTER FOR DISPATCH TRAINING. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a Dell desktop computer workstation through a State of Michigan Bid for the dispatch center from EDS, PO Box 84844, Dallas, TX 75284. Police Computer Capital Outlay Acct# 207 301 977 2580, Item 16. Cost Center P00049 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. BUDGET AMENDMENT - FIRE UTILITIES. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund to cover electrical cost through the end of 2006: Fund Balance - Increase App #206 000 699 0000 \$50,000 Fire Utilities - Increase App #206 336 920 0000 \$50,000 This budget amendment increases Fire Fund Budget 2006 from \$10,197,377 to \$10,247,377. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 14. AWARD BID FOR TOWNSHIP WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY BACKBONE. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid of \$130,720.90 (Community Improvement Fund Capital Outlay #246-265-970-0000) to Wireless Resources, Inc., 899 E. Whitcomb Ave., Madison Heights, MI 48071 for the expansion of the Township wireless connectivity. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. REQUEST FROM TRYST NIGHTCLUB, INC., JAMES ROBERT ADAMS, TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF 2005 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS (IN ESCROW) WITH DANCE-ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT, LOCATED AT 8663 N. LILLEY ROAD, CANTON MI 48187, CANTON** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request from Tryst Nightclub, Inc. to transfer ownership of 2005 Class C licensed business with dance-entertainment Permit from Sneaky's Inc., located in escrow at 8663 N. Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County from Frank J. Palazzolo, Inc., Receiver. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 16. BUDGET AMENDMENT-FEDERAL GRANTS FUND 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the FY 2006 Community Development Block Grant program: Increase Revenues \$373,707. Increase Appropriations \$373,707

This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$223,701.02 to \$597,408.02. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 17. MUNICIPAL CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART). (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2006-2007 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton for \$71,768 (Social Services - Transportation Account #101-670-860-0000) and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 18. AUTHORIZE ASPHALT PAVING REPLACEMENT AT THE SUMMIT ON THE PARK. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to award the bid to do asphalt paving replacement for the Summit's Middle Parking Lot to S & J Asphalt Paving Company, 39571 Michigan Ave., Canton Township, MI 48188 in the amount of \$40,500 to be paid from Account # 246-750-970-000 Item # 8 (Paved Surfaces on Township Properties). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 19. PUMP REPAIRS AT THE SUMMIT. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the pump repair at Summit on the Park and award the project to Kennedy Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 809, 4975 Technical Drive, Milford, MI 48361-0809 in the amount of \$9,600 to be taken from Budget Account #208-757-932-5000 Maintenance/Repair Equipment. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 20. CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE CORPORATION. (CITYVIEW)** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the purchase of professional contracted services with Municipal Software Corporation for the customization of CityView, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from Planning Services, Account # 101-853-808-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 21. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (BEA) OF FORMER MUNN'S LANDFILL SITE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve a contract with Mannik & Smith for professional services for a baseline environmental assessment on the recently purchased former Munn's Landfill site at a cost not to exceed \$6,600 (account no. 245-265-700-0000); further, I move to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the service agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 22. APPROVAL OF FINANCE DIRECTOR** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Canton Board of Trustees concurs with the Supervisor's recommendation that Rick Eva be selected as Canton's Director of Finance and Budget, pending approval of the Merit Commission. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Alex Zolkevsky, 43418 Arbor Way, placed a letter in the record he wrote to Kekst Corp. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated on September 19, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., Budget Hearings will be held at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

MADD 5K walk
Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K non-competitive walk Saturday, Sept. 30 at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:20 a.m. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.stridesforchange.org

Olivet scholarship
Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equating a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to choose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information

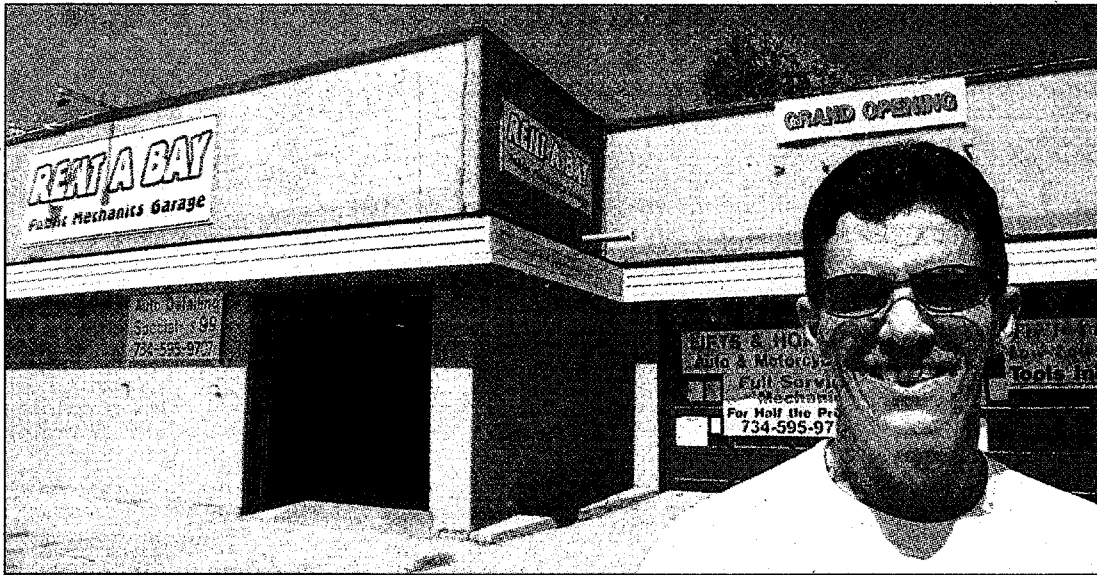
on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or e-mail admissions@olivetcollege.edu

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

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

Do-it-yourself mechanics have their bay

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Anthony McDaniel stands in front of Rent a Bay, a business allowing customers to rent space to work on their vehicles.

Anthony McDaniel upset his neighbors when he pulled his Ford F-100 pickup into a Westland condominium parking lot and started switching its engine.

"I didn't have a place to do the work," he said, "and I didn't have the money to pay somebody else to do it."

McDaniel got more than dirty looks and a better engine from the ordeal.

He started his own business.

With help from his financial partner and father, Bruce, he opened Rent a Bay, a garage where do-it-yourself mechanics can pay to lease space to fix their own vehicles.

"A guy should have a place where he can work," McDaniel said.

Rent a Bay is located on Ford Road west of Wayne, and McDaniel said his research has indicated he may have opened the only business of its kind in the United States.

Customers can pay as little as \$10 to do a 30-minute oil change or as much as \$135 for all-day use of a mechanics bay fully equipped with a two-post vehicle lift, a ventilation system, air hoses, electrical tools and other amenities.

"I think it's a great idea," said Canton resident Dan Mauti, who stopped by Rent a Bay to

check on rates.

Mauti should know. He manages an automotive shop and is a certified mechanic.

Customers can bring their own tools or use Rent a Bay's. Patrons who have prior training with a vehicle lift can use it on their own after taking a quick, 20-question safety course, or McDaniel will operate the lift.

Rent a Bay also has a motorcycle mechanic's bay and an outdoor area where customers can work on their vehicles or store them. It also offers a fluid recycling service.

Rent a Bay's hours are typi-

cally 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday, but McDaniel will arrange later hours and Monday appointments for customers who call ahead. He requires a refundable deposit ranging from \$25 for a reservation to \$150 for use of a lift bay.

He also said he will provide mechanic services at prices cheaper than other garages.

McDaniel, a former boiler-maker and Texas native, spent a year deciding where he wanted to start his business. He settled on Ford Road because of the accessibility and visibility for motorists. And, he said his

customers can find two auto parts stores within a quarter-mile.

McDaniel offers a 30 percent discount of bay rentals for active military personnel and veterans.

Rent a Bay opened for business last month. Until now, McDaniel has depended on word of mouth to help develop a customer base.

"I think it will be a marketable service," he said.

For more information about Rent a Bay or its various rates, call (734) 595-9707, or check out the Web site at www.usarentabay.net.

Mall adds destination to shopping - Macy's

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Have a trip planned to New York City with a stop at the Macy's Department Store? Well, you can get that New York feeling Saturday and you won't have to go to the Big Apple.

Just stop by Westland Shopping Center where the Marshall Field's store will officially become Macy's as part of the retailer's nationwide launch as "America's Department Store."

"We're very proud to have Macy's at the mall," said Denise Mills, the center's marketing manager. "We're looking at a new era at the mall."

Doors will open at 9 a.m. to a storewide shopping party, featuring RC DJ and Video Productions on the store's patio, strolling food sampling from the Lakeshore Grill and special events in the cosmetics area.

There will be a ribbon cutting and red carpet at the Cowan Road entrance to the store, but if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, the festivities will be moved inside to the store entrance in the mall's East Court.

If that's not enough to entice you, try this. The first 500 customers coming in the store through the Cowan Road entrance will receive \$10 Macy's gift cards and one lucky recipient will get a \$1,000 Macy's gift card.

Carol Smith-Greene has the store on her to-do list for Saturday after hearing about its opening. The Redford resident is familiar with the store after visiting Macy's during a trip to Chicago for a family reunion.

"We kept driving around the block and I told my husband to drop me off and keep driving around the block," she said. "I went in shopping and he drove around Chicago ... with the grandkids in the car."

"I'm going Saturday. I need makeup, and you can only get it at stores like Macy's and Marshall Field's. I want to be there."

The mall began doing exterior and interior work in August in preparation for the changeover, with Marshall Field's banners covering the Macy's name in advance of the official opening, Mills said.

This is the third name change for the mall's oldest major tenant. It opened as J.L. Hudson in July 1965, but was converted to a Marshall Field's in 2001 by former owner Target Corp. New owner Federated Department Stores Inc. is dumping the Marshall Field's name for its flagship chain, Macy's.

Macy's is an institution in New York City, where it opened in 1858 at the corner of 14th Street and 6th Avenue. By 1902 it was moving uptown to its Herald Square location at Broadway and 34th Street.

Through acquisitions and mergers, it's become Federated's largest retail brand with 800 stores in 45 states as of the Saturday ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

"This is a truly monumental and historic moment for Macy's," said Frank Guzzetta, Macy's North chairman and chief executive officer. "How often do you get to bring the best of a great American institution to millions of new customers across the country? It's been a spectacular undertaking, and we hope that our new customers are as excited to have us as we are to be a part of their communities."

Guzzetta is right in talking about excitement. According to Mills, not only shoppers, but the mall's other tenants are anticipating the official opening of Macy's.

"From the calls they've been receiving, they think they'll have a day-after-Thanksgiving crowd for the opening," she said. "And there's just as much excitement in the rest of the mall."

And Macy's isn't waiting to become an active member of the community. On Sept. 16, it will host Shop for a Cause designed to help local nonprofits. Participating organizations like the Westland-based Community Hospice are selling \$5 shopping passes to the event which provides savings offers on merchandise.

Participating groups get to keep 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the shopping passes. They also can be purchased in the store with proceeds being divided up equally among all participating organizations.

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Come Saturday morning, the temporary Marshall Field's banner will come down, revealing the Macy's name in a change that's expected to bring out a day after Thanksgiving size crowd at Westland Shopping Center.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER

International Day of Peace

Observed with the showing of the documentary Reuniting the Children of Abraham followed by interactive discussion 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in the Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Church, 26275 Northwestern near Lahser, Southfield. For more information, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137.

Shopping extravaganza

6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, Westland. Cost is \$8 and includes appetizers and your ticket for door prize drawings. Vendors include many home party consultants and home business owners. Hall phone is (734) 525-3550.

Divorce recovery workshop

7-9:30 p.m. Sept. 21 and every Thursday through Oct. 26, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$35, \$15 for previous participants who wish to repeat the workshop. Free child care. Call (248) 374-5920.

Lighthouse cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, games and refreshments in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Free child care. Call (248) 374-5920.

Re-marriage retreat

Remarried Ministries present a weekend getaway to Maranatha Retreat and Conference Center in Muskegon Sept. 22-24. Cost is \$299 per couple and includes two nights lodging, five meals, speakers Brent and Bonnie Keen, music by Bonnie Keen. Campfires, fun and fellowship. Remarried couples can call (248) 374-5912.

Jewish New Year

Secular/cultural observances, with music, singing and readings, will take place at the Jewish Community Center's Prentis Social Hall, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. The Rosh Hashanah observance will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, with comments by ACLU of Michigan Legal Director Michael J. Steinberg on Working for Social Justice in the New Year. The Yom Kippur observance will be 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, with music by renowned violinist Jannina Barefield who will perform Kol Nidre and more. Reservations and contributions appreciated. For more information, contact Workmen's Circle at (248) 545-0985 or micircle@aol.com. The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring is dedicated to Jewish community, Jewish and Yiddish culture, and social justice.

Ladies' enrichment day

9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Waterford Church of Christ, 4991 Williams Lake Road. Opens with continental breakfast followed by program then lunch. Call (248) 627-3074.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, Kensington Metropark, presented by Single Point ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. All riders welcome but must wear a helmet.

Rummage sale

Large variety of household goods, clothing, jewelry, books, toys, and more noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 with a \$4 per bag sale 3-5 p.m., at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, between Sheldon and Beck. Fund-raiser for United Methodist Women with all proceeds to benefit those in need here and worldwide.

Religious education

Registration now being accepted for children's religious education on Sundays, sessions begin Sept. 24, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Attend 9:30 a.m. Mass as a family on Sunday followed by separate education sessions for children and adults that run until noon.

Seniors group

All senior citizens are invited to First Baptist Church of Detroit to join with the Leisur-Aires group and hear Denise Holmes, a registered dietitian and exercise therapist at Botsford Hospital, talk about how to stay healthy as seniors 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the church, 21100 Southfield Road, Southfield. For more information, call (248) 569-2972.

Revel

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Workshops Friday-Saturday, call (734) 464-0990.

Western barndance

6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Lazy J Ranch in Milford. Pizza, square dancing and lots of laughs presented by Single Point ministry at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Car pooling available. Cost is \$23. Meet in Ward church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. For tickets or information, call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Nankin Mills administration office parking lot, Westland, presented by Single Point ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. All riders welcome but must wear a helmet.

Bible study

St. Michael Catholic Church at Plymouth and Hubbard began its new series of fall Bible Study programs this week. Two sessions are planned. Groups will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesdays of each month; the other from 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays. All are invited. Register at (734) 261-1445.

MOPS

All mothers of infants through kindergartners are invited to join MOPS. Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford, MI 48239. The group provides support, presentations, discussion, creative projects and refreshments. Child care provided. For more information or to register, call (313) 937-2424.

Mom2Mom sale

Table renters wanted for sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood, \$1 admission. Bake sale. Cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$30 for 8-foot table. Call Rhonda Harris for rental reservations or more information, (734) 532-7818, or send e-mail to Harrisra@aol.com.

Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Call (734) 421-8628.

Mom to Mom Sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 30, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. If you are interested in renting a table at the sale, call (734) 422-0149. Infant to pre-teen clothes, maternity clothes, furniture, toys and more. \$2 admission. Strollers welcome.

Unity coffee house

Presents Bill Staines 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Suggested donation is \$15. Call (734) 421-1760. Staines has traveled all over the world, averaging 200 concerts a year. As a songwriter and performer he uses a magical blend of humor and wit.

Fall/winter worship services

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. adult Christian education, and 10:15 a.m. youth Christian education, Sundays at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia.

Catholic programs

You've been coming to Catholic liturgies for years with your spouse, but just haven't taken the plunge to become Catholic yourself. The opportunity has arrived at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Sept. 5 saw the start of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those who would like to become Catholic. Call David Conrad, director of Faith Formation, at (734) 425-5950 to discuss your conversion journey and begin formal entrance into the Catholic Church.

Remarried workshop

Continues 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. It can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for one session or all 13.

Prosperity program

Stretton Smith's 4 T Prosperity Program continues 8 p.m. Wednesdays to Nov. 22, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Signup fee including book is \$35. Call (734) 421-1760.

Bible study

Explore the Gospel of Mark, 8:22 to 16:8, Thursdays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Divorce recovery program

Continues 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays to Sept. 28, and Oct. 19 to Dec. 4 (no workshop Thanksgiving Day), presented by Single Place Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. For information, call (248) 349-0911.

Sunday worship

10:30 a.m. Sundays, lessons from 1 Peter, teen/adult Bible study at 9 a.m. focuses on the complete text of Matthew, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. For information, call (313) 256-6330.

Sunday schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages pre-school to adult, family friendly worship at 10:30 a.m., nursery care available for both session for infant to 2 years old, children's choir, Jammin for Jesus follows the children's story in service (for third to sixth grade students). Celebration Station is for age 2 to second grade at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and

Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. All are welcome.

UPCOMING

50th celebration

St. John Bosco Church celebrates its 50th anniversary with a 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Oct. 1, with Adam Cardinal Maida presiding, reception follows the Mass in Sheltreau Hall, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. For more information, call (313) 937-9690.

Organ concert

Music by American composers 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at the cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge, Detroit. Freewill offering will be taken. Call (313) 865-6300, Ext. 227, or send e-mail to CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Blessing of the animals

5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. All pets are welcome. Hot dogs will be provided. For more information, call (734) 591-0211 or visit www.holyspirit-livonia.org.

Parish mission

7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 8-12, at St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. Refreshments follow in Social Hall. The Rev. Richard Hart presents Sharing the Good News. Sunday evenings topic is What is the Treasure We Share?, Monday - Too Good a Secret to be Kept, Tuesday - Do You Love Me?, Wednesday - Are we a Forgiving Community? (Reconciliation service), and Thursday - A Work That Cannot Fail. For more information, call (313) 937-9690.

Women's conference

The fourth annual Women's Conference, (for women of all ages, and young adults age 14 and above) sponsored by The Archdiocese of Detroit, Department of Parish Life & Services, Office of Evangelization 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. This year's conference, A Woman's Journey to the Heart of Christ, will conclude with Mass celebrated by His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 full-time college or high school students, includes conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge, but must register. More information on the conference (including a downloadable registration form) can be found at www.aodonline.org. If you would like to receive a registration form or for more information, send e-mail to dignityofwomen@aol.com, or call (734) 459-9558.

Crafters needed

Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley, Canton. The church is accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Ladies Bible studies

Begin Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration fee includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care).

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiwawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

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Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study

7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at

25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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Services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adat-shalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work to help students better understand and speak English. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Sunday traditional worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584.



DAVID L. BELL

Age 76, of Whitmore Lake, passed away at his home on September 17, 2006. He was born January 7, 1930, in Ottawa, Ontario, the son of Douglas Bell and Jan Trotter. On March 8, 1952, in Angola, IN, David married Carmen (Lambert) Bell. David was a self employed audio technician before his retirement in 2003. In addition to his wife, Carmen, survivors include his daughter, Lorraine (Bart) Bryant of Plymouth, MI; grandchildren Hannah (Ben) Skurdal, Lael (Amy) Bryant, Susannah (Jim) Mong, Iain Bryant and Christian Bryant; and great grandchildren Abigail, Elsie, and Elliot Skurdal, and Owen Bryant. A viewing will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel, from 11am to 1pm, with a Meditation Service at 11:30am. The Funeral Service will be held at Grace Baptist Church in Canton, MI, on Friday at 7pm with Pastor Gordon Cook and Pastor Bart Bryant as Celebrants, preceded by a viewing from 5:30pm until the time of service at 7pm. A dinner will follow the service. Burial will take place at Washtenong Memorial Park on Saturday, September 23, 2006, at 10am. Please leave a Message of Comfort for David's family at 877-231-7900, or visit his guest book at www.borekjennings.com

DENNIS WENDEL

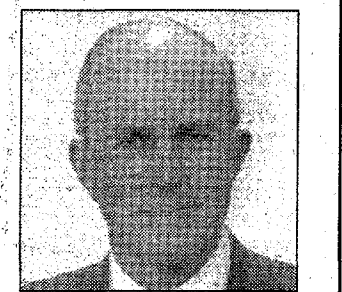
age 54 of Plymouth passed away Saturday September 16, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. He was born March 2, 1952 in Detroit, MI, the son of Henry and Alice Wendel. They predecease him. Dennis worked 27 years as product manager for K Mart. He was an awesome baker, working for the family bakery as a young man, loved landscaping and going to concerts to hear country music. Most of all he had a love for his family and grandchildren. Dennis is survived by his son Denny (Cathy) Wendel of AuGres, their children Keagan, and Cylic, brothers Mark (Karen), Jay, sisters Sharon, Gail, Debbie, Bonnie and Sandy. He is predeceased by his brother Larry. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, September 21, 2006 at the Forshee Funeral Home in AuGres, with interment at the Sims-Whitney Cemetery in AuGres, MI. Visitation will be from 10:30 until time of service.

GORDON F. ROBINSON

Mr. Robinson was born June 26, 1922 in Plymouth, MI and died September 15, 2006 in Lakeland, FL. He was 84. Mr. Robinson was a Senior Estimator with Edison Electric. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland. He served in the Army during WWII. He was also a member of the Elks Club and Sandpiper Golf Club. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Robinson of Lakeland, FL; daughter, Susan M. Herceg of Portland, OR; and sons Gary Robinson of Jackson, MI and Mike Robinson of Haslett, MI; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Gordon will be interred in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL at 2pm Tuesday (September 20, 2006)

JAMES WILLIAM

JOHNESEE
September 15, 2006, age 85. Beloved husband of Marion of 60 years. Loving father of Jim (Gayle), Bill (Pat), Mary (Rick) Glitz, and Pat (Ron) Kowalski. Loving grandfather of 15 and great grandfather of 8. Brother of the late, Everett and brother-in-law, of Helen McNamee, Robert (Lorraine) McNamee and Mary Jane Foley. A charter member of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Optimist Club and a member of the American Legion. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or St. Vincent de Paul. Services were held Wednesday through Mc Cabe Funeral Home. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



SAMUEL G. HORTON

Age 73, died Saturday, September 16, 2006, at his home in Plymouth, MI, after a short but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Sam was born on December 10, 1932, in Detroit, MI, and grew up in Livonia, MI. He graduated from Lawrence Technological University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He was employed by Ford Motor Company for 35 years, during which time he worked at Ford locations in Rawsonville, MI; Bedford, IN; Chihuahua, Mexico; Setubal, Portugal; Brentwood, England; and Cardiff, Wales. After his retirement from Ford, he spent 11 years working with his son, Jeffrey, at Horton Plumbing in Plymouth, MI. He had a passion for golf and enjoyed many outdoor activities throughout the summer and winter. He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. Samuel is survived by his wife of 54 years, Karen; his children, Michael (Robin) of Perrysburg, OH; Curtis of Plymouth, MI; Jeffrey (Jacqueline) of Plymouth, MI; John (Lupita) of Irving, TX; and Kathleen of Saugatuck, MI; and 12 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Naomi (Marvin) Skupski of Westland, MI, and his brother, Paul (Carole) Horton of Rockford, MI. Visitation will take place at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Thursday, September 21, 2006, from 3-8 p.m. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, on Friday, September 22, 2006, at 11 a.m. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Angela Hospice or the Plymouth Salvation Army.

JAMES H. JORISSEN

Age 78 of Plymouth, passed away peacefully on September 18, 2006. Jim was a residential contractor in Livonia, Redford Twp, Dearborn Heights, and Plymouth. Graduate of University of Detroit in 1946. Served in the Army in the early 1950's. Moved to the Plymouth community 28 years ago from Redford Twp. Survived by his loving wife Margaret, Children: Paul (Gigi), Carol (John) Zimpano, Julie (Chris) Jones. Grandchildren: Isabella, Cole, Grant, Autumn, James, Carly, Mitchell. Brother of Gerald (Rose), Mike (Gerry); Jeff (Joanne). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral service Saturday 10:30am at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth. Visitation: Friday 3-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth. And at church Saturday 10:00am until time of Mass. Rosary Friday 7:00pm. Online condolences may be sent at www.schrader-howell.com.

MICHAEL J. JENSEN

September 15, 2006, age 39, of Westland. Beloved husband of Monica. Dear father of Ashley and Miranda. Loving son of Jim and the late Elaine. Brother of John (Kim) and Julie (Patrick) Predd. Instate at St. John's Lutheran Church, Wednesday 9 a.m. until service at 10 a.m. Burial at Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock, MI. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhfuneralhome.com

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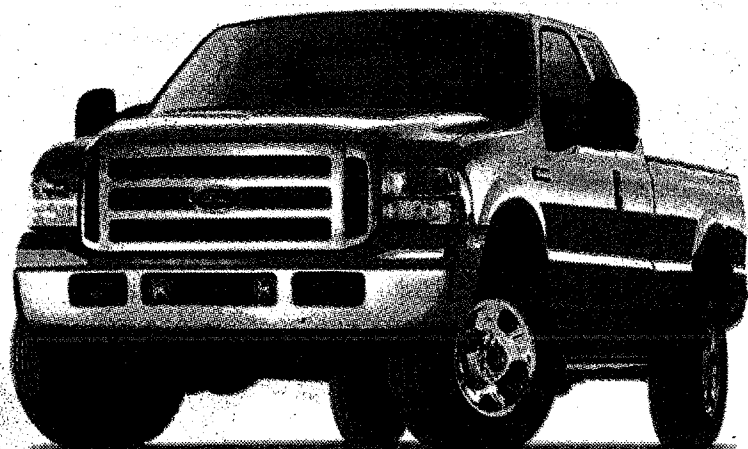
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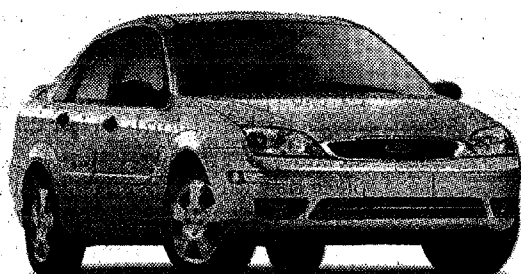
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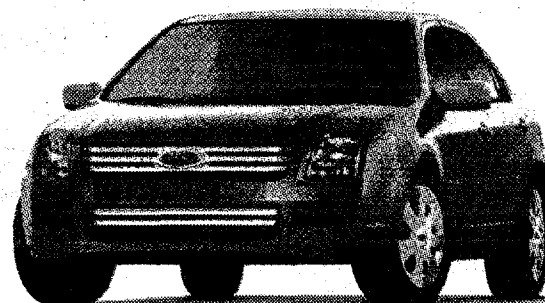
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WLAA SOCCER SHOWDOWNS

Rocks make a statement with 2-0 win

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

By all rights, Salem's 2-0 boys soccer victory Monday night over host Livonia Stevenson all but clinched the Lakes Division championship for the Rocks.

However, the No. 4-ranked Rocks, now 10-3-1 overall and 5-0-1 in the Lakes, still have four division opponents remaining on their schedule.

But they were able to push aside their main stumbling block in the No. 8-rated Spartans, who slipped to 5-2-3 overall and 4-1-1 in the Lakes.

A goal in each half by senior Tom Bennett and Brooks Belhart carried Salem to the victory. The Rocks also got a sterling effort from senior goalkeeper Brian Field, who made four pivotal saves en route to his sixth shutout of the year.

Bennett's goal, coming with 2:11 left in the first half, was set up by Belhart, who cushioned a lofty pass to the right flank. Bennett then took on a Stevenson defender one-and-one and slid a perfectly placed shot along the turf past Spartan goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt.

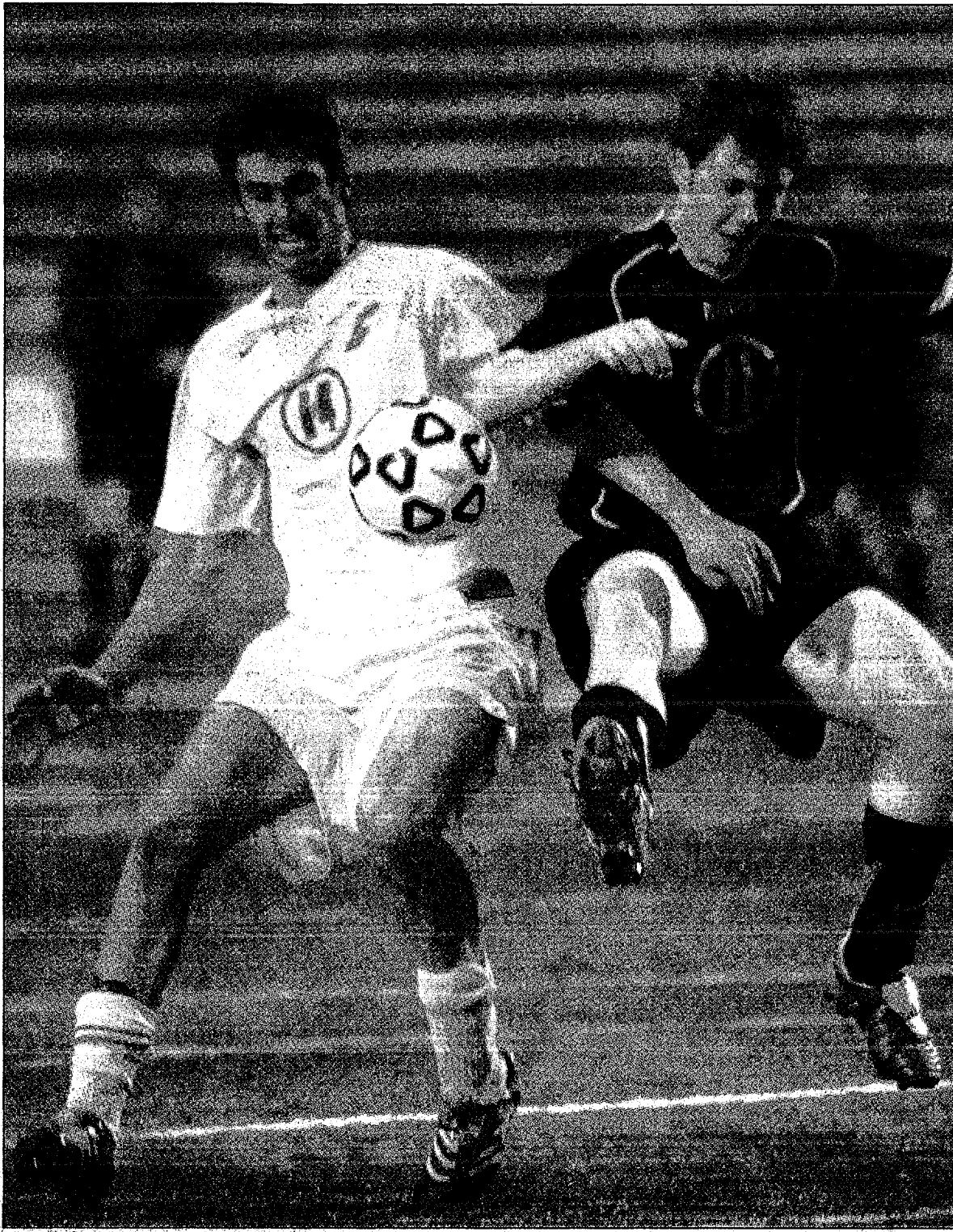
Belhart's goal with 19:14 left in the match, coming off a corner kick, sealed the victory.

"They (Stevenson) had possession more than we wanted, but that's the best our forwards - Bennett and Belhart - have played all year," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said. "Belhart's goal was his play of the year and his career. He beat the top goalkeeper in the state (Hildebrandt) with an absolute great shot."

"And I thought (Brian) Field played outstanding, the finest of his three-year career. He saved his best for today and we needed it. I was proud of him."

The two Salem goals, however, may have been overshadowed by a Stevenson goal that was wiped off the board and reversed by officials just 3:38 prior to Bennett's game-

PLEASE SEE STATEMENT, B2



Canton senior forward Kyle Gring battles for a loose ball with Plymouth senior defender Travis Norris during the first half of Monday night's WLAA Western Division game. The Wildcats overcame a pair of one-goal deficits to earn a 2-2 tie.

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Canton's Mark Davis prepares to fire a shot as Plymouth's Colin Rolfe closes in during Monday night's 2-2 draw.

DEADLOCKED

Canton, Plymouth kickers battle to thrilling 2-2 tie

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Monday night's showdown between Plymouth and Canton had everything you could ask for in a high school soccer match - scintillating goals, sprawling saves, hustle-like-heck defense and tons of emotion. Everything, that is, except a winner.

The Wildcats clawed back twice from one-goal deficits to force a 2-2 draw with the Chiefs in a key Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division game played on the P-CEP varsity turf field.

The back-and-forth tie left the Chiefs at 7-1-3 overall and 4-0-2 in the division, which is good for a first-place tie with Northville. Plymouth took a 6-3-3 overall mark and a 2-1-2 division ledger into Wednesday night's game at Northville (results will appear in Sunday's *Observer*).

"Even when we had the lead I didn't feel comfortable," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "In rivalry games like this, you never know what's going to happen."

"As a whole, I thought we played well tonight. We broke down twice and they got two goals. It's definitely something we have to work on, but in the same sense, I give Plymouth credit for capitalizing on their two goal-scoring opportunities."

Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said he was pleased with the way his team overcame a rough opening 40 minutes with a solid second half.

PLEASE SEE TIE, B4

WILD, WILD WESTERN

Three teams - Canton, Plymouth and Northville - still have a shot at winning the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division with two weeks to play. Following are the teams' records and remaining division games:

■ **Canton (4-0-2)** - Wednesday, Sept. 20, at W.L. Western; Monday hosts Wayne; Sept. 27 at Franklin; Oct. 4 hosts Northville.
■ **Northville (4-0-2)** - Wednesday, Sept. 20, hosts Plymouth; Monday at Franklin; Sept. 27 hosts W.L.

Western; Oct. 4 at Canton.
■ **Plymouth (2-1-2)** - Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Northville; Monday hosts W.L. Western; Sept. 27 at Wayne Memorial; Oct. 4 at Franklin; hosts Franklin in make-up game (TBD).

Young and fearless 'Cats edge Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With four of its five starters young enough to be playing at the junior varsity level, you'd think Plymouth's girls basketball team would have a difficult time hanging with Salem's senior-dominated nucleus.

Think again. Playing with more than enough exuberance to overcome their lack of experience, the feisty Wildcats roared back from an 11-point third-quarter deficit to derail the Rocks, 35-33, in down-to-the-wire Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game played Tuesday night at Plymouth.

The victory - Plymouth's first-ever against Salem - pushed the Wildcats' record to 2-3. Salem dropped to 3-2.

"This is an important win for us because the girls learned a little bit about themselves in terms of the effort it takes to beat a quality opponent," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "It showed them that if they work hard for 32 minutes, they will be rewarded for their effort."

"Hopefully, this gives us some confidence, too. Coming into this game we played some pretty good teams close, only to come out on the losing end. I hope this teaches us a lesson about playing together and playing hard. We have good

talent and good athleticism. We just have to put it together for 32 minutes."

Plymouth's starting five included three sophomores (Jalesa Moise, Shaakira Haywood and Kelsi Robinson) and freshman Stacey Klonowski - and it showed throughout the game's first 18 minutes when the seasoned Rocks - led by seniors Teresa Coppiellie, Taylor Langham and Lauren Kurtz - built a seemingly comfortable 24-13 advantage.

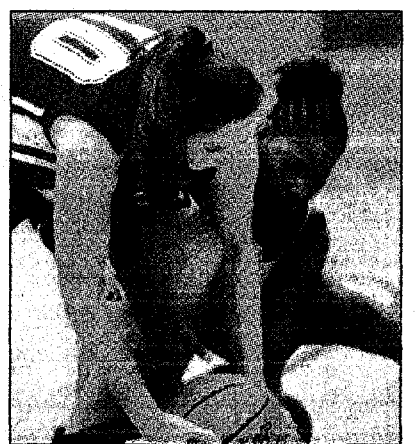
However, sparked by a long three-pointer from Moise, Plymouth outscored Salem 22-9 over the final 13 minutes to secure the win.

PLEASE SEE EDGE, B4



Plymouth freshman forward Stacey Klonowski is fouled by Salem's Sarah Stone during Tuesday night's WLAA crossover game at Plymouth. Klonowski scored eight points in the Wildcats' 35-33 victory.

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Salem's Lauren Kurtz and Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood battle for a loose ball during the third quarter of Tuesday night's cross-campus game.

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It's almost as famous as Allen Iverson's "Practice? We're talkin' practice . . . not a game."

Most high school football coaches will tell you that practice makes perfect.

Yet, this week, some area teams will have one less day to prepare because of Rosh Hashanah, which starts at sundown on Friday.

Thus, four Western Lakes Activities Association games will be played tonight, the marquee matchup being Walled Lake Central at Westland John Glenn, which also happens to be the Rockets' homecoming game in a key Lakes Division test.

And speaking of playoffs, it's still two weeks away before the first wave of teams around the



Grid Picks

Brad Emons

state earn their sixth victory and an automatic bid.

Only two teams are on track right now to make in the sixth week.

One is state-ranked Canton. But the 4-0 Chiefs, last year's Division I state runners-up, face the only team to defeat them last year in Livonia Franklin, which checks in with a 3-1 record.

That game will be played Friday night.

The only other area unbeaten team is Livonia Stevenson, which has been living on the edge the past three weeks, pulling out three wins by a total of 16 points. The Spartans host city rival Churchill, also on Friday.

As for the prognostication race goes, it was another mediocre week for myself,

Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright and Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith.

I finished 9-4 a week ago, matching Wright, to maintain my two-game overall lead at 32-14 overall. Smith slipped to 8-5, and stands two games off the pace at 29-17. (Wright is 30-16).

This race is just beginning, so here goes with weekend of intriguing action.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
(all 7 p.m.)

W.L. Central (3-1, 2-0) at Westland Glenn (2-2, 1-1): The Vikings moved into the state rankings after a 50-0 thrashing of Salem. Turnover-plagued Glenn got a boost from new running back Jerry Smith, who went for 179 yards in 31 carries in a 10-7 win over Livonia Churchill. **PICKS:** Emons (Central); Wright (Central); Smith (Central).

Wayne (2-2, 1-1) at W.L. Western (2-2, 1-0): The Zebras could well be 3-1 right now. They can stay in the Western Division race with a win at Western, which is coming off a 28-0 loss to Canton. The Freeman brothers, D.J. and Allen, give Wayne a potent offensive attack. **PICKS:** Emons (Western); Wright (Western); Smith (Western).

Salem (0-4, 0-2) at W.L. Northern (1-3,

0-2): Northern gave unbeaten Livonia Stevenson a run for its money in a 6-0 setback last week. Salem is searching for an identity under new coach Parker Salowich after a 50-0 drubbing last week at the hands of W.L.A.-Lakes Division favorite Walled Lake Central. **PICKS:** Emons (Northern); Wright (Northern); Smith (Northern).

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7 p.m. unless noted)

Plymouth (1-3, 0-2) at Northville (1-3, 0-2): Both teams are looking for their first W.L.A.-Western Division victory. Plymouth is coming off a 24-7 setback to Livonia Franklin, while Northville fell to Wayne, 36-21. **PICKS:** Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Northville).

Luth. Westland (1-3, 0-2) at Hamtramck (0-4, 0-3), 4:30 p.m.: After two non-conference games, Lutheran Westland returns to the Metro Conference to take on the last-place Cosmos at Keyworth Stadium. The Warriors need to get over their hangover from a surprising 40-22 loss to first-year varsity program Southfield Christian. **PICKS:** Emons (Lutheran Westland); Wright (Lutheran Westland).

Clarenceville (3-1, 3-1) at Luth. North (3-1, 3-0): The Trojans, coming off a tough 29-22 loss to unbeaten Harper Woods, need this one badly to stay in the Metro Conference hunt. North, which has won three straight after

losing its season opener 44-0 to unbeaten Highland Park, is coming off a 54-0 win last week over Hamtramck. **PICKS:** Emons (North); Wright (North); Smith (Clarenceville).

Liv. Churchill (1-3, 1-1) at Liv. Stevenson (4-0, 2-0): The Spartans have been living dangerously the past three weeks and need this win to set up a Lakes Division showdown the following week at Walled Lake Central. Churchill's offense, meanwhile, needs to find a playmaker after gaining just 82 total yards in last week's 10-7 setback to John Glenn. **PICKS:** Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

Liv. Franklin (3-1, 2-0) at Canton (4-0, 2-0): The Patriots appeared to have gained strides last week in a 24-7 win over Plymouth. Canton will be out to make amends after losing last year to the Patriots, 13-7. This game could well decide the W.L.A.'s Western Division champion. **PICKS:** Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Franklin).

Gib. Carlson (4-0, 2-0) at Red. Thurston (0-4, 0-2): These are two teams headed in opposite directions in this Mega-Blue Division matchup. Carlson has outscored its opponents, 152-6, including a 35-0 drubbing last week of Garden City. Thurston, meanwhile, has been outscored 117-33, including a 41-0 defeat last week against Ypsilanti. **PICKS:** Emons

(Carlson); Wright (Carlson); Smith (Carlson).

Romulus (3-1, 2-1) at Garden City (0-4, 0-3): It hasn't been pretty thus far for the Cougars, who face a Romulus team that has remained in the hunt in the Mega Conference's Blue Division. Romulus is coming off a 25-14 win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood, but also like Garden City, lost to Carlson, 35-0. **PICKS:** Emons (Garden City); Wright (Romulus); Smith (Garden City).

Trenton (3-1, 3-0) at Redford Union (3-1, 2-1): Trenton has won three straight in the Mega-White since losing its season opener to state-ranked Allen Park. The Trojans beat Woodhaven last week, 24-7, while RU lost earlier this year to Woodhaven, 14-12. The Panthers hope to maintain some momentum after edging Dearborn Edsel Ford last week, 26-23. **PICKS:** Emons (Trenton); Wright (Trenton); Smith (Redford Union).

Red. Covenant (2-2) at Riv. Gab. Richard (0-4): Richard, a Catholic League Intersectional II member, has been outscored 146-24 in four games, including a 22-0 setback last week to Allen Park Cabrini. Covenant, meanwhile, was ambushed last week by Clawson of the Metro Conference, 47-12. **PICKS:** Emons (Richard); Wright (Richard); Smith (Richard).

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 21
Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 21
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22
Oakland Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 22
Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
PCA at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 23
DeLaSalle Collegiate at Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Agape at PCA, 1 p.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 23
Salem at Jackson Varsity
Invite at Sharp Park, 10 a.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 23
Canton and Salem at Jackson

Varsity Invite
at Sharp Park, 10 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 22
W.L. Western at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 23
Canton at Troy, 9 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Friday, Sept. 22
Salem at Livonia Stevenson
at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Canton
at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western
at Bay Pointe G.C., 3 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Sept. 21
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Plymouth W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial Invite, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 23
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial Invite, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 21
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22
Madonna at Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.), TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 23
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Quad, 11 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 23
Madonna at Siena Heights, 2 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 22
Madonna at Siena Heights, 3:30 p.m.
S'craft at Chandler-Gilbert (Ariz.), 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 23
Schoolcraft at Phoenix College (Ariz.), 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF
Saturday, Sept. 23
WHAC Jamboree (No. 5)
at Madonna (Fellows Creek), TBA.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
Friday, Sept. 22
S'craft at Ferris St. Invitational, TBA.
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STATEMENT

FROM PAGE B1

winner.

With 5:49 to left in the first half, Stevenson's Chris Mulcahy chipped a ball near the right post that was able to find the back of the net.

But Salem players and coaches immediately protested, claiming the ball actually slipped through the side-netting, around and not inside the post.

Stevenson coach Lars Richters had a clear view of the shot.

"The refs were prepared to call it a goal, but from my perspective it had gone through the side netting," he said. "I did not think it would be right and it should not be allowed a goal."

"It was a strange spot for them (the officials), too, but eventually they wanted to do the right thing. I would love to have scored a deserved goal, but that wasn't the one."

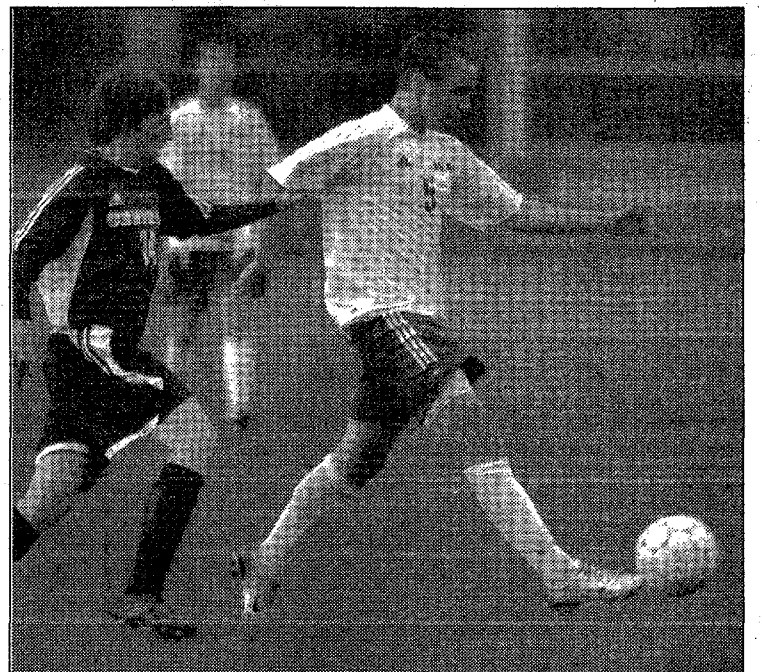
McCarthy, meanwhile, called the reversal "the turning point."

"To be down 1-0 in a game like this is huge, because if you look back at all the Stevenson-Salem games, I bet 90 percent of the time the team that scores the first goal wins the game," he said. "It could have been a different game. We don't win if it (the goal) happens."

"But it was so obvious, Stevenson did not celebrate, so it was very surprising the linesman called it a goal. At first they (the officials) refused to listen for any reason."

McCarthy also appreciated the honesty displayed by his opponent.

"It shows the kind of class Lars, the school and the pro-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Tom Bennett (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored a goal in the Rocks' crucial 2-0 victory over Stevenson Monday night.

gram has," he said. "To have a goal on the board and take it away is sportsmanship at its finest."

Just two days earlier, Stevenson was coming off a 0-0 deadlock at home against No. 1-ranked and defending state champion Warren DeLaSalle (6-1-2) in a rematch of last year's Division I semifinal.

"I think it's safe to say, we've been very up and down," Richters said. "Saturday was a special effort. The kids played very hard, but unfortunately we did not get the result we wanted. But overall I thought we played very well."

Stevenson certainly had its chances to score in both games.

Against DeLaSalle, the Spartans missed a penalty kick

and the Pilots' goalkeeper Vito Lonigro made a couple of acrobatic stops.

"Certainly it fully hasn't come together for us yet," Richters said. "When you have to play from behind, it's difficult, especially when you're not scoring. We've had a number of problems exposed today (vs. Salem). Maybe a harder dose of work would get the job done, especially in games that matter - despite not finishing."

In the loss to the Rocks, Luke Knochel, Brian Klemczak and Mulcahy all had point-blank chances to beat Field, and were denied.

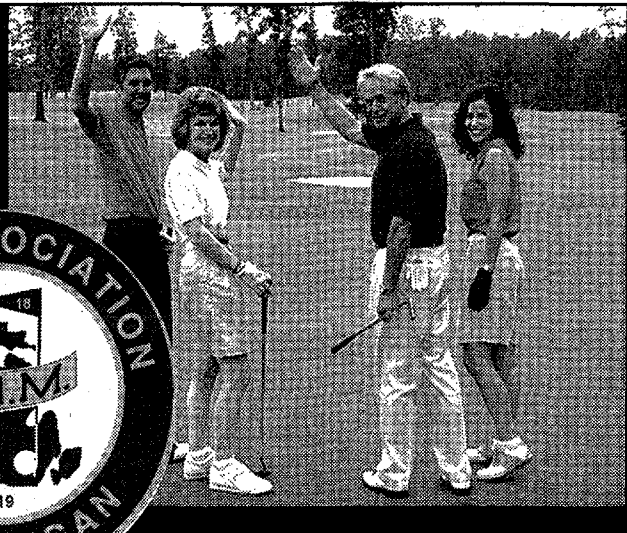
"I think they (Salem) are a very well coached team," Richters said. "I respect them a ton because they're very organized and they're determined not to give up a lead."

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Houdek's '0', Delapaz's 'D' lead Chiefs to win

PREP HOOPS

Sparked by Becci Houdek's offense and Lauren Delapaz's defense, the Canton girls basketball team throttled Walled Lake Northern, 46-23, Tuesday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game played in the Canton gymnasium.

Houdek tallied 19 points, seven assists and seven rebounds while Delapaz held the Knights' leading scorer, Ashley Jolley, to just nine points.

"Lauren is becoming our best defensive player," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, whose team improved to 4-2. "She did a great job on Jolley tonight. Even the shots Jolley made she had to work for."

The lop-sided setback dropped Northern to 0-6. Houdek had help on the offensive end from teammates

Ja'nee Morton (12 points) and Bayley Hollowell, who racked up 10 points and eight rebounds.

Canton stormed to an 18-3 lead after one quarter before securing total control of the game by outscoring the visitors 24-11 over the second and third quarters.

"I thought our effort was great tonight," said Samulski. "I wanted us to come out and defend and rebound, and we did that. Once we got the rebound, we did a good job of finding Becci and Ja'nee for easy baskets at the other end."

The Chiefs nailed 6-of-12 free throws. Northern was 4-of-6 from the charity stripe.

PCA 43, YPSI CC 11: The Eagles

overcame a sluggish start to roll to their fourth victory in five games in a non-league match-up played Tuesday night at Plymouth Christian.

"We only scored seven points in the first quarter, so we started slowly," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "But we picked it up in the second quarter and started pressing more. We also threw a 1-3-1 trap on them."

The Eagles led 19-5 at the half and 29-9 with eight minutes to play.

Sara Ross led a balanced attack for the winners with nine points. Autumn McKenzie added eight while Peggy Abraham and Brooke Harris both poured in seven.

PCA drained 4-of-8 free throws. Calvary Christian struggled from the line, sinking just 1-of-11 attempts.

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Canton harriers earn medals

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Gut-wrenching hills, ankle-deep sand and thick grass were no match for the Canton boys and girls cross country teams at Saturday's Ludington Cross Country Invitational, which was held at West Shore Community College outside of Ludington.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Running on one of the most demanding 5K courses designed for high school runners, the Canton boys placed third behind Petoskey and Muskegon Orchard View, while the girls earned a runner-up finish behind only Petoskey.

"We're very excited about the results," said Canton boys coach Bill Boyd. "The weekend before, we placed ninth out of 10 teams at the CC Invitational and we didn't run very well. But on Saturday, we put six runners in the top 19, which was great against teams the caliber of Petoskey.

"This was the toughest course we'll run on all year. There's hills, sand and the grass was very long. If you can run like we did on this course, you can run on anything."

The Canton boys finished with 65 points, 33 more than Petoskey and 14 more than Orchard View. Muskegon Mona Shores (106), Ludington (109), Cadillac (166) and Muskegon (225) rounded out the field.

Six Canton runners earned medals led by freshman Zack Spreitzer, who placed 10th in 18:02.88. Other Chief medalists were sophomore Kyle Clinton (11th in 18:04.56), sophomore Duncan Spitz (12th in 18:11.89), junior Derek Hoerman (15th in 18:27.28), junior Aaron McClellan (17th in 18:38.71) and sophomore Mike Eimers (19th in 19:06.05).

Freshman Steve Watts placed 28th in 19:39.00. Petoskey's Patrick Liederbach was the overall winner, finishing in 16:46.01.

The Chief girls were led by race winner Sarah Thomas, who covered the challenging course in 21:21, 17 seconds faster than runner-up Kaitlyn Hutchinson of Cadillac.

"Sarah ran the kind of race she always runs — very consistent," said Canton coach Tracy Haritsarig. "She didn't go out too fast and she picked it up at the end.

"Overall, I thought we ran very well. We won this last year, but Petoskey kind of came out of the woodwork this year. Our top five girls earned medals, so it was a good trip."

Also earning points for Canton were Paula Schubatis



Pictured above are the Canton cross country runners who earned medals at Saturday's Ludington Invitational: (from left) Steven Watts, Derek Hoerman, Kyle Clinton, Zack Spreitzer, Aaron McClellan, Duncan Spitz and Mike Eimers.

(eighth in 22:44), Kaitlin David (11th in 23:10), Katy Galm (13th in 23:36), Megan Kulczycki (14th in 23:43), Annie Murphy (21st in 24:05) and Katie Rymond (24th in 24:27).

Led by freshman Rachel Brunk, the Chiefs' junior-varsity contingent finished third in the eight-team field. Brunk was fifth overall.

PLYMOUTH GIRLS 2ND

The Plymouth girls cross country team finished second at Saturday's Autumn Classic, which was held at Stoney Creek Metro Park. Dearborn Divine Child won the event with 51 points, eight fewer than the Wildcats.

Harper Woods Regina placed third with 60 followed by Farmington Hills Mercy (96), Warren Woods Tower (111), Warren Mott (136) and Hughes Academy (no score).

Sophomore Molly Slavens paced the Wildcats with her third-place effort in 20:53.

"Molly ran very well on a nice, fast course," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin.

Also excelling for Plymouth were Lauren Ahearn (ninth in 22:14), Sarah Balgooyen (12th in 22:34), Paula Green (15th in 22:43), Elise Chagas (20th in 23:24), Marcella Mester (21st in 23:25) and Kristin Callahan (22nd in 23:26).

All seven Wildcats earned medals.

Plymouth returns to action Saturday when they take part in the Old Skool Classic in Romeo.

SALEM GIRLS 7TH

The Salem girls cross country team followed up its championship effort at last week's P-CEP City Meet with a seventh-place showing at Saturday's Holly Invitational, which was held at Springfield Oaks County Park in Holly.

Grand Blanc won the meet

with 55 points. Filling out the top five were Troy Athens (90), Lake Orion (135), Grosse Pointe North (144) and Hartland (166). The Rocks tallied 212 points in the 18-team event.

Leading the charge for the Rocks was senior standout Hannah Cavicchio, who won the race in a time of 19:13. Also earning points for Salem were sophomore Kelley Determan (48th in 22:22), junior Kristin Dondzila (52nd in 22:28), junior Lauren Olson (55th in 22:37), sophomore Kortney Marsh (56th in 22:42), senior Sarah Kosteva (57th in 22:44) and junior Sabrina Burcoff (64th in 23:08).

"This meet provided a big challenge for Hannah because she was running against a girl that beat last year in the same race (Troy Athens' Nichole Hammer)," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "Plus, Holly is a big invitational — there were close to 1,500 runners — so we wanted to get her out there running on a big stage."

"Hannah ran a tremendous race and won by over 30 seconds over Nichole Hammer. She's been working very hard as a captain and as a senior to reach her goals. It was a big meet for her, too, because there were several college coaches on hand."

Cavicchio wasn't the only runner whose performance pleased Gerlach on Saturday.

"I was happy with the way the entire team raced," said Gerlach. "We're very young and very inexperienced. We have three first-year athletes running varsity and two more on varsity that ran JV last year. Kelley, Lauren and Kristin really stepped up Saturday."

The Rocks return to action Saturday when they compete in the Jackson Invitational.

SPORTS BRIEFS

PASS, PUNT & KICK

The National Football League and Pepsi invite youngsters to participate in the Pass, Punt & Kick contest, which annually attracts millions of kids nationwide.

The free, local competition will be held 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the practice football field behind Heritage Park in Canton Township. For more information, call the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

GIRLS SWIM LISTING

The inaugural girls top ten swim listings will begin Thursday, Sept. 28 in all Wayne County editions of the Observer.

Area coaches are urged to report their swim bests via e-mail by 3 p.m. each Sunday to Livonia Stevenson coach Greg Phill at gregphill@sbcglobal.net.

Coaches from the following schools need to submit their times — Livonia Churchill (Aaron Reider), Livonia Franklin (Christine Hafner), Livonia Ladywood (Jamie Perrine), Westland John Glenn (Randy Ferguson), Wayne Memorial (Mike Grueber), Canton (Ed Weber), Plymouth (Doug Schade), Salem (Chuck Olson), Garden City (Julie Johnston), Redford Union (Rebecca Middleton) and Redford Thurston (Samantha

Brand).

LIONS GO 1-2

The Canton Lions varsity football team dropped a hard-fought 13-0 setback to the defending league champions Lakes Area Hawks Sunday afternoon. Braden Price shined on both sides of the ball for the Lions. Also stepping up were Ken Durham, Robert Turfe and Clay Behrman. Jack Slater and Marcus Houston played well defensively.

The Lions junior varsity contingent improved to 2-0 with a 29-6 victory over the Hawks. Kevin Buford led the offensive surge with 168 yards rushing and a pair of TDs. Corey Watkins and William Askew also found the end zone for the winners. Other standouts were Luke Denzer, Omar Kandah, Matt Harris and Kyle Durham.

The freshmen Lions fell to the Hawks, 6-0, despite strong offensive efforts from by quarterback Sean Stanners and tailback Westen Price. The defense was anchored by Daniel Jipping, Kenny Arnold and Forrest Hall.

STEELERS SWEEP

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity crushed Ypsilanti, 47-19, Sunday thanks to strong defensive efforts by Tyler Kelley and John Randall. The Steelers' offense was paced by Mike Olevnik and Ryan Powell, both of whom gained over 100 yards.

The Steelers' JV squad's 37-0 victory was led by Mitchell Lewiston, Michael Saccone, Kendall Scott, Kyle Topper and Josh Dennard.

The freshmen unit also recorded a shutout — 27-0 — behind the play of Owen Ash, Kevin Justice, Nick Lanava and Jacob Mallad.

LIONS TAKE TWO

The Canton Lions varsity football team kicked off its WSJFL season Sept. 10 with a 20-0 victory over the Garden City Chargers.

The offense was sparked by touchdowns from Braden Price, Phil Emminger and Brad Trublowksi. Quarterback Jake Morris also had a strong game, throwing for a pair of TDs. The Lions' defense, which yielded just 50 total yards, was paced by Austin Payne and Clay Behrman.

The Lions junior varsity squad knocked off the Chargers, 34-12, thanks to a pair of TDs by Kevin Buford, one by Corey Watkins and a Jordan Smith-to-Paul Baumgart TD pass.

The defense was paced by strong play from Faris Abraham, William Askew and Eric Jipping.

The Lions freshmen opening game has been rescheduled to Sept. 20 at Central Middle School. The kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

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TIE

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"We were sloppy in the first half," Neschich said. "We weren't quick to the 50-50 balls and we backed off a little. But I liked the way the kids bounced back in the second half."

The game's opening goal came right out of the "How to Score Off a Corner Kick" handbook. With 28:01 left in the first half, Canton senior Keith Campbell directed a perfectly placed, hooking pass from the corner to the front of the net. Waiting there was 6-foot-4 senior forward Willie Noetzel, who headed the ball past Wildcat goalie Brian Rissman to give Canton a 1-0 advantage.

"During the course of the season, we take quite a bit of time out of practice to work on the set pieces consistently," said Tomasso, referring to Noetzel's goal. "As much as it looked like it wasn't planned, it was planned and Keith did a tremendous job of sending that ball in. We had the two big guys (Noetzel and Kyle Gring) on the back post to get to it and one of them did."

The Wildcats responded just over 17 minutes later when

Tyler Floyd blasted a rebound shot past Canton goalie Parker Laabs, who was still in recovery mode after knocking away a sizzling Colin Rolfe 25-yard missile.

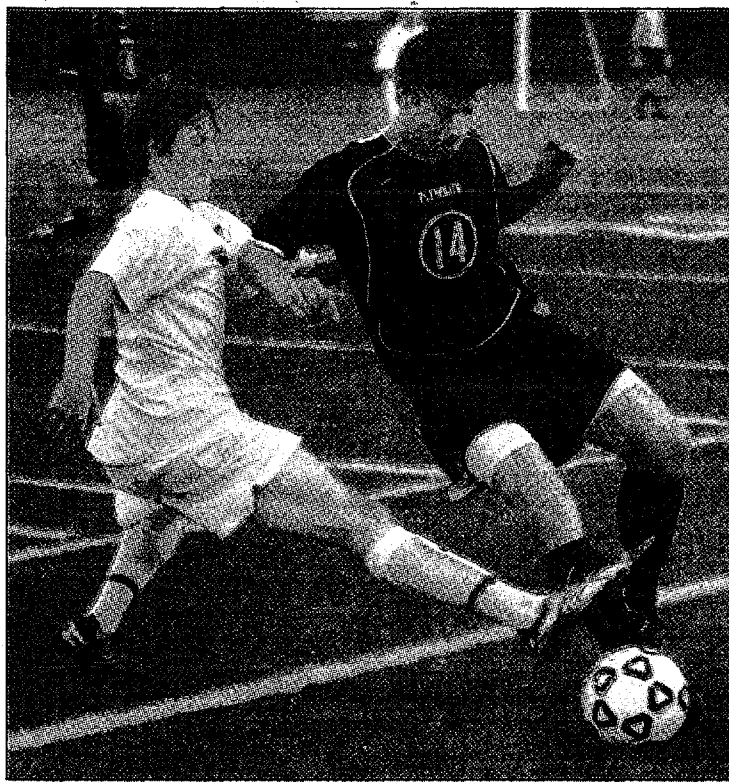
"Colin blistered that shot, so there was no way Parker was going to hang on to it," Neschich said. "Trevor did a nice job of putting the rebound into the net."

Canton regained the lead with 19:44 to go in the game when junior forward Logan McGraw slid a rebound shot past Rissman. Junior Tim Belcher notched the assist.

"Timmy did a great job to challenge the goalie and Logan was right there to put the ball in," Tomasso said. "It was nice to see the runs off the ball."

Rolfe knotted the game at 2-2 with 11:55 on the clock when his low, skidding shot from 20 yards out barely eluded a diving Laabs and nestled into the back corner of the net. Floyd earned the assist on the game-tying effort.

"Colin got in a one-on-one match-up, he beat his guy and took a low and hard shot that was perfect far post," said Neschich, replaying Rolfe's goal. "A lot of good teams like Canton will key on Colin. Tonight he got a lot of quick



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Canton's Matt Epelman (left) defends Plymouth's Colin Rolfe during the early stages of Monday night's 2-2 draw between the two WLAA Western Division rivals.

double-teams as soon as he got the ball. He draws attention to himself. He's just that good."

PARKWAY 4, AGAPE 2: The Mullett brothers — Donald and Mark — both found the back of the net for the Wolverines, who dropped to 3-

4-1 overall. Jared Miller excelled in goal for Agape, turning away 15 shots.

Ryan Height proved to be Miller's biggest nemesis, notching a pair of goals.

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Plymouth players celebrate moments after their 35-33 victory over Salem Tuesday night. It was the Wildcats' first-ever win over the Rocks.

EDGE

FROM PAGE B1

"They came out in a more aggressive zone defense in the second half and they did a great job of neutralizing our offensive rebounding," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We missed some shots and they made some big ones. My hat is off to Plymouth for stepping up and working their way back from a deficit."

What does Thomann hope his veteran team learns from Tuesday night's setback?

"First of all, they learned that losing doesn't feel very good," he said. "More importantly, I hope they learned that there are no givens in this game. You have to challenge and compete every game, and compete every possession. I thought we took some possessions off tonight and it cost us. By the same token, Plymouth made the plays to put themselves in a position to win."

Trailing 28-26 after three quarters, Plymouth failed to tie the game or take the lead on four straight possessions to open the fourth. Following a fifth-straight defensive stop, however, Moise gave her team its first second-half lead when she turned a steal at one end into an and-one lay-up at the other to put the Wildcats up, 29-28, with 5:27 to play.

Salem junior Alaya Mitchell's free throw with 5:05 left knotted the game at 29-29 and Coppiellie gave the Rocks a 31-29 edge one minute later when she buried a 15-foot jumper.

Wildcat senior guard Megan Davis's driving layup tied the game at 31-all with three minutes left and it stayed that way for the next two-plus minutes.

With 38 ticks left, Coppiellie's 15-foot jumper took a tour of the rim before spinning out. Robinson grabbed the rebound and Reilly called timeout at the 30-second mark.

Once play resumed, Plymouth worked the ball inside to the 6-foot Haywood, who followed her own missed jumper with a four-foot banker while being fouled. The sophomore canned the free throw to give the hosts a 34-31 lead with 17.7 seconds to go.



Salem's Lauren Kurtz goes up for a shot during Tuesday night's cross-campus contest. The Wildcats prevailed, 35-33.

While rushing the ball down the court, the Rocks turned the ball over. Moise was fouled with nine seconds left and made 1-of-2 free throws to put Plymouth up, 35-31.

Salem's Megan Ward drained an 18-footer at the buzzer to cap the scoring.

Plymouth's scoring ledger was as leveled as the Wildcats' composure reading. Haywood, Robinson and Klonowski all scored eight points while Moise chipped in with seven.

Coppiellie shined in defeat, netting 15, most on mid-range jumpshots. Langham, who fouled out with 3:15 left, finished with eight and Mitchell twined six.

Haywood hauled in 13 rebounds and swatted three Salem shots. Robinson nabbed eight boards.

Mitchell played larger than her listed height of 5-4 as she skied for a team-high nine rebounds for Salem. Kurtz yanked down seven.

Salem attempted 14 more field goals than Plymouth, sinking 15-of-47 shots compared to the Wildcats' 11-of-33 shooting. However, Plymouth went to the free-throw line 24 times (making 11) compared to the Rocks' six trips (three makes) to the charity stripe.

Plymouth outrebounded Salem, 30-27.

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No. 1 doubles: Sarah Schroder-Mary Bruce (WJG) def. Steffi Osborne-Alex Schneider, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Samantha Giles-Brandee Thomas (WJG) def. Jori Remus-Kelsey Schuckel, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5; No. 3: Kasheena Martin-Megan Walker (WJG) def. Collette Tipper-Jessica Phillips, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Ashley Hewson-Charade Campagne (WJG) def. Megan Gobl-Rachel Morrissey, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.
 Glenn's dual meet record: 2-5 overall, 1-4.

TEAMS SOUGHT

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is accepting applications for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2007 season. There are currently openings in all age brackets in both baseball (U9-U18) and softball (U10-U18).

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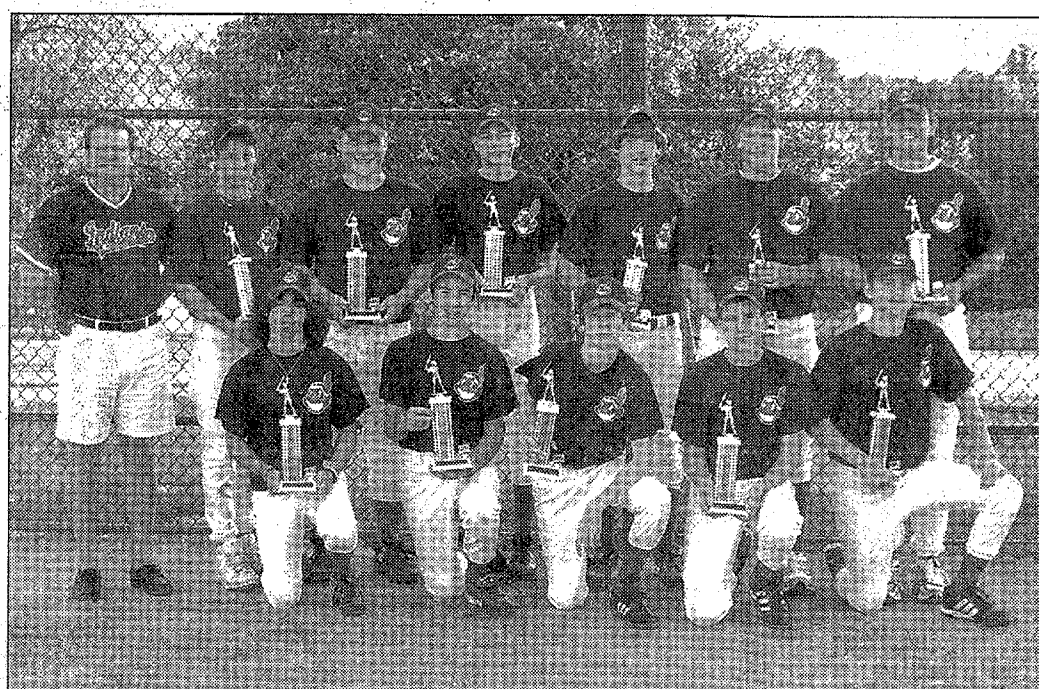
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Triumphant tribe

The Indians captured first place in the 2006 Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association's U14 Division. Pictured (front row from left) are Tyler Nguyen, Troy McParlane, Sam Rector, Brad Sugg, Chris Sweet, (back row from left) head coach Don Clark, Charlie Clark, Jordan Birman, Eric Schendel, Doug Shepherd, Erik Lee and Chris Kordick. Not pictured are Michael Maciag, Andy Dodge, Kevin Smith and J.R. Hope.

Whalers open Friday after big preseason

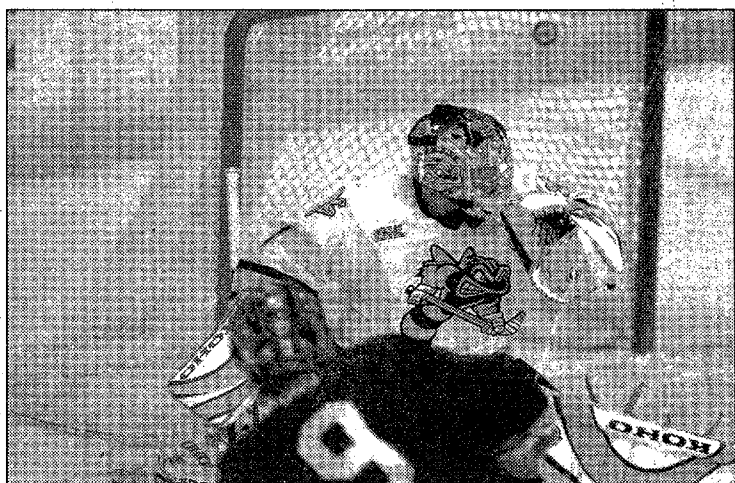
A.J. Jenks' goal at 2:35 of the third period snapped a 1-1 tie and the Plymouth Whalers went on to defeat the Erie Otters, 3-1, in an Ontario Hockey League pre-season game played Saturday afternoon at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw.

Plymouth finished the pre-season with a 5-1-0 mark. The Otters concluded their pre-season at 0-2-2.

Jenks, Plymouth's 2006 seventh-round draft choice, also assisted on Wes Cunningham's insurance goal with 1:14 remaining in the third period.

Plymouth came from behind for the victory after spotting Erie a 1-0 lead after one period on Nick Palmieiri's goal at 4:28 of the first.

The Whalers knotted the



WALT DEMOCHÉ

Plymouth rookie Vern Cooper (9) fires a shot over the shoulder of the Sarnia goalie during a pre-season victory over Sarnia on Sept. 9. Cooper will be one of the players to watch when the Whalers host Erie Saturday night.

game at 1-1 at 9:40 of the second period with good work deep in the Eric zone. Joe McCann outworked an Erie defender for the puck on the left wing, and scored with a low shot from the lower rim of the left circle that beat Otters' goaltender Ryan Ludzik.

That set the stage for Jenks' game-winner and Cunningham's insurance marker in the third period.

Plymouth outshot the Otters, 33-23. Jeremy Smith

(Brownstown Twp.) played the entire game in goal for the Whalers, stopping 22 of 23 Erie shots. Ludzik knocked away 17 of 18 Whalers shots before giving way to Jeff Dawson midway through the second period. Dawson stopped 8 of 10 scoring attempts.

Plymouth opens the season Friday at Sarnia. The Whalers open their home slate on Saturday when they host Erie in a 7:05 game at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Inman's kills lead Madonna spikers to victory against Concordia

Fresh off Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors, Caryn Inman posted 16 kills in Madonna University's 30-17, 30-9, 30-15 women's volleyball triumph Tuesday at Concordia University.

Madonna, 15-2 overall and 3-0 in the WHAC, was led by sophomore Luboj Tihomirova (Riga, Latvia), who finished with 17 kills.

Freshman Natalie Niblock (White Pigeon) paced the Crusaders to a .419 hitting percentage after posting a game-high 32 assists. Inta Grunvalds added 17, while Whitney Fuelling posted a team-high seven digs.

The Crusaders held Concordia to a .000 hitting percentage, forcing 14 attack errors and

posting 14 team blocks on the night.

Inman led the Crusaders with seven total blocks, including two solo efforts.

With the 3-0 win, Madonna records its 14th sweep in 17 matches this season.

Ashley Zair and Erica Walczak each recorded five kills for the Cardinals, who fell to 3-15 overall and 0-3 in the WHAC.

MU, ranked No. 8 in the latest NAIA poll, returns to action Friday at the Pepsi Bash at the Beach Tournament, hosted by Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The Crusaders are scheduled to play Northwood (Fla.) and the second and against Embry-Riddle (Fla.).

GOLF

SALEM 159 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 161

Sept. 15 at St. John's

Salem scorers: Tyler Jeleniewski, 36 (medalist); Quinton Higginson, 39; Brian Fifield and Aaron Thompson, 42 each; Eddie Mazorwicz, 45; Joel Cheesman, 48.

Churchill scorers: Steve Suzio, 39; Kevin Robinson, 40; Josh Brist and Brian Bint, 41 each; Tommy Lucko and Josh Proben, 42 each.

Dual-meet records: Salem, 2-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA; Churchill, 2-2 overall, 2-2 WLAA.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 166 MACOMB CHRISTIAN 216

Tuesday at Maple Lanes G.C.

PCA scorers: Ross Gerulis, 39 (medalist); Mitch Geracz, 40; Scott Hampton, 42; Derek Elenbas, 45; Ryan Parker, 47; Matt Zandee, 55.

Macomb scorers: David Herlein, 44; Pete Nieman, 52; John Murphy, 56; Joe D'Amico, 64.

Dual-meet records: PCA, 8-2 overall, 5-1 in MIAC Red; Macomb, 1-8 overall.

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LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

DOES TIGER CARE?

The Ryder Cup is being held this week in Ireland and the Americans are the underdogs. That is as it should be. After all, the Americans have not won this thing since 1999 and were just flat out embarrassed at Oakland Hills in 2004.

Let us examine why the U.S. Team keeps laying an egg. Since 1997 (Tiger Woods' first Ryder Cup), the Americans are 1-3 in the event. Tiger has played on every team since 1997. His record? A somewhat less than overwhelming 7-11-2.

Wait a minute. Are you telling me that the greatest golfer in the history of the world cannot lead his team to victory against a significantly less talented European squad? Yes, that is what we are saying. At least, that has been the case until now.

He just doesn't hold the Ryder Cup worth the same regard as the Europeans. Tiger has called it an "exhibition". He also has said that he would rather win a tournament that pays \$1,000,000.00 than the Ryder Cup (in which he does not get paid).

At the 2004 Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills, I was at the press conference where he asked everyone what Jack Nicklaus' Ryder Cup record was. When no one jumped up with the answer, he then asked how many majors Jack won? His point was that everyone knew Jack has 18 majors, but not nearly as many knew Jack's Ryder Cup record. As such, he was suggesting the Ryder Cup is not nearly as important.

Has Tiger changed his views in two years? Does taking three Ryder rookies to dinner change anything? The answers come this weekend.

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Win over Favre and Green Bay is a m

Sept. 24, 2006. Mark it down. It's the first "must-win" game in the Rod Marinelli era. The losses to the Seahawks and Bears to open the season have forced a must-win situation. Three weeks into his regime, Marinelli is already at a crossroads.

Usually, we didn't look forward to seeing Brett Favre and the Packers at any time of year, but this is a new age. It's an age where Favre is no longer the dominant quarterback of his time. When they come into Ford Field this Sunday, they will be 0-2 and oh, so bad. Both of their losses came at vaunted Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Amazingly, it's the third year in a row the Pack have lost their first two home games. No longer is Lambeau the little shop of road horrors for visiting teams.

"That's a game we should have won and did-



Mark Wilson

n't," Favre said to reporters after the Saints' comeback win Sunday. "We've got to find a way to close that out."

Of course, the Lions have not won in Green Bay since 1991. They will get their shot in December. For now, the Lions are worrying about Sunday. What happened in Chicago was utter disaster. It was a copy of last year, when they got drilled at Soldier Field. They made Bears QB Rex Grossman look like Unitas, Montana and Marino all rolled into one.

"It's not their fault. It's my fault ... 100 percent," Marinelli said on our radio postgame show.

At this point, it doesn't matter whose fault it is. Marinelli and his staff have six days to figure it out and try to correct it, whatever "it" is. Seems like there are a lot of "its." Penalties, missed tackles, broken plays, lame blocking, time management and other various items were among the lowlights in Chicago. The Bears are a terrific team, no doubt. They have now won 12 of their last 14 regular season games. The problem is, the Lions didn't even seem like they should be on the same field with them.

"I failed in preparation. It's unacceptable in every area, starting with me," Marinelli added.

Last week, Marinelli told me that moral victories just won't fly with him. He came from Tampa preaching hard work and victory. So far, any hard work hasn't translated to victory. Since the preseason opening win over Denver, the

Lions have lost five games. Three of those games didn't count, but the other two count big time.

"There's no question this is a process with a new staff, but I really like what's going on here. Lions defensive back Dré Bly said.

Bly came here to play for Steve Mariucci in 2003. He came from St. Louis, where he won a Super Bowl in his rookie season under Dick Vermeil. He became a starter under Mike Martz, who took over for Vermeil. After playing in a second Super Bowl with the Rams, Bly came here and became an All-Pro corner under Mariucci. He was vocal last season in his displeasure with how the Mariucci firing came down.

"A very tough situation is the only way I can put it. Matt Millen had to do what he thought was best for the team," Bly said after Mooch go-

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Bly is a team guy all the way. He was named the defensive captain a few weeks ago. The University of North Carolina product is more than frustrated with how the first two games have gone.

"Coach Marinelli knows what he's doing and I believe he can turn this thing around," Bly said last week.

As Mariucci used to always say, "Forward we go." The Lions have the Packers this Sunday at home. Green Bay hasn't had a stretch of losing like this since it got Favre from the Falcons in 1992. Despite more retirement talk, Favre came back this year to play under first-year coach Mike McCarthy. He was under the impression the team had done enough to improve for 2006.

"Maybe we just ain't that good," Favre said after the shutout loss in Week 1 to the Bears. It was the first time in his 15-year career that he left a game without scoring a point.

It's been an amazing ride for a future Hall of Famer who still has an amazing playing streak going. When Favre starts against the Lions this Sunday, he will add to his NFL record 244 consecutive starts including playoff games. In a league where about half the QBs go down with injury at some point in the season, it's almost an inhuman achievement.

The guys around Favre are highly average. His offensive line is questionable at best and when Javon Walker left for Denver, his receiver options became minimal. Running back Ahman Green is still not back fully from injury and the defense is a complete mess.

This is where the "must-win" thing comes in. No one needs to guarantee victory this Sunday. Roy Williams and Kevin Jones can leave their guarantees at the door. They simply need to play a lot better. Martz and his new offensive scheme has to put all his players in a better position to be successful. Not since 1942 have the Lions scored this few points in the first two games of a season. That year the Lions didn't win. They went 0-11.

"I know it's cliché, but we have to take it one play at a time. We have to keep our focus because that's killing us right now," Lions QB Jon Kitna said.

On paper, the Lions look to be a better team than the Packers, but as long as Favre is breathing he gives Green Bay an advantage. Favre has lost to the Lions nine times in his career and all

of them in Michigan. Seven times he lost at the Silverdome and twice at Ford Field to his old mentor Mariucci. He is in the twilight of a great career and knows the score when it comes to playing games in Detroit.

This is Marinelli's time now. A win is imperative since Detroit plays three of its next four on the road after the Pack leave town. It will be a good test of Marinelli's reputation skills. There has never been a better time to kick Favre when he's down. We're at "must-win" time already. The new coach never could have dreamed it would come so early.

Mark Wilson is host of the Lions pre- and postgame shows on WKRK-FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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- 24 Move rapidly
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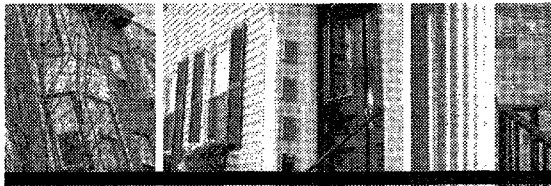
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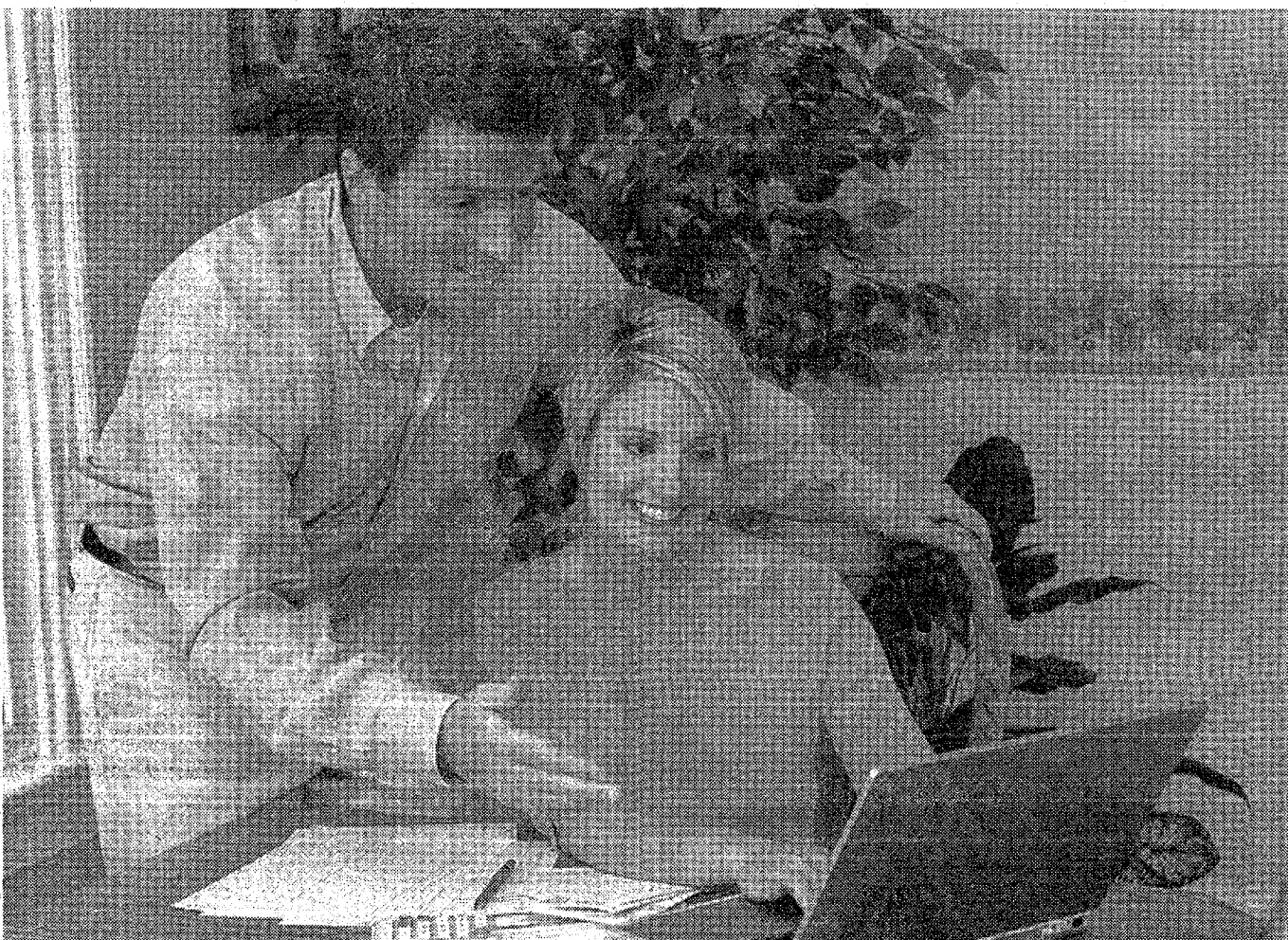
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LITTLE-KNOWN TRENDS IN RESUMES



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Can you get by with yesterday's resume? Probably not. New rules make both hard copy and online submissions more complicated.

HARD COPY
As you gear up to write your resume, remember that you may be sending it places where people are overwhelmed at least and skeptical at best. Take Tucson's Steve Batisto, vice president of Anderson Philips Associates, a division of Staff One Search. I can't rely on them, he states. I just assume that every resume I receive, unrequested or requested, is inaccurate because of errors of omission or commission. He relies more upon interviews and telephone contact for his retained executive search practice.

Gary Albright, vice president, Human Capital Solutions at Trovix, a search technology manufacturer in Mountain View, Calif., advises you to think about the person receiving your resume. Is this a hiring manager who will understand terms and nuanced relationships or a recruiter who doesn't have similar depth of understanding? he asks.

Walter Baker, managing partner at search firm Signium/Meridian Partners L.L.C., in Tampa, suggests thinking about your charter and its relationship to the company. He recommends asking and answering these questions:

- Why were you given that job?
- What goals and objectives were set out for you? What impact were you supposed to have on the organization?
- In other words, think about yourself in tandem with the organization.

ONLINE APPS
Many people think resumes present special challenges, but that's only the beginning, if you're applying online, too. Online applications can be troublesome if you overlook the importance of details, indicates Dora Vell of the technology executive search firm Vell & Associates Inc., in Waltham, Mass. Some of her tips follow:

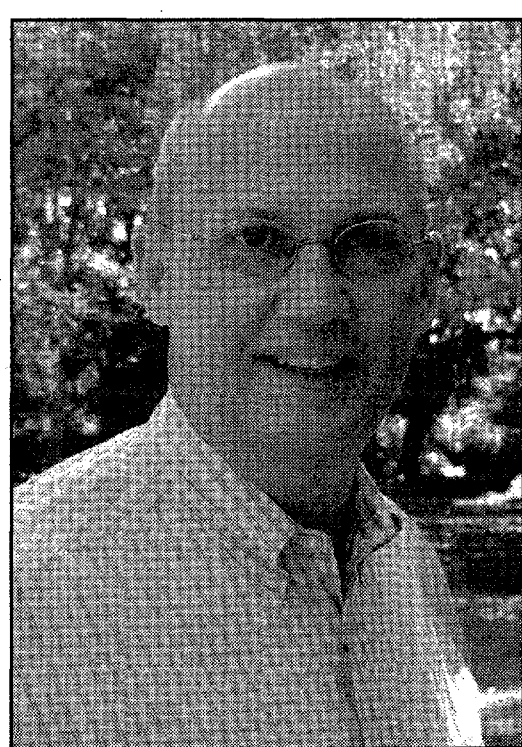
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- Specify how you want to be contacted, such as via e-mail or cell.
- Attach your resume rather than embed it; don't use pdf's, which aren't friendly to a number of database programs.

Hyperlinks within your resume may be extremely helpful, suggests Patrick Rafter, president of Rafter Communications/INTRASTAND, in Boston, which promotes improved communication methods: They enable the employer to see online evidence of an achievement. Keep your reader's interest by linking directly to the accomplishment.

CONVERGENCE
Whether you apply in print or online, some of the trends are identical. For example, Google is starting to have an impact on job seekers. William Arruda, co-author, with Kirsten Dixon, of the article Building Your Brand in Bits and Bytes (forthcoming, September, changethis.com), says that it's important to Google yourself... regularly (because) to those who don't know you personally, you (BEGIN ITAL)are (END ITAL) your Google results. He quotes recent statistics indicating that most job candidates (82 percent) believe that executive recruiters will review their online history and that the number of candidates eliminated because of Google searches has increased to 35 percent, or nine percent higher than last year.

Alice Nelson, advertising editor at The Olympia newspaper in Olympia, Wa., conveys the briskness with which you can expect your resume to be treated. Here's how she spent less than two minutes per resume in a stack of more than 600:

- Did the resume include a cover letter? If not, pitch.
- Did the applicant follow the rules of submitting resume/cover letter/etc.? If not, pitch.
- Accuracy, spelling, grammar. If any of those qualities was missing, pitch.
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- She shredded the list to 25 resumes and met with a committee sifting them



Gary Albright

to 10 by analyzing skills, a targeted cover letter and, finally, something more elusive that involves being creative, sucking up without appearing to do so, and a confidence that showed through the letter. Then came the interviews. And hiring. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2006 Passage Media.)

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Furniture, books, misc. household, paintings, etc.</p> <p>LIVONIA 34531 Dover, Arbor Park View Sub, Ann Arbor Trail & Wayne. Thurs.-Sat. Sept. 21, 22, 23, 9am-5pm. Household & misc.</p> <p>LIVONIA 14582 Park, S. of 5 Mile, E. of Leyvan Rd. Wed-Sat. Sept 20-23, 9-4pm. Multi-Family. Books, cookbooks, puzzles, holiday decor, kids' stuff. Come find the good, odd, and the quirky!</p> <p>LIVONIA 14396 Ramblewood, Schoolcraft & Farmington Rd. Sept. 21-23, 9-6pm. Multi-Family. High quality items. Tools, toys, bikes, electronics, furniture, & household items.</p> <p>LIVONIA 33023 Rayburn, 5 Mile & Farmington Rd. Wed-Sat. Sept 20-23, 9-4pm. Multi-Family. Clothing, furniture, yard equip., etc..</p> <p>LIVONIA Garage Sale, W. Chicago/Middlebelt, 29861 Robert. Sports/cards, books, LPs, misc. Thurs.-Sun.</p> <p>LIVONIA - 14051 Stamford Street, W. of Farmington Rd., N. off 96 service drive, Sept 22-24, 9-4pm. Lots of stuff.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>LIVONIA - 16028 Brentwood, N. of 5 Mile, E. of Middlebelt. Thurs.-Sat., Sept 21-23, 9-5:30. Multi-family. Household items, clothing, misc. items.</p> <p>LIVONIA Sept. 21-24, 10-4. 38913 Donald, S/5 Mile, btwn Newburgh/Haggerty. Tools, toys, antiques, misc.</p> <p>LIVONIA - 38126 Bristol, W. of Newburgh, S. of 6 Mile. Baby, snowblower, clothes, etc. Something for everyone! Thurs.-Fri., 9am-5pm.</p> <p>LIVONIA 27989 Terrence St., between 5 & 6 Mile Rd., off Middlebelt. Furniture, household, tools, pool supplies, etc. Fri. & Sat., 9-22 & 9-23, 9am-4pm.</p> <p>LIVONIA TWIN SALE! Tons of Boy/Girl Name Brand Clothing. Sizes: NB-10. Many Gently Used Baby Items, Toys, Household & Misc. Items. TVs & MUCH MORE! Sept 20-23, Wed-Thurs., 9am-6pm, Fri., 12noon-6pm, Sat., 9am-1pm. 14630 Auburdale, W/ Merriman, S/5.</p> <p>LIVONIA - Saturday Only 9/23, 9-5pm. Lots of Baby & Toddler items including: Double stroller, swing, clothes & toys. 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(take Farmington to Cindy, take Cindy to end.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>NORTHVILLE Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sept. 21, 22, 23, 9am-4pm, 21921 Conemara Dr., S. of 9 Mile, W. of Novi Rd., Household items, misc.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE-NORTH HILLS SUB. BEDFORD DR. Multi-Family, Sept. 21-23, 9-4. Btwn 8 & 9 mile/ Taft & Center St. Tools, collectibles, tapes, cd's, household.</p> <p>NOVI STORE CLOSING SALE 10,000+ DVD, VHS, GAMES 10am - 8pm Sept 21, 22, 23 E.T. 1537 N. Wixom</p> <p>NOVI - Estate Sale Collectibles, antiques, furniture, stove/fridge, gun cabinet, kitchen, glassware, tools. Sept. 22-23, 10-6. 43443 Galway, 7 Mile Rd. & Novi Rd.</p> <p>OAK PARK - Garage Sale - lots of tools & more. 9am to 4pm. Fri., Sept. 22nd & Sat., Sept. 23rd. 23070 Republic, Oak Park, 48237.</p> <p>ORCHARD LAKE BIG GARAGE SALE - 4050 Commerce Rd., Friday, 10am-4pm, Sat. 9am-3pm. Brand new BBQ grills, patio furniture, golf cart, clothing, toys, furniture, TV's, moped, new power washer, and much more! 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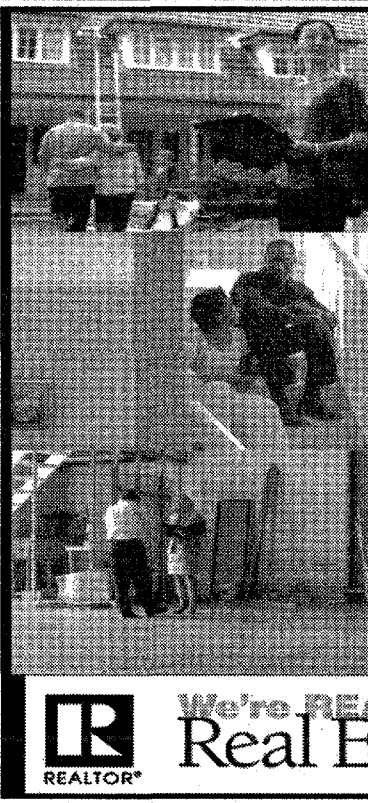
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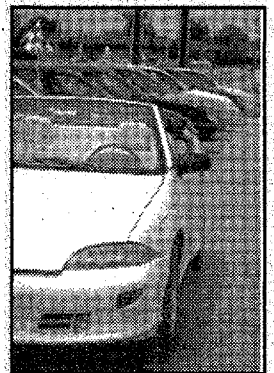
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Honda Pilot a good bargain, and a standout among SUVs

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With so many sport utility vehicles on the market, it's easy for automakers to get lost in the SUV shuffle. Luckily, that doesn't happen with the 2006 Honda Pilot. It stands on its own, offering a good value, solid handling and plenty of new features.

The Pilot was extensively redesigned, with a revamped exterior, plenty of new upgrades and a new two-wheel drive version. The Pilot shares a platform with another Honda nameplate, the Acura MDX, but it has eight seats instead of MDX's seven for thousands of dollars less.

Launched in 2002, Honda returns with a freshened design with a new grille, hood, fenders, headlights, bumpers and tail lights. Available in EX, LX and EX-L, the Pilot has a new instrument panel design, seat fabrics and adjustable headrests.

New options this year include a navigation system with voice recognition and a rear-view camera and a 7-inch screen. A 9-inch screen DVD entertainment system with a 115-volt accessory outlet also is included.

The Pilot is available in a new two-wheel drive model with a 3.5-liter, V-6 engine that comes with valve technology that deactivates three of the engine's six cylinders during cruising and deceleration. The engine switches back to all cylinders when more performance is required.

A 3.5-liter, V-6 engine with 244 horsepower also is available on four-wheel drive models enough power to make acceleration a breeze with variable cylinder management engine technology (VCM) that gives greater fuel economy that is better than many V-8 SUVs models with 18 city and 24 highway on some two-wheel drive models.

Honda's safety features are an added bonus. Three-row side curtain air bags are standard. All Pilots also come with anti-lock brakes and traction and anti-skid control. Those features helped the Pilot earn a perfect five-star test rating for front and side-impact protection in government crash tests.

As with most Hondas, features that are optional on other cars are standard on the Pilot. This year, the Pilot added more standard features than ever before: power windows, remote keyless entry, painted alloy wheels and body colored side molding are standard in the LX model. The EX adds more features with synchronized automatic climate control, eight-way power seats, rear privacy glass, roof rails and fog lights. The top-of-the-line EX-L adds standard leather-trimmed,



2006 Honda Pilot EX-L: Vehicle class: Sport utility vehicle, Power: V-6 engine., Mileage: 17 city / 22 highway. Where built: Alliston, Ontario, Canada. Base price: \$33,045.

heated seats, a power moonroof and a conversation mirror that allows the driver to talk with rear and back seat passengers or keep a watchful eye on the kids.

An XM satellite is standard, but two items you will have to fork over cash for are the DVD-based navigation system or the DVD entertainment system; you can't buy both items, it's one or the other.

For an SUV, the Pilot is extra roomy, with seating for eight passengers two front, three middle and three rear seats. For those craving the seating space of a minivan, the Pilot is a good option with enough room to fit the family and plenty of storage options.

An adaptable seating system transforms the second and third row into cargo space with a 60/40 bench style seats that fold into the floor. Although there's room for eight, the third row is on the small side. The Pilot makes up for that flaw, though, with stadium style seating that gives second and third row passengers a better view of the road.

There's 90.2 cubic inches of cargo space extra large for an SUV that is wide enough to put wide items flat on the floor. Use the second row seats and cargo capacity shrinks to 48.7 cubic feet. Let the third row up and you've still got enough room for grocery bags and other small items.

For the organized, storage bins are everywhere, including the center console with sliding compartments and beverage holders in all three rows. There's a sunglasses holder, a cargo net to hold

groceries and a fold down activity tray in the second row. New noise dampening materials have been added to make the ride quieter. What's lacking, however, is towing power, which at up to 4,500 pounds, isn't the heft that we're used to. You can tow a boat trailer, but anything heavier is a no-no.

Since the Honda Pilot was built on an MDX chassis, we expected the superb handling that Acuras are known for. Big disappointment. The Pilot's weight of more than two tons makes it a bit bulky when it came to cornering, definitely not the nimble handling that we've come to expect from Hondas. The Pilot's wide base didn't make it top heavy, but driving was sometimes awkward. It definitely didn't feel like driving the much smoother Acura MDX.

The Pilot's wide stance makes it easier to store wide items, but renders it bland and predictable when it comes to styling and design. That's a shame, considering that there is so much to like about this SUV. The Pilot could pick up a few design tips from the sleek MDX.

Overall, the Pilot's standards features make it a good bargain and a standout in the crowded SUV market.

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Sharing strength

Plymouth quilter featured in national Alzheimer's show

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Needle and thread take on special strength in the quilts by Meena Schaldenbrand of Plymouth.

They do more than hold the material together. They also convey a message — sometimes whimsical, sometimes serious.

"That's the beauty of quilting," Schaldenbrand said. "You can do something different every time."

An example is Schaldenbrand's piece in the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative exhibit, *Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece by Piece*. The display contains 52 quilts, each interpreting Alzheimer's disease in some way.

"I know the pain ... from memory loss," Schaldenbrand said. "I am proud to be a small part of this exhibit."

The exhibit is on a national tour, which began last month and will continue to July 2009.

It will be seen at a variety of public venues, including major quilting events, museums and quilt guild exhibitions.

Schaldenbrand's quilt in the show is called *Mixed Emotions*.

It depicts the "roller coaster of emotions" for the person with Alzheimer's and his or her caregiver, Schaldenbrand says in a statement. The quilt features a tree surround-



Meena Schaldenbrand's quilt in the touring exhibit is called 'Mixed Emotions.'

ed by a human profile. Words are scattered among the leaves of the tree, including hope, help, forget, great and lost.

An arm and hand, with "Love Never Ends" on the wrist, forms the tree trunk. A thought balloon con-

taining "Really?" is in the upper left corner of the quilt.

Ami Simms of Flint started the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative (AAQI); the purpose of which is to help raise awareness of and fund research for Alzheimer's disease.

Schedule of events which will feature Alzheimer's quilt, page D2

Simms estimates that more than 157,000 people across the country will see the quilts.

"Wow," she said of Schaldenbrand's piece. "I loved what she did."

ENDLESS OUTPUT

Schaldenbrand has participated in numerous exhibits around the world as well as around the country. Her quilts have been displayed at the U.S. embassy residence in Islamabad, Pakistan, and the Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The spacious Schaldenbrand home is filled with her quilts, each one showing her artistry and energy.

From a comfortable, well-stocked basement workshop, the quilter produces a seemingly endless output of fantastic fabric works, inspired by personal life and current events.

"Everything tells a story," said Schaldenbrand, who has been quilting for 25 years. "I love what I do."

A portrait of her husband, John Schaldenbrand, fills part of one wall.

The quilt about her thoughts on turning 50 includes the statement, "Real women don't have hot flashes, they have power surges." There is a quilt proclaiming Flying High on Life's Journey.

Other quilts are devoted to decades, featuring things that were invented or popular during that time.

The 1930s quilt includes Art Deco style flourishes; the 1990s work lists Napster and HDTV.

PLEASE SEE QUILT, D2

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Pets know how to train their owners

I am the proud owner of a dog. I have been the proud owner of dogs for most of my adult life.

Sometimes, I wonder who is really in charge. This is even more so for cats, according to those in the know.

I recently received an e-mail that perfectly describes the pet/owner relationship. With proper credit given to the unknown author, here it is:

"PET RULES"

"To be posted VERY LOW on the refrigerator door — nose height. "Dear Dogs and Cats,

"The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food.

"Please note: Placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do

I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

"The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run. "I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort.

"Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

"For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered.

"Also, I have been using the bathroom for years — canine or feline attendance is not required.

"The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!"

To the above I would like to add a couple:

Standing directly in front of a door when I am trying to open it doesn't get you outside any faster.

Please review the laws of physics and note that two objects cannot occupy the same space at the same time. This rule also applies to my chair.

By the way, a doorbell that you hear on the television isn't the same as ours. After all these years it's time you figured it out.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go take a nap — which reminds me, would you please stop hiding your squeeze toys under my pillow?"

In a dog-eat-dog world Dick Purtan & Purtan's People shine the light of levity 5-10 every weekday morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

Rosh Hashanah marks Jewish New Year

Gefilte fish (top plate) is served with horseradish in cucumber and a carrot garnish. Mimi Markofsky, owner of Elite Kosher Catering, likes the sweetness of a cranberry chutney on chicken with carrots and whipped sweet potatoes.



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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Rosh Hashanah marks the start of the Jewish New Year.

This year it begins at sundown Friday, Sept. 22. Mimi Markofsky will be ready with foods prepared with the holiday in mind.

Markofsky, owner of Elite Kosher Catering, works out of Congregation B'nai Moshe on Drake in West Bloomfield.

For Jews, Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of Yamim Noraim (Hebrew for Days of Awe), the most solemn days of the Jewish calendar. The month before the Days of Awe is Elul,

More Rosh Hashanah recipes, page D5.

when Jews begin a repentance. "You ask forgiveness of anyone you've done harm to," Markofsky said.

That repentance leads to Yamim Noraim, ending with Yom Kippur.

In theory, the Book of Life is opened on Rosh Hashanah and, on Yom Kippur, your name is signed into the book. On Sh'mini Atzeret, the last day of Sukkoth, the Book of Life is sealed.

Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement and the holiest day of the year for Jews. It falls on Sunday, Oct. 1, and ends Monday, Oct. 2. Believers seek repentance

prior to the Book of Life being sealed.

Markofsky serves plenty of sweet items during Rosh Hashanah, namely apples dipped in honey or challah bread dipped in honey.

Gefilte fish is created by grounding up whitefish or pike with seasonings and eggs, mixed with matzo or potato starch, then created in individual quenelles, so that everybody gets a small portion, Markofsky said.

Horseradish is also served. "My family has (a dish) that represents something bitter, because

PLEASE SEE ROSH HASHANAH, D5

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Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

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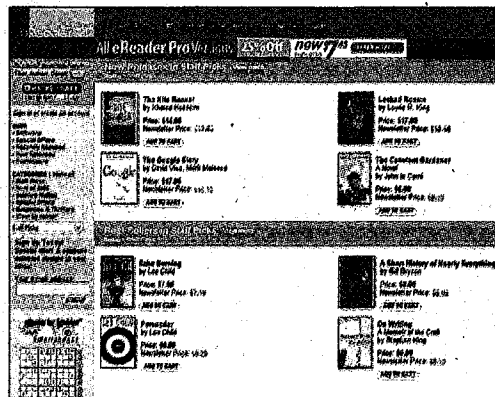
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Meena Schaldenbrand sews a quilt with one of a half-dozen or so sewing machines.

QUILT

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In her quilts, Schaldenbrand has commented about politics, racism and war and peace.

"My mother can't believe I do this all the time because I hated sewing when I was younger," she said. "I have so much fun doing it. That's why I do it."

Schaldenbrand uses many materials in her quilts, including washers, pop cans, copper, hardware cloth, gutter guard and window screen.

Children's clothes and her grandmother's wedding sari have also been used.

Jewelry beads have represented beads of sweat. A watch has stood for passing time.

Daughters Lisa and Amy, both now in law school, started quilting when they were in grade school. Their works adorn some spaces in the house, including a skyline of Detroit in black and gold fabric and opalescent thread one daughter did when she was 14.

AAQI

Featured quilters in *Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece by Piece* come from across the country; one is from New Zealand.

Other Michigan quilters in the exhibit are Simms, Mary Andrews of Grand Blanc and Sue Nickels of Ann Arbor.

Simms, who pronounces her name AH-me, is a quiltmaker and author whose mother has Alzheimer's.

"You feel so ... helpless," Simms said. "The idea (for AAQI) came to me and I thought, 'I have no time for this.' I couldn't get the idea out of my head. I changed from, 'No, I can't do it' to 'No, I can't not do it.'"

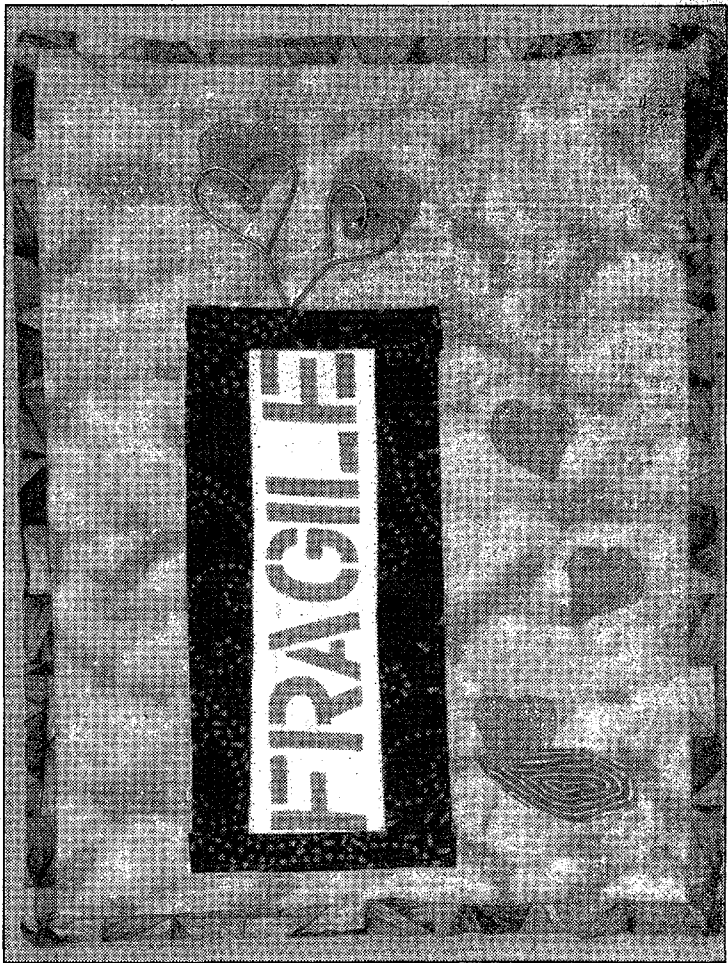
Response to the AAQI has been "absolutely phenomenal," she said.

The AAQI also conducts Priority: Alzheimer's Quilts, an auction of quilts that are no larger than 9 by 12 inches. The auction takes place at the beginning of every month on the Internet. Bids have ranged from \$15 to \$250.

A CD of the traveling exhibit is now available, featuring all 52 quilts and the artists' voices talking about them. The \$14.95 retail price includes a \$11.45 donation to the



Literally every wall features Meena Schaldenbrand's art in her Plymouth home.



This is a duplicate of a quilt by Schaldenbrand that was featured in an Internet auction for the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative.

Alzheimer's Association for research.

■ For more information about Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece by Piece (including booking), Priority: Alzheimer's Quilts or the exhibit CD,

visit www.AlzQuilts.org.
 ■ The Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter is at 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, in Southfield. Call (248) 351-0280.

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HOME CALENDAR

Antiques exposition

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 22-24, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile). Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 regular, \$5 with any ads or listings of the event, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show.

Now in its 26th season, the exposition will feature a diverse selection of fine American, European, tribal and Oriental antiques and art. Merchants from across the country and noted authors will exhibit and sell their collections. Dining and free parking will be available. Online previews are available at www.antiquetnet.com/M&M.

Simple curtains

Learn how to sew a custom curtain reflecting your distinct home decorating personality in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development. The three-week class, Simple Curtains: Dynamic Possibilities, will begin 6-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2. Cost is \$94 (senior cost, \$75.20). Bring your own sewing machine to each session. Prerequisite is Sewing 101: For Home Decorating or previous sewing experience. Students will make a simple rod-pocket curtain that can be used in many ways - as a versatile window treatment, shower curtain, or valance accent piece to enhance decor. For more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Appraisal fair

Are you curious about how much your family heirlooms or treasured antiques are worth? Three professionals from the International Society of Appraisers will give a verbal appraisal of approximate value at the Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold (at the corner of 10 Mile and Griswold) in South Lyon. Carry-in items for evaluation may include furniture, jewelry, glass, porcelain, pottery, silver, dolls, toys and other memorabilia. Entry fee is \$2 at the door. Appraisal fee is \$6 per item, or two items for \$10. Appointments are available. Walk-ins are welcome. For an appointment or more information, call Chris at (248) 437-8810.

Detroit walking tours

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), 10 a.m. Saturdays through September. It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week. Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment. Each tour offers a blend of the history of the area and what is happening now. Cost is \$10. Visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN CALENDAR

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in the Coach House, adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. Guest speaker Deborah Lee, president of Shades of Green garden center, will talk about how to select, plant and maintain a new tree. For more information, call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.com.

Perennial gardening

Learn how to design a perennial garden for year-round enjoyment and color, and about pest control and what to look for when buying plants, in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development. The three-week class, Basic Perennial Gardening, will begin 9-11:40 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. It will take place at the Schoolcraft campus on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$71 (senior cost, \$56.80), book included. Plan to bring some of your perennials for the plant exchange during the last session. For more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Regional Lily Society

The Michigan Regional Lily Society will have its fall meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Dick Bayerl, first place photography contest winner at the 2006 national lily show, will present his slides about lilies and "lily people," including well-known hybridizer Robert Griesbach, and a tour of his gardens. Visit www.mrls.org for pictures and information, and for information about the lily bulb sale scheduled in October at the church.

African violet sale

The Michigan State African Violet Society will have its annual Fall Display and Plant Sale Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 30, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1. Admission is free. A great variety of African violets will be featured. Many gesneriads and supplies will be available. Best selections are on the first day. An added attraction this year is a huge art festival, with many booths and tables filled with art objects. Admission to the art festival is also free.

Naturescaping

A free symposium, Naturescaping: Restoring the Ecology of Our Home Landscapes, will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7, at Franklin Community Church, on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile. Advance registration is required. Call Franklin Village at (248) 626-9666 or e-mail Hansenpj@comcast.net. Speakers will be Nichols Arboretum director Bob Grese and Mary Wilson, Oakland County Michigan State University Extension. Topics will be home landscape design; biodiversity and native plants; tree and shrub selection to minimize pests and diseases; invasive plant removal; and local gardener experiences. The program is sponsored by the Franklin Historical Society, Franklin

Village, and the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority.

Small spaces

If you're a gardener with limited space who still wants a variety of trees and shrubs, attend Tips on Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces, a class offered 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$25. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Instructor Steven Nikkila is co-owner of Perennial Favorites, a garden and landscape design firm. He is a senior instructor at Michigan School of Gardening and a Practical Gardening Institute trainer.

Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph between Sibley and West Road. Harlan Schumaker, a top national rose exhibitor, will speak on Favorite Roses and How to Grow Them: He will show colorful slides of his favorite roses, and share tips on how to grow and groom award-winning blooms. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Mike at (734) 246-3635 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Schumaker has won many national, regional and local awards. He and his wife, Patricia Kay, grow several hundred rose bushes at their home in Kentwood, near Grand Rapids. They are especially well known for their miniature roses, but have won awards in other rose categories, too.

Feathered friends

English Gardens will host a free seminar, Feeding Our Feathered Friends, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak-Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900. Visit www.englishgardens.com.

Attracting birds is a common hobby among gardeners. The seminar will give tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a garden that birds will call home.

Winter preparation

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Admission is free. Reservations aren't required. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230. The schedule includes Winter Preparation for Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25), a garden demonstration of techniques to ensure winter survival of all garden roses. This program will also be repeated 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 and 8, and 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2 and 9.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

BROIDA

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the kids need a distraction, such as during a long wait at a restaurant.

The e-books available today aren't just fringe titles from no-name authors. You can get the works of Dan Brown, Janet Evanovich, Carl Hiaasen, Stephen King, Anna Quindlen and David Sedaris, to name but a few.

Alas, Harry Potter still hasn't taken the e-book plunge, but there are thousands of other mainstream titles out there. E-books also consume zero trees, and you needn't be an environmentalist to appreciate the practicality of that.

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OK, let's talk turkey. E-books

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usually cost less than their printed counterparts, but the discounts vary.

For instance, at press time, the hardcover edition of Thomas Friedman's *The World is Flat* was selling for \$18 on Amazon, but just \$13.50 at eReader.com.

Of course, when you consider what you save on gas, taxes and shipping charges, the deals look sweeter still.

E-books are just one of the many undiscovered PDA gems in *How To Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device*, Sixth Edition, which, for the record, makes a great gift.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How To Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device*, sixth edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Know about, and use, smoke detectors

My friend John in Canton called me a couple of weeks ago with a question about his smoke detectors. His complaint was that they were sounding at various times for no apparent reason.

My first thought was that the battery needed to be changed, since this is how many detectors signal low battery.

He told me he knew about that, but his smoke detectors are the hard-wired type that don't have batteries, and the sound was more like an alarm, not the typical chirp of low batteries. This got me looking for some answers for him.

Equipping homes with smoke detectors saves lives.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, a functioning smoke alarm is the single most important means of preventing house fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal so you and your family can escape.

According to Michigan Residential Code 2003 (the present building code), there must be at least one smoke detector installed on each floor of a home, including the basement.

There must also be one smoke detector in every bedroom, and in hallways in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.

All the smoke detectors must be interconnected so that if one sounds, they all sound.

If your home was built prior to this code, there is a good chance that you don't have all of these alarms in your home. You won't be required to bring your home up to this code, unless you make major alterations to your home.

You can easily add smoke detectors to your home, however.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

INSTALLING

Simple battery-powered, wall/ceiling mount units are easy to install and offer considerable protection.

Most battery-powered units are screwed into the wall. Although some have self-adhesive mounting pads, I suggest screwing them into the wall or ceiling, as the pads tend not to hold well.

Generally, ceilings are the best place to mount the detectors; however, they can be mounted on walls.

When mounting them on walls they should be placed as high on the wall as possible, leaving about 6 to 8 inches between the detector and the ceiling.

TYPES

Just about all residential smoke detectors are one of two types: photoelectric or ionization. Ionization detectors are by far the most popular.

Photoelectric alarms work similar to the photo safety sensors on garage door openers. In the smoke detector, smoke upsets the beam of light, causing the alarm to sound.

Ionizing detectors have an ionization chamber that contains a small quantity (about 1/5000 gram) of americium-241, a radioactive material.

Before getting alarmed (no pun intended) about radioactive material in your home, know that the amount of radiation in a smoke detector is extremely small and is also predominantly alpha radiation. Alpha radiation cannot pene-

trate a sheet of paper.

Just leave the ionization chamber in the smoke detector alone and you will have no problems.

Rather than have Dad try to explain something he doesn't fully understand, we'll just say that ionization detectors work.

Which is better? Both are effective and both must pass the same testing agency standards.

Ionization detectors tend to work a bit quicker on flaming fires, where photoelectric detectors tend to respond a bit faster on smoldering, smoky fires. Ionization detectors tend to be a bit less expensive.

High humidity, dust and age can trigger false alarms on either type of unit.

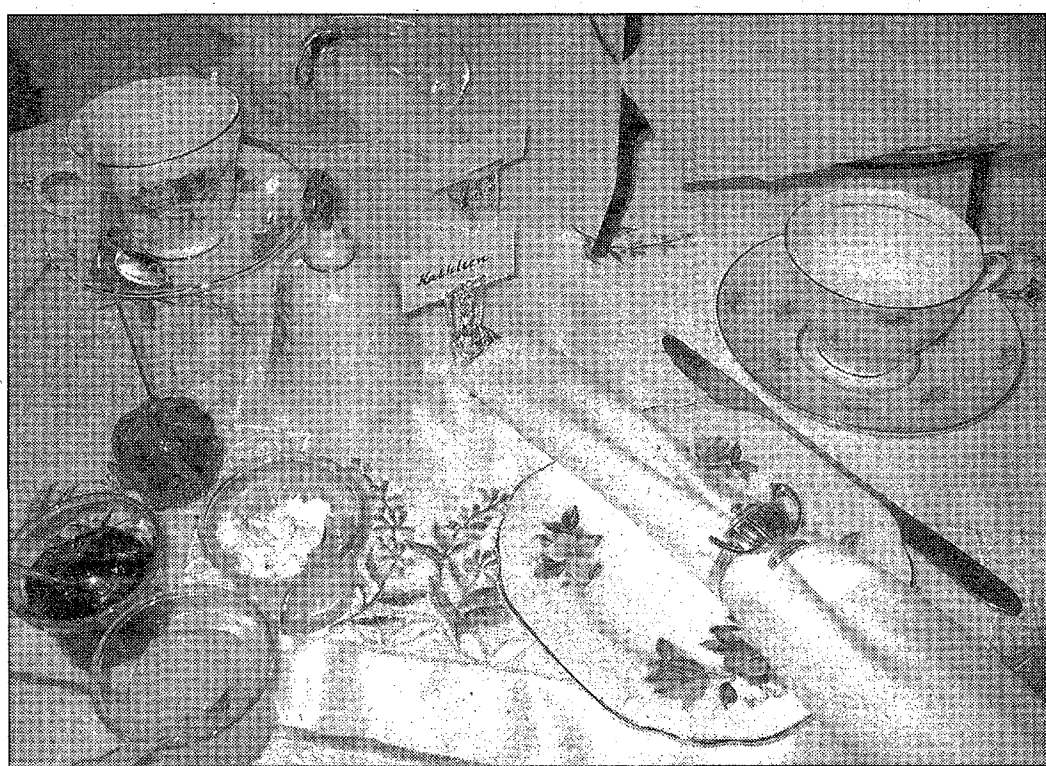
This brings us back to John's problem.

His alarm problem was happening during our hot humid weeks this summer. Team that up with a reasonable amount of dust in the air, and the fact that his alarms were between 25 and 30 years old, and he was getting false alarms.

Smoke detectors save lives. Test them monthly and replace a detector after 15 to 20 years of service.

I'll have the month of October off, so I'll remind you now to change the batteries. "Fall back" Sunday (Oct. 29) is a good day to remember to change them.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



PETITE MAISON

Tables set with such special accents as teaspoons, name cards and napkin holders with a tea motif are among the features of Sunday afternoon English teas at Petite Maison in Northville.

Petite Maison serving afternoon tea

Lily Lembree has introduced Sunday afternoon English teas at her Northville store, Petite Maison.

The first tea was in July and immediately sold out. Other dates have been scheduled for September, October, November and December.

For available monthly dates and reservations, call Petite Maison at (248) 348-9710.

Cost per person is \$28.50, which includes a selection of fine teas, delicate finger sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream and jam, and freshly baked pastries. Guests arriving prior to the tea will also be served Spanish sherry.

The English tea is limited to 24 people.

At the teas, while soothing music fills the air, tables for four are adorned with fresh

seasonal flowers and set with such special accents as teaspoons, name cards and napkin holders that feature the tea motif.

All accessories used during the tea are for sale at Petite Maison.

The teas are run by tea aficionado, and England native, Denise Whipple. She received a culinary degree and attended the esteemed School of Protocol in Washington, D.C.

Private parties for any group, over 16, are available. In addition, gift certificates can be bought for the Sunday afternoon English tea.

Offerings at Petite Maison include antiques, furniture, linens, personal care European products, lighting and a French candle line.

The Web site is www.petitemaison.us.

Petite Maison is at 103 E. Main in the center of the historic downtown Northville shopping district.

Store hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Petite Maison is closed on Sundays, except for the teas and other special events.

Lembree is a world traveler who has enjoyed many afternoon teas over the years while traveling to England for buying trips. She wanted to bring an authentic English tea - a bit of Victorian elegance - to Petite Maison for everyone to experience.

Since the retail store has been in business (one year), Lembree's customers often suggested to her how Petite Maison would make an ideal location for an English tea because of its European flair and her own passion for teas.

Homemade wood preservative saves costs

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Are you the thrifty do-it-yourself type? If so, we have a project you'll like. It's using homemade wood preservative - for those who are cost-conservative. You'll need a fair amount of boiled linseed oil, an equal amount

of mineral spirits and enough mildicide (a pesticide that kills mildew and is found at paint and hardware stores) to treat both.

Mix equal parts of boiled linseed oil and mineral spirits. Stir in a package or two of mildicide per the instructions - as if you were adding it to paint.

To see how much your wood

grain will darken from the preservative, wipe it with water first. It will look the same as it would with oil wiped on it.

When applying, go easy, and avoid leaving puddles because oil never dries and oil puddles turn into sticky spots that will remain a "mess magnet" forever.

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Wanted: Chili cooks

Organizers of the 11th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff are looking for a few cooks to compete in the event on Oct. 1.

The championship returns to downtown Plymouth where the winner takes home \$1,000 in prize money and a chili pepper award. The winner will advance to the World Championship Chili Cookoff, put on by the International Chili Society.

The cookoff in Plymouth is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Along with the traditional red chili competition, there will be a chili verde (green chili) contest and a salsa contest. Winners for best booth and people's choice will be named.

More than 60 chilis will be available for anyone who wants to sample them at 3 p.m. for \$1 a sample.

A Restaurant Chili Challenge will feature a competition among 15 area restaurants. Omelette and Waffle Cafe of Plymouth is the defending champion. Bowls of chili from restaurants will be available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$4 a bowl.

All money raised from the event goes to charity. This year, the money goes to Habitat for Humanity.

A motorcycle bike show and Chili Ride also are planned that day by Motor City Harley Davidson.

To register for the chili cookoff, contact chili cookoff organizer Annette Horn at (734) 455-8838, e-mail at nativewest@sbcglobal.net or visit www.chilicookoff.com.

For Bike Show and Chili Ride information, call (248) 473-7433 or visit www.motorcityharley.com.

Good concrete piers can be reused

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Every single time we do a home improvement project we learn something new and interesting.

Recently, we found ourselves forced to rebuild a 35-year-old section of fence that was literally rotten to the core. It's not like we hadn't tried to keep it otherwise alive.

For starters, over the past 15 years we completely re-nailed every board twice. We had painted it twice in hopes of slowing down water damage.

Ten years ago we used fence menders (metal fence post brackets that are used to bridge post rot where it connects to the pier).

We did everything we could until we had finally exhausted every repair alternative. The fence boards, rails and posts were simply rotted through, and the whole thing was turning to dust.

Replacement was no longer an option - it was a necessity.

The fence was originally built by our uncle who had built and owned the home before us, and who was a second-generation

building contractor.

When he originally set the fence posts he used extra-large holes - both in diameter and depth - and completely filled the holes with solid concrete.

Where some folks will use a sack of fence post mix covered by several shovels of dirt and then a second bag of post mix, our uncle was a purist. No dirt in his post holes - just solid concrete and lots of it.

Massive concrete piers really add strength and lasting quality to a fence.

However, these giant bundles of solid concrete can be sort of a double-edged sword. While great for lasting quality and strength, they can get in the way when it comes time for replacement.

What we had always done in the past was to lay out the new fence posts so that they end up in different locations from the old ones.

When we would run into a situation such as a corner where the old and new posts were required to be in the exact same location, we would always remove the old pier and begin from scratch.

Boy, digging out one of

Uncle Al's fence posts was like taking a trip to China.

But then Pete, one of the guys we were working with, suggested that we try to reuse the pier instead of replacing it. It's something we simply hadn't ever thought of before.

Moments later we were using an extra-long drill bit to remove the balance of the post from within the pier.

In no time there was a round pier almost 3 feet into the ground with a nice, neat, clean 4-by-4-inch square hole smack dab in the middle.

REUSING THE PIER

Needless to say we were excited about the prospect of not having to dig out that big old chunk of concrete. Here's how we were able to reuse the pier:

Once we realized we had a good solid base in the concrete pier that existed, we knew that all we had to do was figure out how to get a solid attachment between the existing concrete and the new post.

The other consideration we had to make was to determine if a new post in the old pier would end up being plumb (straight up and down). With

ground shift, who knew?

And what if the base of the old post had been curved? What we discovered was that the pier had shifted, but only very slightly. So we shaved off one of the sides at the base of our new post so we could get it to stand straight in the pier.

Once it was properly fitted we used two-part epoxy (you can buy it by the gallon) to glue the post to the pier.

This part is easy. Simply drizzle the resin down all four sides of the pier and paint it onto the post as well. Any spaces from a slightly irregular fit can be filled by mixing sand or fine gravel with the resin.

By the way, we used cedar shim shingles to hold the post in place while the epoxy cured.

The gap in the area around the shingles was filled with fine gravel and more resin. The next day the post was straight and true, and as solid as a rock.

One thing is for sure: We will never replace a good concrete pier ever again.

For more home improvement tips and information, visit the Careys' Web site at www.onthehouse.com or call their hotline at (800) 737-2474, Ext. 59.

Foundation announces free trees

Ten free trees will be given to each person from Michigan who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during September 2006.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The 10 trees are the American redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, birch, silver maple, red oak, and Colorado blue spruce.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Saturday, Sept. 30. Or join online at arborday.org.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, with enclosed planting instructions.

The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, with information about tree planting and care.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year in Michigan: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," said John Rosenow, the foundation's president.

"They will add to the proud heritage of Michigan's 106 Tree City USA communities.

"For almost three decades Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Michigan, and planting these trees will make this tree-planting tradition even stronger."

Tips help you get it all done this month

Keeping on top of routine maintenance and other projects can be a daunting task.

Drawing on the expertise of Angie's List members and the contractors and companies they've put on the list, Angie has put together a September Checklist to help you get it all done this month.

■ September is a good time to do window cleaning.

Avoid using ammonia- or alcohol-based glass cleaners, which can result in streaks or a film that attracts moisture or dust.

If you have windows locat-

ed beyond your reach, consider hiring a professional.

■ Prepare your outdoor furniture for the winter months by cleaning it and refinishing it to prevent rusting and damage from freezing.

If you put it in storage, allow for some airflow. Don't wrap it completely in plastic, which could lead to moisture damage.

■ Schedule any indoor painting you need done.

Professional painters aren't as busy in September, and the weather is usually ideal for

leaving windows open for ventilation.

■ Get your garage ready for winter. Throw away or bring inside any paint, caulk or adhesives to prevent them from freezing.

If you are throwing away paint, call your local hazardous material removal service for instructions. Dumping it in the regular trash or down the drain can be hazardous to the environment.

■ Have your fireplace and flue cleaned and inspected before lighting your first fire. This is both a cleaning and safety issue, since build-up can diminish your chimney's ability to let toxic gases and smoke out of your home.

■ Make an appointment to have your pet groomed. September marks the beginning of a slower period for many groomers, so you should be able to get an appointment without experi-

encing a long wait.

Grooming is just as much about keeping your pet healthy as it is keeping them clean and trimmed.

Angie's List is where thousands of consumers share their ratings and reviews on local contractors and companies in more than 250 different categories.

Currently, more than 500,000 consumers across the United States rely on Angie's List to help them find the right contractor or company for the job they need done.

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APRICOT CHICKEN

6 chicken breast halves
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup orange juice
 1 can (8 ounces) apricots, drained, reserve juice

In a small saucepan, combine sugars, cornstarch, salt, orange juice and 1/2 cup reserved liquid from apricots. Heat until mixture thickens. Reduce heat to a simmer. Add apricot pieces and simmer 10-15 minutes.

Season chicken with salt and pepper to taste. Bake chicken at 375°F for an hour. Remove from oven and baste generously with the apricot sauce. Return to oven and bake for 15 minutes.

Serve each portion with at least one apricot on center of chicken. Spoon extra sauce over the top. Serving ideas: serve with wild rice or a nutty rice pilaf.

CINNAMON ORANGE BARBECUE CHICKEN

4 tablespoons unsalted butter
 6 teaspoons garlic, minced
 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
 1/4 cup honey
 1 can (6 ounces) frozen orange

juice concentrate
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
 4 pounds chicken pieces

In a saucepan melt one tablespoon of butter, add garlic and sauté until golden brown. Add remaining butter, pepper flakes and continue to cook until butter has melted.

Stir in honey and orange juice and continue to stir until well blended. Whisk in cinnamon, salt and pepper, then remove from heat (yields 2 cups).

Allow to cool. Store overnight in airtight container.

Preheat grill. Grill chicken for five to seven minutes on one side, turn and brush chicken with sauce. Grill another five minutes and continue to cook until juices run clear.

BRANDIED CARROTS

1 1/2 pounds carrots
 1 tablespoon margarine, melted
 1/4 cup pineapple juice
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1 teaspoon salt

Peel carrots and cut into 2 1/2-by 1/2-inch strips. Place in an ungreased 8-by-8-inch baking dish. Combine remaining ingre-

dients and pour over carrots. Cover and cook at 375°F for approximately 40 minutes or until carrots are tender.

BROCCOLI RICE SOUFFLÉ

1 1/2 cups rice
 6 cups chicken broth
 20 ounces chopped broccoli
 1/2 cup margarine
 1/2 cup flour
 1 cup onion, chopped
 1 cup mushroom pieces, chopped
 8 ounces non-dairy whipping cream, in liquid state (like Rich's Whipped Topping)

Cook rice in 3 cups chicken broth until broth is evaporated. Cook broccoli according to package directions; drain and set aside. Melt margarine and sauté onion and mushrooms. Blend in flour and stir two to three minutes. Add remaining broth and unwhipped cream. Cook until boiling; add salt and pepper to taste. Mix in broccoli.

In a greased 3- or 4-quart baking dish, spread cooked rice evenly. Pour broccoli mixture over rice. Bake for one hour at 350°F.

Recipes courtesy of Mimi Markofsky, owner of Elite Kosher Catering, inside Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield, (248) 592-0200.



Mimi Markofsky, owner of Elite Kosher Catering in West Bloomfield, stands among some of her traditional dishes she enjoys during Rosh Hashanah.

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ROSH HASHANAH

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life isn't always sweet," Markofsky said.

The chicken she prepared for the photograph features the sweetness of a new year with a cranberry chutney with cranberries, raisins, pears and apples boiled down and simmered for about 40 minutes.

The recipe she has provided calls for that sweetness in apricot chicken, a cinnamon orange barbecue chicken, brandied carrots and broccoli rice soufflé.

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FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Tasty tapas

Explore the "little bites" trend of small plates packed with big flavor, \$10 materials fee payable to instructor at class, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21, Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Room 108, \$39. Register at www.communityed.net or call (248) 203-3800.

Zuppe

Learn about healthy Italian soups from Giovanna Cappi, including pasta e fagioli (bean and pasta soup), minestrone (barley soup) and ribollita (Tuscan twice-cooked bean and bread soup), 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, \$24 plus \$6 fee payable to instructor at class. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Wine exploration series

The Community House in Birmingham is offering a series of wine classes. They include California and the Pacific Northwest, Wednesday, Sept. 27, \$28; French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 4, \$26; More About French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 11, \$26; Italian Wines, Oct. 25, \$26; The New Worlds

of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Wednesday, Nov. 8, \$26; Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Wednesday, Nov. 15. All classes begin at 7:30 p.m. For information, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Indian cooking

Suvir Saran, master chef and author of "Indian Home Cooking," presents four cooking classes highlighting the world of Indian cooking, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 22-25, at the culinary arts instructional kitchens at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Each session is \$109, the series is \$399. Two hands-on sessions and two demonstration sessions are available. For more information, call Michele Bialo at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5223 or email mbialo@schoolcraft.edu.

Grapevine School of Wine

Learn about wine at one or more of the following classes: Italy: A Deep Dive into the Northeast Region, Royal Park Hotel, 7 p.m. Sept. 26, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester, \$60; Going Way South to Argentina and Chile, 7 p.m. Sept. 27, Big Rock Chop House, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, \$45; France: The Mother of Modern Wine, 7 p.m. Sept. 28, Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, \$45. Register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

Salmon croquettes are easy to make

BY J.M. HIRSCH
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H.— My father used to joke that there was no food my mother couldn't turn into croquettes.

I don't recall her ever proving him wrong.

Her general technique involved mixing diced protein — usually whatever leftovers were handy, including chicken, turkey, seafood, even tofu — mashing it with eggs, flour and seasonings, forming patties and baking.

Most of her croquettes were good, but I hated the salmon versions.

Mom used canned salmon, which invariably contained tiny chunks of bone. She always assured me the bones were soft enough to eat, but I wouldn't touch them.

But I love salmon. And I love crab and fish cakes. So I recently became determined to make a better salmon croquette.

I started by gathering half a dozen salmon cake recipes and selected the ingredients that appeal to me.

Parsley for subtle flavor and nice color; leftover mashed potatoes for substance, and peas (a nod to the traditional pairing of salmon and peas).

What about the fish? Some recipes called for raw, which then was either chopped up and used, or cooked first then added.

Neither option seemed right. Croquettes should use what's on hand; I don't want to have to buy fresh fish.

Canned was right out. Maybe

they've improved salmon canning technology since I was a child and the bony bits no longer make it in, but I wasn't going to find out.

Vacuum-packed pouches seemed a good option. I opened a package and was happy to find no bones. And while this likely is a matter of personal taste, I've been told fish thus packed often tastes fresher than canned.

SALMON CROQUETTES

(Start to finish: 20 minutes)
 1 pound boneless, skinless cooked salmon

1/2 cups mashed potatoes
 1/2 cups frozen peas
 Zest of 1 lemon
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 1 tablespoon hot sauce (optional)
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
 1 cup bread crumbs
 Olive oil cooking spray
 Tartar sauce, for serving

Flake the salmon into a large bowl. Add potatoes, peas, lemon zest, mustard, hot sauce, salt, pepper and parsley. Mix well, then use your hands to form into 8 patties.

Spread the bread crumbs on a plate. Set each patty into the bread crumbs, flipping to coat both sides.

Coat a medium skillet with cooking spray and heat over a medium flame. Two or three at a time, set the patties in the skillet and cook about 4 minutes per side, or until lightly browned. Serve with tartar sauce.

Makes 7 to 8 cakes.

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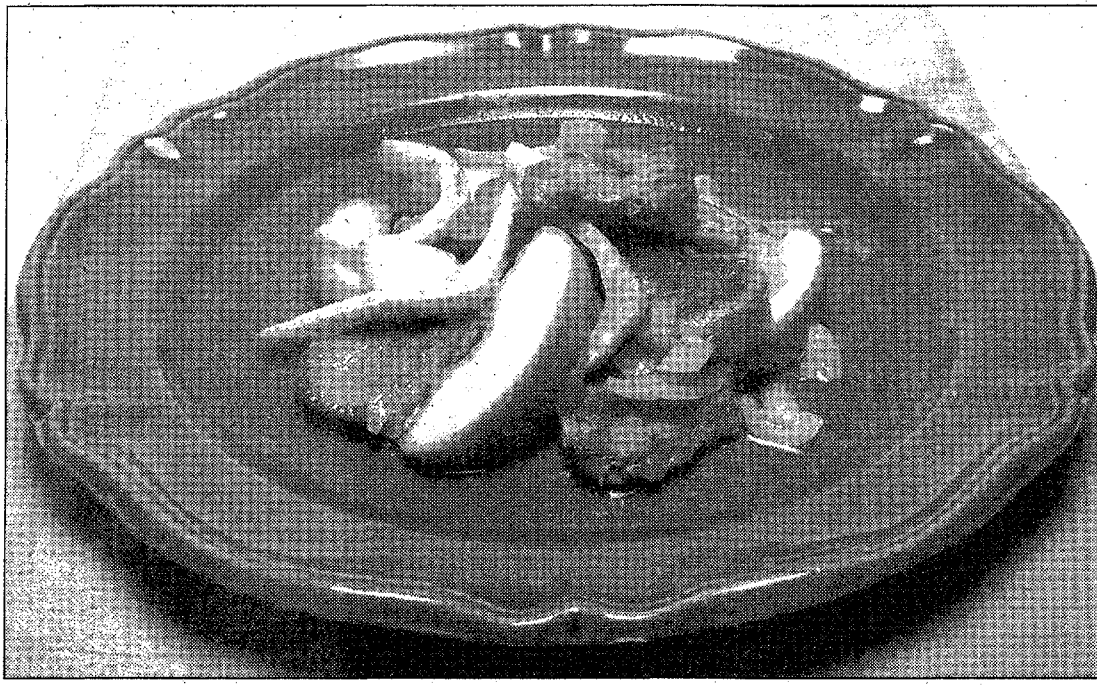
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Combine pork and apples for a natural transition to the fall season.

Welcome fall with pork and apples

Pairing pork with apples is a classic way to mark the natural culinary transition from summer to fall.

Pork seems a little more substantial than the light foods of summer, but not as heavy as the hearty dishes of winter. And crisp, locally grown apples are just beginning to appear along with other end-of-season fruits and vegetables.

Combining meat with fruits and vegetables in one dish is the kind of cooking recommended by health professionals. The American Institute for Cancer Research, for example, suggests that plant foods such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans cover two-thirds or more of the plate. Meat, poultry, fish or low-fat dairy should cover one-third of the plate or less.

The following recipe also features fennel, an aromatic vegetable that looks a little like celery, with feathery fronds that look a lot like dill. Both the bulb and stems may be eaten either raw or cooked. It has a delicate, licorice flavor that complements many other foods.

Even if you don't like licorice, you may like fennel because its sweet flavor becomes lighter when cooked. Fennel contains vitamin C and beta-carotene, a powerful antioxidant believed to help

reduce the risk of cancer, enhance immunity and prevent cataracts.

This recipe, like many, uses only the fennel bulb. To prepare, slice off the root end and peel away the tough outer layers. The fronds can be saved to flavor sauces and broths or used as garnish.

When buying fennel, look for bulbs that have firm stalks, bright green fronds and no discoloration.

Alongside the pork, apples, onions and apple cider in this dish, the distinctive flavor of fennel adds an extra layer of complexity that will help you look forward to fall.

PORK TENDERLOIN WITH APPLES, FENNEL AND ONIONS

1 pork tenderloin (¾ to 1 pound)
Cooking spray
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound yellow onions, cut into ½-inch crescents
½ medium fennel bulb, cut lengthwise into ½-inch slices
2 medium firm apples, quartered, cored and cut into large dice
2 teaspoons dried thyme
½ teaspoon ground chile powder
1 cup fresh apple cider
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Cut the pork crosswise into four pieces. Cut each piece into

two or three slices. Arrange them cut-side down on a work surface. Cover with wax paper and, using a mallet, pound until each is ¼ inch thick.

Coat a large skillet liberally with cooking spray and heat at medium-high. Brown the pork, about two minutes per side. Transfer the meat to a plate and cover loosely to keep it moist.

Add the olive oil to the pan. Sauté the onions and fennel at medium heat five to seven minutes, or until the onions wilt. Add the apples and cook five minutes on medium-low heat, stirring often so the onions color but do not brown. Mix in the thyme, chile powder and cider. Reduce the heat and simmer 15 minutes, or until the apples are just barely tender. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Return the pork to the pan and spoon the apple mixture over it. Cook on low to medium heat until the meat is no longer pink in the center, four to five minutes. Divide the apple mixture among four plates. Arrange pieces of pork on top and spoon any remaining pan juices onto the meat and serve.

Makes four servings or seven or eight cups. Per serving: 281 calories, 9 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 32 g. carbohydrate, 20 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 65 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

FARMERS MARKETS

Several communities host farmers markets throughout the summer and fall:

Ann Arbor Farmers Market
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Birmingham
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, until Oct. 22, Parking Lot 6, on east side of North Old Woodward (248) 433-3550.

Clarkston Farmers Market
8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, through October, across from Depot Park in downtown Clarkston, just west of Main Street on Depot Road, clarkstonfarmersmarket.org.

Detroit Eastern Market
7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2934 Russell St., Detroit, (586) 393-8800, www.easternmarket.org.

Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, Farmington Road and Grand River, www.downtownfarmington.org.

Livonia Farmers Market
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Ensalada Andaluz is hearty potato salad

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain is the darling of the food world at present, and the experiments of a bold cast of innovative chefs working out of upscale restaurants grab the headlines.

But throughout the country you'll still find the healthy simplicity of Spain's traditional Mediterranean food, and the good things cooked in home kitchens.

Regional variations give this basic cuisine distinctive flavors. Here's a hearty potato salad based on the flavors of the southern province of Andalusia, an ensalada Andaluz created by food writer and Mediterranean food specialist Joyce Goldstein.

This potato salad, made with orange segments, spinach, toasted almonds and a tomato-citrus vinaigrette, is very different from those bound with mayonnaise-based dressings.

Andalusia was known as Al-Andalus when it was ruled by the Moors (Muslim Arabs and Berbers) from the eighth to the 15th century.

Andalusian cuisine still includes influences from that period, combined with its own produce: fragrant spices, herbs, almonds, citrus fruits, rose water and sherry.

However, the ingredients for the exotic-sounding ensalada Andaluz turn out to be mostly pantry staples. Serve the dish as a refreshing side salad, or perhaps for lunch with a sandwich.

Potatoes, which here serve as a "canvas" and balance for the stronger flavors of tart oranges and spinach, absorb spices and flavorings like few other ingredients, Goldstein says.

"You'll find potatoes in every culture because they are versatile, economic, nutritious and, of course, delicious."

Goldstein's latest book is

Antipasti: Fabulous Appetizers and Small Plates (Chronicle, 2006, \$19.95 paperback).

ENSALADA ANDALUZ (POTATO-ORANGE-SPINACH SALAD)

(Preparation 25 minutes, cooking time 20 to 45 minutes, depending how potatoes are cooked.)

For Tomato Vinaigrette:

1 cup mild olive oil
½ cup diced plum tomatoes (canned are acceptable)
¼ cup orange juice
1 tablespoon grated orange zest
¼ cup sherry vinegar
Salt and black pepper to taste
Optional: Sugar, if tomatoes are too acidic

2 tablespoons tomato puree

For Salad:

8 cups spinach leaves, well washed
6 very small red potatoes (about 8 to 10 ounces), roasted or boiled and then sliced
1 cup celery, sliced ¼-inch thick
½ cup finely diced red onion
Segments of 4 oranges (about 32 pieces) minus peel, pith and membrane
½ cup toasted slivered almonds

In medium bowl, whisk together the ingredients for the vinaigrette.

Toss the spinach leaves with some of the vinaigrette and place them on salad plates.

Dress the rest of the ingredients with some of the remaining vinaigrette (there may be some vinaigrette left over, depending on how heavily you like to dress your salads) and place atop the spinach.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving (2 tablespoons dressing per serving): 218 cal., 6 g. pro., 24 g. carbo., 13 g. total fat (1 g. saturated), 0 mg. chol., 51 mg. sodium, 6 g. fiber.

Recipe developed for AP by Joyce Goldstein, courtesy United States Potato Board.

Favorite berries blend in cake

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One recipe leads to another, if you're a cook with a curious mind.

Recipe developer Pam Simmons says she was inspired to go beyond a vanilla-flavored blueberry cake recipe she came across, so she adapted it by adding mixed berries and almond paste, and another egg.

The result, with its flavor of frangipani and texture of an almond butter cake, won unanimous approval from taste testers.

You can eat the cake warm or cold, Simmons says, suggesting that it's especially good for a tea or coffee break. And it nicely expands ways of using fresh berries.

MIXED BERRY ALMOND CAKE

(Preparation 20 minutes, baking 50 to 55 minutes)

7-ounce package almond paste, grated

1 cup sugar

10 tablespoons (1 stick and 2 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted

3 large eggs, at room temperature

1½ cups flour

½ teaspoon baking powder

¼ teaspoon salt

2 cups mixed blueberries and raspberries
3 tablespoons sliced almonds
1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease and flour 9-inch springform pan.

Add almond paste, sugar and butter to a mixing bowl. Beat on medium speed until smooth. Add eggs one at a time, beating well between each addition. Beat on high for 3 minutes.

Sift flour with baking powder and salt. Add flour mixture to almond mixture and beat until just combined. Pour 2½ cups of batter into prepared pan, gently smoothing to edges.

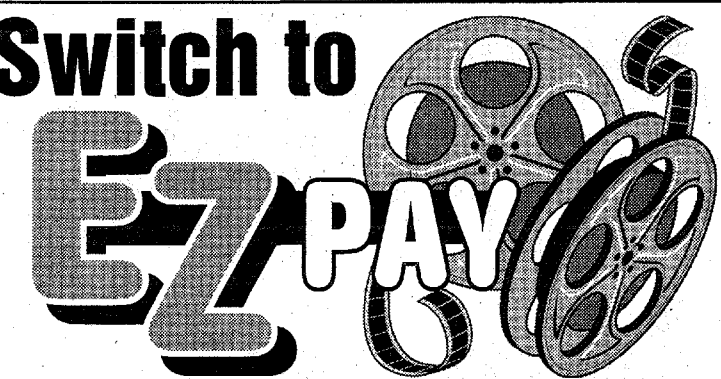
Evenly sprinkle berries across batter. Top with remaining batter. Sprinkle with almonds.

Bake for 50 to 55 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool cake in pan on wire rack for 15 minutes. Gently slide a knife around inside edge of pan and release springform circle. Lightly dust with confectioners' sugar. Finish cooling on rack or serve slightly warm. This cake is equally delicious served cold.

Makes one 9-inch cake.

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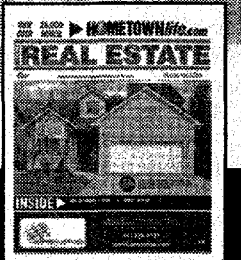
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DREAMS represents a night of food, fashion and fun to raise money for the American Cancer Society, and the Tiffany Awards portion of the evening pits three top finalists against each other to be named Hairdresser of the Year.

To enter, stylists submitted photographs of their work in three categories: Colour Trophy, Formal and Women's Editorial. First, second and third place winners will be recognized in each category, while three top finalists will compete for the Tiffany & Co. crystal trophy for best overall.

This year's finalists are:
 • Gjysta Nuculaj, 6 Salon, Royal Oak
 • Laura Schildt, Bocci Salon & Spa, Sterling Heights
 • Jeph Wright, 6 Salon, Royal Oak

Nuculaj, Schildt and Wright will recreate their looks onstage, present a collection of models in a high-energy runway competition and answer questions from an esteemed panel of celebrity judges.

"Last year we were literally on the edge of our seats when they announced Tracey Tate of 6 Salon last year's Michigan Hairdresser of the Year," says Larry Gaynor, President & CEO of The Nailco Group. "Based on the quality of entries this year, it's going to be a fierce competition, and really shows that Michigan hairdressers are among the best in the country."

Gaynor and his wife Teresa, Nailco Group's Vice President,

DREAMS Featuring Tiffany

What: Three finalists will compete live to be named Hairdresser of the Year in The Nailco Group's prestigious Tiffany awards, staged during the annual DREAMS benefit gala.
 When: 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23
 Where: Rock Financial Showplace, Novi
 Tickets: \$100-\$150, benefiting The American Cancer Society
 Information: Call (248) 347-7700, ext. 2922 or visit www.thetiffanyawards.com

Colour Trophy: Laura Schildt, Bocci Salon & Spa, Sterling Heights.

created DREAMS to raise money for cancer research, advocacy and patient care. Now in its sixth year, DREAMS has raised over \$1 million for the cause, bringing in \$250,000 last year alone.

The Nailco Group was founded in 1985 in Farmington Hills, and is the worldwide leader in providing professional beauty products to the salon,

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Colour Trophy: Gjysta Nuculaj of 6 Salon, Royal Oak (above).



Colour Trophy: Jeph Wright, 6 Salon, Royal Oak.

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Roy Haynes drums Jazz pianist and harpist Alice McLeod married the saxman John Coltrane in 1965, two years before his untimely death at age 40. Joined by son Ravi and an outstanding rhythm section, Alice Coltrane makes her UMS debut in a rare public performance of her original music as well as selections from John Coltrane's vast catalogue, celebrating his legacy on what would have been his 80th birthday.

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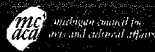
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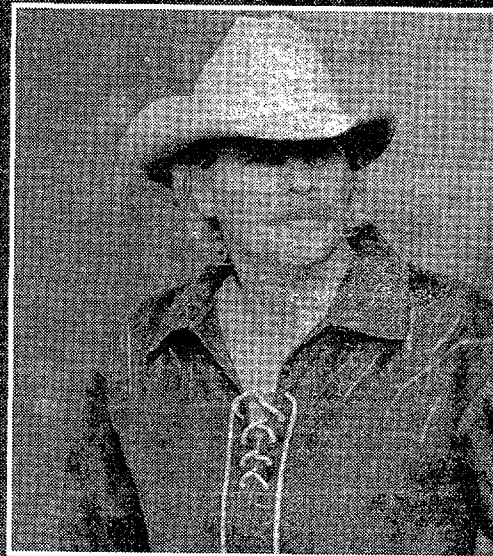
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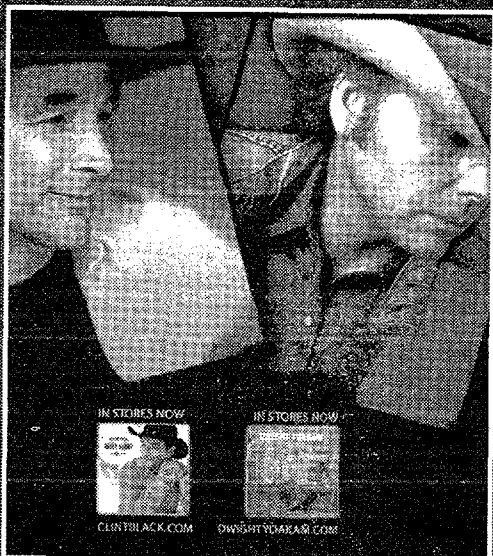
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Gettin' funky in Ferndale

This art show has a theme — "Funky, Fun, Fashionable Ferndale."

The streets of downtown Ferndale will be closed to traffic to make way for the Paramount Bank Ferndale Art Show & Food Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24.

Fencing, folk, jazz, 100 artists, children's fun and food are the highlights.

The juried art show's focus is on edgy, fun work. Traditional mediums will be included but there's also more abstract and modern attention.

As Ferndale becomes more of a destination for dining in the metro area,

there's a strong focus on food. Fine-dining establishments like Josephine's Creperie and Maria's Front Door will offer cuisine, as will the exotic Blue Nile Ethiopian restaurant and others. All Ferndale restaurants will be open during the

PARAMOUNT BANK FERNDALE ART SHOW & FOOD FESTIVAL

When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24.

Where: Downtown Ferndale, Nine Mile Road, west of Woodward.

Entertainment includes:

Saturday: Renaissance Fencing Club, 10:30 a.m.; Sheila Landis, noon; Whit Hill & The Postcards, 2 p.m.; Ben Cyllus, 4 p.m.; Harmonica Shah, 6 p.m.
Sunday: Living Water, 12:30 p.m.; Jill Jack, 2 p.m.; The Brothers Groove, 3 p.m.

festival and, weather permitting, many will feature outdoor seating. A food court of local restaurants will be placed adjacent to the stage



Whit Hill and The Postcards will perform.

at Woodward and Nine Mile.

Performing bands include: Jill Jack — A strong performer in the Detroit singer/songwriter world. With her sixth album out last year, Jack is fast making inroads to national recognition. Soulful singing.

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Sheila Landis — For more than 30 years, Sheila Landis has brought her distinct style of jazz, Latin and blues to clubs, festivals and concert venues

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Crud gets raunchy at St. Andrew's Hall

Sexy burlesque dancers, a preview of a sexy new Detroit film called *SpaTease*, a show by sexy rockers Crud and more sexy things are part of the *Raunch and Roll* show coming to St. Andrew's Hall on Saturday, Sept. 30.

This is a night where every minute is filled with entertainment.

Also playing are rockers Koffin Kats, Zug Izland and Project Gift.

Dancers from the Detroit group Hells Belles will perform burlesque, the Detroit Derby Girls will make

an appearance and acclaimed poster artist NIX will display his rock art. Local DJ Top Kat will spin throughout the night. And then there's the preview of *SpaTease*, a locally shot film that focuses on the sultry side of Detroit's art world and features hordes of Detroit-made music.

Detroit's Vinnie Dombroski (formerly of Sponge) and Crud bandmates will highlight the night to promote the band's newest CD *Devil At The Wheel*. Tracks from the album have

been used on television's *CSI*, *ER*, *E!*, MTV's *Cribs*, the *Live 8* benefit concert and more.

Raunch and Roll is sponsored by *Real Detroit Weekly*, Monster Energy, Lucky Monkey Tattoo and *Ambervillian* films. Doors open at 8 p.m., tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door. Ages 18 and over.

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"I like my blues raw, down in the dirt, making love with it," Shah said.

Whit Hill and the Postcards — Alt-country music fronted by award-win-

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The event is hosted by circus

sideshow promoter Chaos.

Mephisto's is a two-level nightclub that attracts artists, goths, rockers, and everything in-between.

Despite the seemingly dark edgy style, it's a friendly place that attracts fun people.

Wench's Treasure is all about sexy, wenchy, pirate fun. There's a costume contest, fire breathers, wench-style strip teases, gypsy dancing and a lot more.

Wear your eye patch, or your gypsy dress, if you're 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$5 in advance. Visit myspace.com/chaosswitch or (313) 875-3627.

If you'd rather hang with an upscale crowd, *Be Bad ... For A Good Cause* takes place at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Roostertail, 100 Marquette Drive in Detroit. That event is a benefit for

Make-A-Wish.

Be Bad includes the Ed Hardy fashion show, food, plus a silent auction. It's said the place will be transformed into a scene from *Pirates of the Caribbean*. The party is hosted by Sam Sarpong of MTV's *Yo Mamma*.

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BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Heavy metal heavy-hitter Dave Mustaine was determined to create a music festival with strong bands — and a low ticket price for the metal fans he considers friends.

And he did. The tour, called Gigantour, was hugely successful in 2005.

This season it returns with his band Megadeth headlining and also featuring the powerful Lamb of God, aggressive Swedish band Opeth, Germany's hard band Arch Enemy, classic thrash artists Overkill and newcomers Into Eternity, Sanctity and The Smashup.

The festival is Sunday, Sept. 24, at DTE Energy Music Theatre. Pavilion seats are \$38.50, lawn tickets are \$15.

Compare that to other shows. Tool and Isis are coming to The Palace. Tickets for that show are

GIGANTOUR FEATURING

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When: Sunday, Sept. 24.

Doors: 3 p.m.

Where: DTE Energy Music Theatre.
Tickets: \$38.50 pavilion and \$15 lawn on sale now at Palacenet.com, The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices and all Ticketmaster location or call (248) 645-6666.

Web: www.gigantour.com.

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Mustaine, founder of both Megadeth and Metallica, personally hand-picked all the Gigantour acts. The show features two stages highlighting

both established and up-and-coming bands.

Mustaine has been in the metal world for decades and has endured the drama expected of a metal artist. He has survived and is healthy, strong and successful. Hence, he had no time for negativity from bands considering joining the tour and had little patience for any band that didn't fit his vision of the tour.

"It was a weeding-out process (choosing the bands)," he said. "I wanted to do business old school, with bands who are friends who either wanted in or not. I put together a tour of friends ... if I were struggling, any one of these guys would give me a hand.

"This is the concert that I, as a heavy metal music fan, would want to see," Mustaine added.

On his 45th birthday, just hours before was set to take the stage in Denver last week, Mustaine talked about his experiences in the metal world and how he hopes Gigantour can give fans a sense of release.



Members of Lamb of God said they've always dreamt of playing with Megadeth.

"I wanted to put together a festival that consisted of positive bands that play heavy music in a high-energy environment," he said.

He wanted bands which will inspire fans.

"Rather than just sit around and complain about your life or the state of the world, I want people to get up and do

something ... anything," Mustaine said.

"When kids are out there in the audience, hearing the music, feeling the energy, they're working things out in their heads. I want to give them something sincere, while at the same time providing a vehicle (the tour) for

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That's Nashville Pussy, the Georgia band that's been kicking it hard for 10 years with neck-snapping guitar riffs and "good ole time" concert moments.

The band, fronted by husband-and-wife team Blaine Cartwright and Ruyter Suys, said it's supercharged for the current tour in support of its fourth full-length CD, *Get Some* (Spitfire Records).

They're coming to the Magic Bag in Ferndale on Friday, Sept. 29, with Priestess and Rye Coalition.

Get Some, produced by Daniel Rey (Ramonés and White Zombie) is an interesting mix of songs like *Good Night For A Heart Attack*,



Nashville Pussy is all about blue-color rocking fun.

which Cartwright describes as a "Van Halen party song, but funnier" and *Lazy White Boy*, which blends blue-collar rock with a splash of funk.

"Most of this album is based around life in Atlanta, because

there's something about the city that encourages people to just get crazy," singer/guitarist Cartwright said. "You've got all sorts of music that came from the deep south, from James Brown to Lynyrd Skynyrd, and

BACK AT THE MAGIC BAG

Who: Nashville Pussy (bluesy, deep-south rock)
When: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29
Where: The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030,
www.themagicbag.com
Tickets: \$12 in advance

it's all whoop-it-up music. It's got to be — it's too hot to hate."

There's also a remake of Ike and Tina's *Nutbush City Limits*.

"We've been trying to nail that one for years," Suys said.

"It's a natural, since Blaine and I have that married-couple thing going on, but the real reason I've always been into doing it is that it's one of the first songs AC/DC and Brian Johnson did the first time they jammed together."

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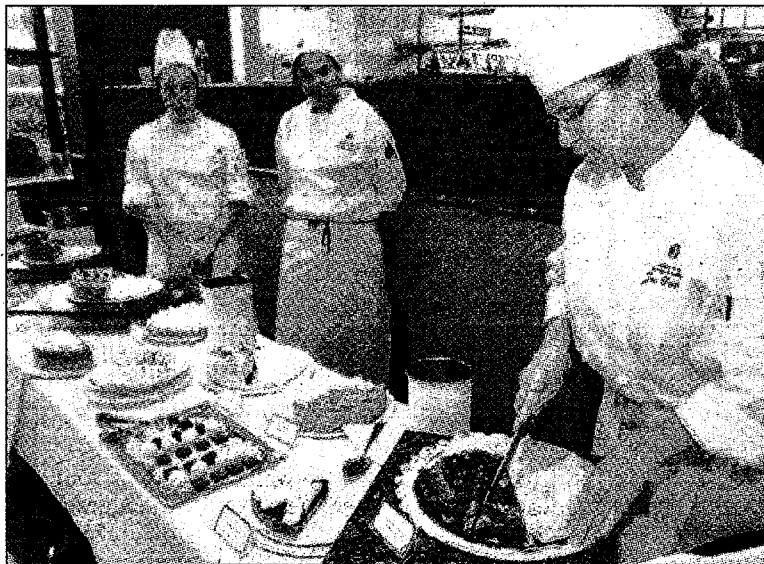
Foodies will love this event at Schoolcraft College

Taste the specialties from about 50 of southeastern Michigan's finest eateries and beverage suppliers at Schoolcraft College's annual Culinary Extravaganza. The event is Sunday, Sept. 24, in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus. All proceeds support student scholarships.

Dishes range from tacos and salsa to honey stout cured duck. Among the entrees to sample are crab cakes with lemon caper aioli, smoked port tenderloin, smoked salmon, swordfish spedi- ni wrapped in prosciutto and beef tenderloin.

Work your way from appetiz- ers through soups, to desserts, to a variety of coffees, wines, beers and ales.

In its 15-year history, Culinary Extravaganza has raised more than \$1.3 million and funded



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joan Donnay cuts an apple upside-down pie with caramel fudge sauce and whole cashews at Schoolcraft College's pastry and desserts booth at last year's Culinary Extravaganza.

thousands of scholarships.

A sample of 2006 participants include Detroit's Asian Village, Rattlesnake, Seldom Blues and Traffic Jam restaurants;

Milford's Five Lakes Grill and Gravity Bar & Grill; Dearborn's The Henry Ford, and The Ritz Carlton; and Novi's Shiro and Steve & Rocky's.

YOUR SUNDAY BEST

What: Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza, a food event with about 50 restaurants, food and beverage vendors.

When: 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24.

Where: VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads), Livonia.

Tickets: \$50 per person.

For more information, call (734) 462-4518.

Plymouth will be represented by Fiamma Grille & Compari's on the Park, Inn at St John's "five," the Hilton Garden Inn, Jeff Zak Catering and LaBistecca Italian Grille. Schoolcraft's own American Harvest, the Cold Stone Creamery and the Cantoro Italian Market are from Livonia. Farther afield are The Farm Restaurant from Port Austin and L. Mawby Vineyards from Suttons Bay.

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Schoolcraft culinary arts instructional kitchens, stop in at a free wine tasting seminar, and check the items in the silent auction, including a train trip and overnight stay in Toronto or a weekend stay on Bois Blanc Island. The winning ticket in a raffle drawing will send its owner to Rome, Italy, for a week, while the second and third prize winners receive a diamond bracelet and dinner for six at the American Harvest Restaurant.

Culinary Extravaganza tickets are \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at (734) 462-4518. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accept- ed. Schoolcraft College is a pub- lic two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online.

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Alexander the Great celebrates 29 years

The owners of **Alexander the Great** restaurant, 34733 Warren in Westland, are celebrating its 29th anniversary during the month of September with a dinner special.

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Owners Tom and Paulina Tomich, whose restaurant is the longest-running independent restaurant operation in Westland, are offering the dinner, which also includes two potatoes, two breads and two cole slaws, at a price reflective of 29 years ago. The owners also plan other specials during this month at the restaurant. There is also a dinner and movie package offered for \$29.95. For more information, call (734) 326-5410.

The **Century Grille Restaurant**, located inside the Historic Gem & Century Theatres, will offer Detroit Lions fans a

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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

The Art of Screenprint, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, \$3-\$6, (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

Metalsmithing

Critical Mass: Metalsmithing at Cranbrook under Gary Griffin, through Oct. 15, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$4-\$6, call (877) 60-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

More DIA

Annie Leibovitz: American Music, intimate portraits of those influenced by American roots music, Sept. 24 through Jan. 7, visit www.dia.org.

Flint Institute of Arts

Public reopening with exhibit of *Excavating Egypt, Great Discoveries* from the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, University College, London, 10 a.m. Sept. 30, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.org

ART GALLERIES

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, urban views exhibition with Arms, Christo, Mershimer, Murphy and others, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

Art House Gallery

Exhibition of drawings, paintings, photographs, sculpture created within 10 blocks of the gallery, through Oct. 22, 215 W. Cady, Northville, visit www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/ArtsCommission/ArtHouse.htm.

Cary Gallery

Return to Roots, Susan Demchak, through Oct. 14, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (240) 651-3656.

Ford Gallery

Gifts of Art Exhibition, collection includes lithographs, silkscreen prints and etchings from artists like Jamie Wyeth, Barbara Wood and Carol Jablonsky, through Oct. 13, second floor of Ford Hall at Cross and Normal streets on campus of Eastern Michigan University, (734) 487-0465.

Ford Gallery

Park West Gallery Exhibition, through Oct. 13, 114 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465

Gallery 194

Figure & Form, Marnie Fender and Ginger Scobie, through Sept. 30, 194 W. Nepeessing, Lapeer, (810) 667-1495

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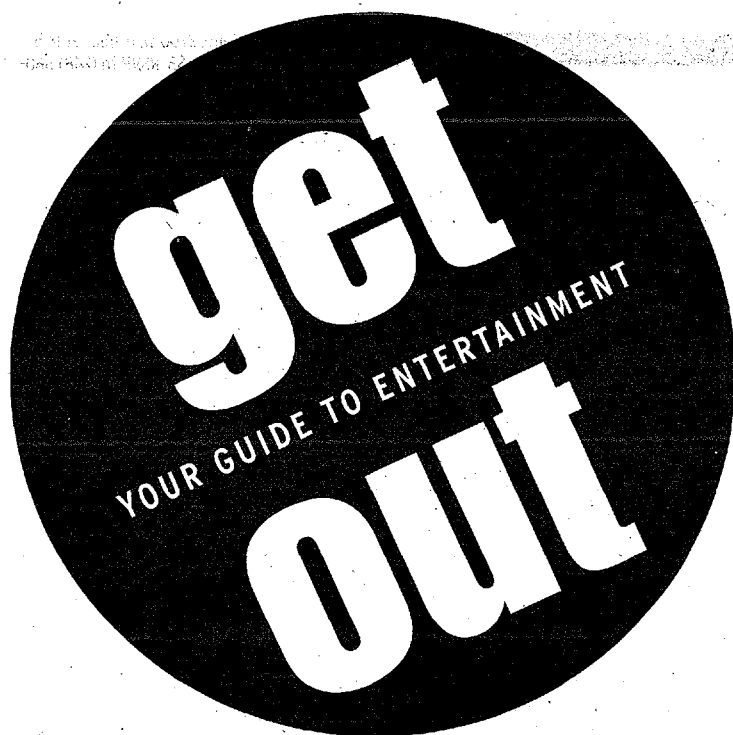
4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021.

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show at the Highland Lakes Campus, Woodland Hall Library, 7300 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Oakland University Art Gallery

???Sculpture, Matt Blake, Kevin Ewing, Evan Larson, Brian Nelson, through Oct. 8, open



from noon to 5 p.m. except on Mondays, located next to Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, (248) 370-3005.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Pi Benio, fiber, and John Leyland, ceramic sculptures, through Sept. 23; closing reception, 6-9 p.m. Sept. 22, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

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(The coffee was very slow in coming.), an exhibition on cups, through Oct. 14, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paukotula.com.

Posner Gallery

Objects and Atmospheres: The Art of Nancy Thayer (painter) and Russell Thayer (sculptor), through Oct. 28, 2253 Cole, Birmingham, info@posnergallery.net, (248) 258-9977.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Photography exhibit featuring "Encrypted Margins," unaltered photography by Gloria Pritschet, and "Horizontal and Vertical Panoramas" by Richard Hackel through Sept. 29. Reception for Richard Hackel 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, plymoutharts.com, (734) 416-4278.

Washington Street Gallery

Lynda Cole, Stillness Obscured, through Oct. 15, artist's gallery talk, 2 p.m. Sept. 24, closing reception, 7-10 p.m. Oct. 13, 120 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-2287, www.wsg-art.com

ART, ETC.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

John Glick, part of Michigan Masters Series, through Sept. 29, Robinson Gallery, special slideshow by Glick, 7 p.m. Sept. 21, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.bbartcenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Birmingham Society of Women Painters

Kindred Spirits, 62nd annual juried exhibition, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, DeSalle Gallery, through Sept. 29; 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.bbartcenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Kresge Art Museum

Tools in Motion: Works from the Hechinger Collection, opening reception, 3-5 p.m. Sept. 24, exhibit open to Nov. 5, first floor of the Kresge Art Center, on Michigan State University campus, www.artmuseum.msu.edu, (517) 355-7631.

Livonia Civic Center Library

Ninth Exhibition of Fine Arts with 50 area artists, 32777 Five Mile (east of Farmington Road), (734) 466-2490.

Livonia City Hall

Juried art show of Visual Arts of Livonia, through Sept. 28, 33000 Civic Center Drive (east of Farmington Road, south of Five Mile), (734) 466-2540.

Michigan Water Color Society

59th annual Exhibition Travel Show, Alberta House Arts Center, 217 Ferris, Sault Ste. Marie, through Sept. 30, call for times, (313) 906-1312, mwcsart.com.

Michigan Water Color Society

59th Annual Exhibition Travel Show, water media paintings, Oct. 4-27, Artcenter Traverse City, 720 Elmwood, Traverse City, mwcsart.com, (886) 242-0120.

Sisson Gallery

Mignonette Yin Cheng, Oct. 3-31, reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 3, Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

BLUEGRASS

Oakland Community College

The Grascals, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22, Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, \$20, (248) 341-2270.

BOOKS

Congregational Church of Birmingham-United Church of Christ

Asya Raines and Charles Fleetham, authors of *"Asya's Laws - Lessons in Love Lost and Found,"* from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, European dinner at 6:30 p.m., \$10, proceeds from dinner and portion of book sales donated to church, 1000 Cranbrook Road, on the southwest corner of Woodward and Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills.

CLASSICAL

Birmingham Concert Band

29th season opens 3:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at Birmingham Seaholm High School Auditorium, corner of Lincoln and Cranbrook, admission free, contributions to scholarship fund accepted.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Scheherazade, Van Pascal Tortelier, conductor, Jennifer Larmore, mezzo-soprano, Sept. 21-23; Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

3 p.m. Sept. 24, concert followed by annual fund-raiser, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$60-\$100, www.detroitchamberwinds.org, (248) 559-

2095.

Marygrove College

Chamber music concert with the Woodward Corridor Musicians, 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 1, Denk Chapman Hall of Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols (southeast corner of West McNichols and Wyoming), Detroit, \$10, (248) 546-5818, or e-mail LFDean@aol.com

Oakland University

Leszek Bartkiewicz, pianist, performing Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29, Varner Hall, Oakland University, 2000 N. Squirrel, Rochester Hills, \$12-\$15.

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The Ark

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Blind Pig

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Buddha Lounge

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The Buzz Bar

One Nation Under a Buzz P-Funk Jam Session, Sept. 21; John Arnold's Brokefunk, Sept. 21, 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800, www.buzzdetroit.com

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip-hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit, (313) 235-2233.

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Food, dancing, music, 2-N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 322-5550.

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2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit. www.elysium-lounge.com.

Emerald Theatre

Concert house, dancing, 32 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens, (586) 913-1920

Fiamma Grille

Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

GALA

Meri Slaven, vocalist; Vince Shandor, piano, and Dennis Horvath, bass, 7-11 p.m. Sept. 23 and Sept. 30, 33316 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-2355.

Gator Jake's

DJ Tony T, Wednesday-Friday, 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, (586) 983-3700, www.gatorjakes.com

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

33338 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, call (248) 474-5941 for more information.

Leland City Club

Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley, Detroit, www.lelandcityclub.com.

O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub

2555 W. 12 Mile at Coolidge in Berkley, (248) 399-6750. For information on Blackthorn, visit www.blackthorn1.com.

The Lager House

The Sadies with Heavy Trash, Sept. 22, 1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit, (313) 961-4668.

The Locker Room Saloon

Wild Wednesdays with DJ Oz, Trivia Night and Ladies Night Thursdays, Funky Fridays with DJ Paul, insane Saturdays with DJ Oz, 7790 Auburn, Utica, (586) 731-3323, www.lockerroomsaloon.com, www.ckpep.com

The Magic Bag

PM Dawn, Sept. 21; Joseph Arthur, Oct. 2, and Ekoostik Hookah, Oct. 13, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Rainbow Room

Laid-back atmosphere, dancing, 6640 E. Eight Mile, Detroit, (313) 891-1020.

X/S

High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) 963-9797.

Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites.

The restaurant also features live jazz every night of the week, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

Token Lounge

28949 Joy, Westland, (734) 513-5030.

Wild Woody's

DJ Doug E Fresh, Thursday-Saturday, 32500 Gratiot, Roseville, (586) 294-5331, www.wild-woodys.com.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Mark Knope, Sept. 22-23; Jack Mayberry, Sept. 29-30; in October, Comedy Jamm, Wednesdays, Spike Tobin, Oct. 5-7; Lord Carrett, Oct. 12-14; Jimmy Pardo, Oct. 19-21; Jimmy Dore, Oct. 26-27; 314 E. Liberty, Ann

Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Big Sean and Ill Will, Sept. 21-23; Aries Spears and Simply Shanell, Sept. 28-30; Kenny Howell and China Doll, Oct. 5-7; Mark Simmons and Black Coffee, Oct. 12-14; Ricky Harris and Snowcone, Oct. 19-21; Rasheed and Mary Ann, Oct. 26-28; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Improv Inferno

Citizen Improv, 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Super Fun Karaoke, 10 p.m. Wednesdays; The Catfight, 8 p.m. Thursdays; High Octane, 10 p.m. Thursdays; Biff! Bang! Pow!, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The Damnation Game, 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The X Show, midnight, Fridays and Saturdays; The Corner, 7 p.m. Sundays, Get Up! Stand Up!, 8:30 p.m. Sundays; The Weekend Wild Card, 10 p.m. Sundays; The Sweet Spot with Eye Candy, 11 p.m. Sundays, 309 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 214-7080, www.improvinferno.com.

Joey's Comedy Club

36071 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, also has comedy at second location, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885; www.joeysc Comedy.com.

Second City

Bobble Heads of State, performances are Wednesday-Sunday, held over through Oct. 29, \$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River, Novi, call (248) 348-4448. For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Wise Guys Comedy Club

40380 Grand River, Novi, (248) 919-3216.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand-up, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

DANCE

Oakland Community College

El Ballet de Maria Luz (Latino folkloric dance group), 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29, \$15, Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, \$20, (248) 341-2270.

FAMILY

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *As Time Goes By*, new exhibit about the aging process, and *A Journey to Our Future*, now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

FESTIVAL

St. John's Armenian Church of Southfield

Church's 75th year, celebrated with carnival and rides, food court, arts and crafts, music, dancing, raffles, auctions and fine arts, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, carnival tickets \$12 pre-event, and \$15 at the carnival, 22001 Northwestern Hwy.

FUND-RAISERS

Great Maze Challenge

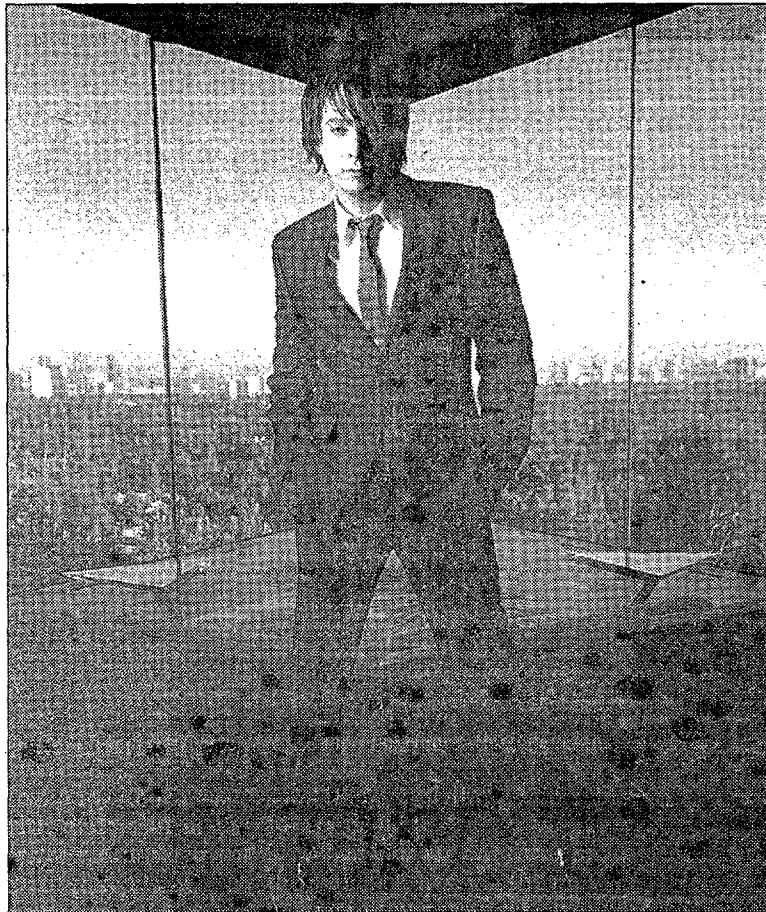
Corn/forest Maze Race, 6 p.m. Sept. 22, \$25, Maybury Farm, Northville, funds go to care and feeding of animals during winter months, (248) 374-0200.

Culinary Extravaganza

Dishes from 50 of southeastern Michigan's eateries and beverage suppliers, benefit for student scholarships, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, \$50, VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia, (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008.

Kadima benefit

Comedian Judy Gold, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, benefits Kadima of Southfield to help provide treatment to people suffering from



MUSIC

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and *American Idol* runner-up Clay Aiken perform a holiday concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center. Tickets are on sale now for \$38-\$125. Call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

mental illness, afterglow follows event, \$100, (248) 559-8235 Ext. 128.

Macomb Cultural Center

Opens Sept. 28 on campus of Macomb Community College with science and space exploration programs through Dec. 1, with a ticketed presentation by John Glenn, former astronaut and U.S. senator on Sept. 28 and the Sally Ride Science Festival for Girls with Kathryn D. Sullivan, former astronaut on Oct. 1, www.macombculturalcenter.com, (586) 445-7348.

Detroit Uncorked

Wine event features 800 wines from around the world Sept. 29 at Ford Field, presented by Ford Motor Co. and created and organized by Detroit Wine Organization, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction and more, benefits The Children's Center, \$75 for DWO members and \$80 for nonmembers. DWO membership is free, visit www.detroituncorked.com or call (313) 262-1112.

SOUPberbowl

Restaurants serve huge selection of soups and breads, Celtic music, dancing, entertainment at benefit for Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Noon-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, \$15 donation, (586) 979-2914.

Lights, Camera Auction 2006

Food and fund-raiser for Variety's Bikes for Kids, 6 p.m. Oct. 17, Emagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi, \$50-\$100, (248) 258-5511

Dave Coulier

Comedian/actor at benefit for St. Aloysius Community Outreach Center, 7 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, 8 p.m. show, Oct. 6, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill (and Ridge roads, Canton, tickets \$50 at Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460.

Visit the animals

Sasha Farm, Michigan's sanctuary that rescues farm animals, hosts its fall festival from

3 p.m. until late evening Saturday, Sept. 30. \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids under 10. Loaded baked potatoes, mingling with the horses, cows, burros, pigs, Hurricane Katrina dogs and cats; hayrides, mushroom hunting, bonfires, etc. 17901 Mahle Road, Manchester, 48158, (734) 428-9617 or visit www.sasha-farm.org

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

Jazz and dinner

"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

MORE MUSIC

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Sept. 22-23, Bachelor's One, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 682-2295.

Cathedral Cultural Series

Concerts of organ music, 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, Cathedral of Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue (at Trowbridge) in Detroit, (313) 865-6300 Ext. 227, or email CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com.

Mama's Coffeehouse

Matt Watroba and the Jukebox Folk, Saturday, Sept. 23, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$15, (248) 569-0965.

Hammill Music Showroom

A Tribute to Oscar Peterson concert with Bassist Paul Keller, pianist Steve Richko and drummer Pete Siers, 7 p.m. Oct. 18, in

Steinway Jazz Cafe, 2700 W. Maple (at M-5), Commerce Township, \$5, RSVP to (248) 560-0366, for information, visit www.hammill.com

KerryTown

415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, reservations recommended, (734) 769-2999, www.kerry-townconcerthouse.com.

Oakland University

Bernard Woma, master of the African gyl xylophone, 8 p.m. Oct. 7, in Varner Recital Hall and class at 1 p.m. Oct. 7, tickets \$8-\$16. For information, call (248) 370-3013, e-mail mtd@oakland.edu or visit www.oakland.edu/mtd

Station 885

Toiy Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Trinity House

Reservations recommended for 87-seat concert house, 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275), Livonia, shows 8 p.m., no alcohol, no smoking, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

Wayne State University

Walter White, classical and jazz trumpeter, fall artist-in-residence, 3 p.m. Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28, Schaver Music Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit, Oct. 8 concert is free, \$5-\$8 for Nov. 28 performance, www.music.wayne.edu, (313) 577-1795.

Who's At First

Maura O'Connell, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30, Royal Oak United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh, Royal Oak, \$20, www.whosatfirst.org (248) 541-4100.

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum

20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmvg.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission is \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show, *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time*, \$6, shows run indefinitely, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

University Musical Society

Amalia Hernandez Ballet Folklorico de Mexico, 8 p.m. Sept. 21; jazz pianist and harpist Alice Coltrane, widow of John Coltrane, concert on what would have been husband's 80th birthday, 8 p.m. Sept. 23, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org

Clarkston Tastefest

30 area restaurants, music, KidZone games, basketball tournament, silent auction, Noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, Main Street in downtown Clarkston, www.clarkston.org

Flyfishing store open house

Hank's Fly Fishing Unlimited, noon-5 p.m. Sept. 23, 1015 S. Baldwin, Lake Orion, (248) 393-1500, www.flyfishing.com

Chili cookoff

Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, 11 a.m.-6

p.m., Oct. 1, downtown Plymouth, winner gets \$1,000, trophy and advances to International Chili Society's World Championship, for information, call (734) 455-8838 or visit www.chili-cookoff.com

Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show

Oct. 4-8, Rock Financial Showplace, on Grand River (one mile west of Novi Road), Novi, (517) 349-8881, marvac.org

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park

Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work table, porcelain sink and monitor top refrigerator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

Birthplace of the Model T

Historic Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., first and third Saturdays through October, \$10, 461 Piquette (at Beaubien), Detroit, tours by appointment available for groups of 10 or more, for reservations, call (586) 416-4191, or visit www.tplex.org

David Sedaris

Readings by two-time Grammy nominee, author, satirist and public radio commentator, a question-and-answer session and book signing, 8 p.m. Oct. 5, Detroit Opera House, www.motopera.org, www.ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666

Michigan's Family Album

Special historical photography exhibit of 1,200 photographs from David Tinder collection, runs through Jan. 14, 2007, Michigan Historical Museum, inside Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, for more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

Ballroom dancing

8-11 p.m., third Friday each month, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1830.

Preservation-Wayne

Walking tours offered of five historic areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), Saturdays at 10 a.m. or Tuesdays after work, through September, \$10 per person, visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Amtrak excursion

Trip to Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum from Birmingham and Dearborn, Oct. 21, sponsored by Detroit Historical Society and National Railway Historical Railway Society's Bluewater Michigan Chapter, \$85, (248) 541-1000, www.bluewaternrhs.com, www.detroithistorical.org

Movies at the Redford Theatre

Located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537-2560.

Isha Yoga

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Nov. 1-6, Pi Ballroom, 28847 Franklin, Southfield, (586) 484-3081 or e-mail detroit@ishafoundation.org

SYMPHONY — COMMUNITY

Plymouth

Opening night concert Classical Brass for Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Sept. 30, newly reopened Penn Theatre, special on-stage talk with conductor Nan Washburn and composer Jennifer Higdon, \$18-\$20, www.plymouthsymphony.org, (734) 451-2112.

THEATER — COMMUNITY

Avon Players

They're Playing Our Song, Sept. 22-24 and 28-30, 8 p.m. shows except on Sunday (2 p.m.), \$16, 1185 Washington (one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads in Rochester Hills, (248) 608-9077.

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Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" debuts Nov. 17 at the Fox Theatre.

Christmas show looking for singers

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Detroit's new holiday show Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* makes its Detroit debut Nov. 17 through Dec. 30. In keeping with holiday tradition at The Fox, local choirs are invited to attend.

Olympia Entertainment is looking for talented metro-Detroit choirs. Auditions begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25. Interested choirs must register by 5 p.m. on Sept. 22.

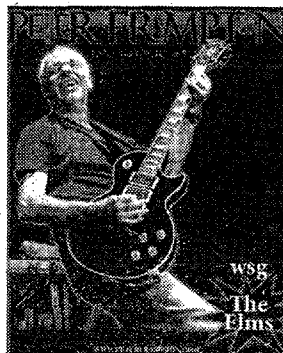
Members of each winning choir will receive one complimentary ticket to the

show on the night of their performance, and all choir members may invite their congregations, schools, family and friends to purchase main floor tickets at a discounted rate.

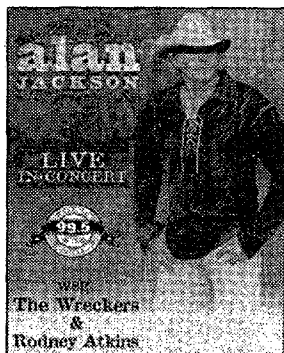
Tickets range from \$20-\$100 and are on sale at the Fox Theatre box office or purchase by calling (248) 433-1515, online at OlympiaEntertainment.com or Ticketmaster.com, or Ticketmaster outlets. For more information on the show, www.whitechristmasthemusical.com.

To register to audition, call (313) 471-3099.

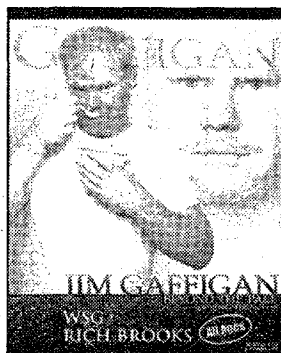
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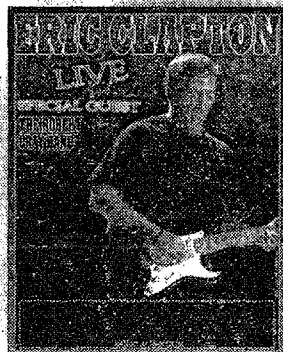
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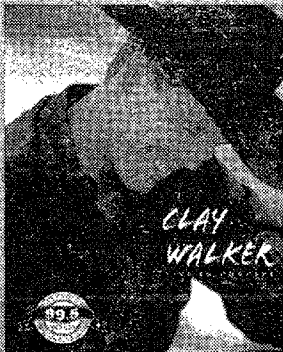
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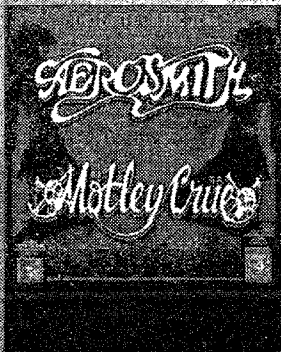
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younger bands."

He speaks from experience. Mustaine has been a key player in the Rock the Vote campaign. Much of his music is political — against the United Nations, which he calls "worthless."

Mustaine, who is a father, is deeply concerned about the state of the world, and expresses an equal concern for his fans.

"We need to listen to kids," Mustaine said. "I think the reason why my music relates to them is because I listen to them, I understand and respect them."

And, as an accomplished, experienced musician, he nurtures newer bands.

"Megadeth is one of the main reasons I started playing metal guitar in the first place," Lamb of God's guitarist Mark Morton said. "To finally tour with them is really exciting."

Lamb of God is on tour to support its current CD *Sacrament*.

Megadeth is also working on a new CD, *United Abominations*, that will be released next year. The song *Washington is Next* is the only track from the LP that Megadeth is performing this tour.

"It's the only track that's completely ready," Mustaine said. "I am back at the place where I was writing 100 percent Megadeth riffs for myself and not a label, a bandmate or for radio anymore. I am not going to say what it sounds like."

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Sept. 30 - Clay Walker
Oct. 7 - 99.5 WYCD's Birthday Bash featuring Clint Black and Dwight Yoakam with Bomshel, Gary Nichols, Red Ryder Band and more
Oct. 11 - Aerosmith/Motley Crue

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Gigantour has toured the world, and recently a self-titled DVD of 2005 tour footage was released. Megadeth also recently released a greatest hits album *Back to the Start* with classic band moments chosen by fans.

The last studio album *The System Has Failed* is known as a metal masterpiece and features songs about the flawed justice system — an that album has a feel of its earlier days, when Mustaine was a young, hopeful musician who created hits like *Of Mice and Men*.



Arch Enemy vocalist Angela Gossow (second from right) is known for her metal ferocity.

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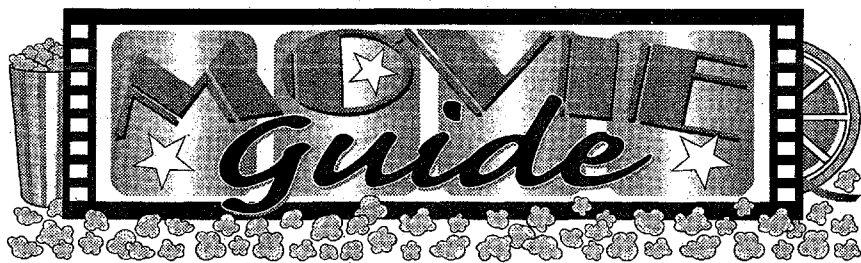
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Yum! Local eateries showcased at crawls

Restaurant lovers can get a taste of many metro-area restaurants and benefit various organizations in upcoming food crawls sponsored by the Plymouth, Livonia and West Bloomfield chambers of commerce.

■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will hold a Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl Wednesday, Sept. 27, with a dozen restaurants and 20 total businesses participating. This one will be a charitable event, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Friends of the Penn, the grass-roots group trying to save the Penn Theatre.

The downtown crawl, which runs 5:30-9 p.m., also features eight dessert and coffee shops.

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

Dessert and coffee shops participating are Baker's Rack, Casa de Gelato, Coldstone Creamery, House of Fudge,

Kemnitz Candy, Plymouth Coffee Bean, Starbucks and Boule Artisan Bakery.

Tickets for the crawl are \$25 and can only be purchased through the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Diners can also order them with a credit card over the phone by calling (734) 453-1540.

■ Visit 10 of

Livonia's favorite restaurants in one night at the second annual Livonia Grub Crawl, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3. This fun evening out gives you access to new venues and old favorites, for \$25 (\$20 for senior citizens). Your ticket price includes admission to all participating restaurants, an event T-shirt and transportation to each venue. Using the fun bus is not required.

Participating restaurants include American Harvest at Schoolcraft College, Bahama Breeze, Burger Spot, Coldstone Creamery, Eastside Mario's, Fox's Pizza, Giulio's Cucina Italiana, Sandtraps on 5, Steve's Family Dining and Sweet Lorraine's.

Tickets are available at the Livonia Chamber office, 33233 Five Mile Road (southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington Roads). Call the chamber

at (734) 427-2122 or e-mail greenwell@livonia.org for more information. Tickets may only be purchased over the phone or in person at the chamber office.

■ The Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce hosts its third annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17. The event showcases 18 West Bloomfield restaurants where participants can eat food samplings and enjoy drink specials. The event will benefit Gleaner's Community Food Bank.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include entrance to all 18 participating restaurants, food sampling, shuttle service to all restaurants and a keepsake T-shirt. T-shirts serve as tickets and are available by contacting the Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce at (248) 626-3636 or wbcc@sbcglobal.net.

Participating restaurants include Bogart's, California Pizza Kitchen, Caribou Coffee-14 Mile, Caribou Coffee-Lone Pine, Champps Americana, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Georgio's Gourmet Diner, Nectars Wine Bar, LaShish, Mr. Greek's, Original Romanos, Outback Steakhouse, Panera Bread, Port City Java, Taez Lounge, Whole Foods Market, Yotsuba Japanese Restaurant and Zinc Brasserie & Wine.



'Life Goes On' tells tale of Detroit's party scene

Hip-hop artists Obie Trice, Paradime, Ill Manored and Fa' Sho will perform at the Detroit Screening of the film *Life Goes On* at the State Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22.

Life Goes On chronicles 48 hours in the life of two Detroit twentysomethings — a former suburban high school cheerleader and a football star. Eight years later, one is a law school graduate and the other a king in Detroit's party scene.

The film not only looks into the tale of a relationship on the brink of destruction, but also looks inside the life of today's pop-culture, club scene celebrity. It was filmed by semi-Detroiter Vince Orlando (we say semi because he bounces his time between the Motor City and Los Angeles).

Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$75. Proceeds benefit the independently shot film. For more information on *Life Goes On*, visit www.LGOthemovie.com or www.myspace.com/lgothemovie. The State Theatre is located at 2115 Woodward Avenue, (313) 961-5451.

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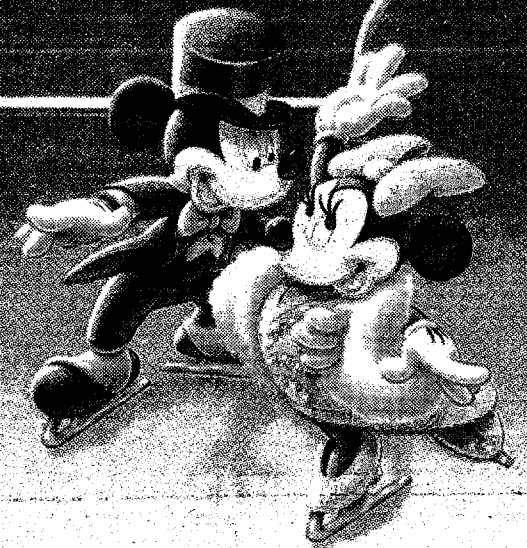
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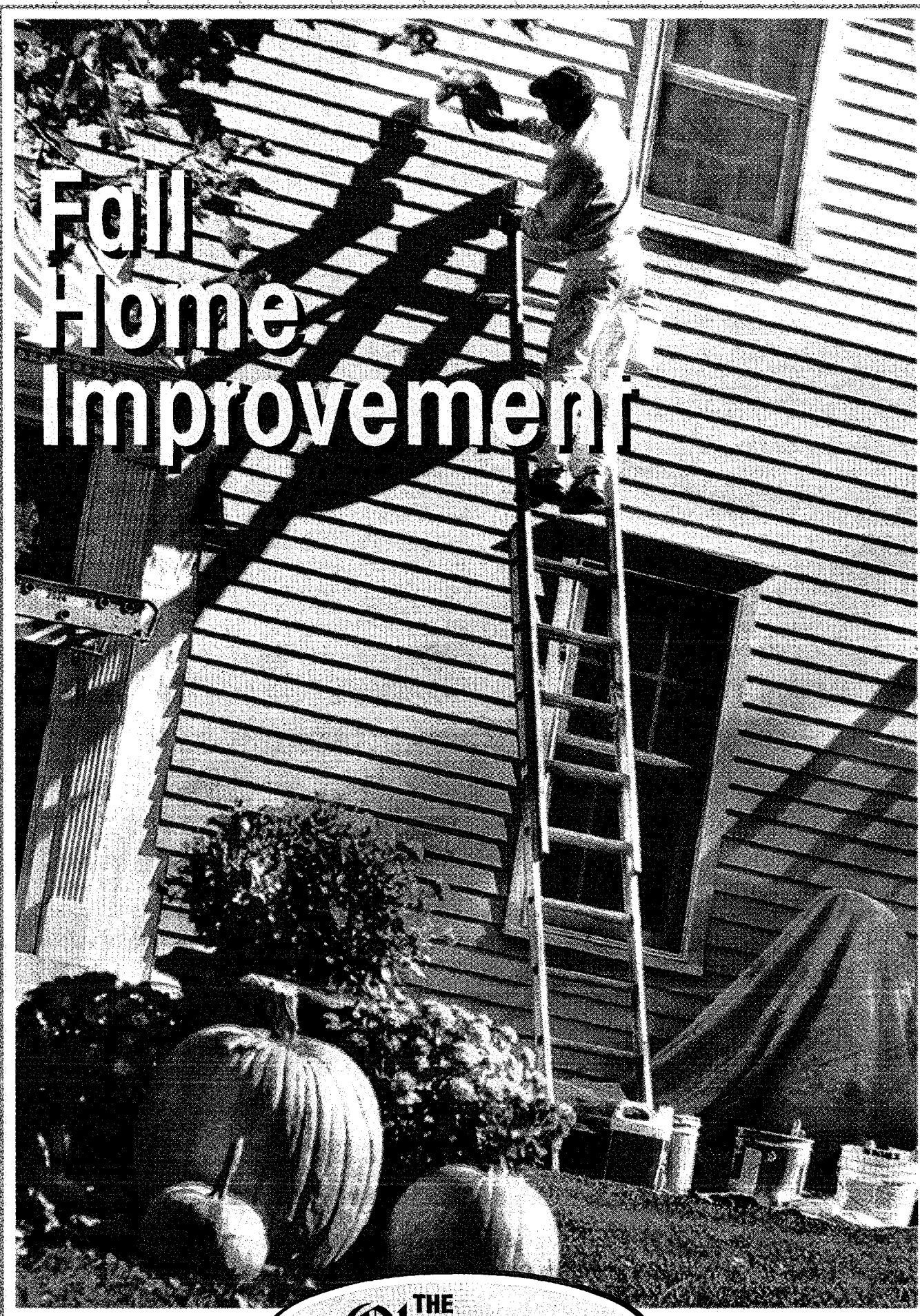
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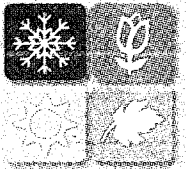


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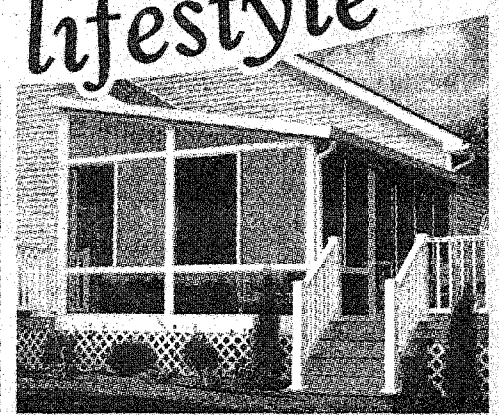
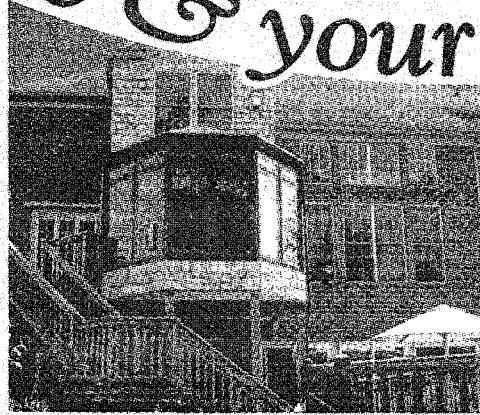
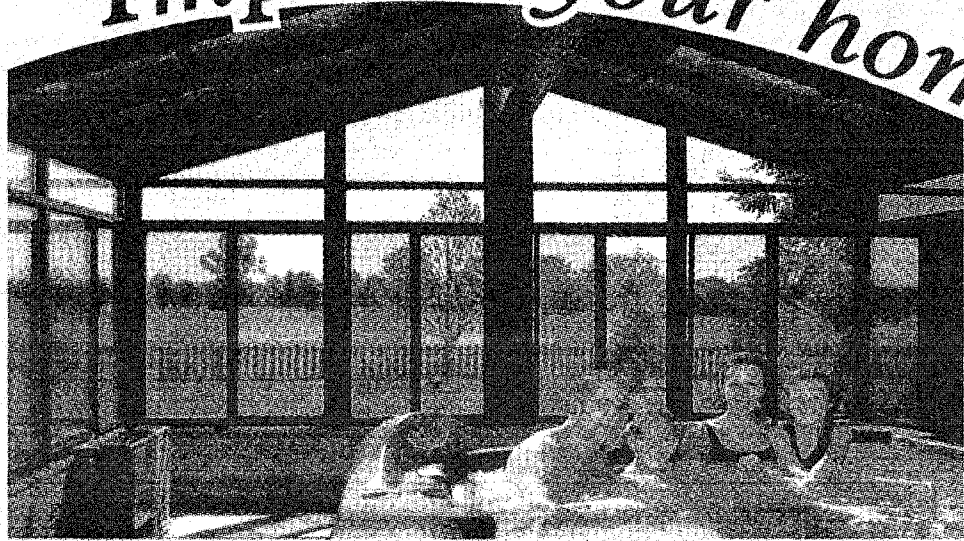
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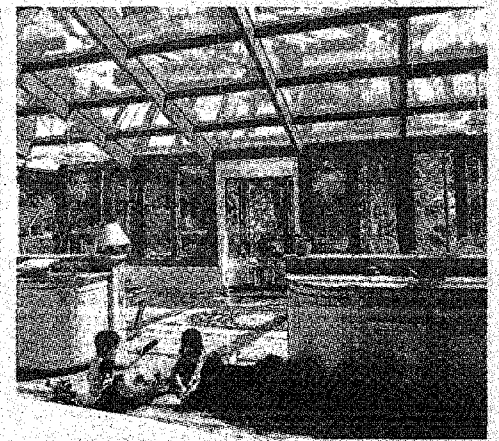
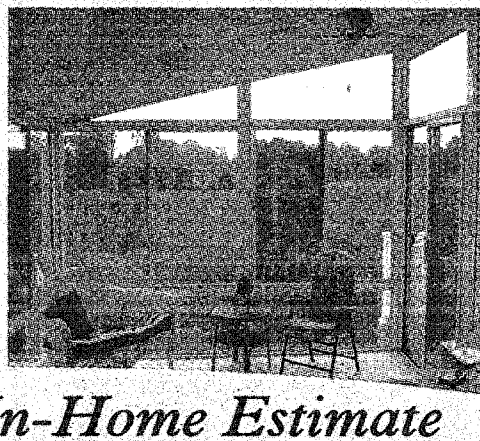
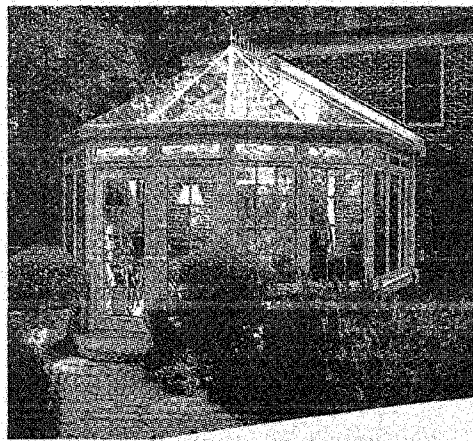
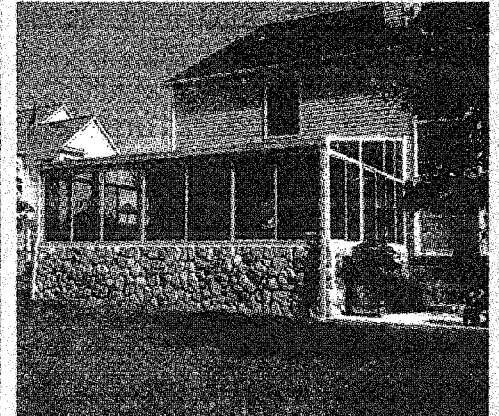
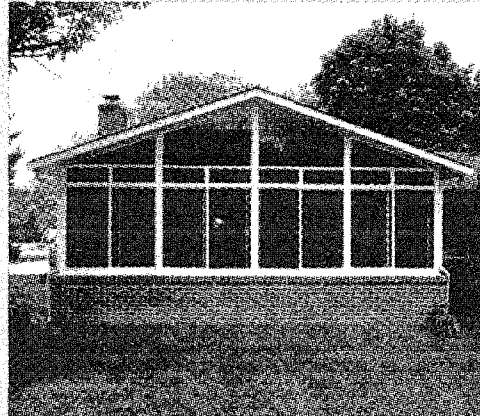
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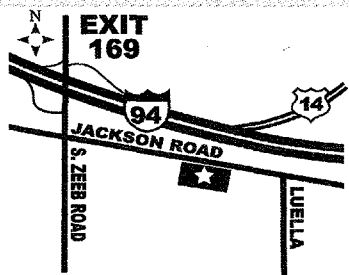
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Fall still busy time for gardening

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Spring and summer aren't the only times of the year to think about gardens and landscapes.

Fall is a great time to make growing plans and get them started.

"Fall is really the ideal time for planting," said Dianne Blakeney, office manager, Garden Escapes Landscape Inc. in Commerce Township.

"Fall is a time when people start planting bulbs that come up in the spring," she said.

With the cooler weather, not much watering is needed.

In the fall, put out winter mix fertilizer, and think about covering cut shrubs with burlap to protect them from the wind.

This is also a good time to talk about

landscaping ideas.

Water fountains are a big trend lately, Blakeney said. They offer a private oasis.

"A lot of people like that . . . in their back yard."

Garden Escapes does its landscaping in stages. Early stages include a free consultation, meeting with a client to look over a portfolio of designs.

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Sunrooms offer year-round comfort

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

The fall and winter may not have the sun of summer, but they are good seasons to plan a sunroom for your home.

"There's no better time, between the weather and the price," said Bob Clark, owner, Four Seasons Sunrooms in Ann Arbor.

Sunrooms can be used year-round, serving as reading rooms, kitchens, spas, living rooms, home offices and deck enclosures, among other purposes. A sunroom can be an addition put onto an existing deck.

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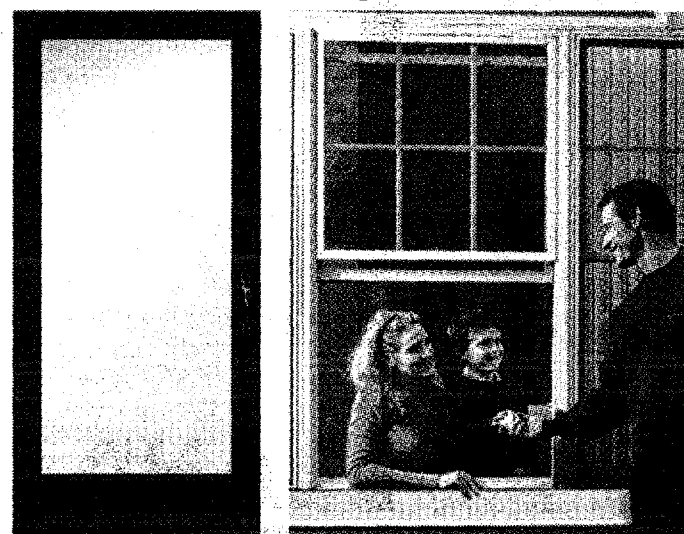
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In this process, the home's outdoor spaces are decorated with fashion, design and coloration while allowing for the ability to withstand the elements.

Making this exterior decorating possible is what the industry calls performance fabrics and fibers. With the use of these fabrics, fibers and finishes, outdoor living spaces are becoming the showplaces of many homes.

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■ **Performance** – The use of performance fibers and fabrics isn't a new concept. However, with the latest advancements and introduction of such revolutionary yarns as DuraCord®, performance has risen to a new level.

Outdoor fibers are constructed to resist fading due to solution dyeing during the creation of the fibers.

As in the case of DuraCord®, this type of fiber also resists staining due to a low moisture regain. Stains can't set in as the fibers are non-absorbent.

Although the fibers work to resist mildew, cleaning still is a breeze with

soap and water or with a bleach-and-water solution for tougher stains. The solution-dyed fabrics and yarns are colorfast and aren't affected by bleach use.

How better to cover that indoor sofa than with fabrics that can sit in the window and never fade, or that clean up with ease from spilled wine during pizza and movie night?

■ **Fashion** – Bringing outdoor fabric inside used to mean color palettes of the many shades of twigs and moss. Even less was available in design choices.

This just isn't the case anymore as performance fabrics are now ablaze with coloration and original art designs.

“Fabrics, like DuraCord®, offer beautiful original designs in multiple motifs, from bold stripes to intricate jacquard prints,” said Bill Rosso, president, Nags Head Hammocks.

“Many styles give the customer the option of using the rocker, rugs or seating set anywhere in the home.”

This versatility is due to the manufacturers following indoor color trends as much as outdoor trends.

■ **Comfort** – Until recently, performance outdoor fabrics and fibers have had the reputation of having a comfort level similar to sitting on Great Aunt Effie's plastic couch covers.

Not so now. All good decor, indoors or out, incorporates lasting comfort. Soft

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“The softness feature is most requested in lounging furniture to outdoor rugs,” said J.R. Pelletier, manager of TheHammockCompany.com. “But lounging is not just found on the deck.”

Retailers are finding that comfort coupled with durability is being requested for special interior spaces such as libraries with large windows or busy bonus rooms.

Durable decor is not only a trend that is gaining popularity with homeowners nationwide. It also makes good sense.

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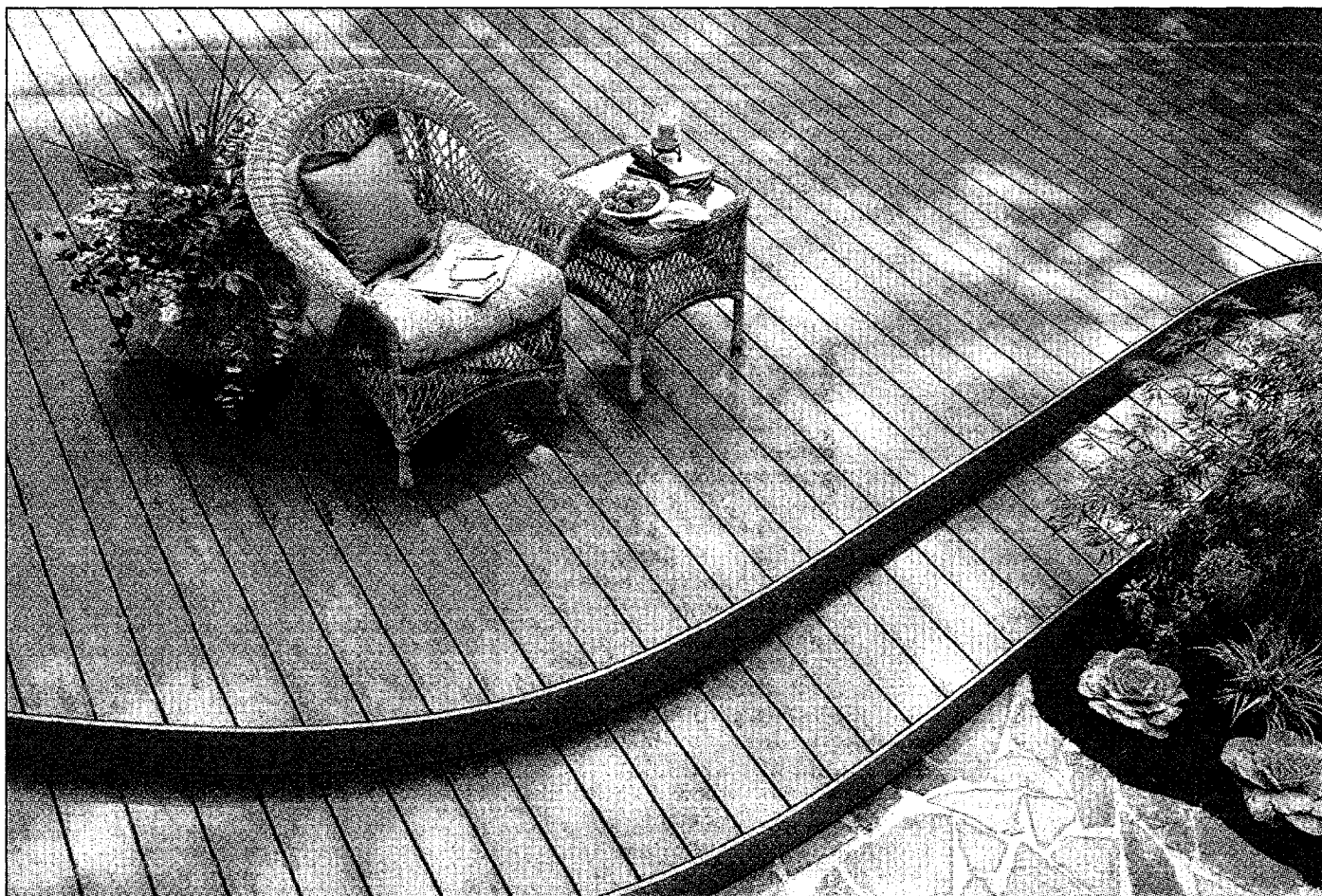
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Don't be in the dark about lavatory lighting

(MS) – One of the more popular home-improvement jobs is renovating the bathroom.

Perhaps due to its status as a part-time sanctuary, the bathroom is a room nearly all homeowners want to make more personal.

An important aspect of a bathroom renovation that can often be overlooked is lighting.

Whereas other rooms in a typical house are largely uniform throughout, bathrooms typically run the gamut with respect to styles.

Tiles in the shower often differ from floor tiles or wall tiles, while wallpaper is often included as well to offer even more contrast.

■ **Mirrors** – Outside of hotel chains, no two bathrooms ever seem to have the same lighting around mirrors. This can make things difficult for men and women, whether they're looking for ample light when shaving or applying makeup.

The best way to ensure all your home's bathrooms have ample lighting is to place a pair of vertical lighting brackets, or sconces, along each side of the mirror. Put a vanity light atop the mirror for added lighting.

This will allow for even lighting across your entire face, making shaving or makeup mishaps a thing of the past.

■ **Showers** – For those who shave in the shower, install a water-resistant light fixture in the ceiling above the shower.

Be sure to install lighting that's bright enough to give you a good view of yourself while shaving. And don't forget a fog-proof shower mirror.

■ **Tubs** – This is where the sanctuary part of the bathroom comes in, as many people like to relax after a stressful day in a hot bath.

Poor lighting that reflects off the tub can negate the relaxing effects of such stress relief.

To avoid that potential problem, aim the light to the outside edge of the tub. This will reduce the glaring reflection and allow you to relax.

■ **Table lamps** – A good source of mood lighting, table lamps can create a soft sense in your bathroom when not in use.

In addition, for those who might enjoy some tub time as a means for relaxation, turning on nothing but the table lamps can create a peaceful mood.

■ **Toilet lighting** – Many people get lots of their reading done while sitting on the toilet. Though it can be comical to think of, lighting the toilet area with a simple fixture above the toilet can help you avoid eyestrain.

Decide which decorating style fits you

(MS) – Many homeowners don't know where to begin when decorating or redecorating their homes.

What they may know is that they want to impart personalization and use a style that expresses their likes and interests.

However, narrowing down a particular design style can be difficult if you're not exactly sure what components make up these styles. Here's a look at a few popular considerations.

DESTINATION DECORATING

One of the most popular trends is to bring European influences into the home by mimicking the ambiance and decorating elements unique to these areas of the world.

■ **French countryside** – At home in country or Victorian homes, this rustic style evokes feelings of bright sunshine and delicate mountain scapes.

An important part of this style is to use natural materials – from exposed wood beams to an impressive stone fireplace – to give the home a cozy, yet simplistic look.

Colors run the gamut from fiery reds to creamy yellows, balanced with blues and grays.

And don't overlook the use of toiles on upholstery and walls.

■ **Swedish simplicity** – If you're one who appreciates a light and airy home, borrowing from Swedish style could be key.

Known for enduring long, dark winters, Swedes combated the dreary weather by transforming their homes into bright showplaces.

Furniture has straight or slightly curving lines; fabrics are composed mostly of whites and creams with touches of sunny colors like blues and yellows; and benches are a staple of Swedish design.

■ **Tuscan retreat** – For those who appreciate a home that is bathed in comfort, Tuscan style is perfect.

Again, comprised of natural materials, like stone, marble and earthy clays, Tuscan style also intermixes wrought iron, hardwoods and shutters to add to the appeal.

Exterior design is also important, where a patio or portico should also be part of the structure.

Nothing should look shiny or new in a Tuscan home – it should blend with

nature and have an overall warm tone.

TRADITIONAL STYLES

These styles never go out of fashion:

■ **Contemporary** – At the heart of this style is line and form. That's why it's a popular choice of architects and artists.

Some say it seems stark, but with clean lines and a minimalist look of a neutral palette with a splash of bright color, it still remains popular.

■ **Traditional** – These styles are classic and comfortable, and for some, predictable. They can seem old-fashioned and fussy, but for others they exude an unsurpassed comfort.

Colors are muted and often include plaids and florals, and are accented by wooden furniture, typically with darker stains and carvings.

■ **Casual** – This style is all about what the name implies: a home that's easy to live in and is comfortable and inviting.

These homes have simple horizontal lines; textured, not shiny fabrics; and simple details. Furniture is typically oversized and comfortable.

Know assembly rules for exterior wall

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Building a wall is but one of many tasks involved with the construction of a room addition or an extensive remodel.

Knowing a few "whys" and "hows" about the assembly can simplify the process and eliminate a lot of heartache.

A few wall rules:

■ An exterior wall should be built directly over some sort of foundation.

The new foundation should match what you already have (assuming you have a proper foundation). If your existing foundation has piers, then so should the new one. No piers, then none in the new one.

The idea here is that you want your new and old foundations to react to natural movement of the earth below in an identical fashion. It is always wise to have an engineer involved when it comes to the foundation.

■ Any wall (interior or exterior) that will be supporting weight (a floor above or a roof) must be itself supported by either a foundation or very sturdy floor members of its own.

When a wall runs parallel to the floor, framing members above it, it is usually known as "nonbearing" (not structural).

Framing members that lay atop a wall (ceiling, floor above, roof rafters, etc.) place a "load" (weight from other parts of the structure) on that wall and it is therefore known as a "load-bearing" or "bearing wall."

Load-bearing walls must be built in accordance with many rules. Nonload-bearing walls can be built following almost no rules.

■ It is a good practice to frame a wall so that the studs are spaced 16 inches apart.

Walls that don't carry a load can use stud spacing up to 24 inches on center. This wider stud spacing represents a very small amount of cost savings but renders a very flimsy end result. We don't feel it is worth the savings.

■ When possible, it is better to construct a wall using 2x6 studs rather than 2x4s.

Besides being more energy-efficient (more room for insulation), a 2x6 wall is superior in several other ways – less vibration and movement in the wind, less sound transference, better load carrying capacity.

When extending the length of a wall, the same width studs must be used. This is one case where moving up to a thicker wall isn't recommended.

There are only a few elements that make up a basic wall:

■ The "bottom plate" is the continuous piece that travels horizontally along the bottom of the wall. When the bottom plate lies on concrete, it must be pressure-treated.

■ The "top plate" is the continuous piece that travels horizontally along the top of the wall.

There are usually two top plates. The top plate is doubled to add strength and rigidity to the top of the wall. It isn't needed at the bottom where the wall is connected to the floor.

■ The "studs" are the vertical pieces that extend from bottom to top. The stud should always be a single piece of wood that travels from plate to plate.

DOORS, WINDOWS

Door and window openings must be constructed following certain rules:

■ A solid piece of timber known as a "header" must be used to carry the load across any space where studs are removed to accommodate an opening.

■ A header is usually the same thickness as the wall and at least 1 inch high for each foot of opening width.

For example: For a common 4-foot opening in a 2x4 wall, a 4x4 header would be needed, 4 inches for the width of the wall and 1 inch high for each of the 4 feet of opening width.

Most contractors use 4x12 as their standard header because it meets the load requirements for more than 95 percent of all openings, and because when it is installed immediately beneath the top plate it comes down to 6 feet 10 inches high, which is the top of the opening height used for most doors and windows.

■ Headers are cut a few inches longer than the opening width so that one or two studs can be placed under each end of the header for support.

In construction there must be something underneath everything above.

For example: An opening for a 3-foot window would need a 3-foot-3-inch header – 3 feet for the window and 1½ inches on either end for a stud. Longer headers need two studs under each end.

There are rules about how many nails must be used in each location to ensure proper wall strength.

However, equally important is that when pieces of the puzzle are joined, it is imperative that they be sandwiched tightly together. Just nailing a connection isn't enough. There must be no space between connections.

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Caulking gives fresh 'new' look to home

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Remodeling is a wonderful way to make a tired home look like new. But not every budget or schedule allows for tackling a major project – even when it is needed.

However, there are ways to spruce up your household and to give it a fresh “new” look, without breaking the bank, by investing just a few hours on a much-needed home maintenance task such as caulking.

Caulking is that stuff that builders and contractors use to fill and seal seams where two surfaces meet, to prevent water and weather from entering and causing damage.

And if your home is five to 10 years old (or more), chances are good that many of those seams are both looking shabby and probably no longer doing their job to protect your home.

While re-caulking is a great way to cosmetically freshen appearances, resealing these joints is even more beneficial as a means of preventing pervasive moisture from getting into walls or under tile and floors where nasty mold and rot can do their dirty work.

Consequently, what could have amounted to the cost of a tube or two of caulking and a bit of time may end up costing you a second mortgage and some major rot repair.

So, it's off to the hardware store or home center for a trip down the “caulk and adhesives” aisle.

RIGHT PRODUCTS

Today, selecting the right product for the job can be a confusing undertaking since there are so many different types of “caulks and sealants” designed for specific jobs and applications.

And let's not forget the patching compounds and putty that are often located along the same aisle, which further complicate matters.

Unless you have a special repair need, you can get by with a few basic types of caulks and sealants, such as latex or silicone. Of these, while water-soluble latex caulk is perfect for interior use along baseboards, silicone caulk is even better around windows.

It can be used both indoors or out and for almost any purpose. It bonds to almost any surface, doesn't become brittle with age and provides outstanding water- and weather-resistance.

Silicone caulk and hybrid caulks with silicone are generally your best bet. And if you plan to paint when finished, be sure to buy a “paintable” silicone caulk.

Two more small products, and you're all set to give your home a total “top-to-bottom” tune-up.

First, a mini-tube of new double-duty “all-purpose adhesive and caulk” that can be used for hundreds of household

repairs, touchups and improvements; and second, a roll of new special “tub and tile masking tape.”

BEGIN WITH BATHTUB

Then, it's time to decide what to do first. Tackle the seams around windows and doors or reseal the kitchen counter backsplash?

If your home is like most, the seam separating the bathtub or shower pan from the adjoining waterproof wall cover has probably seen better days.

Chances are one or two spots have sprung a leak and dark mildew may be making inroads as well, leaving nasty stains even after scrubbing and bleaching.

If such is the case, re-caulking the bathtub is a great place to begin. It's also easy.

First, remove the old caulk, which can be done in a number of ways. One technique is to trim it first, top and bottom, with a utility knife and then scrape or pry it out.

Other options include heating it first, with a hair dryer or heat gun, to soften the caulk or using a specially formulated chemical caulk softener.

Once the old caulk is removed, a thorough cleaning and disinfecting is a must.

We recommend using one part liquid chlorine bleach in three parts warm water with a dash or two of powdered laundry detergent added. (Be sure the detergent is “ammonia free” to avoid creating dangerous fumes.)

Mix thoroughly, place in a spray bottle and (wearing gloves and eye protection, and with good ventilation) give seams a good scrub with an old toothbrush.

Then, rinse well and let dry completely. A hair dryer or heat gun helps remove all residual moisture. A final wipe-down with denatured alcohol is also recommended.

New “tub and tile masking tape” will help you to achieve a smooth, professional-looking caulk joint. There are three layers in this new tape and three easy steps.

First, cut the tape to length for each wall to be caulked. Second, peel off the top “protective layer,” revealing a strip of yellow tape with a wider backing underneath. One edge is 1/8-inch wider, while the other side is 1/8-inch.

Finally, after deciding which size bead you want, just place that side of the tape (1/8-inch or 1/4-inch) both above and below the open seam, smooth it down and peel the backing away, leaving two perfectly straight, evenly spaced, “edging” guides.

Then, simply lay in a bead of caulk, smooth it out with a wet finger and peel away the tape before the caulk dries.

You'll have a fresh “new look” tub seam (with crisp, clean edges) that any pro would be proud to claim.

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Brighten up your kitchen

(MS) - For the past decade, the kitchen has reigned supreme as the choice gathering spot for family activities and entertaining. Airy, open kitchens can transform the mood of the room and its occupants.

"Kitchens become energized with natural light when skylights, large windows or acrylic block door inserts are added to the room," said home improvement expert Don Zeman, host of the radio show *Homefront with Don Zeman*.

"Another way to brighten a kitchen is to add bright white moldings and trim pieces. Combined, these easy renovation steps can help homeowners create a gathering space in the home that's comfortable and inviting."

According to Zeman, who was a contractor for 25 years before starting his nationally syndicated radio show and home improvement television tips series, there are several things homeowners can do to transform dark, dreary kitchens into bright, welcoming spaces.

Zeman offers homeowners the following tips:

■ Tip No. 1 - Add small acrylic block panels under countertops to serve as a design element and bring more natural light into the kitchen.

■ Tip No. 2 - Adopt the popular trend of having "naked windows" in the kitchen. By using only minimal window coverings, such as valances at the top, the win-

dows allow in a maximum amount of light and can act as a transition to the outdoors.

■ Tip No. 3 - Install carved leaf or grapevine brackets made of urethane under kitchen countertops and shelves to add dimension and visual appeal to the kitchen.

Corbels can also be added to kitchen islands and the tops of cabinets to present a more finished look in the room.

■ Tip No. 4 - Install a garden window over a sink that extends outside the home with shelves for growing herbs, potted plants or starting seedlings throughout the year.

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■ Tip No. 5 - Give your kitchen ceiling new life by adding PVC beaded boards. Then, add the same beaded boards as a wainscot treatment to tie the room design together.

These bright white panels resist moisture and are easy to maintain for years of enjoyment.

■ Tip No. 6 - For a kitchen window that overlooks the unsightly yard of a neighbor, replace it with an operable acrylic block window.

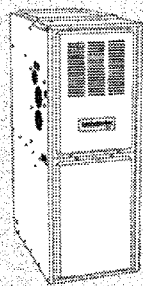
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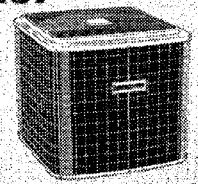
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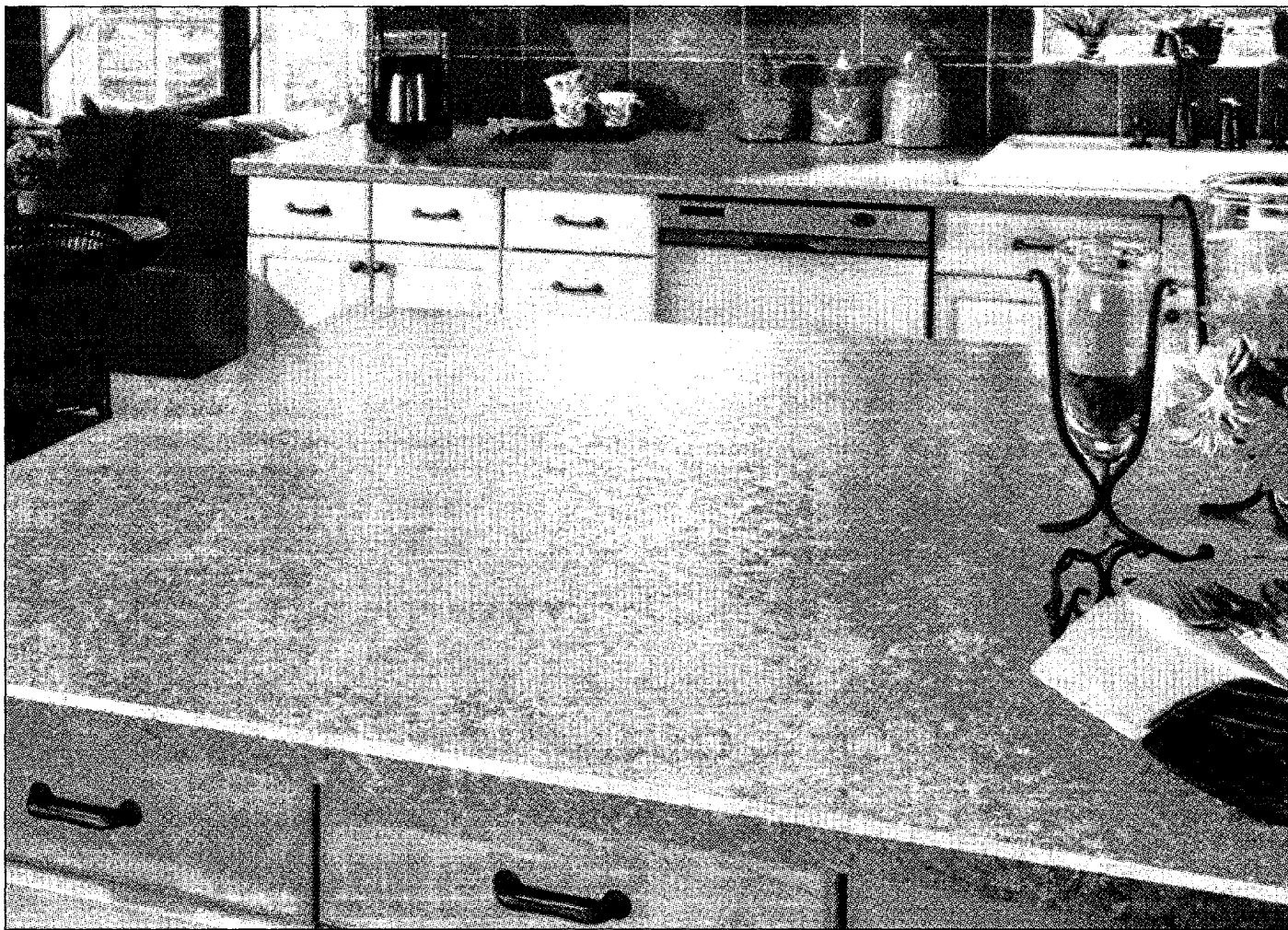
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There are many ways to upgrade bathroom

(MS) – Oftentimes one of the smallest rooms in the house, the bathroom can easily be overlooked when designing for maximum light flow and style in the home.

“Bathrooms are a private place, but that doesn’t mean they can’t be bright and welcoming,” said home improvement expert Don Zeman.

“Many homeowners view the bathroom as their private retreat, so it’s important to pay attention to these rooms with upgrades like enhanced lighting, ultra-quiet ventilation systems and designer sinks.”

Zeman, who was a contractor for 25 years before starting his nationally syndicated radio show *Homefront with Don Zeman*, says there are numerous ways for people to upgrade their bathrooms.

“There are hundreds of companies catering to homeowners with unique bathroom products such as towel warmers, anti-fog mirrors and spa sensory systems.

“Researching your upgrade options is like being a kid in a candy store – there’s always something new and exciting coming out from manufacturers.”

According to Zeman, there are several ideal ways to upgrade a bathroom that will be seen as long-term investments in your home.

The key is to select products that resist the high humidity levels found in bathrooms, withstand mold and moisture problems, and hold up well over time.

Upgrade projects Zeman recommends that meet these criteria include:

■ Project No. 1 – Replace hard-to-reach large windows over a bathtub with a fixed, non-operable window.

Choose from clear glass, obscure glasses in decorative patterns or privacy-assured acrylic block windows. All can be ordered with energy-efficiency glass packages to help keep energy bills low.

■ Project No. 2 – Add a wall niche to the bathroom or shower wall. Decorative and functional, the niche can hold bath accessories or accent pieces.

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■ Project No. 3 – Splurge on a new show-

erhead. Select from energy-saving low-flow, multi-functional and simulated rain showerhead, or even an all-steam shower.

When it comes to showers, you can customize your own home spa treatment right in your shower.

■ Project No. 4 – Warm your toes during cold winter mornings by installing radiant heating below bathroom tiles or flooring. With the flick of a switch, your floor warms up so that facing the day gets easier.

■ Project No. 5 – Add non-operable transom windows high on the exterior walls of the bathroom to allow more light in the room.

A design of several transom windows can be placed horizontally across the exterior wall to protect privacy while offering views of the sky during the day and the stars at night.

Select vinyl-framed windows, like those from Simonton Windows, so you don’t have to deal with warping or rotting wood frames from the high humidity levels in the bathroom.

Beds come in broad bevy of choices

(MS) – Ask a number of people what their favorite room in their apartment or house is and you’re likely to get a variety of answers.

Some might enjoy the serenity of a den or reading room, while others might enjoy the isolation of a good basement.

Ask those same people where they’d prefer to be most comfortable in their home, and the answers could be more uniform: their bedroom.

A good bed is a welcome sight at the end of a long day for most people, affording them the chance to rest up in absolute comfort or sleep in late on rainy mornings.

Part of what makes a bed a good bed is the type you choose, since not all beds are made for all people or places.

PLATFORM BEDS

Platform beds are arguably the simplest choices, coming without a box spring and oftentimes without a head- or footboard. That makes them rather easy to assemble, something that appeals to people who are moving without the help of a professional service.

What’s also appealing about platform beds is that, thanks to their lack of head- or footboards and box springs, they’re easy to move around.

Platform beds are often the ideal choice for apartment dwellers whose quarters are more confined, as they leave more space for other amenities.

SLEIGH BEDS

Sleigh beds look exactly as their name would suggest: like an old-fashioned sleigh. Among the most aesthetically appealing types of beds, sleigh beds boast an upward curving headboard and footboard, creating a sense of style and coziness.

Thanks to their headboards and footboards, however, sleigh beds might not be the best choice for apartment dwellers or those with loft-style bedrooms that don’t boast an abundance of space.

UPHOLSTERED BEDS

These are ideal for anyone who likes to read in bed before they go to sleep at night, as the headboards are upholstered with fabric that is both soft and supportive of the back.

When buying such a bed, be sure to bring along a picture or design of your bedroom, as the color scheme of your room can be incorporated into the headboards.

Millwork pieces transform room quickly

(MS) - Homeowners looking for ways to brighten up the look of their homes with fast do-it-yourself enhancements can find the answer to their decorating needs with durable urethane millwork pieces.

The lightweight pieces are easy to install and ideal for quick upgrade projects in every room of the home. The experts at Fypon offer these how-to ideas for fast results:

1. Surround an interior room divider with pilasters and a crosshead to make transitioning from one room to another a unique experience.

2. Add a two-piece ceiling medallion around the top of a light fixture or ceiling fan in less than 10 minutes. Interlocking pieces snap together quickly for fast results.

3. Upgrade your dining room by adding chair rail molding about a third of the way up the wall and encircling the room. Paint or wallpaper below or above the rail to give the room a more elegant feeling.

4. Install corbels to the top of cabinets to present a more finished look in your kitchen or bathroom.

5. Jazz up your windows by adding stylized door/window head crossette trim to surround a window. Bump-out texture and design at the top of the window of this no-miter project makes the results outstanding.

6. Block it up - with plinth blocks. To sur-

round a window, make straight molding cuts and then put plinth blocks in the corners. No mitering and your window has a new frame surround in less than 15 minutes.

7. Add depth to your interior windows by placing window panels beneath a windowsill. Add molding around the panel and the entire window for eye-popping results.

8. Make a fast towel rack by drilling holes into the center of two brackets. Insert a painted dowel and you have an instant way to hang towels.

9. Faux finish decorative crown molding and add to the top of a room to draw attention higher in the room.

10. Look up and trim down. Create vertical 3-D "stripes" on a bedroom wall using flat trim moldings. Paint different colors between the strips or keep the entire room one color with a contrasting molding stripe.

11. Upgrade the look of a boring kitchen island by adding decorative brackets or corbels as accent pieces.

12. Replace a worn-out handrail or banister in the home with moldings or flat trim. Add decorative brackets or corbels beneath the new rail at regular intervals for a classy look.

13. Arrange a collage of ceiling medallions on a wall for a decorative feature. Faux finish, paint and stain the medallions in a variety of unique colors.

14. Add a one-piece fireplace mantel

surround to an existing fireplace or create a faux fireplace area using these durable accent pieces.

15. Break up a full mirror wall in a bedroom by adding straight lengths of molding in interesting patterns. The moldings will create a visual impact in the room.

16. Add a keystone to the top of any interior room door to give an elegant look to the room.

17. Use a window crosshead for a fast and easy shelf.

18. Flank the window opening between two rooms (like a kitchen and family room) with a pair of urethane shutters. The lightweight shutters can be stained or painted to accent the walls.

19. Place brightly painted triangular, rectangle, circle and other geometric trim pieces on the walls in a child's room to create a bold, visual look.

20. Install raised window panels side-by-side on the wall in a room to create a unique wainscot look.

21. Add a scalloped molding border to a child's room to launch into a princess or medieval theme for the room.

22. Accent a cherished collection of Art Deco paintings or artwork with deco moldings around a room in bold geometric fashions.

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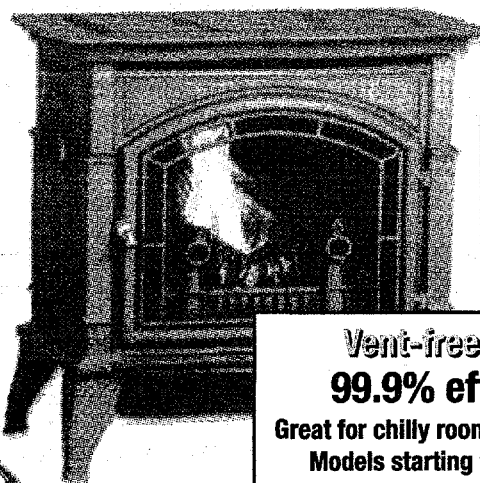
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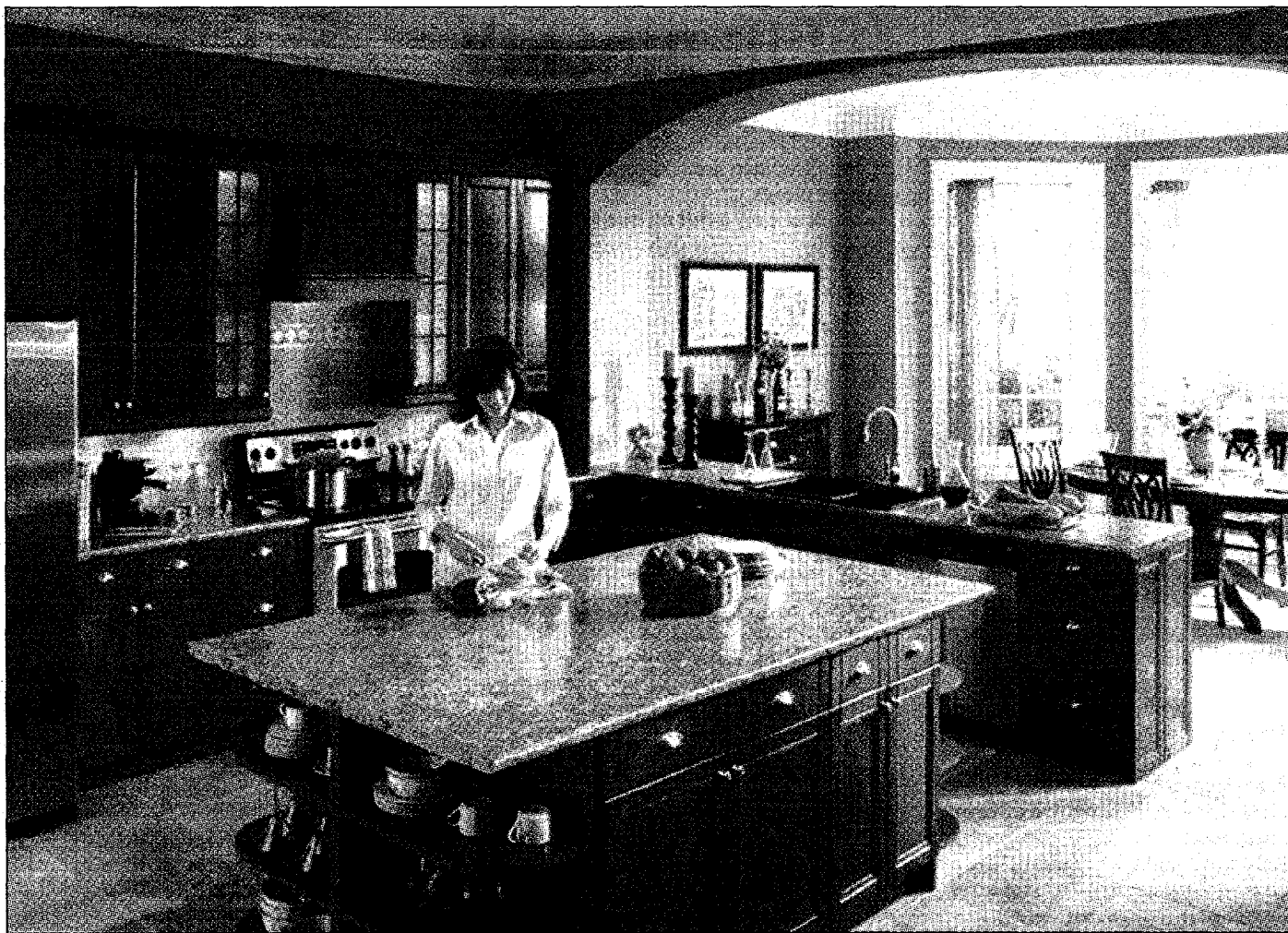
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Wrenches, with a twist, and pliers with grip

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We were pleased when we opened the mail recently and discovered that someone had sent us a sample of a new ratchet-style box wrench.

We were a little disappointed, though, when we thought that the package only contained two wrenches, not a full set.

But it wasn't a partial set at all. The two wrenches constituted a full eight-piece set of box wrenches.

Each of the two-box wrench ends is shaped into two sizes (two ends on each wrench, two sizes on each end, four sizes per wrench). Two wrenches – eight sizes.

Each end of each wrench boasts a reversible ratchet and a 5-degree ratchet lock. This means that the tool can be operated in a very tight space.

If you live in an apartment and want the most tool for the storage space available, then you want to look into this one.

The tool is called the QuadBox. For more information on this product, go to www.gearwrench.com/.

V-JAW PLIERS

When a major plumbing job arises, there is always the chance that a pipe wrench will be needed. But, for the smaller jobs, we like to use adjustable pliers.

We recently discovered that there is an adjustable pliers that is made specifically for use with round stock like plumbing pipe.

What makes this puppy different is its "V-shaped jaws." The curvature gives the jaw more contact surface on round or curved stock, resulting in a better grip with less force you need to exert.

We strongly recommend using adjustable pliers instead of a pipe wrench for most plumbing finish work. You can "feel" the pressure being exerted more readily with pliers. Over-tightening a connection is still possible, but less likely when using pliers.

For more information on V-jaw pliers, go to www.channellock.com/.

LOCK JAW PLIERS

There is nothing new about locking pli-

ers. If you began looking you would probably find a pair in just about every toolbox on the planet.

Locking pliers have a screw at the end of the handle that adjusts the size of the bite so that various things can be securely gripped – regardless of thickness or diameter.

Unfortunately, it sometimes takes two or three tries to properly adjust the tool to the task at hand. When you're in a hurry to get the job done, this can be an annoyance.

Someone just invented a pair of "self-adjusting" locking pliers.

There is no adjusting screw at the end of the handle because the tool automatically adapts to whatever size item you want to hold on to.

The tool is named Lock Jaw. For more information, go to www.lockjawpliers.com.

For more home improvement tips and information, visit the Careys' Web site at www.onthehouse.com, or call their listener hotline at (800) 737-2474.

Don't mix your personal, home improvement funds

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Oil and water don't mix, and neither do personal and project funds when it comes to home improvements.

Homeowners should separate household cash from monies spent on remodeling or makeover jobs budgeted for more than a few thousand dollars.

It makes sense to keep "milk money" a safe distance from project funds. For one reason, it's simply good financial practice. Mixing paychecks and routine bills along with expenditures for materials and construction labor can disrupt household budgets.

Even if you perform the work yourself, you'll find it easier to know which pocket you'll dip into as your project chugs along.

The most manageable solution is to open a short-term checking account for the life of the project. Banks typically offer free checking to existing customers. Other banks dangle free checking as an enticement to win new business.

Short-term checking is especially helpful if mortgage or home equity loan financing is involved.

Most lenders offer online capability to help manage and track where the money goes. This creates a helpful paper trail in the event conflicts arise with contractors or retailers.

You may even be able to print checks from your home computer, but check with your lender about that option.

You'll find yourself more organized, too. Online or monthly statements provide a clearer picture of where your money is – or where it has gone – if the picture isn't clouded by routine household expenses.

Many checking accounts come with credit card options. You can charge materials to this account and avoid commingling faucets and drywall with groceries and violin lessons.

Just be sure to close out the credit card when you pull the plug on the checking account.

Another plus to short-term checking is that some lenders will advance cash only as portions of the project are completed.

A specialized account makes it more comforting if you need to sit down with your banker to talk about progress of the renovations or improvements.

You might also consider a checking account that earns interest. This can be valuable if your project budget is more than \$10,000 or the project is scheduled to be completed over a period of months.

For added security, don't order blank checks. Make sure your name – or your spouse's – is on the checks.

Wading through wallpaper waters

(MS) – One of the first changes many homeowners want to make upon moving into their new home is the wallpaper.

Wallpaper tends to set the tone for a room, making the choice of wallpaper one that requires knowledge and a good idea of what you want out of a given room.

While the decision process can be a fun one, it helps to have a knowledge of the different types of wallpaper before making that choice.

■ Lining paper – Lining paper isn't for decoration, but instead is applied to walls that will be painted.

The most useful thing about lining paper is that it covers up strong colors, important to new homeowners moving into a home where the color scheme was something they disliked and the colors were bold or very strong.

■ Vinyl-coated paper – Vinyl-coated wallpaper is among the more popular choices.

This type of paper can be scrubbed and stripped, and typically the decorative surface is coated with an acrylic vinyl or polyvinyl chloride. It's also easy to hang, and its tough surface makes it ideal for kitchens and bath-

rooms.

■ Vinyl paper – This isn't to be confused with vinyl-coated paper, as the two differ in strength and thickness.

Vinyl paper is typically the tougher of the two, as the vinyl is thicker than vinyl-coated wallpapers. Vinyl paper is also tougher to strip, as water doesn't do much to remove the vinyl paper from the wall.

Like vinyl-coated paper, however, vinyl paper, thanks to its toughness, is ideal for kitchens and bathrooms.

■ Hand-printed – Those wanting hand-printed paper should be prepared to do some hunting and spend some money, as hand-printed papers are both harder to find and more expensive than other types of paper.

Such paper is also best hung by a professional, as only rarely do hand-printed papers come trimmed, meaning they'll need to be cut by whoever is doing the hanging.

Cutting paper is very difficult, making hanging expensive hand-printed paper a job for someone with skill and experience doing so.

■ Anaglypta – Anaglypta are plain embossed patterned papers that are painted over with emulsion- or resin-based paint.

These are best for covering up damaged walls or ones with significant defects, as the paper does a good job covering bumps or lumps in such walls.

■ Flock wallpaper – Flock wallpapers are those that look and feel like velvet.

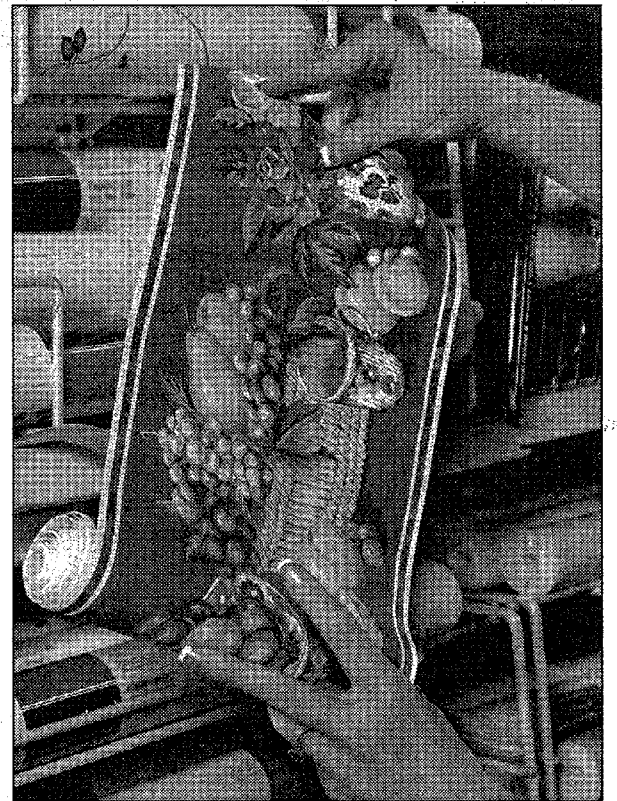
Flocks are typically among the more expensive as well, meaning a professional should probably be called in to do the job. Professionals should also be hired because of the high degree of difficulty when hanging flocks.

Flocks are typically ruined when glue touches the surface, so a first-time do-it-yourselfer should steer clear of hanging them.

■ Foil wallpaper – While anaglypta is the ideal wallpaper for damaged walls, foil wallpaper isn't, as it is fine and all lumps or bumps will easily peer through the paper.

Foil wallpapers are best for darker rooms due to their shiny surface, which reflects light.

Hanging foil paper requires some caution as well, since it contains a metallicized coat that allows it to conduct electricity, meaning tucking such papers behind outlets or switch covers should never be done.



Choosing the right wallpaper involves more than just knowing what color or design scheme you have in mind.

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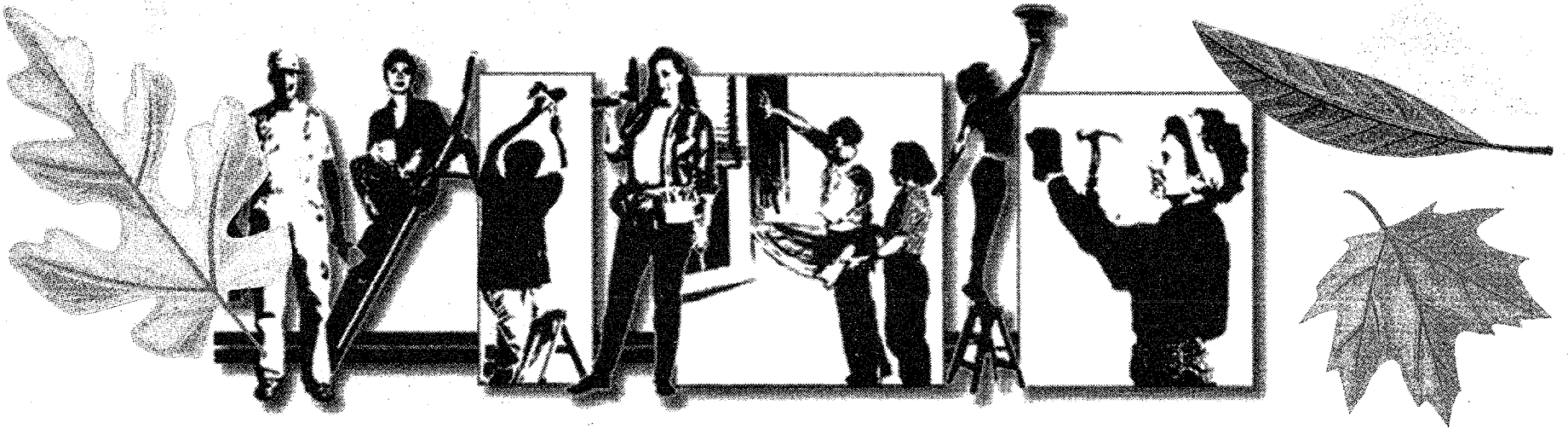
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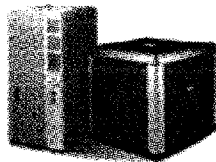
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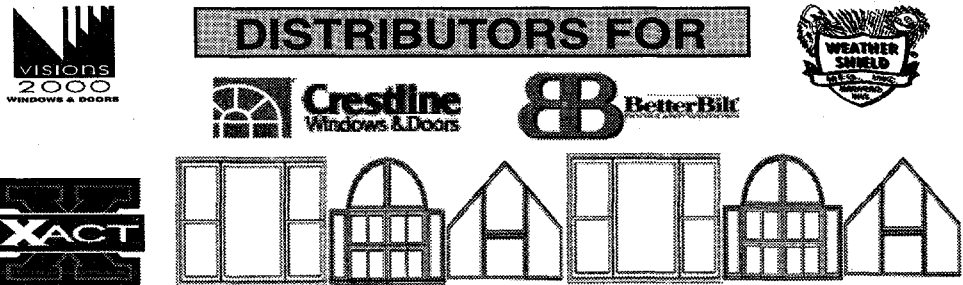
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