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Locals: Budget deal not such a good deal

Some worry new service tax will chase business away

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

While massaging the hands of one of her customers at the B.E. Unique Co. salon on Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth, co-owner Ellie Barnes of Plymouth Township wondered how the state Legislature decided to add a tax that will raise the cost of some of her services.

The result is her partner, Brittney Krumey, who specializes in cutting hair, won't have to charge her customers a 6-percent tax. However, Barnes, who performs manicures and pedicures, will soon have to begin charging the tax for her services.

"I feel that as difficult as it is to have a business in this economy, prices and taxes would go down so that more people would spend more money in Michigan and help us out," said Barnes, 27. "I've already lost a lot of dear clients due to the economy, and I'm not very excited the new tax will segregate our services when it comes to charging tax."

The Legislature voted to tax a number of services — including landscaping, baby-shoe bronzing, dating and psychic services — which members believe will erase much of the $1.75 billion deficit. The Legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm also raised the state income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent.

"It's crazy," was 24-year-old Krumey's response to the new tax. "We just raised our prices the first of the year. It's funny they got to pick and choose what's taxed and not taxed. But we're happy it's not everything."

While getting her manicure, Cyndi Naumoff was more philosophical.

"No one likes paying taxes, but I do believe it's the fairest solution to a very serious problem," said Naumoff, 57, of Plymouth Township. "I feel badly for those people who live paycheck to paycheck."

Paula Korowin, 39, of Plymouth, said she's a devout Republican and isn't happy with the final budget resolution.

"I thought it was the typical knee-jerk reaction and poor planning," Korowin said. "What's going to happen in five years? We're going to have another deficit if we don't start planning ahead."

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Salon co-owner Ellie Barnes works with client Cyndi Naumoff. Nail services are among the items to be taxed under the Legislature's new plan.

Legislators split on budget solutions

BY TONY BRUSCATO AND KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITERS

Freshman Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) said despite all the 11th-hour wrangling by state lawmakers and criticisms from businesses and residents throughout the state, erasing the $1.75 billion budget deficit with an income tax increase and a tax on a handful of services "was an historic moment."

"Considering the alternative, I don't think this was a failure," said Corriveau, whose 35th District represents the Plymouths, Northvilles and a slice of Canton. "This is a solution that continues to move us forward, getting us back on the right track."

While noting none of the budget proposals the past few weeks was perfect, Corriveau said avoiding the shutdown of state government was paramount.

"I knew that shutdown was not an option I could ever live with because the ramifications would be there long after I'm gone," Corriveau said. "The amount Michigan would lose financially would have been devastating. I saw numbers as high as $500 million a day to the school aid fund, alone, due to the inability to have casinos and the lottery open."

The Legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm agreed to raise the state income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent, as well as institute a tax on nearly two dozen services.

While state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) is relieved a government shutdown was avoided, he isn't satisfied with the way it was done. He voted against the new services tax.

"I don't necessarily think we did the right thing," he said. "Reform isn't something you can do at 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 30. It's not the taxpayers' fault that we're in the situation we're in. I think it's a shame."

Corriveau said the services that will now be taxed — such as skiing, personal fitness training, investment advice and palm reading — were picked because they had fewer voices, meaning lobbyists, in Lansing.

"There were interest groups very, very involved in making that list," said Corriveau, who also voted against the service tax. "I didn't like it."

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Bikes, chili a recipe for record festival

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

By almost all accounts, it was a record-breaking day Sunday for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.

"We had a record crowd, a record number of bikes, a record number of chili cooks and the most amount of chili from the (11) restaurants that participated," said Annette Horn, organizer of the event, which celebrated its 12th year. "It's truly an amazing event, one that has electricity."

Unofficial counts peg the number of motorcycles at nearly 7,000, with the number of visitors at nearly 25,000.

"The atmosphere is really fun, the food is good and the beer is good," said Kathy Hiles, 46, of Westland, walking around the event with Mark Hayes, 48, of Livonia, who is a BMW motorcycle serviceman.

"We kind of blend in with the Harley crowd," Hayes said. "If you're on two wheels, then you're fine. A lot of us are weekend bikers; this isn't a hard-core crowd. We saw some people we haven't seen in 25 years."

Kenneth Gimbert, 63, of Grosse Pointe Farms, rides with the self-proclaimed "Gray Hogs" on his 2003, 100th anniversary Harley-Davidson Road King Classic.

"It's brotherhood, camaraderie and fellowship," Gimbert said. "All the Harley riders sit and talk about all the events coming up, we meet and enjoy them."

Horn said this year's proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity Western

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It was motorcycles as far as the eye could see at Sunday's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth.

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District sets search forums

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools stakeholders will have an opportunity to give their opinions on the qualifications for a new superintendent during community forums scheduled for Oct. 24-25.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education set a timeline Tuesday it hopes will result in a contract being offered to one finalist in March to replace Jim Ryan, who is retiring Feb. 28.

Trustee Steven Sneideman said two consultants will hold all-day sessions at a location yet to be determined, which will include forums with specific community groups and meetings for the community at-large.

"While the board makes the final decision, we're looking for someone the community can really get behind," Sneideman said. "Their input is invaluable."

Sneideman said those who can't attend one of the forums will still be able to express opinions by filling out a Leadership Profile Assessment form. Board members will be interviewed individually for their input.

Last week, trustees voted to hire Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Ill., to conduct a nationwide search, which could cost up to $33,000. The position is expected to be posted at the end of this month, with the first round of interviews scheduled for January. Several finalists are expected to be interviewed by the board in February, with the new superintendent to begin July 1.

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Coming Sunday in Health

Breast cancer experts reveal latest in treatments

Hometown marchers sweep band regionals

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Saturday was picture-perfect for watching gridiron activities at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium – in this case the Bands of America Regional Championships where the Plymouth-Canton Education Park Marching Band swept a bevy of first-place trophies in a field of 12 top high school bands from five states.

"I thought they were fantastic," said a beaming Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park. "We, as staff, challenged the students to step up to the occasion and perform their hearts out tonight and they did just that. It was a really outstanding job on their part of performing from the heart."

The 200-member band performed in preliminary competition in the afternoon, marching off with the Class AAA first-place trophy and all three caption awards for Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect for their show, "Out of the Shadows."

All 12 bands performed in the finals evening competition with the hometown marchers capturing the regional championship trophy along with all three finals captions with a score of 81.5. Second place went to Lincoln Way East, Ill., with a score of 78.3 and Muskegon's Reeths-Puffer High School was third, 75.9.

This was the second year Plymouth-Canton swept the BOA Regionals, last year topping a field of 26 marching bands.

"I thought our band did great," said a pleased Bradford Ragland, a Salem senior and P-CMB drum major. "They gave us everything we were asking for. They gave us the performance of their lives."

Flutist Jenine Rowe, a Salem senior and fifth year marcher with the band – starting as an eighth grader, felt the band gave a very strong performance.

"I think we all played really smart and we all felt each other's vibes," she said. "It was a great feeling. I thought it was fabulous."

Several thousand spectators cheered the musical marching prowess of the talented teens from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia and Illinois Saturday.

"For the 32 years Bands of America has been doing regional championships, they have always been a celebration," said Eric Martin, BOA executive vice president. "This is really an assembly of the best of the best – of teachers, parents and kids."

Trumpeters raise their horns high and move quickly across EMU's gridiron while tuba players Matt Davison (left), and Lori Wand kneel during P-CMB's preliminary performance Saturday at the BOA Regional Championships.

PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Saxophonists (front, from left) Nick Cicotte, Andrew Lacy, and Andy Poskie, baritone saxophonist Ricky Beckett (back left) and flutist Alexandra Rodriguez kneel as part of the choreographed moves during P-CMB's preliminary performance of their show, "Out of the Shadows," at the Bands of America Regional Championships at Eastern Michigan University Saturday.

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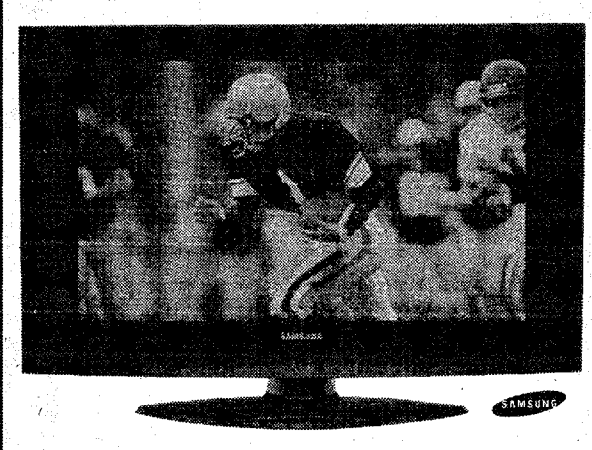

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Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by appointment only; limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3232.

Obama meeting

Plymouth People for Obama host a meeting 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734)658-7628.

DIA speakers

The Plymouth Community Arts Council invites members of the community to join them the second Tuesday of the month at the Arts Council for a brown-bag luncheon lecture or on the third Monday evening of the month at the Plymouth Library for a lecture presented by the Speakers Bureau from the Detroit Institute of Arts. The series is co-sponsored by Huron Valley Ambulance.

The next Brown Bag Lecture at the Plymouth Community Arts Council is noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, featuring speaker Ed McKeehan talking about "Power of Persuasion, Art and the Admen."

The next date at the library is 7-8 p.m. Monday, oct. 15, featuring speaker Ann Johnson talking about "Hidden Stories."

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon. The library is at 223 S. Main. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Smith School spree

Smith Elementary School hosts its fifth-annual Shopping Spree fund-raiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.

The event features more than 25 home-based businesses that will have their product line available for purchase. Come check out the raffle, too! Proceeds from the $1 admission and the raffle go directly to the Smith Elementary PFO.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, call (734) 454-4389.

Tailgate party

The Canton High School Student Congress hosts a community tailgate as part of their Homecoming celebrations 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5.

Everyone is invited to come, there will be games, face painting, and music for entertainment. Food items include a Carvel Ice Cream Stand and hot dogs, chips and pop for sale.

The event takes place in the Canton High School parking lot outside the football stadium, with the kickoff at 7 p.m. vs. Wayne Memorial.

St. John's concert

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts "Cosmopolitan Connections," an early music concert featuring cantatas of the 17th-century German master Dieterich Buxtehude and solo harpsichord works by Johann Froberger.

The concert takes place 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, in Plymouth Township. Admission is free.

Performers include renowned singer/organist Deborah Friauff, Eastern Michigan University Organ Professor Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra, early music orchestra on period instruments, small professional choir.

For more information, call (734) 453.0190, Ext. 16.

Coat drive

Local residents willing to help those less fortunate have a chance with a coat drive being sponsored by the Childrens Christian Alliance.

The event is a coat drive to raise 600 coats for kids and families living in public housing in the Detroit area. The coats will be distributed on Nov. 10.

Donors wishing to help can donate clean, gently used or new coats, hats, mittens and boots. Blankets will also be accepted.

To donate or for more information, call Jill Berry, (734) 812-4502.

Museum dinner

Weldon Petz, Lincoln collector and historian, will be the guest speaker at the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual dinner 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Petz will speak on "The Music of World War II," and will include music he played while a military band member. The museum will have a special exhibit available for the evening: "World War II and the Homefront." In addition to the catered, sit-down meal served by Main Street Catering of Canton, there will be a silent auction and raffles.

Tickets are $50 per person until Oct. 13; after that, the tickets are $60. Tickets can be purchased at Michigan Made, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail, or at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155. S. Main Street, both in Plymouth.

For more information, call the Plymouth Historical Museum at (734) 455-8940.

Senior supremacy

Medilodge Senior Olympics winners included (clockwise from top left) Stella Slowinski, Margaret VanValkenburgh, Genevieve Russell, Eric Keller and James Sternett, all of whom are residents of the Plymouth Medilodge who competed when the Medilodge Group hosted its seventh-annual Senior Olympics at Freedom Hill park in Sterling Heights. Residents from the group's 15 facilities, including Plymouth, took part in the event after spending the summer competing in Olympic trials. The participants included an actual Olympian, 86-year-old Heinrich Ermel of Taylor, who competed in the 1936 Olympics in Germany.

Crafter call

The Plymouth Historical Museum is seeking crafters for its second-annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Tables are $15 each. Crafters are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, as the museum has limited room. Applications are available on the Museum Web site at http://plymouthhistory.org/craft/craftshow.pdf or at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Hand-crafted items only, please.

Choir concert

The award-winning P-CEP Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp, will join with the P-CEP Orchestra and Symphony Strings, under the direction of Catherine DePentu, for a collaborative Fall Concert 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the Salem High School Auditorium.

The choirs will feature a medley of Motown classics, music from the film Dreamgirls, and the musical My Fair Lady, as well as works by Joseph M. Martin, Moses Hogan, John Rutter, and others.

The choirs will also debut a new choral arrangement of *This Is Halloween* from the film *A Nightmare Before Christmas*, arranged by PCEP Choir sophomore, Matthew Dempsey. In addition, Mr. Tim Schoenherr, the Arts Coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will pick up the baton and conclude the concert as the special guest conductor for an arrangement of the traditional Shaker tune Simple Gifts, featuring the combined talents of the over 300 students in the PCEP Choirs and Orchestras.

Tickets are on sale now at a cost of $4 each pre-sale and will be available at the door on the night of the concert for $5.00 each. Tickets are available from P-CEP Choir and Orchestra students as well as from Room 1603 at Salem High School. For more information please contact the P-CEP Choir Office at (734) 416-7765 or visit www.pcep-choirs.org.

House calls

The Plymouth Council on Aging will host a brief presentation by DRS, Inc., "Our Doctors Make Housecalls," 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The presentation will include an Introduction of DRS Inc., Services & Programs Available, Individualized Attention and Eligibility & Insurance Information. At the conclusion of the presentation there will be a free light lunch and snacks.

For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up.

Miller Woods walk

The public is invited to enjoy the colors and smells of autumn on a walk through Miller Woods Sunday, Oct. 14. Walks will begin at 2, 2:30 and 3 p.m. and will highlight how animals, trees, and flowers prepare for winter. Miller Woods is located on Powell Road between Beck and Ridge Roads in Plymouth Township.

A 2008 Miller Woods calendar is planned and orders may be placed that day. Proceeds from the calendar sale will be used to further the goal of the Friends of Miller woods which is to inspire responsible stewardship of this historic forest through education and community awareness.

New Morning concert

Looking for a unique opportunity for some rockin' family fun? On Saturday, Oct. 13, the D'Art Band will headline a live 7 p.m. concert at New Morning School in Plymouth.

The event is open to everyone in the local Plymouth-Canton community, with a suggested donation of $4 per person to benefit New Morning School. Refreshments will be provided.

D'Art Band is a Plymouth-based group that includes current and alumni parents of New Morning School. Band members include lead guitarist Waldon Reed, Jr., who has been teaching aspiring guitar students for over twenty years. His wife, Celeste, a Dearborn music teacher, also performs with D'Art Band. The show will feature a very special guest appearance by former New Morning School music teacher and popular Detroit-area trombonist Bugs Beddow.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com or call (734) 420-3331.

Make a Difference

The Plymouth Community United Way sponsors "Make a Difference Day," 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 28, meeting at the Plymouth Salvation Army headquarters, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

Volunteers are invited to help rake leaves, clean yards and provide light labor (replace light bulbs and smoke-alarm batteries, etc.) for senior citizens in the Plymouth-Canton community.

Morning refreshments, lawn bags and other supplies will be provided. Volunteers should bring rakes, garden tools and gloves.

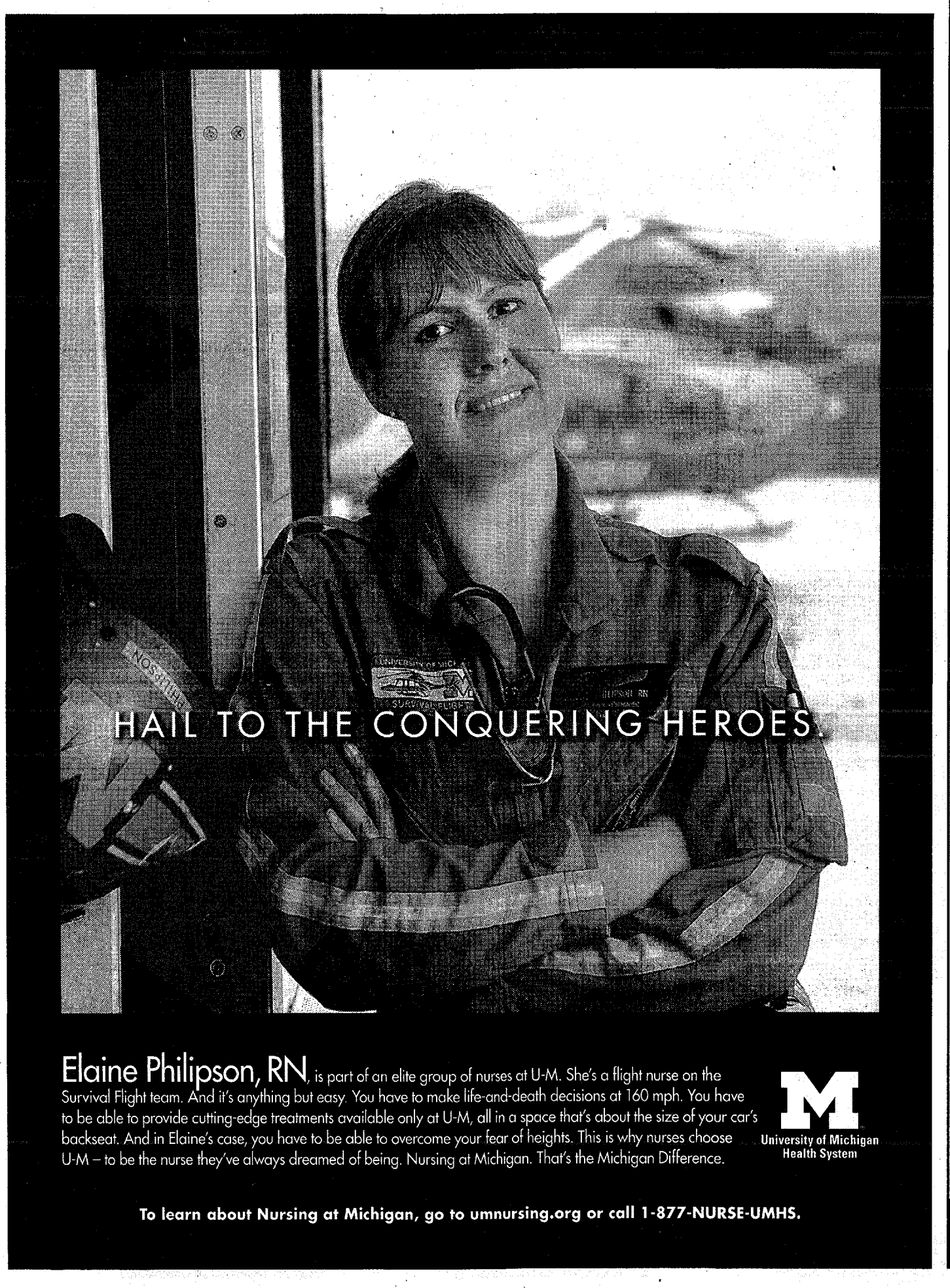
To register, call the Plymouth Community United Way, (734) 453-6879 before Oct. 18.

Scarecrows in the Park

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is now taking reservations for the 2007 Scarecrows in the Park.

Groups, businesses and families are invited to decorate their very own scarecrow in Kellogg Park. The scarecrows will then be on display from Oct: 5 through Nov. 9. This is a popular activity for service clubs, girl/boy scout troops, families and businesses.

Call the chamber office for more information at (734) 453-1540.



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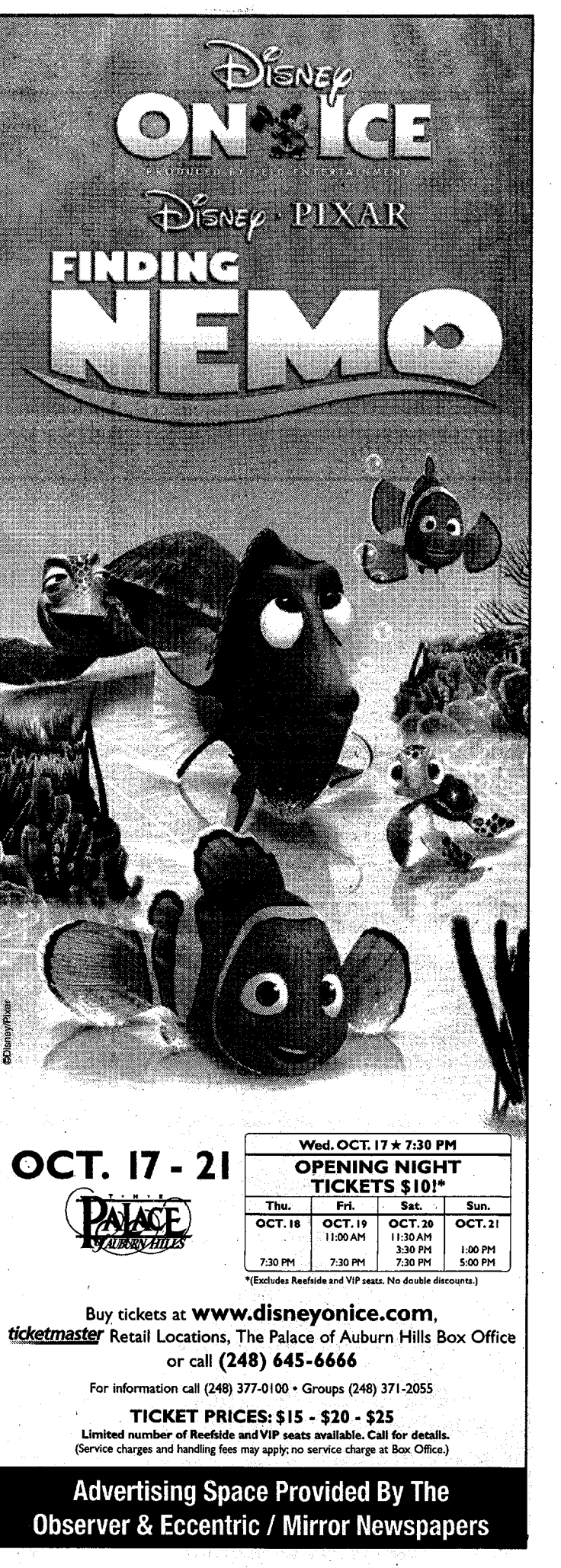

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Looking somewhat worn out by the past weekend's marathon budget battle, Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville), waits for a Tuesday morning press conference to begin.

BUDGET

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The one thing LaJoy is happy about is the fact that his idea about forming a government efficiency commission is part of the budget deal. The nine-member board, which will be made up of non-elected officials, will examine ways to reorganize state government and cut out wasteful positions. Members would be appointed by Democrats and Republicans. They would make recommendations to the state Legislature.

LaJoy, who said the commission will be formed within 50 days, believes there is too much duplicate work being done in Lansing. For example, each of the state's 17 agencies has its own purchasing and human resources personnel. He said one group could do it for all the agencies.

"Down the road, this could be huge. It could save us hundreds of millions of dollars," LaJoy said. "If we don't structurally change the way we do business, we will be right back in the same position."

The new budget gives a 1-percent increase in the state foundation allowance for public schools, which is a welcome sight to Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan.

"There's going to be short-term benefit to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and there's going to be long-term benefit, and that was very important to us," Ryan said. "I thought it was a courageous vote to support the tax increase because there's so much more to this budget than just that increase."

Corriveau said he understands no one wants to pay more taxes, but in this case there wasn't an alternative choice.

"Asking people to pay more when times are difficult is counter intuitive," Corriveau said. "But in order to maintain what we felt is important for Michigan — that we live in safe communities, we have good schools and fund higher education — that's where I had to make my call."

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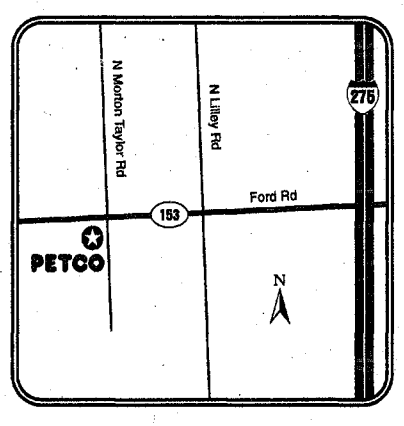

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Symphony society tabs new president

The Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society has a new leader.

At their annual meeting in September, the PCSS Board of Directors elected Steve Alexandrowski to be its board president. Past-President Don Soenen will remain on the board as Vice President of Orchestra Canton.

Alexandrowski grew up downriver and graduated from Grosse Ile High School in 1990 and Hillsdale College with a degree in history in 1994. At Hillsdale, he met his future wife, Renee, to whom he has been married for 10 years.

Alexandrowski

Residents of downtown Plymouth, the couple has two children - 6-year-old Helen Grace and 8-month-old Lydia Marie.

Alexandrowski currently manages GEM Asset Management, a fee-only financial planning and investment management firm he formed in November 2001, located on Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

In addition to his long-time support of the PCSS, Alexandrowski is also the vice-chair of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, board member of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, and president of the Plymouth AM Rotary Foundation.

Also elected to the board during the annual meeting were Robert Krupka from New Liberty Bank, Patrick Olson from Hayden McNeil Publishing and Erin Paulin from Osprey SA Ltd.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hydrant flushing

Members of Plymouth's Department of Municipal Services have begun the city's annual inspection and flushing of the nearly 500 fire hydrants in the city.

The procedure involves a Municipal Services employee completing an inspection of all of the internal workings of each fire hydrant. In addition, the crews will provide some routine annual maintenance on each hydrant. The city will also "flush" or run each fire hydrant to insure that it will operate properly during an emergency.

City residents should be advised that as crews flush hydrants in the neighborhoods there may be some discoloration of the residential water. Residents who experience a "rust colored" water should simply run the cold water tap for a few minutes to clear the household pipes.

The rust coloring is caused by a natural build up of minerals in the water system. Some natural mineral deposits are stirred up in the water pipes when fire hydrants are first turned on.

According to Steve Faiman, Assistant Director for Municipal Services, the "city's annual fire hydrant inspection program helps insure that all 500 of our fire hydrants are ready to be used in the event of an emergency."

For further information contact the City's Municipal Services Department, (734) 453-7737.

JCI honors suppliers

To recognize and award outstanding innovation, dedication and commitment, Johnson Controls last week honored its top performing automotive suppliers during its North American Supplier Performance Awards celebration. Held at the company's Holland, Michigan Technical Center, a total of 46 awards were given to 43 supplier companies that have provided exceptional service to the Johnson Controls automotive experience business throughout the past year.

Plymouth's Argent International, Inc., was among the recipients of JCI's Gold 2007 Supplier Performance Award winners.

"We are proud to honor the outstanding suppliers that have exhibited excellence in their performance and dedication to quality throughout the year," said Terry Nadeau, vice president and general manager of North American Purchasing for Johnson Controls. "Providing exemplary products and services to our customers is a top priority for Johnson Controls, and these honored suppliers are a critical component to our continued success in this area."

Johnson Controls' North American Supplier Performance Awards are presented annually for superior performance in key business areas: quality; cost; logistics; development; technology and service. Outstanding performance by the company's supply base is recognized on three levels – gold, silver and bronze.

Library celebrates with renovation party

Library users have watched as crews at the Plymouth District Library spent much of the last 16 months changing the floor plan, building staircases, moving books and creating a completely new environment.

To thank patrons and show off the new digs, library staffers will host a "Renovation Celebration" 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The entire community is invited.

The afternoon will include a number of fun activities, all designed and placed throughout the building to encourage party attendees to move about and see all that the new facility offers.

On the lower youth level, kids of all ages will enjoy storytelling, crafts, snacks, a magician, and giant storybook character. The main level of the Library will include food demonstration, display and samples from Trader Joe's, cup-stacking fun, a comic juggler and refreshments. The upper level will have more refreshments and entertainers on the move.

Previously scheduled to appear at the Renovation Celebration, Celtic fiddler Jeremy Kittel had to cancel due to health concerns.

"I am very sorry that I won't be able to perform at the Renovation Celebration," Kittel said. "We have plans to reschedule and I look forward to coming to the Plymouth District Library in 2008."

Cats and the Fiddler will perform at the Plymouth District Library's Renovation Celebration Sunday.

In addition to his apology, Kittel also offered an idea for an alternative – the dynamic group of Cats and the Fiddler from Milford. Specializing in American roots music, these three young cousins will join in the festivities Sunday. American roots music provides a window into the cultural identities of Americans over generations through blues, bluegrass, Cajun, country and southern gospel. While the party is scheduled 1-4 p.m., the Library will be open for use during regular Sunday operating hours, noon to 5 p.m.

For more information on the free event, contact the Plymouth District Library at (734) 453-0750 or plymouthlibrary.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Holiday bazaar

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.

AAUW program

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) October Program takes place 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Northville Library. The program will feature Dr. David Law talking about stem cell research. The meeting is open to the public. The Northville/Novi Branch of the AAUW will hold their October branch meeting and present Dr David Law as the night's guest speaker. Contact Beth Ann Knisely at (248) 305-8992 or e-mail northvillenoviaauw@yahoo.com for more information.

BluLady craft show

The BluLady Craft Show takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Sumpter Social Civic Club, 19865 Sumpter Road in Belleville. The event features a pumpkin vendor, charity bake sale table for Friends of Animals, a concession stand, handmade crafts, quilts, jewelry, crocheting, purses, candles, pillow cases and covers, wood arrangements, iron work, new, unique and one-of-a-kind items. It's a chance to get some Christmas shopping done early. For more information contact Linda Dugan at bluladyl522001@yahoo.com or call (734) 697-1988.

Restaurant rovers

The Northville/Novi AAUW Restaurant Rovers are back at it at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at "Matter of Taste," 2323 Union Lake Road in Commerce Township. Restaurant Rovers is an interest group of the Northville/Novi Branch of the American Association of University Women. Contact Joyce Murdock at (734) 207-1942 or e-mail northvillenoviaauw@yahoo.com for more information.

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Hispanic bishop to speak on immigration issues

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Immigration has been a hot topic in America for the last couple years. It will also be the topic of discussion Tuesday when Detroit Bishop Daniel E. Flores visits St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

The church's social justice committee invited Flores to speak on the issue of immigration, because it is something they've been discussing at recent meetings. According to the committee's chairperson, Nancy Blasch, there are many myths out there about immigration, and the hope is that Flores can shed some light on these myths.

She said the public is invited to attend, because the topic should be of general interest.

Bishop Daniel Flores

"It's a chance to give everyone a look at one side of an issue a lot of people are talking about," said Blasch, a former Canton resident who now resides in Superior Township. "Bishop Flores is a third generation Hispanic-American. He grew up in Texas, so he's very familiar with this issue."

Flores, the Archdiocese of Detroit's newest bishop, brings experience as a pastor, seminary professor and diocesan official from his work as a priest of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas. In October 2006, he was named an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit and was ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Adam Maida on Nov. 29 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Detroit.

Flores is scheduled to begin speaking at 8 p.m. after a mass that begins at 7 p.m. Blasch said he will speak for about a half hour and then answer questions.

St. Thomas a'Becket is located on Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill. All are welcome to attend.

Madonna breaks ground for new 'green' building

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

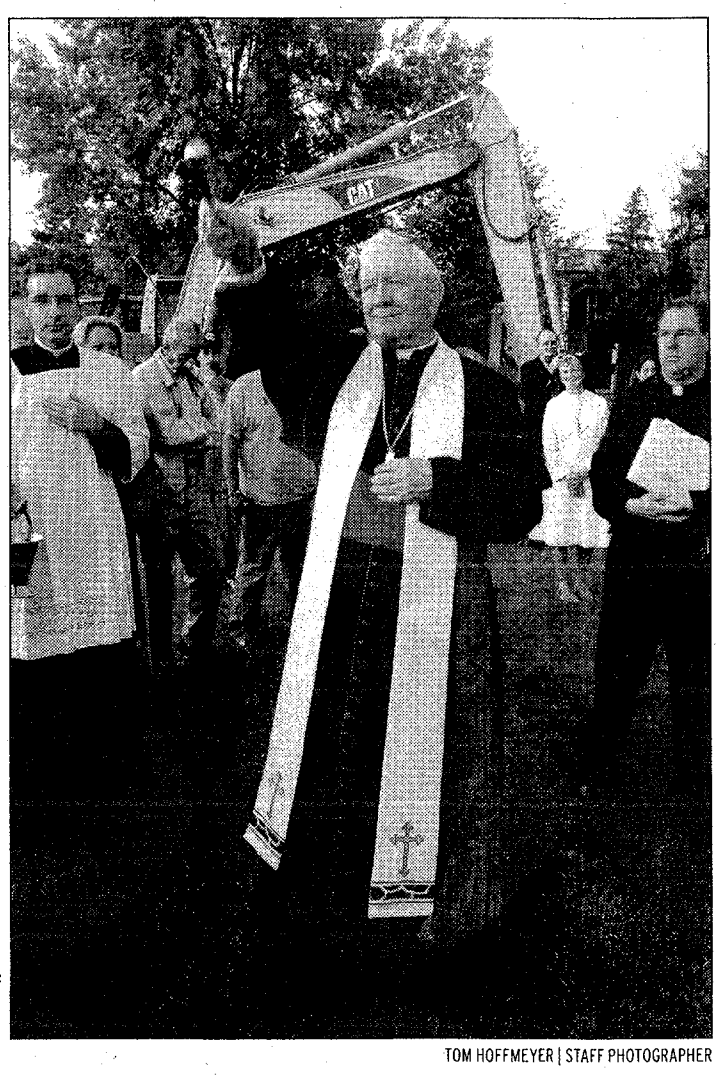
What will be Livonia's first "green" building took root Tuesday on the campus of Madonna University.

The ground where the new Science and Media Center will stand was blessed — and broken — in a ceremony in front of the St. Francis pond.

Detroit's archbishop Cardinal Adam Maida, university President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, deans, trustees, students, donors and dignitaries were among the 500 people who attended.

Maida offered a prayer for the workers who will construct the 60,000-square-foot, $20 million project. The first building to be constructed on campus in 40 years will include nine specialized laboratories for astronomy, quantum physics, microbiology and more; a high-definition television and radio studio, plus editing suites; videoconferencing capabilities and a lecture hall.

Motion detecting lights and use of natural lighting, waterless urinals and low-flush toilets and the use of recycled materials will make the building environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The design is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council, so as to become Livonia's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified structure.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Archbishop of Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida blesses the ground where Madonna University's new Science and Media building will be constructed.

These qualities testify to the Franciscan value of reverence for creation, Kujawa said. Madonna, in its 75th year, is "vibrant, visionary and growing," she said. "In order to guarantee a future, we need to be able to house these programs."

Science is required for every major, but especially for popular programs like forensic science, nursing and teaching. The media studies field is expanding.

Sophomore Robert Beal of Canton was one of many TV and video majors recording the ground-breaking. Like others, he was excited about using new cameras and high-tech editing equipment when the building opens.

"I've heard that it is going to be a special facility," he said, adding that it will fit in with its surroundings. Beal pointed to the pond and plant life on campus. "It's definitely going to stay a place for green life."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. 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 Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, 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 Study Minutes of September 5, 2007. Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes for September 11, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S "MOPS" SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Calvary Baptist Church's MOPS "Mothers of Preschoolers" Sale Saturday, October 6, 2007, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road in the Plymouth Christian Academy Activity Center. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF 60' X 120' TENT FOR IKEA "LEARNED LEADERSHIP LESSONS" WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2007. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and installation of a 60' X 120' tent for IKEA Canton, 41640 Ford Road to host "Learned Leadership Lessons", Women's Leadership Conference to be held on October 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF "RECEIVING BOARDS" IN OPTICAL SCAN JURISDICTIONS. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution establishing the use of one or more "Receiving Boards" to administer any upcoming elections scheduled in the jurisdiction. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. WTUA BUDGET APPROVAL. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for budget approval for WTUA. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. SET DECEMBER 1, 2007 MILLAGE RATES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the December 1, 2007 Millage Rates for the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. ADOPT FY 2008 BUDGETS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the FY 2008 Budgets. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDER WAIVING RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS AND INCREASING P.O. #66500 TO NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PRELIMINARY STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO MARLOWE STREET SAD 2006-2. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive receipt of proposals and increase purchase order number 66500 to Northwest Consultants, Inc. in the amount of $4,900.00 to provide professional engineering services for preliminary street design and construction cost estimate for a total not to exceed amount of $8,700, for the Marlowe Street SAD 2006-2. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES FOR LOWER ROUGE RIVER TRAIL HEAD AND ASSOCIATED TRAILS PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to waive the Township's formal bid process and approve the purchase of supplies for the Lower Rouge River Trailhead and Associated Trails Project (Account No. 246-750-970-0000, Item #13) based upon the quotations received, as follows: (1.) Approve Aggregate Industries to supply 9960 tons of 21AA for the price of $102,297.20 (2.) Approve Edward C. Levy to supply 34R GR stone for the price of $743.00 (3.) Approve Edward C. Levy to supply 36" x 12" stone for the price of $1,791.18 (4.) Approve Lesco to supply 14,410 sq. yd. of geotextile fabric and 590 sq. yd. of erosion mat for the price of $8,263.62. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE 2008 IAC PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the agreement(s) necessary to purchase the right of way and grading easements for the 2008 IAC intersection projects including Sheldon Center/Sheldon Road, Canton Center/Sheldon Center and Sheldon Road/Joy Road for an amount not to exceed $400,000 (Capital Projects Road Paving Fund Account Number 403-506-969-1000) which includes a $14,000 real estate commission to be paid to Dearborn Real Estate. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A WACHS POW-R-DRIVE II VALVE OPERATOR. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the bid from Jack Doheny Supplies and to approve a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of $8,744.00 and to authorize the Public Works Department to purchase a Wachs Power Valve Operator during the 2007 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2007, Acct. # 592-000-154-0000, Line Item #2. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT MAILING SYSTEM. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of the Neopost mailing system, model number IJ80 in the amount of $11,298.00 including an annual postage meter rental amount of $1,200.00 and yearly maintenance agreement amount of $1,420.00 for a total amount of $13,918.00. I further move to approve the General Fund budget amendment for this purchase. This budget amendment increases the General Government Division budget from $1,700,039 to $1,713,957, and the General Fund budget from $27,378,520 to $27,392,438. Motion carried unanimously. – Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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Ford employees help stock food depot shelves

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The shelves at the John Bolde Memorial Food Depot were looking a bit like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard until two Ford Expeditions pulled into the parking lot on a recent Wednesday morning.

The SUVs were filled with boxed and canned food, donations from the employees at Ford Motor Company's Michigan Truck Plant.

"We wheeled the vehicles into the plant and opened up the tailgates and asked the employees to bring donations," said Darryl Nolan, UAW plant chairman. "Our workforce is generally very responsive to charities like this."

"This food drive couldn't come at a better time," said Shelli Jump, director of the St. Mary Outreach Center which houses the food depot. "The donations are generally down during the warmer months, however, the need for assistance is growing at an alarming rate."

The outreach center is sponsored by St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. Housed in a former credit union building at Sims and Second Street in Wayne, it provides clothing and food to needy families in Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and other surrounding communities.

According to Jump, 110-120 people come to the clothing bank daily, while the depot provides food to 500 families each month. She estimates 27,000 pounds of food was given out in August.

"That's a low number, we can easily give out 30,000 pounds a month," she said. "Obviously, the more we give, the more we need."

Helping at the depot is nothing new for the plant's employees. In the past, they provided assistance at the Christmas holidays. It's one of many charitable events staged at the Wayne plant. Employees have shown their support for United Way, March of Dimes and juvenile diabetes, according to Sue Sharp, the plant's employee resource coordinator.

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Ford employees Pam Swoke (from left) and Brian Hinton and UAW plant coordinator Darryl Nolen unload supplies for the John Bolde Memorial Food Depot.

Shelli Jump talks about the demand for food that has emptied shelves at the food bank.

'This is a very giving workforce," she said. "They see a need and open their hearts. In the spirit of what the company is going through, they see a need and they give."

The food bank has been open for five years and Jump estimates that it has distributed more than 1.25 millions pounds of food. To handle demand, the depot has 10 freezers to keep bread and meat and food rescued by Forgotten Harvest from restaurants, that it receives twice a week. It also accepts donations of fresh produce from home gardeners who don't know what to do with those extra zucchini or tomatoes, Jump said. To get the biggest bang for the buck, Jump buys food from the same wholesalers used by Gleaners, allowing her to put the per case fee she would have had to pay the agency to buying more food.

The depot always accepts donations and is willing to work around people's schedules to get the food and clothing. People can call Jump at (734) 326-2234 for more information.

Sue Sharp, the employee resource coordinator at Ford's Michigan Truck Plant, gets a hug from Shelli Jump, director of the St. Mary Outreach Center and John Bolde Memorial Food Dept.

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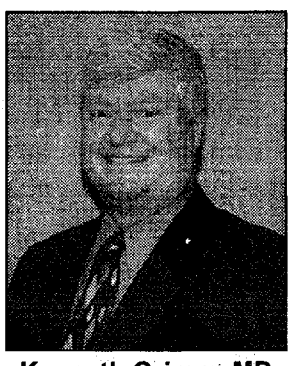

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- Residency: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Sunil S. Menawat, MD
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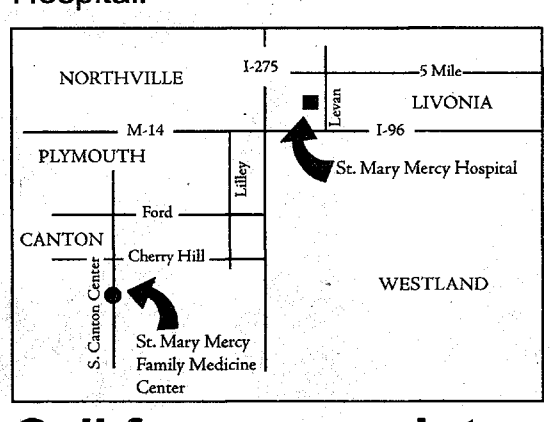

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Shane Heilman, of Brighton, chops and seeds chili peppers for the Tres Hombres team's chili.

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Wayne County, which is based in Plymouth.

"Last year we gave them $20,800, and I think we'll have more than that this year," said Horn, who pointed out the final tally isn't yet available. "My hope is that we can get close to $30,000. In these times, in this economy, in Michigan, it makes it that much more amazing."

The winners in the red, verde (green) and salsa competition will be competing in the World Championship cookoff in Omaha, Neb., this weekend. That's where Horn and her husband, Ken, will compete as a result of Annette winning a previous salsa competition, while Ken was tops in red chili.

It's a longshot, but the Horns could come home with three world championships.

"That would be very wishful thinking," Annette Horn said. "We are absolutely thrilled just to be going to the World Championships."

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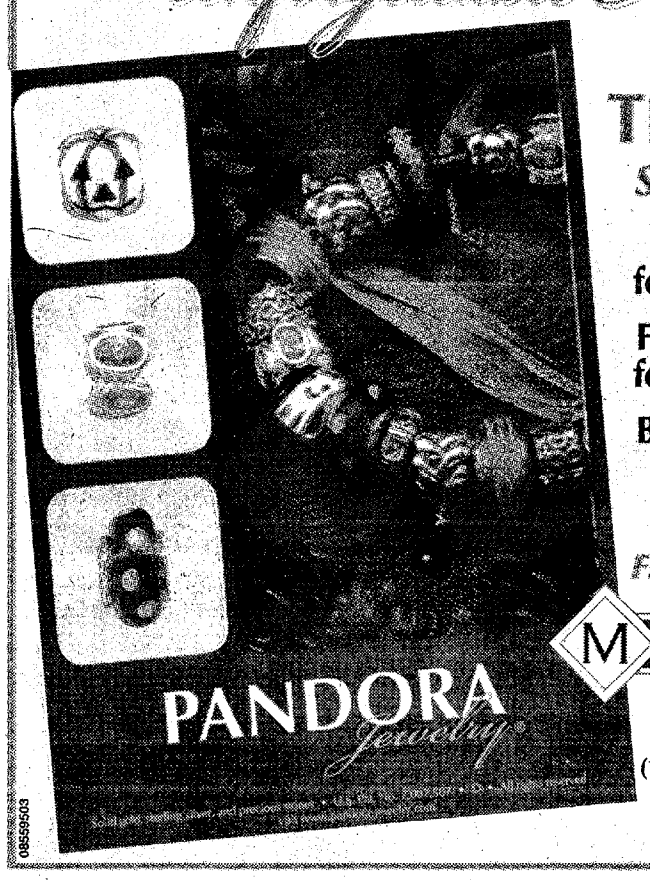

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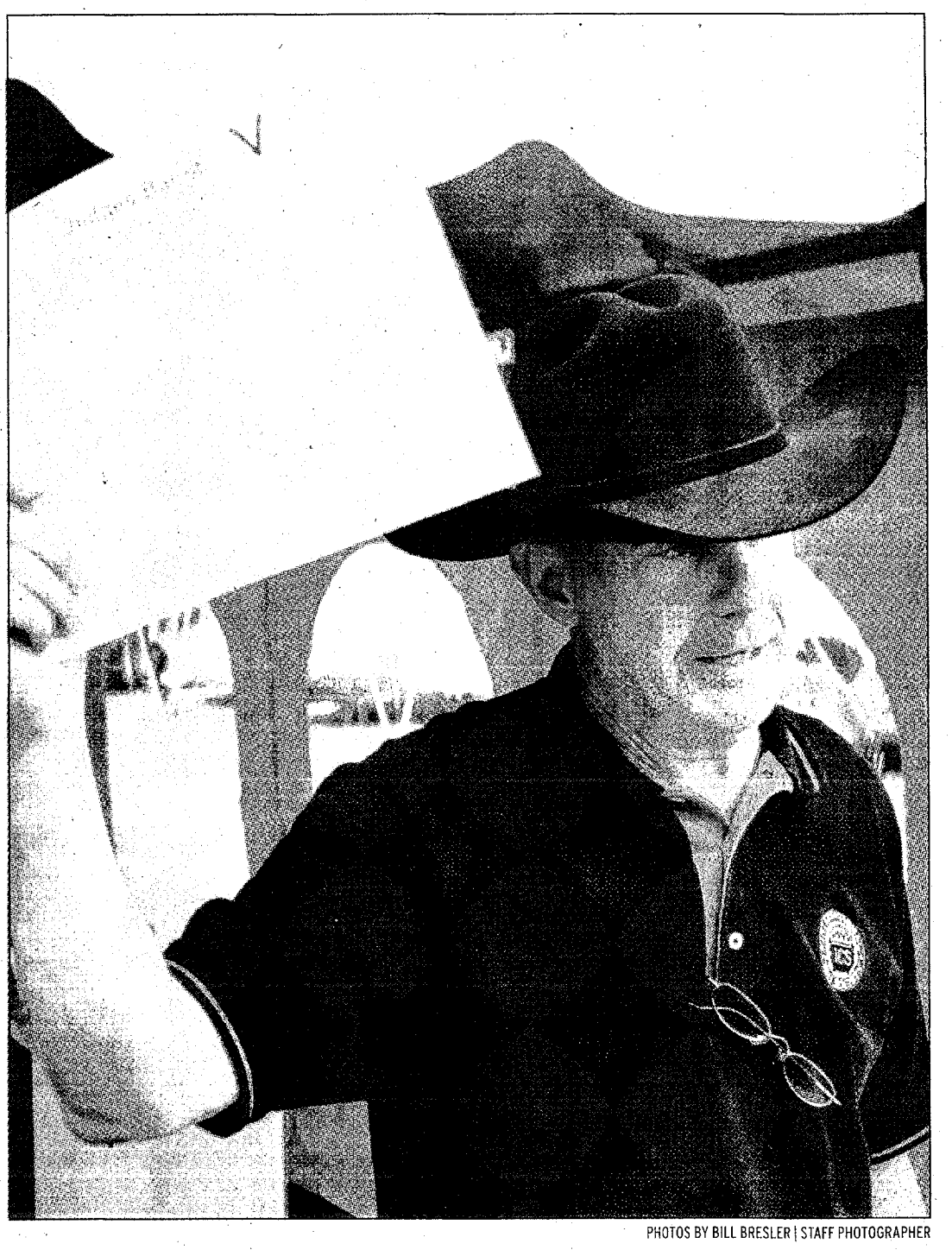

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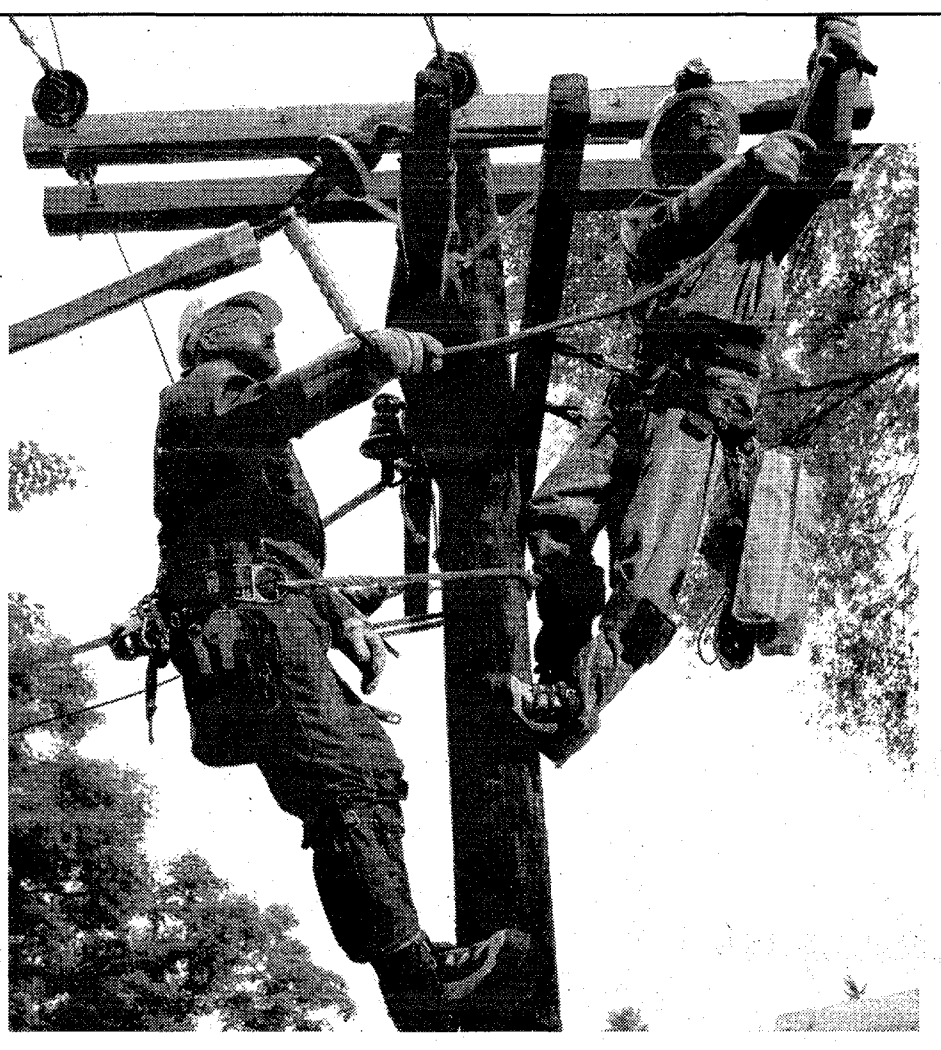
Ken Horn wrangles judges for the chili competition.



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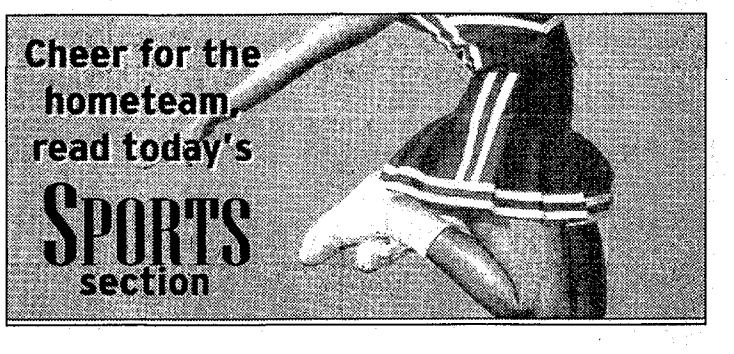
Chris Bandy of Westland and Amanda McCaig of Dearborn saute beef and sausage for Mo and Bibby's Chili.

Four-year-old Madison Taylor pets Ritzy, owned by Dan Krisher of Brighton.



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OUR VIEWS

Search process must be public

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education are on record saying the selection of a replacement for Superintendent Jim Ryan is, aside from solving its budget problems, the No. 1 issue on its agenda as the school year begins.

Last week, the board took the first step toward that goal, hiring Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, a Glenview, Ill., search firm, to orchestrate the process.

Roger Garvelink, the former Birmingham superintendent who is heading HYA's effort, has promised to meet with board members, community groups, administration and faculty "to get input and ask questions about their attributes of the district, to help us sell the position and attract candidates we would like."

Here's something else the board must do: Make the entire process as public as possible.

The board hired an out-of-state firm for what could end up being nearly twice as much money in an effort to get the right superintendent for the job. Not only are board members going to have to convince its residents they got the right person for the job, they're going to have to explain to them why a cash-starved district didn't go for the lowest bidder.

Former board President Barry Simescu wanted Michigan Leadership Institute of Old Mission, Mich., whose bid was some $17,000. But new President Judy Mardigian (and the other five trustees) were sold on HYA, despite a price tag that could reach $33,000. Mardigian said the board "owes it to the community to do it the right way, and not look at the dollars as much as putting together a quality process so we'll be able to attract someone."

We're not saying Mardigian is wrong; time will settle that question. But she does need to convince residents growing weary of hearing "We don't have the money" she's right.

That means putting Garvelink and board members in front of as many people as possible. It means recording every moment spent in meetings, even workshops, and airing those meetings on cable TV. The board should have learned in its failed bond proposals that not communicating effectively with their residents can cost them dearly.

This is a huge decision, one they got wrong the last time they did a search and wound up with the short-lived Booher administration. With the issues facing this district, it's imperative they not only get this one right, but that they convince their voters they got it right, as well.

Breast Cancer Month: You're aware – now act

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

You'd have to be a recluse not to know. That little pink ribbon reminder is everywhere — on products in stores, in newspapers and magazines and on people's lapels. Even M&M's produces pink candies to raise awareness of the second leading cause of cancer death in women.

The media has done a good job of educating women about their risks (1 in 8 will have an invasive form of breast cancer during her lifetime) and the importance of early detection by way of mammograms, and clinical and self breast exams.

Yet all the awareness and knowledge doesn't do women any good if they don't take action.

Women tend to be the caregivers in their families, putting their needs behind those of their children, husbands, parents and friends. They'll spend several hours a day doing things for others, yet not take five minutes a month to check their breasts for irregularities or a couple of hours a year to get a mammogram or visit their gynecologist.

But, unless they do, they may wind up cutting their time short with their families and not being there for them in the future.

If you haven't scheduled your checkup yet this year, do it right now. Make the call and set up an appointment. Just getting it on the calendar can be the hardest step. Then commit to following through — don't let anything interfere, just as you wouldn't back out of going to an important doctor's appointment with a loved one.

In the meantime, ask your sister, mother, daughter, aunt, friend, etc. when she last had a mammogram or clinical exam.

If she doesn't have insurance or can't afford to pay for it, offer to cover the average $100 fee for her or do a quick search on the Internet to find a place that offers free or reduced-cost mammograms.

Many facilities provide such services during October, particularly on National Mammography Day, the third Friday of the month.

Women need to take care of themselves. Because if they don't, they can't take care of anyone else.

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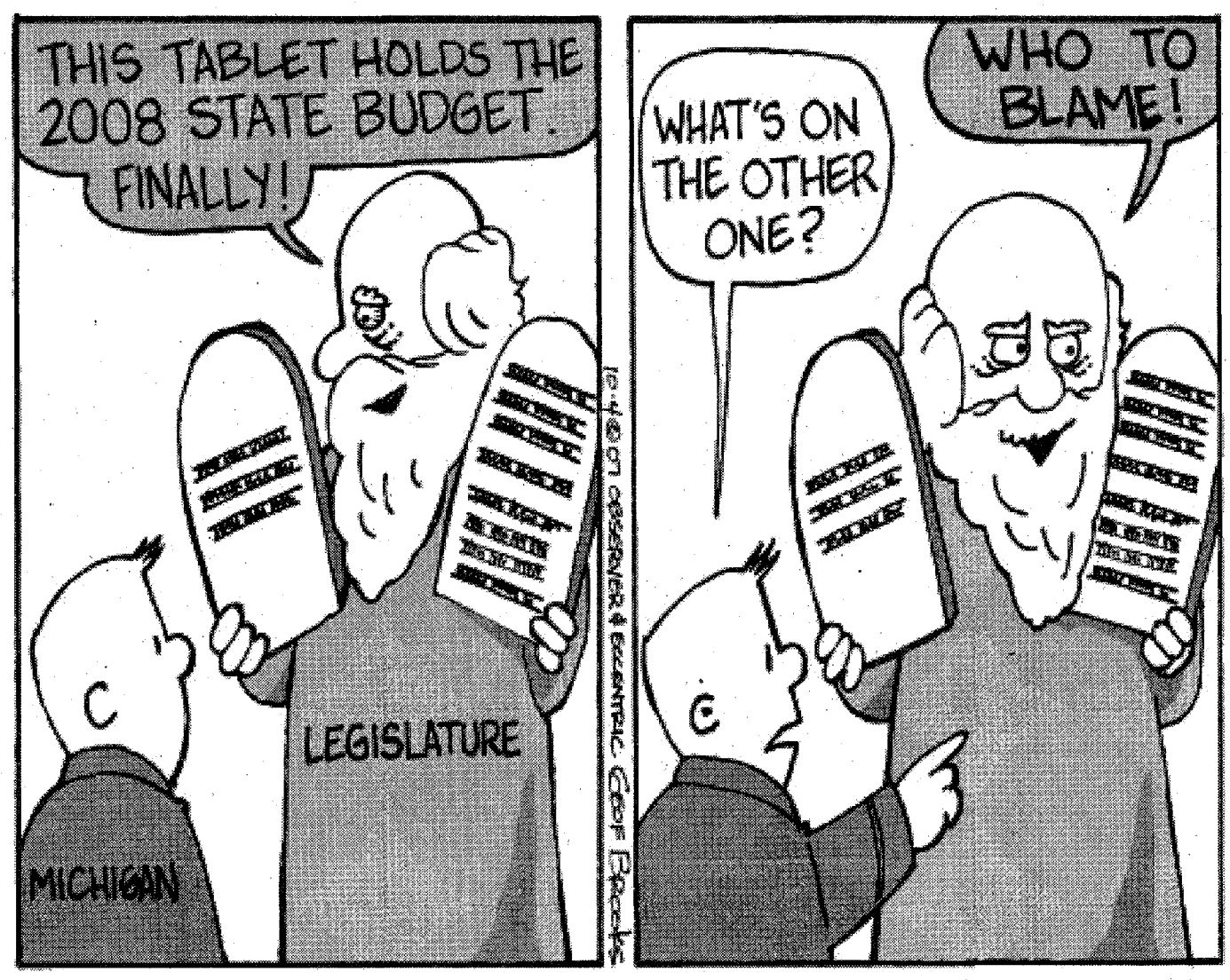

LETTERS

Walkers thank Plymouth

My feet still hurt, but my heart is filled with pride. Plymouth residents came out in droves to cheer on the Breast Cancer 3-Day walkers and the effect was overwhelming.

This is the second 60-mile walk for me and my walking partner, Lori Rush, and from the minute we arrived at the Wilcox Lake Cheering Station, until lunch at Hines Drive, supporters were clapping, honking, rolling down windows to wave, handing out treats, and thanking us for walking for such a good cause.

It was like being on a three-mile long red carpet at an awards ceremony. Residents of Lake Pointe lined their sidewalks with giant pink ribbons. Plymouth Newcomers gave hugs and snapped pictures. Girl Scout Troop 874 even brought us some much-needed cold Panera's sodas and Popsicles along with their smiles and cheers.

One of the organizers of this year's walk personally wanted to send their thanks to Plymouth. In her words, "It was like we were adopted by a city."

I am not surprised by Plymouth's kindness. It is why I have lived here since 1972. My blisters will heal, my weariness will subside, but forever ingrained in my memory of this experience will be the kindness and support from the residents of Plymouth.

Andrea Hug
Plymouth

Move school elections

With all of the budget strife in Michigan, it is encouraging that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have the opportunity to save money and significantly increase voter turnout for school elections, all at the same time.

All that is needed is for the school board to vote to move school elections from May to November to coincide with the regular general elections.

The impact of this will be to save the school district nearly $100,000 per year for the next two years and that same sum every two years for the future. In addition to this tremendous savings, voter turnout for these very important school elections will likely increase from the 5-10 percent currently seen in school elections, to 60-70 percent typically seen in general elections.

Sounds like a simple way to do two great things, save money and increase voter participation. For a school district that continues to complain that there is not enough money in the classroom, saving the equivalent of two teachers per year by simply changing the day we vote, almost seems too simple.

While this sounds simple, several members of the school board say that this kind of change will "attract the wrong kind of candidates" and encourage "the wrong kind of people to get involved." For an educational institution that talks about diversity and inclusion, these types of excuses should never be acceptable and these folks should be ashamed to even make this argument.

Please join me in telling our school board to put more money in the classroom and more citizens in the voting process. Tell them to move our school elections to November by signing the online petition at http://www.PetitionOnline.com/PCCS/petition.html.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Less money in your pocket

I thought it was very interesting in what was not reported relative to the new teacher contract with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. With the situation here in Michigan as it is — companies moving away and filing for bankruptcy, the dismal housing market, people fleeing for greener pastures elsewhere, the state on the verge of insolvency. Am I forgetting anything? Yet the teachers pen yet another rather sweet deal.

Remember the UAW just settled, after striking, for a settlement that held wages flat and in fact instituted a lower new hire rate scale. This reflects exactly the environment we have here in Michigan. This is reality. Is it any wonder our teachers' pay, health care and benefits are way above national averages. With leadership that refuses to say enough is enough, that refuses to accept the challenge to stand up and fight the teachers union, all I have to say is hold onto your wallets, people. Let's all solve this equation: Granholm + money (tax) hungry Democrats in Lansing + spineless P-CCS board = Less Money In Your Pocket.

G. Gordie
Canton

Congress condemns free speech

The spineless Congress spent days debating an ad that MoveOn.org published. In doing so, they once again undermined our constitutional right of free speech.

This effort, led by the Republicans, completely demonstrates the tragedy of these members of Congress. Why did they waste valuable time condemning free speech of MoveOn.org? Once again the Republicans are misusing our Constitution.

They didn't condemn Vice President Cheney when he falsely connected Al Qaeda to Saddam Hussein. They didn't condemn Colin Powell when he lied about WMDs to the United Nations. They didn't condemn President Bush when he started eavesdropping on American citizens without a warrant. They still haven't done anything to change President Bush's war policy. But they led days of debate to vote to condemn a newspaper ad.

They need to stop voting on useless resolutions and focus on forcing an end to the war. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, once again, supported a day of waste in Congress.

Hadley Hudak
Canton

Send Granholm packing

With our state teetering on the brink of bankruptcy, all our governor and Democrats in Lansing can suggest is to bring in more revenue in the way of tax increases in one form or another. This is exactly why I voted for Dick DeVos. Does anybody out there truly believe Mr. DeVos would be proposing a tax increase on us if he sat in the governor's seat instead of Granholm?

Thank you very much to you 2,139,839 voters who put the incompetent one — Granholm — in office. Are you now ready to join me in starting recall/impeachment proceedings to send her Highness packing back to Canada?

John Walter
Canton

Tax upon tax upon tax

The state currently has a $1.8 billion deficit and they can't agree on how to handle it. And now I read in the pap er, an article written by a member of the state legislature on how next year we are going to accrue another bill for about $1.7 billion. Why is it, you ask? Well, please forgive my memory lapse, but it pertained to some insurance payments coming due next year that the state knew about since 2003.

What are they going to do next year? Put another temporary tax on top of the temporary tax they want this year? When do we get taxed out?

Let me tell you, I'm already taxed out. Pretty soon I'll only be working to pay taxes with my day job, then I'll have to get another job to pay my bills, THEN I'll have to make my 13-year-old son get a job so I can have money for food.

Now, the great governor wants to build a $117 million State Police headquarters that no one but her major campaign contributor has asked for. What's her reasoning for taking on such a financial draining project you ask? Because the payments for this bill won't hit the taxpayers until the end of 2009. At which time they can add another temporary tax to the other two temporary taxes they already will have put on our backs, and my then 12-year-old daughter can join the workforce to help make ends meet.

Oh, wait, she'll still be too young to hold down a job, so I guess I'll have to move out of state like every other person who is either unemployed because of our stagnant economy, or just plain tired of being overtaxed. Pretty soon you'll have to be a millionaire just to live in the state of Michigan, that way you won't have to pay so much in taxes.

Don Pechin
Westland

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"It's bittersweet because we're sorry we lost the building ... The important thing is Masonry isn't a building. It's people and a way of life of those people. It's great they've asked us to come and lay the cornerstone in the old, traditional way."

Lary Smith, Member of Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47, on laying the cornerstone at the Park Side development, being built on the site of the former Mason's Lodge.

It's time citizens do something about the mess in Lansing

Want to know why our political system in Lansing is so broken that the lawmakers can't even decide how to pass a basic budget?

Then consider these two anecdotes, which capture the astonishing combination of incompetence, isolation, irresponsibility and rank partisanship that perfectly capture Lansing these days:

Phil Power

A conversation with a Republican state representative as he emerged from a rare Sunday night session of the House:

"What are you going to do about the budget crisis? Increase taxes?" "Absolutely not! Republican principles are totally against increasing taxes!" "So can you get it done entirely with cuts?"

"No, God forbid. That would tear things to shreds." "OK, so what do you propose to do?" "I'm in the minority. It's not my problem."

A Democratic state senator, talking about the gridlock: "If most people in Michigan knew what's going on up here, there'd be hell to pay. Fortunately, they don't."

The editorial pages in Michigan's newspapers are uniformly and savagely contemptuous of our political leaders. Longtime Lansing hands and business leaders say things have never been this bad in living memory. Poll results published in Bill Ballenger's *Inside Michigan Politics* agree that "normal" people are disgusted, too: Gov. Jennifer Granholm has a 54 percent negative job rating.

But that looks good next to the Legislature, which comes in at a rock-bottom 16 percent positive.

Yet ... where is the outrage?

What may seem oddest of all is that there is relatively little public protest and outcry at a time when the deepest interests of 10 million Michigan citizens are being held hostage.

Hostage, that is, to the narrow partisanship of both political parties and their respective office holders. Why aren't people up in arms? Sure, they are sore when they're talking about it over a beer in the bar or at the dinner table. But with the situation as serious as it has been, you'd expect daily marches on the Capitol.

So why hasn't that been happening?

My guess is that, sadly, it's because most folks think there's little they can do to improve the situation. That it's all in the hands of the politicians and, hence, out of reach for ordinary people.

Some may believe that things are so bad there's essentially nothing they can do. So perhaps the worst aspect of all this mess is that the average citizen has lost the informed hope that something — anything — can be done. That people think that their views simply don't count. If that's indeed the case, it suggests there is something terribly wrong with the workings of our democracy.

That's intolerable. And it's time to do something about it.

Starting next month, ordinary citizens in communities all over Michigan will sit down for an hour and a half in small groups to have community conversations. First questions: "What's your vision for Michigan? What kind of Michigan would bring your kids back from Chicago or keep your grandchildren from moving to the West Coast?"

Second question, naturally enough: "If that's the kind of Michigan we all want, how best can we get there?"

Sponsored by the Michigan's Defining Moment public engagement campaign, these community conversations offer a way for folks to get involved and make their voices heard in Lansing.

Trained scribes will take notes at each of the 80 conversations; they'll be put together in a summary report that will be released publicly late this year. That, in turn, will be the basis for further discussion and refinement in a second set of community conversations next spring. The idea is to bring Michigan's citizens together to develop a representative vision of the kind of Michigan we all want and a tightly focused agenda for transforming our state to get through our current crisis and lay the foundation for future prosperity.

It should be clear that Michigan's political, budget and public policy systems are broken, held hostage to the partisan interests of both political parties. The only way to repair them is through the direct input of Michigan citizens. It's too important a task to be left to the politicians who got us into this mess in the first place.

Readers of this column have two ways to get involved in this process. You can go to www.thecenterformichigan.net to reserve a seat at the community conversation near you. Or you can go to the same Web site, click on "community conversations" and add your voice to the conversation online.

Either way, you'll be able to spend a little time on the future of our state. It might just be the best 90 minutes you'll ever spend.

Phil Power is founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a centrist think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here do not represent the official views of The Center. Power welcomes reader comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

Broad-brush painting does nothing for productive dialogue

Freedom of speech is one of the basic tenets upon which this country was founded.

But in the increasingly polarized, bitter and divisive world of politics, people at opposite ends of the political spectrum seem to believe that right belongs only to them and those who agree with them.

Brad Kadrich

That's OK, I guess; perhaps it's human nature to have that much faith in your own opinion, and I think most people see the blow-hardiness in it.

The bigger danger, I think, to genuine political discourse is the idea of lumping everyone on one side or the other into the same pot, painting them with the same broad brush.

You see it in the media all the time. To Sean Hannity, every Democrat is a left-wing nut job; to Al Franken, every Republican a right-wing menace. You know they're extreme when they make Bill O'Reilly look like a centrist.

The broad brush was used locally last week when a staunch Republican dropped off a copy of *Investor's Business Daily*, a conservative business publication.

The paper contained an editorial blasting the support financier George Soros gives to a variety of groups, including MoveOn.org, the left-wing group in the news most recently for its ad calling Gen. David Petraeus "General Betray Us." At the top Potter wrote, "Do your homework before giving front page press to these (expletive)."

The staunch Republican was apparently angered by a front-page story this newspaper did a couple of weeks ago on a small protest sponsored by the local chapter of MoveOn.org. It was a quiet protest, with some 80 people or so, who want the U.S. to get out of Iraq.

Given the way the war has been mismanaged and poll results on the administration's handling of it, that's hardly an unpopular position these days among either party.

My problem isn't with the characterization of Soros. I don't know enough about the man, though I think very few people deserve to be called by an expletive. A friend described him as "a rich liberal, who puts his money where his mouth is, and they can't stand it. The man is a Holocaust survivor, and he knows a petty dictator when he sees one — which is the other thing they can't stand."

I don't know which is the proper characterization, and I don't really care. George Soros isn't the story here, and that's the point. George Soros wasn't in Kellogg Park, and neither was any of his money, and neither were any of the people running the national organization.

I don't agree with the group's portrayal of Petraeus. I don't know if it rises to the level of slander or libel, but it's certainly low-brow politics.

But none of the people in Kellogg Park that night had anything to do with any of that, and painting them with the same broad brush isn't fair to them. I didn't know all of the people involved with the protest, but I know some of them, and they're simply caring people who want what they believe is best for their sons, daughters and country.

I have a lot of respect the gentleman who brought the paper in, who is a man with strong opinions who sticks to his guns. But it would be interesting to see his reaction, and the response of other Republicans, if the Christian Coalition or (fill in the right-wing group here) held a similar demonstration and we *didn't* cover it.

How much broad-brush painting would be going on *then*?

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Bonde finalist for Stand on a Better World Award grand prize

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-three years ago, Debra Bonde was volunteering as a braille transcriber when she noticed how few books in braille there were for children. The books that were available were expensive. A Hardy Boys mystery would cost $100.

She decided to do something about it. She started Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia.

"My girls were sighted and loved to read and it just seemed wrong to me that blind children didn't have that same opportunity," she said.

Bonde's dedication is being recognized as she is one of three women receiving the national Stand on a Better World Award, sponsored by Mannington Mills. The awards honor "women who make a difference in the world."

Six judges, including tennis star Billie Jean King and ABC newswoman Deborah Roberts, selected the women in three categories. Barbara Drennen of Kent, Wash., was recognized for the local award for forming the Pediatric Interim Care Center and Nancy Press of Portland, Ore., is the Global Award winner for launching Child Aid which helps families in Latin America.

That first year, Seedlings distributed 200 books from 12 titles. They now distribute 24,000 books with about 800 titles. Bonde said they create three kinds of books.

In addition to receiving the National Award from the judges, Bonde was the first recipient of a new Your Better World Award, where the public voted online for their favorite candidate. More than 26,000 people participated. Each award recipient received $10,000 for their charity. Bonde received $20,000 for winning in two categories.

The three winners will attend a ceremony on Nov. 15 in Wilmington, Del., where a Grand Prize winner will be named. That award is $25,000.

"They contacted us," Bonde said. "They had seen our Web site and thought that we should apply."

Bonde credited her win in the popular online vote to a "huge group of supporters all over the country."

Seedlings began as humbly as its name implies.

"In the basement of my house and a printer that my dad made for me, I started to make braille books and it mushroomed from there thanks to all kinds of people along the way that have helped," she said.

That first year, Seedlings distributed 200 books from 12 titles. They now distribute 24,000 books with about 800 titles.

Bonde said they create three kinds of books. Books for toddlers, such as *Good Night Moon*, introduce them to braille and to other kinds of touch. Books for beginning readers, such as the Dr. Seuss books, are done in braille and print, so that sighted readers can assist the young readers. Finally, for older children, Seedlings transcribes popular titles such as the Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys mysteries.

Debra Bonde

"We do a variety, fiction, nonfiction, poetry, biography," she said.

A new law passed during the Clinton administration provides a blanket copyright permission for nonprofits that transcribe for the blind.

The response from parents with blind children has been "ecstatic," Bonde said.

"We make books available for half the cost of making it," she said.

Bonde said she's looking forward to the ceremony though she's unsure what to expect.

"I'm excited to go," she said. "I get to meet Billie Jean King and Deborah Roberts and the other winners."

Manningon Mills, based in Salem, N.J., is a leading manufacturer of fine flooring.

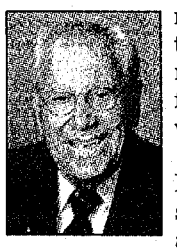
Vagnozzi: We need earlier budget deadline

State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills, announced a new plan to move the deadlines up on presenting certain state budgets to the governor.

"When it comes to the state budget, as lawmakers, we have a duty to the people we represent to put the politics aside and do what's right to move Michigan forward," said Vagnozzi, who is serving his final term, due to term limits. "As the end of the fiscal year fast approaches, a possible government shutdown is a very real threat. A state shutdown would have dire consequences for Michigan, putting both our residents and our communities at risk."

Currently, the fiscal year for Michigan runs from Oct. 1 - Sept. 30, with an annual state budget deadline of Sept. 30. Vagnozzi's proposal calls for the Legislature to present all general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period to the governor on or before July 1 of each fiscal year.

Vagnozzi's legislation would be in line with local governments, school boards and colleges, whose fiscal year begins July 1. At the present time, they have to wait three months before they know how much state funding they will be getting.


Vagnozzi

Last year, New Jersey shut down, affecting the Department of Education, parts of the state Judiciary, state beaches and parks, historic sites, and more than 45,000 state employees. Their casinos were closed, causing a ripple effect that cost the state $1.3 million in revenue every day the shutdown lasted. The state lottery also was closed down.

"The people of Michigan should not have to live in fear each year wondering if their elected leaders will turn their backs on them if they cannot negotiate a budget," Vagnozzi said. "This plan will ensure that the political posturing and last minute budget agreements are done in a timely and efficient manner that won't force Michigan into a shutdown, negating the state's ability to deliver essential services to our citizens."

Madonna hosts human rights film series

The Human Rights Friday Fall Film Series hosted by Madonna University and the Citizens for Peace begins Oct. 5 with the documentary film *Why We Fight*.

The film is the first of four films being shown weekly at Madonna University's Kresge Hall or Science Hall beginning at 7 p.m. Each film will be facilitated by a local speaker who will field questions from the audience. *Why We Fight* by Edward Jarecki provides an unflinching look at the anatomy of the American war machine. The film, shown by the Detroit Institute of Arts last year, provides a bipartisan inquiry into the military/industrial complex and the rise of the American empire.

Who Shot My Brother, Oct. 12. As filmmaker German Gutierrez searches for the gunmen who tried kill his brother, he exposes the root cause of the violence in his native Colombia. (Science Hall)

China Blue, Oct. 19. A powerful and poignant journey into the harsh world of sweatshop workers. Shot clandestinely, this is a deep-access account of what both China and international retailers don't want us to see, how the clothes we buy are actually made. (Science Hall)

Independent Interventions, Oct. 26. Focusing on the human cost of war, this film contrasts corporate controlled media coverage of the invasion of Iraq with independent media reports of the brutal realities on the ground. (Kresge Hall)

Madonna University if at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. Free, ample parking is available in a well-lighted lot. The Citizens for Peace is asking for a $5 donation per person, per film.

Films for the Spring and Fall Human Rights Film Festival are provided by the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights.

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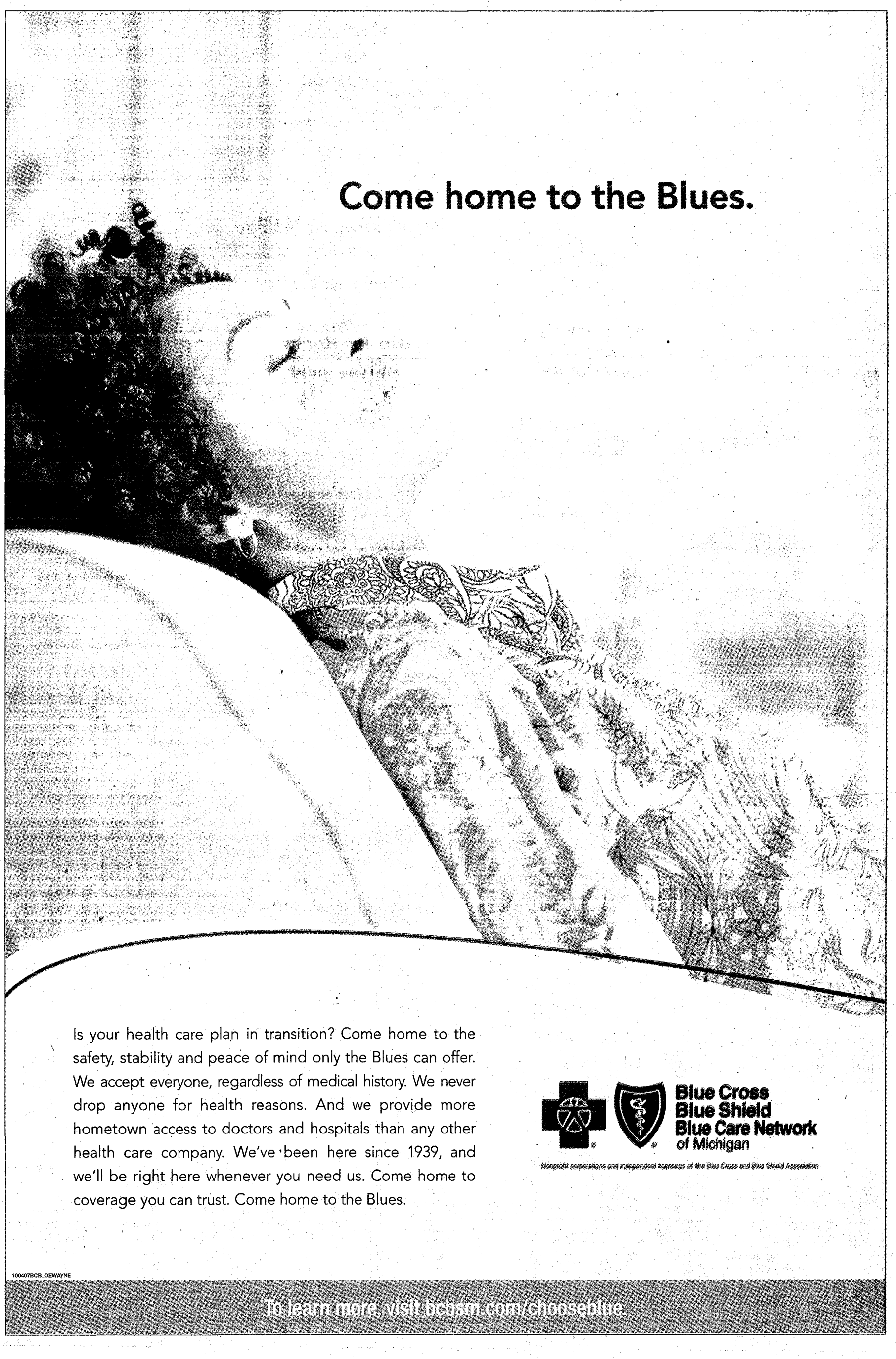

RELIGION CALENDAR

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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. The Rev. Robert McCurley of Greenville, S.C., will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or phone the church at (703) 359-0192.

Parish mission
The Rev. Hugh Burns, a Dominican preacher, will be conducting a Parish Mission Saturday-Wednesday, Oct. 6-10, at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, between Warren and Joy roads, Westland. Entitled Like a Kid Again: A Spirituality of Childhood for Adult Sized Living, the Mission talks will be given at Masses 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, and 9 a.m. Monday-Wednesdays. Burns is known to use humor and laughter in his preaching offering practical and contemporary talks based on Scripture and church teaching. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

Anointing Mass
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The Mass incorporates the rituals of the Sacrament of the Sick which Catholic doctrine teaches offers spiritual strength and healing to those who are aged, or seriously or chronically ill, be that physical, emotional, or spiritual. All area Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, so that the church will be able to prepare for the number of people attending.

Men's breakfast
Ham & eggs, hash browns, 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.

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 sellout crowd is expected. Tickets are $5 and may be reserved by calling (734) 422-0494 or Marilyn Hirtzel at (734) 422-0841.

Worship change
Beginning Sunday, October 7, the early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia will be at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 Service Drive.

Healing service
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, will be hosting a Service of Healing and Wholeness 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, in their Sanctuary. The service affirms God's presence in our lives and is designed to comfort those who desire a healing of body, mind, relationships or other areas. Communion served. No child care provided. Information available Monday-Friday at (248) 374-7400.

Celebration of the arts
The annual juried art show, Sharing the Gift Within, opens Saturday, Oct. 6, at the historic First Presbyterian Church in downtown Northville. The art gallery is open each day and evening through Oct. 12. Guests can enjoy the displayed artwork, much of which is for sale. The celebration continues with a concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, by pianist Paul Sullivan. Tickets are $15 adult, $10 senior, $5 student and can be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information, call Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-0911, Ext. 206, or visit www.firstpresnville.org.

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 the church's contemporary choir will perform (and a signer will be provided) 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) 425-5950.

Faith in film series
An Al Gore movie being shown at a church? That's not likely to happen often, but that's exactly what's happening 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford. As part of its Faith-in-Film series, "An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown, a discussion follows on the applications of faith, theology, spirituality and religion in the movie. Future Faith-in-Film movies include "Sicko," "The Nativity Story," and "Amazing Grace." The Faith-in-Film series is free and open to anyone who would like to respectfully share their views. For information about attending this event, call (313) 538-2660.

Grief recovery
Living with the loss of a spouse series dealing with grief and coping with loneliness and other issues, facilitated by members of Widowed Friends, a peer support group, at St. Columban Parish Center, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge, Birmingham. Six-week series begins 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, call Dorothy at (248) 540-9848 or Gerry at (586) 795-0477 to register by Oct. 1, four week series begins 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, call Pat at (248) 549-1220 or Carol at (248) 853-2268 to register.

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

Animal blessing
Blessing of the Animals Service 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. All pets are welcome. Treats will be provided. For more information, call (734) 591-0211 or visit www.holyspirit-livonia.org

World Communion Day
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills celebrates World Communion Day Oct. 7. Everyone is invited to join in celebrating at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. For more information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Concert
Woodward Corridor Musicians present Pathetique: a Chamber Music Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are $10 for adults, free to students K-12. A reception follows the concert. For more information, visit www.WoodwardCM.org or call (248) 546-5818.

Discernment training
Learn how to tell the truth from lies when looking for a church or listening to Bible teachers. Will meet 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Carl Sandburg Library meeting room to discuss what would be the best days and time for those interested in going through the training. A six-week course by Sandy Simpson, www.deceptioninthechurch.com. To register, call (734) 425-1675.

Immigration issues
The social justice committee at St. Thomas a Becket Church has invited a speaker to explore the issues of immigration in the United States 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the church, south of the corner of Lilley and Cherry Hill, Canton. The speaker is Bishop Daniel Flores, Detroit's newest bishop, who is a third-generation Hispanic and was born and raised in Texas. All are welcome.

Interfaith dialogue
The Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church will present an Interfaith Dialogue with the Rev. Dr. Carlyle F. Stewart, III, senior pastor, Hope United Methodist Church, Southfield, and Rabbi Joshua Bennett, Temple Israel, West Bloomfield, to discuss differences and similarities of Christian 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
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.

Conference
Sunday School & Church Ministries Conference Saturday, Oct. 13, at First Nazarene, Eight Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Non-denominational, 30 workshops to update your skills, scores of publisher exhibits to show you the latest materials. General sessions. Free to the public. All-day free Kids Korner. Lunch included in registration fee. For more information, call the International Christian Education Association at (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaOnline.org.

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.

Dinner & Silent Auction
Saturday, Oct. 13, at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren, Westland. There will be more than 100 items to auction off all of which have been donated by congregation members or organizations in the Westland community. Tickets $8 for adults, $6 for children under age 10. You do not need to come to dinner to attend the auction. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the Silent Auction to begin at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Youth & Children's Ministries. For information or tickets, call pastor Rick Jewett at (734) 458-7301.

Concert
Dave Wagner is the featured organ soloist with the Birmingham Concert Band 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at Christ Church Cranbrook, corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. No charge.

Breast cancer awareness event
Luncheon and card party 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets available at the door or call (734) 722-1343. All proceeds go to breast cancer awareness.

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.

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.

Craft show
And bake sale presented by Women's Guild of St. Michael the Archangel Parish 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, Livonia. All table space has been rented and crafters are ready to display their finest wares for early holiday shopping. For details, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Contemporary Christian music
The free concert takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, two blocks west of downtown Farmington between Grand River and Freedom roads, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

Many voices/one song
The season continues with St. Nicolas by Benjamin Britten 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, Britten's music magically illustrates the adventures of Saint Nicolas from birth to death, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. No charge, but a free-will offering will be collected. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

Rummage Sale
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a $2 bag sale on Saturday.

Rummage/Bake sale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities. For more information, call (734) 355-0497.

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.

Cantata Academy Chorale
This & That Amen concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tickets $18 adults, $15 seniors/students, and can be purchased in advance or at the door (if available). Call (248) 358-9868 or visit www.cantataacademychorale.bravehost.com, or send e-mail to CantataAcademyChorale@msn.com.

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.

ENDOW
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese's ENDOW program, the women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. The group based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 5, in the Convent Meeting Room behind the school at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The second session meets 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays to Dec. 4 in the same room. Different Times, Abiding Dignity deals with women's inherent dignity at all stages of life. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. Cost is $60 for materials but no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. To register, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.endowonline.com.

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 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.

Bible study
Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Study the Gospel of Luke through November, then move on to Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

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.org.

Pancake breakfasts
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-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 buffet-style at family friendly prices. Adults, $5; children ages 4-11, $3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), $15. Everyone is welcome.

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.

MOPS meetings
The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Bible studies
Regular Bible Study program began 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.

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 years 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.

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. began 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.

UPCOMING

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, Julie Horn, (248) 914-7533, or Allison Berlin, (248) 770-4890.

ONGOING

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

Registration
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

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MILL C. DETTORE

October 2, 2007, age 86, of Livonia. Husband of the late Grace. Loving father of Susan (Ray) Tyle, Thomas M. (Lani) and Joseph D. (Agnes). Grandfather of eleven and great grandfather of one. Brother of Mary Azar. Former owner of Tunneling Company of United Construction. Visitation Wednesday 5-9pm and Thursday 2-9pm with a Scripture Service at 7pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. In state Friday 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass 10 am at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia.

FREDERICK GUEZEN

Of Livonia, died September 30, 2007, age 71. Beloved husband of Marjorie, dear father of Robert (Judith), Deborah (Kenneth) Wutka, and Katherine Purkiss. Grandfather of Rebecca, Jennifer, and Brendon. Brother of Norma Cutler. Services were held on October 4th. Arrangements by Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 734-425-1800. Memorial Donations are preferred to: Henry Ford Health System, Neurology Research, 2799 W. Grand Blvd. W1103, K-11, Detroit, MI 48202-2689

KATHLEEN ANNE OCKERMAN

Of Novi, Michigan passed away September 28th, 2007. Arrangements are being held by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, (1 blk W. of Farmington Rd.).

WILLIAM FRANK PESCHEL

Age 83, passed away on September 28, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Dee. Dear father of Bob (Renee) and Kim Conner (Joe). Loving grandfather of Bryan (Kara), Meghan, Seth, John, and Patrick. Memorial Service Saturday, 10 A.M., at Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Memorial Tributes to the Church or Oakland County Meals on Wheels/Emerald Food Service, 3179 Livernois, Suite 100, Troy, MI 48083. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROBERT B WATERS

September 24, 2007 age 60 of Westland. Beloved husband of Kayrl Dean Zagers Waters. Dear step-son of Mae Waters. Brother of Donald Waters. Brother-in-law of Barbara (the late Thomas) Blacklock, Paul (the late Marjorie) Zagers, Marilyn Mellinger, Alice Fugere, Gloria (James) LaBar, Sue (Kenneth) Turner, Lynda (Nels) Nichols and Beverly Zagers. Nephew of Mary Helen (Kirk) O'Keefe. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Robert was a retired Guidance Counselor with Plymouth-Canton Community schools. Cremation rites have been accorded and were arranged by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Worship services
Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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

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

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

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

Recovery program
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebratcrecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

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Lawyer Fieger the latest 'Dining With Stars' guest

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger.

Fieger is one of the most successful and controversial trial attorneys in the country.

According to his Web site, Fieger has won more multimillion-dollar awards than any other attorney in the country. A few of his most well-known trials include the defense of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the *Jenny Jones Show* trial, and the defense of Nathanial Abraham, the youngest person ever tried for murder as an adult in the state of Michigan.

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Fieger has won record awards in Michigan, Florida, Pennsylvania and Indiana, and many of his trials have generated national attention and set legal precedents.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you'd like to have lunch or dinner with Geoffrey Fieger at Buddy's Pizza.

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

Deadline to enter the contest is **5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15.**

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

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

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

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" will feature Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and *O&E* columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

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

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

Reid resigns as WSU president

Irvin D. Reid has announced his resignation as president of Wayne State University. Reid, the university's ninth president, will soon celebrate his 10th anniversary as WSU president. His resignation will be effective at a date to be named in 2008.

According to WSU Board of Governor's Chair Eugene Driker, "President Reid will leave us with a great deal of positive momentum, and his impact is evident throughout our campus, the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan."

Driker cited among Reid's accomplishments: a significant growth in student enrollment — more than doubling the number of residential students; the strengthening of both our teaching and research missions; establishment of the Perinatology Research Branch of the National Institutes of Health; expansion of our Honors Program; the launch of TechTown, home to dozens of high-tech businesses that are bringing new jobs and investments to the city; major improvements in the university's technological infrastructure; and the addition of many new buildings to the campus, making it the linchpin for the remarkable revitalization of Midtown Detroit."

Of great importance to the university was the establishment of Wayne State University's first capital campaign.

"This campaign has far exceeded our ambitious original goal of $500 million," Driker said. "A recent capstone of this campaign has been Wayne State University's selection as a PACE (Partnership for the Advancement of Collaborative Engineering Education) institution, one of an elite group of universities worldwide. Announced just last week, this achievement resulted in an in-kind gift of nearly $408 million, which is the third largest such contribution in the world, the second largest in the U.S. and the largest to a public university."

Reid earned master's and doctoral degrees in business and applied economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and bachelor's and master's degrees in general/experimental psychology from Howard University. He also holds a certificate in educational administration from Harvard University.

Reid began the most significant years of his academic career at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He also has held positions at Howard University, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Drexel University, the Philadelphia College of Art and St. Joseph's University.

Prior to assuming the Wayne State University presidency, Reid was president of Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J.

He is married to Pamela Trotman Reid, provost and executive vice president of Roosevelt University in Chicago.

"I have enjoyed a wonderful career so far, and am extremely proud of my time at Wayne State," Reid said.

Metro Airport expands cell phone waiting area

Motorists picking up an arriving passenger at Detroit Metro Airport's Smith Terminal now have a new, expanded cell phone waiting area. The new, 37-space lot replaces the current waiting area along the curb of Rogell Drive as that roadway will be re-routed as part of the next phase of development for the airport's new North Terminal.

Cell phone waiting lots, which have become popular at airports across the country, were first introduced at Detroit Metro Airport in 2006. These waiting areas help alleviate vehicle congestion at the arrivals curb by providing a safe and free spot for motorists to await a call from their arriving party indicating that they are at the curb with their luggage and ready for pickup.

"Our cell phone waiting areas have been very popular since day one," said Wayne County Airport CEO Lester Robinson. The new cell phone waiting lot is located adjacent to the on-airport rental car facilities off East Service Drive near the intersection with Lucas Drive. To access the new lot, drivers approaching the airport from I-94 should follow signs to 'Rental Car Return', exiting at Middlebelt Road (exit 199) and then turning right onto Lucas Drive. Follow Lucas Drive until it ends at East Service Drive, and turn left – the lot entrance will then be on the right.

Customers approaching the airport from the South (I-275/Eureka Road), or who have already made one pass at the arrivals curb, should proceed north through the airport on Dingell Drive and follow signs to "Rental Car Return" and "North Cell Phone Lot."

End of quarter good time to study portfolio

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

It's hard to believe, but another quarter has come and gone. It's been a good quarter for investors, however, there's no doubt the roller coaster ride was pretty steep. This quarter, the Dow — for the first time in history — broke the 14,000 mark and almost immediately fell below 13,000. Here we are at the end of the quarter and once again the market is near record highs.

I believe what happens to the market on a quarter-to-quarter basis is relatively immaterial. Investors should not restructure a portfolio or adjust their game plan based upon quarterly results alone. However, I do believe there are things investor need to do at the end of a quarter to protect their investments.

First, review the quarterly statements for accuracy. At a minimum, make sure that the ending balance on your last statement matches the beginning balance on this statement. In addition, particularly on retirement accounts, you make sure you've been credited with any new contributions made during the quarter.

If there is a discrepancy, don't assume the company is right and you are wrong. Also look at all the positions that you held in your previous statement to make sure they're included in this statement. If you sold a position during the quarter, that too should be reflected on the statement.

For investors in a 401(k) and other types of retirement accounts, it's an excellent time to review investment options.

Companies have become much more aggressive in changing investment options and you should be up to date as to what alternatives are offered.

In addition, it's important for a husband and wife to coordinate plans. This allows you to select the best investment options from each plan.

The end of the quarter is also an excellent time to update your personal financial balance sheet and to review expenses.

A personal financial balance sheet is nothing more than a listing of assets and liabilities.

One issue is how you value your home. Obviously, real estate in the metro area has dropped dramatically over the last few years. It's important to value this asset realistically on a personal balance sheet.

One last note, it's a good idea to also redo your cash-flow statement, a listing of what came in vs. what went out. By doing a cash-flow statement, you can determine whether your cost of living is going up. This is extremely important in helping to make a decision such as whether you can afford to retire or not.

In this ever changing world, it's more important than ever to get hold of financial affairs.

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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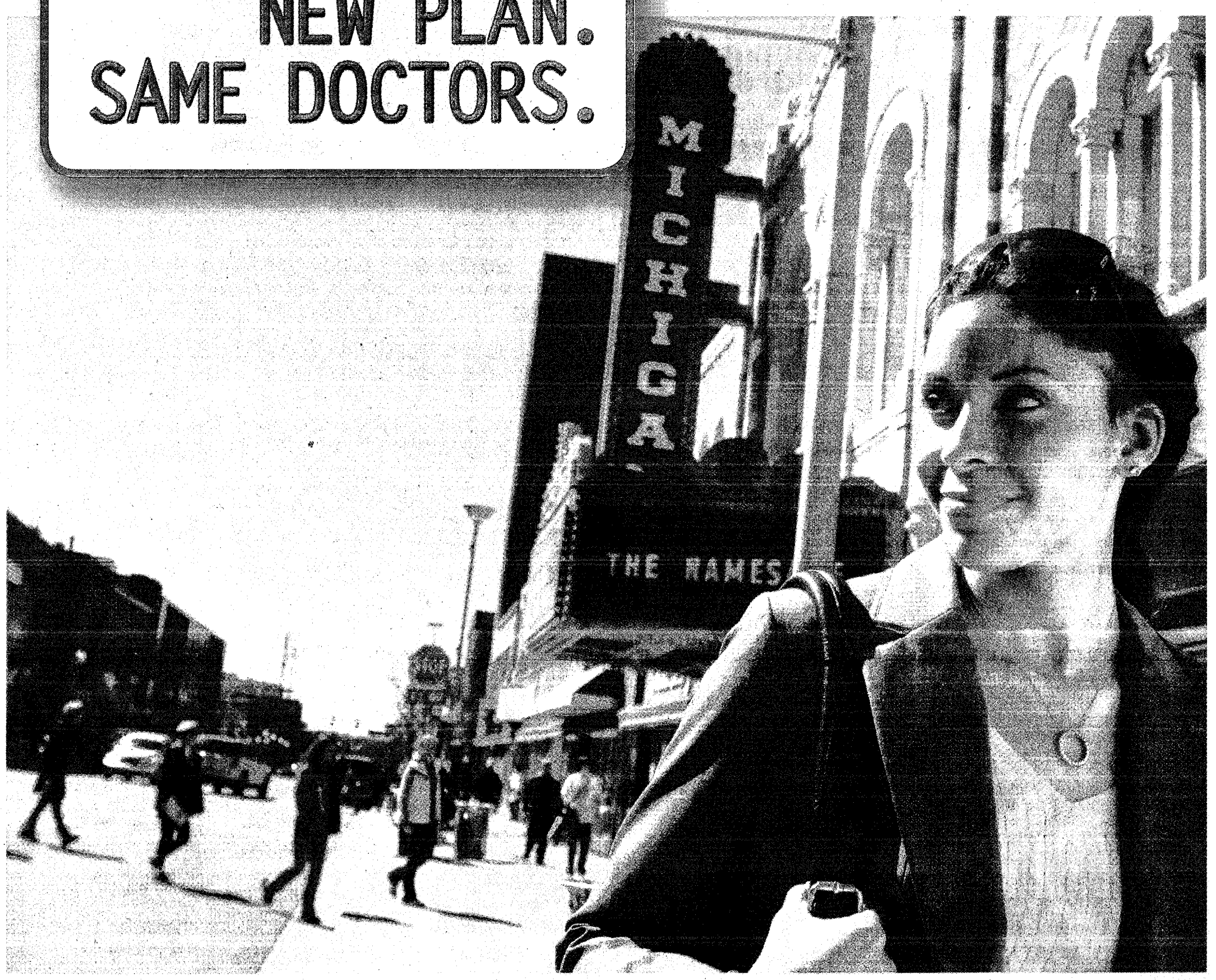

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Business, labor support key to Habitat mission

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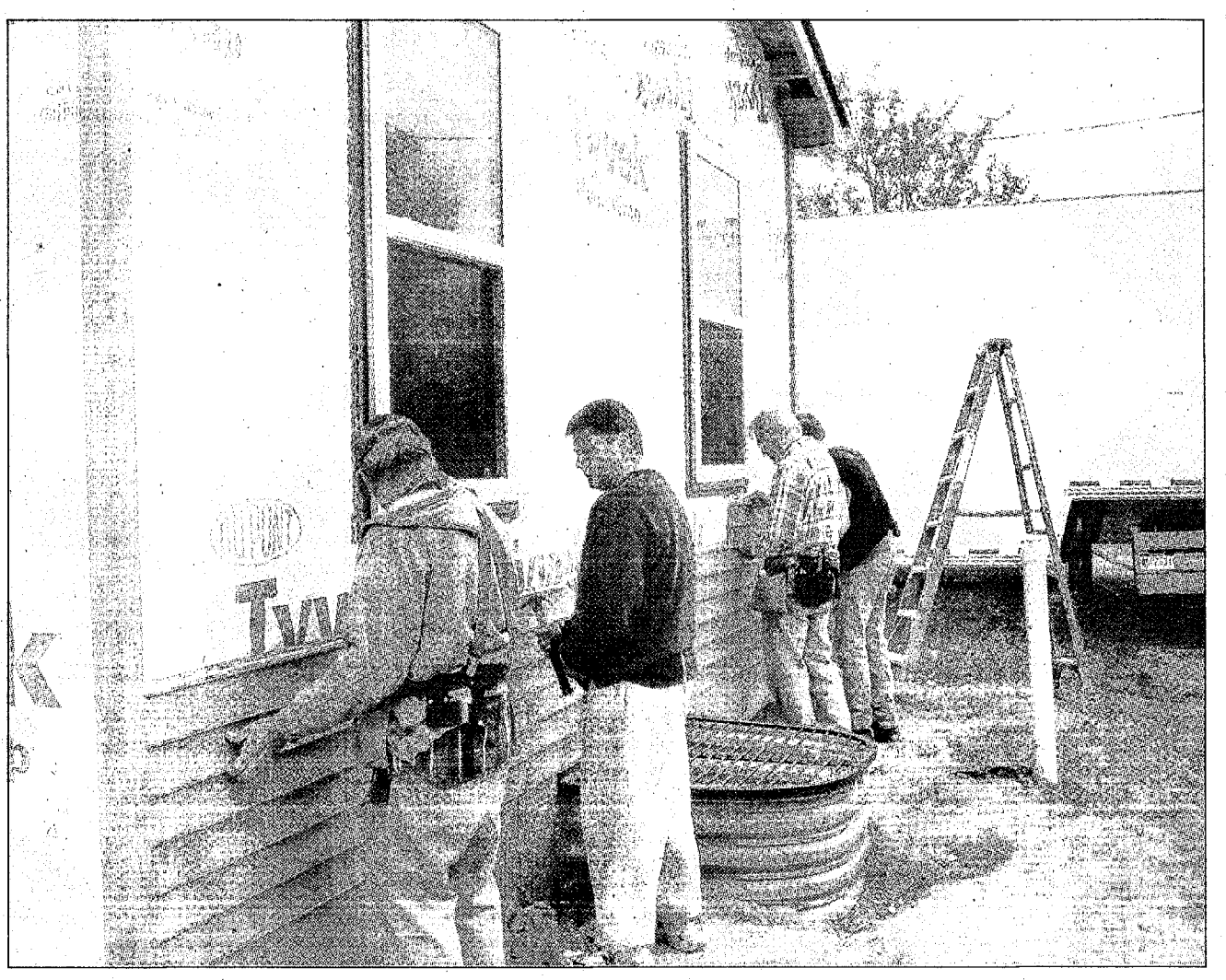


Church volunteers work on a Habitat home on Dunning in Inkster that was dedicated last week.

The folks at Soils & Materials Engineers in Plymouth wanted a way to get involved in their community, and Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County had the answer.

"They are great," Habitat executive director Alice Dent said of the company. "This has been one of the easiest companies to work with." Dent, a Canton resident, noted that Soils & Materials Engineers employees have been flexible with scheduling of their volunteer hours at the house on Dunning in Inkster, which was dedicated last week. Employees did a build last year at a neighboring house in Inkster, and provided financial support this year, along with donated services for Habitat townhouses in Ypsilanti through the Washtenaw affiliate.

The Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County affiliate, based in Plymouth, depends heavily on business support. The four homes on Dunning in Inkster were wrapped up last week with the Sept. 27 dedication that completed that block.

Employees said after Hurricane Katrina hit that they wanted to do something to help, said Mark Kramer of Canton, Soils & Materials Engineers president. "When we looked at it, we decided we were going to do something local," due to great need.

The company has provided a lot of in kind services, with its offices all around Michigan. Employees might, for example, help gratis with foundation evaluation. Company staffers have wielded hammers and saws on their own, Kramer said.

He and others at the Plymouth company had advocated greater involvement with Habitat, including initial involvement with a house on Dunning in Inkster. Company clients have also offered a helping hand with money and services, Kramer, a professional engineer, said.

"I think it's always good," he said of the firm's two years or so of involvement. "We have a lot of specialized skills and talents." Meeting families who receive Habitat homes is rewarding, Kramer said, and "being able to provide housing for people" in need.

His staffers have had some surprise at the need in the suburbs. "Until you meet a family that's in that situation, you don't really know," Kramer said. "It doesn't hit home until you're standing there talking to them."

The Pontiac-based Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County also depends heavily on volunteers and businesses for its homes, which are concentrated in Pontiac. The Oakland affiliate can be reached at (248) 338-1843, Ext. 23, or on the Web at www.habitatoakland.org. "The people in Oakland County are incredibly generous," said Sally LePla of Rochester Hills, Oakland affiliate executive director. There's a lot of church and business support, she noted.

"I'd say we couldn't do our work without the business community and the labor unions," LePla said. "We simply are blessed to have so many people."

Other businesses and unions are among the many who supplement the support offered by churches in western Wayne, according to Dent.

In Romulus, Northwest Airlines, General Motors and UAW Local 163 have been key partners in the building of a home for a low-income family, which is Habitat's mission. "It's huge," Dent said of the importance of business/labor support. Ford Motor Co. sent in employees Sept. 21 to lay sod at a local site.

"Without their support, I don't know what we would have done," she said.

She's seen business support dwindle in this tough economy, but is grateful for those who've hung in there. Dent appreciates Northwest Airlines, noting it's been in the news with labor woes and other problems.

"Despite that, they've all stepped up and said 'We want to help the community.'" Northwest provided half the funds for the Romulus home, "as well as their employees are volunteering on their site."

The airline employees, unlike some others from large businesses, don't receive company pay for their Habitat workdays, and must use vacation or other time off. Pilots, flight attendants and office workers, some 20-25 in all, have worked on the Romulus home, Dent said.

Saturday, Nov. 3, will be the Western Wayne affiliate's fifth annual gala, a time to celebrate those successes and thank those who've made it possible. For more information, or if you'd like to support the Western Wayne affiliate as a business or volunteer, call (734) 459-7744. Its Web site is www.habitatwwc.org.

LePla has found with economic times tougher "individual hearts have grown deeper and larger. We know that people in southeastern Michigan care about each other."

LePla urges neighborhoods, church groups and others to challenge each other on Habitat builds; she'd like to see an all-lawyers guild or all-pipefitters guild. She added that residents in neighboring homes are fixing up properties adjacent to Habitat homes, and private builders are following into Pontiac for the first time in years.

Some larger businesses are reorganizing or facing other challenges, LePla said, "which means that small businesses can band together." If your company can't build an entire home, there are options like doing windows or doors. She likes to see those "that may not have had such an opportunity before" getting together on build sites.

Dent noted the cost of a Habitat home varies, depending on where it's built, how much help comes in and such donations in kind as excavating, which greatly reduce costs. The families who will live in the homes must invest at least 250 hours of "sweat equity" as well as a nominal fee. The Oakland affiliate requires 300 hours and a $1,000 down payment, among other requirements, and must be first-time owners.

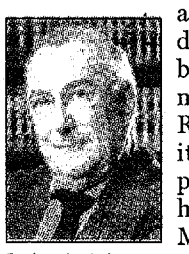
The Oakland affiliate joined with an affiliate in the Gulf Coast region after the hurricanes to build Mississippi homes, a commitment of 10 years or as long as it takes. They're also tied to home building in other countries like Honduras.

Thrivent Financial is a major Habitat sponsor, and the Oakland affiliate the national site for a celebration noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, of the 500th home built nationally with Thrivent help. The 500th and 501st homes are in Pontiac, LePla said, at 112 and 118 Henderson St.

In addition to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans/Thrivent Builds Homes, other key Oakland supporters for this year as the last of 14 homes are finished are: Nissan, GM/GMAC, Chrysler Financial, Barton Malow, Bridgestone Firestone, Handleman Corporation, Kirk in the Hills Church, Huntington Bank, Altair Engineering, Brasscraft, WCSX and Hall & Hunter.

Raleigh is on the go in real estate

Q. I have heard that things are really booming in North Carolina, particularly in the Raleigh area. Do you have any information?



Robert Meisner

A. North Carolina, as a whole, is doing well, but the market in Raleigh and its environs is particularly hot. Moreover, in a visit to downtown Raleigh, I observed that there is substantial commercial activity, including the building of a new hotel and convention center. A number of Michigan builders seem to be flocking to North Carolina and in particular the Triangle area, which refers to Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh. Naturally, you should consult with a local realtor and/or consultant before making any investments.

Q. I have heard of the Outer Banks as being an interesting place to visit and/or invest. Do you have any information?

A. By the Outer Banks, I presume you refer to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, which offer, in my opinion, an excellent opportunity for investment and/or vacationing. There is not a great deal of high rise hotels, as most of the property on the beach is either comprised of older and smaller motels and/or new large homes for purchase and/or rental. The beaches are beautiful and offer a great opportunity for vacationing for all ages, based upon my experience. The prices seem to be fairly reasonable given the nature of beachfront property, but you are advised to consult with a local Realtor before making any investment. The prices seem to be more reasonable than other beachfront areas around the country, although the rental opportunities are seasonal.

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HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 4-8, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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45343 Brunswick Dr	$218,000
41441 Conner Creek Dr	$255,000
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1730 Glenshire Dr	$210,000
45937 Graystone Ln	$220,000
6851 Kings Mill Dr	$415,000
48305 Manhattan Cir	$410,000
132 N Village Way	$40,000
2140 N Woods Ct	$350,000
1995 Preserve Cir E	$200,000
41531 Simcoe Dr	$225,000
43539 W Arbor Way Dr	$105,000
6335 Winter Dr	$213,000
Farmington	
32807 Meadowlark St	$120,000
33133 Tall Oaks St	$210,000
Farmington Hills	
28422 Danvers Ct	$270,000
22943 Glenmoor Hts	$140,000
21890 Glenwild Dr	$268,000
29216 Greening St	$140,000
38074 Halsted Road	$578,000
22116 Haynes Ave	$129,000
22555 Karen Ct	$147,000
30790 Misty Pines Dr	$160,000
31990 Nottingwood St	$212,000
29675 Olympia Ct	$136,000
31950 Rocky Crst	$228,000
31705 Staman Cir	$285,000
32222 W 12 Mile Rd	$138,000
27709 W Echo Vly	$80,000
35081 White Pine Trl	$215,000
25185 Witherspoon St	$318,000
Garden City	
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30923 Bock St	$78,000
31024 Florence St	$125,000
29644 Marquette St	$128,000
31304 Rosslyn Ave	$138,000
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35164 Banbury Rd	$344,000
17550 Doris St	$186,000
15326 Foch St	$167,000
33345 Kentucky Ct	$167,000
16810 Mayfield St	$199,000
29525 Nottingham Ct	$120,000
35818 Richland St	$194,000
16106 Jupiter Hills Dr	$140,000
15949 Morningside	$154,000
16001 Morningside	$150,000
Milford	
928 Annie Lang Dr	$275,000
1795 Brookbury Dr	$395,000
3105 Central Blvd	$135,000
653 Duchess St	$172,000
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22640 Arden Glen Ct	$470,000
42978 Ashbury Dr	$400,000
45180 Bartlett Dr	$151,000
50938 Drakes Bay Dr	$1,226,000
41030 Fenmore	$195,000
27889 Hopkins Dr	$164,000
25618 Portico Ln	$189,000
30986 Seneca Ln	$200,000
24404 Simmons Dr	$174,000
40562 Village Oaks	$250,000
Plymouth	
1091 Ann Arbor	$185,000
11732 Priscilla Ln	$238,000
Redford	
11652 Berwyn	$130,000
20479 Dalby	$135,000
26780 Joy Rd	$63,000
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245 Brookwood Dr	$116,000
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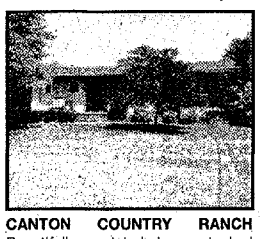

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GOLF COURSE LIVING It doesn't get better than this! 4 bd, 1 full & 2 half baths, completely updated, newer cement, oak Kitchen w/corian, hwd flrs, newer roof, furnace, C/A, & windows.
$194,900 (P-503CA)

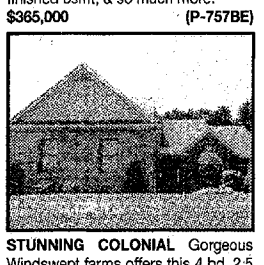
ALL THE BELLS & WHISTLES Beautiful 2 bd, 2 bath condo located in elite complex. Upper unit w/ balcony, gas fireplace, updated baths & Kitchen w/granite, open floor plan, & laundry room. 1-2 yr lease w/option to purchase.
$1,200/mo (P-153EV)

BEAUTIFUL HOME Beautiful brick home on a n oversized lot. 5 bd, 2 baths, updated Kitchen, huge Deck in backyard, bsmt w/frpl & bath, new A/C, & attached Garage.
$209,900 (P-716FL)

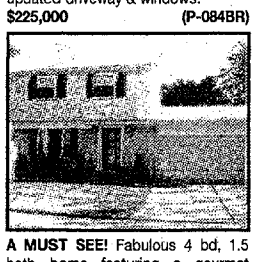
WELL MAINTAINED Maintenance free exterior w/updated roof, windows, paver walkway, & Patio. Interior features vaulted ceilings, neutral décor, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kit, Bath, furnace, C/A, hwh, finished bsmt & more.
$149,900 (P-007MA)

CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE Newer custom built ranch featuring 4 bd, 3 baths, on 2 acres. Excellent storage in the 3 car Garage & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/vaulted ceilings, finished walkout w/8ft ceilings. Additional 5 acres available.
$350,000 (C-449RA)

BEAUTIFUL WINDSOR MODEL Much sought after Fox Run sub offers this fabulous home w/2 story Foyer, Library, island Kitchen, Butler's Pantry, nook, custom Deck overlooking pond, & prof landscaping.
$335,000 (C-142RE)

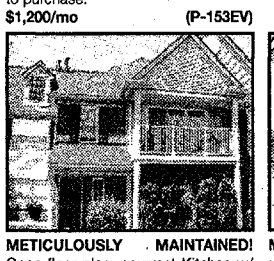


STUNNING COLONIAL Gorgeous Windswept farms offers this 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/granite island Kitchen, Liv Rm w/frpl, formal Dining w/crown, 1st fl Master w/bath, Patio, Deck, & on almost an acre!
$340,000 (P-586WI)



A MUST SEE! Fabulous 4 bd, 1.5 bath home featuring a gourmet Kitchen w/oak cab's, appliances stay, Living & Family Rm w/Pergo, doorwall to Patio, partially finished bsmt, & prime Canton location.
$175,000 (P-709YO)

COMPLETELY UPDATED RANCH Great 3 bd offering gourmet Kitchen w/pergo floors, Master w/doorwall to Patio, glamour bath w/jetted tub, new paint, carpet, C/A, fenced yard, & newer 2.5 car mechanic's dream Garage!
$130,000 (P-460BE)

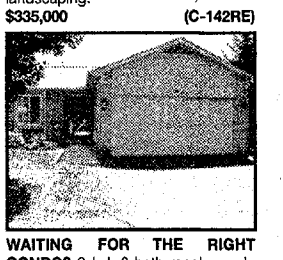


METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED! Open floor plan, gourmet Kitchen w/ all appl's, doorwall to balcony w/view of pond, neutral decot, tons of storage space, lots of windows, Garage, clubhouse w/pool & more.
$135,000 (P-979BE)

MOVE IN READY! This home is fully updated – roof, walls, windows, furnace, ducts, hwh, siding, hwd floors, maple cabinets, doors, & carpet. Utica schools & great neighborhood.
$169,900 (C-404BU)

AWESOME RAISED RANCH This beautiful raised ranch was built in 2003 & almost 1500 sq ft. 2 full baths, master suite with walk-in closet. Home located by a golf course. Home also has a pool & a club house.
$158,900 (C-980CE)

GORGEOUS CONDO Updated galore in this 4 bd, 3 bath Cape Cod condo! Maple Kitchen, vaulted Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master, formal Dining, Library, 1st fl laund, & too much more to list.
$259,900 (C-352CH)



WAITING FOR THE RIGHT CONDO? 2 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, 1st flr laundry, basement, & attached garage. Move in condition. Perfect in every way – move right in!
$144,900 (P-620DE)

LIVONIA RANCH This 3 bd brick ranch offers a spacious Liv Rm, remodeled bath, hwd floors in all bedrooms, finished bsmt, updated plumbing, elec, hwh, windows, & roof.
$127,000 (P-654EL)

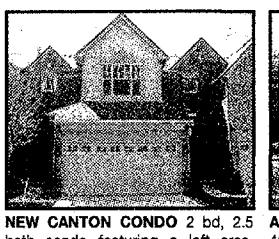
GREAT STARTER HOME 4 bd brick bungalow w/many updates: 2 car Garage, partially finished bsmt, & close to everything. Lease w/option avail – call for details.
$159,000 (P-207FO)

AMAZING VALUE Perfect starter home offering an open floor plan, Kitch w/pergo flrg, Fam Rm w/hwd floors, part finished bsmt w/glass block, Ply-Can Schools, & just steps from downtown Plymouth.
$135,000 (C-942IR)

WELL MAINTAINED 3 bd brick ranch in lovely area featuring spacios rooms, hwd under carpet, extra insulation, finished bsmt w/glass block & 1/2 bath, lots of closets, & appliances stay.
$120,000 (P-130JA)

MOVE IN READY Enjoy this totally remodeled end unit condo. Updates include all fixtures, windows, & hwd floors. Add to this an attached Garage, fireplace, & great location.
$124,900 (P-324KI)

THIS IS THE ONE! You'll stop looking when you see this 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Livonia. Large Kitchen, huge Florida Room, part finished bsmt, private fenced yard, Garage, Central Air, & close to everything.
$150,000 (P-904LI)

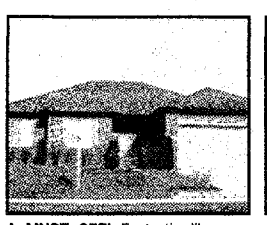


NEW CANTON CONDO 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo featuring a loft area, Master Suite w/jetted tub, gourmet Kitchen w/builders finest cab's & c-tops, partially finished bsmt, & 2 car att Garage.
$227,500 (P-131MA)

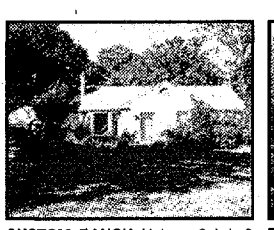
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING Beautiful 4000 sq ft home on 1 acre. Seller leaving all furniture! Lots of built-ins, granite, hwd floors, large Master w/ 32x26 bath, finished bsmt, 4 car Garage, & 2 story marble Foyer.
$550,000 (P-456NO)

INVESTORS SPECIAL Roomy ranch in Westland featuring thermal windows & doors, Family Room, country Kitchen, appliances stay, generous Garage, fenced yard w/tall maple trees, & home warranty.
$104,900 (C-621PA)

PRIME RESIDENTIAL LOTS Fabulous building sites in Washtenaw County – Wooded walkouts w/ravines & stream, gated communites, private roads, underground utilities, & more. Builders plans available or bring your own. Call today.
Call for prices (P-000VA)



A MUST SEE! Fantastic like new ranch, 3 bd, 2.5 bath, ceramic Foyer, berber carpet, hwd floors, LR w/frpl, large Master Suite w/bath, bsmt w/ glass block, 2 car Garage, & nice landscaping.
$245,000 (C-662BE)



CUSTOM RANCH Unique 3 bd, 2 bath ranch on gorgeous lot w/1.5 acres of trees & streams. Open floor plan, custom Kitchen, finished bsmt, hwd floors, & great location.
$289,900 (P-461BR)

THIS HOME HAS IT ALL Located close to x-ways, this 4 bd brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appl's, & a huge Deck.
$250,000 (P-700CA)

BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION Great new construction condo featuring a Great Room w/soaring ceiling, 2.5 baths, wonderful Master w/sitting area, gorgeous Kitchen, private entry, private basement, & great location. More units avail, call for details.
$212,400 (C-750CO)

MOVE RIGHT IN! Freshly painted 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a large Deck off Family Room, Patio, 1/3 acre lot, convenient location, & home warranty included.
$228,500 (P-934FA)

SPRAWLING RANCH Enjoy the space in this sprawling ranch featuring 3 bds, 1 full & 2 half baths, huge Great Rm w/frpl & wetbar, remod Kitchen w/nook, Garage w/loft space, & nestled on an oversized lot.
$159,450 (P-919JO)

LOVELY COLONIAL 4 bd, 2.5 bath in the heart of Livonia's nicest sub. Updated Kitchen, private backyard, Family Room w/frpl, covered deck, & close to everything.
$199,900 (C-407LA)

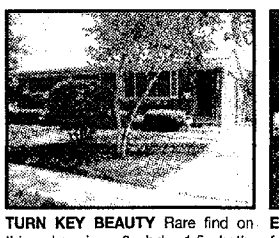
PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME Upper end unit condo in popular Lilley Pointe in Canton. Cathedral ceilings, open floor plan, large laundry room, 2 baths, Great Rm w/ balcony, Kitchen w/appl's, & priced right!
$100,000 (P-672LI)

UNIQUE IN PLYMOUTH This 1924 Craftsman style, 2 story home is loaded w/well cared for original features. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, in-laws area, Library, sunroom, leaded glass, 3"wide oak moldings, & more. Also *for lease at $2,000/mo.*
$339,000 (C-847MA)

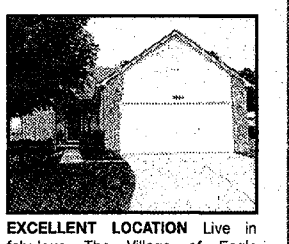
ALMOST NEW! Freshly painted 2 bd condo w/quality berber carpet,huge Great Room w/soaring ceiling, balcony w/nice view, oak Kitchen w/ upgraded appl's, Master w/bath, & 1 yr warranty!
$129,750 (C-359MA)

LIVONIA RANCH Outstanding 3 bd brick ranch in prime Livonia location. Offering an updated roof, furnace, neutral décor, updated bath, oak Kitchen w/appl, huge bsmt w/bath, fenced yard w/2 car Garage, & more.
$159,900 (P-019MA)

LOTS OF UPDATES Awesome open Kitchen is updated w/new cabs, corian, & new flooring. Main bath has new tub surround & flooring, new furnace, hwh, great yard, & great neighborhood.
$142,500 (C-417MI)

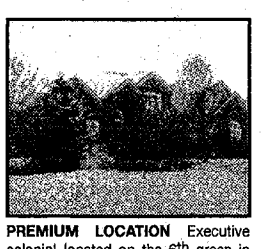


TURN KEY BEAUTY Rare find on this charming 3 bd, 1.5 bath, tastefully decorated home. Fresh neutral paint, hwd floors, newly added Family Room & Deck, & finished bsmt w/extra Kitch. A must *see!*
$199,900 (C-548MO)



EXCELLENT LOCATION Live in fabulous The Village of Eagle Gardens in Whitmore Lake. End unit ranch condo offers hwd floors, Master w/bath & WIC, Great Rm w/ frpl, doorwall leads to covered Deck, *& finished bsmt.*
$169,900 (C-024PI)

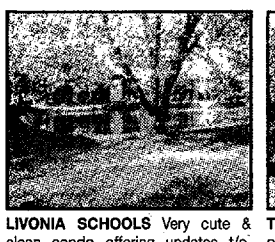
SWEET CANTON CONDO One of the last condos built in Canton Forest. 2 car attached Garage, full bsmt, 1st fl laundry, Kitchen w/nook, Liv Rm w/gas frpl, formal Dining, & Master w/high ceiling & private bath.
$177,900 (C-270SA)



PREMIUM LOCATION Executive colonial located on the 6th green in Tanglewood. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st fl Mast w/luxury bath, island Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl & towering windows, walkout bsmt, & Deck w/spectacular views.
$519,900 (P-646SP)

SUPER CLEAN RANCH Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch featuring an open floor plan, Fam Rm w/vaulted ceiling, updated windows & roof, oak Kitchen w/ceramic, finished bsmt, & Patio w/ hot tub.
$149,900 (C-429TR)

CUSTOM BRICK RANCH 1800 sq ft of WOW best describes this 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/Livonia Schools. Gourmet Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl, double doorwalls to Deck w/view of nature preserve, finished bsmt, & Garage.
$259,500 (C-530WA)



LIVONIA SCHOOLS Very cute & clean condo offering updates t/o. Neutral décor, new carpet, windows, appliances included, association pays water, great view of pond, & convenient location.
$66,000 (C-335WO)

TOTALLY RENOVATED Great floor plan offering lots of space. Beautiful addition makes this close to 1400 Sq ft. Also available for lease.
$117,990 (C-985BA)

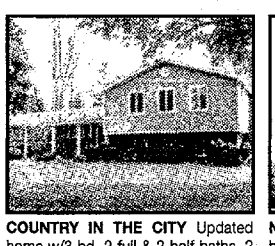
A LOT TO OFFER 2 bd, 1 bath home offering a new furnace, C/A, hwh, immediate occupancy, & convenient location.
$59,900 (C-518BA)

CANTON COLONIAL 3 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring an island Kitchen w/ tons of cabinets, Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral décor, brick paver patio, electric awning, & short walk to pool & playground.
$219,900 (C-932BR)

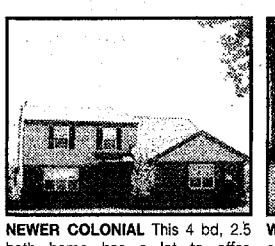
GREAT HOME W/POOL! 1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/frpl, great Kitchen, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, & inground pool – just in time for summer!
$138,500 (C-046CA)

VERY BEAUTIFUL This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial offers 2550 sq ft, Fam rm w/frpl, open Kitchen w/nook, Din Rm, Foyer w/hwd floors, 1st fl laundry, & so much more.
$220,000 (C-229CH)

A BEAUTIFUL START 3 bd, 1.5 bath home in nice neighborhood. Full bsmt, Garage, natural fireplace, large Dining Room, & immediate occupancy.
$115,000 (C-644CH)



COUNTRY IN THE CITY Updated home w/3 bd, 2 full & 2 half baths, 2 Garages, 18x14 workshop w/heat & half bath, oak Kitchen, sprinkler system, Fam Rm w/frpl, & situated on over an acre.
$299,000 (C-025CH)



NEWER COLONIAL This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/cathedral ceiling & gas frpl, island Kitchen w/ pantry, 1st fl laundry, 3 car side entry Garage, & much more.
$244,900 (C-075CL)

WELL MAINTAINED DUPLEX Great opportunity! Each unit has 900 sq ft w/2 bds, 1 bath, large Kitchen w/ quality cabinets, new roof, windows, & private lake access to Whitmore Lake.
$169,900 (C-322FA)

BRICK BEAUTY This 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch offering a Fam Room w/frpl, finished bsmt, Garage, beautiful landscaping, & great location.
$159,900 (C-039FL)

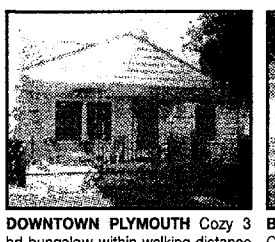
GREAT PRICE! Move in quality! Neutral décor t/o this wonderful home offering open floor plan, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated baths, Fam Rm w/frpl & cath ceiling, updated roof, fenced yard, & great location in sub.
$194,900 (C-534FO)

ELEGANCE AND CLASS!! This 3 bd/ 3.5bth with over 3000 sq ft of living space has a finished walk out basement with a full bth. Home also offers a library, deck & patio that backs up to a nice wooded area.
$285,000 (C-194FO)

AWESOME RANCH 3 bd, 2 bath home w/Livonia Schools. Good sized Kitchen w/eating area, finished bsmt w/4th bed, great yard w/extra large Garage & shed, & nice landscaping.
$139,500 (C-400GI)

NORTHVILLE-ON THE LAKE! Live on Crystal Lake in this pristine condo that is beautifully updated & maintained. 2 bd, 1.5 baths, area pool, tennis, & clubhouse, & Northville Schools.
$125,000 (C-830IR)

GREAT CONDO! Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, fresh paint, newer windows, & nice open floor plan.
$49,895 (C-720JO)

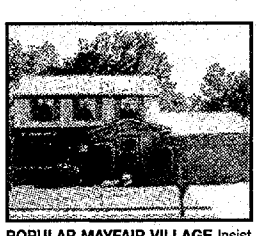


DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Cozy 3 bd bungalow within walking distance to downtown shopping & events. Covered front porch, updated Kitchen w/sub zero. Part finished bsmt w/Den, jetted tub, & sauna. Don't wait on this one!
$199,900 (P-764AD)

BRAND SPANKING NEW! Completely remodeled 4 bd home! All new 2 car Garage, vinyl siding & trim, roof, carpet, beautiful new Kit w/stain steel appl's, & fresh landscaping. A Must See!!
$166,500 (C-081BA)

WELL MAINTAINED Fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a Fam Rm w/frpl, office area, formal Liv & Din Rm, prof finished bsmt w/plenty of storage, large fenced yard, & great Patio.
$249,900 (P-797CH)

WESTLAND DUPLEX Great opportunity to own this multi family home w/2 units. Each side has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Garage, ample parking, & more.
$69,900 (C-339DE)

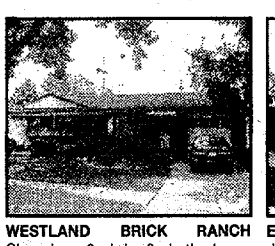


POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE Insist on a tour of this bright & spacious Canton colonial. Great floor plan w/ large entrance, 1st fl laund, must see Master Suite , private fenced lot, & too much more to list.
$239,900 (C-790EL)

BETTER THAN NEW Recently renovated colonial w/Ply Can schools. Shows like a model w/tear off roof, granite counters, newer furnace, C/A, carpet, & much more. Close to pool & clubhouse w/tennis.
$264,900 (P-965GA)

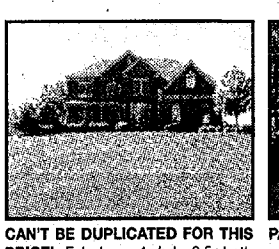
MOVE RIGHT IN! Lovely 4 bd colonial w/full finished bsmt plumbed for a bath. Maple Kitchen w/granite, Liv Rm w/frpl, 3 car Garage w/side entry, prof landscaping, & convenient location.
$350,000 (P-276KI)

EXCELLENCE AWAITS YOU! Awesome Northville colonial offers you a gourmet Kitchen w/granite & double oven, Butler's Pantry, 1st fl Master w/jetted tub & 2 WIC's, Jack & Jill bath w/granite, & so much more.
$615,000 (P-997ME)



WESTLAND BRICK RANCH Charming 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring updated Kitchen, furnace, A/C, hwh, covered brick Patio, finished bsmt w/pool table, all appl's stay, fenced yard, & great location.
$169,900 (P-237MO)

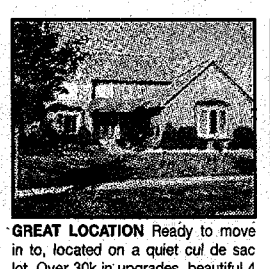
EXCELLENT CITY LIVING Move in right away! 3 bd, 1 bath, full basement, Garage, built in 2004, & minutes from schools & shopping.
$130,000 (C-084NI)



CAN'T BE DUPLICATED FOR THIS PRICE! Fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/2 story Great Rm w/gas stove frpl, gourmet Kitchen w/granite, nook w/doorwall to Trex Deck, Master w/sit area & glamour bath. A must see!
$500,000 (P-958SC)

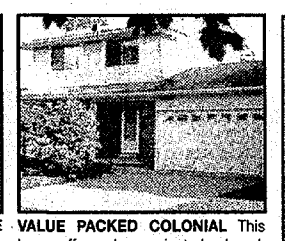
PARK-LIKE SETTING Completely remodeled 3 bd ranch w/finished bsmt, open floor plan, stunning hwd floors, large Pole Barn on over an acre, great country setting, & close to x-ways.
$299,999 (P-678SH)

WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY? Charming, clean 2 bd home. Freshly painted, large fenced yard, wonderful neighborhood, neutral décor t/o, immediate occupancy & more. Great starter home!
$93,500 (P-830WI)



GREAT LOCATION Ready to move in to, located on a quiet cul de sac lot. Over 30k in upgrades, beautiful 4 bd home, 3 car Garage, Fam Rm w/ frpl, formal Liv & Din Rm, bsmt, & motivated Seller!!
$279,000 (P-331WO)

STUNNING HILLTOP ESTATE Nestled on over 10 acres backing to woods. Open floor plan, 3 bd, 3 baths, walkout lower level, new roof, brand new well, huge Pole Barn, Horse Barn, fenced pastures/ paddocks, & more.
$315,000 (C-930DE)



VALUE PACKED COLONIAL This home offers a large private backyard, open floor plan, freshly painted, 3 spacious bds, part finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, immed occupancy, & more.
$179,900 (P-261GL)

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BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present Real Advice for Builders, Part III: "Closing the Sales: Innovative Ways To Succeed In Today's Economy" on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Marriott Detroit Pontiac at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. The roundtable discussion will give participants an opportunity to network and exchange ideas on how to survive the current economic conditions. A brief panel presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session between audience members and experts.

BIA First Vice President Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. will serve as moderator. Speakers include Wende Boerema of Boerema Chaben & Co., Barbara Gates of MJC Companies, Anita Blender of Bluerock Management, and Denise Contreras and Linda Spencer of New Home Resource.

Registration fees, including hors d'oeuvres and beverages, are $50 for BIA members and $85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate Continuing Education course on Monday, Oct. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education.

Registration fees are $60 for SMC members, $80 for Building Industry Association members and $100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market, Part II" on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at LaSalle Bank Headquarters, 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Conference Rooms C & D.

Anita Blender of Bluerock Management will be joined by a local economist and a mortgage expert from LaSalle Bank to discuss how on-site sales professionals can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success.

Registration fees are $10 for SMC members, $20 for BIA or AAM members and $45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelors Council present an Off-Site Project Management seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will review the role of the off-site project manager on a construction project. The seminar also will cover project planning, scheduling, reporting and documenting for record keeping and control purposes. Fees are $155 for Remodelors Council members, $175 for BIA members and $200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan residential builder's license examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

Registration fees are $200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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

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

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

The course will focus on answers to these questions: What are we selling? Where can we market it? What is outreach and where do I begin? What is partnership marketing? How can I fit this into my existing schedule?

Registration fees are $69 for PMC members, $79 for AAM or Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southeastern Michigan members and $99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "HVAC Heater Trouble Shooting" course on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive in Farmington Hills.

The course will be a hands-on HVAC training program for your professional maintenance staff and will cover all of the gas and electric heater components and functions, trouble shooting and preventative maintenance.

Registration fees are $40 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present a "How to Make the Parade of Homes Work for You" seminar as part of its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the La Salle Bank Headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy. Attendees will learn how to take advantage of Parade of Homes as a comprehensive marketing program. Reservations are required to attend, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and new home sales representatives. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ The Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents its Master Certified New Home Sales Professional course (MCSP) "Essential Closing Strategies" on Wednesday, Nov. 14. In addition to MCSP credit, the course gives the students 2 units of credit toward a Council of Residential Specialists (CRS), Certified New Home Marketing Professional (CMP) or Member, Institute of Residential Marketing (MIRM) designation. The course provides participants with an opportunity to practice and rehearse the key words and phrases appropriate in a range of sales situations. Through realistic simulations, future sales leaders learn how to minimize common objections and win the confidence of prospective buyers. The class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. Registration fees are $159 for SMC members, $179 for BIA members and $199 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelors Council will present a scheduling seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, Nov. 20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will present methods to keep your projects running smoothly by learning how to set workable schedules. Participants will become comfortable with the latest tools for information and time management. Registration fees are $155 for Remodelors Council members, $175 for BIA members and $200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Are You Giving Away Your Asset? Leasing 101" seminar on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. Registration fees are $69 for PMC members, $79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and $99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Condominium operation

Attorney Robert Meisner will offer a course on "Condominium Operation: Introduction to the Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 16 through Nov. 6, at the Bingham III Office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Price is $110 for an attendee. The course is offered through the Oakland Community College Business Technology Center. Continuing education credit available, advance registration needed. For registration details, call (248) 522-3618.

Aiding charities

Weir Manuel Realtors participated in charity activities at the Woodward Dream Cruise, by donating parking lot proceeds from a prime location. Charities participating are Camp Casey (www.camp-casey.org) a horseback riding camp for children with cancer; Cornerstone Schools, providing excellence in education for urban Detroit youth; Greyhound Expressions, a rescue for Greyhound dogs and Guardians for Animals, devoted to helping rescue all animals.

"We strongly believe in supporting our community," said Kelly Sweeney, president and CEO of Weir Manuel. "The Dream Cruise provides us with a great opportunity to get the word out, and we're happy to allocate space to these great charities."

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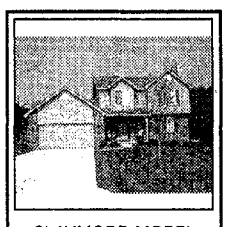

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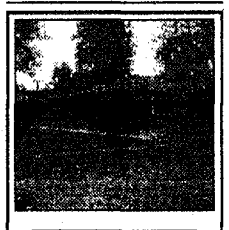

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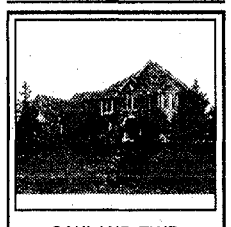

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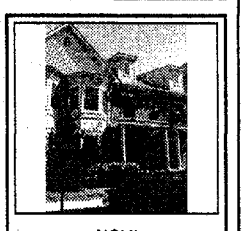

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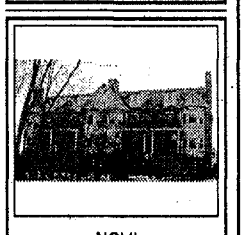

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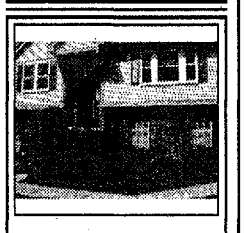

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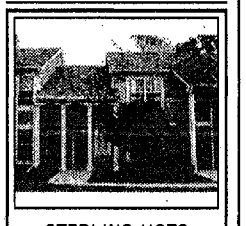

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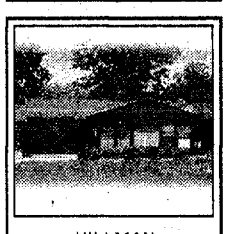

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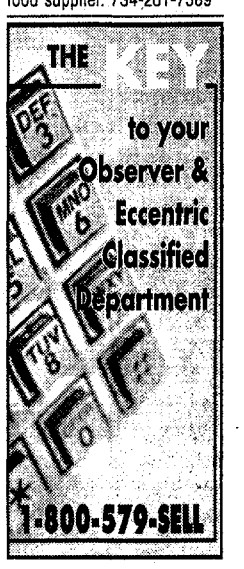

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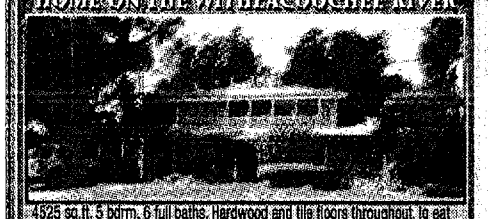

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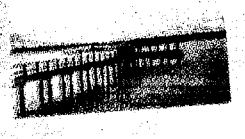

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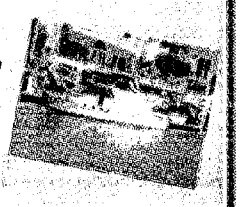

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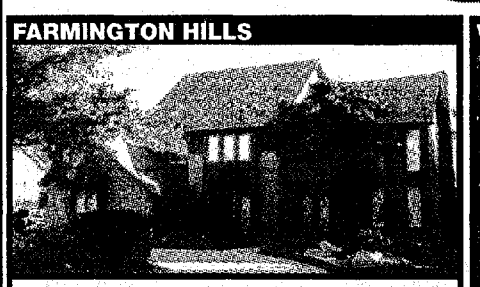

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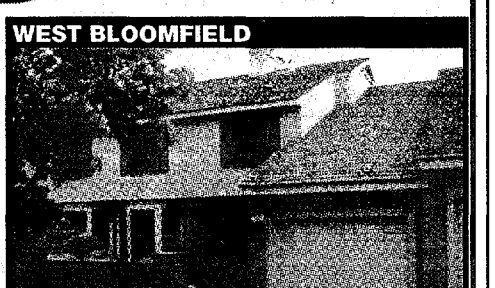

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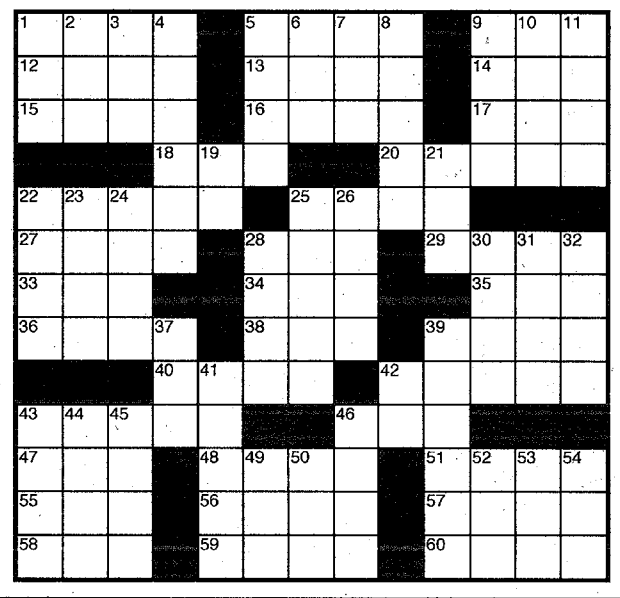
9 Chicken piece
12 Met highlight
13 Done with
14 Emma in "The Avengers"
15 Split
16 Hooray for me! (hyph.)
17 Struck a match
18 Bastille Day season
20 Toughen up
22 Command
25 Comet — - Bopp
27 Smolder
28 Our sun
29 Pack member
33 Mountain overlooking Troy
34 Gradation of color
35 Catch a bug
36 Gels
38 Avail oneself of
39 NY ballpark
40 Cleveland's waters
42 Scrawny
43 Cowboy show
46 Hired car
47 Rowboat need
48 Restaurant
51 Times around the track
55 Tackle a slope
56 Philosopher — Marx
57 Fictional governess
58 Cleopatra's snake
59 Down the tubes
60 Blizzard maker

DOWN

1 All-out fight
2 Copper source
3 Uncles and nephews
4 Lustrous fabric
5 Go to the polls
6 Caviar, actually
7 Escorted
8 Shadow
9 Dilly
10 Omani title
11 Palace entrance
19 Financial off.
21 Just hired
22 Geishas' sashes
23 Impolite
24 Confound it!
25 On the — (free)
26 Nautical position
28 Feng —
30 Maui neighbor
31 Encumbrance
32 Lady's shoe
37 Watch
39 Luxury furs
41 Sways gently
42 Okefenokee loc.
43 Santa —, Calif.
44 Acorn droppers
45 Roof problem
46 Early Briton
49 Sigh of content
50 To and —
52 Rand of "Atlas Shrugged"
53 NFL player
54 Baste



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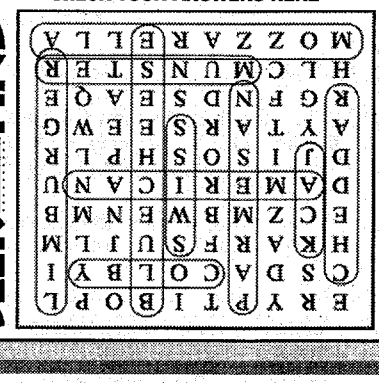

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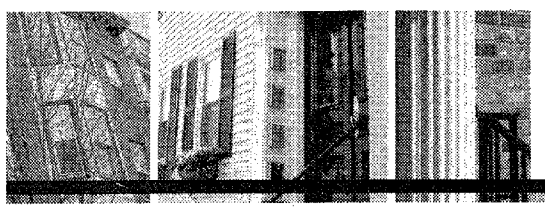

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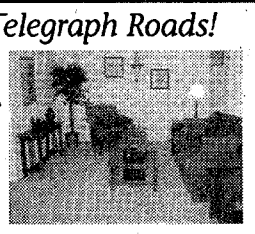
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Loss leaders take many forms in the marketplace. New York City's Fran Biderman-Gross, president and CEO of Advantages Printing Inc., thinks of them as tangible objects -- premiums -- to "be kept in view. They're typically under two dollars or three dollars, often used in the food industry and by accountants and lawyers." They're also used frequently throughout retail.

Mary Adams, president of Event Consulting Group L.L.C., in the same city, a conference management and marketing communications firm, calls loss leaders in service businesses "activities/products/services in which a company allocates resources that may lose money in the short-term, but in the long run essentially reap more benefits than the initial investment. The investment can be made in different forms, such as labor, money and time. "When she uses a sponsorship as a loss leader, she reduces the rate substantially when she knows that promoting that company's endorsement will create interest, attracting a great deal of paid attendance, which more than makes up for the reduction, thus increasing profit.

The big news comes with the use of loss leaders in service businesses, where the giveaways may be intangible. "The big news needs to be just that . . . something newsworthy!" exclaims Tom Underhill, managing partner of Identity Crisis L.L.C., a marketing and advertising agency in Anaheim. "If it's just another 'me-too' giveaway or 'so-what' promotion, the potential client won't care." He says that good loss leaders:

-- "differentiate your business;
-- "upsell future services; and/or
-- "answer a real need the client can peg a real value to."

CONNECTIVITY

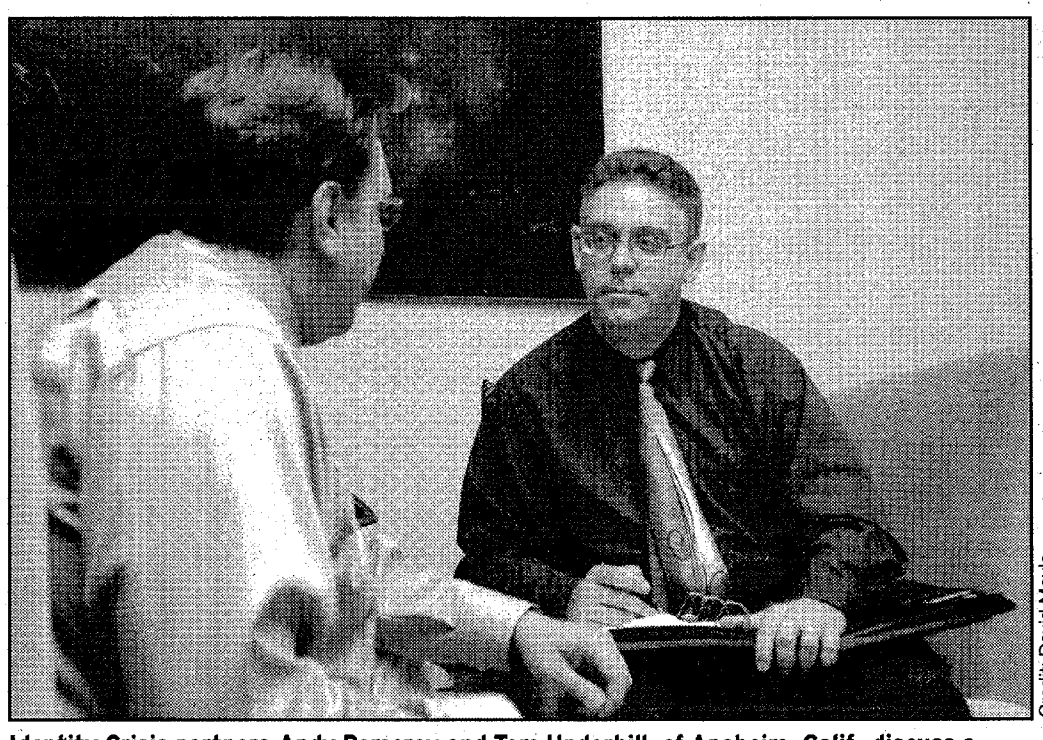
Biderman-Gross develops loss leaders as part of her company's campaigns "to help companies get noticed." She indicates that their real purpose is to enhance branding by "achieving an emotional connectivity while being clever. It's not about giving something away. It's about achieving brand growth for the current client and, in the long run, brand identity, which will increase sales."

Adams agrees with the connectivity, making the business-to-business or general consumer of the service feel connected to whatever service it's in. The buzz and energy it creates has an impact, even when a swap deal is involved.

Using loss leaders "starts a conversation, helping position you above the competition," Underhill points out, particularly in a saturated market where differentiation is critical, but he advises you to "shift from a price-based conversation to the advantages of using you." That's connectivity. Adams says that "get(ting) attention where you need it builds relationships that will eventually negate the loss."

DON'T CONNECT

But loss leaders don't always serve businesses well. In fact, Underhill doesn't exactly recommend them in today's economy. He notes that you must determine whether using one "is just an opportunity to lose money." If the client or market won't buy an upgraded service or another service, it's not feasible. "If you don't have to give up margins," he adds, "why should you? If I have a well-positioned industry leader and that's selling well, is it worth damaging my product or service's reputation by giving it as a loss leader?"



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Identity Crisis partners Andy Pomeroy and Tom Underhill, of Anaheim, Calif., discuss a loss leader campaign for a client

Biderman-Gross says that without emotional connectivity and without purpose, a loss leader, such as the overused pen, is a waste. "But if there's something new on it, like the more expensive pen, people want to hold onto them," she says. Adams comments that "gossipy" industries aren't loss-leader-friendly: "You'll really lose credibility when your product isn't worth what you say it is."

The bottom line is the bottom line.

"Because cost of goods for a service company are often primarily based on time," Underhill observes, "this sector especially needs to keep costs in check. If 10 percent of the orders for a loss leader result in purchases of additional services, the loss leader probably isn't a good idea. If, however, 90 percent of loss-leader orders lead to purchases of higher-margin good or services, then it could be a good idea. "Use loss leaders in the service industry responsibly," he recommends.

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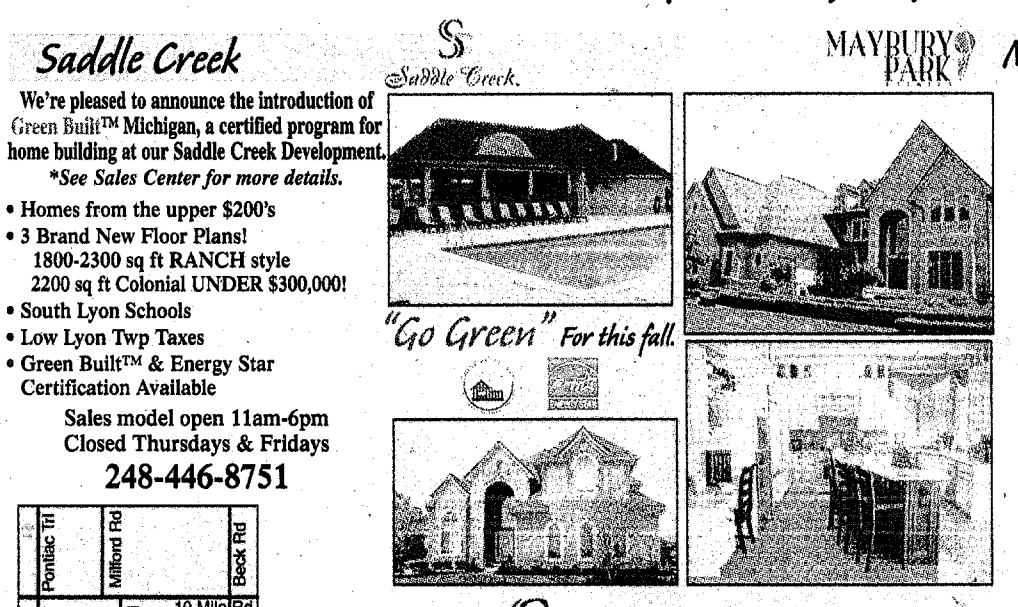

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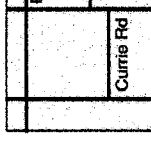

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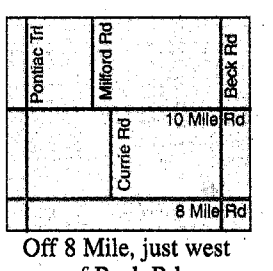

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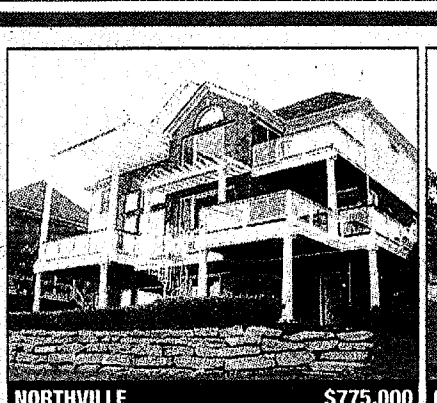

NORTHVILLE $775,000
Immd occ lakefront! Brazilian cherry flr in 2 story foyer, 1/2 BA, halls & gmt kit, 42" cabs, fin w/o LL w/FR, 5th BR, wet bar, full BA, play rm, paver walk & patio!
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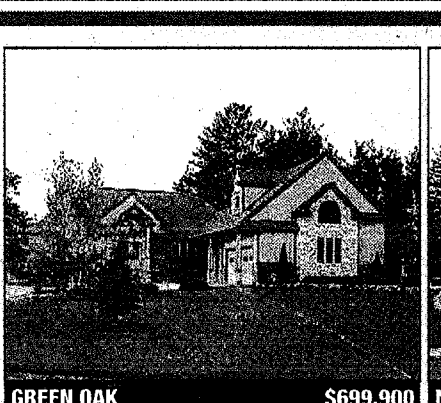

GREEN OAK $699,900
Cust Ranch on Nichwaugh Lake! Gr w/barrell clgs, gmt kit w/42"cabs, fin w/o w/wet bar, fr, rec rm & ex. rm. 4 car gar & 1/2 court b'ball. Upgrades galore!
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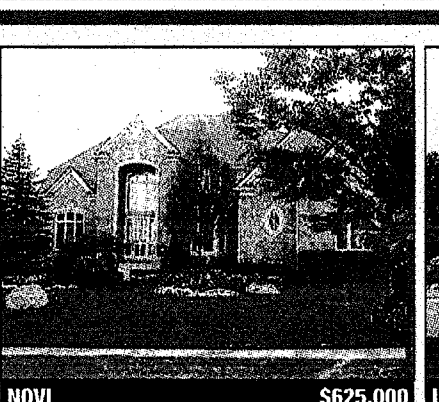
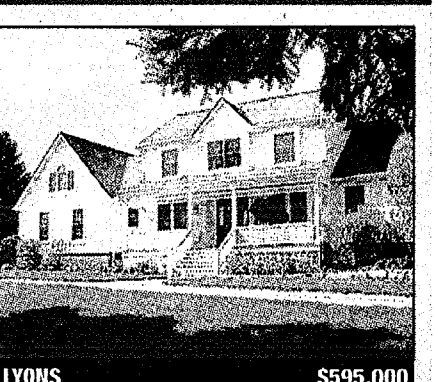


NOVI $625,000
Amazing cust brick colonial! Granite t/o gmt kit w/42"cabs &SS Appl, 2 Fp, hwd flrs, dual staircase, Tuscany concrete deck, princess ste, 3.5 car gar, fin LL.
MLS# 27163184 248-347-3050



LYONS $595,000
Country Cape Cod W/pond! Hwd Flrs, 2 Fps,1st Flr Mstr, Circ Dr, Country Porches, Bonus Rm Over Gar. 2 Stry Gr W/Fp & Bridge, unfin W/o. Seller Lic Agent.
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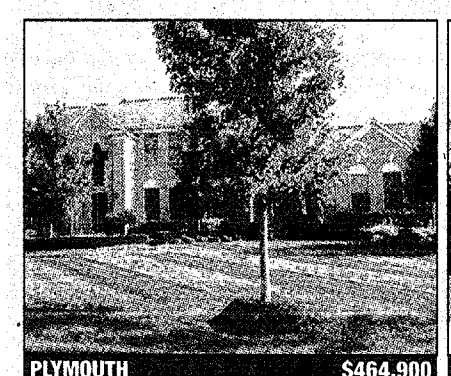
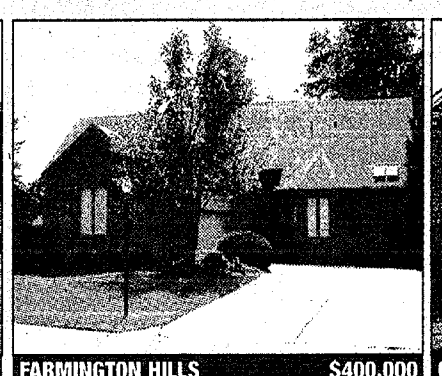


PLYMOUTH $464,900
Incredibly sharp! 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA Col. Grmt kit w/upgraded maple cbnts, corian c-tops & B/I appls. FR w/gas FP. Mstr w/gas FP & huge WIC. Guest ste.
MLS# 27168725 734-453-6800



FARMINGTON HILLS $400,000
Secluded setting, vaulted 2-st great rm, gas fp, gourmet kitchen w/42" cabinets, granite, 1st flr mstr ste, finished walkout w/wet bar & in-law suite.
MLS# 27160246 248-347-3050

CANTON $350,000
Cust gmt gran & maple kit w/hwd flrs. Loft, 2 story FR w/2 way fp. Mstr w/2 WIC & mstr BA. J&J & 4th bd w/full BA. Fin LL w/kit area, office, BA & FR.
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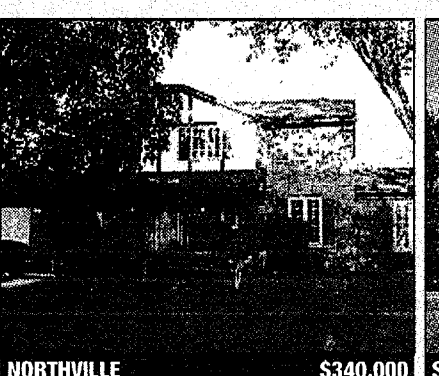

NORTHVILLE $340,000
Wonderful Colonial w/Pella windows & rich hwd flrs. Updates Incl Mstr BA, leaf guard gutters, sprinkler system, kit flr, C/A& HWH. Home Warranty Incl!
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SOUTH LYON $299,899
Impressive 2 story entry, spacious kit, snack bar, bkfst nk, 2 story FR w/fp. Frml LR & DR, mstr ste w/cdrl clgs & pvt BA w/spa tub & sep shower. Full bsmt.
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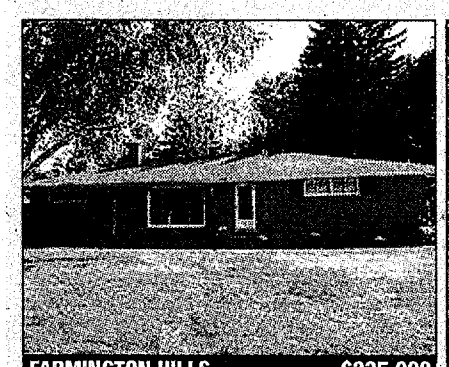

FARMINGTON HILLS $235,000
STYLE, QUALITY, VALUE! Beautifully updated Kendallwood ranch. NEW kitchen, baths, windows, roof, & more! Enjoy Florida room & finished basement too!
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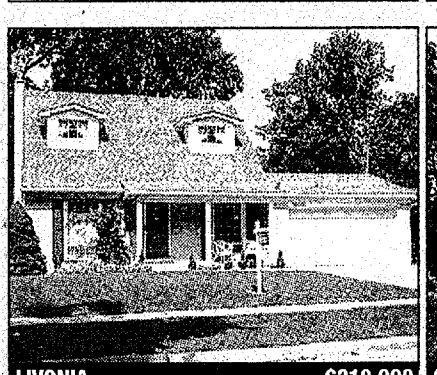

LIVONIA $210,000
Hrdwd floors thru-out, frml living & dining rm, kitchen w/eat-in nook, library/4th bdrm, finished basement, new furnace, a/c, h2o htr, roof & gutters.
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CANTON $179,900
End unit ranch condo! Open flr plan, grt rm w/ cath ceiling & gas FP, kit w/appliances, deck, full bsmnt & 1st flr lndry, 2 car att gar. Bring offer!
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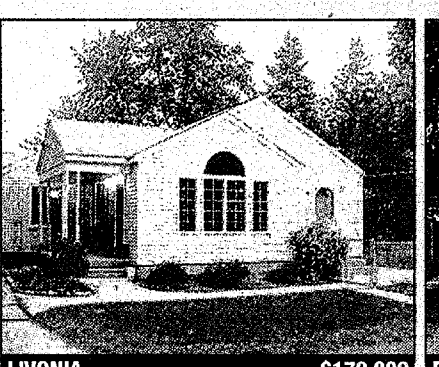

LIVONIA $179,900
Huge LR W/driftstone fp, FR W/cthdrl clg & Built-in Bkcases. Open &Airy W/Many Updates. Deck Overlooks 1/2 Acre Wooded Lot. Relax On The Porch Or Deck.
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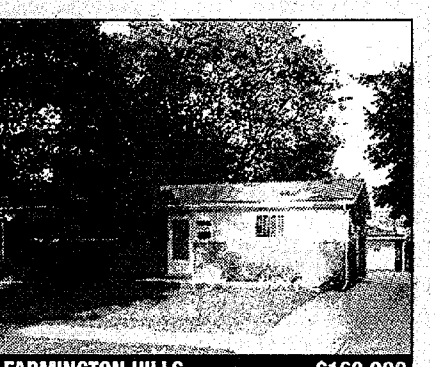

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Bethel Community Church
Oct 5 & 6, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-3. 8900 Middlebelt, Livonia, Joy & Middlebelt Rd. Estate sale remnants: Red Hat, Holiday assorted and lots of toys.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
Pre-Sale Thurs. Oct 4, 5-8pm (Adults $2). Free admission Fri, Oct 5, 9am-4pm & Sat, Oct 6, 9am-noon (half-off sale). Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

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33112 Grand River at Warner Thur., Oct. 11, 9am-8pm. Fri., Oct 12, 9am-2pm

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WESTLAND - Huron Valley Lutheran, 33740 Cowan Rd (N of Warren, E off Wayne). Oct. 4 & 5th. 9am-5pm. & Oct. 6th. 9am-noon ($3 Bag).

7100 Estate Sales 7100

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Sat., Oct 6, 10-5
Sun., Oct. 7, 11-3.
4031 Orchard Lake Road Orchard Lake, W. Bloomfield
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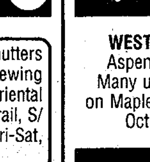

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BERKLEY Multi-Family Day Care, going out of business sale & other household items. Sat., Oct. 6, 9am-4pm. 2058 Earlmont, 12 mile & Coolidge.

BEVERLY HILLS Friday only, 10/5, 10am-5pm. 31158 Old Stage Rd., W. of Lahser, N. off 13. Household, toys/baby & designer clothing. Must see!

BIRMINGHAM Multi-Family Garage Sale - Thurs., Oct. 4th-5th, 9am-2pm. 1063 W. Southlawn, W of Southfield, N of 14 Mile. Toys, clothes, etc.

BIRMINGHAM Oct. 4-6, 9am-3pm. 1192 Lake Park, W. of Woodward, N. of Maple. I have waited years to have this garage sale. Furniture, clothing, art, books & more.

BIRMINGHAM Oct. 6th, 9-4pm. No early birds! 524 Bird, 14/Pierce. Good variety. Everything Must Go!

BIRMINGHAM- 3-family. Thursday only. 10am-2pm. 555 Pleasant, 15/Southfield. Household, Couture clothing, kids stuff.

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BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Multi Family Sale ! Furniture, lamps, good quality clothing, Noritake china, collectibles, jewelry, misc. Thurs-Sat, 10-4-5 &6, 9-5pm. 5567 Westwood Lane. Across from BHMS.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS clothes, women's size 2-3x, shoes, jewelry, linens, Spanish shawls, sheerling, fur, exotic skins, misc. Thurs-Sat., 9-4. 3876 Wedgewood, S/Lincoln, W/Lahser.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS TWP
Stillmeadow Garage Sale. Fri-Sat. Oct 5-6, 9-4pm. N off Long Lake, W. of Lahser, follow signs.

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE
364 N. Cranbrook, (off Maple) Oct. 4-6, 9-4pm. We're back! Great stuff. Designer clothes, jewelry & shoes. Christmas inventory, oak bdrm furniture.

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE
Cleaning House! Friday October 5th. 10a.m.-4p.m. 3301 Morningivew Terrace (off of Overhill Dr., N of Maple between Lasher & Cranbrook). Furniture, blinds, shades, ping pong table, trellis, sports, magazines, Christmas, clothes & shoes.

CANTON Oct. 5-6, 10-5. 43600 Antietam, off Sheldon btwn. Palmer & Cherry Hill. Furniture, clothes, housewares & more. Don't miss!

Canton- Sat 10/6; 8-1pm. Meadow Villages (off Geddes, near Beck). 4248 Timberline Dr. Furniture, Misc, Womens Size 20 & More. Rain 10/7

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FARMINGTON HILLS
28561 Green Willow, W. of Farmington, N. of 12. Tools, lawn equip & garage stuff. Oct 5-6, 10am-5pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS Oct. 5-6, 9-6. 23487 Barfield, btwn. Middlebelt & Orchard Lk., btwn. 9 & 10 Mi. Antiques, collectibles. Everything must go!

FERNDALE Oct. 6-7, 9-3 on Sat, 10-2 on Sun. 260 LaPrairie, Woodward & 8½ Mi. Everything from furniture to household & books.

GARDEN CITY 33573 Pardo, Farmington & Ford Rd. Oct. 5-7th, 9-5. Ethan Allen loveseat, curio cabinet, 8x10 studio camera, Ries tripod, dark rm. items, glassware, misc. household items, books.

GARDEN CITY- GARAGE/ Liquidation Sale! Wedding, Craft Items. Thurs-Sat noon to 5.pm. Charge welcome. 28663 Sheridan.

LIVONIA - 3 Family Sale. Fri.-Sat., 9-5pm. Household, furniture, girls & womens plus clothing. 11030 Arden, W. of Merriman, S. of Plymouth Rd.

LIVONIA - HUGE FAMILY SALE Furniture, electronics, games, toys, framed pictures, dishes, seasonal items, cloths (boys), and other household items. Oct 4, 5, 6, 10am-4pm, 18569 Mayfield, 7 mile and Farmington area.

LIVONIA 17190 Westbrook, N. of 6 mile. Oct. 4-6, 10-6pm. Music, books, crafts, appliances, linens, toys and some new items.

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LIVONIA Huge Multi Family! Household, Furniture, Antiques, Toys. Oct 4,5,6; 9AM 14571 Berwick, SW of Five-Merriman

LIVONIA Moving in Sale - 14300 Hillcrest, N of Schoolcraft, W of Middlebelt. Love seat, dining room set, end tables, pet carrier, kitchenware, home decor, much more. Oct. 5-6, 9-5 p.m.

LIVONIA Moving/Garage, 36344 Fairway, Golf Ridge Sub, 8 Mile & Newburgh. Thurs.-Sat., 9-4. 30 Years! Furniture, household, auto parts

LIVONIA
Multi-Family Sale. Oct 4-6, 9-4pm, 33070 Barkley, E. of Farmington N. of Lyndon. Too much to list!

LIVONIA Oct, 4-5 &6, BIG SALE! 9009 Lionel, W. off Wayne, S. of Ann Arbor Trail. Collectibles, Antiques, Old clocks, glassware & etc.

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LIVONIA- 6 Mi, S/ on Wayne, W/Grove to 16506 Ronnie. Wed-Sun., Oct. 3-7, 8am-6pm. Household, furniture, pictures, collectibles & more.

LIVONIA- ESTATE / GARAGE SALE Oct. 4th & 5th; 9-4pm. 14116 Mayfield Livonia N Schoolcraft E Farmington (NO Early Birds!)

MILFORD- Garage Sale. Oct. 5 & 6, 9 - 5. 650 Village Lane (Uptown Village, north of Hector & Jimmys). Toys, Housewares & more

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MILFORD- Multi-Family. 3290 Hickory Ridge. Rainbow Play Structure, Gas Grill, Webkinz, Furniture & More. Oct.4-6, Thurs-Sat 9-5pm

Northville - GARAGE/ESTATE 64 yrs. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, tons of linens & Christmas items. 114 West Street W. of Center off Main. 10-4 - 10-6 9am-5

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ROCHESTER HILLS TOOL SALE
Home, Hand & Power Tools. 3 full tool & die boxes, much more! Saturday, Oct. 6, 9am-5pm. 425 Tanglewood, S. of Walton, W. of Livernois

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ROCHESTER HILLS
4 Family Sale. Fri.-Sat., 9am. 1390 N. Acre, N. of Tienken, btwn Livernois & Brewster. Something for everyone!

ROCHESTER- Oct. 5, 10-5 & Oct. 6, 9-2. 373 Red Oak, S/Courtland & Teinken, N/ Romeo & Sycamore. Kids toys, household, misc.

ROYAL OAK 821 Louis Ave. N. of 11 mile, off Maxwell. Arts, antiques, collectibles, ceramics, woman clothing and misc. Oct. 6 & 7, 9-4pm.

SOUTHFIELD Garage Sale - Fri., Sat. & Sun., Oct . 5, 6, 7, 8am-5pm. 18950 Adrain Dr., Southfield, MI, between 10 & 11 Mile.

SOUTHFIELD Oct. 4-6, 9-6:30. Designer clothing, coats & purses. 17260 Anna St., off Rutland, btwn Greenfield & Southfield Rd.

SOUTHFIELD Oct.4-7, 9-6. 28604 Spring Arbor Dr. btwn. Southfield & Greenfield off 12. Antiques, tools, fishing, household & more.

SYLVAN LAKE- HUGE SALE. Furniture, electronics, kitchen, books, sweaters, kids games and toys, etc. AWESOME HOLIDAY PRESENTS! Everything must go! 2196 Garland, Sylvan Lake. Thursday-Sunday 9-4PM

TAYLOR- Oct 5-6&7, 9-4, 12625 Universal Dr. HUGE Estate/Furniture/Garage sale!! Indoors, tons of furniture incl. French Provencial, Piano, full size pool & air hockey table, household goods, clothes, baby items, no junk too much to list.

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TROY - 9 ft. indoor shutters sofa dresser sewing machine hall mirror oriental rugs. 2962 Orchard Trail, S/ Long Lk, E/ Adams. Fri-Sat, 9-4pm.

TROY 4815 Valley Vista, E. of Adams, S. of Long Lake Rd. Oct. 6th, 10-4. White crib, Trail-a-bike, flip-top desk, LEGO table, toys, clothes, etc

TROY Mulit family Garage/ Estate sale.Furniture, household items, books, antiques, refrigerator, washer/dryer. Oct. 6 & 7, 9-4pm. 4226 Cambridge Cresent.

TROY- Moving Sale - Lots of quality stuff. Oct 5 & 6th. Antiques & collectibles, 4-poster pine bed, cast iron bed frame, decorative pillows, bikes, trampoline, skis, aquariums, snow-blower, lots more stuff. 2935 Binbrooke Dr, Troy (Adams/Wattles)

WAYNE ESTATE SALE
4413 Columbus, Annapolis and Howe. Fri-Sat, 10-4pm. Entire household, appliances, tools and much more!

WAYNE GARAGE SALE
5 Family sale. 37520 Hillcrest Dr, just N of Michigan Ave. Thurs-Sun, 9-5pm.

WAYNE- Vintage and household items. Lots of stuff! 34606 Elm St. E. of Wayne Rd & S. of Glenwood. Sat. 10/6 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

WEST BLOOMFIELD - HUGE SALE. Designer's home. New/Used, furniture, headboard, dressers, shoes. Fri-Sun, 10-4pm. 5971 Kingsfield, S Walnut/ W Farmington.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD-
Aspen Ridge Condos, Many units particpating. on Maple, W/Orchard Lake. Oct. 5-7, 9-4pm.

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BERKLEY- Antique dining room set, China cabinet, couch, dryer, kitchen & home furnishings. Childrens clothes and toys. Sat. 9-5. 4198 Cumberland.

CANTON Oct. 5-6, 9-4. 50899 Hanford, N. of Ford, E. of Napier. Furniture, tools, freezer, too much to mention. Everything must go!

CANTON One day only Sat. Oct. 6, 10-3pm. Antique stove, household & Christmas items, glassware, wicker & tins, Red Wings signed jersey, books, picture frames, Disney VHS, CD's. 8744 Holly, 1 block E. of I-275 at Joy.

FARMINGTON Thurs.-Sat., 10-6pm. 33350 S. Manor Drive, Apt. 111, N. of 8 Mile, on Farmington Rd. New stove & fridge. Everything goes!

LIVONIA Huge moving sale, Quaker Town Sub. Fri-Sat. & Sun. 9-5pm, 38690 Reo Court. Freezer, Refrigerator, collectibles Barbies, Christmas decor, dishes, book cases, table & chair &hutch. Entertainment center, electronics and more.

PLYMOUTH- Oct. 6-7, 8am-1pm. 575 Auburn, off Farmer, 2 blks E/Sheldon. Sectional, full bdrm set w/mattress, rosewood desk/chairs & China cabinet, lamps, art, household, records, quality clothing.

Moving Sales 7130

ROCHESTER HILLS MOVING SALE
Friday-Sunday, 8-dark. 295 Randolph, . near Adams & Walton. Everything to go!

ROCHESTER HILLS-
396 Shellbourne Dr.,
Thurs, Oct-4, 5pm-9pm, Fri-Sat-Sun Oct. 5-7, 8am-8pm. Mon-Oct. 8, 4pm-9pm. Dining room set, made in Italy, living/ family room sets. Kohler & Campbell piano, 32 in. Tv, entertainment center, Persian rugs, Designer men & woman watches, Rolex... & more. Thomasville Queen Bedroom set. Riding lawnmower, (Yard Machine). 248-872-5100

ROCHESTER Large home Hills Sub, Antiques, pictures, furniture, Too much to list. Oct. 6 & 7, 10-4pm. 2953 Baytree Ct. Corner of Adams & Dutton.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
Thurs.-Sat., 9-5. Furniture, clothing, kid's items, tools, sport equip, books, & more! 4273 MacQueen Dr., N. of Lone Pine, E. of Orchard Lake.

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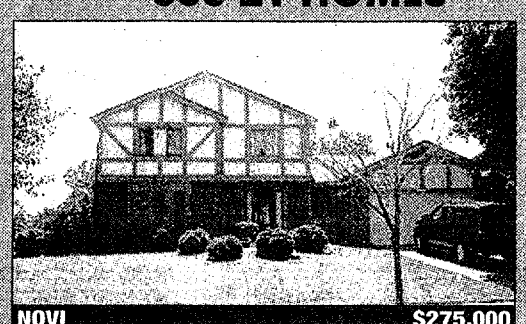

NOVI $275,000
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Newer 5 BR 3 BA Cape Cod. First floor master bedroom. Awesome kitchen with 42" maple cabinets. Great finished bsmt w/wet bar & in-law suite. Extra deep yard. 26x20 gar.
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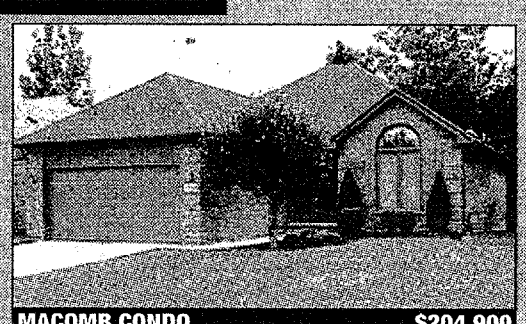
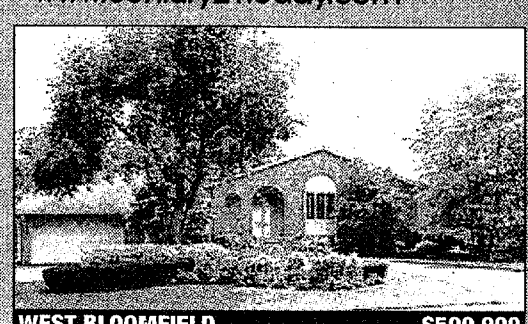


MACOMB CONDO $204,900
Fabulous 2 bedroom 2 bath detached condo. 1,450 square feet. First floor laundry. Finished basement. Very quaint and clean. 21548 Sunset @ Fairways, South of 21, West of Card.
MLS 27154204 Jack Dudenhoefer 248-217-8651



WEST BLOOMFIELD $509,900
Spotless and gorgeous! 4,172 square feet. 5 BRs, 3 BAs. Master w/garden tub and WIC. FR w/wet bar. Formal DR & FRs. Walk out to tiered deck. Additional 1,160 sq ft in LL.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD $499,000
Gorgeous updated 4,524 sq. ft., 4 BR, 3 BA contemporary. 1st & 2nd flr master ste. Panoramic views from Great & LRs. Formal DR, kitchen w/nook. Very private. Bloomfield Schls.
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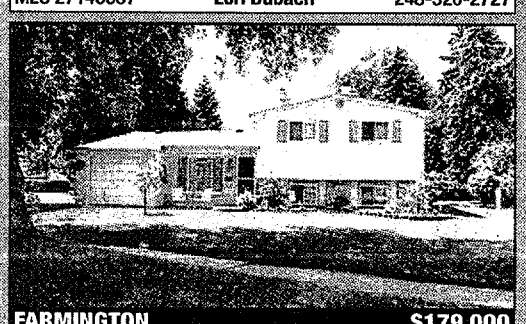

FARMINGTON $179,000
Updated beauty, 3 BRs, 2 BAs, 1,800 sq. ft. New kitchen, DR, both baths. Family room w/fireplace. New carpet & paint. Library, could be 4th BR. Vinyl windows, lg yd, att gar.
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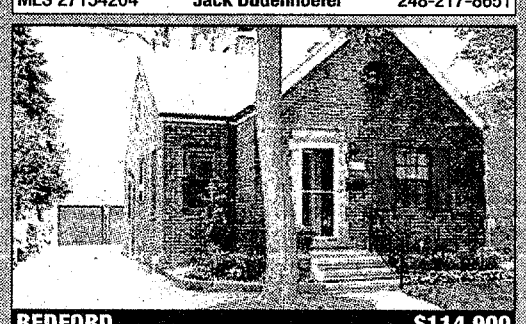

REDFORD $114,900
Three BR brick beauty! Updated kitchen. New roof, plumbing, electrical and hot warter heater. Fin basement w/ bar. Lg master ste w/WIC. LR w/frpl. 16x12 deck. 2 car gar.
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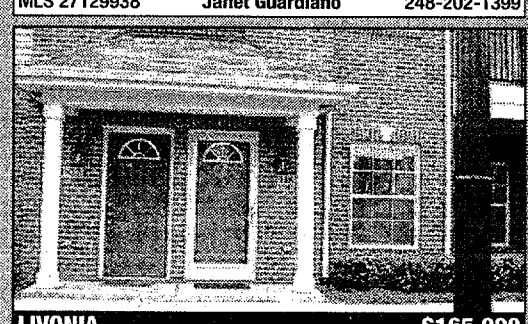
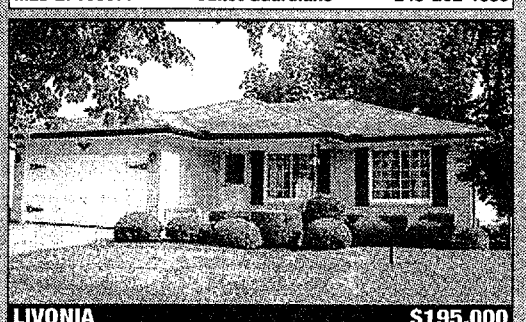
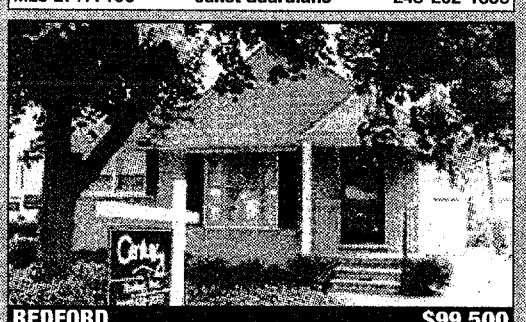


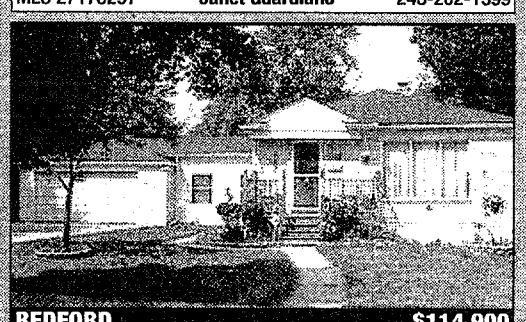
LIVONIA $165,900
Almost new 2 bedroom, 2 bath first floor ranch condo with attached garage. All appliances included. Walk to shopping and dining.
MLS 27172452 Karen Allerton 734-718-8185



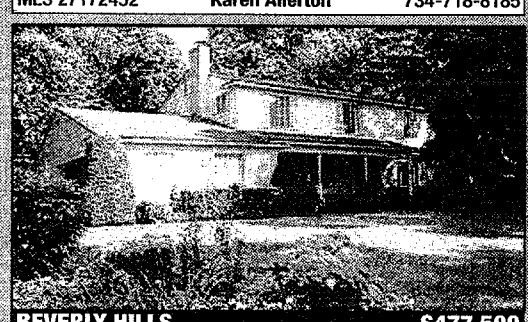
LIVONIA $195,000
Very clean and open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement, all appliances included, attached 2 car garage, nice lot.
MLS 27097036 Karen Allerton 734-718-8185



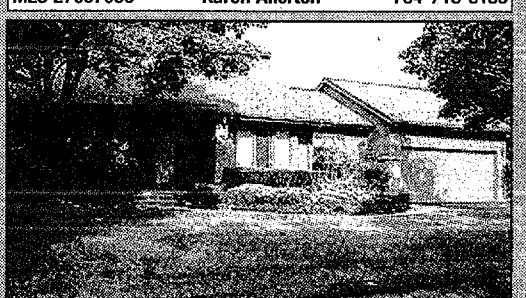
REDFORD $99,500
1500+ square foot 3 BR brick bungalow has family room, gas fireplace, professionally finished basement, garage. Newer roof, carpet, some vinyl windows, c/a. South Redford schls.
MLS 27160331 JorJan Allen 313-522-1106



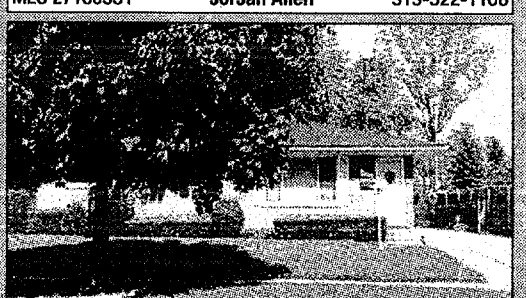
REDFORD $114,900
Lovely vinyl ranch located on fenced double lot has attached 2.5 car garage, family room, professionally finished basement. Newer roof, furnace, C/A, all appliances included.
MLS 27150790 JorJan Allen 313-522-1106



BEVERLY HILLS $477,500
Classic 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial offers gourmet kitchen, walk-out basement, beautiful wood floors in large living room and family room. Backs to nature preserve. Updated.
MLS 27165185 Ronald J. Miller 248-420-9616

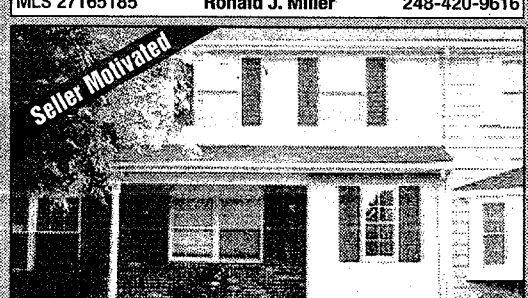


WEST BLOOMFIELD CONDO $269,900
Over 2,200 sq. ft. contemporary ranch condo offers large great room with cathedral ceiling overlooking pond, sharp kitchen, full bsmt & 2 car garage. Great master suite. Wow!
MLS 27148134 Ronald J. Miller 248-420-9616



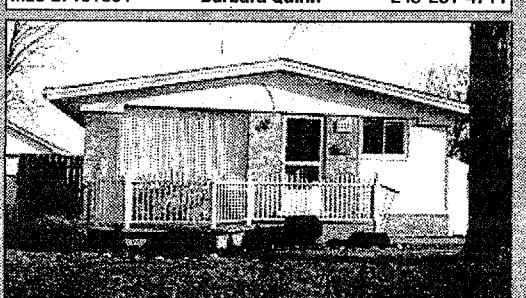
FARMINGTON HILLS $154,900
Sharp 3 BR ranch w/extra deep lot. Kitchen w/large dining area & doorwall to deck. Full bsmt. 2 car garage. Many updates including Wallside windows, roof & BAs. Reduced.
MLS 27161661 Barbara Quinn 248-231-4711

PLYMOUTH $90,000
Great investment property. In need of a little TLC. 1,052 sq. ft. 2 BR ranch. Updated BA, dining room, living room & kitchen. Hdwd flrs, large utility / laundry rm, beautiful lot.
MLS 27164754 Virginia Vartanian 734-748-3224



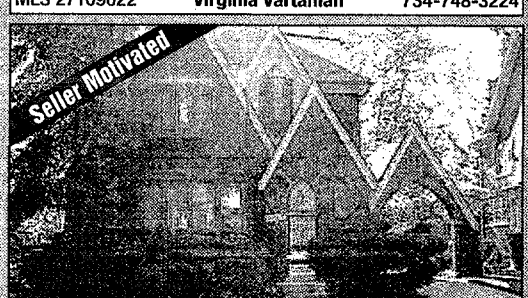
NORTHVILLE TWP $139,000
Totally updated and freshly painted townhouse offering 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, part finished basement, central air, pool, club house & lakes. Heat & water included in asso fees.
MLS 27109022 Virginia Vartanian 734-748-3224

FARMINGTON HILLS $299,900
Beautiful 2500 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Offering library, family room, dining room, large oak kitchen, doorwall to deck, first floor laundry, central air and 2 car garage.
MLS 27143631 Virginia Vartanian 734-748-3224



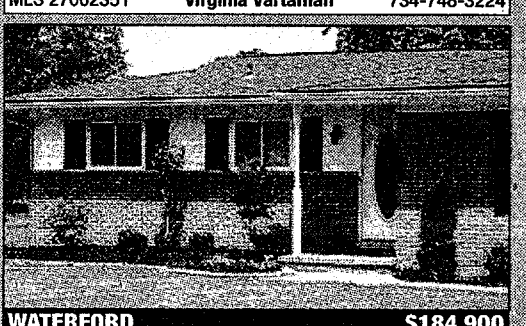
WESTLAND $104,500
Bright & airy 3 bed ranch. Offers open kitchen, vaulted ceilings, c/a, and large living room. Partially fin bsmt w/block windows, nice shed in fenced yd & beautiful frt porch / deck.
MLS 27002351 Virginia Vartanian 734-748-3224

PONTIAC $69,900
Clean 3 BR ranch w/new carpet t/o. New kitchen cabinets & wood flr. 'All flooring replaced, updated furnace & HWH, freshly painted, gar, move right in! Home warranty included.
MLS 27112142 Faye Moran 248-673-2211

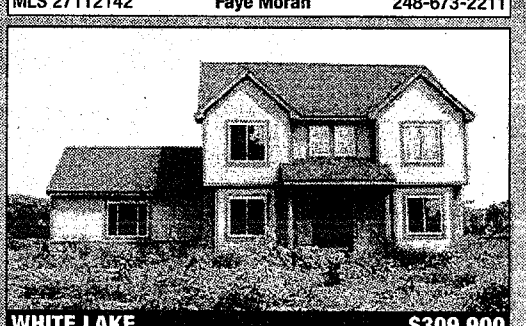


DETROIT $242,800
Gem w/some paint & kitchen updates. Many updates, including Anderson windows. 2 w/i closets in mstr BR, bsmt office, French drs, ornate ceiling, 3rd level, home warranty.
MLS 27144694 Denise Young 248-835-5157

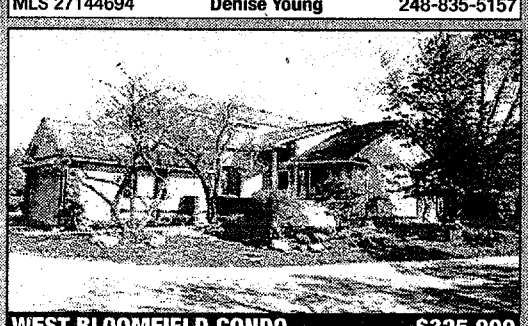
WIXOM $290,000
2500 sq ft w/vaulted ceilings, GR w/frplc. Gourmet white kit w/bay windows, fresh neutral paint, 1st flr mstr ste w/jet tub, incredible closets. Spacious BRs, Prof Ldscp, fin heated gar.
MLS 27158210 Debra Collins 248-360-9100



WATERFORD $184,900
Three BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch. Designer Kit w/Island & ss appl's, overlooks Golf Course. Granite counters, ceramic & hdwd t/o. Nat FP, soaking tub. Part fin bsmt. Tons of updates!
MLS 27176469 Barb Castello 248-568-3395

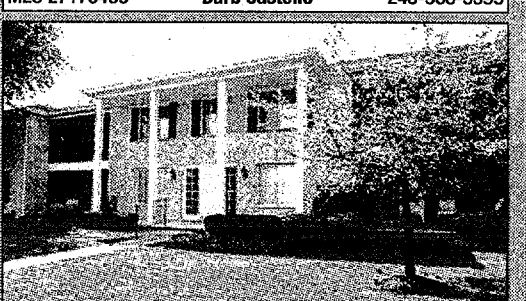


WHITE LAKE $309,900
4 BR, 2.5 BAs in Brentwood Golf Community. 2,500 sq ft, 1.25 acres w/pond, gorgeous views, w/o LL, tons of cabinets in kit. Brkfst nook w/door wall, FP in FR, cul-de-sac location.
MLS 27153753 Karen Helland 248-330-5904



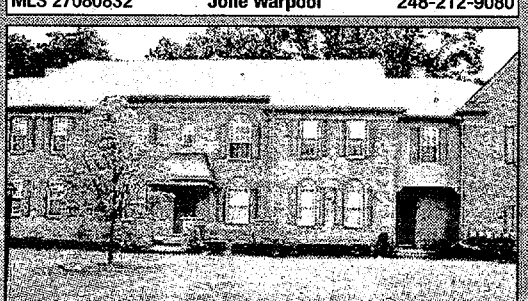
WEST BLOOMFIELD CONDO $325,000
Totally updated 3 bedroom first floor master suite condo. All redone w/hardwood floors, granite kitchen, finished lower level w/ bath. This is an 11! Must see to appreciate.
MLS 27080832 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080

WEST BLOOMFIELD CONDO $135,000
2 bedroom, 2 bath ground floor ranch unit. New kitchen and foyer floors. Lovely neutral décor. Complex has tennis court and pool. Walk to Henry Ford Hospital.
MLS 27149253 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



FARMINGTON HILLS CONDO $120,000
Immaculate 2 Br, 2 Bath ranch condo located on the second level. Spacious rooms, complex has pool and tennis court, excellent location, in unit laundry.
MLS 27163465 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080

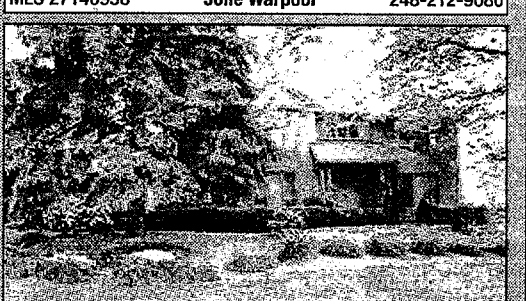
SOUTHFIELD CONDO $158,000
Beautiful 2 br, 2.5 bath townhouse condo with finished family room with fireplace in LL. Excellent condition, freshly painted, private brick patio.
MLS 27140958 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



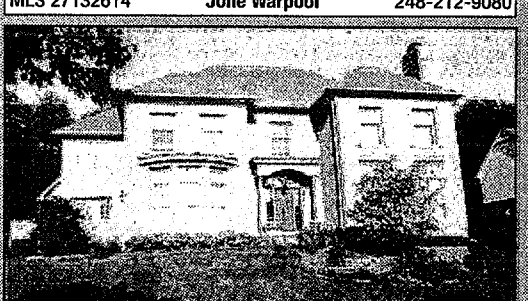
ROCHESTER HILLS CONDO $160,000
2 BR plus bonus room carriage unit has 2 full baths and in unit laundry. Living room w/fireplace and balcony. Nuetral décor. Open kitchen with wet bar.
MLS 27132614 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080

WEST BLOOMFIELD BEAUTY $315,900
Beautiful home with 1st floor master suite has gorgeous yard with maintenance free deck and hot tub. Two story great room with fireplace. Large windows throughout.
MLS 27170576 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080

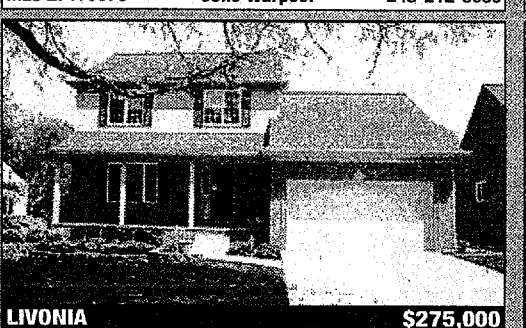
WEST BLOOMFIELD $600,000
Beautiful, tranquil treed yard with pool and separate fenced play area and Bloomfield Hills schools. This 5/6 bedroom home has room to room. Gorgeous new granite kitchen!
MLS 27168007 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



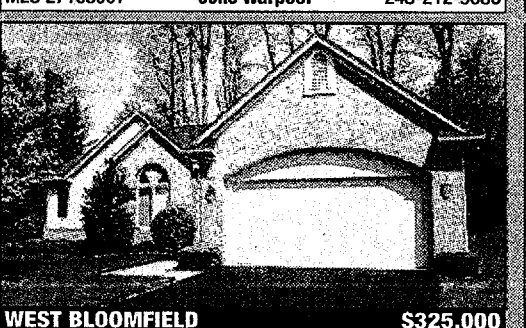
ORCHARD LAKE $499,000
Updated executive home on cul de sac. New maple and granite kitchen. Spacious rooms throughout. Many quality updates including marble and granite baths.
MLS 27112834 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



WEST BLOOMFIELD $710,000
Magnificent 4400 sq. ft. home shows like a model w/ quality amenities and features throughout including gym in master suite. Hardwood, granite, high ceilings and more!
MLS 27104387 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080

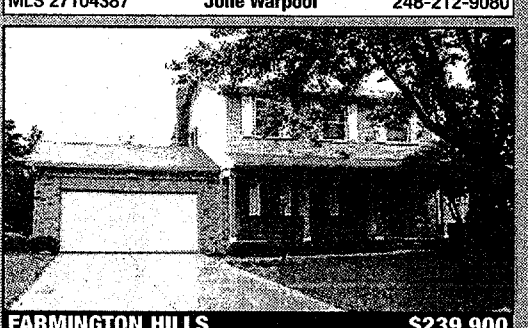


LIVONIA $275,000
Nearly new and spotless 3 Br with huge kitchen, family room with fireplace, cathedral ceiling in master suite, den living room and dining room. A real beauty!
MLS 27063546 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



WEST BLOOMFIELD $325,000
Immaculate detached 2 bedroom, 2 Bath ranch condo with treed yard. High ceilings and spacious rooms throughout. Living room and libray. Attractive décor!
MLS 27084560 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080

SOUTHFIELD $159,900
Great Deal – Brick colonial includes: FR w/frpl, open kitchen w/oak cab, 2 doorwalls to patio, pan ceiling over dining area, hrdwd flrs & vinyl windows. 1,836 sq ft. Home warranty.
MLS 27109186 Leonard Jenkins 248-283-2232



FARMINGTON HILLS $239,900
Lovely 4 bedroom colonial. Family room with fireplace and doorwall to deck, plus another first floor living area. Kitchen opens to dining room. Finished basement with office.
MLS 27151487 CENTURY 21 Today 248-855-2000

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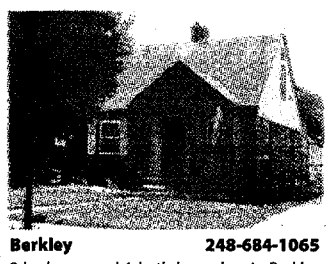


Berkley 248-684-1065

3 bedroom and 1 bath bungalow in Berkley. Fenced yard, porch, and outside lighting. Rec room, library/study, and 1st floor laundry.

(27147263) $175,000

Detroit 248-348-6430

Loads of Potential! LR w/ bay, DR and eat-in kit. Large mstr upstairs w/bath, convert as a walk-in closet. Fin'd bsmt, separate laundry & bath. One car garage. Immediate occupancy.

(27133297) $69,900

Livonia 734-591-9200

A beautiful house in a quiet nbrhood Beautiful 3BDRM (Possible 4th in Finished Basement) Ranch w/ att 2 1/2 side entry gar. Hrdwd flrs, two full baths. Fp in FR. Gorgeous deck in an enclosed bkyrd.

(27107215) $141,900

Northville 248-348-6430

BRIGHT AND AIRY RANCH IN FAMILY SUB Updtd 3 br, 2 ba. Kit w/Hickory cab & Corian cntr. Lr has cathedral ceiling & built-ints. 1st flr laundry. Trex deck & paver patio. Garage has heat & AC.

(27117914) $265,000

Redford 248-851-1900

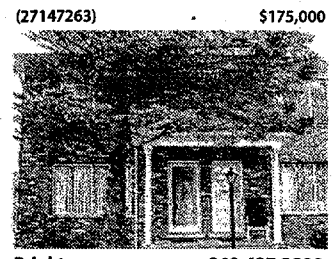
NICE BRICK RANCH READY FOR A NEW OWNER Freshly painted, large front window for lots of light. Full basement. All appliances stay. HWF in bedrooms & under carpet in LR. Close to x-ways, parks & shopping.

(27147256) $109,900

Waterford 248-684-1065

Open & airy ranch w/ carport. Huge fenced yard. Pergo flr in LR & hallway. Full ba w/ ceramic flr & tub. eat-in kit w/ recessed light & brkft bar. 1st flr laun.

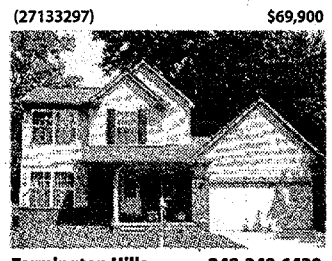
(27109991) $104,900



Brighton 248-437-3800

End Unit Backs to Woods! Beautiful condo just minutes from main st. 2 large bedroom and 1.5 baths. Perfect starter home. Low association dues.

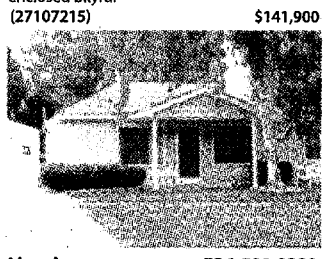
(27077293) $129,900



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430

Move-in Ready Lovely newer home w/o the new home price! Great open floor plan, huge backyard, upgraded kit cabinets. All appliances stay. Newly finished bsmt. Neutral decor.

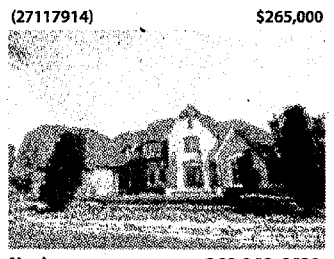
(27142633) $189,900



Livonia 734-591-9200

Affordable Country Living In The City. Updated And Looking Good. This Is The One For You. Nice Quiet Street. Generous Room Sizes. Open Floor Plan. 1.5 Car Garage To Hold Your Car And Yard Tools.

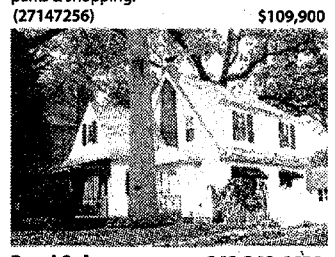
(27144766) $132,900



Novi 248-348-6430

FABULOUS FRENCH PROVINCIAL HOME Huge lot w/ing heated pool. 2 stry winding staircase. Gour kit. 4 lg brs, 4 full baths, 2 lavs, beautiful 1st flr mstr, FR, lib, DR, LR, 4 frpl w/custom surround.

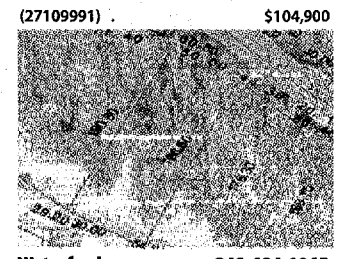
(26210929) $1,875,000



Royal Oak 248-348-6430

Spotles and Updated Colonial Spotless, 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Fin'd lower level w/full bath. 2 car insulated/heated garage. Updated kitchen and bath, leaded glass windows, art deco F.P.

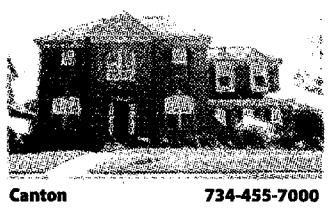
(27166673) $289,000



Waterford 248-684-1065

Partly wooded lot on canal to Pleasant Lake. Five lots to choose from. Use your builder or mine. Paved streets & all utilities.

(27067268) $74,754



Canton 734-455-7000

GREAT COLONIAL! In sought-after Hamlet Gardens. Hrdwd flr in foyer, kit and nook. Corner FP in FR. Big kitchen, tons of cabinets. Nicely landscaped. Close to tennis courts.

(27164434) $327,900

Garden City 734-326-2000

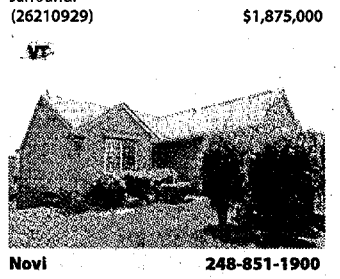
GREAT STARTER AT A GREAT PRICE Three bedrooms, newer carpeting, roof shingles in 1996. Central air, newer white kitchen cabinets, bath with tub enclosure, large lot with attached garage.

(27045578) $104,900

Livonia 734-326-2000

AS GOOD AS IT GETS Absolutely Meticulous 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Contemporary Condo With upgrades throughout. Vaulted Ceilings, Walk-in Closets, Deck & Attached Garage.

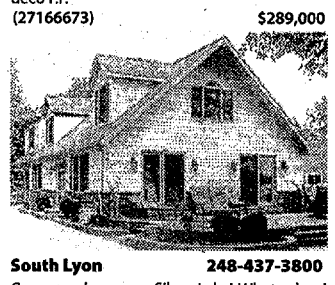
(27023077) $116,900



Novi 248-851-1900

FREESTANDING RANCH CONDO Easy living 2 BR, 2 BA det ranch condo. Bkfst nook, doorwall to deck. Huge family rm. W/O LL-prepped to finish. Golf, tennis, pool. Seller to pay up to 3 mo's assoc fees!

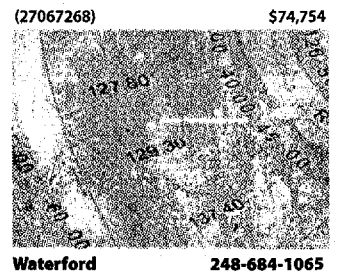
(27086507) $200,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800

Gorgeous home on Silver Lake! What a buy! First floor master w 3 large BR and 2.5 baths. Stunning interior with granite counters and ceramic tile. Immaculate condition!!

(27092538) $538,900



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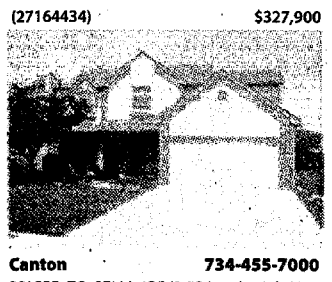
(27067264) $69,754



Canton 734-455-7000

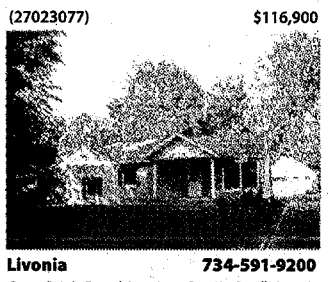
PRICED TO SELL! 4BR/2.5BA colonial. New Pergo-style flring in kitchen/nook/hall/family rm & half BA. New roof '05, sprinkler sys '06. All appl. stay. Newer insulated gar door.

(27107442) $239,900

Garden City 734-326-2000

WELCOM TO THIS CHARMING HOME 2 bedrooms, 2-car garage, 1st floor laundry, newer windows, newer hot water heater, updated bath, newer furnace, great kitchen with newer cabinets, newer roof.

(27057069) $103,000



Livonia 734-591-9200

Cute Brick Ranch! 1700+ Sq. Ft Brick Ranch, 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 2 Car Garage On A Half Acre Lot.

(27103600) $112,500

Novi 248-348-6430

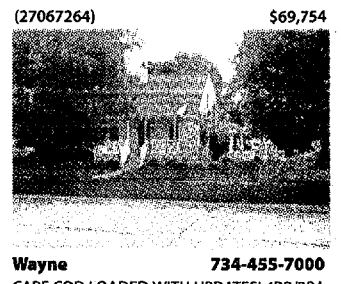
LOVELY RANCH NESTLED ON A TREE LINED ST Complete maintenance free exterior. Nice kitchen, comfortable FR, Lr, mstr w/private bath w/jet tub. Hi E Furnace, a/c, roomy 3 car garage. Deep Crawl space.

(27115914) $199,900

South Lyon 248-437-3800

Secluded ranch on 2.5 Acres! Home completely renovated. New kitchen w/maple cabinets & island with bar. New harddwood lfoors and carpeting. Freshly painted. New master bath. Walkout LL.

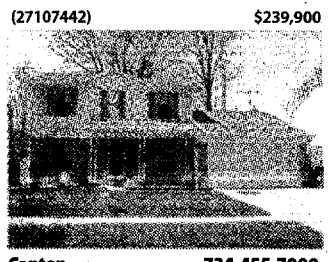
(27159044) $283,112



Wayne 734-455-7000

CAPE COD LOADED WITH UPDATES! 4BR/2BA, handicap ramp & shower, newer kitchen, A/C, furnace, electric, appliances, etc. Totally fenced & low, low traffic pattern area.

(27157926) $179,900



Canton 734-455-7000

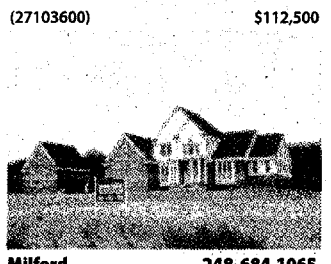
FLORIDA ROOM W/HOT TUB ! 3BR/1.1BA Colonial. Open floor plan w/large family rm and natural fireplace. Formal living/dining rms. Finished bsmt. Great Opportunity! $1,000 closing credit!

(27099813) $209,000

Highland 248-684-1065

On Murray Lake, Highland. 2,366 sq ft, 4 br, 2.5 ba, 1,000 sq ft in W/O LL. GR, DR, kit, bkft rm, FR, office, Fla rm, 2 car gar, plus 2nd gar in LL.

(27051669) $325,000



Milford 248-684-1065

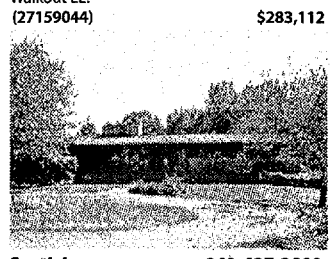
The Crossings of Milford. 21 wooded, walkout sites. 2-4+ acres. Come see the spec home, which is near completion. A subdivision worthy of your attention.

(26039607) $650,000

Novi 248-348-6430

UNPACK AND MOVE IN Spotless 2 br, 3 ba condo deep in complex, new ceramic tile, most rooms fresly painted, new carpet and roof. Seller to pay 1st year assoc fee.

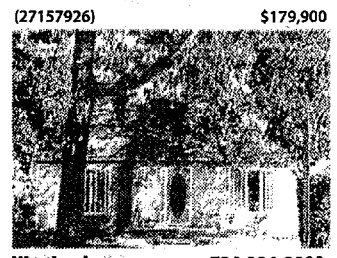
(27167461) $163,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800

Ranch On 6 Serene Wooded Acres! Private drive takes you to this Fully remodeled home with a spring fed pond on property. Oversized 3+ car garage offers plenty of storage.

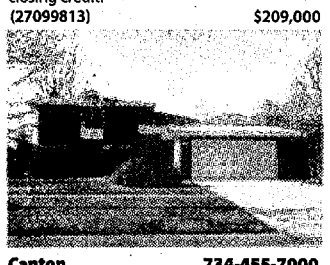
(27002304) $262,900



Westland 734-326-2000

BONUS BUY CITY LIVING COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE is this 3 or 4 bedroom bungalow w/ remodeled kitchen, & 1.5 baths, both remodeled, FR, new roof, huge master ste w/WIC and 1/2 bath. All on a 107 ft lot.

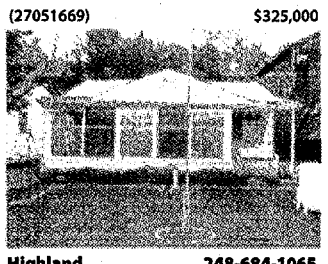
(27170774) $119,900



Canton 734-455-7000

CANTON BEAUTY ! 3BR/2BA Quad updtd to perfection. FR w/FP, den, din/liv rms. All new: driveway/garage cement, kit w/Corian, roof, 2-tier deck, wndws, carpet. Brick pavers.

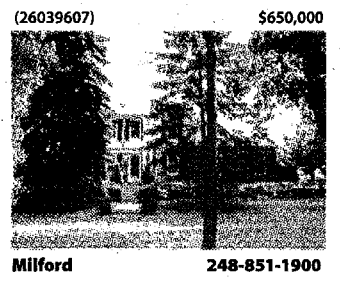
(27171730) $199,900



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.

(27081685) $199,000



Milford 248-851-1900

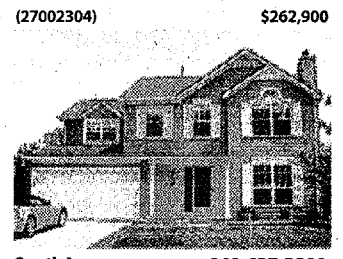
5 ACRES OF BEAUTY & PRIVACY Upgraded 4 BR 2.5 bath colonial. 5 stall horse barn plus 2 outbuildings. Oak floors, newer kitchen, custom moldings and a pool.

(27166089) $347,000

Novi 248-348-6430

CHARMING 3 BR, 2.5 BA END UNIT TOWNHOUSE Great finished basement. 1 car garage. Updated baths, new roof, A/C & exterior paint in 2005. Master bedroom w/2 wlc's & full bath.

(26164408) $139,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800

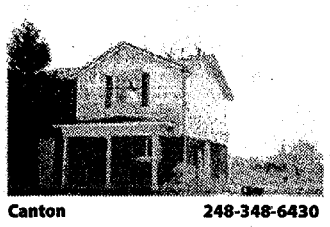
STUNNING!! This home has a very functional floor plan, finished basement, enormous room sizes and feels like it was just built. Don't let this one get by.

(27028337) $239,900

Wwestland 734-591-9200

WOW! Clean Open Flr Plan In Priv Entry 2 Bdr's Condo W/ Att Garage! Newer Wndw's, Roof, Furn, Grt Rm Open To Din Rm. Kit W/all Appls Stay. Huge Mstr Ste W/w-i Clst. Lndry Rm W/ Full Washer & Dryer.

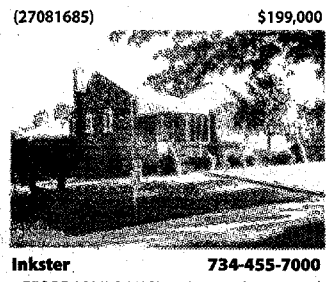
(27152276) $107,900



Canton 248-348-6430

TASTEFULLY REMODELED CONDO IN CANTON Cozy 3 br, 1.5 ba end-unit home backs and sides to commons/park. Eat-in kit w/oak cab. Dr has doorwall to year. Master has 1 full wall of closets. Full Basement.

(27063451) $125,000



Inkster 734-455-7000

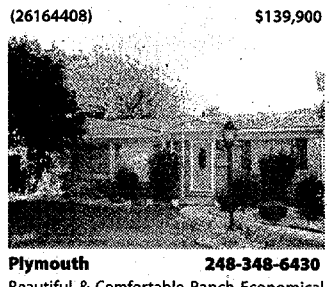
AFFORDABLE RANCH! 3BR ranch on treed, corner lot! Lots of updates, finished basement w/bar, and detached 2.5 car garage. Wayne/ Westland schools.

(27087530) $89,900

Milford 248-684-1065

Great location-walk to downtown. Cathedral ceilings, open kitchen w/ ceramic floor & snack bar. All appl. stay. Deck. Carpeted Bsmt. Lots of storage.

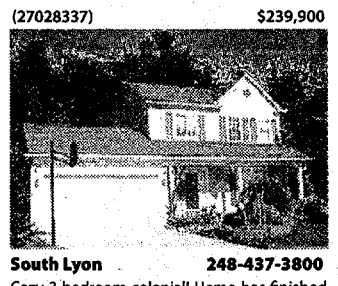
(27147273) $149,900



Plymouth 248-348-6430

Beautiful & Comfortable Ranch Economical starter home. Great fin'd bsmt, lovely kit, nice FR, LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, patio, porch, fenced yard. Newer furn, A/C, roof, driveway, sidewalks in sub.

(27166790) $198,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800

Cozy 3 bedroom colonial! Home has finished basement with dry cedar sauna. Very peaceful yard backs to wooded area. Enjoy bonfires in the evening and vegetable from your garden.

(27135663) $208,900

White Lake 248-684-1065

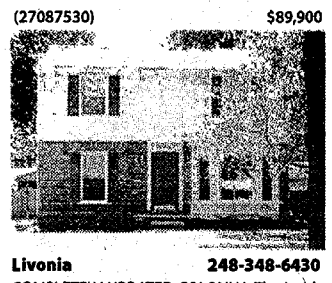
Nice starter home. Kit updated w/ oak cabs & new counters. Most windows replaced, roof & furn. Huge laun rm-great storage. Deep 1 car gar.

(27090276) $138,900

Commerce 248-684-1065

You'll love the kitchen w/ 3 pantry's. All new oak cabinet's, granite sink. 6 panel doors throughout. New sump pump, pressure tank, & well. New paint inside/out.

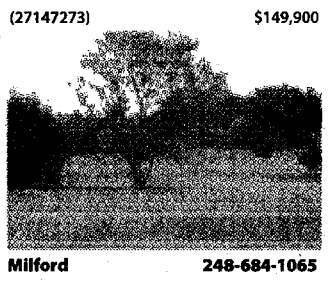
(27044629) $219,900



Livonia 248-348-6430

COMPLETELY UPDATED COLONIAL The inside story: New kit incl cabs, granite cntrs, tile bksplsh & floor plus all new appl. All new paint, new carpet, new main bath. Updtd FR, Power rm & LR.

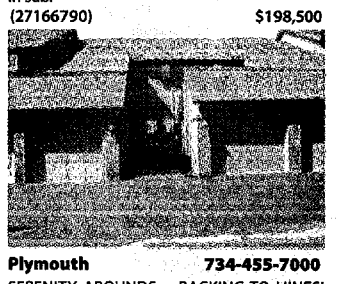
(27121077) $259,900



Milford 248-684-1065

Close to the village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the country life. Split from a 20 acre farm.

(27033498) $149,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000

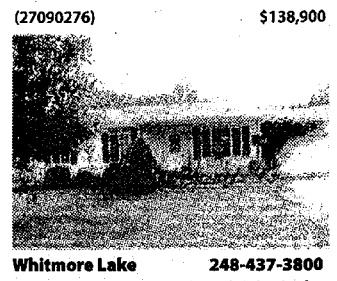
SERENITY ABOUNDS -- BACKING TO HINES! Private, private condo backing to Hines Park -- best location in complex. 2BR/2BA, corner FP, detached garage, basement storage, in-unit laundry.

(27168239) $134,900

South Lyon 248-437-3800

Condo close to town! Backs to open area - very private. Sharp entry level ranch style home features living room, dining room and 2 full baths. 1st floor laundry and lots of storage.

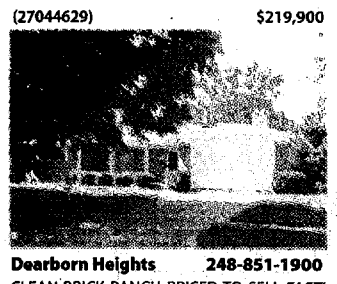
(27022908) $94,900



Whitmore Lake 248-437-3800

Charming 3 Bedroom ranch! Perfect for the first time home buyer. 3 bedroom ranch with grat curb appeal. Doorwall from breakfast nook to deck. Conveniet location!

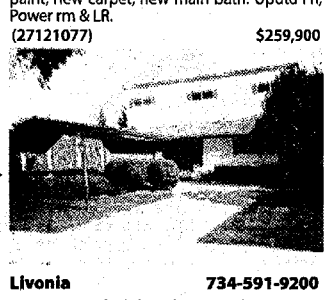
(27111186) $166,900



Dearborn Heights 248-851-1900

CLEAN BRICK RANCH PRICED TO SELL FAST! In one of Dearborn Heights most desirable areas. New roof, new cement patio & hardwood flrs under carpet. Fenced & private wooded backyard. Great home-great value!

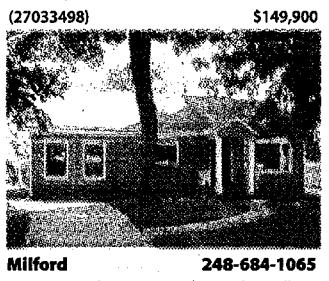
(27091398) $198,000



Livonia 734-591-9200

Livonia 3 Bath Colonial 2-story, living room w/stairway to master suite. Country kit fin BSMT, brick FP. Lg deck & deep lot.

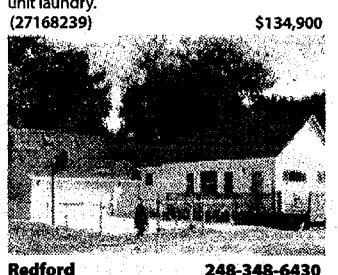
(27164829) $234,900



Milford 248-684-1065

Great starter home. Nice 2 br ranch in village. Fenced back yard & oversized 2 car gar w/ lots of storage. Full-length attic.

(27074221) $139,500



Redford 248-348-6430

ABSOLUTLY STUNNING Totally renovated top to bottom. Features: new kit, baths, windows, roof, furnace, skylights, berber carpet, jacuzzi tub & more!

(27168696) $140,000

Unadilla 248-437-3800

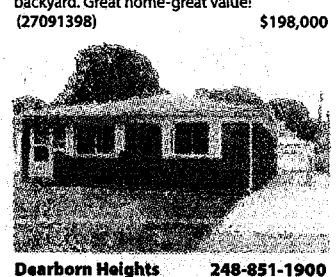
Canal frontage with docks! Spacious yr round home waiting for some TLC. New windows. FP, w/wood floor in Liv Room. Fenced yard, a/c.

(27039619) $230,000

Wixom 248-348-6430

ADORABLE RANCH ON BEAUTIFUL LOT Adorable 3 BR ranch on lg lot w/mature trees. 2 car att gar & shed, vaulted ceiling & skylight in kit. New vinyl siding & wndws. Brand new washer/dryer included.

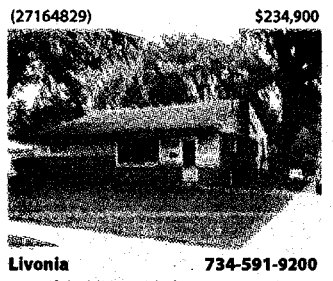
(27093034) $172,900



Dearborn Heights 248-851-1900

TOTALLY REDONE RANCH Updated roof & windows, huge brand new oak kitchen w/new appliances. New pergo floors through out. Freshly painted, new H2O heater. All brick w/1.75 car garage.

(27127975) $114,900



Livonia 734-591-9200

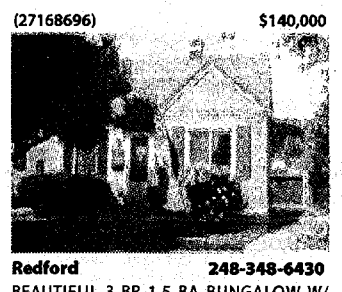
Beautiful addition includes Fam RM w/FP, MBR w/full ceramic BA 1st flr lndry rm or 4th BR. Updt maple kit, main BA, wins, roof, furnace, carept, paint & more. Fin Bsmt w/full BA & office.

(27101411) $199,900

Northville 248-348-6430

Welcoming Northville Colonial 2885 SF on lg treed lot w/gardens. Spacious granite kit w/hdwd flr opens to FR w/FP. Roomy BD sizes, form LR & DR, den, 3+car-side entry gar. Fin'd bsmt.

(27150775) $400,000



Redford 248-348-6430

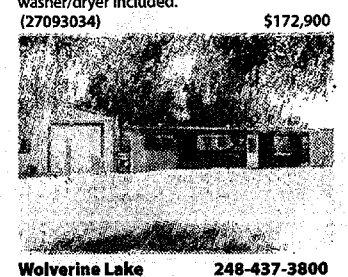
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR 1.5 BA BUNGALOW W/ UPDATES Newer appliances, basement w/lots of living & storage space.

(27135738) $115,000

Walled Lake 248-684-1065

Open flr plan. LR w/ elec fp, cath ceils & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted ceil fans. Mstr w/ WIC & cath ceil.

(27071342) $145,000



Wolverine Lake 248-437-3800

Sharp starter ranch! Fully updated and decorated. Updates include: kitchen, bathroom, copper plumbing and roof. Top that off with your new 21 x 35 garage.

(27165653) $159,900

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SPORTS

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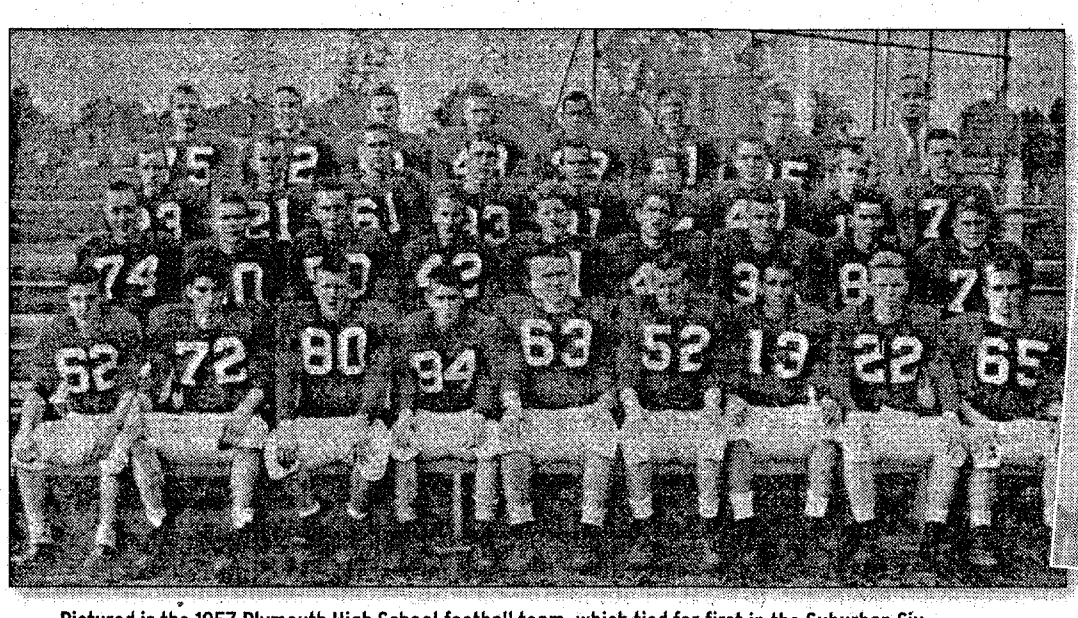
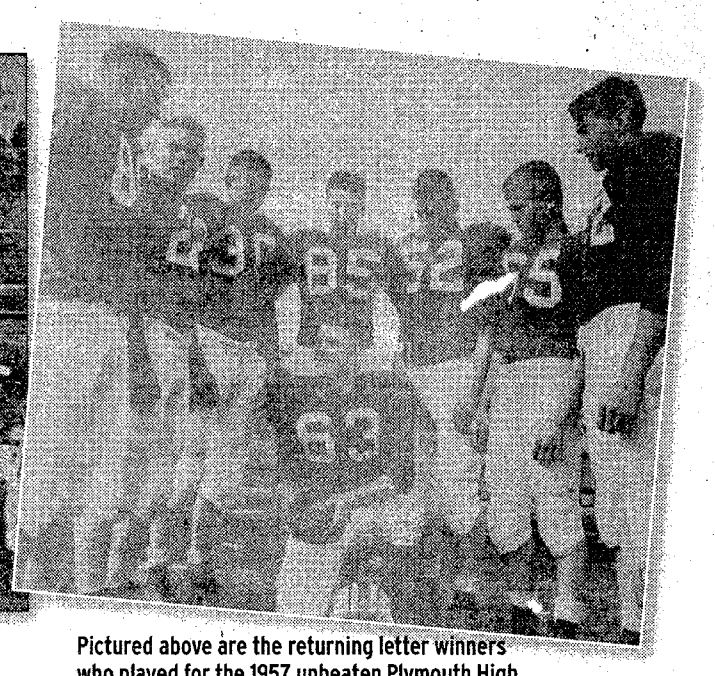


Pictured is the 1957 Plymouth High School football team, which tied for first in the Suburban Six Conference with a 6-0 record. Pictured (front row from left) are Jerry Kliensmith, Harvey Wells, Don Alsbro, Al Spigarelli, Dick Paulger, Wayne Jordahl, Ken Knipschild, Dave Walaskay, Dick Anderson, (second row from left) Ron Turkett, Wade Schultheiss, Harold Smith, John Walker, Tom Phfister, Joe Bushaw, Ed LaRoche, Myron Hopper, Wilson Lusk, (third row from left) Dave Green, Paul Woodard, Dick Weirmiller, Larry Wells, Al Runge, John Salan, Randy Egloff, Bill Rhuer, John McLennan, (top row from left) Scott Soth, Jim Thompson, Jason White, Wayne Sparkman, David Hauk, Dan Bushaw, Jerry Sprouse and Coach Mike Hoben.



Pictured above are the returning letter winners who played for the 1957 unbeaten Plymouth High School football team. Pictured (from left standing around captain Dick Paulger) are Don Alsbro, Dave Walaskay, Ed LaRoche, Myron Hopper, Wayne Jordahl, Dick Anderson and Harvey Wells.

THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

Memories still fresh for '57 Plymouth gridders

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The old Plymouth High School gymnasium was pitch black and so quiet you could hear a feather drop on the afternoon of Nov. 8, 1957.

The gym was far from empty though as every member of the school's undefeated football team was lying on his back, contemplating the showdown with state-ranked Ypsilanti that would unfold a few hours later.

"Before every game," All-Conference receiver Don Alsbro remembered, "we'd get our uniforms on, go to the gym, shut the lights off and lay there and think about what we had to do to win that day. It got to where we were almost meditating."

Alsbro's thought process was interrupted by one of the team's coaches, who tapped him on the shoulder and motioned for him to follow.

"When we got outside the gym, the coach told me, in so many words, 'We have confidence in everybody on this team, but we're a little concerned about whether *you* can do your job today.'

"When I heard that, I thought to myself, 'Not confident in *me*? Well, I'll show them.'"

Did he ever — as did all 33 of his teammates — as the Rocks dominated the Braves, 34-6, to put the icing on a 6-0 season.

"Our head coach, Mike Hoben, was a master psychologist, and it turns out he and the other coaches told each one of us independently before that game that they lacked confidence in us," said Alsbro, chuckling. "Everybody thought they

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Several members of old Plymouth High School's undefeated 1957 team attended last Friday night's new Plymouth High School's homecoming game against Northville. Pictured (from left) are Wayne Jordahl, Ed LaRoche, John Salan, Myron Hipper, Don Alsbro, Hal 'Dick' Anderson and John Walker.

THEY RAN THE TABLE

Members of Plymouth's 1957 football team observed its 50th anniversary last week during homecoming festivities at the new Plymouth High School. The Rocks went 6-0 in that golden autumn of '57. Here are the results of their games:

- Plymouth 13, Northville 12;
- Plymouth 34, Redford Union 6;
- Plymouth 32, Belleville 12;
- Plymouth 38, Bentley 0;
- Plymouth 19, Trenton 6; and
- Plymouth 34, Ypsilanti 6.

The Rocks' Week 3 game against Allen Park was cancelled because several members of the team were suffering from the effects of the Asian flu.

Rock, Chief netters are all tied up, 4-4

The Canton and Salem tennis teams battled to a 4-4 draw Tuesday afternoon on the PCEP courts.

The tie left the Chiefs with a 7-3-1 mark while Salem will head into Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet with a 10-1-1 record.

"Some of our guys had great matches and others had tough matches," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann, summing up her team's afternoon. "Our two and three singles players played outstanding. There was no question from the start that they were in control of their matches."

Salem's Lawrence Washington, one of the top players in the metropolitan Detroit area, got Salem off to a rousing start by upending Canton's David Kang, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 1 singles. The Chiefs earned victories at No. 2 and 3 singles from Mike Darouie, who defeated Brett Foster, 6-2, 6-2; and from Justin Liedel, who downed Dion Walker, 6-2, 6-3.

Please see **TENNIS, C2**

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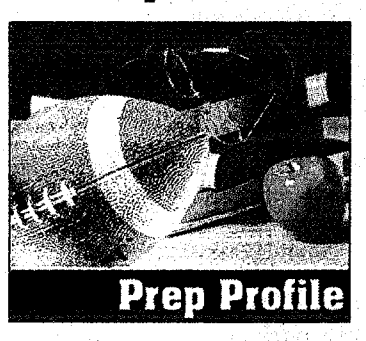
Junior captain Jeremy Stoychoff leads the young Salem soccer team from his mid-field position.

Things are looking up for Salem's Stoychoff

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER



A high school soccer team is a lot like an Oreo cookie — it's nothing without a strong middle.

That said, Salem's hopes for a long run in the upcoming Division 1 state tournament wouldn't be nearly as sweet without junior mid-fielder Jeremy Stoychoff, a two-year starter who Rock coach Ed McCarthy relies on for everything from sideline-to-sideline defense to pinpoint passing.

"Jeremy is the key connector for our attack," said McCarthy. "Just about everything we run goes through him. He does a great job for us defending and he helps build our attack with his passing and ball control."

Unique distinction

Although junior captains at Salem are about as commonplace as soft-spoken politicians, McCarthy didn't hesitate to hand the crucial leadership position to Stoychoff prior to

Please see **STOYCHOFF, C2**

Sidelines

Baseball academy

Velocity Sports Performance in Canton has announced the opening of the Velocity Baseball Academy. Among the instructors are Bruce Fields, who is currently a manager in the Cleveland Indians organization, and Kenny Howell, a former pitcher with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Instructional coaches who would like to join the staff should contact Mo at (734) 485-2561; or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

Canton lacrosse

The Canton High School boys lacrosse team will hold its monthly booster meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Canton high School media center. Parents of all players are encouraged to attend.

Ignition news

■ The Detroit Ignition will be in Milwaukee Friday and Saturday to participate in the Milwaukee Wave's Preseason Classic, which will mark the first appearance of the Major Indoor Soccer League's newest team, the Orlando Sharks.

The Ignition will take on the Milwaukee Wave on Friday at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Detroit will square off against Orlando in a 3 p.m. contest.

■ The Ignition recently signed nine players for its 2007-08 roster: Mike Apple, Droo Callahan, Matt Johnson, Hewerton Moreira, Doug Rice, Josh Rife, Worteh Sampson, Kyt Selaidopoulos and Danny Waltman.

They will join four other returnees who signed earlier — reigning league MVP Jamar Beasley, Nate Craft, Ricardinho and Ryan Mack.

Per club policy, the financial terms of the agreements were not disclosed.

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SWIM RESULTS

ROCK MAURER INVITATIONAL SATURDAY AT SALEM

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 319: 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 298; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 197; 4. Northville, 124; 5. Canton, 121; 6. Salem, 105.

200-yard medley relay (Heat 1): 1. Pioneer (Ashley Cohagen, Valerie Barthelemy, Cara Clites, Carleigh Schwartz), 1:53.95; 2. Stevenson, 1:54.73; 3. Mercy, 1:55.76.

(Heat 2): 1. Mercy (Kelsey Edson, Alex Swies, Megan Gegesky, Sarah Baumann), 1:55.86; 2. Pioneer, 2:01.19; 3. Stevenson, 2:04.50.

(Heat 3): 1. Pioneer (Mari Isa, Riley Yamamoto, Molly Shanley, Laura Cameron), 1:59.54; 2. Mercy), 2:00.55.

200 freestyle (Heat 1): Allison Schmitt (C), 1:50.48; 2. Liz Koselka (AAP), 1:52.30; 3. Megan Craig (FM), 1:58.03.

(Heat 2): 1. Kristyne Cole (AAP), 1:53.41; 2. Megan Gegesky (FM), 2:00.52; 3. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:03.32.

(Heat 3): 1. Virginia Page (FM), 2:00.89; 2. Molly Shanley (AAP), 2:07.61; 3. Emilee Montini (LS), 2:09.46.

(Heat 4): 1. Emma Craig (FM), 2:01.34; 2. Rachel Taub (AAP), 2:06.62; 3. Emily Cauzillo (LS), 2:14.82.

200 IM (Heat 1): Brynn Marecki (LS), 2:11.72; 2. Lauren Shanley (AAP), 2:17.20; 3. Natasha Mason (FM), 2:17.28.

(Heat 2): 1. Carleigh Schwartz (AAP), 2:13.33; 2. Ashley Gordon (LS), 2:14.08; 3. Maria Bargardi (FM), 2:18.50.

(Heat 3): 1. Valerie Barthelemy (AAP), 2:13.50; 2. Laura Timson (LS), 2:13.75; 3. Anna Schena (FM), 2:19.99.

(Heat 4): 1. Shelby Legel (FM), 2:17.76; 2. Riley Yamamoto (AAP), 2:25.48.

50 freestyle (Heat 1): 1. Ashley Cohagen (AAP), 25.45; 2. Jessica Weber (NV), 25.53; 3. Taylor Stefl (FM), 26.05.

Heat 2: 1. Nikki Barczok (FM), 25.38; 2. Laura Cameron (AAP), 26.97; 3. Kayla Eyster (C), 28.04.

Heat 3: 1. Kaitlyn Jefferson (FM), 26.04; 2. Michaela Betts (AAP), 27.66; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 27.88.

Heat 4: 1. Kaitlin Myszkowski (FM), 26.31; 2. Melissah Lang (AAP), 27.84; 3. Courtney Saward (NV), 28.42.

1-meter diving (Heat 1): 1. Caitlin Noonan (AAP), 333.90; 2. Carley Sevald (FM), 326.75; 3. Katrina Koetting (S), 307.55.

Heat 2: Megan Novak (FM), 294.00; 2. Mackenzie Gerhart (AAP), 290.35; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 255.40.

Heat 3: Emily Stalmack (AAP), 313.65; 2. Chandler Foster (FM), 262.00.

Heat 4: 1. Maeve Daly (AAP), 274.45; 2. Lauren Smith (FM), 258.20.

100 butterfly (Heat 1): 1. Maria Bargardi (FM), 1:01.98; 2. Emily Hopcian (NV), 1:03.35; 3. Molly Shanley (AAP), 1:05.30.

Heat 2: 1. Megan Gegesky (FM), 1:02.11; 2. Meghan Kanya (NV), 1:04.53; 3. Melissah Lang (AAP), 1:05.47.

Heat 3: 1. Cara Clites (AAP), 1:04.62; 2. Caley Shimskey (FM), 1:05.51; 3. 1:05.51; 3. Rachel Englert (NV), 1:07.12.

Heat 4: 1. Hisami Kakihara (FM), 1:04.74; 2. Rachel Muscott (AAP), 1:08.51; 3. Sandy Nahra (S), 1:12.28.

100 freestyle (Heat 1): Liz Koselka (AAP), 53.28; 2. Nikki Barczok (FM), 54.24; 3. Jessica Weber (NV), 55.71.

Heat 2: 1. Carleigh Schwartz (AAP), 55.12; 2. Kaitlin Myszkowski (FM), 55.80; 3. Laura Holtz (LS), 59.24.

Heat 3: 1. Kelsey Edson (FM), 55.88; 2. Kristina Jaeger (AAP), 58.25; 3. Allison Kellahan (LS), 1:00.39.

Heat 4: 1. Kaitlyn Jefferson (FM), 56.26; 2. Laura Cameron (AAP), 57.71; 3. Kristin Turbiak (LS), 1:03.95.

500 freestyle (Heat 1): 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 4:57.85; 2. Kristyne Cole (AAP), 4:59.07; 3. Megan Craig (FM), 5:13.92.

Heat 2: 1. Lauren Shanley (AAP), 5:16.99; 2. Virginia Page (FM), 5:19.24; 3. Savannah Hatt (LS), 5:20.89.

Heat 3: Emma Craig (FM), 5:20.98; 2. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 5:21.70; 3. Riley Yamamoto (AAP), 5:32.63.

Heat 4: 1. Anna Schena (FM), 5:32.02; 2. Diana Steele (AAP), 5:43.89; 3. Emily Cauzillo (LS), 5:57.44.

200 freestyle relay (Heat 1): Pioneer (Liz Koselka, Cara Clites, Carleigh Schwartz, Kristyne Cole), 1:41.75; 2. Mercy, 1:43.07; 3. Stevenson, 1:46.15.

Heat 2: 1. Mercy (Hisami Kakihara, Anna Vandecaveye, Anna Schena, Emma Craig), 1:46.03; 2. Stevenson, 1:52.95; 3. Northville, 1:53.44.

Heat 3: 1. Mercy (Gabi Crowley, Geri Michalzuk, Natasha Mason, Megan Gegeskyk), 1:46.94; 2. Pioneer, 1:50.22; 3. Northville, 1:56.61.

100 backstroke (Heat 1): Ashley Cohagen (AAP), 1:00.43; 2. Kelsey Edson (FM), 1:01.92; 3. Ashley Gordon (LS), 1:02.37.

Heat 2: Taylor Stefl (FM), 1:03.15; 2. Emily Nelson (S), 1:04.29; 3. Kristina Jaeger (AAP), 1:04.67.

Heat 3: 1. Mari Isa (AAP), 1:04.06; 2. Emily Reamer (FM), 1:05.95; 3. Charlotte Buckley (LS), 1:08.44.

Heat 4: 1. Eileen Fredendall (FM), 1:04.72; 2. Paige Kostishak (AAP), 1:07.94; 3. Catherine Moeller (LS), 1:10.58.

100 breaststroke (Heat 1): 1. Brynn Marecki (LS), 1:08.31; 2. Valerie Barthelemy (AAP), 1:10.72; 3. Alex Swies (FM), 1:12.41.

Heat 2: 1. Mo Nicholson (FM), 1:13.21; 2. Anne Warren (AAP), 1:14.11; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 1:17.35.

Heat 3: 1. Shelby Legel (FM), 1:10.89; 2. Claire Martin (AAP), 1:16.75; 3. Kayla Perchall (LS), 1:19.10.

Heat 4: 1. Caley Shimskey (FM), 1:14.07; 2. Aurora Hennigar (AAP), 1:20.42; 3. Jessica Buczkowski (NV), 1:21.97.

400 freestyle relay (Heat 1): 1. Pioneer (Liz Koselka, Lauren Shanley, Ashley Cohagen, Kristyne Cole), 3:38.44; 2. Mercy, 3:40.12; 3. Stevenson, 3:46.99.

Heat 2: 1. Mercy (Sarah Baumann, Kaitlyn Jefferson, Emma Craig, Taylor Stefl), 3:47.84; 2. Pioneer, 3:54.94; 3. Stevenson, 4:05.93.

Heat 3: 1. Mercy (Anna Vandecaveye, Gillian Staudt, Geri Michalzuk, Ilisami Kakibara), 3:51.37; 2. Pioneer, 4:01.41; 3. Stevenson, 4:12.67.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

FRIDAY, OCT. 5
Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY, OCT. 6
Salem at W.L. Central
JV Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Plymouth at UMD Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

SATURDAY, OCT. 6
Plymouth, Canton & Salem
at Wayne County Championship
at Willow Metro Park, 10 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

SATURDAY, OCT. 6
Plymouth, Canton & Salem
at Wayne County Championship
at Willow Metro Park, 10 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER

FRIDAY, OCT. 5
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

SATURDAY, OCT. 6
WLAA Conference Championship, TBA
at Plymouth High School

GIRLS SWIMMING

THURSDAY, OCT. 4
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6
Dexter 9/10 Invitational, 9 a.m.

The Canton girls cross country program enjoyed a phenomenal day Saturday at the Ypsilanti Cross Country Invitational. The Chiefs' varsity and junior varsity squads both earned second-place finishes at the talent-rich event.

Hahn breaks record for 3rd-place 'Cats

Plymouth sophomore Kelly Hahn had a day to remember Saturday when she set a school record of 19:12 at the Haslett Invitational, which was held at Haslett High School, just outside of Lansing. Hahn's performance spearheaded a big day for the Wildcats, who placed third in the 20-team field with

"We finished third in this invitational last year as well, but we are a better team than last year," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "It shows how competitive this race has gotten.

"The entire team came up big and turned in seasonal and lifetime personal-best times. We need to keep the momentum going for the big races ahead and I know that we can if we stay focused."

Ann Arbor Huron captured the top spot at the meet with 57 points followed by Walled Lake Western (100), Plymouth (128), Walled Lake Northern (137) and Howell (146).

Hahn placed fourth overall, 24 seconds ahead of teammate Beth Heldmeyer, who was 10th in 19:36. Also shining for the Wildcats were: Molly Slanes (20::33), Paula Green (28th in 20:42), Brianna Hessler (33rd in 20:57), Pam Bhullar (21:03), Elise Chagas (53rd in 21:16), Sarah Brown (21:16), Adrienne White (21:23) and Julie Forster (21:45).

Salem shines

The Rocks placed seventh in Saturday's 20-team Haslett Invitational with 189 points. Two Salem runners medaled: Jordyn Moore (20th in 20:16.2) and Kelley Determan (21st in 20:17.4).

"I thought we competed well this week," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "Our biggest problem this year with an inexperienced team is consistency. We are like a Cedar Point roller coaster: One week we are up and the next we are down. We are hoping to get on a roll starting this week at the Wayne County Championship."

Other Rocks who turned in strong efforts were: Kara Booms (43rd place in 21:08.4), Sabrina Burcroff (59th place in 21:25.2), Lauren Olson (64th place in 21:36.0) and Kortney Marsh (97th place in 22:39.6).

Victorious Rocks

Salem's tennis team earned top honors at the eight-team Woodhaven Warrior Classic on Saturday. The Rocks compiled 19 points, one more than runner-up Warren DeLaSalle and six more than third-place Trenton. Salem captured first in three flights: Brett Foster went 3-0 at No. 2 singles, Brock Foster and Eduardo Diaz took top honors at No. 1 doubles and Jake Burnstein and Tyler Jeleniewski surged to a 3-0 record at No. 2 doubles. Pictured are (laying down) Dion Walker, (kneeling from left) Josh Perrin, Parth Patel, Jake Burnstein, Ryan Aubert, (standing from left) Coach Lin Ware, Tyler Jeleniewski, Brock Foster, Dave Benson, Eduardo Diaz, Coach Bill Nelson, Yuvi Rajeev, Brett Foster and John Kang.

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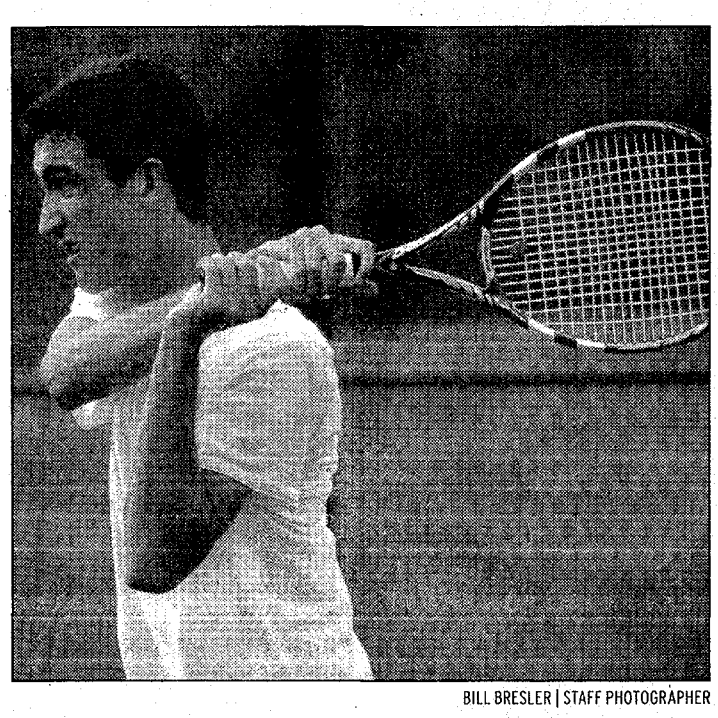
Salem evened things up in singles when its No. 4 player, Dave Benson, knocked off Canton's Ryan Hansz, 6-2, 6-2.

The four doubles matches were also split. Salem received wins from its No. 1 duo of Brock Foster and Eduardo Diaz, who won 6-1, 6-1, over Canton's Ryan Hollingsworth and Rob Milus; and it's No. 2 team of Tyler Jeleniewski and Ryan Aubert, who cruised past Jeremy Lindlbauer and Santosh Shanmuga, 6-1, 6-0.

Canton won the final two doubles contests: The No. 3 team of David Ding and Ryan Evans defeated Parth Patel and Yuvi Rajeen, 6-3, 6-4; while the No. 4 twosome of Cory Hurst and Adam Payne edged John Kang and Josh Perrin, 7-5, 6-3.



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Canton's No. 2 singles player Mike Darouie, pictured above in a match earlier this season, defeated Salem's Brett Foster, 6-2, 6-2, Tuesday afternoon. The cross-campus rivals tied, 4-4.

Wildcat spikers outhit Warriors

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth's volleyball team bounced back from its lackluster performance against Canton last week with an outstanding performance against visiting Walled Lake Western Monday night in the Plymouth gymnasium.

The Wildcats ousted the Warriors, 27-25, 20-25, 25-17, 25-21, to improve their record to 9-4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Western slipped to 10-7-1 and 2-1, respectively.

"Our chemistry was a lot better than it was against Canton," emphasized Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "The girls came out and played together as a team and they battled the entire match. Against Canton, they fell behind then kind of rolled over.

"Western has a great team, too. They have outstanding hitters and they were digging up just about every ball."

Several Wildcats compiled stellar statistics, led by Briana Beyer, who was credited with 34 digs. Also shining for the winners were Rachel Heaton (13 kills and 19 digs), Mandi McManus (13 kills) and Kate Spangler (17 assists, 21 digs).

Carly Zeitlin helped keep the Warriors competitive by racking up nine kills and 21 digs, both team highs.

Salem sweeps Vikes

On Monday at Walled Lake Central, the Rocks were running on all cylinders in their 25-9, 25-19, 25-20 triumph over the Vikings.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 16-9-3 overall and 2-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. Central slipped to 0-3 in the division.

"It was a good night for us and everybody got to play," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We served well and attacked well. We didn't have a lot of kills because Central had a lot of problems with their serve-receive against us.

Jill Slabey paced the winners with 11 kills and eight digs. Also shining for the Rocks were Jansan Falcusan (28 assists and two aces) and Annie Zhang (five digs and two aces).

Chiefs roll

On Monday, Canton's volleyball team recorded a convincing 25-5, 25-15, 25-13 victory over Wayne Memorial. The triumph improved the Chiefs' record to 13-7-1 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"We were able to get everyone playing time," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "Lauren McPartlin and Jordan Kielty really stayed aggressive at the net. They both had good nights."

McPartlin led Canton with 10 kills while Kielty chipped in with eight kills and six aces. Hannah Mills chipped in with eight digs.

Rocks to semis

Salem advanced to the semifinal round of the Bedford Invitational Saturday before falling to Dearborn Divine Child, 25-22, 22-25, 15-4.

In pool play, the Rocks swept Southgate Anderson (25-12, 25-10) and Holt (25-23, 25-17) before falling to the Falcons, 26-24, 25-16.

They rebounded to knock off Walled Lake Northern, 25-22, 25-19, in the final pool-play match before eliminating Tecumseh in two games in the quarterfinals.

One of the highlights of the day for coach Amanda Suder was her team's come-from-behind victory over Holt.

"We were down 19-9 in the first game and came back to win," she said.

Jansan Falcusan paced the Rocks with 105 assists, eight aces, 20 digs and eight blocks. Also making major contributions were Kelly MacDonald (42 kills, eight aces, 39 digs), Jill Slabey (34 kills, 23 digs), Alyssa Matchette (43 digs, five aces) and Kerry MacDonald (28 kills and 29 digs).

STOYCHOFF

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the 2007 campaign.

"It's very, very rare to have a junior captain at Salem, but Jeremy earned it just like our other captain — junior Kevin Cope — did," said McCarthy. "Jeremy is more of a leader-by-example kind of guy. He's a hard worker who is committed to the sport and he provides the team with positive results. He's also a good decision-maker — especially when the game gets tense."

Stoychoff was destined to be a soccer star — his older sister, Ashley, would not have had it any other way. Ashley Stoychoff is currently a standout player on the Madonna University women's team.

"She's the one who kind of pushed me into it," Stoychoff said. "When I was really young, Ashley showed me how to play and what I needed to work on to get better."

Stoychoff vs. Stoychoff

The Stoychoff siblings have squared off in some classic games of one-on-one in the family's back yard, which is flanked by a pair of soccer nets, one of which is "official size," according to Jeremy.

"She used to beat me pretty bad when I was younger," he said. "Now, though — I hate to say it — but she taught me too well, so I think I'd beat her if we played today," Jeremy said, smiling.

Salem's season has been one of the strangest in the school's long and storied soccer history thanks to an astronomically high eight ties (the Rocks are 5-4-8 overall).

"Playing in all these ties has been very frustrating," said Stoychoff. "We just can't seem to finish games. Then when we give the other team just one opportunity, they've been punishing us for it and scoring. Hopefully, we can turn it around once the state tournament starts."

Stellar student

Stoychoff is a leader in the classroom as well as on the soccer pitch. He's earned a 3.8 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) and has his sights set on playing collegiate soccer at a big-time school, preferably the University of Michigan.

"That's my goal," he said. "If I can't play at Michigan, I'd like to play at another big school, like Michigan State or Indiana."

If the talented Stoychoff defies the odds and plays for an elite collegiate team, it would be the frosting on the cake of a stellar soccer career.

Or, more accurately, the creme filling in the middle of an Oreo.

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Windsor Spitfires shoot down Whalers, 6-4

Veteran Brad Snetsinger scored a pair of goals in the third period to snap a 4-4 tie and the Windsor Spitfires defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 6-4, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

Windsor is now 4-0-0-0; Plymouth is 0-2-1-0.

Besides Snetsinger's goals, Jordan Nolan, Michal Jordan, Greg Nemisz and Taylor Hall added single goals for Windsor. Carolina–draftee Chris Terry led the Plymouth attack with two goals and two assists and was named the game's first star. Kaine Geldart added a goal and two assists, while Andrew Fournier scored his first goal of the season for the Whalers.

Referees Ryan Carroll and T.J. Luxmore whistled 24 power plays in the game, with Windsor going 3-for-13 and Plymouth 3-for-11. Windsor outshot Plymouth, 47-39.

Trailing 2-1 after one period, Plymouth tied the game at 2:04 of the second period on Terry's goal. Nemisz restored the Windsor lead at 3:02 at of the period when he snapped a one-timer near the left goalpost at 5:05. But the Whalers came back to take their first lead of the game on Geldart's low shot from the left faceoff dot at 7:21 and Terry on a scramble in front of Spitfire goaltender Andrew Engleage at 11:06.

Hall tied the game for Windsor at 15:57 of the period when he scored on a scramble of the right side of the Plymouth goal past Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth.

Snetsinger's game-winner came at 1:19 of the third period on a 5-on-4 power play when he played the carom of a shot off the end boards in the Plymouth zone to beat Neuvirth in tight on the right side of the goal. Snetsinger's insurance marker came at 14:35 of the period when he deflected Ryan Ellis' point shot past Neuvirth.

The Whalers' next home game is Saturday when they host John Tavares and the Oshawa Generals at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

MEMORIES

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were the only one that had been told that. Well, it worked."

As did just about everything else that season for the Rocks, who held an informal 50-year reunion last Friday before and during the new Plymouth High School's homecoming game against Northville.

Low expectations

Among the doubters was the local newspaper's sports editor, who picked the '57 Rocks to finish last in the Suburban Six Activities Association.

"We were small, but we were extremely quick and aggressive," recalled Hal "Dick" Anderson, a two-way lineman for Plymouth during that magical season. "Maybe it was because of our size, but we knew we had to give 100 percent on every play because we were outweighed by everybody.

"Our first game of the year was against Northville. I was playing middle guard on defense at 5-foot-9, 155 pounds. Lining up across from me was Jeff Goodrich, who was 6-8 and 240 — and he wasn't even the tallest guy on their team.

"Well, they were ranked No. 5 in Class B and we weren't ranked at all. But so much for rankings — we beat them (13-12)."

T-mendous offense

The ground work for the incredible success the '57 Rocks would experience was laid the previous summer when Hoben attended a football clinic that taught the Wing-T offense.

"We were the first team in the entire area that ran the Wing-T, so it took our opponents a while to adjust to it," said Bill Brown, a just-out-of-college assistant coach on that team. "It was a good offense for us because we weren't real big, but we had some fast guards who were asked to pull on just about every play."

"There were between 200 and 300 plays that could be run out of that offense, but the linemen only had to remember 10 rules," said Alsbro. "It clicked right away."

Following the one-point victory over Northville, Plymouth flattened Redford Union, 34-6, in Week 2.

Then misfortune struck.

"We had to cancel our third game against Allen Park because most of the team had come down with the Asian Flu," Alsbro reflected. "It never got made up so we ended up co-champions along with Allen Park."

Weakened bodies, strong wills

With several players still feeling the effects of the flu, the Rocks sprinted past Belleville, 32-12, in Week 4. Lopsided triumphs over Bentley (38-0) and Trenton (19-6) set up a final-game showdown with a powerful Ypsilanti squad.

"We had a bye the week before the Ypsilanti game, so we all went over to Ann Arbor to watch Ypsilanti play Pioneer," said Brown, who would later become the first principal at Plymouth Salem High School. "Ypsilanti was ranked No. 2 and Pioneer was No. 5, and they played to a 12-12 tie, so we knew we were going to have our hands full the following week."

"I remember walking around town the week before the Ypsilanti game and people in the community would come up to me and ask, 'How many points is Ypsilanti going to beat you by on Friday?'" Alsbro said. "They had beaten us something like 35-6 the year before, so people weren't expecting much from us."

The small but speedy Rocks dominated from the opening kick-off and walked off with a stunning 28-point victory over the No. 2-ranked team in the state.

"We still weren't ranked, even after that win," said Alsbro, who moved on to sculpt a successful career in the military and as a health and physical education teacher at a community college. "But we didn't care because we were unbeaten and we had exceeded every expectation anybody had set for us before the season started.

"Everything came together that year. I'll never forget it."

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Observerland football teams face a pivotal week

This week is pivotal for several Observerland football teams that still have playoff aspirations.

Four teams — Wayne Memorial, Canton, Westland John Glenn and Lutheran Westland — own 3-3 records heading into Friday night's games, making it imperative that they sweep their final three contests.

Ed Wright

Of those four teams, Wayne and Canton will square off against each other at the PCEP varsity stadium on Friday, making it a key showdown.

Two other five-win teams — Redford Covenant and Livonia Churchill — can seal post-season berths with a victory Friday night. Plymouth, which is 4-2, needs two wins in its last three games to seal a bid.

Just one Observerland team — 6-0 Livonia Stevenson — has secured a spot in the playoffs heading into this week's games.

Good luck to all of the local teams this week!

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons still leads the "Grid Picks" standings with a 48-20 record even though he went a shaky 7-5 last week. I've moved up to second with a 46-22 mark after going 10-2 last week, while Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith is still in the hunt at 44-24 following an 8-4 week.

GRID PICKS

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL START AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

Walled Lake Central (2-4, 2-2) at Livonia Stevenson (6-0, 4-0): The Spartans, who are averaging 44.5 points per game, have one of the state's most electrifying offenses, which crosstown rival Livonia Churchill found out in last week's 37-3 blowout. The Vikings are still licking their wounds from last week's loss to John Glenn. **PICKS:** Wright (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

Livonia Churchill (5-1, 3-1) at Walled Lake Northern (0-6, 0-4): Playing the winless Knights should help the Chargers put last week's tough loss to Livonia Stevenson in the rear-view mirror. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill); Emons (Churchill); Smith (Churchill).

Salem (1-5, 1-3) at Westland John Glenn (3-3, 2-2): The Rocks will come into this one with some much-needed momentum courtesy of Saturday's 7-6 win over Walled Lake Northern. The Rockets are looking for a perfect finish to secure a playoff berth. **PICKS:** Wright (Salem); Emons (Glenn); Smith (Glenn).

Wayne Memorial (3-3, 2-2) at Canton (3-3, 2-2): This game promises to go down to the wire as the Zebras' high-octane offense is led by quarterback D.J. Freeman while senior signal-caller Adam Powers has proven more-than-efficient at engineering the Chiefs' full-house-T attack. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton); Smith (Wayne).

Livonia Franklin (2-4, 2-2) at Northville (0-6, 0-4): The Patriots had better beware the winless Mustangs, who gave Plymouth a scare last week. It's homecoming at Northville, so the Mustangs will be fired up. **PICKS:** Wright (Franklin); Emons (Franklin); Smith (Franklin).

Plymouth (4-2, 2-2) at Walled Lake Western (5-1, 4-0): The Warriors have already clinched first place in the WLAA's Western Division. Plymouth's defense has yielded just 12.6 points per game so far. **PICKS:** Wright (Plymouth); Emons (Western); Smith (Western).

Livonia Clarenceville (1-5, 1-5) at Pontiac Notre Dame (5-1, 4-0): One week after registering their first win of the season, the Trojans will face the daunting task of trying to stop the Fighting Irish, which is averaging over 30 points game. **PICKS:** Wright (Notre Dame); Emons (Notre Dame); Smith (Notre Dame).

Macomb Lutheran North (5-1, 5-0) at Lutheran Westland (3-3, 2-2), 7:30 p.m.: LW needs to win out to advance to the post-season. Judging by the way Lutheran North has played so far this season, that's going to be a tough task. **PICKS:** Wright (Lutheran North); Emons (Lutheran North); Smith (Lutheran North).

Redford Covenant (5-1, 4-0) at Parkway Christian (6-0, 3-0): This game will go a long way in determining the champion of the Southern Michigan Conference. **PICKS:** Wright (Parkway); Emons (Parkway); Smith (Covenant).

Melvindale (5-1, 3-1) at Redford Thurston (1-5, 1-3): On paper, the Cardinals should be way too strong for the Eagles. The same will probably hold true on grass as well. **PICKS:** Wright (Melvindale); Emons (Melvindale); Smith (Melvindale).

D.H. Annapolis (3-3, 2-3) at Garden City (1-5, 1-4): Just a few years after nearly shutting down its football program due to lack of interest, Annapolis is in the hunt for a playoff spot. Garden City is playing for pride, which can be a powerful motivator. **PICKS:** Wright (Garden City); Emons (Garden City); Smith (Garden City).

Redford Union (2-4, 1-3) at Taylor Kennedy (3-3, 2-2): RU will be looking to bounce back from a tough loss against Trenton. **PICKS:** Wright (Kennedy); Emons (Kennedy); Smith (Kennedy).

Salem gridders snap 20-game losing streak, 7-6

BY ED WRIGHT
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PREP FOOTBALL

Salem's football team clinched its first victory since September of 2005 on Saturday afternoon with a play as wild as its 20-game losing streak was frustrating.

With the Rocks clinging to a 7-6 lead, just over two minutes left and Walled Lake Northern on the Salem 43, linebacker Jim Dexter tipped a Northern pass into the hands of Knight running back Garret Harper, who took two steps before getting rocked by Salem's Justin Bader. The ball popped straight into the hands of Salem's Russell Brown, who secured the fumble and the eventual 7-6 victory.

"I've never been this happy after a football game in my life," said Brown, a junior, who earlier in the game tipped away a fourth-down pass by Northern. "This team is good, even though a lot of people don't think so. We keep battling every week and we've never given up. I can't put into words how happy I am right now."

The setback dropped Northern to 0-6.

The Knights jumped ahead, 6-0, with 8:34 left in the first quarter when quarterback Gavin Sheridan hit Harper in stride for a 43-yard scoring strike. The ensuing missed extra point — which went wide left — would come back to haunt Northern.

Early in the second quarter, Salem mounted a 13-play drive that started at its 11 and eventually stalled at the Northern 47.

Both team's defenses took over from there.

Salem hadn't scored a point in 13 straight quarters before junior quarterback Heath Parling connected with senior Jesse Pointer on a 10-yard scoring strike on a fourth-down play with 1:46 left in the third quarter. Brian Hattie's extra point proved to be the winning play.

The winning drive was set up five plays earlier when Brandt Thomas's crunching hit forced Northern's Colin Colgrove to cough up the football at the Salem 22. Rob Olson scooped up the loose pigskin and returned it to the Rock 49.

On Salem's first play of the ensuing drive, Anthony Mullins lofted a perfect half-back pass to Pointer, who got knocked out of bounds at the Northern 10. Four plays later, Parling scrambled right before threading a perfect pass to Pointer on a crossing pattern.

"I'm very proud of the way the team hung together during this entire losing streak," said Salem coach Parker Salowich. "There was never any finger-pointing. They came to work every practice ready to go. Getting through something like this is what's going to make them good men down the road."

Marvin Thomas proved to be the Rocks' most-potent weapon on an afternoon that was dominated by defense. Thomas picked up 36 yards on seven carries. Mullins accounted for 42 yards on 24 carries while Parling went 5-for-13 for 52 yards.

Sheridan completed 14-of-28 passes for 150 yards. Harper was his favorite target, catching three aerials for 61 yards. The Knights managed just 40 yards on the ground on 16 attempts.

Northern picked up eight first downs to Salem's six.

Several Rocks turned in excellent efforts on the defensive side of the ball, including Thomas, Jeremy Epley, Bader, Olson, Corey Needham, Justin Burke and Brown.

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Canton Lions devour Meteors

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

The Canton Lions varsity football team improved its record to 4-0 Sunday with an exciting 35-21 victory over the Westland Meteors. After Westland scored first to grab a 7-0 lead, the Lions countered with 19 unanswered points to take a 19-7 advantage. The Meteors cut their deficit to 19-14 early in the third quarter, but Canton scored two more TDs to run away with the victory.

Marcus Houston was a touchdown machine for the winners as he found the end zone four times. Kevin Buford was also a standout, notching a TD and a pair of interceptions. William Askew kicked two extra points, caused a fumble and had four tackles in the Meteor backfield. Also turning in strong efforts were Michael Boes, Clay Behrman and Nick Weber.

The Lions junior varsity squad overpowered the Meteors, 35-0, behind a balanced rushing attack that featured Malcolm Hollingsworth, Jamari Eiland, Collin Hall and Tyler Searls. The Lions also struck through the air on a TD pass from quarterback Devin Slominski to tight end Scott Gring.

Lucas Bunting added two extra-point kicks. Defensive standouts were Westen Price, Nathan Emminger (sack) Evan Thomas (interception), Daniel Tidwell and Daniel Jopping (forced fumble).

The Lions freshmen contingent ran its record to 4-0 with a 39-13 thumping of the Meteors.

The Lions defense forced five fumbles and recovered three, including one for a touchdown by Chuckie Turfe. The offense was paced by strong blocking from Daniel Kilgore, Allante' Wheeler, Cordell Gibson and Damarcus Kaigler. Shane Raymond Austin Fisher, Forrest Hill and Jake Stropes led the winners' defense.

The Lions junior freshmen unit turned in a strong defensive effort against the Meteors led by Jacob Miller, Steven Thomas, Kyle Amick, Ethan Balogh and Connor Danaher. The offense had a strong effort led by the blocking of Mason Kopchia, Jeffrey Johnson and Noah Brown.

Steelers prevail

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity football team crushed Garden City, 39-0, on Sunday. The Steelers' offense was led by Kadeen Hemphill, who scored on a 90-yard reverse; Trenton Shelby, who added a 53-yard TD run, and Jarred Sexton, who had a key offensive catch for a first down. Jacob Perkins was tough on both sides of the line, making a key second-half catch. The defense was led by Chris Mattei.

The Steelers freshmen squad defeated the Chargers, 25-6. The offense was led by Braden Abundis, who had a long run on a reverse; Zach Rhodes with two TD runs; and Jack Pardington, who worked hard on the offensive line. Both Bradley Deeg and Thomas Nelson led the defense with strong plays.

The games marked the Steelers' "Homecoming" festivities.

Canton clinches WLAA western division title

PREP SOCCER

Canton's boys soccer team clinched the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title Monday night with a convincing 6-0 white-washing of visiting Livonia Franklin.

The triumph improved the Chiefs' record to 11-2-3 overall and 8-1-1 in the division. The Patriots slipped to 3-11 and 2-8, respectively.

Canton will take on Lakes Division champion Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday, Oct. 10, for the WLAA title. The opening kick is set for 7 p.m. at Stevenson.

Junior forward Sherif Hassanien had a night to remember for Canton as he netted two goals and an assist — all in the first half when the Chiefs stormed to a 4-0 lead.

Hassanien's scored the match's opening goal unassisted before assisting Tim Belcher on the Chiefs' second net-finder. A short time later, Hassanien made it 3-0 after securing a pass from Pat Nolan.

Canton's final first-half tally came from Mark Edwards, who was assisted by Nolan.

Kyle Breitmeyer (from Belcher) and Belcher (unassisted) close out the scoring.

Kevin Krause (first half) and Nick Turnbull (second) combined for the shutout in net for the Chiefs.

SALEM 4, JOHN GLENN 3: On Monday at Glenn, the Rocks overcame a 2-1 halftime deficit to post the victory in both teams' final WLAA Lakes Division contest of the season.

Salem improved to 6-4-8 overall and 5-3-1 in the Lakes Division.

Alex Tramel opened the scoring for the winners off an assist from Jeremy Stoychoff.

The Rocks got rolling in the second half thanks to a quick goal from Josh Pascarella, who was assisted by Stoychoff. Pascarella scored a short time later after handling a pass from Tramel.

Rafael Vinenzio scored the eventual game-winner, which was unassisted.

AGAPE 6, PARKWAY 1: On Tuesday, the Wolverines improved to 13-1 overall and 8-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division with a dominating effort against Parkway. Agape led 3-1 at the half and never looked back thanks to the strong goal-keeping of Joel Ruffin, who stopped all five shots he faced.

Offensively, the Wolves were sparked by Ty Majeski (two goals, one assist), Donald Mullett (two goals), Mark Mullett (one goal), Jared Miller (one goal, one assist) and Brandon Pierson (two assists).

Agape will travel to Taylor Baptist Park on Friday.

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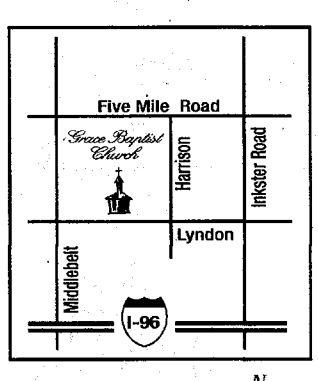

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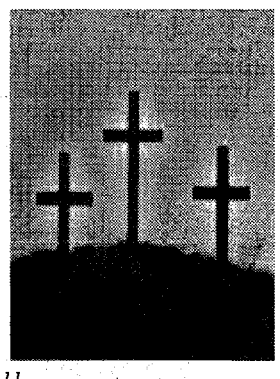

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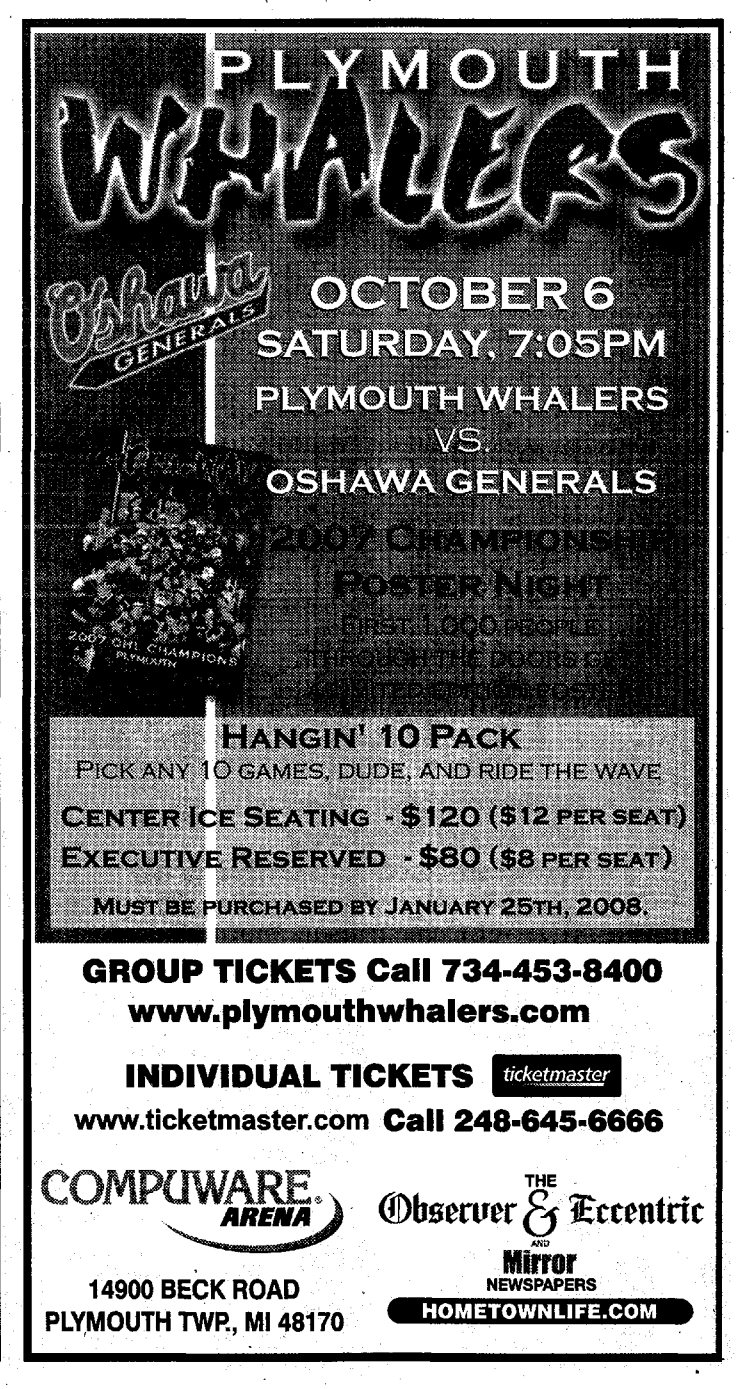

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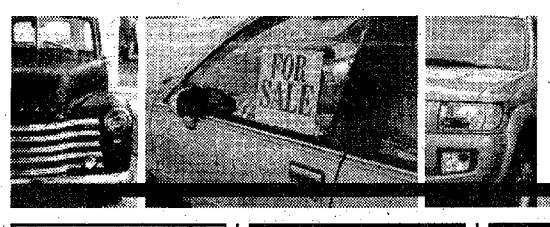

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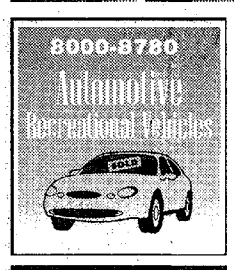

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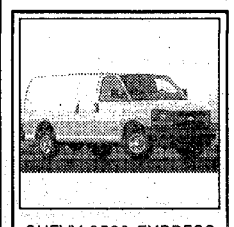

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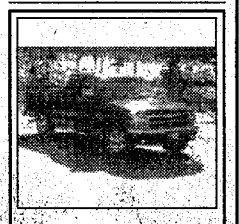

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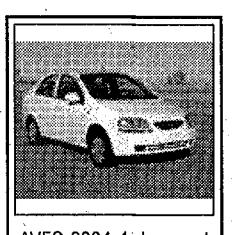

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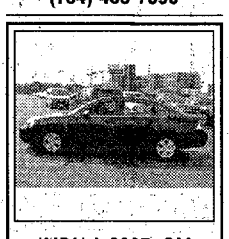

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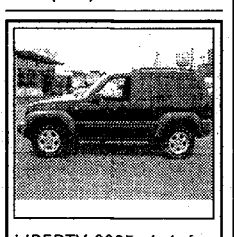

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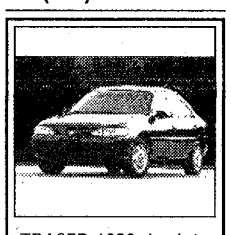

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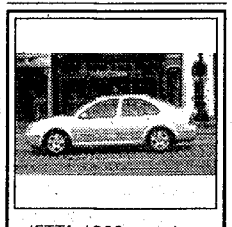

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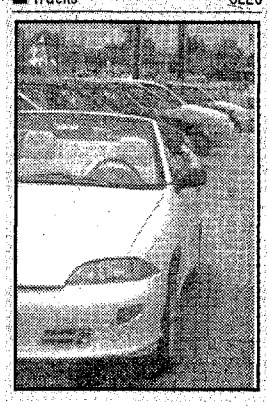

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NISSAN ALTIMA DESERVES TO STAND ON SALES PEDESTAL

Advertising Feature

CAReport

By Dale Buss

Based on style alone, the new Altima is worth purchase consideration.

The climate controls inside the new Altima are a picture of logic and ease.

New and exciting products had to be a big part of the solution to Nissan's woes when Carlos Ghosn moved into position as new CEO to rescue the company in 1999, and one of the first scintillating new vehicles that he came up with was the 2002 Altima. It was a larger vehicle and a more stylish one than its predecessor, and Ghosn's aim was nothing less than sharing the sales-volume pedestal in the U.S. market with the likes of Toyota's iconic Camry and the equally venerable Honda Accord.

It worked for awhile. The car quickly became a bestseller in America, surpassing its targets to sell a record 255,000 units in 2005 and helping to pace the much-vaunted turnaround of Nissan that also benefited from a styling revolution at its Infiniti luxury brand.

Well, given the hypercompetitive nature of the auto business these days, and Nissan's notable slippage during the last couple of years, it was no surprise that the company decided to overhaul its flagship Altima once again. And what they ended up with, fortunately, is a car that deserves heavy consideration by any consumer who's looking in the heart of the market: a worthy vehicle for around $20,000 or so.

For the 2007 Altima glides along the road without ever making you feel that you're not in control. It vrooms nicely for a car in this price range. It is rendered in a to-kill-for design, not exactly surprising considering what Nissan and Infiniti designers have been fielding lately. And on the inside, there are many refinements that make the new version of Altima an overall much better package than the earlier rendition that it replaced.

Start with the car's design. It's a sleek wedge shape with a rising window line that reduces the car's rear windows to tiny little triangles. Not great for the rear passengers, perhaps, but it sure is nice to look at from the outside. Nissan's designs by nature can't be as radical or chic as Infiniti's have become, because Nissan is still pursuing the mainstream of the U.S. car market. But stack up the Altima next to a new Camry or Accord and you'll see in a glance one major reason why Altima has become such a worthy competitor.

Under the hood, the 2007 Altima has stepped up its game as well. Nissan's ubiquitous 3.5-liter, six-cylinder engine has been massaged to deliver 20 more horsepower – now, up to 270 – than before as well as 258 lb.-ft. of torque. This version of Altima responds powerfully to everything a driver requires, whether it's stomping on the acceleration to make a pass or easing along the interstate at a cruising speed.

Greatly contributing to this happy circumstance is a continuously variable transmission that handles all the necessary shifting with aplomb. Nissan is a global leader in this technology and has been for more than a decade. It believes that the improved efficiency and smoothness offered by this transmission design represents the wave of the future, and the company expects to sell one million CVTs globally every year, by next year. Meanwhile, Altima stands as a great exponent of what Nissan's CVT can do.

Altima's interior is sleek and stylish. At the request of women in focus groups, Nissan actually reduced the wheelbase of Altima by an inch or two, which squeezes legroom by the same dimension in the front. Curiously, however, legroom in the rear is just a tad improved. Still, rear passengers don't have a lot of room to stretch out, and their seats are deep, deep into the vehicle; I hope their rides are short.

Many reviewers made much of lower-priced, shoddy plastics in some parts of the interior of the 2002 version, and by all appearances Nissan has significantly upgraded in that department.

There also are some interesting and unique refinements in interior features. Climate controls can be overlooked by even the best car designers, but in Altima, there's one of the best layouts I've found. All the controls are logically grouped together; there's even a digital temperature read-out inside the control knob of both the driver's and passenger's sides, an innovation I haven't seen anywhere else.

Sensibly, Nissan also has furnished the Altima with plenty of good sized compartments, including one under the dashboard under a sliding panel that is huge enough for cell phones, wallets, keys, maybe even a small purse. Not enough vehicle designers are this sensible!

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Used car prices take hard tumble

New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

by J.L. Sims *Independent ad features*

Livonia, MI – A Livonia dealer is selling 2007 vehicles for about one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2007 models.

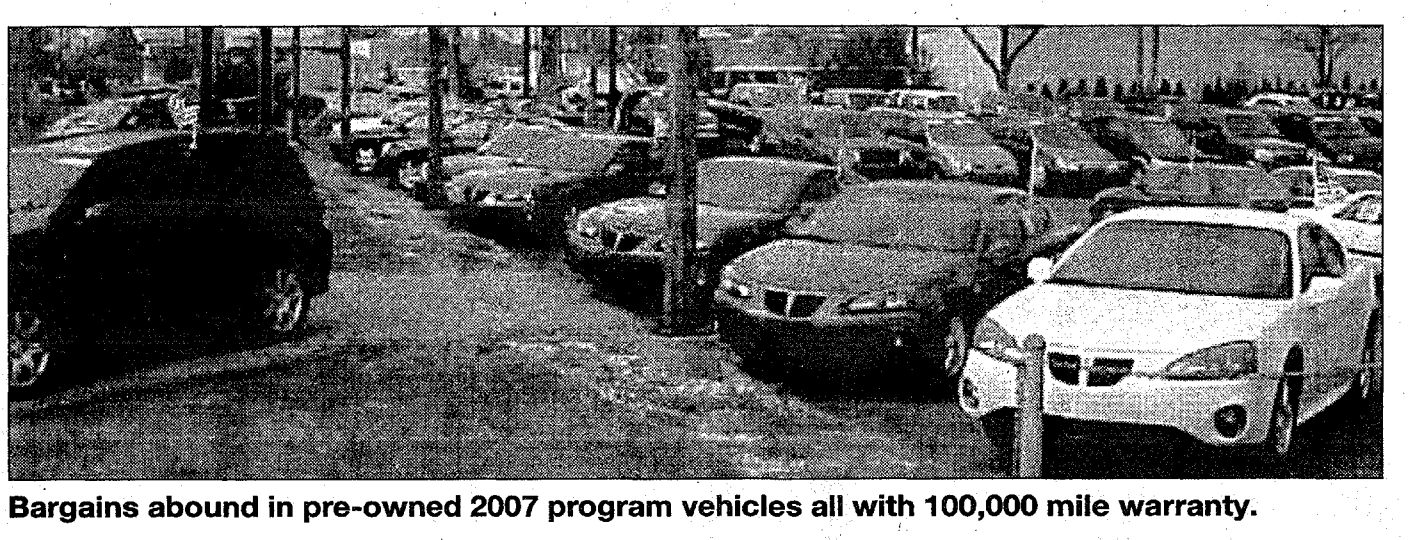
How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2007 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing $21,960 plus tax vs. $9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be $392 monthly for 60 months, but only $269 monthly at 5.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2007, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional $1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

John Rogin Buick sold over 150 Buick LaCrosse & Pontiac Grand Prix's in the first 30 days of their sale.

A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more 2007 Pontiac Grand Prixs than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2006 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the pre-owned 2007 vehicles. The low financing on new 2007's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows.



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2007 program vehicles all with 100,000 mile warranty.

So, once again, John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they currently stock the largest inventory of 2007 program cars in Michigan with a 100,000 mile warranty.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2007's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone, along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2007 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at **(734) 525-0900** Monday – Friday during normal business hours.

A *Beautiful* Buick

The 2001-2007 Buicks were the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175-horsepower V-6 boasting 20 mpg city and 29 mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

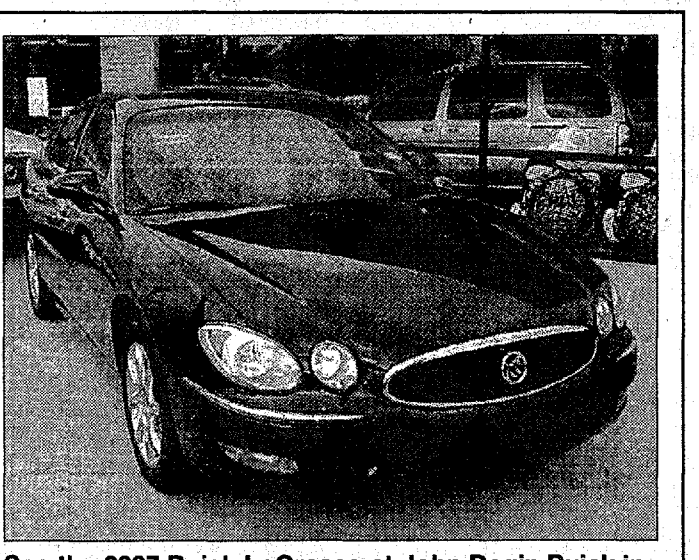
The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-position tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions. "WOW".



See the 2007 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the pre-owned 2007 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2007 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of $24,000 list price new. While they last.

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Seasons of change

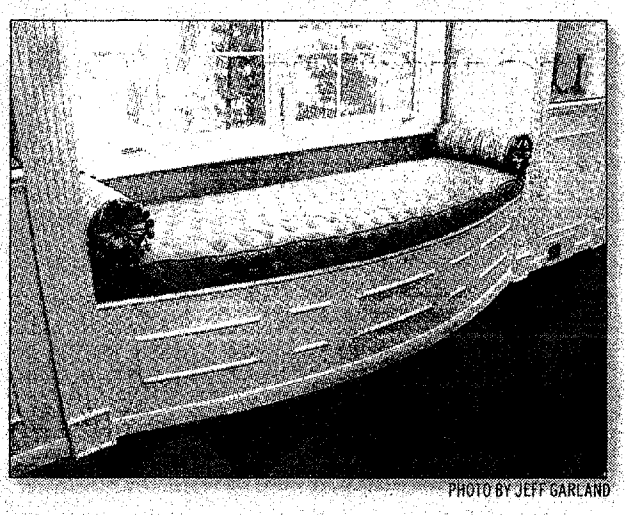

PHOTO BY JEFF GARLAND

A window seat provides a great spot to linger over coffee and dessert or after-dinner drinks. For family gatherings, window seats offer the perfect retreat for kids who are no longer content to sit at the table, according to Barbi Krass of Colorworks Studio in West Bloomfield.

Take a new look at old space

BY JEANINE MATLOW
CORRESPONDENT

Have you ever felt like you were stuck in a decorating rut? If so, it might be time for some new furniture and a refreshing new way to look at those rarely used rooms in your home.

As our needs change over the years – with growing families, household pets and even the eventual empty nest syndrome – so should our homes. You may find that your tastes have evolved and you're ready to spruce up that tired home décor. Or a dedicated home office may be on the horizon.

We often become too attached to the original purpose of a room, despite the fact that it no longer suits our needs. So, if you can't remember the last time you actually

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GETTING STARTED

Change can be a good thing for you and your home. Here are some tips on getting started:

Take a good look around your rooms to see what works and what could use some improvement. Take note of what you'd like to add or modify and begin shopping around for new products and ideas.

Tear out pages of interest from magazines for styles that appeal to you. Keep them in a folder for reference when updating your home.

Consider multiple uses for your rooms, such as a reading corner, entertaining area and workspace in your living room.

Get creative and have fun with the process. The better you feel about your surroundings, the more likely you are to enjoy them.

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Accents

Former Red Wing Igor Larionov will promote his newest wines at several upcoming events.

LARIONOV PROMOTES WINES

Igor Larionov will be circling the Motor City this weekend like he once skated around the Colorado defense.

The former Detroit Red Wing will be promoting his newest California wines at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham, WineStyles in Livonia and Papa Joe's Gourmetrion in Rochester.

La Salla, the gourmet banquet and catering center at Gourmetrion, and Tom's Oyster Bar will be hosting a meet-and-greet dinner with Larionov 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5. All six wines from the Larionov California portfolio will be offered with one dish from Papa Joe's and one from Tom's Oyster Bar. Tickets are $150 per couple, $80 per person or $1,000 for a 10-person corporate table.

On Saturday, Oct. 6, Larionov will be at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. to celebrate his newest wines, then again between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Gourmetrion in Rochester Hills. Guests can purchase Larionov wines and have their own personal message written from Larionov.

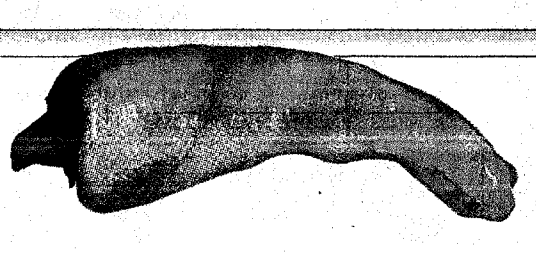
Papa Joe's Gourmet Market is located at 34244 Woodward Ave. in Birmingham (phone (248) 723-9400). Papa Joe's Gourmetrion is located at 6900 Rochester Rd. in Rochester Hills (phone (248) 853-6263).

Larionov also will appear at Wine Styles Livonia 3:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 for a bottle signing event. This event begins with a private VIP party and wine tasting 3:30-5 p.m. for WineStyles Wine Club members only. Guests can sample selections from Larionov's Triple Overtime portfolio. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Fleming's Steakhouse. Guests can interact with Larionov, including an opportunity to enjoy a bottle signing and photographs.

After the private event, Larionov will be available for the general public for bottle signing and photographs.

There will be a one bottle minimum purchase of Larionov's wine for admission. (Please, no hockey sticks, jerseys or other paraphernalia.)

WineStyles is located at 17386 Haggerty Rd., in Livonia. Call (734) 464-9600.



Cookoff winners chosen

Thousands of motorcycle and chili lovers descended on Plymouth Sunday, to the tune of about 25,000 people.

Among those were 66 chili cooks who simmered up tomato, chili and beef mixes, 19 cooks of verde chili and 21 salsa chefs, all with hopes of winning the 12th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition.

And after the judges tasted the heat, they decided on the winners who will attend the 2008 International Chili Society's World Championship in October 2008 with hopes of winning a $25,000 grand prize.

Wes Carlson, of Loves Park, Ill., won the red chili category. Second place went to Jim Stoddard of Coppell, Texas, and third place was awarded to Chuck Hoff of Columbus, Ohio. Jim Weller, formerly of West Bloomfield and now of Rockton, Ill., won the chili verde category and Gail Kyle of Dearborn won first place for her salsa.

The Omelette & Waffle Cafe in downtown Plymouth ran away with both the Best Judged restaurant chili and the People's Choice restaurant chili, repeating the same awards the restaurant received in 2005.

– Ken Abramczyk

Indulge in Michigan's rich color change

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Autumn is perhaps the most charming time of year in Michigan as nature showers our surroundings with gold, amber and red.

Fall color change tours on foot, by car, kayak, rail or hot air balloon are offered throughout the Mitten. Here is your guide to get the most out of this precious season. The colors of Michigan's 150 tree species peak at different times in September and October. Color changes start in the UP and move south – weather permitting, of course.

For driving tours with specific routes, visit Michigan's travel site, www.michigan.org, where you can sign up to receive e-mail updates on color changes in your favorite city. If you want to drive western Michigan on your own, it's easily

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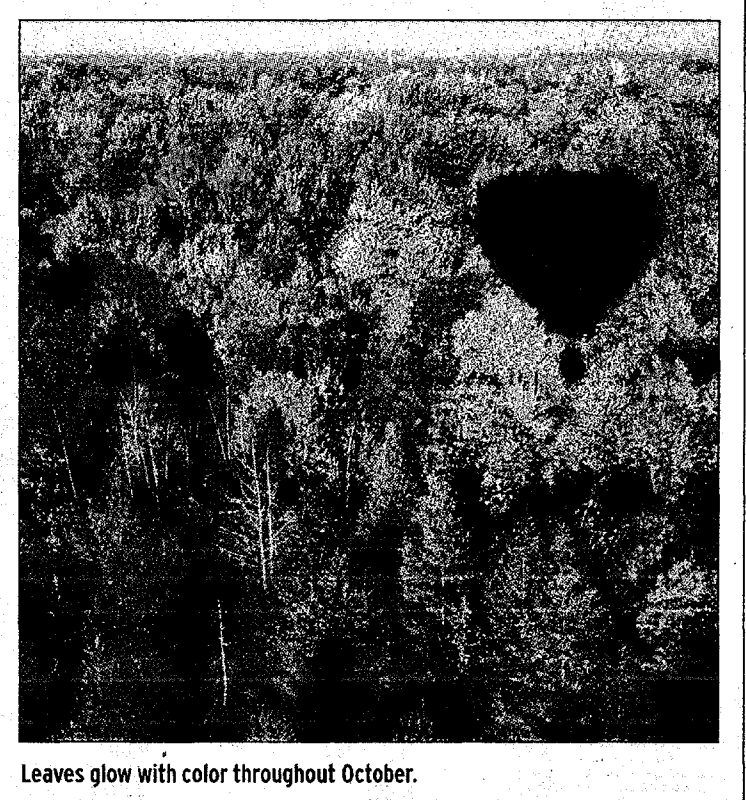

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Amazon MP3 store gives iTunes some serious competition

For the past few hours I've been quietly humming bars of the Hallelujah Chorus, and that's only because of the strange looks I got for belting it out.

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Why the unbridled joy? Because DRM is dead.

Digital Rights Management, you'll recall, is the widely reviled copy-protection scheme employed by Apple's iTunes Store, RealNetworks' Rhapsody, Microsoft's Zune Marketplace, and most other music-download services.

Songs purchased from these stores arrive on your PC saddled with restrictions, like how many PCs and which portable devices you can play them on. It's like having a pizza delivered and being told that you have to eat it at the kitchen table, you can't share it with anyone else, and any leftovers have to be reheated every 30 minutes or the pizza becomes inedible.

So who killed DRM? Surprisingly, not Apple. The company tested the DRM-free waters earlier this year with higher-priced tracks from record label EMI, but the iTunes Store made them difficult to find. Plus, who's going to pay $1.29 per song after years of paying 99 cents?

Interestingly, the company standing over DRM's limp, rotting corpse, gleaming sword held high, is none other than Amazon.

The new Amazon MP3 store (http://tinyurl.com/2gdkkn) sells DRM-free songs in MP3 format. That means they can be played on any virtually any music-capable portable device in the world: iPod, iPhone, Microsoft Zune, Verizon Chocolate, Palm Treo, SanDisk Sansa, Creative Zen Vision, BlackBerry 8300, and so on.

You can also burn the songs to as many CDs as you like, copy them to as many PCs as you like, and share them with family members. What you can't do, of course, is trade them publicly on the Internet, post them on your blog, or do anything else that violates basic copyright laws. In other words, the restrictions are logical and completely fair.

Now for the icing on the cake: Amazon charges 99 cents per track, but all "top 100" songs are priced at just 89 cents apiece. What's more, album prices tend to be even lower: Lily Allen's Brit-pop confection Alright, Still, for instance, costs $7.99, which works out to about 61 cents per song.

So, to recap, Amazon MP3 has lower prices than iTunes and none of the copy restrictions. The only software you need to install is a tiny downloader program that can automatically route newly purchased songs to your iTunes or Windows Media Player library.

Also noteworthy: Amazon MP3's catalog exceeds two million songs. I found everything from Amy Winehouse to Thelonious Monk to The Rolling Stones. Granted, iTunes carries over three million songs, but I'm positive Amazon will catch up as sales catch fire — which they invariably will.

This, folks, is how music was meant to be purchased online. Amazon makes it easy, affordable and hassle-free. I see no reason to shop anywhere else.

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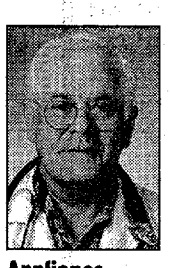
A level appliance is of utmost importance

Most households have a store bought level, or you can use a clear water glass with a line created with a felt marker. Either way, it's a good practice to check out the level of your major appliances every once in a while. Most critical these days are the clothes washer, which has a much greater spin speed than our older machines. The vibration factor of a washing machine today is one of the biggest complaints lodged by consumers and too many times it is nothing but a leveling problem. When a new washer is delivered and installed, make sure the installer locks down the leveling legs so the legs don't vibrate loose three years from now. All of this also applies to your clothes dryer.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

The dishwasher will have one big leak around the bottom of the door is it's not level. You can pretty well tell how level it is if you let it fill with water, shut it off and open the door. You can observe the water line all the way around the bottom of the interior. The dishwasher also has leveling legs that need adjustment to the point where you can easily attach the screws into the underside of the kitchen counter. A mistake made much too often occurs when a new floor is installed in the kitchen and a new sub floor is laid. Down the road when service is needed and the dishwasher has to be pulled out from under the counter, it can't be moved. Always create an access so the dishwasher can slide out. It's pretty tough cutting off the leveling legs with a hacksaw blade in such a tight fitting area.

The kitchen range becomes critical in the sense of the desire for a fine cooking performance. There is nothing worse than cooking eggs that continually slide to one side of the frying pan. There are also lock down mechanisms provided with many kitchen ranges today, which prevent a stove from tipping should a person accidentally fall against it or trip on an open door. In the history of our modern kitchen, the cooking appliance can be classified as the most dangerous of all appliances. Thousands of people suffer severe burns every year and most of these cases could have been prevented.

The refrigerator is the biggest guzzler of your home energy provided by the utility company. The level of this product can cause a door not to seal properly thereby increasing the operating time of the refrigerator. I have recommended that a refrigerator level should be perfect from side to side but that the front of the product should be a half-inch higher from front to rear. This increases the weight of the doors against the frame of the box and assures a better sealing door. It also helps the doors close more easily, especially when someone forgets to make sure the doors are closed tight.

For those of you with hardwood floors, use caution when moving the refrigerator. Those leveling legs or rollers will most certainly scratch the surface of the floor unless you place a throw rug or heavy piece of material under the front legs. It happens all the time. Stay tuned.

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CHANGE

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dined in your dining room, rethink the space for another purpose. If a home office is at the top of your wish list, the dining room may offer the perfect solution. The table can double as a desk and a buffet will come in handy for extra surface space and storage.

Or maybe a craft room that provides plenty of elbow room for projects and gift wrapping is what you're after. Once again, your dining room table and buffet can work in a number of scenarios.

Besides, trying something new in your home is better than living with wasted space, especially when space is at a premium. Experimenting with your rooms also gives you a good excuse to treat yourself to something special like a stylish office chair.

And what about that guest room where no one ever stays and the clothes are piling up on the bed that takes up half the space in the middle of the floor? Invest in a futon or daybed which can be placed along the wall. This plan provides a place to steal an afternoon nap, while opening up the rest of the room to endless possibilities such as a media room for movies and music.

Another factor to consider when updating your home is storage. While media equipment, such as flat screen TVs, tends to free up more space than the previous models, the same cannot be said about the gadgets and accessories that go with them. Make sure you plan to include enough storage space in every room of your home. Keep an eye out for pieces that offer both open and hidden storage, allowing you to display your favorite collections while concealing everything else.

Interior designer and owner of Colorworks Studio in West Bloomfield, Barbi Krass, shares some ideas about today's lifestyle trends. Backed by 30 years of experience in the business, this seasoned designer takes her cues from the needs of her clients. Now you can take some cues from her tips for the place you call home.

Whether it's the living room, family room or dining room, Krass suggests you take a good look at function before tackling any space.

"Today's family room is definitely multi-purpose," the designer says, "with media applications, computer applications, and family hang-out time." Built-in furniture is ideal for viewing TVs, DVDs and video games and those designed with an open niche work well for computer applications.

Today's homeowners are opting for comfort in a big way. Krass says her clients are looking for the opportunity to put their feet up, whether on a chaise, an ottoman, or an extra deep sectional. With assortment of styles available for lounging, selecting this type of furniture has never been easier.

Krass says the concept of the formal living room has decreased in popularity over the last 10 years because people want to make all of the rooms in their home more user-friendly. "Although still designated as more of an entertaining space, living rooms have evolved into cozier, more intimate spaces," she says. Built-in bars and serving areas are in high demand for the newly defined living room of today.

"Dining rooms are growing in size with room for large gatherings, as we see tremendous interest in entertaining at home," Krass says. Additional niches, such as a window seat flanked by display or serving cabinets, cut down the scale in what is often a long narrow room. A window seat also provides a great spot to linger over coffee and dessert or after-dinner drinks.

For family gatherings, Krass says, window seats offer the perfect retreat for kids who are no longer content to sit at the table.

HOME CALENDAR

Get Treasures Appraised
Three professionals from the International Society of Appraisers will help residents discover how much family heirlooms, treasured antiques and collectibles are worth with a verbal appraisal of approximate value at the Second Annual Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Bring jewelry (old & new), furniture, china, glassware, pottery, silver, dolls, toys, collectibles and memorabilia to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Rd., South Lyon. Entry fee, $2 at the door; appraisal fee, $6 per item/two items for $10. Call (248) 437-8810.

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. Reservations are requested. Call (888) 619-2199.

Colossal Garage Sale
Find treasures of every description as the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club hosts its annual Colossal Indoor Garage Sale. Antiques, china, art, rugs, household goods, small appliances, sporting goods, toys, books, baked goods, raffle tickets and more will be on sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18-19. at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University, admission, $1. A Preview Night & Silent Auction will be held 7-9 p.m. Oct. 17, admission, $10. There will also be a Brown Bag Sale 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 20, admission, $3. Proceeds benefit Meadow Brook Hall Gardens. Call: (248) 608-0485.

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, October 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.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Detroit Zoo Events
The Detroit Zoo offers one of the best fall color displays in southeast Michigan.
At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, Steven Nikkila will lead a garden walk and offer insights on the trees, shrubs and other plants that star in the natural production, $42. Learn to build your own garden masterpiece during seminars 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 3.
Take an in-depth look at the elements of garden and landscape design – site analysis, making a base plan, texture, color, shape, line, focal point, harmony, contrast and repetition, $140. Visit www.detroitzoo.org.

Draw the Curtain
The Royal Oak Garden Club will host "Drawing the Curtain on Another Garden Season" by Robin of Bloomz in Ferndale at 7 p.m. Oct. 8. at the Royal Oak Library. Call (313) 861-6579.

The Community House
Dos and Don'ts of Fall Cleanup, 7:30 p..m, Oct. 9; Staging Your Garden for All Seasons, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23; $24, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Good Earth Landscaping
Mimicking Mother Nature, 7 p.m. Oct. 11, $34, continuing education class at Waterford Kettering High School, (248) 682-1088; also Beautiful Bulbs, 12:30 p.m. Oct. 8, Oxford Garden Club, at Oxford Library, www.goodearthlandscapellc.co.

Michigan Orchid Society
Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn, in Bloomington, Ill., on the growing and care of the Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper Orchid), 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21, First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St., free (248) 528-1453.

Lily Bulb Sale
The Michigan Regional Lily Society will host a sale at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, 9-4 p.m. Oct. 26 & 27. Find hundreds of colorful, high quality hybrid lily bulbs (Orientals, Asiatics, Species, Martagons and more) for reasonable prices. Visit www.mrls.org.

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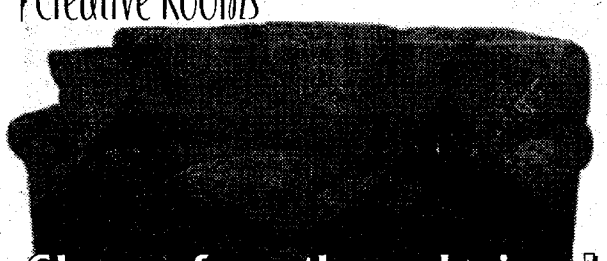
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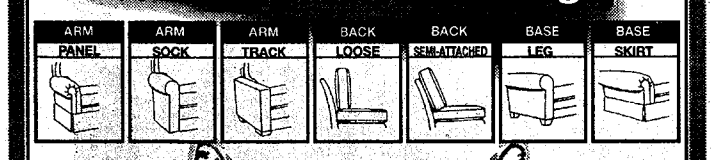

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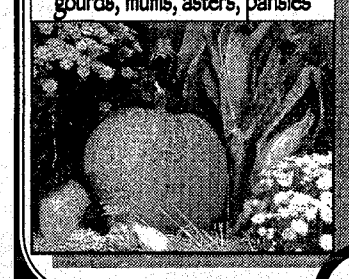
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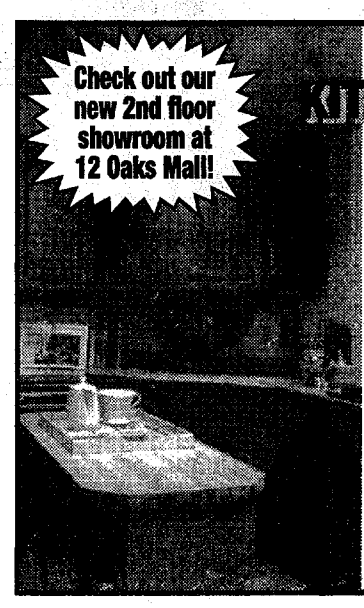
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Taltarni forges a different wine path

One difference between most Australian and U.S. wine producers is that the Aussies, in general, prefer blending grapes from different regions, believing that a sum is greater than any individual region or vineyard site.

Burgundy and Bordeaux producers and many in the United States will disagree. Their belief is that particular regions and vineyards have exceptional properties that can be discovered in the wine and blending dilutes these characteristics. Australia's Taltarni Vineyards and its associated brands, Clover Hill and Lalla Gully, are in the "let's showcase regional characteristics" camp.

Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

TALTARNI POINT OF VIEW

About 80 years after the first grape vines were planted in Victoria's Pyrenees region of Australia, Taltarni, translated from aboriginal dialect as "red earth," describing the rich, red soil of the region, was founded. Today, the winery has about 300 vine acres planted there.

Taltarni also has vineyards in Victoria's Heathcote region and in the Clover Hill and Lalla Gully region of northeast Tasmania. To highlight them, these wines are marketed as separate brands. Vineyards in four uniquely different sites create what Taltarni believes is a diversity of wine styles.

Warm days and cool nights mean Pyrenees vineyard land has rare climatic conditions enabling production of unique sparkling wines, using the traditional grape varieties (chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier) and production methods of France's Champagne region.

Showcasing this is Taltarni Brut Taché (Tah-SHAY), a non-vintage sparkler with an attractive salmon-pink color and forward fresh fruit. At $21, it's an affordable bubbly. Color comes from the addition of shiraz to the dosage to "stain" the wine, which in French is taché.

Clover Hill 2001 sparkling wine hails from vineyards in northeast Tasmania, a cool region, primed for the three classic grapes for sparkling wine. This bubbly at $32 is a step up with the components of selected chardonnay reserve wines, aged in French oak in the blend. Brioche and biscuit characters are evident in this elegant pour.

TALTARNI REDS

Four reds dominate the Taltarni portfolio.

Taltarni 2004 Three Monks Cabernet Merlot ($17), a 70/30 blend from Victoria vineyards, over delivers at this price. With nice mouth weight and dark red fruit, it's structured yet lush and an immediate charmer.

Also from the Pyrenees region of Victoria, Taltarni 2002 Shiraz ($24) is nicely spicy, mellow, rich, layered and complex. To us, many shiraz bottlings from Down Under are now over-extracted in the winemaking process. They don't pair well with food and often have a bitter finish. Gentle extraction of this Taltarni version is appealing and delicious.

Again, from Victoria's Pyrenees, 2002 Taltarni Cephas ($39), a blend of 70 percent shiraz and 30 percent cabernet sauvignon, highlights blueberry and blackberry fruitiness with gentle spice hints. Smooth and elegant, full, rich and generous are the best words to describe it. From Heathcote in Victoria, comes 2004 Taltarni Heathcote Shiraz ($32) that is 100 percent varietal. Ripe black raspberry fruit introduces a well-structured wine that finishes silky smooth and elegant.

Taltarni knows how to craft shiraz in a likeable and delicious style.

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WINE PICKS

Autumn leaf colors and the smell of the first fireplace lighting suggest it's also time for the bigger style and flavors of **cabernet sauvignon**.

Pick of the pack: 2004 Robert Craig Howell Mountain $70. From exotic aromas to supple tannins, this wine showcases everything that's great about the Howell Mountain district as a location for growing Bordeaux varieties.

Also very good:
2004 Leaping Lizard Napa Valley $12, good buy if you like a lighter style.
2004 Dry Creek Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley $22, well priced for its quality.
2004 Burgess Napa Valley $30
2004 Estancia Paso Robles Meritage $33
2004 Kenwood Jack London Vineyard $35
2004 Louis Martini Alexander Valley $35
2003 Arrowood Sonoma County $50
2004 Wattle Creek Alexander Valley $50
2004 Groth Napa Valley $55
2004 Michel-Schlumberger Deux Terres $75
2004 J. Davies Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon $75

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

FOOD CALENDAR

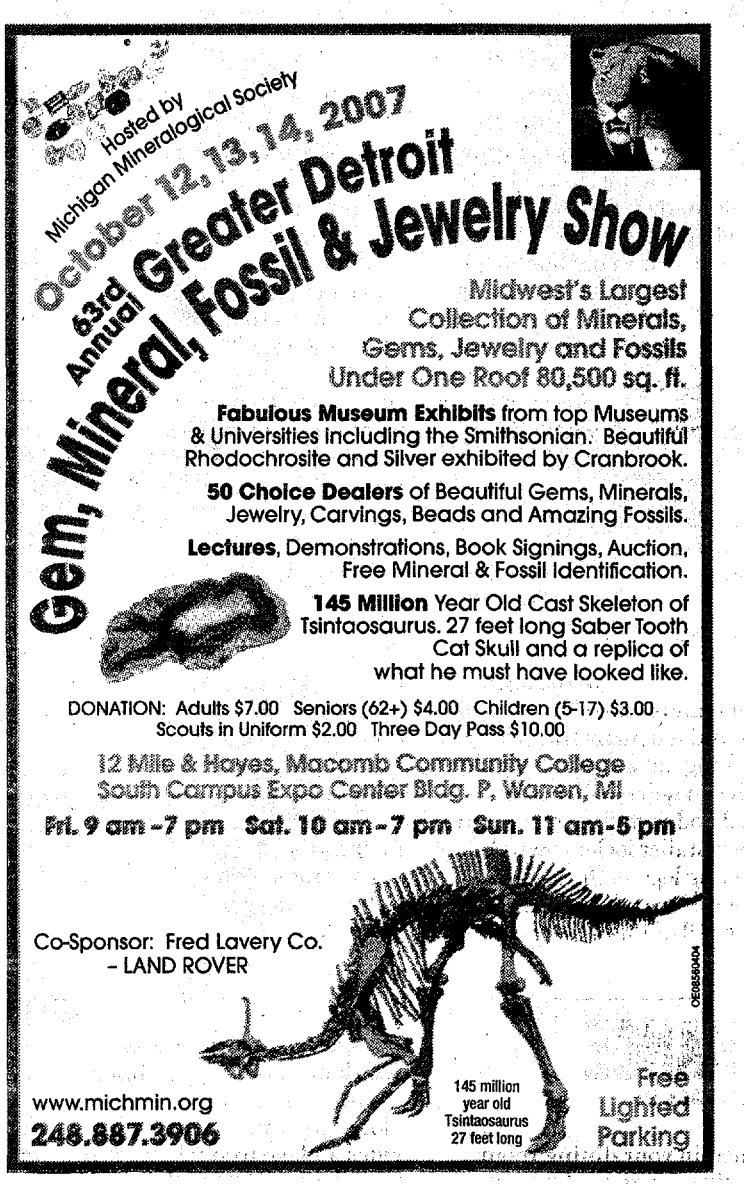
If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

2 Unique Classes
Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the fall, including 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.

Pronto! Cooking Classes
Brush up your culinary skills at these classes: Family Recipes: Eastern Europe, Oct. 10; Brunch: The Best of Breakfast and Dinner, Oct. 17; Appetizers, Hors D'oeuvres & Starters, Oct. 24; The Dinner Party, Oct. 30; Quick Fix: 25-Minute Meals, Nov. 7; Holiday Magic, Nov. 13 and 14, 4343 Normandy Court, Royal Oak, $30-$40, (248) 549-1519.

Wine Exploration Series
Sessions include Wines of France, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 10; Italian Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 24; South of the Equator: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 31 ($162 for seven sessions, $26 for single session, except for introduction and California session, $28); Champagne and Sparkling Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 14, instructors are Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

The Community House
More classes are offered at The Community House, including Delectable Apples and Pears, 7 p.m. Oct. 8; Soups to Warm Your Soul, 7 p.m. Oct. 16; Verdure Per Tutti I Gusti: Italian Passion for Vegetables! 7 p.m. Oct. 22; Hearty Squashes and Pumpkins, 7 p.m. Nov. 5; Italian Holiday Sweets, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5; to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or at www.communityhouse.com.



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done with a map called *26 Fall Scenic Driving Tours*, available online at www.wmta.org.

BY THE GLASS

Fall is also the season of the grape harvesting, when Michigan vineyards prepare for Chardonnays and Pinot Grigios.

Wineries are beautiful in October.

For example, Bel Lago Winery's family-owned vineyard overlooks Lake Leelanau and Lake Michigan. Surrounded by a Pinot Grigio vineyard and situated up on a hill above the shore is a tasting room with a panoramic view. Visit www.bellago.com, (231) 228-4800. In Grand Traverse, the views from the guest house are stunning at Grand Traverse Chateau Wineyards/Vineyard and Inn. Six guest rooms are perched on a hill overlooking the orchards and Grand Traverse Bay. Visit www.cgtwines.com.

BY KAYAK

How about roughing it just a little? *Paddle the Chain Kayak Voyage, A Civilized Adventure on Northern Michigan's Chain of Lakes* is four days on the water where adventurers kayak 49 miles on 12 lakes and 11 rivers, such as Torch and Elk Rapids. Each night, recoup in deluxe rooms at the Camelot Inn. Everything is provided including kayaks, safety gear, GPS, cell phone, customized maps, point-to-point transportation and even cameras. Visit www.camelot-inn.com or call (800) 761-4667.

BY TRAIN

Train tours take place every weekend in October in Cadillac that move through the surrounding hills and forests.

A nice time to visit is the weekend of Oct. 13 for the annual Chestnut festival set at City Park on Lake Street.

Each train departs at 11:30 a.m. (except on Oct. 28 where the ride begins at 2 p.m.) Make reservations online at: www.lcrt.homestead.com.

BY BALLOON

Head west on I-96 from downtown Brighton and visit the Island Lake Recreation Area. There in Livingston County is a 4,000-acre park that has an "up north" feel in southeast Michigan. Why not see the color change via hot air balloon? Renaissance Balloons, (517) 552-1900 or www.renaissanceballoons.com, offers one-hour rides at $225 per person.

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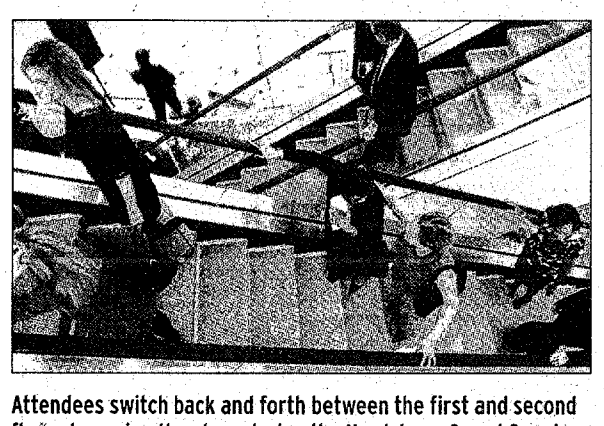
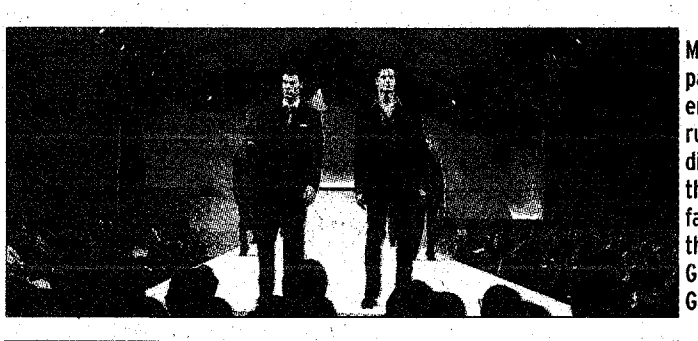


Attendees switch back and forth between the first and second floors browsing the store during the Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala Wednesday night at the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.



Models pause at the end of the runway while displaying the men's fall fashions during the Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala.

Attendees browse the selection of gourmet food during the Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala.

Models pause at the end of the runway during the fall fashion show of the Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala.

Nordstrom gala

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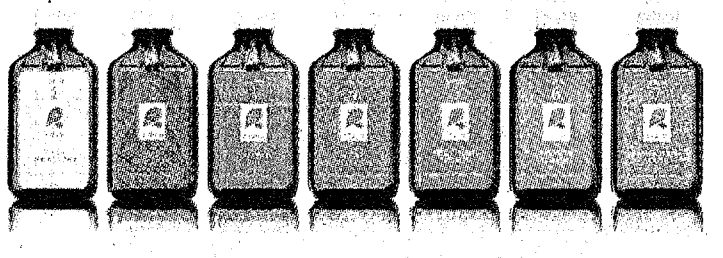
Models make a dramatic entrance during the fall fashions show of the Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala at the Twelve Oaks Mall Wednesday night.

Nordstrom's arrived at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi with a splash of glamour. The fashion-forward set got a sneak preview during a Grand Opening Gala on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The event offered guests first pick of merchandise, makeovers, and a chance to meet members of the Nordstrom family, along with executives who flew in from Seattle to attend. Nordstrom spared no expense and made an impressive entrance with delicious food, flowing drinks, informal modeling and spectacular runway shows held on an elegantly-appointed tented catwalk. The parting gift, a beautiful pink and black teapot designed by Nordstrom's signature illustrator, Ruben Toledo, promised wonderful tastes in store for new and longtime Nordstrom fans alike. Here's a glimpse into the evening. For the complete photo gallery, visit www.hometownlife.com

Reader pink picks



It's such fun to read the entries each year in our Reader PINK Picks Contest, we just had to share. Here's a snapshot of some honorable mention picks that stood out from the pack:

INC International Concepts is available exclusively at Macy's.

Wear It!
INC International Concepts at Macy's
Isabelle Lindberg, Farmington Hills

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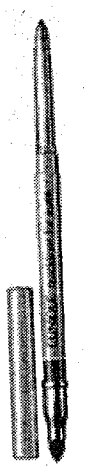


TiVo It!
The Office
Tara Von Mach, Birmingham

Don't Wear It!
Trucker baseball caps
Tanya Chisholm, Troy

DVD It!
Night at the Museum
Angela Powers, Redford

Tote It!
A bag from Lorla's in downtown Northville
Claire Kenney, Livonia

Read It!
Smitten by Janet Evanovich
Deanna Foster, Plymouth

Kick It!
Saucony Jazz running shoes
Amiee Szabo, Wayne

Use It!
O.P.I. nail polish in Italian Love Affair
Kaitlynn Schock, Garden City

Smell It!
Personalized perfumes
Patricia Stacey, Canton

Hear It!
Killer Flamingos
Karen Cioma-James, Livonia

PINK mommy

Great shoes for every age and stage

It's fall, Moms, and you know what that means. It's time to retire the kid's summer Crocs and go shopping for new school shoes. But wait ... this just in, Crocs has launched a back-to-school line! The adorable new selection includes a Mary Jane for girls, an all terrain shoe for boys and the first ever Crocs boot! Go to www.crocs.com to see all the new styles. Now, let's see what else is new in shoes.

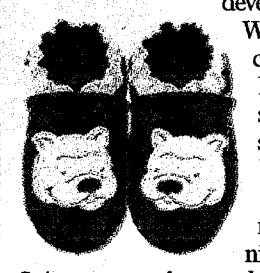
The Pediped Giselle ($30) is available at Hullabaloo in Royal Oak.

NEWBORNS, CRAWLERS AND EARLY WALKERS

Even though it is not totally necessary for a newborn to wear them, it is hard for mom's to resist tiny little baby shoes. Soft-soled leather slip-on shoes like Robeez or Jack & Lily are easy to get on and not so easy for baby to get off. They are machine washable with skid resistant suede soles and elasticized ankles, and come in so many irresistible designs you will have a hard time choosing. Baby will love discovering her feet and you'll love them because they are so darn cute! Prices range from $26-$30. To find Robeez and Jack & Lily shoes visit www.babystyle.com.

BEGINNING WALKERS

Our parents were taught that children needed stiff, hard-soled shoes for support when learning to walk. Pediatricians now recommend that children wear lightweight, flexible footwear allowing feet to grow and develop muscle strength naturally. HullaBallo (210a West Sixth Street, Royal Oak) supports this by carrying a great selection of Pediped and See Kai Run footwear. Both brands are made with soft premium grade leather and have flexible soles, allowing feet and toes to grasp the ground beneath. Prices range from $30-$36. Call (248) 398-8890 or visit www.hbmaternity.com for more information. Another great line for beginning walkers is Preschoolians. Visit www.preschoolians.com to see the entire collection.



Robeez are comfy and oh-so-cute for ages 0-24 months ($27.95).

ADVANCED WALKERS

As your child grows older and his arches and muscles start to develop, it is important to have his shoe size checked every few months. Perkos Shoes (33426 W. Five Mile Rd. Livonia) has been selling quality shoes for over 50 years. The store carries different widths and specializes in finding the best fit for your child's foot. Older kids want cool shoes too and it's important to find shoes that provide good fit and function as well as the style they will feel good about. Perkos carries Ecco, Stride Rite, Merrell, Van's and many more brands with sizes ranging from early walker to size 7. Call (734) 427-3477.

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Win $300 toward dream handbags!

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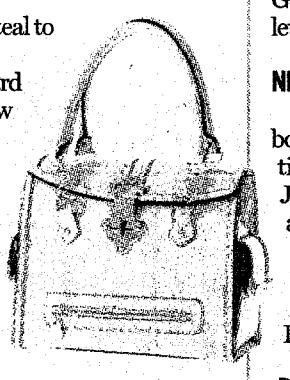

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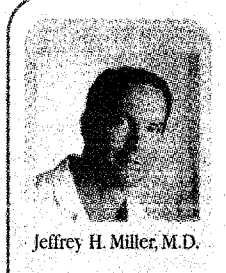

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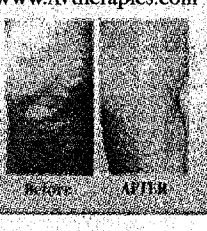

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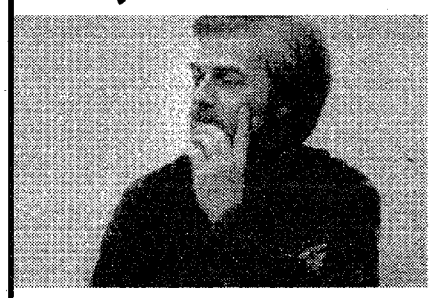

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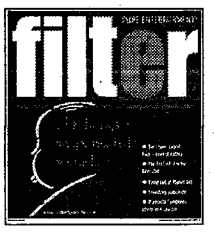

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra pays tribute to Alfred Hitchcock.

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Brilliant director Alfred Hitchcock will be celebrated in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's October tribute "Hitchcock!"

DSO aims to thrill with 'Hitchcock!'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

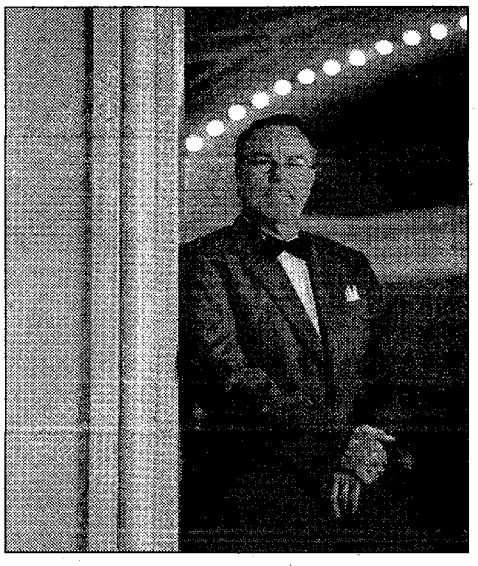
Hot Ticket

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra promises a good evening for all, care of *Hitchcock!*, a brand new show spotlighting the legendary director's films and the carefully crafted music included in them.

The DSO will perform scores from such classics as *North By Northwest, Dial M for Murder, Strangers on a Train* and *To Catch a Thief.* Lush arrangements by Bernard Hermann and Dmitri Tiomkin will be translated live while a screen above the orchestra shows selected scenes from Alfred Hitchcock's films.

"It appeals to people who like Hitchcock, more of a film crowd," said Keith Koppmeier, marketing director of pops and specials. He noted that the *Hitchcock!* shows fall on the heels of last year's successful *Wizard of Oz* production - in which the DSO performed a live soundtrack to the film. "There is a really good audience for it," he said.

Hitchcock! marks the start of the DSO's new Pops Season, which promises to be a great one, Koppmeier said.



Erich Kunzel conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at "A Funny Valentine," Feb. 14-17, part of the DSO's Pop Series.

November brings a family-friendly show inspired by the magical films of Walt Disney. Children and adults alike will be drawn to music from *Beauty & The Beast* and *The Lion King.*

"We also have the Holiday Pops," said Koppmeier, "A night of Cole Porter, and The Mambo Kings playing with our orchestra to get that Latin flavor. *The*

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DSO POPS SERIES 2007-2008

Hitchcock!: See the classic films set to live score conducted by Constantine Kitsopoulos, 10:45 a.m and 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4; 8:30 p.m. Friday- Saturday, Oct. 5-6; 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7.
Home For The Holidays: An evening of carols, a yuletide sing-along and a visit from Jolly Ole St. Nick at 10:45 a.m and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.
Cole Porter & Friends: Relive the golden age of Hollywood and Broadway listening to Cole Porter's most celebrated melodies with Constantine Kitsopoulos, conductor, and vocalists Debbie Gravitte, Joan Hess, Doug LaBreque, and Kirby Ward, at 10:45 a.m and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17; 8:30 p.m. Friday- Saturday, Jan. 18-19; 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20.
A Funny Valentine: Join the DSO for a weekend of sweet Valentine's treats care of conductor Erich Kunzel and vocalist Ann Hampton Callaway, at 10:45 a.m and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14; 8:30 p.m. Friday- Saturday, Feb. 15-16; 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17.
The Beat Goes On - Music Of The Baby Boomers: From Burt Bacharach to The Beatles and the Beach Boys revisit a defining era in popular music with conductor Jack Everly, at 10:45 a.m and 8 p.m. Thursday, March 27; 8:30 p.m. Friday- Saturday, March 28-29; 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30.
A Tribute To Benny Goodman With The Dave Bennett Sextet: Hear how Goodman became the King of Swing with Steven Reineke, conductor and Dave Bennett on clarinet, at 10:45 a.m and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 1; 8:30 p.m. Friday- Saturday, May 2-3; 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4.
The Mambo Kings: A sizzling night of Latin jazz and Afro-Cuban rhythms is in store with conductor Jeff Tyzik, at at 10:45 a.m and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 5; 8:30 p.m. Friday- Saturday, June 6-7; 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8.

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5&6 Don't miss Koko Taylor & Her Blues Machine Friday and Marcia Ball Saturday, both headliners of the 9th annual Motor City Blues & Boogie Woogie Festival, at Detroit's Music Hall. Tickets $27-$47, call (248) 645-6666.

7 Billy Corgan brings back the Smashing Pumpkins in the first full-scale North American tour since 2000. The Bravery open the show, 7:30 tonight at Detroit's Fox Theatre.

Tickets $39.50 to $59.50, call (248) 433-1515.

8 Academy Award-winning Director Ang Lee follows his win for *Brokeback Mountain* with an espionage thriller set in WWII Shanghai. Get swept up in the intrigue of *Lust, Caution* with stars Tony Leung and Tang Wei.

9 Check out *Animal Grossology*, a new, hands-on, kid-friendly exhibition based on Sylvia Branzei's books. It's in full swing at The Detroit Science Center in Midtown's Museum District. Admission is $7.95 for adults and $6.95 for children and seniors, visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

10 It's all Soviet kitsch when Regina Spektor takes on the Fillmore-Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave., tonight. The Russian-born VH1 "You Oughta Know" artist is supporting her latest release, *Begin to Hope*. Don't miss it. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets $24-$35, visit www.livenation.com.

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Tang Wei (left) and Tony Leung (right) star in Ang Lee's "Lust, Caution," a Focus Features release.

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Newly-restored Crofoot Ballroom re-invents Pontiac's music scene

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Clubs

The newly restored and renovated rofoot building, at Pike and Saginaw reets in Pontiac, first welcomed visitors abor Day weekend in time for the annual rts, Beats & Eats festival. But the buzz ı the area's newest entertainment ·nues had been building for onths.

"It's a top-notch facil-y," said Greg Baise, tal-ıt buyer for The Crofoot. 'he sound is amazing. The om is amazing from an ıdience and a band per-ective."

The Crofoot Building is a re historic structure having rvived a significant fire in the city 1840 and an urban renewal project the 1970s that decimated much of ntiac's downtown architecture. The)0-year-old structure named for busi-ss mogul Michael E. Crofoot was con-mned by the city just two years ago. ow, fully restored, it houses two musi-l venues booked by Baise, formerly of troit's Majestic Theatre Complex.

The largest and most substantial, own as the Crofoot Ballroom holds a pacity of 1,100, and boasts a formidable cCauley Sound System. "It's unheard of a club at this level," said Baise of the system. "Bands will love playing here."

While the much more intimate Pike Room has a capacity 250 and showcases a mix of emerging or developing talent. Baise said the soundsystem is as impressive, even in the smaller space. Next door, at 15 S. Saginaw, the Historic Eagle Theatre has a concert capacity of 600.

The mid-sized club has carved its niche in Pontiac's past, having welcomed a range of talent from Nancy Sinatra to Sonic Youth over the years. Baise will continue that tradition of booking a solid mix of musicians. "There's a great history of alternative rock and it's all happened right here," he said.

The Crofoot is equipped with a soon-to-be open restaurant, bars and a patio, all on Saginaw Street in downtown Pontiac. Performances have already drawn crowds from as far as Ann Arbor, Detroit, West Bloomfield, Port Huron and Clarkston, he noted. And this is only the beginning.

Detroit's own Blanche will host the first-ever CD release party at The Crofoot later this month, and the double-bill featuring The Polyphonic Spree and Rooney have chosen the same spot to kick off their tour.

The establishment of a new trio of musical venues is "drawing a lot of attention to the redevelopment efforts" in Pontiac, Baise added.

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THE CROFOOT

Where: The Crofoot Building is at 1 S. Saginaw, and the Historic Eagle Theatre is at 15 S. Saginaw, both in Pontiac.

At The Crofoot Ballroom:
Pinback, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. All ages. $15. MC Chris opens.
The Polyphonic Spree, with Rooney, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, $20.

At The Pike Room:
Besnard Lakes, 8 p.m. Oct. 9, $10.
David Bazan of Pedro The Lion, 8 p.m. Oct. 23, $10.
Film School, 8 p.m. Oct. 30, $8.

Saturday: DJ Tom spins '80s classics for 180 Degrees, a dance night at The Crofoot.

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Sara Korson (left to right), Jacob Hodgson and Rob McFadyen star in "Dr. Seward's Dracula."

Planet Ant sinks into new season with vampire thriller

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

On Stage

Director Shannon Ferrante sets out to show that Planet Ant's Black Box Theatre is the perfect setting for a creepy new tale centered on the iconic, eternally bloodthirsty, Dracula.

The Ferndale-based actor/director brings *Dr. Seward's Dracula* to the Planet Ant this month, including a special Halloween performance. The play, written by award-winning Michigan playwright Joe Zettelmaier, finds the lesser-known character of Dr. Seward hiding in an apartment, overlooking his old home at the asylum. He takes comfort in his morphine and his deceased love, Emily until Bram Stoker himself pays Seward a visit. Stoker is seeking Seward's journals detailing the Dracula murders, and hopes they will become the basis of a new book. Then, suddenly, the murders begin again.

Dr. Seward's Dracula isn't the first collaboration between Ferrante and Zettelmaier. The two met at The Performance Network three years ago. Since then, they have worked together on eight productions. "His dialogue and characters are amazing," Ferrante said. "A lot of modern plays have a negative, dark twist. He always come back to see the light and hope in life."

Ferrante said Zettelmaier also has a knack for writing for his audience. In the case of this show, Ferrante said it will appeal to those who like that feeling of suspense, when the hairs on the back of your neck stand up, but who "want to leave the show feeling good."

Timed near Halloween, Ferrante said "we're definitely trying to bank on Dracula."

She called it a "what-if play," and "a mind-bending thriller." The play debuted at the Michigan New Plays Festival in June. Ferrante has been working with the script for nearly a year.

It marks the Planet Ant debut of four of the show's five cast members. Rob McFadyen is Dr. Seward; Sara Korson

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DR. SEWARD'S DRACULA

What: Planet Ant Theatre kicks off its 11th season with the world premiere of "Dr. Seward's Dracula," a vampire thriller by award-winning Michigan playwright Joseph Zettelmaier, directed by Shannon Ferrante.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 through Nov. 3.

Special Event: Wednesday, Oct. 31 catch a Halloween Performance and Planet Ant 11th Birthday Party.

Tickets: $15 Adults, $1 Students/Seniors. Purchase two-for-one tickets on Thursdays. Enjoy free coffee and donuts on Sundays.

Where: Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck

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Smashing Pumpkins to rock the Fox

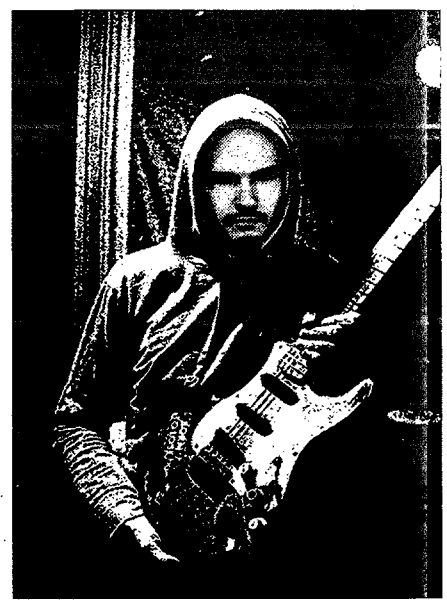
BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Music

Internet chatter is strong about the Smashing Pumpkins' first tour in seven years.

"The band whose music shaped the '90s" and "Billy Corgan, the legend returns" write the loyal fans who work as volunteer online promoters to ensure each show is sold out.

Smashing Pumpkins play the Fox Theatre with special guests The Bravery at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7. Original Pumpkin members performing are frontman/guitarist Corgan and drummer Jimmy Chamberlin plus newer members guitarist Jeff Schroeder, vocalist/keyboardist Lisa Harriton and bassist Ginger Reyes. The tour promotes the band's sixth commercially released album *Zeitgeist* that hit stores this summer.



Billy Corgan brings The Smashing Pumpkins (albeit a new lineup of the band) to Detroit.

For the five years that the public was Pumpkin-less (they reunited in 2005), Corgan released a solo album, and formed the group Zwan featuring Chamberlin plus members of Chavez and a Perfect Circle.

That didn't last long.

The current tour has been strong beginning with a sold-out, nine day stint in Asheville, N.C.; a praising crowd in Paris and a much talked about performance at Al Gore's Live Earth Festival.

Hits they're performing on tour include *Today*; *Doomsday Clock*, *Cherub Rock*; *Tonight*; *Zero*; *Disarm* along with some more obscure songs.

The Bravery is a synth rock band whose sophomore album *The Sun and the Moon* (Island Records) received critical acclaim. The band is a fusion of electronic and rock plus a blend of jazz.

As The Smashing Pumpkins gained popularity while opening for Jane's Addiction in 1988, so is the Bravery while opening for the Pumpkins today.

The tour is continuing, but it was marred by the tragic death on Sept. 24 of a 20-year-old fan who was pulled unconscious from the mosh pit at a concert at the Pacific National Exhibition Forum.

Authorities said they did not expect to find any foul play, but details are still unclear.

The Smashing Pumpkins Web site stated: "The Smashing Pumpkins were deeply saddened to learn about the passing of a young man who attended their Vancouver show Monday night (Sept. 24). As they and everyone else await news from the investigation into the nature of his passing, the band want to express their sincerest condolences to his family and friends."

SMASHING PUMPKINS AND THE BRAVERY

When: 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7

Where: The Fox Theatre, Detroit

Tickets: $39.50 & $59.50 on sale now and may be purchased at OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charge) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515.

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Egyptian style rock band signs with metal label

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Take a metal band fronted with a beautiful, strong female vocalist plus musicians who know how to play powerful and fast; mix in lyrics that focus on Egyptian mythology, add a snake-like dancer slithering on stage and you have Detroit-based band Dendura.

Live

The progressive metal rock band that's been together for a bit over three years just signed a one-album deal with Killzone Records of Austin and will be celebrating with a show Monday, Oct. 8 at I-Rock in Detroit. Dendura will play as guests with German power metal band Edguy - an opening band for Aerosmith in Europe.

Dendura is ready for more attention as its track *Symphony* (from New Life) appears on the US ProgPower Festival 2007 sampler CD that will be given to the 50,000 people attending the sold-out, national festival this weekend in Atlanta. The band's sound is unique.

DENDURA

Genre: Rock with Egyptian folklore
Where: I-Rock, 16350 Harper Avenue, Detroit, MI, (313) 881-7625, www.irocknightclub.com
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Tickets: $20. Visit at www.irocknightclub.com
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"I'm Egyptian and Lebanese and often look to my cultural heritage as a source of inspiration and reflection," said vocalist Aziza Poggi.

"We want to bring some different elements to the music." Imagine an exotic Queensryche. The band keeps audiences guessing by throwing in the unexpected like the dancer or breaking into acoustic songs when least expected.

Dendura is Steve Wethy, guitar; Paul stein, guitar; Justin Mosteller, drummer; and Poggi.

The band is composing a film score for a sci-fi film series.

Dendura's debut album *New Life* is one of the 10 best-selling albums at Sonic Cathedral, a large distributor of female-fronted metal bands at www.soniccathedral.com.

The music has been licensed for several TV projects including Monsters Ballz (Comedy Central) and films like *Broken* (in which Poggi also stars in), *Perception* and *The Devil's Eye*. The screenplay for *Broken* was shortlisted to the top 250 finalists of about 7,000 entries for season one of *Project Greenlight*, the Bravo TV series sponsored by Miramax, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.

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Bar Louie

Laurel Park's newest haunt emits cool, casual vibe

BY ELAINE PERLIN CROSSLEY
CORRESPONDENT

Table Hopping

Bar Louie's chic black logo lures you right in. Its superimposed image of an olive-garnished martini evokes a thirst for one.

When you first enter, you might get an inkling it's a posh, expensive place. That's because the decor is stylishly upscale, with wood-paneled walls, hand-laid mosaic tiling, plush banquettes, low lighting, contemporary art and a sophisticated sleek bar.

Then, your eyes turn to people having fun — eating, drinking, chatting, laughing and watching the game on one of many plasma TVs. And you realize Bar Louie has an easygoing neighborly atmosphere where everyone is welcome, from singles to families to seniors.

Opened in June, Livonia's Bar Louie seats 300, and is the 31st nationwide location of a Chicago-based chain founded by restaurateurs Roger Greenfield and Ted Kasemir.

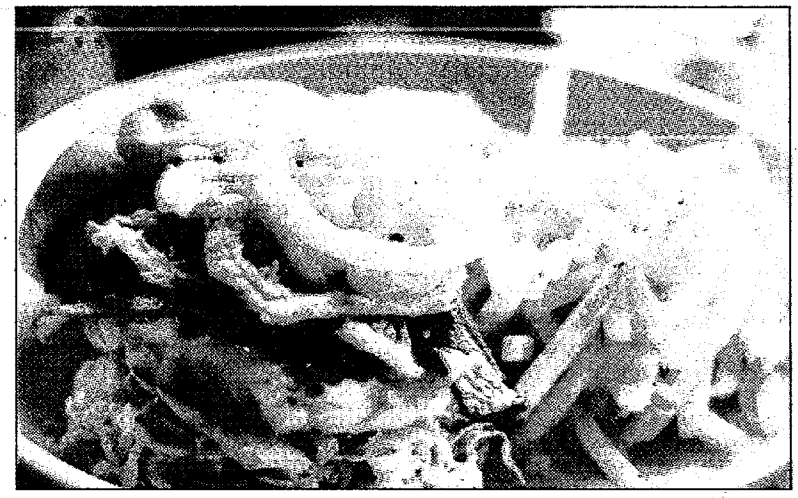
Originating in 1991 in Chicago's arty River North neighborhood, the Bar Louie family continues to grow.

Amy Weisenburger, director of marketing and public relations, said, "Bar Louie offers something for every taste. It's the perfect spot for a long relaxing Saturday afternoon lunch with friends or family, and a nightly destination for dinner and drinks. It's a Bloody Mary and football scene on a relaxing Sunday."

Open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. for snacks, drinks, and hearty meals, the casual menu is upbeat, diverse and reasonable, with prices ranging from $3.99 to $13.99. Weisenburger adds, "Bar Louie appeals to everyone, and we do it with a smile at prices that don't break the bank."

Culinary influences range from Southwest to Creole to European to American comfort foods, like Louie's Mac & Cheese, various "Sliders," Meatball Pasta, or a big basket of fries or tater tots. Small plates, large plates, pizzas, sandwiches, burgers, sides and salads round out the menu.

Small plates include soups, wings, chicken tenders, and samplings of Mexican, Italian, Greek and Japanese-inspired delights. Large plates showcase Ranchero Enchiladas (with chicken), Jambalaya, Lemon Chicken Pasta, Fish Tacos and more. Hand-tossed thin crust pizzas are topped with chicken, veggies or pork, and tasty cheeses, sauces and seasonings.



Backyard BBQ burgers and fries are among the casual offerings in the chic atmosphere at Bar Louie in Livonia.

Sandwiches tempt with Luigi Steak, Shrimp Po'Boy, Blackened Salmon, Aged Wisconsin Cheddar Grilled Cheese and more. Burgers range from Southwest to Philly to Backyard BBQ, and others.

Salads appeal, such as the classic Caesar, or escape to the Mediterranean with a Santorini, containing spinach, feta, Kalamata olives, tomatoes, pepperoncini, cucumbers, marinated red onions and oregano vinaigrette.

Hand-crafted martinis, mojitos, margaritas and other cocktails dominate the drink list, as well as a worldly selection of wines, and more than 20 domestic, imported or micro-brewed beers.

Who can forget dessert? Indulge in Mile High Carrot Cake, Chocolate Cake or Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce.

The urbane atmosphere, upbeat food and drinks, and reasonable prices are all signs that Bar Louie should outlive some of its Laurel Park predecessors. And

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Note: Smoking is allowed in the bar. Non-smokers can request a table in the dining area away from the bar.

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here are other perks, as well.

"We do something cool every day, from '$1 Burgers' on Tuesdays to 'Build Your Own Bloody Mary' on Sundays," Weisenburger said.

"We also staff professional event planners to arrange any kind of special event imaginable. We host charity events, get involved with the community, and work with local businesses to ensure their employees are catered to at Bar Louie. Our neighbors are very important to us."

Elaine Perlin Crossley is a freelance writer from West Bloomfield.

Tribute names new executive chef

City Bites

After conducting a nationwide search, the Epoch Restaurant Group tapped one of their own to be the new executive chef at Tribute restaurant. Rich Travis formally of Epoch owned Latitude Restaurant in Bay Harbor will take over the fine culinary tradition as executive chef at the highly regarded Tribute Restaurant.

Travis received his culinary degrees from Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College.

He completed apprenticeship training at fine restaurants including the Golden Mushroom.

Travis' past experience is as diverse as working at five star restaurants in France, to Les 'Escargot in Chicago and the top rated Tapawingo, in Ellsworth.

As his popularity grew he was wooed to Latitude Restaurant in Bay Harbor as executive chef.

Tribute is open for lunch, Monday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and serves dinner Tuesday through Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Call Tribute at (248) 848-9393.

Tribute is located at 31425 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills.

BEER TASTING

Taste the D.

Sample the suds of many Michigan breweries at A Taste of the D 7-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19 at the Detroit Historical Museum.

A Taste of the D is a 21 and over event that features:

- A beer tasting spotlighting 13 Michigan Breweries (subject to change), including Arbor Brewing Company of Ann Arbor, Arcadia Brewing Company of Battle Creek, Atwater Block Brewery of Detroit, Bell's Brewery of Kalamazoo, Black Lotus Beer Company of Clawson, Dark Horse Brewing Company of Marshall, Detroit Beer Companies of Detroit, Founders Brewing Company of Grand Rapids, Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales of Dexter, King Brewing Company of Pontiac, Kuhnhenn Brewing Company of Warren, Motor City Brewing Works of Detroit and New Holland Brewing Company of Holland.
- A chance to sample fare from a variety of metro Detroit eateries and caterers, including Brown Bag Catering of Highland Park, Ben & Jerry's of Detroit, Canapé Cart of Ferndale, The Chocolate Gallery Café of Warren, Garden Fresh Gourmet of Ferndale, Holiday Catering of Royal Oak, Majestic Café of Detroit, Moo Moo's Vegetarian Cuisine of Ferndale, National Coney Island of Roseville and Union Street of Detroit.
- A wine tasting featuring the offerings of Imperial Beverage Company.

DJ Scott Brandon will spin music all night and there will be open mic acoustic music courtesy of the Park Bar along with Tarot card and astrology readings.

A silent auction also benefits the Detroit Historical Society. Tickets for the event are $20 for Detroit Historical Society members and $25 for others in advance, and $35 for everyone at the door.

To reserve your tickets, go to www.detroithistorical.org or call (313) 833-7935.

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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 lobby of Costick Center on 11 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1856.

Cranbrook Art Museum: Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook 1970-2007, through Oct. 14; Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

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 email eivanova@cranbrook.edu.

MOCAD: Words Fail Me, exhibit with messages in different forms, curated by Matthew Higgs, through Jan. 20, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622, www.mocadetroit.org.

Oakland Community College: From Our Perspective, OCC Womencenter's 18th annual national women's art exhibition, exhibit runs until 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.

Oakland University: James Stephens, a mid-career retrospective, Oct. 13-Nov. 11, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 13, artist talk 2 p.m. Oct. 14; next to Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester www.oakland.edu/ouag, (248) 370-3005.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia: Fall Art Exhibit, Oct. 1-26, Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia (734) 432-5976.

ART GALLERIES

©POP Gallery: "It's Humble To Be Good" opening reception 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, six juried winners from ©POPportunity, through Nov. 14, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901,www.cpop.com

Cary Gallery: Ann Loveland, watercolorist, through September, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester (248) 651-3656.

Cranbrook Art Museum: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

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: The Third Dimension, all-media juried sculpture competition, Oct. 3-26, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Oct. 5, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: Posedown, Orly Genger, through Nov. 10; 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

Margot's Gallery & Frame: Group Show of eight artists, show runs through Oct. 20, 5 S. Washington, Oxford (248) 628-5398.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Works on Paper, Oct. 5-Nov. 10; opening reception, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 5, gallery talk, 2 p.m. Oct. 6, Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

paulkotulaprojects: Eye Sites, Jim Melchert, through Oct. 27, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.

Susenne Hilberry Gallery: Ellen Berkenblit, through Nov. 3, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, www.hilberrygallery.com (248) 541-4700.

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Oakland University Art Gallery: Jef Bourgeau A Retrospective, through Oct. 7; James Stephens: A Mid-Career Retrospective, Oct. 13-Nov. 11, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Sharing the Gift Within You: Art show and sale, Oct. 6-12, free, lecture with Nancy Wolfe, artist and educator, 1:30 p.m. Oct. 11, pianist Paul Sullivan, 7 p.m. Oct. 7, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main.

Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild: Beaded art exhibit, opening reception with Pat Wiley, GLBG board member and artist, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 25, Oct. 25-Nov. 16; Home Gallery, Downriver Council of the Arts, 20904 Northline, Taylor.

University of Michigan: Orson Welles and the Art of Adaptation in Radio, Theatre and Film, exhbit examines Welles' approach to making and releasing of his unforgettable radio and film projects, Special Collections Library, seventh floor of Hatcher Graduate Library, (734) 615-0442.

BALLET

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: Darwin the Dinosaur Glow in the Dark Ballet, Oct. 14, Detroit.

CLASSICAL

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet with Jon Nakamatsu, 8 p.m. Oct. 6, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, on the campus of Detroit Country Day; also a special event: Nakamatsu recital and reception, 7 p.m. Oct. 4, Northern Trust Bank, 10 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 855-6070 for tickets, for information on the 2007-2008 concert season, visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.

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.

Congregational Church of Birmingham: Pathetique – a Chamber Music Concert, Woodward Corridor Musicians, 3 p.m. Oct. 7, $10, 1000 Cranbrook (at Woodward Avenue), Bloomfield Hills, www.WoodwardCM.orgm (248) 546-5818.

University Musical Society: András Schiff, Oct. 5, Rackham Auditorium, 915 Washington, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538.

CLUBS

The Ark: Nickel Creek, farewell (for now) tour, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16; Marc Cohn with Amy Correia, Nov. 5; shows at Michigan Theatre, information hotline (734) 763-TKTS, www.theark.org.

Bert's Marketplace: John Lee Hooker Jr., Oct. 6, $20, 2727 Russell, Detroit (313) 393-3233, bertsentertainment.com.

Blind Pig: Elvis Perkins in Dearland, Oct. 9, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-8555.

Clutch Cargo: Therapy with John Acquaviva, Oct. 12, 65 East Huron, Pontiac, www.clutchcargos.com or (248) 333-2362.

Crofoot Ballroom: Pinback, Oct. 13; The Polyphonic Spree, Oct. 14: Blanche CD release Oct. 19; Lotus, Oct. 27; The Hold Steady and Art Brut, Oct. 29, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, www.thecrofoot.com

The Eagle Theatre: Fujiya And Miyagi, Oct. 4; The Avett Brothers, Oct. 9; The Thermals, Oct. 25; Girl Talk, Nov. 10; Psychic TV, Nov. 13, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, www.thecrofoot.com

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.

Gala Bistro: Meri Slaven with Scott Gwinnel on piano and Dennis Horvath on bass, 7-11 p.m. Oct. 13, 33316 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-2355.

Magic Bag: Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers. Oct. 4; Nathaniel Mayer CD release party with SSM & The Meltdowns, Oct. 5; EOTO with Macpodz, Oct. 7; Patrick Wolf, Oct. 8; Ty Stone & Friends with Five Horse Johnson & Dirt Road Logic, Oct. 13; Blue Rodeo & Friends, Oct. 21; Coco Montoya, Oct. 23; Savoy Brown with Kim Simmonds, Nov. 2; Leon Russell, Nov. 9, Gary Hoey, Dec. 7, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Majestic Theatre: The Sea and Cake, Oct. 4; Of Montreal, Oct. 9; Spoon, Oct. 13; Jam for Sudan, Oct. 20; Gregorian Masters of Chant, Oct. 24; MIA, Nov. 24; Peter, Bjorn & John, Dec. 1, 4140 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

Mario's of Troy: Ralph Koziarski's Expedition, Oct. 5, 1477 John R, Troy (248) 588-6000.

Pi Restaurant: Jim Paravantes, Wednesdays; Blackman & Arnold, Thursdays; Sheila Landis, Oct. 5-6; Duane Parham, Oct. 12-13; Gary Schunk, Oct. 19; Jesse Palter, Oct. 20; Fat Cats, Oct. 26-27; 28875 Franklin Southfield (248) 208-7500.

The Pike Room: Besnard Lakes, Oct. 9; David Bazan of Pedro The Lion, Oct. 23; Film School, Oct. 30; The Legendary Shack Shakers, Nov. 2; David Kilgour and Euros Child, Nov. 7, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, www.thecrofoot.com

Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

COMEDY

The Comedy Room @ Portofino: Bill Bushart with Joel Fragomenti, Oct. 5-6; Rodney Hood with Kory Hall, Oct. 12-13; Rob Haney with Nate Fridson, Oct. 19-20; Mike Dambra with Connie Ettinger, Oct. 26-27, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 624-5561.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Second City: Night of the Living Debt, Wednesdays-Sundays, 42705 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-4448 or go to www.secondcity.com.

The Fox Theatre: 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; Brian Setzer Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 7, 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; Neil Young, Nov. 10; Daryl Hall & John Oats Christmas Tour, Dec. 1; B.B. King, Feb, 16, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Van Halen, Oct. 22; Keith Urban, Nov. 3; Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Nov. 5; Fall Out Boy, Nov. 20; Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus, 7 p.m. Dec. 5, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

Joe Louis Arena: Van Halen, Oct. 20; Ozzy Osbourne and Rob Zombie, Dec. 18, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

Masonic Temple Theatre: Modest Mouse, Dec. 1, $35, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Joe Louis Arena: So You Think You Can Dance, top 10 finalists from hit show, Nov. 3, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 645-6666.

FAMILY

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.

Kensington Metropark: Carp Festival, Oct. 13-14, Nature Center, nature-related crafts, activities, games for kids, Rosco the Clown magic show, $1 per craft, 1-800-477-3178, www.metroparks.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.

Benzie County Fall Festival: Oct. 6-7 in Beulah and Benzonia; Oct. 13-15 in Frankfort, www.visitbenzie.com or call 1-800-882-5801.

Walking with Dinosaurs: The Live Experience runs Nov. 14-18, Cobo Arena, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

Rochester: Kris Kringle Market, inspired by German Christkindlmärkte, handcrafted gifts, German food and entertainment, noon-8 p.m. Nov. 23 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 24, East University between East and Water streets in downtown Rochester, 248/656-0060 or email rochesterdda@hotmail.com.

Masonic Temple: Modest Mouse, 8 p.m. Dec. 1, OlympiaEntertainment.com, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666.

FUND-RAISERS

San Marino Club: John Heffron, winner in second season of Last Comic Standing, 12th annual Celebrity Night Dinner, fund-raiser for Troy Community Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 11, silent auction, raffle, $125. www.troycoalition.com, (248) 823-5088.

Townsend Hotel: Merry-Go-Round black tie gala benefit, Hollywood Nights theme, fund-raiser for CARE House of Oakland County, 6 p.m. Oct. 13, $250-$350, 248-332-7173, www.carehouse.org

Skyline Steps Out: a gala fund-raiser for Skyline Camp and Conference Center, which serves underprivileged 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.

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Mambo Kings

POPS

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Beat Goes On (includes) music of the Baby Boomers' with The Beach Boys, The Beatles and Burt Bacharach. And Dave Bennett pays a tribute to Benny Goodman."

From the big band movement to music that draws a younger crowd, the DSO's Pops Season provides a diverse program.

Koppmeier said planning for the season begins a year in advance. The DSO takes into account what shows are available and have been performed in markets similar to Detroit's, as well as what shows are being offered in other area venues. "We like to keep it new and exciting," Koppmeier said.

The Pops crowd tends to differ from the audience that attends performances during the classical season. "The music is a lot more accessible," he said. "It's more popular. It's music that you know played by the symphony orchestra."

Koppmeier welcomed Pops fans and newcomers to see and hear it for themselves. "We would definitely like to see everyone come down and experience one of our Pops shows," he said. "It's a great introduction. If you come for classical, it's a fun change of pace. It's the lighter side of the symphony."

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portrays Emily Covington; Lee Stille is Bram Stoker; Keith Kalinowski is Inspector Louis Carsyle and Jacob Hodgson portrays The Strange Man in this production of *Dr. Seward's Dracula*.

Ferrante became involved with the Hamtramck theater in 2004 when she was cast in the show *Welcome to the Moon*. Two years ago she founded *Box Fest*, a festival honoring female directors, and in 2006 she was asked to join the board. "I was absolutely thrilled," she said.

"I love the space at Planet Ant," Ferrante said. "I love black box theaters." Zettelmaier's style of writing lends itself to a more intimate space, she noted. "It has so much emotion in it. We make the audience feel like they're inside the apartment."

Dr. Seward's Dracula kicks off Planet Ant's 11th season, one Ferrante described as very strong. The theater will welcome back Planet Ant veteran director Lavinia Moyer Hart, as well as spotlight a mix of original theater and improvisation.

"I am ecstatic about the season," she said. For more information, visit www.planetant.com.

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Planet Ant's Late Night Series: "Screwbury's House of Artifacts and Relics and Knick-Knacks," written and performed by Improv troupe Shark! and directed by PJ Jacokes. See it 10:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 12 through Nov. 3, at the theater, tickets $5, call (313) 365-4948.

Main Stage: Original Holiday Comedy by Director Margaret Edwartowski, runs Nov. 23 to Dec. 22.

Late Night Series: "Timeless: The Danceical!" The BoxFest 07 Audience Award Winner directed by Lauren Bickers, Dec. 7-22.

Main Stage: "A Woman of No Importance" by Oscar Wilde, directed by Mike McGettigan, Feb. 22 to March 15.

Late Night Series: "On Parenting" by Kelly Rossi, directed by Shannon Ferrante, Feb. 29 to March 15.

Main Stage: "Cobb" by Lee Blessing, directed by Joe Zettelmaier, May 2-24

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Sixth Annual Film & Video Festival: June 18-21 at the theater.

Main Stage: "In the Blood" by Susan Lori Parks and directed by Lavinia Moyer Hart Aug. 1-23.

A love affair with music

Prestigious Plymouth Symphony opens its 62nd season

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Conductor Cindy McTee

Sultry, and seductive sounds into a journey of fantasy, folk-tales and far-away musical landscapes.

Not a bad way to kick off an opening season, is it?

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra opens its 62nd season on Saturday, Oct. 6 under nationally acclaimed music director and conductor, Nan Washburn.

The PSO will inaugurate the season *A Love Affair with Music* with the opening night concert, *Exotic Nights*, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The concert opens with the haunting symphonic tone poem, *Night on Bald Mountain*, by Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky.

A powerful classic within Disney's *Fantasia*, the musical legend takes place on a Russian mountain during what the composer imagined was a sabbath celebrating the summer. Subterranean sounds and spirits emerge and frolic until being dispersed by a distant church bell at sunrise.

Then performers include Ward Presbyterian Chancel Choir and First Presbyterian Church of Northville Choir. The singers will perform an English poem selected to accompany Gabriel Faure's *Pavane*, under the directorship of Dr. Carole Halmekanges and Dr. Darlene Kuperus, respectively.

In a modern twist, Uruguayan-American composer Miguel del Aguila created his Conga for orchestra, an expanded version of his original chamber work *Conga Line in Hell*.

The inferno he suggests is at times sarcastic, grotesque and even humorous as dancers move to the hypnotic rhythms of orchestral jazz and salsa. The composer performs on piano as an honorary member of the Plymouth Symphony.

The evening concludes with Rimsky Korsakov's masterful score, *Scheherazade*, based on the book *One Thousand and One Arabian Nights*.

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A glimpse of the season schedule

"The Passion of the Piano" – Ward Presbyterian Church, Friday, Nov. 16. Guest pianist Armen Guzelimian perform's Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2." It's one of the most difficult and beautiful works in the literature but considered one of the greatest piano concertos ever written. Guest conductor is Cindy McTee.

"Blissful Baroque" – Village Theater at Cherry Hill (Orchestra Canton), Jan. 19.
Favorite tunes from 18th century master, George Fredrick Handel. Orchestra Canton performs Handel's works, like "Harmonious Blacksmith;" largo from opera "Xerxes; Water Music Suite No. 2 in D" and even the "Hallelujah Chorus" (and without the chorus). The featured soloist is harpist Maurice Draughn. Guest composer is Mary Watkin. The program will be part of the larger, township-wide commemoration of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Sensational Strings" – Ward Presbyterian Church, Feb. 9.
The PSO's former concertmaster and violin virtuoso Juliana Athayde returns.
Also that night is California-based guest composer Frank La Rocca. PCEP Middle School Orchestra and the Celebration Strings joins the PSO in their annual "Side-by-Side" performance playing Largo and Juba dance, from "Symphony in E Minor" by Florence Price who is considered to be the first black woman in the United states to win recognition as a composer.
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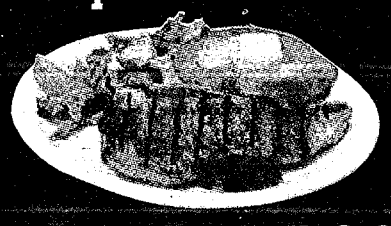

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The Game Plan' is warm, fuzzy and obvious

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HE GAME PLAN'

There's an obvious game plan re, turning Dwayne ``The ock" Johnson from tion-movie bruiser benign father fig- e, as *The Pacifier* d for Vin Diesel. hnson stars an egoma- acal football arterback ose run toward championship hits mplications when he comes caretaker to the 8-year- l daughter (Madison Pettis) never knew he had. Director ndy Fickman and screenwrit- s Nichole Millard and Kathryn ice deliver a prolonged series klutzy, inept dad gags and sce- rios, all leading to the inevi- ble warm fuzzies you knew ere coming before you walked to the theater. But finally, we get the chance to watch The ock coo *Are You Lonesome night?* then dance with little girls in tutus to Electric Light Orchestra's *Mr. Blue Sky*. PG for some mild thematic elements. 110 min. Two stars out of four.

David Germain, AP Movie Writer

'THE KINGDOM'

Simultaneously a well-crafted action flick and a drama about global politics, this film wants to appeal to both the lowest common denominator as well as those seeking more intellectual fare. It only moderately succeeds at achieving both. Director Peter Berg (*Friday Night Lights*), working from a script by Matthew Michael Carnahan, raises some intriguing questions about vengeance and cultural misconceptions, then comes up with answers that feel a bit too pat. He's assembled a strong cast in Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Chris Cooper and Jason Bateman, then has them solve a complicated terrorist attack in a matter of mere days in a country where they're not exactly wanted. The four star as FBI agents who secretly travel to Saudi Arabia to determine who was behind a massive, deadly bombing at an American oil company compound in Riyadh.

The film has a visual intensity and intimacy reminiscent of Michael Mann (who happens to be one of the producers), with a prolonged, climactic gun battle that's especially brutal. R for intense sequences of graphic brutal violence, and for language. 110 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

'LUST, CAUTION'

Overwrought and overlong, Ang Lee's film nevertheless has some moments of exquisite beauty and a potentially star-making performance from newcomer Tang Wei — that is, for those few who can find the time and emotional dedication the film demands.

It'll be a tough sell, and not just for the NC-17 rating the film famously received for graphic sex scenes that are sometimes brutal, sometimes borrowed from Cirque du Soleil. (Lee himself acknowledged as much recently, saying: ``It's not very audience-friendly for a market like the U.S. It's not their subject matter.") Based on a short story by beloved Chinese writer Eileen Chang and set in Japanese-occupied Shanghai during World War II, *Lust, Caution* follows the torrid love affair between a top Japanese collaborator (veteran Tony Leung) and a young spy (Tang) who's posing as an affluent married woman to lure him into an assassination plot. Trouble is, she ends up falling for him, and he for her, which Lee captures in tragic noir fashion.

Lee and screenwriters James Schamus and Wang Hui Ling are slavishly faithful to the details of Chang's work (the lush clothing, the gaudy jewels) while at the same time vastly expanding on it. Rodrigo Prieto — who also shot *Brokeback Mountain*, which earned Lee a best-director Oscar — provides the dramatic cinematography. NC-17 for some explicit sexuality. 156 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

'TRADE'

This drama is about the kidnapping and selling of girls and boys into sex slavery, a crime that goes on all over the world — including the United States, you may be surprised to learn. A horrific topic, to be sure, one that people ought to know about but probably would rather block from their minds.

Unfortunately, the film itself feels more exploitative than enlightening — and, fundamentally, it's a rather rushed thriller that offers more in the way of queasy moments than genuine suspense. German director Marco Kreuzpaintner, making his American debut, and Oscar-nominated screenwriter Jose Rivera, who showed a much surer hand with *The Motorcycle Diaries*, make the mistake of trying to lighten the unbearable weight of the material with forced buddy comedy.

An uncomfortably cast Kevin Kline stars as a Texas cop who reluctantly teams up with a 17-year-old Mexican (Cesar Ramos) to find the boy's younger sister, who was abducted and is about to be auctioned off online. R for disturbing sexual material involving minors, violence including a rape, language and some drug content. 113 min. One and a half stars out of four.

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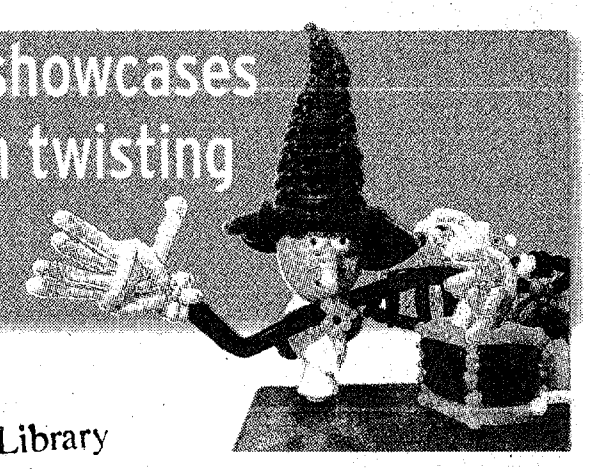

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East Middle School social studies/language arts teacher Melissa Mosquera holds a photograph of her brother, Pvt. Justin Judkins of Canton, who is currently in Iraq. Her social studies sixth-grade class has been collecting items to send and surprise her brother's unit.

Care packages

East kids pitch in for soldiers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When 11-year-old Daniel VandenBerg noticed the table set up in his East Middle School social studies class to collect supplies for soldiers in Iraq was bare, he decided to try and get the ball rolling by donating a couple of big packs of gum.

"I just wanted to put some stuff on the table so other kids would be encouraged to put more," said VandenBerg, a sixth-grader from Canton. "The pile grew and grew and grew, and now it's really huge. It shows we really care for the people who are out there fighting for us."

As a result, the project begun by students after a discussion on core democratic values — specifically the one on common good — resulted in several dozen boxes being shipped Friday to Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment in Baqubah, Iraq.

The platoon of American soldiers includes teacher Melissa Mosquera's 19-year-old brother, Pvt. Justin Judkins of Canton.

"We decided that since my brother is there, we would send the supplies to his platoon, which has about 50 soldiers," said Mosquera, 28, of Livonia. "Originally, we thought we'd send two-three boxes, but it's grown to about 40 as other classes became involved. I think we'll be able to send an individual box to each soldier in the platoon."

Those boxes are filled with such items as Gold Bond powder to ward off the 120-degree heat, personal wipes for when soldiers are on a mission and can't shower, soft toilet paper, lip balm and an assortment of snacks and reading material.

"I think the soldiers are donating their time to protect our country and other countries, so we should donate to them," said Jessica Prieskorn, 11, of Canton, who donated Kool-Aid Singles, wet wipes and hand sanitizer.

"It makes me feel really good," added Kayla Braun, 11, also of Canton, about her donation of hard candy, toothpaste and snacks. "It let's them know they're helping their country and people really care what they're doing in Iraq."

East Middle School sixth-graders Ariana Bekiri (left to right), Jenna Nutter and Jessica Prieskorn pack a box for the soldiers in Iraq with their social studies classmates.

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Election shuffle

District urged to move board vote

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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An online petition drive to convince the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to move its May school board election to November to save as much as $100,000 annually is beginning to steamroll, with hundreds of signatures in less than a week.

Former P-CCS board president Mark Horvath of Canton Township, who served from 1994-98, said the money the district saved could better be used to improve education for kids.

"In addition to this tremendous savings, voter turnout for these very important school elections will likely increase from the 5-10-percent currently seen in school elections, to 60 or 70 percent typically seen in general elections," Horvath said on his Web site. "For a school district that continues to complain that there is not enough money in the classroom, saving the equivalent of two teachers per year by simply changing the day we vote, almost seems too simple.

WHAT IT COST

Here's what the Plymouth-Canton school district has paid in election costs the last four years:

ELECTION COST
May 2005 $35,280
May 2006 $99,357
Feb 2007 $98,005
May 2007 $51,779

"While this sounds simple, several members of the school board say that this kind of change will 'attract the wrong kind of candidates' and encourage 'the wrong kind of people to get involved,'" Horvath added. "For an educational institution that talks about diversity and inclusion, these types of excuses should never be acceptable and these folks should be ashamed to even make this argument."

Horvath said he plans to present his petition and list of online signatures to the school board at the Oct. 23 meeting.

Board President Judy Mardigian said she doubts trustees will decide by the state's Dec. 31 deadline to move the election.

Please see **ELECTION, A5**

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Union leaders talk shop at local get-together

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

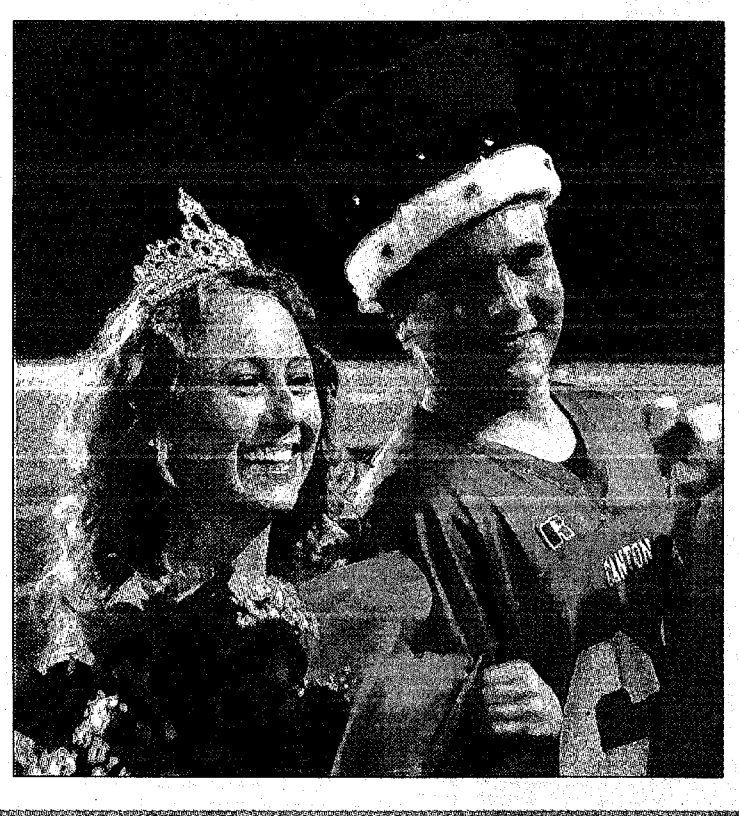
Labor leaders Ron Gettelfinger of the UAW and Iris Salters of the Michigan Education Association were glad to see each other Wednesday.

"No problem," MEA president Salters of Lansing said of her drive to the Plymouth Township home of John and Beth Stewart for a social gathering. "Congratulations on your contract," she added to Gettelfinger regarding the recent pact with General Motors. "It sounds like you did a good job."

Gettelfinger

The gathering at the Stewart home (John Stewart is a former state representative) gave UAW International president Gettelfinger and the MEA's Salters a chance to meet union members and talk about the state of organized labor in Michigan and elsewhere.

Please see **UNION, A5**



Brooke Van Esley is Canton High School's 2007 Homecoming Queen. Her escort, Alex Marsh, fills in for King Matt Ganzak, a football player who was with his team in the locker room during the halftime festivities. For complete coverage of the Chief's 35-22 victory over Wayne see today's sports section beginning with page B1.

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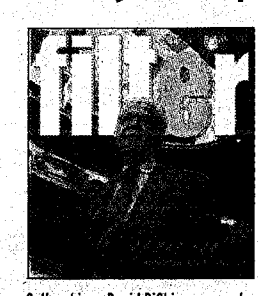

Cultural icon David DiChiera presents his first original opera, "Cyrano."

Plymouth Community Council on Aging officials announced this week they were cancelling former baseball player Tom Paciorek's scheduled Monday appearance.

Paciorek, who enjoyed a long career in the major leagues and then got into broadcasting, had been scheduled to appear in a PCCA program, "Coffee with a Baseball Legacy," at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

However, according to the PCCA, Paciorek fell while playing golf and was rushed to the hospital with a hip problem.

"We regretfully must cancel the program," said PCCA program coordinator Roberta Pummill. "We understand from his good friend, Raymond Rolak, that Tom has undergone surgery and would not be available for weeks. We all wish Tom a speedy recovery."

All ticket sales will be refunded, and PCCA officials said every effort will be made to contact everyone.

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

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution Northville/Plymouth chapter meet 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady.

Guest speaker Beth Stewart, former director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, will talk about historical preservation.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

St. John's concert

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts "Cosmopolitan Connections," an early music concert featuring cantatas of the 17th-century German master Dieterich Buxtehude and solo harpsichord works by Johann Froberger.

The concert takes place 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, in Plymouth Township. Admission is free.

Performers include renowned singer/organist Deborah Friauff, Eastern Michigan University Organ Professor Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra, early music orchestra on period instruments, small professional choir.

For more information, call (734) 453.0190, Ext. 16.

Delta Kappa Gamma show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 21st annual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

The show will feature more than 100 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission $2.

Call (734) 254-0849 or e-mail sweisz59@comcast.net for more information on the show or about exhibiting crafts.

Choir concert

The award-winning P-CEP Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp, will join with the P-CEP Orchestra and Symphony Strings, under the direction of Catherine DePentu, for a collaborative Fall Concert 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the Salem High School Auditorium.

The choirs will feature a medley of Motown classics, music from the film Dreamgirls, and the musical My Fair Lady, as well as works by Joseph M. Martin, Moses Hogan, John Rutter, and others.

The choirs will also debut a new choral arrangement of *This Is Halloween* from the film *A Nightmare Before Christmas*, arranged by PCEP Choir sophomore, Matthew Dempsey. In addition, Mr. Tim Schoenherr, the Arts Coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will pick up the baton and conclude the concert as the special guest conductor for an arrangement of the traditional Shaker tune Simple Gifts, featuring the combined talents of the over 300 students in the PCEP Choirs and Orchestras.

Tickets are on sale now at a cost of $4 each pre-sale and will be available at the door on the night of the concert for $5.00 each. Tickets are available from P-CEP Choir and Orchestra students as well as from Room 1603 at Salem High School. For more information please contact the P-CEP Choir Office at (734) 416-7765 or visit www.pcep-choirs.org.

PCAC exhibit

The Plymouth Arts Council presents an exhibit, "New Detroit Landscape," by artist Darcel Deneau, running through Oct. 31.

Ten years ago, Deneau decided to make a lifestyle change after a tragic and life altering experience. Loss and grief brought into clear focus that art was an important part of her life. Returning to CCS, she completed her degree in 2002 and has continued to paint ever since.

Reflected by her aggressively painted landscapes bearing familiar buildings and Detroit's signature grey skies, is great optimism and passion for the resurgence of a city which holds many treasured childhood memories.

Deneau has steadily exhibited her work throughout the metropolitan Detroit area and was commissioned to do the 2007 poster artwork for the 28th Detroit International Jazz Festival.

The exhibit is open free to the general public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday (except Thursday mornings). For more information call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or visit Deneua's Web site at www.Darcel-Deneau.com

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by appointment only; limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3232.

Smith School spree

Smith Elementary School hosts its fifth-annual Shopping Spree fund-raiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.

The event features more than 25 home-based businesses that will have their product line available for purchase. Come check out the raffle, too! Proceeds from the $1 admission and the raffle go directly to the Smith Elementary PFO.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey.

For more information, call (734) 454-4389.

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Going solar

Donna Napolitano, owner of Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, shows off a hot water tank that uses soloar power. The business, which provides solar and alternative energy products and services, will be participating in the American Solar Energy Society's National Solar Tour with an open house on Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants can tour the MES facility featuring a working demonstration center For more, visit www.by-solar.com, or call (734)453-6746. For more information on the ASES National Solar Tour, visit www.ases.org/tour.

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Keep Your Spine In Shape To Tackle Your Yard This Fall

"Before you rev up the lawnmower or reach for your rake this fall, consider the possible consequences: upper or lower-back strain, neck strain and pain in the shoulders."

The American Chiropractic Association offers the following tips to help prevent spinal problems.

• Do stretching exercises, without bouncing, for a total of 10 to 15 minutes spread over the course of your work. Do knee-to-chest pulls, trunk rotations, and side bends with hands above your head and fingers locked. Take a short walk to stimulate circulation. When finished with the yard work, repeat the stretching exercises.

• Stand as straight as possible, and keep your head up as you rake or mow.

• When it's still warm outside, avoid the heat. If you're a morning person, get the work done before 10 a.m. Otherwise, do your chores after 6 p.m.

• When raking, use a "scissors" stance: right foot forward and left foot back for a few minutes, then reverse, putting your left foot forward and right foot back.

• Bend at the knees, not the waist, as you pick up piles of leaves or grass from the grass catcher. Make the piles small to decrease the possibility of back strain.

• When mowing, use your whole body weight to push the mower. If your mower has a pull cord, don't twist at the waist or yank the cord. Instead bend at the knees and pull in one smooth motion.

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Buses get high grade from state

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

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Plymouth-Canton buses received an ';A+' after a recent safety inspection.

Plymouth-Canton school bus mechanics received an "A+" after a state safety inspector red-tagged only one of 137 school buses during the annual Michigan State Police fleet inspection completed earlier this week.

"The kind of score the guys made happen is off the charts," said Melvin Latnie, P-CCS transportation director. "This is the best score we've received since the 1994-95 school year. Words can't express how excited and proud I am of the mechanics, they did an awesome job."

The only problem found by MSP inspector was a faulty loading light switch in one of the final buses in the fleet to be inspected.

"We pulled out the switch and made the repair in a matter of minutes," Latnie said. "The bus didn't even make it out of the garage."

Latnie said to have 137 buses inspected and find only one minor problem speaks to the district's recently developed maintenance program.

"We couldn't do this without the preventative maintenance program that we have," he said. "To have one of the toughest inspectors in the program come to your fleet and inspect that many buses and find only one minor problem is unheard of."

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Plymouth Township resident kills rabid fox; caution urged

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Two Plymouth Township residents had to get rabies shots after encounters with a fox in the western part of the township near Ann Arbor Trail and Beacon Hill.

A third victim, who was not injured by the fox, killed the animal by striking it with a garden tool, according to Plymouth Township police.

The incidents all occurred Tuesday in the area of the township adjoining Plymouth Township Park, police Chief Tom Tiderington said. Tests on the animal's body showed it to be rabid, Tiderington said.

"The health department examined the fox and determined it was rabid," Tiderington said.

The fox reportedly bit a jogger and a resident who was working in his yard at the time of the attack. The animal attempted to bite the shoe of the third victim, who hit it with a shovel.

Another resident warded the fox off with a weeding tool he was using in his yard, Tiderington said.

Tiderington said there could be other, unreported attacks, and encouraged anyone who came in contact with the fox to do two things: Report it to the police and see a doctor.

"The message we want to get out is anyone else who had an encounter should seek medical attention," Tiderington said. "Residents should also be on the lookout for other animals appearing to be in duress or exhibiting strange behavior. It's possible the fox bit some household pets."

Any questions or concerns the general public may have regarding wild animals and rabies can be answered by contacting Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7078 or at the Web site www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases

For more information on this incident, call the township police, (734) 354-3236.

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Coffee and a raffle ticket

Blanket adds jolt to Caribou promotion

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

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Caribou Coffee's Dan Kaump and Kim Kiser display the quilt to be raffled off to raise money for breast cancer research.

Megan Kaump has seen enough people suffer with breast cancer in her life that she wanted to do something tangible to help.

Remembering three great-grandmothers, her dad's boss and others who battled the disease, and knowing her father's employer, Caribou Coffee, was doing an October promotion to benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 18-year-old Megan decided to pitch in.

She crafted a quilt that will be raffled off at the Plymouth Township Caribou Coffee as part of the national chain's "Amy's Blend" promotion during October. During the promotion, the store will stock up on "Amy's "Blend" regular and decaf coffee, named in honor of former Caribou employee and breast cancer victim Amy Erickson.

"(Megan) had an idea to put together a blanket after seeing some material while we were on another project." said her dad, Don Kaump, the store manager of the Plymouth store, located at Five Mile and Sheldon. "She thought she could make a blanket and raise funds for the project."

Customers can participate by making monetary donations or purchasing Amy's Blend coffees. While the chain hopes to donate $100,000 to Komen for the Cure, Kaump said the local store will turn the donations into gifts of coffee to Angela Hospice.

"At end of the month, we're going to raffle off the blanket," Kaump said. "We'll take the money from donations, purchase the special blend of coffee and deliver it over to the folks at Angela Hospice.

"We did it earlier in the year and donated 125 pounds of coffee," Kaump added. "This time it's more thought-out, we're going at it a couple of different ways, so we hope to be able to give them a couple of hundred pounds of coffee to help the meet the needs of hospice families."

Caribou Coffee is located at 44601 Five Mile (at Sheldon). For more information, call (734) 459-4473.

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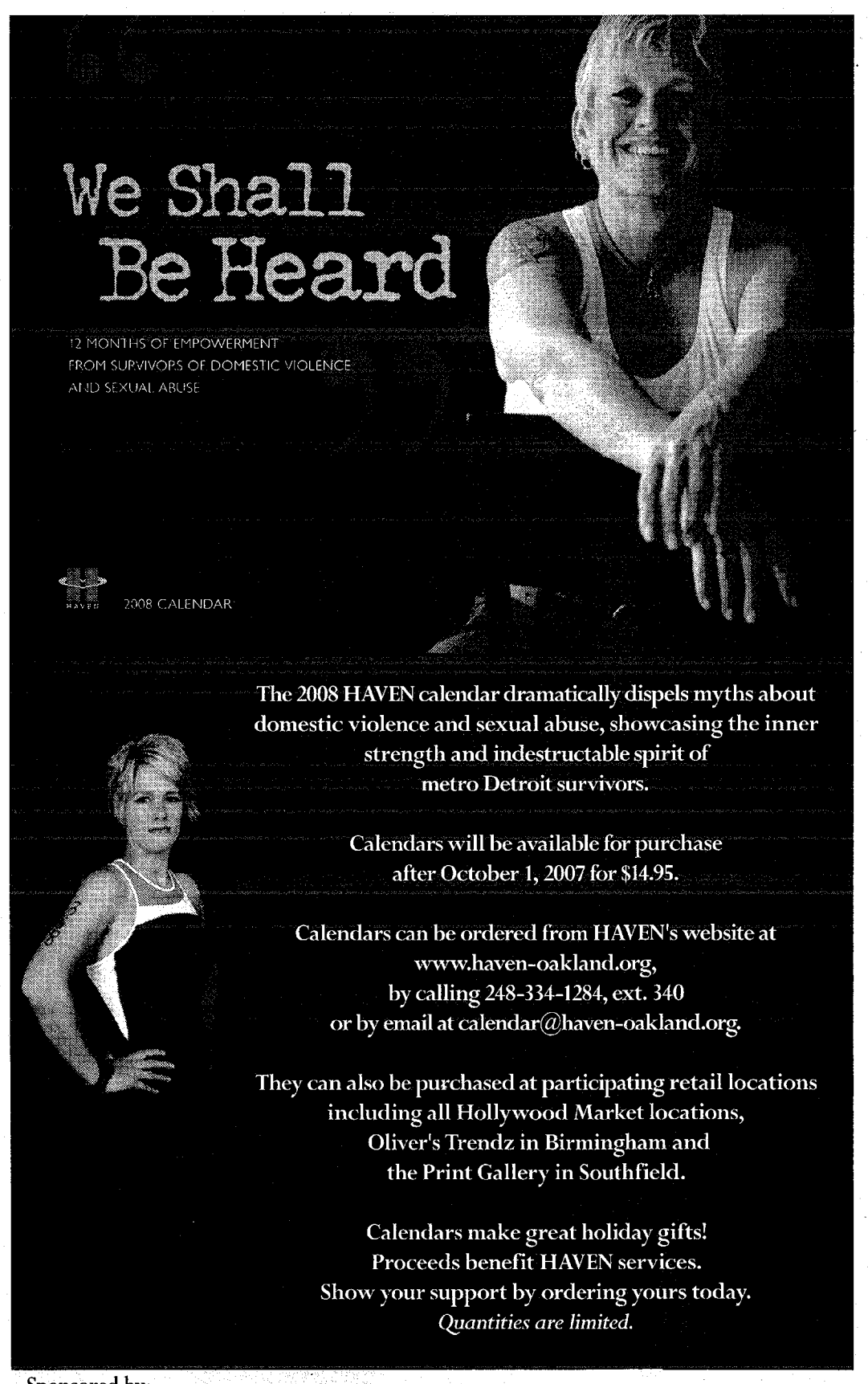

The 2008 HAVEN calendar dramatically dispels myths about domestic violence and sexual abuse, showcasing the inner strength and indestructable spirit of metro Detroit survivors.

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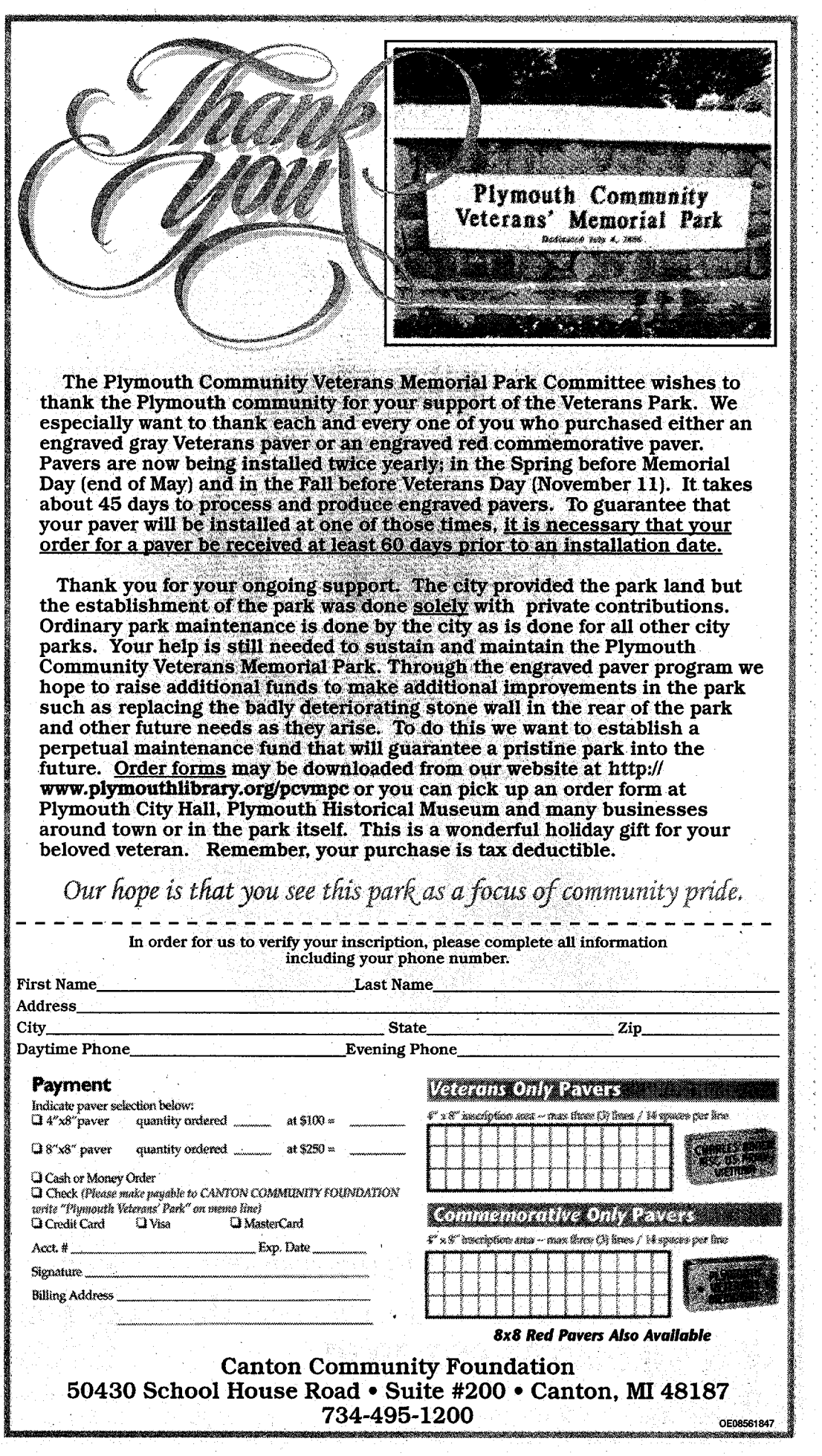

The Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park Committee wishes to thank the Plymouth community for your support of the Veterans Park. We especially want to thank each and every one of you who purchased either an engraved gray Veterans paver or an engraved red commemorative paver. Pavers are now being installed twice yearly; in the Spring before Memorial Day (end of May) and in the Fall before Veterans Day (November 11). It takes about 45 days to process and produce engraved pavers. To guarantee that your paver will be installed at one of those times, it is necessary that your order for a paver be received at least 60 days prior to an installation date.

Thank you for your ongoing support. The city provided the park land but the establishment of the park was done solely with private contributions. Ordinary park maintenance is done by the city as is done for all other city parks. Your help is still needed to sustain and maintain the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park. Through the engraved paver program we hope to raise additional funds to make additional improvements in the park such as replacing the badly deteriorating stone wall in the rear of the park and other future needs as they arise. To do this we want to establish a perpetual maintenance fund that will guarantee a pristine park into the future. Order forms may be downloaded from our website at http://www.plymouthlibrary.org/pcvmpc or you can pick up an order form at Plymouth City Hall, Plymouth Historical Museum and many businesses around town or in the park itself. This is a wonderful holiday gift for your beloved veteran. Remember, your purchase is tax deductible.

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O&E papers take state awards

The *Canton Observer* earned a first place for general excellence and Plymouth/Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright earned a first place for best sports column writing in the 2007 Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest.

They were among the 23 awards the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* won in the annual contest. Winners were announced this week.

"The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are proud to be honored by the MPA," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor. "Staff members remain committed to producing the best community newspapers possible. The awards are a tribute to the hard work and passion we all have for the readers and communities we serve."

Individual honors were awarded as follows:

Other awards captured by the *O&E* group included:

■ Spot News Coverage - Larry Ruehlen, *West Bloomfield Eccentric*, first place; Darrell Clem, Westland Observer, second place; Hugh Gallagher, *Farmington Observer*, third place.

■ Enterprise Reporting - Darrell Clem, *Westland Observer*, second place; Larry Ruehlen, *West Bloomfield Eccentric*, third place.

■ Editorial Writing - Gary Winkelman, *Rochester Eccentric*, second place; Julie Brown, *Mirror*, second place; Dave Varga, *Livonia Observer*, third place.

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■ News Picture - Tom Hawley, *Garden City Observer*, first place.

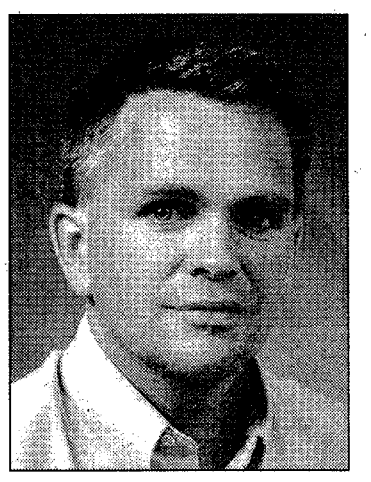
■ Feature Picture - Lawrence McKee, *Southfield Eccentric*, second place.

■ Picture Story - Lawrence McKee, *West Bloomfield Eccentric*, third place.

■ Sports Writing - Marty Budner, *Birmingham Eccentric*, first place.

■ Sports Coverage - Tim Smith, *Redford Observer*, first place; Mike Rosenbaum, *West Bloomfield Eccentric*, honorable mention.

■ Sports Features - Tim Smith, *Garden City Observer*, first place; Tim Smith, *Redford Observer*, honorable mention.



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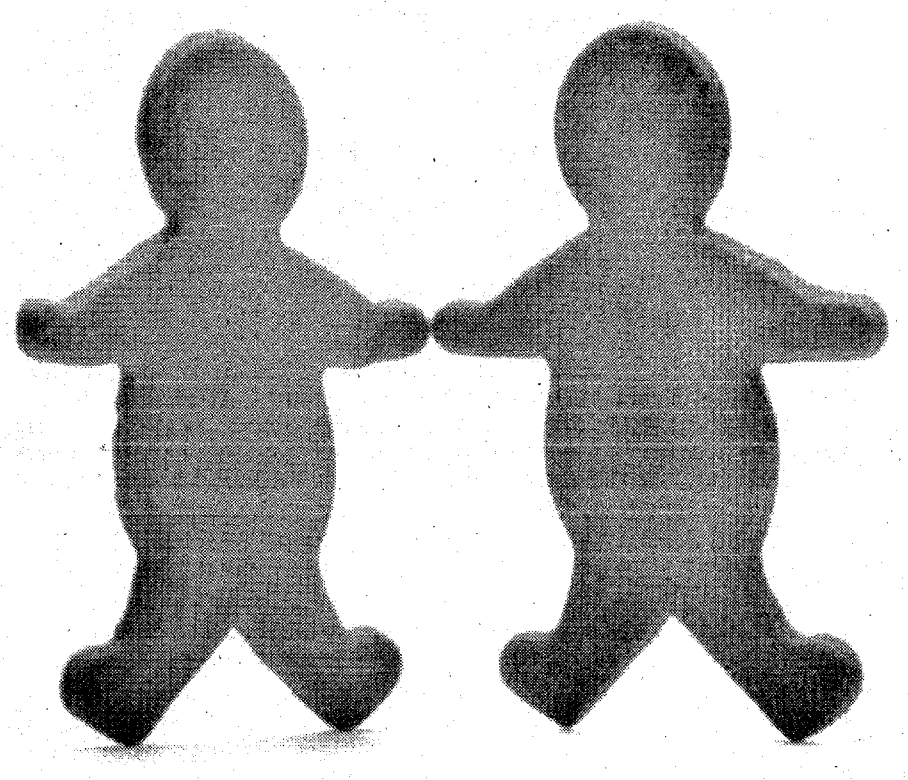

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UNION

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"We're in the process of voting on it now," Gettelfinger said of the GM pact, approved by union leadership with hopes to have the nod from the rank and file by Oct. 10. "We're very happy with the agreement overall. We're very pleased with it."

The pact provides a voluntary employees beneficiary association (VEBA), an independent trust to be responsible for managing a portion of growing health care costs for workers and retirees. Gettelfinger's at the table now with Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler to talk about contract issues.

"In fact, I left earlier today to come here tonight," he said. "This is a much more pleasant evening."

The two labor leaders agreed health care is a major concern for working people and businesses.

"Certainly it's a problem all over," Salters said. "Health care needs to be dealt with. It has been ongoing in (school contract) discussions."

A VEBA arrangement wouldn't work for Michigan's more than 500 school districts, which are overseen by independent school boards, unlike auto company negotiations, she said.

Gettelfinger, who noted George W. Bush's departure soon from the White House, emphasized the need for fair trade practices, adding that during the Bush years over three million manufacturing jobs have been lost. "It's not competition that's bad, it's unfair trade agreements," Gettelfinger said.

He cited the unsafe toy scare involving toys made in China. With a unionized workforce, there wouldn't have been a problem with lead on toys, he said.

"It's a safety concern on both ends," for consumers and workers. "We need fair trade agreements," he said, noting the huge trade deficit.

"What's fair about that? How does the United States win?" Gettelfinger, a Canton resident, asked.

Salters noted that manufacturing jobs lost in Michigan aren't being easily filled. "Without having an educated workforce, we're not going to be able to attract businesses. We're going to have to fill that void."

Both labor leaders watched the budget crisis in Lansing closely, with Gettelfinger noting the UAW represents state workers. "It's a mess, no doubt about it," said Gettelfinger, who said he's concerned that Gov. Jennifer Granholm has taken too much of the blame for problems she inherited.

"She's just trying to find a way to work through them," he said of problems.

Salters said the state budget was balanced "on the backs" of state teachers and other school workers represented by her union. "So they put at risk the Democratic members of the House and Senate," she said. "It was not a good deal."

The talk wasn't all serious, with time to relax and socialize and a dance group Boots in Motions based in Belleville performing outdoors on the warm fall evening while guests enjoyed coffee and pumpkin and apple pie. Gettelfinger's busy negotiating union contracts right now, but paused to praise his Canton home he shares with wife Judy. She drives a Ford Escape, he a Ford 500.

"For us, it's just wonderful," Ron Gettelfinger said of his Canton home, bought partly because of nearness to the airport and excellent schools, important for value even without young children.

"We love Canton," he said. "It's a wonderful community, continuing to grow."

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ELECTION

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"It's an area we definitely have to look at, but with everything we have going on with the superintendent's search and budget redesign, it's not at the forefront right now," Mardigian said. "There are other ways to garner savings in the election area, and the board will have to look at the options."

When the Board of Education decided not to move the 2008 election, several board members were concerned the change could lead to partisan politicking. The decision was made after the May school board election in which board members were concerned about the candidacy of Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township, who some believed was using the school board as a springboard to further his political career.

In a June 10 guest column in the Plymouth and Canton *Observer* newspapers, Trustee Steven Sneideman suggested moving the election to November would result in the political parties taking over what are now non-partisan boards.

"Moving school board elections to November will cause political parties to become involved with choosing school board members," Sneideman wrote. "It is not inconceivable that Democrat and Republican leaders would place party members in strategic school districts to run in November elections. This appears to be the wave of the future."

Mardigian believed the costs associated with running a school board campaign would jump dramatically if politics was entered into the equation.

"The cost to get into an election and the kind of fund-raising needed would go up quite a few notches," Mardigian said at the May 29 school board meeting. "I just don't think we're going to get the kind of people who have come up through the system and have served on district committees."

Politics aside, figures given to the Board of Education in July by Supt. Jim Ryan appear to indicate moving the election to November could save the district up to $100,000 every two years. Municipal clerks in the six districts that comprise Plymouth-Canton Community Schools indicate they wouldn't charge the school district for election services in even-numbered years if the school board election is on their regular ballot.

Years in which those communities don't have an election, the bill — according to past election charges — would be close to $100,000.

"I think it's pretty clear what people are telling the board," Horvath said of his petition drive. "The public wants them to take action on this and put the money in the classroom and spend it on kids."

Horvaths' petition is online at www.PetitionOnline.com/PCCS/petition.html.

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ON THE AGENDA

Plymouth-Canton school board

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S Harvey, in Plymouth.

Agenda items include special recognition for MEEMIC Insurance; the audit presentation; resolution to ratify tentative agreement between district and the Plymouth-Canton Administrators; various reports from staff.

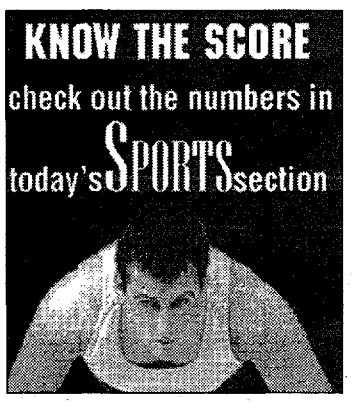
For more information, call (734) 416-2700.

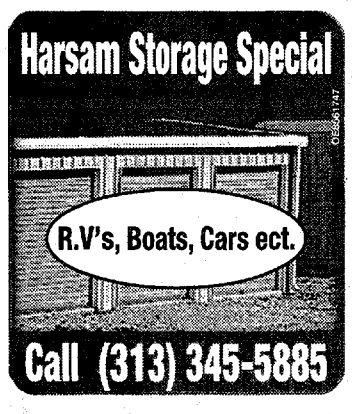
Plymouth Township Board

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Among the items on the agenda is discussion of appointments to the township's compensation commisson; a real-property appraisal of Automotive Components Holdings; a release of easement for Fifth Third Bank; purchase of digital video recording equipment for patrol cars; and the proposed schedule of 2008 meetings.

For more information, call (734) 354-3202.





Doing well, doing good: It's easy to find socially responsible investment options

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

What is socially responsible investing and where do I go to find more information about it?

A: There isn't one definition for socially responsible investing. Typically, socially responsible investing is focused on only investing in companies that achieve some social purpose. For example, some people define it as investing in companies that have good environmental records. Others avoid companies involved in the tobacco or alcohol business.

In the past, investment options for a socially responsible investor were very limited. That is no longer the case. There are many different types of investment vehicles, including mutual funds that are considered socially responsible.

For the individual who considers himself/herself a socially responsible investor, it is important to define the meaning. Once it's defined, you can narrow your search to look for the appropriate investment. The easiest and probably most productive way to become a socially responsible investor is to use mutual funds. That way you can get independent information about how the fund has performed and review the prospectus which explains the funds.

In many cases, investors who are socially responsible sometimes forget to look at the performance of the fund or the fee structure. Just like any other type of fund, there are socially responsible funds that have very high fees and commissions and there are other ones that have solid performance and low fees. As a socially responsible investor, don't forget the basics about investing money. An informative and education Web site is www.socialfunds.com.

Remember, socially responsible investing does not does not necessarily mean underperformance or lower returns.

My estate is approaching a million dollars and it has been recommended that I consider buying a life insurance policy to pay my estate taxes. I am 69, married and upon my death my wife will inherent our estate and then eventually it will go to our two children. Do you recommend that I buy life insurance?

A: It makes no sense to buy life insurance to pay your estate taxes. Based on the size of your estate, there would be zero estate taxes upon you and your wife's death and thus no need for life insurance.

It is important to understand how estate taxes work. The estate is based upon the fair market value of your assets upon death.

In fact, many people will tell you life insurance is not subject to tax, but they are incorrect. The proceeds of your life insurance policy are included in your estate for estate tax purposes. There are ways of removing life insurance from an estate by establishing an irrevocable trust. There are other issues associated with your irrevocable trust such as significant costs.

According to the law today, the first $2 million of assets is estate tax free. In 2009, the number will be $3.5 million. In addition, whatever you leave to a spouse is estate tax free. A strategy that some people use is they purchase a life insurance policy, establish an irrevocable trust and use the proceeds to pay any estate taxes.

As far as I am concerned, there are only limited cases where this strategy is effective. First, by doing a living trust, the great majority of people should be able to avoid all estate taxes.

Even if you were in a taxable estate situation, I am not sure that buying a life insurance policy and establishing the irrevocable trust is an effective strategy. After all, there are significant costs associated with the insurance policy and the irrevocable trust.

The need for life insurance is need-based and only in rare situations do I recommend purchasing it to pay estate taxes. I am not opposed to life insurance, because in many situations it's needed to provide liquidity in an estate.

Life insurance is not an investment, it is a means of covering risks. Before before you buy any type of insurance policy, make sure there is a risk worth insuring.

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

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Deadline to enter the contest is **5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15.**

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Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" will feature Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and *O&E* columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

Fieger

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters. The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

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WAYNE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter 1 and 3, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, the County of Wayne, Michigan, has determined that it was in the best interest of the public to absolutely abandoned and discontinued that the following described road and alley rights-of-way, subject to a reservation of a easement for public utilities, storm water conveyance and county drain purposes, situated in the Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, by Wayne County Commission Resolution Number 2007-465 passed on August 30, 2007.

All of those alleys, 18 feet wide, as dedicated to the use of the public, adjoining Lots 1 through 280 and not previously vacated in the Resolution recorded in Liber 27223 on Page 709, inclusive, in DYE BROS. WAYNE PARK SUBDIVISION, lying South of Michigan Avenue, being a part of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 34, T.2 S., R.8 E., Canton Twp, Wayne Co., Michigan, recorded in Liber 38 of Plats on Page 69, Wayne County Records. AND ALSO: All those portions of Oakview Street (25 feet wide), Gibson Street (25 feet wide), and Washburn Street (50 feet wide), as platted, lying South of the South line of Leopold Street (50 feet wide) and North of the South line of said subdivision, as platted, adjoining Lots 44 though 58 inclusive, to the East of Oakview Street; Lots 59 through 73 and Lots 105 through 119 inclusive, astride Washburn Street; Lots 58, 59, 119, and 120 North of Gibson Street.

True copies of this notice are served and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
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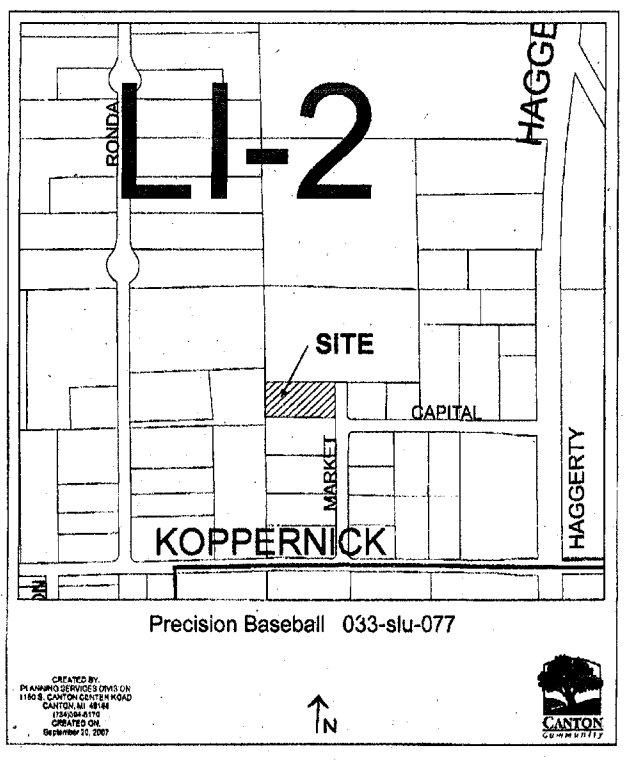
PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 22, 2007 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

PRECISION BASEBALL SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN INDOOR RECREATION TRAINING FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NO. 003 02 0005 000 (7835 MARKET). Property is located north of Koppernick and west of Haggerty Road.



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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 18, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Officials at PageMaster Publishing Company, located in Perry, Mich., has big expectations for their newest author, Lilli Babits. Released in August, her debut novel, *Northern Destinies*, has already captured hundreds of readers, many of whom are asking, "When is the sequel coming?"

Plymouth readers will get a chance to ask that question when Babits appears at a book signing at the Book Cellar & Cafe 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

Northern Destinies, an idyllic story set in Michigan and Illinois, illustrates how faith and perseverance eventually reveal our true destiny. As the Midwestern characters journey from childhood to independence, their paths are replete with crossroads, triumphs, and painful losses. When their lives converge in the library of a small Lake Michigan town, an unpretentious love is born that results in whimsical adventures, a rapturous courtship, and fairy-tale ending.

"Many readers have emailed reviews that praise the story for its gentle prose, endearing and memorable characters, and delightful ending," says Gwenna Davis, CEO of PageMaster Publishing. "The correspondence we've received indicates that the book makes a very positive impact on the hearts of the women who read it."

Babits was born in Cadillac and grew up in a Detroit suburb with her parents and four siblings. After graduating from St. Agatha High School, she moved to California where she married Robert, attended college, and worked as a technical editor and writer.

She and her husband relocated to Knoxville, Tennessee in 1990 where their two sons were born. In 2001, the Babits family made Howell, Michigan their hometown.

For more information on *Northern Destinies*, contact Babits directly at RLBabits@comcast.net. To contact her publisher, go to www.pagemasterpublishing.com or call (800) 260-2923.

Writer featured in exhibit

Martin

Award-winning photographer and poet Cheryl A. Martin juried into Canton's 15th Fine Arts Exhibit which runs through Oct. 28.

"This is my second year jurying into this fine exhibit. I am very happy that my piece titled 'Lawrence' is a part of the exhibit," she said. "'Lawrence' is a portrait of a Livonia World War II hero. He's also a friend of mine."

The portrait juried into the InnerScapes exhibit in Lowell in 2006, and is presently in the third-annual portrait show in Orion Township through Nov. 3.

Her work also appears in the "Healing Arts Exhibit" which opened in Orion Township, and is presently in Waterford.

All of her fine art photographs are for sale, and she can be reached at peroinc5@comcast.net. As the author of "Woman Reclining," she has photographs inside to illustrate a few poems. Her Web site is http://outskirtspress.com/womanreclining

Martin is also a featured author on Amazon.com through Amazon's shorts program. Her piece, "Writing My Book of Poetry" has been available since July.

As an artists she's happy to be a part of Canton's Fine Arts exhibit where she'll also be teaching a class titled, "Following The Muse." She is still accepting students for this eight-week class.

Martin is the owner of Pero Inc., a full service writing, editing, consulting, and publishing company. For more information, e-mail her at peroinc5@comcast.net or call (734) 397-1626.

BPW Week celebration

BPW/Plymouth and Business and Professional Women/USA announce the annual National Business Women's Week takes place Oct. 15–19. NBWW offers communities, companies and organizations an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of working women. It also offers a chance for local BPW/USA organizations across the country to recognize companies and individuals that have made strides toward improving working women's lives in their communities.

In recognition of National Business Women's Week, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume issued a proclamation urging "all citizens in Plymouth Township, all civic and fraternal groups, all educational associations, all news media, and other community organizations to join the salute to working women and to encourage and promote the celebration of the achievements of all business and professional women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic and cultural purposes."

The week "is a significant way to observe and raise awareness about women in businesses and women-owned businesses in Plymouth," said BPW/Plymouth President, Gail Scherer. BPW/Plymouth is an active member of the Plymouth community, providing scholarship opportunities to women, many head-of-household, for career advancement or women that are re-entering the workforce who demonstrate financial need.

Plymouth lawyer 'Super'

Dickinson Wright PLLC attorney Sharon R. Newlon of Plymouth has been included in Michigan Super Lawyers 2007 for her expertise in environmental law.

Newlon

Michigan Super Lawyers identifies the top 5 percent of attorneys in the state as chosen by their peers (more than 30,000 attorneys across the state who have been in practice for five years or more) and through the independent research of Law & Politics.

Newlon is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Environmental Law Section, and former Council and Ethics Committee Co-chair; and a member of the Detroit Bar Association. She is a Center and Chorister in church and community choirs. She earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry, magna cum laude, from the University of Detroit and her law degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

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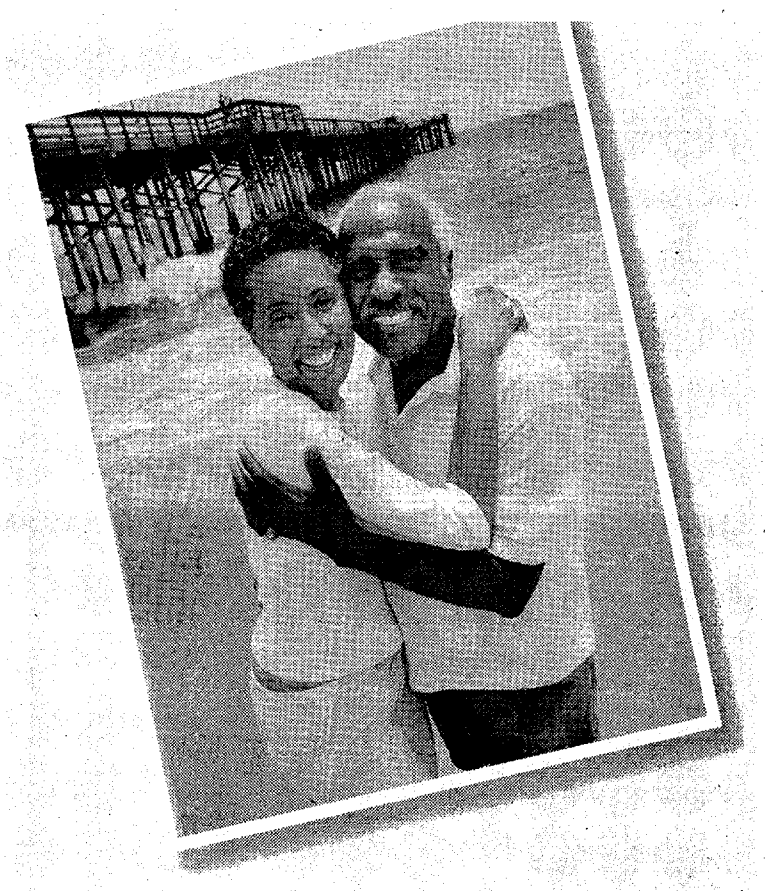

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OUR VIEWS

Protect your family: Practice fire safety

Every year in early October, local fire departments across the country hold open houses to educate the public about fire prevention in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week.

The first observance coincided with Oct. 9, 1911, the 40th anniversary of the great Chicago fire of 1871 that killed 300 people, left 90,000 homeless and destroyed $200 million in property. It has been acknowledged annually by the president ever since 1925.

And for good reason.

Though firefighting and prevention have come a long way since the first flame flickered inside Patrick O'Leary's cow barn on Chicago's West Side, more than 1.7 million fires continue to strike American homes, parks and businesses each year.

In 2002, 2,670 people were killed and 13,650 were injured in home fires alone, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

The best way to prevent fires and save lives is through education.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department Plymouth Community Fire Department hosts its annual Fire Safety Open House 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Fire Station 1 on Haggerty north of Ann Arbor Road.

The well-run event features fire safety workshops for kids, tours, and a variety of demonstrations such as fire extinguisher, vehicle extrication, and kitchen fire. It's a great way for kids — and their parents — to learn about fire safety, and families should make plans to attend.

In the meantime, review these time-honored safety tips and put them into practice right away:

- Have a working smoke detector on each level of your home and outside of each sleeping area. Test smoke detectors at least once a month and replace batteries at least twice a year, or whenever a detector chirps to signal the battery is low.
- Keep all matches and lighters where children cannot reach them, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Plan with your family two ways to get out of every room, especially bedrooms. Make sure everyone can unlock all locks and open all windows and doors. Practice the escape plan at least twice a year. If you have a two-story house, consider buying a folding escape ladder for bedrooms on the second floor.
- Know what to do when you hear the smoke detector — treat it as real so you don't waste time checking, get down on the floor and crawl low to avoid high heat and toxic fumes, check the door before opening, open any door slowly and close it behind you.
- Plan an outside meeting place where everyone will gather. Plan to call the fire department from a neighbor's home. Once out, stay out. If someone or a pet is trapped, let the fire department rescue the pet because invisible toxic gases can kill you.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and/or workshop.
- Learn to identify and correct any fire hazards in your house.

LETTERS

Walkers say thanks

We want to thank the communities of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn for the tremendous outpouring of support shown to the 2,300 walkers on the 3-Day Walk for Breast Cancer last weekend.

Sixty miles in three days is a challenge, but the journey was made easier by having cheering crowds offering encouragement along the way.

We have never been more proud to say we live in Plymouth than we were last Saturday. The entire route through Lakepointe subdivision was marked by huge pink ribbons on the trees! Residents throughout the township and the city had signs out supporting the walkers, and many offered cold water and treats as well. As we passed Central Middle School, a local Girl Scout troop welcomed us to Plymouth. Local businesses had 3-Day signs in their windows to wish us well. One woman we walked with later in the day mentioned she had spoken with the mayor as we walked through town.

Later, an amazing crowd of supporters lined the sidewalks along Hines Drive and cheered and waved signs as we passed by. It was truly overwhelming.

Thanks to all who share our vision of a world without breast cancer. With your help, we were able to take many steps toward that goal.

Cheryl Hodges-Selden
Phyllis Holmes
Plymouth

Hometown pride

Well, the big event has concluded but the impact of walking in my first Breast Cancer 3 Day will long be imprinted on my heart and memory.

I cannot begin to explain all the big and little details of what made this journey so remarkable for me. As I waited in the dark on Friday morning for opening ceremonies to begin, I wondered what I would encounter over the next 3 days.

Looking around at the group of 2,300 walkers and listening to the speaker, I quickly realized my goal of becoming involved in something bigger than myself was reached.

The event was so well-organized and run that I wanted for nothing over the three days (Ok, maybe I did want for the blisters to stop hurting). The food was good and plentiful; the tent acceptable; encouragement and support for each other present everywhere.

The two women I trained and walked with knew I was from Plymouth so we were all excited to learn the journey would take us through my hometown. As we walked through the Township and City, it was evident the Plymouth community was out in force, rising to the occasion and making me proud.

The residents on Greenbriar had wrapped pink ribbon on all the trees that lined their street. One home had both ribbon and fresh cut roses woven through their white picket fence. Kids were out with candy, parents out with encouraging words and applause. The city had placed inspirational signs along the route, which lifted spirits.

Numerous times I overheard other walkers comment on what a beautiful community they were walking through. I got to reply, "Yes, I know. This is Plymouth and I live here."

So, to all those who played any part in the Breast Cancer 3 Day, I offer you my heartfelt thanks. Your support and encouragement made a difference to me. It helped me to continue walking so that perhaps by doing so I could make a difference to someone else's life. Funny how we are all connected and never know how we affect each other's lives.

Arlene Karell
Plymouth

Biased article

The tone of the article published Sunday, Sept. 30 ("Boy says he pursued ex-teacher charged with having sex with him") is biased toward the teacher and diminishes the crime against the underage student.

The actions of the teacher are unacceptable. The fact that the student pursued the teacher and stated that he loved her does not make the actions of the teacher appropriate. The facts of the case should be stated clearly so that our community can understand that these sexual crimes are happening here.

A 31-year-old female teacher had sexual relations with her 15-year-old male student at a private school in our community. This is a crime against the student and the teacher is the offender, not the victim. It is a crime when an adult in this position has sex with an underage child and the gender of either should not determine how we view the crime.

If this case is covered by your newspaper in the future, I hope that the facts will be stated clearly. Our community benefits by protecting its children and we cannot accomplish this by minimizing sexual crimes by protecting the offenders with our words.

LeAnn Decker
Plymouth

War breeds war

Furthering the war into Iran will destabilize our country's confidence in a government that strongarms the will of the people. War breeds war and unrest here and abroad. Think that this can't happen? The unthinkable is possible most assuredly. Stop the madness and reject the Lieberman-Kyl amendment in Iran.

Catherine Allam
Livonia

Face reality

We are a country of riverboat gamblers always looking to the big payoff without the effort, but sometimes it is better to fold than hold when the hand you are dealt is full of nothing but posturing.

I come from a blue-collar family and realize what happens in those plants and how dependent one can become on the easy money that in one year's time puts you in higher tax brackets and allows you to run with the big boys. I also saw how the UAW protected many workers who should have been fired for behavior that endangered others. At that time the UAW would not allow better judgment to be executed.

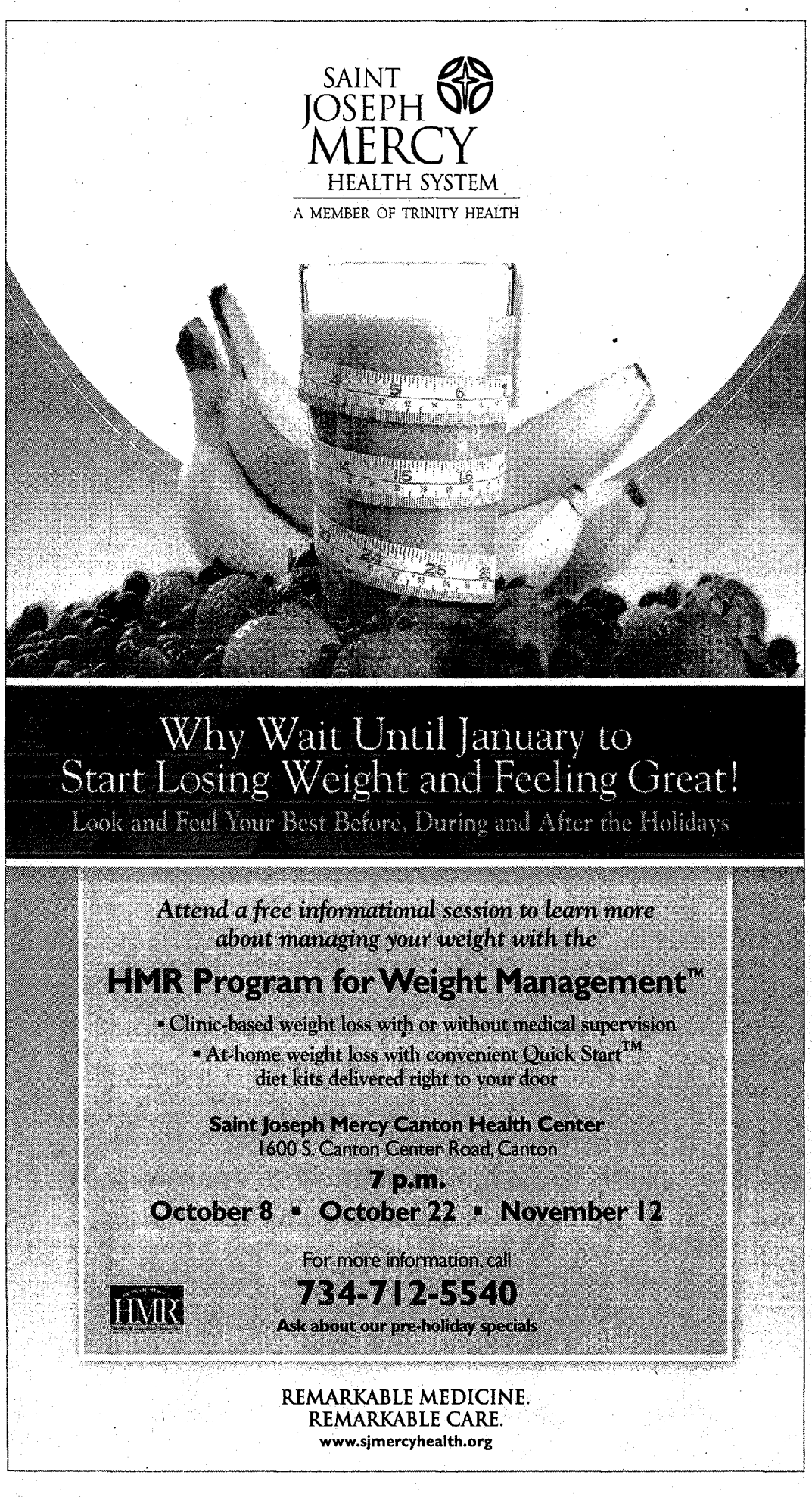
I believe this same judgment is in charge of the modern UAW, and that spells disaster. The health care of the UAW workers has been a burden on others that struggle to maintain sanity in the system.

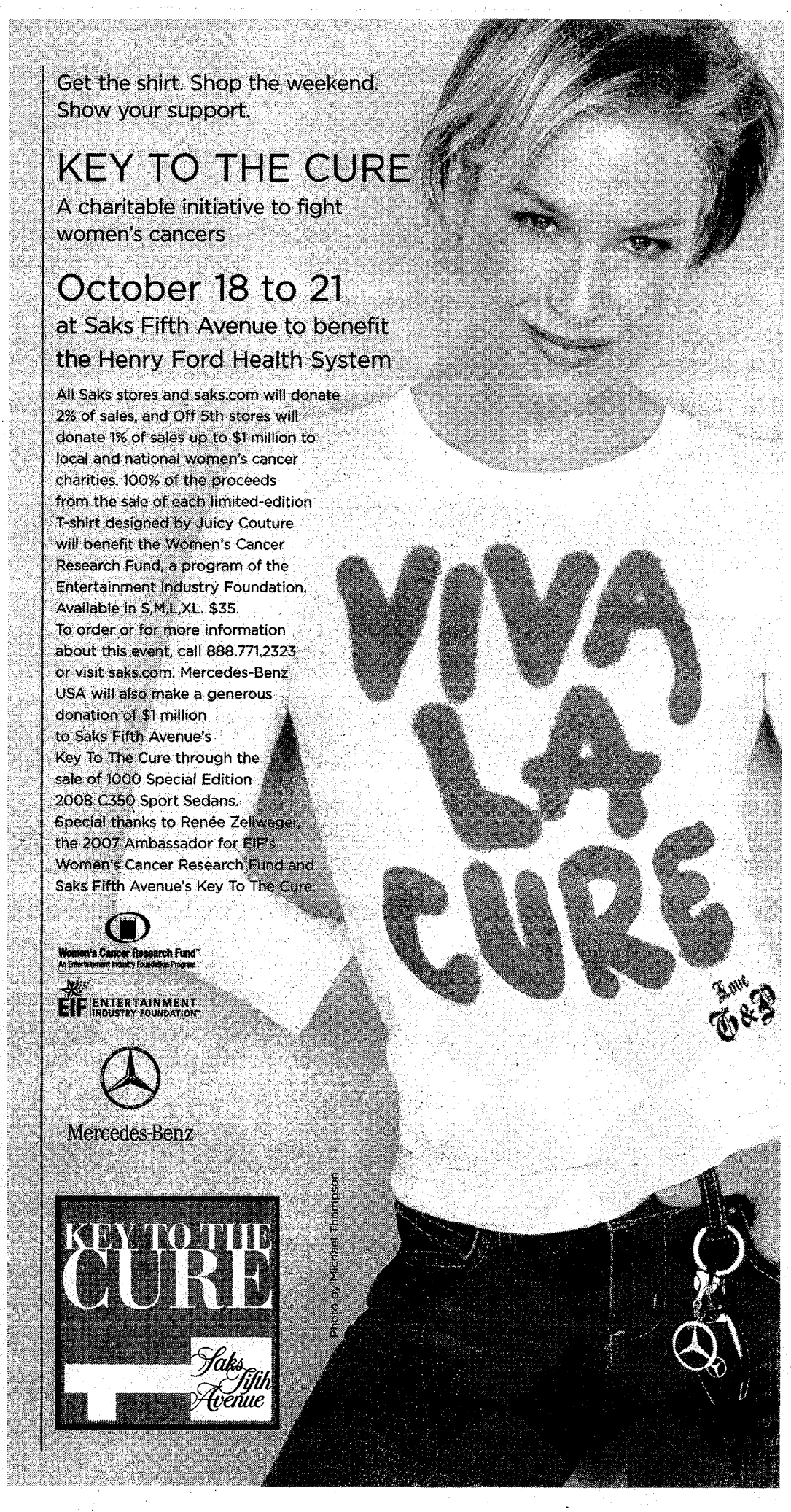
Society as a whole and especially the American auto worker has gotten fat and complacent off the backs of others. The UAW needs to face the reality of their checkbook. Unions were useful at one time, but today they are in a museum of ancient history.

Today's UAW leadership is steering its membership onto the rock, and its captain, Ron Gettlefinger, will sink this organization.

It's time to get the American auto workers' lifestyle in check with the rest of mainstream America. In my household, there is little sympathy for the American auto companies and the workers if they continue their march of arrogance and disconnect from the problems that besiege the American economy.

Ron Austin
Franklin





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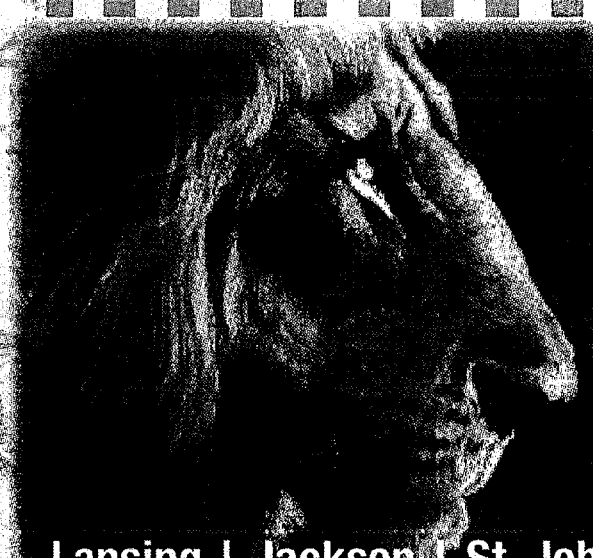

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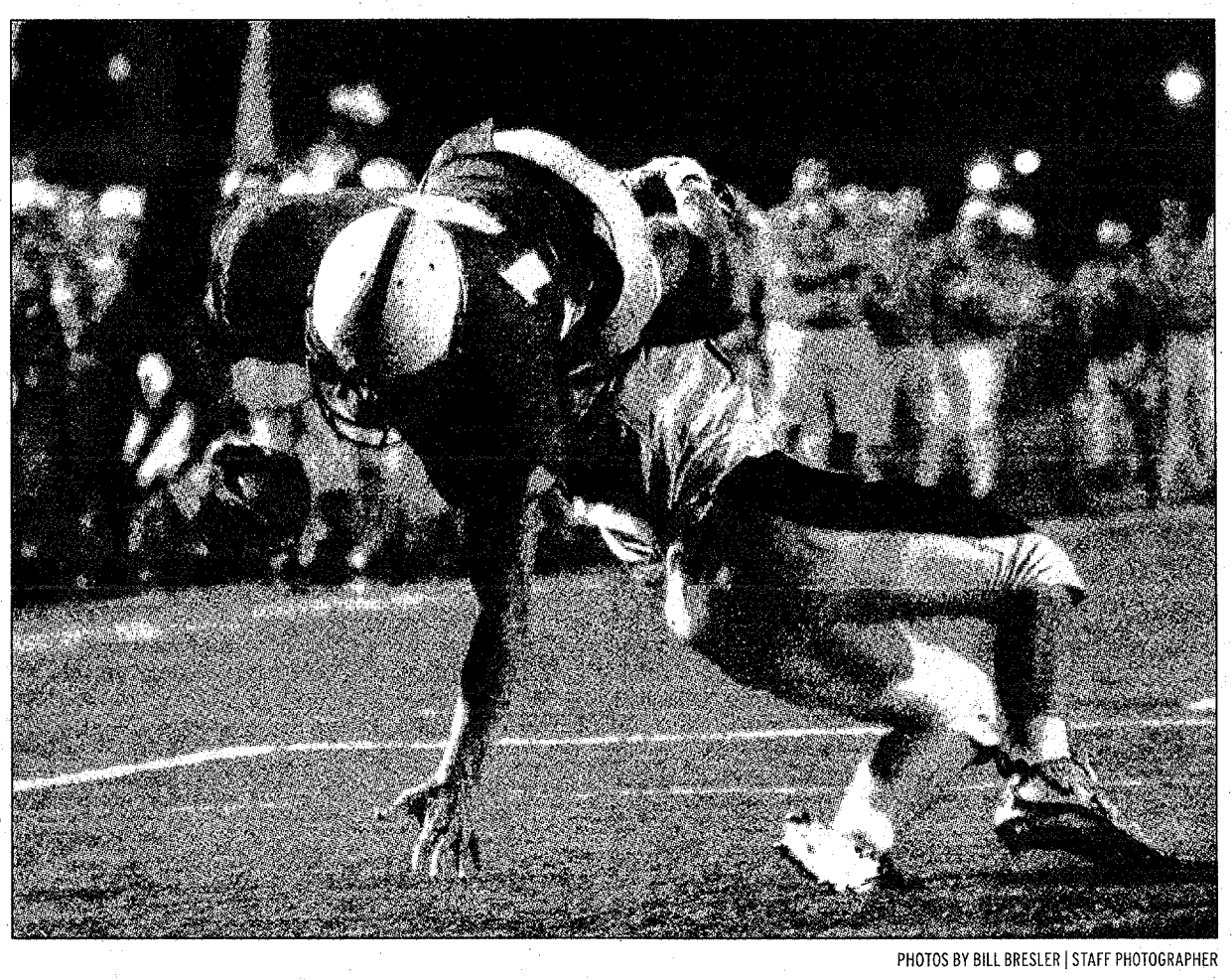

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Canton senior quarterback Adam Powers dives over Wayne's Corey Campbell for the go-ahead touchdown in the Chiefs' 35-22 victory over the Zebras. Powers had a spectacular night on both sides of the ball for the Chiefs.

NOT TO BE DENIED

Chiefs shine down the stretch to clip Zebras

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

All-State Insurance should hire Canton quarterback Adam Powers.

That's because when the ball's in his hands, good things happen.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound senior put up modest numbers in Friday night's 35-22 football win over visiting Wayne Memorial – eight rushes for 75 yards and 5-of-7 passing for 64 yards.

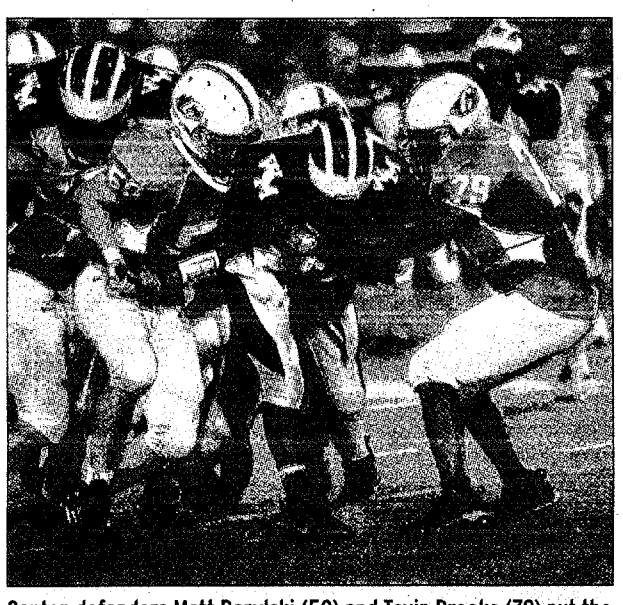
But it seemed every time the Chiefs needed a big play, Powers delivered with either a key scramble or clutch throw, as Canton kept its postseason state playoff hopes afloat by improving to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Wayne forged ahead 22-20 with only 10:03 left in the game when senior quarterback D.J. Freeman scored on 1-yard run on fourth down followed by his two-point keeper.

But Canton answered when Ryan Neu returned a short Wayne squib kick to the Zebras' 44. Six plays later and helped by a pass interference call, the Chiefs went ahead for keeps on Nick Sweda's 5-yard touchdown run with 6:48 remaining.

The Chiefs' defense then stiffened as Wayne couldn't pick up a first down on fourth-and-3 at their own 44.

Canton put the game away with 2:47 remaining on



Canton defenders Matt Barylski (50) and Tevin Brooks (79) put the clamps on Wayne ball carrier Anthony Baskin during Friday night's playoff-like WLAA gridiron battle.

Please see **CHIEFS, B6**

Glenn trio demoralizes Rocks, 43-6

Plymouth falls to Western, see Page B5.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Mid-way through the first quarter of Friday night's John Glenn-Salem game, Rocket coach Todd Deluca ordered the "Homecoming Special," a razzle-dazzle play with everything on it.

The Rockets delivered when quarterback Keyshawn Martin — who lined up at wide receiver on the play — took a double-reverse handoff from C.J. Woodford then launched a 50-yard, across-the-field pass off his back foot that Woodford caught and turned into a 68-yard scoring play to help spark the Rockets' 43-6 victory.

"We put that one in for the homecoming crowd," said Deluca, referring to the Sportscenter-caliber trick play. "That wasn't quite the way we drew it up, but it worked."

As did just about everything else for the Rockets, who built a 26-0 advantage in the first quarter before getting neutralized for chunks of the final three quarters by the prideful Rocks.

"We're starting to get something going on offense," said Woodford, who slashed and dashed for 244 rushing and receiving yards, and four TDs. "Keyshawn's getting better at quarterback — he's making good decisions — and our blockers are giving us some big holes to run through.

"Keyshawn and I have been playing together since the seventh grade (with the Inkster Raiders), and we talk a lot away from practice, so we understand each other well."

The victory was crucial for the Rockets (4-3 overall and 3-2 in the WLAA's Lakes Division), who need wins over Livonia Franklin next week and Wayne Memorial in the season finale to clinch a playoff berth.

"I thought we played well,

Please see **GLENN, B5**

Sidelines

Super Bowl to host NCAA event

The NCAA Women's Bowling Committee announced Friday that Canton's Super Bowl Lanes will serve as the host site for the 2009 NCAA Women's Bowling Championships.

The double-elimination format event, which will be held April 9-11, will feature the top eight teams from 49 NCAA institutions that host bowling as a varsity sport.

New Whaler

The Plymouth Whalers acquired 19-year-old right wing Patrick Lee from the Erie Otters, who placed Lee on waivers two weeks ago.

The Sharon, Ont. native was originally selected by Erie in the 6th round (109th overall) of the 2004 OHL Draft.

Lee played two seasons in Erie, netting 10 goals with 20 assists 119 games.

Thomann honored

Longtime Salem basketball coach Fred Thomann was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association's Hall of Fame Friday night during a ceremony in Lansing.

See Thursday's Observer for a story featuring Thomann's illustrious career.

Baseball academy

Velocity Sports Performance in Canton has announced the opening of the Velocity Baseball Academy. Among the instructors are Bruce Fields, who is currently a manager in the Cleveland Indians organization, and Kenny Howell, a former pitcher with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

For more information, contact Mo at (734) 485-2561; or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

No parting the red 'C'

Canton swimmers dominate Plymouth

For complete results of the meet, see Page B3.

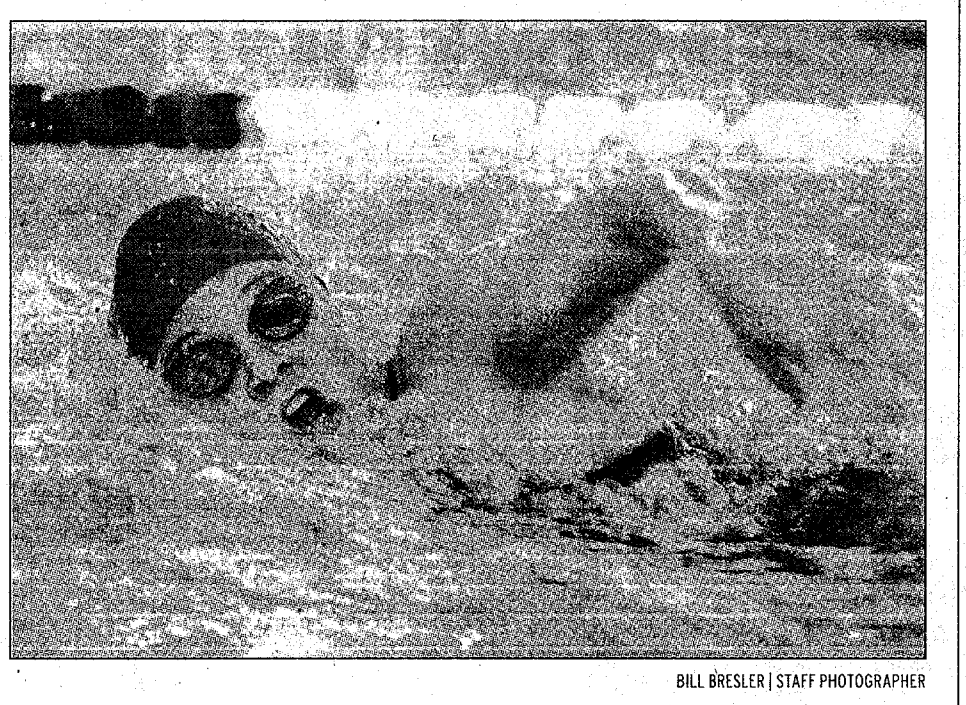
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

From the first event to the last, Canton's girls swim team was "relay, relay" good Thursday night against Plymouth.

Starting with the meet-opening 200-yard medley relay, the Chiefs won every race to mount a 127-59 victory before an enthusiastic crowd at Canton. The Chiefs improved to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the WLAA Western Division.

Canton's sensational senior Allison Schmitt paced the victory by placing first in all four events she competed in — three relays and one individual event — but she had a lot of help from her friends, particularly Monica Blaesser and Maggie Carlson, both of whom registered a pair of individual firsts as well as contributing to relay gold. The Chiefs got things rolling with a win in the 200-yard medley relay. The triumphant quartet consisted of Blaesser, Carlson, Allison Schmitt and her younger sister, Kari. Catherine Irwin kept the red wave of momentum going with a win in the 200 freestyle.

Three Chief swimmers captured one first each: Robyn Piwowar took the 1-meter diving competition with 163.95 points; Kayla Eyster won the 100 freestyle in 59.21; and Christine O'Keefe outswam in the competition in the 500 freestyle with a clocking of 5:50.99. Among those who excelled for the Wildcats were Michelle Chang, who chalked up a pair of individual seconds (200 and 500 freestyles); and Sijia Hao, who did likewise in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Christine O'Keefe touched first in the 500-meter freestyle event during Thursday's swim meet against Plymouth. O'Keefe was clocked in 5:50.99, almost two seconds faster than runner-up Michelle Chang of Plymouth.

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Canton harriers take 1st in frosh/soph invitational

Canton's boys cross country team captured its second straight Westland John Glenn Freshman-Sophomore Meet Tuesday when it compiled just 51 points, 11 fewer than runner-up Northville.

The Chiefs were paced by all-around winner Zach Spreitzer, who broke the tape in 17:22, more than eight seconds faster than runner-up Richard Galindo of Novi Catholic Central.

Also scoring for the Chiefs were: Josh Osinski (fourth in 17:43), Paul Rakovitis (10th in 18:18); Keegan Sullivan (24th in 19:02); David Austin (36th in 20:30); and Martin Sisolak (43rd in 21:37).

Chief girls 1st

On Saturday, Sept. 29, Canton placed second at the Ypsilanti Invitational Cross Country meet. The Chiefs and Ann Arbor Pioneer both racked up 52 points, but the Pioneers won the title when their sixth runner crossed before Canton's sixth runner.

"I thought the girls competed well in a meet that had some very good competition," said Canton coach Eric Paul.

Freshman Rachel Rohrbach paced the Chiefs with a second-place effort in 20:28. Rohrbach was just 18 seconds off the pace of overall champion Lauren Knight of Pioneer.

Also running well for the Chiefs were Sarah Thomas (third in 20:44), Katie Rymond (13th in 21:31), Abigail Gorzalski (15th in 21:41), Katie Galm (19th in 21:48) and Paula Schubatis (30th in 22:19). Pioneer's sixth runner placed 26th.

Saline (79), Brighton (88) and Wyandotte Roosevelt (137) rounded out the top five spots.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE MEET Oct. 2 at John Glenn H.S.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 51 points; 2. Northville, 62; 3. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 72; 4. Livonia Franklin, 90; 6. Plymouth, 96; 7. Livonia Churchill, 131; 8. Salem, 184.

Individual winner: Zach Spreitzer (Canton), 17 minutes, 22 seconds (5,000 meters).

Other Canton finishers: 4. Josh Osinski, 17:43; 10. Paul Rakovitis, 18;18; 24. Keegan Sullivan, 19:02; 36. David Austin, 20:30; 43. Martin Sisolak, 21:37.

Northville finishers: 3. Frank Griffiths, 17:30.1; 6. Colin Riley, 18:04; 14. Trent Johnson, 18:36; 19. Kevin Learner, 18:47; 20. Alex Kanya, 18:48; 27. Jake Williams, 19:18; 31. Ashwin Easow, 19:56.

CC finishers: 2. Richard Galindo, 17:30.49; 7. Andrew Garcia, 18:09; 23. Andrew Gasior, 19:01; 35. Peter Cernak, 20:26; 38. Anthony Russell, 20:37; 41. Joel Savalle, 21:12.

Franklin finishers: 8. Robert Freed, 18:11; 13. Jason Riffel, 18:33; 21. Nick Gherardini, 18:54; 22. Austin Jones, 18:59; 26. Bobby Wilson, 19:10; 29. Anthony Crechiolo, 19:39; 40. Zach Belanger, 21:07.

Plymouth finishers: 9. Warren Buzzard, 18:15; 11. Matt Neumann, 18:19; 18. Jimmy Eiben, 18:44.74; 28. Zach Koch, 19:19; 30. Stephan Balaze, 19:42; 33. Tyler Schwaegler, 20:08; 34. Ronny Lowe, 20:15.

Churchill finishers: 15. Tom Windle, 18:38.19; 17. Patrick Tremel, 18:44.06; 25. Quinn Osgood, 19:03; 32. Ryan Keeling, 19:57; 42. Justin Murray, 21:17; 45. Mike Peterman, 21:52; 46. Stephan Chainley, 22:01;

Salem finishers: 16. Rob Cowing, 18:38.58; 37. Andy Milad, 20:36; 39. Sam Sonnega, 20:52; 44. Ciaran Haller, 21:49.

John Glenn finisher: 47. Steve Shak, 25:05.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1.Northville, 27; 2. Franklin, 64; 3. Canton, 76; 4. Churchill, 94; 5. Salem, 107; 6. John Glenn, 152.

Individual winner: Emily Sklar (Northville), 20:19 (5,000 meters).

Other Northville finishers: 2. Becky Reynolds, 20:20; 6. Sarah Forsythe, 21:19; 7. Sara Deona, 21:24; 11. Katherine Coleman, 21:56; 19. Markea Dickinson, 22:38; 33. Alie Jezak, 24:04.

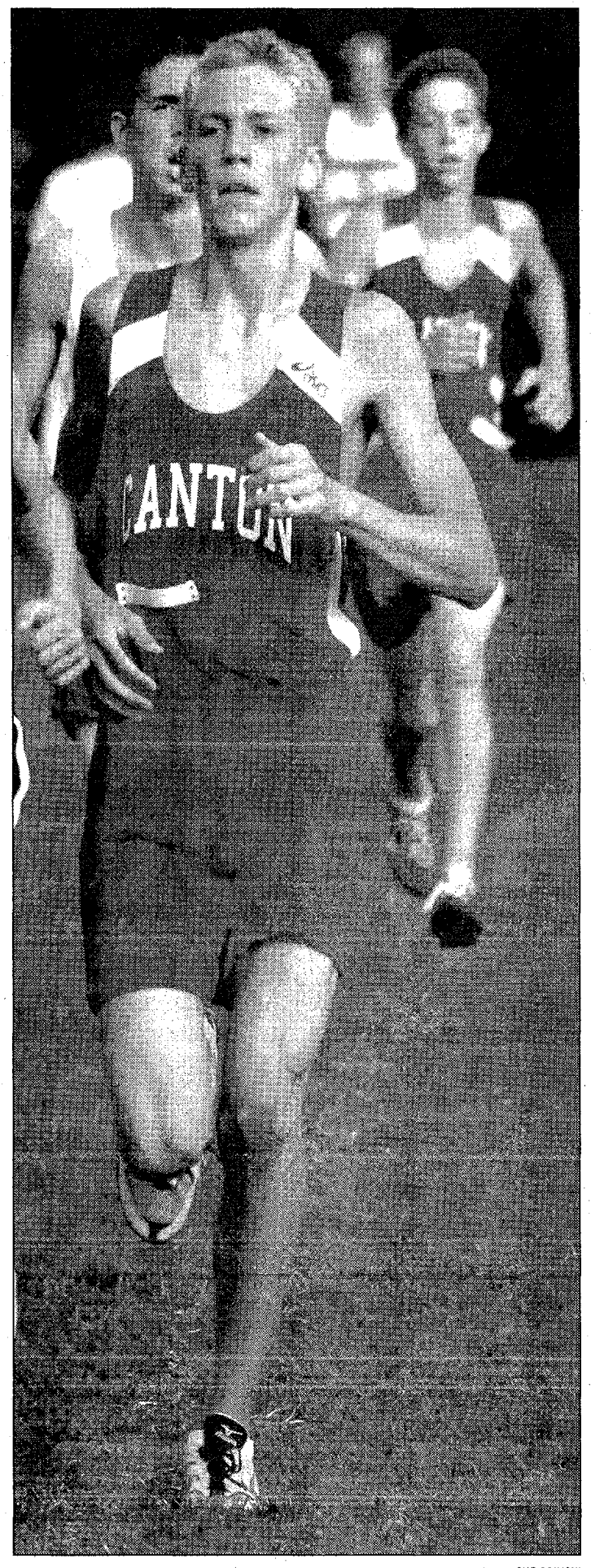
Franklin finishers: 8. Mallory Church, 21:26; 10. Victoria Church, 21:37; 12. Kelly Walblay, 21:58; 16. Brittany Dilley, 22:12; 18. Megan Wickens, 22:29; 21. Tiffany VanOrden, 22:47; 23. Shannon Niznik, 22:52.

Canton finishers: 3. Bianca Kubicki, 21:07; 5. Chelsea Smith, 21:16; 17. Melanie Kulczycki, 22:28; 25. Erica Eimers, 23:02; 26. Margaret Murray, 23:08; 32. Courtney Campbell, 23:56;

Churchill finishers: 9. Sarah Bauman, 21:27; 14. Kelsey Rothermel, 22:08.6; 15. Lauren Dykla, 22:11; 27. Jenna Szuba, 23:15; 29. Amanda Adams, 23:16.59; 34. Judy Wesley, 24:11; 37. Erica First, 25:17.

Salem finishers: 13. Channon Griffiths, 22:08.32; 20. Kristina Klusek, 22:42; 22. Alex McHugh, 22:49; 24. Phoebe McHugh, 22:54; 28. Rachel Morrison, 23:16.59; 30. Alyssa Calkin, 23:47; 31. Emily Willer, 23:54.

John Glenn finishers: 4. Ashley Bailey, 21:09; 35. Michelle Levy, 24:15; 36. Evi Cenolli, 24:29; 38. Ranegenia Boyd-Kelley, 34:15.



SUE OSINSKI

Canton's Zack Spreitzer won Tuesday's John Glenn 9th/10th Grade Cross Country Invitational with a time of 17:22. Canton's Josh Osinski, who can be seen running behind Spreitzer, placed fourth in 17:43.

Whalers record season's 1st win

Brett Valliquette had a smile on his face after the Plymouth Whalers' 6-4 win in Owen Sound on Wednesday night.

"I bet they're smiling in the Ottawa Valley now, right?" Valliquette asked.

Valliquette was referring to grandparents Ethel and Tony Larmour, aunt and uncle Anita and George Hunter and cousins Eldon and Evert Hunter and Steven and Zoe Ingleby — all from Smith Falls, which is located in eastern Ontario.

Valliquette made his first two Ontario Hockey League goals count as he scored the game-winner at 17:13 of the third period and then added an empty netter as the Whalers came all the way back from a 4-2 deficit after 40 minutes with four unanswered goals for the victory.

The Whalers worked hard in the third period for the victory, outshooting Owen Sound, 15-8. Andrew Fournier tipped Wes Cunningham's point shot past Attack goaltender David Davenport at 2:48 of the third period and A.J. Jenks tied the game on a scramble in front of the Owen Sound net at 15:17.

That set the stage for the game-winner, a result of good work by Valliquette and linemates Joe McCann and R.J. Mahalak. The play originally started in the Plymouth zone when Valliquette won a faceoff and blocked Michael D'Orazio's shot from the point. McCann cleared the puck from neutral ice into the Owen Sound zone, then took the puck away from D'Orazio. Mahalak got a shot on Davenport, who made the save. McCann took a shot on the rebound that went wide. But Valliquette picked up the puck and stuffed it by Davenport to give the Whalers the lead.

Valliquette added the insurance goal on an empty net with 12 seconds remaining as Mahalak assisted for his first OHL point.

"We gave one hundred and ten percent in the third period," said veteran Andrew Fournier. "We weren't going to lose this game."

"I reamed them out a little bit between the second and third and they came out and responded," Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci told the Owen Sound Sun-Times after the game.

Jeremy Smith stopped 37-of-41 Owen Sound shots for the victory. Cunningham had a goal and three assists for four points and was +3; Jenks scored twice and Fournier had a goal and two assists as the game's first star.

Although it was a long bus ride to Owen Sound and back, the game was seen by at least 15 National Hockey League scouts.

Canton linksters derail Stevenson

Canton's girls golf team went 1-1 in a tri-meet against Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Northern Wednesday afternoon.

The Chiefs defeated the Spartans, 223-228, but were edged by the Knights, 199-223.

Chelsea Osburn shot a solid nine-hole round of 47 to pace the Chiefs. Also scoring were Kara Gregory (52), Johanna Alexander (59), Mary Elizabeth Winther (65) and Erin Lixie (69).

Elaine Gracie led the Spartans with a 57. Also scoring for Stevenson were Nicole Cicchelli (60), Sarah Plichota (60) and Gabriela Sabbatini (61).

Northern was led by Kendra Williams' 48.

The split left Canton with a 5-5 mark heading into Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

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Chief spikers sweep Western

PREP VOLLEYBALL

On Wednesday, Canton's volleyball team held its ground in its quest to capture a WLAA Western Division crown when the Chiefs defeated Walled Lake Western, 25-16, 25-19 and 25-21.

The victory improved Canton's record to 14-7-1 overall and 3-1 in the Western Division.

"Western played great defense against us and really made our hitter work," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "But the offense came through."

Lauren McPartlin compiled a team-leading 11 kills in the victory over the Warriors.

"Lauren had a great all-around night," said Barnes. "Were were down 20-12 in the third game and Lauren had seven aggressive serves to get us back in the game. She also had some tremendous digs at clutch times in the game.

"I was very impressed with her play tonight. She's been very consistent over the last few weeks."

Also shining for the Chiefs were Jordan Kielty (nine kills) and Marie Martin, who had seven kills and three solo blocks.

Kacy Moran was her usual productive self, racking up 33 assists.

"Kacy worked really hard tonight," said Barnes. "We had so many long rallies and she had to make good decisions with our hitters in order for us to win."

Hannah Mills recorded a team-leading 19 digs, four more than teammate Gina Waite.

"Overall, I'm impressed with how aggressive the girls played in game three, even when they were down by eight," said Barnes. "They didn't lighten up, they hit away, dug a lot of balls and stayed focused."

SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 127
PLYMOUTH 59

THURSDAY AT CANTON H.S.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Maggie Carlson, Allison Schmitt, Kari Schmitt), 1:58.92; 2. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Elle Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Michelle Chang), 2:03.98; 3. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Sara Krebs, Britney Sheeler, Maddy McLean), 2:10.79.

200 freestyle: 1. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:08.71; 2. Michelle Chang (P), 2:08.91; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 2:09.61.

200 IM: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:21.09; 2. Lauren Maslyk (C), 2:33.50; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 2:37.23.

50 freestyle: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 26.89; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 26.94; 3. Kari Schmitt (C), 27.14.

1-meter diving: 1. Robyn Piwowar (C), 163.95 points; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 155.40; 3. Kay Borst (P), 130.90.

100 butterfly: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 57.28; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:06.12; 3. Catherine Irwin (C), 1:06.98.

100 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 59.21; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 59.67; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:02.38.

500 freestyle: 1. Christine O'Keefe (C), 5:50.99; 2. Michelle Chang (P), 5:52.40; 3. Maddy McDuff (P), 6:00.07.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Kayla Eyster, Christine O'Keefe, Kari Schmitt, Allison Schmitt), 1:46.48; 2. Plymouth (Elle Palczynski, Chantel Cote, Alyssa Liakos, Molly McKinstry), 1:53.02; 3. Canton (Catherine Irwin, Hannah Maxam, Maddy McDuff, Maddy McLean), 1:53.94.

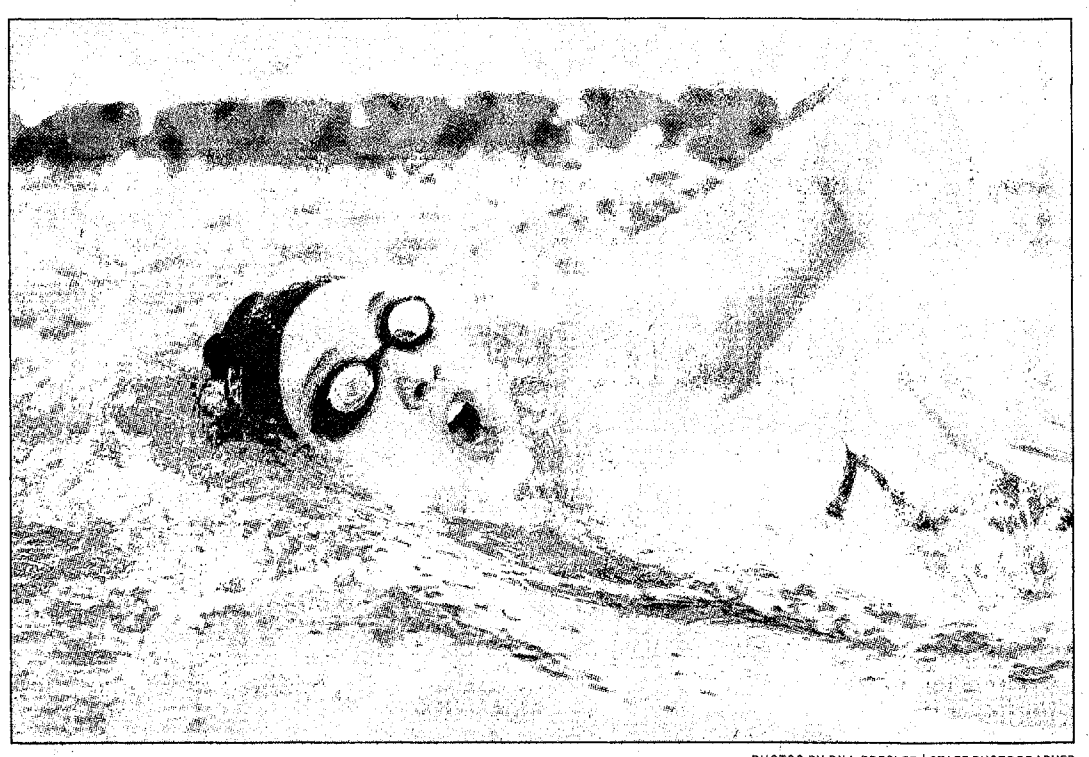
100 backstroke: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 1:07.23; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:08.81; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:11.73.

100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:14.03; 2. Elle Palczynski (P), 1:14.97; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 1:17.83.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Catherine Irwin, Katie Kubacki, Maddy McDuff, Allison Schmitt), 3:56.56; 2. Canton (Kari Schmitt, Kayla Eyster, Monica Blaesser, Maggie Carlson), 3:57.17; 3. Plymouth (Lauren Masylk, Alyssa Liakos, Sijia Hao, Michelle Chang), 4:00.23.

Canton's dual-meet records: 3-2 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA.

Canton's Maggie Carlson won the 100-meter breaststroke in Thursday's meet against Plymouth with a time of 1:14.03.



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Plymouth's Alyssa Liakos placed second in the 100-meter freestyle during Thursday's meet against Canton. Liakos touched in 59.67 seconds.

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OCT. 4 AT SALEM

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Emily Nelson, Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Katie Gorman), 2:01.18; 2. John Glenn (Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson, Jessica Fielhauer, Jennie Humbach), 2:02.08; 3. Salem, 2:10.31.

200 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 2:01.9; 2. Whitney Aumiller (Salem), 2:05.22; 3. Allison Burke (Salem), 2:12.73.

200 individual medley: 1. Sells (WJG), 2:17.57; 2. Nelson (Salem), 2:22.64; 3. Bair (Salem), 2:23.05.

50 freestyle: 1. Gorman (Salem), 26.6; 2. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 26.61; 2. Kristen Hartwig (Salem), 28.32.

1-meter diving: 1. Katrina Koetting (Salem), 222.75 points; 2. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 186.15; 3. Katy Harris (WJG), 151.35.

100 butterfly: 1. Sparks (WJG), 1:06.15; 2. Gorman (Salem), 1:07.0; 3. Kirsten Clemans (Salem), 1:09.53.

100 freestyle: 1. Aumiller (Salem), 57.63; 2. Peterson (WJG), 57.99; 3. Amanda Price (Salem), 1:02.68.

500 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 5:26.08; 2. Bair (Salem), 5:38.06; 3. Burke (Salem), 5:51.89.

200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Fielhauer, Peterson, Sparks, Burgess), 1:49.88; 2. Salem (Caitlin Heaney, Alexis Thornbury, Burke, Aumiller), 1:51.38; 3. Salem, 1:57.36.

100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:04.16; 2. Nelson (Salem), 1:05.49; 3. Hartwig (Salem), 1:07.94.

100 breaststroke: 1. Peterson (WJG), 1:14.32; 2. Spala (Salem), 1:18.71; 3. Megan Burke (Salem), 1:25.83.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Gorman, Nelson, Bair, Aumiller), 3:55.06; 2. John Glenn (Sparks, Humbach, Sells, Burgess), 3:58.93; 3. Salem, 4:11.79.

Dual meet records: Salem, 2-1 overall, 1-1 WLAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 3-2 overall, 1-1 WLAA-Lakes Division.

Salem notches ninth tie, 0-0

PREP SOCCER

Some ties are better than others.

Case in point: the Salem boys soccer team's 0-0 duel with fourth-ranked Northville Wednesday night.

The deadlock left the Rocks with a 6-4-9 record heading into next week's WLAA cross-over against the Mustangs.

The star of the draw for Salem was sophomore goalie Sasa Miskovic, who turned away everything Northville could kick at him.

"Sasa played very well throughout the entire match, but especially in the first half when he made a couple of outstanding saves.

"Josh Pascarella also played well up top and, in general, our back four, led by Kevin Cope, did a great job."

CHURCHILL 1, PLYMOUTH 1: Livonia Churchill (7-6-3) kept the high-scoring Colin Rolfe off the board in a WLAA crossover deadlock Wednesday against the host Wildcats (9-6-5).

Plymouth tallied an "own goal" with eight minutes remaining in the match, but Churchill's Adam Bedell countered moments later when he poked in ball that was knocked around the box off a corner kick. Churchill goalkeeper Adrian Motta enjoyed a productive night, stopping Rolfe on a pair of breakaways.

Vinny Carozza, who committed to play at Schoolcraft College, marked the Plymouth standout.

"It was the best Vinny has played all year," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "I also thought Patrick Beier and Max Washko also played great games."

AGAPE 1, BAPTIST PARK 0: On Friday at Baptist Park, the Wolverines' lone goal game with 10 minutes left when Donald Mullett scored off a Daniel Walker assist.

Joel Ruffin shined between the pipes for Agape, recording seven saves, including a couple down the stretch that coach Dan DeWitt termed "huge."

"It was a pretty intense, well-played match," said DeWitt, whose team improved to 14-1 overall and 9-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Association's Red Division. Baptist Park slipped to 6-2-1.

"Mark Mullett and Jared Miller played well in the mid-field for us," said DeWitt.

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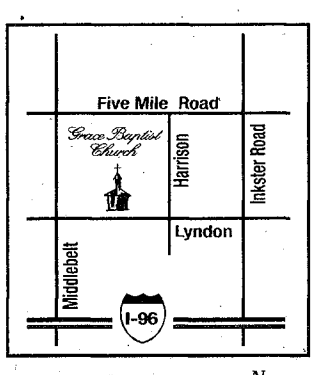

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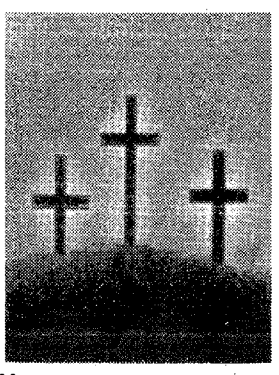

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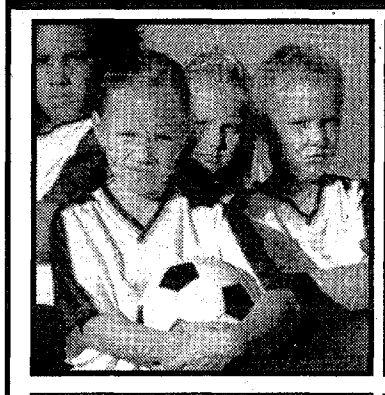

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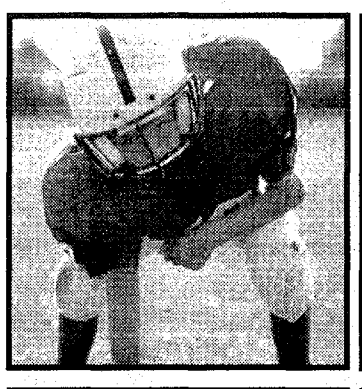

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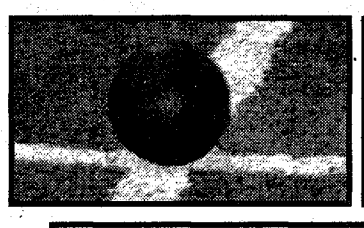

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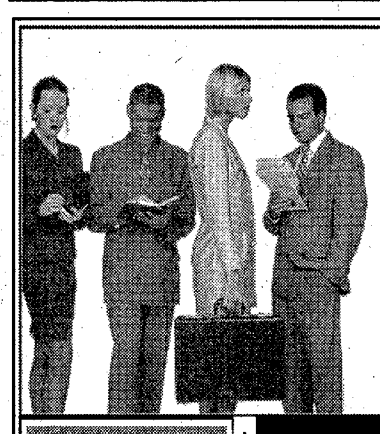

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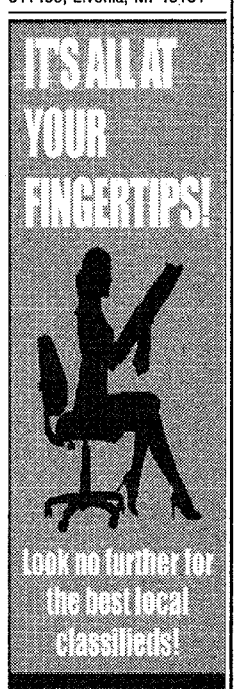

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Penalties costly to 'Cats in 40-27 loss

Walled Lake Western completed its sweep through the WLAA's Western Division Friday night with a convincing 40-27 victory over Plymouth at Western's Dick Watson Stadium.

The Warriors, who will take a 6-1 overall record and 5-0 division mark into next week's WLAA championship game at Livonia Stevenson, led 37-9 at one point before the Wildcats tacked on 18 fourth-quarter points.

Plymouth outgained Western, 393-343, in total yards, but was hampered by 12 penalties that totaled 104 yards. The Warriors, on the other hand, committed just four infractions for 30 yards.

"It just goes to show you preseason predictions don't mean a whole lot," Western coach Mike Zdebski said, adding the Warriors were picked to finish fifth in the division. "Everybody else was picked to be really good, because we didn't have too many guys back.

"Offensively, our kids are getting better and better. We didn't score on our first possession, but they didn't stop us on the next seven. Defensively, our young men are performing better than anybody thought they would."

The setback dropped Plymouth to 4-3 overall and 2-3 in the Western Division. The Wildcats can qualify for their second playoff berth in school history with season-closing victories over Salem (next week) and Romulus (Oct. 19).

Freshman placekicker Kyle Brindza's 42-yard field with 4:39 left in the first quarter staked Plymouth to a 3-0 lead.

Western countered tallied nine points on its next two drives on a 32-yard halfback pass from Montel Nix-Fleming to David Menoian (the extra point was no good) and a 39-yard Matt Watko field goal (10:44 in the second).

The Wildcats knotted the game at 9-all on Myron Puryear's 3-yard scoring plunge, which proceeded a blocked extra point.

The Warriors then scored four straight TDs to extend their lead to 37-9. Buchanan dove in from two yards out with 2:26 left in the half; Steve Astrein hauled in a 23-yard TD pass from Sam Welch 21 seconds before halftime; Welch scored on a 6-yard keeper; and Welch hit Nix-Fleming with a 24-yard scoring toss with 9:42 left in the third quarter.

Plymouth narrowed its deficit to 37-15 on a 27-yard C.J. Gregory-to-Myron Puryear touchdown hook-up, but Watko countered with a 37-yard goal-post splitter to make it 40-15.

The Wildcats scored twice in the final 3:14 when Gregory ran one in from 2 yards out and Mike Hanchett grabbed a 9-yard scoring pass from Gregory with one tick left.

Gregory completed 8-of-19 passes for 176 yards and two TD's in relief of starting signal-caller Matt Skubik, who went 6-for-15 for 102 yards. Hanchett enjoyed a stellar game, catching seven passes for 147 yards, including a 53-yarder.

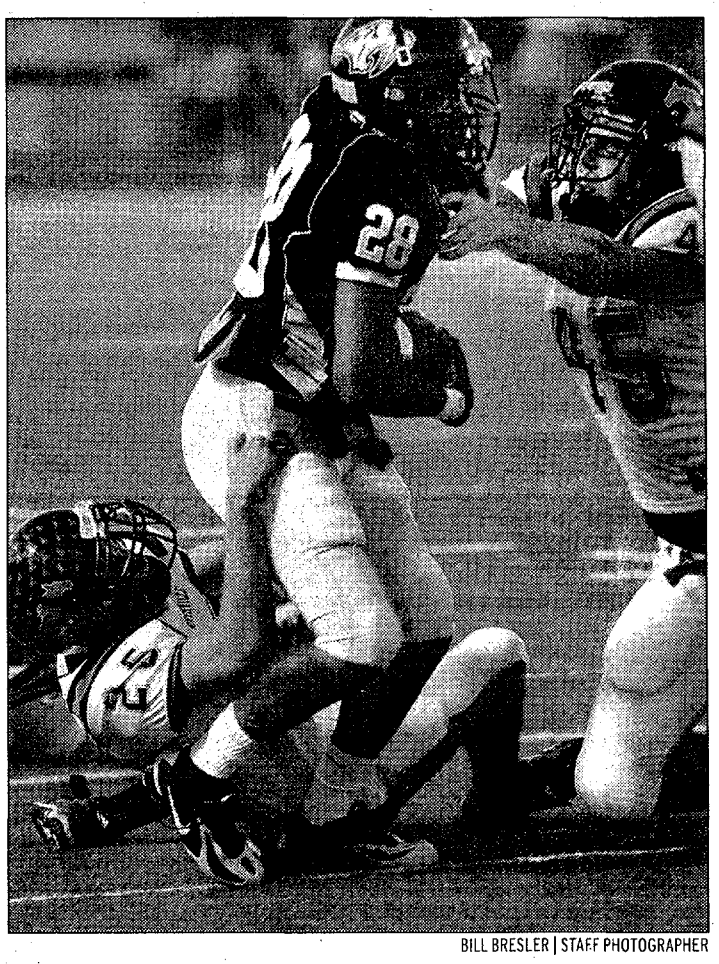
Puryear was the 'Cats' leading rusher with 67 yards on 10 carries. Terrance Guthridge picked up 34 yards on seven efforts.

Welch, a sophomore, completed 9-of-13 passes for 144 yards and two TDs. He also ran for a team-high 69 yards on eight attempts. Andy Buchanan chipped in with 65 yards on nine carries.

Western will play at Livonia Stevenson (7-0) in the WLAA championship game Friday.

"We just have to play what Stevenson says is the best team in its history," Zdebski said. "When you watch them on film, you can't deny it. They're putting 40 points up, and nobody can score on them.

"It's nice to be in the state playoffs already. Now we can focus on the task at hand, because we know we're going to get a Week 10."



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Plymouth senior running back Myron Puryear, pictured in a game earlier this season, picked up a team-high 67 yards rushing Friday night in the Wildcats' 40-27 loss to Walled Lake Western.

GLENN

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except for the second quarter," said Deluca. "We kind of had a letdown in the second quarter, but we talked about it at halftime. Overall, though, I was pleased with the way we played."

A trio of Rockets combined to give the Rocks fits — Woodford; Martin, who completed 5-of-6 passes for 118 yards and two TD's; and senior linebacker/running back/homecoming king Ryan Lopez, who scored on two of his four carries while serving as the eye of the storm for the Glenn defense.

"Ryan Lopez is a darn good football player," Deluca said, with emphasis. "He had a great game tonight. He's our quarterback on defense."

Salem's offense showed flashes of brilliance, racking up 143 total yards, and the defense contributed some jarring hits, but the Rocks (1-6, 1-4) had a difficult time establishing consistency on either side of the ball.

Offensively, the brightest Rocks were reserve running back Marvin Thomas, who netted 37 yards and his team's lone TD on four carries; and senior wide receiver Jesse Poitner, who hauled in two Heath Parling passes for 46 yards.

After Josh Reed notched an interception on Salem's first play from scrimmage, Woodford sprinted virtually untouched from 20 yards out to start the rout. Victor Sanders' extra point made it 7-0.

Glenn salted the game away with TDs on their next three possessions — a 4-yard run by Lopez, the double-reverse-pass play and a 15-yard scoring scamper by Woodford — to go up 26-0.

Salem's defense, which was paced by senior linebackers Brandt Thomas and Justin Bader, stood its ground until Lopez darted for a 22-yard scoring run three minutes into the third quarter to make it 33-0.

Woodford gave the huge home crowd a Kodak moment when he nabbed a cross-field pass from Martin, split two defenders with a juke, then completed the 10-yard TD pass with a 340-degree somersault into the end zone.

"I kind of landed on the back of my head," said Woodford, explaining why it wasn't a 360. "(The somersault) wasn't intentional. I was falling forward and that's what I had to do to try and land right."

Salem's lone score came with no time left in the third quarter when Thomas sprinted 22 yards to paydirt. Sanders capped the scoring with a 37-yard field goal.

Glenn's Harry Bello grinded out 30 yards on six fourth-quarter carries.

Parling finished 5-for-13 for 61 yards. Salem junior running back Anthony Mullins netted 39 yards on 11 attempts.

Glenn registered 13 first downs to Salem's eight.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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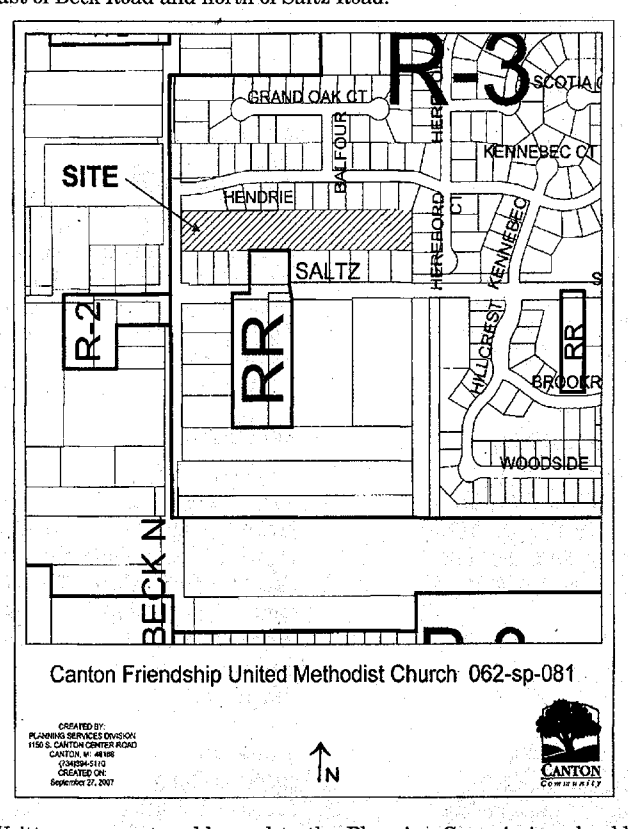
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 22, 2007 in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON FRIENDSHIP CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.3 FOR PARCEL NO. 062 99 0025 701. Property is located east of Beck Road and north of Saltz Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 18, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

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AMENDED CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA October 25, 2007

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Ed Bezilla, 2160 Byron Center Ave, SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49519, for commercial property located at 49650 Cherry Hill Rd. (IHA Health Center), north side of Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Beck Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance 6A.25.1.c, sign variance.
Zone R1 Cherry Hill Village Overlay
Parcel 072 99 0003 708
(Building)

2. Sue Dillon, 16857 Northville Road, Northville, MI 48167, for commercial property located on the east and west side of Ridge Road between Cherry Hill and Denton Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance 6A.21, height restriction of 4ft.
Zone R-1
Parcel 071 99 0007 702
(Building)

3. Sue Dillon, 16857 Northville Road, Northville, MI 48167, for commercial property located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, north side of Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Ft. Henry Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance 6A.25, variance for masonry base exclusion, and lettering sizes to be less than 14 inches tall.
Zone R-1
Parcel 072 99 0015 702
(Building)

4. Sue Dillon, 16857 Northville Road, Northville, MI 48167, for commercial property located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, north side of Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Denton Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance 6A.20, theater sign variance.
Zone R-1
Parcel 072 99 0017 701
(Building)

5. Randy Blaylock, P.O. Box 871027, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant property located on the east side of Beck Road between Ford and Saltz Roads (Canton Friendship Church), appealing Article 2.00, Section 2.16.C, relative to additional setbacks required for building heights exceeding 25 feet in the R-3 zoning district.
Zone R-3
Parcel 062 99 0025 701
(Planning)

Approval of the October 11, 2007 Minutes

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

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EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on October 15, 2007, Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: **EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 P.M.**
Apollinaris Mwila, K406 10x20, Portable Basketball Hoop, Double Door Refrigerator, Washing Machine, Dryer, misc household and children's goods.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2007-4

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, ENVIRONMENT, IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

CHAPTER 34, ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE IV, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Modify the Ordinance by amending the following Article and Sections.
Chapter 34, Environment, Section 34-126, Adoption of Rules by Reference, is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

Sec. 34-126. Adoption of rules by reference.
That certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Building Department of the city being marked and designated as Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, General Rules and Regulations, pursuant to the provisions of Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the National Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Part 91), being 324.9101 *et seq.* of the Michigan Compiled Laws and the Administrative Rules promulgated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, is hereby adopted as the rules and regulations of the city of Plymouth for the control of soil erosion and sedimentation. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of such rules and regulations are hereby referred to, adopted and made part hereof as if fully set out in this article.

Section 2. Modify the Ordinance by amending the following Article and Sections.
Chapter 34, Environment, Section 34-127, Local Enforcing Agency, is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

Sec. 34-127. Local enforcing agency.
The Building Department of the city shall become the local enforcing agency in regard to Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Part 91), being 324.9101 *et seq.* of the Michigan Compiled Laws and the Administrative Rules promulgated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as amended, within the municipal limits of the city.

Section 3. Rights and Duties.
Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 4. Validity.
Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 5. Ordinances Repealed.
All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Daniel Dwyer, Mayor — Linda Langmesser, CMC, City Clerk

Section 6. Effective Date.
This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced: September 4, 2007
Enacted:.....10-01-2007
Effective:.....10-08-2007
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CHIEFS

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Sweda's 2-yard TD run set up by Powers' scampers of 18 and 6 yards.

"Our defense did a great job the second half playing against the run," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "And our offensive line played their guts out. The second half we started to finish our drives."

Trailing 14-13 at halftime, Canton took the lead with a 10-play, 55-yard drive kept alive when Powers took off and ran toward the left side of the Wayne defensive front out of punt formation for 16 yards. He added a 24-yard gain after momentarily losing the ball behind at the line of scrimmage. He then rolled out and took it in from 2 yards out on another keeper to make it 20-14 with 5:05 left in the third quarter (following Daniel Stoney's extra point).

"Offensively we were confident, but you've got to make some plays, it's a matter of executing," Powers said. "I just saw how the (Wayne) defense was reading it (the semi-fake punt) and I reacted. I saw it was open. It was not designed. Coach (Baechler) doesn't get mad – as long as it works."

Baechler had no problem with Powers' improvising.

"Adam Powers is a player," the Canton coach said. "The fake punt was not my call. He just saw it and took off. Just make sure it's a first down and I won't be upset. It takes guts to see that was open and he had the smarts to go."

Wayne's playoff hopes took a severe hit with the loss. The Zebras are now 3-4 overall and finish 2-3 in the Western Division. "Their quarterback runs their offense extremely well," Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk said. "He's a football player. And they're so solid fundamentally. They block and tackle. It's not one of their faster teams, but they trust each other."

With Sweda (21 rushes for 89 yards) carrying a bulk of the load, Canton's second possession of the first quarter resulted in a 15-play, 78-yard TD drive that consumed 7 minutes and 30 seconds of the clock. Powers' clicked on consecutive 7-yard passes to tight ends Todd Turfe and William Tidwell, the latter on fourth-and-goal as time expired to end the first quarter.

Wayne, however, came right back on just six plays, marching 64 yards in only 3:11 capped by Alan Freeman's 13-yard TD run. D.J. Freeman added the two-pointer on a run to put the Zebras ahead, 8-7.

Wayne, using its spread offense with five wideouts, scored again when Alex Bledsoe recovered a Canton fumble on the ensuing kickoff at the Chiefs' 26. The elusive and speedy D.J. Freeman scored five plays later – with 5:33 left in the first half – on a 3-yard keeper, but the Zebras failed to convert the two-pointer, leaving the count at 14-7.

Powers then went to work again just before the half, orchestrating a nine-play, 70-yard drive connecting on a pair of passes to the lanky Tidwell, one going for 13 yards and the other for 37 yards and a TD with only 0:47 to go

But the point-after failed and Canton still trailed, 14-13, at intermission.

And when the Zebras went ahead on Freeman's early fourth-quarter TD and two-pointer, it appeared Canton was on the ropes.

But just like in setbacks to Jackson, Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Western, the Zebras couldn't hold onto their second-half leads.

"The score was not an indication of the hitting in the game," Hnatuk said. "They (Canton) had to execute their passing game after they had to get out of the T-formation. They threw our coverage out the window.

"And if we hit a couple of passes when we had guys open, the score might have been closer and the game might have been more interesting."

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Canton junior running back Nick Sweda tries to turn the corner with Wayne's Wayne Eric Williams (6) and Anthony Baskin (3) in hot pursuit.

Canton's William Tidwell eludes a diving Alan Freeman on the way to a key touchdown in the Chiefs' 35-22 victory Friday night.

SPORTS BRIEFS

YMCA basketball

YMCA basketball leagues are currently forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 14 years old. The fall session will run from Oct. 22-Dec. 14. The winter session will run from Jan. 14, 2008 to March 14, 2008. There will be one practice per week and one game per week. The cost of each session is $72 for program members and $104 for community members. Players who register for both programs prior to Oct. 11 will receive a free basketball. All participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, which cost $15. Call (734) 453-2904.

PCS girls hockey

The defending state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team is looking for players for the upcoming season, which will begin soon with conditioning sessions. Contact head coach Eric Mink at emink12@yahoo.com.

Ignition 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.

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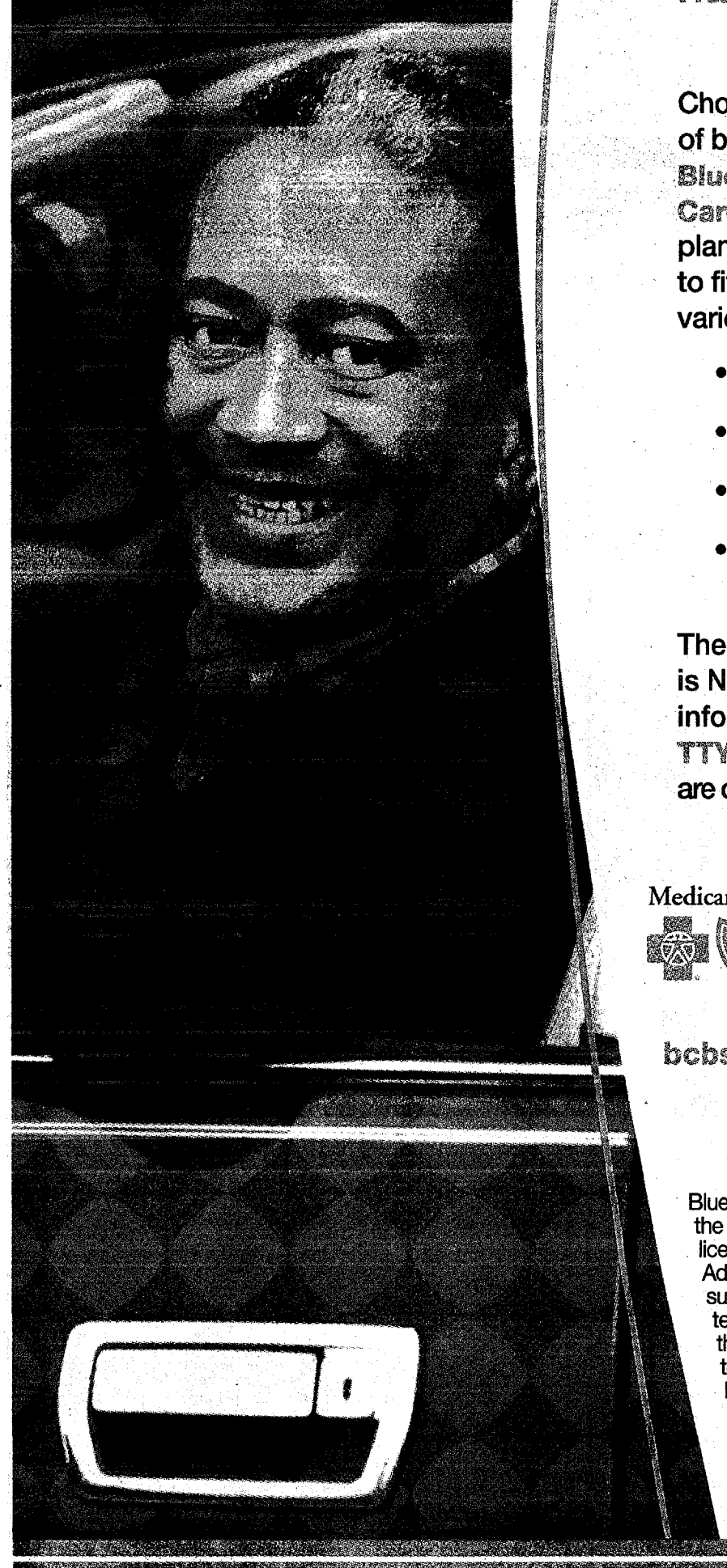

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Blubbering: Face to face with my 'growing-up' coach

Tears trickled down my cheeks and onto my well-worn copy of *Blubber*. Sophia rolled her own dry eyes and inched away, mortified that her mother was crying in public.

My 7-year-old's only awareness of the woman standing in front of us was through *Freckle Juice* — a fun read, but hardly life-changing. I, on the other hand, began my Judy Blume Experience three decades ago, and have lived in awe of the author ever since.

Mom's the Word

Rebecca Kavanagh

I literally shrieked when I heard Judy Blume would be visiting the Novi Borders bookstore earlier this month to promote her new illustrated chapter book, *Soupy Saturdays With the Pain and the Great One*. The sentiment was shared by several of my thirty-something friends, all of whom cut their literary teeth on Judy Blume. We relied upon the prolific author to demystify puberty, divorce and puppy love, doing so with humor and style. Now, we all had elementary-aged daughters who would serve nicely as an excuse for attending a children's book event.

I shaped my entire day around our trip to Borders. It began with a frantic search through the house for the stack of "Judy Blumes" I'd packed up before moving from my childhood home. When I finally unearthed the books, it was like coming across a trove of diaries. Each cover evoked distinct memories of those days when boys made me blush, sleepovers were the highlight of my social calendar, and braces were my biggest problem.

I devoured my first Blume book the summer after my parents got divorced and I was sent to spend a week with my mom's sister in Wisconsin. Aunt Judy (no relation) answered my bratty question, "What's there to do in Elkhorn?" by handing me a copy of *Blubber* and pointing to the sun porch. I spent hours swaying in the hammock, too immersed in Jill's problems to think about my own.

For the next several Christmases and birthdays, Judy Blume books topped my wish lists. Margaret taught me about beginner bras and What Every Girl Should Know. Deenie taught me about scoliosis and junior high angst. Sally J. Freedman taught me about World War II-era Miami Beach and Jewish grandmothers. But above all, every book that Judy Blume cranked out taught me how well-crafted prose could transport readers to a different world. Judy Blume inspired me to write.

Which is why I couldn't help but cry when I saw her for the first time in person. After gobbling up her every word during the Q&A (and surreptitiously swiping away tears), I waited in line for the better part of an hour to shake her hand. With one eye on the autograph table and one eye on Sophia — giggling and wriggling with two book-loving pals we'd brought along — I made mental notes for a novel of my own, inspired anew.

Regardless of whether the day does in fact kick-start my higher literary ambitions, it was a roaring success for one reason: It kick-started Sophia's interest in quality children's fiction. Before our Blume encounter, Sophia had been content with Barbara Park's grammar-challenged Junie B. Jones. (Side note: When a young fan at Borders asked Blume how old Junie B. Jones was, the author graciously responded that she does not pen that series, adding, "I'm Judy B., not Junie B.")

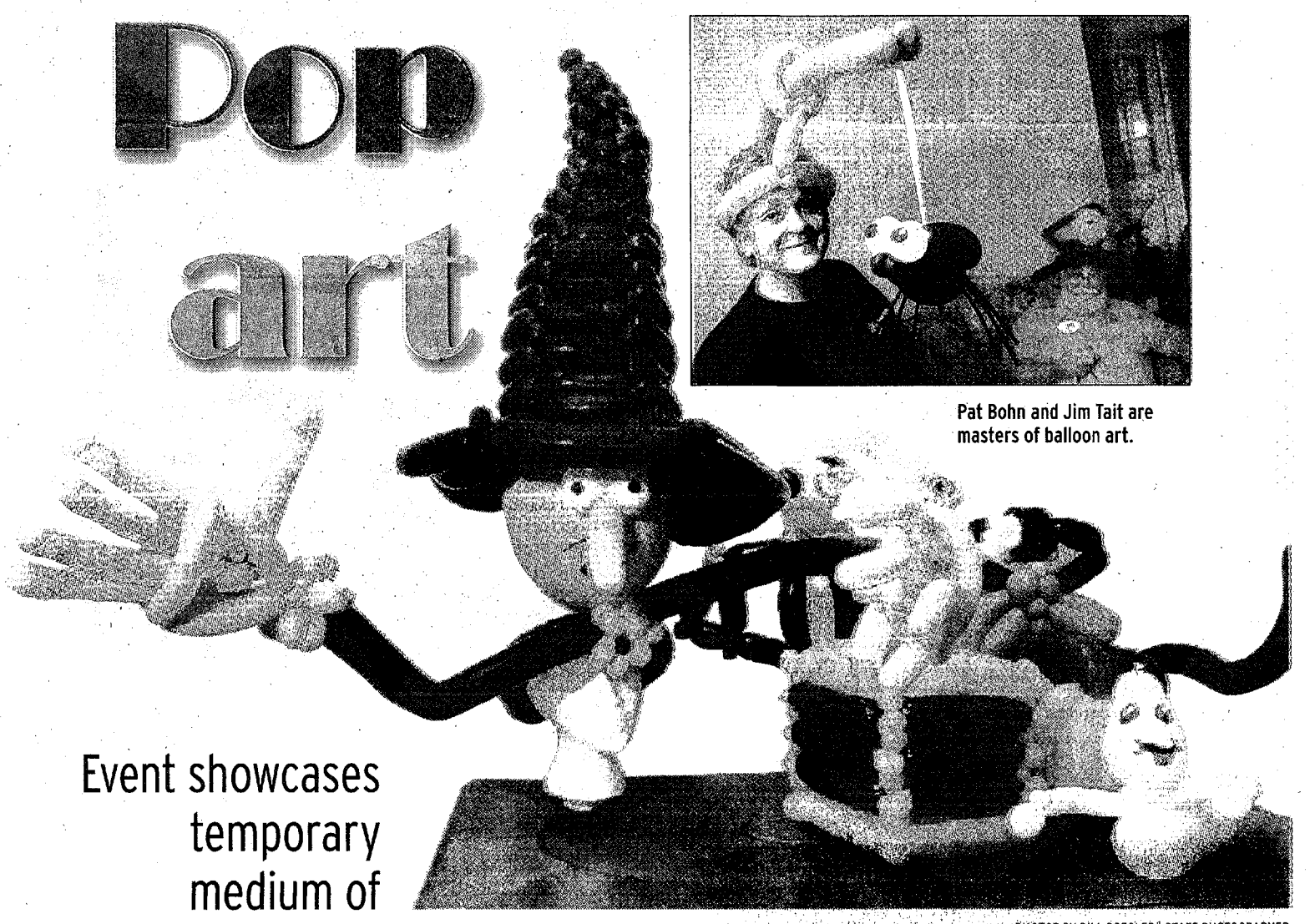
Upon our return from the bookstore, Sophia tore into her autographed copy of *Soupy Saturdays*, and has been alternating between it and Blume's *Superfudge* ever since.

I have my '80s-era paperbacks handy for when she's ready for her next selection, including my newly signed copy of *Blubber*. I hope my daughter gleans from each book everything I did: That growing up can be gut-wrenching and embarrassing and bewildering, but that we're never in it alone.

Rebecca Kavanagh is a Farmington Hills writer and mother of two. Write to her at momsthewordcolumn@gmail.com.

Pop art

Pat Bohn and Jim Tait are masters of balloon art.



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Halloween-themed balloon art.

Event showcases temporary medium of balloon twisting

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Just last Monday, Pat Bohn's living room was filled with witches and ghosts who since have disappeared from the Livonia home. The place wasn't haunted, but a temporary showcase for the creations sometimes called Pop Art because the balloons eventually either shrink or bust. Like ice sculptures and sand castles, the latex sculptures are fleeting, but that's part of their charm.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, patrons of the Canton Coney Island can see how much fun the art can be when members of the Michigan Twisters Group make Halloween-themed decorations and hats as part of the 8th Balloons Around the World event. Last year, balloon artists blew up and twisted sculptures in nearly all 50 states as well as France, England, Germany and several more countries including Thailand and China.

Pat and Mike Bohn, and Jim Tait twisted up spiders, spirits, pumpkins, Dracula, and the witches and ghosts to illustrate some of the art they'll craft from balloons during the event founded by Jeff Brown of Juneau, Alaska.

"We're expecting at least 50 artists to come in from the area and from as far as Port Huron, Battle Creek," said Jim Tait of Canton. "It's for anyone interested in the art of balloon twisting. We'll be going around to the tables. We will have a 50-50 raffle and free door prizes. After we'll be meeting in the back room, trading ideas. We meet every six to eight weeks in restaurants around the Detroit area. We can twist a gift, decorations or decor for Halloween and can do the same thing for Christmas or St. Patrick's Day.

"We have a lot of fun. When you go up to a person and make something it creates a smile, a warm fuzzy feeling.

Please see **BALLOONS, C3**

Pat Bohn and Jim Tait can spend minutes or days on a balloon sculpture.

BALLOONS AROUND THE WORLD

What: Artists demonstrate the art of balloon twisting and decorating
When: 4-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11
Where: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley and Joy in Golden Gate shopping center
Details: Visit www.geocities.com/michigantwistersgroup or call (734) 788-3050.

Actors tackle Ken Ludwig comedy about Hollywood

SHAKESPEARE IN HOLLYWOOD

What: Schoolcraft College Theatre presents Ken Ludwig's comedy
When: 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20, and Oct. 26-27 (dinner theater), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3 (performance only)
Where: Liberal Arts Theater on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia
Tickets: $24 dinner theater, $12 performance only. Call (734) 462-4596.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Professor James Hartman has been laughing hysterically ever since rehearsals began for Ken Ludwig's *Shakespeare in Hollywood*.

Hartman selected the comedy to open the Schoolcraft College Theatre season Friday, Oct. 19, never having read the play about Shakespeare's fairies Oberon and Puck. Hartman directed Ludwig's *Moon Over Buffalo* last year and drew sellout audiences.

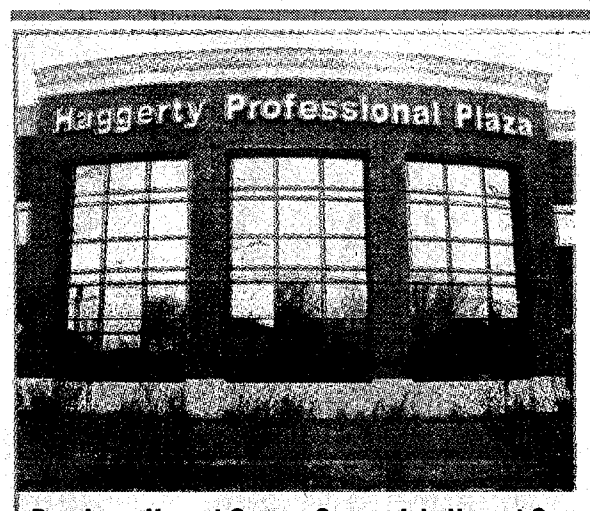
Set in 1934, Shakespeare in Hollywood follows the two fairies who magically materialize on the Max Reinhardt set for *Midsummer Night's Dream*, an actual film which came out in 1939.

"This is not a Shakespeare play. It's a modern comedy," said Hartman,

Please see **COMEDY, C3**

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brenda Lane, as Olivia, rehearses a scene with Brian Taylor, as Oberon, during a dress rehearsal for Schoolcraft college's production of Shakespeare in Hollywood.



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Local celebrities model fall fashions to help autistic students

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Cynthia Jamieson's favorite part of the Redford Suburban League's Fall Festival of Fashion is working with the celebrity models in the show. The 34th annual fundraiser takes place Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Proceeds benefit the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

This year's fashions come from the Dress Barn in downtown Farmington.

"They can be so funny," said Cynthia Jamieson, a Redford resident who's served as show chairperson for about 17 years. "It's so fun to work with somebody who says they've never been on a runway before. Our audiences are so supportive that they come back and say this is great. This year we have a nice lineup of celebrities to model, and it's hosted by Rich Fisher with a surprise co-host."

Channel 7's Glenda Lewis, Erin Nicole and Dennis Neubacher join Channel 4's Paul Gross and Dr. Frank McGeorge on the runway along with Channel 2's Ron Savage. Jo-Jo Shutty-MacGregor returns again this year as does Chef Larry Janes. Nancy McCauley, Beth Fisher, Terry T. Brown, Krystle Klein, Tracy Gary, Colleen Burcar, Audrey Sommers, and Tom Schoenith are among the rest of the familiar faces. New this year is Wensdy Von Buskirk, fashion editor, and Linda Ann Chomin, health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Also modeling are Sheila Sigrow, 1993 Mrs. Michigan International, and Ashlee Baracy, the 2007 Miss Wayne County.

The fashion show follows a luncheon and craft boutique.

FALL FESTIVAL OF FASHION
What: A celebrity fashion show and luncheon to benefit Burger School for Students with Autism
When: Luncheon served at noon, fashion show follows, boutique opens at 9 a.m.
Where: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, south of I-96/ Schoolcraft service drive, west of Inkster Road, Livonia
Tickets: $45. Reserve by calling Miriam at (734) 981-6003.
Reservations required by Friday, Oct. 12

At the end of the afternoon the League raffles off more than 100 prizes including an inlaid chest valued at $2300 by Jonathan Charles, Fine Furniture by Wildwood, donated by Chris Furniture, Livonia; a 14-karat gold amethyst and rose quartz pendant and earring set donated by Orin Jewelers, Garden City; $500 cash from the Redford Suburban League, and 30 theme baskets typically worth several hundred dollars. League members contribute money to purchase items for the baskets. Raffle tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.

"The craft boutique will have everything from children's items to toys, clothes and jewelry, some unique things, fantastic Christmas decorations. If any crafters want to join we can make room for more crafters," said Jamieson.

Last year's event raised about $20,000 for the Old Village School in Northville. Past beneficiaries have included Penrickton Center for Blind Children and the Northwest ARC.

The Redford Suburban League was founded in 1955 by eight bridge club members who wanted to help children. Today the 150-member organization not only includes Redford residents, but women from Farmington, Canton, Plymouth, and Port Huron.

Burger School for Students with Autism is the largest public school program in the country to specialize in educating students with autism, a developmental disability that affects functions of the brain and development of social interaction and communication skills. A 2007 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report found that 1 in 150 children in America have an autism spectrum disorder.

"This year we're helping Burger School for children with autism because autism is so rampant," said Carol Herrick, club president. "They're very appreciative. I'm hoping we'll be successful."

Last year members of the Redford Suburban League created these theme baskets to raise funds for children.

Doris Biscoe, Rich Fisher and Cynthia Jamieson enjoy last year's Fall Festival of Fashion. Biscoe and Fisher have been the fashion show's commentators for years.

Like Jamieson, Lynn Dailey is excited about working with the models. She began fitting the local female celebrities with outfits last Wednesday.

"They're going to be modeling one dressy outfit and a casual outfit," said Lynn Dailey, assistant manager at the Dress Barn in Farmington. "We're very excited to let people know what we have. This isn't your mother's or grandmother's Dress Barn. We have more trendier styles. We have Tahari, Kasper, and Seven7, a European stylish jean. This fall we're seeing a lot of purples, grays, rusts and browns, a tweedy look with houndstooth. The men's wear look is still in with vests and shirts."

For information about joining the Redford Suburban League, call (248) 960-0853.

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SIMPLY SELF STORAGE

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Mary Mabe - C156 - household items
Brandy Dalton - D114 - household items
Iris Vera - C127 - china cabinet, speakers, TV, lamp, ice skates, totes, chandelier.

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Wine tasting to benefit people with developmental disabilities

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

One day Livvie and Jim Lutfy's teenage daughter Margaux may no longer want to live with mom and dad so the Livonia business owners want to do everything they can to make sure the Community Opportunity Center will still be there to help people with special needs.

The nonprofit management corporation provides housing and support services for people with developmental disabilities in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford.

Jim helped out with the COC golf outing fund-raiser for the last four years, and this spring suggested the Wine Tasting Benefit and Auction to take place on Friday, Oct. 19, at Burton Manor. He and Livvie are donating 5 baskets of wine and goodies each valued at between $150 and $250 to raise money for the organization. It was easy to assemble the black cherry cognac sauce, olive oil, chocolate, and wines such as Chateau Noel St-Laurent 2003 Cotes Du Rhone and Anselmo Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 from Napa Valley as they walked around their store, The Fine Wine Source on Middlebelt, south of Six Mile, in Livonia.

"We like the area in where they're located, what they offer kids, depending on their needs," said Livvie Lutfy. "It gives her independence. It's hard but you want to see them have independence. Being a mother you want to do everything for your child."

"We help people with a lot of charity events," said Jim Lutfy who has done more than 50 wine tasting benefits during the past three decades. "I know this a great cause. I'm going to be giving more time and energy."

The Community Opportunity Center serves nearly 100 residents who live in 21 homes and 9 apartment settings in western Wayne County.

"COC gives adults with disabilities a chance to be mainstreamed and live in the community. They feel so independent," said Kathryn DeGeorge, chairperson of the COC fund-raising committee. "COC teaches them to do their own laundry if they're capable of it. We try to mainstream everyone."

Supporters at the Oct. 19 event will be able to taste more than 100 wines ranging in price from $10 to $150 a bottle. The Fine Wine Source specializes in wines from around the world.

"We have different vendors come and show their different wines – cabernet, pinot, chardonnay, sauvignon blancs from Napa Valley (Calif.), Italian, French, Chilean," said Livvie. "When they walk in they get a sheet with wines by each vendor. 10 percent of every bottle sold goes to COC, and you can order what you like after tasting it."

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Livvie (left) and Jim Lutfy, and Kathryn DeGeorge recently gathered to discuss the Oct. 19 Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction for the Community Opportunity Center. The Lutfys donated five baskets of goodies from their Fine Wine Source business in Livonia.

WINE TASTING & AUCTION

What: A benefit for the Community Opportunity Center, a nonprofit that provides leadership and oversight for people with developmental disabilities who live in homes and apartment settings in western Wayne County.
When: 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19
Where: St. Mary's Cultural & Banquet Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia
Tickets: $65 per person. For reservations, call (734) 422-1020

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COMEDY

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who's producing his 51st play at Schoolcraft College. Hartman recently released his book, *An Actor's Edition of Shakespeare Revisited*. A fan of Shakespeare, Hartman began editing the five plays in the book 12 years ago to make Shakespeare accessible to modern audiences.

"I like the way Ken Ludwig writes. He has some real life people — Jimmy Cagney, Groucho Marx, Dick Powell. It's an added challenge for the actor. The audience will see some resemblance of them. Some of the older people will recognize some of the characters. People who know Shakespeare will like it because there's a lot of reference to Shakespeare lines. The average person will like the fast-paced action and physically funny things. There is jumping around and chase scenes. Some of it is bawdy."

The story line revolves around a magical flower which casts a spell on anyone who ends up with a piece of it in their eye.

"They fall in love with the first person they see," said Hartman who cast the 28 actors after auditions in September.

"I added extras and I'm calling it an ensemble. We needed extras because there's a scene with a big Hollywood party being given by Warner Bros. The actors are a mixture of people, several returning actors, a lot of new people, community people as well as students. Some are very experienced. Some are making their stage debut."

Benjamin Karl has been on the stage of the Liberal Arts Theater many times before. The Redford actor plays Max Reinhardt.

"I'm a big fan of Shakespeare," said Karl. "The last few shows were heavy drama. This comedy gives us an opportunity to bring Shakespeare to the masses although this is not a Shakespeare play. A lot of people are afraid of Shakespeare.

"My character is an eccentric who's almost comic relief within a comedy. He's the stereotype of a director who turns into a tyrant."

Brenda Lane plays Olivia, a love interest of at least two of the characters.

"The audience is going to enjoy all the different story lines going on and how their relationships change during the play and how the comedy brings that out," said Lane, who like Karl has been on the Schoolcraft stage several times over the years. "The era is so interesting as far as building a character. You can have an innocence. My character might be based on Katharine Hepburn."

Oberon is one of the characters who falls in love with Olivia. Brian Taylor of Plymouth plays the king of the fairies.

"We get cast in the movie as ourselves," said Taylor, who's appeared in many of the college's productions. "I'm jealous of another character. It's a hoot."

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BALLOONS

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When I go to a restaurant I frequently leave the waitress a tip and the Teddy Bear."

Tait became interested in twisting when he joined Clowns Around Redford. He's since left the makeup and costume behind.

"People associate balloon animals with clowns but it goes beyond what clown balloon artists can do," said Tait. "For me it evolved over time. We've twisted at the Canton Fishing Derby, Ann Arbor Art Fairs, Plymouth Art in the Park, Tapper's Jewelers, company picnics, parties as well as festivals at places like NorthRidge Church. We're twisting for entertainment a couple of times a week during summer."

Balloon twisting is becoming big business. Tait recently went to a two-day convention in Illinois to learn everything from how to entertain with balloons to the business aspect.

It's amazing the sculpture that can be made by twisting balloons. *Balloon Magic*, a magazine on the art, showcases life size dinosaurs and motorcycles.

And it's an inexpensive art. A bag of 100 twisting balloons costs under $10.

Bohn's been twisting almost eight years. She originally wanted to be a clown.

"We have a lot of fun," said Bohn.

Members of the Michigan Twisters Group range in age from 9 to 73, but there is no age limit. And there are no dues.

"We have members from Port Huron to Holland, Livonia to Westland to Garden City," said Tait. "We usually end up popping what we make because we're creating, experimenting and teaching each other."

For more information about balloon twisting, visit www.BalloonsAroundTheWorld.com or www.balloonhq.com, or send an e-mail through the Michigan Twisters site at www.geocities.com/michigantwistersgroup.

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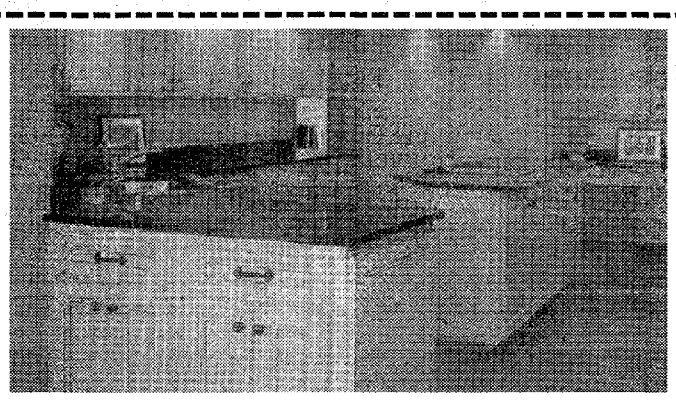

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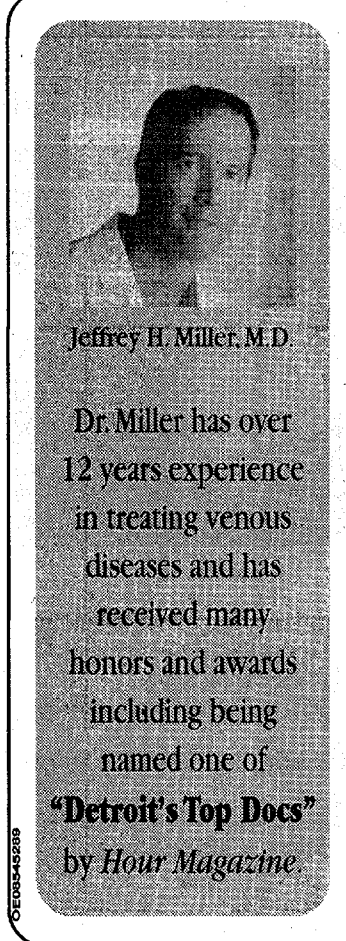

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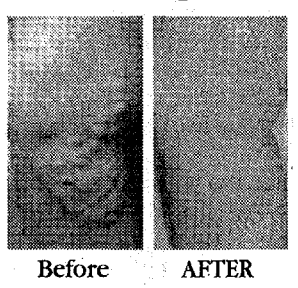

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Detroit Cooley
Class of 1947
A 60th reunion luncheon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For information, contact Dave Vaughn at (248)380-6939 or Reta (Ansell) Steinhaus at (248) 851-4682.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary
Class of 1963
A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734)354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit Denby
Class of 1952
Seeking alumni for a 55th reunion Oct. 21 at the American Polish Century Club. For more information, call (586) 468-2259 or (586) 286-3352.

Detroit Girls Catholic Central
Class of 1967
Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586)446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at mmezzadri@hotmail.com.

Detroit Henry Ford
Class of 1977
Looking for classmates for a 30-year reunion. Information at henryfordhighschool.com.

Detroit Holy Redeemer
Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion. Oct. 12, 2007, at O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn. In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates, contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol.com or phone (734)261-3346.

Detroit Mackenzie
Class of 1957
Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425-8278.

Detroit Osborn
Classes of 1970, '71, '72
Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007. Best Western Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. Alumni can update their addresses by either calling Sharon at (734)261-3264 or e-mailing celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit Web site at ctrinc.divincinet.com

Detroit Redford High School
Class of 1954
Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. $40 per person. Classes of 1953 and 1955 are invited. For more information, www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com or Doug King at (248)478-3621 or dking000@ameritech.net.

Detroit Sacred Heart
Alumni weekend
Dinner bash 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, Sacred Heart Activity Building, $20. Reunion Mass 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, Sacred Heart Church. Contact Barbara (Battle) Hunt at (313)568-7303, Maxine (Jaggers) Adames at (313)526-6322 or Almeta (Carruth) White at (313)862-2064

Farmington High School
Class of 1977
Looking for classmates to plan 30th reunion. Call Elaine (Stewart) Conn at (248)-476-4821 or shakaconn1129@yahoo.com.

Class of 1997
A 10-year reunion. 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007 (Thanksgiving weekend), Cheli's Chili Bar in Detroit. For information, visit www.fhsclassof1997.com.

Garden City High School
Class of 1960
Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. The next mini-reunion luncheon will be held Saturday, Oct. 13. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1972
A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct. 13, 2007. For more information, contact Lori Howe Richardson at (734)421-7808 or lhowerich@hotmail.com or Sharon Burke Parkila at (734)421-3108 or sparkila72@aol.com.

Class of 1987
Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion.
Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, e-mail, etc.).
Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1989
Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion.
The reunion date has not been set yet.

Lakeland
Class of 1982
A 25th reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 24, 2007, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.
Limited amount of rooms at a discount until September. Ticket purchases due by Oct. 15.
Contact Lisa (Perna) Hartman for tickets at musicmuse@comcast.net or Laura Lovelace at lauralee@comcast.net for more information.

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Livonia Bentley High School
Class of 1982
A 25th reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007 at Baker's of Milford.For information visit www.classmates.com or call 877 376 1703
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Livonia Franklin
Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Class of 1966, 1967
A 41st and 40th reunion will be held Oct. 20, 2007, 6:30 to midnight. Tickets are $50. Call Tom Kujath at (248)888-9535.

Livonia Churchill High School
Class of 1997
10 Year Reunion 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel. For information and tickets, send e-mail to CHS97@CHSChargers.Info or visit www.snowdenhq.com/chs97.

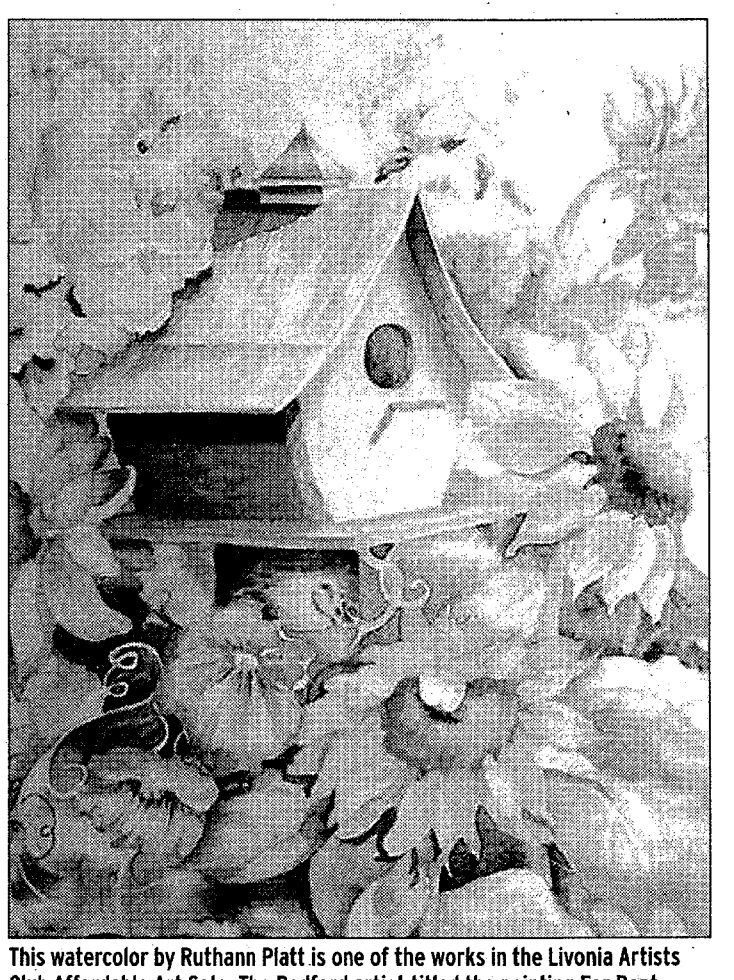
Livonia Stevenson High School
Class of 1987
The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High School meets for its 20th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Melvindale High School
Class of 1967
A 40 year class reunion, Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at the Double Tree Hotel in Dearborn beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Donna Labare Wright at (313) 277 - 8870 or dewcrews@aol.com or Ron Morris at (734) 676 - 8111 or ronniem67@hotmail.com.

Oak Park High School
Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Peking House, Royal Oak. Also a get-together 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Ginopolis in Farmington Hills. For information, call Shelley (Cherin) Wasserman at (248)626-1303.

Plymouth High School
Class of 1968
Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Dearborn Heights Riverside
Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center, Dearborn Heights.For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734)261-3264.



This watercolor by Ruthann Platt is one of the works in the Livonia Artists Club Affordable Art Sale. The Redford artist titled the painting For Rent, Garden View.

Artists Club to host affordable art sale

The Livonia Artists Club is having their ninth annual Affordable Art Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Rd.

Members will be selling unframed, small framed paintings and art objects.

The Livonia Artists Club has been in existence since 1960. Many of the artists have been painting for years, but continue to attend classes and workshops for fresh ideas and new, experimental techniques.

The club also has several members who are new budding artists anxious to show their work.

This year's show features watercolors, pastels, acrylics, oils, colored pencil, collage and photography. Approximately 20 artists will participate.

The club meets at the Civic Center Library in Livonia the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Visitors and aspiring artists are always welcome. For more information, call the club's president, Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774.

Spooky night of fun to benefit youth

A Halloween Spooktakular Road Rally begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia.

Enjoy a night of fun solving clues from one local destination to the next ending at a local restaurant. The event is open to all ages.

The cost is $13 per person. For more information or to download a flier, visit www.justsayrun.com or call Chris Ogden at (734) 522-0076.

All proceeds from this event help to fund the work being done by the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force. For more information, visit www.saveouryouthtaskforce.com.

ANNIVERSARIES

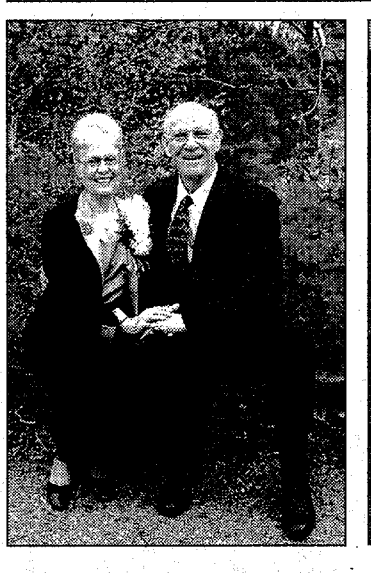
Bobceans celebrate

Mel and Nancy Bobcean of Plymouth, Mich., are celebrating their 51st anniversary this year.

The couple met in high school and were married in Mt. Clemens, Mich., in 1956.

They started their life together in California where Mel served in the U.S. Army. They then returned to Plymouth to start their family and open Mel's Golden Razor, a barber shop that's been serving the community ever since.

The couple has three children: Laura (Jim) Freeman, Julie Ash, Kurt (Donna) Bobcean and seven grandchildren: Colton, Meghan, Audrey, Luke, Kayla, Sagan and Noah.



Harold and Annette Davis 50th

Harold and Annette (Cunningham) Davis of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party for 60-guests at Northville Crossing Club House on Sept. 22.

The couple was married Dec. 21, 1957, at Spring Street Baptist Church in Plymouth.

They have two children, Kevin of Northville, and Teresa Snipes of Auburn, Georgia.

Harold retired in 1996 from the Sheldon Rd. Climate Control Division of Ford Motor Co. Annette attended Plymouth High School.

They have lived in the area 55 years.

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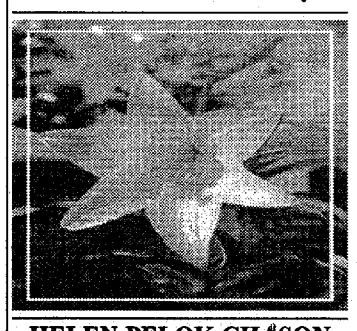
ROY M. ARNOLD

Age 75, of Brighton. Mr. Arnold passed away on Friday, October 5, 2007 at Caretel Inns of Brighton after an extended illness. He was born April 26, 1932 in Kingsport, Tennessee, the son of Cecil and Florence (Duncan) Arnold. On August 1, 1958 he was married to Betty L. Guffey in Bristol, Tennessee. Prior to moving to Brighton in 2007, together they had lived in Kingsport, TN, Woodbridge, Virginia, Farmington Hills and Commerce Township. Mr. Arnold proudly served his country in the United States Navy, Air Corps, and served aboard the USS Constitution, was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, a very active member of the Society of Plastics Engineers, and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Commerce. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Arnold was a Senior Accounts Executive and Technical Representative of the Eastman Chemical Company for many years. Surviving is his wife of 49 years Betty of Brighton, one daughter, Deborah Amon of Texas, one son, R. Michael (Dana) Arnold of Howell and two grandchildren, Grayson and Greer. Visitation Sunday, October 7, 2007 beginning at 12:00 Noon until the time of the funeral service at 2:00pm at the KEEHN FUNERAL HOME, Brighton (810) 229-9871 with Rev. John Hooper officiating. Cremation will follow funeral services. Memorial contributions in Mr. Arnold's name are requested to the Disabled American Veterans or to the American Cancer Society.



HELEN PELOK CHASON

Age 91, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan passed away on August 11, 2007 in Dallas, Texas where she lived the last six years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Jacob L. Chason, M.D. Dr. Chason, a neuropathologist, was Professor and former Chairman of the Pathology Department at Wayne State University School of Medicine. Mrs. Chason graduated in 1934 from Cass Tech High School. She received her B.S. in Medical Technology from Wayne State University in 1938. An avid collector and patron of the fine arts, she later earned an M.A. in Art History, also at Wayne State University. During her husband's tenure at Wayne State, she served on the boards of the American Association of University Women and Faculty Wives. An independent woman of great style, grace and intelligence, she was an inspiration to family and countless friends in Dallas and Detroit. A generous and devoted mother, grandmother and aunt, she will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered. Mrs. Chason is survived by her son: David P. Chason, M.D. and wife Sara (Dalgleish) of Dallas, Texas; daughter: Ellen (Chason) Blanchet and husband Henri of Marseille, France, and son Steven Chason, and wife Vivian (Sadow) of Chicago; five grandchildren: Benjamin and Rebecca Chason; Mathias, Timothy and Lucas Blanchet; four nieces and a nephew. Memorial donations may be made to the Detroit Institute of Arts or the art organization of your choice.

ROBERT FRANKO

Age 72, passed away October 4, 2007. A great philanthropist, pillar of his community, and church, and retired UAW member, brother of Fr. Jack Franko and David (Grace) Franko. Also survived by his ex-wife Barbara Pigeon, children Robert (Sarah), Michael (Yvonne), Christopher (Sue Simmons), Peter (Tracy), Jeanne (Larry Farrell), Patrick (Cherry), and Stefan (Keera), along with extended family members Kelly Franko, Colleen, James and Daniel Murphy, grandchildren Joseph, Adrienne, Brian, Zachary, Peter, Madeline, Lillian, Dene, Celia, Zinnia, Patrick, Channing, Nicholas, Duvon, Casey, Thomas, Sage and Coriander, and great-grandchild Joelle. A Rosary will take place on Sunday from 6-7 PM, and a Memorial and Mass Monday beginning at 9:30 AM at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 5780 Evergreen, Detroit.

CHRISTOPHER GRUBBS

Age 39, died September 26, 2007 at his home, after an extended illness. Chris loved music and sports, he graduated from Clawson High School and made all-state in swimming in 1986. He attended Ferris State University, Oakland Community College and Baker College. He was a great cook for 17 years working in Atlanta, GA, Detroit and Birmingham, MI. Chris is survived by daughter Meghan, mother Peg, sister Leslie (Roberto) Bombelli, brother Don (known as Larry), niece Natsumi Grubbs, nephew Angelo Bombelli and many cousins. He is predeceased by his father Roland, sister Mary Beth and grandparents. NO FLOWERS PLEASE, in lieu of, memorial donations may be made to: Clawson Manor in Chris's memory, St. Vincent dePaul, K of C # 4188 Guardian Angels Chapter, and K of C St. Ephrem. Services will be held Friday, October 5, 2007 at 11:00 AM at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 581 E. 14 Mile Rd., Clawson, MI. Condolences can be sent to: www.gramerfuneralhome.com

ALEXANDER C. HOWELL

October 2, 2007, age 85. Retired engineer with Detroit Edison. Preceded in death by his wife Marjorie, "the light of his life". He was a kind, proud man, with a twinkle in his eye for his beloved music and grandchildren Dear father of Joseph (Patricia), James (Donna) and Jeffrey (Laurie). Grandfather of Greg (Laura), Jeremy (Erin), Amy (Kyle), Stephanie, Kimberly, Mary and Carol. Great-grandfather of Lila Jean, Teagan James, Matisyn, Jared Robert and Carson Ross. Brother of Paul (Viola) and the late Walter and Arthur. Leaves many friends at Waltonwood of Novi and special friend Rebecca Hyman. Visitation Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 1 pm until time of Memorial Service at 2 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Angela Hospice. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

RUTH MARY HYMES

Age 92. Beloved mother of Suellen, passed away on August 11, 2007 at her daughter's home in Seattle. Ruth was born on April 4, 1915 in Winnipeg, Canada to Rev. and Mrs. A.G. Ward, early pioneers of the Assembly of God Church in Canada. Ruth married Gene Hymes of Ottawa, Kansas on March 25, 1939 in Toronto. In 1945, Gene and Ruth settled in Farmington and opened the Farmington Radio Store, later Radio and Television Store, on Grand River, in downtown Farmington. Both Gene and Ruth were active in community affairs for many years. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Gene in 1993, her sister Ellen Blakeman and her brother, Rev. C.M. Ward. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Suellen of Seattle, two granddaughters, Jana and Rebecca, of El Paso, Texas, and one great-grandson, Marcus, age six. A graveside ceremony will be held on Friday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery on Grand River in Farmington.

ELSIE ROSS (nee Hahn)

Age 97. October 3, 2007 at her home in Cincinnati, OH. Formerly of Farmington, MI. As a registered nurse, she dedicated her life work to helping others until retiring at age 76. Beloved wife of the late William J. Ross. Loving mother of William H. (Sharon) of Brighton and John P. (Linda) of Cincinnati. Cherished grandmother of David, Jerald and Kimberly. The last surviving of seven children, she was preceded in death by parents Herman and Minnie Hahn; sisters Hermina Wentland, Edna Larson; brothers Carl, Elmer, Arthur and Albert Hahn. Visitation Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 9am until 11am. Service at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of one's choice.
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JAMES A. SHERIDAN

Beloved husband of Joan, father of Michael, Michelle, James and the late Timothy. Grandfather of Amy, Grey, Courtney and Kristi. Retired lineman for Detroit Edison for 42 years. Memorial Service Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Please call for Details 734-591-3700

MOLLY JO (Southard) WALLACE

Age 68, passed away September 25, 2007, at her home in Canton. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Dear mother of Julie(Patrick) Nelson of Manistique, MI. Dear sister of Sharon Landis of Mayetta, KS, , and Anita Beasley of Topeka, KS. Dear aunt of Cheri Virag of Lansing, MI, and Bill(Patti) Beasley of Topeka, KS. Also special people to Jo are the Seaton family of Lansing,MI, the Olson family of Pennsylvania, the Boyce family of Canton, the Miles family of Canton, and her many "adopted" kids including Kathy Olson, David Kociuk, Heather and T.C. A memorial service will take place Saturday, October 13, 2007, 2pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Scotty Rescue Club of Michigan, Paralyzed Veterans of America, or Angela Hospice. Friends may send condolences at schrader-howell.com.

LUCILLE M. WORTHINGTON

Age 83, of Milford and Lecanto, FL and formerly of Farmington Hills, died October 1, 2007. Survived by her beloved husband, Leonard A. "Fritz;" children, John, Jim (Chere), Susan (Don) Harris, Michael (Debbie), Betty (Dan) Bruci, Linda King, Mary (Keith) Rowley; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Margaret Brisson, Betty (Glenn) Bishop; brother, Joseph (Ann) Pellegrini and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Lucille was preceded in death by her sister, Evelyn Heindel; brother, Rudy Pellegrini and daughter-in-law, Gracie. Funeral was held from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Saturday, October 6. with the Rev. Dr. R. John Harris officiating. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit:
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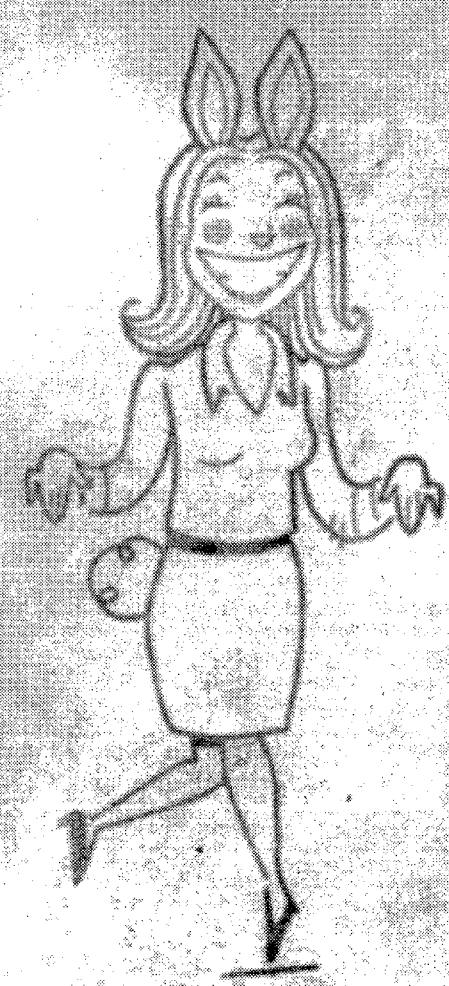

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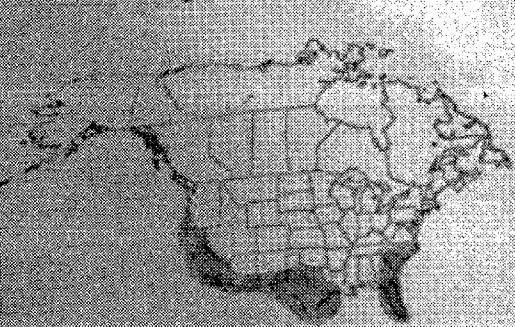

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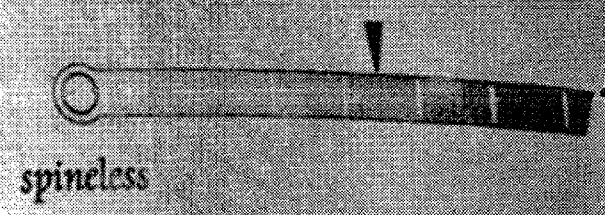

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A touchdown tradition

Friends keep 28-year-old Fantasy Football league running

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Back in the day, Pat Brown and his friends would scour the Monday morning newspaper for NFL football stats and standings so they knew which players to keep and which ones would get the boot.

That was 28 years ago and the start of one of Michigan's very first Fantasy Football leagues.

"Commissioner" Brown, of Farmington, and his best friends since childhood, Bob Parent and Tom Nemes, formed the league in 1979 and remain devoted to the quest for the coveted Ray M. Shilson Memorial Trophy.

Of course, there's a story behind this trophy.

No one actually knows who Ray M. Shilson is or why he was deemed special enough to receive the silver, engraved bowl.

Apparently, it didn't mean as much to Ray M. Shilson as it did to Pat Brown when he spotted it at a garage sale in 1979.

It's been polished and mounted on a wood base, where engraved plates boast the names of each Fantasy Football winner since the league's inception.

"The winner gets to keep it for a year, kind of like the Stanley Cup," said Brown. "You wouldn't believe how important it is to everyone to get their name on the trophy."

It took current champion Steve Papcun 20 years to win the trophy.

Others have *never* experienced this thrill of victory — only the agony of defeat.

"I'm the Detroit Lions of Fantasy Football," said Tom Nemes of Farmington Hills.

Brown, Nemes and Parent played football at St. Agatha Catholic School in Redford Township, where they attended grade school and high school, graduating in the class of 1973. Brown was the team's captain, and, you guessed it — Parent and Nemes were co-captains. Another longtime friend, Mike Rex, who has been in the Fantasy Football league for 22 years, was the quarterback on their St. Agatha football team.

"And, here we are, still playing football," said Brown.

Except now, it's a little more relaxing. The Heinekens dot the meeting table at Dave Steingold's Farmington Hills home during the monthly redraft sessions. Pizza, chips, M&Ms and plenty of friendly jibing are staples at any redraft meeting.

"It's all about the camaraderie," said Steingold. "And, to be a part of history — who knows how long this will go on."

The league, which always consists of 10 teams, has already sparked the interest of the next generation.

Bernie Brown, 24, of Farmington, who is Pat Brown's son and Ian Pardonnet, 24, of Farmington, who is Mike Pardonnet's son, joined the league a few years ago. They won the trophy the first year they joined the league.

While there are now thousands of Fantasy Football leagues in the area, the younger guys said this one is different.

"This is very old school," said Bernie Brown. "We only count the scoring in this league."

Other Fantasy leagues consider lots of stats on the NFL players, including running yards, passing yards, pass completion percentages, and so on.

"It's more basic, but a lot harder," said Ian Pardonnet, noting that a player can get one yard and touchdown and it would be worth more than the player who ran for 200 yards in a game.

Keeping track of their picks is much easier these days, said Pat Brown.

"Back then, you had to research everything by hand," he said. "Now, you just go online and pull up all of the players. And now, we have our own Web site, so we can pull up the scores."

Commissioner Brown has a thick folder, stuffed with pages and pages of hand-written rosters and those he typed on a typewriter, much to the amazement of the young guys. Some of the best picks back in 1979 included San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts; San Francisco's Joe Montana; Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw and Dallas' Tony Dorsett.

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Dave Steingold, on left, entertains his guests at his Farmington Hills home during Monday night's quarterly redraft meeting for their Fantasy Football league, which started 28 years ago.

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DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎630808

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1"+, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. ☎692549

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WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE
I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. ☎982305

TAKE A CHANCE
SWF, 25, 5'2", medium build, athletic, enjoys sports, working on cars, bowling, pool, Italian food, music, my dogs, having fun. Seeking outgoing, fun-loving guy to get to know, share fun. ☎213228

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

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a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call! ☎224748

MAYBE US
SBF, 42, 5'6", pretty smile, enjoys weekend getaways, seeking a SM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. ☎214333

CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE
SBF, 40, curvy, seeking a SBM, 40-50, masculine, who likes walks, movies and having fun. No head games. ☎217813

HELLO GENTLEMEN
SBF, 42, 5'3", 138lbs, medium complexion, easy on the eyes, curvaceous, intelligent, classy and educated, with a beautiful heart, seeking compatible man to share my life. ☎218906

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SBF, 19, full-figured, 5'4", caramel complexion looking for a good man to enjoy talks, hang out with and just get to know. ☎230300

FRIENDS FIRST
WIWF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

HELLO
DWF, 57, 5'4", 180lbs, size 16, attractive redhead, retired RN, homeowner, smoker, loves cooking, movies, good company, conversation and travel. Give me a call. All call returned ☎229066

GOOD TIMES
Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. ☎159358

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ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Employed, easygoing SBF, 48, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic cars/car shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SBM, intelligent and good-humored for companionship, happiness. ☎200926

CLASSY LADY
SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎192050

WORTH YOUR CALL
SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. ☎201967

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎409879

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. ☎216297

BUSY GIRL
Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5', 115lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. ☎230116

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SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music. Seeking BM, 36-55, for friendship, possible romance. ☎220303

FUN AND SIMPLE
SBF, 19, dark complexion, artsy, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. ☎222583

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LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SBCF, 38, 5'6", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies. for friendship, possible romance. ☎152399

SIMPLE REQUEST
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SBM, 27-57, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. ☎508061

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
WIWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. ☎211330

IS IT YOU?
SF, 65, employed, outgoing, honest and fun-loving, Libra, wishing to meet a southern gentleman, social drinker with good sense of humor, to share all life offers. ☎226704

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎993381

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DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200296

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WIWF, 61, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. ☎976914

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SWF, 59, 5'4", easy on the eyes, full-figured, nice personality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, football, casinos, cooking and much more. ISO good-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. ☎220957

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MAYBE US?
Sociable, employed SF, 59, enjoys family, friends, camping, sailing, boating, water, travel, reading, quiet times, live music and more Looking for family-oriented gentleman with a zest for life. ☎219636

COULD IT BE YOU?
Employed SWF, 50, 5'3", blond/hazel enjoys day trips, quiet times, getaways, sightseeing, window shopping, trying new restaurants, moonlight strolls. Seeking like-minded gentleman who would appreciate the same. ☎227075

HOW ARE YOU?
SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. ☎200770

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SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over dinner. ☎208077

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SWF, 23, seaching for a SBM, 25-35, outgoing, sensative, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. ☎208814

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. ☎210247

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985794

I'LL MAKE U SMILE
Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/HM, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. ☎212804

LET'S TALK
SF, 31, 5'9', brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. ☎213820

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER
SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. ☎226494

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

VERY CUTE
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

NO DRAMA
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. ☎172726

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. ☎684501

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

COULD IT BE YOU?
Easygoing, nice SM, 56, simple and sweet, enjoys movies, dancing, travel, life and it's little pleasures. Looking for a loving, light-hearted lady to share a little love and happiness. ☎225277

TRY THIS ONE
SBM, 33, 5'9", 175lbs, brown complexion, mustache/goatee, attractive and sweet, seeks sexy lady to share the good things in life. ☎231030

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Outgoing, honest, spontaneous man, 43, father, looking for easygoing, fun-loving, affectionate woman, 25-49, for dating, fun times and see where it goes. ☎229056

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

YOUNG-AT-HEART
SWM, 76, 6', 200lbs, N/S, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, seeks old fashioned SWF, 62-70, college grad, who's affectionate, kind, for friendship first maybe marriage. ☎449201

COUGAR LOVER
Some things get better with age. Blue-eyed handsome man, mid-40s, physically/philosophically fit, laid-back, secure, good-humored, w/cougar loving side, seeks woman with like qualities and interests of travel, music, fitness etc. ☎230057

WHAT HAVE U GOT TO LOSE?
SM, 44, creative, fun, independent film maker, looking for a good-humored, nice, easygoing lady who's down-to-earth and fun, to share all the good things in life. ☎228696

LATIN FEMALE DESIRED
Attractive WM, 38, 6'3", great SOH, enjoys concerts, sports, movies. Seeks latin or hispanic female from South America. Age open. ☎228720

WHAT'S GOOD
Simple, cool, genuine SBM, 25, 6', athletic, seeks outgoing lady who knows how to have fun. ☎231020

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

TAKE A LOOK
SM, 47, muscular build, attractive, employed, outgoing, 6'2", 230lbs, dark hair/eyes, olive complexion, ISO outgoing, loving SWF, 50-62, fit, active and fun to share life and it's simple pleasures. ☎221496

MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES
Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. ☎165436

FINANCIALLY SECURED
SBM, very young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, sport bikes, movies. Seeking a SF, 30-45, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humored. ☎221121

HI LADIES!
DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a H/WF, 37-57, N/S, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. ☎216527

SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE
SBM, 6'1", 250lbs, outgoing, romantic, likes movies, dining and traveling, seeking a woman, 35-45, who likes long walks and good conversations, let's talk. ☎216163

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

LETS GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎128302

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

LIFE DOESN'T END AT 60...
it starts! SWM, 62, enjoys meting new people, trying new things, laughter and living life to the fullest. Seeking active, happy lady who feels the same. Friendship, fun, LTR? ☎228516

A TERRIFIC GUY
SWM, 45, 6', blue/brown, 200lbs, N/D, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, N/D, trustworthy, 35-55, in good shape, w/similar interests. Possible LTR. ☎224408

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE
DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily adventures. ☎146279

NICE LOOKING JEWISH GUY
Very honest SJM, 6'2", 225lbs, 46, business owner, attractive, enjoys life, loves boating, open to LTR. Seeks attractive, slim, physically fit, emotionally open and intimate SJF, 25-46, who loves good communication, sharing thoughts, long walks, and days on the lake. ☎206878

MAYBE IT'S YOU
Affectionate DWM, 65, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎920969

VERY NICE GENT
SWM, 40, personable and sincere, a good listener, has a gentleman's touch and a strong shoulder to lean on. Seeking friendly, lively lady, friend/companion. ☎222611

WORTH IT
SM, 63, blond, 6', 200lbs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, energetic, attractive lady w/spontaneous streak, who enjoys the same. ☎135531

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBM, 48, 6'2", brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/goatee, employed, mature, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys soulfood, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and love. ☎189723

GOOD LOOKING..
SBM, 36, 5'9", average, construction by trade, likes movies, night clubs and more, seeking a SF, 25-45, independent, caring, honest, to spend quality time with. ☎192696

WANT TO JOIN ME?
SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. ☎200127

NO DRAMA
SBM 49, N/D, very open-minded ISO easygoing, drama-free lady to hang out with for fun, travel, movies, more. You name it ☎200215

ARE U THE RIGHT ONE?
SM, 37, working construction, likes dinners out, travel, movies, good company. Seeking a sweet lady to share these. ☎201579

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN
SBM, likes quiet times, basketball, movies and sporting events, seeking a nice, honest, caring woman, 26-48, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎204532

HI LADIES
SBM, 30, dark complexion, hard-working, student, looking for a loving, good-hearted woman, with a zest for life to share the special times, good talks and a lasting, loving relationship. ☎204961

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE
SWM, 35, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. ☎205048

NICE LOOKING
SWM, 45, 6'2", 240lbs, brown/green, seeking a SWF, 38-45, hwp, who want to get to know each other and go out on dates. Let's see what happens. ☎205718

HOW ABOUT ME?
Loving, sociable, employed SM, 48, 5'9", 210lbs, dark complexion, well-groomed, D/D-free, smoker, independent, affectionate, looking for a special lady I can treat like a queen. ☎210000

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBM, 5'11", likes swimming and having fun, searching for a down-to-earth woman, 21-30, to enjoy what life has to offer. ☎212235

SEARCHING FOR A MUSE
32-year-old renaissance man, artist, confident and true of heart, ISO inspiring friendship. Race open. ☎227497

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. ☎112288

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ☎113835

WORTH YOUR CALL
SM, 27, easygoing, fun, 6'2", dark brown complexion and eyes, clean-cut, well-groomed, likes occasional nights out, quiet times in life, simple fun. Seeking similar lady for friendship, dates and more? ☎229192

FILLED WITH CARE AND LOVE
SM, 22, fun-loving, caring, seeks SF, 18-30, to hang out, sports, for an old school relationship but in the new times. ☎242667

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED
Attractive SWM, 5'8", 165lbs, muscular, looking for attractive, down-to-earth woman, fit and open-minded, to get to know and share good times. ☎227318

LET'S TALK
Simple, easygoing SBM, 18, looking for a pretty, sweet and sincere lady, open-minded and down-to-earth, who knows how to enjoy life. ☎229571

WORTH YOUR CALL
Active, athletic SM, 29, healthy educator, new to the area, enjoys good company, nice talks, good food and a little romance. Seeking loving, sweet lady to share the above. ☎224191

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. ☎587540

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. ☎176497

ARE YOU MY LADY?
SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all lifes simple pleasures. ☎210024

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
SM, 52, enjoys BBQs, time spent by the water, sunsets, jazz, cooking, travel, long walks and much more. Looking for a kind-hearted, affectionate woman to treat like a queen. ☎224287

LET'S TALK
SWM, 6'3", 240lbs, italian, blue eyes, easygoing, blue-jean type of guy, looking for a petite woman, 50-60, easygoing, laidback, who likes dining, shows, gardening, ☎991273

SEEKING A SPECIAL LADY
SBM, 6', caring, likes quiet evenings, romantic walks, movies and picnics, seeking a B/HF, 24-46, who enjoys the same, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎192108

WORTH A CALL
SBM, 28, 5'6", 150lbs, enjoys home-cooking, Italian food, time with friend, good company, movies, music and more. Seeking a nice, open-minded SF to share the good times. ☎213010

SEEKING SOMETHING REAL
Sociable, active SM, 25, 6'3", 225lbs, brown/hazel, strong, affectionate, lovable, loves camping, cuddling, trying new things, nice talks. Seeking loving, family-oriented, outdoorsy SF, to share lifes little pleasures and adventures. ☎227126

IT'S NO FUN BEING ALONE
SWM, likes camping, biking, dining, walks, romance and having fun, seeks a W/BF, 45-60, who enjoys the same, for companionship, maybe more. ☎216421

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. ☎200890

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

NICE GUY
SWPM is looking for a companion, SWF, 50-65, to enjoy each other's company. I like movies, sports, and other things. I'm 68, 155lbs, 5'6", and an active professional. ☎708126

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎860305

HOPE TO FIND U
Creative, loving DWM, 69, health-conscious and active, with passion for singing, church, swimming, ethnic dining, playing cards trying new things. Seeking loving lady with warm, heart who appreciates the same. ☎227880

UNUSUAL REQUEST
Nice-looking, extremely busy, Grosse Pt. SWPM, 6'3", 228lbs, N/S, N/Drugs, ISO over 45 also extremely busy SWPF, pretty lady, for great friendship and special times. I know how to treat a lady and practice the golden rule. ☎143494

CALL ME SOMETIME
Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to motown, and much more. ISO, affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friendship/LTR? ☎146467

SINGER SEEKS SINGER
SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things. Seeking SF, 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for friendship, more. ☎168597

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Affectionate, true SBM, 21, likes home-cooking, nights out. Seeking loving, sexy, sweet lady who knows how to have a good time, for sharing, dates, talks, friendship, fun. Possible LTR. ☎200931

A NICE GUY
SM, 22, easygoing, honest, affectionate, looking for a good-hearted, sweet, cool, goal-oriented SF, to get to know, share friendship, fun and maybe more. ☎200811

BRUNETTES ARE BETTER
SWM, 5'8", blonde/blue, masculine build, seeking a SWF, 22-35, with good values, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining, traveling and shopping, brunette a+, smokers ok. ☎203186

JUST A SIMPLE MAN
SBM, 6', athletic, energetic, good looking, likes biking, web surfing and spending time together. Seeks a woman, 35-45, intelligent, family-oriented, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎206050

THE REAL DEAL
SWM, intelligent, honest, like trying out new adventures, seeking a SF, 22-33, mature, attractive, open-minded, smart, for friendship, adventures and more. ☎206791

WHY NOT CALL?
SWM, 41, blonde/brown, 5'6", 140lbs, enjoys hanging out with friends, seeks a woman, to spend time with. ☎207635

NICE GUYS DO EXIST
SBM, 6'1", 250lbs, likes walks on the beach, casinos and movies. Searching for a H/AF, 18+, 4'11"+, attractive, caring, ☎212428

THAT SPECIAL ONE
SM, 5'11", self-employed, likes dining, Jazz concerts and bowling, seeking a woman, to share these activities with and more. ☎212601

WORTH IT
SM, 52, brown/brown, 225lbs, 5'9", working construction, student, enjoys driving, the outdoors, fitness, biking, good company, nice talks. Seekinbg honest, trustworthy, respectful woman to share all life offers. ☎212923

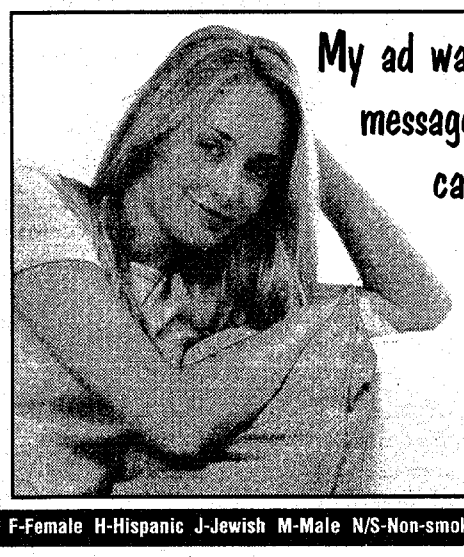
WORTH A CALL
Simple, easygoing SM, 18, likes sports, looking for a nice lady to share talks, friendship, fun and possibly more. ☎212691

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎672855

DON'T HESITATE...
call for a date! SWM, 55, happy, healthy, N/S, enjoys reading, cooking, home life, road trips, seeks SWF, 40-59, for companionship, maybe more. ☎992956

LET'S GET TOGETHER
DWM, D/D-free, east area, great sense-of-humor, interested in music, outdoors, pets, gardening and evenings in front of a fireplace. ISO WF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎202143

LET'S GO OUT!
BM, 53, 6'7', 200lbs, smoker, likes walks, movies, traveling, baseball cards. Seeking WF, 45-65, with SOH, for cordial relationship. ☎231874



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Nutrients help save eyesight

David from Berkley e-mails asking if there is anything he could eat to help fight off macular degeneration?

David, try filling your plate full of eggs and spinach! A new study discovered two nutrients found in eggs, spinach and other leafy green vegetables can help protect against macular degeneration.

Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Researchers followed more than 4,500 people aged 60 to 80. Those who ate foods full of the nutrients lutein and zeaxanthin had a 35-percent less chance of developing macular degeneration. Age related macular degeneration affects 1.2 million Americans, mostly 65 years old and over. The condition gradually worsens, robbing victims of their vision.

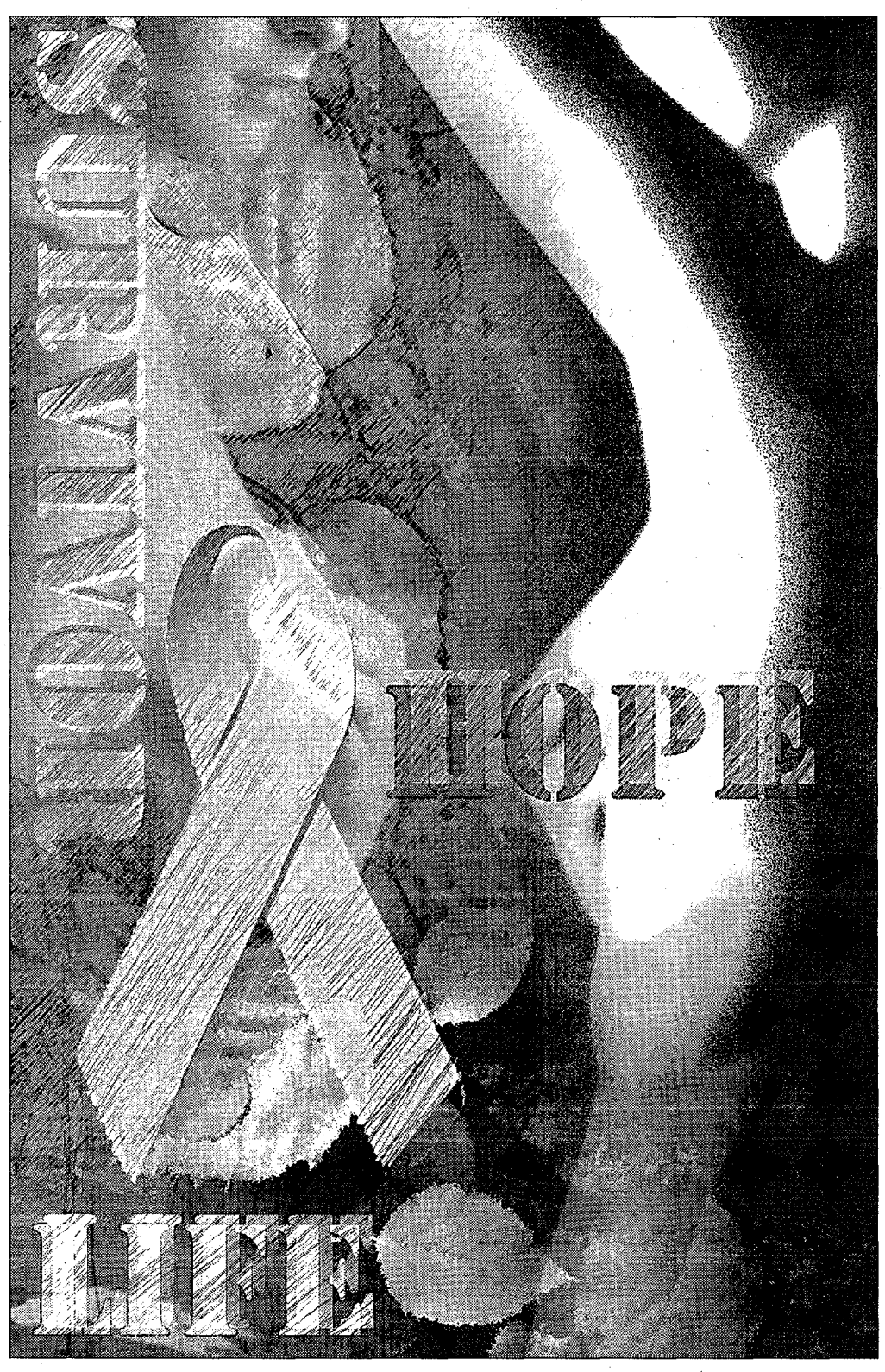
Mary from Southfield e-mails concerned about her sister. She is pregnant and still smokes!

Mary, as shocking as it may sound a new study found that one in ten pregnant women smoke, even though they know it is harmful for their baby. Researchers followed more than 1,500 pregnant women. A surprising 22-percent smoked during their pregnancy and about 12-percent were nicotine dependent.

Experts believe depression may be a factor. They found pregnant smokers were three times more likely to have a mental health disorder than those who did not smoke. They are now pushing for mental health screenings for all pregnant women. Smoking while pregnant increases the risk of miscarriage, premature birth, low birth weight, death from SIDS as well as learning and behavioral disorders.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Breast cancer update



Experts talk about latest in caring for patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Scott Schell never realized how difficult it was for breast cancer patients to make their way through the treatment process until his wife was diagnosed with the disease. Her experience is changing the way Beaumont Hospitals care for patients.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, he and wife Dr. Dawn Schell speak on the Physician Team: Practitioner and Survivor at a symposium presented by Sharing & Caring, the breast cancer education and support group affiliated with Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Dawn is an anesthesiologist in southeast Michigan, and a five-year breast cancer survivor.

Schell

Beaumont Hospitals launched its Patient Care Advocate (PCA) program in July 2007.

Staff with registered nurse degrees and additional oncology training act as mentors and advocates to guide patients through every step of care. Schell, as corporate director of Beaumont's Comprehensive Breast Care Centers, used Dawn's experience and models of nurse navigators in different areas of the country to create the hospitals' PCA program with the help of Dr. Frank Vicini, corporate director for oncology services.

"I used Dawn's focus as a breast cancer survivor to provide some insights," said Dr. Scott Schell of Oakland Township. "It's difficult for a physician to fully understand what it's like going through treatment. It's rather difficult to navigate the treatment for successful outcome. Dawn's experience crystallized how patients feel. We do a good job taking care of patients but sometimes the people get left behind. I wanted to provide a platform where patients weren't distracted from their primary mission to get better."

In addition to speaking on the physician-patient relationship, Scott Schell focuses on what's new and on the horizon to treat breast cancer patients as well as how to prevent the disease through screening, evaluation and genetic counseling.

PROGRESS MADE

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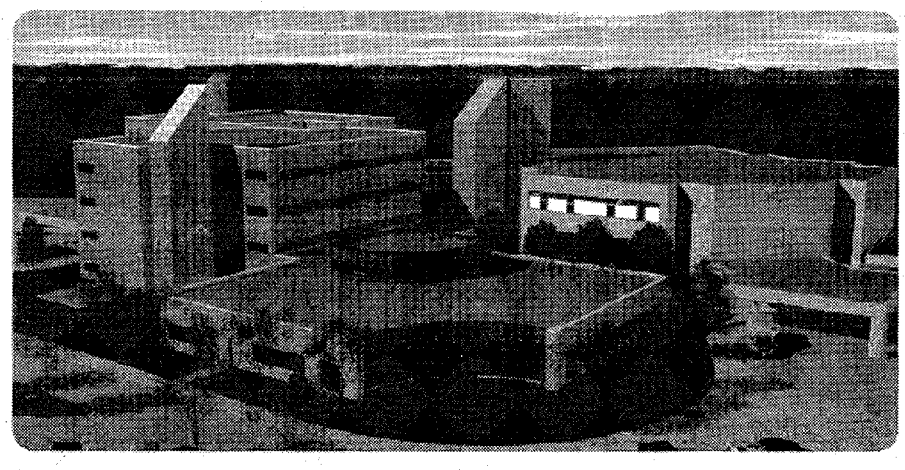
Bricks, mortar and other giant leaps in the treatment of cancer.



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BREAST

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"In the last five to six years we've seen advances in diagnosis, digital mammography and breast MRIs, and successful treatments," said Schell, a surgical oncologist who's been treating breast cancer patients for two decades. "We can uniquely treat each patient's cancer focusing on genetic or molecular characteristics and use medication to target patients' cancers. We can use life style changes, medications, pre-emptive surgeries to eliminate or prevent breast cancers.

"Back in the mid-1980s when I started medical care patients had a mastectomy and their lymph nodes removed and had the same chemotherapy. We've gone from one size fits all for chemo to using unique molecular and hormonals to tailor treatment. We've learned the vast majority of women can have their breast preserved. For those with mastectomies we have a wide array of reconstructive procedures."

Dr. Jeffrey Smerage is excited about the Medicines of the Future, the topic he talks about at the symposium. Smerage is an assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan medical school and a breast oncologist in the cancer center.

Also on the program is Dr. Larissa Korde of the National Cancer Institute speaking on Innovations in Prevention.

"I think some of the big change to occur in the last five or more years is the introduction of aromatase inhibitors, a class of anti-estrogen drugs," said Smerage. "Arimedex, Femera (letrozole) and Aromasin are slightly better at preventing breast cancers from coming back. Tamoxifen is still a good drug and we still use it. Traditional treatment length would be five years of Tamoxifen. Now patients might take 2½ years of Tamoxifen and 2½ years of one of the aromatase inhibitors, or five years of one of the new drugs. It's adjuvant therapy or treatment given in addition to surgery for someone who's had their cancer cut out. It's intended to keep the cancer from coming back. The other big change in adjuvant treatment is the use of Herceptin in patients after surgery. This only applies to patients with HER2 positive (gene), about 25 to 30 percent of patients. After surgery, chemo, hormonal therapy, Herceptin cuts the remaining risk by as much as a half."

RESEARCH ONGOING

Smerage says while there are "multiple other drugs coming down the pipeline, most are still being investigated in patients with metastatic disease" which has spread from the original site. The University of Michigan has "a very large, active breast cancer group of clinical trials treating patients with new drugs."

"In the last several years we've learned a great deal more about breast cancer," said Smerage. "We're finding a large number of subtypes of breast cancer that behave differently. The genes, expressed or non-expressed, appear to be different and provide us with opportunities to identify new targets. I think there's a lot of reason to be hopeful. Chemo is much more effective. We're finding new ways to give older drugs, plus new drugs. Because of a combination of better screening, a larger number being screened, and better treatments we've had a change in the prognosis in women diagnosed. In the last 10 years, breast cancer deaths have actually declined. In the '70s and '80s the death rate increased but over the '90s declined. We're finding this earlier than we would have found before and we're individualizing treatment. We're identifying patients at higher and lower risk. Oncotype DX takes a patients tumor and tests for a specific set of genes. These appear to predict which patients are at higher or lower risk of having it come back. It's helping to avoid the toxicities of chemotherapy."

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Cancer Society makes strides to eradicate disease

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According to Kady Davenport, breast cancer is the No. 1 reason people call the American Cancer Society even though lung cancer is the No. 1 cancer killer.

Dr. Murray Rebner

Education has been key to reducing death rates for breast cancer. That's why it's important to continue supporting ACS which provides education and patient services as well as money for research. On Saturday, Oct. 13, anyone interested in helping to eradicate the disease can take part in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5-mile non-competitive walk to save lives.

"Making Strides is at Belle Isle again," said Davenport, ACS spokeswoman. "It's our 10-year anniversary and we want to keep continuing to raise more money."

The battle against breast cancer has come a long way since Dr. Murray Rebner began treating patients 23 years ago. Today Rebner is a Beaumont Hospital radiologist, director of the hospital's Vattikuti Digital Breast Diagnostic Center and chief of the Section of Breast Imaging which offers mammography, breast ultrasound and MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), and associated procedures.

"Back then mammography and breast ultrasound were very primitive," said Rebner of Ann Arbor. "MR had been used for breast imaging primarily to look at rupture of breast implants in the 1980s. Starting in the early '90s people started to get interested in benefits of MRI for detection of breast cancer. Since then there has been more and more research done as far as what role MR should play."

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

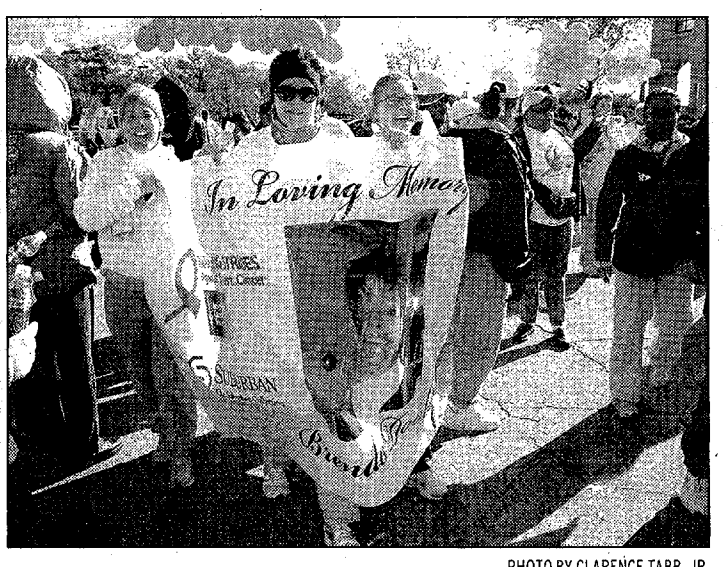
What: American Cancer Society walk to raise money for breast cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services
When: 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
Where: Belle Isle Park, Detoit
Details: For more information about the event, call (248) 557-5353 or visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline.

In March 2007, the ACS released new MRI guidelines which recommend some high risk women receive MRI scans along with a yearly mammogram. Together the tests improve the chances for finding breast cancer earlier. Rebner agrees with the guidelines, but says more research is needed.

The recommendation for MRI screening in addition to annual mammograms is for women who have at least one of the following: a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation; a parent, sibling or child with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation even if they have not been tested themselves; their lifetime risk of breast cancer was scored at 20 to 25 percent or greater; they had radiation to the chest between the ages of 10 and 30, they have Li-Fraumeni syndrome, Cowden syndrome or Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba syndrome, or one of these syndromes based on a history in a parent, sibling or child.

Beaumont Hospital is in the process of opening up a high risk clinic for women who fall into these categories. It will offer comprehensive genetic counseling and appropriate imaging for women at high risk for breast cancer sometime in 2008.

"We've been doing breast MR for multiple years, but dedicated breast MR imaging since 2000," said Rebner. "We're going to have a dedicated magnet almost exclusively for breast problems in Troy in November and Royal Oak in spring."



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Last year Megan Adams (left), Pam MacEachern and Tricia Dooley walked in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in remembrance of Brenda Dooley who died from the disease.

Rebner is excited as well about future advances in technology.

"Tomosynthesis is coming down the road," said Rebner. "It's a mammographic technique that functions like a CT scan of a breast to take thin slices throughout the breast. We're hoping to get a machine next year to be part of a big trial to find small cancers."

Rebner stresses in spite of all the advances, it's most important for women to know their family history and to have a lifetime risk calculated either by a primary care physician or a facility like Beaumont that specializes in scoring.

Jody Dodge had no family history of breast cancer when she discovered a painful lump in September 2001. She was diagnosed in October 2001 after her primary care physician sent her to a surgeon at Garden City Hospital. Dodge underwent a lumpectomy and was diag-

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TROCHANTERIC BURSITIS

The most common cause for hip pain does not come from the hip. Trochanteric bursitis occurs far more than hip arthritis. Because the pain of trochanteric bursitis originates in the hip area, your first response, if you are having such an episode, is to think something is wrong with your hip.

What has happened is that the sac, called the trochanteric bursa, has become irritated at the site where a major muscle, the gluteus maximus, moves across the thigh bone. The trochanteric bursa keeps the muscle from rubbing against the bone.

At times, for unclear reasons, the bursa becomes inflamed. You feel the irritation as hip pain.

Your doctor can distinguish the bursa problem from arthritis of the hip by the nature of your pain. You feel true hip pain as groin pain. The pain of trochanteric bursitis is most intense at the outside of the thigh and radiates to the low back or down the leg to the knee.

Where a physician has difficulty making a diagnosis is when trochanteric pain mimics sciatica. In both conditions the pain can go down the outside of the leg, into the back and below the knee. At times, your doctor must follow how your pain changes with time and when it occurs, before he can decide the correct diagnosis.

Treatment for trochanteric bursitis ranges from medicine for pain, to physical therapy for heat and massage or steroid injection into the joint. Trochanteric bursitis may re-occur so no doctor can state with certainty that once you are cured the problem won't happen again.

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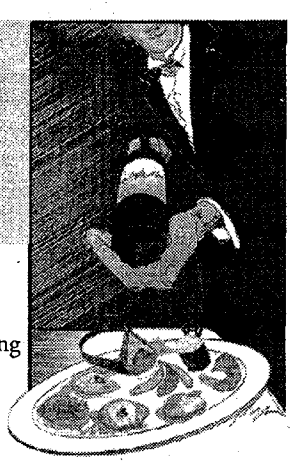

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