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Cops seek to find owners of property

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

In the police department property room at Plymouth City Hall sits a diamond ring that's gone unclaimed the past six years.

However, Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll still hangs onto hope he'll eventually find the owner, despite the unusual length of time since a Good Samaritan found the expensive-looking ring and walked into the police department, hoping its rightful owner would be found.

While most unclaimed property – whether it's stolen or lost - is usually stored for a year before being disposed of or sold at a city sale, Carroll said he just can give up on the idea the owner of the ring will someday turn up.

"I hate to get rid of it," Carroll said. "It's very expensive and may be sentimental to someone. Periodically, I check the stolen goods reports to see if maybe it belongs to someone. And, besides, it's not taking up much space."

Sgt. Al Cox keeps inventory of the dozens of unclaimed items, which currently include bicycles, a color television and a video game system.

"We get a consistent flow of things coming in and out of here," said Cox. "If there's any way we can determine own-

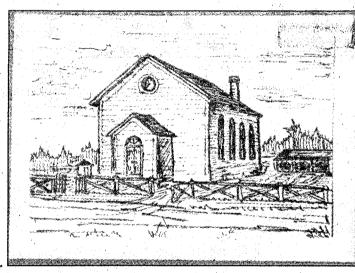


BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

St. Peter's Lutheran band director Yvonne Alaniva leads Bridget Alaniva, Mackenzie Senkbeill, Alex Brooke, Matt Sylvester, Nathaniel Schroeder and Joe Lohrmann in an after-school practice in the basement of the church, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this weekend.

Celebrating its rich history Special service helps St. Peter's hit 150-year mark

BY BRAD KADRICH Cheryl Smith's parents have always been, and still are, members at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.



DDA shifts grant for Penn pals \$20K will go to theater programming

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority has restructured a controversial \$20,000 contribution to the Friends of the Penn, which will allow the preservationist group to provide winter program-

STAFF WRITER

ming at the historic downtown theater. The DDA, which received criticism in July for allowing the money to be used for physical improvements to the building, has voted unanimously to give the money to the Friends, pending DDA approval of an as-of-yet undetermined winter program schedule. The DDA, on a 6-5 vote in July, approved a condi-

tional agreement to provide funding to the Friends of the Penn, pending a legal opinion. However, a bond

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ership, we try to track the owner and let them know we have their property.

"If it's something we can't determine ownership for, we'll keep it for about a vear," he said. "We're not obligated to keep it that long, but we do our best to make sure items get returned to the owners, if we can."

Cox said at the end of a year, leftover items are sold at a city sale.

"If it's something that somebody would buy, such as a bike or sunglasses, we'll sell it," Cox said. "Anything that somebody wouldn't buy, or is damaged, we'll just destroy it."

Administrative assistant Paula Sherman has developed a list for the city's Web site in a effort to accelerate the endeavor to find owners to the unclaimed property.

Cox said many people don't know that if an item is found and turned in, and it's not claimed within 90 days, it's finders keepers.

"We had a case where someone found an envelope with \$300 in it and turned it in," Cox said. "As soon as the 90 days was up, he called back and we gave him the money."

Cox said anyone wanting to claim lost property can contact him at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 226.

The direct link to the found property page on the city of Plymouth's Web site is www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.asp?nid=797.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Plymouth Sgt. Al Cox is responsible for the contents of the property room at the Plymouth **Police Department.**

For most of her 48 years Smith herself has been a member of the same congregation. Smith, her husband Douglas, and their children, 21-year-old Rebecca and 18vear-old Matthew, all attend services there.

And it's no surprise to Smith that her family will help St. Peter's celebrate its 150th anniversary today (Sunday). The reason for the church's longevity, Smith said, is simple.

"I was raised here, went to school here and I've always staved," said Smith, who now works as the church's secretary. "We preach the Gospel, and that's why people come. It's my church, and it's always been like a second home."

The church, which started out at Mill and Liberty in Old Village in 1856, celebrated its 150th anniversary with a banquet and program featuring former pastors and ministers,

The congregation bought its original building for \$140 in 1855.

then conducted special worship services.

The anniversary helped mark 150 years of involvement in the Plymouth community. According to historical records kept by the church, the congregation grew out of a large German population and culture in the area in the mid- to late-1800s.

That first congregation bought the original church from a Baptist group for \$140. In the late 1880s, Pastor H.

Abelman led the drive to purchase the congregation's second building, near Spring and Starkweather. They moved into their new location on Penniman in the fall of 1955.

"Our roots are definitely in the Plymouth area," said Pastor Paul Schaefer, in his 12th year leading the church. "We've remained active in our community, offering God's word and a quality education."

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indicated the DDA could not make a financial contribution to the Friends of the Penn, but could give money to enhance programming at the theater.

'It mirrors what we've been doing with the concert series (Music in the Air) in the summertime," said Mike Wright, DDA chairman. "As long as the Penn is going to be functioning, and there are ways we can help them diversify their programming and draw more folks from the region to downtown Plymouth in the wintertime, then it's a win-win situation for everybody."

The DDA came under fire from City Commissioner Michele Potter, who in July criticized the downtown business group for allowing the money to be used for physical improvements to the theater, claiming public tax dollars could benefit the private group of investors who bought the theater for \$1.2 million, and are leasing it to the Friends of the Penn.

Potter, who referred to the original deal as a "gross" misappropriation of (public) funds," said she's pleased with the turn of events.

"I've said all along that if the money were for programming, I would have absolutely no problem with it," Potter said. "My issue with the original resolution.

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Daughter walks on in mom's memory

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

For Traci Sincock of Plymouth, the month of October will never be the same.

Sincock remembers being "devastated" when her mother was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer in June 2003. It was only a few short months later, in October, that Jane Hueni succumbed to the disease at age 66.

"There were no signs of it in my family, so it came as a total shock," Sincock said. "I realize that now I'm high risk for breast cancer."

It was the year before her mother died that Sincock decided to take part in her first Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk.

"I did it because I wanted to challenge myself and do something extreme, mainly as a physical fitness thing," Sincock said. "Ironically,

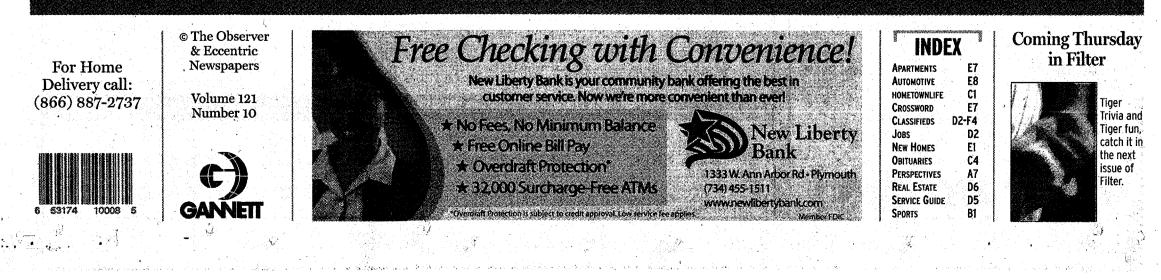
there wasn't a walk in 2003 when my mother had cancer. But I probably wouldn't have been able to participate because I wanted to be with her."

Since then, Sincock has made it a personal goal to continue her participation in the 60-mile walks to raise money for breast cancer research. She walked in the Michigan 3-Day Walk in

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Traci Sincock (second from right) walked with Theresa Bilbrey (left) and Elizabeth and Helen LePres in the 2004 3-Day Walk.



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Academy fund-raiser

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Cross Bridge Academy hosts its third-annual charity dinner, "Fire Up the Grill and Light Up a Child's Life," Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Novi.

The event features seatings at 6 and 7:30 p.m. The \$50 ticket includes an all-you-caneat dinner. Bd's Mongolian Barbeque is located at 43155 Main in Novi. Proceeds benefit Cross Bridge Academy, a 501(c)3 school for children with autism.

For tickets, reservations and more information, call John Kim, (734) 812-9150.

Restaurant crawl

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.

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 pim., 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

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.

Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a new exhibit, "Landscapes on Location," featuring watercolors by Carol LaChiusa, through Oct. 30.

An artist's reception is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. The PCAC's regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Wedding workshop

The Meeting House grand ballroom in Plymouth is the site for a wedding workshop, 90 Minutes," 6:30 p.m.

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Celebrating the constitution

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American **Revolution recently celebrated National Constitution Week at the** Plymouth District Library. Members of the group gathered in the Library's front parlor to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, read the Preamble to the Constitution and read the Bill of Rights. The Library has a special Constitution display on the main and lower levels for the duration of the week. The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter consists of approximately 40 women who reside in Plymouth and Northville. They meet every month and rotate meetings between the Plymouth District Library, the Northville District Library and Greenmead in Livonia. The group serves as a historical resource as well as a genealogical one. For more information contact Chapter Regent, Pam Westerhold at (734) 420-2775.

tips on making a wedding run smoothly, avoiding the most common wedding mishaps, educating yourself to create a stress-free wedding and saving gas and time.

Reservations in advance are complimentary; tickets at the door cost \$10. All couples attending will get a free engagement portrait. Light refreshments and desserts will be served.

The Meeting House is located at 499 S. Main in Plymouth. For reservations and more information, call (734) 416-5100

DAR meeting

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR Northville/Plymouth chapter meet for an evening meeting 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Mill Race Village, Cady Inn in Northville. Speaker Pam Yockey, a

teacher and costume collector,

will present a program on "Conservation of Textiles." For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Democratic Club spaghetti dinner

The Community Democratic Club hosts its eighth annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Party candidates will attend. Adults pay \$20; seniors over 55 pay \$10; children 4-10 pay \$5; and those under 3 free. Contact Charles Lewis, (734) 968-5091, or Becky Tavarozzi, (734) 398-5845.

Diabetic Health Day

The Plymouth Council on Aging will sponsor a "Diabetic Health Day" 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Plymouth District Library. The event is free, and participants

will be in-and-out in less than an hou

The public is invited to come see how painless blood glucose. testing can be with the Prodigy; those covered by Medicare can receive a Prodigy

meter which will be covered by Medicare. For more information or to

sign up, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

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 through Nov. 5.

In addition, her poetry and photography juried into the Innerscapes 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/wom anreclining

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

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

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

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

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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 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 at (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

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.

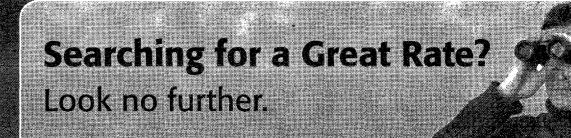


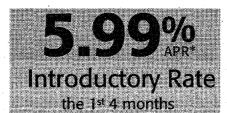
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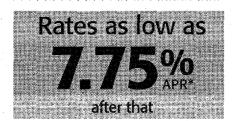
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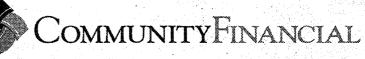


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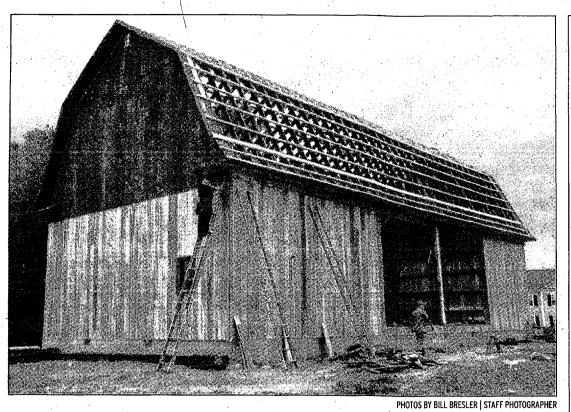
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The Cady barn has been reborn in its new location - Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

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Barn reborn in Cherry Hill Village

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Amish workmen have been busy resurrecting the centuryold Cady Barn at its new home beside the historic Bartlett-Travis House in Cherry Hill Village.

The workers began disassembling the barn back in early July, and are expected to complete its raising sometime next week, according to Bob Boyer, who paid the \$75,000 to move the barn, which was located at Joy and McClumpha roads, on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus. The school district was going to demolish the barn to make way for new tennis courts before Boyer stepped in to save the day.

Not only did Boyer pay for the project with his own money, he also went out and found the workers to do it — an Amish crew from Homer, Mich. All the work has been done by hand, and much of the barn has remained intact, including timbers dating back to the Civil War.

Township officials are planning some kind of dedication ceremony once the barn is finished, but they haven't set a date as of yet. The barn will stand as a reminder of the township's agricultural past, and expand the historic flavor of Cherry Hill Village.



Amish workers are nearly done rebuilding the Cady Barn, which they disassembled and moved from its location on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Second 'Body by God' challenge set to start

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

About a week before his first "Body by God" makeover challenge in June, Dr. C.J. Trupp figures he had about 10 people signed up.

About a week before he gets ready to start the second one Thursday, some 60 people had already registered.

Trupp figures that's a testament both to the popularity and the success of the first challenge, held in partnership with the Livonia YMCA. And this time, he's vowing even more fun.

"We wanted to make this one even better," said Trupp, a Livonia chiropractor. "We're giving away more money and better prizes

Body by God, as explained by Trupp, isn't a diet plan or a health plan. To Trupp and, he hopes, to the program's initial participants, it's a "change your life" program designed to work on the total person.

For his part, Trupp is excited about the prospect. "By the end, I know we'll have changed some lives," he said.

Body by God was developed by Dr. Ben Lerner, an author and doctor who has served as the team doctor to the U.S. Olympic team. His program, brought to Michigan by Trupp, who calls Lerner his "mentor," following the "Extreme Makeover God's Way" manual, is a 40-day exercise aimed at making changes that allow participants to live a better life.

It uses "food by God" (more natural foods like grains, fruits and veggies) vs. "food by man" (processed foods. Students also learn time- and stress-management techniques.

This time, Trupp wants to help participants make even better changes. He's using some of the more successful students from the first group as team leaders this time around. He's going to use more technology - computers, movie clips, etc. — and has added a financial expert to the team to help participants straighten out their finances.

"I'm going to try to find ways to attack every aspect of people's senses and spirits to try to get them to change their life," Trupp



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Livonia chiropractor Dr. C.J. Trupp hopes to have more than 60 people at his second 'Body by God' makeover challenge, which starts Thursday.

said. "We're creating a 'buddy' system, so people can meet with othrs just like them and maybe work out together, so people don't feel like they're going through it alone."

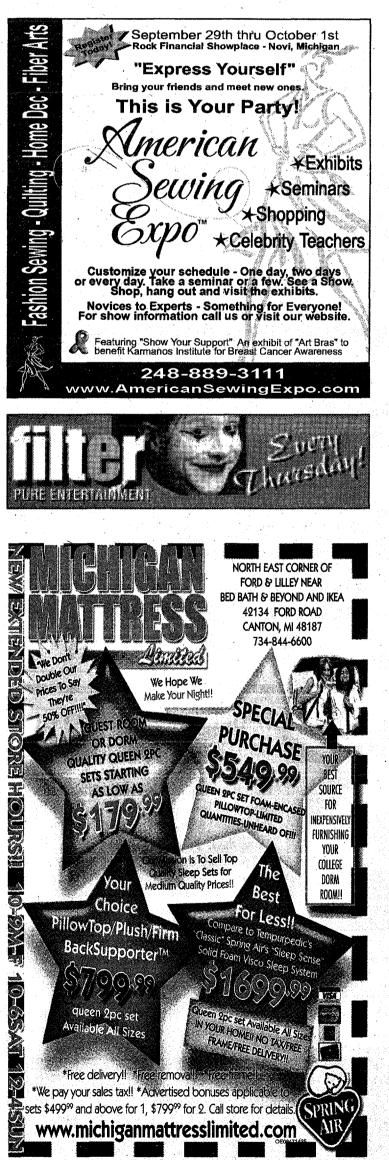
That drive to help people improve their lives doesn't surprise Trupp's partners at the YMCA. "(Trupp's) mission in his office is to change

people's lives, not just from a physician's standpoint," said Jamie Stepanian-Bennett, director of marketing and membership for the YMCA. "He wants to make a difference in people's lives. It's a partnership between a local physician dedicated to changing people's lives and the YMCA, which believes in the same things."

They've added blood pressure checks to the weekly accountability sessions, trying to get as much physical improvement as possible. Participants will also get a spa night to "give them some pampering," Trupp said, and there's even a tailgate party for the Michigan-Michigan State football game.

"Now that we know how important it is to people, it's going to be a whole lot better," Trupp promised.

For more information on the program, call Trupp's office at (734) 261-5677.





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DEATHS

David L. Bell Bell, 76, of Whitmore Lake, died Sept. 17.

Elizabeth M. "Betty" Brunette Brunette, 84, of Bemijdi, Minn., died Sept. 19. Grace I. Duncan Duncan, 84, formerly of Birmingham, died Sept. 18.

Leslie C. Farmer Farmer, 82, of Westland, died Sept. 21.

Evelyn Field Forrest Forrest, 69, of Center Line, died Sept. 18.

Н **Ruth M. Harding** Harding, 79, of Farmington Hills, died

Sept. 15. Samuel G. Horton Horton, 73, of Plymouth, died Sept. 16

J Michael J. Jensen

Jensen, 39, of Westland, died Sept. 15. **Robert H. Jensen** Jensen, 60, of Wayne, died Sept. 16. James William Johnesee

Johnesee, 85, of Farmington, died Sept. 15,

James H. Jorissen

Jorissen, 78, of Plymouth, died Sept. 18.

Arthur Robert Matthias

Matthias, 58, of Flint, died Sept. 6. James S. Moore Moore, 97, of Farmington Hills, died Sèpt. 19.

Winfield Millard Pemberton

Pemberton, 78, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 17. **Gordon F. Robinson** Robinson, 84, formerly of Plymouth, died Sept. 15.

S James Alex (Jim) Steve Steve, 77, formerly of Birmingham died Sept. 17.

Raymond Walter Taylor Taylor, 64, of Wayne, died Sept. 14.

Dennis Wendel

Wendel, 54, of Plymouth, died Sept. 16. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

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The church was first organized with 12 voting members March 5, 1856. Today, the congregation features some 600 members, and the church not only offers a full slate of services, but also includes a preschool and K-8 school.

The school, which opened in September 1947, offers not only a secular K-8 education, but also "a Christ-based curriculum included with the academic subjects," Schaefer said.

"Realizing Plymouth-

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2004, and last year participated as part of the logistics crew

In August, Sincock was a member of the Michigan crew, and she'll walk the 60 miles Tampa, Fla., Oct. 13-15. "It's an amazing event, for both the survivors and those

Canton has a very good public school system, we strive to have high academic standards," said Schaefer, who pointed out St. Peter's students excel in standardized testing. "Parents who use our school realize not only the importance of preparing their children for life in this world, but also the religious training that will serve them into eternity."

The church also prides itself on its music program, which features adult, junior and handbell choirs and puts on a Christmas concert that annually draws huge crowds.

"Music is very important here in that a very high-qual-

undergoing treatment," she said. "We need to make women aware of how important it is to get an annual mammogram." Nancy Baldwin of Canton can't agree more about the need for vearly mammograms.

"If I hadn't had a mammogram, I probably would be dead today," Baldwin said. "I was 45 and no family history, at all, when the doctor told me

I had breast cancer." Baldwin said her cancer "was non-invasive, but I did have a mastectomy. But I was very lucky."

Remembering the day her doctor told her she had breast cancer is as clear today as it was four years ago.

"It was awful. You're sitting in this room, just you and the doctor, and she says you have cancer," Baldwin said. "You just

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they passed was that it was for brick and mortar of a privately owned building. I don't support that for anyone.

"Programming is another story, entirely," she added. "It turned out to be a win-win situation."

Friends of the Penn **Executive Director Ellen Elliott** ity music program based in scripture edifies our worship," Schaefer said. "It gives people a chance to use their musical talents in the praise of God."

The scriptures, obviously, play a huge part in everything St. Peter's does. According to Schaefer, the church's emphasis on scripture lessons is one of the main reasons people have been coming back for 150 years.

"We're friendly and family oriented," Schaefer said. "Our biggest thing is our faithfulness to the word of God. We strive to share Jesus with those who need him, which is all of us.

sit there and think the worstcase scenario."

Baldwin said she has a clean bill of health, but has checkups every six months.

"It took me a long time to talk about it," she said. "But you hear other people talk and it becomes really important to make people more aware and stay on top of getting a mammogram.

You think as you get older it's not as important, but that's not the case," she added. Sincock's mission continues Monday night at E.G. Nicks restaurant on Forest in Plymouth to raise pledges for her 3-Day walk in Tampa. Owner Frank Agostini is donating 20 percent of the evening's proceeds to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to fund breast cancer research

said she will work with City Manager Paul Sincock in developing a program that will be presented to the DDA for its approval.

"We'll be as creative as we can to accommodate their request," Elliott said. "If someone is donating money, we want to do what they expect with it."

Elliott said the DDA funding, along with another \$5,000 donated by individual businesses, will allow the Friends

and community outreach programs "The obligation of each

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walker is to raise a minimum \$2,200," Sincock said. "My personal goal is to raise \$3,000."

As for the month of October, Sincock said it will always be her driving force in efforts to beat breast cancer.

"October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and the month my mom died," she said. "It will always be a month that will mean something very special to me."

Monday's fund-raiser is scheduled for 5-9 p.m. at E.G. Nicks, 500 Forest Ave. For more information contact Sincock at (734) 455-6069 or tsincock@comcast.net.

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to seek a \$25,000 matching grant from the DTE Energy Foundation.

"It's so very important the DDA funding goes through," Elliott said. "And we owe thanks to the many generous small businesses in the downtown area for their contributions."

Elliott said Friends has until the end of this year to apply for the DTE Energy Foundation grant.

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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 email lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

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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, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.; Session two, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. -This evening story time can be enjoyed by family members

@ THE LIBRARY and children ages 2-5.

Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext.

PRESCHOOL STORY-TIMES, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. - Parents must remain in the library during these story time sessions for children ages $3-\frac{1}{2}-5$ years. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. — The 10 a.m. session is for children ages $2-3\frac{1}{2}$ years. This one-onone 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.

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The award program was established to honor compa-

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nies that recognize employees as their greatest asset. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey and are awarded points based on a variety of best practices in human resource management.

"Receiving this award is a clear and energizing indication that our compensation, employee education and internal recognition strategies are in line with our team's expectations and needs," Lawton said.

Headquartered in Plymouth, **Community Financial has** more than 150 employees and provides financial services to approximately 35,000 members at seven branch locations

> cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, National Guard, or Reserve.

Kivell is a student at Central Michigan University. She is the daughter of Ann M. Kivell of Plymouth. She is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School.

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the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

ROTC leader

Stephanie M. Kivell graduated from the Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

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Air Force grad

Air Force Airman 1st Class Cassie E. Robbins has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied

Robbins is the daughter of Annette Robbins of Plymouth. The airman is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School.



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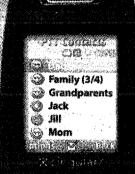
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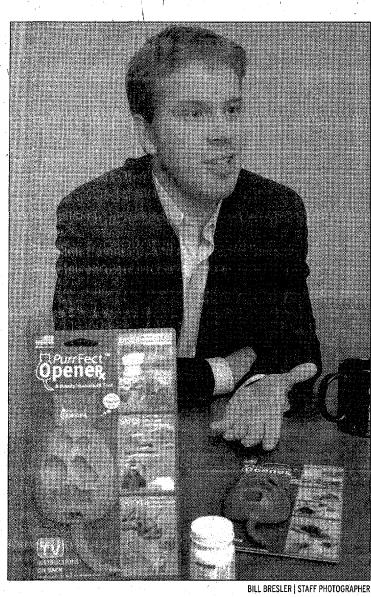
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Canton resident Rob Mazur discusses his inventions, which can open pill bottles and pull-top cans, pull cotton packing out of the bottles, split pills, and slice packing tape on shipping boxes.

The 'PurrFect' invention Inventor has sold 100,000 of his household tools

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago, if you asked Rob Mazur where his career would lead him, he'd probably have said he would be an engineer, still working in the automotive industry, and most likely he'd be working the daily grind, as he'd done for most of his career.

What he probably wouldn't have predicted is that he'd own a business. And that what would support him and his company would be a nifty little doo-dad shaped like a cat.

But that's exactly what Canton resident Mazur is doing. As the inventor of the PurrFect Opener and DogGone Opener, he makes a living producing and marketing the household tools that perform the functions of opening pill bottles and pull-top cans, pulling cotton packing out of the bottles, splitting pills and slicing packing tape on shipping boxes.

"We've sold more than 100,000 of them so far," Mazur said of his home-based company, B.A. Maze Inc. The product dates back to family visits at Mazur's grandmother's house.

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"I'd always see pill bottles there, and she had arthritis and complained sometimes she had a hard time opening the packaging," Mazur said.

So he and his brother started tinkering with building a product that would help his grandmother, and anyone who has a hard time opening medical packaging. Eight prototypes later, the pet-shaped tool was developed.

The first design was a little primitive.

"Well, we basically threw a piece of Play-Doh on a table and started there," Mazur said. But slowly the device took shape. After Mazur had neck surgery and had difficulty swallowing pills, he added a pill splitter.

At the time, he was working for Ford as an engineer, then for Visteon, and was attending night classes in pursuit of his master's in business administration. Then he was laid off, and pursued his classes full time, while perfecting the design of the opener. While studying at the University of Michigan, Mazur won a design competition, which afforded him enough money to start his company, and he sold the first opener at the Ann Arbor Art Fair during the summer of 2002. His first big break was when the product was offered for sale on home shopping channel QVC.

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For eight minutes, the PurrFect Opener sold at a rate of 150 per minute.

"That was definitely the first time we sold a lot at once," Mazur said. Now he's a direct supplier to QVC, and has some 80 retailers and medical supply companies which carry the openers (he added a dog design shortly after the cat design took off).

Mazur doesn't look back at his life before becoming an inventor.

"I was working 70 hour weeks and decided if I was going to work that hard I should come up with my own products," he said, adding that if he had not been let go from his full-time job he may never have taken the leap into business ownership. "I was tinkering at school and tinkering with the business. I'm not sure I'd have done this full time."

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But later this year, he will have a new patent on his product as he launches a model on which corporate logos can be printed. And next year he'll have two new products though he won't give details on them — working through the patent process.

"Maybe there was a time I was hoping for something totally different in my career, but I believe in this product," Mazur said. "And this product is allowing me to do what I love, which is to create new products."

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Gridiron rivals Go Blue, Go Green for YMCA's 28th annual fun run

BY DAVE VARGA STAFF WRITER

On the first weekend in October, Michiganders will once again show their true colors. After all, you're either blue or green when the state's two largest universities match up on the football field.

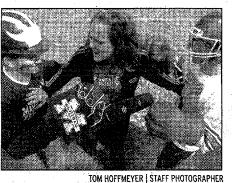
In the spirit of that rivalry, the Livonia Family YMCA will host its 2006 Rival Run — the 28th year for walkers and runners to compete and show their loyalty to Sparty or the Wolverines.

The Oct. 6 run, sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, promotes family fun and gets the community out to share in the competitive spirit the night before the big football game, according to Megan McGinty, the Y's wellness and fitness director. She hopes to get 125 people out for the 1-mile and 3-mile fun run or walk races, and 5-mile run. Representing the Maize and Blue will be Dr. C.J. Trupp, a Livonia chiropractor who serves on the YMCA board. Trupp has run the race and also sponsors a tailgate party at his office on Farmington Road after the run. With degrees from Grand Valley State University and Life University, Trupp said, "I'm a classic story of a lifelong University of Michigan fan that did not go to University of Michigan."

Why U-M? "It's just the way it was in my family," he said.

On the green side is Jamie Stepanian-Bennett, YMCA marketing director. An injured ankle and job duties will keep him from running this year — but not from showing his Spartan pride.

Stepanian-Bennett earned his degree in public relations and marketing from Michigan State University. "Those were the best years of my life, just don't tell my wife that," he joked about his time



Megan McGinty, Livonia YMCA wellness and fitness director and coordinator of the upcoming Rival Run, holds off friendly, but welldressed rivals. They're University of Michigan fan Dr. C.J. Trupp III, a sponsor of the run, and Michigan State University fan and YMCA membership and marketing director Jamie Stepanian-Bennett.

in East Lansing. In reality his wife knows his fondness for MSU. Last year, their wedding day happened to coincide with the Spartans' football clash with Notre Dame. Groomsmen kept track with a portable television. Word of the Spartans' victory was delivered along with the final blessing, he said.

At the Rival Run, prizes are awarded to top finishers as well as bestdressed fans. Raffle drawings are also offered. Cost is \$18 for adults by Oct. 1; \$20 after. Ages 14-25 pay \$15 with school ID, while youngsters under 14 pay \$10. Tailgate tickets and T-shirts included. Tailgate-only admission is \$4. Call (734) 261-2161 for details.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. at the YMCA, with the 1-mile and 3-mile races beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the 5mile race starting at 7 p.m.

"In a healthy way," Trupp said of the run and tailgate, "This is a way to start celebrating the night before the game."

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Internet can be wonderful, Former congressman tells how but children are vulnerable

#hatever happened to don't talk to strangers?'

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Redford 17th District Court Judge Karen Khalil posed that question to Detective Wade Higgason of the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and Keith Clark, assistant prosecuting attorney for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Child Abuse Unit. Judges Khalil and Charlotte Wirth invited Higgason, Clark and Observer



community life reporter Linda Chomin on Sept. 11 to talk about the dangers of the Internet to children to members of the local clergy and educational community. As Higgason and Clark told the assembled group, strangers can now come into your home and work their way into the confidence of vulnerable chil-

Hugh Gallagher

dren looking for love and acceptance in all the wrong places. Every new technology has presented a challenge for parents. For every positive the tech-

nology offers, there is also a negative. Movies brought the world to the neighborhood theater. The finest dramas, funniest comedies and travelogues from every corner of the globe seemed to shrink a once vast world. But they also presented disturbing images, radical ideas and general naughtiness that was once a lot harder to find.

The radio was another technological wonder. The voice of the president could now reassure and rally a weary nation. The finest music from everywhere could be had free for the simple inconvenience of listening to a sponsor's pitch.

But the radio also brought sounds that made some people uncomfortable.

Perhaps the biggest intruder was the television. This wonder of sight and sound seemed to have a hypnotic effect on children. If not monitored properly, children were likely to become too enthralled in the television (TV zombies) and less interested in outdoor activities, schoolwork and family life.

It has been blamed, with some justification, on increased obesity in children, increased attention deficit and a decline in reading. Computers first made their inroads on children with video games. But now the technology has advanced exponentially with iPods and Blackberrys and phones that do everything

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but think for you. Then there's the Internet.

The crucial difference between the Internet and television is that the Internet is a two-way street. And unlike the telephone, it can mask the person on the other end of a chat room or instant messaging conversation. And as Higgason and Clark made clear, predators have become extremely adept at manipulating information so they can tailor their come-ons to teenagers and younger children and they can find those children.

MySpace.com is usually the Web site that draws the most attention as being a potential danger for teenagers. The site itself began benignly enough as a way for people with common interests in music to hook up to discuss their passion. It grew as a way for young people to connect with each other across the street or around the world.

It has, like all those earlier inventions, an enormous potential for opening positive communications (despite its commercial, profit goals). But when young people (some of them technically too young to be using the service) begin giving out too much personal information, it opens the doors to predators. It also opens the door to youthful indiscretions that can cause problems for teenagers too eager to share their binges or sexual escapades (real or imagined).

Higgason and Clark are the experts and they say the same thing, the same thing that could have been said to parents about all those earlier inventions and their impact on children know your child.

"Know what they're doing online," Higgason said. "Understand what they're doing online. Educate yourself on the Internet."

There are practical tips about limiting a child's time online, keeping your computer in a common area (no bedroom computers) and monitoring what they do on the computer.

It's often a shock to parents — it was to me - when the child who once screamed at you, "You don't understand. You're too strict," grows up to be an adult and says, sadly, "You just didn't get it, you didn't know, you weren't strict enough."

Since you can't win anyway, protect your children.

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to talk to your representative

sometimes, you just have to get in touch with your member of Congress. Perhaps Congress is taking up an issue — the minimum wage, say, or a bill to promote medical research - that would make a difference in your life. Maybe some matter is embroiling vour community, such as growing drug problems at the high school or a proposed urban

renewal project that will



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destroy a neighborhood. Or you might just want to suggest that Congress start acting like the independent branch it is supposed to be, rather than a rubber stamp for the White House.

Whatever the case, you can always write a letter or send an e-mail - the more personalized, the better. This is the most common form of com-

munication with Congress. But there are times when a letter doesn't seem enough. So how do you go about getting your Congress member's attention? Isn't that something only wealthy donors and Washington lobbyists can manage?

Hardly. Remember, Congress is there to represent you. For our system to work, you need to be willing to share your thoughts with members of Congress, and they need to be willing to listen.

In some ways, the easiest step is actually getting in touch. If you call, for instance, it's unlikely you'll get your member of Congress right away, but you can certainly pass on a message; most members set aside time each week to call back constituents.

Members also make time on their schedules to meet with constituents, so if you're going to be in Washington, set up an appointment in advance. It's even more likely that you'll be able to schedule a meeting back home, in the district office or even at a local coffee shop, where the distractions of the Capitol are far áway.

There are other avenues, too, besides oneon-one conversations. Members regularly hold public meetings in the district, and their times and places are usually listed on the member's Web site. Just show up, and don't hesitate to say what's on your mind.

Members also hold "virtual forums" now online discussions in which they and their constituents can share their views. You might also take the bull by the horns and invite your member of Congress to speak to a local group to which you belong; it's a good way to get a conversation going, and you may feel more

comfortable having friends and acquaintances alongside you.

Finally, is is always worth getting to know a member's staff, either in Washington or in the district. These men and women often have expertise that can resolve your specific problem. If only speaking to your elected official will do, that can help smooth the way.

Once you're on the phone or face to face with your lawmaker or a staff member, there are certain things you can do that will help you be more credible. Do enough research beforehand to be knowledgeable about the issue, and definitely do not overstate your case or try to mislead. If you can make your case with facts and figures instead of spin, and know the arguments on the other side, you will be far more convincing.

Since you have limited time, be sure to stick to the most important points in your position. Do what you can to be as personal as possible: Explain how a given issue will affect you or your family, and if you can, appeal to your member's own experience or background to make a point.

Finally, mention who else in your community - a church group, labor union, neighborhood association - shares your views, especially if they're from a different background or hold different ideological beliefs from you.

Perhaps the most important advice I can give, though - and I speak from experience is that how you say it is as important as what you say. It helps to be constructive, to find a way not only to raise a problem, but then help your legislator find a way to solve it. It's important to listen as well as to speak - to learn more about your lawmaker's position and gain some insight into how this issue might be playing in Congress.

Be patient, since some issues demand time for deliberation and consultation before your legislator can make a commitment, and be unfailingly courteous; knowing how to disagree without being disagreeable is the surest way I know to earn an elected official's respect.

Above all, be open to compromise. Making some progress toward your goal is better than none at all.

And, finally, relax! Say what you want to say, and enjoy your exchange with your representative. We live in a democracy, and my experience has been that participating in it is both a privilege and a pleasure. I hope that's what you discover, too.

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LOCAL NEWS

Foster child dies

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following trauma

Canton police are investigating how a Canton toddler died following a serious head trauma at her home early Friday morning. The 2-year-old girl was taken to University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital and subsequently died.

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The girl's foster mother voluntarily went Friday afternoon to the Canton Police Department for questioning.

According to Canton police, the foster mother called police just after 2 a.m. Friday, reporting that the little girl was unresponsive and not breathing.

She was rushed from her home in the 2600 block of **Emily Court in southeast**

Canton to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, then was taken by helicopter to Ann Arbor.

At the time the 40-yearold foster mother called police, she and the toddler and another foster child, a 3-month-old baby boy, were home alone. The woman's husband was not at home, and was out of town at the time, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

Police did not know Friday afternoon how long the children had been in the woman's care.

The baby boy was immediately placed in care of the foster care agency, Pomorski said.

Eloise complex gets state historical marker

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFE WRITER

Eloise, a former poorhouse and asylum that became one of the largest U.S. public health care facilities, has earned Westland a state historic marker.

Reduced now to just two buildings, ing once sprawled _ a 902 acres on both sides of Michigan Avenue between Merriman and Henry Ruff roads. It housed 10,000 patients and employed 2,000 workers in the late 1920s.

"It was huge," said Westland historian Jo Johnson, president of Friends of Eloise.

She announced this week that the Michigan Historical Commission has approved a state historic marker for the Eloise site, which once had 75 buildings and its own farm, cannery, bakery, cemetery, employee housing, police and fire departments, and trolley and train stations.

Started in 1839 as a poorhouse where people who couldn't support themselves were sent, Eloise helped make

Only a few buildings remain of the once sprawling Eloise complex that covered 902 acres in Westland.

a name for Wayne County because the facility was the only one in the state with a medical complex that included a general hospital, infirmary and asylum, Johnson said.

Eloise doctors pioneered the use X-rays for diagnostic purposes, and psychiatric patients underwent such treatment as "electroshock."

Author Patricia Ibbotson charted Eloise's history in Eloise: Poorhouse, Farm, Asylum and Hospital 1839-1984, a book that Johnson said helped raise more than \$3,000 needed to order the state marker. Ibbotson worked in nursing at Eloise.

Friends of Eloise this week will send a check to the state to order the historic marker, and a dedication is expected in the spring. Johnson, who has helped compile Eloise's history, wel-

marker had been approved. She considers it an important milestone.

"I feel that most all of what's left of Eloise will be gone eventually, and it did impact so many people," she said.

Even now, an old smokestack on the site is being slowly dismantled.

"That smokestack stands out like a trooper," Johnson said

most weeks from people who either spent time at Eloise or

More than 7,100 patients are

Eloise are haunted, such as the fourth floor of a building named after current Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard.

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an Ruth Dale noted that the Eloise historic marker is one of two recently approved for

become the only ones ever approved for Westland's south end, she said, making the summer of 2006 significant. In all, Dale said, the city has eight historic markers.

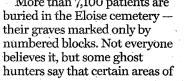
Meanwhile, Johnson said anyone who wants to order Ibbotson's book about Eloise may call her at (734) 522-3918. The cost is \$20 plus \$1.59 for shipping.

This week, Westland histori-

Westland's south end. The other is for Annapolis Park, a neighborhood that became one of the first U.S. suburbs to welcome African-American homeowners in the 1950s. The historic markers will

Monday, addressing city officials during a Westland City Council meeting. Johnson receives inquiries who had relatives that did.

"It's just unbelievable," she said.







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Win puts Canton in division driver's seat

STAFF WRITER

Canton's football team maintained its perfect record, but not without some anxious moments courtesy of defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion Livonia Franklin.

The Chiefs used the big play to carve out a hard-fought 23-19 victory Friday over visiting Patriots on a misty night at

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Centennial Educational Park. With the win, the state-ranked Chiefs improve to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the Western Division of the WLAA.

Franklin dropped to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the division. Canton rolled up 382 yards in total

offense, 346 coming on the ground.

We had a lot of yards, but not a lot of points," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "They (Franklin) are a great team

very good. A Wing-T team is not hard to defense, but when you can throw the ball the way they can, it's tough. I got tired watching our defensive backs chase people."

Franklin tacklers, meanwhile, had a hard time pinning down senior Deshon McClendon, who led the Chiefs with 160

yards rushing on 18 carries, including 40-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and a 75-yard jaunt in the third period.

"Our focus going is that we felt we had to take their number one player, (Deshon) McClendon, away," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "They really broke two big plays and that was the

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At full strength With serious back injury behind him, Collins is set for big season

Whalers drop season opener to Sarnia. See story on Page B5.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The weeks leading up to the 2006 Ontario Hockey League playoffs were the best of times and the worst of times for Plymouth Whalers veteran forward Dan Collins.

While his teammates battled Saginaw for the top spot in the OHL's West Division, Collins was sidelined by a serious back injury that caused him to miss close to one-third of the season and the first round of the OHL playoffs.

"Even though I wasn't playing, watching the team win the West Division title was the best memory I've had so far since I've been here," said Collins, a 6-foot-1,



division and I had to watch from the bench. Not being able to play was hard."

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ward. "At the same time, it

was extremely

difficult for me

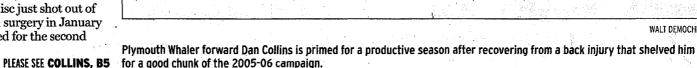
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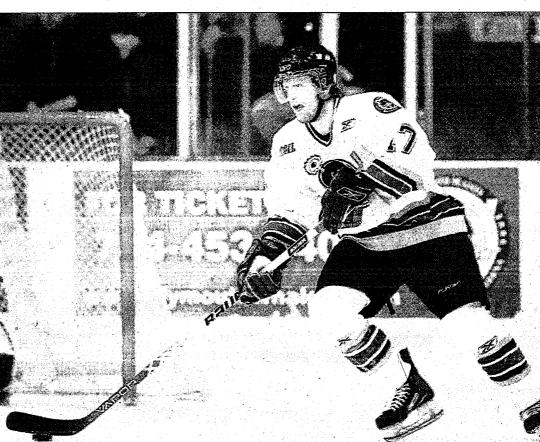
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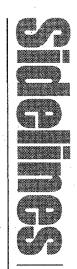
Considering all the pounding checks into the boards Collins both delivers and receives, the way he hurt his back was more than a little unusual.

"One day after practice I was working on one-timers," he recalled. "I went down to shoot one and a disc just shot out of place. I had surgery in January and returned for the second





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Powers starting

Jake Powers, a 2005 graduate of Canton High School, has earned a starting spot at defensive end for the 2006 **Brown University football** team. The Bears are the defending Ivy League champions.

Powers, a sophomore at Brown, was a threeyear starter and senior captain for the Chiefs from 2002-04.

Lepper shines at Kalamazoo

Former Salem standout Kelly Lepper is excelling for the Kalamazoo College women's soccer team. Lepper, a sophomore, recorded a hattrick in the Hornets' 7-1 victory over Rochester College on Monday.

The former Rock's first goal just two minutes into the game put KC up 1-0. She then added a penalty kick in the game's 58th minute before completing the three-goal effort with a long, hard shot with less than eight minutes to play.

Lions freshmen win

The Canton Lions

freshmen football team evened its record at 1-1 Wednesday night with a

26-14 victory over the

Garden City Chargers. The Lions scored on

their first two possessions on TD runs from

Westen Price and

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Arnold also made a major

offense with strong run-

Canton increased its

lead to 20-0 at the end

of the first quarter on an

interception return for a

Salem golf win: One for the books

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Salem boys golf team is taking the phrase "records are made to be broken" quite literally this season

On Wednesday, Rock junior Tyler Jeleniewski fired a 32 at St. John's Golf Course

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to set a new nine-hole school record. The previous low was

Ryan Andzrjewski's 33, which he shot in the mid-90s, according to Salem coach Rick Wilson. Jeleniewski's three-under-par effort came less than

a month after teammate Quinton Higgason carded a school-record 18-hole total of 69.

"Tyler has a good, all-around game," said Wilson. "He hits the ball long off the tee — in fact, he drove the green on a par four Wednesday - he has a good short game and he putts well.

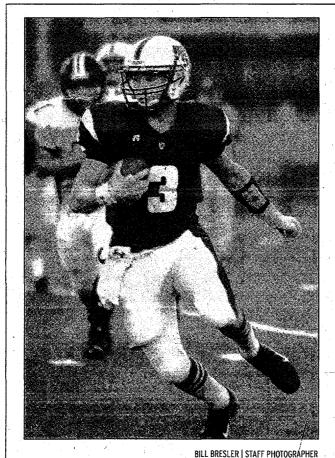
"He and Quinton have been our one and two golfers this year. They feed off each other."

Jeleniewski's historical round was instrumental in the Rocks' 157-161 victory over Walled Lake Northern. Also contributing to the Rocks' third-consecutive victory were Higgason (40), Matt Smidebush (42) and Adam Powers (43).

Salem's non-scorers were Joel Cheesman (44) and Brian Fifield (50).

Scoring for the Knights were Greg Smith (35), Joe Lamanski (40), Tyler Strom (42) and John Murray (44)

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Rock-y road

Salem running back Jon Wilson, pictured in a game earlier this year, and his teammates dropped to 0-5 Thursday night with a 31-13 loss to Walled Lake Northern. Please see Page B2 for details of the game.

Wildcats take air out of offense and Mustangs

Who needs the forward pass?

Apparently not Plymouth's football team, which defeated Northville, 43-32, Friday night without putting the ball in the air once.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division heading into Friday's 4:30 p.m. home showdown against Walled Lake Western.

"Last week against

Franklin, we tried to do a lot Plymouth's Rico Tyus picked of different things offensive- up 103 yards rushing Friday ly, but we didn't do anything night. well," said Plymouth coach

Jay Blaylock, explaining his team's one-dimensional approach against the Mustangs. "This week, we decided to get back to the basics and run the football. We ran the option most of the time and our quarterback, C.J. Gregory, did a great job of making the right decisions."

Led by senior tailback Nate Gholston, Plymouth churned out 452 yards rushing. Gholston, who was completely healthy for the first time this season, picked up 228 yards on 21 attempts. Other big-time producers for the Wildcats were Rico Tyus (103 yards on 24 attempts), Myron Puryear (74 yards on eight carries) and Gregory, who chipped in with 47 yards on seven

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touchdown by Sean Stanners. The Lions' lone score of the second half came on Jake Stropes' quarterback sneak. Cody Sirls, Michael San Millan and Daniel Jipping also provided strong blocking while Alec Pantaleo and Jakob

Wickens pitched in with strong efforts from the offensive backfield. The defense was paced by Dante Pruitt, Wesley Marshall, Evan Thomas, Andrew Hunt and Mason Robichaud.

The Lions return to action this morning with an 11 a.m. game against Lincoln at Central Middle School.



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rushes. Tyus scored on runs of 50 and 10 yards, and Puryear added an 11-yard scoring dash during the first half, which ended with the two teams knotted at 22-22.

The Mustangs came out of the halftime locker room with their nostrils flaring, scoring the first 10 points to seize a 32-22 advantage.

Undeterred, Plymouth rebounded with three unanswered TD's - all from

Gholston - to secure the vitalroad victory.

"The kids showed great resolve tonight," said Blaylock. "We played without three defensive starters, who were out because of disciplinary reasons, and we trailed by 10 points in the second half, but they showed a lot of character in coming back. They pulled together and made plays when we needed them to."

The Wildcats' short-handed defense was paced by Nick Rosochacki, Andy Price and Jason Miller, according to Blaylock.

Salem gridders fall to Northern, 31-13

Five players scored a touchdown Friday as host Walled Lake Northern won its second football game with a 31-13 victory over Plymouth Salem.

The Knights (2-3) ended a three-game losing streak at the expense of the winless the Rocks (0-5).

Quarterback Kevin Petsch scored on an 8-yard bootleg run, and B.J. Johnson, who replaced Petsch when the latter was injured, ran 15 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Royce Dickson, who scored both Salem touchdowns on kickoff returns, ran the ensuing kick back 79 yards to make the score 12-6. After Northern had taken a 31-6 lead in the fourth quarter, Dickson had an 88yard kickoff return.

The Knights led 18-6 after halftime following a 5-yard run

by Sam Hall late in the second quarter.

In the second half. Tim Gandee and Nick Kecskes scored on short runs of 3 and 5 yards, respectively.

Northern had 259 rushing yards with Johnson carrying 17 times for 112. Hall added eight carries for 43 yards and Gandee seven for 40. Johnson was 3-of-8 passing for 40 yards, and Petsch completed one pass for 20.

Ryan Hummel had six tackles, two sacks and two fumble recoveries to lead a defense that held Salem to 96 yards rushing and 17 passing. Jared Rose had eight tackles, and Tom Ropek had a 30-yard interception return.

The Knights are 1-2 in the WLAA Lakes Division and the Rocks 0-3.

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PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 169 BELLEVILLE 184

Friday at Hickory Creek G.C. PCA's scorers: Ross Gerulis, 38; Scott Hampson, 41; Derek Elenbaas, 42; Aaron Lorincz, 48. Non

scorers: Josh Johnson, 51. Belleville's scorers: Zack McCurley, 40; Nick Watson, 47; Greg Pfieffer, 48; Nathan Hand, 49. PCA'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 10-2.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 172 RUDOLPH STEINER 232

PCA's scorers: Ross Gerulis, 37: Aaron Lorincz, 43: Mitch Geracz, 45: Derek Elenbaas, 47. Non-scor ers: Josh Johnston and Jacob Hubbard, 53.

Rudolph Steiner's scorers: Andrew Knoll, 56; Spenser Suboski, 57 Leda Schram, 58; Zack Boheim, PCA's dual-meet record: 9-2 overall, 5-1 in the MIAC.

Late TD pushes Churchill past Spartans

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Fueled by the memory of a humbling defeat nearly a year ago, Livonia Churchill running back Michael Berger shifted his 5-foot-10, 170-pound frame into overdrive for Friday night's game at Livonia Stevenson.

When Berger's legs finally stopped churning after 24 carries and 134 hard-earned yards, he and the Chargers walked off the Spartans' turf with a pivotal 14-13 victory that kept their hopes for a WLAA Lakes Division crown alive and well.

Churchill is now 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the Lakes. Stevenson dropped to 4-1 and 2-1, respectively. Walled Lake Central – Stevenson's next opponent - leads the division with a 3-0 mark.

"We got beat 70-33 by Stevenson last year, so to come back and beat them tonight is the best feeling ever," said Berger. "I know a lot of their players from middle school. After what they did to us last year, if we could only win one

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game this year, this would be the one."

After Churchill scored on guarterback Tom Tilley's 2yard run with 1:01 left to go up 14-7, the Spartans countered with an electric four-play, 77yard drive that was capped when Darrius Pringle grabbed a Mitchell White crossing pass and sprinted 47 yards to make it 14-13 with 13 seconds left.

With overtime looming, the Spartans' extra-point attempt sailed inches wide of the right upright. The ensuing onsidekick attempt was smothered by Churchill with four seconds left to seal the deal.

"After they scored to make it 14-13, I told the kids that we were still in the lead, the game isn't over and that this is a big extra point," said Churchill coach John Filiatraut. "We tried to get a block, but Stevenson did a good job blocking us. We just lucked out when it went wide.

"We've lost three close games in similar fashion this year, so I know what they're feeling. But good for us. We've been work-

ing hard and we deserved it." Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said his team seemed out of sync from the get-go, a fact he

attributed to Churchill's effort. "Churchill played really well tonight," said Gabel. "If you look at this game objectively, you'd have to say that they clearly outplayed us and they deserved to win.

'We made a lot of mistakes tonight - we had penalties, we dropped the ball. And defensively, it seemed like we were in kind of a fog. It's not that the kids didn't play hard. They did. We just made a lot of mistakes.

The Spartans' first critical error came on their opening possession when Churchill defensive end Kevin Tabone pounced on a fumble at the Stevenson 39. Four plays later, Berger galloped in from six yards out to put the visitors up, 6-0. Nicholas Barbas followed with the first of his two successful extra-point attempts to make it 7-0 just 2:15 into the contest.

With a stiff wind blowing from the south and a light drizzle falling, the game

evolved into a defensive battle for the remainder of the half. The Spartans finally broke the ice with 12 ticks left in the first half when Derek Severson hauled in a high, spiraling punt at the Charger 47, eluded two tacklers, broke to the outside and sprinted into the end zone to knot the game at 7-7.

Led by the running of Berger mixed in with a few short completions by Tilley, the Chargers dominated the third quarter by running 19 offensive plays to the Spartans' three. However, they couldn't score against Stevenson's bend-but-don't break defense.

The key play in the fourth quarter unfolded with 7:05 left when Stevenson safety Pat York picked off a Tilley pass at the Charger 20. However, following a hard tackle, York fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Churchill's Aaron Poirier at the 10.

Churchill capitalized on the break by grinding out a 12play, 90-yard drive that ended with Tilley's 2-yard TD with 1:01 to play.

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Langham's 14 lead Rocks to big victory

On Thursday night, all five starters made major contributions in Salem's impressive 38-24 Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over victory over perennially strong Northville.

Senior Taylor Langham led the Rocks with 14 points. Also contributing were Teresa Coppiellie (13 points and six rebounds), junior guard Alaya Mitchell (six points and six assists), sophomore Chelsea Davis (seven points and five boards) and senior forward uren Kurtz (four points and six rebounds).

Salem's overall record to 4-2. The Mustangs tumbled to 5-2. "I thought our defensive effort was very, very good tonight," said Salem coach Fred

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Thomann. "Northville only had one run-out basket, so we were getting back on defense."

Salem led 10-4 after one quarter, 16-8 at the half and 25-14 with eight minutes to play.

CANTON 43, STEVENSON 14: Ja'nee Morton scored 15 points and Becci Houdek added 12 as the Chiefs (5-2) rolled to the WLAA crossover win over host Livonia Stevenson (2-5).

It was 6-all after one quarter before Canton went on a tear, outscoring the Spartans 16-0 in the second period and 15-4 in the third.

Stevenson missed all four free throw attempts, while Canton was 5-of-6.

"After a shaky first quarter, I thought the girls did a nice job of re-focusing and attacking their zone," said Canton coach

Brian Samulski. "We defended well after the first quarter."

Junior center Baylee Hollowell played well, registering eight points and eight rebounds.

CHURCHILL 53, PLYMOUTH 44: Talk about a turnaround.

Trailing 11-0 at the outset, Livonia Churchill came on like gangbusters over the final three quarters to earn a 53-44 girls basketball victory Thursday at home over Plymouth.

The Chargers improved to 3-3 overall with the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover win, while Plymouth, fresh from a 35-33 upset on Tuesday of district rival Salem, falls to 2-4.

We switched up our zones (defenses) and we were able to hit some shots," Churchill coach Keith McDonald said. "Offensively we did what we've been wanting to do. It just opened up for us."

Three seniors led the charge for Churchill as Stephanie Bradshaw led the way with a game-high 15 points. Liz Buttery and Hilary Antal added 14 each.

Kelsi Robinson led Plymouth with a team-high 14, while sophomore Shaakira Haywood added 11.

Plymouth was 8-of-14 from the foul line, while Churchill was 6-of-11.

AGAPE 39, HV LUTHERAN 38: Madison Miller's short jump shot with one minute to play proved to be the difference for the Wolverines, who improved to 4-3 overall and 1-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Huron Valley dropped to 2-5 and 0-1.

"This was a big win for us, especially because they won the league last year," said Agape coach Rob Stockman.

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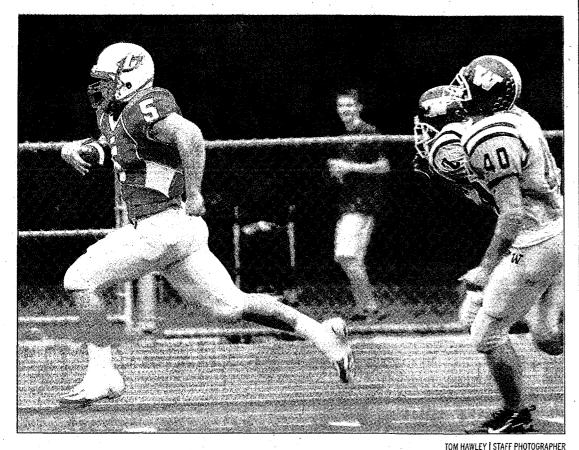
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Canton's Nick Moores, pictured above in a game earlier this season, picked up 36 yards on nine carries in Friday night's 23-19 victory over Livonia Franklin.

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story of the game."

Antwaun Hawkins added 85 yards on 10 carries, including a 59-yard TD with 10 minutes left in the first period to stake the Chiefs to a 7-0 lead.

But after Hawkins' score, the Patriots came right back on an 87-yard kickoff return by Israel Woolfork. The lanky 6-foot-5 junior took a reverse lateral pitch from Cole Kelly after momentarily bobbling the ball.

The Patriots then took a 13-7 lead with 7:51 left in the second quarter thanks to a 41-yard burst up the middle by sophomore fullback David Fortin, but the extra point attempt was blocked.

Canton answered with McClendon's 40-yard TD burst with 4:09 remaining in the half to take a 14-13 advantage (following Colin O'Shaunessy's second straight extra point).

Franklin then missed the first of its two field goal tries from 42 yards out after driving down to the Canton 25 with 29 seconds left.

In the second half, Franklin took its first possession and drove down to the Canton 13, only to come up empty on a 30-yard field goal try.

Canton then responded with a six-play, 80yard drive which was capped by a bizatre play when Hawkins burst into the Franklin secondary, only to fumble and have it picked up by teammate Williams Turner, who went the final 18 yards for the score with 5:28 to go in the third quarter.

Canton then appeared to have the game put away, only to be rebuffed on fourth-and-inches when quarterback Steve Paye was stopped at the goal line on the first play of the final quarter. "The quarterback sneak was a stupid call on my part," Baechler. "I could just kick myself. I know Steve (Paye) is a big, strong guy, but that wasn't the right play."

The Chiefs, however, did not come up completely empty, sacking Franklin quarterback Jesse Carpenter in the end zone for a two-point safety to make it 23-13 with 11:47 to go.

It remained a 10-point cushion for the Chiefs until late in the fourth quarter when Carpenter hit Sean Sciba with an 11-yard pass – a play McClendon was injured on trying to make a tackle – followed by Kelly's 33-yard halfback pass to Dan Chynoweth.

Franklin then scored on fourth-and-5 with 2:51 to play when Sciba, in for the injured Carpenter, hurled a 21-yard scoring pass to Chynoweth, who led all receivers with five catches for 115 yards.

The Patriots, though, muffed their second extra point of the night and were forced to try an onside kick, which didn't go the required 10 yards and Canton taking over at the Franklin 46.

With Paye going down earlier with a sprained knee, backup quarterback Adam Powers was inserted into the lineup and the Chiefs clinched the win by getting a critical first down on fourth-and-two with only 1:07 to go on a 4-yard run by Chris Bogdanski.

Franklin was limited to 111 yards on the ground and 137 yards passing (9-of-20). The Patriots also had three critical drops, including a sure TD in the second period, while missing four kicks.

"It's their size, did you see how big they are?," Kelbert said. "They shut down our inside game. But more than offense, it's their defense that has made them great teams. They suffocate you, especially when you're behind, and that's when they really make it uncomfortable for you."



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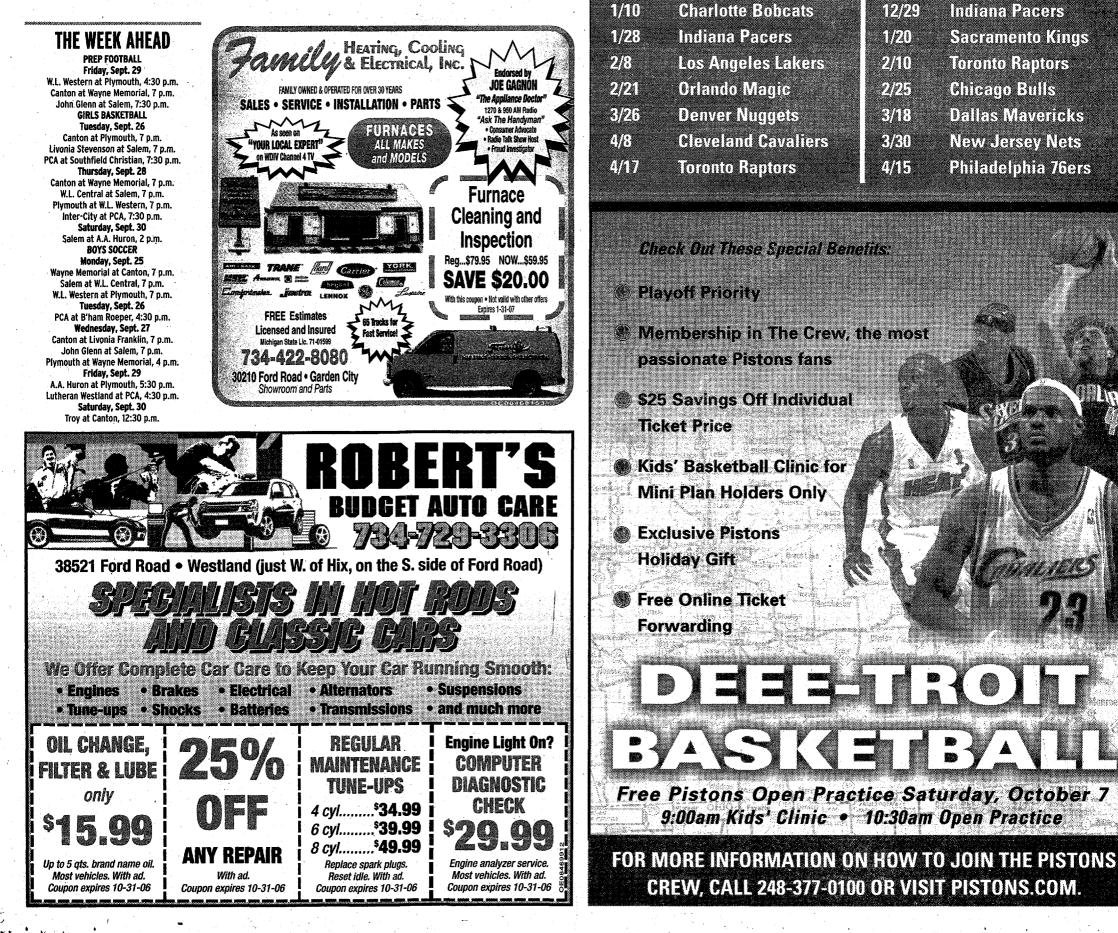
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COLLINS

FROM PAGE B1

round of the playoffs. I'm 100 percent now.'

That's music to the ears of Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci, who has had the best seat in the house over the past three seasons as Collins has racked up 60 goals and 57 assists. The 117 points put him in 31st place on the franchise's All-Time career scoring list.

"Dan's a great kid and a very talented player," said Vellucci. "He's gotten better every year he's been here. He suffered a setback with the injury, but he's worked hard to get back to full strength."

Vellucci said Collins, who was drafted by the Florida Panthers in the third round of the 2005 NHL Draft, is as valuable off the ice as he is on it.

"He's a very popular guy amongst his teammates,'

Vellucci said. "He has a persona about him that makes people look up to him.

We need Dan to have a wellbalanced season. Along with scoring, we need him to compete every shift and to do the lit-

tle things it takes to win games." Two weeks ago, Collins competed on a team with several other Florida Panther draftees against other NHL teams' rookies. The opportunity was a golden one for Collins to catch the eves of the Panthers' assistant coaches who ran the rookie team at the Toronto-based tournament.

"It was a great experience playing against guys that are older and who maybe played in the AHL," Collins said. "It helped show me how hard I have to work to get to the next level.

"You only get two years to sign, so every time they see you play they're evaluating you. They want to sign you and give you a lot of money, so you have to play

well every time you're with them."

What advice did the Florida coaches pass on to Collins dur-

ing the week-long tournament? "They told me to try and be more consistent," he said. "They told me to play hard every day, every shift, and good things would happen."

Collins acquired a taste for the sport during his early years growing up in suburban Syracuse, N.Y.

"Before I started playing, my stepfather would take me to a lot of AHL games," he said. "I actually started playing when I was 6 years old. I liked it right away - once I learned what offsides and icing were.'

Collins was drafted by the Whalers in the second round of the 2003 OHL Entry Draft.

"I've liked living in Plymouth since the first day I moved here," Collins said. "It's a great place to live and for people to raise families. I like the fact that it's very calm and peaceful."

Rock swimmers outlast Warriors

Salem High School's official Homecoming isn't until next week, but the Rocks' girls swimming-and-diving team celebrated Thursday night.

Competing for the first time this season in their recently renovated pool, the Rocks outstroked Walled Lake Western, 105-81 to improve to 1-0 in dual meets. Salem was led by Ally Stencel (two individual firsts and one second) and Katie Gorman, who touched first in a pair of events.

Coach Chuck Olson's squad also received first-place efforts form diver Katie Koetting and back-stroker Whitney Aumiller.

The girls were pretty excited to finally be able to swim in a dual meet," said Olson. "We started practicing Aug. 14, so that's quite a while to go without a dual meet. It's nice to be back in the pool again and have normal practice times again. The girls did a good job of dealing with the adversity.

SALEM 105 W.L. WESTERN 81 **Thursday at Salem** (Following are Salem's first-, second- and third-place finishers.)

200-yard medley relay: 2. (Whitney Aumiller, Jennifer Grodus, Emily Bair, Ally Stencel), 2:04.34. 200 freestyle: Katie Gorman, 2:10.31: 2. Allison Burke, 2:12.72; 3. Megan McManimon, 2:17.63. 200 IM: 2. Whitney Aumiller, 2:25.97; 2. Emily Bair, 2:27.71. 50 freestyle: 2. Ally Stencel, 26.62; 3. Andrea Spohn, 28.47. 1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting, 204.85 points 100 butterfly: 2. Emily Bair, 1:10.85; 3. Sandy Nahra, 1:13.40. 1**00 freestyle:** 1. Allie Stencel, 58.98; 2. Allison Burke, 1:00.88. 500 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman, 5:51.03; 2. Megan McManimon, 6:06.54. 200 freestyle relay: 2. (Allie Stencel, Andrea Spohn, Rena Clark, Katie Gorman), 1:50.31; 3. (Anna Chamberlain, Danielle Roy, Elizabeth Staff, Alexis Thornbury), 1:56.63. 100 backstroke: 1. Whitney Aumiller, 1:04.63; 3. Kristin Hartwig, 1:09.55. 100 breaststroke: 3. Jennifer Grodus, 1:21.22

400 freestyle relay: 1. (Katie Gorman, Emily Bair, Allison Burke, Whitney Aumiller), 4:05.6; 3. (Elizabeth Staff, Mary Schremser, Casey Zimmerman, Megan McManimon), 4:24.91 SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 1-0.

PLYMOUTH 102 **WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 80**

Thursday at Canton 200-vard medley relay: 1. W.L. Northern (Lauren Cockels, Katie Rinkevich, Dana Halse, Andrea Wozniak), 2:05.15; 2. Plymouth (Nicole Ambrose, Ellen Palczynski, Lauren Maslyk, Emily Clanton), 2:07.53; 3. Plymouth (Stephanie Goulet, Sarah Palczynski, Chelsea Frid, Michelle Chang), 2:11.19.

200 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:10.10; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 2:15.53; 3. Katie Rinkevich (N), 2:15.68.

200 IM: 1. Dana Halse (N), 2:31.89; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 2:33.23; 3. Sarah Palczynski (P), 2:35.33

50 freestyle: 1. Andrea Wozniak (N), 27.14; 2. Lauren Cockels (N), 27.55; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P). 27.66.

1-meter diving: 1. Hannah Saarinen (N), 163.95; 2. Briana Waldie (N), 155.20; 3. Elizabeth Sommer (N), 120.65

100 butterfly: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 1:06.02; 2. Katie Rinkevich (N), 1:09.14: 3. Stephanie Goulet (P). 1:12.55.

100 freestyle: 1. Dana Haise (N), 59.20; 2. Lauren Bell (N), 1:01.23; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 1:02.28.

500 freestyle: 1. Alyssa Liakos (P), 5:58.68; 2. Maricat Eggenberger (P), 5:59.02; 3. Molly McKinstry (P), 6:11.83.

200 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Northern (Andrea Wozniak, Lauren Bell, Lauren Cockels, Dana Halse), 1:49.57; 2. Plymouth (Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Pałczynski, Emily Clanton, Sijia Hao), 1:50.65; 3. Plymouth (Michelle Chang, Sarah Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Maricat Eggenberger), 1:55.59.

100 backstroke: 1. Nicole Ambrose (P). 1:09.98 2. Lauren Cockels (N), 1:11.41; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:11.98.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sarah Palczynski (P), 1:17.50; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:17.63; 3. Chelsea Frid (P), 1:21.55.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Alyssa Liakos, Maricat Eggenberger, Melissa McKinstry), 4:06.64; 2.W.L. Northern (Andrea Wozniak, Lauren Bell, Katie Thompson, Katie Rinkevich), 4:07.83; 3. Plymouth (Lauren Maslvk, Beth McReynolds, Stephanie Goulet, Molly McKinstry), 4:18.24. PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 2-1

Sarnia stings Whalers in opener

Trevor Kell scored a hat trick and Steven Stamkos scored twice as the Sarnia Sting defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 7-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night in the season opener before 3,614 at the Sarnia Sports and

Entertainment Centre. Tomas Pospisil and Danny Anger scored the other Sarnia goals. Dan Collins, James Neal and Andrew Fournier all scored one goal a piece for the Whalers

Although Kell and Stamkoe were playing in their first-ever game for Sarnia, they are in different stages in their

respective careers. Kell (the game's first star) is a veteran overage recently acquired by Sarnia from London, while Stamkos was taken first overall by the Sting in the 2006 OHL Draft.

Sarnia defenseman Ryan Wilson added three assists. Sarnia never trailed, leading 4-2 after one period and 6-3 after 40 minutes.

Plymouth tied the game at 1-1 on Collins' goal at 4:54 of the first period and 2-2 on Neal's goal at 16:04 of the period. But Pospisil lit the lamp 31 seconds later to give Sarnia a 3-2 advantage and Kell scored his first of the evening 27 sec-

onds after that at 17:02 to give Sarnia a 4-2 lead.

Special teams proved to be the difference, with Sarnia getting 16 power plays and scoring four goals with the man advantage.

Plymouth went 1-for-9 on the power play.

Plymouth rookie goaltender Michal Neuvirth started the game and was relieved by Jeremy Smith after Kell scored at 2:10 of the second period to give Sarnia a 5-2 lead. Neuvirth stopped 7-of-12 shots in 22 minutes in his OHL debut. Smith stopped 19-of-21 Sarnia shots the rest of the way.

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Plymouth was paced by senior Anthony Scaparo, who placed fourth overall with a clocking of 16:47, 33 seconds behind race winner Robbie **Fisher of Grosse Pointe** North.

had a stellar meet, placing 14th in 17:20.

"Derek ran a great tactical race," said Shaw. "He was one of the few runners for us who ran the race how it should have been run.'

Also competing for the Wildcats were Justin Huey (40th in 17:52), Matt Lewandowski (51st in 18:11), Cristian Chagas (52nd in 18:14), Pat Slavens (85th in 18:54) and Alex Noble (100th in 19:13).

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when it placed fourth in the 20-team Holly Invitational. The competition was won

champion Ann Arbor Pioneer, which finished with 85 points,

The Plymouth boys cross country team proved it can run with some of the best teams in the state on Sept. 16

by defending Division 1 state 76 less than the Wildcats.

Shaw. "It was one of the top two invitationals in the state

Plymouth harriers 4th at Holly

son.'

Sophomore Derek Lax also

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"It was a good race for us." said Plymouth coach Lee



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ESSON ON GOLF By Jeff Lesson

OFF SEASON DESTINATIONS

If you have not noticed, the weather has already begun to change and it won't be long before we are storing our clubs for the winter. That is unless we plan on doing some traveling during the cold weather season. The following are all recommended destinations that the staff at "Lesson on Golf" has personally experienced. Check with the resorts for prices, which can be a bit pricey.

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South Florida has some very well known resorts such as Doral (Miami), PGA National (West Palm Beach) and The Breakers (Palm Beach) to name a few. Doral and PGA National offer the best group of courses, while The Breakers is arguably the nicest resort in the state.

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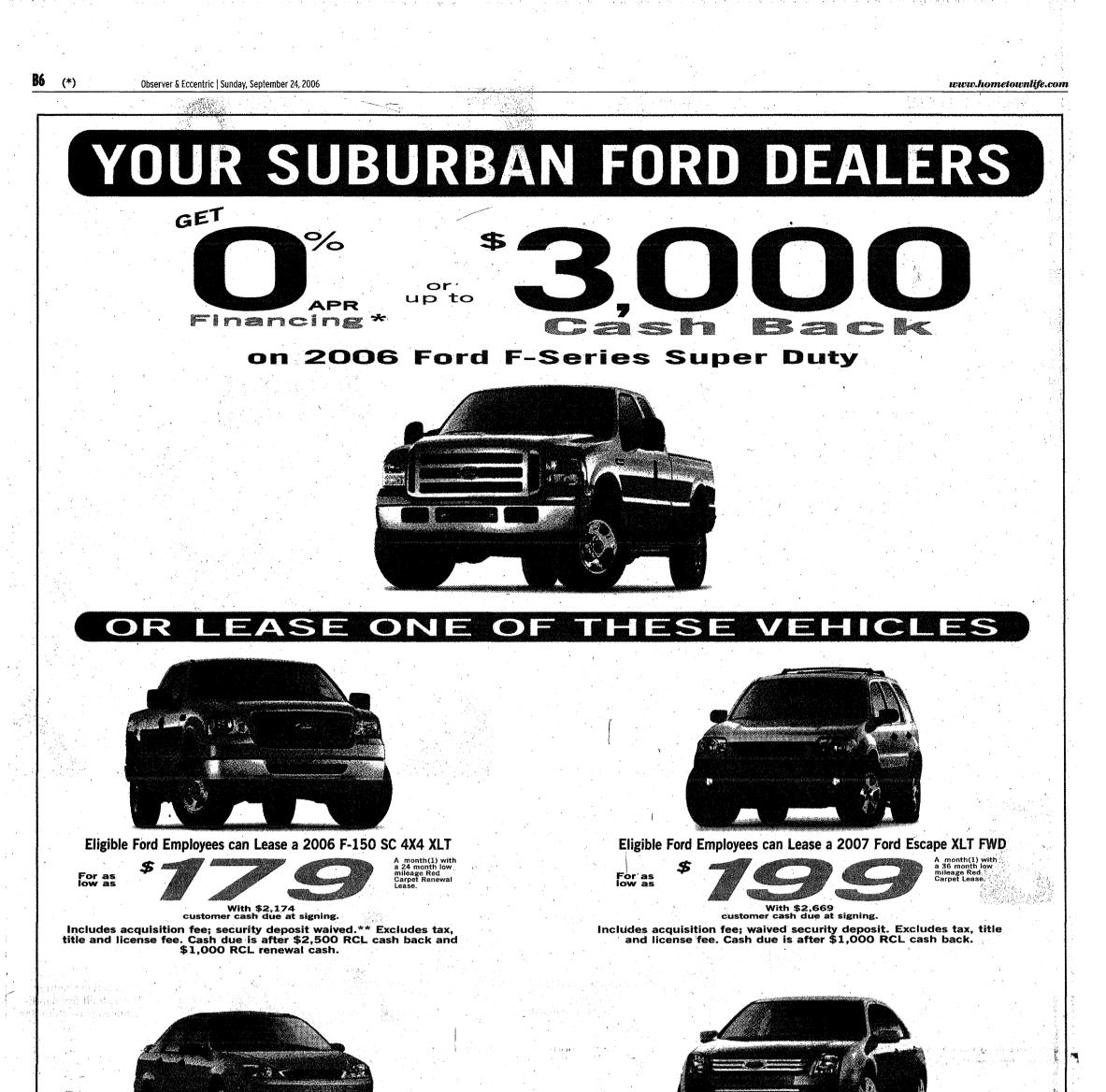
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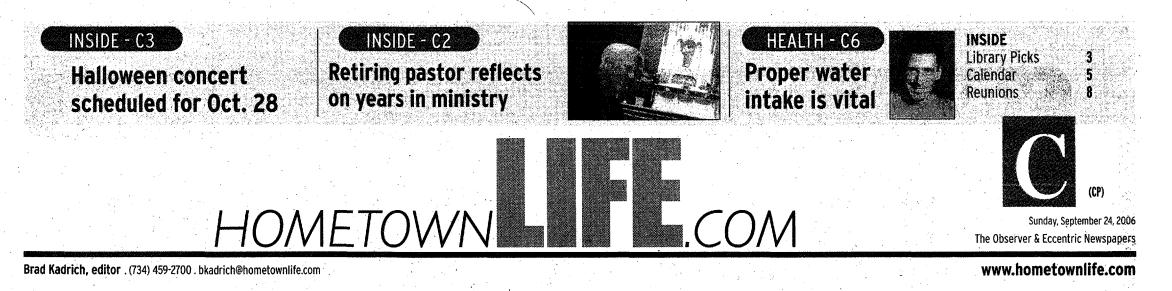
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If you're feeling too stressed and overwhelmed, you need to sit down with your parents and explain how you're feeling. As a

> family, you can decide how best to

your priorities

goal.

straight and keep

working toward your

How do I get a kid that

sits behind me to stop

It's important to be

annoying me?

Distracted

deal with your load.

But whatever your decision is, keep



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Monica Fulton

able to focus during class and it's sounds like the person sitting behind you is interfering with vour concentration. If you haven't already, simply tell the person to stop doing whatever it is that you find annoying. For example, you could say something like, "When you kick my chair. I get distracted. I need to concentrate so I can get a good grade in this class. Please keep your feet off my chair." By telling this person what you need and why, you might get a positive response. Of course, the person might choose to continue and you might need to ask your teacher for a seat reassignment if you can't ignore the situation. If this is the case, make sure your teacher understands why you're asking. Most teachers would rather change a seating chart than deal with a blowout when you've had more than you can take. Deal with the situation earlier, rather than later.



United Way volunteers (from left) Larissa Priebe from Cooper Standard, along with Doug and Patricia LaRowe from DTE work on repainting the dormitory rooms at the Methodist Children's Home Society.

Volunteers make a difference the United Way

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Volunteers really do make a difference at the Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford. On Friday, Sept. 8, nearly two dozen employees of DTE Energy and Cooper Standard Automotive brightened the lives of youth by painting one of the cottages and sorting through school supplies. The project was one of 26 going on during Days of Caring, the kickoff for the United Way Torch Drive campaign continuing

to Nov. 15. The Methodist Children's Home Society is one of the Wayne, Oakland and

Macomb county agen

In another cottage, volunteers sorted through school supplies and clothes which were donated or purchased with funds from United Way.

Jeff Baytarian, United Way campaign manager, headed up the 22 volunteers at the children's home. A Farmington Hills resident, Baytarian had worked with DTE Energy and Cooper Standard Automotive employees in the past.

"My passion is to help people less fortunate than myself." said Baytarian.



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United Way campaign manager Jeff Baytarian of Farmington Hills joins Nancy Morelli (Livonia) of DTE in painting one of the rooms at the Methodist Children's Home as part of the United Way Days of Caring event.



Debbie Littlepage of Brighton (left) and DeAnna Cunningham of New Hudson sort through school supplies at the Methodist Children's Home as part of the United Way Days of Caring event. Fran Williams of Southfield is pictured in the back.

"I'd like to come back reg- workers. "We had an

Williams, a Southfield resident who was sorting through school supplies in one of the cottages. "It's kind of rewarding. It leaves you with a very good feeling."

Pat McCann hears from volunteers regularly about the rewards of giving time. During the Days of Caring, she organized the helping hands who built five handicap ramps as part of the Ray West Memorial Project, and remodeled four early childhood literacy centers including Oakland Family Services in Pontiac.

"I work with thousands of colupteers throughout the

I want to get back into school this year but I don't know anyone and I'm kind of scared. What should I do?

Dropped Out

If graduating from high school is what you want to do - then do it! Feeling scared or nervous about a new place or meeting new people is normal. But it shouldn't keep you from reaching your goals. If you're ready to return to school, call the main office for the school district and make an appointment with the person in charge of student enrollment. Find out what your options are - you might be eligible for an alternative school setting or even night classes if the traditional high school setting isn't your cup of tea. Getting your high school diploma is one of the best things you can do for yourself. Don't let anyone or anything stand in your way!

How do I get back at someone that calls me a stupid blonde (the person is a friend)? Angry Blonde

You don't. Getting back at someone is simply revenge. Revenge doesn't accomplish much except to relieve our anger for a little while. Is this person really a friend? If so, why would your friend say something like that to you? I suggest telling this person that being called stupid by a friend isn't your idea of a friendship. If your friend continues to put you down, it's time to drop this person and find a new friend. By the way, being blond is a good thing! But, I'm probably a bit biased ...

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net. receiving funding from donations made to United Way. Founded in 1917 in Highland Park, the Redford agency cares for boys, ages 10-17, who have been removed from homes statewide due to abuse or neglect. The children's home moved to Redford in 1929 after caring for youth in a Farmington location since 1922.

"The amount of money we save is incredible," said Steve Dingman, associate executive director of development and marketing, and a Canton resident. "Just having a group paint allows us to use that money elsewhere. We have foster care in addition to residential care and also do adoptions although not as many as we used to. Often the infant children are medically involved, having drug exposure during pregnancy or are victims of fetal alcohol syndrome. It takes a special family to take on that responsibility."

TEAMWORK

George Chen, a cost estimator at Cooper in Auburn Hills, has been helping others since 1989 when he raised funds for United Way at the office. In the past, the Rochester Hills resident has volunteered at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. "I wanted to help do my part to help children's lives," said Chen.

Jaime Mortimer was painting alongside Chen in one of the children's rooms. Mortimer, an Oak Park resident, is an engineer at Cooper in Auburn Hills.

"I never knew this existed (Methodist Children's agency) so close to home," said Mortimer. "I was just married three months ago and plan to look into fostering (through the children's home)."

In another cottage, volunteers sorted through school supplies and clothes which were donated or purchased with funds from United Way. Like Mortimer, Maribeth Pittman plans to become involved with the home. ularly," said Pittman, a Canton resident who works at Cooper. "I'm a single mom with two young boys so the welfare of young boys is important to me."

It was part of Nancy Morelli's job as United Way campaign coordinator at DTE to organize the energy company's 100 volunteers in different locations statewide. DTE helps support 40 United Ways in Michigan.

Morelli regularly calls upon her two young daughters to help with United Way activities. Gina, 14, a Stevenson High School freshman, has taken her volunteer work a step further by making keychains and donating 20-percent of sales to PAWS with a Cause and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, two United Way agencies.

'SEE THE NEEDS'

"You see the needs and you see the resolution," said Morelli, a Livonia resident who was painting and pulling weeds alongside coemployee diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. We built him a ramp because he was wheelchair-bound with funds from United Way. After he died I received a note from his family saying, thank you for making his life a little easier. If we can help one person, make it a little easier, that's what it is all about."

Fran Williams provides special assistance to about 150 United Way agencies with their fund-raising efforts in addition to working on site. A United Way loan ambassador, she is sponsored by Young & Rubicam for a three-month period. This week, she'll don her Captain Karen costume and pass out candy at the Children's Aid Society to help them with their campaign. Before retiring from United Airlines, she handled fund raising for the United Way campaign there so she has plenty of experience.

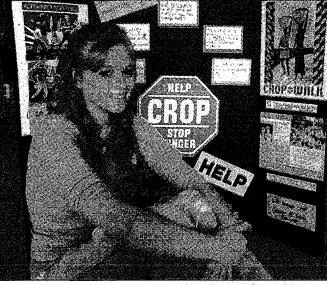
"It gives me an opportunity to give not only time, but monetary as well," said year," said McCann, director of volunteer services for United Way. "We offer these opportunities year round for companies, schools, businesses, churches, individuals to connect with nonprofits. We have an easy to use Web site currently populated with over 300 opportunities (www.uwsem.org) or they can contact me directly at the volunteer center, (313) 226-9430."

Michael Brennan says the No. 1 reason people don't volunteer or contribute to United Way is because they don't know the opportunity exists.

"The need is escalating that's why it's so important to ask every resident to participate," said Brennan, executive director of United Way for Southeast Michigan. "Everyone knows we're in one of the largest economic contractions in 20-years. That puts a great demand on social services for those who find themselves in a difficult

PLEASE SEE UNITED WAY, C2

CROP Walk helps needy around world, close to home



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Deanna Koenig of Canton, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School, is a super fund-raiser for the CROP Walk.

BY JULIE BROWN

Walkers will take to the streets Sunday, Oct. 8, as the Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk again raises money to help needy people right here and worldwide.

The route will leave from St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth on Sheldon. There's a 2.1-mile route and a 4.1-mile one, said organizer Bill Brave of St. John's Episcopal.

Registration will be 1:30 p.m., with the walk starting at 2 p.m. "I think it's just a nice family event," said Plymouth resident Brave, who enjoys walking with his family. "It's for a good cause." Last year, the local walk raised some \$10,000. One major fund-raiser was Deanna Koenig, 17, a Canton resident and senior at Plymouth Salem High School.

Koenig, of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, raised some \$8,200 last year, the tops in Michigan for any walker. Her dad ran the local event when she was younger. "I was just really touched by everything they did," she said.

Koenig, daughter of Cheryl and Doug Koenig, noted it's been tough in this economy to raise money this year. She's also busy with senior activities. She's considering a Peace Corps stint after earning her bachelor's degree in biochemistry, and later medical school or international relations.

Koenig's efforts haven't gone unnoticed. She'll be featured in an upcoming Church World Service film, with filming to be done of her at the local CROP Walk and the one in Ann Arbor the same day.

Church World Service will receive 75 percent of funds from the local walk, the Plymouth Salvation Army the rest. Participating churches this year are: the Salvation Army, St. John's Episcopal, Geneva Presbyterian of Canton, First Church of Christ Scientist,

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First United Methodist and First Baptist of Plymouth.

Brave said bikes, skates and skateboards aren't allowed on the route. "Strollers are fine for families." The local event's had about 50 walkers in the past.

"The last few years we have had nice weather," he said. "You always keep your fingers crossed." The Salvation Army has a canteen with water and refreshments for the walkers.

Canton's Barb Fichtenberg worships at Geneva Presbyterian and is coordinating CROP Walk efforts there. She noted the support of Church World Service for Hurricane Katrina victims and others. Information's available online at www.churchworldservice.org.

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

"I enjoy the ecumenical spirit of it, walking with people from other churches," Fichtenberg said. "I think the projects that Church World Service does are very worthwhile."

The walk started locally in the 1980s and has been held annually since 1997. "We alternate Plymouth and Canton and this year it's Plymouth," Fichtenberg said. "It's something the whole family can participate in."

She added that people in other countries sometimes must walk many miles for clean water. "I think it gives me a sense of solidarity with those people around the world who don't have those things I take for granted. You do think about those things when you walk. It gives you an appreciation, I think, for what we have."

Information on the local walk is available from Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867,

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circumstance. We saw that with the launch of 2-1-1 (phone service) that people can call for help. Last month we had the most calls ever about 10,000. That was a 50 percent increase over last month, 80 percent over a year ago.

"For 2-1-1 calls there are over 7,000 services that they have information on. We have more calls to 2-1-1 on foreclosures than we've had in the past. We see calls regarding utility assistance, taking care of a parent for the first time from counseling to meal delivery, calls from someone who finds themself in an abusive environment where would they go for respite and safety, also those who want to volunteer to mentor or tutor a child. It's because of the financial support that a program like 2-1-1 can be created, coordinated and launched."



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Sharing a way of life for retiring Lutheran pastor

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

After 42 years in the ministry, senior pastor the Rev. Luther Werth says it's time to retire. On Sunday, Sept. 24, he'll leave parishioners at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia after 22 years. He excepts the three worship services on that day to be "difficult" emotionally. The 1,650-member congregation has become part of his family along with wife Norma and daughters Rachel, Rebekah and Christina.

"What I'm telling people is our relationship will change. I'll no longer be a pastor but personal friend," said Werth, 67.

Werth always knew the ministry was his calling. He grew up in a parsonage in northern Wisconsin and by high school wanted to follow in his father's footsteps as a pastor.

"I think it's time for us older men to give way to younger men with different ideas. I came with fresh ideas. The word of God does not change, but the way we minister changes with the time and place."

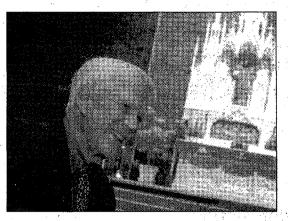
While it's true that times have changed, Werth's burning desire to share the love of Christ with people has not diminished. He plans to take October off then sign up as an

interim minister, serving in churches awaiting a new pastor. "I'll help the congregation in transition

between pastors," said Werth. "There's a shortage of interim ministers in southeastern Michigan."

Werth always knew the ministry was his calling. He grew up in a parsonage in northern Wisconsin and by high school wanted to follow in his father's footsteps as a pastor. After completing four years of college and four years of seminary, Werth began a new mission in Ohio. After that he answered the call to Timothy Lutheran in Iowa then Hope Lutheran in Kansas City before coming to Christ Our Savior in 1985 to serve its 500 members. Since then he's grown not only the congregation, but spread the word to the community. About 10 years ago, he placed cameras in the church so he could record worship and take the message to the homebound.

"I felt there was the need for outreach into the community to bring the gospel to people in the community," said Werth. "A contemporary service has brought in more baby boomers. Young people go more for traditional. That's typical



TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Retiring pastor Luther Werth reflects on his time at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

across the country. They're more conservative. We acquired a third pastor, 27 years old to work with young people. We're now probably the largest Protestant church in the area."

Werth hopes his legacy will be that he followed the written word and developed ministries to meet the needs. For years, he tried to form small group Bible studies in homes but the concept never realized until the last couple of years. He founded the first Bible study four years after he arrived at Christ Our Savior. Werth had learned to read Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and German in the seminary so he could study the old texts.

"One thing I've emphasized strongly was Bible study," said Werth. "I started that. I taught it. Six years ago we started Bethel Bible Study, an overview of the Bible over a period of two years. It's all about getting people into the Word of God."

A couple of years ago, Werth established a video ministry to ensure that those seated even in the last pews could view services which include about 30 baptisms of infants every year. For seniors, he founded a Wednesday morning Bible Study, and for children the youth ministry.

Although he's been active in the church at large as vice president of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod for 12 years, Werth especially enjoys working with members of his congregation.

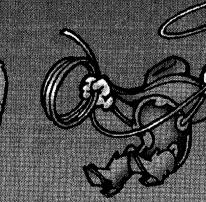
"Our vision statement says our purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who will share the love of Jesus in the community and around the world," said Werth.

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2. "Rise and Shine," Anna Quindlen 3. "Dark Celebration,"

Christine Feehan

4. "Judge & Jury," James Patterson

5. "Ricochet," Sandra Brown

1. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron 2. "Marley & Me," John Grogan

3. "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman 4. "The Looming Tower,"

Lawrence Wright 5. "Fiasco," Thomas E. Ricks

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1. "Mermaid Dreams," Mark Sperring

2. "Oscar, the Big Adventure of a Little Sock Monkey," Amy Schwartz

3. "Not Afraid of Dogs,"

Susanna Pitzer 4. "Pinkalicious," Victoria

Kann 5. "The Lamb-a-roo," Diana Kimpton

Benefit to support Sheriff's Mounted Unit

More than 50 horses and riders are expected to participate in a fund-raiser to help sustain Michigan's last remaining police mounted patrol. On Saturday, Sept. 30, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans and his mounted officers will host their second annual benefit fund-raiser, an affordable event geared toward families and area horse owners.

The event takes place from noon until 4 p.m. at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park between Farmington and Merriman roads in Westland. The public is invited. For a \$25 tax-deductible donation to the Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Unit, guests will be able to meet officers and their horses, enjoy refreshments and take hayrides. They also will have an opportunity to see inside the county's armored personnel carrier and meet and greet with officers from the motorcycle unit, marine patrol and K9 Unit. Children ages 12 and younger can attend free of charge.

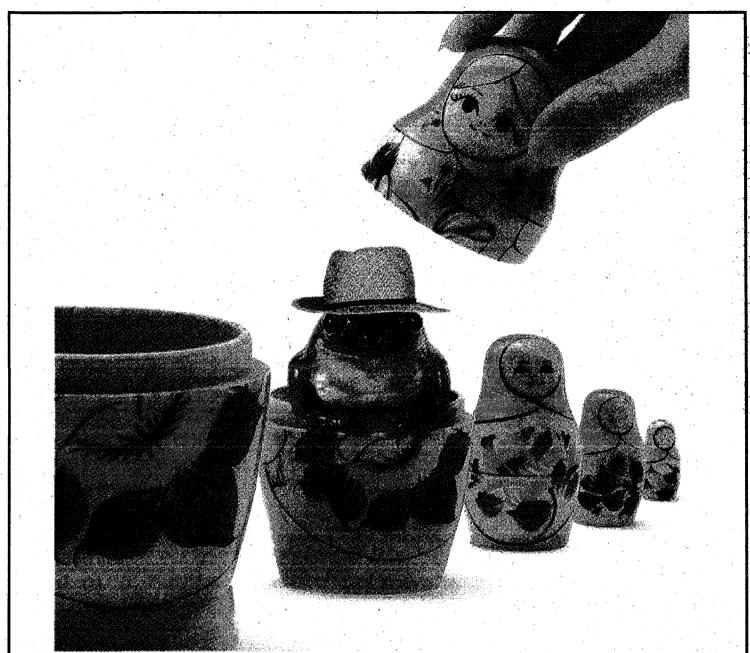
"Being the last remaining full-time police mounted patrol in the state in economically tight times means we have to reach out to the community for support," Evans said. "Our mounted unit is extremely popular with residents and we hope that popularity translates to support for this important event."

DREAM CRUISE OF HORSES

For a \$35 donation, individuals who have their own horses will have a rare opportunity to join Evans and the rest of the Mounted Unit on a commemorative ride or "Dream Gallop" through scenic Hines Park from Nankin Mills to Plymouth and back. Evans said he expects more than 50 horse owners to join the sheriff's office mounts, along with his own personal horse, Jesse, who he will be riding that day.

"It should be an awesome sight, especially for anyone who hasn't spent much time around horses," Evans said.

In late July, the Mounted Unit hosted its first public open house, which was a success, drawing nearly 1,000 people to the Mounted Unit barn in Hines Park.



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Orchestra looking for musicians for scary Howl-o-ween concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Doug MacQueen couldn't be more excited about the first concert he's conducting this season for the Redford Civic Symphony. It's going to be a scream. Orchestra and audience members are invited to dress in costume for a Howl-oween concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile, west of Inkster in Livonia. All are welcome and the program is free.

In the meantime, MacQueen is looking for string players to join the orchestra in rehearsing the concert. The program includes *Phantom of the Opera*, *Night on Bald Mountain* by Mazursky, *Funeral March for a Marionette* (Alfred Hitchcock theme), *Egmont Overture* by Beethoven, *Danse Macabre*, and *Dances of Transylvania*.

"It's going to be all spooky kind of stuff. We're just trying to have some fun," said Doug MacQueen, who took over the reins of the orchestra after associate conductor Dr. Joseph Lewis moved south.

This is MacQueen's first full season as associate conductor of the orchestra founded by John Gajek of Redford 50 years ago.

"We thought we're going to do something different this fall by starting off in late October instead of with the holiday concert in December." MacQueen hopes to attract musicians not only from Redford, but Farmington and West Bloomfield. MacQueen taught music in Farmington Schools for 36 years before retiring recently. He's already recruited a former student of his at North Farmington as a violist.

"We really need string players of all types. Violin, viola, cello are our most critical needs. We could use another bass, also a couple of oboe and French horn players," MacQueen said.

"We're particularly looking for people who enjoy playing but not professionally. We don't have audition requirements, but if they played before and can manage to get through a couple of scales or might be a little rusty we'd like to hear from them."

The Redford Civic Symphony rehearses from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Redford Community Center on Capitol, west of Beech Daly, south of I-96.

This year, their Holiday Concert takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at St. Priscilla's Catholic Church in Livonia, where the orchestra teams up with St. Priscilla's choir to perform yule music. As always, the concert is free to the public.

For more information about joining the orchestra, call MacQueen at (248) 477-1922, or send e-mail to redfordsymphony@sbcglobal.net. "Oakwood used a team approach when it came to fixing my knee. I guess you could say it was a joint effort.

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50th anniversary Ronald and Loretta Otto) Kacher of Westland celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding Sept. 22, 1956, at St. Luke's Church in Detroit. They

Westland for 40 years. Their children are Ronald Kacher of Hazel Park, Karen Grech of Saline, Mark Kacher of Canton, and Janet (Don) Fraser of Canton. They have six grandchildren.

Ronald (senior) retired from General Motors Fisher Body in 1989. Loretta retired from Garden City Hospital in 1996 and works part time at Jennie's Perogies in Garden City.

Ronald enjoys golfing and euchre and is a member of the Moose Lodge. Loretta likes

50th anniversary Daniel and Lillian (Appleberg) Sanders of Livonia

The Sanderses were married Sept. 15, 1956, in **Redford Lutheran** Church. They have resided in the area

Their children

Michigan Bell for eight years before leaving to start a family. They enjoy gardening, dining

50th wedding anniversary

Ed and Mary Azzopardi married Sept. 22, 1956, at Assumption Church in Windsor, Ontario. Their children are Kathryn Ann (Greg) Prew, JoAnne



playing pinochle and bunko. Both enjoy travel and are Eagle Lodge members. Their favorite destination is Las Vegas.

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Moon-dusters

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Women - date style clothes, men - jackets and ties. For information, call Joe Castrodale, (248) 968-5197.

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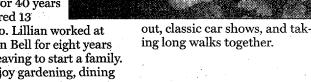
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in the Sanctuary at Ward Church. Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

Daniel (senior) worked at Detroit





ong-time Plymouth resident and for Age 84, of Plymouth, Wisconsin (former city employee Rose (Altomare) Ashlee died Sunday, September 17, at age 80. Friends and family members merly of Birmingham, Michigan), passed away unexpectedly at her home on Monday, September 18, 2006. Born July 4, 1922, in the county of describe Rose as vibrant, fun, strong, beautiful, giving, caring, a great cook, Ross, Ohio, a daughter of Herbert and generous, passionate, and brave. She Lillie Ervin Lancaster. She attended grade school and graduated high school in Columbus, Ohio. On June 5, threw herself into each day and always kept busy. Rose grew up in the coal mining community of 1962, she married Russell E. Duncan Apollo, Pennsylvania. Her family in Detroit, Michigan. The couple lived

GRACE I. DUNCAN

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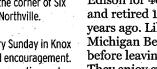
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are Daniel Sanders, and David (Kim) Sanders, all of Livonia. They have two grandchildren.

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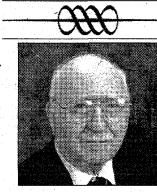
moved to Dearborn in 1943. From around 1958 to 1963 Rose lived with her husband, Stewart, in Los Angeles, California, where she worked for Four Star Television. she told many stories of encounters with Hollywood stars, including one in which actor Ernest Borgnine bought her an ice cream cone. In 1963 Rose, Stewart, and their daughter Laura moved to Plymouth. Rose was active in Our Lady of Good Council pre-school and was the quintessential mom, heading many school committees. In 1980 the city of Plymouth hired Rose to work the Treasurer's Office and the Building Department. She eventually retired from the Department of Public works in 1998. She took her role as public servant seriously and worked hard to assist the citizens of Plymouth. She loved "the Guys" at DPW- treating them like sons by scolding them and feeding them her Italian cooking- even after she retired. Rose filled her post-retirement years with friends, attending lectures at Schoolcraft College and shows at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, and had fun attending exercise classes at the Cultural Center and going to Curves. Rose is survived by her daughter Laura, son-in-law Dean Anderson and his sons Nate and Kevin of Okemos, her brother Frank (Sue) Altomaro of Southgate and many nieces and nephews, and dear friends including Patricia Grzywacz of Plymouth and Angela Cece of Allen Park. A memo-rial service was held on September 20. Donations may be made in Rose's name to the University of Michigan Cancer Center and the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. For further information contact Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 734-453-3333

EVELYN FIELD FORREST

Age 69, September 18, 2006, of nterline, formerly of Royal Oak, Birmingham, and Madison Heights. Born June 27, 1937, in Royal Oak, to the late H. Eugene and Gertrude Field. Ms. Forrest graduated from Royal Oak High School, The University of Michigan, and Wayne State University Law School. After working as a lawyer, she worked as a real estate broker. Survived by sons Charles A. Forrest, III (wife Francesca DeLillis and son Matthew R. Forrest) of Rome, Italy; and Richard A. Forrest (wife Miki Morimitsu) of Washington, D.C. Also survived by brother Gilbert Field of Royal Oak. Predeceased by brother Donald Field. A private service will be held.

in Birmingham for 41 years before she moved to Wisconsin in 2003. Her hus-band preceded her in death on June 16, 1990. Grace was employed by the S.S. Kresge Company (K-Mart) in Columbus, Ohio for over ten years. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her loving family. Survivors include her daughter, Sandi (John) Garland of Kohler, Wisconsin; grandsons Jason Garland of Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, and Michael Garland of Hope College in Holland, Michigan; and her sister, Macleado Harvey of Munster, Indiana. Also survived by other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother. Memorial Service was held on Saturday, September 23, at the Suchon Funeral Home in Plymouth, Wisconsin, Reverend Tom Gudmundson, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls, officiating. Cremation has taken place. A memorial fund is being established in Grace's name for the American Cancer Society. The Suchon Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Plymouth is serving the family. For online condolences, please visit

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LESLIE C. FARMER

Age 82, of Westland, September 21. 2006. Beloved husband of Elizabeth J. Loving father of Glenn, Linda (Phil) Mason and Jeannette (Russ) Abney. Also leaves five grandchildren, Lisa, Angela, Jeffery, Rebecca, and Daniel, nine great grandchildren, Hannah, Olivia and Molly Parsons, Joseph and Isabella Grech, Caelan and Gavrik Paul, and Gryphon and Drakon Farmer-Mays. Leslie was a member of the Detroit area Boy Scouts of America for 53 years, as a Leader and Trainer. He also was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and a Foster reader for Hayes School 2nd Graders and a Camp Counselor for 6th grade students. Funeral service Monday 1:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Visitation Sat. 2 PM - 9 PM and Sun. 2 PM - 9 PM. Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Memorial donations to St. Richard Catholic Church, Boy Scouts of America-Detroit Council or American Red Cross would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ARTHUR ROBERT MATTHIAS

of Flint, age 58, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at his home. He will be laid to rest at the Great Lakes National Cemetery on Friday, September 22, 2006, with a Memorial Service on Saturday, September 23, 2006. The service will be held at 11:00AM in the Chapel of Faith Lutheran Church, 37635 Dequindre Road in Troy, Michigan 48083. Pastor Fred Traugott will officiate. Art was born in Dallas, Texas on December 9, 1947 he son of Raymond and Mary (White) Matthias. He resided in the Flint area for the last 3 years and Oxford prior to that. Surviving are two sons, Arthur Raymond and Joseph Michael Matthias both of Asheville, NC; two Grandchildren, Kayley and Tyler; and a sister Glenn (Dave) Piziali.



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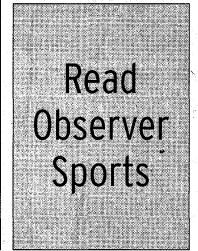
PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Rags to Riches

A singles "Rags to Riches" Convention is scheduled for Sept. 29-30 at the Holiday Inn in Southgate. Friday, Sept. 29, features cards, conversation and fun. On Saturday, Sept. 30, a free workshop begins 1 p.m. Speakers will include someone from Mindworks, a forensic handwriting specialist and a nutritionist. A banquet dinner will be held 6:30-7 p.m. Cost \$25. The "Rags to Riches" Ball will run 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at a cost of \$8. For information, call Pat at (248) 478-8977 or Tina at (734) 740-4063.

Cancer Benefit Ball

A Celebration of Life Cancer Benefit Ball is scheduled for Nov. 4 at the Brownstown/Dearborn Moose, 22112 Sibley Road, Brownstown. Cost is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. All proceeds will go to the University of Michigan Cancer Comprehensive Research Center. For advanced tickets or more information, call Pat at (248) 478-8977 or Harriet West at (734) 449-2236.



(Steve) Wojnar, Terri (Andrew) Allendrof, Patricia (Michael) Angelini, and Jim (Michelle) Azzopardi. They have 13 grandchildren.

They have resided in Livonia for 41 years. Ed is a former employee of General Motors as a wood model maker. Mary devoted her time as a caregiver

to many children. They both enjoy traveling and spending time with their children and

Scheel - Spiker

Doug and Lynda Scheel announce the engagement of their son, Jonathan Ryan Scheel, to Jennifer Lynn Spiker daughter of Ms. Pamela Spiker of Milford, MI.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Milford High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a major in advertising. She is currently employed at American Laser Centers as a Media Buyer.

The groom-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a major in Construction Management. He is currently employed with Centex Homes as a field manager.

Wagner-Werner

Melissa Jane Wagner and Christopher Michael Werner, both of San Francisco, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Karen Wagner of Plymouth. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1999 and works as the marketing director of CCS Architecture in San Francisco.

The prospective groom is the son of William and Julie Werner of Eureka, Calif. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1997 and is an associate architect at Studios Architecture in San Francisco.



grandchildren.

Their children planned to surprise them by taking them back to where they first said their vows at Assumption Church for a mass then on to a family celebration.

ENGAGEMENTS



They are planning a December wedding at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit. Reception immediately following at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills.



A wedding is planned for summer of 2007 in California.

AROUND TOWN

MADD 5K walk

Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K noncompetitive 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 equaling a total of \$8,000 for each gualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to chose 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 email 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

Lúpus 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 Tshirt. 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

CC Rummage Sale

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

Hospice series

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

Genealogical meetings

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

Hospice training Heartland Hospice is looking for car-

ing and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including

companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones. (888) 973-1145. Sally Ride festival Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8

for an exciting day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival Saturday, Sept. 30 at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. The festival features an action-packed street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to former NASA astronaut Kathrvn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. Parents and teachers are also encouraged to attend. The Ann Arbor Science Festival will take place at the University of Michigan on the North Campus Diag. The day begins at 11 a.m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration required. Teachers, parents and students can register and learn more about the festivals by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by callina (800) 561-5161.

Art/craft festival

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no

strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or email pennyhomalley@aol.com Literacy Council tutors

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

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

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-

6620. Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue The Great Lakes Fibromvalgia and **Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association**

will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768 MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861. Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details,

call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120. DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth: Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information. Women's Farm and Garden Club-

Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information. Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

Youth theater will hold annual auditions soon

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit only holds auditions once a year. On Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 26-28, all aspiring actors, singers and technicians (ages 11-18) from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are invited to audition for the upcoming season on a first come, first served basis. Those who join Mosaic will receive professional performing arts training.

Hours for the auditions are 6-9 p.m. each night. The audition fee is \$5 per person. Free parking is available on site at the auditions which will be held at General Motors Mosaic Theatre, 610 Antoinette, between Second and Third Avenue near Wayne State University, Detroit.

Actors can prepare and memorize a one-minute monologue from a published play or be assigned a monologue by Mosaic staff upon arrival. All candidates will participate in a series of group warm-up exercises.

Singers must prepare a twominute song, sung a capella, (meaning without music), and they will be asked to show harmonization skills, perform scales and arpeggios.

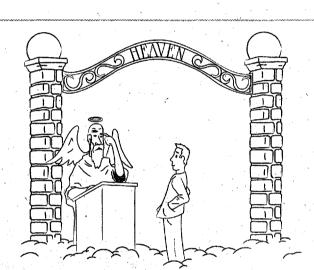
Technicians must attend a 10-15-minute interview where they will be expected to present an original creation they have made

in any medium (wood, paint, metal, drawing, etc.).

Every young person who auditions for Mosaic will be invited to participate in one of the three levels of training that are offered each year.

For more information regarding auditions, call Chanell Scott, program administrator, at (313) 872-6910, Ext. 4007, or send email to

chanell@mosaicdetroit.org.



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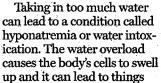
Proper water intake is essential

Jill from Oxford is a marathon runner and e-mails asking for tips on proper water intake.

Jill, many endurance athletes think it's OK to drink and keep on drinking. That may be all right for high-performance athletes losing



body fluids with excessive sweat, but athletes going at a slower pace just don't need that kind of water consumption.



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like headache and nausea. You can even become delirious.

Peter Nielsen

When it comes to water intake, for some endurance athletes, slow and steady really does win the race.

Bob from Birch Run e-mails that prostate cancer runs in his family and wants to know a good way to protect himself.

Bob, getting a good weight control program in place and sticking to it could make a big difference when it comes to beating prostate cancer. A new study shows that a weight problem can hurt chances of successful radiation treatment for prostate cancer. The study is the first to examine the role weight can play in the effectiveness of radiation therapy. And the results of the study are quite startling. Scientists found that men who are moderately to severely overweight have a 70-percent higher risk of a tumor recurring than their thinner counterparts.

That's just one more reason a proper diet benefits more than just your waistline.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, email Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Search your heart

Program conveys prevention message to churches

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

While Carol Christian draws the line at wearing a french fry or cigarette costume, she regularly shows up for Sunday services dressed as a bunch of grapes, a banana or a milk carton.

Not all church nurses are quite as creative when implementing the American Heart Association program to prevent cardiovascular disease and stroke - Search Your Heart. Christian likes to make her messages as memorable as possible for the congregation at Family Victory Fellowship Church in Southfield. The costumes are her way of stressing heart-healthy nutrition - and it seems to work.

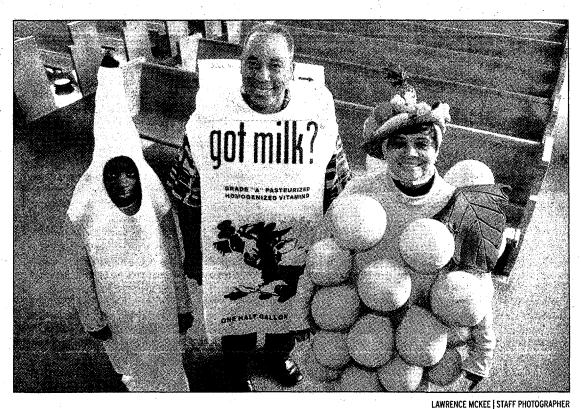
"Everything has to point to healthy," said Carol Christian, a registered nurse and department head of the church's health team.

Christian brought the Search Your Heart program to the 1,100-member congregation four vears ago.

"When I go up there dressed as a grape or banana, the visual stays with them," she said, "and they say, "That reminds me, I need more potassium.

"With Search Your Heart, I'm trying to reach as many as I can to teach preventive measures for hypertension, stroke, the importance of regular checkups and mammograms, and knowing the signs and symptoms of different diseases."

Originally, the Search Your Heart program was developed as a resource to educate African-Americans about reducing cardiovascular disease and stroke risk factors. Now it is being used to reach all populations. Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women in the United States.



Health team members Helen Dukes (left), pastor Larry Jordan and registered nurse Carol Christian - standing at Family Victory Fellowship Church in Southfield - want everyone to have a healthy heart.

Along with holding an annual salad-a-rama buffet to teach members to eat healthy, Christian presents programs on physical activity, an essential component of prevention. A recent session for youth on the Tae Bo fitness regime by one of the health team's male nurses only reinforced her beliefs about raising awareness.

Christian and volunteers host blood pressure screenings every two months to test for hypertension. Exercise classes for adults and children take place regularly.

"I'm age 54 and kept up with him better than they did," said Christian, who regularly exercises at home. "When I have classes for the children, I tell them about eating air-popped popcorn for a snack and to stay away from soda pop, fried foods, potato chips. On Sunday, the young people have service downstairs. Because that's when the greatest population is there, we incorporate it in the service."

Peg Perun uses Search Your Heart to screen the blood pressure of First Congregational Church of Rochester members once a month. The registered nurse established the program about two years ago after first using it as a wellness nurse for a retirement community.

During a nine-month period, 64 screenings revealed eight people with uncontrolled high

blood pressure, 15 controlled with medication,

and two members whose blood pressure was so high that they had to go to the emergency room.

We want people to become more educated to take better care of themselves," said Peg Perun, the parish nurse. Perun sees her work as a noninvasive ministry that focuses on addressing a congregation's physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

"Our society has become more chair-bound. There's an increase in diabetes and heart disease due to sedentary lifestyle. As far as us becoming a fatter society, there's no quick fix."

Perun credits the success of the prevention program to Rev. David Wheeler, a pastor at the church. During a walk to Bethlehem during Advent before the Christmas season, members were encouraged to reflect and pray while logging miles. For seniors who couldn't walk that far, Perun suggested swimming, chair exercises, any kind of movement.

We implemented a Fit for God program, asked all the boards and committees of the church to offer a healthy alternative snack at all meetings," said Perun, who's worked as a nurse at University of Michigan and Crittenton hospi-

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HEALTH

Arthritis programs offer pain relief HEALTHY

Representatives of the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter have announced fall class schedules for their specially-designed exercise programs, including the Aquatic Program, a warmwater exercise program; The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, a land-based exercise program formerly known as P.A.C.E. (People with Arthritis CAN Exercise), Tai Chi, a graceful, flowing sequence of movements from Sun-style tai chi, and a Selfhelp Course, a 6-week series that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. The new class offerings begin in September in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Westland, and numerous other locations throughout Michigan. For more informa-

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tion about locations, schedules and fees, call the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, based in Troy at 1-800-968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

The right kind of physical activity and a "can do" attitude are essential elements of any arthritis management and prevention plan. In one research study, individuals who attended the foundation's exercise class for four months were found to have reduced their pain by 24-percent and increased confidence in their ability to continue day-to-day activities by 22-percent. Other studies have documented increases in general health status, and decreases in the number of doctor visits.

Arthritis Foundation exercise programs are suitable for adults of all ages with arthritis in its more than 100 different forms. They also present a wonderful option for people who are seeking a gentle exercise alternative, and people who are new to exercise.

Sites that offer Arthritis Foundation exercise programs are members of the **Arthritis Foundation Aquatic** Alliance and the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Alliance, elite partnerships that promote good health through joint-safe physical activity. Classes are led by instructors who are specially trained and certified by the Arthritis Foundation.

For more information about arthritis or about the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter's specially-designed exercise and self-help pro-

grams, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

Comedy for a cause

8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia, proceeds to benefit the Inaugural Southeast Michigan Walk for Autism Research to be held in Edward Hines Park in May 2007. The nonprofit organization and its national parent organization, Autism Speaks (www.autismspeaks.org), are dedicated to raising awareness of the debilitating neurological disorder known as autism, and to finding the public and private research dollars needed to identify the causes, treatments and, eventually, a cure.

Autism is a neurological disorder appearing in early childhood that affects speech and language comprehension, fine and gross motor function, immunity, digestion, food allergies, muscle development, and social skills. Only seven-percent of children diagnosed with autism will go on to lead independent lives. Most will require costly, life-long assistance and care. Many are unable to speak at all

Autism is growing at an alarming rate. A decade ago, one in 10,000 children were diagnosed with autism each year. Today, one in 166 children are diagnosed annually, as many as one in 104 boys.

Tickets for the benefit are \$15 and will save you 25-percent on dinner at Kicker's All American Grill or the Perfect Ten Dining Room (all located in the same building at 36071 Plymouth Road), or save 50-percent on pizza during the show (you must be 21 years of age). Dinner reservations required, call (734) 261-0555. To purchase tickets, call (734) 422-4295 or (734) 838-0386. For information, visit www.autismwalk.org.

Tai chi classes.

Began the week of Sept. 11 and run 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a nonprofit, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Livonia. Call. (248) 332-1281

UPCOMING

Memorial conference

Seventh Michael Golds Memorial Conference on AD/HD Friday, Oct. 6, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills. Features experts on teaching teens safe driving, parenting the ADHD/ODD child, how to succeed in marriage when your spouse is AD/HD, medications for all ages, managing AD/HD in college with skills to promote success, and more. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., Keynote at 8:30 a.m., conference concludes 4:30 p.m. Golds learned to reach his potential with AD/HD. He was killed in a tragic accident shortly after entering grad school in Florida. He became successful academically because of The Project Bold program at OCC. For registration information, call (313) 438-3763 or visit www.chaddmi.com.

ONGOING

Empowered to care

A training series on providing care and support continues 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 20 and 27, and Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, in the 2 East A Conference Room at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. Weekly topics include teaching listening and communication skills to build empathy, helping children to deal with grief, how to talk to the dying, learning to be sensitive in our diverse world, the impact of religion on health care delivery, ministering to the mentally ill, and the cycle of substance abuse and treatment options. Cost is \$35 for all sessions or \$6 per session. For information or to register, call (248) 471-8850. This series is especially helpful for clergy and church/synagogue workers, health care providers, pastoral care volunteers, and family members. TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets 7 p.m. every Thursday, 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.

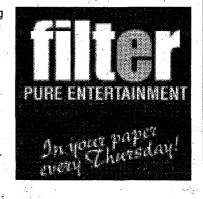
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tals. "We met some resistance initially. A lot of people associate food with love. Some people in church have had wonderful weight loss. We're changing attitudes about eating and put success stories in the congregation's newsletter." The American Heart

Association recently released a new Search Your Heart kit that is being used not only by churches but companies, social organizations, and boys and girls clubs.

"It was based on a church hypertension program created by Dr. Paul Crawford, a Chicago nephrologist, in the early 1980s because of concern for his patients in end-stage renal disease. He was a longtime American Heart Association volunteer," said Toni Griggs-Price, cultural health initiatives director, metro Detroit for the American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate in Southfield. "Since the inception of Search Your Heart in, 1996, we've touched over 300.000 African-Americans. Latinos, and others through 15,000 faith-based organizations across the U.S.

"It's all free, whether attending training or to receive tools. When you look at staggering numbers from hypertension, it's important to get this out there. And we provide additional support material, an Eat for Life video, walking logs, tools for starting a walking club, Go Red for women materials focusing on women and heart disease. Some parish coordinators are so creative. One woman had a Go Red shoe party with a blood pressure screening."



Griggs-Price practices what she preaches by walking 2-5 miles every day in her Rochester Hills neighborhood or at Rochester Adams High School, where her son runs cross country. She suggests Southfield area residents might want to walk in Inglenook Park on 12 Mile, between Evergreen and Lahser.

"When you walk and eat healthy, you can see those cholesterol numbers coming down," Griggs-Price said. "You can make lifestyle changes to change those numbers." For more information about the Search Your Heart program, visit www.americanheart.org then type in "Search your Heart," or call (248) 827-4214.

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Registered nurse Carol Christian uses creativity to present prevention material from the Search Your Heart program at Family Victory Fellowship Church in Southfield.

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REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Birmingham High School Class of 1956

Oct. 20-22, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. For more information, contact Barbara Sweeney Drisko, (248) 644-8797 or barbaradrisko@hotmail.com. **Bishop Borgess High School** Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@vahoo.com for ticket information and details. **Clarenceville High School**

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimir's of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar; Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia.

For more information, call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016. **Detroit Chadsey** Class of 1956

Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324. Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cody Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton. \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden Citv 48135. Contact Pat (Pletzke) Wauford at Swaulor@aol.com: or Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 or Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763. **Detroit Cooley**

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington

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The Canton Public Library Board of Trustees is searching for a new member to fill a vacancy. If you are a Canton resident, over 18 years of age and would like to be considered for a Board seat, please send a resume and letter of interest by October 9, 2006 addressed to:

James Fausone, Board Chairman 1200 S. Canton Center Road

Canton, MI 48188

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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 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE **EVALUATION REPORT** (FY 2005 CDBG "CAPER") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIÓD

Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or e-mail:

jwork2friends@yahoo.com **Detroit Eastern**

Annual All-Class Reunion

The Annual All Class Reunion of Detroit Eastern High School will be held 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road in Warren. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with an open bar and sitdown dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person, with pre-paid ticket pickup at the door. Advance reservations only before Sept. 24. Contact Bob Butler, (313) 824-7230; Terry DesRivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562; or email:EHSReunion2006 @aol.com **Detroit Northwestern** Classes of 1950-51

Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Holiday Inn West, Livonia. Looking for classmates. Contact Marlene (Oleson) Hanna,

hamharold@aol.com. **Detroit Western** Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at

jlscranton@yahoo.com **Detroit Southwestern** Class of 1957

for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

Class of 1946

A 60-year reunion 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Vintage House in Fraser. For more information, call Jeanne Eversham at (586) 778-1913 or Fran Durham at (248) 344-4613 or frn.md@aol.com.

Class of 1966 A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

30-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Holiday Inn Livonia West. Alumni can update their address at (734) 261-3264,

PLYMOUTH TWP. POLICE DEPT. 734-354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 09/29/06 at 10:00 a.m. at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **Plymouth District Library** 2007 PROPOSED BUDGET

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on the following proposed 2007 budget:

General Fund	\$5,513,900
Debt Service Fund	739,069
TOTAL	\$6,252,969
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FOLLOWING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE THE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING:

	<u>Operating</u> General	<u>Rate</u> 1.4656
	Operating Total	1.4656
	<u>Debt</u> Voted Bonds	<u>0.333</u>
×0.	Debt Total	0.333
	Grand Total	<u>1.7986</u>

The proposed 2007 budget documents are available for public examination at the Plymouth District Library on the lower level at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours.

PATRICIA A. THOMAS. Director

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nucore.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. at the Livonia Holiday Inn. 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, e-mail gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net.

Garden City East Class of 1976

- Oct. 21 at Roma's of Garden City, contact Linda Fischer at (734) 591-9103 or sunniedai@twmi.rr.com for more information.
- **Garden City West** Class of 1971 Saturday, Oct. 7 at Whispering Pines
- Golf and Banquet Center 2500 Whispering Pines Drive Pinckney, Cost \$30 per person (cash bar/dj/pizza buffet) 6:30 p.m. Casual dress. Contact. Denise Delleree (248)224-9263.

Class of 1981

Garden City West Class of 1981 A 25th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Summit on the Parkway in Canton. For more informa-

tion, please e-mail: gcwestclassof1981@vahoo.com. **Grosse Pointe North**

Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1966

The Bentley High School Class of 1966 will host a reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, 53503 W. 10 Mile. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact Bob Mundy at (248) 427-0320.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969 A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kavninilu@aol.com. **Plymouth Canton and Plymouth**

Salem

Class of 1986

Twenty-year class reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Italian American Club, Livonia. \$65 per person, \$115 couple, dinner, open bar, DJ, band, dancing, Contact cantonsalem@yahoo.com.

Class of 1996

Ten-year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets, go online to www.pcep1996.myevent.com.



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

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 06-12 1404 Penniman	Non-Use Variance Requested Living Space above.2nd Floor Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Recom Construction
Z 06-13 1049 S. Main	Non-Use Variance Requested Outdoor Display of Merchandise Zoned: B-1, Local Business Applicant:Jon & Marieanne Trennepohl
Z 06-14 968 Penniman	Non-Use Variance Requested Accessory Building Height Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Paul Chamberlain
Z 06-15 190 Plymouth Rd	Non-Use Variance Requested Alteration of Non-conforming Sign Zoned: B-3, General Business Applicant: Dr. Richard C. Scott
All interested	persons are invited to attend.
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A 50-year reunion is being planned

contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313)

Detroit Southeastern High School

Epiphany Grade School

Farmington High School Class of 1976

celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit Web site ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Fordson High School Class of 1969

above named document for the Canton Community The Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Community Services Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5194, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 30 days, beginning September 24, 2006. Comments received during the public comment period or during a public hearing to be scheduled at a later date will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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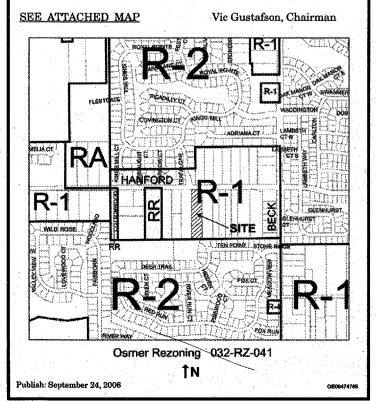
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Act 110 of 2006 of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing n Monday, October 9, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of th Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

OSMER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 032 99 0007 001 (47865 HANFORD) FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Hanford Road and west of Beck Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received a the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 5, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



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Plymouth District Library

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Barbara Kraft, Secretary, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 at 734-453-0750 X 217.

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and persuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the planning comission of the Charter Township of Canton that the planning comission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 9, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of th Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

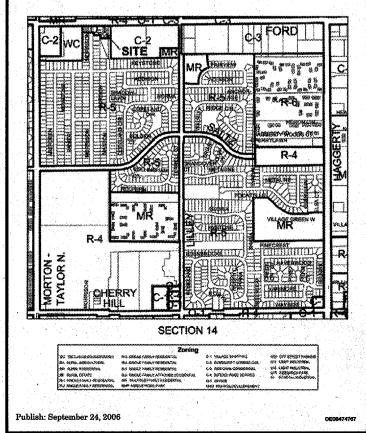
ALSAGER CONDITIONING REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 054 01 0045 300, 054 01 0165 002 FROM 0-1, OFFICE TO C-2 COMMUNITY SHOPPING. Property is located south of Ford between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received a the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 5, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **OCTOBER 12, 2006**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

Swadad Carremm, 238 Nassau Ct., Canton, MI 48187 for 1. residential property located at same address, north side of Palisades Dr. between Brittany St. and Corrine Avenue, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Chapter 78, Article 5, Section 78-131, (4), a, fence variance. Zone R-5 Parcel 060-03-0083-000

(Building) (TABLED FROM AUGUST 10, 2006)

Toru Hashinoguchi of Shimizu America Corporation. 2. 24760 Verdant Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 representing Mr. Shigeya Yamaguchi of Takao America Corporation, 48985 Wixom Tech Road, Unit 8, Wixom, MI 48393-3557 for industrial property located at 7075 Commerce Road, west side of Commerce Blvd. between Haggerty and Koppernick Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), a, requesting to install two ground mounted business identification signs on same parcel. Zone LI-1

Parcel 046-99-0008-730

(Building) (TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2006)

3. Pastor David Washington Jr. of Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Dr, Canton, MI 48187 representing Canton Christian Fellowship of Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Dr., Canton, MI 48187 for commercial property located at 8775 Ronda Dr, west side of Ronda Drive between Haggerty and Lilley Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.13 lighting, to eliminate one of two required pole lights at the drive entrance. Zone LI-2

Parcel 005-99-0002-711

(Planning)

Approval of the September 14, 2006 Minutes

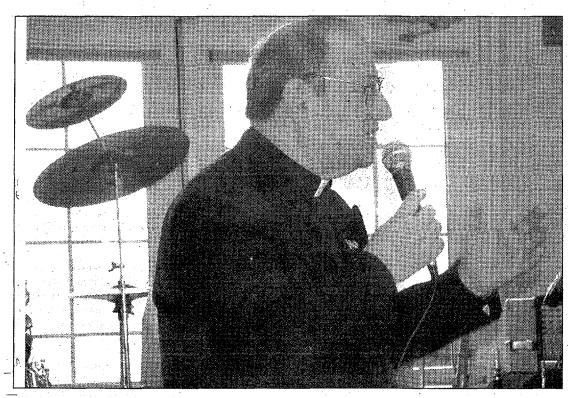
Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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Italian Americans to celebrate heritage on Columbus Day



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The Rev. Joseph Rinaldo will be recognized as the 2006 Outstanding Italian of the Year by the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation. He is pictured here giving the invocation at last year's gala.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN Staff Writer

The observance of Columbus Day connects Angela Centi with her past. In March of 1954, Centi, at the age of 6, left Italy with only the possessions she could fit into a suitcase and sailed with her father and two sisters on the Andrea Doria to the United States.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, the Livonia woman celebrates her culture and heritage at the 29th annual Columbus Day dinner dance at the Italian American Club of Livonia. The gala is presented by the club's cultural committee and charitable foundation. It begins at 4 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. A family style dinner follows at 5 p.m. and entertainment by Intrigue at 7 p.m. in the club's Banquet Center,

39200 Five Mile.

The cost is \$60 and includes wine, beer, soda, cappuccino, and espresso. For more information and tickets, call (734) 420-4481 or (248) 477-9693.

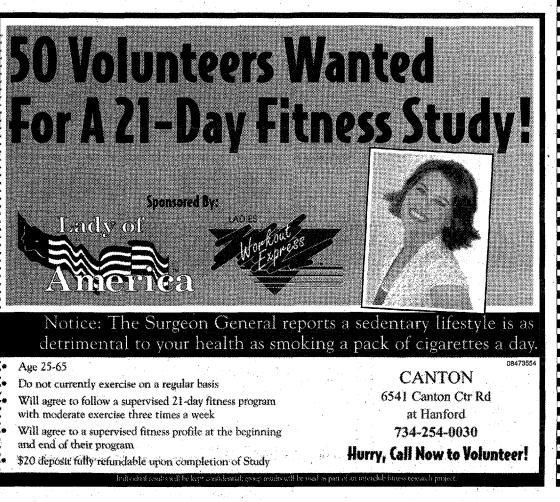
An Italian flag raising ceremony with Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson proclaiming Oct. 2-8 as Italian Week takes place at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at city hall.

"When I think of Columbus Day, all kinds of emotions come into my head," said Centi, co-chair of the dinner dance with Georgia Scappaticci. "Columbus Day is synonymous with Italian-Americans and allows us to remember that immigration experience when we came to this country to find something better for ourselves. There were struggles and hardship. Language, customs and traditions were different. Because we brought hope, a strong work ethic, for the most part we were able to succeed."

This year, the Rev. Joseph Rinaldo has been selected as the 2006 Outstanding Italian of the Year.

"Father Rinaldo is administrator of the Chelsea facility, which helps children and adults who are developmentally disabled," Centi said. "He has always been available to us at the Italian American Club to hear confessions in Italian, perform weddings for members. He sometimes joins us for Wednesday night rosary at the club. The Columbus Day event he usually does the invocation for us. He's spiritually a part of the club. When called upon he is always there for us."

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Librarians handle information explosion with aplomb

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Carol Champagne, youth coordinator at the Plymouth District Library, likes the variety of her job.

"You think you'd see the same thing over and over again, but you don't," the Ypsilanti resident said. "Every day is different."

Champagne's been in the field for some 20 years and at the Plymouth library since 1999. She earned a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Michigan after earning a B.A. in English literature from U-M.

The metro area has two programs for those wishing to become librarians, U-M and Wayne State University. "We're really lucky because there aren't that many in the country," Champagne said.

She and colleagues find the information explosion a challenge, but it's also rewarding to help library patrons sort through information to find what they need. "You have to pick and choose. Things come and go so fast now," Champagne said, adding librarians have regular training to help them keep up.

Younger patrons are often adept with technology, but they're not the only ones. "Some of the older patrons surprise you how savvy they are," said Champagne, who hopes to be that way in her 80s.

"Everybody thought libraries would die out because of the Internet," she said. Instead, the challenge has been to organize information and make it accessible.

"You really have to like people," said Champagne, who like other librarians doesn't have time to read on the job. "There's so much interaction with people. You have to be outgoing.

"It's a great job, a lot of potential for the future. You can work in business, you can work in colleges." Champagne noted that Yahoo and Google are hiring librarians. "What we are trained to do is organize information, and that's what they're looking for."

Marilyn Kwik, department head for adult services at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, didn't start out as a librarian. She earned a bachelor of science degree in agronomy from Michigan State University and worked in the meat and grain industries, both for the government and privately.

As a quality control manager, Kwik liked disseminating information; she was also influenced by a librarian she knew growing up. She earned a master's in library science from Wayne State and has worked in public and academic libraries since 1993.

"Excellent. I love it," Kwik said of her second career choice. "People come to you because they have questions." She likes identifying their needs and providing what they seek.

"It's challenging because there is so much information," Hamtramck resident Kwik said. "Information literacy is a big topic of discussion." Librarians help to identify information of value, filtering out less useful information.

She sees more men going into the field, including those from such professions as law and accounting making a career change. Larger libraries like Detroit's have specialized collections where those librarians can use their expertise, she said.

Kwik lists a sense of community, patience and being a good listener as key traits for a good librarian, along with having a giving spirit. She cites with pride the diverse backgrounds of her colleagues at the Westland library.

The American Library Association Web site (ala.org) has information on library careers. According to the site, the requirements for a librarian position can span the range below:

Four-year undergraduate degree in any field

Master of library science degree
 M.L.S. degree from an American
 Library Association (ALA)-accredited
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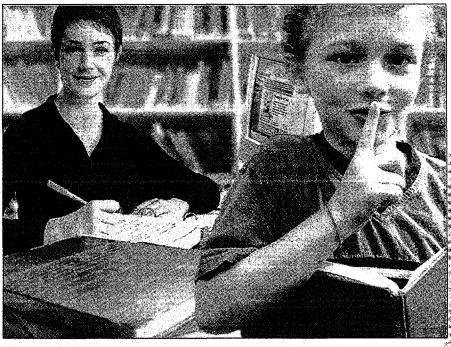
■ ALA-accredited M.L.S. degree plus a teaching certificate (often the case in school libraries) or an ALAaccredited M.L.S. plus a second master's degree, e.g., a law degree

Skills a librarian needs are: ■ Desire to meet and serve the library's user community

Ability to think analytically and to develop new or revised systems, procedures, and work flow

■ Ability to exercise initiative and independent judgment

Knowledge of computers, the



Internet, and commercially available library software

■ Knowledge of a foreign language for communities with non-English speaking populations

Ability to prepare comprehensive reports and present ideas clearly and concisely in written and oral form

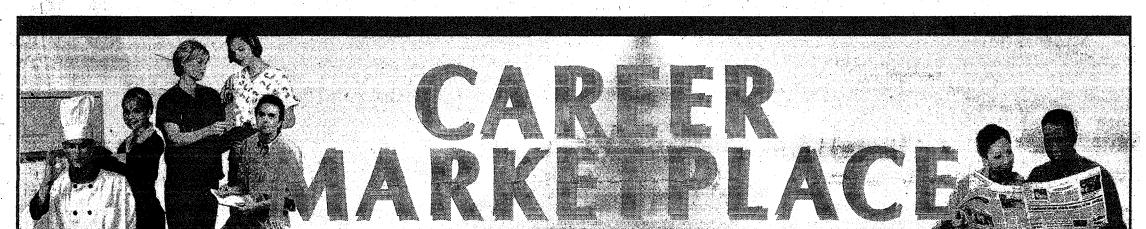
■ Ability to make administrative decisions, interpret policies, and supervise staff

Ability to motivate, establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates, supervisors, volunteers, other community agencies and the public

- Knowledge of the philosophy and techniques of library service
- Ability to organize job duties and work independently
- Demonstrated knowledge of library materials and resources
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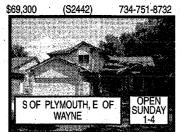
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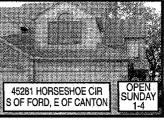
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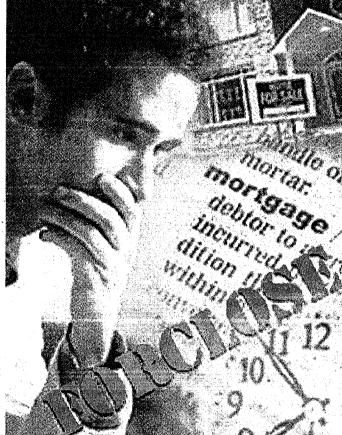
PRNewswire — Michigan's sagging economy is causing pain for many homeowners struggling to pay their mortgages, but is creating a buying bonanza for others.

Never has there been a better time to take advantage of the buyer's real estate market. More than 250 single family homes, condominiums, and duplexes will hit the auction block at multiple sites throughout the state from Sept. 25-Oct.1

About 130 properties are located in the tri-county area. Valued from \$15,000-\$450,000, these properties are bargains for first time home buyers and investors alike. Buyers will also have the unique opportunity to participate in the auction online.

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audience of interested buyers rather than casual "lookers" further increasing the likelihood of a sale. Another advantage is the competitive bidding process allows a property's true market value to emerge, giving buyers and sellers a good return on their investment.

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Buying a house vs. purchasing a condo

I am looking for a new home. Should I buy a house or a condo?

Buying a home can seem like a daunting task. In the beginning, you need to decide what kind of home you want. Here are the advantages and disadvantages of buying a house versus purchasing a condo:

A house. The good thing about a house is that once you buy it, you can do almost anything you want with it. That said you still have to maintain local ordinances that govern improvements, zoning, etc.

However, if you want to build a bigger garage for the most part you can.

The disadvantage of having maximum freedom regarding the exterior is that it's a lot more work.

You need to maintain your lawn. If neighbors see that you don't keep your lawn properly, they may call the city inspector's office, which may issue you a citation. The same is true in the winter time. You must shovel snow

Not only do you have to clear snow for your own benefit, but you need to keep sidewalks clear in front of your house. If you don't, you may get a ticket.

You are also responsible for the exterior of the house. If you have damage to your house, it is your responsibility and expense to fix it. No one else is going to do it for you, unless you have some insurance that covers it.

A condo. An advantage that you would have if you bought a condo is that you are not responsible for the exterior of a condo. If a big tree falls on your roof, it's up to the condo management to fix it.

It's up to the association, as well, to cut the grass and shovel the snow. In light of how much



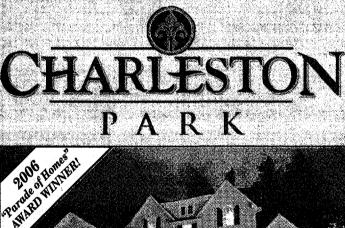
snow we get in the winter time, this could make life a little easier. Sometimes the association has a pool that you can use. This is great if you like to swim and don't want to incur the cost of having and maintaining a pool. You need to share the pool with other association members though.

Condos are ideal for some older folks who may not be physically capable any more of doing the physical chores of keeping the exterior of a house.

Of course, there is nothing for nothing. In order for the association to take care of these chores and expenses for you, you must pay a monthly association fee. The amount you need to pay can vary widely. Also, included in the fee may be water and/or gas.

Condos also have rules that you must abide by. These rules can sometimes be restrictive. An example of this is that there are condo associations which have rules that you must keep your garage door closed, because they believe it makes the area look unattractive if the doors are left open. If you own a house, you may resent these rules. On the other hand, you may like them. It's important to realize what the rules are before buying a condo reading the association by-laws. Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with Real Estate One. He has an M.B.A. with a concentration in marketing. Please feel free to call him at (734) 748-9621 or e-mail him at michaelsellshomes@realestateone.com.







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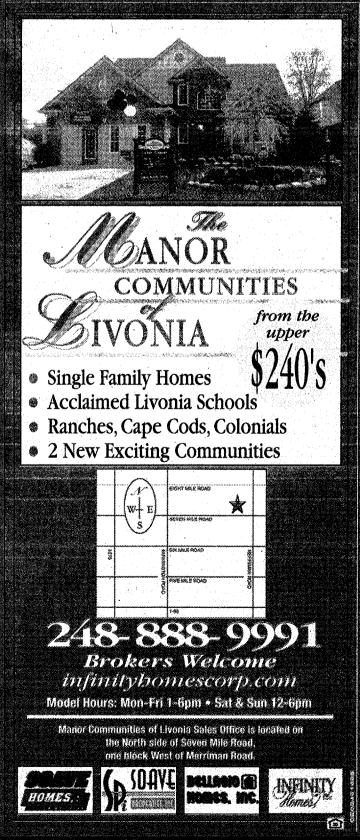
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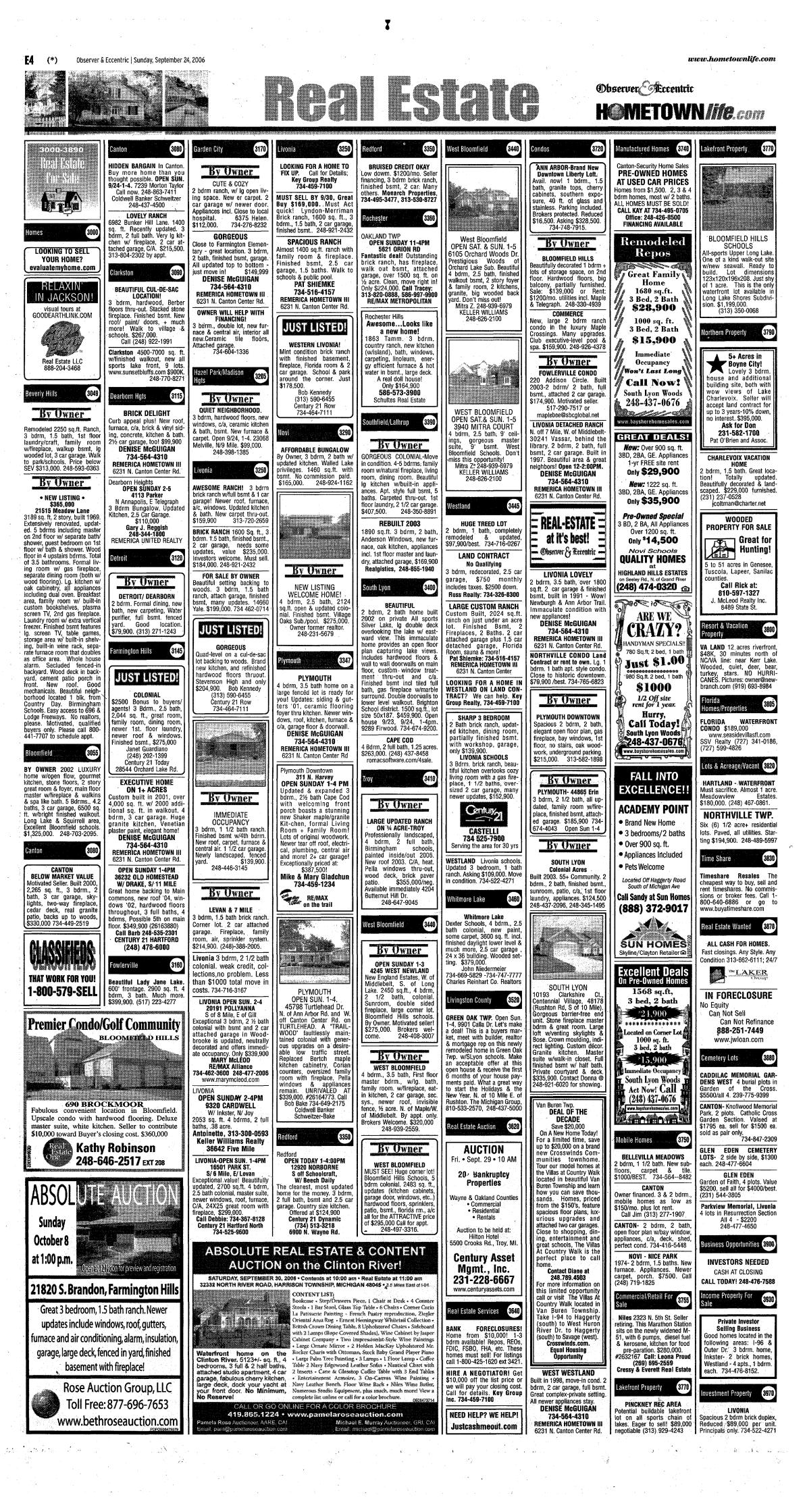




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Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. 2589875

FRIENDS FIRST SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50,

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SBCF, 35, attractive, plus-sized, Capricorn, single morn, marriage-minded, N/S, seeks man, 40-55, family-oriented, old-fashioned, possible romance. 2112291 TAKE A CHANCE

SWF, 37, likes motorcycles, movies, Star Wars, seeks WM, 34-35, N/S, with simi-lar interests, for friendship, and more. **2**114057

LOOKING FOR ME? Hard-working, affectionate SAF, 47, 5'1", 95lbs, very clean, N/S, N/D, loving and fun, seeks independent, responsible, respectful, secure man, 45-50, to share the special times in life. **21**13534

LOOKING FOR YOU Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5' 6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. 2124235 LOOKING FOR LIFE PARTNER

Female, young 45, N/Kids, loves animals, nature, gardening, old cars, new music, and quiet nights. Seeking a man, 40-50,with a positive attitude and good SOH. Friends first, possible LTR. 27113552

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2912553 NATURAL BBW SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is

open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. 23924352 ARE YOU THE ONE? SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays,

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HOPELESS ROMANTIC SWM, 24, 5' 11", 155lbs, slim build, smoker, shy, enjoys poetry, music, seeks WF, 20-29, for friendship, possible romance. **2 1** 19719

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SM, 54, 6', 175lbs, dark brown hair, N/D, intelligent, fun, enjoys laughter, romance, quiet times in, occasional nights out. ISO SF, 35-55, who enjoys the same, for friend-ship, possibly more. 2127186

MY OWN Caring, loving, respectful SBM, 38, N/S, 5' 8", 215lbs, handsome, independent, seeks independent, down to earth BF, 25-40, for possible LTR. 27125779 MY OWN

SOUND LIKE YOU? SBM, 25, 5'8", 190lbs, dark complexion, long hair, no kids, looking for fun, energetic lady affectionate and real, who knows how to have fun in life. 2122364

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND SWM 40, 5'11", 160lbs, enjoys movies, din-ing out, simple times. Looking for a nice woman, with children ok, to share friend-ship and/or relationship. Race open. **2**117687

THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS SBM, 48, N/S, 5' 7", 168lbs, enjoys camp-ing, bowling, seeks WF, 30-55, with kids, for friendship, possible romance. \$124463 GIVE ME A CALL

SBM, 21, average build, N/S, 5' 9", 170lbs, handsome, seeks woman, 18-40, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. 20112458 LIFE IS WONDERFUL

SBM, 43, N/S, enjoys gospel music, seeks BF, 38-45, N/S, for dinner dates, romance, for friendship, possibly more. 2124492 LOOKING FOR LOVE

SBM, 49, 6', 180lbs, caramel complexion, self-employed, homeowner, enjoys travel, dining out, good company movies, plays, much more. ISO special lady beautiful inside/outside, to share life and all its pleasures. 2124623

CHRISTIAN MAN SEEKS.. Christian woman. SM, 43, down-to-earth, understanding, compassionate and affectionate, seeks similar, commitment-minded lady, race open to share life and all it's little pleasures. 27123205

HELLO LADIES

SBM, 21, light complexion, 140lbs, 5'8", hazel eyes, employed, easygoing, honest, independent, likes movies, friends, shows more. Looking for a nice lady into the same. **T**126082

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SM, 31, 6'3", 265lbs, black/brown, N/S, Leo, looking for SF, 21-42, to got out, share fun and see where it goes from there. I enjoys sports, movies, walks, much more.

LOOKING FOR YOU

Affectionate, honest, trustworthy SBM, 28, looking for playful, outgoing, down-to-earth SF to share talks, good times, romance and much more. 27126752

WHAT HAVE U GOT 2 LOSE SM, 47, on disability, honest, good-hearted, homebody type, loves movies, quiet times, togetherness. Seeking romantic, openminded, non-judgmental, caring under-standing lady for friendship, fun, LTR? 2124127

HOPE YOU'RE MY LADY SBM, 40s, N/S, loves plays, movies, travel, jazz, comedy clubs. Seeking sincere, lov-ing, genuine woman, with open heart and mind, who enjoys a finer lifestyle. Age/race open 57/24/024 open. 2124024

SECURE

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, lov-

ing and caring, for a LTR. 2869189 WILL IT BE YOU?

Honest, genuine, loving SM, 25, enjoys rap, hip hop, chilling with friends, dancing, draw-ing, romance. Seeking a special lady I can treat like a princess. \$127776 HELLO OUT THERE

Loving, sincere man, 58, 5'4", 146lbs, likes camping, movies, dining, bowling, more. Looking for a sweet, easygoing, fun-loving woman, 22-39, with like interests to share friendship, maybe more. 2116656

LOOKING FOR YOU SBM, 25, good looking, handsome, seeks down to earth female, 18-20, for friendship, possibly more. 2120413

THE REAL DEAL SWM, 5' 10", average build, N/S, blond/ blue, fun, outgoing, likes movies, dining out, sports, auto racing, camping, seeks WF, 25-45, for friendship, possible romance. m120905 **T**120995

SEARCHING... SBM, 29, 5' 11", athletic build, N/S, sexy, business owner, seeks woman, 18-40, for friendship, possible LTR. 2121345 YOUNG MAN

SBM, 19, Scorpio, N/S, likes reading, writ-ing, video games, seeks attractive SF, 18-22, N/S, with same interests. 2124483

LONELY ANN ARBOR MAN Considerate, intelligent SBM, 51, tall, slim, dark complexion, Capricorn, looking for a sweet, loving woman respectful, faithful and ambitious, to share friendship, good times, possible romance and LTR. Ta122608

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Good-natured guy, 64, kind and affection-ate seeks romantic, commitment-minded lady to share the special moments in life. Friendship first. 2122451 HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SWCM, 66, 5'6", N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, church, walks, drives, dining in/out, slow dancing. Seeking like-minded SWF, who appreciates the same, for friendship, possibly more. Age/looks unimportant, hon-esty is ! 2122244

JOIN ME?

Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9", 200lbs N/S, homeowner, enjoys karaoke, oldies, music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new people. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere, lady to share the special moments in life. **1**982461

THAT'S ALL

SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. 2116761 SERIOUS

SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. **1**18483

SIMPLE REQUEST WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman, to go out and have a good time with. Age open. 2833911

HELLO LADIES SWM, 23, 5'10", 150lbs, brown/brown, looking for a fun, easygoing, sweet lady, under 150lbs, to share talks, dates, friendship and then who knows? 2117399

ECONOMICALLY VIABLE SWPM, 54, 5'11", 170lbs, trim, Aquarius, N/S, likes music, art, golf, landscapes, architecture seeks WPF, 44,60, attractive, fit, active, financially sects, intelligent, possible LTR. 27984220

LONELY & READY SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. 2860305

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ok, to share talks, dates, simple times, then who knows? 2126925

READY FOR NEW ADVENTURES SWF, 45, 5'7", blonde/green, average build, Pisces, smoker, educated, enjoys dining out, bowling, concerts, carnivals, camping, canoeing, seeks easygoing, honest, financially secure WM, 40-55, for friendship, possible romance. 2115738

DOWN-TO-EARTH Easy-going, intelligent, educated SJPF, 34, 5'4", 120lbs, N/D, N/S, from good family, in medical field, play plano. Seeking JPM, 34-45, for LTR. 2120165

JERSEY TRANSPLANT SWF, 50, stender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. 27885454

MADE TO ORDER SWF, 52, attractive, Pisces, N/S, nice, educated, secure, fun, enjoys sporting events, movies, camping, travel, theater, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, possible romance. 27993487

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. 2600106

LOOKING FOR ME?

Affectionate, sincere SWF, 63, 5'2", dark hair and eyes, employed part-time, enjoys travel, movies, dining out, more. ISO tall, active, open-minded, lovable man to share a little fun, possibly romance. **2**959193

FAMILY-ORIENTED Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. 27123905

ONE GOOD WOMAN BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM, 38-55, to do and things together. Must like pets. **2**947175

SEARCHING FOR A MAN... 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. 27962317

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blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appre-ciates the same. 27953694

A GOOD FRIEND SWF, 50, N/S, looking for SWM, 50-55, who

loves movies, dining out, long walks. Must be employed. 27969547 LOVES BOATING

SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. 2890004

POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 57, 577, attractive, slender, athlet-ic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, eduhealthy, humorous, possible LTR. **T**993381

GREAT CATCH

Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs. brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. 2111193

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MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE? SWF, 56, 5', HWP, easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. 2112612

SEEKING A LADY? SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. 12118410

TAKE ME GOLFING Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. 27976914 I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. **2**639272

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LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 12 992943

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WORTH A CALL SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. 27956910

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **176**92418

OLDER WOMAN DESIRED

SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, muscular, athletic, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. 2531308

CUT TO THE CHASE SBCM, 51, 6'3", 250lbs, N/S, enjoys plays, concerts, country drives. ISO SWF, for friendship and much, much more. Age open. 27121414

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Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. 27855207

FANTASY OR REALITY? SBM, 50, 5'8", medium-build, N/S, fun-lov-ing personality, likes dancing, jazz/blues, quality time, traveling. Seeking passionate and sexy SF, 20-50, slim-to-medium build, race open, kids ok, for sharing time and romance. 27946417

NICE GUY SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals.

Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. 2708126 WANTED ... single full-figured WF, 45-65, who believes in Jesus Christ, sought by DWM, 62, 5'10", 175lbs, clean-shaven, brown/brown, N/D, for LTR. 23954253

LIFE IS BEST SHARED

SM, 53, tall, 230lbs, muscular, brown hair, enjoys weikend getaways, snuggling, quiet romantic times, motorcycling, simple fun Seeking SF, 25-55, slender, sweet and sociable to share the special times. **3**955106

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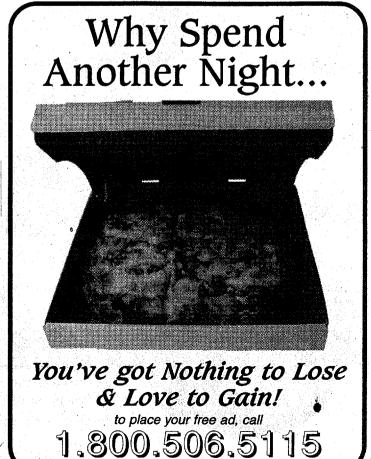
SWM, 74, N/S, widowed, seeks WF, 65-75, N/S, who likes the outdoors, country drives, for friendship, possible romance. 2121037 SHARE GOOD TIMES

SBM, 27, 6', 162lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance **2980453**

WHAT'S UP LADIES

SBM, 22, 6'4", 215lbs, brown complexion athletic, looking for a good-looking, cool, sweet lady to kick it with, talks to 27120954

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BRIEFS

Mortgage Credit Coaching seminar

A free seminar will be held 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 30, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. Consider attending if your credit score is holding you back from buying a home, you've been turned down for a mortgage or loan, can't pay off those collection accounts or want to improve your score but don't know how. Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516-8043 to register.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

Remodelors Council Shoot Out 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Detroit Gun Club, 2775 Oakley Park Road in Walled Lake. Fees include lunch, 50 rounds of skeet or trap, 100 rounds of sporting clays and six boxes of shells, \$115 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers. Station sponsorships are available for \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1008.

Sales & Marketing Council will present a "High Heels, Starbucks and Carpool: Selling & Marketing to Multi-Tasking Women" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive in Troy. Meredith Oliver of Meredith **Communications and Melinda** Brody of Melinda Brody and Company will discuss the importance of women as a target market. Fee is \$59 for SMC members and \$79 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council will sponsor an "Extreme Makeover Marketing" seminar 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 27, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite

100 in Farmington Hills. Attendees will learn about technology, curb appeal, competition, traffic analysis, closing and retention. Fee is \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or BIA members, \$99 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

Effective Business Management Seminar on "Employment 101" 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Lawrence Stawiarski of Foley, Baron & Metzger PLLC will discuss recognizing "red flags" of potential employment law liability in the workplace and preventing employment litigation. Fee includes continental breakfast and is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan will sponsor a "Loss Control" seminar 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 29, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Participants will learn how to protect themselves from hazards associated with a methamphetamine lab on their property. The seminar is free for Apartment Building Management Worker's **Compensation Self-Insured** Fund insured companies. To register, call (248) 862-1044.

A "Finance Banking" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the **Certified Graduate Builder** series. Chuck Breidenstein of **Builder Professional Services** Group Inc. will discuss extensive changes in banking regulations and practices as well as their impact on construction and development lending. Fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members, \$160 for **BIA or Apartment Association** of Michigan members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.



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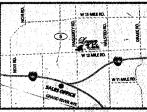
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By Tenisha Mercer Avanti NewsFeatures

Take a ride in the 2006 Buick Lucerne and its automatically clear: This is not your grandfather s Buick.

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In fact, the Lucerne is probably nothing like your grandfather has driven in a long time. For starters, the Lucerne is the first Buick car with an 8-cylinder engine since the Roadmaster in 1996.

It replaces the Park Avenue and LeSabre. Available in three trims, the CX, CXL and CXS, the Lucerne comes with a 197horsepower. 3.8-liter V-6 and a 275-horsepower, 4.6-liter V-8 that is identical to the Northstar V-8 in the Cadillac DTS. The V-8 is standard on the CXS and is optional on the CXL. As if that s not enough, the Lucerne is mated to an electronically controlled Hydra-Matic 4T80-E four-speed

automatic transmission. We tested the CXL, and the sheer speed of it shocked us. This is no putt-putt. Nudge the pedal and the Lucerne roars with the speed and agility of a lion in the forest before swallowing its prey.

No struggling to accelerate. No engine revving when climbing over hilly terrain. The Lucerne snugly grasped winding roads, while roaring down straightaways. The Lucerne s handling was as smooth as butter and the ride was oh, so quiet, thanks to QuietTuning. It muffles and tunes out noise; it was nice not to hear the staccato of freeway traffic.

There were times when we asked ourselves: Is this really a Buick?

The Lucernes design is so different, so edgy. Add to that unique driving features and we re sold.

We couldn t help but notice the turning heads when we approached; the Lucernes design is, dare we say, eye-catching nothing like Buick has produced in recent memory. The Lucerne is sleekly outfitted with a waterfall grille and surrounded by jeweled, chrome headlights. It s a Buick you d be

proud to flaunt, even if you re not a Baby Boomer. There are chrome portholes in the fender, and a 60-degree windshield bumps up the Lucerne in our stylebook. Inside, the comforts that Buick is known for envelops passengers, with elegance, comfort and spaciousness.

Wood and chrome finishes, accented by a trimmer design than other Buick sedans, prove that this is new, yet conquered territory for Buick, putting the Park Avenue to shame. The



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Lucerne s wheelbase is nearly two inches longer than the Park Avenue, but its body is 3.5 inches shorter. The 17-inch trunk was roomy enough to fit \$150 worth of groceries in with extra breathing room.

Inside is spacious, too, with 41 inches of rear legroom so much that our kids feet didn t once brush up against the front passenger seats and seats six passengers.

What really grabbed us about the Lucerne is that had the feel of a luxury car, with all the bells and whistles that you d expect. There are heated and cooled front seats a Buick first Ultrasonic Rear Parking Assist, a Harmon Kardon sound system, side mounted thorax and roof-rail mounted curtain air bags, a DVD navigation system and heated windshield washer application.

The Lucerne is the first Buick to offer Corvette s Magnetic Ride Control that, when combined with StabiliTrak, uses magnetically charged particles to adjust viscosity to different road surfaces and driving conditions. As a result, the Lucerne has quicker response time than traditional valve dampeners, while giving the driver more control.

We suspect that the Lucerne s nimble and agile handling has a lot to do with the four suspension packages that come with it: a standard package with 16-inch wheels; a slightly firmer calibration with 17-inch wheels; an even firmer suspension with magnetic assist steering; and a top-of-the-line model with 18inch wheels and Magnetic Ride Control.

With a vehicle that is so well designed, safety features are



2006 Buick Lucerne CXL Vehicle class: Luxury sedan. Power: 4.6-liter, V-8 engines. Mileage: 17 city/25 highway Where built: Hamtramck, Mich. Price as tested: \$36,585.

expected, no, demanded. The Lucerne doesn't disappoint. Six airbags are standard, but even those have unique technology.

The Lucerne has dual depth air bags that can deploy in two different shapes and pressures technology first debuted on the 2006 Chrysler DTS sedan according to the weight of the passenger. Six airbags come standard.

New this year is a feature called turn-by-turn navigation. While the Lucerne offers the traditional OnStar navigation system, turn-by-turn works by pushing the OnStar button. We told the operator our destination and the directions were displayed on the dashboard, along with a voice and a chime to, guide. It eliminates a map and the need to push navigation buttons.

The downside: you ve got to give an address, which can be difficult at times. And changing the route renders turn-by-turn useless

The upside: Turn-by-turn is \$34.95 a month, a small price to pay for the convenience of not having to deal with a map and navigation buttons. Turn-by-Turn is available on Lucerne and Cadillac DTS and STS models.

If this is GM s attempt to capture some the higher-end luxury market, it s a job well done. Buick still appeals to older buyers, but the Lucerne has a more contemporary, upbeat feel. Write to Tenisha Mercer at tenishamercer@yahoo.com. She covers the automotive beat from Atlanta as managing editor of the Mercer Media Group and as a columnist for Avanti NewsFeatures. @2006, Fracassa Communications. OE08472815

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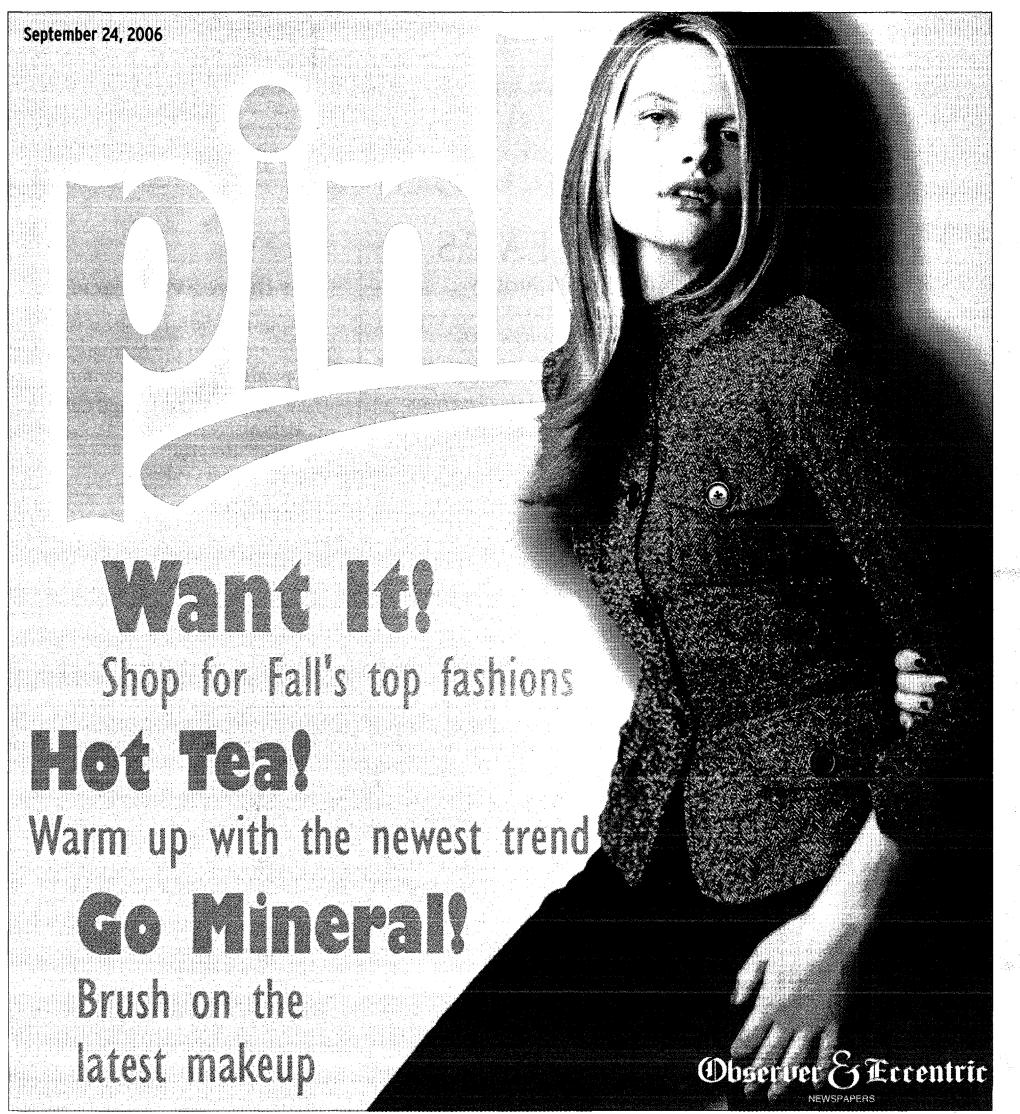




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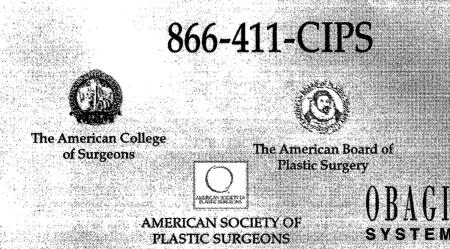
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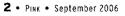
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Fashion some Motown magic

We've always known Detroit is super-stylish. Finally, the rest of the fashion world is taking note.

The September issue of W Magazine contains a 50-page photo spread set right here in the Motor City, featuring model Kate Moss and photographed by Bruce Weber.

"Detroit is coming back to life, reborn as one of the most vibrant cities in the world," the intro reads. "So Bruce Weber and Kate Moss went off to sample a little Motown magic."

The photos depict Moss on the basketball court with Lindsey Hunter, and trying on chapeaus at Harry the Hatter. Aretha Franklin, Martha Reeves and Meg White make appearances, as do Detroit landmarks, fashion designers and stylists.

She and authentic Detroiters are dressed in couture by Chloe, Carolina Herrera, Balenciaga, Marc Jacobs, Chanel, Etro and more.

Fashion Contest

And for all of you young designers who embody the stylishness of the city, we hope you enter the upcoming Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards. PINK is a proud sponsor of the FAFFAs this year, along with Shapes Boutique, Moxie Fashions and photographer Christopher Jablonski. Prizes include a scholarship, a trip to the MAGIC clothing show in Las Vegas, and a photo shoot in an upcoming edition of PINK. The contest will also seek models to represent the face of the FAFFAs in PINK and on the runway. Complete contest rules and deadlines will be available Oct. 1. Email pink@hometownlife.com to get on the mailing list.

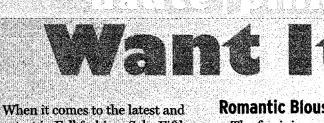
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Wensdy Von Buskirk Editor, PINK



greatest in Fall fashion, Saks Fifth Avenue has it — and you want it! S5A's across the country are hosting a "Want It!" campaign to showcase Fall looks with a brilliantly edited lineup of the season's looks, brought to life by the incredible snip art collages of Michael Roberts. Here, Saks shares Fall's must-

haves with PINK:

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Form-fitting, sleek and always opaque. Stretch into textured territory or stay smooth. Absolutely essential with minis and long sweaters.

Flat Boot

Well-heeled for fall means one inch or down to the ground. Wear them

leggings under skirts or oversized sweaters this season. to the calf, to the knee or over the knee. Boot up with

skirts, skinny jeans and leggings.

Voluminous Sleeve

Get a little drama up your sleeve with this brand-new proportion. Go soft and romantic or architectural and cropped. Pump up the volume on blouses, jackets and coats.

Narrow Pantsuit

A wardrobe classic, updated with a slim, tapered shape. Soften its sleek tailoring with a romantic blouse or long gloves

On the Cover

Short jackets are a great way to get your "fash" on for Fall. This Relativity tweed blazer from Parisian (\$64) features the season's fashionforward military details. For more top trends from Parisian, turn to page 10.

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Romantic Blouse

The feminine mystique lives on in ruffles, lace and bows. With jeans or a tuxedo, it'll make them swoon.

Wide-Leg Pants

Join the elegant ranks of Hepburn and Garbo. The fluid silhouette gives you plenty of wiggle room. Go for

proportion control: a fitted jacket or knit top.

Satchel Bag

A ladylike frame holds a soft, roomy shape. The short handle fits in your gloved hand. The perfect ally to Fall's coats and suits.

Textured Knits

Be a wrap star in layer upon knitted layer. Choose from

chunky cables, cowls, cocoons, swing cardigans and sweater coats.

Gloves

Give yourself a hand in wool, suede or leather. From opera length to scrunched at the wrist to fingerless fun. The newest arm candy to wear with cropped sleeves.

Red Lip

The perfect pout starts with bold shades of scarlet, crimson and bordeaux. Sculpted and matte for day



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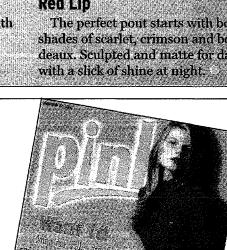


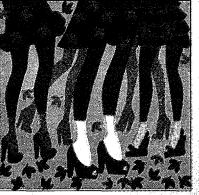
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By Elaine Perlin Crossley

The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield offers "oceans" of shopping fun – where sunshine, autumnal fresh air and outdoor music add spring to your step.

Located on Orchard Lake Road south of Maple, this upscale mall blends sizzling hot style with cool new waves. And personal service reigns supreme.

Drop by and indulge in the many fantasies beyond its windows.

Spice up your fall wardrobe with high-end casuals at **Hersh's**. My pick? A buttery soft leather jacket with scalloped lapels by J'envie Sport of New York. Comes in olive green or bittersweet chocolate. (Fabulous with jeans or tailored pants.)

Marguerite is marvelous for elegant evening couture, handbags and accents. And deck yourself out with topdrawer trends at **Tressa's Boutique**.

Chico's hot list for "gotta get" seasonal looks includes the perfect black pant, crisp white shirt, tunic sweater, luxe suede skirt and more.

Keep it sexy at Under It All with a stretch lace Hanky Panky thong, or the comfy invisible Commando brand. Hit **Sundance** for designer shoes, boots, belts and accents. And sport the latest lace-up boots by Tecnica. Round toes and ballet slipper looks are "in," or go edgy in pointy-toe heels with metal accents. Show off your waistline with voguish "cummerbund" or "cinch" belts.

Purify and pamper the body with soothing products from **Ruby's Balm**. Ask about the Terme di Salsomaggiore Spa line from Italy – mineral-rich, hydrating and re-vitalizing.

Further enhance your health at **Running Fit**, operated by avid runners. Pick up gear from Asics shoes to Baby Jogger strollers, and even enroll in a marathon class.

Then, stop at **S.F.O.** (Steven Franklin Optics) for all the "it" styles in designer eyewear — Oakley, Oliver Peoples, Armani, Chanel, Silhouette and more.

At **Stone's Fine Jewelry**, drool over icy diamonds, vintage creations of Kaylee or chic sterling silver Italian designs by Pianegonda.

Derrières look great in jeans from **Rear Ends**. Check out cutting-edge straight legs (now also for guys!) by Paige Premium Denim, and a cool selection of tees, belts, leggings and more.

So you think you can dance? Hit **The Studio** for dancewear for all ages from classic Capezio to trendy

Prana yoga wear. Get ballet, toe or ballroom shoes, and peruse the upbeat fashions, purses and more.

Time for a repast? Enjoy **Stage Deli's** simmering chicken noodle soup, hot corned beef on rye, crispy potato latke and more. Or, perhaps a warm **New York Bagel** oozing with cream cheese. (Love their tuna!) Or, sink your teeth into a **Dakota Bread** sandwich on "Grains Galore" multi-grain. Then, grab an organic cuppa Joe or aromatic spot of tea and a sweet at **Port City Java**.

Continue your adventure at **Greetings From...**, where personalized invitations, notes, greeting cards, wrapping paper, and gifts abound. (They also do calligraphy.)

Unleash your artistic spirit at **You're Fired**, by handpainting and firing your own ceramic masterpiece, or create a sparkly mosaic design.

Opening this fall — the ever-popular **Frames Unlimited** and **Acorn** for exciting women's fashions.

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That's a Wrap!

Saks Fifth Avenue divas Kim Nye (general manager) and Chervl Hall Lindsay, (director of fashion, PR and special events), think PINK at the Fash Bash Benefactor Pre-Party at Morton's of Trov. Nye, (left) of Troy, wears Chanel, and Lindsay, of West Bloomfield, wears Carmen Marc Valco and is accessorized by the August issue of PINK! By all accounts, Fash Bash featuring Elie Tahari was a hit.

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By Christina Kallery

A mineral finish

Bobbi Edwards, M.D., P.C.

Board Certified Dermatologist

Provided you haven't just awakened from an enchanted, five-year beauty slumber, you've probably noticed that mineral makeup is uber hot these days. A one-time infomercial novelty, mineralbased products have been popping up everywhere from Sephora to Walgreens. What's the appeal and how does a girl work these mystifying powders to their full glam advantage? I had no clue, so I consulted Jane Iredale, creator of her namesake cosmetics line.

After getting briefed on the benefits - lack of fillers, great coverage, weightless feel, luminous appearance, noncomedogenic formulation, sun protection, and minimal risk

of sensitivity - I was psyched for my first mineral makeup lesson. Here are a few of Iredale's insider tips:

• "Apply the minerals in thin layers using downward strokes," she says, cautioning, "Pigments are highly concentrated so don't overdo it. You can always add another layer later. If you do apply too much, blot excess with a sponge."

• "If the finish looks powdery or dry, wait a few minutes for the skin's natural oils to emerge, or spritz with a facial spray."

• "Don't use a luminescent powder on oily skin with large pores," Iredale advises. "Try a pressed powder instead."

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Multiple Sclerosis. Dr. Smith is also the author of two books on these subjects.

• "Mineral shadows can be applied generally the same as traditional cosmetics. But again, remember that you are working with very concentrated pigment so a little goes a long way."

Blush picks:

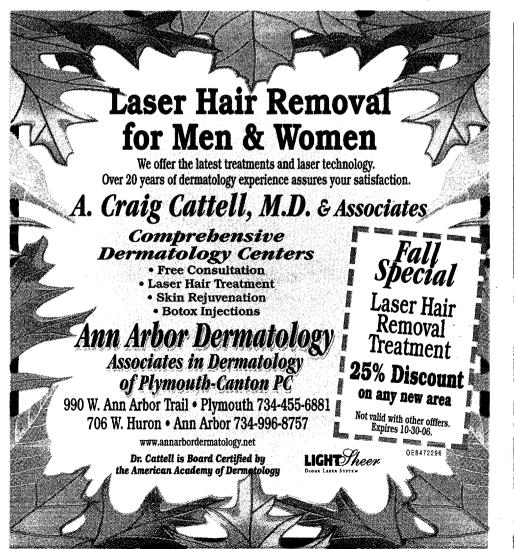
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A Barqain Fashionista's Dream

By Christy Briethaupt

H&M, which has recently graced Briarwood and Lakeside Malls, is about to make one more shopping community happy. The Swedish fashion gurus opened their third location Aug. 31 at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi — just in time for you to update your closet with fall fashion.

This store sets itself apart by being the only location to offer a lingerie department filled with cute, affordable undergarments.

This autumn the style is all the interview of the intervi

Watch for H&M at Great Lakes Crossing and Fairlane Town Center in 2007, and Viktor & Rolf limited edition designs coming Nov. 1. (*)





Plan a fabulous kid's b'day bash

By Wendie DeLano

I can hardly believe it, but my daughter Lilly will turn one next month! I've spent hours pounding the pavement to find what I need to plan the perfect party for my future fashionista. Hopefully, what I have found will save you some time.

Birthday Express (www.birthdayexpress.com) has over 160 party themes to choose from and each has fun coordinating activities, favor boxes and gifts. You can order from the most popular packages or create one to suit your needs. I chose the Pink Poodles in Paris party and was even able to customize the decorations with first birthday wishes. I got everything I needed including plates, cups, invitations, balloons and more — all in one place.

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I went to the ladies at **Sorella's**, 31236 Five Mile Rd. Livonia (734) 525-5544, for help with dessert. Sisters and co-owners Monica Ingles and Bertha Ferguson were wonderful from the moment I walked in their store. They helped entertain my baby and even brought me a freshly baked shortbread cookie while I sat at one of their café tables and looked through idea books. In no time I had decided on cupcakes for everyone and a minicake for my daughter to smash. Cake prices start at \$25.

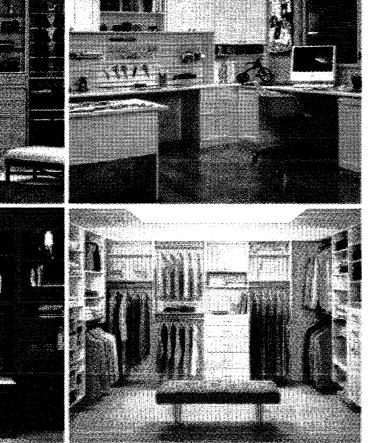
If your daughter is a little older and you are looking for fresh party ideas, check out the children's parties at The Franklin Spa, 32751 Franklin Rd., Franklin. This quaint little spa is the perfect place to introduce your daughter and her friends to a day of pampering. Theme party ages range from five and up and include A Taste of Asia, Pampered Diva, Tropical Bliss and Pink Princess. You can also get adorable satin gift bags that come with goodies to match your party's theme. Check out their website (www.thefranklinspa.com) for package details and pricing.

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Sip still with a spot of tea ...

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By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

irst it was wine tastings. Those led to cigar rooms. Then coffee shops took off with abandon. According to local tea enthusiasts it was only a matter of time before tea hit it big. The social aspects as well as the health benefits of a little hot water and a handful of leaves have metro-Detroiters flocking to tea houses and shops looking for a little down time and a touch of magic in their mugs. So what is it you need to know about tea to become an "aficionado?"

A Cup Amongst Friends

A few things have changed since the traditional English Afternoon Tea ritual began back in the 1840s when Victorian women used the opportunity to put on fancy dresses, show off their new china and nibble little cakes and scones.

"It was a chance for women to get together and enjoy each other's company and finery." Barbara Gulley, owner of Barb's Tea Shop Seminars explains.

And while the traditional Victorian tea shops still enjoy a following, new and trendy sipping sites are opening to serve teas, treats and lunches to a more casual customer. The latest places to open feature comfy couches and bright, cheery colors.

"I want my husband to come here and be comfortable," explains Sharon Ulep, owner of the recently opened Spot O' Tea in Birmingham. She describes the establishment as "an American spin on a tea room."

Wherever you are, etiquette is critical to enjoying a proper cup of tea says Gulley, who has attended numerous tea training seminars around the country. The question most often asked at one of her parties is what to do with a tea bag once it's finished brewing.

"Most of us take and wrap the string and squeeze. But it's not good form," she explains. Instead, gently place it on an extra saucer.

Gulley brings her expertise as well as the tea to home parties, church functions and tea rooms. Tea parties are becoming a manners teaching tool and a social event.

"It's an occasion; a chance to get away from the fast food lifestyle. You can sit back and enjoy pretty stuff to look at ... it lends itself to being a nice, leisurely social activity," Gulley says.

Spot O' Tea's Ulep agrees: "Tea takes time."

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So hot right now!

Cozy up with a cup at one of these tea establishments:

Sweet Afton Tea Room offers a full menu at 450 Forest Ave. in Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0777.

Spot O' Tea will warm you up at 261 Merrill St.,
 Birmingham. (248) 723-4TEA, www.SpotOTeaShop.com.
 Karma Tea + Tonics at 309 W. Nine Mile in Ferndale serves a variety of teas and pastries. Call (248) 548-1424 or search www.karmatea.com.

Sheila Teas at 115 E. Fourth St. in Rochester offers a full tea menu. Call (248) 601-0648 or visit www.sheilateas.com
 Petite Maison 103 W. Main St. in Northville serves afternoon tea on Sundays and also offers private parties. Search www.petitemaison.us or call (248) 348-9710.
 All Things UK offers a four-course tea in downtown Milford. Call (248) 676-2022 or find them on www.teamap.com.
 TranquiliTea is at 5083 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 459-9686 or visit www.tranquiliteashop.com.
 Locate Barb's Tea Shop Seminars by visiting www.barbsteashop.com or calling (248) 840-4356.
 Still can't find what you're looking for? Consult www.teaquide.net.

Drink to your health

Of course, it took Ulep only a small amount of time to read the tea leaves and see her future. A former health care worker, she was looking for a way to open a business and help people. And tea is, in her opinion,

good for everybody.

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"Tea is more than just Zen. It has scientific studies to back it up."

"I'm a huge skeptic," says Ulep. "Give me science that says it's doing what it says it's doing."

White, green or black is a personal preference but according to Ulep, each one has different properties that contribute to good health. Green tea is

linked to fighting allergies and improving weight loss, especially if it replaces a double mocha latte. Black

tea has antioxidants shown to help prevent cancer. And white tea is not only refreshing, it has become a popular addition in powder form to wrinkle-reducing cosmetics.

In fact, people are believing in tea's healthy aspects enough for the nation's bottlers to begin filling the shelves with iced, ready-to-drink teas promoting everything from improvements in high blood pressure to increased mental energy.

A Perfect Cup At Home

Walk into the newly opened TranquiliTea in Plymouth and the first thing you notice are the rows of labeled canisters with smaller glass sniff jars on top.

"Having the opportunity to sniff the tea is extremely helpful," says owner Colleen Cannon. "Generally they taste as they smell."

Like Ulep's Spot O' Tea, TranquiliTea sells between 70 and 100 types of teas by the ounce as well as the necessary pots and infusers.

Offerings range from the traditional teas to the more adventurous flavors of chocolate or chai. Most important to enjoying a cup at home is learning how to brew one properly.

"Generally a bad cup of tea has been overbrewed," says Cannon, who hands out instructions sheets to customers.

In general, it takes just one teaspoon of loose leaf tea in an infuser to make a great cup of tea. Double it if you are going to pour it over ice.

Certain teas like a black tea should use boiling water and steep for 3-5 minutes. Green tea takes just below boiling and two minutes. And whites just below boiling but steep for 5-7 minutes.

"Move it around. Bounce it up and down and use a spoon to make sure the leaves get the water all around them," she instructs.

Tea should be stored in an airtight container in a dark, dry cupboard. It can last up to two years.

But chances are once you've learned the art of tea, you'll be drinking it faster than that.

"Tea is hot right now," says Gulley. "People want to go beyond the grocery store tea bag." (***)



Actress Glenn Close, ambassador for the 2006 Key to the Cure campaign, models this year's pink ribbon T-shirt, designed by Oscar De La Renta. The tees (\$35) are available at Saks through October.

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Key to the Cure

Splurge to benefit breast cancer research as Saks Fifth Avenue hosts the 7th annual "Key to the Cure" shopping weekend, Oct. 11-15. The kick-off party, "Brushes with Greatness," 4-9 p.m. Oct. 11, will feature makeup artists, gifts-with-purchase, a DJ. cocktails and hors d'oeuvres amidst the beauty counters at Saks. Somerset Collection. Tickets, \$65, include a \$50 cosmetic gift card. All weekend, a portion of sales will be donated to Henry Ford Health System Josephine Ford Cancer Center. Key to the Cure is a nationwide campaign sponsored by Saks, the Entertainment Industry Foundation, and Mercedes-Benz USA. More than \$20 million has been raised since Key to the Cure was launched in 1999. Call (313) 876-9237.

Daughters, Sister & Friends Luncheon

Legendary actress Diahann Carroll has won Tony and Golden Globe

awards, and was the first African-American actress in television history to star in her own series, "Julia." She also is a breast cancer survivor. Carroll will speak at the "Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends

Sisters & Friends Diahann Carroll Luncheon" at 11:30 a.m.,

Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Shenandoah Golf,

"Annie Leibovitz:American Music" opens at DIA

Music and fashion have always gone hand in hand, and fashion-philes will love the latest exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Annie Leibovitz: American Music, which opens today and runs through Jan. 7, features 70 color and black-and-white images of musicians captured by the iconic photographer. Standout fashion

photos include a blackand-white portrait of R&B diva Mary J. Blige decked out in glam leather and Gucci, as well as rapper Missy Elliot in diamonds and fur.

Featured artists from Detroit include

Banquet & Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets, \$75, include boutique shopping and lunch, and benefit the future Francee & Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.. Patron level tickets, \$500, feature a pre-glow reception with Carroll at 10 a.m. Call (313) 876-9237.

Bustiers for Breast Cancer

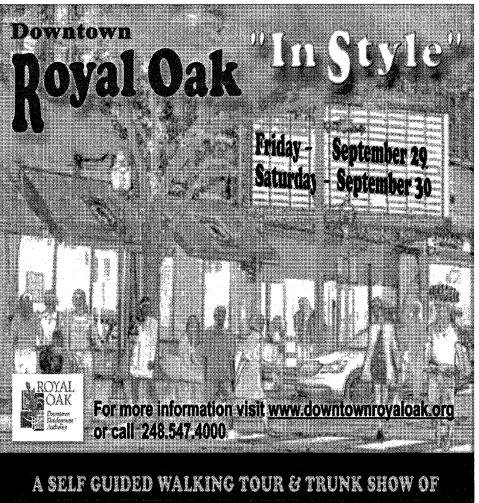
Crittenton Hospital Medical Center will host "Bustiers to Benefit Breast Cancer," 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 to raise funds to fight breast cancer and provide



The White Stripes in New York in 2003, by Annie Leibovitz.

Patti Smith, Eminem, Iggy Pop, Aretha Franklin and the White Stripes wearing their signature red and white (above). For information, call (313) 833-7971 or visit www.dia.ore.

scholarships to emerging fashion designers. During the gals, Crittenton's North Lobby will feature an exhibit of 12 couture pink bustiers created by students from the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy. Guests can bid to take home the one-of-a-kind bustiers, which all are lined with pink ribbon logo fabric, during a silent auction. The event also will feature live modeling, music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a presentation from a breast cancer survivor. Purchase tickets, \$50-\$150, by calling (248) 652-5345.



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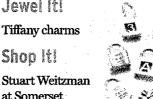


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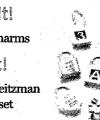
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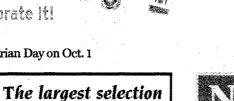
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World Vegetarian Day on Oct. 1



Celebrate Itl





and talk Back to School Time for Mar

By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

Girls and boys in navy blue and white ran out of the doors, backpacks flying, as the students of St. Michael's Catholic School in Livonia finished their first day back to the books. Breathless, they tried to tell their parents how the day went. But what PINK really wanted to know was:

What did you do for yourself the first day your child went back to school?

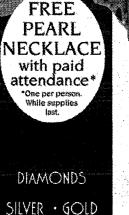




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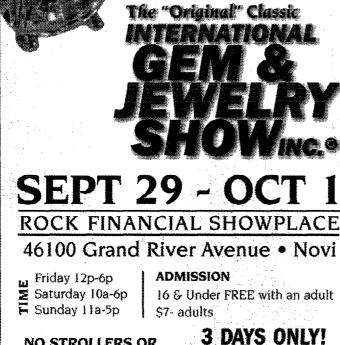
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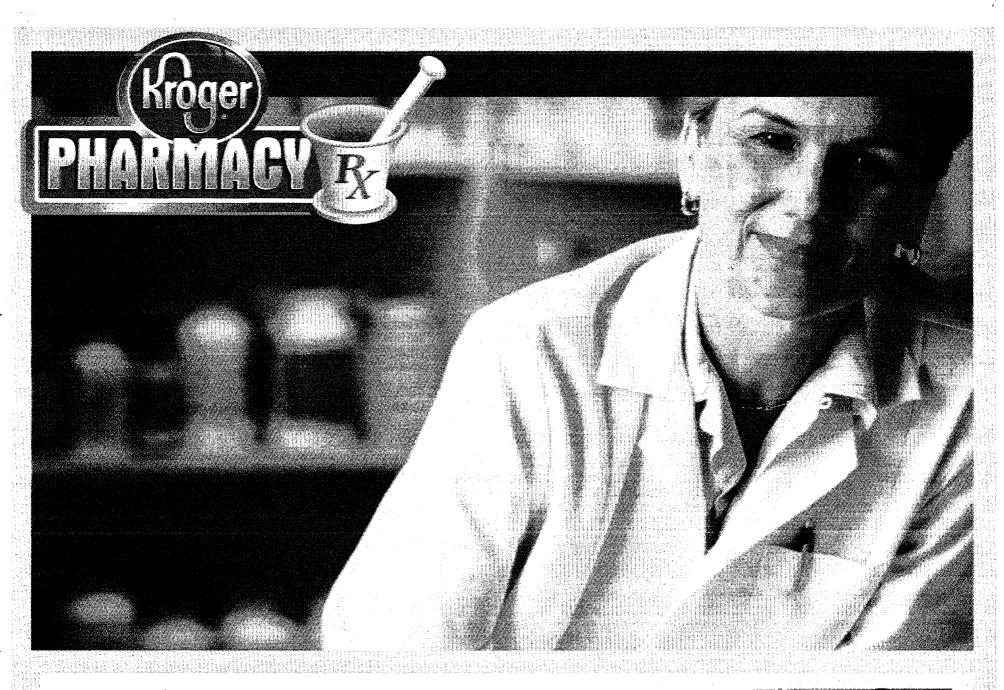
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