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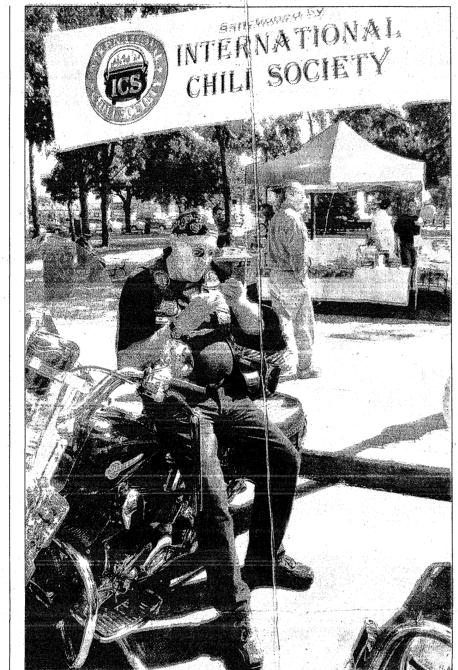
Board ponders search choice

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will spend the next few days checking references of two search firms who are seeking the contract to conduct a nationwide search for a new superintendent, before making a decision next Monday on which to hire.

In separate one-hour interviews Tuesday night, trustees asked 22 questions to representatives of Michigan Leadership Institute of Old Mission, Mich., and Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Ill. At the end, it didn't appear there was a clear choice as to which firm the board will hire to help find a replacement for Jim Ryan, who will retire in March.

"We'll have to compare their answers, see where they are different or similar, and make a decision," said Vice President Barry Simescu. "Neither one of them lost today, and neither one of them knocked us over.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Richard 'Wolf' Nobert samples chili at Wednesday's pres s kickoff for the chili cook-off, which

Underpass gets blame for August flooding

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

An undersized sewer connection for Wayne County's Sheldon Road underpass project is being blamed for flooding that occurred on Goldsmith and Junction streets in Plymouth when $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain fell Aug. 20.

Plymouth city engineer Sean Keough called it "the perfect storm" when he told city commissioners Monday night a massive downpour that day, combined with a temporary drainage restriction for the underpass project, resulted in the flooding that caused several businesses and homeowners to sustain thousands of dollars in water damage.

As Keough explained it, the 30inch storm sewer on Goldsmith generally connects with a 36-inch Wayne County storm sewer along Sheldon Road.

"During construction of the underpass, Wayne County made a temporary connection while repairing the storm sewer, and the temporary connection was only 8 inches," said Keough. "You have all that water and only a small outlet. As a result of Goldsmith backing up and the storm sewers getting full of water, the water headed to the lowest area (Junction Street.).

"It's a construction measure that is used all the time, they just forgot

GOT A CLAIM?

Those who want to file flood claims should file a letter with supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts and reports, to Wayne County's project engineer for the Sheldon Road underpass construction. The complaint or claim will be forwarded to the prime contractor and insurance company for review and determination: Craig Wobrock

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but didn't report to the county," he said. "Had we known about that situ ation, we would have had the opportunity to check it out before Aug. 20. All of us lost an opportunity to check things out before then."

Who is to blame didn't matter much to Jada Korsman, whose home on Junction resembled an island as water gushed from Goldsmith to her property during the August storm.

"I've cried so many tears just talking about it," said Korsman while describing the antiques, photo albums and furniture she lost as a result of the flooding. "We had to have a restoration company come out to dry out the crawl space and

Both are very good, I don't think we would make a mistake hiring either one."

In somewhat similar proposals, both search firms plan to meet with trustees and community groups to build criteria for the new superintendent, find four-six qualified candidates and help the board through the process of signing the new CEO to a contract. The base fee for Hazard is \$20,000, with additional charges for advertising plus consultant and candidate expenses, which could increase the total to \$33,000. MLI's proposal was mainly all-inclusive, with a price tag of \$17,500.

The representatives of each firm, who will lead the search, are familiar with Plymouth-Canton. Michael Wilmot, regional president of Michigan Leadership Institute, served as superintendent of Garden City Schools for 18 years. Meanwhile, Roger Garvelink, a senior consultant with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, was superintendent in Birmingham for 12 years.

"There are subtle differences between the two firms in terms of their approach, so we have to find which one we think will bring us the best pool of candidates and represent the needs of our district," said Judy Mardigian, Plymouth-Canton school board president. "Everything you read indicates there is a diminishing number of people who want to be superintendent now, so it's very critical we get the best pool of candidates possible."

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is scheduled for Sept. 30 in downtown Plymouth.

Heating up the chili

Annual taste contest draws record numbers

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Dressed mainly in black, including a black vest, shoes and doo-rag, 68year-old Dick Nobert of Livonia said he's been riding motorcycles the past 25 years.

Nobert, who didn't resemble the stereotypical retired Garden City elementary school teacher that he is, said he spends his retirement traveling with his wife on their Harleys, and meeting with his biker friends from Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills, a motorcycle club chapter with about 1,200 members. "If I know how good it was J

"If I knew how good it was, I would have retired years before," said Nobert, who taught for more than 32 years in Garden City.

Nobert was in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Wednesday afternoon, helping to promote the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, which takes place Sept. 30 in downtown Plymouth. Not only will there be a record 60 contestants vying for top honors in red and green chili and salsa competition, there will be thousands of bikers on hand, many of them displaying their "hogs" for competition.

"I like looking at the different bikes and the things people have done to them," Nobert said. "I like all the people you see and meeting with the people we know from our chapter. It's just a real, real good time."



Local chili aficionado Annette Horn samples the wares.

It's the 12th annual event put together by Annette Horn of Plymouth, who — along with her husband, Ken — will be competing individually at the world championship chili cookoff in Omaha, Neb., next month.

"There will be more than 60 chilis to choose from, which is a record for

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it had been there because the project has taken some time to get going," Keough said. "It was the perfect storm, all the wrong things happening at the same time."

Wayne County Assistant Executive Alan Helmkamp said the sewer connections have since been corrected.

"In my view, the deluge on Aug. 20 overwhelmed storm sewers throughout the county, including many places that weren't construction projects," Helmkamp said. "We learned after the fact the contractor used a temporary connection smaller than the 36-inch pipe, and we had a question, in our mind, about the adequacy of the flume (connection.)

"There had been a flooding incident on Goldsmith a month before, which city personnel responded to, replace duct work underneath the house. Thank God much of my artwork is ceramic and didn't get ruined.

"The county should come out and see this mess," added Korsman, who said she will file an insurance claim with Wayne County. "Because of their screw-up we've experienced a lot of heartache and hardship."

Several other areas of the city also experienced flooding during the Aug. 20 storms, including residents on Adams Street — near Central Middle School — and Coolidge.

"We further recommend that the city address the structural concerns identified to the storm sewer on Adams Street," said Keough in

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Ron and Jada Korsman, who had to pump flood waters out of their Junction Street home after a heavy rain last month, say they'll file a claim with Wayne County.



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Marchers strike up band with Novi win

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

An early fall season chill, along with a few other challenging conditions, couldn't put a damper on the 200member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band as they took the field for their first competition of the year at Novi High School's Fanfare Saturday.

Capturing the Flight I firstplace trophy, all three caption awards for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect along with the highest score, 72.1, of all 13 competing bands, the hometown marchers started off pretty much the same as last year – on top.

"These kids are impressing me this year," said Marc Whitlock, beginning his fifth

ON THE SCHEDULE

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's 2007 schedule: Sept. 29 - Bands of America Regional at EMU's Rynearson Stadium Oct. 13 - Great Lakes

International Invitational at P-CEP

Oct. 20 - Clarkston Invitational Nov. 3 - State Championships at Ford Field

Nov. 14-17 - Bands of America Grand National Championships at the Indianapolis RCA Dome

season as director of bands. "They were working aggressively through problems that were not their fault. Their



P-CMB tuba players (from left) Ryan Hoffman, Scotty Hawkins, and David Goodman are hard at practice Saturday morning before their first competition at Novi High School that evening.

training really kicked in and I'm very proud of them." Canton senior Sarah

Hallinen, a fourth-year clarinetist with the band, agreed. "I thought we had a lot of energy, even though the conditions weren't the best," she

said. "We didn't give up and we pushed through. I thought it was a really good performance."

Some of those less-thanperfect conditions included a wet and slick natural turf, yard lines that were difficult





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Flutists (front, from left) Robin Tramel, Kaitlyn Tracy and Jessica Brashears keep in step during their practice session at the P-CEP stadium. The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band went on to take the highest score of the Fanfare competition at Novi High School in the evening.

to see and a non-functioning synthesizer.

"I think we were able to stay together because we were closely watching the drum majors," Hallinen added. "That is one of the most important things."

Second-year drum major Dave Brooks, a Plymouth senior, couldn't agree more. He and senior Bradford Ragland share the conducting responsibilities this year.

"I was very proud of them," Brooks said of his fellow band members at their inaugural performance. "Our band has a lot of energy and it looks like they will go far."

He has special kudos for this year's 65 new marchers. "This year we have out-

standing freshmen," he noted. "They have been sticking with it and they are doing a great job."

The 2007 competition show,

"Out of the Shadows," moves visually and musically from darkness to light.

"Everything is in a minor key, so there is a certain amount of melancholy," explained Whitlock. "But the color scheme gets lighter and brighter as the performers come out of the shadows."

After a summer of practice including at-home and away band camps, the band has nearly 70 percent of their nine-minute show completed.

"I think we're in a good place," said Whitlock, who has personal goals in mind for his students that involve more than just the musical, marching basics.

"I want the kids to reach within themselves through performance to know themselves better through this year's show," he explained. "I hope that we are able to perform with more confidence."

CORRECTION

The game-clinching tackle in Plymouth's 22-20 victory over Canton Friday night was made by Aaron Uller, not Ronnie Goble as was originally reported in Sunday's Observer.



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Beautification awards

The deadline for nominations for the Chamber's Annual Business Beautification Awards has been extended to Tuesday, Sept. 25.

For the past 10 years, the chamber has presented Beautification Awards to acknowledge those businesses who strive to make the Plymouth Community a more beautiful place to do business. Winners have included every type of business, from small retail to larger corporate companies.

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

Nominations must be done in writing and mailed to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to (734) 453-1724 or e-mailed to chamber@ plymouthmi.org

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540. Salvation Army craft show

The Salvation Army of Plymouth is in need of crafters for its Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair, to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

Those who wish to sell their wares at this fair may do so by renting an eight-foot table for \$25. You must be available to stay the entire time. No more jewelry vendors, please.

For more information, call the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

Chiefettes variety show

The Canton High School Chiefettes Pom Pon teams present their annual variety show 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.;m. Saturday, Sept. 22, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

This event will showcase a variety of entertainment appearances by Plymouth-Canton Community School students and community members, as well as performances by the Chiefettes.

Advance ticket purchases are available for \$5 each or purchase tickets at the door on show day for \$6 each. For more information contact Britt Julien at bbfm@sbcglobal.net

OLGC fashion show

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church presents its "Falling into Fashion" dinner and fashion show featuring Ladies Fashions and Accessories Friday, Sept. 28.

The evening starts with a 5:30-6:30 p.m. preview of fashions and accessories to purchase (20 percent of any purchase is tax-deductible). The buffet dinner starts at 6 p.m., with the fashion show at 7 p.m.

The event takes place in OLGC's Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial (at Beck), and features door prizes, beverages and wine. Cost is \$30 (\$20 tax-deductible contribution to debt retirement). Contact one of the following participating boutiques for reservations: Bella Mia at (734) 656-0057, Gigi's Mode at (734) 254-8774, Maggie & Me (734) 459-5340, or Van Dam's at (248) 449-4282.

Fit Zone open house

Fit Zone for Women -Canton, located at 7225 N. Canton Center Rd. (at Warren) in Canton, hosts a Fall Open House noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22.

Members, their friends and women of the community are invited to a fun and informational afternoon including chair massages and nutritional information by

Plymouth Chiropractic Wellness Center; health screenings by Oakwood Hospital staff; demonstrations by Clearly You of Plymouth; body-fat analysis; training demonstrations; and group fitness class samplers.

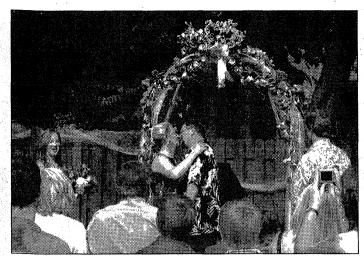
The event will feature a drawing for a free 90-day membership, light refreshments will be served and a prize raffle will be held. For more information, call Fit Zone for Women-Canton at (734) 927-9991.

Dance classes

Plymouth-Canton Community Education sponsors dance classes for seniors (50 and older), and for teens wanting to learn basic dance steps.

Seniors can enjoy dancing in a comfortable and supportive environment and gain health benefits as well. Build on what you already know and learn the fun, easy steps of the

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Kissing the bride

Joanne Dwight Pemberton shared the traditional kiss with her new husband, Terry, after the couple was married Aug. 25 in a ceremony held in the botanical gardens of Medilodge of Plymouth, where the new Mrs. Pemberton is director of nursing. Said the bride: 'My residents are my family, too, and I wanted them to be part of my wedding day. Terry and I decided that the best way to do that was to have our wedding ceremony at the Nursing Home.' The Rev. Jolly, of In House Hospice, officiated in the couple's union. Madeline Curran, a resident of the Nursing Home and 'family of the bride,' sang 'I'll Be Loving You, Always' as the bride and groom looked on.

Foxtrot, music you remember from the "Big Band" era for four weeks. In the remaining four weeks seniors will learn the slow, rhythmic Rumba, one of the most popular and easy to learn dances.

Cláss starts Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6-7 p.m. at the Tonda Elementary School gym.

Meanwhile, teens can learn to dance with a partner, while spending four weeks learning the very popular Swing, then moving into salsa.

This class also starts Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 7-8 p.m. at the Tonda gym. For more information and

to register for either class, call (734) 416-2940.

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.

Emcee Raymond Rolak and Paciorek, now a motivational speaker, will deliver a lively afternoon of hijinks, motivation and tales of perseverance. Paciorek's career 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

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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.

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 programs. For more information, visit www.pcmb.net

Artists needed

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is looking for volunteer artists for a creative display project for The Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Sports background or the simple love of baseball would be helpful. The project will be needed by Oct. 8.

Interested artists should call Bobbie at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for more information.

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 a coffee hour with residents on Monday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Three Brothers Restaurant, 8825 General Road in Plymouth. Businesses or organiza-

tions who would like to

schedule an event with Corriveau should contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737) or send e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov

Entertainment Books

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Entertainment Books as one of its fund-raisers.

For only \$20, buy the 2008 Entertainment Book and receive a 2007 Book free. The book offers 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

Buyers wishing to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton can purchase a 2008 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 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.

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.

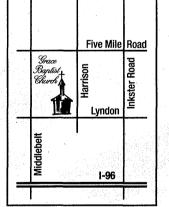
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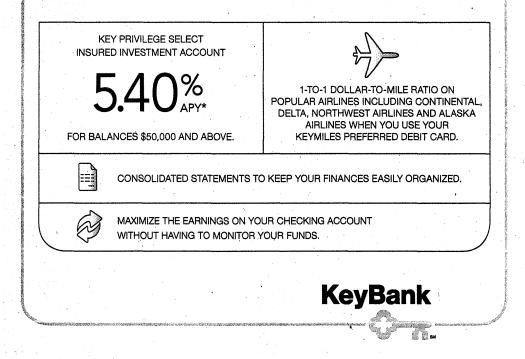
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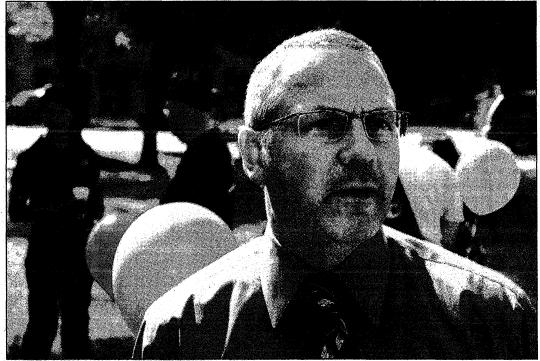
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Western Wayne County Habitat for Humanity board member Mike Sage talks about their mission. The organization will be the beneficiary of the Chili Fest.

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us; there will be 12 restaurants to choose from," Horn said. "The public will be able to vote for their favorites, with a people's choice winner and a restaurant people's choice.

"It is a well-loved event," added Horn. "People from town like it, and we get phone calls immediately after the event from people who want to know when it's going to happen next year."

Horn said for the third year in a row the proceeds raised by those tasting and voting for the top red and green chilis, salsas, and motorcycle competition will be the Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne - located on Starkweather in Plymouth - which last year received \$20,000 from Horn. "When you look at a house

being about \$75,000, that's a very, very good start for us," said Michael Sage, president of

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the board of directors. "We did build a house in Canton, and there's a possibility in April there will be another in the same general area."

Along with Motor City Harley-Davidson, BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan, located in Canton Township, will be lending its name and monetary support to the Chili Cookoff.

"It's really important that we become involved with the community, and this is a great event and charity we're sponsoring," said owner John Horner. "We were here last year, just as observers, and saw the quality of the family event and wanted to be a part of it."

On hand for the preview event were three Plymouth restaurants - Station 885, Doyle's Tavern and The Omelette and Waffle Cafe - all previous winners in the Chili Cookoff. All had reasonable facsimiles of their winning chilis to taste; waiting, instead, to save some of the "secret ingredients" for competition.

"The one we win with every year is a pork chili, with three different textures of pork in it," said David Pawlowski of The Omelette and Waffle Cafe, which won the People's Choice Award last year. "The secret ... I can't tell you because it's an ingredient I make myself."

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff also has competition for the Hottest Dog in the Coolest City.

"It's to get the families with dogs involved, they can dress them up and be part of the event," said Horn. "We have two categories, Hot and Spicy and Biker Dog. The winner will receive a trophy and gift basket."

Entry forms are available at Specialty Pets, Jill Andra Young Photography and Happy Hounds Day Care. Entry fees are \$5 for pre-registration and \$7 at the event.

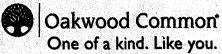
The Chili Cookoff and related events will be held noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in downtown Plymouth.

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Spider-man will help cast a safety net over local children, when the superhero headlines the Passport to Safety event Saturday at Laurel Park Place.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. children can visit eight safety stations throughout the mall to learn about safety topics and have their passports stamped. Topics include bike safety, 9-1-1 training, computer safety, automobile safety, food safety, choking/poisoning, fire safety and stranger danger.

The annual event, sponsored by police and fire departments, the Department of Homeland Security and local companies, has become the largest indoor kids safety event of its type in the Midwest, said Patrick Derrig, marketing director for Laurel Park Place. The annual event attracts about 5,000 people.

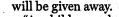
Dispatchers will demonstrate the proper way to report an emergency during a 9-1-1 call. Nurses will provide training about dangerous household chemicals and how to perform life-saving techniques on a choking person.

Some bike helmets, fire safety DVDs and coloring books

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a report to the commission.

"Fixing these in the near



"As children go back to school, we want to keep them safe," Derrig said. A stamped passport gives children a feeling of accomplishment, he said. Entertainment helps keep them focused while learning.

Spider-man, this year's featured entertainment, will be available to meet and greet children and parents from noon until 2 p.m.

Other entertainment includes Buckle Up Bear from the Michigan State Police and the Allstate Fire Dog.

Forty Livonia Public Schools high school students will volunteer at the event. LPS will hand out coloring books that focus on bus safety.

Children can dress up as firefighters and have their picture taken for a donation to the Selfridge National Air Guard Base.

Raffle prizes include a family vacation package to Great Wolf Lodge.

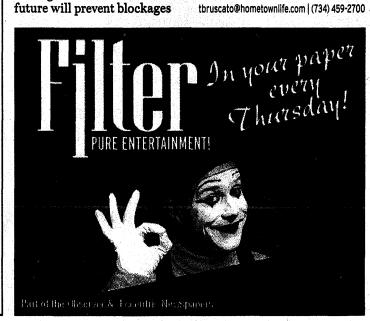
Laurel Park Place is at 37700 W. Six Mile Road at Newburgh in Livonia.

For more information, visit www.laurelparkplace.com or www.livoniapassporttosafety.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

Teen journalists – Observer wants you!

The *Plymouth Observer* is looking for sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in producing local newspaper pages and online material for teens by teens.

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This marks the second year of the Observer's Student Voices project in which area teens write about issues important to them.

Last year nearly 100 students participated in the school-year program.

Teens report, write, edit and take photographs for the hometownLIFE.com print and online sections which will appear periodically in Sunday editions of the Observer.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to apply.

In addition, students must commit to serving as a student journalist for the entire 2007-08 school year and be prepared to attend a 90-minute orientation session on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the Observer offices, 36251 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. Students must also be prepared to attend planning meetings as determined by the student group.

The first pages and online stories are scheduled to appear in November.

"We want teens to take ownership of the section in print and online, " said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the Observer S Eccentric Newspapers. "Teens will decide what to cover, what to write about — what's important to them. They'll be mentored by reporters, editors and photographers at the OSE."

To apply, go to www. hometownlife.com and click on the Students Voices logo for an application. Deadline to apply is

Monday, Sept. 24.



The ceremony included musical entertainment by middle school flutists Catherine Bank and Katherine Mercieca. Reaume and Heaven provided a historical perspective. Administrative Director Joan Barrett read a 35th anniversary proclamation, recalling contributions of past students and their families as the foundation for the current strength and success of New Morning School's educational program.

She also reminded the audience that "it is your hard work and accomplishments that will be the basis

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for success in the future." Students participated in the celebration by placing 35 candles in a giant anniversary cake and by singing "Happy Birthday" to New Morning School.

New Morning kicks off 35th birthday bash

A year-long 35th anniversary celebration is planned for New Morning School, which will encompass multiple events for the school family and local community. Upcoming events include a live concert at New Morning School by local D'Art Band on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m.

New Morning School is a state-certified, non-sectarian, non-profit school for students in preschool through grade eight. Since 1973, New Morning School has been creating future leaders through individualized, hands-on learning for each student, a low student-teacher ratio, and a high level of parental involvement. The latest brain-friendly learning methods based on established research result in effective learning for every child. To find out more, call (734) 420-3331 or visit the school's Web site at www. newmorningschool.com.

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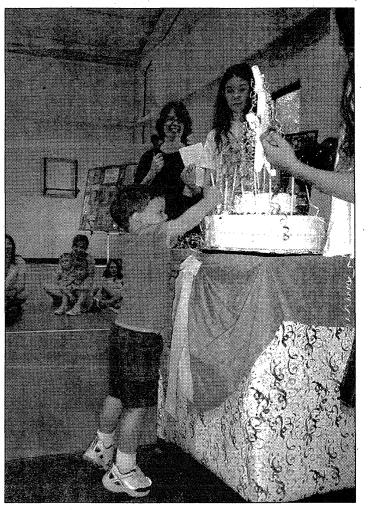
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Nathan Burke puts a candle on the anniversary cake as New Morning School in Plymouth Township opened its 35th anniversary school year.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2007 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1444, 39559 Winesap, Plymouth Twp: The applicant is proposing an eight (8) foot high privacy fence along the rear lot line of the property; the required maximum height is four (4) feet. With the proposed variance, the applicant is requesting a variance of four (4) feet in fence height.
- Application 1445, located at 9353 Ridge RD, Plymouth Twp: The applicant is requesting a variance in the lot depth to width ratio of 4:1 to allow the purchase of the 1 acre parcel directly behind their home. With the proposed variance the applicant is requesting a variance of .95 depth to width ratio.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3210.

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The Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, offers the following programs in September: ■ SAVING FOR

COLLEGE, Thursday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. - Rick Bloom returns to the Library for part three of our Money Management Series. He will present valuable information about rising college costs, 529 College Savings Plans, Education IRAs and Student and Parent loan programs. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, Sept. 24, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

BROWN BAG BOOK **DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Sept. 26, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 2241 or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

BEDDING DOWN FOR WINTER, Thursday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. - This meeting will replace the monthly Library Garden Group meeting. Earthenjoy Flowerscaping owner Sandra Healy will share valuable tips on how to winterize the garden. Other topics will include pruning, pest control, soil testing, mulching, planning bulbs and tool care. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org

BANNED BOOKS WEEK, Sept. 29 to Oct. 6 - Book lovers can visit the **Plymouth District Library** and check out any number of books that have banned over the years. For a list of banned books, stop at the Reader's Advisory desk or go to http://ala.org//bbooks

remain in the library during these story time sessions for children ages 3½-5 years. Registration is required and may be accomplished by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Tuesdays through Sept. 25, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. -

The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-31/2 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session is for families with siblings and other family members welcome. Register for either program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

HOMESCHOOLERS @ THE PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. - Enjoy an afternoon of information and entertainment, including a library scavenger hunt. Registration is required for this free program and will start on Sept. 18; call or stop at the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5. Homeschool families only, please.

BABY PLAY, Monday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., repeated Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. The Baby Play program takes place on the fourth Monday of each month, and then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required.

Teen Program

■ TEEN KNITTING/ CROCHETING CLUB, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m. -All levels of needlework experience are welcome! Adult volunteers will help you learn to knit or crochet. Supplies provided. Join us every other Wednesday in the Teen Zone.

■ DIY CRAFTS, Monday, Sept. 24, 4:30 p.m. - Bring your imagination and make a weird Goth sock puppet. All supplies provided; register at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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

very own Web site at http:// plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm

Computer training

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

DROP-IN COMPUTER TUTORING, Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - High school students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows 95/98, the Library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Sorry, we do not offer training in Microsoft Office products (such as Word or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs. Registration is required and may be made by calling 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

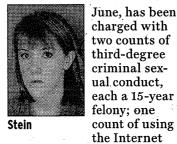
BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Three days after the news broke of a scandal that could've rocked the close-knit hub at Plymouth Christian Academy, school officials were expecting hesitancy and reservation – instead they got the usual smiles and anticipation that accompanies their annual picture day.

"The response of our school family has been extremely encouraging," PCA Supt. Tony Beckett said. "We expected caution but instead it's been warm and encouraging."

The Joy Road academy, which is run by Calvary Baptist Church, has been thrust in the media spotlight after one of its former teachers. Stephanie Ann Stein. 31, of Canton was arraigned Monday on charges that she had a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old boy that she befriended at the Christian school. The married mother of

two, who resigned from her part-time PCA position in



Life goes on at PCA after arrest of ex-teacher on sex charges

to communicate with a minor to commit a crime. a four-year felony: and one count of distributing obscene material of a sexual nature to a minor, a two-year felony.

The alleged relationship between the former teacher and the teen, who is no longer a student at PCA, was discovered after the boy's mother caught Stein in her home during the summer.

"Mom was suspicious and she contacted police," Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said, adding that when the teen and Stein were questioned they "corroborated each other.'

Pomorski said it's believed the relationship between the two became physical after Stein left PCA.

"Nothing shows anything

June, has been went on during the school year," he said.

Beckett said for their "own peace of mind," the school has contacted an outside agency to perform an internal investigation.

"We are fully cooperating with authorities and we want to be ready if we are asked questions later," he said. "We are gathering information while it's fresh.'

On Monday, the school sent out a letter to parents informing them of the situation.

"We feel it's important to have good, open communication and the response has been amazing," he said. "We had one parent bring us a cake that said 'We Love you PCA' and another parent brought flowers. We just want to assure parents that we are committed to our core values."

After her arraignment, Stein was issued a \$50,000 personal bond and ordered to stay away from the victim. Her preliminary exam is scheduled for Sept. 28 in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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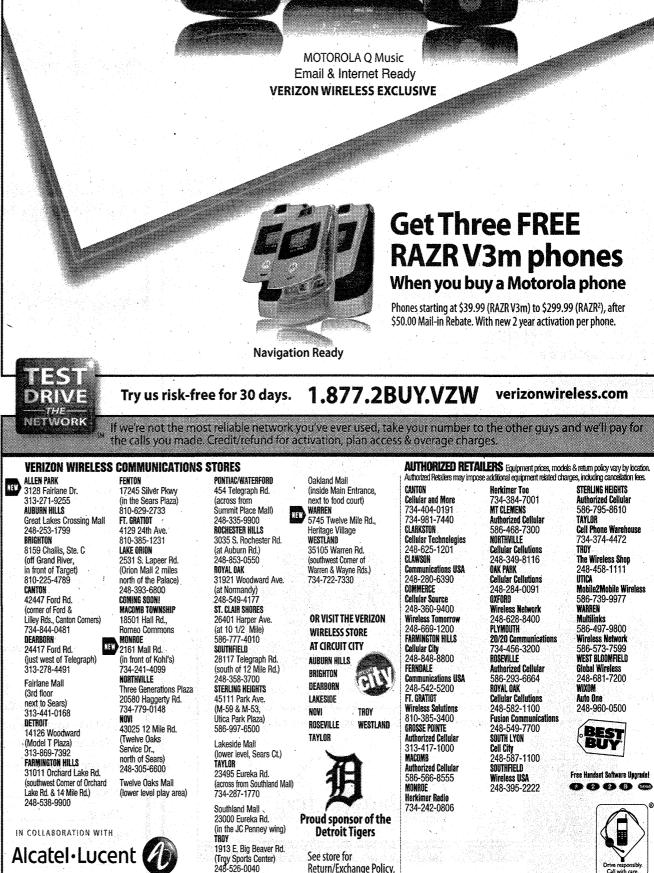
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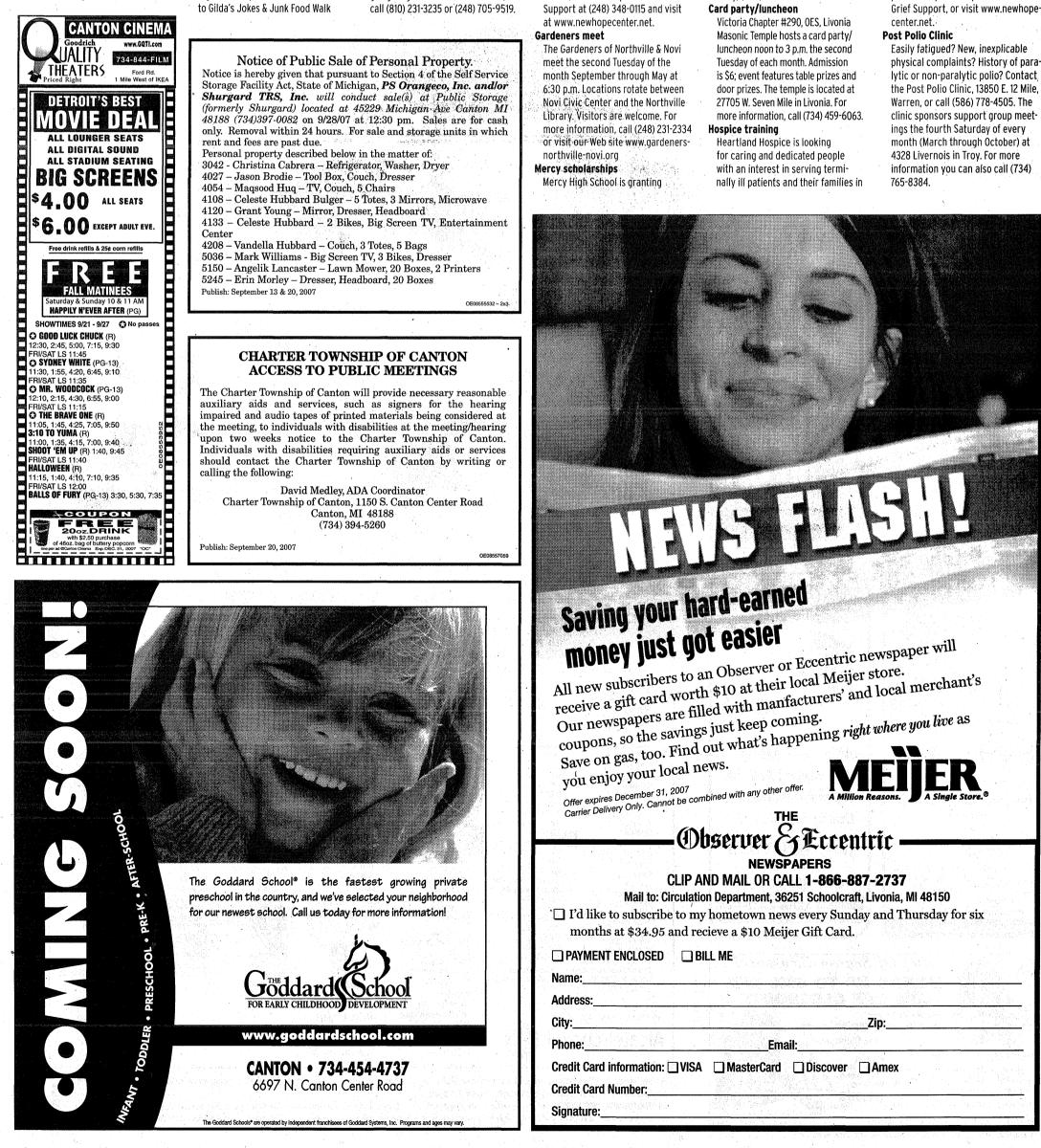
Crafters are needed for Holiday Bazaar American House-Northville. Thursday, Nov. 15, 1-7 p.m. No charge for table space. For more information, please contact Carol, (248) 449-1480.

Farmington Players auditions

The Farmington Players Community Theater announces upcoming auditions for Neil Simon's Chapter Two. Auditions take place Thursday, Nov. 1, with registration at 7 p.m. Auditions begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at The Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Based on part of Neil Simon's own life, this comedy features George Schneider, a writer whose wife has recently died, as he returns to a lonely apartment. His younger brother Leo, a theatrical press agent and born matchmaker, tries to snap George out of his emotional tailspin by supplying him with unwanted and unsuccessful dates. Then Leo comes up with Jennie Malone and she's a winner. There will be four available parts: George, (40's to 50's), a widower after 12 years of marriage, successful author, thought to be based on Neil Simon's own life: Leo. (40's). George's younger brother, a theatrical producer, womanizer, fast talking "player" of sorts; Jennie, (late 20's to late 30's), a recent divorcee reluctant to start over, soap opera actress, small town girl originally from Cleveland; and Faye, (late 20's to late 30's), Jennie's supportive friend whose own unhappy marriage triggers an unfortunate casual affair. For more information, call (734) 612-1767.

Pageant applications

The Miss Washtenaw County Organization sponsors the fourthannual Miss Washtenaw County's Outstanding Teen Pageant. The competition will be held in conjunction with the Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Pageant at Chelsea High School Nov. 3. Applications are being accepted through Oct. 20. Miss Washtenaw County's Outstanding Teen Pageant is "open," meaning teens from all over the state are eligible to participate. They must be between the ages of 13 and 17 and



will compete in the areas of Talent, Evening Gown, Interview, Lifestyle and Fitness in Sportswear and Onstage Question. The winner of this year's title will advance to the state pageant and the opportunity to represent Michigan at Miss America's Outstanding Teen in Orlando, Fla., next summer. She will also make appearances with Miss Washtenaw County at parades and other events throughout the year. Scholarships are awarded at the State and National Level for Outstanding Teen winners. Information about Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program can be found at www.maoteen.org or Miss Michigan's Outstanding Teen Program at www.missmichiganteen. org. The deadline for applications for Miss Washtenaw County's Outstanding Teen is Oct. 20. For more information or to apply, e-mail

mwced1@msn.com 'Festival of Fashion' set

The Redford Suburban League will host its 34th celebrity fashion show, the 2007 Fall Festival of Fashion starting with a luncheon served at noon Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road. The show is a benefit for the Burger School for Students with Autism. Tickets are \$45 per person. For more information and tickets, contact the league at (734) 981-6003.

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

Comedy walk

It will be a laugh - or giraffe - a minute at Gilda's Comedy Walk at the Zoo taking place Saturday, Oct. 6. Walkers will enjoy a stroll through the Detroit Zoo located on Woodward Avenue and 10 Mile in Royal Oak to support Gilda's Club Metro Detroit - a nonprofit cancer support club for lives touched by cancer. On-site registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The walk will be kicked-off at 8:45 a.m. Register as a single participant for a \$40 donation. Includes parking, zoo entry, T-shirt and admission



High 'Society'

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit recently installed a new Executive Committee for the 2007-2008 year. Committee members (from left) are Mary David of Plymouth, membership secretary; Andrew Monro of Bloomfield Hills, treasurer; Franklin Dohanyos of Royal Oak, first vice president; Scott David of Plymouth, president; Rod Harris of Northville, second vice president; David Martin of Livonia, society piper; and Helen Brisson of Clarkston. St. Andrew's Society hosts many events throughout the year, including the annual Highland Games in Livonia the first weekend in August. For more information about the society, visit www.highlandgames.com.

Registration Party, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. 4th St., Royal Oak. Registration is also available online at www.gildasclubdetroit.org. RSVP to Gilda's Club, (248) 577-0800.

Women's hockey

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

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 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, call New Hope Center for Grief

\$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 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 tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

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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.

Literacy Council tutors

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

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front, of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

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

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Choose mutual funds that have a solid track record

received a call from a friend who heard about a new mutual fund and wanted my opinion. He was told the fund is following a new strategy of investing and using some sophisticated trading techniques to protect the portfolio in up and down markets.

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There was a sense of urgency. He was told that the fund may soon close to new investors.

My answer to him is the same I give whenever asked about new mutual funds — avoid them.

When you make an investment, it should meet certain criteria. One is the investment must have a solid track record.

Typically, I like investments that have been around for a period of time so they can be compared to other investments. In a perfect world, investments that have solid three-, five- and 10-year track records are preferred. Unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect world and exceptions have to be made. However, those exceptions should be few and far between and never in the case of a new investment. This holds true even with mutual funds where the manager has had success at another company.

Companies come up with new investments not necessarily because they have a better way of managing your money, but because they are trying to capture market share.

There have been many cases where a successful fund manager leaves a company and begins managing a new fund. The general consensus is if he/ she was successful at one fund, he/she should be successful at another fund. It doesn't work that way. In today's world, mutual funds are very rarely managed by one individual. Typically, a company will have an entire management team that includes a variety of analysts and researchers.

In addition, mutual fund companies have different cultures associated with them. When a manager leaves one fund family and goes to another, the culture that allowed them to be successful may not exist in the new company. A good analogy is sports. In today's world of free agency, where players move from team to team, a player may have been productive on one team, but when they come to another team they fail. no problem, though, investing a small portion of your portfolio in something that interests you. Even with a

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fund and who is managing it. By doing some homework ahead of time, you're increasing the odds in your favor.

As investors, we must be able to separate the fluff from the facts. I'm a firm believer that in order to be a successful investor, one must live by a set of rules. One rule I live by is that I don't invest in new funds. Others include checking things out independently and investing in what I understand and in funds that have a good solid track record.

I'm willing to give up some opportunity to protect myself from investing in something that goes belly up.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. **Observer & Eccentric** readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com For more information, visit Rick's 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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The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, request proposals to provide **Adult Day Care** services. Priority will be given to bidders with service availability and location in the northwest portion of The Senior Alliance service area.

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OUR VIEWS A thankless job well done

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While there are fewer jobs in local government less thankless than committee work done by usually nameless, faceless volunteers, there are also no jobs more important to a well-run civic body.

When residents in the City of Plymouth hit the polls in November, they'll be embracing - many without even knowing it - the efforts of nine such people. Those nine - Jim Potter, Anthony Guillom, Michael Holmes, Robert Johns, Fred Libbing, Don Morgan, Robert Mundt, Steve Renaldi and Tim Roraback - spent hundreds of hours sifting through the city charter to come up with the ballot proposal that will give the charter the new look it's needed for so long.

And while the work isn't sexy — they don't get to sit up on the dais and claim political victory - these nine men spent the better part of more than four years digging through the archaic charter and coming up with one that makes a little more sense.

Much of the work was dull, tedious detail-watching that, in the end, won't be visible to anyone who lives here. But some of the changes the commission produced will be key elements of how the city is run into the future.

The most notable changes will affect the city's governing body, the Plymouth City Commission. The new charter, if approved by voters as expected, will extend to three the number of consecutive terms a city commissioner can serve. This change would allow effective commissioners such as departing Mayor Dan Dwyer and Commissioner Michele Potter one more term to continue work they've started.

The changes will also affect how the city's mayor and mayor pro tem are chosen. Under the new charter, the sitting mayor pro tem will be the first nomination for mayor following an election cycle. This will reduce (though not eliminate) some of the political jockeying done under the current system, where mayoral hopefuls can often be seen lobbying for votes weeks before an election.

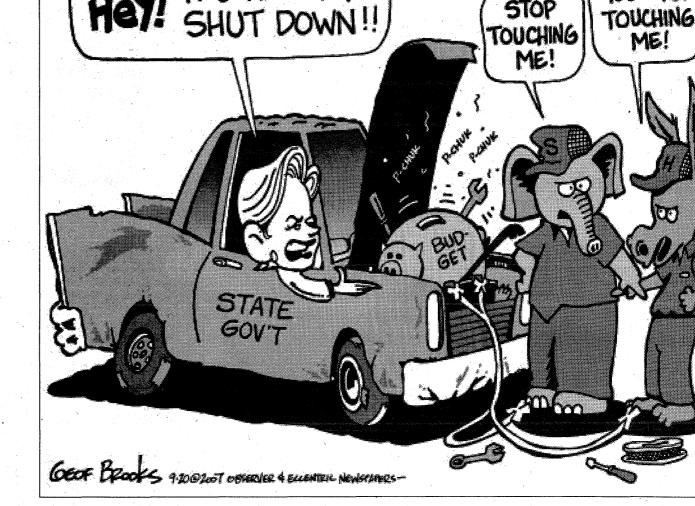
Of course, if the sitting mayor pro tem is an unpopular choice, said political jockeying will still be a popular electoral sport.

The men who accomplished the charter review started their work in January 2003 as a committee; then, when the City Commission decided they needed a "charter commission" to make political recommendations, these same nine men were elected to a job they ultimately did very well.

Will the charter be perfect now? Probably not, but then, nobody will know for sure because very few people will read it. Still, when voters step into the booth in November to cast their ballot, like the changes or not, they should give a little silent applause to the nine men who made them happen.

They've earned it.

Leadership lags on state budget In the latest state budget tango, the Republican-controlled Senate approved a temporary 30-day budget extension Monday to avoid a shutdown of government services



Not so Cozy

What's going to happen to our walnutraisin rolls?

My wish is that the new owners of the Cozy Café reconsider their decision to close this Plymouth landmark. The former owners served homemade, rather than purchased, menu items which will be sorely missed, as will their wonderful desserts.

It's a shame that restaurants of today rely on items such as chicken and tuna salads, vegetables, meat dishes and even desserts that are purchased from suppliers rather than homemade. Believe me, we can tell the difference.

Nowhere else can you find their specialty walnut-raisin rolls. We would often have breakfast at Cozy and then split a wonderful walnut-raisin roll. Where else can you find such friendly wait staff? They often had our coffee ready for us before we even sat down.

Just like Cheers, every one knew our names and our favorites. True we are "elderly" (some day you, too, will be elderly and will seek out decent places to sit down and eat a simple homemade breakfast or lunch after a day shopping in Plymouth). Our money is just as green as those who attend so-called upscale patio restaurants and wine bars. And do they serve lunch, let alone breakfast? Cozy could count on us for repeat business as we were treated well. Think carefully about what you are doing to the smalltown feeling so revered by many of us in Plymouth.

LETTERS

and pain that are inflicted upon them during these training sessions. This is sickening.

So thank you for taking the time to write your thoughts on this Michael Vick case and I just pray that someone will read this and perhaps be touched by your words and thoughts enough to know that dogfighting has got to stop and it has got to be soon.

> **Barbara Ann Walker-Gondick** Canton

Residents taxed out

The old rural adage "you can't get blood from a turnip" aptly applies here in Michigan.

Most low- to middle-income Michigan families are just about "taxed out." We agree with conservative views that state government has grown excessively and now seeks to "feed itself" primarily on the backs of low- to middle-income families. In addition, we are skeptical that a \$1.8 billion budget deficit is actually neces-

Democrats in the United States would mean the certain early retreat, Iraq left to the poachers, Iranian interlopers, all kinds and sorts of Koran rapists and kill-

The murdering Muslims had determined that the leftists in America would steer our country to a give-up mode, quit the attempt to preserve freedom, and high-tail home, opening the door to a more complete takeover and domination of the social and economic affairs of all nations in the immediate East. The liberal press continues to be of

little help.

Neil Goodbred Livonia

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

when the new budget year begins Oct. 1. We're not optimistic that the Legislature and the governor will take the steps needed to resolve their partisan differences.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm said she would veto the extension. No Democrats in the Senate voted for it. At a news conference, Granholm said, "It will just kick it down the road." It will also mean that the state has one month less to resolve the state's \$1.75 billion deficit.

Over in the House, Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, says he has a deal that would include an income tax increase, but Republicans quickly countered that there is no deal.

Ten Democrats, including Marc Corriveau of Northville, didn't vote, apparently to avoid riling voters in their swing districts and protecting their seats from recall efforts. So much for political courage.

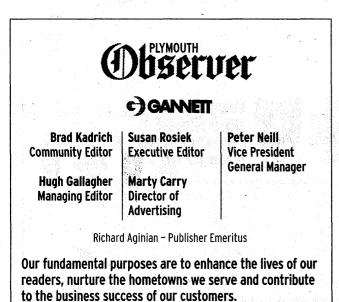
Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, says he would be willing to look at some form of tax increase, but only after deeper cuts in state spending. Democrats counter that they have already supported deep cuts, but that some proposed cuts would be harmful to state services and fall on those most vulnerable.

After the vote to extend the budget, Bishop said, "It's about getting the job done."

He's wrong. It's about not getting the job done, just as last year's long partisan squabble prevented a budget resolution until the end of the budget year. Then the Legislature voted to delay payments, juggle accounts and put off making hard decisions.

It also took a long struggle to approve the new business tax to replace the old Single Business Tax.

The leaders in both parties need to look beyond their partisan concerns toward serious long-term resolution of the state's financial situation that includes structural reforms, appropriate rather than across-the-board spending cuts and new taxes that do not unduly burden those less able to pay. Based on past performance, we're not optimistic.



Ed and Georgia Randinitis Plymouth

We must stop dog fighting

I want to commend Kurt Kuban for an excellent job on the Michael Vick column ("Vick case has exposed us as nation of excuse makers," Sept. 2). If only everyone that reads it will understand it and agree with it. I do and this whole Michael Vick thing makes me sick.

This Vick guy is lower than the poop that those dogs excreted and I think he needs to pay for it. If he doesn't than this abuse will go on forever and we will never see the end to it.

It seems to me that the intelligence of people has decreased and continues to decrease as the years go by. Especially when people make statements that dogfighting is no different than hunting. Do these people have any common sense? This is ridiculous. Hunting is not torture or abuse. It is a hopefully quick death - most of the time anyway. I just don't

understand what these people are thinking about.

Another thing that I don't think most people know is that when these people fight dogs they have to be trained and they have to use something as bait, and when little Fe-fe comes up missing after she has been put out for her before-bed potty time, chances are she has been taken by these wonderful upstanding citizens to use as that bait. It is sick and horrible to think that these tender little loving family pets are thrown into these blood-thirsty pits and they go through a horrible, horrible ripping and tearing before they finally die from the injuries

sary.

With our dire employment environment coupled with raging fuel prices, there is just not enough left for most Michigan families to live on any longer. So why are state officials and legislators continuing to primarily address our budget issues with so-called temporary increased taxes? We believe it's because it may appear easier in the short term than downsizing and restructuring state government — the more appropriate solution.

Our state government infrastructure with its overburdening social services agencies and courts could substantially shrink themselves. New laws restoring parenting responsibilities to fit parents equitably would not only reduce the demands upon the Department of Human Services, but also dramatically reduce the burdens upon the Michigan state courts.

Analyses indicate that reforming Michigan business and personal tax codes to a single, equitable tax rate for all of us based solely upon gross/net incomes with deductions ostensibly for donations to state charitable organizations would generate enough revenues to run a much smaller state government infrastructure.

In addition, with these increased donations, private social services organizations could then afford to assist those who are truly in need and the "It takes a village" phenomenon might return to its true African meaning which excludes government and involves citizens.

We believe this would be an all around win for Michigan and a model for the nation!

Murray Davis

Southfield Board president, National Family Justice Association

Not in the give-up mode

The reporting on the surge in Iraq has been scant. The New York Times and The Washington Post have followed the policy that good news is no news. The move by Petraeus and our forces surprised the Jihadists and assorted miscreants in that the enemy evidently thought that the wail and cry by the leftists and assorted

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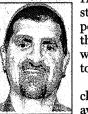
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OTHER OPINIONS

Ramadan sparks memories of happy days in Palestine

** he holy month of Ramadan and its fasting are once again upon us. Muslims will fast from sun up 'til sundown, abstaining from food, water and intimate relationships.

Each year around this time, my memories are rekindled of Ramadan in our small village of Beit



Mike Odetalla

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Hanina, a suburb of Jerusalem still without electricity, where people carried lanterns to light their way in the darkness as they went first to the mosque and then to visit friends and family.

Beit Hanina had a drummer, charged with the pre-dawn task of awakening the village to sahoor, the light meal whose end marked the beginning of each day's fast. Closing my eyes and thinking real

hard, still brings back the sound of Beit Hanina's drummer banging away, and the delightful memories of joining the other children, carrying our decorated fanoosia lanterns with candles burning brightly inside them, as we ran along behind the drummer, singing, laughing and shouting to help awaken the sleeping adults and start them on sahoor and their new day.

How I admired the drummer. How I wanted his job and to share in his fun.

During Ramadan in 1979, when I made my first visit back to Palestine since the 1967 expulsion, my cousin and I, both 18 and living in the U.S., finally became the Ramadan drummers of Beit Hanina. The Israeli invasion of 1967 and the subsequent occupation made the drummers' job very high risk and today they are scarce. Ramadan drummers were often stopped, even beaten, and some have been killed by the Israeli occupying army.

By 1979, the village had not enjoyed a drummer in five years, so my cousin and I delighted in our job of walking through the village each morning banging away on large tin cans. It must have been a very humorous sight. The elderly were happy to hear us, while the younger people thought we were a great joke and made fun of the "bored Americans."

But everyone agreed that we had renewed some "life" that had been lost as we broke through the dark still nights of Ramadan. For me, however briefly, I was transported back to a happy childhood whose memories had never left me for a moment.

I still remember sitting by the family's transistor radio with my siblings listening to the special programs as we awaited the "cannon" to go off, signaling that it was time to break our fast. The "cannon" was a World War I-era English relic and merely made a loud bang, which was all that it was good for.

Ever since my own children were very small, I had regaled them with the many stories of my childhood in Palestine, enjoying the look of fascination on their faces as they implored me to tell them yet "another story of when you were young in Palestine."

This past summer, I took my children to visit

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the grave of my grandmother, which is located on a hillside cemetery off of Salah Eddin Street in the Old City. The cemetery is actually located inside the boundaries of the Palestinian village of Lifta, which was ethnically cleansed of its Palestinian inhabitants, including my wife's family, by the Zionists in 1948. Many people, including my grandmother and her family members, are buried there, although now it is considered part of Jerusalem.

As we made our way through the cemetery gates and up the hill so that we could read Al-Fatiha, which is the opening verse of the Quran, at her graveside, I noticed an old rusty cannon sitting on the top of the hill, virtually buried beneath the overgrown weeds. I decided to head up the hill and take a closer look. Much to my surprise, the cannon was an exact copy of the very same cannon that I had remembered as a youth. I called my children up the hill and showed them the cannon, surmising that the cannon was used to alert the residents of Jerusalem when to break their fast before the city fell under Zionist control.

During Ramadan, my mother would always invite friends and relatives to our home to break the fast with us. As Muslims, we are obligated to share breaking our fast with others, especially those less fortunate than us. It is considered a blessing to do so. It is something that we continue to do here in America as we invite friends and loved ones to share in our blessing on this holy month - the essence of which are a time of prayer, fasting and charity.

Some of the best memories that I carry with me are connected to the month of Ramadan in Palestine when I was a child. The closeness and feeling of "community" that I felt during those times is something that is almost beyond description. The sound of the drummer, the Muezzin call to prayer, the static emanating from the transistor radio, the "boom" of the cannon, the enticing aroma of the special foods that we only ate during Ramadan, the sight of families huddled together on a mat-covered floor around the evening meals, illuminated by the flickering light of a kerosene lantern, enjoying their meals, as humble as it may have been, in the company of family and loved ones.

These are my memories of Ramadan before the Israeli invasion and subsequent brutal and inhumane occupation, which has destroyed many families and communities and is now in the process of causing further havoc as Israel continues to erect its apartheid walls, checkpoints and roadblocks that have reduced many Palestinian villages and cities to nothing more than walled off ghettos and open-air prisons.

Unfortunately, these will constitute the next generation of Palestinian children's memories and experiences.

Mike Odetalla, a 30-year Canton resident, emigrated from the Middle East in 1969 when he was 8 years old, following the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. For more on Ramadan, an Islamic religious observance that takes place during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, visit www.holidavs.net/ramadan.

Let's hear it for the team – Shock pros send good message

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s we left The Palace Sunday evening, my husband tuned the radio into the Lions game in time to hear of their victory over the Minnesota Vikings.



That game was a nailbiter, but my mind was on the Detroit Shock-Mercury Phoenix pro basketball championship game we'd just seen, in which the Shock lost 108-92 in the final championship matchup. The Shock had to hand over the trophy to the Phoenix women's team, but

they're all still champs in my book. It's been 10 years since the WNBA came along to dominate women's sports, and things haven't been the same since. Women stars from college teams now have a pro

league to aspire to; more importantly, girls and young women in this country have role models to look up to and emulate. At The Palace Sunday, there were lots of

moms and daughters, as well as other family combinations. Coach Bill Laimbeer of the Shock got plenty of applause. I hear comments often of surprise from people that the former "Bad Boy" Piston could do so well coaching a women's team to trophies.

Deanna Nolan, who scored 27 points Sunday, and other Shock players also got lots of applause. The parking lot of The Palace included church vans from Detroit; many tickets for Sunday were given away and our \$17 seats, good ones, certainly provided a great view of the action.

Pro sports in Detroit have gotten expensive, and it's good to have a family-friendly option that's affordable, which the Shock team provides. I like to see the players and others from the Shock so involved in community projects.

Laimbeer received the Michigan Women's Studies Association/Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Philip A. Hart Award a while back, given to recognize a male Michigander who has advanced women's rights. I remember being at the awards dinner, when two Shock players accepted the award - and joked about Laimbeer sending women to do the work.

Certainly, members of the Shock have been visible in our community, not just conducting basketball clinics for kids but also participating in a variety of service projects, even leading up to the championship games.

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So far, they've been a model of civility on and off the court, without the high-profile antics of some male athletes. Let's be honest, some of the guys aren't the greatest role models for youngsters.

The Shock have also encouraged young people, and adults, to take care of their health by being active, a good lesson to teach in a notably overweight state of Michigan.

This is a sports-mad town, with fans of the Red Wings, Tigers, Pistons and even Lions following their teams with eager anticipation each year. I like all those sports, too, especially baseball on a nice sunny day, but am glad to see there's room as well for women's basketball.

The Detroit Shock may have lost the three out of five series that culminated Sunday at The Palace, but I'm glad I spent the money and time to go to see them play. Here's to hoping for many more years of playing and, hopefully, winning.

Setting a good example for girls and young women, and letting them know they can reach for the stars when it comes to their futures, means a lot in this day and age, too. We have the Shock and other members of WNBA teams to thank for that -nomatter what the scoreboard says.

I'm reminded of the coach in A League of Their Own, who's at first highly skeptical about women playing baseball in the wartime 1940s. By the end, he's on their side, telling them, "It's OK, you played a good game."

The Shock played a good game, too, and I'm glad I was there to see it.

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Humane Society holds Best Friend event

The Michigan Humane Society and the Detroit Zoo will host the seventh annual fall Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo, the largest off-site companion animal adoption event in the country, on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 29 and 30.

The event will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. There is no charge for admission to the adoption event or for parking.

Hundreds of adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for immediate adoption both days. Because puppies are often in high demand, "puppy passes" will be given each morning to the first 15 adoption event guests who are looking specifically to adopt a puppy. Those will puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m., with the remainder of guests allowed to enter at 10 a.m. Preventing a "puppy rush" during general admittance to the event will ensure

that all adopters – and the adoptable animals – will have a wonderful experience. A "get acquainted" area will be available to give guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting.

The participating organizations, in addition to the Michigan Humane Society, include: Adopt-a-Pet, Animal Rescue Connection, Animal Welfare Society, AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, Battle Creek Animal Shelter, Detroit Animal Control, Faerie Tales Cat/Maine Coon Rescue, Feline Friends, Great Lakes Weiwaraner Rescue, Greater Hillsdale Humane Society, Home Fur-Ever, K-9 Stray Rescue, Kitty Haven Rescue, Last Chance for Animals, Metro Area Animal Adoption Association, Michigan Greyhound Connection, Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, No Place Like Home, Oakland Animal Care Center, REGAP, **Roscommon County Animal** Shelter, Sanilac County Humane Society, Southern Star MinPin Rescue and

WAG Animal Rescue. Last year, the fall Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo event found homes for more than 550 animals. Since the event's inception in 1993, more than 13,400 dogs, cats and rabbits have been placed into new homes.

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo is held outdoors under tents in the Detroit Zoo parking lot at 8450 W. 10 Mile Road.

Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group. Adopters must present a driver's license or state ID card. All dogs and cats will have received a medical checkup and age appropriate vaccinations. For health and safety reasons, leave current companion animals at home.

For more information or to donate to the welfare of homeless animals, call the Michigan Humane Society at 1(866)-MHUMANE (648-6263), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.michiganhumane.

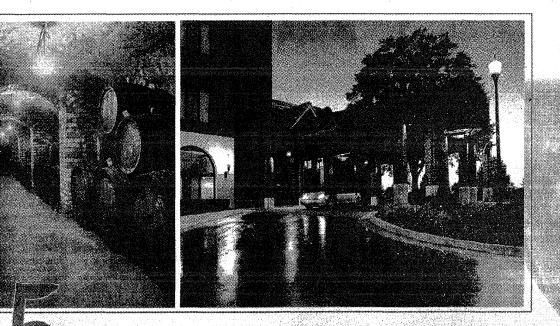




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MOPS meetings

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 information, call (248) 470-5202 or

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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.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program begins 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. The group will be undertaking an in-

depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans, the longest and often considered the most systematic presentation of the disciple's thoughts on salvation. Informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200. Weekend celebration

St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church is holding a threeday celebration honoring St. Matthew the Apostle. The festivities kick off with an Ethnic Taste Fest 4-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, followed by a dinner dance 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 (tickets \$45 per person, \$80 per couple), and a jazz Mass featuring Kenn Cox 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the church, 8850 Woodward, between Holbrook and King streets, Detroit. Call (313) 871-4750 for more information. **MOPS** groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. MOPS recognizes the year from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and filled with unique need. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@ hotmail.com.

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

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

Riverside Park Church of God is a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the church,

of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. \$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.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia is hosting a showing of the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 29-30, to celebrate the feast day of its patron in a special way. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit uses an extensive assortment of historical photographs, descriptions, and scientific data to present 126 church-sanctioned miracles which have taken place throughout the world from the 2nd century through 2001. The exhibition will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in the school gymnasium at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Guides will be available to assist visitors through the exhibit and answer guestions. Nationally-known Catholic apologist and St. Michael's parishioner, Gary Michuta, will also speak about the Eucharistic Miracles during the exhibition.

During the hours of the exhibition. there will be a concurrent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and immediately following the noon Mass until 5 p.m. Sunday. The exhibition is open to all. For details, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Holy Grounds coffee house

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills is hosting its first Holy Grounds coffee house in The MAC 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Local musicians will be featured and the styles will be eclectic. \$3 at the door, beverages and snacks available for purchase as well as the entertainers' CD's. For more information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Animal blessing

Blessing of the animals at 11 a.m. worship Sunday, Sept. 30, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Bring your domestic animals to the fellowship hall to be blessed during this special service. Call (734) 464-0211.

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

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Grief recovery

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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. For those of you wondering, the main difference between Love and Logic and Smart Discipline is Smart Discipline addresses and is extremely effective with a wider range of behaviors.

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 to allow 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.

Reformed Protestant Service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are welcome to attend. Rev. Robert McCurley of Greenville, South Carolina will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or visit www.westminsterconfession.

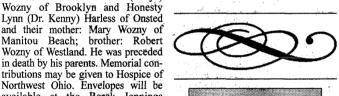
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Danny Bourque Dearest Friend of Larry Alexander and John Wiper. Loving Grandmother of eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Loyal and loving pet Baby. Please make donations to Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements were through the Voran Funeral Home (Taylor Chapel). Please visit our OnLine

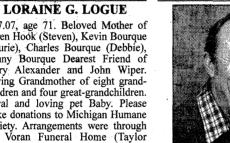
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ROBERT H. LASKEY Age 74, Westland, 9-13-2007. Burial

Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Westland, Uht Funeral Home







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THADDEUS (Ted)

Age 85, of Livonia, September 13, 2007. Ted was the beloved husband for 62 years of the late Mary Ann (Wolnick), dearest and best dad to Carol (Steve) Lawrence, Kenneth Opalinski, and Robert (Diane) (Darlene) Opalinski, proudest grand a of Jill and Matthew (Jacque) Lawrence, Jeffrey, Ryan, and Brian Opalinski, and a special great-grand-pa to Austin and Kaitlynn. Ted was the youngest of six "Opalinski boys' and was preceded in death by all his brothers. He served in Word War II as a specialist radar technician in the Pacific. He founded and operated Norwest Electronics for 50 years in metro Detroit. A Livonia resident for 50 years, he served on various boards and committees, ran for city council man, and served 17 years as a traffic commissioner. He served as president of the Livonia Lions Club, commander of the Polish Legion of American

Veterans and was a member of the

Livonia Elks. Donations may be sent

to the Alzheimers Association of

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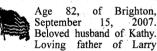
Allens sing

pleased to present The Allens 10:45 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth

Died September 17, 2007 at the age of 83. Beloved wife of the late Willard "Bob". Dear mother of Gary (Ann), Linda (Jim) Morgan, Jan (Paul) Snyder, and Mark (Marilee). Grandmother of Lauren, Kristen, Michael, David, Vincent, and the late Erin. Great-grandmother of Irie. Sister of Woodrow "Bud" Pickering. The family suggests memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by:

Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 734-425-1800.

JACK PERRY McLEAN



(Dara), Brad (Denise), Jay (Terry), Nancy (Rick) Reno, Katie (Lance) Greane and Karrie (Bill) Martin. Dear grandfather of Bryan, Amy, Jessica, Chelsea, Danielle, Sarah, Kevin, Mead, Isaac, Adam and the late Lisa. Also many loving extended family and dear friends. Mr. McLean was a teacher, athletic director and a dedicated coach with Dondero High School for 39 years. He was a proud member of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame. Jack served as a Marine in WWII and was a Purple Heart recipient. Funeral was held at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, Novi, Septr-18th. Father George Charnley officiated. Burial, Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Jack McLean Athletic Scholarship Fund, Royal Oak High School Athletic Dept., 1500 Lexington, Royal Oak, MI 48073 Att: Sam Lynch. For further information please call Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors, Milford 248-684-6645.

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Church in Rochester for over 60

years. She served in various capaci-

ties at church including President of

the ECW and Altar Guild. She twice

received the Distinguished Philippian

Award. She and her husband, George,

started Sargeant's Cider Mill (current-

ly Rochester Cider Mill) back in the

early 1950's. Funeral Service Friday,

1:00pm at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Rochester, 100 Romeo Rd.

Visitation Friday 11:30 am until the

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84th birthday. She was born to Louis and Catherine (Thelen) Pohl in Westphalia, Michigan on September 16, 1923 and named Adeline Catherine at her baptism. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1944. There she received the name, Sister Marv Bernice, and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1950. Sister Mary Bernice earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mercy College of Detroit in 1951 and a master's in nursing from Catholic University of America in 1960. During her 43 years as a nurse she served as supervisor at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, Mercy Hospital in Jackson and St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. The majority of her professional years, however, ere devoted to nursing education. She was director of St. Lawrence Hospital School of Nursing and Mercy School of Nursing in Dubuque, Iowa, and effectively transitioned the latter to a collaborative program with the local community college. Sister Mary Bernice later became assistant to the dean of the nursing education program at Mercy College of Detroit where she worked with faculty and students for 18 years. She joined the support staff at McAuley Center in 1994 and retired there two years later. Sister Mary Bernice was entrusted with varied responsibilities throughout her life but always handled them gracefully. As she cared for patients and worked with young women who chose nursing as a career, her compassionate heart, attention to professional standards and nonassuming manner endeared her to all. JULIA E. SARGEANT She enjoyed sewing, cooking, praying Age 92, of Rochester, died September and sharing life with the members of 17, 2007. A long time Rochester resident, residing in Rochester for over her religious community and family. Sister Mary Bernice is survived by her 67 years. Beloved wife of the late sisters, Rosaline (Delbert) Smith of George Loving Mother of Judy Lansing; Sisters Dorothy Pohl, Mary (David) de Steiger. Proud Grandma of Ann Pohl and Bernadine Pohl, all of Joe (Ashlee), Rachel and Jaclyn de whom are Dominican Sisters from Racine, Wisconsin; brothers Rev. Steiger, Sister of Lucy Bando and Hugh Preston. Julia was an active Father Leon Pohl of Coldwater; member of St. Philips Episcopal Norbert (Marian) Pohl of Fowler;

Gerald (Joan) Pohl of Fowler and

Joseph (Marie) Pohl of Holt; many

nieces and nephews; friends; and

Sisters of Mercy. A welcoming service

will take place on September 18, 2007

at 3 pm at McAuley Center, 28750 W.

Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills,

followed by a remembrance service at

pm. The Mass of Resurrection will

be celebrated in McAuley Center's

Sacred Heart Chapel on September 19,

2007 at 10:30 am, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington

Hills, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington

Hills, MI 48336.

Sister Mary Bernice Pohl, RSM

Sister of Mercy, Nursing **Educator and Supervisor** (Farmington Hills, MI) – Sister Mary Bernice Pohl, RSM died at McAuley

Michigan, Livonia Lions High Nooners, or Angela Hospice. Family and friends will gather Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 10 AM until an 11 AM. Memorial Mass at St. Maurice Catholic Church, 32765 Lyndon Avenue, Livonia MI. Please Retirement Center in Farmington Hills share memories with the family at: on September 15, 2007, the eve of her www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. **Rummage sale**

Huge variety of household goods, clothing, jewelry, books, toys and items too numerous to mention at Plymouth United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, between Sheldon and Beck, Plymouth. Sale begins Tuesday Sept. 25 at noon through 7 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a \$4 per bag sale 3-5 p.m. Fund-raiser for United Methodist Women with all proceeds to benefit those in need here and around the world.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist 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.

HeartCry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4. Rummage sale

Orchard United Methodist Women present the annual Fall Rummage sale 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, and the bag sale 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 29, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For directions or information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

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

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.

Father Solanus concert

Remembering Father Solanus - A Simple Man concert 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit (48207). Featuring the Rev. William Cunningham Memorial Choir, The Metro Catholic Gospel Choir, and John R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy, Tickets are \$15. (313) 579-2100.

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. Fall schedule

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc. orq.

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-youcan-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. 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 buffetstyle 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.

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.

org, or phone the church at (703) 359-0192

Men's breakfast

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

South Pacific

The Chancel Choir of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia will present "South Pacific" 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 in the fellowship hall of the church located on W. Chicago, between Merriman and Farmington roads, Livonia. "South Pacific," featuring classic musical selections such as "Some Enchanted Evening," "There's Nothin' Like a Dame," and "Bali Hai," earned Rodgers and Hammerstein extraordinary reviews and a Tony Award for best musical. It was the second musical to ever receive the Pulitzer Prize for drama. A sell-out crowd is expected. Tickets are \$5 and may be reserved by calling (734) 422-0494 or Marilyn Hirtzel at (734) 422-0841. **Celebration of life Mass**

In honor of Respect Life Sunday, St. Aidan's Parish will host a Celebration of Life Mass with Monsignor John Kasza as celebrant and our contemporary choir will perform 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at St. Aidan's, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, Light refreshments and fellowship to follow. For more information, call (734)

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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 ferences and similarities of Christian CROP Walker envelopes and informa- and Judaic Religions. They will speak

tion, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

Blessing of the Animals Service 5

Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083

p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Episcopal

Newburgh, Livonia. All pets are wel-

come. Treats will be provided. For

or visit www.holyspirit-livonia.org

Orchard United Methodist Church,

30450 Farmington Road, Farmington

Oct. 7. Everyone is invited to join in

The Detroit West District Peace

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F. Stewart, III, senior pastor, Hope

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and Judaic Religions. They will speak from the same text with different perspectives and engage in dialogue with audience questions and answers, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern, near Lasher, Southfield. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call Barbara Talley at (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137.

Training class-Level I

Six-week training in conflict, peacemaking and reconciling begins Oct. 9, and continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the West District Peace Center, Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern, Southfield. Open to the public. The program covers resolving conflict, personal, family, church, and workplace using Christian biblical principles. Registration fee \$15, includes Peacemaker Book by Ken Sande. To register, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137, or e-mail Barbara Talley at peacecenter@sbcgobal.net.

Celebration

BELIEFS & VALUES

Minister Mary Edwards is celebrating 65-years of life, 33-years of ministry, 25-years full-time ministry 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3837 W. Seven Mile, Detroit. Please RSVP by Oct. 4, by calling (313) 347-0726.

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 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. **Fall craft show**

Get a 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 available 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. Applications being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen. **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

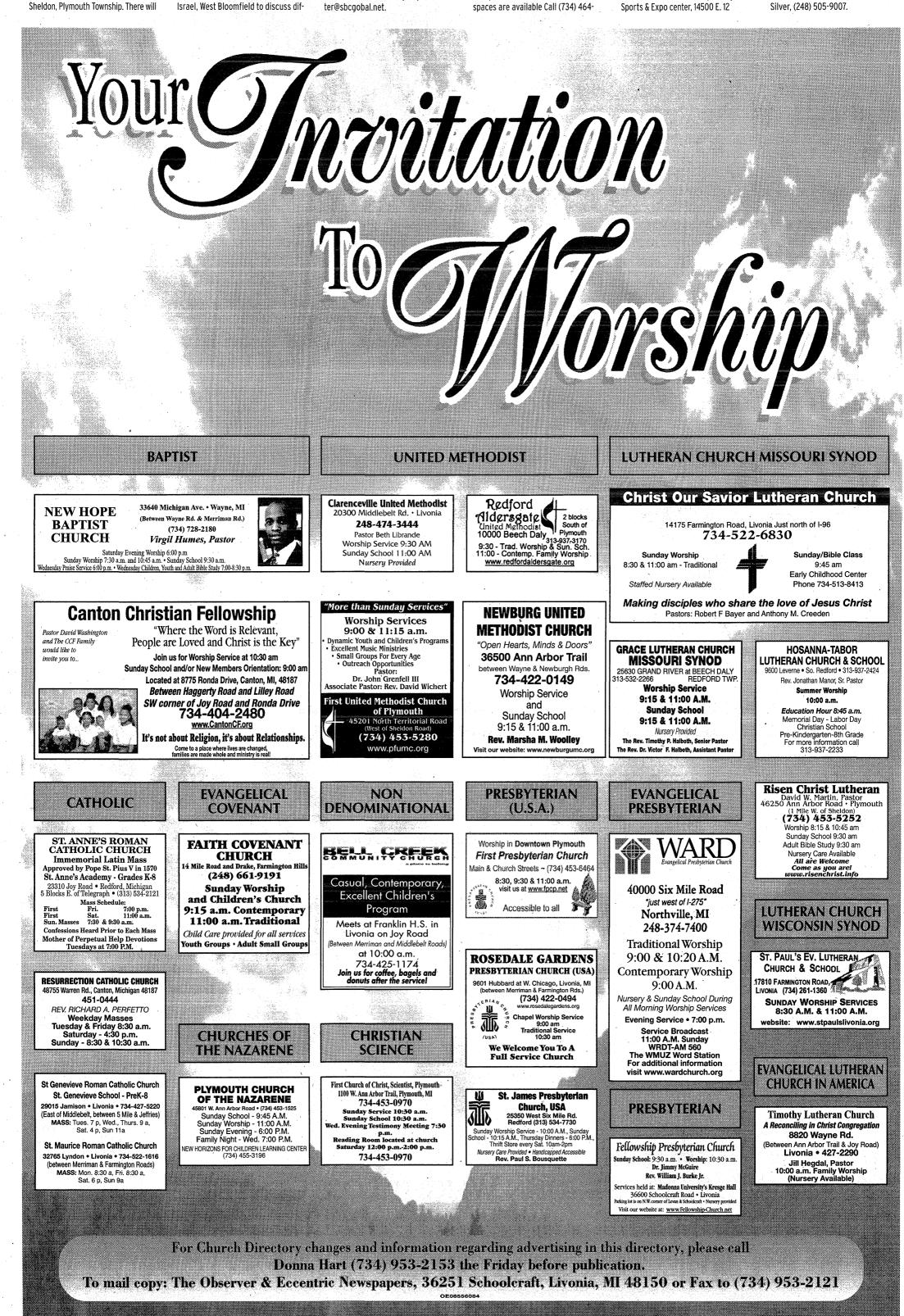
Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry. org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

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Benefit

Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night Of Card Games & Mahjongg 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25, 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family, Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007.

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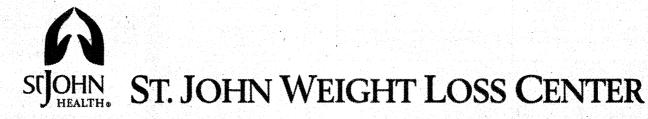
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Indie film producers find locales close to home

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

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It's not like Hollywood. You won't see the city's name plastered in huge white letters on a hillside, simply because there is no bump in the road high enough.

But Anthony Vallone and Sara Stepnicka are doing their best to put Garden City on the independent film road map.

The western Wayne County community is home for their production company, ValloNicka Films, as well as one of several locales featured in their upcoming release, Sometimes in Life.

"We wanted to represent the Detroit area in the film, we wanted to showcase it," said Stepnicka. "The Detroit area doesn't get the recognition filmwise, it's music, cars and sports. We want to get major producers to come here."

Working with a \$20,000 budget, the duo shot Sometimes in Life over 16 days in August and September 2006 at spots around Wayne County. The pier on Newburgh Lake in Livonia, the Garden Cafe in Garden City, the Whole Food Market in Bloomfield Hills and the Rainbow Room in Detroit as well as homes in Garden City, Livonia and Dearborn Heights were used.

A nighttime street shoot in Livonia drew attention not only from people living in the neighborhood, but by a passing motorcyclist.

"A guy on a Harley was looking at the set and crashed into the grip truck Sara had rented," said Vallone. "The

TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Actress Gunhild Giil (from left), actress and co-producer Sara Stepnicka and producer Anthony Vallone, along with fellow co-star, and family pet, Molson, revisit Newburgh Lake in Livonia where scenes from their independent movie, "Sometimes in Life," were filmed in August and September 2006.

motorcycle was trashed and it delayed filming, but we had to laugh about it ... not at that time ... but especially since it wasn't my car."

Local restaurants like Dario's in Garden City were sponsors and provided food for the cast and crew, and businesses like Better Made, Faygo, Liz Lovely Cookies and Nutriciolicious Doughnuts also provided food and allowed their products to be featured in the film.

'When you're in indie films around here, you usually get, pizza, pizza, pizza," said actress Gunhild Giil who appeared in the film. "The quality of the food on this production was amazing.'

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'WONDERFUL ACTORS'

The Norwegian-born Giil was among the cast Vallone and Stepnicka picked for the film. They worked with the I Group for casting, attracting the likes of Wayne David Parker, Ethan Sue and Angela Roberts. Even the couple's dog Molson has a part in the movie.

"We had wonderful actors, we were fortunate to have them," said Vallone. "Gigi (Giil) was a wonderful find."

Gill plays the role of cheating best friend opposite Stepnicka who joins the ranks of Drew **Barrymore and Sandra Bullock** as an actor-producer.

"It was an awesome experience, we became like a family," Giil said. "There are things happening in Michigan, the film industry is a small community, so everyone knows someone, but this is the first film I've dome where I didn't know anyone."

"The chemistry was really, really good," added Stepnicka.

Even with the low budget, Vallone and Stepnicka paid the cast and crew, a "cool thing because the film industry here generally doesn't pay the cast." They used the Screen Actors

Guild agreement for low-budget films. The budget determined how much they were paid each day, plus the cast received points, so in the end they get a percentage when the film hits distribution, Stepnicka said.

The film is in post-production and Vallone and Stepnicka are looking for music. So far they have lined up music by Presley, the Bloids out of Ann Arbor and The Cetan Clawson Revolution. "He's an absolutely amazing

guitarist," said Stepnicka of Clawson. "I'm glad his song is over one of my scenes. It's the one when I find out my girlfriend has been unfaithful."

By using technology, Vallone and Stepnicka were able to hold down costs. They filmed Sometimes in Life in high definition with high speed film in a format for HDTV. They're working with CustomFlixs, which helped with their previous film Mongol King, in producing and packaging the DVDs and customer service.

COLLEGE START

Vallone ventured into filmmaking while at EMU. He enrolled in the film program for the experience and left before getting his degree.

"I started producing films and it took on a life of its own," he said. "I went through the classes knowing that I wanted

His first film, In the Bag, out in 1998, was picked up by the Independent Film Channel. Stepnicka graduated from EMU with a degree in management and theater performance and production. She met Vallone her second year at EMU. They met romantically. She didn't know he was into film production until he her brought a script he'd never let anyone one read.

"We've been together 10 years and working together for nine," she said. "It's all about compromise"

The film has been in postproduction and is within weeks of being finished. Vallone and Stepnicka plan to take the film to the Bare Bones International Film and Music Festival in

Theater in Novi. "We may well do showings at colleges," Vallone added. Helping them get the word out about the film is Lee Raunchey and her Silver

Media Group. The Garden City resident specializes entirely in film and music publicity. Utah and the Detroit-Windsor

"We were fortunate to find her," said Vallone. "She has an inside track in the film and music industry. She's recognized by people wherever she goes."

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Raunchey has been in the business for 15 years and counts among her clients bands like Dendura, "a female Egyptian-themed progressive metal band with belly dancers." She also helped promote another indie film, Broken, directed by Derek Justice of Farmington and David DeLeon of Sandusky, Ohio.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-September 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call; Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of August 28, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments: None. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. PUBLIC HEARING ON MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2008 BUDGETS; Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. on Millage Rates and FY 2008 Budgets. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. on Millage Rates and FY 2008 Budgets. Motion carried unanimously. The proposed December 1, 2007 millage rates are as follows:

	2006 Millage Rate	Proposed 2007 Millage Rate	Increase (Decrease)
Charter millage	2.3660	2.6160	0.2500
Fire Special			
Assessment Millage	2.1580	2.3580	0.0000
Police Special		1	
Assessment Millage	4.1260	3.6760	(0.2500)
Total	8.6500	8.6500	(0.0000)

The actual December 1, 2007 millage rates will be set at the Board's September 25, 2007 meeting. PUBLIC HEARING -CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR MAPCO Motion by Bennett, supported by MANUFACTURING. Kirchgatter to open the public hearing at 7:21p.m. to consider tax abatement for Mapco Manufacturing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Mapco Manufacturing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution approving application of Mapco Manufacturing Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1.BUDGET AMENDMENT-FEDERAL GRANTS FUND 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant program: Increase Revenues :\$374,160, Increase Appropriations :\$374,160 This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$298,206.14 to\$672,366.14. Item 2. REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS FOR ADULT DAY SERVICES. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to cancel the FY 2007 Teen Parenting Program because of the lack of a service provider, and to

35th District Court NOTICE

The 35th District Court is accepting bids for its Assigned Counsel Program (Public Defender's Program). The contract will be awarded from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. Bidders must not be single practitioners and must have offices in, or reside in the Court's jurisdiction: Cities of Plymouth or Northville, and Townships of Canton, Plymouth, or Northville. Sealed bids must be received by 4:00pm, Oct. 15, 2007. Please clearly mark envelope with "CAA BID" and address to: Debra Kubitskey, Court Administrator, 660 Plymouth Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170. Interested parties are invited to contact Ms. Kubitskey for (734) 781-0123 further information at or dkubitskey@35thdistrictcourt.org.

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Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)981-0303 on 9/28/07 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due. 4294 - Diane Jacobs - 5 Boxes, 10 Totes, Misc Items 5229 - Harold Greene - Sofa, Ladder, Child's Bike 5266 - Thomas Nakamoto - 2 Tool Boxes, 40 Boxes, Trunk 6221 - Clare Pratt - 20 Boxes, Misc Items 6244 – Brenda Owens – 5 Boxes, 2 Bags, Misc Items

6256 - Thomas Nakamoto - 8 Golf Clubs, 10 Boxes, Misc Items

6048 – Nadeem Ahmed – Ice machine, 20 chairs, grill

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Personal property described below in the matter of: 4076 - James Peters - TV, 10 Boxes, Misc Items 4253 - Kevin Diaz - 10 Boxes, Stereo, Portable TV

to make films."

	3016 – Constance Burnett – Sofa, Loveseat, Gas Grill	reprogram budgeted funds (\$1,499) to FY 2007 Adult Day Service (Account #274-666-847-2007, Adult Day Services); and further to
	Publish: September 13 & 20, 2007	designate Revival Outreach Center the new service provider for
Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.	OE08555518 - 2:3	Adult Day Services. Motion carried unanimously. <u>GENERAL</u> <u>CALENDAR:Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR BEST BUT</u>
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service		RETAIL CENTER. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to
Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage		adopt the resolution for site plan for Best Buy Retail Center
(formerly Shurgard) located at 41889 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187	CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON	Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. POLICE BUDGET TRANSFER - CONTRIBUTIONS TO POST EMPLOYMENT
(734)254-0243 on 9/28/07 at 11:00 am. Sales are for cash only.	INVITATION TO BID	BENEFITS. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin t
Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.	NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of	approve the following budget transfer in police fund budget
Personal property described below in the matter of:	Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed	Decrease Appropriations Fringe Benefits : (\$200,000),Increas Appropriations: Post Employment Benefits : \$200,000 This budge
1018 – Gary Butler – Portable Stereo, TV, End Table	bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 4,	transfer neither increases nor decreases the FY 2007 Police Fun
1059 – Angela Miller – 50 Boxes, Dresser, Speakers 2035 – Julie Sethavarangura – Clothing, 10 Boxes, Trunk	2007 for the following:	Budget. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF RADIOS – POLICE DRUG FORFEITURES
2057 – John Neumann Jr – TV, Stereo, Ladder	PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SERVICE BODY	Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve th
2066 – Venessa Smith – Fax Machine, Love Seat, Misc Items 3052 – Kenneth Berrie – Aquarium, Telescope, Dresser		purchase of 17 EX600 XLS prep radios and microphone pacs from
9269 – Derrick McDonald – TV, VCR, Dresser	Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org , or you may contact Mike	ComSource Inc, 2130 Austin Dr, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 in th amount of \$14,219.50, funds to come from police drug forfeiture
Publish: September 13 & 20, 2007	Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed	account # 207 301 744 0000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4
OE08655530 - 2x2.5	envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening.	CONSIDER PURCHASE OF ADDITONAL SERVE
	The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all	STORAGE SPACE. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatte to approve the reprogramming of capital in order to create a capital
	proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race,	line item for the purchase of additional server storage and remot
MAYFLOWER TOWING	color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.	set up support from L3 Communications, 90 Fanny Road, Boonton
1179 STARKWEATHER DI YMOUTHI MI 49170		NJ 07005 in the amount of \$8822: Police Capital Outla Reprogramming, Vehicle Replacements - Line Item #10 ,(\$8822)
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (734) 459-0053	TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK	Additional Server Storage - Line Item# \$8822 . Motion carrie
NOTICE OF SALE	Publish: September 20, 2007 0E08557077-2:3	unanimously. Item 5. FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUI IRRIGATION SYSTEM. Motion by Bennett, supported b
		McLaughlin to approve a purchase order for irrigation control
The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to F.S. 713.78 On September 27, 2007 at 10:00		system and irrigation replacement to Spartan Distributors Inc
a.m.	Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.	1050 N. Opdyke Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48236 in the amount of \$316,683.28. Expenses charged to account #469-900-971-2110.
VEHICLE V.I.N.	Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or	further move to approve the following budget amendment in th
1991 Dodge 1B7KM26Z6M5251999	Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage	Capital Projects Golf Course Fund to increase the line item for
1994 Ford 1FALP5348RG244767 1996 GMC 1GKDT13W0T2573198	(formerly Shurgard) located at 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor,	additional 2007 project items: Increase Revenues:Appropriatio from Fund Balance #469-000-699-0000 ,\$316,684,Increas
1995 Buick 1G4HR52L8SH476204	MI 48104-6130 (734)973-5584 on 9/29/07 at 2:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in	Appropriations: Site Improvements-Golf Course #469-900-97
1997 Chevrolet 2G1WW12M4V9142498	which rent and fees are past due.	2110, \$316,684. This budget amendment increases the 2007 budget
1995 Chrysler 1C3EJ56H2SN596428 1994 Mercury 2MELM74W1RX677676	en e	for the Capital Projects Golf Course Fund from \$588,593 t \$905,277. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. Award Bid fo
1994 Mitsubishi 4A3AJ46G3RE047310	Personal property described below in the matter of: 6006 – Bernice Holman – 5 Bags, 4 Boxes, Misc Items	Pheasant Run Golf Club Pond Bank Stabilization. Motion b
1998 Saturn 1G8ZK5271WZ133597	6001 – Marcia Washington – China Cabinet, Dryer, Freezer	Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for the
1998 Chevrolet 2G1FP22K7W2139672 2000 Ford 1FAFP4049YF246530	5057 – Angela Sumpter – Washer, Dryer, 7 Totes	Pheasant Run Golf Club pond bank stabilization to Reliabl Landscaping, 8285 Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount
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	2036 – Frederick Wurtsmith – 50 Boxes, Dresser, Trunk	#4. Motion carried unanimously Item 7. AUTHORIZE BUDGE INCREASE FOR PART-TIME WAGES AND OVERTINM
	Publish: September 13 & 20, 2007	FOR VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL. Motion b
NOFTHER	OE08555506 - 242.5	Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the increase i Village Theater Part-Time Wages account # 101-760-706-0000 i
		the amount of \$74,200 for a total of \$184,200 and Overtime account
NOTICE TO BIDDERS	CANTEON DOLLOTE DEDADOMATENTO	# 101-760-708-0000 in the amount of \$7,000 for a total of \$10,500.
(The second sec	CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.	further move to increase Village Theater Revenue Performing Art Center Program Revenue Account # 101-000-652-7600 by \$4,000 fo
Chours we	CANTON, MI 48188	a total of \$64,000, and increase account Performing Arts Center
Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will		Facility Rental Revenue # 101-000-669-7600 by \$124,600 for a tota
accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., Local Standard Time,	The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction September 25, 2007 at 10:00 AM.	of \$264,600. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. PROPERT SALE EXTENSION. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughli
Tuesday, October 9, 2007. The bid opening will take place at 10:00	The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix	to that the Canton Township Board of Trustees approve the First
a.m., Local Standard Time, Tuesday, October 9, 2007 for the following:	Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting	Amendment to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement betwee Canton Township and Mr. Frank Powelson (April 10, 2007) t
SECURITY CAMERAS - DOWNTOWN/PARKING DECK	bid is for towing and storage.	extend the closing date for the sale of 62.71 acres to on, or before
Specifications and bid documents are available in the City	YEAR MAKE MODEL BODY VIN# 1982 DODGE CHALLENGER 2-DR JB3BD4377CY410833	October 31, 2007. Further, that the Board authorize the Supervise
Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170	1996 DODGE CARAVAN S/W 2B4FP25B4TR800223	to sign the amendment. Motion carried unanimousl ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Additional public commen
during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: http://	1999 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DR 1G1JC1241X7276893 1991 DODGE SPIRIT 4-DR 1B3XA46K2MF516375	related to concern of the traffic issues at the intersection of Canto
www.ci.plymouth.mi.us. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to	1991 DODGE SPIRIT 4-DR 1B3XA46K2MF516375 1994 FORD F-150 P/U 2FTDF15Y1ECA92207	Center and Geddes Road. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supporte
accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any	1988 HONDA CIVIC 4-DR 1HGED3549JA003483	by Bennett to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –
irregularities.	1998LINCOLNCONT4-DR1LNFM97V7WY6474421994FORDTAURUS4-DR1FALP52UXRA121900	Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charte
Linda J. Langmesser, CMC	1994 FORD TAURUS 4-DR IFALP520XRA121900 1993 PONTIAC GR. AM 2-DR 1G2NE1432PM584149	Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regula
City Clerk - Čity of Plymouth	1995 FORD WINDSTAR S/W 2FMDA5148SBD58148	business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.
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Clutter a detriment to home sale chances

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Some local homes are taking longer to sell these days and frequently command less than the asking price, if and when they do. First impressions are more important than ever so Realtors want their clients' home hotel-bare, according to Tom Todoroff, owner of the Farmington franchise of 1 800 GOT-JUNK.

This ensures potential buyers can envision themselves in the space and often allows homes to sell faster and for higher value.

The folks at 1 800 GOT-JUNK have come up with a simple threestep strategy to make a house market-ready.

Visualize: Homeowners want to sell, but deciding what to keep and what to let go of is the hardest task. By deciding on an overall theme or style (most Realtors agree less is more) they have a measuring point.

Assess: Once the vision for the room is set, items can be assessed according to whether or not they fit into the decided theme for each room. Other questions to ask are: When did I use it last? Is this a duplicate? Does it hold sentimental value?

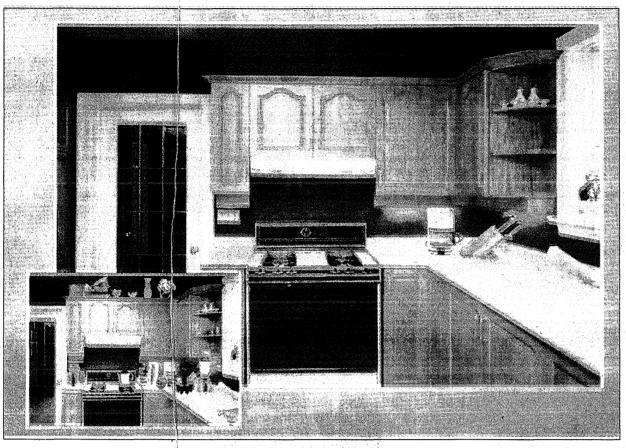
Action: Once the decision has been made about what stays and what goes items are categorized into piles: items for donation; items for recycle; items for re-sell; items for the landfill.

Todoroff, a Wolverine Lake resident, acknowledges that even he can be lax on clearing out stuff he no longer needs.

"You don't even notice that you acquire them," he said of possessions. "We are a society of buyers." His kids play with things he's bought and don't pick them up again.

"If you purchase something, you don't want to throw it away. We just keep putting things off to the side, we don't make a decision on it. "It best here a source and the source of the s

"It has become very important,"



Todoroff said of making a home spacious to help it sell. Driving that is part of the effort to sell and move on. "We help people declutter. We help people get their space back." Some rooms are unusable when 1 800 GOT-JUNK staffers arrive to do their work.

"If you're going to sell your home, every Realtor and every staging company will tell you less is more. They want to see their personal things there, or be able to imagine them there," Todoroff said of pot ential buyers.

He's worked with staging companies to make homes more attractive for sale. "When you're on the opposite side of the fence that's not what you see," he said of Grandm a's knickknacks, which a potential buyer most likely will see as clutter. His business is doing more and "If you're going to sell your home, every Realtor and every staging company will tell you less is more. They want to see their personal things there, or be able to imagine them there."

TOM TODOROFF, 1 800 GOT-JUNK franchise owner

more work in that area of preparing for home sale, gathering items for donation and recycling. "There's definitely a trend toward those types of jobs." There are some sellers who need to move rather than just going to a bigger house out of choice. He bought the franchise in November 2005, and it existed before that. "It's across the country," with 1 800 GOT-JUNK franchises in the U.S. and Canada, along with Australia and the United Kingdom.

"I talk to other partners. We have regional meetings and national meetings. It is definitely something they find," he said of the trend.

"Farmington's a relatively wealthy community. They're trying to protect their investment," he said of those on the move.

Todoroff's found people look at his service, and how much it costs. After they go, the reaction is "I can't believe how much room there is. They don't realize what they've acquired and don't need. Our job is to try to help them. We try and help them out."

Tax credits complex, boon to developer

Q. I am a new real estate developer and I am wondering what types of federal tax credits I might be able to obtain for my "disadvantaged properties"?

A. While this column cannot provide you with all of the potential benefits through federal tax credits.



the Internal Revenue Code provides a federal tax credit of either 10 or 20 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred in connection with the rehabilitation of a qualified building.

Robert Meisner

To be eligible for the
 20 percent credit,
 the building must
 v listed in the National

be individually listed in the National Registry of Historic Places or contribute to an historic district that is listed in the National Register, and the rehabilitation must comply with the design and construction principles of the Secretary of Interior's standards for rehabilitation.

Nonresidential, non-historic buildings that were originally placed in service prior to 1936 are also eligible for a 10 percent federal credit. The 10 percent credit can also be applied to a mixed use project (e.g., first floor retail and upper floor loft apartments) as long as the rent revenue generated by the residential portion of each building is less than 80 percent of each building's total annual gross rental revenue. In addition, there are some general restrictions that apply to both credits. To claim a 20 percent credit, the rehabilitation must be certified by the National Park Service. You are best advised to consult with

You are best advised to consult with your accountant or other tax adviser.

Realtors applauded for fair housing work

The Michigan Association of Realtors is being awarded the 2007 Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit's Fair Housing Leadership Award, following the creation of a "self -testing" fair housing program. The plan is designed to help its members evaluate their real estate practices in terms of fair housing guidelines and determine if each client is being treated equally.

This program is the first of its kind, as MAR is the nation's original state Realtor association to implement such a program. MAR's Chief Executive Officer Bill Martin and President Furhad Waquad spearheaded the program's creation. Both were honored by FHC for their progressive efforts at the 10th annual This program is the first of its kind, as MAR is the nation's original state Realtor association to implement such a plogram. MAR's Chief Executive Officer Bill Martin and President Furhad Waquad spearheaded the program's creation. Both were honored by FHC for their progressive efforts at the 10th annual Fair Housing Leadership Awards Reception.

Fair Housing Leadership Awards Reception, held Sept. 19, as well as in the September issue of *Fair Housing News*. MAR hopes the project will thrive and encourage similar associations to follow with their own fair housing programs.

For updated information on fair housing, please visit MAR's web site at www.mirealtors. com or www.fairhousinginmichigan.org.

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Q. We have standard subdivision documents that require a dwelling unit that has to be used for residential purposes only by a single family and a basement may not be used as a temporary or permanent residence. One of our owners has a 9-year-old retarded child that needs full-time attention and she's using the basement to house a caretaker for the child. Does the association have a basis to pursue her?

A. It is certainly within the spirit and intent of the 1988 Fair Housing Act Amendments to accommodate the homeowner's request. It may also be a wake-up call to the older owners in the association that they too may need a live-in caretaker during the time they are owners. I would recommend that the Board not take any action in this regard, after discussing it with their attorney.

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.

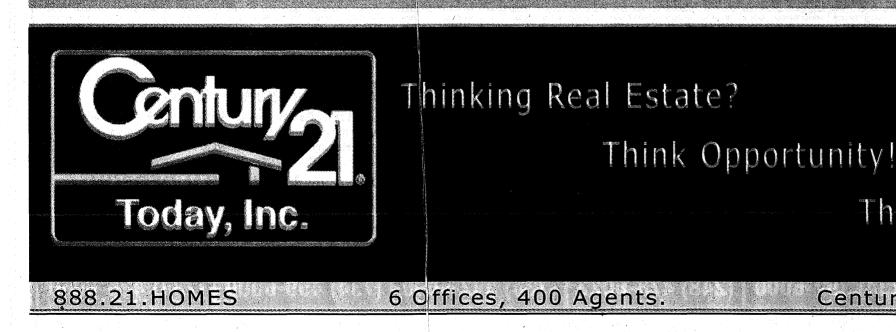
Birmingham and Troy make the grade for schools

Birmingham and Troy have been named among the Top 25 places to live and go to school. Relocate-America.com, a Web site that provides relocating consumers access to resources for their upcoming relocation has released its 2007 list of "America's Top 25 Places to Live To Go to School."

"Over the past 12 months we received nominations for thousands of great schools across the country, all vying to be part of the annual list," said Steve Nickerson, president and CEO. "This year's main nomination and selection process factors ranged from school spirit to the number of students going on to higher education and the involvement of teachers in the lives of their students."

In order to make the list, a school must first be nominated by some one familiar with the community's benefits. Relocate-America's editorial team reviews the nominations for compelling reasons that make the community stand out for schools. The top 25 towns were chosen because they offered specialized programs, unique offerings and nontraditional curriculum. Other considerations included communities with strong public schools, private institutions, charter schools and other specialized training schools.

Anyone can nominate a town by visiting www. RelocateAmerica.com and completing the questionnaire.



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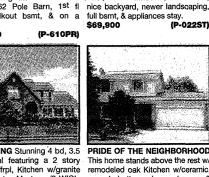
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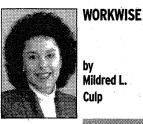


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SECRETS TO SUCCESS IN OWNING MULTIPLE BUSINESSES



Some people can't imagine owning a business, because they prefer more specialized work or can't stomach selling

and marketing. Then there are other people, for whom a single business isn't enough. Imagine having three or more. How do owners keep everything together?

Ronald Park, managing partner at midsized accounting firm Park Fowler & Co. P.L.L.C., in Corpus Christi, owned four business in 1993 and today owns nine, all incorporated. Those he owns outright span his C.P.A. firm, a payroll outsourcer and two staffing companies. He owns half of another C.P.A. firm, a construction company, two equipment leasing companies and a private subprime mortgage provider.

"I meet every week with the manager of each business to make sure they're doing their job," he says, "to see if the company is off-budget or out of kilter. I've tried very hard to let my managers handle the responsibilities they're supposed to handle, instead of micromanaging." He spends about 90 percent of his time at Park Fowler, surviving some 12-hour days during tax season.

Stacey Koerner-Roney, founder and president of Beauty on Call Inc., a staffing agency in Chicago, has two other businesses, also incorporated. One is a nonprofit, providing beauty and spa services on location for women with cancer. Her third is a pay-for-placement public relations firm. "Luckily," she comments, "I found the right people to work with me; so it hasn't been overwhelming. They're entrepreneurial and have common sense; so they're able to manage while I step back and work on the bigger picture." She's owned all three operations for a year.

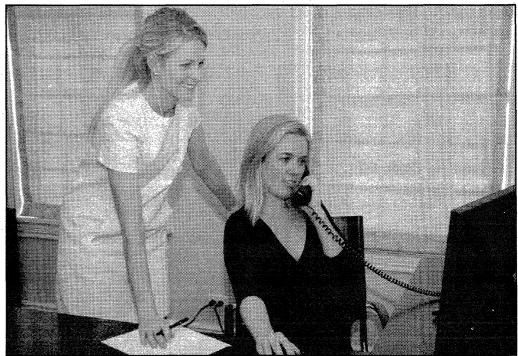
Echoing Park, she observes, "I'm not a micromanager. If I were, I'd have driven myself insane. I let go of the little details and always keep in mind the larger picture. I let my team make decisions. I let them make mistakes. My business isn't going to go under from a mistake. Every week we have individual and departmental meetings on how to build a business."

The enterprising Paul Pasha, president of Massage Concepts Inc., in New York City, has, for four years, owned three incorporated businesses -- a lender and equipment leaser, a waiting- room massage chair business and a wholesale medical equipment business. He states that the three of these enable him to do business consulting for start-ups and continue with clients as they grow. His secret? "As long as you are professional and organized, and you respect time, you can do multiple tasks," he notes.

PERFECT CHOICE

Park and Koerner-Roney kept adding businesses because clients kept bringing needs to them to fill. Pasha opened three simultaneously for the tax advantage. "It gives me an opportunity to keep my overhead low," he states. "If all three were under one corporation, my tax bracket would jump high. Cross-selling and crossreferencing keep me in a lower tax bracket."

Physical setting makes the difference for



Stacey Koerner-Roney (1.) president of Beauty on Call, and vice president Rachel Caliendo are scheduling an appointment. Koerner-Roney owns three businesses in Chicago.

Koerner-Roney. The family's businesses occupy much of a 5,200-sq. ft. house. Her businesses span one and one-half levels. His is on another level. "I have found it almost easier than the 14 years I worked for a large company," she comments, "where I had no control over my schedule or life." A full-time nanny watches their four monthold five feet from the office.

All three cross-sell, although Koerner-Roney does it the least. She and Park consider their multiple businesses spinoffs, targeting specific needs. "If you have an entrepreneurial spirit and a client has a need," Park comments, "you try to fill it." Koerner-Roney concurs, noting, "Whenever there's a need, we've expanded. It's almost felt like it fell into my lap."

Park could be speaking for each of the 15 businesses discussed here: "All of the businesses are growing and running on all cylinders." So are their owners. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)









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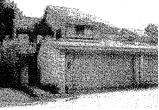
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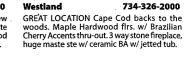
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734-455-7000 FIRST-TIME BUYER ALERT! Lovely 3BR/2.1BA colonial. Spacious kitchen w/lots of storage. Family rm w/wood burning stove, finished bsmt. Full fenced yard with patio and goldfish pond. (27092478) \$177,000



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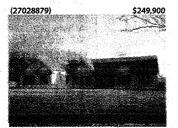
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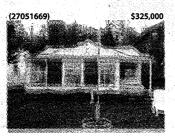
248-437-3800 Hamburg Great family home! Newly remodeled main floor. New kitchen and bath. Finished walkout basement with full bath. Beautifully landscaped including 3 ponds.



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Highland 248-684-1065 All sports lakefront. Stunning lake views. White kit w/ eat-in & DR. Fully windowed Fla rm. 1,000 sq ft home w/ 2 br & 1 ba. Huge LR. Quiet neighborhood.

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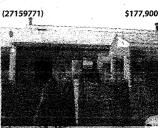
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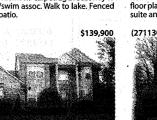
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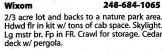




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Hard-working Whalers set to defend OHL title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth Whalers hit the ice Saturday night for the 2007 season opener against Erie, their helmets and visors won't be replaced by hard hats and safety goggles. But the defending Ontario

Hockey League champions will be equipped with a bluecollar mentality, head coach Mike Vellucci assured.

"We want to be the hardestworking team in the league

this year," said Vellucci, who lost several key players — including high-scoring Tom Sestito and hard-hitting Jared Boll — to the NHLduring the off-season. "We're going to be a very young team, so our young guys are going to be seeing a lot of ice time. We're going to have to make up for the inexperience with hard work."

Vellucci said the nucleus of returning players will be driven by a desire to repeat what they accomplished during the 2006-07 campaign when the

Whalers bulldozed through their regular-season schedule before ultimately upending Sudbury in six games in the OHL Finals.

"Without a doubt, that will be the case," the reigning OHL Coach of the Year said. "This is a big year for guys like A.J. Jenks because it's his draft year and other guys like Chris Terry, who is ready to step up and be a leader for us.

"We have a couple of guys - Brett Bellemore and Zach Shepley — out with injuries, so other players are going to

have to step up until they get back."

Terry (a Carolina draftee), Jenks, Andrew Fournier and Vern Cooper will give the Whalers a formidable scoring punch.

At the other end of the ice, Plymouth is stocked with world-class goalies - that is, if their respective NHL teams don't stock them on their season-opening rosters.

As of Tuesday, last year's dynamic goal-tending duo of

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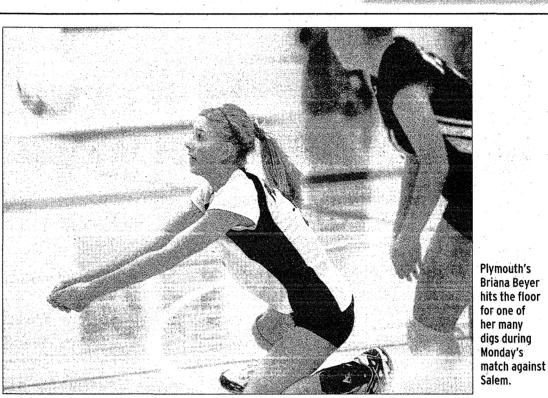
IN SEARCH OF A REPEAT

Who: Defending Ontario Hockey League champion Plymouth Whalers; What: Season-opening game against the

Erie Otters; When: Opening face-off is set for Saturday at 7:05; OHL championship banner-raising ceremony will commence at 7 p.m.;

Where: Compuware Arena, Beck Rd., Plymouth Township;

Tickets: Were still available as of Tuesday; contact the Whalers' box office at (734) 453-8400 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.



Salem edges Wildcats in thriller

BY ED WRIGHT

When the chips were down, their backs were against the wall and the pressure was on, the Salem volleyball team turned to its difference-maker Monday night against crosstown rival Plymouth.

Falcusan did everything except sing the National Anthem before the match and take down the net when it was over as she regis-

pointing ends to their Saturday tournaments, Amanda and I were concerned that it would tered 31 set assists, 10 digs, seven carry into Monday night's blocks, five kills and three service match," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "I think I can speak for both of us when I say that each team came out to play competitive volleyball. Any time you face a cross-campus rival, you always would like to come away with a win, but, unfortunately, it was not us tonight."

"Since both teams had disap-

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lanition news

■ The Detroit Ignition will kick off its Major Indoor Soccer League preseason schedule Saturday, Oct. 20, when it hosts the Cincinnati Excite at High Velocity Sports in Canton. The opening kick is set for noon.

Admission to the match is free with at least one canned food item or a donation to the Gleaners Food Bank.

Tickets to the Ignition's home opener at Compuware Sports Arena on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 7:35 p.m. are available at HVS at discounted prices. The regularly priced \$22 tickets may be purchased for \$17 a piece.

For more information, call (734) HV-SPORT or visit www.hvsports.com. The Ignition has asked approximately 30 players to participate in the club's invitation-only combine this weekend. The combine marks the next step for players competing for a spot on the 2007-08 Ignition roster.

The event will take place on Friday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and on Saturday from 9-11 a.m. Last season's combine featured current Ignition players Droo Callahan, Ryan Mack, Doug Rice and Worteh Sampson.

STAFF WRITER



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Kelly MacDonald skies high for a block during Monday's match against Plymouth. The Rocks rebounded from a Game 1 loss to defeat the Wildcats in four games.

And what a difference Jansan Falcusan made.

The three-year starter responded to the challenge with flying colors as she led the Rocks to a dramatic four-game triumph over the Wildcats: 24-26, 25-21, 27-25 and 25-12. The excruciatingly close outcome left the Rocks with a 9-6-3 match record; Plymouth slipped to 6-3-2.

aces.

"Jansan was absolutely phenomenal tonight," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "There's not much more that can be said about her. By far, she's one of the top setters in the state and one of the best to ever play for Salem. We have a very young team, but she stepped up and brought them together tonight with her leadership and athletic ability."

Both the Wildcats and Rocks were just 48 hours removed from grueling weekend tournaments in which they came up just short.

Salem built an early 20-15 advantage in Game 1 before the Wildcats clawed back behind the back-court play of Briana Beyer and the front-row heroics of Rachel Heaton and Mandy

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Chiefs retain 1st with 1-1 draw

Western. Northville's lone loss

this season came Aug. 28 when

the Chiefs handed it a 4-2 set-

The least Nolan wanted

when he lined up his free kick

Northville goal was to create a

approximately 35 yards from the

scoring opportunity for his team-

He got so much more when

his laser of a shot soared over the

outstretched hand of Northville

back at home.

mates.

Plymouth's Rolfe scores 6 goals. Please see Page C2.

> **BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

Canton's boys soccer team may not have locked up a WLAA Western Division title Monday night, but the Chiefs took a huge step toward tying one up. Senior captain Pat Nolan's goal

off a restart with 31:10 left gave the Chiefs a 1-1 tie with visiting Northville, which entered the match one game behind Canton in the Western standings.

The game-tying restart was created when Northville's Latif

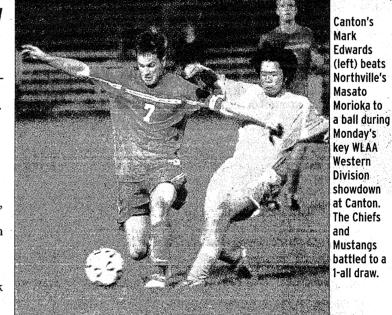
Alashe tripped up Canton's Mark keeper Jarrod Daul and into the back of the net to erase a 1-0 defi-Edwards as he cut through the cit — amazingly, the only deficit heart of the Northville mid-field. the Chiefs have faced this season. Canton is now 8-0-3 overall and 5-0-1 in the division while "I was trying to get it on net the Mustangs are 4-1-1 in the

so that it would have a chance to either go in or come off for a rebound," said Nolan, explaining his pre-kick mind set. "I figured if I just served it in there, they were probably going to win it out, so I might as well go for the net.

"It would have been nice to win tonight, but a tie is OK as long as

we play out well." Nolan said the secret to his team's success can be traced back

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

McClendon lauded

Former Canton football standout and current Saint Joseph's (Ind.) College freshman Deshon McClendon was named the Great Lakes Football Conference's Defensive Player of the Week for Sept. 15.

McClendon received the award on the strength of his performance in Saturday's 11-8 loss at Butler University. The first-year defensive back recorded six tackles, a forced fumble, an interception, tackle for a loss, and a pass deflection.

McClendon's efforts helped the Pumas hold the Bulldogs to 158 yards of total offense.

Penguins hockey

With conditioning workouts fast approaching, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls high school hockey team is looking for players for the upcoming season. For more information, contact Penguins coach Eric Mink at emink12@ yahoo.com.

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Winless teams should follow Michigan's lead

t worked for Lloyd Carr, so why not for Ryan Irish, Parker Salowich and Bob Snell?

The Michigan coach was looking for his first football win of the season Saturday so he brings in his good



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(CP)

luck charm, the Cinderella Man, none other than Aussie actor **Russell** Crowe. Crowe, who owns a rugby team Down Under, gave the Wolverines

Brad Emons

a pregame pep

talk and bam!! Down goes the Fighting Irish, 38-0.

So who can Ryan Irish, the Livonia Clarenceville coach, bring in to change the fortunes for the Trojans, who stand 0-4 overall and 0-4 in the Metro **Conference?**

If you're talking actors, why not Braveheart, none other than another Aussie, Mel Gibson. But with Macomb Lutheran

North (3-1, 3-0) coming to town on Friday, I have another suggestion.

Former Trojan great and Penn State linebacker Tim Shaw

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GRID PICKS

might make a cameo appearance Sudden Impact and turn oppoin lieu of the fact that he has yet to be activated as a member of the NFL Carolina Panthers' 53man roster.

Things get a trickier for Salowich, who still searching for his first win in 13 games as varsity coach of the Salem Rocks (0-4, 0-2), who take on Walled Lake Central (1-3, 1-1) Friday at home.

Personally, I'd call "The Duece," Rich Hewlett, the former U-M quarterback and Rocks' standout to come out of retirement and take a sabbatical from his law career. Let him run the wishbone attack and perform some of that old "Salem Witchcraft" on those Central defenders.

As for Snell, his Thurston Eagles (0-4, 0-2) have a golden opportunity to snap out of their doldrums this week in a Mega-Conference Blue Division date Friday at home against Garden City (1-3, 1-2).

I've got the perfect pregame guest.

He did that 1968 movie, Where Eagles Dare, - none other than the former Mayor of Carmel, Calif., Clint Eastwood. The Enforcer can provide

nents Every Which Way But Loose So there you have it. Just a

suggestion. Maybe something can be worked out.

As for your prep prognosticators. I'm in the lead with a 30-15 overall record despite going 6-4 last week.

Former leader Tim Smith, the **Redford-Garden City Sports** Editor, got criticized by the public at-large for his two Mega Conference picks last week - Thurston over state-ranked Highland Park and Redford Union over unbeaten Dearborn Fordson - came back down to earth going 5-5 and now stands one game off the pace at 29-16 overall.

(But give Smith some credit; he was the only one to correctly pick Plymouth over Canton in that PCEP matchup.)

Ironically, Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright finally got it right, going 8-2 to close the gap to three games. He is 27-18

THURSDAY'S GAMES

W.L. NORTHERN (0-4, 0-2) AT LIV. STEVENSON (4-0, 2-0), 7 P.M.: The Spartans' offensive attack may be the best the Western Lakes has seen since the Drew Stanton-Marcus Woods-Agim Shabaj Harrison juggernaut of Farmington Hills Harrison in 2001. Stevenson is averaging 45 points per game, while Northern gave up 55 points in last weekend to rival Walled Lake Central.

PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson).

CANTON (2-2, 1-1) AT W.L. WESTERN (3-1, 2-0): Any hopes of Canton defending its WLAA-Western Division and WLAA crown rest on this matchup against the host Warriors, who sit in the catbird's seat with a victory. The big question is: Can Canton get over its 22-20 loss against Plymouth?

PICKS: Emons (Western); Smith (Canton); Wright (Canton). W.L. CENTRAL (1-3, 1-1) AT SALEM (0-4, 0-2): The

Rocks will be looking to snap a 19game winning streak against a Central contingent that roughed up Walled Lake Northern, 55-7, last week. PICKS: Emons (Central), Smith (Central); Wright (Central). FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED) LIV. CHURCHILL (4-0, 2-0) AT WESTLAND GLENN (2-2, 1-1): The Chargers, off to their best start since 1978, will get their biggest test of the season to date against the Rockets, who are coming off a humbling 45-15 setback to Stevenson. It will be test for Churchill's defense to contain Glenn's speedy tandem of Keshawn Martin

and C.J. Woodford.

PICKS: Emons (Churchill): Smith (Churchill); Wright (Churchill). PLYMOUTH (3-1, 1-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (1-3, 1-1): The

loser will more than likely be out of the WLAA-Western Division race. Injuryplagued Franklin got a last-second win over Wayne Memorial, while the Wildcats broke new ground with a win over rival Canton.

PICKS: Emons (Franklin); Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Franklin).

WAYNE (2-2, 1-1) AT NORTHVILLE (0-4, 0-2): It's been a roller coaster ride so far for the Zebras, who might be 4-0 right now had it not been for fourth-quarter collapses in losses to Jackson and Franklin. Northville has yet to prove it can escape the cellar of the WLAA's Western Division. PICKS: Emons (Wavne); Smith

(Wayne); Wright (Wayne).

GIB. CARLSON (1-2, 0-2) AT REDFORD UNION (1-3, 0-2): This is unfamiliar territory for Miles Tomasaitis and his RU Panthers, who are off to an 0-2 start in the Mega-White. Carlson is coming off a 29-21 setback to Taylor Kennedy, while RU was no match for unbeaten Dearborn Fordson, 36-8.

PICKS: Emons (RU); Smith (RU); Wright (Carlson).

GARDEN CITY (1-3, 1-2) AT RED. THURSTON (0-4, 0-2): In this Mega-Blue matchup, Garden City is licking its wounds following a 50-6 loss last week to state-ranked Highland Park. Thurston, meanwhile, has only scored a total of 25 points thus far and needs to get its offense untracked.

PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Smith (Garden City); Wright (Thurston).

LUTHERAN NORTH (3-1, 3-0) AT CLARENCEVILLE (0-4, 0-The Trojans lost to the best team in the Metro Conference last week (45-6 to Harper Woods) after suffering three close losses to start the season. North, one of the conference favorites, is coming off a 37-6 breather against winless Hamtramck.

PICKS: Emons (Lutheran North); Smith (Clarenceville); Wright

(Lutheran North). HAMTRAMCK (0-4, 0-3) AT LUTH. WESTLAND (2-2, 1-1), 7:30 p.m.: It's homecoming under the portable lights in Warrior-land this week and it should be a festive affair against the Cosmos, who haven't won since Oct. 14 of 2005 against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

PICKS: Emons (Lutheran Westland); Smith (Lutheran Westland); Wright (Lutheran Westland).

RED. COVENANT (3-1, 2-0) AT D.H. HEIGHTS STAR INTERNATIONAL (0-4, 0-3): The winless Falcons have scored a total of six points all season and are coming off a 41-0 setback to Southfield Christian. Covenant, sitting atop the Southern Michigan Football Conference, won a wild one last week against Romulus Summit Academy, 46-39.

PICKS: Emons (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Wright (Covenant).

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Chiefs earn **Dexter title**

Canton's boys tennis team dominated Saturday's Dexter Invitational as the champion Chiefs earned eight first-place finishes and one second.

Turning in gold-medal efforts were singles players David Kang (No. 1), Mike Darouie (No. 2), Justin Liedel (No. 3) and Ryan Hanz (No. 4).

The doubles combinations of Ryan Hollingsworth and **Riley Hoernschemeyer; David** Ding and Ryan Evans; and

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Cory Hurst and Adam Payne all won their flights while the No. 2 doubles duo of Jeremy Lindlbauer and Santosh Shanmuga placed second.

"The guys are really coming together as a team," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "They're playing very focused."

McManus. Leading 25-24, Plymouth won the game on

After Salem bounced back to even the match with a four-point victory in Game 2, the Rocks captured a pivotal Game 3, 27-25.

"In my opinion, it all came down to the third game," said McCausland. "The girls on both sides of the net played aggressive offensively and defensively, but ultimately a few crucial calls late in the game and a game-point missed serve on our part gave Salem the edge going into the fourth game.

"Not to take anything away from Salem, but if we would have squeaked by with a win in that game, I believe the final outcome in the match would have been different. It mentally and emotionally drained our girls and I think that going into the fourth game we became timid offensively."

The Rocks' 13-point win in the clinching Game 4 seemed to prove McCausland's point.

"It was a very tight match tonight, especially the first three games when it could have went either way," said

during pool play," said McCausland. "They were consistent, both offensively and defensively with some amazing comebacks against Cabrini and Howell. Unfortunately, when we played Northville in the quarters, the team completely lost their focus and intensity that they had all day."

Pacing the Plymouth attack were Heaton (36 kills, 26 digs), McManus (18 kills), Ashley Besczelko (15 kills), Beyer (53 digs), Lauren Scott (30 digs) and Spangler (78 assists).

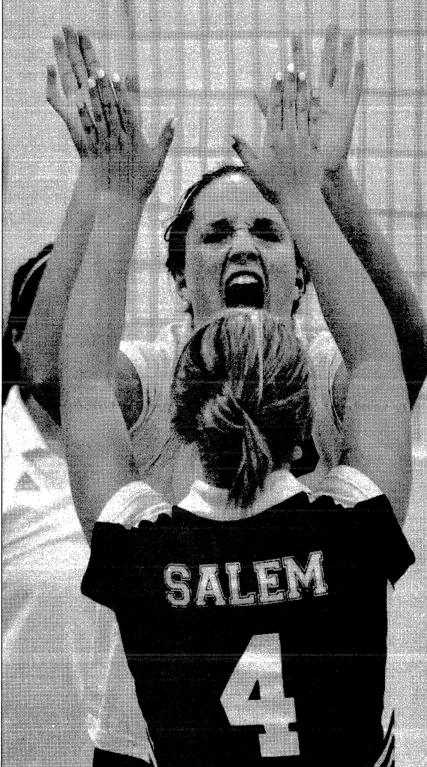
Rocks to semis

Salem advanced all the way to the semifinal round of Saturday's Walled Lake Central Invitational before getting derailed by Novi, 25-22, 25-23.

"Overall, it was an up-and-down day," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "Our passing was inconsistent. We split against a lot of games in pool play and then things just got away from us against Novi.'

The Rocks split all three of their two-game pool-play matches against Brighton, Farmington Hills Mercy and Livonia Franklin.

Falcusan registered 75 set assists, eight aces, 25 digs and six blocks. Also shining for the Rocks were Slabey (23 kills, 12 digs, eight aces), Kelley MacDonald (36 digs, 23 kills, three aces) and Nicole Merget (12 blocks, 18 kills).



Rocks second

overall. Here is a look at this weekend's action:

Suder. "I was proud of the way the girls stepped up, jelled as the match went along and improved every game."

Several Rocks excelled along with Falcusan, including Alyssa Matchette (14 digs), Jill Slabey (21 digs, 14 kills, six blocks), Kelly MacDonald (16 digs, six kills, three aces) and Kerry MacDonald (12 digs, five kills, two aces).

Plymouth was led by Kate Spangler (45 set assists), Beyer (28 digs), Heaton (15 kills, 12 digs), McManus (21 kills) and Lindsay Jewett (23 digs).

'Cats to guarters at UMD

On Saturday, Plymouth advanced to the quarterfinal round of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational before falling to Northville, 25-18, 25-15.

The Wildcats swept through pool play, spiking Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 25-15, 25-8; Allen Park Cabrini, 27-25, 25-21; and Howell, 25-21.25-19.

"The girls played out of their minds

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first half.

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and everybody gets along."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem. 7 n.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Canton 9 Invitational, 9 a.m. **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Salem, Canton at Jackson Invite, TBA

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 Salem, Canton at Jackson Invite, TBA **GIRLS GOLF**

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

Livonia Churchill at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Salem at W.L. Northern, 3 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

FRIDAY, SEPT. ZI Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.

BOYS TENMS

FRIDAY SEPT. 21 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPT. 22 Canton at Novi Tournament, 8:30 a.m **GIRLS SWIMMING**

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern at Plymouth at Salem H.S. pool, 7 p.m.

Chiefs to guarters

Canton (11-4-1) advanced to the quarterfinal round of the Walled Lake Central Invitational Saturday before falling to Lakeland, 25-15, 25-17. The Chiefs qualified for the playoffs by defeating the host Vikings, 25-10, 25-16; and Farmington, 25-13, 25-17, in pool play.

"We used a different line-up most of the day because we were missing three players for ACT testing, but we did well in the new rotation," said Canton coach Jen Barnes.

Excelling for the Chiefs were Kacy Moran (32 digs, 72 assists, 18 kills, nine aces), Ellie Kenny (26 kills), Jordan Kielty (22 digs, 25 kills and eight aces). Moran and Kielty were voted onto the All-Tournament team, which was voted upon by all of the tournament's coaches.

to how well the players mesh — both on and off the

field. "We have ridiculously good team chemistry," he

said. "We've all bonded very well. We joke around a lot

The Chiefs found themselves in a hole for the first

time this season when Alashe scored off a pass from

Doug Beason with just over three minutes left in the

son — it was the first time we've been down a goal

"It was the first time we've faced adversity this sea-

- and the boys fought back hard and stayed positive,

said Canton coach George Tomasso. "It was the high-

intensity pressure that earned us our goal. We had a

or nine set pieces and every one of them was danger-

ie. When we did challenge him, he came up with four

or five incredible saves. We had a lot of senior leader-

at halftime proved to be effective."

lar play in front of Revers.

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ship out there to calm the boys down. Our adjustments

Canton's final third excelled throughout the night.

Middle defender Joel Langdon also continued his stel-

Northville had one final golden opportunity to win

the game in the closing seconds, however, Jeff Cheslik's

kick off a restart with eight ticks left sailed wide right.

Senior keeper Matt Revers came up with one solid

save after another, the most notable a deflection of

a Mustang shot from the doorstep with 2:26 to go.

10-minute spurt in the second half when we had eight

"At halftime, we talked about challenging their goal-

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Jill Slabey and Alyssa Matchette (No. 4) celebrate a pivotal point during the Rocks fourgame victory over Plymouth Monday night.

Rolfe nets 6 in Wildcats' rout

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Colin Rolfe had a pretty nice week Monday night.

The Wildcats' returning first team All-State forward set a school record with six goals in his team's 8-2 rout of Livonia Franklin in a match played on the Patriots' turf.

The victory improved Plymouth's record

PREP SOCCER

2-2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Patriots slipped to

to 3-6-3 overall and

2-7 and 1-5, respectively.

"He just cut 'em up," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, referring to the way Rolfe sliced through the Franklin defense. "Colin was on his game tonight and his teammates did a good job of getting him the ball."

Tyler Floyd was the most proficient distributor for the winners, dishing out four assists

The Wildcats jumped to a commanding 5-2 halftime lead thanks largely to four goals from Rolfe.

Daniel Jasewicz and Thomas Madigan tallied the Wildcats' other two goals. Defensively, Evan Yoder and Austin

Kaczanowski made life tough for Franklin, Neschich said. The Wildcats received solid goal-keeping from sophomore Josh Hill, who yielded two first-half goals and freshman Kyle Brindza, who shut out the Patriots in the second half.

CHURCHILL 2, SALEM 1: What a difference five days makes.

After falling flat and playing listlessly last Thursday in a 3-0 loss to Salem, host Livonia Churchill (6-5, 3-3) rebounded Monday night at home to edge the Rocks (3-3-8, 3-2)

All the scoring occurred in the first half as Josh Pascarella, who had all three goals in last Thursday's match, put Salem on top again 1-0.

Churchill, however, answered on Matt Regan's two goals - the first assisted by Vinny Carozza and the second off a rebound headed into the goal area by Etienne Lussiez,

"It was a good statement game for us," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "The kids responded so well. It was not about them (Salem), it was more about the way we played. It was about character and putting pride back into the program.

"We had two starters out sick, but we had kids come off the bench and play well. Pat Beier, a senior, came in the second half and that's the best game he's ever had at Churchill."

Salem's boys tennis team placed second in Saturday's Saline Classic Tennis Invitational, which was won by the host Hornets (18 points). The runner-up Rocks racked up 16 points, five more than third-place Ann Arbor Greenhills and 13 more than fourth-place Chelsea.

The following Rocks went unbeaten at the invite: Lawrence Washington (No. 1 singles), Dave Benson (No. 4 singles) and Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (No. 1 doubles).

PLYMOUTH 5 W.L. NORTHERN 3 MONDAY AT W.L. CENTRAL

No. 1 singles: Dan Jeong (P) defeated David Criss, 6-4, 6-0;

No. 2: Pat Onoro (P) def. Nick Majie, 7-5,

No. 3: Steve Ostrowski (P) def. Alex

Gaucher, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Andy Mitchell (WLN) def. Matt Roncoff, 6-0, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Bobby Bell-Steven Olson

def, Anoop Gopal-Matt Dwan, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Pat Bailey-Max Korpalski def. Mitch Kelley-Matt Ranck, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3;

No. 3: John Andrew-Cole Davis def. Max

Ryan-Ryan Kolesar, 6-7, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Wen Ning-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Nate Pavison-Niraj Wagn, 6-4, 6-2 PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 3-2.

SALEM 8 **JOHN GLENN O**

MONDAY AT JOHN GLENN

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Tim Smolen, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Brett Foster (S) def. Rob Fraiser,

- 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Dion Walker (S) def. Alex Colosimo,
- No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Gordie German, 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Brock Foster-Eduardo

Diaz (S) def. Zach Emat-Jacory Frowner, 6-0, 6-0:

No. 2: Tyler Jeleniewski-Ryan Aubert def. Jeremy Proffit-Shahid Hussain, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Alex Porambo-Parth Patel (S) def. Khano Stargell-Nick Hubbard, 6-1, 6-1;

No. 4: Bohdan Pelekh-Andy Reyes (S) def. itt Starkey-Zach Edwards, 6-1, 6-1. SALEM'S RECORD: 4-1

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No. 1 singles: David Kang (C) defeated Steve Trapp, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; No. 2: Mike Darouie (C) def. Walter Woods,

6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Justin Liedel (C) def. Tony

Semonick, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Dan Cauliuari,

b-2, b-2.
 No. 1 doubles: Ryan Hollingsworth-Riley Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Chad Dorton-Garrett Gumm, 6-0, 6-1;
 No. 2: Jeremy Lindlbauer-Santosh Shanmuga (C) def. Ryan Henderson-Nate Warrick 6-2, 6-1;

Warrick, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: David Ding-Ryan Evans (C) def. Nate Spease-Nick Wegela, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5; No. 4: Cory Hurst-Adam Payne (C) def. Steve Milne-Walter Alfonso, 6-3, 6-1.

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CANTON'S RECORD: 3-1.

Canton harriers claim Ludington Invite crown

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

How was your weekend? Probably not as good as the one the Canton boys cross country team experienced at the Ludington Invitational.

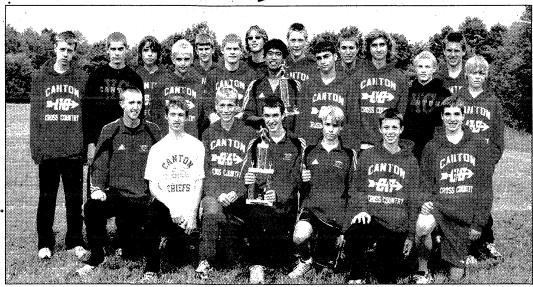
The Chiefs not only won the talent-rich varsity meet for the first time in almost a decade, but they also grabbed first in the junior-varsity competition. Icing on the cake came when the younger brother of a Chief runner won the gold medal in the middle-school race.

"Saturday was as good of a day as we could have had," said Canton coach Bill Boyd, whose varsity contingent outran 21 other Division 1 and 2 teams by accumulating 52 points, 25 less than runner-up Petoskey. "It was especially nice to win up there because it's the toughest course we'll run on all year. Plus, to beat a team as good as Petoskey is exciting."

Petoskey twins Blaise and Derek Henning finished 1-2 with times of 16:40 and 16:51, respectively. Isaiah Stone of Orchard View placed third with a clocking of 17:10.

Canton's top finisher was junior Duncan Spitz, who turned in time of 17:26 on the hilly course. Also earning medals for the Chiefs were Kyle Clinton (eighth in 17:29), Derek Hoerman (13th in 17:42) and Zach Spreitzer (16th in 17:45). Josh Osinski (36th in 18:30), Jon Peck (39th in 18:35) and Greg Reed (44th in 18:47) also turned in fine showings for the champion Chiefs.

"We've been going up to Ludington since I took over nine years ago and had never finished



The Canton cross country team took first-place honors at Saturday's Ludington Invitational. Pictured are (front row from left) Derek Hoerman, Jon Peck, Zach Spreitzer, Duncan Spitz, Kyle Clinton, Josh Osinski, Greg Reed, (back row from left) Anton Schauerte, Alex Watts, Dan Kieliszewski, David Austin, Sam Galizia, Steve Watts, Aaron McClellan, David Catalan, Matt Western, Matt Cipolla, Paul Rakovitis, Jay Jasinski, Mike Eimers, Martin Sisolak and Keegan Sullivan.

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first before," said Boyd, putting the title in perspective.

Mitchell Clinton, the eighthgrade brother of Kyle, captured the middle-school title.

Salem rocks

Salem, which is ranked No. 12 in Division 1, took first in the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational on Saturday at Willow Metro Park. The Rocks finished with 42 points, two fewer than the runner-up River Rats and 60 fewer than third-place Livonia Stevenson.

"It's not a huge invitational, but the whole team ran well and we beat a good Huron team and a Stevenson team that looked strong," said Salem coach Geoff Baker.

Kevin deBear and Rob Curtis paced the Rocks by finishing third and fourth, respectively, in 16:15 and 16:34. Also excelling for the winners were Craig Cowing (eighth in 17:06), Eric Volstromer (12th in 17:13), Jason Smith (15th in 17:17), Alex Volstromer (16th in 17:20) and Justin Kane, who placed 18th in 17:36. Monroe's Justin Heck was the overall winner in 15:34.

Plymouth 10th

The Wildcats turned in a top-10 performance at Saturday's Holly Invitational, which was won by Ann Arbor Pioneer (45 points). Lake Orion was second with 75

followed by Novi Catholic Central's 107. Plymouth racked up 107 points.

"The boys ran OK and a lot better than they did at Thursday's City Meet," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "We're showing improvement, but it seems like all the other teams are as well."

Derek Lax was the pace-setter for the Wildcats, placing 26th in 16:50. Other varsity scorers for Plymouth included Justin Huey (41st in 17:15), Alex Noble (66th in 17:45), Matt Neumann (69th in 17:55) and Steve Schultz (91st in 18:19).

Warren Buzzard (106th in 18:37) and Jimmy Eiden (107th in 18:38) turned in good efforts for Plymouth.

Wildcats add more hardware to their collection of trophies

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Winning proved to be contagious for Plymouth's girls cross country team Saturday at the Autumn Classic held at Stony Creek Metropark.

Two days after winning their first PCEP City Meet title, the Wildcats captured another first-place trophy when they bested the nine-team field by racking up just 33 points, 41 fewer than their closest competitor.

"I was very pleased with the results," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "The course was a little hilly, but it was perfect weather for a cross country race. When you place four girls in the top 10 like we did, it's a beautiful thing. I told the girls that a deep team is a dangerous team, and we're pretty deep by design.

"My girls do things on a daily basis that make me proud. I am fortunate to be coaching such a great group of kids."

Sophomore Kelly Hahn crossed the line first in a personal-best time of 19:29.

Also scoring for the titleists were Beth Heldmeyer (fourth in 20:10), Lauren Ahearn (7th in 21:01), Paula Green (10th in 21:33) and Julie Forster (11th in 21:34).

Competing but not scoring were Brianna Hessler (12th in 21:35) and Elise Chagas (17th in 22:05).

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Rocks excel

Salem placed sixth in Saturday's Holly Invitational held at Springfield Oaks County Park. The Rocks finished with 170 points, 85 behind champion Clarkston. Grand Blanc (99), Lake Orion (133), Waterford Mott (158) and Lakeland (164) were the only teams that finished ahead of Salem.

"It was nice to see the kids rebound after our outing on Thursday with a great day competitively," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "We definitely took a step forward and ran with a little more passion and determination today. We were six points out of the awards and had six out of our seven varsity athletes run a personalbest time. We are keying on the meets at the end and trying to improve each week, and we did that today."

Pacing the Rocks' fine showing was junior Kelley Determan, who placed 16th in 20:18.

Also medaling for Salem were Jordyn Moore (20th in 20:26), Kara Booms (38th in 21:13) and Shannon Griffiths (40th in 21:15). Also shining for the Rocks were Sabrina Burcroff (56th in 21:46), Lauren Olson (68th in 22:05) and Linda Ling (80th in 22:15).

Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity thumps Ypsilanti Braves

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team defeated the Ypsilanti Braves, 21-14, on Sunday at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Jason Jackary provided strong blocking from his tackle position while Ryan Jankowski (interception) was strong on both sides of the line for the winners. On defense, Michael Kennedy played well at cornerback and Jonathan Malone did a nice job breaking up the Braves' passing attack.

The Steelers' junior-varsity squad dropped a hard-fought 19-6 decision to Ypsi. Quarterback Brent Pilligian made several strong plays while Gabe Vaughn excelled in the blocking department,

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paving the way for Trenton Shelby's 32yard TD run. Mitchell Lewiston hit hard on defense and twins Jalen and Kadeen Hemphill covered well from their defensive-backfield positions.

The Steelers² freshmen unit suffered a tough 18-14 setback to the Braves despite the strong play of halfback Cameron Stella and offensive lineman Mitchell Gross. Defensively, Nick Boka and Jacob Mallad turned in solid efforts.

The Steelers' junior freshman contingent shined against the Braves. Dante Collins found the end zone three times while Ethan Pierce included a 40-yard TD run. Luke Walkley and Ryan Young excelled from their defensive end positions.

Lions sweep Hawks

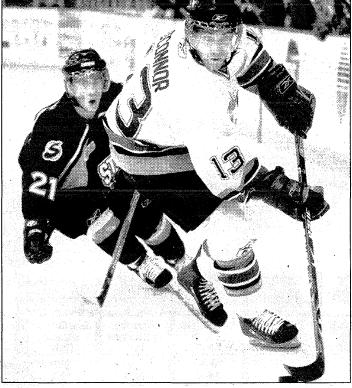
The Canton Lions varsity clipped the Lake Area Hawks, 31-14, on Sunday to improve its record to 2-0. The Lions received strong blocking from Ian Green and Josh Peterson, allowing the team move the ball on the ground and through the air. Kyle Dexter connected with Paul Baumgart for the first TD. Kevin Buford, Clay Behrman and Marcus Houston also scored for the Lions. Defensively, the Lions were led by D.J. McMillan, Blake Owens, Corey Watkins and Eric Jipping.

The Lions' junior-varsity squad knocked off the Hawks, 37-19. All 37 points came in the first half as Malcolm Hollingsworth (three TDs) and Jamari Eiland scored. Quarterback Brandon Lee connected with tight end Lucas Bunting for a score. Bunting also nailed three of four extra points. Defensively, key tackles were made by Luke Denzer, Jordan Ciciotti, Collin Hall, Nathan Emminger, Kenneth Arnold (forced a fumble) and Darwin Slominski, who recovered a fumble.

The Lions freshmen unit improved to 2-0 with an impressive 22-7 victory over the Hawks. The offense was paced by the

strong running of Daniel Kilgore, Luke Edwards, Allante' Wheeler and Cordell Gibson. The Lions' defense was able to keep the Hawks under control thanks to strong play from Shane Raymond, Shaw Lyall and Jake Stropes.

The Lions' junior freshmen turned in a hard-hitting performance against the Hawks. The offense was sparked by solid blocking from Mason Kopchia, Jake Miller, Guido Constantino and Carter Kahl. Strong defensive play was registered by Kyle Amick, Spencer Brown, Mitchell McKenzie and Sean Lee. Hardhitting, two-way player Brian Victor was sorely missed as he's out for the year with an arm injury.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth Whalers will be counting on forward Sean O'Connor's offensive talents this season when they defend their Ontario Hockey League title.

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Michal Neuvirth and Jeremy Smith were still battling for spots on the Washington and Nashville rosters. If they're not back by Saturday, Kyle Jendra will get the starting call in net.

"From what I hear, Michal and Jeremy are doing well in their camps," said Vellucci, who added that he expects Smith to be back for at least one more season with the Whalers.

Neuvirth's return is a little less clear, considering he's more seasoned than the younger Smith.

Vellucci said it was too early to put a finger on what his team's strengths will be this season.

"It's tough to say right now," he said. "We should be pretty good defensively once we get everybody back. A lot will depend on who can put the puck in the net for us. We have some young guys who have a lot of potential." Among the high-impact

newcomers Vellucci has high expectations for are center Taylor Carnevale and defenseman Josh Bemis.

Vellucci gave a nod to Sault Saint Marie and Sarnia as two of the teams to beat in the OHL this season.

"The Soo has a lot of players coming back and Sarnia has the No. 1 prospect back — Steven Stamkos," said Vellucci.

The Whalers' coaching staff has undergone some reconstruction during the off-season as Joe Stefan has replaced Todd Watson as Vellucci's top assistant.

"The transition has gone very well," said Vellucci. "Joe is very familiar with how we operate and I've known him for a long time. He's going to be a great addition to our staff."

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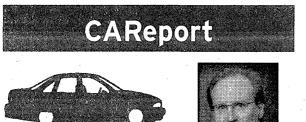


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By Dale Buss

Transitions from one season to another are always good times to try out the capabilities of pickup trucks. And I'm happy to report – after testing three heavyduty pickups over the last few weeks, in tasks ranging from hauling trash to taking the kids back to college – that the Nissan Titan, GMC Sierra 1500 and Chevrolet Silverado 1500 each is more than up to the challenge.

As a segment, pickup trucks are really interesting these days. The Big Three rely on them heavily for the profits that have been missing lately as high gasoline prices have forced consumers to consider less capacious – and more fuel-friendly – rides. Yet at the same time, competing Japanese makes have been flooding into the category, typified by the entry of Titan into the full-size market a couple of years ago and followed up by this year's launch of the muchballyhooed Toyota Tundra.

For consumers, that's all great news: more worthy pickups than ever to choose from, with historically tough price competition.

It's difficult to pick one of these three as the standout. Titan, Sierra 1500 and Silverado 1500 each are helping set the standard for the modern pickup: a highly capable, durable and big vehicle that at the same time offers interior amenities that formerly were the province only of the car, along with ride and handling that are much improved over earlier generations. And, of course, rotten fuel economy – that much hasn't changed enough.

I will say that driving the Titan provided me with the most interesting interactive experience, anyway – with a human. I had just loaded some bushes into the bed of the truck at a nursery and was wheeling the cart back to the yard when a 70-ish woman who was parked next to me approached me and said, " Don't tell me you bought a Nissan!" She was driving about a ten-year-old large, domestic-make sedan.

Talk about the attitude of a dinosaur! Not to mention the rudeness of her remark. If I were Jerry Seinfeld, I could have come back with the zinger for



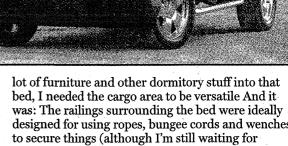
The Chevrolet Silverado 1500 provides classic power and cargo capability.

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all time. On my feet, the cleverest thoughts I could muster were to ask her if she realized that Titan is built in America, only by workers who don't happen to be unionized. But fortunately, I had a polite out: I really hadn't bought the Titan, of course, only "borrowed" it for this review. So that's what I told her with a smile and walked away.

But if that exchange at least hints at the importance of the pickup-truck market to Detroit, it was instructive. And Nissan has given plenty of reason for concern with Titan. Whether I was slinging garbage or hauling greenery, Titan allowed me to do so with power and style. Its 5.6-liter V8 engine provided 317 horsepower and 385 pound-feet of torque, more than enough for the relatively light jobs I was performing – and certainly adequate even for much more demanding tasks. At 12 mpg in the city and 17 mpg in the country, fuel economy for the 2008 Titan 4x4 Pro-4X model I drove also wasn't dreadful.

For my biggest tonnage – hauling my kids' stuff back to college – I relied on the 2007 Sierra 1500 4WD Crew Cab SLE1. Because I had to strap a whole Nissan's Titan has made a name for itself in the pickup market.



designed for using ropes, bungee cords and wenches to secure things (although I'm still waiting for someone to invent a reasonably sized pickup where the wheel wells someone don't intrude on the bed space!).

Over the three-hour ride, despite the hulking load I had in the back of the Sierra, I never experienced anything that would shake my total confidence in the size and scale of the vehicle to get me and the stuff safely where we needed to go. The four-wheel-drive, heavy-duty drive train and suspension were more than up to the task, as was the Vortec, 4.8-liter V8 engine. With that heavy a load we probably didn't get the listed 15mpg in the city or 19mpg on the highway.

Driving the 2007 Silverado 1500 4WD Extended Cab LTZ, however, I also discovered the benefit of having more interior room and a bigger bed in a larger overall truck. The extra foot and a half of bed, compared with the Sierra I drove, makes a huge difference in hauling capacity and convenience.





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Get children involved with the

BY ANNMARIE TIMMINS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

of lunches

f you don't know what to put in your child's lunch box, look to the wide variety of lunch boxes out there for inspiration.

Insulated bags and boxes often come with separate compartments to keep food at different temperatures, and everything in its place. And there's plenty of room for individual tiny containers, so kids can have fun "making" their own food.

"I've had four kids, and if the lunches are fun, parents aren't going to get resistance," says Kit Bennett, founder of the family advice site AmazingMoms.com. "It's worth a little bit of extra effort the night before if you know you are providing healthy food."

For example, in an insulated, multi-compartment lunch box, pack a "make your own taco" kit, complete with lettuce, shredded cheese, meat and salsa your child can use to assemble a have-it-your-way healthy Mexican meal. Or instead of assembling a sandwich yourself, pack the ingredients separately and let your child put it all together at lunch (or eat it in deconstructed fashion).

Of course, you'll need to make sure you're packing foods your child likes in the first place.

"Get kids involved so they are more likely to eat it," suggests Deanna Cook, director of creative development for FamilyFun magazine. "I often talk with my kids about how lunch went that day. I ask them if there was something someone else had that looked good."

Several times a year Cook even joins her daughters, ages 6 and 10, for lunch at school to see what their peers are eating.

Many parents are inclined to

EASY LUNCH IDEAS By The Associated Press

Some simple suggestions for packing lunches your child won't want to trade. Take your child grocery shopping. Even preschoolers can give you some idea of what they do and don't like. Keep a master list of your child's favorites, categorized by main courses and sides, and include them in your weekly menu planning. Don't forget that peer pressure occurs in the cafeteria, too. Keeping your children involved in the selection and packing of their lunches will help them be more comfortable eating it, especially if it's different from what their friends are eating. If you have a garden, encourage your child to incorporate some of the harvest into lunch. That's worked for Deanna Cook, director of creative development for FamilyFun magazine, whose daughters choose their own lunch box sides from the family garden. A grocer's produce section can stand in if you lack a yard or green thumb. Don't hesitate to resort to humor. Cut a comic strip out of the morning newspaper and slip it into your child's lunch. Or write a knockknock joke on the outside of her lunch bag. Write the punch line on the dessert bag. Freeze juice boxes and water bottles. It keeps the drink cold (but will thaw by lunch) and

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SCHOOLCRAFT CULINARY **EXTRAVAGANZA**

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.

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.

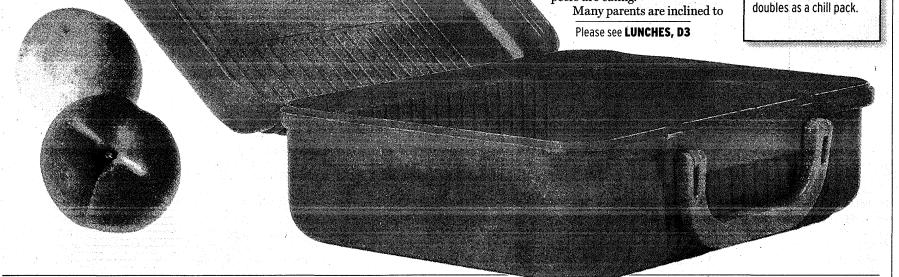
Tickets for the Extravaganza are \$50 per person, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution.

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 round trip 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.

SOUTHERN MENUS, **COOKBOOKS SOUGHT**

The Southern Food and Beverage Museum, a nonprofit institution dedicated to the discovery, understanding and celebration of the culture of food and drink in



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t's been nearly two months since Internet phone company SunRocket went belly-up, leaving me and hundreds of thousands of others without service. After testing five potential replacements

- Packet8, ViaTalk, Verizon VoiceWing, VoicePulse, and Vonage (what is it with these services and the letter V?) - I've finally settled on one. Obviously I'm concerned that my new provider will pull a SunRocket and skip town with my money, but I'm willing to risk it given the potential Tech Savvy

savings. **Rick Broida**

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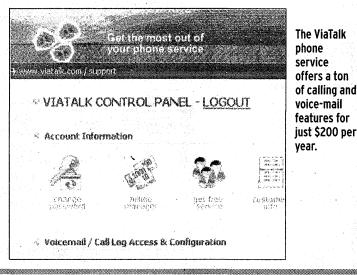
get unlimited local and long-distance calling, cheap international rates, and just about every bell and whistle you can imagine. The same is true of all five services, though a couple of them cost a bit more.

VoicePulse and Verizon VoiceWing, for example, each charge \$25 per month. Same goes for Packet8 and Vonage, but those two offer price breaks if you pay for a year in advance: \$200 and \$240, respectively. ViaTalk also charges \$200 per year, or you

can pay the monthly rate of \$23. If you make a lot of international calls, you'll

love Packet8 and Vonage: Both offer free, unlimited calls to select countries (includ-

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the South, is soliciting donations of restaurant menus and cookbooks to add to its collection.

"Our goal is to serve as a regional resource focusing on the history of Southern food and beverage,' savs Elizabeth Williams, executive director of the museum. "We have a unique culinary history and experience and we want to document what we have for future generations."

Menus will be catalogued and archived at the University of New Orleans and will be made available to researchers and historians. Donated cookbooks will become part of the museum's library and also will be made available to visiting scholars and historians.

We are looking for all kinds of menus and cookbooks," says Williams. "Menus can be from fine food establishments to diners and barbecue joints, and they can be old or new. Any menu from a restaurant in the South will do. We are also looking for menus that purport to be southern - located anywhere else. It would be wonderful to find a Cajun restaurant in Tokyo. Cookbooks can be hardbound books or small spiral-bound publications to benefit churches or schools. Our goal is to document it all."

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English Gardens will host Caring for Indoor Plants at 7 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 26. The public is welcome to attend the free, in-store seminar at all English Garden 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.

Master Conference

Volunteers of the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County will host Growing with Master Gardeners, its 19th Annual Community Outreach Conference 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road. Open to gardeners of all levels; includes two keynote speakers, three classes, a garden market and plant sale. Cost, \$40, includes box lunch. Call (734) 786-6860 or visit www.mgawc.org for details.

It'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, 6214 W. Monroe, in Tipton. Pre-register at (517) 431-2060.

Tree and Shrub Bowl

Join Goldner Walsh Nursery for the fun-filled Autumn All-Star Tree and Shrub Bowl, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 at 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Nursery Manager Joel Miller (a.k.a.

Quarterback) and Senior Landscape Designer Jim Slezinski (a.k.a. Wide Receiver) will present their favorite All-Star Plants. The event includes refreshments, a drawing for a Hydrangea Collection, and sale prices. Cost, \$10, is redeemable in Goldner Walsh purchases that day. Call (248) 332-6430 or visit www.goldnerwalsh. com.

Love Your Lawn

The Southfield Public Library and the City of Southfield's 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. southfieldlibrary.org or call (248) 796-4224.

Meadow Brook Garden Club

The public is welcome to the Meadow Brook Hall garden club meeting 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28 in the Coach House behind Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University. Master Gardener Mike Saint will discuss "Beautiful Bulbs," concentrating on bulbs that tolerate mid-western climate. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. Non-member donation \$5. Call (248) 608-0485.

Join Hidden Lake Gardens' staff building a fairy house in the woods 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. The afternoon will be filled with discovery and imagination, collecting objects in the woods to create enchanted houses. Program designed for children 5 and up with adult. Dress for building in the woods. Pre-registration required. Cost \$12. Hidden Lake Gardens is located at at (517) 431-2060.

Fall Fairy Houses

6214 W. Monroe, in Tipton. Pre-register is not too far behind. With

HOME CALENDAR

Decor Seminar

Local author and realtor Kathi Jones-Cutler will host a Cashing in on Design seminar 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Century 21 Town & Country, 294 E. Brown St. in Birmingham. Jones-Cutler will offer tips on real estate and decorating. The seminar is free with purchase of her book, "Cashing in on Design" (\$19.95), which will be used as a guide. For information, call (313) 218-3956 or visit www.cashinginondesign.com

Update on Design

Steve Piersall, CEO of Huntington House, and Michael Kirby, director of merchandising for Huntington House, will visit Art Van Furniture locations to give an overview of how to update 'a single room or entire house. The

seminars will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the Novi store, and Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the Shelby Township store. Refreshments will be served at this complimentary event, and the Art Van's Kids Castle at each location will be open, offering a free supervised play area for children.

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619-2199. **Water Conservation**

Find out "How Your Selections Impact the Environment" as the Michigan Design Center hosts a Water Conservation program 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86.

The course will cover LEED standards and how to specify water-saving plumbing solutions.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres immediately following. Call (248) 643-3393 by

Friday, Oct. 12. **Decorative Art of Mosaics**

The Michigan Design Center will host Meredith Dwyer-Lewis, account executive for New Ravenna, as she presents current and future trends in mosaic tile and stone 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. In addition, she will be discussing the latest designs from Sara Baldwin for New Ravenna. Continental breakfast will be provided prior to the presentation in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86. Call (248) 649-4422 by Friday, Oct. 12.

Cap off gas lines to avoid tragedy

in the area caused lifepeople living in the dwelling at the time. Fortunately they did not lose their lives but will carry the scars for many

years ahead. Accidents of this nature dealing with natural gas or propane gas lines in a home happen across the country much too Appliance

often. Doctor

need to be Joe Gagnon aware at all times if they

Homeowners

smell gas. The utility provider mixes into the supply lines a product that I think they get from skunks -- or at least smells just as bad. You know when a gas line is leaking and should immediately call the

recent explosion of a home gas company. If you enter into a dwelling and the gas smell is threatening burns to three prevalent, don't even turn on a light switch. The simple arc inside of a light bulb is enough to cause ignition and explosion.

The homeowner caused the explosion I've mentioned, but there is more serious blame to spread around.

Let's first go to the homeowner who had some plumbing work done upstairs and went downstairs to turn the water back on. She saw a valve and turned it, saw another valve and also turned it without knowing that yes, she had turned the water back on but had also turned the valve on a gas line which was not in use today but had been connected to a gas clothes dryer in years past. What she didn't know was how to identify a gas line and most importantly, that the gas line had never been capped off. In other words, raw natural gas was not just leaking from

the uncapped gas line, it was pouring out.

Some people might say that she should have known better but I don't think this homeowner is any different than most women in America. How many ladies install gas lines? They have better things to do with their time.

The real fault of this homeowner is that she smelled gas all day and omitted calling the utility company. That quick phone call could have prevented this tragedy.

The bigger blame in this event goes to the dummy that removed the gas dryer some time back.

All they had to do was cap off the gas line. Just a simple screwing of a cap that goes on the gas line.

This is the person that is truly responsible for the home exploding and all the hurt that has been suffered. In the last few days I have

contacted appliance repair companies and asked what their policy is on gas lines and each one told me they would cap it off. A repair company has an obligation to a consumer to ensure that when they leave a home, it's a save place to live in. As a reader of this column, you also have an obligation. Find out what and where the gas lines are in your house, how to shut them off and make sure they are capped off.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk . Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays and on WDTW-AM 1310 at 6 a.m. Sundays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

Time to get home and garden ready for fall

my favorite time of year, fall,

that in mind, I thought it would be a good time to put together a list of some home chores to be done during the fall.

n Clean your Ask Dad gutters, and keep them Harry Jachym

clean throughout the fall. Leaves and

other debris can easily clog them. This can cause many problems including wood rot, damp basements and other foundation problems. Clogged gutters can also contribute to ice dams during the winter. While cleaning the gutters check to be certain that all of

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the gutter support brackets are be very dangerous. secure. It is also a good idea to look for potential roof prob-

lems. Remove window air-conditioners or put an insulating cover on them.

Check the weather seals on all windows and doors. Replace as necessary. If at all possible take a piece of the old weather stripping to the hardware or home improvement store with you. This will aid in getting the proper replacement match. If you have a steel door with magnetic weather stripping that is not sealing properly, warm the weather stripping with a hair dryer and gently pull it toward the magnet side. This trick will usually help improve the seal.

Clean and lubricate hinges, rollers and tracks on your garage door. If it appears that there are signs of wear, deterioration or adjustment problems on the door, have these serviced by a qualified person. Garage doors are heavy and under great tension. These can

In the attic, look for insulation covering vents particularly those in soffits and overhangs. Also look for debris in ridge and other vents. Improper attic ventilation can lead to ice dams and mold problems.

Fall is a good time to paint the interior of the home. It is cool enough to be comfortable but still warm enough outside to leave the windows open for ventilation of the paint fumes. This is also true for the use of household cleaning products such as rug shampoos, oven cleaners and degreasers.

Have your heating system checked, cleaned and serviced, if necessary, by a qualified and reputable HVAC (Heating Ventilating Air-Conditioning) specialist. This cleaning and servicing now can save you money later.

Clean and remove dust from the covers of your thermostats, smoke alarms and

carbon monoxide alarms. Remember to change the batteries in the alarms twice a year.

If your home has an emergency generator test it and have it serviced by a qualified person if necessary.

Grass roots begin to grow deeper in preparation for winter. Fall is actually one of the best times to fertilize.

Snow and ice can easily break tree limbs. Have any tree branches that are dangerously close to your house or power lines trimmed.

If you have any questions or some more fall preparations you would like to share, feel free to contact me.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@ comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805**



ll it's that time again. Summer is quickly dwindling away and

is just about here. Of course with autumn arriving, winter

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If you have an item for the food calendar, 2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the summer and fall, including 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, (248) 549-5242, www. twounique.com.

ing England and France). But international rates vary widely from one company to another, so be sure to do a little research. Packet8, for example, has the lowest rates for calls to India (10 cents per minute), while VoicePulse has the highest (30 cents).

All five services provide a wealth of calling features, such as caller ID, call forwarding, call waiting, voice mail and the all-important service-outage forwarding (which automatically directs calls to another number — like your cell phone - if the power goes out or there's a service interruption).

ViaTalk offers a couple features I really like, including call recording and call broadcasting, which automatically dials up to 20 people and plays a pre-recorded custom mes-

sage when they answer. ViaTalk's package also includes a kind of poor-man's second line: If you plug another phone into the adapter that connects to your router, you can make or receive calls even if someone else is using the

main line. You still have just one phone number, but two available lines. Based on extras like these, I chose ViaTalk to replace SunRocket. Time will tell

if that was the right move, because I sure got off to a shaky start. It took over a week for

ViaTalk to process my order, and over a month to get my old phone number ported over. In the interim, I tried calling technical support several times, always with the same disastrous results.

The first time, I waited for three hours before getting disconnected. On subsequent occasions, I waited over an

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hour and then gave up. And while waiting, I frequently got bumped back in the queue: One minute I was caller 21, the next I was caller 23. Talk about aggravating!

I also submitted several "support tickets" via the ViaTalk Web site, and to this day not one of them has been answered. I've literally been waiting weeks on a couple of them.

You might think I'm kicking myself, but not just yet. I've spoken to company reps who assure me they're hiring more staff to accommodate the huge influx of SunRocket customers, who are the main cause of the overloaded, unresponsive support department.

What's more, I'm completely satisfied with ViaTalk's phone service.

Calls sound much clearer than they did with SunRocket, and in 30 days I haven't experienced a single glitch or outage.

That said, I just can't recommend it yet — not until the

I'm also a bit hesitant to endorse Vonage, which has an iffy future owing to protracted legal battles.

Packet8 offers a well-rounded package for a great price (if you pay by the year, that is), while Verizon VoiceWing gets the nod as the most novicefriendly service in the group. VoicePulse delivers solid service as well, but watch out for its international rates.

My only regret is that I didn't get a chance to try Quantumvoice, an Internet phone service based in Ann Arbor. It's on the pricier side at \$30 per month, but definitely worth checking out if you want to support an in-state company.

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underestimate how adventurous their children's palates are. But if your family is like many today who eat out more, often at ethnic restaurants, your child already may have expanded tastes. So don't be afraid to borrow some ideas.

Bennett said her kids enjoy Asian and Mediterranean foods, so she has packed sushi, falafel and Greek salads. And the once-exotic hummus is now so mainstream many children enjoy it as a dip for vegetables.

Once you've sussed out what the little ones want, put as much energy into finding appealing and functional ways of packing it.

Let your children help select their lunch boxes. Many lunch box companies now sell models intended to be customized, either with craft supplies or professional monogramming done when they are ordered.

The food itself can be fun, too. Bennett likes to pack lunches with themes. For "zoology," cut your child's sandwich with a lion or bear cookie cutter. Add "bugs" on a log



(cream cheese filled celery with raisins on top) and decorate a banana with monkey stickers. If Bennett is going for a circus theme, she'll add sides of popcorn and animal crackers. She also keeps a stockpile

of comic strips, riddles, jokes and Mad Libs and includes one with the lunch.

It sounds like a lot of extra work, but it doesn't have to be. Don't forget the sweet fruits, like peaches, grapes or oranges, either, an easy pack in lunches.

"Get organized. A little bit of effort on the weekend can save you a lot of stress," says Bennett. "Keep everything in one place so you aren't running around in the morning looking for things."

BY PATRICIA SAMOUR FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weight-conscious adults may be leery of snacking, but for active children a nibble here and a treat there can be vital parts of an overall healthy diet — as long as the snacks themselves are healthy, of course.

"With my kids, snacks are a regular part of their day," says Julie Robarts, a registered dietitian and mother of three.

"They grow so fast and they need the energy, but with their small tummies, they can't possibly get all the calories and nutrients they need in just three meals," she says. "We make frequent use of low-fat granola bars, nuts, pretzels, cheese and crackers, fruits and veggies.

Most school-age children should consume at least one healthy snack a day, which should account for about 20 percent of their calories. Younger children may need two snacks, depending on what else is eaten during the day.

Here are some guidelines and tips to consider as you try.

■ Make your home a nutritional safe zone, says Dr. David Ludwig, an obesity specialist at Children's Hospital Boston and author of the recent Ending the Food Fight, a book about helping children eat healthy diets.

He says that snacks such as ice cream are fine occasional treats, but keep them out of the house. This limits their availability. Otherwise, healthy snacks have trouble competing with

sugary and fatty treats for children's attention.

Read food labels and look for whole-grain foods, such as whole-wheat breads, crackers, pasta or corn tortillas with at least 3 grams of fiber per serving. Whole-grain foods aren't just more nutritious than refined grains, they also are more filling.

Model good behavior. Don't expect your child to nosh celery if you're chomping on cookies and chips. Teach your children moderation, and to balance treats with physical activity. Children need at least an hour of physical activity a day.

"All foods can fit into a healthful eating style if consumed in moderation with appropriate portion size and combined with regular physical activity," says Judith Gilbride, registered dietitian and president of the American Dietetic Association.

Aim for more than five servings of fruits and vegetables a day, or at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups of vegetables and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of fruit. For young children, make a game out of counting the servings, perhaps with a wall chart and stickers.

Older children can help select and prepare the food. "Kids love to be part of the process, decision making, preparation, taste-testing, and of course, enjoying eating," says Dr. Christina Economos at Tuft's Friedman School of Nutrition

Variety is the best way to ensure children get the nutrients they need. Work in as many colors as possible. Again, younger children can use stickers and a rainbow poster to make a game out of keeping track of all the colors they eat in a day. And snacks are an easy time to add colors that are missing. At snack time, ask your children what colors they've eaten that day and what colors they would like to add to their rainbow. "Teaching school-age children about healthy snacking is imperative as this is the parents' last chance to influence their child's eating habits," says Aida Miles, a registered dietitian and head of the American Dietetic Association's pediatric nutrition practice group.

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Teach yourself and your children proper portion control. Many Americans have adopted restaurant-style portions, which are too big. For easy portion control, use the guidelines on nutrition labels.

Beverages count. A lot. Juice drinks and sweetened beverages amount to empty sugar calories. Limit 100 percent real juice to 1/2 cup a day. For the rest of the day, offer water (seltzer water can make it more interesting) or milk. Sports beverages can be as bad as soda. Only highly active children need these.

Timing matters, too. Snacks should be served at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours before meals, otherwise children won't be hungry for dinner.

Get creative. Children love interesting finger foods, many of which can be purchased already prepared. Sushi, salsa and chips, precut slices of cheese with crackers, or single-serving bags of baked chips, pretzels or baby carrots make excellent, easy snacks.

Creative ideas for lunches

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some simple recipes for thinking beyond peanut butter and jelly when packing your child's lunch.

CRACKER STACKERS

Start to finish: 10 minutes Servings: 1

- 2 slices cheese
- 2 slices deli-sliced turkey or ham
- ¼ cup hummus

Whole-grain crackers

Assorted precut vegetables, such as green beans, pea pods, celery sticks and cherry tomatoes

Use small cookie cutters to cut interesting shapes out of the cheese and deli slices.

Place each in small containers or bags. Place the hummus in a small container with a tight-fitting lid. Bag the crackers and

vegetables separately. Encourage your children to use the ingredients to assemble their own stacks of crackers, meat and cheese. They can spread the hummus on the crackers with the cheese and meat, or use it as a dip for the vegetables.

(Recipe adapted from "FamilyFun Cooking with Kids" by the editors of FamilyFun magazine)

SANDWICH SPIRALS

Start to finish: 10 minutes Servings: 2 ½ cup low-fat cream cheese at room temperature

Chopped fresh herbs (such as severa chives, a sprig of dill or 3 to 4 basil leaves) or 1 tablespoon vinaigrette salad dressing

2 large whole-grain flour tortillas 1 cup loosely packed baby spinach leaves

1 tomato, thinly sliced or 2 table spoons dried cranberries

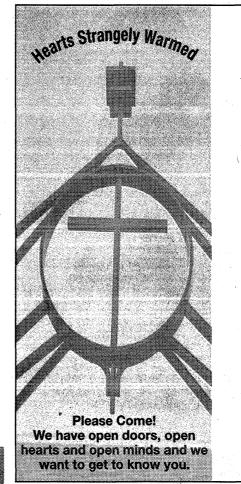
In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese and the chopped fresh herbs or salad dressing. Mix well.

Spread half of the cream cheese mixture evenly over each tortilla, making sure to spread it all the way to the edge. Scatter half of the spinach leaves over each tortilla, then top that with half of the tomato slices or dried cranberries.

Starting on one side, carefully roll each tortilla, using the cream cheese along the edge to seal it into a tight wrap.

Use a serrated knife to carefully cut each wrap into five or six pieces.

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Hello, Nordstrom **BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK** STAFF WRITER

hoppers, the wait is almost over! Nordstrom will officially open at Twelve Oaks Mall on Friday, Sept. 28. The grand opening will kick off with a free cosmetic tailgate party at 8:30 a.m. The first 450 shoppers to arrive at "Breakfast, Beauty and SWAG" will get a goody bag filled with cosmetic and fragrance finds. Everyone will be treated to free breakfast throughout Nordstrom beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Food stations will be arranged throughout the store serving frittatas, quiche, yogurt with pick-your-own toppings, fresh fruits, smoothies, made-to-order fruit cocktails, homemade scones and croissants, and cappucino.

Meanwhile, Nordstrom beauty and fragrance experts will hold court in the lower level of the mall, offering beauty tips, consultations, demonstrations, gifts-withpurchase and the inside scoop on new products and



trends. Shoppers will be invited to raise non-alcoholic mimosas in a toast at 9:40 a.m., featuring Twelve Oaks Mall General Manager Daniel M. Jones; Michigan Senator Nancy Cassis; Novi Mayor David Landry; Interim Novi Public Library Director Mary Ellen Mulcrone; and Robert S. Taubman,

Todd Buntin is manager of the new Nordstrom at Twelve Oaks.

chairman, president and CEO of Taubman Centers Inc., which owns and manages Twelve Oaks. The fun continues the entire week-

end with live entertainment in the new Nordstrom wing and throughout the shopping center. Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 155 U.S. stores located in 27 'states.

It was founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, Wash., and stores are still known for fabulous footwear selections for men and women.

Nordstrom operates 98 full-line stores, 50 Nordstrom Racks, four Façonnable boutiques, one freestanding shoe store and two clearance stores. Nordstrom also operates .37 Façonnable boutiques in Europe, and serves customers through its online presence at www.nordstrom.com and



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BREAKFAST, BEAUTY AND SWAG

What: Grand opening of Nordstrom and the adjoining wing at Twelve Oaks Mall When: Friday, Sept. 28. Itinerary: 8:30 a.m. strolling breakfast and cosmetic demonstrations; 9:40 a.m. opening ceremony; 10 a.m. open for business. Where: Nordstrom and lower level of mall outside Nordstrom, Twelve Oaks Mall, 27500 Novi Rd., Novi

Details: Free and open to all shoppers. Enter through the Valet Entrance at Nordstrom. First 450 people to arrive will receive goody-filled SWAG bags. Call: (248) 348-9438 or visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com.



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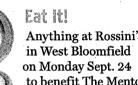
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through its catalogs.

Fashion-philes from throughout Metro Detroit and beyond have made pilgrimages to the Nordstrom at Somerset Collection since it opened in 1996, but the Twelve Oaks store makes shopping more convenient for west-siders.

The Novi location will be managed by Todd Buntin, who began his Nordstrom career in Indianapolis in 1996, and comes to Twelve Oaks from Nordstrom's flagship Faconnable boutique in Manhattan.

Buntin will manage the 165,000-square-foot, twostory Twelve Oaks store, which will feature 30 apparel, shoe and accessory departments for women, men and children. Each department will be merchandised by lifestyle, including two special size departments to meet the needs of petite and plus-sized women.

An open-sell cosmetics department will carry recognized collections as well as cutting-edge trends.

The store will also house a Cafe Bistro, and grab-andgo Ebar. Other amenities include an on-site alterations and tailor shop, certified shoe fitters, Personal Touch - a complimentary wardrobe and shopping service, a family restroom, mother's lounge, complimentary beauty and skincare consultations, certified bra fitters, prosthesis products for women who have undergone breast surgery, package delivery and a shoeshine stand.

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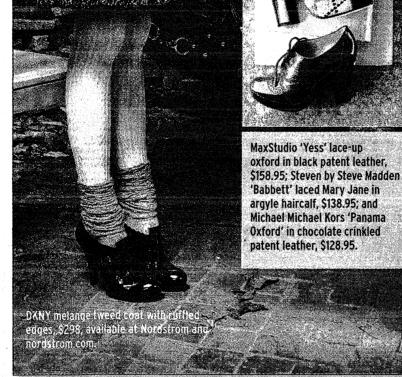
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A Chip Off the Chip & Pepper Block

Denim world darlings Chip & Pepper have teamed up with JC Penney to create a new line of affordable, in-fashion jeans. With the highest-priced item in the collection going for \$55, the C7P offers style at a reasonable price, compared to the \$150-\$180 Chip & Pepper line found in small boutiques and upscale department stores. The C7P line will include jeans, T-shirts, tops and fleece.

Chip & Pepper, by the way, really are Chip and Pepper, twin brothers with the surname Foster. After successfully creating a Canadian sportswear line in 1987, they started their LA-based denim label in 2003 in the midst of the premium denim boom. Their touseled-blond good looks and breezy personalities inform the brand's laid-back chic vibe. "We don't believe fashion should be solely about who has the most money," said Chip, in an e-mail sent from the brothers' fishing vacation in Manitoba, Canada. "We have always wanted to expand our reach and bring our styles to all ages and demographics.'

JC Penney has partnered with a number of designer brands in recent years, including Nicole Miller, Bisou Bisou and Liz Claiborne, to mix in glamorous names with their private-label lines. This is the first designer venture aimed for juniors and young men, and it arrives just in time for back-to-school shopping.

- By Diane Davis, AP



Dr. Jerri Nielsen made national news when she diagnosed her own breast cancer while trapped at the South Pole.

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Dr. Jerri Nielsen, author of "Ice **Bound: A Doctor's Incredible** Battle for Survival at the South Pole," will be featured speaker at the 3rd annual Mothers, **Daughters, Sisters & Friends** luncheon, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Shenandoah Country Club, West Bloomfield. The event benefits the Francee & Benson Ford, Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Patron tickets begin at \$600, and include boutique shopping, private reception with Dr. Nielsen the night before the event, and admission for a friend. Call (248) 661-7194.

CELEBRITY FASHION SHOW

Don't miss your chance to "Be Bad for a Good Cause" 8 p.m.midnight Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Roostertail in Detroit. Charm School's Leilene and FOX 2's Jay Towers will host this fashion event featuring SLEDGE clothing and renowned supermodel Tyson Beckford. Tickets, \$65 in advance; \$85 at the door, include premium open bar, silent auction

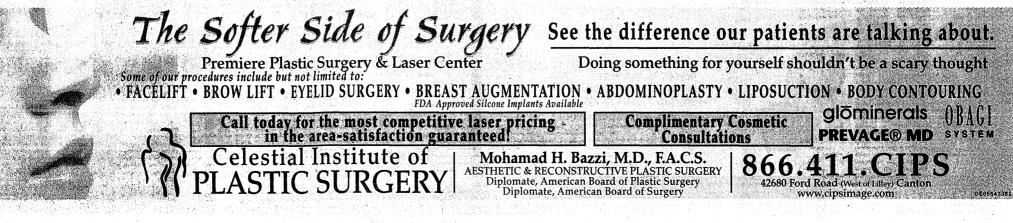
ing of its second Detroit-area store with a fashionable fete starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert buffets, cocktails, live entertainment and the opportunity to do some "sneak preview" shopping in the new 165,000-square-foot specialty store. The highlight of the evening will be a runway fashion show featuring fall designer collections. Tickets, \$100, benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the metro Detroit chapter of The Links. Call (313) 576-5590.

AMERICAN SEWING EXPO

If you love sewing, you won't want to miss the American Sewing Expo, coming to Rock Financial Showplace Sept. 28-30. It's the largest independantly owned sewing expo in the country, and offers classes, workshops, fashion shows, demonstrations, vendors, exhibits and more. Expo hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$12, with additional fees for classes and special events.

Call 800-422-2952, or visit www. americansewingexpo.com. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

The National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit Chapter will host author Patricia Russell-McCloud 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. Russell-McCloud will discuss her book, "A Is for Attitude," which shows readers how to create fresh approaches to old problems. Tickets, \$40 for members; \$50 for non-members, include networking, book signing and buffet dinner. Call (313) 961-4748 or visit www. nawbogdc.org by Sept. 24.





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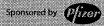
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One world, one week, one film festival

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BY LANA MIN Staff Writer

Metro Detroit movie lovers can unite with film fans in 98 other cities across three continents to view and judge the next supposed generation of filmmakers.

It's the 10th Annual Manhattan Short Film Festival at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 at Emagine Novi.

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Twelve films, all under 12 minutes, will be screened. They were chosen by the group, Manhattan Short, from 456 entries received from 33 countries.

The 12 finalist films are from the USA, Australia, Canada, UK, Kenya, Israel, Spain, Singapore and Germany in what festival organizers describe as a "cinematic Olympiad." "While the goal of any festival is to discover and promote future talent, the ultimate aim of this festival is to bring communities together via 12 stories from around

the world," said Nicholas Mason, Manhattan Short founder and director.

At the festival, film-goers receive voting cards to choose their favorite film. Votes are tallied at each cinema and sent to the festival's headquarters where the winner will be announced at Union Square Park in New York at 9:15 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30 and posted

online. "More than 50.000 people

"More than 50,000 people from as far north as St. Petersburg, Russia to as far south as Buenos Aires will view and vote on these 12 films."

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Springsteen tickets available Friday

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Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band return to Detroit on their first full-scale tour of the United States and Europe since 2003, with a concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills Monday,

Nov. 5. The initial leg of the tour launches Oct. 2 in Hartford, Conn. -- the same day the band's new album, *Magic*, is set to drop.

There are currently 15 North American cities on the itinerary, after which the band will tackle a series of dates in Europe.

Joining Springsteen on the trek will be E Street Band members Roy Bittan (keyboards), Clarence Clemons (sax, percussion), Danny Federici (keyboards), Nils Lofgren (guitar), Patti Scialfa (vocals, guitar), Garry Tallent (bass), Steven Van Zandt (guitar) and Max Weinberg (drums).

In a statement, Springsteen's manager, Jon Landau, described the forthcoming

Magic album as "a high energy rock CD," adding, "It's light on its feet, incredibly well played by Bruce and the members of the E Street Band, and, as always, has plenty to say."

It's been five years since Springsteen released *The Rising*, his last album with the E Street Band.

For more information, please visit: www.brucespringsteen.net Tickets are \$57.50 and \$91.50, and are on sale 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21.

Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations, www.palacenet. com, www.livenation.com, The Palace Box Office or charge by phone to (248) 645-6666.

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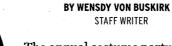
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Revelers at the 1939 Scarabal Renaissance-themed ball wear original costumes during the midnight Grand March. Photo courtesy of the Scarab Club Archives, "Images of America: The Scarab Club" by Christine Renner, Patricia Reed and Michael E. Crane.

Scarab Club hosts party of the century



The annual costume party at The Scarab Club was the don't-miss event of Detroit's social scene from 1917-1950. It promises to be the highlight once again this year.

To mark its 100th anniversary, The Scarab Club will host an Egyptian-themed costume ball starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Artists and art lovers are invited to don linen robes, wigs and lots of kohl eyeliner (or optional black tie) to enjoy a night of festivities. In its heyday, the Scarab Club's annual cos-

tume ball drew revelers who stayed until the wee hours of the morning, dancing amidst lavish decorations, and mugging for motion picture cameras. Murals that artists painted to document the parties still exist today.

According to the club's Executive Director Christine Renner, the costume ball debuted in 1917 with the theme "Fashion in the Year 2017," which asked guests to don their vision of the future. The second costume ball was held in 1920, and was so successful it became an annual event. Since 1950, parties have been hosted sporadically.

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Ferndale rings in fall with annual Art Fest

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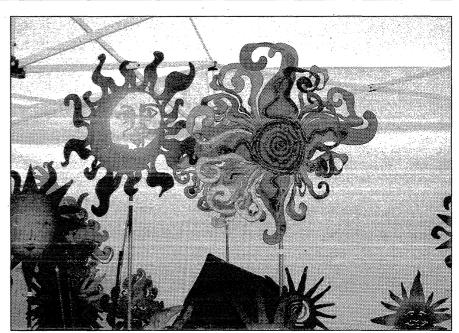
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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

For the past 20 years Ferndale has hosted its own community-centered art festival. Each year the Funky Ferndale Art Fest has grown.

In 2006 more than 37,000 people

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The 2007 Funky Ferndale Art Fest is a great place to find whimsical yard art like these pieces.

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Exhibit is five perspectives of Detroit FILM FROM PAGE CZ

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

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Five Michigan photographers snap a unique look of Detroit and the surrounding area in a new exhibit.

Exposure.Detroit launches its photography exhibit with a grand opening celebration at a new coffeehouse in Royal Oak, Bean & Leaf Cafe, located next to

Memphis What: Exposure. Smoke, on Detroit!. an art exhibit When: Opens 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. also fea-21 and runs tures a live through October performance from critical-Where: Bean & Leaf Cafe, ly-acclaimed 106 S. Main Street, Royal singer/ Oak songwriter Admission: Free Liz Larin. Web site: www.flickr.com/ Visitors will groups/exposuredetroit

com/theateroftheabsurd)

be entertained by Lansingbased trip-hop DJ "Theater of the Absurd." (Hear a sample at myspace.

The artists with works on display are Bobby Alcott, Paul Hitz, TedGuy49, Kirk Allen and "Spike" (from Mojo In The Morning on Channel 95.5). The show features a wide range of styles and subjects, but it's all about the Detroit area.

Exposure.Detroit is a group that hosts periodic exhibits to offer talented, aspiring Michigan photographers the chance

Paul Hitz's "starry morning" shot with a Holga 120 CFN, 120 slide film, shot on Main Street in Clawson.

to widen their audiences. Formed online

into a group of more than 300 Michigan

photographers and artists, said photog-

other's knowledge of photography, create

The group hopes to enhance each

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work.

The Manhattan Short has become known as one of the breeding grounds for the next big thing in Hollywood. Past finalists have won Oscars. To start chatter with audiences worldwide, the Manhattan Short website's blog opens during festival week on Sept. 23. Festival attendees can share their thoughts on the finalist films. Visit www.msfilmfest.com

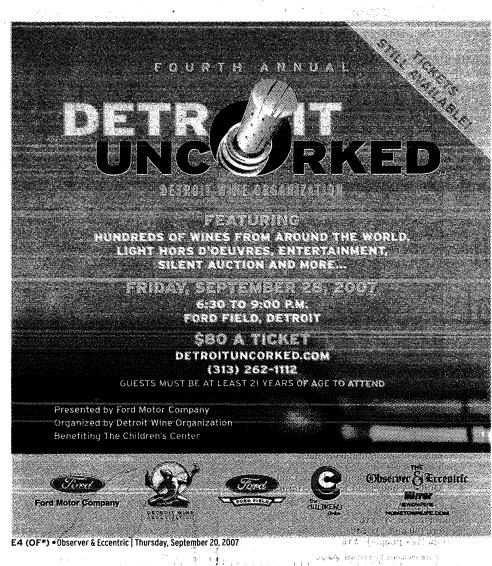
Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors. To purchase, visit

www.emagine-entertainment.com, or call (888) 319-3456 or come to the box office at Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi.

Finalists are:

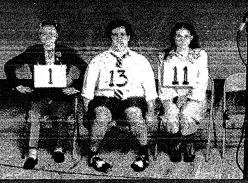
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See fall colors from above

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Dennis Kollin likes to say that he's avoided employment for 32 years. No sedentary desk job for him. No boss telling him what to do. No long car rides

stuck in traffic jams. For Kollin, work is "pie in the

sky.' He has one of those jobs

that pique curiosity and fill children's eves with wonder. Kollin is a hot air balloon pilot and owns a company called Sky Adventures in Oxford.

His livelihood gives guests a memory of a lifetime, flying and floating them sometimes 2,000 feet in the air, but usually lower, where they can see the landscape and animals, including deer, turkeys and even foxes below.

"We like to fly low to the ground and can actually talk to people as we pass," Kollin said.

Hot air balloon rides are a perfect way to see the colorful, autumn Michigan landscape. Autumn is one of the most popular times for the rides and there's a handful of locations that offer rides.



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BALLOON RIDES

Kollin's company is Sky Adventure, (248) 628-1000 or visit www.skvadventures.com. Other companies:

At Renaissance Balloons, Inc. in Brighton and Howell, quests meet at the Island Lake Recreation area, or Livingston County

Airport. Call (517) 552-1900 or visit www.renaissanceballoons.com. At Balloon Quest in Fenton rides are at sunrise and sunset year around. Call (248) 634-3094 or visit www.balloonride.com. Fly Balloons meets at the Oakland

County International Airport in Pontiac. Call (248) 681-8184 or visit

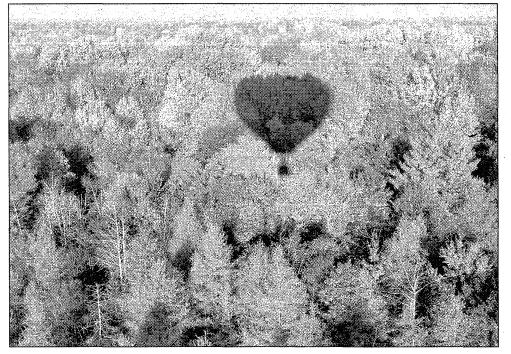
www.flyballoons.net.

On a balloon ride, the temperature is about the same in the air as on the ground and on ideal days, the wind is as strong as you might expect. "There's about a 3.5 to 5 degree temperature change for each 1,000 feet," said Kollin, of Oxford.

Most rides are about one hour long. You won't land exactly where you took

off - but most companies have chase cars





Take a ride in Oakland County with Dennis Kollin of Sky Adventures.

that follow the balloon and then pick you up.

At Sky Adventure rides are available seven days week and there's even winter rides available. Call Kollin at (248) 628-1000 or visit www.skyadventures.com

'Our most popular time of the year is the warmer months, but we ride in the winter mostly for our own amusement," Kollin said.

He fell in love with balloons in 1975, after a ride in Rochester. He went back two weeks later, still loved it, and then went to North Carolina to earn his license. Kollin, an experienced pilot, has owned

31 balloons over 32 years. Currently his company has nine - that's how popular it is.



Music concert series goes global on Thursdays

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Let music sail you around the world every Thursday at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn. Feel the heat of a fiery Mexican flamenco dancer or the joy of a Bulgarian wedding band.

Contemporary Irish acoustic supergroup Lunasa opens the *Ford Comerica Global Thursdays* series on Sept. 20. It ends on Dec. 13 with an international holiday marketplace. There isn't a bad seat in the house at the 156-seat auditorium and includes free parking. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. unless noted.

The schedule includes:

Scott Feiner & Pandeiro Jazz (Brazilian/New York City jazz), Sept. 27: Combine the rich rhythmic texture of the Brazilian pandeiro – a tunable cousin of the tambourine – with the intensity of New York City jazz. The sound produced by this percussion, guitar and saxophone trio is high energy with intense grooves.

 Eastern Blok (Eastern European fusion), Oct. 4: The Chicago-based group, formerly known as the Goran Ivanovic Group, blends classical and jazz with the folkloric traditions of Macedonia, Bulgaria, and Serbia. Middle Eastern motifs merge with the evocative sounds of Eastern European klezmer music.
 Shusmo (Middle Eastern jazz), Oct.
 New York City-based SHUSMO originally mixes elements of jazz and Middle Eastern music plus Latin rhythms, counter-

point, and spoken word.
Betty Shamieh (one woman show), Oct. 18: She's an award-winning Palestinian-American playwright and has two plays making New York and world premieres this season. Shamieh's off-Broadway debut, *Roar*, was selected as a *New York Times* Critics Pick for 2004.

■ Yuri Yunakov and his Romani Wedding Band (Bulgarian wedding music), Oct. 25: In Bulgaria, some of the most innovative music is generated by the country's colorful, competitive wedding music scene, with many musicians emanating from the Roma or Gypsy tradition. Saxophone virtuoso Yuri Yunakov and his band of rising stars, featuring clarinetist Sal Mamudoski and electric guitarist Vasil Angelov, create a lyrical, exuberant Eastern European weave of vibrant sounds said to impress even seasoned jazz players.

■ Gaida (Arab songstress), Nov. 1: A leading

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La Chispa & Company and dancer Valeria Montes perform at Global Thursdays

New York City Arab vocalist, Damascus-raised Gaida learned from the recordings of Sabah Fakhri, Umm Kulthoum, and Fairouz.

Stratospheerius (psychojazz funk), Nov.
 8: Dance grooves; rip-roaring guitar/violin jams, and hooks that mix jazz, funk, and world beat.
 Known as Best Jam Band in the Musician's Atlas Independent Music Awards and a winner of the BMI John Lennon Songwriting contest.
 Edmar Castaneda (Columbian folk/jazz),

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■ Edmar Castaneda (Columbian folk/jazz), Nov. 15: Combining Latin jazz with traditional Colombian music, Castañeda has carved a firm place in the international jazz scene. A jazz harpist who transforms the harp into a lead instrument.

■ La Chispa and Company (flamenco), Nov. 29: La Chispa ("The Spark") and Company explores all aspects of flamenco to create a powerful mixture of complex rhythms and haunting melodies. Led by Mexican-born Valeria Montes, aka La Chispa, this Detroit-based troupe offers a performance of music and dance.

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FORD COMERICA GLOBAL THURSDAYS

Where: Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, www.arabamericanmuseum.

When: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., unless noted Admission: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; \$8 for students with ID.

■ Mady Kouyate (West African griot), Dec. 6: Born in Senegal, Mady is a descendent of the Kouyate family of Dialolu, oral historians and musicians of Manding traditions, recording the history of West African societies through music and verse. Performing on the 21-string kora, he is a master of the traditional and ancestral heritage of griot.

Free admission, 6 p.m. Dec. 13, International Holiday Marketplace & Fashion Show, popular holiday bazaar returns with fashion, art, crafts and food from around the world.

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Michigan Ballet Theatre welcomes Joffrey veteran

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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Michael Anderson returned to metro Detroit this summer with a purpose in mind. The accomplished dancer and new Rochester Hills resident brings a wealth of experience to his role as associate director for the Michigan Ballet Theatre. Anderson wants to promote the local ballet community, and bring it to a new level.

"I want to be part of the catalyst to celebrate the talent we've already got here," Anderson said.

Dancing has always been part of his life. "I started as a kid because I would hear music and I loved to move," said Anderson, a Salt Lake City native. "I had a performing family."

Noticing his talent early on his parents enrolled him in dance classes at the age of 8. Soon sports like baseball and basketball began to take over his free time. "I didn't really get back into it until high school musical theater," Anderson said.

In college, at Southern Utah University, a ballet instructor working on A Chorus Line suggested that Anderson take a ballet class.

"I fought it for a while," he recalled. "It brought everything together for me. It was athletic, musical, dramatic. It was what I'd been looking for."

Anderson later continued his education at Detroit's Wayne State University, where he earned a master's degree in arts administration. During that time he also studied under the direction of Cornelia Sampson at the Rochester School of Dance. "It's been a great company in the community

for many years," said Anderson, a member from 1989-1992.

Sampson founded the Michigan Ballet Theatre in 1985 in an effort to give local dancers an opportunity to perform professionally. In July, upon Anderson's return, they will again join forces to achieve that goal.

"I'm just really glad to be back with Cornelia," he said. "She's been a teacher and a mentor to me. It's so nice to work

with her in taking the Michigan Ballet Theater to the next level." Sampson welcomed him back, and said "his success with the Joffrey and professional expertise will enhance the students' training, helping them to realize their dreams and hopefully, follow in his footsteps. In addition to the MBT,

Anderson danced with the Tulsa Ballet Theater and The American Folk Ballet, all prior to joining the Joffrey Ballet in 1992. During his time with the Joffrey, Anderson took on roles like Drosselmeyer and the Mouse King in Robert Joffrey's The Nutcracker, the Caller in Agnes DeMille's Rodeo, and the Manager in Leonide Massine's Parade. He performed as a guest artist with many companies and has continued to choreograph productions in Detroit, Chicago and Japan. His 2005 work Timelines was crafted for a choreographers' workshop at Thodos Dance Chicago, and then placed in the company's

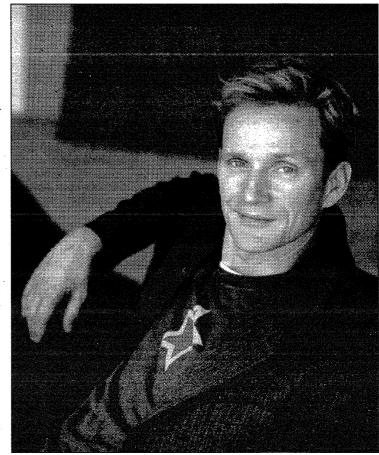
permanent repertoire. "I think it was a great opportunity to do what you love and to do it with a world class company," he said.

Anderson said he learned a lot about his craft and himself during his 15-year ten-



Michael Anderson performs in "Wedding Bouquet."

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ure with The Joffrey Ballet. It gave him a chance to use the skills he had learned and see "the bigger picture."

"It's not just about the steps or the choreography," he said. "It's about finding yourself in these characters.

He hopes to spread that message to his new students. The Michigan Ballet Theater is currently working on a production of The Nutcracker, which runs Dec. 8-9 at Avondale Performing Arts Center.

"It's great," said Anderson. "Having done it so many times, it never gets old. It's always a new year and a new group of young kids. Every year you see it through their eyes. It brings new life to what you were doing. *The Nutcracker* is one of my favorites. It's a lot of peoples' favorite."

Prior to returning to Detroit, Anderson served as director of event operations for the Office of Institutional Advancement at Columbia College in Chicago. The opportunity to make an impact in Detroit, and the people he came to know while living here drew him back. "It's a great city," Anderson said. "It has so much to offer."

He said he's grateful for all of the experiences he's had - including his role in the Robert Altman film The Company which featured The Joffrey Ballet. "It was a great experience to do that movie with Robert Altman. He was really hands-on. He kept telling us 'You guys have changed the way I've thought about dancers my whole life.

Instead of working with actors who show up an hour late, dancers show up an hour early to stretch, he explained, adding that Altman really allowed the dancers bring their own creativity into the film - to create a snapshot of the environment. "In movies and television you realize how much of a business it really is," he said. "It's all very chopped up. The magic really

happens in the editing."

In addition to The Company, Anderson can be seen in the film Save The Last Dance and in the public television documentary Distant Dance, which followed a 1990 tour to the Soviet Union.

Anderson has just begun teaching classes at the school, as well as at Oakland and Wayne State universities and the Detroit Opera House.

We all have to help each other," he said. "Opera is such a stronghold in the downtown area."

Anderson truly believes that "a city that's world-renowned needs to have a really strong ballet company.'

And, he said, it's going to take a community to achieve it.

Meg Paul, director of dance at Detoit's Music Hall, has worked with Anderson in the past and believes in him. "After an incredible career with the Joffrey Ballet, I am so pleased that he will be joining the greater Detroit arts community, incorporating his dynamic personality to inspire young dancers and enthrall our community," Paul said.

Anderson will also be responsible for choreographing and staging new works, grant writing and fostering greater collaboration within the community. "It's exciting," he said. "I've always loved coming back to visit and when the opportunity came up I was in a transitional place. I wanted to get back in the studio and use that degree in arts administration. It was a great opportunity for me. I'm definitely excited about the possibilities that are here.

For more information about Michigan Ballet Theatre, visit www.rochesterschoolofdance.com.

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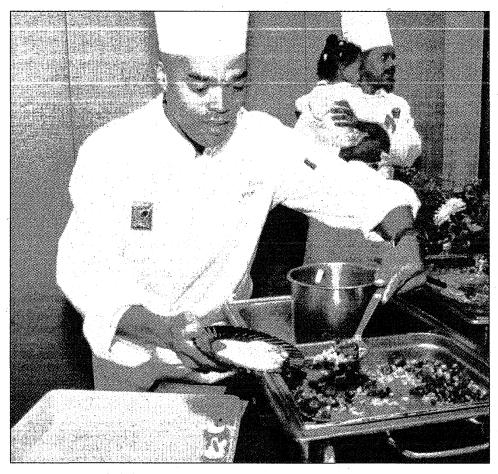


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Shawn Loving, owner and chef at The Loving Spoonful in Farmington Hills, is one of scores of alumni of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department who return for the school's Culinary Extravaganza, a fund-raiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation's scholarship fund.



Culinary Extravaganza kicks off fall food events

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK Staff Writer

When fall arrives, it seems Detroit steps up with food and wine activities. Chefs all over Detroit fire up grills and burners to prep foods at local fund-raisers to benefit everything from scholarship funds to children's charities.

One of the culinary highlights of the year takes place on Sunday at Schoolcraft College. 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, set for 2-5 p.m. 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.

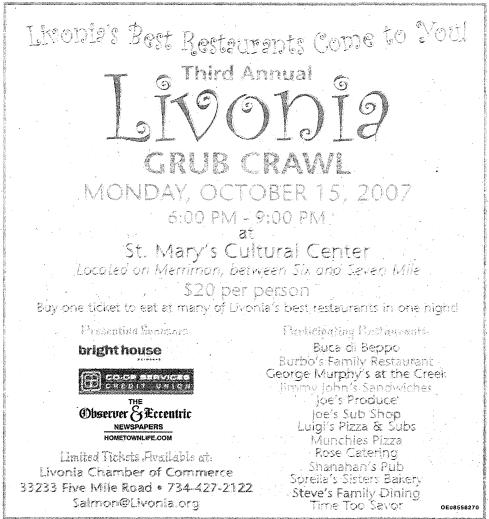
Tickets for the Extravaganza are \$50 per person, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution.

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

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the event raffle. 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.

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If you like wine, you'll like Detroit Uncorked.

The fourth annual Detroit Uncorked will feature hundreds of wines from around the world, light hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and a silent wine auction. Last year's event was a sold-out success for the third year running, with more than 2,000 guests in attendance and raising \$92,000 for The Children's Center. Tickets are available on a firstcome, first-serve basis, and event organizers are expecting another sold-out event.

Guests must be at least 21 years old to attend.w on sale for the fourth annual Detroit Uncorked, one of the region's

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MORTON'S THE STEAKHOUSE

Morton's The Steakhouse in Southfield celebrates the grand opening of the Lodge Freeway with a Savor the Bubbly event. From 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, guests will enjoy a tasting of champagne and sparkling wine, paired with exceptional Morton's hors d'oeuvres. A portion of the proceeds will benefit CORE-WiSH, a partner with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"It has been a long summer of construction and we think this is great way for Morton's to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Lodge Freeway and help out CORE-WiSH at the same time," said Jeff Daniels, general manager at Morton's The Steakhouse."The selection of champagne and sparkling wines are top notch and this is great way to learn more about both."

In Morton's private Boardroom, guests will be treated at Savor the Bubbly to Domaine Chandon Brut Classic NV paired with Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes, Domaine Chandon Sparkling Reserve Pinot Noir Brut paired with Tuna Tartar Canapés, Domaine Chandon Rosé NV paired with Petite Lamb Chops and Domaine Chandon étoile Brut paired with Key Lime Tarts.

Tickets are \$50 per guest and include tax and gratuity. For further information or to make a reservation, contact Cara Volmar at (248) 354-6006 or cm.mso@ mortons.com.

THERE'S MORE

Other events include a benefit for the Oakland Land Conservancy at Music Under the Stars, scheduled for 7-11 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham. Food will be provided by Five Lakes Grill in Milford (owned by chef Brian Polcyn), with beer from Rochester Mills Brewing Company, coffee from Java Roasting Company in Rochester and entertainment by Big Shorty. The event benefits land conservation and stewardship. Tickets are \$50. For information, call (248) 601-2816, e-mail dfolland@oaklandlandconservancy.org or visit www.oaklandlandconservancy.org.

The Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend in Birmingham, hosts A Night to Embrace with food, music, dancing and an auction, to benefit the Judson Center at 6 p.m. Oct. 27. Tickets are \$250. Proceeds help care for 2,400 children and adults in need in southeast Michigan. Visit www.judsoncenter.org or call (248) 837-2020.

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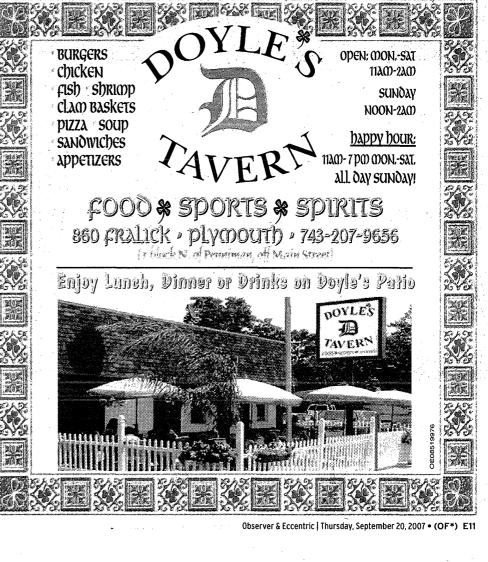
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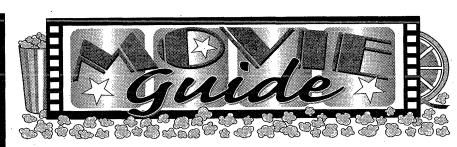
On Oct. 1, Bacco owner Luciano Del Signore will open Bacco Saletta, a banquet center next door to Bacco Ristorante in Southfield. By the year's end, Del Signore will also add a wine shop next to Saletta that will feature wines from all around the world.

Saletta, which means "banquet hall" in Italian, will house three rooms, all emphasizing a private dining experience for business meetings or parties. One room will have a "boardroom" atmosphere, another will house state-ofthe-art audio-visual capabilities, and the third will be inside a 3,000-bottle wine cellar. Bacco Saletta will be located next to Bacco Ristorante and will have its own private entrance.

Bacco Saletta is located at 29410 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48034. For more information, to book an event or schedule a tour, call (248) 356-6600, fax (248) 647-1289, visit www.baccoristorante.com or email Luciano Del Signore at luciano@baccoristorante.com.







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'Across the Universe' lacks direction

Capsule reviews of films now at the theaters:

'ACROSS THE UNIVERSE'

You'd have to be a nostalgic boomer, a hopeless romantic or Paul McCartney to fall completely in love with this sprawling musical and all its indulgences and idiosvncrasies. Inspired entirely by Beatles songs, with characters



whose names include Lucy, Jude and Jo-Jo, Julie Taymor's film is visually

imaginative and often quite bold, as you would expect from the director of the Frida Kahlo biopic Frida and The Lion King on Broadway. The actors, who do all their own singing, are certainly up to the challenge, including Evan Rachel Wood (besides Marilyn Manson, who knew she could sing?) and especially charismatic newcomer Jim

Sturgess, who resembles a young Paul and whose character hails from - wait for it - Liverpool. And while many of the arrangements are inventive (a lovesick cheerleader's rendition of I Want to Hold Your Hand has an unexpected poignancy), other performances are far too literal, and the conceit wears out its welcome after about an hour. By then it's painfully clear that there is no strong driving narrative here, only a series of '60s-era cliches (Vietnam War protests, hallucinogenic drug trips, etc.), tied together

by tunes. The music makes you wish the filmmakers hadn't bothered with a story at all. Bono is a hoot in his first film role, though, as an egotistical counterculture leader who sings I Am the Walrus. PG-13 for some drug content, nudity, sexuality and violence. 134 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

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Rogue Wave calls it a new day with "Asleep At Heaven's Gate."

FILTERED TOP TEN: Rogue Wave

Rogue Wave has just unleashed a fiery new album inspired by the ambient music scores of films like Tron and A Clockwork Orange, and cloaked in the urgency of self-examination. Asleep At Heaven's Gate finds the bandmates at various stages of joy and pain in life.

From the birth of a child to the loss of a parent members Zach Rogue, Pat Spurgeon, Gram LeBron and Patrick Abernethy have experienced much since we last saw them - under the heartfelt pop flurry of 2005's Descended Like Vultures. And on this record, a first on Brushfire Records, the band is accompanied by plenty of guests - like John Vanderslice and members of Nada Surf and Snowblink.

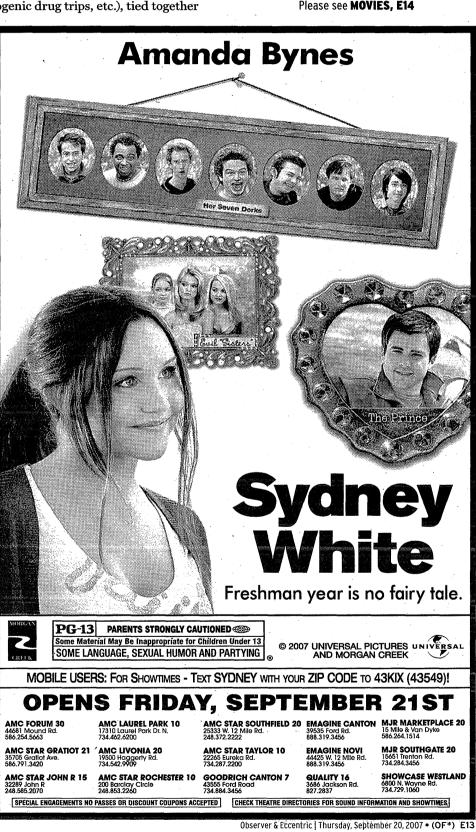
Following a stop in Ann Arbor, on tour

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with Feist, namesake and frontman Zach Rogue detailed the top 10 records in his ear. For the record, we always ask for five but it might have been hard to narrow down:

- 1. Heaven Tonight by Cheap Trick
- 2. 69 Love Songs by Magnetic Fields
- 3. Bee Thousand by Guided By Voices
- 4. Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain by Pavement
- 5. Ha Ha Bus by Broadcast
 - 6. Geogaddi by Boards Of Canada
 - 7. Either/Or by Elliott Smith
- 8. The Who Sell Out by the Who
- 9. Doolittle by Pixies
- 10. Exploded Drawings by Polvo

Compiled by Stephanie A. Casola





"The thing that was so interesting in our research of past balls was they were all-nighters. They began as early as 9 p.m. and ran until the early hours with a special midnight grand march," Renner said. Renner said the club hopes to show old

footage during this year's costume party. "It's so funny to watch these people posing in front of the camera. You can tell they really had a lot of fun. They were just

crazy," Renner said.

Life Magazine covered the 1937

"Scarabean Cruise" with a two-page photo spread, WJR broadcast live from that year's event. The Detroit News and Free Press regularly devoted two pages in their society section to the parties.

This year's ball offers two ticket levels, making it accessible to everyone. The \$100 price includes 6:30 p.m. cocktails with music by Joe Lucido, an 8 p.m. strolling supper catered by Union Street, orchestral music by the Mike Zelenak Orchestra, a silent auction of artist murals and full open bar through 1:30 a.m.

Revelers who wish to arrive at 10 p.m. can enjoy pizza, entertainment by DJ JKenobi, DJ Rock n Roll Scientist and DJ Milieu, along with a limited cash bar for \$25 advance, \$35 at the door.

A fashion show featuring local designers also will be featured. And lest we forget partiers of times past, Ghost Hunters of Michigan will present paranormal findings at the Scarab Club building, and lead guests on a guided Ghost Hunt through the club.

The fun is designed to raise money to preserve the beautiful Scarab clubhouse, as well as renew interest in the club itself.

"It's a gem in the city of Detroit," Renner said. "We're just proud to be around for 100 years. We're the oldest arts organization in Detroit."

Founded in 1907 as the all-male Hopkin Club, the artists association formalized in 1913 with bylaws, a board of directors and a new name.

The building on Farnsworth was erected in 1928 to help the club meet its goals of uniting artists and patrons, and promoting arts appreciation throughout Detroit. Women were first admitted in 1962.

The Scarab Club building is recognized as an historic treasure at the city, state and federal levels. It consists of exhibit spaces, studios occupied by working artists and a walled garden courtyard available for special events rentals.

The clubhouse on the second floor boasts a cozy lounge with a fireplace, and beams that have been decorated with murals over the years, as well as signed by 250 community leaders, patrons and artists, including Diego Rivera, Norman Rockwell, Marshall Fredricks, Marcel Duchamp, Pablo Davis and Tyree Guyton.

"It's beautiful," Renner said. "That's where the members used to go and have a drink and smoke their cigars and relax and just talk about art and different events, the news of the day. You could spend days looking at the unique murals that are up there. I've been here for three years and I still see new things in them."

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'THE BRAVE ONE'

We have long known that Jodie Foster is a formidable force. This much was obvious from *Taxi Driver*, which earned her an Oscar nomination when she was just 14 years old. Now, Foster gets to play a modern-day Travis Bickle as a woman who turns into a vigilante after an attack in Central Park leaves her seriously injured and her fiance dead. You can kind of imagine at first how this transformation might occur. Foster's Erica Bain is mad as hell and she's not going to take it anymore.

She's also the host of a radio show that requires her to walk the streets of New York, exploring its sights and sounds and seeking out stories you don't normally hear about, so it's certainly possible that she'd have enough knowledge of the city

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS: AN EGYPTIAN THEMED COSTUME BALL

What: A fund raiser for preservation of the historic Scarab Clubhouse When: 6:30 p.m.-2 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 29

Where: The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit

Tickets: \$100 includes 6:30 p.m. cocktails; 8 p.m. strolling supper, orchestral music and silent auction of artist murals; \$25 pre-sale (\$35 at the door) includes 10 a.m. admission, DJ entertainment, limited open bar and pizza

Fashion Designers: Kate Bennett, Samantha Bullock, Super Deformed Robot, Valerie Keiser, Blair Grinn and Eugenia Paul Mural Artists: Taurus Burns, Jamie Alexander, Floyd Binns, Agnes Gira, Howard Dombrowski, Bill Harper, Rosemary Bu, George Booth, Carol Taft, Francine Kachman, Mitch Scheidel and The Art of Walter and Jerbear.

Poster Artwork: Mark Heggie **Information**: Call (313) 831-1250 or visit www.scarabclub.com.

As at balls of the past, artists will be painting murals live on the walls of the main gallery, and revelers can view a new mural by Dennis Orlowski commissioned to mark the Club's centennial.

"That's what the club's all about," Renner said. "The artists have contributed and really made a work of art to the interior of the building."

The Scarab Club currently has 250 members and is actively seeking new members and volunteers passionate about the arts and the Detroit cultural scene. The club hosts classes, lectures, exhibitions, special events and tours. For more information or to purchase tickets to the ball, visit www. scarabclub.com.

to prowl about in search of wrongs to right. She's so intense, and yet so clearly

shaken on the inside still, she makes you believe her — or maybe, if you view Erica as the incarnation of some sort of urban gothic graphic novel heroine, it makes sense. Either way, all plausibility gets tossed out the window and run over by a cab in the third act of this thriller from director Neil Jordan (*The Crying Game*) when the pieces snap way too conveniently into place to allow Erica to exact her ultimate revenge.

Foster has a comfortable, low-key chemistry with the always engaging Terrence Howard, though, as the police detective investigating the city's sensational vigilante killings. R for strong violence, language and some sexuality. 108 min.

Two and a half stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

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What: 100 artists in the juried show join with students and craftmakers to sell their wares. It's all set to live music.
When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.
Where: Nine Mile between Woodward and Planavon, downtown Ferndale.



wandered the cozy downtown area seeking original works and reveling in local fare and music. This year, even more visitors are expected.

"The main thing is we're a uniquely Ferndale festival," said Mark Loeb, event organizer. "We celebrate all that is fashionable, funky, fun and fabulous. The art tends to be a little edgier. It appeals to a younger crowd."

This year's festival soars to new heights, literally, as extreme stunt artist Gurmej Singh aims to prove once again that art can defy gravity. The Kalamazoo resident has painted while doing everything from riding a bicycle to walking in traffic. This time, he will hang upside down from a 40-foot crane and simultaneously paint on four canvases - each held by a volunteer. Look for the spectacle at the corner of Nine Mile and Allen streets. Loeb said he wasn't sure how long it might take Singh to finish the paintings, but he would be performing periodically.

The Ferndale Downtown Development Authority and Integrity Shows have joined forces to host the event this weekend along Nine Mile Road. More than 300 artists applied for 100 coveted spots in the juried show. Their booths will be situated along Nine Mile between Woodward Avenue and Planavon.

In addition to the juried artists, area students will be on hand to show their own paintings, jewelry, sculptures, and more. Look for these budding talents along Allen Street.

Three separate stages will feature an array of live acoustic music from performers like classical guitarist Russell Donallon, singer-guitarist Kim Nichols, and Ferndale's own The Hipsters. Acclaimed sitar musician Stephan Mikes will perform his brand of Eastern music, taking cues from Latin, Middle Eastern, Afro-Cuban and Caribbean beats. "We wanted the music to become part of the festival, so it enhances the festival but it doesn't intrude," said Loeb.

Look for food and refreshments furnished by some of Ferndale's most popular restaurants. A.J.'s Café, Angel's Café, Le Soups!, Maria's Front Room, Pinwheel Bakery, Strawberry Moon, Affirmations and Buffalo Wild Wings will sell refreshments in front of their Nine Mile Road locations And families can seek out the artsy activities meant strictly for kids.

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PURE PICKS: THE WEEK OF SEPT. 20-26

Shine up your Solid Gold Soul as performers like Jerry Butler, Gene Chandler, Billy Paul and The Impressions hit the Detroit Opera House. The show is set for 8 p.m. tonight and tickets range from \$39.50 to \$75, call (248) 645-6666

Fresh from NBC's Last Comic Standing II, catch funny man Alonzo Bodden tonight at Meadow Brook Music Festival. For tickets, \$10-\$29.50, call (248) 377-0100.

Schoolcraft College cooks up a Culinary Extravaganza, 2-5 p.m. today. Sample foods from more than 50 participating pastry shops, vendors and area restaurants while supporting the Schoolcraft College Foundation. It all happens at the VistaTech Center on campus in Livonia. Tickets \$50, call (734) 462-4518 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/ events.

Ever since the **Beastie Boys** traded a punk persona to rage onto the hip-hop scene way back with Licensed to Ill, the Boys have won fans across all genres. Catch them if you can, at tonight's sold-out performance at the Fillmore-Detroit.

The Detroit Science Center has extended its run of Our Body: The Universe Within for a second time. due to record-breaking crowds. Now is the time to see it, or see it again as the exhibit features five new human specimens.

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Dearborn native and L.A. resident Susie Pilzninski escapes to Venice Beach on weekends.

Unfiltered: Susie Pilzninski

Filter reader and former metro Detroiter Susie Pilzninski fled the snow for sunshine - and a career in film and television in 2006. Pilzninski is currently working behind the scenes on one of this fall's most anticipated shows, Private Practice. The Grey's Anatomy

spin-off stars Kate Walsh (Grey's fans know her as fiery Addison Forbes Montgomery), Amy Brenneman, Tim Daly and Taye Diggs. The hour-long drama finds Addison making a new start in Los Angeles. It is set to premiere Sept. 26 and will air at 9 p.m. Wednesdays on ABC.

This week the well-read Dearborn native reveals her current take on the following forms of entertainment in Unfiltered:

Book: On Beauty by Zadie Smith "If you think your family is dysfunctional, read this book. A look at race, family, art, and a number of other topics with a humorous twist."

Song: Take It Off by The Donnas "The Donnas are fantastic and this song is full of energy and perfect for dancing around your home when no one else is looking."

Show: The Gilmore Girls

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"I love this show and was practically in tears when the last episode ran this year. It's quirky, well written and never dull. If you've never watched it get all the box sets townlife.com.

and sit down for a weekend marathon!"

Flick: "My favorite of all time is Alfred Hitchcock's Rear Window. But of recent times, nothing beats Superbad, fantastic and funny."

> Game: Scrabble. "I'm not afraid to admit that I became addicted to Internet scrabble over the summer. If only I could remember more words that use the letter Q I

Unfiltered would be unstoppable!" Dish: Vegetable or Shrimp Pad Curry from Thai Palace in Dearborn, medium spice please. "I can't tell you how many times I have gotten sad and homesick just from thinking about this dish."

> Escape: "In my hometown of Dearborn, my favorite escape is Greenfield Village, I miss it every week.

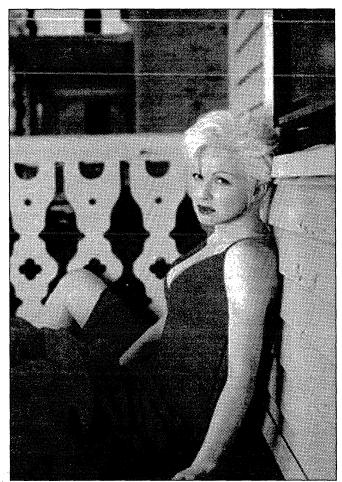
> "In Los Angeles, the beach is my escape. There is nothing like the sand and water on your toes to make you forget your problems and the traffic.

'But my all-time favorite escape is Switzerland. I have been lucky enough to visit there twice and it is amazing and beautiful and so many things I can't even describe with words. I would love to live there one day."

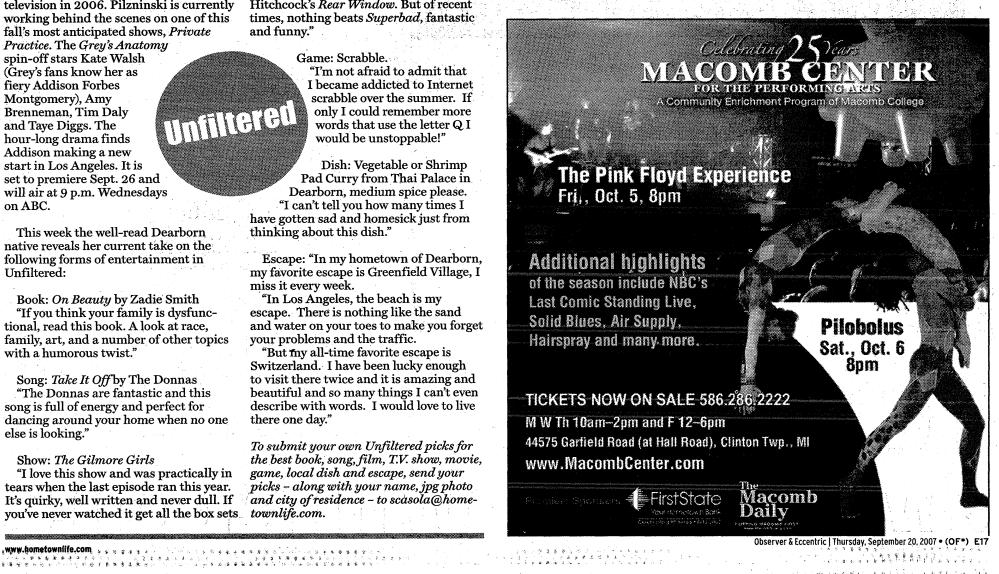
To submit your own Unfiltered picks for the best book, song, film, T.V. show, movie, game, local dish and escape, send your picks - along with your name, jpg photo and city of residence - to scasola@home-

Guilty pleasures

Some 80s icons only get better. Take Cyndi Lauper for instance. She's just wrapped up her first True Colors Tour to support the Human Rights Campaign with help from Erasure, Debbie Harry, The Dresden Dolls, The Gossip, The Misshapes and host Margaret Cho. It's expected to become an annual event. For now, Lauper was mentioned among some of your favorite guilty pleasures in response to a Noise Patrol column written by Stephanie Angelyn Casola which ran in Filter on Aug. 30. Here's what we've heard: **Detroiter Drew Krajewic chose** "True Colors" by Cindy Lauper. Lisa Walker of Westland said it was a toss up between "You're So Vain" by Carly Simon ("Sing it at the top of my lungs in the car when I THINK nobody's looking") and "Love is Higher Than a Mountain" by Andy Gibb. ("I mean, come on I was in 5th grade and he was S00000 dreamy.") And Southfield's Kathy Harvey went for a Bangles' classic with "Walk Like an Egyptian."



Keep the guilty pleasures coming by sending an e-mail to scasola@hometownlife.com. And check out a CD full of them titled "Guilt By Association."



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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 informa-tion. 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 City Gallery: Native Americans and the Southwest, Patricia Bombach, through Oct. 18, City Gallery, in Jobby 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.

Cranbrook Art Museum: seeking motivated people with good public speaking skills to volunteer as tour guides during the international exhibition "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future" in November 2007-March 2008, Training starts in October, for information, call (248) 645-3314, or e-mail eivanova@cranbrook.edu.

MOCAD: Words Fail Me, exhibit with message es in different forms, curated by Matthew Higgs, through Jan. 20, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622, www.mocadetroit.org.

Oakland Comm ity 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

Visual Arts Association of Livonia: Fall Art Exhibit, Oct. 1-26, Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia (734) 432-5976.

ART GALLERIES

Biddle Gallery: Motawi's Frank Lloyd Wright's tile release, 6-9 p.m. Sept. 21, 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com

Cary Gallery: Ann Loveland, watercolorist, through September, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester (248) 651-3656.

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. wavne.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 jur-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.

ART, ETC.

Rochester: Ten downtown galleries open 6-9 p.m Friday, Sept. 21 for the first of a series of monthly gallery strolls. Shoppers who visit all 10 locations and get a card stamped can enter a draw ing for a downtown Rochester gift certificate. Participating businesses include Paint Creek Center for the Arts Brian Walters Photo Studio and Gallery, Women Helping Others, Eugenia's 3rd Street Hair/Gallery, Paint a Miracle, The PrivateBank, Studio One Salon, The Silk Worm, Haig's of Rochester and Hermitage Gallery, Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. The stroll is sponsored by the Rochester Downtown Development Authority

Art Works for Life: Art auction of pieces donated from more than 250 artists, chaired by Gov. 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. 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.barbaraekomur

phy.com. **Óakland University Art Gallery:** Jef Bourgeau A Retrospective, through Oct. 7, artist's talk, 2 p.m. Sept. 23; James Stephens: A Mid-Career Retrospective, Oct. 13-Nov. 11, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Funky Ferndale Art Fest: juried art show with 100 artists, food and musicians, Sept. 22-23, Nine Mile from Woodward to Planavon, www.downtownferndale.com.

BALLET

Rochester School of Dance: Auditions for Michigan Ballet Theatre's Nutcracker at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 23, children ages 6-12, Rochester School of Dance, 1800 S. Livernois, Rochester Hills (248) 652-3117. The Nutcracker: Auditions, young danc-ers sought, 4-8:30 p.m., Sept. 27, Fox Theatre (313) 961-3500, Ext. 3290, OlympiaEntertainment.com

BOOKS

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. lib.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, Dec. 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

Plymouth Symphony: 62nd season A Love Affair with Music opens with Exotic Nights, 6 p.m. Oct. 6 at Ward Presbyterian Church. 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville, tickets \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students through 12th grade, for tickets, (734) 451.2112, visit www.plymouthsymphony. org, or 470 Forest Ave., Suite 18, Plymouth. Kirk in the Hills: David Briggs, organ virtuoso, on Kirk Sanctuary organ, 4 p.m. Sept. 30, \$15 (248) 626-2515 Ext. 109,

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The Ark: 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.

Arturo's Jazz Theatre & Restaurant: Patrice Rushen, Sept. 21-22; Jean Carne, Sept. 27-29; 25333 W 12 Mile, just west of Telegraph, Southfield, (248) 357-6009. Bert's Marketplace: John Lee Hooker Jr. Oct 6, \$20, 2727 Russell, Detroit (313) 393-3233,

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bertsentertainment.com. Blind Pig: Elvis Perkins in Dearland, Oct. 9, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-8555.

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. **Clutch Cargo:** Therapy with John Acquaviva, Oct. 12, 65 East Huron, Pontiac, www. clutchcargos.com or (248) 333-2362. 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: The Blue Kings, Sept. 20; Code Blue, Sept. 21-22; The Randy Brock Group, Sept. 27, and Aaron Vaughn, Sept. 28-29; 220 E. Merrill St., Birmingham (248) 645-2150

Gala Bistro: Meri Slaven with Scott Gwinnel on piano and Dennis Horvath on bass, 7-11 p.m. Sept. 29 and Oct. 13, 33316 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-2355. Magic Bag: "Knocked Up," Sept. 20; Paper Street Saints, Sept. 21; The Mega 80's, Sept. 22; Charlie Hunter Trio, Sept. 27; The Backbeats, Sept. 28; Perpetual Groove, Sept. 30; Pat McGee Band and Josh Kelley, Oct. 2; Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers. Oct. 4; 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com. Mario's of Troy: Ralph Koziarski's Expedition, Oct. 5, 1477 John R, Troy (248) 588-6000. 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 16-piece 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. Smalls: The Melvins, Sept. 28, Hamtramck. Station 885 Tavern: Wally Gibson & Friends, Beth Stalker & Jim Rowlins, Lee Hyland & Company, Robin Horlock, in September, call for schedule, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth (734) 459-0885.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Comedy Jamm, Sept. 20, 27; 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 com edy 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.

Comedy Room @ Portofino: 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. Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe: Norm Stulz,

Sept. 23; Kevin Zeoli, Sept. 30, 2500 Hill, Flint (810) 232-2500.

The Fox Theatre: Comedy Explosion:

Bruce Bruce, Sheryl Underwood, John Witherspoon, Don DC Curry and Dominique Witten, 8 p.m. Sept. 29: Jim Gaffigan, Nov. 17; Lewis Black, Nov. 24; (248) 433-1515, Ticketmastercom.

CONCERTS

The Fillmore-Detroit: Myspace Tour with Hellogoodbye, Oct. 15, \$18.25; Kelly Clarkson, Oct. 28, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666. **The Fox Theatre:** The Smashing Pumpkins, Oct. 7; Loreena McKennitt, Oct. 16; Wilco, Oct. 17; Tori Amos, Oct. 27; Sammy Hagar & the Wabos, Nov. 2; Najwa Karam, Wael Kfoury and Fadel Chaker, Nov. 9; B.B. King, Feb, 16, 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; Brad Paisley with Rodney Atkins and Taylor Swift, Oct. 4; Van Halen, Oct. 22; Keith Urban, Nov. 3; Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Nov. 5; Fall Out Boy, Nov. 20; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

Joe Louis Arena: Van Halen, Oct. 20, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

DANCE

Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit: Dance series, 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, top 10 finalists from hit show, Nov. 3, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 645-6666.

FAMILY

Second Annual Celebration of the Horse: Parade of horses march in Metamora, carriage tours, demonstrations, pony rides, stable tour, pancake breakfast, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 29, on High and Oak streets, one mile east of Lapeer Road, north of Oxford (810) 678-8000, www.equinegatherings.com. Penn Theatre: Films for the family featuring "The Ghost" and "Mr. Chicken," 7 p.m. Oct. 11; The General, 1 and 1 p.m. Oct. 18; all seasts \$3, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com. Fisher Theatre: World's Greatest Magic Show, Oct. 25-28, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, (248) 645-6666, www.broadwayindetroit.com. The Palace of Auburn Hills: Finding Nemo, Oct. 17-21; Disney On Ice Presents: High School Musical The Ice Tour, Feb. 29-March 2, 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 tickets, Ticketmaster.com or call (248) 433-1515.

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. Walking with Dinosaurs: The Live Experience runs Nov. 14-18, Cobo Arena, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

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. Kirk in the Hills: Kirk Festival, music, food, activities, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 30, 1340 W Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 626-2515, www.kirkinthehills.org.

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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.

Nonvertends: 5-9 p.m. Sept. 24, St. Ambrose, 15215 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, \$25, (313) 822.2814, www.stambrosechurch.net. Magical Evening of Tuscan Food & Wine: Winemaker Lionello Marchesi visits Andiamo Osteria, 129 S. Main, at 7 p.m. Sept. 26, event kicks off Downtown Royal Oak in Style, a self-guided walking tour Sept. 27-29 featuring trunk shows, tastings and demonstrations, (248) 246-3065, www. downtownroyaloak.org.

downtownroyaloak.org. Detroit Uncorked: 100s of wines from around the world, light hors d'oeuvres, enfertainment, 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.

Grapes & Grooves: An event featuring wine tasting, appetizers from local restaurants, a live jazz band (Jim Holden Quartet) and a silent auction. Presented by The Grapevine, a gathering place for wine lovers, coming to downtown Novi this fall, 6:30-10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29 at the Atrium of Novi, 43155 Main St. (just south of Grand River Avenue, east off Novi Road). Tickets are \$30 prior; \$40 at the door. RSVP to (248) 347-4622 or visit www.greaternovichamber.com for more information.

Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff: Sunday Sept. 30 with MotorCity Chili Ride starting at BMW Motorcycles in Canton and MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills, ride to chili and salsa cookoff at Kellogg Park in Plymouth, benefits Habitat for Humanity, for ride info, call MotorCity Harley-Davidson at (248) 473-7433, www motorcityharley.com or BMW Motorcycles at (734) 981-1479, www.bmwmcsem.com. Taste of Clarkston: 30 restaurants and a varietv of exhibitors in downtown Clarkston. noon-6 p.m. Sept. 30. Main Street is closed between Washington Street and Waldon Road.Entertainment stages at Waldon and Washington, KidZone in Depot Park, and other fun family friendly events. Silent auction benefis high school scholarship fund. For info, call 248) 625-8055 or visit www.clarkston.org.

FUND-RAISERS

Benefit for Children's Leukemia Foundation of

Michigan: Live music by Kadro, Lunata for this family event, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, AJ's Cafe, Nine Mile, Ferndale. S6 admission. Organizers aim to raise \$1,000 for the CLF in honor of Nick Gantner, a Seaholm High School student who lost his battle with the disease last spring.

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.

Oakland Land Conservancy: Music Under the Stars, 7-11 p.m. Sept. 29, food from Five Lakes Grill in Milford, beer from Rochester Mills Brewing Company, coffee from Java Roasting Company in Rochester, entertainment from Big Shorty, benefits land conservation and stewardship, \$50, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham, for information, (248) 601-2816, e-mail dfolland@oaklandlandconservancy.org or visit www.oaklandlandconservancy.org.

Charity golf outing: benefits University of Michigan Mott Child & Family Services, Oct. 1, guest speaker Gary Moeller, sponsored by Oliver/Hatcher Construction, 10:30 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. barbecue lunch, noon golf, dinner and silent auction, tickets

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Nan Washburn conducts the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at its opening night concert, Exotic Nights, on Oct. 6 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (734) 451-2112 or visit www. plymouthsymphony.org for details.

\$100-\$1,500, Meadowbrook Country Club, 40491 W. Eight Mile, Northville (248) 374-1100.

Skyline Steps Out: a gala fund-raiser for Skyline Camp and Conference Center, which serves underprivleged and special needs children and adults, guests will enjoy Spanish tapas and wines, jazz music and a secret bid auction, while they are surrounded by beautiful glass masterworks, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 18, Habatat Gallery, 4400 Fernlee, in Royal Oak, \$75 per person, (248) 644-2043 for reservations and 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.

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), S15 (248) 474-1951. Jazz and dinner: "Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483. Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Springfed Thursday Nights start at 9:30 p.m., Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit.

Ralph Koziarski's Expedition: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, Mario's, 1477 John R. Road, Troy. No cover. (248) 588-6000. Michigan Jazz Festival: Ron Kischuk, Marion

Hayden, Jim Ryan, George "Sax" Benson, Charles Boles, 3-5 p.m. Oct. 7, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, \$15, send check or money order to Michigan Jazz Festival, 20457 Maplewood, Livonia (248) 474-2720. Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club: Memorial tribute to

Dr. Chet Bogan, featuring trombonist Ron Kischuk, cornetist John Trudell, clarinetist Greg Koltyk, bassist Rich Kowalewski, drummer Dan Maslanka, pianist Chuck Shermetaro, vocalist Judy Chochill, 3-6 p.m. Sept. 30, Troy Elks Club, 1451 E. Big Beaver Rd. (east of Rochester Road), Troy, \$15, (248) 478-0172.

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club: Ongoing gigs, 1- 4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, S8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

MORE MUSIC

Jazz Cafe at the Music Hall for the Performing Arts: M.L. Leibler and the Magic Poetry Band, Sept. 20; 350 Madison, Detroit (313) 887-8501

Trinity House Theatre: Dick Siegel, Sept. 21; Tim Harrison with Michael Young, Sept. 22; Orpheum Bell with Carey Wallace, Sept. 28; Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen with Kats Eye, Sept. 29; John Batdorf with Mark Rodney, Oct. 5; Stewart Francke and The Regular Boys, Oct. 6; 38840 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia (734) 464-6302.

Lexington Music Theatre Co.: Rare Earth, Sept. 22; The Buckinghams, Sept. 23; located 65 miles north of Detroit and just twenty minutes north of the Port Huron/Sarnia area on Lake Huron, 877-4LEXMTC, www.lexmtc.com.

Music Hall: Blues star Zucchero, Sept. 20; Motor City Blues & Boogie Woogie Festival with Koko Taylor and Marcia Ball headlining, Oct. 5-6, 350 Madison, Detroit (313) 887-8501.

OU Department of Music, Theatre and Dance:

Leonard King with Southpaw Isle Steelband, 8 p.m. Oct. 6, Varner Recital Hall, on campus of Oakland University, 1-800-585-3737, www.starticketsplus.com Nardin Park Music Series: Douglas Bruce, organist from Switzerland, 2 p.m. Sept. 23; Brass Roots Trio, 2 p.m. Oct. 28; Christmas at Nardin Park Concert with Chapter 6, 2 p.m. Dec. 9; Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 476-8860 for information. **Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program:** Bluegrass Music Series with Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, Sept. 28; Lou Reid

& Carolina, Oct. 26; performances at 7:30 p.m. Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford, \$20, (248) 341-2270.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Science Museum: Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center: Extended Our Body: The Universe Within exhibit; new IMAX is Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure, call (313) 577-8400 or visit http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Detroit Historical Museum: Reopened with six new or refreshed exhibitions, including 1920s Detroit Building Boom, Rallying the Home Front, New to the Collection (a showcase of artifacts), Detroit Artist Showcase, Fabulous 5 and Detroit Automotive Showplace, (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org. Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes

Museum: Sept. 29, Smithsonian magazine and Hyundai Motor America's Museum Day. free of charge to Smithsonian magazine readers and Smithsonian.com visitors, visit www.smithsonian.com/museumdaycard Exhibit Museum of Natural History: Robin Frisch Gleason, an elementary school teacher, will share photographs and experiences of her past field work in Antarctica and an upcoming trip there as part of the Antarctic Geologic Drilling Program, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20; Lecture Series: Scales of the Universe, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28, Oct. 5.19. Nov. 2. 16: Taking the Measure of Our Solar System, John Spencer, Sept. 28; the University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor, www.lsa.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum (734) 764-0478.

Macomb Cultural Center: Great Lakes, Great Stories, Michigan's Maritime Heritage, Oct. 6-Dec.2, Song of the Lakes, an acoustic five-member band, 2 p.m. Oct. 6, located on Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Hall and Garfield roads in Clinton Township, the Macomb Cultural Center is adjacent to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm:

Adams Road Mastodon in special exhibit, one year after discovery by road crew at Adams and M-59, through January 2008, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road (off of Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of Downtown Rochester), (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org, also Rudy Simons, impressions of Iran, 7 p.m. Sept. 20.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm:

Driven for Victory: A Salute to Veterans, honors service of World War II veterans discuss military tactics and experiences, jeeps and trucks on display, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 22, \$8 for non-members, \$6 for members, located on Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of downtown Rochester. For more information, visit the Museum's Web site at www.rochesterhills. ord.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: Sponsor a scarecrow for museum's annual Stonewall Pumpkin Festival, Oct. 6, \$50, scarecrow building workshop, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 2, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills. org.

OPERA

Cyrano Film Series: A movie, like the opera, based on the play Cyrano de Bergerac; Roxanne with Steve Martin, Oct. 7; all at 7 p.m., Chrysler Black Box Theatre of Detroit Opera House, \$5, (313) 861-3500 Ext. 3200.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

The East Lansing Film Society Film Series: The Lives of Others (Das Leben der Anderen), 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sept. 21-23, Wells Hall, Michigan State University. Madonna University: Tastes, Sights & Sounds of Tuscany, 6-9 p.m. Sept. 26, with Monte Nagler, photographer; Deborah Kawsky, art historian, and Perry Martini, author, at the University Center 14221 Levan Road in Livonia, north of St. Francis Pond with traditional Tuscan wine, appetizers and desserts. (734) 432-5804, www.madonna.edu. Pet Health Fair: Hospital tours, doggie demonstrations, goodie bags, giveaways screen cats and dogs for arthritis, cataracts and weight, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 29, 29080 Inkster Rd. (north of 12 Mile Road) Southfield, free, www.michvet.com, (248)

354-6660, Ext. 3625. **Girls Night Out:** shopping and dining at 46 shops, salons, spas and restaurants, 5-9 p.m. Oct. 4, www.DowntownRochesterMI. com or call the DDA office at 248-656-0060.

A Detroit Thing: World Premiere film, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, \$10, Detroit Film Theatre, behind the DIA

Phil's Fun Singles: dancing, Oct. 12 and 19, Sunnybrook Golf Bowl Motel, 7197 E. 17 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, \$10, 941 - 0120. Detroit Docs: International Film Fest, Oct. 17-21,

www.detroitdocs.com. Detroit Historical Society: House of Worship tour featuring Annunciation/Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic, St. Anthony Catholic, St. Albertus Roman Catholic, St. John Episcopal, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, and St. John's-St. Luke's UCC., 10 a.m. Oct. 1, \$30 for DHS members, \$35 for others, no tickets will be sold on the date of the tour. For reservations or more information, call (313) 833-7935 or visit www. detroithistorical.org.

More downtown Detroit tours: Wednesday walking tours, downtown places with pewabics, Sept. 26; \$10 a person, no reservations required, tours start from the lobby of the Compuware Building (former Renaissance Center) (313) 283-4332, www.detroittourconnections.com

Kirk in the Hills: Karibu with Afrizo students, a singing and dancing group from Daystar University, a Christ-centered institution in Nairobi, Kenya, 7 p.m. Oct. 6, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, free concert, donations accepted on fund-raising tour (248) 626-2515, www.kirkinthehills.org. **Smackdown and ECW**: Presented by WWE, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Joe Louis Arena, \$23-\$73, (248) 645-6666, Ticketmaster.com. **Birmingham Historical Museum & Park**: Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

THEATER - COLLEGE

Henry Ford Community College: Auditions for spring production of Oliver!, 3-6 p.m. Sept. 25; 7-10 p.m. Sept. 26; (313) 845-9817. University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company: The Glass Menagerie, Sept. 28-Oct. 14; Back of the Throat, Nov. 16-Dec. 2; And Neither Have I Wings to Fly, Feb. 1-17; The Play About the Baby, March 28-April 6; 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit (313) 993-3270, theatre.udmercy. edu.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Village Players of Birmingham: The House of Blue Leaves, 8 p.m. Sept. 21, and 22; 2 p.m. Sept. 16 and 23, \$15; 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (2 blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075, www.birminghamvillageplayers. com.

The Farmington Players: Over the River and Through the Woods, through Sept. 30; ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.

St. Junstan's Theatre Guild: Kiss of the Spider Woman, Oct. 12-27; (248) 737-3587 or www. StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 540-3762. Stagecrafters: Thoroughly Modern Millie, through Sept. 30, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak (248) 541-6430. Starbrite: Smell of the Kill, through Nov. 4, dinner theater Saturdays and Sundays, Uptown Eatery, 19701 W. 12 Mile Rd. (just east of Evergreen), Southfield, www.starbriteprod.com, for information or reservations,

call (248) 423-1452. **Starlight Theater:** Who Wants Fame?, Fridays-Sundays through Sept. 23, with Mark Rothman after performances, www. starlighttheater.net, (248) 335-1788, inside Summit Place Mall between Kohl's and Claire's

Who Want's Cake?: Recent Tragic Events, Fridays-Mondays, through Oct. 8, \$15, except Monday at \$10, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 556-8581, www.whowantscaketheatre.com.

THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Gem Theatre: Escanaba in Love, Jeff Daniels' new show at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave, Detroit. Tickets, \$19.75 to \$39.50, call (313) 963-9800. Visit online at www.gemtheatre.com.

Broadway Onstage Live Theatre: Something to Hide, through Oct. 6; A Thousand Clowns, Oct. 19-Nov. 17; The Nutcracker's Nuts, Nov. 30-Dec. 16; Corpse, Jan. 11-Feb. 9; Weekend Comedy, Feb. 22-March 29; Escanaba in Da Moonlight, April 11-May 17; S16, 21517 Kelly Rd. (at Toepfer) in Eastpointe. ticket reservations recommended, (586) 771-6333. Wharton Center for Performing Arts: Menopause the Musical, Sept. 21-23, Fairchild Theatre, Michigan State University, \$42, www. whartoncenter.com, (517) 432-2000, (800) WHARTON.

Fisher Theatre: Musical comedy 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Oct. 2-21; Twelve Angry Men, starring Richard Thomas, Oct. 30-Nov. 18; Whistle Down the Wind, Jan. 8-27, at 301 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit (313) 872-1000, www.BroadwayinDetroit.com.

Fox Theatre: Tyler Perry's What's Done in the Dark, Oct. 12-14, \$45.50-\$55.50; for tickets, (248) 433-1515 or ticketmaster.com; for information, (313) 471-6611.

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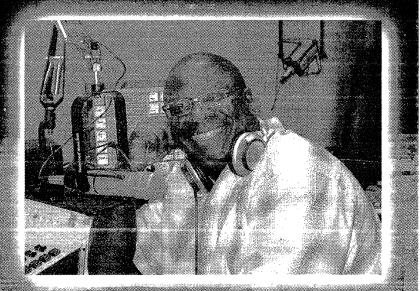
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