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Teachers, district reach pact

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Nearly 1,100 Plymouth-Canton school teachers will get their first look at a tentative two-year contract agreement Friday.

While district officials and the **Plymouth-Canton Education Association** declined comment on details of the agreement, the deal reportedly includes a settlement on a wage re-opener for the 2007-08 school year — which is the final year of the current four-year agreement - as well as a one-year pact for the 2008-09 school year.

"We were pleased with the interest-based bargaining process and the results," P-CEA President Chuck Portelli said. "I think it was beneficial for both the district and the association."

Portelli said he expected the union's executive board to receive copies of the agreement – which was reached last week - today (Thursday), with the membership to get details Friday.

Portelli said there will be a P-CEA membership meeting Wednesday, with voting to take place on Friday, Sept. 21, and Monday, Sept. 24.

Supt. Jim Ryan said if the union ratifies the agreement, the Board of Education will vote on the pact at its Sept. 25 meeting.

"We found a very civil forum for us to talk about the challenges the district faces financially, with enrollment and other areas, and they have found a way to discuss their



Carlo Massiri and 5-year-old son Bob take a ride on the giant slide at the Plymouth Fall Festival.



State OKs charter language

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The city of Plymouth has received the go-ahead from the governor and state attorney general to put 111 proposed city charter revisions before voters on the Nov. 6 election ballot.

The city's Charter Review Commission submitted the changes to the state, which had to approve them before the city could

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city of Plymouth?" The new charter will make the city administration's job a little easier," said Anthony Guilliom, Charter Commission member. "There are many

concerns with us," Ryan said. "No matter what the state comes up with (for funding), we have a structural deficit that we need to work on, and we have major concerns with health care and retirement costs."

Ryan said the two sides were able to come to terms on a contract, despite the fact the state isn't close to a budget that will ultimately determine if school districts will get a foundation grant increase or decrease.

"I think we had a lot to talk about, even though we're very frustrated the state can't seem to get it together," said Ryan, who believes there will be a state shutdown of services before a budget compromise is reached. "I'm very disappointed they can't get it together and sit down and do what we just did, which was talk out the problems and try to have both sides compromise and reach a solution that's good for people."

Fall Festival kind to nonprofit groups

BY TUNY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Fall Festival President Colleen Brown said all indications are this year's three-day event was successful for the nonprofit groups attempting to raise

money for their organizations. More on the festival, page A2. "Friday night was very wellattended; on Saturday, the

Kiwanis pancake breakfast did well and (Plymouth A.M. Rotary) spaghetti dinner had more people than last year; and on Sunday the

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David Mitrano and Paul Schulz unload racks of Rotary barbecued chicken during Sunday's fall festival festivities.

practices in the charter that are outdated.

"In practice, we already do many of these things we are proposing," he added. "It's possible someone could sue the citv for not following the charter, even though it's outdated and would be unwise to follow."

The Charter Commission listed five policy changes to the 1951 city charter as among the most significant:

Limiting the city's powers in acquiring private property without owner consent.

■ Increasing the number of consecutive elected terms on

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Civic club challenge: Shop local

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club has laid down the gauntlet and issued a "shop local" challenge to the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth to "keep our dollars in Plymouth."

The civic clubs are encouraging their members, families and friends to shop in the Plymouth community to help local business thrive in an economy that is forcing some to move or close.

"We are always out there asking restaurants and businesses to give us gift certificates and other donations when we have our projects," said Beth Stewart, president of A.M. Rotary. "We thought it would be a really nice thing for us to let them know we want to give back by keeping our business in town to support those that support us."

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BETH STEWART, Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club president

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth jumped on board right away.

"It's a wonderful way to be responsible for our community, by supporting the local businesses that might go away if we forget to shop here," Kiwanian Jennifer Philpot-Munson said.

Kiwanians and Rotarians in Plymouth, who shop at the more than 100 Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce restaurants, retail and service businesses participating in the challenge, can tell merchants which side of the ledger they want their purchases credited from Sept. 15 to Dec. 31. The prize at the end is bragging rights for the top service club.

Chamber Executive Director Fran Toney said the challenge is a "win-win" for everyone.

"Some of the service club members will eventually try a restaurant, store or service they've never been to before, see how good it is and tell other people," Toney said. "The businesses will pick up new clients, and it will be their job to keep them coming back."

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Remembering 9/11

Plymouth Township employees gathered Tuesday at 8:46 a.m. to observe a moment of silence in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

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Sunday in the park: Fall Festival a winner

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

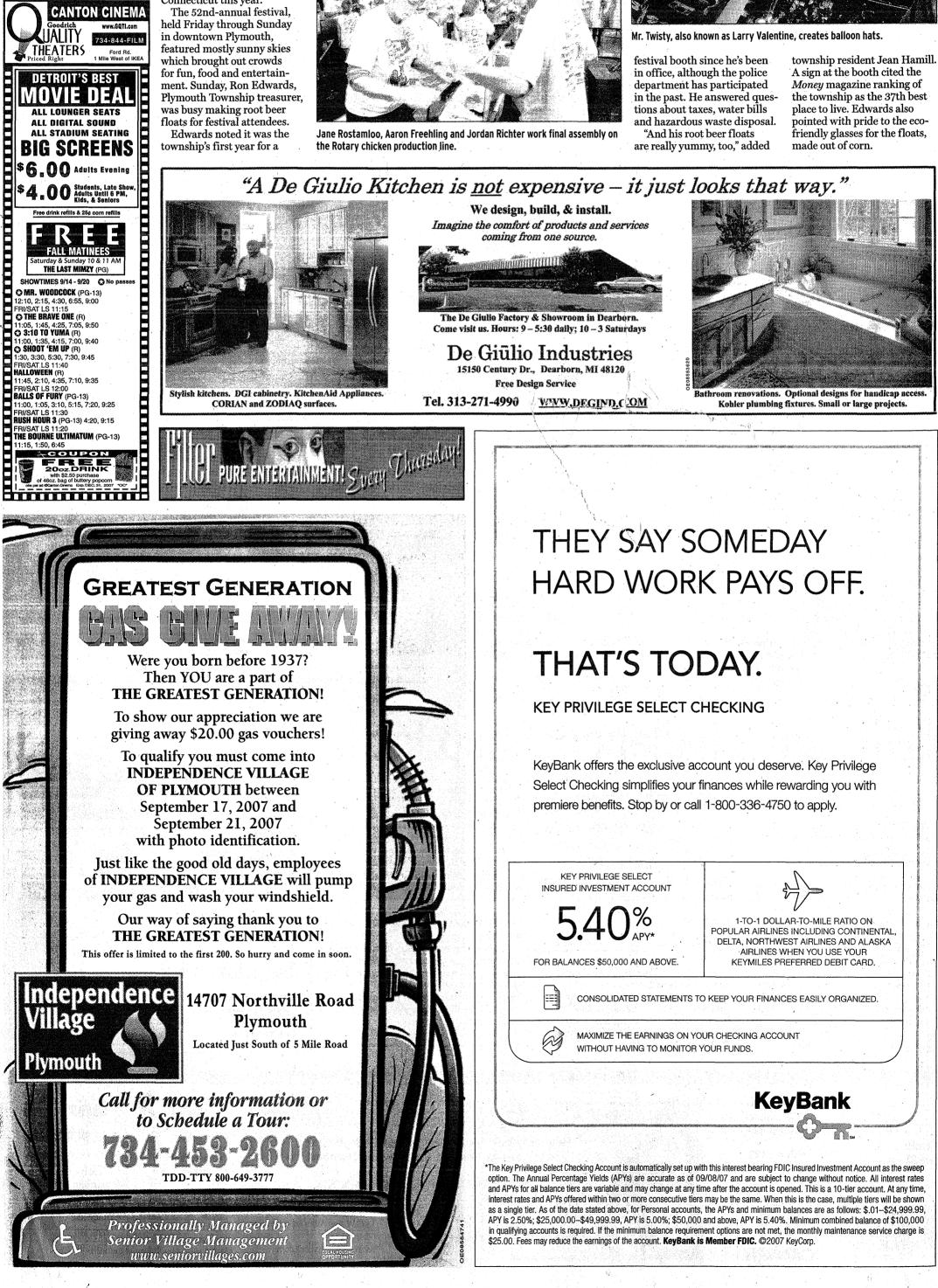
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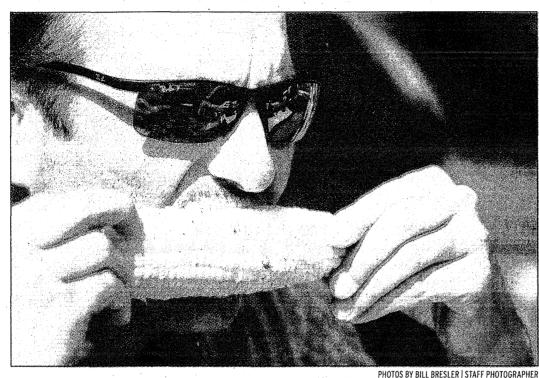
Sunday afternoon at the Plymouth Fall Festival, Denise Bielski of Garden City and Jill Kolpacke of Livonia were busy selling food at the Polish Centennial Dancers booth. "Right here, ma'am," Kolpacke called out. "Pierogis, you want one, don't you?"

They had plenty of takers for the tasty Polish food, which also included kielbasa, sauerkraut and nalesniki (crepes). "We are selling food, Polish food," said Bielski, like Kolpacke a mom with the Polish Centennial Dancers, who range in age from 3 through high school. Bielski has two kids in the group, Kolpacke one.

"Pretty good," Kolpacke said of business at their heart of the festival location. "The weather's doing good, so we're doing good."

They and other volunteers were helping the dance group, including keeping the cost down for dancers to go to a summer camp includ-





Corn on the cob looks like serious business for Richard Cook.

ing Polish language classes and arts and crafts. It's usually held at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Bielski said, but was in Connecticut this year.





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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Taxes due

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Plymouth Township officials are reminding township residents summer property taxes are due by Friday, Sept. 14.

Residents who can't make it into the office can drop their payments off in the white drop box located in the circular drive at the township hall, on Haggerty just north of Ann Arbor Road. According to treasurer Ron Edwards, tax payments dropped off in the drop box at any time over the weekend will be counted as "on-time" payments.

For more information, call Edwards' office at (734) 354-3214.

Baseball legacy

The Plymouth Community **Council on Aging presents** "Coffee with a Baseball Legacy" featuring former major league baseball player Tom Paciorek 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

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Paciorek

spanned 18 seasons as an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Chicago White Sox and others. After his playing days, he got into broadcasting, and broadcast Detroit Tigers' games from 2001-2003. Most recently, Paciorek called games for the Washington Nationals.

Tickets are \$2 each or \$15 to reserve a table for eight, can be purchased at the PCCA 201 S. Main (in the city hall building). A "coffee and sweet table" will be served, and the event features two baseball raffles.

For more information, call the PCCA, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Safety seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free child safety seat clinic, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by

appointment only, and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243.

Lincoln round-table

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table will host Kerry Chartkoff, chair of Michigan's "Save The Flags" project which preserves, interprets and displays the state's collection of battle flags.

The presentation, set for 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 in the lower level at the Plymouth Historical Museum, will focus on the Civil War flags in the collection.

The public is invited, admission is free. The museum is located at 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

For more information please call (734) 451-7998.

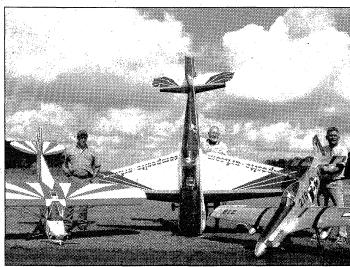
Music booster raffle

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band are hosting a fund-raising raffle to raise enough funds to purchase a new semi-trailer.

The raffle, titled "Music & Motion," is being co-sponsored by the Plymouth-based multiproduct powersports dealer Plymouth Motorsports. The money raised by the raffle will be used to purchase a new trailer to replace the aging 50foot trailer currently used by the nationally acclaimed-band to carry all the large, frontensemble instruments and equipment to each competition or performance.

Raffle tickets, priced at \$10, will be sold for the next four weeks to win your choice of a wave runner, motorcycle, snowmobile, or four-wheeler. The tickets will be on sale at many P-CEP Friday night varsity football games at the Varsity Field at Canton High School and at Plymouth Motorsports located at 110 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Raffle tickets will be sold up until mid-October, with the final winner announced at the Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition hosted by the Plymouth-**Canton Music Boosters** at Canton High School on Saturday, Oct. 13. All proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Canton band pro-



Taking to the skies

Canton's Jim Repp (from left) and his Piper Cub, Bruce Sobbry and his YAK 54, and Jim Smith and his P 51 will all be part of the Flying Pilgrims Radio Control Club's demonstration show 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sept. 15 and 16 in a field at the northwest corner of Geddes and Ridge roads in Superior Township (just west of Canton). This is the 24th year the club has held the event to demonstrate the radio controlled airplane hobby to the general public. The intention of the family-oriented event is to generate new interest in the hobby, as well as providing entertainment for the casual visitor. The Flying Pilgrims are part of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, a nation organization with about 160,000 members. Admission for the event is a \$5 vehicle parking donation (requested).

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Sue Trussell, the district

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Book signing

Author Cheril Hallwood of Forever Young Publishers will sign copies of her newest children's picture book The Curious Polka-Dot Present at Michigan Made & More in downtown Plymouth 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.

The author will also have copies of her book Winter's First Snowflake, which won a Mom's Choice Award, available.

Michigan Made & More is located at 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. For more information, go to Hallwood's Web site at www. foreveryoungpublishers.com

Corriveau hours

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his upcoming office and coffee hours in Plymouth.

Corriveau will hold an office hour on Monday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Friends Room at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St.

Corriveau also is planning a coffee hour this month. He will meet with residents on Monday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Three Brothers Restaurant, 8825 General

next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2008 Entertainment Book will be available for pick up in August.

The BeckRidge Chorale is also selling the books for \$20 to support their educational and charitable activities. Buyers who pre-order now get a 2007 book free.

The 2008 books will be available Aug. 12. Call (734) 459-6829 to order.

Newcomers mixer

The Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors Club hosts its annual Membership Kick-Off Mixer 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Box Bar in Plymouth.

This mixer is free, open to everyone and is a great opportunity for prospective members to meet existing members. The winners of the club's Children's Coloring Contest from the Plymouth Fall Festival will be announced and presented with a prize. Appetizers will be served with a cash bar.

For more information or to **RSVP**, contact Eileen Ganster at (734) 737-0385, programming@plymouthnewcomers. com or visit the group's Web site at www.plymouthnewcomers.com

Making customers happy

The City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, along with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Northville Chamber of Commerce, hosts Ruby Newell-Legner, at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a special presentation of her workshop "The Secrets to Keeping Our Customers Happy!'

The program will be presented 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Newell-Legner's program is designed for small businesses and their employees. It is an interactive experience which includes brainstorming, checklists, small group discussion and activities that will improve internal and external customer relationships.

Newell-Legner is a customer satisfaction expert that has been invited to teach guest relations for major events such as Super Bowl ZXLI and the

upcoming 2010 Olympics. She is a certified Speaking Professional, a designation bestowed by the National Speaker Association to less than 400 speakers in the world. For more information about Ruby, visit www.rubyspeaks.com

To register for this workshop, contact the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority at (734) 455-1453.

Cruise for the arts

Patrons can help the arts thrive in the community and cruise the Caribbean at the same time.

The first Plymouth Community Cruise, sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary A.M., is scheduled March 22-29, a seven-day cruise of the western Caribbean. Ports of Call (round trip from Ft. Lauderdale) include Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico; Princess Cays, Bahamas; and two days at sea.

Prices start at \$969 per person, and a \$200 per-cabin contribution will be made in the cruiser's name to the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society upon return.

For reservations and more information, contact Kathy or Kate at Carlson Wagonlit Travel, (734) 455-5810.

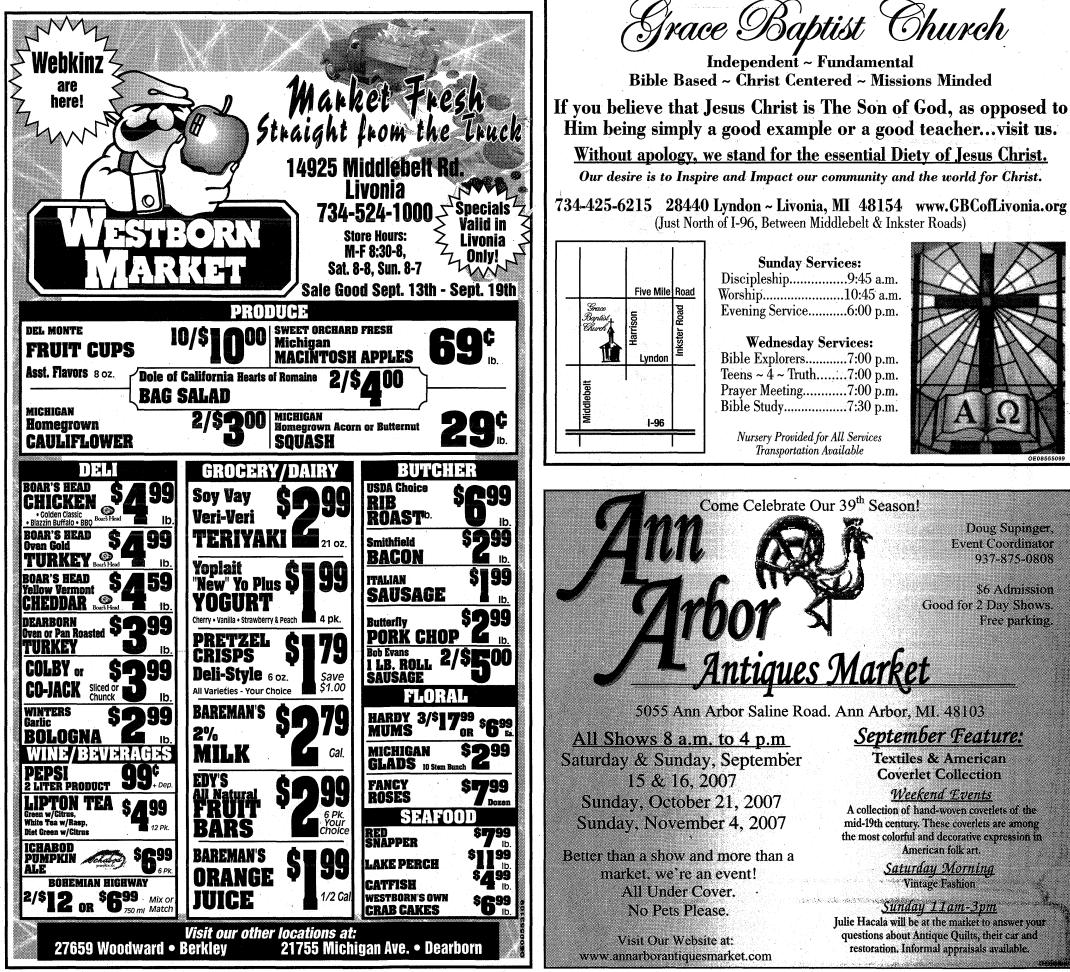
Bilingual Fun Family Fiesta

Enjoy an afternoon of culture by celebrating National Hispanic Heritage month with Bilingual Fun (45000 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth) from 4-6 p.m., Sept. 22.

This local language company will be featuring songs, games, Spanish lessons from their bilingual educators, a sampling of Mexican cuisine from Canton's newest Mexican eatery, Mariachi Mexico, and professional Latin ballroom dance presentations and lessons from master dance professionals. Bring your family and sing, dance, eat, and learn Spanish.

Visit www.bilingualfun. com for more information, or call (734) 748-3898. Tickets are \$10 adults (if purchased in advance), and \$12 at the door. Children 10 and under get in free.

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American folk art. Saturday Morning Vintage Fashion Sunday 11am-3pm Julie Hacala will be at the market to answer your

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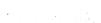
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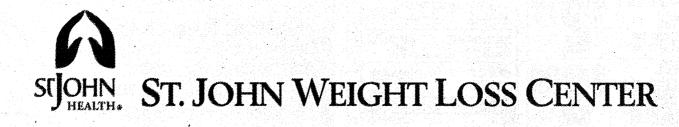
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The Charter Review Commission's collective reasoning behind the significant policy changes are:

Restriction of Eminent Domain Powers (Sections 2.1.9 & 5.15)

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We felt it important to explicitly limit the city's powers in acquiring private property without owner consent. With the restated language, Plymouth's statutes are more restrictive than current state legislation.

Change in Appointee Residency Requirements (Section 4.4)

Appointed volunteer board members (for example, planning commission) require two years of prior residency. The Charter Commission has proposed a 1 year limit, to be consistent with state guidelines and to broaden our pool of candidates.

City Commissioner Term Limits (Section 4.5)

The Charter Commission proposes to retain term limits, but allow up to three elected terms. The current limit of two terms means that, on average, more than half of the commissioners are in their first term. Allowing up to three terms, assuming that electors vote to retain, should make the city commission more effective and reduce city staff time spent training and assisting.

Recall Constriction

(Section 4.11)

We are proposing that candidates who have been recalled not be subjected to additional election restrictions. We felt this was redundant since voters who have recalled a candidate are unlikely to turn around and re-elect them.

Selection of Mayor/Pro-Tem

(Section 5.5)

We are clarifying the charter language to document the city commission's current policy of selecting mayor & mayor pro-tem based on a vote by city commissioners.

The entire proposed revised Plymouth city charter can be reviewed at

www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or at City Hall, 201 S. Main.



the city commission from two to three.

■ Changes in the process of how the mayor and mayor protem are selected.

A one-year residency requirement for appointed volunteer board members.

■ Candidates who have been recalled should not be subjected to additional election restrictions.

According to the Charter Commission, of the remaining 106 changes, 21 (19 percent) are to simplify language, 21 (19 percent) are to be consistent with current state law, 37 (33 percent) are to update for current technology, geography or practice, and 27 (24 percent) are to update or clarify language.

Plymouth resident Michael Bryan, 52, said he's not interested in reading all 111 changes on the November ballot.

"I don't need to read every little detail," said Bryan, who noted he wants the changes to be made available if he, or anyone else, wants to view it. "If I don't like what the elected officials have done, I can decide not to vote for them next time. I don't want to micro-manage their job."

The entire revised city charter can be viewed on the city's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or at City Hall, 201 S. Main.

FESTIVAL

(Rotary Club of Plymouth) chicken barbecue sold out," Brown said. "I think it went very well for everybody.

"We certainly did better than last year because the weather hindered us," she added. "Attendance was low, and we just didn't have quite enough to pay the city bill."

Brown said expenses for last year's festival were about \$80,000, with the city's bill for municipal services about \$22,000. She said expenses this year are running about \$66,000 thus far, with the largest bill — from the city — yet to come.

⁴Our goal is to make ends meet and make sure everybody is having a good time and the nonprofits make money," Brown said. "For some of them, this is their only fund-raiser to make their money for the year. I think we'll do all right this year."

Brown said the good weather this year — despite "a few blips on the radar" — will bring in good money from the carnival, which gives 25 percent of the take to the Fall Festival. She said it's generally enough to offset the bill for



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sunday afternoon crowds packed the streets of downtown Plymouth, and the carnival rides.

municipal services. As this year's Fall Festival wrapped up with final cleanup in downtown Plymouth this week, Brown said the festival

board is already looking ahead to next year's event. "We're discussing some options to partner with a radio

options to partner with a radio station next year," she said.

"We're always looking for ways to help raise more money for the clubs."

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Local seminary helps clients to heal, change, grow

Where can one go for help when stress is high, finances are low, and change is difficult?

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For one local seminary, the answer is simple and extremely affordable.

Enter Michigan Theological Seminary of Plymouth. Through its newly opened Psychological Services Clinic, help is now available for as low as \$20 per session.

"Our purpose is to be part of the solution which helps people move forward in their lives", said Dr. John Restum, Psy.D. clinic director and mental health administrator with the Wayne County Jail. "We are offering the chance to obtain high quality professional help, psychological testing, and participation in healing-based groups without the worry of how much it costs."

Located at 41550 E. Ann

Arbor Trail, between Lilley and Haggerty Roads in Plymouth, the clinic is staffed by graduates and graduate students of the Counseling and Psychology program at MTS. The clinic's clients may be seen by graduate student interns or professional licensed clinicians.

Restum said the prospective client's needs are a top consideration before the first therapy session is scheduled.

"As part of the pre-intake process, we want our callers to feel as comfortable and safe as possible. Whether the caller has a five year old who needs to be screened for ADD or ADHD ... or is someone who just lost their job after 29 years of service ... we are here to assist in the healing, change, and growth process."

"Opening this clinic represents a true labor of love", said

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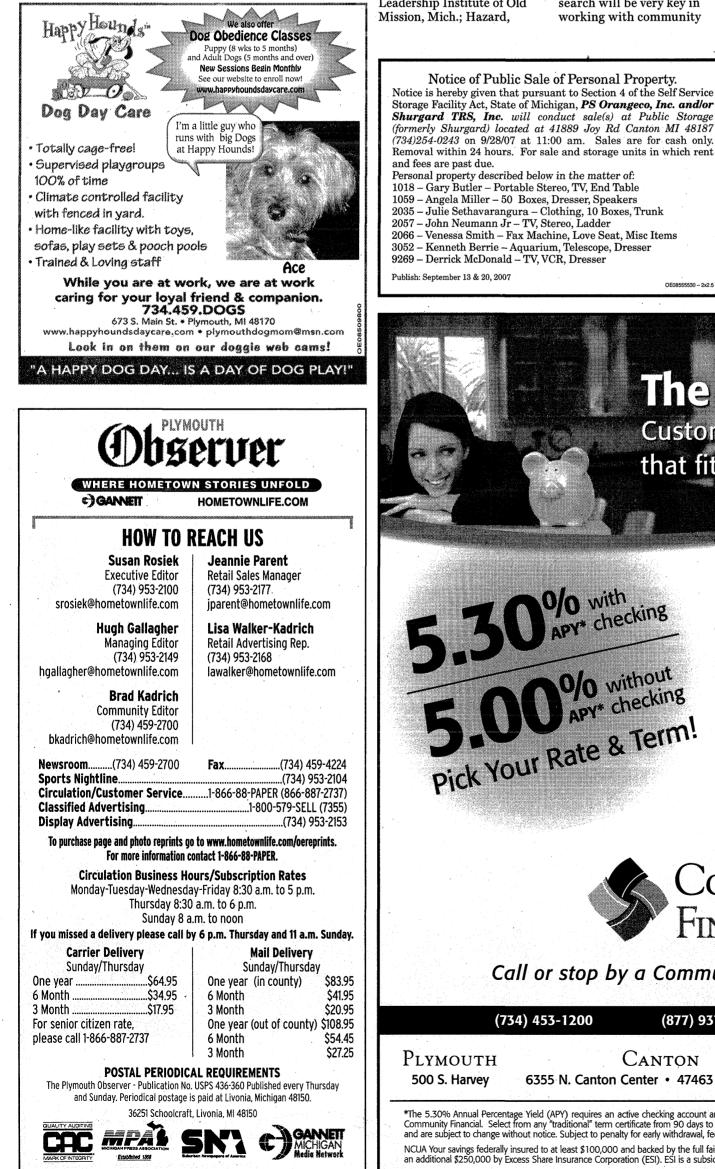
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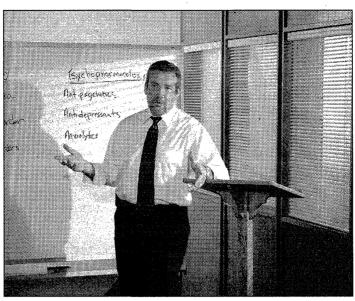
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Bids will be accept until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2007 for Prosecuting Attorney Services and until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2007 for Planning Consultant Services. The bid opening will take place at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2007 for Prosecuting Attorney Services and until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2007 for Planning Consultant Services, respectively, at Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth Michigan

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <u>http://</u> <u>www.ci.plymouth.mi.us</u>. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk - City of Plymouth Publish: September 13, 2007





Dr. John Restum is the director of the new Psychological Services Clinic at the Michigan Theological Seminary.

Kathryn Bailey, partner at Bailey & Shamoun Interiors of Northville. "We believe in this cause and know it's a great one for people who need help and didn't believe they could afford it." Bailey and her partner,

Besma Shamoun, have coordinated the donations of furniture and accessories for the clinic site over the past several months.

"It's amazing to see how everything came together from so many different donors ... as if we just walked into a furniture showroom and selected everything on the same day," said Bailey.

"You know it's a special cause when one day you realize the clinic needs a refrigerator for the kitchen and that same week a refrigerator becomes available", added Shamoun.

The clinic is open by appointment six days a week and is housed in a separate building from the main MTS campus. Individuals from age 4 and up are eligible for treatment as well as couples and families. Psychological testing involves a battery of tests which assess intelligence, personality, cognitive abilities and/or deficits and other specific mental health issues (depression, anxiety disorders, ADD/ADHD, etc.).

Handicap access is also available for individuals and/or group therapy on the ground level.

"Our groups generally involve between six to eight participants with one or two facilitators", explained Lavern Kimbrough, M.A. and MACP program graduate. Kimbrough will be facilitating "Growing Through Grief" beginning the week of Sept. 17 for six weeks 6:30-8:30 p.m. Additional groups include "From Panic to Peace," and "Past Hurts and Present Problems."

For more information about these groups, readers may call the clinic at (734) 207-9581, Ext. 328 or 329.

"Every journey begins with a single step," said Restum, "and we hope people will recognize us as representing that first step in our community."

Board considers search proposals

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will interview representatives of three firms which are bidding to conduct a nationwide search for a successor to replace retiring Superintendent Jim Ryan.

The board solicited proposals from five companies, received proposals from four of them, and whittled the list to three at Tuesday's workshop meeting. The board will interview representatives from the Michigan Leadership Institute of Old Mission, Mich.; Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd., of Glenview, Ill.; and Proact Search of Milwaukee, Wisc.

A majority of the board decided not to engage the help of the Michigan Association of School Boards in Lansing, believing the group didn't have enough expertise and contacts outside the state.

"I want to know the firms we are interviewing have done enough searches in districts of our size range, ability to recruit from a national pool, and that the person they assign to our search will be very key in working with community members in helping to define what we are looking for in a superintendent," said Board of Education President Judy Mardigian.

Board Secretary Tom Wysocki agreed, noting the search company that's eventually selected will need to work closely with the board.

"They need to be dedicated to us, and there will be somebody on the ground here to help guide us," Wysocki said. "We need a superintendent who is educationally sound, someone who is cognizant of the differences we have among the communities we serve, and is strong in labor relations to continue with the good relations we have with our employees."

Mardigian is the only current board member with experience in searching for a superintendent. She was on the search committee that hired Chuck Little in July 1994 and was a member of the school board that selected Kathleen Booher in July 2000.

"It's easier for me because I know what's coming in the process," Mardigian said. "For those experiencing it the first time, there's a lot of learning the process."

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, September 17, 2007, Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 P.M.

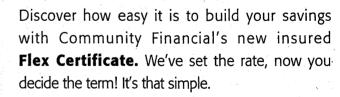
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Salvation Army offers scholarship opportunities

The Salvation Army of Plymouth is seeking scholarship applicants to teach in its School of Music.

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The program, now in its second year, is funded by concerned benefactors with a heart for music and children's educational programs. The program is designed to teach music performance skills and character training.

Interested individuals must be a senior in high school or a college student and be available for an interview between Sept. 18-27. Applicants should have proficiency in either. keyboard, guitar, percussion, strings or brass.

More information is available by contacting Captain Pat Irvine at (734) 453-5464.

Founded by William Booth in London, England, in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faithbased, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination. At work in Michigan since 1887, The Salvation Army operates 180 facilities throughout the state. Annually, these facilities provide more than 7.5 million meals and 1.2 million nights of shelter for the homeless.

Foundation honors 'Heroes'

Nancy Gioia of Plymouth, director of Sustainable Mobility Technologies and Hybrid Vehicle Programs for Ford Motor Company, will be among the honorees when the RARE Foundation, dedicated to inspiring Michigan's youth through Everyday Heroes, hosts its annual recognition dinner Tuesday.

The event will acknowledge the achievements of RARE's nine 2007 Everyday Hero Award recipients. It will also serve as a platform for the announcement of a new high school writing scholarship competition.

Gioia leads an integrated global research team of more than three hundred engineers with the mission of focusing on the concept of the sustainable future, coming up with new ideas for products and processes that will allow society to meet its current and future transportation needs without using up excessive resources or damaging the environment.

According to RARE officials. Gioia is being honored "for being a role model to the en neering community at Ford, for bringing extraordinary creativity and passion to her position, and for being an inspiring mentor to young people, both inside and outside her company." A 27-year employee for Ford, Gioia had a message for youth: "It's easy to look around our state and have doubts about the future. But usually when change of this scope occurs, it's a sign of bigger opportunities ahead. It just means you have to be willing to look at your world differently. Be open to a new approach ... Becoming part of the solution is more inspiring than complaining about the problem." RARE's Everyday Hero character education and writing program documents each awardee's story in print, video and on the Internet. The program is designed for grades 3-8 and is distributed to schools throughout Michigan in partnership with the Detroit News Newspapers in Education. The program includes a writing competition with awards for each grade, motivating students to discuss, discover and write about their Everyday Heroes. The program was developed with the help of Michigan teachers to support character education in schools

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and to provide real-world writing practice for the MEAP.

"With the challenges facing Michigan's youth today, it's more important than ever to send positive messages to our young people to help shift their focus to the creation of bright, successful futures," said RARE Foundation Founder Executive Director Alan Hibbert. "The

RARE Foundation celebrates and documents the lives of Everyday Heroes within our local communities to show youth how these everyday people have mastered the art of seeing possibilities and connecting the dots to fulfilling careers and meaningful lives. We think it's an encouraging reality check for our youth."

For more information, please visit www.rarefoundation.org



Nancy Gioia of Plymouth, here with Kermit the Frog, was recently honored by the RARE Foundation.





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LOCAL NEWS

Summit offers seniors plenty of fun, but also important services

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

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In addition to a good time, June Reed walked away from the Fifth Annual Senior Summit with a decorative, goody-filled, gift basket from Back Home Bakery.

"I won a door prize," Reed beamed. "This was great." The Summit, which is host-

ed by State Rep. Phil LaJoy, brought in 100 people its first year and has now ballooned to a crowd of nearly 350.

During the event, participants dined on a continental breakfast and boxed lunch, had free health screenings, enjoyed live entertainment and stretched their limbs during an exercise presentation. They also dove into yellow gift bags that included lip balms, thermometer, vitamins, recipes, a book and a medical card.

"I came here just to get away and ended up having a great time," said Betty Letellier, 73.



Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" inspires the crowd.

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"I'll be back next year." Letellier lives in a senior housing community in Belleville and encouraged seven of her friends to accompany her to the senior expo.

"I'm so glad we came," she said. Werner Plachetzki, 83, attended the event with Letellier and gave LaJoy two

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

thumbs up for hosting the event. "At first I didn't think too much about this, but I'm so glad I came," he said. "We got to have a laugh."

As people approached LaJoy after the event, they shook his hand and offered their gratitude.

"I've been here for every one," one woman excitedly told him, while another simply grabbed his hand and said, Thank you, Phil."

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"This was a pretty good, riproaring success," said LaJoy,

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-September 5, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll** Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Faas, Tom Casari Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Funding of Future Road Improvements in Canton Road funding: Federal, State, County and local Categories of Funding: Federal Funds (TEA-LU), Wayne County (FAC) Intersection Improvement Program Intersections completed to date. Intersections scheduled for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010. Private Funding, PASER, PASER Scores, Road Lifecycle. Historical spending on roads. Gravel Road Paving. Patching and Replacement. Mill and Resurface. Reconstruction. Rehab Candidates. Wayne County DPS offer. Gravel Road Paving Project Costs/ Benefits of the Program. Proposed solution, Recap of the Problem and Three Options. Other The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. Adjourn Motion by Zarbo, supported by Lajoy at 8:58 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site <u>www.canton-mi.org</u> after Board Approval. Publish: September 13, 2007



June Jones claps along to the entertainment during the Senior Summit.

who closed the events with a spirted round of Bingo where participants yelled, cheered and urged him to call out their letter/number combination.

"Do you want me to do this again next year," he quipped and the crowd screamed "yes" in unison.

Since the creation of the event,

LaJoy said many seniors have told him they've found the right avenues to handle legal problems or deal with housing concerns.

"Those that have been able to resolve problems will come back and say thank you," he said. "We are providing a service to people."

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4108 - Celeste Hubbard Bulger - 5 Totes, 3 Mirrors, Microwave

4120 - Grant Young - Mirror, Dresser, Headboard 4133 - Celeste Hubbard - 2 Bikes, Big Screen TV, Entertainment

Center 4208 - Vandella Hubbard - Couch, 3 Totes, 5 Bags

5036 - Mark Williams - Big Screen TV, 3 Bikes, Dresser 5150 - Angelik Lancaster - Lawn Mower, 20 Boxes, 2 Printers 5245 - Erin Morley - Dresser, Headboard, 20 Boxes Publish: September 13 & 20, 2007

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She got her goggles at a garage sale...

...along with a lava lamp, trampoline and a





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Voters will be asked for photo IDs beginning Nov. 6

Beginning with the Nov. 6 election, voters will be asked to show a photo ID, or sign a form stating that they don't have one, before receiving a ballot. The requirements are the result of a 1996 law recently determined to be enforceable by the Michigan Supreme Court.

On Sept. 5, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land released instructional materials to Michigan's elected officials designed to aid them with implementation of the requirement.

We are working closely with local election officials to ensure they have the tools and information they need to effectively communicate the requirements to their election day workers so they can properly serve the voters," said Land, Michigan's chief election officer.

"The law recognizes that people have different circumstances. Those who have no ID, or simply forgot to bring it to the polls, can still vote. By working together to understand the voter ID law, we can look forward to a smooth, orderly experience on election day."

Election workers will ask voters to show a photo ID as part of the usual ballot application process at the polls. Voters can satisfy the requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license of Michigan personal identification card.

Voters who do not possess either document can show any of the following forms of picture ID as long as the documents are current.

Driver's license or personal identification card . issued by another state

WSU law

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID can still vote. They merely sign a brief form stating they are not in possession of identification. Their ballots are included with all others and are counted on Election Day.

Federal or state government-issued photo identification

U.S. passport Military ID with photo

Student identification with photo from high school or accredited institution of higher learning Tribal identification

card with photo The ID must include the person's photo and name. It does not have to include a residential address.

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID can still vote. They merely sign a brief form stating they are not in possession of identification. Their ballots are included with all others and are counted on Election Day.

Land emphasized that voters can not be challenged by an election inspector or poll challenger just because they sign the form. Any challenge to a voter who signs the form, as is the case with all voters, must be because the inspector or challenger has "good reason to believe" that the person is not qualified to vote in the precinct.

The state Bureau of **Elections is conducting** comprehensive training on the voter ID law for local election officials statewide.

We must not only exercise our sacred right to vote but protect it as well," said Land. "Michigan's voter ID law adds another laver of security that ensures the integrity of our elections."

Think before becoming a landlord

fter a seminar on investing was asked if it makes sense to buy homes as rental properties. The other question was whether I thought real estate prices have bottomed out and was it a good

> time to buy. Unfortunately, I don't believe we've hit bottom in the Detroit

metropolitan real estate market. I believe the market will continue to weaken until the Michigan economy has sta-

bilized. This doesn't mean people should not buy homes. After all, people buy homes for many different reasons, not all of them financial. In fact, the best reason to buy a home is for quality-of-life issues and not financial issues. That being said, I do believe residential home prices in this area will continue to decline

in the near future. When you decide to purchase property and to become a landlord, you are not making an investment, but rather starting a business.

In most situations when you become a landlord, you can't

take a passive view like you do with a stock or mutual fund investment. There is much more involvement.

As a landlord, you have the responsibility to make sure you select the right home to purchase.

As a landlord, your work is not over when you find a tenant — it just begins. You have ongoing responsibilities to monitor the property as well as the tenants. Many people are under the mistaken belief that being a landlord is an easy job - it's not.

Ask anyone who is a landlord and I think they will agree that entering the real estate rental business, although it can be profitable, is hard work and mistakes can be costly.

Even though foreclosures in Michigan are increasing dramatically, people should not rush out and buy rental real estate. Just like the stock market, it is hard to make a quick buck when it comes to real estate.

Do your homework before purchasing rental real estate. Prior to purchasing a piece of property, you should look at rents for similar pieces of property. If, after factoring in costs such as repairs, maintenance, insurance and taxes, you have a positive cash flow, then it may be a viable investment. My view is that there has to be a positive cash flow. Do not invest because you think you will get great tax benefits, because you won't.

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Despite the recent downturns in the real estate market, real estate has been and will continue to provide opportunities for many individuals. The key is to determine if you're the type of individual that can succeed.

One question I always ask an individual thinking about becoming a landlord is would you evict your tenant for nonpayment of rent. If you can't say yes, it's probably a signal that becoming a landlord is not something you should pursue.

I asked this question to the individual I was talking with at the Baldwin Library in Birmingham. When he said he could never evict a tenant. I told him he should not consider purchasing rental real estate.

Being honest with yourself and understanding the type of investor you are makes you a better investor.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www. bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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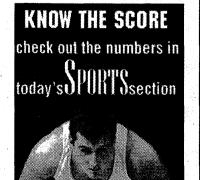
professors discuss Supreme Court

Wayne State University Law School will host a discussion titled The Supreme Court's *Term in Review* 12:15–1:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, in Room 1545 of the Law School Classroom Building.

Wayne State University Law School faculty will discuss some of the most controversial cases from the U.S. Supreme Court's 2006-2007 term, including decisions on: school integration; campaign finance reform; student free speech; and search and seizure.

The discussion will be presented by Assistant Professor Jocelyn Benson, Professor Stephen Calkins, Professor Peter Henning, Visiting Professor Margaret Leibowitz, Associate Dean David Moran, Associate Professor C.J. Peters, **Distinguished Professor** Robert Sedler, Professor Jonathan Weinberg, and Professor and Chair in **Constitutional Law Steven** Winter. A question and answer session will follow discussion.

This event will be held as a brown bag lunch, the Law School will provide beverages. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Robin Dortenzio, Special Events coordinator, at robind@wayne.edu or at (313) 577-3934.

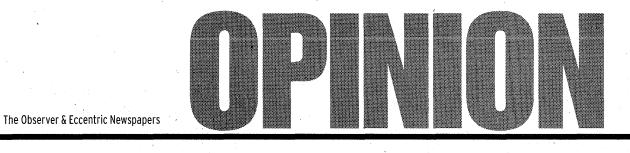


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Residents in the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township have always wielded an important voice in the affairs of their community, and they frequently take advantage of the Observer's "Letters to the Editor" section to use that voice.

With Sunday's debut of the Observer's weekend editorial page, readers now have twice as many opportunities to shape local opinions as before.

In a recent survey and in focus groups conducted in our communities, readers told us time and again they like the editorial positions we take in our Thursday editions, but they'd like to see even more.

That's why we've added a Sunday opinion page. Each Sunday, we'll deliver our opinion on the issues facing the community, and we invite you to either agree or take us to task.

If we're wrong (in your opinion), tell us. If we're right, tell us that, too. If we're not hitting issues you care about, hit them for us.

That's why the letters section is so important. It gives you an open forum to not only get your opinion out there, but to help shape the issues of the day in your community.

There are a few rules (naturally). Try to keep the letters as close to 400 words as possible. Keep them clean and on point, and stay away from personal attacks. Not sure what constitutes a personal attack? Here's an example: "Sen. Joe Blow's position on that issue makes absolutely no sense and shows how out of touch he is" is fine. "Sen. Joe Blow is the biggest windbag ever elected" is a personal attack.

Any issue is up for grabs. Don't like what your government is doing? Write us. Don't like something we wrote? Write us. Love the service at your favorite local restaurant? Write us.

Good or bad, happy or sad, glad or mad — we want to hear from you. A letter to the editor can be a powerful weapon.

Use it wisely.

Parties need to reform presidential primaries

Michigan has taken a prominent role in the presidential primary leap-frog game. Last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill moving Michigan's primary to Jan. 15, in defiance of Republican and Democratic party threats to not seat delegates selected before Feb. 5 and a pledge by leading Democratic candidates to not campaign in the state.

For many years, the presidential chase for delegates as begun with caucuses in Iowa and a primary in New Hampshire. Leaders in big, industrial, urban states like Michigan have long complained that small, rural Iowa and New Hampshire do not reflect the majority of American voters. They have argued that by the time more representative states actually vote, a decision has already been made. The Democrats tried a mild reform by adding Nevada and South Carolina into the mix. But New Hampshire was miffed that the Nevada caucus was scheduled to precede the New Hampshire primary and vowed to move its date back to retain its traditional role. Michigan U.S. Sen. Carl Levin sent a letter last week to Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean criticizing the party for punishing Florida for scheduling a primary Jan. 29 while letting New The two major parties Hampshire do what it pleased. Levin says New Hampshire need to take the reins and has been holding a "gun" to work toward creating a the heads of candidates and "someone has to take on New primary system that gives Hampshire's transparent effort more voters input and to violate DNC rules and to truly reflects our diverse maintain its privileged position." population. While it was often fun to watch the election roll out slowly through the late spring and early summer as some candidates gained momentum and others faded, those days seem to be gone in the days of yearlong campaigns and national strategies. The two major parties need to take the reins and work toward creating a primary system that gives more voters input and truly reflects our diverse population. Two plans have been making the rounds. One, the American Plan, would begin with small but diverse states and roll out slowly. The other, the Rotating Primary Plan, would divide the nation into four sections and rotate which section votes first every four years. Both plans deserve a serious consideration. We definitely need to move past this Iowa-New Hampshire fixation.



PCFD best option

I have been reading the letters and articles about the combined fire and emergency medical service for the City of Plymouth and the Township of Plymouth.

When these two governments combined fire departments it was the best move for both departments, and it still is.

It's time the City of Plymouth stops trying to get something for nothing and the Township of Plymouth stops blaming the city for their indecision and failure to provide adequate personnel.

> Chuck VanVleck Plymouth

Choice is issue

As one of the groups named in the editorial ("Michigan should join those going smoke-free") that has successfully fought against this legislation, we must respond to shed more light on the issue.

The Michigan Restaurant Association continues to support the freedom that restaurant and tavern operators - and their guests – currently enjoy, which is to make decisions on dining choices for themselves. There is no doubt that more and more Michigan citizens have become nonsmokers, and that more and more diners indicate they prefer a dining environment free of smoke. And Michigan's restaurant and tavern operators - who are in the business of providing their guests with what they want - have responded. Since 1998, the number of restaurants and taverns in Michigan that offer 100 percent smokefree dining has more than doubled -103 percent - all without a governmentknows-best mandate. It should be noted that these are not our numbers. Rather, these statistics come from the Michigan Citizens for Smoke-free Air, a group supporting a prohibition on choice. This figure does not include those establishments that choose to take significant steps to alter the physical structure of their establishments to successfully accommodate smoking and nonsmoking guests. This issue has always been about choice for our industry. And according to the respected Lansing-based public polling firm EPIC-MRA, Michigan diners clearly feel there are enough choices available to them when asked about whether there are enough restaurant options in their communities that meet their smoking preference needs. In fact, 64 percent feel they have enough options available to them, according to their poll conducted in March of this year. Despite those who insist that they know what is best for Michigan restaurant owners and for their guests, the people of Michigan continue to be able to make this decision for themselves.

LETTERS

were) a major problem with American industry and have been for the last 30 years.

Were they necessary? Yes, they were back in the '20s. '30s and '40s, but they got out of control and they are coming close to destroying American industry along with the "good ol" boy network of CEOs who sit on each other's boards of directors at public corporations and give one and other these asinine compensation packages.

We must keep value added manufacturing in this country, for this is how wealth is created. Whether it's from farming or industry we must keep the ability to produce products instead of depending on the "service economy," which will just turn us into a debtor nation.

So while Gettlefinger and the rest of the labor leaders tell everyone what a great guy Walter Reuther was (gag me, I have no respect for communists) while they continue to blame management for all problems in industry, I have one question for them:

the old adage about throwing stones in a glass house.

We live in a world today where unfortunately no one source of information can be completely trusted to offer the unvarnished truth. I believe that some people need to be disabused of the notion that the only credible one is that which regurgitates what they wish to hear.

I am a self-admitted news "junkie" and am an avid consumer of all things informational. I read (both print and electronic), watch, and listen to a great many sources of news and information, from both sides of the partisan landscape. Then and only then - and this may be where I differ from some -Imake up my own mind, based on an evaluation of those sources. A bit more time and effort, yes, but in the end, all together more edifying.

> **Scott Stevenson** Farmington

Andy Deloney

director, Public Affairs Michigan Restaurant Association

Unions are the problem

Read your article ("This is a day to reflect on tales of tough laboring," Sept. 2) and have to say that unions are (and

When will the UAW, or any other union, buy Delphi or any of the companies on the brink and show us all how to run a manufacturing operation with the contracts they negotiated in place and make a profit? Their combined silence on this subject speaks volumes to those of us who know what is really going on in this country's industries.

Jeffrey Scott

president/owner Allan Tool & Machine Troy

Deciphering the news

I would like to comment on recent letters to the editor regarding a perceived bias in the "mainstream" media. There have been allegations from those holding opposite political opinions that there is a decided slant toward one or the other side of the partisan landscape.

I feel this way: the simple reporting of a subject one does not agree with does not constitute bias, as some would characterize it. It is the injection of opinion where none is identified that is the problem. Whether that opinion is representative of the individual reporter or their employer, I am of the belief that it absolutely does not belong as part of what is supposed to be a recitation of fact.

Unfortunately, there are some sources that identify themselves as "reporters" of information that evidently fail to see things similarly.

As for the purported evidence that the "media" (this is often used as blanket nomenclature when attempting to demonize) is overwhelmingly slanted toward a liberal bias, I would suggest one look at a larger and more diverse sampling of polls. It has been fairly well documented that there are a great number of outlets whose reportage has a decidedly conservative bent; talk radio, some of the Internet, and Fox News to name but a few. It seems that some of those inclined toward such sources of information might be guilty of ignoring

Smokers' rights

I must disagree with your Aug. 30 editorial supporting a governmentenforced ban on smoking in bars and restaurants. A bar or restaurant is a private place, not a public place. Forcing property owners to ban smoking in their establishment is a violation of their rights and those that choose to smoke. Just as you have the right to decide whether someone can smoke on your private property or not, the bar owner has that same right to make that decision for his property.

It is not the purpose of the government to protect your health; it is to protect your rights. Health decisions should be made by the individual. It is your decision whether to smoke or not or go into a bar that allows smoking. Just as it is you that should decide for yourself whether to eat properly and exercise, or not. The choices you make and their consequences are your responsibilities, not the government's.

The bar and restaurant owners are perfectly justified in fighting this proposed ban.

> **Craig Paul Beverly Hills**

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"It was an elderly market that was coming in here, and they are either moving away or not coming anymore ... Dad had the intention of putting in a grill and making it a better restaurant, but there are a lot of things that need to be done to this building, which hasn't been updated since it opened 30 years ago. We might open it as another restaurant, or maybe a wine shop ... But, Cozy Cafe has run its course."

QUOTABLE

- Stacey Murdock, Cozy Cafe manager, on why the restaurant has closed its doors after more than 30 years

OTHER OPINIONS

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Graphic novels often tell good story, and keep kids reading

finished a good book the other night — complete with pictures.

The book was *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi, her story of growing up in Iran during the time of the shah's being forced to flee and the Islamic revolution that followed. The book was notable for me in that it was the first graphic novel I'd read.



Sue Patterson, the adult services librarian who leads our Contemporary Books discussion group at the Plymouth District Library, urged us to give it a try. We'd read Thomas Friedman's *The World Is Flat* for the August discussion, so this seemed like a good change of pace from that weighty tome focused on globalization.

Julie Brown

I was skeptical about a graphic novel, which she assured us has nothing to do with spicy content despite the name. The illustrated books are particularly popular

with teens and younger readers, filling library and bookstore shelves.

I gave it a go, and was glad I did. The distant news story from the 1970s and '80s came to life under Satrapi's excellent work, giving the perspective of a girl from ages 6 to 14 growing up in that country and time. It's certainly timely for today's news as well.

It got me to thinking about my own preteen days, when Nancy Drew's spunky girl detective, and later the mysteries of Agatha Christie, kept me reading into the night. The Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys books at that time were criticized by some educators as lacking literary merit, but they kept many a young person reading on during a time when other distractions, notably television, called.

Cathy Lichtman, teen services librarian for the Plymouth library, noted, "Graphic novels are extremely popular." Plymouth's collection had superhero-type books to start, and librarians bought more of the Japanese-type in recent years. Within the last five years, the collection has grown. Manga is the term for Japanese graphic novels or those of that style. "They're translated into English," Lichtman said. "That's a huge, huge market."

Those titles are often tied into television and movie series, known as animé.

Manga titles appeal mostly to those age 12 and up, although the Plymouth library has some for younger children. Writer Mark Crilley from Michigan has a series that's popular, Lichtman said: "It's a very broad field. You really can't say it's one kind of thing."

The books are often in series, she said, so young readers get hooked: "You can't wait for the next one to come out." There's the graphic element, too, with kids growing up on mixed media.

"I think because their friends are reading them," Lichtman said of the books' popularity, noting not all choose graphic novels. "There's some really good literature in graphic novel format, and some that's just more fun."

Blankets, a coming-of-age story by Michigan author Craig Thompson, is 600 pages and is suitable for older kids. "The graphics are beautiful," she said. "Actually, that one reads really fast."

Lichtman finds the books can be hard to read for her,

with older readers used to the printed word: "I think it's those of us who didn't grow up reading comic books that have a harder time." Kids have had graphics from *Sesame Street* on.

"I don't think it matters as much what they're reading, especially for leisure," Lichtman said. Adults don't read *War and Peace* all the time. "I think that helps them develop as readers when they're engaged by the story." Young people can read what they like.

Almost 2,000 per month of the graphic novels circulate in Plymouth. "And it goes up every month. I try to have a mix so everybody can have something," Lichtman said.

Westland's William P. Faust Public Library has an Animé and Manga book discussion group for teens eighth grade through high school, meeting 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month, alternating between the two. Andrea Perez, reference librarian, said, "I think it's because it's grown, as far as respect as a genre." The books have a more legitimate storyline in many cases, she's found.

Younger kids find Manga popular, Perez said, "even though they read backward, kids seem to pick up on that easily." Older kids and adults find deeper insights in books, with some libraries looking to have separate adult sections down the road, while others already do. "I think as it grows in popularity, more libraries will do that," Perez said, noting having a separate section for adults is appropriate as some content is questionable for teens.

Perez, who also subs as a librarian in Plymouth, agreed the books benefit readers: "Definitely, because I think it's going to reach out to the reluctant readers." Some series go up to 20 volumes, and keep readers hooked.

"It's been around for a while," Perez said of the genre. "In the '90s, it was pretty new. I think it's starting to turn because they are being taught in college courses. Some of the stories have just gotten so much better. They're not just simple comic books." There are the movies that also draw people in.

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang won the Printz Award for top teen book in 2007. "It was the first graphic novel to win it, so it was pretty notable," Perez said. "It was pretty big at the time."

It seems to me that these books, and leisure reading in general, have a lot to contribute to today's busy young people. A colleague of mine chimed in that *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns* got things going in 1986, and that some titles are meant for adults — and clearly described as such. The stories are often well-told, and leisure reading helps kids become better students.

School has started, so there's less time for leisure reading among kids now. Still, it seems the popularity of graphic novels tells us young people enjoy reading, and good stories.

The hope is that they'll carry the reading habit with them into adulthood, as books are still thriving and have so much to offer. Predictions of the demise of the book were premature, and people still read with enthusiasm. Graphic novels are but another form of literature that can keep young people reading for now and their futures.

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Take a break, it's good for our state

acations aren't just a means to play away summer days — in Michigan they're big business.

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Tourism ranks among our state's top industries. So it was with some measure of alarm that I noted the vacancy signs in hotels and inns along Grand Traverse Bay, one of Michigan's top vacation destinations, in the run-up to this year's Labor Day holiday.

Privately, inn and resort keepers will tell you this summer wasn't one of their best.



There are reasons for this. For starters, Clinch Beach, one of Traverse City's most widely used beaches, was closed for a good portion of this summer due to an e coli outbreak. The locals papers were filled with letters from residents wondering just why the outbreak occurred — they wondered whether it was caused by lawn run-off from new developments, from too lax restrictions on boaters jettisoning their waste, by industrial users, or by the area's low rain-

Decreases in vacation days and vacation travel show us that manufacturing isn't the only segment of the economy under pressure from changing economic and cultural conditions.

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fall, which hindered waterways from cleaning themselves. Even without the pollution problem,

this was a tourism season under siege. And you don't have to live in northern

Michigan or even travel there to realize that's another blow to Michigan's already staggering economy.

Tourism is our third biggest industry, according to some estimates, and no one needs reminding of what is happening to number one — manufacturing. Several factors are keeping folks at

home — chief among them is Michigan's

high unemployment rate. This year's dizzying rise in the price of gasoline didn't help.

But the biggest culprit could be the lack of vacation time that even those with jobs, and in other states, now take.

Some surveys indicate that American workers now use less than two weeks of vacation time annually, compared with the full month many European workers enjoy.

That may be good for business, but it's bad for Michigan. Slumping vacation rentals mean slumping tax revenue in a state already struggling to make ends meet.

It might not be a crisis, at least not yet. But any threat to our nation's tourism industry is certainly a major challenge.

The e coli outbreak shows us that the environment is important, not just for our health, but for our state's economic health.

Decreases in vacation days and vacation travel show us that manufacturing isn't the only segment of the economy under pressure from changing economic and cultural conditions.

With that in mind, taking a week away from work could be one of the best things you could do to boost Michigan business.

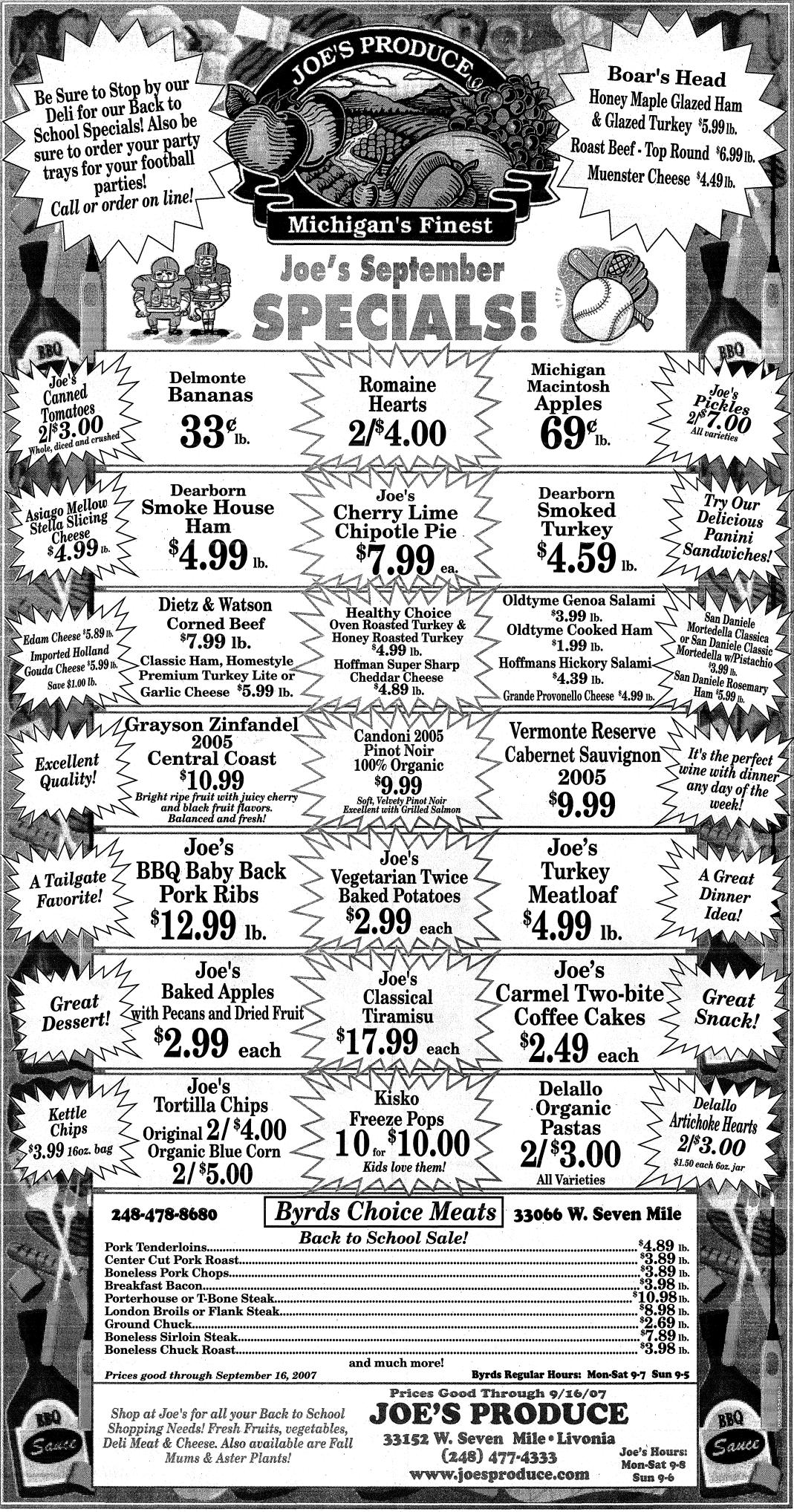
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■here is nothing like a rib-eye steak sizzling on

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the barbecue on a breezy autumn day to the music of cicadas still buzzing away. But nature is preparing treats too — filling the woods, fields and meadows with early September edibles. And some of these go well with rib-eye. Well done, of course.

Gusts of winds send black walnuts plummeting to earth. I'll be drying those for later use. Acorns pelt the woodlands like summer hailstorms. You can be sure that deer and wild turkey will delight in the acorn crop. Trivia: Those falling nuts are known as "mast" and my biologists friends agree - it's a great mast crop this year.

Apple trees gone wild are producing beautiful wellformed apples in the state recreation areas. Tasty and tart, slightly speckled autumn olive berries are everywhere. And although this is an invasive species, researchers, some from the USDA, have found a silver lining with the discovery this plant is rich in lycopene, a possibly potent cancer and cardiovascular disease fighter.

But the best treat, the one I enjoy most having underfoot as I continue my post Labor Day wild foods free shopping spree, is the giant puffball. And giant puffballs are best before they become giant. Like now. Good for breakfast, too. My highly citified niece

was in from Chicago. She was



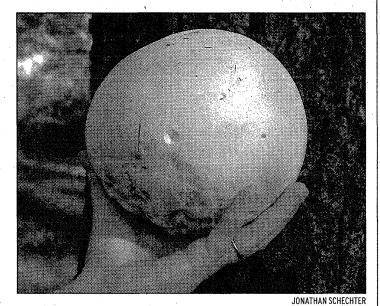
feta cheese tomato and garlic omelet.

(Garlic was Jonathan wild, tomatoes Schechter from garden. Could not use

eggs from my chickens. Mr. Coyote ate my chickens last winter.) But what's a good omelet without mushrooms and why go to the store when Mother Nature's fungi pantry is having a special on fall fungi?

Now a word of caution before I type another word. Never eat fungi based on some nature's guy's ramblings or a picture or a guidebook alone never. Eat the wrong fungi and it can make you sick, or kill you. And you are just wrong if you think poisonous mushrooms are not found in this area. One of the most beautiful and deadly mushrooms I ever found was along the fire-spawned environment of the Wet Prairie section of Oakland Township's Paint Creek Trail.

This little diversion of common sense is necessary, for to the untrained, inexperienced eve. the Amanita – also known as Death Angel – when it first emerges from the earth bears



A giant puffball is headed for the frying pan.

a resemblance to young tasty puffballs, which according to mycologists in the know is rich in selenium, iron, riboflavin and, surprisingly, Vitamin C. I guess I expect Vitamin C from orange and green things — not white mushrooms.

The puffball we harvested was small - just about the size of a large grapefruit. Some are basketball big and bigger. I did the quick "gotta be safe and sure test" and sliced a knife through the middle. The marshmallowlike texture and lack of gills (Amanitas have gills) told me it was a puffball, but the test was mostly to reassure my niece. Then it was time

to slice and sprinkle with lemon-pepper, and sautéed in olive oil. Another way is to first dip into a batter of whipped egg and bread crumbs then sauté.

And the day after she left, I sliced up another puffball and soaked the slices for about 20 minutes in a secret barbecue sauce - partial sauce ingredients included cherry salsa - and threw them on the grill next to the rib-eye for a palate pleasing dinner. Juicy wild grapes and healthful autumn olive berries for dessert. Living is good in nature's way.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way.

Here's your chance to dine with Chuck Gaidica

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

Gaidica, director of meteorology at Channel 4, is a familiar face in the metro area. As part of the Local4Casters, he's on Channel 4 weekdays at 5, 6 and 11 p.m.

A two-time Emmy Award winner, Gaidica recently helped launch a professional theatre - Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville.

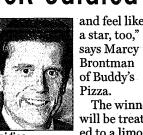
In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of Chuck Gaidica and would like to have lunch or dinner with him at Buddy's Pizza.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the contest is Saturday, Sept. 15.

A photograph of you and Chuck will be published in the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers and online at www.hometownlife. com.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars



a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza. The winner will be treated to a limo

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ride, courtesy of All Class Transportation and & Limousine Services; a makeover from Beauty Salon by J.Lyle Ltd. featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick; a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield; and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" will feature attorney Geoffrey Fieger (October), Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and OSE columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

Piece of History SP(0)RTT(0) Saturday, September 22, 11am to 3pm at Laurel Fark Place A DAY DEDICATED TO THE I'S ABOUT KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFI SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN LEARN HOW TO BE SAFE. Nongaiderea IT'S FUN AND INFORMATIVE. s comme to 7 ALSO GET FREE STUFF Neet In Perso LIKE BIKE HELMETS. Gneenheld Village



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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

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SEPTEMBER

Reformed Protestant service The doctrines and teachings of solid Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio, will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www. westminsterconfession.org.

Taste of Greece

Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and

noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace). Indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek doughnuts). Inflatable fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (two adults, up to three children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to church. Please use Bosch Corp. Haggerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

Neighborhood picnic

Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford, Everyone is invited. Food, games and live music. Call (313) 255-6330.

Victorian fashion show/tea Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many quests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresnville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins in for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue

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Age 90, September 9, 2007. Devoted wife of the late Wallace Sloan and the late Bernard Burke. Caring mother of Patricia Tinney and the late Warren Sloan. Stepmother of Charles (Jane) Burke, Barbara Harrison, and the late Valerie Trudell. Survived by grandchildren Marlo Tinney, Janelle Grimes, Joanne Gutowsky, Tamara Rittner, Tom Trudell, Tracy Simons, Taryn Trudell, Lisa Handyside, David Harrison and Michael Harrison and great-grandchildren Savanah, Colby, Delaney, Bianca, Danielle, Charlie, Mike, Janie, John, Joshua, Matthew, Katherine, Madison, Jacob, and Claire. Florence led the campaign that established a tornado siren alert program for the Township of Redford as she served as a dedicated member of

he Kenwood Women's Club

WALTER J. SMITH Smith of (Sarah)

Please sign the online guestbook at:

JAMES MACK TENNEY Died on Friday, September 7, 2007 at the age of 89 in Knoxville. He was

Passed away September 10 2007 at Munice Health and Rehabilitation Center following a brief illness. He was born January 13, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois. He was formerly of West Bloomfield, Mi. Otto was former WWII Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Glenna; four children Dana Meuret (Jim), Fulton, MO; Marl Podlaha, Boise, ID. Glenn Podlaha (Colleen), Plymouth, Mi. Gail Sandlir (Tony), Fishers, IN; and five grand-sons, Taylon, Mitchell, Nicholas Bailey and William. Memorial services will be held at the Meeks Mortuary and Crematory at 6:00pm on Friday September 14, 2007. Friends can cal Meeks Mortuary on Friday before 6:00 at: 765-288-6669. Memorials may be directed to the Cruetzfield-Jakob Disease (CJD) Foundation, Inc. P.O Box 5312 Akron, OH 44334. Online condolences may be sent to the family

at www.meeksmortuary.com.

their 30-year tradition of all-you-caneat pancake breakfasts on the third

Sunday of each month beginning Sunday, Sept. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3: children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Lay caregiver series

Workshop is designed to talk about chronic physical illnesses and how they can lead to depression 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. Register by Sept. 13, at (248) 474-4701.

Catholic marriage

The facts – things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but did, and a couple of new things to ponder 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter is Deacon William Meahan, no need to register. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

LOGOS Youth Club

Registration days are 10:30 a.m. and noon Sunday, Sept. 16, at Northville First United Methodist Church. Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at the church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. beginning

Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more information or registration forms, visit www. fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144. **Ladies Bible study**

Women of the Word Ladies Bible Study began focusing on the Book of James Tuesday, Sept. 11, and continues 9:30-11:10 a.m. Tuesdays to Nov. 13, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study material. Child care will be available for children through age 5 in the morning. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group begins meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. The first session is 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative. projects and presentations. For more nformation, call (248) 470-5202 o

Sept. 24-26. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call (734) 427-1533. Allens sing

Riverside Park Church of God is pleased to present The Allens 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the church, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. The Allens sing of One who brings us back to reality. Listen to their music, hear the message. Their music is their mirror. ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching, series of sessions explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women while enjoying a prayerful, relaxed atmosphere of faith, friendship and fellowship, runs Thursdays, Sept. 27 to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950. Mom to Mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3855 Sheldon in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue, Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Felician Sisters Marian Rally Join the Felician Sisters of Livonia as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally Sunday, Sept. 30. The rally begins at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) in the Motherhouse Chapel, followed by praying of the rosary at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima shrine and crowning of Mary by students from Ladywood High School. Refreshments will be available after Mass. Wheelchair participants are welcome. Parking is available at the

Montessori Center of Our Lady at the Newburgh entrance. The Felician Sisters Motherhouse is at 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 591-1730. Organ concert

International concert organist David Briggs plays a recital 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students, and available by calling (248) 626-2515, Ext. 109, or at the door. Registration Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler. preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413

first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Next breakfast is Saturday, Oct. 6. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Church Women United

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring one salad for every three persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Avenue, Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Rental cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$27 for 8-foot table, \$3 for a rack with table rental. Call (734) 532-7818 for information.

CROP walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and developments as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township, There will be two-mile and four-mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

Singers wanted

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. Choir practice meets once a month on Saturday and sings the following Sunday at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth road, Livonia. Upcoming practices are scheduled 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

Fall craft show

Get a jump start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia. A few spaces are still available for any handmade craft items. Call (734) 464-0990 for an application.

Crafters needed

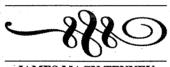
For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. ations now being accepted at: (734) 464-0990.

FLORENCE P. BURKE

Loving husband of the late Pauline Μ.

MI. Father of Livonia. Abbey-jo (Michael) Rehling and Dorothy J. (Henry) Avendt. Grandfather to Joseph Rehling, Paul Avendt, Benjamin (Kelli) Rehling, Scott (Sarah) Avendt and John (Kim) Avendt. Loving Great-grandfather to Rachal Rehling, Alexa Avendt, Jacob Avendt, Sierra Avendt, Anna Bell Avendt and Christopher Avendt. Retired LT. From the United States Navy and veteran of World War II. Retired from Wayne State University as Director of Parking Authority. Private Memorial Service. Memorials to be sent to Christ Lutheran School, 620 GM Road, Milford, Michigan in memory of Pauline and Walter Smith. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734) 422-6720 in charge of the arrangements.

www.rggrharris.com



OTTO C. PODLAHA

Visitation Thursday 1-8 pm Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Btw. 6-7 Mile) 313-531-1888. Funeral Mass Friday 10 am at Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church 610 N. Beech Daly with visitation beginning at 9:30 am. Memorial may be made to The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation or Meals on Wheels.

HARRY E. YUSCHAK

Age 75, of Farmington Hills, MI. Loving father of Harry Jr., Betty Ann (Paul) Bolyard, Judith (David) Shaw, Michele Yuschak, Katherine Yuschak & the late Mark. Dear brother of Helen (Don) Meyers & Al (Evelyn) Yuschak. Ten grandchildren & two great-grandchildren. Visitation Thursday, 6-9pm, Friday 1-9pm at the Buhay Funeral Chapel, 3103 Commor, Hamtramck. Parish Prayers Friday 7pm. Funeral Saturday 9am from the Chapel to the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church for 9:30 Mass.

ISABELL NEUSIUS

Age: 86, Garden City, passed 9-9-2007. Parkview Memorial Cemetery.



Age 91, September 11, 2007. Beloved

husband of Zenija. Loving father of Valda (Donald) Vandersloot, Edvins (Bonnie) Kaulens and the late Andris Leitans. Dear grandfather of Caitlin, Clover, Garth, Irene, Charlene and Andris. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday from 5 PM until Funeral Service at 7 PM. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48033.

JANE EVELYN DUTCHER

Age 85, September 6, 2007. Beloved wife of Eugene W. Dutcher for 61 years. Loving mother of Cary A. Dutcher, Rebecca L. Sleeper, Julie A. Dutcher, Steven F. Dutcher. Loving and Proud Grandmother of Terri, Michael, Thomas, Erin, Robert, Trevor, Patrick. Emily, Roger, Barbara, Steven. Great-grandmother of Jeffrey, Michael, Grace, Derek. Memorial services will be held at 11:00am September 17, 2007 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., at Gotfredson.

PHYLLIS C. CARNOCHAN

September 4, 2007. Age 93, longtime resident of Birmingham. Mrs. Carnochan resided for the past few years at the Baldwin House in Birmingham where she made many new friends and will be missed. She attended the Arts and Crafts Center in Detroit and had a profound interest in Fiber Weaving. Her beloved husband William preceded her in death in 2000. She is survived by her sister-in-law Daphne Carnochan of Medford, OR. J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.

born on January 27,1918 in Tallmansville, West Virginia, the son of the late Fred and Julia Bell Tenney. He graduated from Buckhannon Upshur High School, attended Glenville State Teachers College and taught elementary school in Upshur County and Vocational Education at Buckhannon Upshur High School. He served as scout master of troop 138 in Buckhannon West Virginia. After service in the Marine Crop in World War II he joined the Ford Motor Company in Detroit Michigan as an instructor in their training school and a marketing division analyst. He graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit with a Bachelors of Science in 1946, a Masters in Education in 1946, and a Masters of Business Administration in 1948. He joined American Motors in Detroit Michigan rising to General Sales Manager of the Kelvinator Appliance Division. While General Sales Manager of Kelvinator they won the National Product Design of the Year for new appliance design. In addition, he was a board member of the National Association of Appliance Manufacturers, National Association of Furniture Manufacturers and National Retail Furniture Association. Following the sale of Kelvinator he moved to Knoxville, Tennessee in 1967 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Sterchi Brothers, Inc. a New York Exchange Company of fifty-five (55) furniture stores in the Southeast. Following the sale of Sterchi Brothers, he purchased eight (8) furniture manufacturing companies and in 1970 formed Dorset Corporation of Louisville, Kentucky where he was President and Chairman of the Board. He sold Dorset in 1986 and retired. In Knoxville, he had been a director of The Church Street Methodist Church and the Webb School and was a member of Cherokee Country Club. He was preceded in death by wives, Lalah Shockey Tenney and Patricia Fleming Tenney; sons, Burtt Barton Tenney of Detroit, MI and Terry F. Tenney of Warren, OH; and daughter, Sally Tenney of Buckhannon, WV; and four sisters, Eva Grace Campbell of Buckhannon, WV, Virginia Hirsch of Meyersdale, PA, Madge Riggs of Tallmansville, WV, and Vonda W. King of Cleveland, OH. He is survived by wife, Barbara Kirk Tenney of Knoxville; son and daughter-in-law, James and Debbie Tenney of Atlanta GA; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Donnie DiBacco of Warren, OH; Verma Campbell sister. of Buckhannon, WV; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral service 7:00 P.M. Sunday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel with Rev. William J. Fowler and Rev. Cabel W. Trent officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Wayne County, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the American Heart

Association, 4708 Papermill Rd., Knoxville, TN 37909. The family will

receive friends 6-7:00 P.M. Sunday at

Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage

Chapel. The Wm. R. Hamilton Co.,

Funeral Directors, 226 Crocker Blvd.,

Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043

WILLARD D.

DEN HOUTER, MD

Age 76 of Plymouth, September 7, 2007. Dear husband of the late Katherine. Beloved father of Bill (Elizabeth) of Dixboro MI and John (Marlene) of Edwardsville IL. Proud grandfather of Kate, Claire, Gwen, freer, Ben and Jack. Dear brother of David, Daniel (Elaine) and Mary (Duane) Clark. Family practice physi cian in the Plymouth area for 35 years. Bill received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan. As an "M" man in base-ball, he maintained a lifelong passion for the "Maize and Blue" and all things Michigan. He was a naturalist and sportsman at heart pursuing fishing, swimming, gardening, and bird watching. He also was an avid reader enjoy ing a wide variety of subjects ranging from history to horticulture. Bill's love of family and friends, humble and gentle nature, and zest and appreciation for life will be forever remembered by all the lives he touched. Memoria service to be held at a later date. For more information and/or to leave a message of condolence for the family log on to: www.vermeulenfuneral home.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Dialysis Unit, 5305 East Huron River Drive, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor MI 48106-9736.



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send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.

com **Global village night**

Liberia, West Africa, Global Village Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, near Lahser, Southfield. Speaker is the Rev. Charles Boayue Jr., senior pastor, Second Grace United Methodist Church, Detroit. Liberia history, culture, customs, folk storytelling, Liberia art and dancing, music, thoughts about PEACE, sign up for Liberia Pen Pals (ages 12-17). Bring donated items for 2008 February, Liberia Mission Trip. Open to the public. Refreshments. For more information, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137. Alpha – Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, nonthreatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

St. Michael's parish picnic

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia will hold its second annual Parish Picnic 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Rotary Park. The order of the day will be great food, fellowship, and fun for everyone, with food being served from 1-4 p.m. Highlights include softball, volleyball, games, horseshoes, Moonwalks, face painting, tattoos, and much more all at affordable family pricing. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, for advance ticket sales. All food, beverages and paper goods are once again being provided courtesy of Larry Lokuta of Larry's Foodland on Plymouth Road.

Heart to heart mission

St. Raphael's Catholic Church of Garden City holds the Parish Renewal Mission, Heart to Heart, Sunday Wednesday, Sept. 23-26, with the Rev. Hugh Burns, a well-known Dominican preacher not only in this area but throughout the country. Burns speaks at 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept. 22, and at the 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon Masses Sunday, Sept. 23. The evening missions take place at 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 23-26. Burns will also be speaking 8:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday,

GriefShare recovery seminar

And support group began 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive. No charge. For more information, call (734) 941-1511 or visit www.griefshare.org. **Religious education**

Children's Religious Education began 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333.

UPCOMING

Smart Discipline seminar 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. To register, visit www. christoursavior.org. For more information, call (734) 522-6830. If unable to attend the seminar, the DVD and 4 workbooks are available for \$89. Call (800) 208-0807 or purchase online at www.smartdiscipline.com.

Islam: A primer

Join us for an introductory exploration of Islam: a 14-century old religious, geo-political, and social system 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Presenter is David J. Conrad. Please register as this will allow for the accurate preparation of handouts, seating and hospitality. Call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

Rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia, will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6 (admission free). Saturday everything is half price.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes, and more ... when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the

Catholic women's conference Women Encountering Christ in

Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Cruise

St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space limited.

ONCOING

Morning prayers

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

Explore the Catholic faith We are constantly confronted with competing faith claims. What to make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, started Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads. Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

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BELIEFS & VALUES

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Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information. call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa. higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to the open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as participants examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440. Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of the regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

Join with others as you discover ways to keep minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-08 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville Township. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol nowacki@ wardchurch.org.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia. org.

Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455. **Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and

coffee served. Classes

- NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety
- of exciting groups and classes that
- began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth
- Township. Choose from a self-defense class, scrapbooking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and more. Register on
- line at http://www.northridgechurch. com/Women/.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2007-08 for 3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m.

small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebratcrecovery. com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

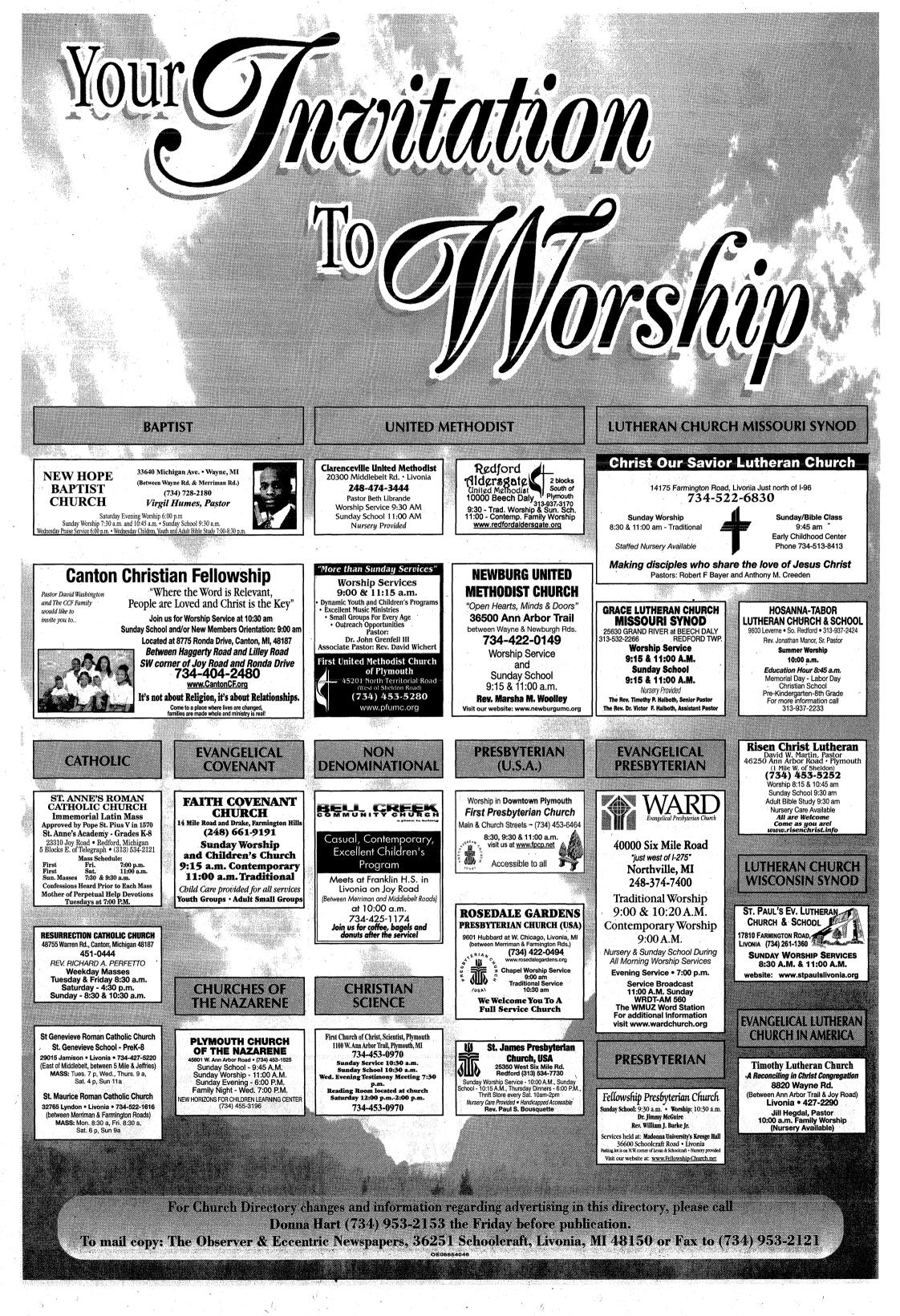
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Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by the Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information. call (734) 422-1470.



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Bang-up Bingo

Players were all smiles at Friday's annual Bingo fund-raiser, sponsored by the Plymouth Business and Professional Women, held during Plymouth Fall Festival. The fund-raiser benefits the Plymouth BPW scholarship fund. Business and Professional Women is a national organization, founded during World War I to organize the resources of professional women in order to assist the war effort. Locally, the Plymouth BPW provides scholarship opportunities to women, many head-of-household, for career advancement or women that are re-entering the work force, who also demonstrate financial need. For more information regarding scholarships, please send a letter to Plymouth BPW, P. 0. Box 5038, Plymouth, MI 48170. The group is seeking new members.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Dining for Braille Books Join Seedlings Braille Books for

Children of Livonia and Max & Erma's Laurel Park for the fifth-annual "Dining for Braille Books" Monday-Thursday, Sept. 17-20 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dine at Max & Erma's (Laurel Park Mall location only) anytime during these four days, present a special flier and 20% of your lunch or dinner check total will be donated to Seedlings to help make more children's books in braille. You may download a PDF flier at www.seedlings.org (click on Special Events) or contact Julie Connoyer at seedlink7@ aol.com or 734-427-8552 x301 to request a flier. You must present a flier to participate. Dance ensemble

The PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble is looking for children (3 years and up) who would like to learn about their Polish heritage through song and dance. Registration began Sept. 5. For more information, visit the group's Web site at syrenadance.com Women's hockey

An adult women's beginner's hockey league begins its fall session



Investing in... Plymouth and Canton

(October through January) at Vet's Arena in Ann Arbor. No experience necessary. Registration fee of \$190 includes jersey. Games scheduled at 7:50, 8:50, 9:50 and 10:50 p.m. on Friday evening. You can register on line now at macrhl.com

Holiday craft show

The Mother's Club at Catholic Central High School in Novi is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Show and Marketplace to take place Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on Wixom Road in Novi. The show is open to artists, craftspeople and businesses that sell items suitable for holiday gift giving. For more information, call (810) 231-3235 or (248) 705-9519. Juried print show

The Northville Art House presents a Juried Print Show this October. Submissions must be post-marked by Sept. 15. The show runs Oct. 5-Nov. 4. The juror is master printmaker Zdzislaw R. Sikora whose work is represented nationally, and currently serves as Professor and Chair of the Fine Arts Department at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Submissions are open to traditional and experimental processes, includ-

ing mono prints and mixed media. At least 50 percent of a work must be made from a traditional print process. Computer generated prints or photography will not be accepted unless it is part of a mixed media work. Submit a maximum of 3 slides or 3 images on CD in jpeg format per entry. You may download a prospectus at www.northvillearts.org. For more information phone (248) 344-0497, or e-mail info@northvillearts. org and type Print Show in subject line.

Melanoma 5K or 1-mile walk

Join the second-annual KDB Melanoma Walk to be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at Kensington Metropark (East Boat Launch). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for 10-17 yrs and seniors. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.melanomawalk.org

Bridal fund-raising event Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive in Northville Township) will be hosting a bridal info event sponsored by "The Wedding Resource Network" group, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007 from 6-8 p.m. The event will include food and wine sampling along with a silent auction of items with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Top area bridal vendors of "Wedding Resource Network" will be on hand for one-onone information. Admission is free if registered by Sept. 14, or \$7 at the door. For more information or to register call (734) 667-3651 or visit the

Road rally

website www.THEWRN.net.

A Road Rally to benefit Steppin' Out/AIDS Walk Detroit is planned for Friday, Sept. 14. This task-oriented, timed "treasure hunt" will begin at 7:30 p.m. from the parking lot of the Royal Oak Farmer's Market. Participants may enter as individuals or as a group, a \$5 donation per person is suggested. Prior registration required. For more information, call (586) 212-1348, or e-mail carrscompadres@yahoo.com

Suicide Loss Support Group New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net Charity golf

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will be open for tours from the **Jackson County Family Farm Fest** event. The Michigan's Center for the Photographic Arts Fall Focus Festival will feature the photographic art of 800 children from the area, as well as havrides, fresh cider and donuts, and horse and buggy rides through the village. Quality live musical entertainment, including the "The Shyguys," winners of the Grass Lake Third Annual Battle of the Bands, will play during the entire event in the gazebo/depot park area, and food vendors will be available at the site throughout the day. For more information on this event, visit www.dalefisherphoto.com and view . or download a brochure with more information.

Health class

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist. presents "Is It Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. There is help the natural way. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. No charge for this class. Limited seating, reservation required. Phone (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Mercy scholarships

Mercy High School is granting \$170,600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten full-tuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a new named Mercy scholarship, contact Director of Development Nadine Maynard at njmaynard@mhsmi.org or call (248) 893-3538.

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for

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Classic will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club Sept. 17. The event is open to the public and will include lunch, golf, a cocktail hour, dinner, and live auction. Proceeds will benefit Hope Clinic, an interdenominational Christian non-profit organization located in Ypsilanti, was founded in 1982 to provide free medical care to the uninsured. All donations are tax deductible. Non-golfers who wish to take part have the option to attend only the evening events. To sign up or for more information contact Melissa Burkhart at (734) 484-2989 or e-mail mburkhart@thehopeclinic.

org **Ballet** auditions

The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet holds open auditions 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at Sylvia Studio of Dance, 3900 Jackson Road, Suite 6, in Ann Arbor. Experienced male and female dancers 12 years of age and older are invited to audition. Women should bring pointe shoes. Call (734) 668-8066 or visit www. annarborcivicballet.com for more information.

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Fall Harvest Festival

Plans for the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce's Fall Harvest Festival, which takes place Sept. 15, in this quiet farming community are progressing. Artists, crafters, and businesses will line the village main street, while five farms

VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

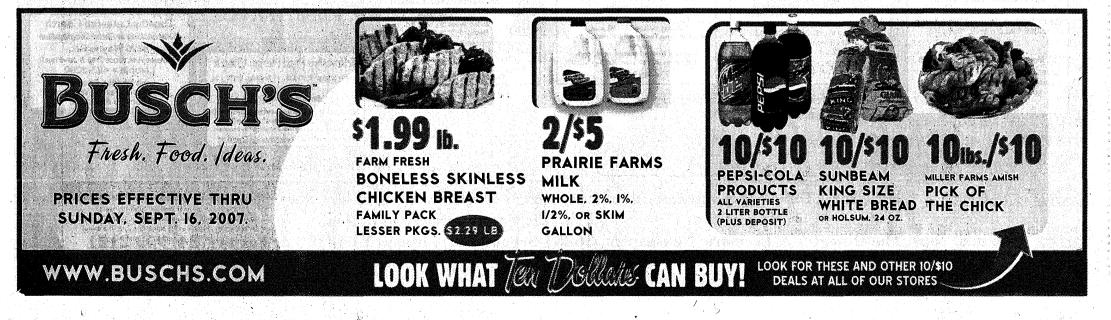
Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tricounty area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and day-time classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their endof-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/ luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

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



COUNTY NEWS

McCotter defends his record in D.C. on Iraq, economy

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

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The lunch crowd at Westland Rotary wasn't hostile to Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, but they had some tough questions about the war in Iraq.

"If they cannot win, then we bring them home," the Livonia Republican lawmaker said Thursday, Aug. 30, in response to a question from club President Lou Toarmina of Westland.

'They tried to create Washington in Baghdad," McCotter said of the Bush administration's Iraq plan. "Our democracy evolved from the grassroots up."

McCotter defended his record on the war, urging the listeners to be patient "and let it (democracy) take its own native form. Unless the people you represent want something, it's not going to happen."

McCotter, speaking at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army to Rotarians and guests, believes the Iraqis are feeling the effects of Saddam Hussein being deposed. Kim Shunkwiler of Wayne, a Westland chiropractor and Vietnam vet-

eran, asked about troops leaving Iraq.

McCotter replied by urging listeners to heed broadcasts on the CBC from Canada. In that country, you hear antiwar arguments about Afghanistan like those heard here on Iraq.

McCotter The congressman

believes if the U.S. leaves Iraq now, Taliban-type extremists in Pakistan who have nuclear capabilities will dominate. He foresees two nuclear fault lines, Pakistan/India and Iran/Israel, and an ideological struggle like the Cold War. He envisions further problems in the Middle East.

"Now what you're going to see in Washington is this new 'blame the victim," McCotter said. Former servicemen from the U.S. who return to North Vietnam receive a warmer welcome than those in the South, he said, who believe they were lied to about American support.

McCotter gave credit to former U.S.

President Bill Clinton for his criticism of Chinese who killed students in Tiananmen Square in that country. He praised the U.S. tradition of respect among those who disagree: "There's a certain commonality of agreement on the system of government we have."

Toarmina, who owns a pizza business, welcomed the congressman, noting "With us we have one of the most influential men in the country. We're happy and proud to have him."

McCotter also faced tough questioning on the home front, with Michigan's economy the major concern and small business needs specifically. The congressman cited our state's population loss, including young college graduates leaving.

This is at a time when the rest of the country isn't going through this," McCotter said. Either Michigan will catch up to the U.S. - or the national economy will come down.

"If the national economy lands on us, it's going to be a very long time." He said he and his colleagues work to bring more tax dollars back to Michigan: "We've

been very good on a bipartisan basis on doing that."

He said both the GOP and Democratic parties have members who don't understand the needs of manufacturers. including auto companies. He'd like to see alternative energy sources which equate to less reliance on foreign oil.

We have great community colleges, we have great universities." Michigan's skilled workforce is another asset, McCotter said.

"The state has to be competitive with other states." Massachusetts adjusted to loss of the textile industry, a good analogy for our state, he said. "How did they make change?"

Michigan's representation in the U.S. House of Representatives is dropping, he said. "That means fewer people there to fight to bring our money back

"My No. 1 job is to make sure the national economy doesn't crash down on us," McCotter said. "The greatest thing Michigan can do for itself is to start generating wealth."

SINGLES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

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The American Singles' Golf Association will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Maples Club at 31260 Wakefield Road in Novi (off of 14 Mile Road between M-5 and Novi Road.)

Cocktails and mingling will be at 6 p.m. with announcements at 7 p.m. Dinner is optional and is off the menu. To preview our upcoming events, visit the Web site at www.southeastmichigan. singlesgolf.com. This is a great way to meet single golfers in our area and golf some of Michigan's nicest courses both locally and statewide. Since the association is a national club, you also have the option of golfing with other ASGA (American Singles' Golf Association) groups around the country.

For more information about the club. contact Diane at (248) 347-0379.

Attorney General Cox launches cyber safety program for children

Attorney General Mike Cox last week unveiled an Internet predator education program for school children. The program, titled the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (Michigan CSI), proactively combats the problem of Internet predators by educating students, teachers, and parents about how to avoid dangers on the Internet.

"Our Criminal Division is a national leader in the arrest of Internet predators," Cox said. "Now, with Michigan CSI, we will be a national leader in proactively protecting children through education and prevention."

The program is being offered to all Michigan schools, public and private, as well as the home school community.

Demand for the program is so high that already more than 70 school districts from 44 counties, representing more than 210,000 kindergarten through eighth-grade students, have already registered. Additional seminars are also available to provide parents and community leaders with etical tool keening ch

Association of Broadcasters to promote Michigan CSI.

"Cable television companies are committed to keeping kids safe in a wired world, so we are proud to join Attorney General Cox in the Cyber-Safety Initiative," said Colleen McNamara, executive director of the Michigan **Cable Telecommunications** Association. "The programming we will televise throughout Michigan during this campaign will help educate parents and teachers about the risks our kids face online and how to protect them from the dangers that exist on the Internet."

"The Michigan Association of Broadcasters and its 389 member stations, both radio and television, are pleased to be working with Attorney General Cox on the important issue of Internet predators," said Karole White, President and CEO of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. "Our members have already been active with this issue and welcome the opportunity to localize the message to benefit the families and young people of Michiga The Michigan CSI program tion of the program, handouts was developed drawing on from the presentations, and resources from nationally an online registration form. Portions of the presentation to recognized Internet safety programs and in consultation with Michigan teachers and parents. The program was piloted to more than 8,500 students in three school districts and is recommended by all three pilot district superintendents. Michigan CSI consists of four different age-appropriate seminars: K-third grades; fourthfifth grades; sixth-eighth grades; and a community semi-Internet Abuses Against A nar. A portion of the program Child."

also deals with the nation's fastest growing form of bullying - cyberbullying.

"Michigan CSI is more powerful than the strongest software filter, because this program will arm children and parents with the knowledge they need to protect themselves," Cox said. "For the past 18 months, our office has been designing this project to provide an intersection between law enforcement and education to protect our children."

Area school districts already participating in Michigan CSI include Detroit Public Schools, Royal Oak, Warren Consolidated, Wyandotte, Monroe, Clarkston, Chelsea, Dexter, Redford Union, Oakland ISD, Wayne RESA, St. Mary's of Redford, and St. Edith of Livonia.

Material from the Michigan CSI presentations can be accessed on the Attorney General's Web site, www. michigan.gov/ag, under the Key Initiatives heading. The Michigan CSI home page provides a wealth of material, oluding a summary evi



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The President of the Internet Keep Safe Coalition, Marsali Hancock, said, "Attorney General Cox's outstanding S@ fetyNet campaign makes it easy to report Internet crimes against children and will help families better understand how they can provide the safest possible Web experience for their children."

The Attorney General's office is also partnering with the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association and the Michigan

sixth-through eighth-grade students may also be viewed on You Tube via a link at this site. Parents and community members can also report suspicious or dangerous contact on the Internet by accessing the Attorney General's Web site, clicking on the Michigan CSI homepage, then clicking on the button marked, "Report









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Realtor of the Year's a 'whirlwind' of involvement

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Gary J. Reggish of Livonia has been named the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors (WWOCAR) Realtor of the Year. Reggish is the broker/owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi.

"I was completely blindsided. I didn't see it coming. I was very touched," Reggish said. "There's just no greater honor than to be honored by your peers."

This year, five candidates were nominated for the prestigious honor. Each was reviewed in the categories of Realtor spirit, activity in civic affairs, WWOCAR involvement, service at the Michigan and National Associations, business and educational experience and support of WWOCAR initiatives.

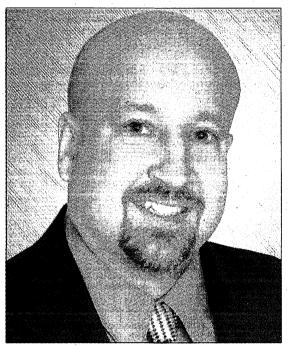
Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR, noted, "We have so many people that are active out in the community. This year, it was difficult to make a selection. Gary's a good representation of that (community involvement). He's very active in our association.

Smith added that Reggish, 41, "is very active in children's activities and trying to make the community better. He kind of represents all the volunteers." With a tendency to focus on the negative, it's good to hear about what real estate pros do well, he said.

'Gary himself is just kind of a whirlwind," Smith said, noting Reggish does "really significant things for people. He very much deserves the award. He's a good representative for those other people as well."

"We're seeing things pick up a little bit," Smith said of the local real estate market. "We're seeing some signs that things are beginning to turn around." Better responses from Realtors are what Smith's hearing, true at all price levels.

Reggish is still overwhelmed by his award - "In these times today to be honored with something like this, it's a real honor." He agreed with Smith the real estate market's picking up



Gary J. Reggish

locally.

"Absolutely. Sellers are definitely being very realistic about market value. It's worth what the public is willing to pay for the property," Reggish said. The challenge is to get sellers to recognize that, and he credits the media with those educational efforts.

'We need to get the true facts out there to the public, and the media's done a good job," Reggish said.

In making the selection, the ROTY Committee noted Reggish's involvement in community events and programming, lending his efforts to several local charities. He has also been involved in community service, having served in leadership roles at the Northville Central Business Association, Northville Rotary Club, and Northville Chamber of Commerce. He participated in the Gibbs Group Study

Commission that established the tenets for the future growth of the community.

His role in raising funds for charities doesn't stop at the local level.

Reggish and his sales associates have raised money for national and international relief efforts. He has also been involved in several areas in the school council at St. Edith School in Livonia, including serving as president of that group in 2005 and 2006. All four of his children attend St. Edith School.

At WWOCAR, he has served on several committees and task forces. Reggish currently is WWOCAR's 2007 president-elect. His key interests are centered on community, education and governmental initiatives, and establishing value to members within the various organizations he serves.

Recently, Reggish has stepped up his volunteer activities to include the Michigan and National Associations of Realtors. He is a WWOCAR Elite Member and an RPAC Sterling R contributor.

In his free time, Reggish facilitates a multiple mastermind group on goal setting and goal achievement. Plans are under way to have him set up a similar program at WWOCAR.

Reggish is married to Lynne. They have four children (ages 8, 9, 11 and 12), a dog, a cat and a bird.

"Do we have a lot on our plate coming down the plate," he said of the coming year at WWOCAR. Value to members and the general public of WWOCAR, such as homeowner rights/issues, is the focus, he said, citing the service tax in Michigan as a recent example.

"Our real commitment is to step up our value and just make it better," said the presidentelect, who earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan with a double major in biology and physiological psychology (mental illnesses with a physical basis).

He has about 60 agents at his Remerica United Realty office. "We just expanded recently. We're looking to grow about another 20 agents." The office has about 9,000 square feet on Grand River at Beck in a shopping center.

MCAR 'Realtor of Year' has seen changes in field

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER



do a lot of consulting with builders and developers." "In the last 10 years, there's been a tremendous amount of technologic advancement." Real estate

Hammer out employment plan for business

Q. We have a family real estate business which I want to give to my children to handle. However, only one of three is able to do so and I want to avoid any problems in the future, particularly with respect to compensation. Do you have any recommendations?



A. Obviously, there should be an employment agreement between the corporation and the child that will Robert Meisner be performing services for the

corporation so that there is no question down the road as to the right of that person to receive compensation. Also, there should be \overline{a} shareholder agreement between the shareholders, including any intended beneficiaries with respect to their rights to the family business. You may also wish to consult with your estate planning lawyer as it is important to have everything in writing to the extent possible to avoid future problems down the road.

Q. I have heard of something called the "Communications Decency Act" and am wondering if it protects Internet roommate matching services from claims under the Fair Housing Act.

A. The Communications Decency Act does not protect an Internet roommate matching service from claims under the Fair Housing Act to the extent that the service is functioning as a "content provider" based upon a Ninth Federal Circuit Court ruling. If the Web service passively publishes information provided by others, the **Communications Decency Act** protects it from liability, but if the Web site is responsible. in whole or in part, for creating or developing the information, it becomes a "content provider" and is not entitled to CDA protection. The court suggested that by categorizing, channeling and limiting the distribution of users' profiles, the Web site provides an additional layer of information that it is responsible, at least in part, for creating or developing, and so the Web site should be concerned about whether it is providing nonprotected content under the Fair Housing Act.

Nanci J. Rands of SKBK Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham is this year's "Realtor of the Year" for the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, of which she's a past president. The Bloomfield Hills resident has long been active in MCAR, which has over 5,000 Realtors in Oakland and Macomb.

"I thought that it was a very wonderful recognition by my peers," she said. "Even though it is an individual honor, it is really true many years of teamwork and collegiality with other professionals that this achievement was made possible."

Rands, in the field over 30 years, is an associate broker at SKBK Sotheby's International Realty on Maple in downtown Birmingham. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in political science.

"I see additional activity in the market," Rands said recently.

Rands' community involvement is extensive and includes: Project Interchange - National Board, vice chair, chairman-elect (2007) (organizes and supports educational seminars to Israel for current and emerging U.S. and international leaders, enhancing understanding and perspective with the objective of peace in the Middle East); Temple Beth El - member, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, chair of major fund-raising events; Orchards Children's Services - (a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian child and family service agency), Board of Directors, Executive Committee; Franklin Hills Country Club - member - Board of Directors and officer - first woman in club's 75-vear history, Committee chair – Strategic Planning, Best Practice, House, Food & Beverage, Women's Golf; Men's Golf Tournament Event Eye Research Institute of the Retina Foundation - chair of Funds Mobilization - Michigan Metropolitan Detroit Jewish Federation - Women's Division, Board of Directors; chair, Major Gifts Campaign Metropolitan Detroit Jewish Foundation - Real Estate Committee; Jewish Women's Foundation - trustee; National Council of Jewish Women -

Nanci J. Rands

board member, vice president for Political Affairs; American Jewish Committee - board member, liaison to National AJC National Board ex-officio 2007-11; Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America - board member, executive committee Development

- co-chair 2007 major benefit.

She was 2006 president of MCAR, and will assume the chairmanship of the state next year for the Realtors Political Action Committee.

"The thing I like best about it is the people I get to meet," she said, including other real estate professionals and those in allied fields. "There's always something new and interesting." Rands likes helping people find "a house that they then make their home; working with them through the process is very, very rewarding."

She's a residential broker, which includes houses, and vacant land either buildable or developable. "I

pros used to need many people to do their work, and now carry small computers/PDAs, and rely heavily on e-mails. "Things are done much more quickly, but there's also an expectation of much more detailed information. The paperwork, of course, has become mountainous whenever we close transactions," Rands said.

Early on in her career, a dozen papers was a lot at a closing. "Today, it is just unbelievable."

Rands praised "a significant rise in the level of professionalism among Realtors, a commitment to ongoing education, a commitment to improving the kinds of services we provide to the public and our clients in particular."

"Business models have changed significantly over the years. I believe they're going to continue to evolve." The typical company when she began was a comparatively small office, locally owned, sometimes family-run, with probably 20 agents or even less.

"Now we have many, many more large firms, some of which are national franchises or sometimes even international." Some operate statewide.

"Real estate for a long time has been a real pillar of our economy," Rands noted, citing \$42,000 of ripple effect in the economy in the U.S. for each real estate transaction. She works with daughter Meredith Rands Colburn as her business partner and likes that arrangement.

Walt Baczkowski Jr., chief executive officer of MCAR, said, "I was very pleased with Nanci's selection. Nanci is just a high class individual. She provides tremendous customer service. She's involved in so many things and so many projects."

Baczkowski described the honoree's frequent flying around the country as an advocate for homeowners. She's "honest, forthright," and wellconnected with Washington and the industry, he added.

"She is a great example of a true professional, and somebody who gives back." He noted Rands gives her free time to help others, and offers great customer service professionally.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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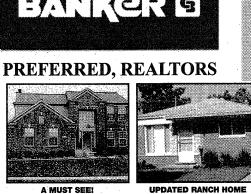
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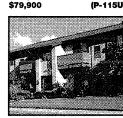


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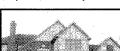
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Great home surrounded by larger,

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TRANQUIL LOCATION Enjoy the peaceful setting on large lot in Royal Pointe Sub. Inviting 2 Inviting 2 story foyer, formal Liv & DR, 2 story Bsmt w/glass block & high ceilings. Endless possibilities. Call for more FR w/dual frol island kit w/nook Master w/frpl & bath, new carpet, & Deck w/retractable awning

\$379,900 (P-226PR)



Plymouth's prestigious Mallard condo w/1st floor mstr, gourmet area, 4 bd, 3 full & 3 half baths, island kit, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, extensive landscaping, 3 car Garage, & much more. \$446,900 brick paver walkway, & large Patio. Tastefully decorated t/o. (P-411HI)



3 bd farmhouse w/updated Gorgeous home on private School windows, doors, hwh, coved Lake. Offering 3 bd, 2 baths, island ceilings, hwd floors, Pottery Barn colors, large fenced yard, & close Deck w/hot tub. Prof landscaped, (P-824PA)

kit, LR w/cath ceiling & doorwall to of a condo. Many upgrades t/o invisible fence, seawall, firepit, Rm, 1st fl Master w/WIC & bath, 2

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boasting 4 bd, 4.2 baths, &



TURN KEY HOME

Beautiful 1500 sq ft ranch featuring

CLASSIC RANCH HOME Gorgeous ranch situated on 1 acre featuring a beautiful Master w/ Jacuzzi tub & custom shower, hwd

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home featuring 3 bd, Family Room

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Farms sub

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area upstairs could be library or floors, loft area, skylights, Liv Rm study, Great Room wired for home. 48X30 pole barn. Swimming w/frpl, 2 car Garage, & prof surround sound, & Patio area pool. Great craftsmanship. Built in study, ed w/beautiful p (C-711ME) \$144,900

MOVE-IN CONDITION CHARMING STONE HOME

Decorated w/designer colors t/o. 4.65 Acres embraces this charming Hwd floors, attached Garage, open 4 bedroom home. Fireplace, hwd & ceramic floors welcomes you home. 48X30 pole barn. Swimming 1930 w/numerous update \$324,900

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gas stay, place, Patio, & move inre (C-380WO) \$74,999



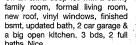
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dock, & Pontoon Boat included car Garage & more. \$358,000 (P-629PA)



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BIA Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents Real **Estate Continuing Education course** on Monday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real **Estate Continuing** Education. **Registration fees** are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelors Council present an **Off-Site Project** Management seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified

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Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction."

Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "How To Conduct Outreach" course on Friday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

The course will focus on answers to these questions: What are we selling? Where can we market it? What is outreach and where do I begin? What is partnership marketing? How can I fit this into my existing schedule? **Registration fees are** \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southeastern

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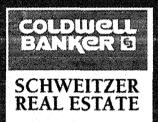
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THE INS AND OUTS OF ASSESSING CONFIDENTIALITY



There's no

magic formula for determining whether a person will keep confidences, although gossipers are clearly suspect. This column will

cover suggestions from three perspectives -- legal, marketing and business consulting -- about how to assess confidentiality.

Philip Gordon, chair of the Privacy and Data Protection Practice Group at the Littler Mendelson P.C., law firm in Denver, advises clients on information management, from HIPPA to trade secrets. His position is clear-cut: "Personal information that is just not necessary to release is best left out of the workplace. A cancer diagnosis, chemotherapy treatment and their impact upon the employee have no value to the business and the business has an obligation to maintain the privacy of that information," he states.

Sociologist Emerson Smith of Metromark Market Research Inc., headquartered in Columbia, S.C., comes to the topic of confidentiality by handling market and company data. "We don't want that information fed to the competition or the media," he says. "We discuss with management and employees some of the necessary reasons for confidentiality."

'MAJOR PROBLEM'

Francie Dalton, president of Dalton Alliances Inc., in Columbia, Md., finds the issue of confidentiality "a major problem, external and internal." Smith considers breaches "fairly common, because employees have private information that's very valuable and releasing it, for some people, makes them seem very powerful." He refers to people who are underperformers and others, such as those with family or job problems, seeking approval. Dalton adds that some employees "blur the lines between their reporting relationship and friendship, while others inappropriately confide upward, trashing people when they think they're implying loyalty to their own manager." She also observes that confidentiality may be broken in HR, when a staff member must listen to an employee complaint but also protect the company from litigation.

Dalton details some circumstances under which confidences are at risk, such as when a person: -- "needs an objective third party to bounce an idea off;

-- "has a severe problem involving noncollaborative behavior and needs advice;

-- "is not emotionally mature and needs place to vent; and

-- "has a problem with a direct report." WHAT TO DO

Diligent, thorough background checks are becoming the norm for dealing with this issue, Gordon maintains. Smith says, "We've found that one of the best ways to assess confidentiality among co-workers is to listen to them talk about other people in the company and, among vendors, to talk about their other customers. Those who talk about fellow employees or, for vendors, about other employees in the company or about their other customers are very likely to be confidentiality risks to individuals and to the company. In general, vendors should never volunteer information about other customers or

volunteer information about other customers or respond to questions about what other customers -who may or may not be competitors -- are doing or planning on doing."

"We don't like to entrap employees or vendors by asking them to reveal personal or competitive information about employees or customers," Smith adds. "We sometimes ask employees, 'What do you think about the employees here at XYZ Company?' We ask vendors, 'What do you feel is the direction the market is going?' No one should get personal in their descriptions or, for vendors, reveal individual information about companies -unless it is already information released in the media."

Douglas Bender, president of Paladin Consulting Services Inc., in Pasadena, suggests "sharing (mis)information and waiting for a week or two to see if it surfaces in the organization." Gordon recommends researching whether the company "creates a culture of respecting their customers' confidences." Ray O'Hara, senior vice president of Vance, a division of Garda World Security Corp., headquartered in Centreville, Va., says to beware of "a company awash in rumors and nasty hearsay about people," he states, "because the culture probably doesn't value confidentiality." Selecting a vendor has become serious business, Gordon remarks: "I'm seeing increasingly that businesses relying on vendors are requiring that any vendor or employee on their account has undergone a background check, drug test and credit check for them."

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LEGAL TIPS FOR VENDOR SEARCHES (SIDEBAR)

As part of due diligence, Gordon recommends reference-checking and discussions with people in your industry. "Get a sense of others who've had a positive experience with the vendor," he states, but concedes that you still might be vulnerable to a later hire who doesn't keep confidences.

Vendor agreements need to be more robust than they've been in the past if you want to protect your organization. He says to define confidential information as you understand it. Further, he explains, "Require that they:

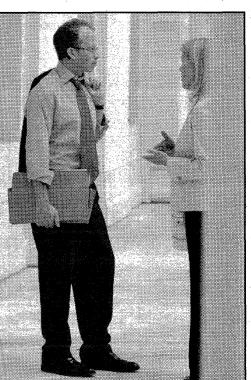
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-- "give immediate notice of any security breach, within 24 to 48 hours.

"Include the types of information they're required to provide, and an indemnification provision for any losses you'll suffer as a result of employee misconduct," he continues. Stipulate that any litigation will be done in your court system, not theirs.

Gordon also indicates that you could insert "a provision which permits you to audit the vendor's



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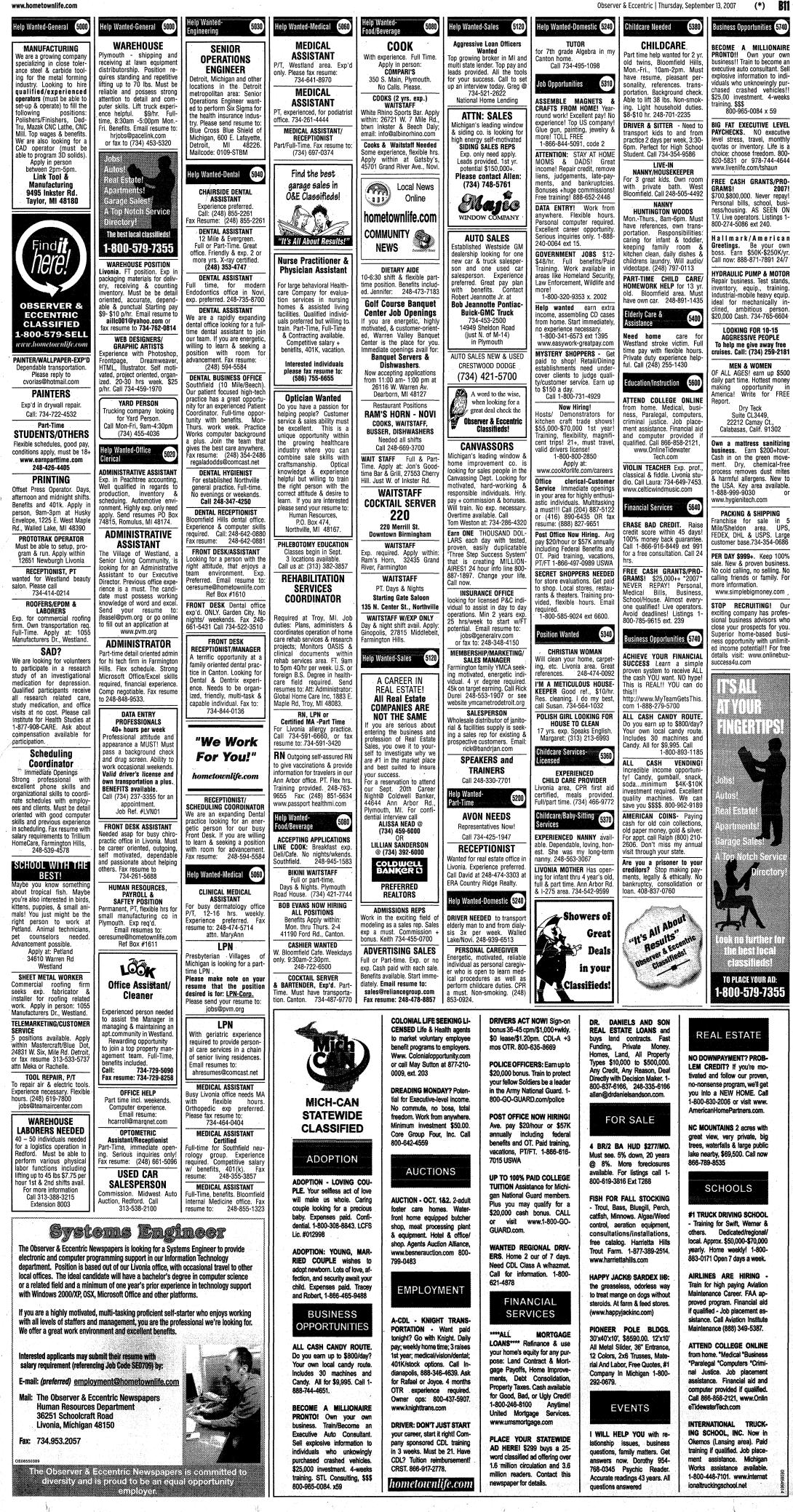
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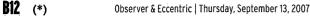
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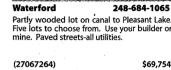
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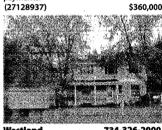
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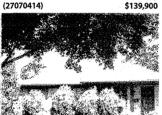
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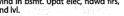
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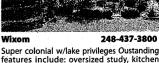


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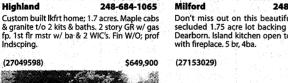






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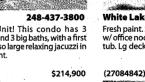


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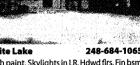
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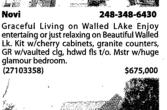








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Canton digs out Madonna spike title

Canton's volleyball team racked up its first tournament title in quite some time Saturday when it captured the Madonna University Invitational at Plymouth High School.

But judging by the way the Chiefs are playing early on, it won't be their last championship this season.

Canton went 6-0 and defeated cross-campus foe Salem in the finals to improve its season record to 9-1-1.

"The girls played as a team, everyone did their job and we really clicked," said Canton coach Jen Barnes, summarizing her squad's gold medal-winning performance. "They accomplished two team goals this weekend: winning a tournament and beating Salem. Many teams played us tough, but we eliminated the mistakes and played consistent.

"Plymouth and Salem were both tough, so I think there be some very good matches throughout this season."

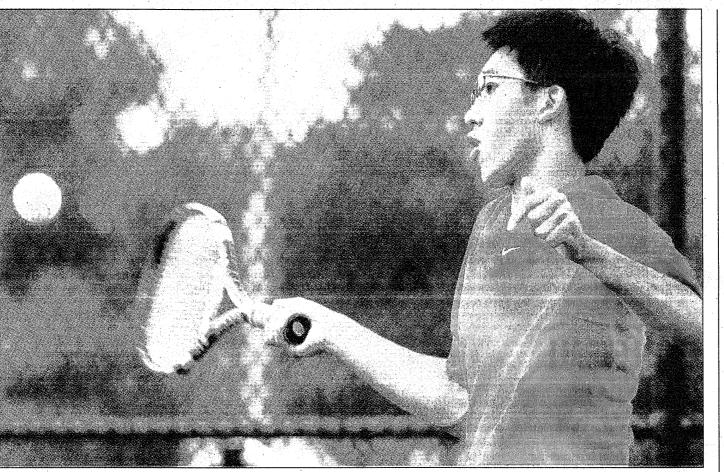
The Chiefs rolled through pool play with victories over Redford Union (25-17, 25-15), Romulus (25-15, 25-14), North Farmington (25-7, 25-10) and Warren Woods Tower (25-20, 25-15).

After earning a bye in the quarterfinal round, Barnes' spikers ousted Plymouth, 25-18, 25-15, in the semis before grounding the Rocks, 18-25, 25-17, 15-11 in a dramatic finals match.

"The only game we lost against Salem we started out strong but then began having some communication problems," said Barnes. "We started out slow in the second game, but we rallied seven points to get back into the game." Senior Marie Martin and soph-

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over Walled Lake Northern.



Canton kickers take a pair, C2

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David Kang, Canton's No. 1 singles player, is pictured returning a serve during a scrimmage against Salem Monday afternoon. On Tuesday, Kang dropped a hard-fought decision to Walled Lake Central's Eric Hamann, but the Chiefs prevailed, 6-2.



Chief netters debut with convincing 6-2 triumph over Vikings BY ED WRIGHT

The only "love" Canton's boys tennis team showed visiting Walled Lake Central Tuesday afternoon was in No. 3

STAFF WRITER

singles player Justin Liedel's 6-love, 6love sweep over James Botmeo. The Chiefs opened the 2007 schedule with a convincing 6-2 triumph over the Vikings, who dropped to 0-2. "The boys played great," said Canton coach Barb Lehman. "Central has always played well against us. I know they lost a couple players because of the switch of seasons, but it was still a good match. It was a good way to start the season for us."

Central's No. 1 player, Eric Hamann, prevented a Canton sweep in singles when he downed the Chiefs' top player, David Kang, 6-3, 6-3. Canton's Mike Darouie ousted Derek Mitchell, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 2 singles while teammate Ryan Hanz was making short work of Hiro Yamamishi, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 4.

In doubles action, Canton captured victories in all but the No. 3 match

where Kyle Smiley and Vinnie Voushard nipped David Ding and Ryan Evans, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 in a three-set thriller.

Notching doubles triumphs for Canton were the No. 1 duo of Ryan Hollingsworth and Riley Hoernschemeyer, who downed Ryan Halteen and Kyle Yanagunas, 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1; the No. 2 team of Jeremy Lindlbauer and Santosh Shanmuga, who edged Jake Paulser and Matt Mueller, 7-6 (4), 6-3; and the No. 4 tandem of Cory Hurst and Adam Payne, who rebounded to top Jared Goltz and Karl Boedecker, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

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'Cat golfers win

Plymouth's girls golf team evened its record at 1-1 Monday at Hickory Creek Golf Course with a 227-247 victory over Salem.

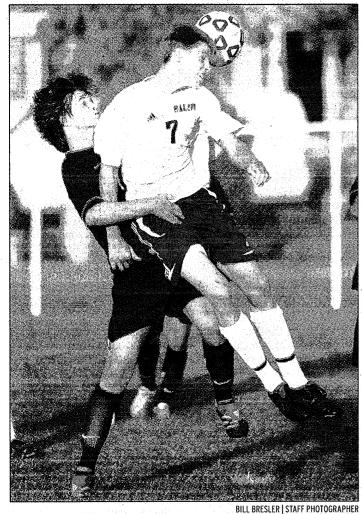
Patricia Burns led the Wildcats with a nine-hole total of 53. Also scoring for the winners were Missy Gosbee (56), Liz Cizek (58) and Megan Haggerty (60). Maggie Kelly (61) and Chloe Marentic (67) played, but did not score for Plymouth.

Salem (0-1) was led by Natalie Barnett's 55.

Name change

Compuware Arena President and Plymouth Whalers General Manager Michael Vellucci announced that effective today Compuware Sports Arena will now be known as Compuware Arena.

"Compuware Arena has always hosted a wide range of events: drive-in movies, tradeshows, concerts, graduation ceremonies, and corporate meetings" said Vellucci. "Even though the Whalers, youth hockey, figure skating and **Professional Indoor** Soccer are very impor tant to our business, we feel that the new name more accurately reflects what we bring to our community and the over 1.2 Million guests we serve each year." Compuware Arena, located on Beck Road just north of M-14 in Plymouth Township, was originally built in 1996 as a venue for the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and the Compuware Youth Hockey Program.



Salem's Jace Bearden (right), pictured above during a game earlier this season, headed in the game-winning goal Monday in the Rocks' 1-0 victory

Late goal snaps Rocks' winless streak

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Heading into Monday night's home game against Walled Lake Northern, the 2007 season had been comparable to a forgettable Father's Day for Salem's soccer team — tie, after tie, after tie, after tie.

Seven ties in 10 games, to be exact.

But a picture-perfect goal resembling something you'd see on a training video by junior defenseman Jace Bearden with eight minutes left gave the Rocks a 1-0 victory and ended their longest beginning-of-the-season winless streak in head coach Ed McCarthy's long and successful tenure.

"Since I've been here, we've never had our first win come in the 10th game of the season," said McCarthy, whose squad improved to 1-2-7 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. "Before the game, we talked about putting the first nine games behind us and focusing on the next nine, which will take us through divisional play. That's our next target — to see if we can find a way to win our division.

"Our strength of schedule has been pretty strong. Our only two losses were to (Livonia) Stevenson, who's outstanding, and (Warren) DeLaSalle, who's also outstanding. Both are legitimate top 10 teams, so the losses were nothing to be ashamed of, but it was still frustrating not being able to get a win."

The game-winning net-finder was set up by junior Josh Pascarella, who threaded a high, laser-like free kick into the heart of the 18-yard box. Bearden used his extraordinary jumping 'Since I've been here, we've never had our first win come in the 10th game of the season. Before the game, we talked about putting the first nine games behind us and focusing on the next nine, which will take us through divisional play. That's our next target – to see if we can find a way to win our division.'

ED MCCARTHY, Salem head coach

ability and 6-foot-1 height to out-sky the Knights' defenders and head the ball with force into the back of the net.

"Jace is an All-Area high jumper on the track team and he does a great job in the air," said McCarthy. "Josh did a good job of getting the ball to him and I was impressed with how much Jace was able to get on the shot. There was no way their keeper was going to be able to react quick enough to make the save. It was a textbook play."

The setback was the first blemish on the Lakes record of Northern, which dropped to 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the division.

"We knew coming in that getting a win tonight would be a problem because the motivation was there for Salem to get their first win of the season," said Northern coach Chris Stevanovic. "This was a big game for us, but Salem just outworked us. They won pretty much every 50-50. They deserved to win tonight. They were the better team.

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Pom Pon clinic

The Plymouth Saberette Pom Pon team will be hosting a kids clinic on Saturday, Oct.6, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. All girls kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to attend and learn a pom routine.

The cost of the clinic is \$35, which includes the clinic, a pom Tshirt, pom pons and a snack. All participants will be invited to perform in the Saberettes Variety Show and at



THE WEEK AHEAD

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PREP FOOTBALL FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m. **PREP VOLLEYBALL**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 Plymouth at UMD Invite, 9 a.m. Salem at W.L. Central Invite, 8:30 a.m. **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

> THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 PCEP City Meet at Cass-Benton, 4:40 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 Plymouth at Holly Invite, 1 p.m. Canton at Ludington Invite, TBA Salem at New Boston Huron Invitational at Cass-Benton, 10 a.m.

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John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.

Wildcat netters blank WLC

Plymouth's boys tennis team couldn't have played much better than it did Monday during the Wildcats' 8-0 sweep of visiting Walled Lake Central.

The Wildcats dropped just one set on the way to their convincing triumph.

No. 1 singles player Dan Jeong led the way by upending Eric Hamann, 7-6, 6-2. Other singles winners for the 'Cats were No. 2 player Pat Onoro, who defeated Derek Mitchell, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; No. 3 player Steve Ostrowski, who rocked Ryan Hutteen, 6-2, 7-5; and No. 4 player Andy Mitchell, who edged Kyle Yanalunas, 7-6, 6-4.

In doubles play, the No. 1 duo of Anoop Gopal and Matt Dwan slammed Jake Paulson and Matt Mueller, 6-3, 6-3, while the No. 2 tandem of Pat Bailey and Max Korpalski aced Karl Boedecker and Kyle Smiley, 6-4, 6-2. Closing out the sweep were the No. 3 doubles team of Max Ryan and Ryan Kolesar, who beat Vinnie Vuchar and Jared Goltz, 6-4, 6-4; and the No. 4 combo of Wen Ning and Tom Eggleston, who proved to be too much for James Bitner and Kevin Walker, 6-1, 7-5.



Canton's volleyball team captured the championship at Saturday's Madonna University Invitational, which was held in the Plymouth High School gym. The Chiefs defeated cross-campus rival Salem in the title match.

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omore Jordan Kielty keved the triumph in Game 3 with clutch plays.

Leading the stat parade for the Chiefs were junior setter Kacy Moran (24 kills, 10 aces, 30 digs, 83 assists), Kielty (32 kills), Martin (16 kills, 16 blocks), Lauren McPartlin (26 kills, seven blocks), Ellie Kenny (25 kills, seven aces), Janelle Burdiss (14 kills), Hannah Mills (52 digs), Laura Daniels (22 digs), Gina Waite (21 digs) and Rachel Kain (16 digs).

'Cats advance to semis Plymouth's volleyball team

The Wildcats opened their season with a strong showing at the Madonna Invitational as they advanced to the semifinal round before getting eliminated by eventual champion Canton. Led by Mandy McManus's 29 kills, Plymouth went 3-1-2 on the day.

"Overall, I am very pleased with our first tournament performance," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "The chemistry amongst this team has been the best I have seen so far at Plymouth. We only have two girls who play all the way around, so there are constantly new people in the lineup, and all of the girls seem to adjust very well to the changes.

"We are looking forward to getting back to full strength for this coming weekend's

tournament at U of M Dearborn."

During pool play, the Wildcats defeated Taylor Truman (25-6, 25-11) and **Dearborn Heights Crestwood** (25-6, 25-8) before splitting with Gibraltar Carlson (25-22, 19-25) and Harper Woods Regina (25-13, 17-25).

They defeated Redford Union (25-19, 25-15) in the quarterfinal round before getting knocked off the Chiefs in two games.

Leading the charge were McManus, Megan Quinlan (15 kills, 22 digs), Ashley Besczlko (14 kills, 47-for-52 serving), Briana Beyer (51 digs), 25-for-25 serving), Lindsay Jewett (26 digs), Kate Spangler (32 set assists) and Katie Salo (34 set assists).

No. 2-ranked Canton kickers take a pair

Canton did nothing but strengthen its hold on the No. 2 ranking in the Division 1 boys soccer poll Saturday and Monday.

On Saturday, the Chiefs knocked off Novi, 1-0. Fortyeight hours later, they held off Walled Lake Western, 2-1, to improve to 7-0-2 overall and 4-0 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Canton is slotted behind only East Kentwood in the Michigan High School Soccer **Coaches Association rankings** that were released last week.

Following a scoreless first half, the Chiefs registered the only goal against the Wildcats five minutes into the second stanza when Sherif Hassanien scored off a pass from Pat Nolan.

Senior goal-keeper Kevin

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"The biggest problem for us tonight was that their outside backs got more involved offensively than we're used to. I thought their backline played very well."

Both goalkeepers played well – Salem's Sasa Miskovic notched the shutout while Northern's Kyle Huismann was perfect with the exception of Bearden's goal.

Stevanovic praised the effort of Brendan Rogers, Aaron Rosenberg and Jordan Turner, while McCarthy pointed to Alex Tramel, Kevin Cope and Jeremy Stoychoff as

Krause shined for the winners, knocking away eight Novi shots including one "game-changer" in the first half, according to Canton coach George Tomasso.

Kyle Breitmeyer was the star of Monday's narrow victory over the Warriors as he assisted on Hassanien's goal that opened the scoring before finding the net himself after securing a pass from Nolan.

Senior goal-keeper Matt Revers kept the Warriors' offense in check for the first 72 minutes before leaving the game with a yellow card at the eight-minute mark. Western's Winston Henderson cut his team's deficit to 2-1 on the ensuing penalty kick. Krause and the Chiefs' stellar Scott Zech-led defense shut the door on the Warriors' during the final minutes.

standouts for his squad.

EAST LANSING INVITE

Salem's soccer team registered three ties at Saturday's East Lansing Invitational. Goalkeepers Sasa Miskovic and Will Allen shared the shutout in the opening 0-0 draw with Midland Dow. Miskovic earned a completegame shutout in the Game 2 scoreless tie with Ann Arbor Huron while Mohammad Pourmandi scored off an assist from Dan Radosevich to lead the Rocks to a 1-1 deadlock with the host Trojans in the final game of the day.

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Young Lions blitz Cougars;

P-C Steelers take 2-of-3

Same old story: Stevenson nips Northville in WLAA swim relays

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson retained its Western Lakes Activities Association Girls Swim Relays title by a razor-thin margin Saturday at the Salem High pool. The Spartans captured three of 10 events and overcame a disqualification in the 200-yard breaststroke relay to edge Northville for the crown, 231-230. The host Rocks placed third with 201 and Canton, minus state champion Allison Schmitt, added a fourth with 162. Plymouth placed The outcome wasn't determined until the meet's final event, the 200 freestyle relay. Walled Lake Northern and Livonia Franklin finished one-two with times of 1:49.45 and 1:49.67, respectively, while Stevenson held off Northville for third with a clocking of 1:52.57 to the Mustangs' 1:53.1.

"It's a good meet, it always is, and Chuck Olson (Salem's coach) does a good job with it," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "I'm not a huge relay meet person, but coming off our meet Thursday (with Grosse Pointe North), the kids swam well. A loss would

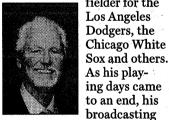
The Canton Lions varsity contingent opened its 2007 season Saturday with a 42-12 victory over the Belleville Cougars. Scoring touchdowns for the Lions were Kevin Buford, Marcus Houston and Blake Owens. Clay Behrman, Paul **Baumgart and Eric Jipping** opened holes with their blocking while the winners' defense was paced by Matt Harris, who was credited with several solo tackles. First-year players Ian Green, Nick Weber and Austin Banfield played well on both sides of the ball for Canton. The Lions junior-varsity squad defeated the Cougars, 41-7, thanks to touchdowns from Malcolm Hollingsworth (two), Jamarl Eiland, Nathan Emminger, Brandon Lee and Kyle Durham. The Lions' strong defensive effort was led by Luke Denzer, Danny Stropes and Lucas Bunting. The Lions freshmen unit whitewashed the Cougars, 18-0. Fullback Chuckie Turfe opened the game with an 18yard TD run in the first quarter. Quarterback Antonio Dumas found the end zone twice with runs of 1 and 42 yards. The Lions' defense was led by Jake Stropes and Forrest Hall, both of whom recovered fumbles; and Dante Pruitt and Daniel Kilgore, who led the team in tackles. The Lions junior freshmen team, which is made up of 7- and 8-year-olds, outplayed Garden City and Farmington in a controlled scrimmage. Kyle Burnette and Jacob McCall both provided solid play at quarterback while Jeffrey Johnson and Steven Thomas contributed strong blocking for running backs Connor Danaher, Ray Bunting and

YOUTH LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Jason Arnold, all of whom added several long runs. Enjoying strong debuts on the defensive side of the ball were

Paciorek returns for encore this fall

Native Detroiter, Tom Paciorek returns to Plymouth for an encore performance this fall. His major league career has included All -Star recognition and 18 seasons as an outfielder for the



Paciorek

a color commentator for the White Sox and the Atlanta Braves. He served as a broadcaster for the Detroit Tigers from 2001-03. He most recently called games for the Washington Nationals.

days began as

The Paciorek name is synonymous with baseball in Detroit, as all five brothers played - John, Cy, Tom, Michael and Jim. The legacy continues as Jim's son, Joe recently signed with the Milwaukee Brewers.

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WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS SWIM RELAYS

Sept. 8 at Salem FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 231 points; 2. Northville, 230; 3. Salem, 201; 4. Canton, 162; 5. W.L. Northern, 156; 6. Westland John Glenn, 149; 7. Plymouth, 133; 8. W.L. Węstern, 129; 9. W.L. Central, 120; 10. Livonia Churchill, 103; 11. Livonia Franklin, 80; 12. Wayne Memorial, 48.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400-yard medley: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Megan Holycross, Blake Holtz), 4:14:16; 2. Salem (Emily Nelson, Sara pala, Emily Bair, Whitney Aumiller), 4:17.82; 3. W.L. Western (Lexi Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr, Christine Johnson), 4:21.52; 4. John Glenn, 4:25.18; 5. W.L. Northern, 4:40.54; 6. Northville, 4:42.47; 7. Churchill, 4:54.19; 8. Canton, 4:56.21; 9. Franklin, 5:10.03; 10. Plymouth, 5:11.97; 11. W.L. Central, 6:28.61; 12. Wayne, 7:04.72.

400 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (Laura Timson, Savannah Hatt, Emily Cauzillo, Kaylee Dolinski), 3:51.34; 2. Northville (Michaela Keady, Alley Davidson, Sam Curry, Jessica Weber), 3:56.38; 3. Canton (Kayla Eyster, Maddy McDuff, Jessica Bielak, Katie Kubacki), 4:10.44; 4. W.L. Central, 4:10.89; 5. Salem, 4:11.13; 6. W.L. Northern, 4:14.79; 7. Franklin, 4:03.00; 8. John Glenn, 4:26.67; 9. W.L. Western, 4:36.66; 10. Plymouth, 4:41.03; 11. Churchill, 5:13.41; 12. Wayne, 5:23.20. 200 breaststroke: 1. W.L. Central (Callie Zahul, Jessica Johnson, Becca Lee, Madi Sewell), 2:22.18; 2. Plymouth (Elle Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Michelle Chang, Sijia Hao), 2:23.02; 3. Northville (Adrienne Cohen, Nicole Mitts, Megan Trotter, Kelly Burford), 2:25.16; 4. Canton 2:27,90; 5. John Glenn, 2:31.58; 6. W.L. Western 2:44.68; 7. Salem, 2:44.81; 8. Wayne, 2:46.33; 9. W.L. Northern, 2:49.43; 10. Churchill, 2:49.95. 200 backstroke: 1. Stevenson (Megan Holycross, Charlotte Buckley, Catherine Moeller, Ashley Montini), 2:03.85; 2. Northville (Camellia Das, Carly Goldberg, Gina Morris, Ashley Filopowicz), 2:10.43; 3. Plymouth (Molly McKinstry, Chantel Cote, Beth McReynolds, Lauren Maslyk), 2:14.12; 4. Canton, 2:14.30; 5. Salem, 2:16.92; 6. Churchill, 2:21.63; 7. John Glenn, 2:29.50; 8. W.L. Northern, 2:30.77; 9. W.L Western, 2:47.57; 10. Wayne, 2:53.25; 11. Franklin,

200 butterfly: 1. Northville (Meghan Kanya Becca Myers, Rachel Englert, Emily Hopican), 1:53.05; 2. Stevenson (Emily Montini, Sarah Opdyke, Nadia El-Sabeh, Ashley Montini), 2:06.69: 3. Salem (Kristen Clemans, Jennifer 2:06:09, 3: Safelli (Hister Clenals, Senine) Schwank, Devin Bromley, Sandra Nahra), 2:11:52; 4. W.L. Northern, 2:14:33; 5: John Glenn, 2:15:72; 6: Canton, 2:19:75; 7: Churchill, 2:21:83; 8: Franklin, 2:37:13; 9: Plymouth, 2:46:96; 10: W.L. Workson, 2:45:62.

Western, 2:48.50.

have been hard to take, but we're there mainly to have fun and we did."

The three P-CEP teams failed to win an event, but Salem managed three seconds while Plymouth placed runner-up in one race. The Rocks' two medley relay foursomes of Emily Nelson, Sara Spala, Emily Bair and Whitney Aumiller; and Caitlin Heaney, Bair, Nelson and Aumiller earned second-place points as did its diving contingent, which was led by defending WLAA champion Katie Koetting.

The Wildcats' 200 breaststroke quartet of Elle Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Michelle Chang and Sijia Hao touched second in their event.

SWIM RESULTS

1-meter diving: 1. W.L. Northern, 325.35; 2. Salem, 301.10; 3. Northville, 282.90; 4. W.L. Western, 279.75; 5. W.L. Central, 267.50; 6. Churchill, 256.60; 7. Stevenson, 244.05; 8. John Glenn, 212.95; 9. Canton, 205.60; 10. Plymouth, 188.10.

400 medley: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Laura Holtz, Charlotte Buckley, Savannah Hatt), 4:31.19; 2. Salem (Caitlin Heaney, Emily Bair, Emily Nelson, Whitney Aumiller), 4:36.52; 3. John Glenn (Jennie Humbach, Khiry Sparks, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells), 4:40.84; 4. Canton, 4:42.12; 5. Northville, 4:55.89; 6. (tie) Churchill and Wayne, 5:00.56; 8. Plymouth, E44.62:0.0 HU Washters, 5:10.00.1 HU 5:14.52; 9. W.L. Western, 5:19.99; 10. W.L. Northern, 5:41.04.

500 freestyle: 1. Northville (Meghan Kanya, Emily Hopican, Rachel Englert, Jessica Weber), 4:57.20; 2. Stevenson (Blake Holtz, Laura Timson, Emilee Montini, Kaylee Dolinski), 5:00.16; 3. Canton (Hannah Maxam, Kari Schmitt Maddy McDuff, Monica Blaesser), 5:16.70; 4. John Glenn, 5:28.72; 5. Salem, 5:35.40; 6. WL. Western, 5:39.52; 7. WL. Northern, 5:44.16; 8. Churchill, 5:53.34; 9. WL. Central, 6:08.07; 10. Plymouth, 6:14.94; 11. Franklin, 6:56.55; 12. Wayne 7:29.68 200 medley: 1. W.L. Central (Jordan Daykin, Becca Lee, Madi Sewell, Jessica Varana), 2:00.78; 2. W.L. Western (Lexi Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr, Stephanie Standriff), :02.24; 3. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Elle Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Michelle Chang), 2:04.48 4. Salem, 2:06.67; 5. Stevenson, 2:07.18; 6. Northville, 2:10.23; 7. W.L. Northern, 2:14.87; 8. Canton, 2:22.91; 9. John Glenn, 2:24.20; 10. Churchill, 2:29.29: 11. Franklin, 2:46.78. 200 freestyle: 1. W.L. Northern, 1:49.45; 2. Franklin (Natalie Cote, Kayla Douglas, Jordan Haymour, Katie Kent), 1:49.67; 3. Stevenson (Kristin Trubiak, Kayla Perchall, Sarah Opdyke, Claire Massman), 1:52.57; 4. Northville, 1:53.10; 5. Plymouth, 1:55.11; 6. Salem, 1:55.75; 7. W.L. Central, 1:56.38; 8. Wayne, 1:56.71; 9. Canton, 1:57.12; 10. Churchill, 2:09.92; 11. John Glenn, 2:13.78; 12. W.L. Western, 2:23.53.

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SEPT. 6 AT CANTON H.S. 200-yard medley relay: 1. Tecumseh (Kirsten Clark, Gretchen Seidel, Allie Merritt, Leah Corby), 2:02.27; 2. Tecumseh, 2:10.27; 3. Plymouth, 2:11.83 200 freestyle: 1. Tori Merritt (T), 2:03.56; 2.

Michelle Chang (P), 2:16.96; 3. Alison McCrate (T), 2:20.34. (1), 2:20.34. 200 IM: 1. Lauren Maslyk (P), 2:33.56; 2. Amelia Hissong (T), 2:35.29; 3. Elle Palczynski (P),

.38 38 50 freestyle: 1. Leah Corby (T), 26.19; 2. Kirsten Clark (T), 27.02; 3. Chelsea Shartle (T), 27.41.

1-meter diving: 1. Samantha Scheytt (T), 179.05; 2. Morgan Baker (T), 140.95; 3. Kristin Music, 115 05 100 butterfly: 1. Allie Merritt (T), 1:05.10; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:08.79; 3. Amelia Hissong (T), 1:11.42. 100 freestyle: 1. Leah Corby (T), 59.27; 2. Kirsten

59.88; 3. Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:01.87. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Leah Corby, Chelsea Shartle, Diana Brown, Tori Merritt), 1:49-26; 2. Tecumseh, 2:01.30; 3. Plymouth, 2:01.61. 100 breaststroke: 1. Gretchen Seidel (T), 1:15.20; 2.

Elle Palczynski (P), 1:15.93; 3. Megan Heath (T), 1:20.29.

400 frestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Tori Merritt, Allie Merritt, Chelse Shartle, Kirsten Clark), 4:01.93; 2. Plymouth (Michelle Chang, Sijia Hao, Lauren Maslyk, Chantel Cote), 4:14.93; 3. Plymouth, 4:24.50

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Elle Palczynski, Lauren Maslyk, Michelle Chang), 2:04.68; 2. Woodhaven, 2:07.23; 3. Woodhaven, 2:16.10.

200 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:09.62; 2. Amy Akers (W), 2:13.84; 3. Molly McKinstry (P),

200 IM: 1. Alvssa Liakos (P), 2:33.31: 2. Elle Palczynski (P), 2:35.85; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 2:43.90.

50 freestyle: 1. Michelle Chang (P), 27.24; 2. Melissa McKinstry (P), 27.64; 3. Briana Rosinski (W), 28.02.

1-meter diving: 1. Tressa Bielak (W), 169.65; 2. Ellen Strawsine (W), 165.20; 3. Stephanie Parker (W), 150.75 100 butterfly: 1. Merissa Strawsine (W), 1:10.35;

2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:10.57; 3. Jordan Greene (W), 1:18.02. 100 freestyle: 1. Michelle Chang (P), 59.80; 2. Amy Akers (W), 1:01.12; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 1:01.56

500 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 5:43.72; 2. Molly McKinstry (P), 6:20.93; 3. Beth McReynolds (P),

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Elle Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Michelle Chang, Melissa McKinstry), 1:51.07; 2. Woodhaven, 1:57.81; 3. Plymouth, 2:01.83.

100 backstroke: 1. Briana Rosinski (W), 1:09.03; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:13.02; 3. Erinn Connochie (W), 1:14.15.

100 breaststroke: 1. Elle Palczynski (P), 1:16.92; 2. Alyssa Llakos (P), 1:21.63; 3. Tressa Bielak (W), 1:21.72. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Woodhaven (Shelby Rose,

Amy Akers, Briana Rosinski, Erinn Connochie), 4:20.72; 2. Woodhaven, 4:41.20; 3. Woodhaven, 4:59.71.

Ethan Balogh and Noah Brown.

Steelers edge Redskins

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad opened its season Sunday with a 25-13 victory over the Rochester Redskins. Sam Pierce, Tyler Goble and Dillon Rahill sparked the winners' offense while Lucas McKinney and Zachary Marsh (interception) paced the defense.

The Steelers junior varsity contingent dropped a hardfought 44-31 setback to the Redskins. Josh Dennard and Joshua Mayberry (50-yard run) found the end zone for the Steelers while Matthew McKoy made several key receptions. Alec Breckenridge and Kendall Scott made pivotal plays on the defensive side of the ball for the Steelers.

The Steelers freshmen, who won the 2006 title, nipped the Redskins, 20-19. The offense was led by Devin Cameron, who scored three touchdowns, and Nick Lanava, who caught the game-deciding extra-point pass with no time left on the clock. Phillip Avramoski and Vincent Crespi played key roles in the Steelers' strong defensive effort.

The Steelers junior freshmen squad gave an all-out effort in their debut in a controlled scrimmage against Rochester. The offensive line was led by Vinny Convertino and Isaac Emminger, who scored twice. Lucas Boka and Lou Baechler led the defensive line for the Steelers, who held the Redskins without a TD.

SPORTS SHORTS

Dodgeball tourney

High Velocity Sports, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton, will be hosting a 2007 Duck N' Dodge Detroit National Dodgeball Tour event on Saturday, Sept. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. There will be two divisions offered: college (participants 18 years old and older who are currently enrolled in college) and adult (all other participants 18 and older).

The early-registration fee (before Sept. 15) is \$125 per team. The cost is \$150 per team after Sept. 15. Each registered team member will receive an official "Duck N' Dodge" T-shirt. Teams are required to have between six and 10 players on their roster.

A post-event party will be held immediately following the tournament at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. Bowling and a buffet will be free to all participants.

To register, visit www.detroitsports.org; send an e-mail to info@detroitsports.org; or call (313) 202-1982.

LOCAL SPORTS

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Who's going to win? Don't ask Spartans sprint past Rock gridders

he most bizarre thing happened to me while I was standing in line at 7-11 the other day. Some guy came up to me, said he recognized me from



in at work. The fact that a perfect stranger would approach me at 7-11 wasn't the bizarre

the Observer's "Grid

asked if I'd give him

ing advice for the pro

football pool he was

Picks" column and

some prognosticat-

part. To tell you the truth, I was kind of flattered that he recognized me.

No, the strangest part of the encounter was that a perfectly sane person would seek football gamepicking advice from someone with the incredibly horrible record I've compiled in 2007 - 19-16 through last weekend's games.

That's like asking a homeless person for tips on the stock market, or asking Matt Millen to fill in for you at your Fantasy Football Draft.

Based on last weekend's performances, I should have given the guy Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons' cellphone num-

GRID PICKS

ber. Emons, the defending "Grid Picks" champion, went 10-2 to earn a first-place tie with Redford -Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith, who went 9-3 to improve to 24-11 overall. I'm five games back and sinking faster than the Tigers.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED) HIGHLAND PARK (2-1, 2-0) AT GARDEN CITY (1-2, 1-1): The Polar Bears have a way of making their opponents feel cold. The Cougars will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak following an opening-week victory. **PICKS:** Wright (Highland Park); Smith (Garden City); Emons (Highland Park).

DEARBORN FORDSON (3-0, 2-0) AT REDFORD UNION (1-2, 0-2) AT KRAFT FIELD: Fordson has resembled the dominating teams of its past early in '07 as the Tractors have outscored their first three foes by a combined scored of 108-29. This is not good news for RU, which is trying to recover from a 27-13 setback to Woodhaven. PICKS: Wright (Fordson); Smith (RU); Emons (Fordson). REDFORD THURSTON (0-3, 0-2) AT DEARBORN EDSEL FORD (1-2,

0-2): The Eagles are struggling, having been outscored 103-18 in their first three contests. Edsel Ford will be looking to improve its record to .500. **PICKS:** Wright (Edsel Ford); Smith (Edsel Ford); Emons (Edsel Ford).

HARPER WOODS (3-0, 2-0) AT LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (0-3, 0-3): This game probably won't change the momentum for either of these teams that are heading in opposite directions. Harper Woods has yet to yield a point this season while the Trojans are averaging just 14.0 points per game. **PICKS:** Wright (Harper Woods); Smith (Harper

Woods); Emons (Harper Woods). REDFORD COVENANT (2-1, 1-0) AT ROMULUS SUMMIT (2-1, 0-0): This is a pivotal showdown in the early race for supremacy in the Southeast Michigan Football Conference. A victory would go a long way toward the The strangest part of the encounter was that a perfectly sane person would seek football game-picking advice from someone with the incredibly horrible record I've compiled in 2007 - 19-16 through last weekend's games.

Spartans' bid for a league title just two years after reviving its football program. **PICKS:** Wright (Covenant);

Smith (Covenant); Emons (Summit). PLYMOUTH (2-1, 0-1) AT CANTON (2-1, 1-0): PCEP campus bragging rights will be at stake when this two teams clash Friday night. The Chiefs' offensive line consists of all first-year starters, but you wouldn't know it by the positive results they've generated. The Wildcats will rely on a strong running game led by junior Terrance Guthridge. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Canton). SALEM (0-3, 0-2) AT LIVONIA CHURCHILL (3-0, 2-0): The Rocks

showed spurts of brilliance during their first two games before getting whitewashed by Stevenson last week. Churchill has been consistently strong from the opening kickoff. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill). WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (2-1, 1-0) AT LIVONIA STEVENSON (3-

0, 1-0): It's still early, but the winner of this game will probably end up in the WLAA championship game later next month. The opportunity to watch both quarterbacks - Glenn's Keyshawn Martin and Stevenson's Mitchell White – in one game is worth the price of admission. PICKS: Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Glenn); Emons (Stevenson) Livonia Franklin (0-3, 0-1) at wayne memorial (2-1, 1-0):

The injury-ravaged Patriots may be winless, but they've been in all three games they lost. The Zebras' offensive line is big and mobile. **PICKS:** Wright (Wayne); Smith (Wayne); Emons (Wayne). LUTHERAN WESTLAND (1-2, 1-1) AT RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD

(0-1, 0-3): Gabriel Richard has yet to score a point in its first three games. Enough said. **PICKS:** Wright (LW); Smith (LW); Emons (Gabriel Richard).

A one-hour delay couldn't stop the inevitable.

Host Salem took the opening kickoff and ran one play before the game was suspended due to lightning.

When it resumed, Livonia Stevenson put four quick firstquarter touchdowns on the scoreboard en route to a 49-0 football victory over the Rocks at P-CEP Park.

Stevenson, now 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, piled up 351 yards on the ground, 89 more via the air and had 18 first downs.

Salem, battling to break a 18game losing streak dating back to the 2005 season, had just 49 yards rushing on 22 attempts and was 3-of-13 passing for minus-4 yards with only four first downs.

Wade Stahl, who led the Spartans with 80 yards rushing on three carries, opened the scoring when he returned a punt 52 yards for a score followed by the first of seven straight extra points by Jonny Myshock.

On the ensuing possession, Stevenson lineman Trent Judis intercepted a Heath Parling pass leading to Austin White's 25-yard TD run.

Salem (0-3, 0-1) fumbled the ensuing kickoff - recovered by Wyatt Stahl - and capitalized on Emanuel Onwuemene's 1-yard scoring run.

After Salem went three-andout, Stevenson quarterback Mitchell White connected with Wade Stahl on a 36-yard scoring pass to make it 28-0 with 3:30 remaining in the first period.

Salem showed some life when Al Covington recovered a Stevenson fumble at the Spartans' 40, but the Rocks could not cash in.

Stevenson then drove the ball 95 yards in six plays, capped by Onwuemene's 1-yard TD run with 9:25 left in the second quarter to make it 35-0.

Stevenson's Dan Plagany added a pair of third-quarter scores on runs on 5 and 4 yards to complete the scoring and invoke the running clock.

Quarterbacks Mitchell White and Jacob Gudeman combined for 6-of-6 passing. Myles White added three receptions for 32 yards and Steve Eideh had a fumble recovery for the Spartans.

Salem harriers 13th at Brother Rice event

Salem's girls cross country team placed 13th at Saturday's **19-team Brother Rice** Invitational, which was held at Kensington Metropark.

"I was pleased with the way we raced today," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "We are a young, inexperienced team who is going to improve each week and we took a step forward today. We have a lot of potential and I am looking forward to see how we progress throughout the season.'

Livonia Churchill won the meet with 106 points, 12 fewer than runner-up Rochester Adams. Grand Ledge (125), Ann Arbor Pioneer (132) and Rochester (145) capped the top five. The Rocks netted 283 points.

Junior Kelley Determan (21:34) and sophomore Jordan Moore (21:34) earned medals

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

went to the state meet last year. "We were very competitive

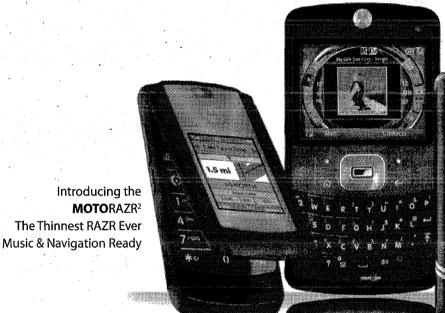
and I was pleased with our results. I told the girls that if we prepare properly, our opportunity will come and success will follow. We're looking forward to the City Meet."

Leading the charge for the Wildcats was sophomore Kelly Hahn, who crossed the line 10th in 19:42. Also scoring for Plymouth were Beth Heldmever (20th in 20:25), Lauren Ahearn (34th in 21:19), Paula Green (37th in 21:24) and Julie Forster (42nd in 21:37). Also competing for the Wildcats were Pam Bhullar (21:59) and Brianna Hessler (22:14).

Chiefs 6th

Canton's girls cross country team placed sixth in the 13

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with their respective 27th- and 28th-place showings. Also running varsity for Salem were Kara Booms (65th in 22:32), Mackenzie Rogers (72nd in 22:38), Freval Shah (91st in 23:34) and Kortney Marsh (98th in 23:45).

Salem returns to action today when it squares off against Plymouth and Canton in the annual City Meet, which is set for 4 p.m. at Cass-Benton Park in Northville.

'Cats 6th

The Plymouth girls cross country team placed sixth at Saturday's Bath Invitational, which was held just outside Lansing.

"We placed sixth overall, which is better than last year," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "There were a bunch of heavy hitters at this meat as all of the teams that beat us team Dexter Invitational on Saturday. Northville won the event with 73 points, 11 fewer than runner-up Brighton. The host Dreadnaughts were third with 90. Canton finished with 160 points.

"Overall, I thought we ran pretty strong," said Canton coach Eric Pahl. "The girls are getting faster. It was extremely nice to see some of our underclassmen making contributions, too."

Freshman Rachel Rohrbach paced the Chiefs with a fifthplace effort in 19:55. Also scoring were Sarah Thomas (14th in 20:45), Katherine Rymond (36th in 21:38), Katherine Galm (50th in 22:11) and Melanie Kulczyki (55th in 22:32). Also running for **Canton were Margaret Murphy** (57th in 22:49) and Rachel Brunk (58th in 22:52).

Chiefs are fourth at Dexter Invite

Some of the best teams in the state brought out the best in the Canton boys cross country team Saturday.

The Chiefs placed fourth - behind only state powers Dexter, Saline and Northville - in the Dexter invitational.

Canton chalked up 111 points, just 11 more than the Mustangs.

The Dreadnaughts nipped the Hornets, 43-46.

"I'm really excited to see how we're running so early in the season," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "Of our top seven runners, four had all-time bests while the three others had season bests. Our top four runners ran with Northville's top four

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

kids, which is encouraging. I also like the fact that we beat the two Grosse Pointe teams because they both made it to the state meet last year."

Junior Duncan Spitz paced the Chiefs with an 11th-place showing in 16:46.

Teammate Kyle Clinton wasn't far behind, crossing in 13th place in 16:54. Also scoring for Canton were Zach Spreitzer (20th in 17:08), Derek Hoerman (22nd in 17:15) and Josh Osinski (45th in 18:10). Jon Peck (49th in 18:15) and Dave Catalan (58th in 18:37) also competed for the Chiefs.

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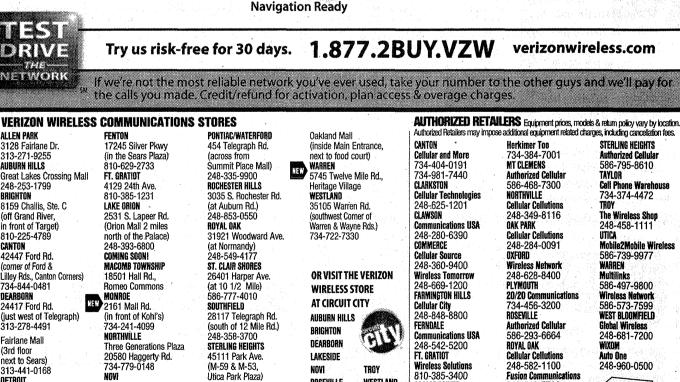
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Ford, for instance, has begun ramping up its efforts

to reach African-American consumers in large part via

hosting "tailgate parties" and test drives in connection

historically African-American colleges and universities

Those efforts are on the tail of Ford's two-year-old

We know that African-Americans tend to be early

partnership with FunkMaster Flex, the "evangelist" of

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a number of local initiatives. They have included

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as well as "Lincoln Lounge" events in Atlanta and

Chicago, in tie-ins with rhythm-and-blues artists.

incorporating them into FunkMaster's nationally

adopters in this market, and of course they have an

impact on vernacular and fashion," said Marc Perry, multicultural marketing manager for Ford brands. "So

these things help spread buzz through the grassroots

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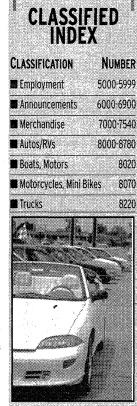
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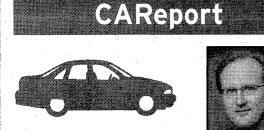
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By Dale Buss

The auto industry finally seems to be constructing something it can stand on as it begins a determined outreach to ethnic audiences: a three-legged stool built on culturally relevant advertising, community-oriented marketing, and an appeal to minority groups' burgeoning upper-middle classes.

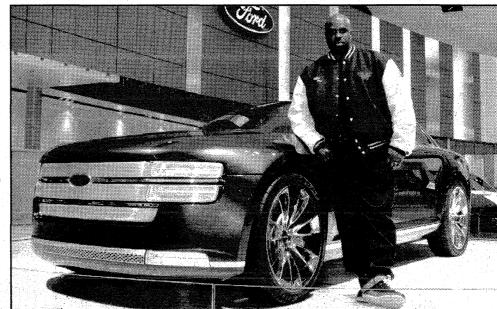
"The auto industry finally gets it and are putting things in place," said Randi Payton, an African-American entrepreneur and publisher of magazines that are tailored to Asian-Americans, Hispanics and African-Americans. A critic of automakers' hamhanded past efforts to appeal to ethnic consumers, he added: "They're beginning to understand the business side of reaching the growing multicultural market."

Industry analyst Mark Pauze agreed that the industry's "awareness is growing, and the realization that they need to do something is growing." But, added the solutions consultant for R.L. Polk, a Southfieldbased automotive-research concern: "Some companies are further along than others. It's a matter of how quickly and effectively they can begin to put some attention and focus on it."

Until lately, carmakers' advertising toward ethnic minorities could come up embarrassingly short. "They would literally take a commercial that was aimed at mainstream America and simply do a voiceover in Chinese or Korean or whatever language," said George Kang, senior analyst for Edmunds.com. "But minorities identify with the racial 'uniform,' the face – and if they see a Caucasian guy driving a car with just a Chinese voiceover, it doesn't resonate."

Nowadays, attracted by growth in ethnic sales and the opportunity to create brand loyalty among young minority buyers, carmakers have leapt into action. They're hiring ad agencies that specialize in minority audiences and investing resources in very tailored campaigns that may never be seen by the mainstream market.

In marketing its new Sebring sedan last year, for example, Chrysler decided to tailor a campaign specifically for Asian-Americans, a strong market for that group – and one where Japanese and Korean brands predominate. So for the Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York markets, Chrysler produced



TV and print ads in both Chinese and Korean, and decided that it could rely on English to reach Asian Indians, said Christine MacKenzie, executive director of multi-brand marketing. Attempting to tie the capabilities of the car's MyGig hard drive to the importance of family to Asian communities, the three versions of the TV spot depicted new Sebring owners

"The luxury segment is the new frontier," said Cynthia McFarlane, executive vice president of Nazca, a Saatchi & Saatchi ad agency that specializes in Hispanic audiences. "It's a tremendous opportunity for growth for the entire industry."

Lexus, for instance, in 2006 worked with Nazca to target Hispanics in South Florida regarding the launch of the 2007 IS sedan. There were TV and print advertisements in Hispanic media. But more than that, Lexus wanted to pursue a particular "avant garde" subset of Hispanic consumers "who believe that experience is the defining factor of luxury," said Debra Senior, Lexus's corporate manager for advertising, brand and product strategy. "That would be consistent with our general-market approach."

So, Lexus staged events including a test drive for more than 500 "young Hispanic intenders" at the Skybar in famous Shore Club Hotel on South Miami Beach. A couple months later, there was Lexus IS again – this time, at the Sagamore Hotel down the beach, hosting an exclusive concert by Venezuelan crooner. Franco De Vita for 1,200 of the brand's invitees.

Results? Lexus's overall market share increased to 21% from 12% in South Florida after these soirees, an overall level four times higher than its market share in another Hispanic stronghold, Los Angeles. "We saw that having a regional focus is key as we try to become more personal in marketing and relationships," Strong said.

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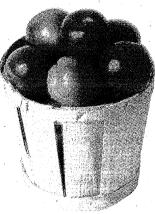
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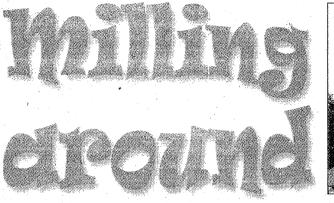
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Seek out fresh-pressed cider, a fall treasure

all never officially begins in Michigan until the area Cider Mills open to welcome annual crowds. Growing up in Rochester Hills, that quickly became a fact of life. I can't pinpoint

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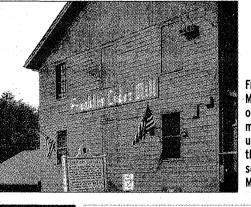
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feeling of my parents pulling onto that never-paved property and parking our car at the old red barn. I'd listen for the sound of water rushing

through the wheel, walk along the bridge over the river and literally through the woods, and of course relish the sweet smell of pressed apples all around. We'd hurry to our place in line and start the debate.

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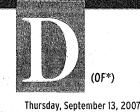




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2 tablespoons cornstarch 2 tablespoons lemon juice ³/₄ teaspoon ground cinnamon ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg 1 tablespoon butter, cut into small pieces 1 (12 ounces) container T. Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip

Prepare pie crust according to pack-

age directions for two-crust pie. Place bottom crust in 9-inch pie dish.

Combine apples, sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg in large bowl. Toss gently to evenly coat apple slices. Spread filling evenly over bottom crust. Dot with pieces of butter. Moisten edge of lower crust lightly

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Sample fine foods at Schoolcraft Extravaganza

See list of participating restaurants, D3

taste of fall.

Try this Five-Step Michigan Apple Pie for a

Samples of culinary delicacies and the chance to win a trip to Paris await those who attend the Schoolcraft College Foundation's annual Culinary Extravaganza fund-raiser.

The event is set for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 inside the VisTaTech Center, located on the main campus in Livonia on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads.

The Culinary Extravaganza is a celebration of food that brings together students, food professionals and the southeastern Michigan community. From Andiamo to Zingerman's, more than 50 restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors are participating.

It is also a premier fund-raiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. Since its inception in 1991, the event has raised more than \$1.4 million. Proceeds benefit the college's Culinary Arts Department and the college's scholarship fund.

In addition to enjoying fine cuisine, patrons can tour Schoolcraft's culinary arts instructional kitchens, sample wines and coffee, and bid on silent auction items.

Tickets for the Extravaganza are \$50 per person, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution.

Tickets can be ordered by phone at (734) 462-4518 or online at www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events. Credit cards and checks are accepted.

The City of Light awaits the winner of

the event raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. First prize is a trip for two to Paris, including roundtrip airfare and hotel accommodations for 6 days/5 nights; second prize is \$1,000 cash; and third prize is dinner for six at the American Harvest Restaurant, which is operated by Schoolcraft's award-winning chefs and culinary arts students. Tickets will be drawn between 4 and 5 p.m. although ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

to win a trip for four to see Martha Stewart light the Great Tree, featuring Martha Stewart Collection holiday trim, at Macy's on State Street. In addition to attending the tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 10, winners will receive a night's stay in Chicago, a free gift, and more. Enter at any Macy's location. Macy's also is hosting the Martha & Macy's VIP Sweepstakes. Enter online to win a trip to New York City to see The Martha Stewart Show live, be a special guest at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and receive a \$1,000 Macy's Gift Card.

Visit www.macys.com/marthastewartcollection for details.

The Martha Stewart Collection is the largest brand rollout in Macy's history, and includes a broad assortment of bed, bath, entertaining and cooking products inspired by Martha's personal collections and favorite things.

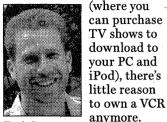
Macy's stores will also carry Martha Stewart Collection home furnishing products, Special Occasions merchandise, bridal registry items, Martha Stewart books and holiday-specific food preparation pieces like cookie cutters, cake stencils and decorating kits.

Martha Stewart Collection "shops" will be prominently positioned within each department, with merchandise displayed in ways that replicate Martha's home and television studio set.



Resurrect your old VCR tapes

t seems like the VCR turned relic overnight. Thanks to DVD players, DVRs, and even iTunes



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

In fact, most people hang onto them just so they can watch old

tapes. Wouldn't it be great, then, if you could copy those tapes to DVDs and put the VCR out to pasture?

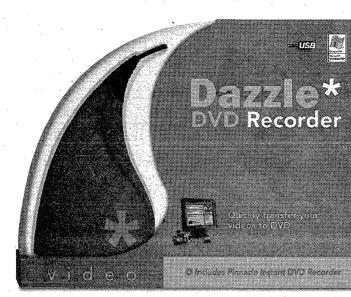
You can, and it's easier than you might think.

I got the job done using Pinnacle Systems' Dazzle DVD Recorder (pinnaclesys. com), a \$50 kit that includes the hardware and software needed to copy video from your VCR to your Windows PC, then burn it to a DVD.

You will, of course, need a DVD burner and some blank discs. If your drive supports double-layer media (look for something that reads "DL" on the front of the drive tray), you can use double-layer discs, which hold a little over two hours' worth of video.

Otherwise, you'll have to stick with single-layer discs, which top out at about 70 minutes. The Dazzle software can compress your video to fit the available space, but you should avoid that whenever possible. Remember, VHSquality video doesn't look too hot to begin with; compression will degrade it even further

As for your PC, you'll need a decent amount of horsepower



The \$50 Dazzle DVD Recorder kit makes it easy to copy old tapes from your VCR to DVDs.

that connects your VCR to the

Dazzle; it's not included in the

package. Fortunately, you can pick one up just about any-

From there, the software

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It is, however, a time-con-

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When you're done, you'll

have a DVD that should play

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Whichever Dazzle kit you buy, the setup works like this: You plug your VCR into the Dazzle analog-to-digital converter (a small gizmo that also accepts other video sources, like older camcorders), then plug the converter into one of your PC's **USB** ports.

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for this kind of operation. That means Windows XP, at least 512 megabytes of RAM (1 gigabyte would be better), and a reasonably speedy processor (no Celerons, Semprons, or other cheapie CPUs).

If your machine doesn't meet those specs, all is not lost: the Dazzle Video Creator Platinum (\$90) handles some of the heavy lifting with its own hardware, so you can get by with a slower machine. It also includes a basic version of Pinnacle Studio, which allows you to edit your video before burning it to DVD. See Pinnacle's Web site for more details on the two packages.

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You'll need to supply the composite audio-video cable

Window treatments that won't block the view

Mark of Canton writes: "My wife and I have just built a cottage on a lake. We have

large windows across the back of the house, facing the water, to maximize the lake view. This is great, except when the sun comes

eries or fabric to cover up the view. I don't like blinds or shutters. Any suggestions?"

I understand your desire to avoid blocking the view that attracted you to this property in the first place. You do have some options here.

tape, plan on an hour for that

English Gardens will host free instore seminars at 7 p.m. Wednesdays through September. The public is welcome to attend Planting Spring-Flowering Bulbs, Sept. 19; and Caring for Indoor Plants, Sept. 26. English Garden has six locations including West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900. For more information, call the stores or visit www.englishgardens.com

Fall Roses The Michigan School of Gardening will present Roses in the Fall, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Detroit Zoo. Cost is \$42. For registration and other information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. **Dahlia Show**

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will have its 55th annual Dahlia Show noon-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. For information, call (248) 373-6275.

The Michigan Orchid Society will feature the program 50 Years of Orchid Growing Changes at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St., Birmingham. Speaker Hermann Pigor of Oak Hill Orchids in Dundee, Illinois has been growing orchids since 1973. The public is welcome to the free program, which will include a Q&A, and plants on display. Call (586) 416-1496.

For the first layer of your window treatments, install quality window film. Bill Kish, owner of Solar Reflective Films (248.626.1130) carries the Vista line of window film (www.vista-films.com). Vista window film is a wonderful product that can greatly reduce glare, heat, and 99.9 percent of ultraviolet rays that can fade your interior fabrics and finishes. This will not hinder your view of the lake at all. As a second layer of defense

and light control when the sun is at its most intense, you may want to also consider open weave solar shades. There are many companies that make these types of shadings. I carry a line that comes in wonderful nature-inspired shades from bamboo to bark and when they are fully retracted, you will barely notice the head rail concealed behind the matching fascia panel. Typically, this type of shading blocks out 9095 percent of all UV rays and yes, you can still see through them. At night, the solar shades will give you some privacy, but they are not recommended for bedrooms or other areas where privacy and black out shades are needed.

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You may want to consider adding a valance or cornice after you take care of the sun issues, but wait and see. Sometimes the simplest approach is best when highlighting a dynamite view. With the subtle effect of window film and solar shades, the window treatments will take a backseat and the lake view becomes nature's artistic focal point of the room.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR ticipants around the fields and woods

surrounding the center to explore the medicinal virtues, identification, folklore and preparation of many of the common "weeds" we pass by every day. Plants to be covered include burdock, yellow dock, Solomon's seal and wild yam. The Living Free Foundation is

sponsoring the event. Cost is \$50, \$40 in advance. Advance registration is highly recommended. E-mail info@uheac.org or call (248) 693-1021.

Beautiful Bulbs

Good Earth Landscape Institute will present Beautiful Bulbs, 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18 at The Community House in Birmingham. The cost is \$24. Register at (248) 644-5832 or www. communityhouse.com.

Mixed Borders

The Community House Garden Club will host Using Mixed Borders in the Fall at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 at The Community House, 380 South Bates St., Birmingham. Janet Macunovich, co-founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and Practical Gardening Institute, will present a slide presentation with steps to make your fall

its 19th Annual Community Outreach Conference 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. Open to environmentalists and gardeners of all levels, the day includes two keynote speakers, three classes, a garden market and plant sale. The event will be held at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road. Cost, \$40, includes a box lunch. Reserve your spot by Sept. 13. Call (734) 786-6860 or visit www. mgawc.org for a class list and details.

lt's Bedtime

Michigan State University will present Fall Gardening: Putting Your Garden to Bed 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 22. Advanced Master Gardener Monica Milla will share tips for late season gardening including planting bulbs and shrubs, protecting tender and potted plants through winter, what to do with all those leaves, how to preserve color late into the season and how to clean and store tools. Cost, \$16. The program will be held at Hidden Lake Gardens, 6280 W. Munger Rd. in Tipton. Pre-register at (517) 431-2060.

Love Your Lawn

The Southfield Public Library in connection with the City of Southfield's

(the software offers numerous attractive choices), tweaking the recording settings, and capturing your video. It's a blissfully easy operation, one that even novice users should have no trouble

suming process. The software

Seasonal Gardens

Orchid History

Design Solutions in. It becomes blinding light. Terri Guastella I need something on the windows to shield us from the bright sun, but I don't want heavy drap-

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Schoolcraft College Foundation

Sunday, September 23, 2007 2-5 p.m. Schoolcraft College —VisTaTech Center

- * At Culinary Extravaganza, you can sample the finest culinary delicacies from some of the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan Detroit area.
- >>> Tickets at \$50 per person are going fast for this great event. To order yours, call 734-462-4518 or visit our Web site www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

Culinary Extravaganza Raffle prizes include:

- Trip for two to Paris, France—7 days/5 nights.
 - Round trip airfare and hotel accommodations included. § \$1,000 cash.
 - Dinner for six (6) at the American Harvest Restaurant, Schoolcraft College.

Patrons will enjoy samples from these restaurants, pastry shops & beverage vendors.

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Medicinal Plants Wild Roots and Fall Foliage: Michigan's Medicinal Plants will take place 11 a.m.-

6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford.

Herbalist Jim McDonald will lead par-

Rochester Homes Tour

Walk through six stunning houses 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 during the Rochester Historic Homes Tour, sponsored by the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm and the **Rochester Historical Commission. Sites** were selected due to preservation by their owners. Unique renovations make them comfortable for today's families while maintaining historic charm. History will be shared in each location. All sites are within walking distance of each other. Advance tickets, \$10; \$8 for museum members, are available by calling (248) 656-4663. Tickets the day of the event are \$12, at Rochester Hills Museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Rd. Visit www.rochesterhills.org.

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the summer and fall, including Go Fish, 3-6 p.m. Sept. 16 (\$45); Fresh Dinner Express 6-9 p.m. Sept. 27 (\$45); Pure Food, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14 (\$55); Fabulous Holiday Party Plan, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1 (\$55); Cookie Exchange, 3-7 p.m. Nov. 18 and 5-9 p.m. Nov. 23 (\$75); 4303 Delemere Court (south of 14 Mile, two blocks east of Coolidge), Royal Oak,

garden border look spectacular for Fall. The public is invited. Reservations are not necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. Call (248) 644-5832.

Monarch Migration

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will present The Monarch Butterfly Migration at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Cost, \$3. Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www. semabutterfly.com.

Master Conference

Volunteers of the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County will host Growing with Master Gardeners,

HOME CALENDAR

Birmingham Homes Tour

The Community House will host a Birmingham House Tour Tuesday, Sept. 18. The seven-home tour will be conducted 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and costs \$25. For \$60, guests also will be invited to a brunch and lecture with HGTV host Frank Fontana at 8:30 a.m. An afternoon tea will be held at The Community House 3-4:30 p.m., which is included in the \$25 ticket. Proceeds benefit community outreach programs. For tickets and information, contact The Community House at (248) 594-6403

Home Trends

Trend consultant Mariana Keros will present the latest industry trends and decor ideas for the home 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Drexel Heritage,

FOOD CALENDAR

(248) 549-5242, www.twounique.com. **Rochester Farmers Market**

Whole Foods Market cooking demonstrations, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, stop by to enjoy samples, get coupons, Third and Water in downtown Rochester.

Pronto! Cooking Classes

Brush up your culinary skills at these classes: Simple Sauce for Pasta, Sept. 19: A Tour of Italy-The Sicilian Kitchen, Sept. 20; Soup's On, Oct. 3; Family Recipes: Eastern Europe, Oct. 10; Brunch: The Best of Breakfast and Dinner, Oct. 17: Appetizers, Hors D'oeuvres & Starters, Oct. 24; The Dinner Party, Oct. 30; Quick Fix: 25-Minute Meals, Nov. 7; Holiday Magic, Nov. 13 and 14, 4343 Normandy Court, Royal Oak, \$30-\$40, (248) 549-1519.

Green Committee will host Love Your Lawn, Love Your Lake at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 in the meeting room. The Sierra Club will offer tips on keeping your lawn green without affecting waterways. Southfield Public Library is located in the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road. Visit www.southfieldlibfary.org or call (248) 796-4224.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI, 48150; e-mail wvonb@ hometownlife.com; fax (734) 953-2058.

2125 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. Admission is free. Reservations are requested; call (248) 454-0900. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation, and a wine reception will be featured.

Fall for Fabric

The Michigan Design Center will display Fall fabric collections 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86. Stop by throughout the day and enjoy informal presentations from our fabric showrooms. The day also includes a noon lunch and the special presentations Ralph Lauren: Timeless Style at 11 a.m. and Getting on Top of Trends: Colors, Fabrics and Interiors at 1:30 p.m. Call the Michigan Design Center at (248) 649-4772 or visit www.michigandesign.com.

Wine Exploration Series

Seven sessions start with An Introduction to Wine, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sept. 19, including California and the Pacific Northwest, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sept. 26; Wines of France (two parts, each considered one session), 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 3 and 10; Italian Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 24: South of the Equator: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 31, (\$162 for seven sessions, \$26 for single session, except for introduction and California session, \$28); Champagne and Sparkling Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 14, instructors are Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna, to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

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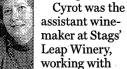
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Personality and harmony exemplify St. Clement wines

Winemaker Danielle Cyrot (sea-ROW) relates the winery's history dating back to 1878 as though she lived it. She didn't, but definitely keeps Napa Valley's St. Clement Vineyards

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alive with her talented winemaking.



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er Rob Brittan.

as well as being

co-winemaker

for Two Tone

Farm when she

got an offer she

Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

couldn't refuse.

"I really wanted to make wine at a place I could call my own," admits Cyrot, "so when I was given the chance to be winemaker at St. Clement Vineyards, I jumped at it."

MORE THAN VICTORIAN STYLE

St. Clement Vineyards is located at 2867 Highway 29, north of St. Helena in Napa Valley. The white Victorianstyle house that sits in front of the winery facility and also appears on the wine label, was built in 1878 by Fritz Rosenbaum.

Ownership of the house and winery has taken many twists and turns during its long history. It has been owned by Sapporo of Japan, Beringer Wine Estates and, since 2002, by Fosters Group of Australia.

Cyrot was pleased with the wine-style created by previous winemaker Aaron Pott (now winemaker at Quintessa) and does not intend to make revolutionary changes in that approach. "However," she adds, "Tm making an impact gradually."

Cyrot is a well qualified winemaker having graduated with a degree in enology and viticulture from the University of California Davis. Prior to settling back in her home state of California, Cyrot's winemaking career has taken her to Alsace, France and Australia. making requires solid training and good instruments, but alsø a good dose of harmony and personality to set it apart."

After tasting the wines of St. Clement, we think you will appreciate the skill of the winemaker and notice the harmony and personality that come through in the body of the wine.

WHAT TO BUY FROM ST. CLEMENT

St. Clement 2006 Bale Lane Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, St. Helena \$20. Only 800 cases of this tank-fermented wine were made. Approximately six percent was then aged in new Hungarian oak barrels and blended back. The wine boasts a crisp green apple character with notes of lime, grapefruit, minerals and honeydew melon. Bright and delicious.

St. Clement 2006 Chardonnay, Los Carneros \$18 is a fruit-first style with a balanced touch of oak since 20 percent was barrel fermented in new French oak and 85 percent completed malolactic fermentation. The wine is rich on the palate with aromas of honeysuckle and rose petals, followed by flavors of melon, citrus and Granny Smith apple with a crisp finish.

St. Clement 2004 Merlot, Napa Valley \$28 entices with aromas of plums, dark cherries and cassis, flavors of berries, spice and anise, ending with hints of fine tobacco and cocoa with balanced tannins.

St. Clement 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$36 is blended with 20 percent merlot and three percent cabernet franc. Blackberries, cassis, dark cherries and plums introduce mirrored flavors with hints of coffee and chocolate. A value Napa cab at this price.

St. Clement 2004 Oroppas, Napa Valley \$55 is a meritage blend of cabernet sauvignon with 15 percent merlot. The fruit was grown in several renowned mountain vineyards such as Diamond Mountain, Howell Mountain, and Mount Veeder. Aromas include coffee,

WINE PICKS

With cooler weather, wine selections turn from light, crisp, unoaked and quaffable to wines with greater body and more oak influence. Chardonnay fits that bill, so we recommend: 2005 Buena Vista Carneros \$19 2005 Frei Brothers Russian River Valley \$20 2005 Gainey Santa Rita Hills, Evan's Ranch \$20 2005 Terlato Russian River Valley \$25 -- solid oak imprint 2005 Wattle Creek Mendocino \$26

2004 Gallo Family Laguna Ranch \$28

2005 Arrowood Sonoma County \$30

2005 Buena Vista Carneros Ramal Vineyard \$32 2005 Marimar Estate Don Miguel Vineyard Russian River Valley \$32

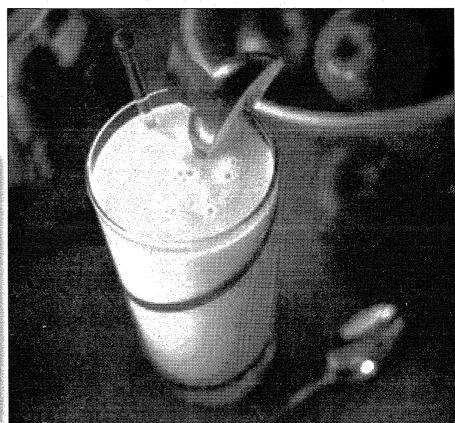
2005 Argyle Nuthouse, Willamette Valley, Oregon \$32 2005 Patz & Hall Dutton Ranch Russian River Valley \$39 2005 Patz & Hall Zio Tony Ranch Russian River Valley \$55 If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

Win a wine trip to Europe

Until Oct. 29, enter to win one of three grand prizes for roundtrip airfare and deluxe hotel accommodations to either the Champagne, Port or Sherry region. You only need to answer three easy questions about these wine areas. Enter at www. wineoriginssweepstakes.com.

sive in a lovely rendition with a long, balanced and accessible finish.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the "Quarterly Review of Wines" and Troy residents who



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with water. Cover with top crust, trim and flute edges. Cut three slits in top crust for venting. Bake in preheated 400 degrees F oven 40 to 45 minutes or until crust is golden and apples are tender when pierced with a fork. (To prevent over browning, cover edge of pie

crust with foil. Remove during last 20 minutes of baking.) Serve warm pieces of apple pie drizzled with T. Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip just before serving. Heat dip to drizzle eas-

ily. Yield: 8 servings. *Best Pie Apples: Ida Red, Rome, Empire, Gala, Jonagold,

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Jonathan, McIntosh.

tastes like Fall - even in 70 degree weather with pesky bees swarming about.

When I went away to college I knew I'd miss out on the Cider Mill Ritual - which had dwindled down to something I shared with my mom and dad.

On their first visit to see me, then a dorm-residing freshman at Michigan State, they surprised me with a half-gallon of the good stuff, and a half-dozen cinnamon sugar donuts to share. Truth FALL HARVEST SMOOTHIE

2 containers (8 ounces each) vanilla

lowfat yogurt ¼ cup sugar

¼ cup honey 1 cup thawed, frozen Michigan apple juice, concentrate, undiluted

3 cups milk

servings.

Thoroughly combine yogurt, sugar, honey and apple juice concentrate. Refrigerate about 1 hour or until thoroughly chilled. Add milk to chilled yogurt mixture and serve cold. Yield: 6

GRILLED CHICKEN WITH APPLES AND FETA

4 skinless boneless chicken breasts (about 5 ounces each) 2 tablespoons olive oil

is, I might have squirrelled those away for myself.

My love of Michigan's cider mills hasn't changed much over the years. I get giddy with anticipation of wandering around the grounds - where now you can find everything from fresh-baked apple pies, barrels of apples to choose from, even homemade fudge. Some - like Uncle John's Cider Mill in St. John - even have a nature trail and pumpkin patch to peruse.

After a trip to the cider mill this Fall Harvest Smoothie is a great way to relax.

2 tablespoons butter

MICHIGAN APPLE COMMITTEE

- 2 apples, peeled and thinly sliced
- 4 ounces feta cheese
- Salt and pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme

Prepare hot fire in charcoal or gas grill. Brush chicken with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill chicken until juices run clear, 3-4 minutes per side. Remove from grill to platter and tent with foil to keep warm.

Melt butter in sauté pan over medium high heat. Add apples and sauté 2-3 minutes, until they begin to brown and become tender.

Spoon apples over chicken and top with feta and thyme. Serves 4.

Recipes courtesy of Michiganapples.com.

a Sunday afternoon. We're holding my first-born niece who couldn't have been more than 7 months old back then, and smiling away. Angela, who's 7 years old now, was wearing the blue hoodie I bought her and we're all in sweaters - a clue of the crisp autumn air. It's a great reminder of that day - the one I look forward to each year.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola prefers her cider ice-cold and her cinnamon donuts dunking-sized. She writes

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A music lover who considers making wine and writing music to be artistic endeavors, Cyrot suggests that, "like music, wine-

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Andiamo, Dearborn

Asian Village, Detroit

Bacco Ristorante, Southfield

Back Home Bakery, Canton

Busch's Market, Plymouth

A.H.D. Vintners, Warren

mocha, black cherry and black raspberry. Dark chocolate, brown spices, blueberry and dark cherry flavors are explo-

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write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers." Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com. I keep a photograph in my living room that says it all. My sisters and I had gathered just outside the mill on about pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

Help Us Understand The Effects Of PREGABALIN ON BRAIN ACTIVITY IN FIBROMYALGIA (FM)

Research Volunteers are needed to take part in a study (IRB # HU0009334) **looking at the brain activity of women who have FM** *You may be eligible to participate in this study, if you:*

- have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia for at least 3 months, are postmenopausal and under the age of 70,
- are willing to take a study drug, pregabalin. (Pregabalin is FDAapproved for fibromyalgia),

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- are willing to undergo brain scans (MRI), and heat and pressure sensitivity testing,
- do not currently take narcotic medications, sedatives or tranquilizers
 have not, at any time, taken pregabalin (brand name: Lyrica)
 For more information, please contact:

the University of Michigan Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center 1-866-288-0046 (toll free)

Financial compensation is provided for

study participation.

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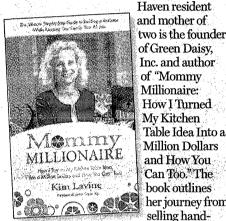


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BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

im Lavine believes women are leading the next revolution. They are taking advantage of new technology and launching businesses that allow them to balance fulfilling work and family lives. "It's not a political revolution, it's an economic revolution. Women are taking control of their own financial destiny on their terms," Lavine said. The Grand



'Mommy Millionaire' is a handbook for launching a business, as well as a great biography of Lavine's own experience.

My Kitchen Table Idea Into a Million Dollars and How You Can Too." The book outlines her journey from selling handsewn spa pillows to running an

Millionaire:

How I Turned

expanding global business. She will share her story at Ladies Who Launch

LIVE, set for Thursday, Sept. 20 at The Community House, but here, she offers insight to PINK:

What's been the biggest challenge in starting your business?

I think the biggest challenge in my experience, and judging from all the hundreds if not thousands of women who have written me, is how do they successfully balance being entrepreneurs with being moms, and that's what I speak to.

LADIES WHO LAUNCH LIVE

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20

Where: The Community House in Birmingham What: Ladies Who Launch founders Victoria Colligan and Beth Schoenfeldt, along with LWL Detroit Leader Kate Richard, will bring a host of entrepreneurial women together for a day of networking, shopping and break-out sessions with experts. Who: Featured speakers include Kim Lavine, author of "Mommy Millionaire;" Fara Warner, author of "Power of the Purse;" Former WNBA player Kym Hampton; and Tara Kachaturoff, founder of michiganentrepreneurtv.com.

Cost: \$125 by Sept. 20 and \$130 at the door. Lunch and gift bags included.

RSVP: www.ladieswholaunch.com or 866-411-5234

Mommy Millionaire Rules for Doing Business

1. Don't apologize for being a mom. 2. When dealing with someone in business, always ask yourself 'what's in it for them?'

3. Pay your attorney for advice only. Most of the paperwork you can do yourself, including setting up your corporation, registering for your trade mark, and even writing your own patent.

4. Find a mentor. Having someone who's "been there and done that" can really help you get through tough times and understand it's part of the territory. 5. Nobody ever got rich spending

money. Know overcapitalization and how to avoid it.

6. Have a story. Everybody loves a good story.

7. Create a pitch and cold-call.

8. Everything happens for a reason. Accept challenge, conquer it, and learn



Kim Lavine

thirds of working moms wished they could stay home. Every woman I know is in search of the perfect 'part-time job' that gives them career fulfillment but doesn't compromise their need to be a great mom, and that's what I'm saying every woman can have now. There's never been a better opportunity.

Are men in on this revolution?

My husband was one of these guys that traveled all the time for a job he made good money at, and he hated it. I think it's a family revolution, not just a woman's revolution. My husband loves being a stay-at-home dad. We both run the business together. He loves the freedom of spending as much time with the kids as he wants. It's almost like corporate America demands that you put less of a priority on your family to get ahead and I think men and women both are saying enough's enough. I'm not going to work 80 hours at the office and get home just as my kids are going to bed.

In your book, you make it clear nobody should quit their job today and expect to start a business overnight.

I don't sugarcoat anything. I tell people it's not easy, but at the end of the day I am a very





Chelsea Von Mach

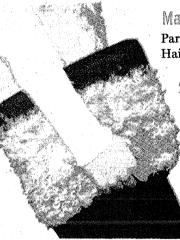
is so fabulous, she'll soon be leaving Birmingham to attend the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. Von Mach hopes to become a fashion stylist and do wardrobe for movies. While we wait to see Von Mach's work on the silver screen, we can enjoy her winning picks:

20-year-old

Wear It!

Lamé Late Night Mini Skirt from American Apparel

DON'T Wear It! There's no such thing!



Tote It! Prada textured clutch

Kick It! **Sneakers at Revive** in Birmingham

Accessorize It! Ghetto gold jewelry (door knocker earrings)



Face It! Xen-Tan Perfect at Nordstrom

Read It! The Cheap Date Guide to Style by Kira Jollife and **Bay Garnett**



Mane It!

Paris Hilton Dream Catcher Hair Extensions

> Smell It! **Fresh flowers**

TiVo It! Living in the Fab Lane with Kimora Lee

Simmons **DVD** It!

Factory Girl

See It! Broken English

Hear It!

Almost Lover by A Fine Frenzy

Drink It!

Green Tea at Spot O Tea in Birmingham

Eat H. Breakfast at Bart's in Ferndale

A final congratulations to the winners of our 3rd Annual PINK Picks Contest. Amanda Pier of Redford received a \$300 gift card to Westland Shopping Center. Runners-up Chelsea

What is your message?

My message is that the technology of the new millennium is transforming our world - our family world and our work world — in significant and meaningful ways every day. Cell phones, laptops and the Internet have allowed us to work where and when we want. We don't have to go to brick and mortar offices anymore. There's never been as distinct an opportunity for women to have it all. It's an historic opportunity.

Do you still work from home?

Yes. I have three full-time jobs. I am a writer, but that's secondary to running our business. We are a lifestyle brand that's launching a vast array of products including home decor, inspirational paper products, pajamas. I still work out of my house. I tell everybody work out of your home for as long as you can. I can sit at my kitchen table and help my kids with their homework, make a peanut butter sandwich and e-mail my production specs to China at the same time.

You have 8- and 10-year-old boys. How do you balance work and family?

This morning I got up at 3. I get up early and

Jeffrey H. Miller, M.D.

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work a couple hours before my kids even get up. I work a couple hours after they go to bed and in between there I get the rest of my eight hours in. As a mother at the end of the day it's not how clean my house is, but how happy my kids are so I don't stress out anymore about house cleaning. I think 'I had a good day at work, I got a lot done at my kitchen table. the kids had a lot of fun, they got outside and got some exercise.' After that I'll throw a load of wash in.

You go so far as to call this a 'women's revolution.'

Yes, women are leading this revolution to change work and family life. The whole question of whether you're a working mom or stavat-home mom, that whole war is moot now. You can do both. Oprah recently reported the results of a survey that two-thirds of stay-athome moms wished they worked, and two-

fortunate person. I have a lot of challenges but they don't have anything to do with nannies or day care, or guilt and pain over not being with my kids. The challenges I have are connected to me creating the life I really want.

Can any woman do this?

You don't have to be me. The beauty is whatever you make, whatever service you deliver, through the Internet these days you have the opportunity to deliver it directly to any individual in the world. That's what's exciting.

Your book 'Mommy Millionaire' isn't really about money

In my experience, people don't start businesses for the money. They start because they have hopes, dreams or aspirations. Hopes for a better life, dreams for their children, aspirations to escape a divorce or bad childhood. That's ultimately what motivates successful people. I haven't met one truly successful person who was motivated just by money. For most women, it's primarily about finding a way to express themselves beyond their role as a mom, and bring extra income into their house to help their husband who is slaving away at a job he hates. That's what I find almost always motivates women.

MUSLIM FASHION SHOWCASED

La Maison Saouli celebrated its entrance into U.S. markets by staging a fashion show and sale at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn on Sunday. La Maison Saouli is devoted to producing stylish garments for Muslim women seeking a modest appearance. Based in Brussels, Belgium, La Maison Saouli was founded in 2000 by Karima Saouli, who comes from a family of tailors. Saouli could not find clothing in stores that expressed her identity as a Western Muslim woman. Her designs are manufactured in Paris, and sold in European boutiques. La Maison Saouli produces three lines - Saouli

Trend, aimed at women ages 15-25 seeking a modern, urban look; Saouli Classic, for women over 25 who desire a classic look in muted tones, appropriate for professionals; and Saouli Haute Couture, featuring hand-sewn evening dresses that blend Western and Oriental styling. Special collections are issued for each Muslim holiday as well. Saouli suits, jackets, dresses, skirts, trousers and related pieces range in price from \$30-\$150.

> Style and modesty combine in clothing by La Maison Saouli.

Von Mach of Birmingham; Karen Viado of Canton and Jennifer Boris of Westland all won \$100 gift cards. Thanks to Westland Shopping Center, and all the readers who entered! Stay tuned for Honorable Mention picks in upcoming editions of PINK!

Parisian Trendezvous

Make a date with savings as Parisian Laurel Park Place joins with Ford Motor Co. to present Trendezvous 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. Customers will be treated to 20 percent off regular and sale price apparel, accessories and fine jewelry; along with 15 percent off cosmetics and fragrances. The evening also includes a light refreshments and a runway show featuring the hottest trends in beauty and fashion. The cost is \$10 per person, with 10 percent benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. For more information or to reserve your spot, call (734) 953-7500.

Detroit Fashion Week

Celebrate the city's style with a week's worth of activities during **Detroit Fashion Week. Events kick** off 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham with a press party, sneak preview fashion show and Dior Diva Charity Makeover with Saks Fifth Avenue. Fabulous festivities continue at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit with industry workshops Sept. 24-25: a Student Designer Show, and design and makeup competitions at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27; and Couture Shows 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28-29. Participating designers include Vaughn Terry, Katerina Bocci, Eugenia Paul, Beulah Cooley and Fotoula Lambros. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brian Heath at (313) 516-6774 or visit Shopping Party Macy's Somerset will host a Fashionista Shopping Party 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 in the IMPULSE Department. Find out what you need in your closet this fall during a fashion-packed night of shopping, mingling, music, trend shows, savings and fabulous fare. Reservations are required. Call 800-329-8667 by Sept. 18.

www.detroitfashionweek.com.

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Mom2Mom Sale

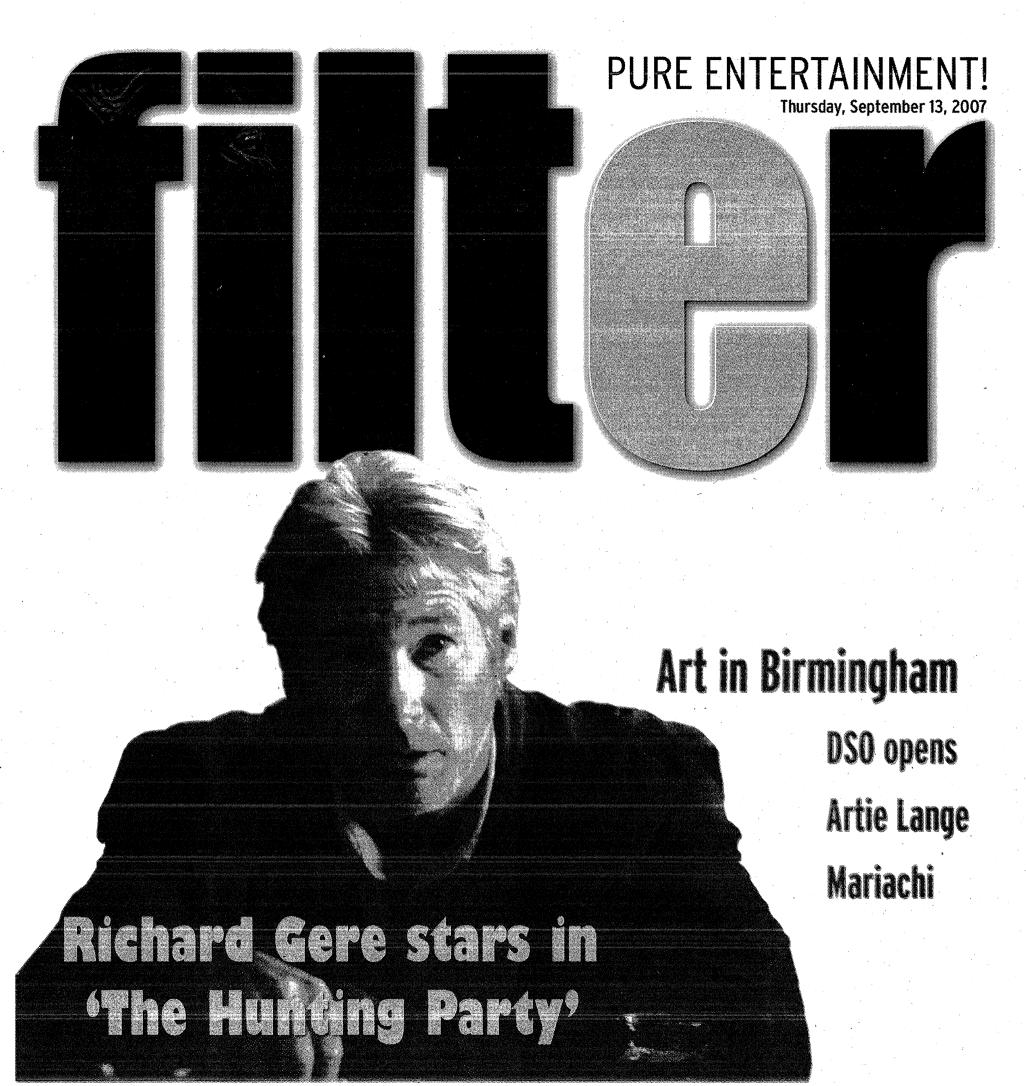
Get ready for a Mom2Mom Sale 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 East Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Moms who would like to sell clothing, toys and miscelleous items can rent tables now by calling (248) 334-1266. Shoppers can look forward to bargains on such things as name brand clothing, videos, video games and much more. Visit www. gbgm-umc.org/paul/

Marry Me Happy Hours

The Wedding Resource Network will Present "Marry Me" Happy Hours 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Northville Hills Golf Club. Brides and grooms are invited to meet the area's leading wedding vendors including facilities, photographers, DJ/entertainment, attire, bakeries, decorators, florists, invitations, jewelry, transportation, honeymoon travel, videography and more. To receive your invitation, call (734) 667-3651 or visit www.TheWRN.net.



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Ferndale gallery hosts a different kind of exhibit

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Balancing Act, an exhibit featured throughout Sept. 29 at Lawrence Street Gallery, has an appropriate title at a gallery where the mission is to

recognize the vast pool of high Michigan talent.

> The gallery features fine art from painting to sculpture to photography. *Balancing Act* is all about quilts. "The theme refers

to the choices every artist makes to develop an interesting composition," said Susan Sanborn North, Studio Arts Quilts Association exhibit co-curator.

"The definition of an art quilt is that of a contemporary artwork that explores and expresses aesthetic concerns common to the whole range of visual arts: painting, printmaking, photography, graphic design, assemblage, and sculpture, which retains, through materials or techniques, its relationship to traditional quilting," **What**: "Balancing Act" - a juried exhibition of over 35 art quilts by Studio Art Quilt Associates

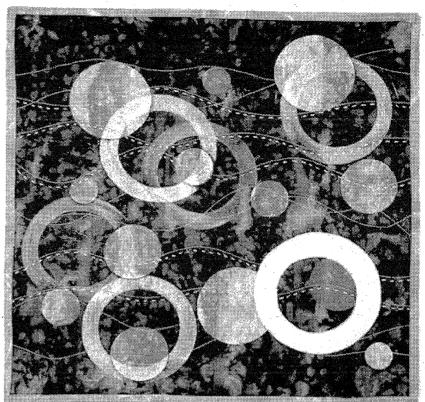
Where: Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale When: Through Sept 29 Hours: Wednesday - Saturday, noon - 5 p.m., Fridays noon - 9 p.m. Details: www.lawrencestreetgallery.com or (248) 544-0394

added curator Lynn Krawczyk. More than 35 works by quilt artists from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin are part of the exhibit juried by Lawrence Street Gallery artists Laura Host and Deborah Hyde.

Host is an instructor at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Hyde is the current president of Lawrence Street Gallery.

"This exhibition is an exciting departure from our other shows", Hyde said. "As a fiber artist myself, I hope this attracts some of the many quilters and crafts people to the

gallery, as well as giving our patrons a chance to see what a vibrant media this is."



Joan Potter Thomas of Northville created "The Edge of Spring - Snow" on display at the Ferndale gallery.



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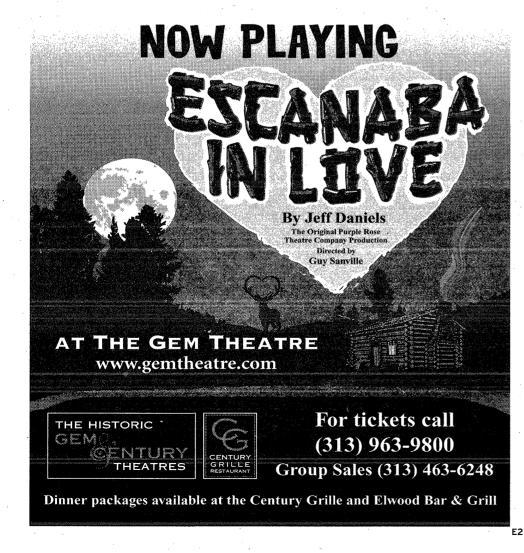
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The 33rd Annual Art in the Park, scheduled for Sept. 15 and 16 in Birmingham, benefits Common Ground Sanctuary, an Oakland County-based nonprofit crisis intervention agency.

Summer winds down with final big events

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Look closely at the trees and you'll notice some of the dark green leaves are turning yellow.

It's dark by 8:30 p.m. now and mornings are cool enough for sweaters. Summer is coming to an end, but

before the gray gloom hits, there's still some outdoor events to enjoy before we eventually need (ugh!) winter boots. There's art, comedy and music. **ficket** The last big art festival of the year is Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16 in Birmingham's Shain Park with the 33rd Annual Art in the Park benefit

for Common Ground Sanctuary, an Oakland County-based nonprofit crisis intervention agency.

The festival attracts about 75,000 people each year and is a prestigious, juried art show where nearly 200 artists from across the country showcase original works.

Mediums include ceramics, jewelry, paintings, sculpture, photography, glass and more. Other attractions include, live music, food, artist demonstrations and children's drop-in workshops presented by the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). There's also a silent auction.

The featured artist this year is

Andrew Wu who works with hot glass. Wu is also a trained classical violinist who has performed with the Michigan Opera Theater, The American Ballet Theater, Joni Mitchell and Luciano Pavarotti.

'My training as a classical violinist has given me a unique perspective



when working with glass," writes Wu. "There are many similarities between and performing a musical composition. With attention to tempo, rhythm and phrasing, greater insight into the medium is possible, as well as a unique glass composition."

LAST DAY AT DTE

It's been a busy summer at DTE that kicked-off with classic rocker Eddie Money and ends on Friday, Sept. 14 with country singer Clay Walker.

Walker's most recent album, Fall features the hit singles Fore She Was Mama, Workin' Man and Mexico. The album reached No. 15 on the Billboard's 200 Top Selling Albums chart and No. 5 on the Top Country Albums chart.

MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL Summer extends a little further

EVENTS

Art in the Park: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. Admission is free. Located at Birmingham's Shain Park between Martin and Merrill just south of Maple and west of Woodward. For details visit www.commongroundsanctuary.org Clay Walker: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets: \$34.50 pavilion and \$10 lawn

Gordon Lightfoot: 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15 at Meadow Brook. Tickets at \$46.50 pavilion and \$20 lawn

Alonzo Bodden: 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, also at Meadow Brook. Tickets: \$29.50 and \$19.50 pavilion and \$10 lawn. Tickets for all DTE and Meadow Brook Music Festival shows can be purchased at the venue box office or any Ticketmaster location. Call (248) 645-6666.

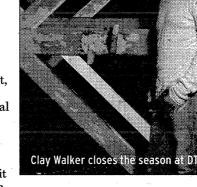
Music Under the Stars with the band Big Shorty: Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham. Tickets are \$50 and the event benefits Oakland Land Conservancy, Call (248) 601-2816 or visit our web site at www. oaklandlandconservancy.org

though at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Folk singer Gordon Lightfoot performs Saturday, Sept. 15.

The Canadian-born singer and poet earned fame in the 1970s with hits like If You Could Read My Mind, Sundown and The Wreck of the Edmund

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the creation of a blown glass piece

Oundjian returns to lead DSO

Peter Oundjian looks to top his first season as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's principal guest conductor and artistic advisor when he takes the podium for the DSO's opening concert of the 2007-08 season tonight at the Max M. Fisher Music Center. Oundjian (pronounced UND-jin) and pianist Emanuel Ax join the DSO for a weekend celebration featuring the red car-

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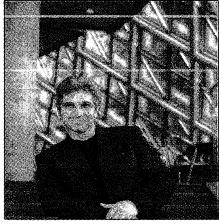
pet treatment for guests and champagne receptions.

Oundjian will lead the Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 as Ax tackles Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 "Emperor." The program also includes Joan Tower's Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman No. 4. The concerts take place on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 8 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 15 at 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. in

Orchestra Hall at The Max.

For the opening of the new season, the DSO performs during a special weekend designed to thank the public for their patronage. Each of the four concert audiences will be welcomed back in style with doormen in top hats, spotlights, champagne toasts and complimentary light refreshments. Models from Somerset Collection will be strolling throughout The Max during the weekend, showcasing jewelry and holding musical instruments. Music from the DSO's Civic Youth

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Peter Oundjian will lead Detroit Symphony Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 tonight at the Max M. Fisher Music Center.



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Fitzgerald.

A week later on Saturday, Sept. 22 blockbuster comedian Alonzo Bodden, winner of *Last Comic Standing Season Three*, performs at Meadow Brook Music Festival. His comedy covers many topics such racial issues, sports, travel, shopping and dating. Bodden, a native of Queens, New York, has appeared on *Late Night* with Conan O'Brien, Make Me Laugh Friday Night Videos, Thirty-Something, Power Rangers, The Craig Kilbourne Show and The Keenan Ivory Wayans Show. He has entertained the troops in Kuwait, Greenland, Azores Island, Spain, Central America, Panama, Honduras, Puerto Rico, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Turkey and Guam.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

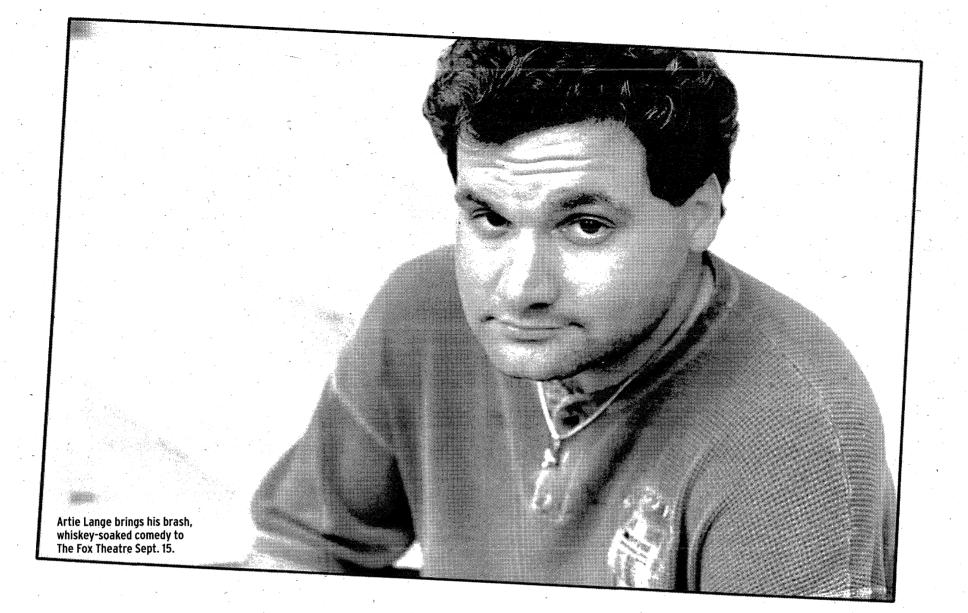
From 7-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29 is Oakland Land Conservancy's Third Annual music event where blues, jazz and classic rock band Big Shorty performs at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center in Birmingham. There will also be beer, wine and cuisine presented by local restaurants.

Oakland Land Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to working with public and private landowners to conserve land for future generations in Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, and Genesee counties.



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Artie Lange's 'Whiskey Talking' visits Fox

When: 8 p.m. Saturday,

Where: The Fox Theatre,

Ticketmaster.com or by

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(313) 471-6611.

Tickets: \$40-\$75 at

2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Sept. 15

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Artie Lange was juggling calls in his suite at New York's Four Seasons Hotel when he gave us a ring here at Filter Aug. 29. His gruff no-holdsbarred voice was a dead giveaway.

barred voice was a dead giveaway. A regular on *The Howard Stern Show* and multi-faceted comedian, Lange needed no introduction. He's easily recognizable as an original cast member from *Mad TV* and he's appeared recently on A-list television shows like *Entourage* and *Rescue Me.* It's hard to imagine how he found the time to write, film and release a full-length feature - *Beer League* - and his new DVD, *It's the Whiskey Talking.* But he did. The New Jersey native also manages to perform a few shows a month - a tour that will bring him to Detroit on Sept. 15.

[«]I'm a very big sports fan," he said. And that won't go unnoticed during his Detroit performance. Lange recalled an unforgettable experience when - at age 17 - he attended Game 5 of the 1984 World Series inside Tiger's Stadium. "I was at the game when Gibson hit two homers," he said. "I was there for a full-blown Tigers win and a full-blown Detroit riot." He remembered the crowds rushing into the streets, turning over

cars and setting fires. "I have history there," he said. Expect the first portion of his show to include plenty of Detroit-specific material, drawing from the Lions, Pistons and Tigers.

There was a time - in his youth - when comedy came second to sports.

"There were two things I ever wanted to do," said Lange. "I never wanted to be a cop, a doctor or a fireman. I wanted to play major league baseball. When I was 14 or 15 I realized that probably wasn't going to happen. Right after that I decided I wanted to be a comedian.

"I've had tunnel vision ever since." He landed his first high-profile gig on *Mad TV* at the age of 27. "I remember thinking I was old," said the comedian, now 39. At the time, he said, he had no money. His father, a builder, fell off a roof and became a quadriplegic. He died when Lange was in his early 20's, and his mother was forced to go on welfare. Still, she encouraged his aspirations. "She let me sort of chase this dream," he said.

The side effect to his success, though, was "an enormous drug problem." "Cocaine was the biggest issue," he said. The addiction cost him his spot on *Mad TV*. But the exposure later led MGM to cast him in the film *Dirty Work*, which starred fellow funny man Norm McDonald. McDonald had quite an impact on Lange's career from that point on. Lange was cast in the ABC sitcom *Norm* and appeared with McDonald as a guest on *The Howard Stern Show*. That appearance led to his current radio gig. "It's the biggest thing ever to happen to my career," he said.

The radio gig didn't take Lange off of the television airwaves altogether. The show was syndicated on E! Entertainment Television nightly. And Lange maintains "Nothing sells tickets like *The Howard Stern Show.*"

His day job - where he's typically taunted about his addictive tendencies - made it possible for Lange to release his movie and stand-up DVD. And he's now considering a book deal. Lange plans to release a collection of about a dozen of his favorite funny stories. "It will be light bathroom read," he said.

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Filmmaker unleashes 'The Hunting Party'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Filmmaker Richard Shepard made a few waves with his previous work. He wrote and directed The Matador and the directed the pilots for such successful TV shows as Ugly Betty and Criminal Minds. Now, he's perched to earn even more recognition with a daring new film titled The Hunting Party, which opens Sept. 26.

^{*}I wanted to be a baseball player for the Mets," admitted the New Yorker. But he had more luck with a Super 8 camera than a bat, and that solidified his fate. Shepard said he enjoyed the television projects, but he's entirely devoted to writing and directing - a good thing since it took nearly three years to complete The Hunting Party.

The film is based on an Esquire article, What I Did On My Summer Vacation, written

by seasoned war correspondent Scott Anderson. Shepard transformed that true take on the state of the Balkans five years after

the cessation of war into an edgy and very human

story that's made for the screen. The *Hunting Party* is derived from the experiences of five journalists who returned to Sarajevo in 2000 and decided to track down and capture

war criminal Radovan Karadicz.

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story

Before the project came along, Shepard said he followed news of the war in Bosnia, but perhaps didn't know as much as he should. "I read the article and it grabbed me," he said, speaking from his room at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel Aug. 20. "There was something about that black comedy humor that I like to mix with action and drama.⁴

But in Shepard's screenplay, he scaled the cast of this real-life road-adventure flick down to

three main roles. Richard Gere is Simon Hunt, a seasoned TV reporter who's fallen from grace. Terrence Howard (Crash, Hustle & Flow) portrays "Duck," his daring former cameraman who's moved up through the ranks to a cushy network position. And Jesse Eisenberg (The Squid and the Whale) is Harvard-educated Benjamin, a rookie reporter tagging along. He also happens to be the network vice president's son.

The film was shot in three different countries, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and a single day of shooting in Mexico. While Shepard admitted filming a movie in the war-torn country had its roughing-it-style challenges, he joked that the most difficult part of the experience was securing permission to show a few shots from the Chuck Norris film Missing In Action. "Chuck Norris was very concerned about the political implications," he told a crowd attending an early screening of the film.

While The Hunting Party is truly a modern road flick wrought with suspense and dark



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Jesse Eisenberg, Terrence Howard and Richard Gere star in Richard Shepard's suspenseful "The Hunting Party," in theaters Sept. 21.

humor, it's backdrop is the hunt for a war criminal called "The Fox." In just two days the trio of journalists manage to track down their enemy near the border of Montenegro. Keep in mind political agencies from the CIA to The Hague couldn't manage this feat for years. "There seemed to be a weird wall of indifference,"

said Shepard, who visited Bosnia while researching the story in 2005.

The film draws some parallels to the current hunt for Osama bin Laden - a connection that makes the movie both relevant and relatable. Shepard admit-

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Mariachi

Table

Restaurant cooks up Mexican flavor

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFE WRITER

Angel Silva started in the food business at a young age. Both his parents worked as he grew up in his native Puerta Vallarta.

"I started to cook

when I was about 7 years old," Silva said. When he was 12 or 13 he started working in restaurants, advancing in his career until he was employed as a

supervisor at Las Palmas Resort in Puerta Vallarta, and later in Michigan, where he managed four Baja Fresh restaurants.

He enjoyed the restaurant and hospitality industry, but he had his own aspirations and wanted his own place. This year he and his wife, Jennifer Silva-Gomez, opened Mariachi in Canton on May 31.

MARIACHI

1759 N. Canton Center Rd. (in the Centre Village shopping area, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads), Canton (734) 259-0053, www.mariachimexican.com Hours: Sunday, 1-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Alcohol available: Yes. Entertainment: Mariachi music, Friday and Saturday evenings Menu: Lunch specials (11 a.m.-3 Konning p.m. \$5.95, dinner up to \$14. Carry-out available.

Reservations: Available

And it's been a big hit in Canton since it opened three months ago, with waits on weekends of 45 minutes for a table. Mariachi features about 40 menu items, ranging from the usual tacos, quesadillas, tostadas, enchiladas and burritos to Shrimp Brochette, Grilled Mahi-Mahi, Vallarta Style Tacos, and Birria Dinner.

'We've created items with ingredients that are authentic, from Puerto Vallarta,"



Mariachi's Mixed Meat Fajita features a mix of chicken, steak and shrimp, along with green and red peppers, tomatoes and onions.

Angel Silva said, such as the Maqui sauce he uses on meats and chicken. His specialty menu features Chile Rellenos, Chicken Alexander, Carnitas Dinner and other items. Carnitas features slowroasted pork with spices shipped from his native Puerta Vallarta.

Don't expect big piles of cheese on your fajitas, because there isn't any. (But he'll add it if you want it.)

Still he finds that Americans still stick

with the traditional fare - steak and chicken fajitas, enchiladas and guesadillas are the most popular items.

What makes the Vallarta Style Tacos Vallarta-style, according to Silva? "It has two grilled tortillas with cilantro," along with onions and salsa, said. He tries to put cilantro in most of his dishes. Salsas are made fresh, and a cucumber sauce

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has a little jalapeno in it, too.

The mixed meat (chicken, beef and shrimp) fajitas have a fresh, crisp and slight seasoning, without overwhelming heat.

The shrimp are fresh and flavorful, while the vegetables and meats are grilled to a crisp clean finish. Chips are served with Mexican salsa, the rojo (red sauce), green salsa with a tomatillo base and cucumber sauce. The cuke sauce adds a cool bite to a hot summer days. You'll see hints of Mexico with

Shrimp Diablo and Shrimp Burro with chayote, a pear-shaped fruit, appetizers featuring avocados, and chorizo on the Chorizo Con Queso, along with Tortilla Soup and Caldo Azteca. Even octopus is on the menu, prepared any style. Top off the meal with one of the desserts including Fried Ice Cream, Sopapilla or Strawberries flambe.

Silva enjoys running his restaurant with the flavors of his homeland, but he knows Americans have certain preconceived notions of what Mexican food should be.

"We just try to change the style and presentation," Silva said.

"We take something they can recognize and add something to make it something different."

Eatery marks 30th anniversary

Alexander the Great in Westland celebrates its 30th anniversary this month.

Owned by Paulina and Tom Tomich, the restaurant is known for its St. Louis-style ribs, prepared with a dry rub and cooked over an open rotisserie with a sweet barbecue sauce. Other favorites include Broasted Chicken, BBQ Pork Sandwich, Pulled Pork Nachos and Grilled Shrimp Skewers.

In this day and age of restaurant chains, especially along the Haggerty corridor of western Wayne County, the Tomiches believe they have reached the 30-year milestone by sticking to the principles of consistency.

"We always felt that it we could consistently provide great food and service, we would have a chance to survive in what is a very competitive restaurant market," said Tom Tomich.

Paulina added that she has a few new ideas for September, but she doesn't want to get "too cute." "We know what we do best, and that is barbecue ribs. We want to focus on having the best ribs in town. We aren't flashy and we aren't famous, but we know we consistently make great ribs." The restaurant, located at 34733 Warren Road, has promotions planned throughout the month to celebrate the anniversary. Call (734) 326-5410 for information.

VODKA TASTING

Station 885, located at 885 Starkweather in Plymouth, hosts Ketel One Vodka Tasting

at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19. The event is \$25 per person, by reservation, at (734) 459-0885. Wine Down Wednesday at the restaurant features half off on all bottled wines with a create-your-own pasta dish for \$15.95. For more information, call (734) 459-0885.

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Rites

Goodwill Industries will celebrate its second birthday of Ben & Jerry's PartnerShop, noon-2 p.m. Sept. 14 with a block party in the Compuware World Headquarters, 1014 Woodward Ave., near Campus Martius Park.

The public is invited to come to the block party, where there will be a 25 percent discount on purchases made between noon and 2 p.m. Attendees also will receive free birthday cupcakes and a chance to win fabulous prizes. Goodwill trainees who have worked at the shop during the past two years have been invited to attend the party.

The PartnerShop, one of 14 nationwide and the first in Michigan, combines a training program for at-risk youth with a business enterprise. The Detroit youth (ages 15-21) spend four weeks in classroom and interactive training in Goodwill's Detroit Career Center, and then apply the skills they learn while gaining paid work experience in the Ben & Jerry's shop.

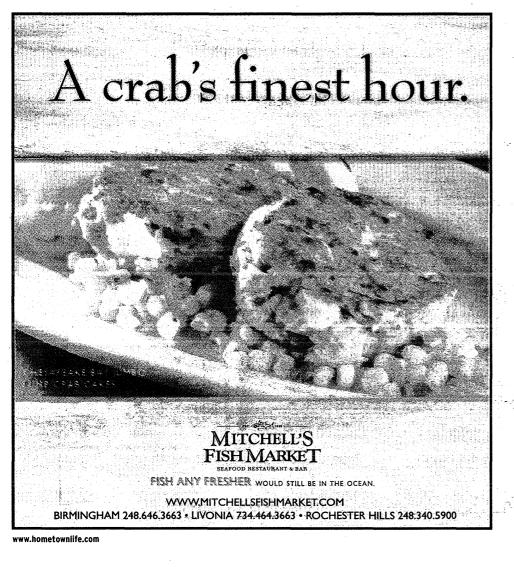
HOCKEYTOWN CAFE

Sports fan can help celebrate Detroit's Best Sports City status with special discounts at Hockeytown Cafe.

Any fan who attends a Tigers, Lions, Shock or Red Wings can obtain one free entree with the purchase of another if they bring their ticket stub in on a nonevent day. This offer is good only through Sept. 30 and some exclusions may apply.

Hockeytown Cafe is located at 2301 Woodward Ave. in Detroit, next to the Fox Theatre and across the street from Comerica Park. For information, call (313) 965-9500.

Compiled by Ken Abramczyk





Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include a short summary with details of the event, address of the event location, date and time, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more information. Visit hometownlife.com for more listings.

ART EXHIBITS

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Then and Now: The Evolution of a Michigan Glass Studio, Celebration-An Exhibit of Fine Art, The Writings on the Wall, exhibits run through Oct. 5, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 Mile and Maple roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866 Chelsea Center for the Arts: Center Gallery exhibit runs through Sept. 28, 400 Congdon Street, Chelsea (734) 433-2787. **City Gallery:** Native Americans and the Southwest, Patricia Bombach, through Oct. 18, City Gallery, in lobby of Costick Center on 11 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1856. Cranbrook Art Museum: Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook 1970-2007, through Oct. 14; Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday Tuesday and select holidays

Eastern Michigan University Gallery: Tom Voorhees: the Beer Lady, digital photomontages; Michigan Watercolor Society Exhibition, both through Sept. 26; Art Department New Faculty Exhibit, Oct. 1-14; 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti (734) 487-4065. **MOCAD**: Words Fail Me, exhibit with messages in different forms, curated by Matthew Higgs, Sept. 16-Jan. 20, opening reception 7-11 p.m. Sept. 15 with reading by poet John Giorno, and music by Little Claw; also Higgs and Jeremy Diller in conversation at 3 p.m. Sept. 16, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622, www.mocadetroit.org. Oakland Community College: From Our

Perspective, OCC Womencenter's 18th annual national women's art exhibition, awards reception and open house 7 p.m. Sept. 20, exhibit runs Sept. 20 - Oct. 12, Orchard Ridge Campus' Smith Theatre Gallery on Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, for information, (248) 522-3642, or go online to oaklandcc.edu/womencenter/artshow. htm

Picasso Cafe: Pearls of Wisdom-Drawings of Life Figures (clothed), Barbara Eko Murphy, through Sept. 31, 39915 Grand River, Novi (248) 427-0600, visit www.barbaraekomurphy.com.

The Art Museum at MSU: The Future: The Eli and Edythe Broad Museum and The Paper Sculpture Show, through Oct. 14; housed in the Kresge Art Museum, at Michigan State University.

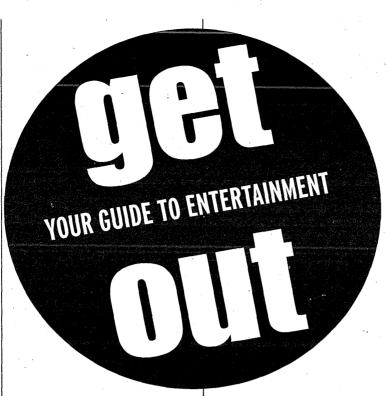
University of Michigan Museum of Art: Out of the Ordinary/Extraordinary: Contemporary Japanese Photography, through Sept. 16, exhibition of 11 photographers challenges Western assumptions about Japanese culture; Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran, Sept. 29-Dec. 30; 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor (734) 763-UMMA.

Wayne State University: Head of the Class: 2007 WSU Faculty Exhibition, through Oct. 12, Community Arts Gallery, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit (313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.edu.

ART GALLERIES

Biddle Gallery: Dreaming Through Reincarnation, new paintings by Ryan Weiss, through Sept. 15, 2840 Biddle,

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Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com.

Cary Gallery: Ann Loveland, watercolorist, through September, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester (248) 651-3656. Challis Gallery: Open house, 1-5 p.m. Sept. 15-16, 6557 Challis Rd., Brighton, (810) 299-

1499, www.challisgallery.com. Cranbrook Art Museum: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www. cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Cass Cafe: New Expressions, Stephanie Sturton, Andrew Blake, through Sept. 22, 4620 Cass, Detroit, (313) 831-1400. Elaine Jacob Gallery: Street Sense:

Elaine Jacob Gallery: Street Sense: Celebrating 20 years of the Heidelberg Project, opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Sept. 28; public symposium, 2-4:30 p.m. Sept. 29; exhibit runs Sept. 28-Dec. 14, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813, www.art. wayne.edu.

G.R. NNambi: 1435 Randolph, Detroit (313) 831-8700. www.grnnamdigallery.com. **Kresge Art Museum:** Training class offered in September 2007, for those who want to be docents at Kresge, and the new Eli and Edythe Broad Museum of Art to open in 2010, call (517) 353-9834 or wolfeca1@ msu.edu. For more information about the museum visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery: Frank Jonas: The Geostructure Series, through Oct. 4, located in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Lawrence Street Gallery: Balancing Act, a juried exhibition of over 35 art quilts, through

ied exhibition of over 35 art quilts, through Sept. 29; 22620 Woodward, Ferndale www. lawrencestreetgallery.com. **Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** I Paint What

I See, Recent Works by Four Painters: Elizabeth Crank, Tom Humes, Kathy Rashid, Rick Vian, through Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21, gallery talk 2 p.m. Sept. 22; Julie Russell Smith, through Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Sherrus Gallery: Wind, Water and Spirit, works by Paula Des Jardins, through Sept. 30, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www. sherrusgallery.com. UFO Factory: Black & Black: all black artwork

by 12 artists from Detroit, New York and Rotterdam, painting, photography, sculpture and mixed media, 6-11 p.m. Sept. 15, 1345 Division, Detroit (Eastern Market), ufofactory.com www.555arts.org: The September Project, photography, performance, pupperty, painting and poetry, 4884 Grand River,

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Detroit (313) 894-4202.

D & M Art Studio: fall classes, private lessons and workshops, 8691 Lilley Road, Canton, dmartstudio.com, (734) 453-3710. **Detroit Institute of Arts:** Volunteer open house, 1-3 p.m. Sept. 16, service volunteers will be recruited for DIA, for information, call (313) 494-5221 or e-mail diavol@dia.org **Lily's Seafood Grill and Brewery:** Doug LaFerle's acrylic paintings displayed through August, 410 S. Washington, Royal Oak, (248) 591-LILY. For more information on Doug La Ferle's artwork visit www.douglas.laferle. com.

Michigan Water Color Society: Through Sept. 27, Ford Gallery, Eastern Michigan University,

(734) 487-1268, mwcsart.com. Northville 21st Annual Art Market: juried art show with Midwest artists for benefit of the Northville Art House, Sept. 15-16 (248) 344-0497.

PlumTree Pottery: 30435 W. 10 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills www.plumtreepottery

Art in the Park: Over 200 juried artists, Sept. 15-16, Shain Park, Birmingham, www.artinthepark.info, (248) 456-8150. Art Works for Life: Art auction of pieces donated from more than 250 artists, chaired by Goy, Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, hor d'oeuvres, cash bar, valet, live musical entertainment, benefits the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, 5 p.m. Sept. 23, The Ritz Carlton; Dearborn, \$85, (248) 545-1435. www.artworksforlife.com. Oakland University Art Gallery: Jef Bourgeau A Retrospective, through Oct. 7, artist's talk, 2 p.m. Sept. 23, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag. Warren Community Center: Featured artists for September are photographer Elizabeth Lanzon and watercolorist Nancy Suveges, 29500 Van Dyke, Warren (586) 754-1466. Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild: Beaded art exhibit, opening reception with Pat Wiley

GLBG board member and artist, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 25, Oct. 25-Nov. 16; Home Gallery, Downriver Council of the Arts, 20904 Northline, Taylor.

Know the nose: MOT celebrates the 'Cyrano' premiere

The Detroit Opera House hosts month-long series of special events leading up to the highly-anticipated World Premiere of David DiChiera's "Cyrano" Oct. 13 at the Detroit Opera House. Here's a brief rundown:

Cyrano Film Series: Continues with "Cyrano de Bergerac" starring Gerard Depardieu - 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17; Roxanne starring Steve Martin - 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, all in the Chrysler "Black Box" Theater at the Detroit Opera House. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Afternoon Tea and Etiquette from Cyrano to Modern Times:

Opera League of Detroit presents this event 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19. Tickets are \$30, call Nikki Ruddy at (313) 237-3407 or email nruddy@ motopera.org for information. **Evening of Fine French Wines, Delectable Cheeses and Decadent Desserts:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept.

Funky Ferndale Art Fest: juried art show with 100 artists, food and musicians, Sept. 22-23, Nine Mile from Woodward to Planavon, www.downferndale.com.

BOOKS

Southfield Books & Beyond Festival: 1-5 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16, Southfield Public Library, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Rd., visit www.southfieldbooksandbeyond.org, (248) 796-4224. Joe Borri: Author of Eight Dogs Named Jack, 7 p.m. Sept. 19, Borders, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham; 1-4 p.m. Sept. 22, Barnes & Noble, 2800 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills; 7-9 p.m. Oct. 20, Barnes & Noble, 500 S. Main, Royal Oak.

William D. Faust Public Library: Discussion with Jim C. Hines, author of Gobin Quest, Goblin Hero and forthcoming Goblin War, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26, 6123 Central City Pkwy., Westland (734) 326-6123, www.westland. Ib.mi.us.

CHORAL

University Musical Society: Choral Music series for 2007-08 featuring Russian Patriarchiate Choir, 8 p.m. Oct. 30; The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Déc. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

CLASSICAL

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Dawn Upshaw and Gilbert Kalish, 8 p.m. Sept. 15, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on the campus of the Detroit Country Day-School, tickets \$75, (248) 855-6070, www. ComeHearCMSD. University of MIchigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance: Michigan Chamber Players, 4 p.m. 20. Tickets are \$50, call Nikki Ruddy at (313) 237-3407 or email nruddy@ motopera.org for information. **More information**: Visit www.michiganopera.org.

Stay tuned: Look for more on David DiChiera and Cyrano next month in Filter Oct. 11.



Sept. 16, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-0594. Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra: The Ring, 8 p.m. Sept. 29, concert dedicated to Kyle Mills, French hornist with orchestra who died in plane crash in May, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor (734) 994-4801, www.a2so.com.

CLUBS

The Ark: Sparky & Rhonda Rucker, Sept. 13; Liz Carroll & John Doyle, Sept. 14; Down the Line, Sept. 15; Natalia Zukerman, Nervous but Excited, Sept. 16; Suzy Bogguess, Sept. 17; Take a Chance Tuesday, featuring Orpheum Bell, Sept. 18; The Bad Plus, Sept. 20; also Nick Lowe, Sept. 25, and Suzanne Vega, Sept. 29, 316. S. Main St., Ann Arbor (734) 763-8587, theark.org. The Ark: Nickel Creek, farewell (for now)

The Ark: Nickel Creek, farewell (for now) tour, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16, show is at Michigan Theatre, information hotline (734) 763-TKTS, www.theark.org.

Arturo's Jazz Theatre & Restaurant: Gato Baribieri, Sept. 13-15; Patrice Rushen, Sept. 21-22; Jean Carne, Sept. 27-29; 25333 W 12 Mile, just west of Telegraph, Southfield, (248) 357-6009.

Big Rock Chophouse: Outdoor patio open 7:30 p.m. Thursday nights; 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, (248) 647-7774 or visit www. bigrockchophouse.com.

Bosco: Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www. thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818. **The Buzz Bar:** 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313)

The Buzz Bar: 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800. Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night

party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674

Edison's: Rick Stel Project, Sept. 13; Close Call, Sept. 14-15; The Blue Kings, Sept. 20; Code Blue, Sept. 21-22; The Randy Brock

PURE PICKS SEPT. 14-19



Actor-turned-director Justin Theroux marks his debut today with the release of Dedication, a modern love story that pairs a misanthropic children's book writer named Henry (Billy Crudup) with a beautiful illustrator (Mandy Moore, pictured). In it

Group, Sept. 27, and Aaron Vaughn, Sept. 28-29; 220 E. Merrill St., Birmingham (248) 645-2150

Jazzy Java Cafe: Tracy Kash Thomas with Daniel Gerics, Sept. 15; 5071 Rochester Rd.,

Troy, (248) 526-1484. Magic Bag: Charlie Hunter Trio, Sept. 27. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 544-3030

O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub: Blackthorn, Sept. 15 and 16, 2555 W. 12 Mile (at Coolidge), Berkley (248) 399-6750

0-Zen Lounge: Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664

Cliff Bells: Scott Gwinnell and his 16piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543. Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-

11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222. Sky Club: Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing

every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m. located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964. Station 885 Tavern: Wally Gibson & Friends, Beth Stalker & Jim Rowlins, Lee Hyland & Company, Robin Horlock, call for schedule, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth (734) 459-0885.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Comedy Jamm Sept. 13, 20, 27; Demetrius Nicodemus, Sept 14-15; Auggie Smith, Sept. 21-22; Nathan Timmel, Sept. 28-29: 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080.

Rosie O'Grady's: Wednesday Night Live comedy improv with Miguel's Basement and guest troupes, 9 p.m., Wednesdays through Sept. 19; 175 W. Troy, Ferndale; (248) 591-9163

Meadow Brook Music Festival: Alonzo Bodden, Sept. 22; Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.

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he learns that sometimes you have to take a gamble at life to find love.

Hit up the Museum of

Contemporary Art-Detroit from 7-11 p.m. for the opening of a new exhibit. Words Fail Me is curated by Matthew Higgs.

Hear a reading by poet John Giorno, and music by Little Claw, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 832-6622 or visit www.mocadetroit.org.

The Detroit Opera House hosts a second performance of Ballet O Folklorico De Mexico at 2 p.m. today, 1526 Broadway. For tickets, \$28-\$75, call (313) 237-SING or visit www.michiganopera.org.

Brush up on your Cyrano de

Bergerac history with a film by the same name, starring Gerard Depardieu. It's part of the Detroit Opera House's Cyrano Film Series, a monthlong celebration leading up to the world

Comedy Room @ Portofino: Laura Lew. Sent 14-15; L. A. Hardy, Sept. 21-22; Bryan McCree, Sept. 28-29; 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 624-5561

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Liberty Bar and Grille: Bryan McCree with Gary George, Sept. 14; Liberty Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee, Clarkston (248) 625-4660. Second City: Night of the Living Debt, Wednesdays-Sundays, 42705 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-4448 or go to www.secondc ity.com

Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe: Dan Still,

Sept. 16; Norm Stulz, Sept. 23; Kevin Zeoli, Sept. 30, 2500 Hill, Flint (810) 232-2500. The Fox Theatre: Comedy Explosion with Bruce Bruce, Sheryl Underwood, John Witherspoon, Don DC Curry and Dominique Whitten, Sept. 29, tickets at OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com, for tickets, call (248) 433-1515, for information, call (313) 471-6611. The Fox Theatre: Artie Lange, Sept. 15; Jim Gaffigan, Nov. 17; Lewis Black, Nov. 24; for tickets, Ticketmaster.com. (248) 433-1515.

CONCERTS-THIS WEEK

DTE Energy Music Theater: Clay Walker, Sept. 14; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 377-0108. Meadowbrook Music Theater: Dashboard Confessional, Sept. 14; Gordon Lightfoot, Sept. 15; (248) 433-1515 for tickets, OlympiaEntertainment.com The Palace of Auburn Hills: visit palacenet. com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

CONCERTS-FUTURE

The Fox Theatre: The Smashing Pumpkins, Oct. 7; Wilco, Oct. 17; Tori Amos, Oct. 27; Sammy Hagar & the Wabos, Nov. 2: Najwa Karam, Wael Kfoury and Fadel Chaker, Nov. 9, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. The Palace of Auburn Hills: Maroon 5 with The Hives and Sara Bareilles, Sept. 29; Genesis, Sept. 30; Van Halen, Oct. 22; Fall Out Boy, Nov. 20; visit palacenet.com or call (248)

premiere of David **DiChiera's first** opera, Cyrano. Tickets \$5 at the door. The screening will be in the Chrysler Theater, 6th floor of the Ford Center for Arts and Learning, at the Broadway Street entrance of the Opera House, Detroit.

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Wave disc, Asleep At Heavens Gate. It features the first single, Lake Michigan. Check it out at www. roguewavemusic.com

Take a hike downtown. This week's Wednesday walking tour seeks out old hotels around

FESTIVALS

Bilingual Fun Family Fiesta: food, music, dancing and games, 4-6 p.m. Sept. 22, \$12, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth, www. bilingualfun.com St. Patrick's Summer's End Fair: Carnival rides, The Dan Rafferty Band, Texas Hold 'em Tournanments, Vegas, Sept. 20-23, 9086 Hutchins, White Lake (248) 698-3100. Fall Farm Fun: Old Ruffwater String Band. dancing, cheese tasting, butter churning,

milking, 1-4 p.m. Sept. 29, Troy Museum & Historic Village, park and shuttle at Zion Christian Church, 3668 Livernois (south of Wattles), walk to fair at Troy Museum & Historic Village, 60 Wattles (northwest corner of Livernois), Troy (248) 524-3570, troymi.gov/museum.

FILM

Remember That Night - Live at the Royal Albert

Hall: 85 minute theatrical version of a new live concert DVD with Pink Floyd guitarist/ vocalist David Gilmour, including one song live performance by Gilmour before the concert and a special question-and-answe session via satellite, 3 p.m. Sept. 15, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty; Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake; \$12.50, www.FathomEvents.com

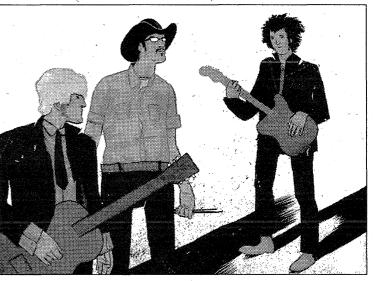
FOOD AND WINE EVENTS

Culinary Extravaganza: Sample fine foods from more than 50 pastry shops, food vendors and restaurants at this fund-raiser for the

- Schoolcraft College Foundation, 2-5 p.m. Sept. 23, VistaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia, \$50, (734) 462-4518 or online at www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events
- Detroit Uncorked: 100s of wines from around the world, light hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction, created by Detroit Wine Organization, presented by Ford Motor Co., benefit for The Children's Center, 6:30-9 p.m., Sept. 28, Ford Field, Detroit, \$80 a ticket, DetroitUncorked.com, (313) 262-1112.

FUND-RAISERS

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan: the 14th Annual Fall Harvest Family Event, the Detroit Duck Derby, 1-3:30 p.m.



The always animated Rogue Wave releases a new album this month.

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Sent 15 Belle Isle Park Detroit children's games, activities, family entertainment, floating raffle tickets (racing ducks) \$5 a piece, with first five winning a prize, grand prize is \$5,000, to adopt duck call 866-GLEANER Ext. 260, event tickets at www. detroitderby.org

The Art Museum at MSU: Twilight in the Garden fund-raiser, 4:30 p.m. Sept. 16, James B. Henry Center for Executive Development \$100, benefits art museum expansion, gourmet dinner, silent and live auctions, 100 pieces of art for sale www.artmuseum.msu.edu, (517) 353-9834.

Michigan State Fairgrounds: Oak Ridge Boys at Cattle Baron's Ball, 6 p.m. Sept. 15, \$200, benefits American Cancer Society, (248) 557-5353

The Detroit Zoo: The Lasalle Bank Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo, 8 a.m. Sept. 16, www. runwilddetroitzoo.com.

Fall Spectacular Event: supports community programs of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, 6-10 p.m. Sept. 20, Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend, Birmingham, \$250 tickets, (248) 858-6146.

Rackham Symphony Choir: fund-raiser, Mille Grazie, 4:30-8 p.m. Sept. 16, Villa Penna, 43985 Hayes, Sterling Heights, \$100, (248) 652-7135, www.rackhamchoir.org for more information.

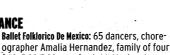
Judson Center: A Night to Embrace, food, music, dancing, auction, 6 p.m. Oct. 27, The Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend, Birmingham, \$250, proceeds help care for 2,400 children and adults in need in southeast Michigan, www.judsoncenter. org, (248) 837-2020.

JAZZ

Arturo's Jazz Theatre: Hiroshima, Oct. 5-6; Spyro Gyra, Oct. 11-13; 25553 West 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, (248) 357-6009, arturosiazz.com.

B'Jazz Vespers: The Dennis Tini Jazz Trio, 6-8 p.m. Sept. 16; The Paul Vornhagen Jazz Quartet, Oct. 21; First Baptist Church, 300 Willits (at Bates), Birmingham, free. (248) 644-0550

Hot Club of Detroit: Headlining for documentary Dom Polski: Dance Hall Days of Detroit's Polonia, 1 p.m. Oct. 6, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River (east of Farmington), \$15 (248) 474-1951.



\$40, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 14; Mexicantown Plaza, 2826 Bagley Ave. (at 21st Street), (313) 967-9898: two performances, 8 p.m. Sept. 15, 2 p.m. Sept. 16, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (313) 237-SING, www michiganopera.org. Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit: Dance series,

Joe Louis Arena: Van Halen, Oct. 20, (248)

645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com,

OlympiaEntertainment.com.

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Moving in the Spirit, September 2007-June 2008, dance for children, adults and teens, 23224 Joy Rd., Redford, (313) 534-0301, jazzspiritdance.freehosting.net.

Joe Louis Arena: So You Think You Can Dance.

OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 645-6666.

Detroit RiverWalk: Cobo Center to just past

Belle Isle Bridge, features River Carousel at Rivard Plaza, butterfly gardens at

Gabriel Richard Plaza, parking at free lot

structure, www.detroitriverdays.com,

Oct. 25-28, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit

off of Atwater and Rivard, or paid parking at Beaubien Place Parking or Miller Parking

www.detroitriverfront.org, (313) 566-8200.

Fisher Theatre: World's Greatest Magic Show,

(248) 645-6666, www.broadwayindetroit.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Finding Nemo, Oct.

17-21; Disney On Ice Presents: High School

Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and

all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100. The Fox Theatre: Kidz Bop World Tour, 3 and

7 p.m. Nov. 11, kidzbopworldtour.com, for

Plymouth Ride the Rails: Explore the history of

trains. Exhibit open 1–4 p.m. Wednesday Sunday through Nov. 1. Admission is \$5

for adults, \$2 for students under 18, and

\$10 for families. The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

Benzie County Fall Festival: Oct. 6-7 in Beulah

visitbenzie.com or call 1-800-882-5801.

and Benzonia; Oct. 13-15 in Frankfort, www

tickets, Ticketmaster.com or call (248)

Musical The Ice Tour, Feb. 29-March 2,

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ted he "was so frustrated with what was going on with the search for Osama bin Laden. That's what sort of attracted me to the this story."

The film suggests there may be reasons that war criminals like Bin Laden or Karadicz can hide away successfully for decades, even writing and releasing books and plays, without being captured. But the political overtones of the story were not Shepard's main focus. He was much more concerned with journey of these three very believable, very carefully crafted characters. Throughout the film we watch these men grow and change. Simon falls apart on camera, sending his career and state of mind spiraling downward. Duck falls for his scheme to find "the story of a lifetime" knowing they might not make it out alive. And Benjamin begins his journey dodging fake landmines and ends it successfully impersonating a CIA agent.

Shepard perfectly balances elements of suspense, humor, adventure and fear. He reveals that dark sense of comic timing journalists tend to share. "If you hang out with journalists, they are cracking jokes while going by a place where atrocities happen," he told the crowd. "In order to see that kind of horror, you have to have a sense of humor about it."

Moments of suspense are successful in this film, Shepard said "because you care about them, and you're putting yourself there, saying 'please don't let that happen.'"

Shepard said he read close to 17 books on the subject of Bosnia and visited the places featured in the initial article while researching and writing this screenplay. His efforts paid off in the final product which brings to light images we never have a chance to see - like the bullet-riddled buildings and Sarajevo's 1984 Olympics-turned-concentration camp. Shepard said governmental sources were helpful during the writing process, as were the people of Bosnia.

The movie was filmed in 42 days. Images from war were actually shot in Croatia. When it came to choosing what to include and what not to include, Shepard relied on places that left the most lasting images after his first visit to Bosnia and relied on production designer Jan Roelfs to scout locations that would "tell a story."

The film manages to be interesting, based in fact and thoroughly entertaining. That was a delicate mix, Shepard said. And the final product was a direct result of editing. Too much humor would've taken away from the drama, while too much drama might've drown out the humor.

"It's a really hard thing to do," Shepard said. He begins the film noting that only the most ridiculous parts are true, and finishes it with proof.

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The son of two concentration camp survivors, pianist Emanuel Ax first made a name for himself when, at age 25, he won the first Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition in Tel Aviv, Israel. His career has thrived since that time. He has won multiple Grammy Awards for his recordings of the Haydn Piano Sonatas. His recent

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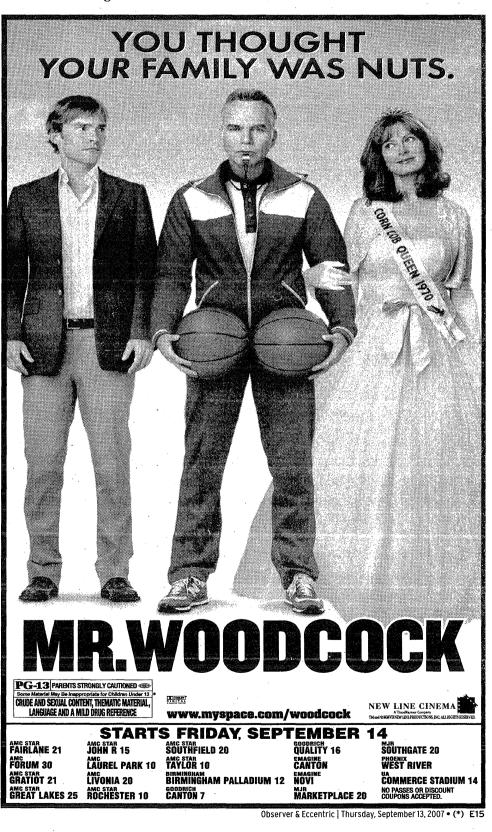
Inspired early on by the original Saturday Night Live cast, and comedians like Richard Pryor, Sam Kinison, David Letterman and - believe it or not - Howard Stern, Lange landed his dream gig on morning radio five years ago. For the past year, the show has moved from restrictive terrestrial radio to Sirius satellite radio- giving virtual freedom to Stern, his Girl Friday Robin Quivers, Lange and the entire cast of characters listeners have come to know.

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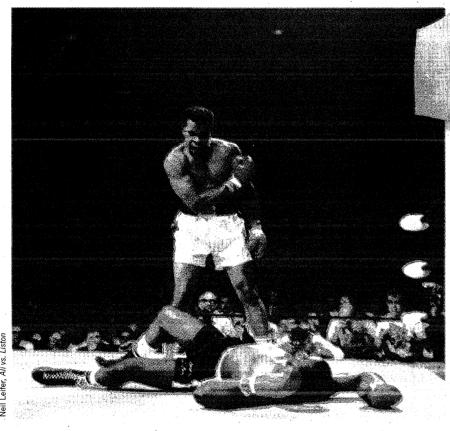
But stand-up comedy ranks second in the realm of entertainment. It's a tough call for a guy who's mastered every medium. He's been a regular on Comedy Central and Friar's Club roasts - teasing celebrities like Hugh Hefner, William Shatner, Donald Trump, Mario Batali and more. He's even been the subject of a roast on the radio show. But Lange admits the "Babe Ruth of gets" for a roast would be noneother than Howard Stern himself. He predicts that will happen on Stern's terms - eventually.

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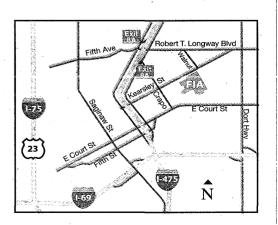
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