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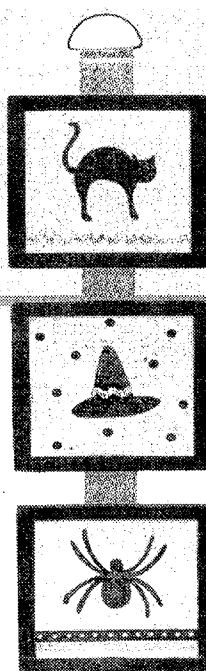
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City puts 90-day cork in liquor licenses

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Fearing the city's police department may be stretched too thin by an increasing number of late-night drinking establishments, the Plymouth City Commission voted 5-2 Monday to establish a 90-day moratorium on issuing additional Class C liquor licenses in the downtown business district.

"Personally, I think we're really close to the saturation point," said

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Does the city have too many bars? Send a letter to editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

Mayor Dan Dwyer on the current 12 liquor licenses and a special winery license in the downtown area. "I think it should be a conscious decision by the city so you don't wake up one day and there are 21 liquor licenses in downtown Plymouth,

we've got an overworked police department and the (future city) commission sitting here saying we didn't see it coming."

Voting with Dwyer for a moratorium were Commissioners Stella Greene, Phil Pursell, Gerry Sabatini and Dave Workman. Commissioners Ron Loiselle and Michele Potter wanted to discuss the issue without holding up additional liquor licenses.

Police Chief Wayne Carroll said there are nights where police officers are busier dealing with drunken driv-

ers than patrolling neighborhoods.

"There are nights we're taxed," Carroll admitted. "The more (establishments selling liquor) you have, the more propensity there is to stretch your resources."

"When I came to town, there were only three bars," he said. "There's a lot more now, and the activity with more bars lends itself to more problems."

Mayor Pro Tem Phil Pursell said he's concerned about the time it takes for police to handle drunken driving calls, and the costs associated

with additional liquor licenses in the downtown area.

"An OUIL (drunk driving) citation used to take an hour to write up, now it's three hours of an officer's time where he's not out on the streets in the neighborhoods at 2-3 in the morning, chasing people up and down Main Street because they're drunk driving," Pursell said. "By adding more liquor licenses, is that going to put an undue strain on the police

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Residents: Underpass making home sales harder

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It's tough enough to sell a home in Michigan these days because of the state's economy and downturn in the housing market.

However, when your home is near the construction of the Sheldon Road underpass where the road is closed and there are building materials being stored in your front yard, it's doubly hard to turn the "For Sale" sign into one that reads "Sold."

"I understand the road needs to be closed, but why do they have to turn our front yard into a junk pile?" asked Cassandra Meier, 33. "Why store it in a residential area when there's lots of places to put it?"

Meier and her husband, Kyle Dworchak, 42, have had their three-bedroom, two-bath home for sale since December, with only a handful of inquiries. While the couple knows the economy is a major factor in the lack of interest, it didn't help when Wayne County chopped down the trees along their median and contractors began storing materials in front of their home.

"We don't have the traffic coming through because no one knows how to get here," said Dworchak of the fact Sheldon Road is closed. "We get no drive-by traffic at all, except for trucks."

Across the street, Brent Archer said "it's bad luck for us" as he tries to sell his ranch home during construction of the underpass.

"We thought we'd get a lot of drive-by traffic to see the house, but we don't get that anymore," said



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Cassandra Meier and Kyle Dworchak say the presence of construction materials from the Sheldon Road underpass project is making it harder to sell their home.

Archer, 38. "It's going to cost me some money on what I'm going to get for my house. I'll probably have to drop the price even lower."

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said after months of inactivity on the underpass, word from Wayne County is work will resume next week. Assistant Wayne County

Executive Alan Helmkamp said he's looking at getting the construction materials moved.

"We're aware of it and need to store it somewhere else," Helmkamp said. "I don't have it solved, but we're working on it."

While Helmkamp continues to say the project will be completed by

December 2008, Meier isn't believing it.

"Not at this pace, no way," said Meier. "Not unless they have triple people working overtime, and put lights on in the middle of the night and work."

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Cops search for another bank robber

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

For the second time in eight days, Plymouth Township police are trying to track down leads on a bank robbery.

This one occurred Monday at the First Bank of America, located on Ann Arbor Road at Tavistock, around 4 p.m. Police said the suspect entered the bank and handed a bag and note to a teller, who handed over an undisclosed amount of cash.

The robbery occurred exactly a week after a similar incident at the Chase Bank branch at Five Mile and Sheldon, where a lone suspect handed a note to a teller on Oct. 8.

Township police haven't ruled out a connection.

"We don't think there is, but we're not ruling anything out," said Detective Sgt. Steve Rapson. "We're waiting to get the photographs."

Like the last one, no weapon was shown, and no one was injured in Monday's robbery, police said.

The suspect was last seen leaving the bank headed south. Township police officers, including the department's K-9 unit, responded and tracked him into a nearby subdivision, but couldn't capture him.

The suspect is described as a tall white male wearing a tan jacket, blue jeans and dark glasses.

Anyone with information about either incident can call the Plymouth Township Police Department, (734) 354-3232.

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Write-in, incumbent among commission field

Challenger puts taxes at forefront



Vorva

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Jason Vorva says it's easy to tell where he stands as he conducts a write-in campaign for one of four seats on the Plymouth City Commission on the Nov. 6 ballot. "I'm dedicated to protecting the

taxpayer, first and foremost, end of story," said Vorva, 32. "I'm not worried about the needs of government as I am about the needs of taxpayers. As long as you keep the thought 'taxpayer first' in your mind, you'll know where Jason Vorva is coming from every time."

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'Unfinished business' main draw for 2nd term

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth City Commissioner Dave Workman says he has important unfinished business to accomplish, which is why he's seeking a second term on the commission in the Nov. 6 general election.

"The fire agreement with Plymouth

Township ... we need to make work," said Workman, who is completing his first, four-year term on the commission. "And the roads ... we need to get something in place without the burden being too large on our residents."

As for the fire service agreement with Plymouth Township, Workman



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Coming Sunday in Health



West Bloomfield family promotes flu shots to save lives

Head-on collision forces closure of I-275

Pair airlifted to U-M in 'serious condition'

BY TIFFANY PARKS
STAFF WRITER

At least two people were airlifted to the University of Michigan hospital Wednesday after a head-on collision on I-275 near Ford Road in Canton. The accident, which

occurred at about 2 p.m., forced Michigan State Police to close a stretch of the interstate. On Ford Road, Wayne County trucks blocked northbound entrances to the highway on both sides of the street. As southbound I-275 motorists snarled down traffic to a

slow crawl, they caught glimpses of a crumpled, dark car positioned just north of a damaged white truck and a smashed white van. Several Canton police cars, with their lights flashing, surrounded the accident site. In the hours after the collision, MSP officials were still gathering evidence. Early reports said a southbound driver crossed the

median and crashed head-on into northbound traffic. At least three vehicles were involved in the crash. A helicopter was called in to remove the two victims, who were said to be in serious condition at U-M. As of 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, officials said there were no fatalities. The accident is under investigation.



Northbound I-275 closed due to an accident between Warren and Koppnick Roads. A medical helicopter leaves the scene.



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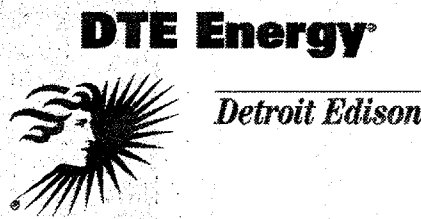
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An editorial in Sunday's *Observer* should have said the district represented by 20th District State House

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Hometown marchers do exhibition tuneup

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of talented teens showcased their musical, marching and maneuvering prowess as 15 high school marching bands from across the state gathered at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium Saturday for the Great Lakes Invitational competition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and boosters.

"This is a labor of love," said John Noss, chairperson of this year's event that is the largest fund-raiser for the marching band as well as the biggest undertaking. "And we all do it for the kids."

Noss had nothing but kudos for the some 200 volunteers that included parent boosters, band alumni and alumni parents, as well as Plymouth assistant principal Julie Kaminski and all the grounds and maintenance staff at the Park.

"They all really helped us so much," he said. "There was just tremendous cooperation." And all that work made for a spectacular day for band



DIANE HANSON

Percussionists Chris Purchase (front) and Ryan Scamp keep their eyes on the drum major for proper timing during Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's exhibition performance, 'Out of the Shadows,' Saturday as hosts of the Great Lakes Invitational.

members and some 4,000 spectators alike.

The Lake Orion Band, with a score of 77.25, marched off with the Flight I first-place trophy along with the John Lundy trophy presented to the highest-scoring band of the competition. Dee Lundy, John's widow, made the presentation. The Lundy family have been longtime band members, boosters, alumni and supporters.

Other award presenters at the invitational included Kaminski, school board member John Jackson and fine arts coordinator Tim Schoenherr. School board

treasurer Tom Wysocki drew the winning tickets for the raffle co-sponsored by Plymouth Motorsports.

Walled Lake took first, 77.10, in Flight II, and Ferndale was first, 70.55, in Flight III, barely edging out second-place Farmington Harrison, 70.20.

The 200-member Plymouth-Canton Band performed their fast-paced, award-winning show, "Out of the Shadows," in exhibition as hosts of the event.

"I think we did absolutely amazing," said a smiling Lori Wand, tuba player and Plymouth senior. "There was a

lot of energy. It was fantastic. The drum majors were smiling and everybody was having a great time."

Director Marc Whitlock was also pleased with his band's performance, although admitting there were a few peaks and valleys after adding considerable material to the end of the program since taking first at the Bands of America Regional Championships two weeks ago.

"The closer is the hardest part of our show, physically, mentally and emotionally," he explained. "I thought they did very well on that, but when you learn new stuff it sometimes takes away from the review of the old stuff."

Still, they recovered well, Whitlock said, and he is very optimistic about having several weeks left to clean and polish the nearly completed show before the State Championships at Ford Field Nov. 3 and the National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 15-17.

Whitlock noted there was still one little part of the show they have not yet performed.

"There is always a little surprise," he said. "You have to have a card up your sleeve. But we won't see that for awhile - States will be the earliest."

The hometown marchers are back on the field Saturday at the Clarkston Invitational.

Tell us your story and win copy of Solomon's 'The Key'

In her new book, *The Key: Celebrated People Unlock the Secrets to Life*, Bloomfield Hills-based author and award-winning photojournalist Linda Solomon writes about the turning point in people's lives.

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Deadline to submit a story, poem or photograph is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Winners will be announced in the Nov. 15 edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Only one entry per person will be accepted for judging. E-mail all entries to Choya Jordan, marketing manager, at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.



Linda Solomon collected keys of all shapes and sizes for her new book 'The Key: Celebrated People Unlock Their Secrets to Life.'

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Solomon spent a year gathering quotes and carefully selecting keys for her book. She collected quotes from actor Tim Allen and golf great Tiger Woods to journalist Katie Couric and author Elmore Leonard.

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The guide includes information about the candidates and proposals on the November ballot and can be accessed by visiting the league's Web site, www.lwvww.org. Print copies will also be available at the Plymouth Library by Oct. 20.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, public service organization which never supports or opposes any candidate running for office.

For more information, contact league president Paula Bowman at (734) 277-2243.

Oster benefit

The second-annual "Blues Extravaganza Benefit Concert for Craig" to benefit ALS patient Craig Oster takes place 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the University Club, 3435 Forest in Lansing.

Proceeds from the concert, which features blues musicians, food and beverages and televisions to watch the Michigan-Michigan State

football game, will benefit Craig Oster, who is living with and being treated for ALS. Admission is by donation at the door.

Anyone who can't make the concert but would like to help can send donations to Craig Oster Trust, c/o Bonnie Oster, 1431 S. Sheldon, Apt. 3, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information or to RSVP, e-mail ostercra@msu.edu or call (517) 575-0151.

Art exhibit

"Spacescapes," featuring oil paintings by artist Carol Kery, opens Friday at Frameworks in downtown Plymouth.

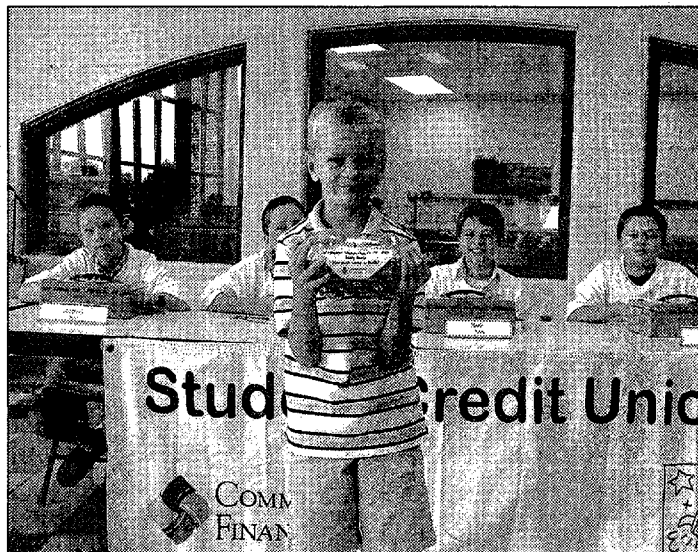
The exhibit, which starts with an artists' reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, runs through Nov. 2. It features refreshments and great art.

Frameworks is located at 833 Penniman. For more information, call (734) 459-3355.

Newcomers Halloween parties

The Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors host a "Family Fun Halloween Party" featuring fun, games and costume contests for children and parents 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Barn at Colony Farms Subdivision in Plymouth.

Cost is \$3 (ages 2 and under are free) payable at the door by cash or check. This includes



Branching out

Northville's Winchester Elementary fifth-graders work as volunteers at the school's student-run credit union, operated in partnership with Community Financial. Standing in front is Ethan Wenrick with classmates, seated from left to right, Mitchell Grazioli, Kevin O'Connell, Mark Castellano and Matt Bohn. Winchester becomes one of four Northville elementary schools to partner with Community Financial, headquartered in Plymouth, which manages a total of 26 school partnerships as part of the credit union's financial literacy program.

pizza, beverages, activities and treats. As always friends, family and non-members are welcome.

RSVP by Oct 24 to Angela Nolan at familyfun@plymouthnewcomers.com or by phone at (734) 420-1011.

The Newcomers also host an adults-only Halloween party that same night, 7 p.m. to midnight, also at the Barn in the Colony Farms. Cost is \$10 payable at the door which includes

refreshments, munchies and a professional DJ.

Space is limited; RSVP to Eileen Ganster at programming@plymouthnewcomers.com or by phone at (734) 737-0385.

Memorial art show

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Holiday craft show

New Morning School hosts its second-annual Holiday Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Visitors will find unique holiday gifts for family and friends, including handmade jewelry, one-of-a-kind bags, purses, pillows, throws, aprons, custom holiday stockings, clothing and baked goods. The show will also feature Discovery Toys, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Mary Kay, Jockey Person to Person, Stampin' Up, Send Out Cards and more.

Admission is \$1 and 100 percent of profits will be used to fund the New Morning School Scholarship Fund, providing tuition assistance for deserving students and their families. Additional artists are wanted; call (734) 420-3331 or e-mail kelly@newmorningschool.com to reserve a space.

Museum programs

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts the following programs:

■ Wednesday, Oct. 31, 6-7 p.m. - Join the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network for "Ghosts of Plymouth." Sanford Burr, Plymouth Historical Society president, guides participants through the Baptist Cemetery (at the end of Pearl Street in Old Village). Sanford will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery. No Rain Date.

Cost is \$10 per person, with a limit of 25 people on tour. Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or purchase tickets through www.plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html

■ Wednesday, Oct. 31, "Things That Go Bump in the Night" - Jill Andra Young talks about her experiences capturing spirits (orbs) photographically at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Admission price include refreshments and a stroll through the museum's "haunted" Main Street. Event

will take place in the evening.

Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours:

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Music of the Heart

Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents a musical celebration of well-known hymns written by Charles Wesley, personal, passionate expressions of faith which have been widely sung for three centuries, in honor of the 300th anniversary of the lyricist's birth.

The concert, set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, will feature selections performed by the Plymouth Community Band and Organist Marcia Van Oyen, historical commentary, and audience sing-along.

Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit the church's Noteworthy concert series and AIDS victims in Africa. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth, a mile east of Beck Road. For more information 734-453-5280.

Great Pumpkin caper

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will again host "The Great Pumpkin Caper" 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. Downtown merchants invite parents to bring their children trick-or-treating in the safety of downtown Plymouth.

The annual Costume Contest will also be held in Kellogg park between 5:30-6:30 p.m. Participants can pick up a ticket number at the stage in Kellogg Park, and the winners will be announced at 7 p.m. First- and second-place will be awarded for each age group (6 years & under, 7-13 years).

This event is made possible by the generosity and community spirit of the downtown Plymouth merchants. Chamber officials also thanked the afternoon Plymouth Rotary Club for serving as crossing guards, to help keep the children safe.

The Scarecrows in the Park will also be available for viewing in Kellogg Park along Main. The scarecrows are decorated by businesses, clubs and families in Plymouth.

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department to the point where we're going to have to hire another police officer?

"It changes the character of a community; it seems like it's changed it for the better, up to this point," added Pursell of the surge in the number of restaurants serving liquor which have opened downtown the past few years. "The question in the next 90 days, are we at that point whereby adding more would diminish the character of the community?"

City Manager Paul Sincock has already begun putting together the game plan for the commission's next 90 days.

"We will have citizen focus groups, a law enforcement roundtable discussion and a joint meeting between the city commission and the Downtown Development Authority," Sincock said. "Most likely, we'll have a session involving current downtown liquor license holders for their input, and we've started to gather raw data on similar communities, such as Rochester, Traverse City, Brighton and Royal Oak. We

might even do a citizens survey."

Karen Jones, who owns a condominium on Penniman Avenue — a short walking distance from several establishments that stay open late and serve liquor — said the restaurants and bars are what bring people to downtown Plymouth.

"I would hear out-of-control, and things aren't out-of-control," said Jones, 48. "I've never seen it and I come to the bars all the time."

"People will only move down here because they like this lifestyle," she said. "I pay more in taxes than I did on my home that's four times larger in Canton, and I pay that because I want to live downtown. I like having these bars."

Sabatini said he would like to see statistics on how much the police department is being stretched before coming to a final conclusion.

"I'm for free enterprise, eventually the market will reach saturation and customers will decide," Sabatini said. "If there's room for more, I'm for that as long as it doesn't affect police work and the safety of the town."

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Patrol cars move into digital age

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township patrol officers are about to take their vehicles high-tech.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees has approved spending some \$72,000 so the police department can replace outdated VHS-format in-car recorders with a more modern digital system.

The Flashback mobile digital video recording system, the product of L3 Communications, will be installed in 10 township patrol cars within the

month. The system will be paid for, in part, with a \$2,000 grant and a \$5,000 manufacturer's rebate.

"It's the most up-to-date technology out there," said Lt. Robert Antal, who heads up the department's patrol division.

According to Antal, L3 Communications has sold the same system to some 6,000 police departments nationwide. Locally, departments in both Canton Township and the City of Wayne operate similar systems.

Plymouth Township cars are currently equipped with VHS hardware purchased

some five years ago. Police say the new system will be more efficient, cutting down on running time (the VHS system runs constantly, while the digital system can be programmed to begin at various points such as when an officer flips on the siren or lights), and more easily stored in the department's computer system.

The images recorded on the DVR system can be uploaded via wireless internet access to a server that will be purchased as part of the system, Antal explained. The DVR system is expected to outlast the

VHS' five-year run.

"I believe the system will last longer simply because there aren't any moving parts," Antal said. The \$72,000 cost, he said, includes the server and a one-year warranty.

Police Chief Tom Tiderington said the advancement to digital equipment is necessary in an increasingly high-tech world.

"Technology is moving so quickly in five or six years there will be something better," Tiderington said. "You really have to keep up."

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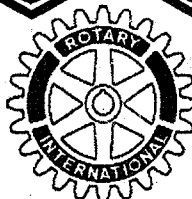
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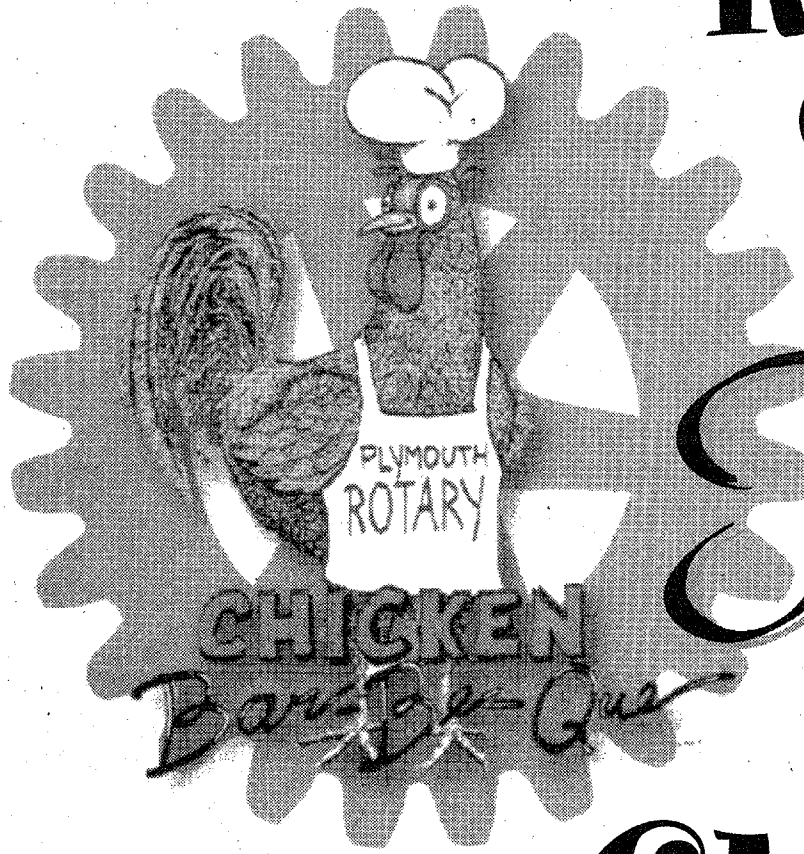
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VORVA

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Vorva said it's time to bring fairness back to city taxes.

"In the last three years, property values in Wayne County are down 35 percent, but taxes haven't gone down, which they should; because when values go up, you can be sure that taxes go up," said Vorva. "What I want to see, bringing taxes down during any of the last two years' increase, and holding a line on that until the economy improves."

Vorva said the millage rate needs to be adjusted downward, and it should be as easy as reducing spending.

"I don't think this year was the time for pay raises and vacation buy-backs for the city manager. Things like that show an insensitivity that I'm not comfortable with," Vorva said. "They're giving pay raises, they're promoting spending projects (roads), they're talking about (budget) surpluses in the years to come."

According to the city's finance director, Mark Christiansen, all the assessed and taxable values on property are controlled by the state, county and local assessor. Christiansen also noted the city's millage rate remained stable the past two years, with the increases in property taxes coming from the state's 3.7 percent hike in 2006 and a 3.3 percent increase in 2005.

THE VORVA FILE

- Who: Jason Vorva
- Family: Single, dad is former commissioner Jerry Vorva
- Residence: Lived in Plymouth last 3 years
- Education: Bachelor's degree in history from Brigham Young University
- Hobbies: Spends free time with friends, reading fiction and nonfiction; Harry Potter fan

Vorva said he does support the ballot proposal calling for \$10 million in bonds to continue the city's road improvement program.

"We have to fix the roads, that's a basic function of government," said Vorva. "But, I think we need someone on the commission who will give better oversight."

"The way they handled the last bond was unacceptable," he said. "To say they thought it was going to be enough money, but there were problems with the sewers ... that was disingenuous."

Vorva said he favors the current fire department contract with Plymouth Township, and that it's "atrocious" the city is looking into alternatives such as public safety.

"To go and create our own public safety department and buy our own equipment is unnecessary," Vorva said. "I know there is some bad blood between some of the commissioners and some of the trust-

ees ... but they should be doing everything they can to reduce costs.

"We should be sharing all kinds of services, and the trend should be increasing shared services," he said. "Why do we need separate fire departments and police departments? We should be consolidating."

Vorva said he'd like to see the current two-hour parking limit downtown increased to three-four hours.

"I've talked to several people, senior citizens, who say two hours isn't enough time to get their hair done, shop and have lunch," he said. "We want Plymouth to be seen as a friendly place."

Vorva said as well as becoming the watchdog on city spending, his pet project will be to have Cannon Park on Farmer Street renamed after former mayor Mary Childs, who was known as Marryin' Mary for the number of ceremonies she conducted at the gazebo in the park.

"She was the type of person who always loved Plymouth and talked it up, and was always positive," Vorva said. "Now, since the cannon has been moved to Veterans Memorial Park, what a better time to do it."

Also running for Plymouth city commissioner are Anthony Guillom, Chris Lynn, Gerry Sabatini, Dave Workman and Mike Wright.

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WORKMAN

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said it's his desire to continue the current contract, even as the city is considering starting its own public safety department.

"I really believe, and always have, that it's the right partnership to have," said Workman, president of the Farmington teachers union. "It's a matter of pushing that issue with the residents of both communities, to put pressure on our elected leaders to make it happen."

"Moving to the public safety model isn't my first choice, the current model is the one I will work for," he added. "However, if public safety is fiscally what we have to do, then we have to figure out how to do it seamlessly for our residents so that we don't miss a beat with first-responder protection."

Workman said he'll support the \$10 million road bond millage on next month's ballot, feeling an obligation that since his street was paved he should contribute toward the remainder of city streets to be refurbished.

"It was the tax dollars before that got Ann Street paved and I will support that again, because there's some rough riding, depending on what part of town you travel," said

THE WORKMAN FILE

- Who: David Workman
- Family: Wife Kirsten, daughter Ella, 4, twins on the way
- Residence: Grew up in Plymouth
- Education: Bachelor's in elementary education, master's in school administration, both from Eastern Michigan
- Hobbies: Officiates high school football, spends time at his cottage up north, swimming, kayaking

Workman, referring to the \$12 million bond passed by voters a decade ago that restored about half the city streets. "If the bond doesn't make it, we could still do some surface work. But to do anything city-wide it will require a new revenue stream, which we don't have coming in."

Workman said he believes there's a definite need to address downtown parking concerns, especially near the new Parkside project at Penniman and Union streets.

"Supposedly there's going to be a restaurant there, and that's going to make Friday night in Plymouth very crowded," Workman said. "That's going to take cars out into the neighborhood, and I don't like that."

"All summer long, our

residents feel the impact of parking in and around their neighborhoods, and when it's a regular practice, it starts to become a nuisance," he added. "If we can take some of the parking we have and reorganize it, and work with some of the private lot owners, that may alleviate some of our parking problems."

When Mayor Dan Dwyer and Commissioner Michele Potter exit the commission next month as a result of term limits, Workman said he'll try to fill some of the leadership gap.

"I came on the commission with that optimistic spirit of working together, working with our schools, Plymouth Township and with one another," Workman said. "To keep personal agendas personal and do city business for our residents. I maintain that today."

"I've learned from being here that it's not as easy as merely getting people to behave," he added. "The strength I bring to our commission is to remind people that we're neighbors first, and that will lead us to make our best decisions on the commission."

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Groups hold rally against hate crimes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Four Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high school clubs, which represent groups of people who aren't strangers to violence, will hold a candlelight vigil Saturday evening for victims of hate crimes.

The Gay-Straight Alliance, in conjunction with the Muslim Student Association, African American Association and the Asian Pacific American Club, will hold its first-ever vigil at the Canton High School flagpole at 7:30 p.m.

"We felt it's important for the groups to come together for a cause, to show the school we're not just individual groups, but that we can become one," said Jennie Rokakis, 17, of Canton Township, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance.

Rokakis said she's been a victim of hate while walking between buildings on the P-CEP campus.

"Last year, two guys would walk behind me and call me a Jewish 'fag,' just because I had buttons on my backpack from the Gay-Straight Alliance," said Rokakis. "Which didn't make much sense, since I'm neither Jewish nor gay."

"I would just keep on walking and ignore them," added Rokakis, who said the issue is close to her heart, as is her aunt, who is a lesbian.

Aisha Malek, president of the Muslim Student Association, said the situation has changed for her since 9/11.

"Definitely hate crimes against Muslims and Arabs have shot way up since Sept. 11," said Malek, 16, of Canton. "Within the community, we get jeered at, I've been called 'terrorist' and people shout

things at me.

"We're hoping to show the community we aren't really going to take hate crimes," she said.

Sixteen-year-old Patrick David of Canton, an officer of the Asian Pacific American Club, said much of the abuse for Asian-Pacific Americans has subsided since 9/11, but there are still some forms of abuse.

"Mostly verbal abuse and stereotypical jokes we just can't get away from," said David. "It's there, and sometimes we just have to brush them off."

"In the past there have been hate crimes against Asian-Pacific Americans, such as the Japanese internment (during World War II) and the beating death of Vincent Chin," he said.

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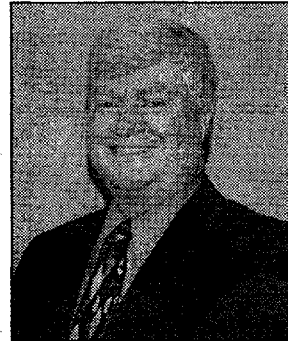
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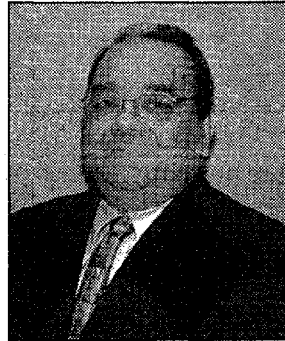
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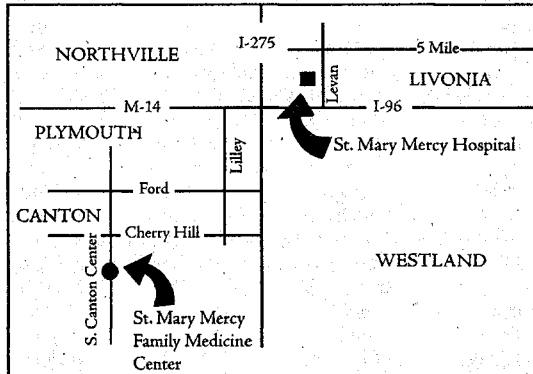
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Heating up: Salsa biz moves to larger building in Westland

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Ron Willis, creator and owner of Sweet Heat Salsa, is excited about moving his growing business to Westland.

He originally located on Five Mile between Beck and Sheldon in Plymouth Township.

"We've outgrown that space so we're moving to Westland," the Canton resident said while selling salsa and chips at Saturday morning's farmers market in Plymouth.

He'll relocate to a site on Webb Court off Warren between Lotz and Hix.

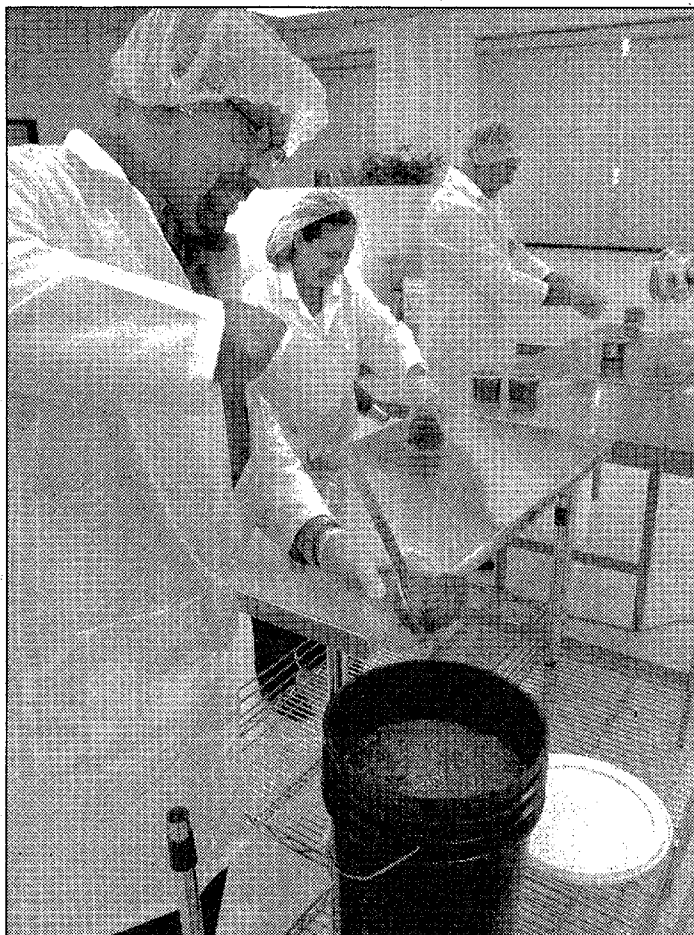
"We shopped around," said Willis, noting it's a great time to find commercial property for lease. Most of his hourly employees live in Westland, so the move will be convenient for them.

The Plymouth Township site was about 3,000 square feet, the new Westland site 11,000 square feet.

He has six salaried people, three additional full-timers and up to 30 day laborers.

"It's made here in Plymouth," he said at the farmers market to encourage shoppers to try mild, medium, medium chunky or hot. Medium is his best seller.

Sweet Heat Salsa — which he filed as a business Jan. 18, 2006, his birthday — is test marketing 10 new



Ron Willis, Vivian Shoemaker and Dennis McCollom demonstrate the packaging process in the Plymouth Township facility on Five Mile west of Sheldon. Willis is moving the business to Westland.

varieties now, such as artichoke/garlic, extra cilantro, extra garlic, garden medley or fruit. Those 10 will be narrowed down to four for production.

After starting up in early 2006, Willis started selling his product at the Plymouth

farmers market in May of that same year. He hooked up with the area Busch's grocery stores, where Sweet Heat Salsa is sold. He's also selling the product under store labels at Holliday Market, Hiller's, Hollywood and VG's.



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Ron Willis shows three varieties of salsa, which will be available in his new Westland location.

Willis sells some 150 containers on a Saturday at the Plymouth farmers market, and has begun to do the Canton farmers market as well. He's found business hasn't suffered too much in this tough economy.

"People are scaling back

on a lot of bigger items," he said. "The Michigan economy hasn't really affected my sales that much."

One happy customer Saturday in Plymouth was Michele Dottor of Westland, who tried Sweet Heat Salsa and bought some.

"It's very good, very fresh,"

Dottor said.

Willis is hoping to complete the move to Westland in the next week to two weeks, noting some work was needed to make the Webb Court site ready for producing the salsa.

"It's a big undertaking," he said.

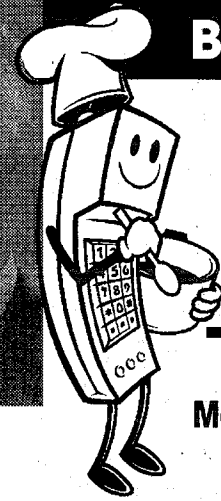
Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-October 9, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 9, 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: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy 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 GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S COMMUNITY RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Grace Lutheran Church's Rummage & Bake Sale to be held October 27, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER CONTRIBUTION FROM YAZAKI NORTH AMERICA, SEP PRODUCTS INC, AND GREAT LAKES COMMISSION TO RIVER DAY ACCOUNT.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to transfer \$3,967.53 from Account #101-000-675-0000 (Contributions from Private Sources) to Account #101-441-880-1000 (River Day Account). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER FAKIH REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Tyla Wells (Fakih Property). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF REMOTE CONFINED SPACE AND VIDEO PIPELINE INSPECTION SYSTEM. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to grant an exception to the September 30th capital purchasing deadline in the Purchasing Policy and to authorize Public Works to purchase a remote confined space and video pipeline inspection system. Further, I move to award the bid to Envirosight, LLC, and approve a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000.00. The funding will come from FY2007 Acct. # 592-000-154-0000, Line Item #3. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GAGLIO P&R CEMENT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the first amendment to the contract with Gaglio P&R Cement, extending their contract with the Township for the sidewalk replacement program through the 2008 budget year in accordance with the extension provision of the existing contract. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER APPROVING HARRY FOX, INC. FOR BRUSH MOWING AND TREE CUTTING ON THE LOWER ROUGE RIVER TRAILS PROJECT. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to accept the quote from Harry Fox, Inc. in the amount of \$19,999.00 (Account No. 246-750-970-0000, Item #13) to mow brush and cut trees for the Lower Rouge River Trails Project. **Informal Quotes** Harry Fox, Inc. \$19,999.00, Owen Tree Service \$20,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CONTROLLABLE TV TUNER, 3-INPUT SWITCHER FOR EOC - UASI. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchasing deadline and approve the purchase of RS-232 Controllable TV Tuner, 3-Input Switcher, Line Doubler for use in the EOC, from ProVideo Systems, Inc. 26471 Southpoint Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551 in the amount of \$7,236. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 1600 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 5-LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR GIS IN EOC- UASI GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchasing deadline and approve the purchase of 5-laptop computers through a State of Michigan bid from EDS, PO Box 848433, Dallas, TX in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 1600 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASING PLOTTER TO ENHANCE GIS MAPPING FOR EOC - UASI. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchasing deadline and approve the purchase of an HP design jet T1100ps - 44" color inkjet printer in the amount of \$6,455 from Reprographics, 36060 Industrial, Livonia, MI 48150. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 1600 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF KIP SCANNER/COPIER TO ENHANCE GIS MAPPING FOR EOC - UASI. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchasing deadline and approve the purchase of the KIP 3002 Scanner/Copier in the amount of \$18,045 from ARD Service Inc., 37660 Hills Tech Dr Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 1600 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 9. REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to establish a Fire Board of Appeals with the following appointments: David Klim, 1979 Preserve Circle East, Canton MI 48188—1 year term beginning October 10, 2007, Bill Fishback, 26109 Grand River, Redford, MI 48240—1 year term beginning October 10, 2007, John Molnar, 777 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48226-3529—2 year term beginning October 10, 2007, Gale Forbes, AIA, 36400 Woodward Ave, Ste#200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304—2 year term beginning October 10, 2007, Greg Stanley, PE, 25251 Northline Rd, Taylor, MI 48180—3 year term beginning October 10, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 10. APPROVAL FOR CALEA CONFERENCE FOR ACCREDITATION. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve Lt. Robert Kerr to attend the CALEA Conference scheduled for November 14-17, 2007 in Colorado Springs, Colorado in order to participate in the accreditation hearing. The estimated cost for attendance is \$2,153.97, funding to come from Police Training Act # 207 301 952 0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 11. INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER FOR FUEL. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the transfer of \$11,500 from account # 101-270-930-0000 Maintenance & Repair Grounds to account # 101-270-860-0000 Parks Transportation - Gas & Oil. I move to approve the increase of P.O. #64732 for Oakland Fuel, 3943 Airport Rd., Waterford, MI 48239, by \$11,500 from account #101-270-860-0000 Parks Transportation - Gas & Oil for a total of \$73,500 to cover miscellaneous fuel purchases through the end of 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF "WELCOME TO CANTON" SIGNS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Replacement of "Welcome to Canton" Signs from RS/RE Enterprises LLC, 32125 Block St, Garden City, MI 48135 in the amount of \$ 9,335 to be taken from Account No. 246-170-970-0000. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. **Item 13. APPROVAL OF NORAL NCE-0201 LIGHTING. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the price quote from Service Electric Supply for \$9,221.00 for four (4) light poles and lamps to be installed at the Cherry Hill School parking lot and that the Township Purchasing Policy's deadline of October 1, for Capital purchases be waived for this purchase. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 14. APPROVE INCREASE OF B&R JANITORIAL BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve an increase of \$7,200 for open purchase order #63280 with B&R Janitorial Supplies, thereby increasing the purchase order from \$19,000 to \$26,200. I further move to approve the following budget amendment to increase the line item budget for this purchase order increase and to cover the over budgeted expenditures. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from fund balance #101-000-699-0000 \$ 2,701 Increase Appropriations: Operating Supplies #101-200-740-0000 \$ 7,678, Transfer to fund balance 101-959-999-0000 (4,977) Total Budget Amendment \$ 2,701 This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$1,713,957 to \$1,721,635, decreases the Transfers Out Department budget from \$2,972,104 to \$2,967,127, and increases the General Fund budget from \$27,392,438 to \$27,395,139. Motion carried unanimously. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. — Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor — Terry G. Bennett, Clerk —

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McCotter won't be swayed by Granholm on children's health care bill

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER



McCotter

U.S. Reps. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, were singled out Monday by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to urge them to override President George Bush's veto of a bill to reauthorize and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

The House is expected to vote today on the bill. McCotter is chair of the Republican House Policy Committee. He voted against the expansion of the SCHIP program and said he will vote to sustain the president's veto. SCHIP is a federally financed program to provide health care for uninsured children who are ineligible for Medicaid. In Michigan the program is administered under MICHild. Michigan children who do not have insurance are eligible for SCHIP if their families make up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, which is about \$41,000 for a family of four.

The bill increases total funding for the program to \$60 billion over the next five years and provides health insurance for 9 million currently uninsured children. The bill represents a \$7 billion increase. The increase would be paid for by a 61 percent increase in the federal tobacco tax.

In his veto, Bush argued that the expansion would push children already covered by private insurance into publicly financed insurance.

In addition to voting for the expansion, Congress also voted to extend the current SCHIP authorization pending outcome of the vote on the veto.

On Monday McCotter sent a letter to Granholm asking her for clarification on several points.

McCotter's letter asks whether a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services report is true that in 2008 71.6 percent of

Michigan SCHIP funding will go to "childless adults." He also asks if 46 percent of Michigan SCHIP enrollees in 2006 were adults.

McCotter writes to Granholm that the Congressional Budget Office projects that "at least 22 million new smokers" will be needed to fund the expansion.

The congressman also cites the CBO that SCHIP expansion will allow illegal immigrants to enroll in the program and "by 2012, cost federal and state taxpayers \$6.5 billion."

A PROMISE TO CHILDREN

In a press release last week, Granholm's office says that without MICHild 55,000 children in Michigan would have no way to pay for any type of medical service.

"This legislation represents a promise to every Michigan child who needs a vaccination, insulin and other medical services," Granholm said in the release. "It will ensure that more of our state's neediest kids can be seen by a doctor

and have access to medications and medical care. Every member of Congress, especially those from Michigan, should do the right thing and support Michigan's children by voting to override the president's veto."

McCotter said last week he objects to the bill because of the raise in the tobacco tax, the number of adults who will be covered (the bill allows coverage for some adult family members and pregnant women) and that benefits will be available to illegal immigrants.

"I will never raise taxes to pay for people who are here illegally," he said.

McCotter said he supports the existing SCHIP program.

"It was a Republican program that was working," he said.

He said the problem isn't with SCHIP but that Democrats were trying to "plug holes in Medicaid."

"They (Democrats) refused to negotiate with the president, at least they agreed to the extension so that children weren't cut from program," he said.

McCotter said a better way to improve health care benefits for children was to increase "the supply of health care."

"Poor people have to have more control over access to health care, more focus on preventative care, extend tax credits and help them to set up their own medical accounts," he said.

Juliana Dit of Livonia, a medical student and president of the American Medical Students Association chapter at Wayne State University, said as a future doctor it would be frustrating not to be able to provide care for sick children.

"I am a big advocate of this bill and I'm an advocate for my future patients," she said.

She said she has been to clinics where uninsured children who need care are denied.

She said the expanded program would not add more adults to the program.

"Adults are covered. If kids and adults get health care it's better for families," she said.

Rep. Knollenberg in a letter to the Observer & Eccentric, argues that increasing the tobacco tax encourages people to take up smoking to support the bill.

Dit laughed at that argument and said the likely effect of raising the tobacco tax is that 10 percent of current smokers would quit smoking which would be good for public health. She said the amount raised by the tobacco tax increase has been estimated by the Congressional Budget Office to cover the increase.

"They have calculated they will be able to pay for this. The amount of money to fund this bill will be reevaluated, but the \$7 billion increase is how much we spend on the war in Iraq in 13 days," she said.

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5029 - HM Trucking LLC - Truck Tires, Tool Box, Misc Items
5035 - Paul Todd Hanson - Bicycle, Fishing Gear, Amp
6006 - Bernice Holman - 4 Boxes, 5 Bags, Misc Items
9004 - Mike Craig - 10 Bags, 5 Boxes, Speakers

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (FY 2006 CDBG "CAPER") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Community Services Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5194, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 30 days, beginning October 18, 2007. Comments received during the public comment period or during two public hearings to be scheduled at a later date will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the accuracy testing for the optical scan voting equipment for the General Election, November 6, 2007, on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

This is an open session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Miller Consultations & Elections will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 45229 Michigan Ave Canton MI 48188 (734)397-0082 on 10/30/07 at 12:30 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
2036 - Robert Wilcox - 2 Dressers, Couch, 2 Chairs,
2037 - Shawn Booth - Mattress, 5 totes, bike
3033 - Robert Austin - Meat Slicer, Deep Freezer, Sink
4039 - Paula Williams-Hesterly - Mattress, Desk, Stereo
4047 - Jeffery Ensign - 2 Totes, Misc Items
4053 - Jennifer Gebhardt - Couch, Twin Bed, Dresser
4148 - David Fuller - TV Stand, Misc Items
4155 - Toni Venturella - 8 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
4161 - Joel McDonald - Couch, Dresser, Bed Mattress
4226 - Toni Venturella - Washer, 12 Boxes, Mattress
5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity
5036 - Mark Williams - Big Screen TV, 3 Bikes, Dresser
5107 - Gloria & Lonnie Farham - Floor Buffer, Bike, 30 Boxes
5232 - Robert Jones - 4 Duffel bags, misc items

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.008

TEXT AMENDMENT 003

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XIV ARC ANN ARBOR ROAD CORRIDOR DISTRICT, SECTION 14.10 SIGNS; ARTICLE XXV SIGN REGULATIONS; ARTICLE XX SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS; ARTICLE XXI RESIDENTIAL UNIT DEVELOPMENTS; ARTICLE XXII SINGLE FAMILY CLUSTER HOUSING; ARTICLE XXIII PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OPTION.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Charter Township of Plymouth, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 14.10 ANN ARBOR ROAD CORRIDOR DISTRICT

Section 14.10.1 Purpose: Expand the purpose statement and address animated, electronic changeable message, flashing and moving signs.

Section 14.10.2 Definitions: Add definitions for Animated Sign, Changeable Copy Sign (Electronic), and clarify definitions for Changeable Copy Sign, (Manual), Flashing or Moving Sign, Institutional Bulletin Board, Signable Area, and Time-Temperature Sign.

Section 14.10.3 Modify illustration to clarify how sign area and signable area are measured. Add new subsection (d) "Signable Area" defining how to measure signable area.

Section 14.10.4 Specify that animated signs, LED architectural lighting, awning and marquee signs, are prohibited; and that canopy signs, electronic changeable copy signs and neon (glass tubing) signs are permitted only under specific conditions.

Section 14.10.5(a)8) Revise to specify manual changeable copy signs and permit gas station fuel price numbers to be up to 9 inches in height.

Section 14.10.5(b) Revise subsection 1) to require a wall sign to be located inside the signable area used to determine the maximum permitted size of that sign. Amend subsection 3) to allow a wall sign on a building wall facing a street, even if the building does not have a public ingress or egress on that wall. Add new subsection 6) regulating manual changeable copy wall signs. Remember former subsection 6) as new subsection 7) and clarify that manual changeable copy wall signs are permitted.

Section 14.10.5. Delete subsection (e) Awning, Canopy and Marquee Signs, and renumber subsequent subsections.

Section 14.10.5. Add new subsection (n) Gas Service Station Signs to allow electronic changeable copy on a limited basis for fuel price numbers only; regulate the size, colors, brightness and placement of changeable copy; identify design standards for the monument sign base; permit one wall sign; permit a maximum of 2 gas canopy signs at the rate of one per street frontage; and regulate the size and placement of gas canopy signs.

Section 14.10.5. Add new subsection (o) Time-Temperature Signs to provide for time-temperature signs as a public service; permit the use of electronic numerals in time-temperature signs; and regulate the frequency that those numerals change.

Article XXV SIGN REGULATIONS

Purpose: Expand the purpose statement to address animated, electronic changeable message, flashing and moving signs.

Section 25.1 DEFINITIONS, Add definitions for Animated Sign, Changeable Copy Sign (Manual), Changeable Copy Sign (Electronic), and clarify definitions for Flashing or Moving Sign, Institutional Bulletin Board, Signable Area, and Time-Temperature Sign.

Section 25.2 Add text and modify illustration to clarify how sign area and signable area are measured.

Section 25.4 Delete current Section 25.4.6 and replace with new Section 25.4.6 regulating signs at gasoline service stations to allow electronic changeable copy on a limited basis for fuel price numbers only; regulate the size, colors, brightness and placement of changeable copy; identify design standards for the monument sign base; permit one wall sign; permit a maximum of 2 gas canopy signs at the rate of one per street frontage, and regulate the size and placement of gas canopy signs.

Section 25.8 Specify that animated signs, LED architectural lighting, awning and marquee signs, are prohibited and that canopy signs, electronic changeable copy signs and neon (glass tubing) signs are permitted only under specific conditions.

Section 25.9.2 Amend subsection (f) to allow a wall sign on a building wall facing a street, even if the building does not have a public ingress or egress on that wall. Add subsection (h) to clarify that the wall sign must be located within the signable area used as the basis for the sign's size.

Delete current Section 25.9.4 and renumber subsequent sections accordingly.

Section 25.9.7 Amend to be the new Section 25.9.6 to provide for manual changeable copy ground signs and manual changeable copy wall signs.

Section 25.9.9 Amend to be the new Section 25.9.7 to provide for Time-Temperature signs as a public service, permit the use of electronic numerals in time-temperature signs and regulate the frequency that those numerals change.

ARTICLE XX SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

Section 20.1 Increase the rear yard setback in the R-2-A District to 50 feet. Add footnote (k) to all setbacks.

Section 20.2 Revise footnote (k) to require a 50 foot building setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines, for all uses other than a single family detached dwelling on a separate lot. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Also add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

ARTICLE XXI RESIDENTIAL UNIT DEVELOPMENTS

Section 21.10.6(a) Add new subsection 3) to require a 50 foot setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

Section 21.10.6(b) Correct typo by adding word "the".

ARTICLE XXII SINGLE FAMILY CLUSTER HOUSING

Section 22.10.8 Add new subsection (d) to require a 50 foot setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

ARTICLE XXIII PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OPTION

Section 23.10.3 Add new subsections (d) and (c) to require a 50 foot building setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

Section 23.11.6 Add new subsections (c) and (d) to require a 50 foot building setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

Part II CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on October 21, 2007.

Part IV ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on October 9, 2007, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on October 9, 2007.
Effective Date October 25, 2007.

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OUR VIEWS

Vote 'yes' on both road bond, charter

In addition to electing four city commissioners, City of Plymouth voters will decide in the Nov. 6 election whether they want to pay for \$10 million in repairs to city roads and whether to amend the city charter to bring it up-to-date.

Voters should say "yes" to both.

Veteran residents may look at the previous road millage, \$12 million in bonds passed in 1996 that was supposed to take care of the problem, and say, "You had your chance."

It's true the previous plan ran into unexpected expenses in fixing infrastructure, and voters may lament the commission's lack of vision at the time. Only about half the roads actually got fixed, and that fund has run dry.

Commissioners are selling the new bond plan as a continuation of the old plan, meaning no one's taxes will increase because of it. It should be pointed out taxes would be lower without it, but they won't be higher than what's being paid now if the bonds are approved.

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While it's unrealistic and naive to think all the roads will be fixed with this bond, we're confident the City Commission will provide the oversight necessary to make sure surprises such as those encountered along the way the first time are kept to a minimum, and the most work will be done for the money.

We also think voters should approve the new city charter. The existing charter is arcane and largely irrelevant. The Charter Review Commission, and the nine-member Charter Review Committee before that, spent hundreds of hours reviewing the entire document, scrubbing and polishing to bring it up to date.

We especially like the provisions extending term limits to three terms and changing the way the mayor is chosen. We think residents should embrace them, as well.

We urge "yes" votes on both the road bond and the charter revision in the Nov. 6 election.

Voters should be ready to show photo ID

This November's election will be different.

In some communities, school elections will coincide with municipal elections under new election consolidation laws.

In all communities, a new Voter ID law goes into effect. On July 18, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a provision of the Michigan election law which requires voters to either present picture identification or sign an affidavit if they do not have picture identification with them is constitutional and enforceable.

The new law takes effect with the Nov. 6 election.

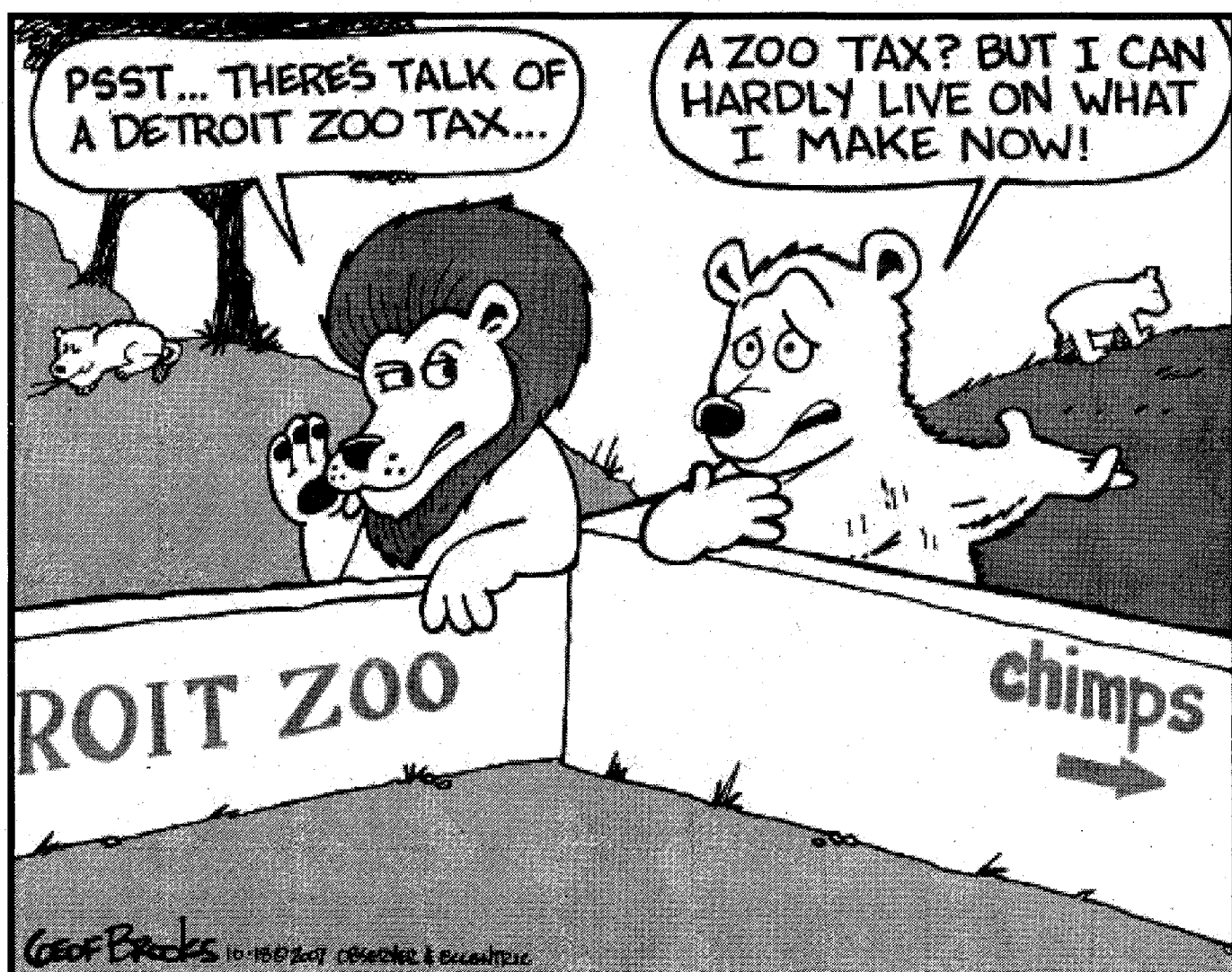
The law has been criticized by some as raising an impediment to some prospective voters, especially minorities and the economically disadvantaged. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case involving a similar law in Indiana next spring.

Until a final decision is made in the federal court, Michigan will move forward with its Voter ID program. As of Nov. 6, every Michigan voter must show picture identification or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification. Photo ID can be a driver's license, federal or state-issued photo identification, U.S. passport, military identification, student ID with photo from a high school or accredited institution of higher education or a tribal identification card with photo. The identification does not have to show a voter's address.

An election inspector will examine the identification to determine if it is valid or ask for some alternative identification. If the identification is not acceptable, the prospective voter will be given a provisional ballot. Voters can not be challenged because they do not have an picture ID.

A notice will be posted at polling places explaining the new procedure.

Be prepared with your photo ID and expect to take a little longer to get through the voting process.



Invest in education

One of the most rewarding aspects of being an educator is watching students learn and grow. The students who traverse our hallways today are the workers and leaders of the future; educators have a tremendous responsibility to prepare students of all ages for what lies ahead.

In recent years, the job of educators has become more difficult as schools and teachers struggle to do more with less. An alarming number of K-12 teachers have been laid off, resulting in overcrowded classrooms. Computers and technology, which will factor prominently in the jobs of the future, become outdated at a rapid pace.

With many schools lacking funding for new textbooks, students must make do with outdated materials. And as funding for supplies dwindles, many educators use money from their own pockets to purchase materials for their classes.

In these tough economic times, it is even more necessary to protect our schools from deeper cuts. For example, a plan proposed by the Michigan Senate would have cut \$366.7 million from K-12 education. Such drastic cuts would have had devastating consequences for our schools and our children.

We cannot afford to sacrifice funding for education. Ensuring that our children and adults obtain a high-quality education is essential to their success in life. Our children's future, and the future of Michigan, both hinge on top-quality education in K-12, colleges and universities of Michigan.

In our global economy, competition for jobs will intensify as we head further into the 21st century. The students of today will be competing for the jobs of tomorrow with workers from all over the world. That's why they must get the best education possible.

Businesses seek out locations that have a well-educated and highly skilled workforce in which to relocate and expand. In order to attract good jobs to Michigan, we must be able to offer companies what they want — a top-notch, well-trained workforce. And it all begins in the classroom.

State Rep. Marc Coriveau has shown that he is a champion for schools. While some lawmakers have tried to balance the state budget on the backs of our students and educators, Coriveau has shown that he understands the need to invest in our schools. He refused to support the devastating cuts proposed by the Senate. He instead chose to support a budget plan that protects millions of dollars for students and keeps more money in the classrooms.

Coriveau has been an advocate for schools since taking office in January and has proved that he is willing to put Michigan students first.

The best way to move Michigan forward is to invest in our students and give them the education they need to succeed. An investment in our students is an investment in our future.

Linda Brandt
Plymouth

LETTERS

Right choice

Our state representative, Marc Coriveau, made the right choice to support a budget that invests in Michigan. So what happens next? Will angry activists try to take him out of office? I certainly hope not.

The fact of the matter is that Michigan's deficit was out of control and we needed real change to get moving in the right direction. It takes guts for a person to risk his job to do what's right for an entire state. There are probably some people who agree with the tough choice he made and others who don't.

The one thing I know for sure is that I'd rather have someone representing me in our state capitol who's willing to do what's right rather than to take the easy way out, even when he knows that he might get booted out of office. That takes courage and integrity — two things that too often are sadly lacking in our lawmakers. It's nice to know they are not lacking in Mr. Coriveau.

Geri Kilsdonk
Plymouth

Voice of reason

There's been a lot of talk lately about the need to cut the state budget. It's all we hear about anymore.

There are some officials who even want to cut police jobs. Are these people nuts? Since Sept. 11, 2001, the day that let us know how unsafe we are in America, there are 5,000 fewer police officers on the streets of Michigan, and people want to save a few bucks for the state by taking even more cops off the streets.

Thankfully, there is at least one voice of reason out there: State Rep. Marc Coriveau. This guy has a novel thought: Let's give our communities the funding they need to keep cops on the streets. We need more leaders like Coriveau to make sure our neighborhoods are safe and we can sleep soundly at night.

Mark Blackwell
Wayne

Mistreated at the court

I am a 71-year-old lady with celiac sprue, a severe bowel disorder. On Sept. 12, I had to go into the 35th District Court in Plymouth to use the rest room. I left my keys in the car, but forgot cell phone. I knew I couldn't make it back to the car. The officer at the door, Mr. Frank Wrenn, was so rude he had me in tears (all I wanted to do was use the public rest room). I was handing him the phone and trying to explain my problem. Mr. Wrenn said he didn't care, and that I didn't make the rules, they did. He even went so far to say I should tattoo my problem on my forehead. Other female employees were standing around snickering.

Finally he let me go. When I came out, I was so embarrassed I told him, "Shame on you." Mr. Wrenn then showed me the door and told me to get out. I told him I was going to report him and he told me to make sure I spelled his name correctly.

I did speak to Debra Kubitsky, the court administrator. She stood behind him 100 percent and said he was doing

his job.

Mr. Wrenn was so rude and mean. I can't believe this was his first incident. I would just like your readers to know what their public person is really like.

Barbara J. Dugger
Westland

Terrible police behavior

In late August, my friend was involved in an accident in Plymouth. The story she told was deeply disturbing and I want to share it with your readers.

She was riding her bike on the sidewalk, heading north on Main Street coming from Ann Arbor Road. She stopped on Wing Street for a red traffic light. While waiting for the light to change to green, a van traveling on Wing Street was making a right turn onto Main Street. The gentleman driving the van turned far too close to the curb and as a result, he hit my friend's bicycle wheel and began to drag her along side of his van.

The paramedics arrived at the accident scene and attended to my friend's wounds. She had numerous scrapes and cuts on her legs and arms from being dragged on the cement. Plymouth Police Officer Brian Walker also showed up at the scene, but did not witness the collision. Nevertheless, Officer Walker advised my friend that the accident was her fault, however, he did not issue her a ticket. She was shocked at what the officer implied, but she was too shook up at the time to question his statement.

Before the paramedics left the scene, one of them advised my friend that Officer Walker would drive her and the bike home. Officer Walker heard the paramedic offering my friend his assistance and he quickly responded. Unfortunately, Mr. Walker refused to give my friend a ride home and stated her bike did not have much damage and that she was well enough to ride it home. She could hardly believe what she just heard and became very upset. However, she made herself get on the bike and ride it home.

What has happened to our law enforcement officials? Do they make up the laws as they go? When did they become above the law and feel superior? When did they learn disrespecting people is acceptable behavior?

Cindy LaLone
Canton

SHARE YOUR OPINIONS

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QUOTABLE

"What did he think, he was going to kindergarten? It's hardball politics. Marc Coriveau has been given all sorts of bills about which he knows nothing; he has gotten public acts because he's in a vulnerable position. Isn't that playing politics?"

— State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, discussing freshman state Rep. Marc Coriveau, a Democrat who represents the 20th House District, who has complained he is being unfairly dogged by Republicans

Commission could be first step to turning state around

In the dark cloud over Lansing these past few weeks, there has been one silver lining in our budget mess — a commission will be created to help streamline government and eliminate waste as part of a plan to reform Michigan and avoid a government shutdown.

I've worked long and hard for the creation of this commission, because this is the first step needed to turn Michigan around, not shutting the government down or raising the burden on taxpayers. I am greatly disappointed in the reactions coming out of Lansing. Instead of finger-pointing and blaming one another, we need a bipartisan approach. Lawmakers were faced with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reform the structure of Michigan's government into something of which taxpayers can be proud.

Many are arguing that it was a tough vote to raise your taxes. I voted against raising your taxes without hesitation and on many occasions. It was quite an easy decision, actually.

In this tough economy, the money in your wallet should not be a political issue — nor should money out of your wallet. But let me be clear, we do need to improve the way we fund education, provide consistent funding for communities and help those truly in need. This budget crisis is largely due to govern-

ment waste and overspending. By asking for a tax increase, Lansing is telling taxpayers that a billion-dollar deficit is their problem.

We did not need to raise taxes — we need to cut waste and reform government. There is fat and inefficiency to cut in the budget, but instead of thinking about reform, the immediate response was to place yet another burden on our struggling economy.

This is absolutely the wrong time and place for a tax increase. Lawmakers should be focusing on job and economic growth. The unemployment rate rose to 7.4 percent as lawmakers asked taxpayers to send even more of their hard-earned money to the state.

The commission created is the beacon of hope, but it will take time to implement, uncover waste and then act upon it.

In the long term, this is a bill that could save Michigan more than is being charged in new taxes; in the short term, there are plenty of other reforms that could have a lasting impact.

Michigan's economy is suffering, but it is a great state and we can turn things around. I was born in this state. I married and raised my children here. I believe in our state's future, but the worst action to hurt Michigan is a tax increase, which is why I voted against taking more money from taxpayers.

State Rep. **Phil LaJoy**, R-Canton, represents Michigan's House District 21. He can be reached via e-mail at phil.lajoy@house.mi.gov or by phone at (517) 373-2575 or toll-free at (866) LAJOY21.



Phil LaJoy

Final plan was best one for getting state back on track

Shutting down the state government and plunging Michigan into financial ruin was never an option I was willing to accept. I honestly believe that some of my colleagues were determined to let this happen.

While working to find a solution to Michigan's budget crisis, I learned that our state's economic troubles were structural, serious and made worse by former lawmakers' inaction.

Too many of my predecessors, fearful of making the tough decisions needed to get Michigan back on track, were all too willing to "solve" our budget problems with one-time fixes and gimmicks.

Many times, these decisions were made solely for political reasons. This is one of the major factors that led to Michigan being plagued by a cycle of deficit for so many years, and I couldn't let it continue.

The best way to save our state and our children's future was to make appropriate cuts, enact common-sense reforms and restructure state government to ensure the necessary funding for our most essential services — education, health care and public safety.

I've worked day and night over the past few weeks with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to find a comprehensive solution to Michigan's budget crisis. The bipartisan budget solution that finally emerged from months of negotiations is a solid plan that includes the mix of cuts, reforms and restructuring that Michigan needs to get back on track.

I voted for this final plan because it protects funding for our schools and gives our teachers the resources they will need to prepare our children for the good-paying jobs of the future. As we move further into the 21st century, Michigan will need a highly skilled workforce to attract cutting-edge businesses to our state.

I voted for this plan because it keeps our police and firefighters on the job. We must ensure that our communities have the kinds of neighborhoods that people want to live in. Public safety programs are key to helping our communities grow and thrive. I want our cities and townships to be great places to live, work and raise our families. Keeping police officers and firefighters on the job is a vital component to make this possible.

I voted for it because it protects health care for our seniors and services for the brave veterans who fought for our nation.

Before voting either yes or no on any proposal, I needed to determine whether it was good

or bad for the people I was sent to Lansing to represent. I refused to blindly follow the party line, choosing instead to act independently. I evaluated all the benefits and possible pitfalls of every plan.

Sometimes that meant voting no. When the Senate proposed cutting \$366.7 million from public education, I voted against the plan. This "fix" was unacceptable to me, especially when I learned that Plymouth-Canton Schools would have lost \$3.5 million in state funding, Wayne-Westland Community Schools would have lost \$2.7 million and Northville Public Schools would have lost \$1.3 million.

Sometimes it meant voting yes. I voted to cut lawmakers' salaries, eliminate free lifetime health care benefits for lawmakers and eliminate double-dipping for retired state workers who come back to work for the state. Cuts and reforms such as these were necessary as we tried to create a leaner and more efficient state government.

For the final plan, I held out for a comprehensive, bipartisan solution that would move Michigan forward and benefit our residents. I voted for the plan that invests in Michigan's future.

When I took office in January, I promised to be an independent voice for our residents, and I have not wavered from that promise. My staff and I have knocked on 16,000 doors to listen to your thoughts and concerns. I've hosted eight town hall meetings, 24 office hours and 16 coffee hours where I sat with residents from all over the district to hear their concerns and consider the solutions they brought to me. I listened to you and I promised that I would try to make the best decision for everyone.

There will be those who do not agree with the decisions I have made. However, please know that my decisions were made only after listening to my constituents and examining every solution carefully and thoughtfully.

I know there is a lot of hard work ahead, and I am optimistic that we will get Michigan back on track. It's now time for my fellow lawmakers and me to get on with the business of rejuvenating Michigan's economy, creating jobs for our workers and building a brighter future for our state and our residents. My commitment to work as hard as I can and to be an independent voice for our residents will not waiver.

State Rep. **Marc Corriveau** represents the 20th House District, which includes Northville Township, Plymouth Township, Wayne and parts of Northville and Canton Township. Contact him at (877) 208-4737 or MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.



Marc Corriveau

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Caregiving, often a round-the-clock job, can be overwhelming and exhausting, especially for those unsure where to get help and information. The Area Agency on Aging 1-B aims to ease the burden by bringing caregivers, professionals, vendors and more together under one roof.

Its 8th Annual Solutions for Family Caregivers Expo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at The Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi.

This year's free Expo includes 12 expert presentations and more than 100 exhibitors with information on products and services for caregivers.

"Caregivers often find themselves facing enormous responsibilities and are not aware of the services available to assist them or where to turn for help," said Tina Abbate Marzolf, chief executive officer of the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. She said the expo will provide

access to experts, information, and resources. It also will bring caregivers together in a supportive atmosphere.

Parking and morning refreshments will be free. Snacks will be available for purchase in the afternoon.

The expo also offers on-site respite care for those who need to bring their adult loved one with them to the event. The Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter and Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers will provide free professional care, along with refreshments and interactive activities.

"Respite care at the expo means caregivers can check in on loved ones while they are learning about the resources available to them," Abbate Marzolf said.

Reserve respite care by Monday, Oct. 15, by calling (800) 852-7795 or by visiting www.aaalb.com.

Expert presentations from 9:30-10:50 a.m., include:

- **Taking Care of You: Caring for the Caregiver:** Participants will learn coping strategies and other ways to take good care of themselves, and will review symptoms of caregiver stress and depression.
- **In-Home Safety Solutions - Minimize Accidents and Maximize Safety:** The session

will focus on safe home environments, the cognitive and physiological changes that often occur as people age, risk factors to look for in a loved one's home, and how to identify potential dangers.

- **When You Need Help, Where Do You Turn?:** A look at services that help older adults and adults with disabilities remain in their own home.
- **ElderLaw Answers: Medicare, Medicaid and How to Get the Long Term Care You Deserve:** A look at how eldercare and special needs legal planning can help assure maximum quality for loved ones while preserving and protecting financial resources.

Presentations from 11 a.m. to noon are:

- **Graceful Aging:** The session will focus on managing illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes and stroke, along with tips on encouraging loved ones to exercise and maintain good eating habits.
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- **Alzheimer's Disease: What You Need To Know:** The session includes an overview of facts about Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.
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- **Housing Options:** A panel of experts will explore senior housing choices, such as staying at home and making modifications, low-cost community housing, retirement residences, and assisted living.
- **Financial Planning for Caregivers and their Loved Ones:** A panel will provide expertise on preparing and managing financial and long-term care needs. Topics include organization, finding an advisory team, inherited IRAs and more.

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Suggested donation is \$20, \$10 for students.

Ariyaratne founded the 50-year-old Sarvodaya Movement, the world's largest spiritually based community movement that works in

15,000 villages throughout Sri Lanka. He has received India's Gandhi Peace Prize and is a Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, and will receive a Certificate of Tribute from Michigan's Governor Jennifer Granholm for his work with the Sarvodaya Sharmadana Movement of Sri Lanka on Saturday Oct. 20. He has worked for over 50 years to successfully mediate intense conflicts, helped build hundreds of homes for the poor,

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According to the Web site, Sarvodaya's purpose is to make a positive difference to the lives of rural Sri Lankans

and the world around them. This grassroots movement has participants in as many as 15,000 villages throughout Sri Lanka. It is based on Buddhist-Gandhian philosophy and is dedicated to non-violence and the sustainable empowerment of people through self-help and collective support.

Each year Sri Lanka faces new challenges. For 2006 and 2007, Sarvodaya's two main areas of focus are its contin-

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Guests can enjoy a meal featuring traditional Romanian dishes, dining in the intimate and elegant American

Harvest Restaurant under the direction of Certified Master Chef Kevin Gawronski at 6:30 p.m. A portion of the \$65 ticket price for dinner is tax deductible. Proceeds benefit the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

At 8 p.m. a free and public performance of the La Follia Romanian Baroque Ensemble will be held in the Presentation Room. Members of La Follia include Codrin Emanđi, vio-

lin; Diana Emanđi, violin; Valentina Peetz, harpsichord; Adrian Ciuca, cello; and Matthew Ardizzone, classical guitar.

To order tickets for dinner, call (734) 462-4463. For information about the concert or other activities associated with American Romanian Festival, visit www.americanromanianfestival.org.

Marian Tanau, director of the American Romanian Festival organization, arranged for Romanian musicians and artists to visit the area giving lectures and concerts throughout the fall months at Wayne State University, Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, Eastern Michigan University, and the University of Michigan. The American Romanian

Festival is a nonprofit organization founded to promote cultural awareness of, and understanding between, the musicians and audiences of the United States and Romania. The festival supports cultural exchanges with Americans participating in events in Romania and Romanians participating in the events in the U.S.

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Q. WHY JOIN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Credit unions exist only to serve their member-owners. Consumer surveys repeatedly show members are more satisfied with the service they receive from their credit union than are customers of banks or savings and loans.

Credit unions are democratic organizations directed by their members. Members have the power to direct credit union policy and, if dissatisfied, can even replace the board of directors. Credit unions practice a one-member, one-vote philosophy for all elections, unlike for-profit financial institutions whose stockholders vote according to the number of shares of stock they own. Their nonprofit status enables credit unions to operate at a lower cost than many for-profit institutions and helps them to offer competitive loan and savings rates. For instance, credit unions usually charge lower interest on credit cards than most other providers, and many credit unions charge no annual card fee.

Q. HOW CAN I JOIN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Credit unions are for everyone, but the law places some limits on the people they may serve. A credit union's charter defines its "field of membership," which could be an employer, church, school, or community.

Anyone working for an employer that sponsors a credit union, for

example, is eligible to join that credit union.

If you don't belong, here's how to find a credit union to join:

1. Poll your family. Does your spouse's employer sponsor a credit union? Most credit unions allow credit union members' families to join. Each credit union, however, may define "family" differently. At some credit unions, only members of your immediate family are eligible. At other credit unions, family may include extended family members, such as cousins, uncles, and aunts.
2. Ask your boss. Your company may sponsor a credit union, or may be a select employee group (SEG) that has access to a credit union. Many employers offer direct deposit of payroll to your credit union.
3. Quiz the neighbors. Some credit unions have a "community" field of membership, serving a region defined by geography rather than by employment or some other association. Ask friends in the community if they know of a credit union you may join.
4. Read the yellow pages. Some credit unions rarely advertise, so you might not know about them unless you look them up. A yellow pages display ad may state a credit union's field of membership. If not, at least you'll know what number to call to ask about membership eligibility.
5. Use the online Michigan credit union finder.

Call your state league. In Michigan, you can call (800) 262-6285 x225 and you will speak to someone who can help you. Or, call the Credit Union National Association to help you find a credit union at (800) 358-5710.

You'll hear an electronic message that includes the name and telephone number of a person at the credit union league in your state who can help you find a credit union to join.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A CREDIT UNION?

A. The philosophy of the credit union movement is Not for Profit, Not for Charity, But for Service. Credit unions promote thrift and teach the wise use of credit. Credit unions encourage their members to develop a systematic savings program and they provide a source of low-cost credit. Because credit unions are not-for-profit and have low overhead costs, they are usually able to offer lower interest rates on loans and higher dividends on members' shares (savings). A credit union is also non-profit in the sense that its purpose is to serve the members, not to make money. It needs money to provide services and benefits. But money is the means, not the end itself.

Q. WHO MAY JOIN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Every credit union serves a specific field of membership as defined by

its charter. Anyone who falls within the common bond of the credit union may join and share in its ownership. A common bond can be defined as the employees of a company, members of a civic or church group, residents of a community or numerous groups together. Generally, persons within a member's family, by blood or marriage, may also join.

Q. HOW ARE CREDIT UNIONS OPERATED?

A. Credit unions are democratically controlled by their members. The members, themselves, elect a board of directors from among the membership, which is responsible for setting policy. Day-to-day operations are handled by paid professionals, or in the case of a small sized credit union, by volunteers.

Q. IS MY MONEY SAFE IN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Yes, your money is insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), a federal fund created by Congress in 1970 to insure member's deposits in credit unions up to the \$100,000 federal limit. Administered by the National Credit Union Administration, the NCUSIF is backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. Government.

Q. HOW THE FUND IS FINANCED?

A. The NCUSIF maintains at or near 1.30 percent of federally insured credit union deposits. By law, federally insured credit unions maintain 1 percent of their deposits in the NCUSIF and the NCUA Board can levy a premium if necessary. Credit unions voluntarily capitalized the Fund in 1985 by depositing 1 percent of their deposits into the Fund. Since then, the NCUA Board has charged only one premium, when three large New England credit unions failed in 1992 substantially increasing insurance losses. No federal tax dollars have ever been placed in the credit union financial fund, and no member has ever lost money insured by the NCUSIF.

Q. WHO GOVERNS CREDIT UNIONS?

A. A credit union receives its authority to operate by obtaining a federal or state charter. Federally chartered credit unions follow the regulations set by the Federal Credit Union Act, and state chartered credit unions follow those under the State Credit Union Act. Annual examinations and oversight is conducted by the supervisory agencies—the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) for the federal credit unions and the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services for credit unions administered under Michigan laws.

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OCTOBER

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.

Heart quest
A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, starting 8

p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Cherry Hill SDA Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City. Topics include how to improve your life, find hope in a shaky world that seems on the verge of collapse, find true meaning for your life and reconciliation through the study of Bible truths.

F.I.R.E. ministries
With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

Course in Miracles
Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20; 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.com@hotmail.com.

Entertainment tonight

Clark and Company presents An Evening of Taste and Sound, Saturday, Oct. 20, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. Catered dinner at 6 p.m., Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. The evening features Gordon and Carol Bleich (piano and vocal artist), Miguel Cruz (dramatic tenor), Tim Schoenherr (piano and vocals), Linda Freese (soprano), Don DeGrazia (drums) and Dr. Thomas Clark (organ and master of ceremonies). Tickets can be purchased at the church during normal business hours. Dinner & Concert Combo is \$30 (by Oct. 15). Concert only \$15. For more information, call (248) 626-3620.

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.

Anniversary services
On Sunday, Oct. 21, at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. joyful anniversary worship services with Holy Communion will be celebrated, thanking God for 50 years of faithful ministry at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River, Redford.

The Rev. Dr. Victor Halboth has served Grace Church during his entire ministry. After 38 years as Senior Pastor of Grace Church, Halboth now serves full time as the assistant pastor. The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Klaus, speaker on the International Lutheran Hour will be the guest speakers. Following the worship services a celebration luncheon will be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Everyone is invited and reservations for the luncheon can be made by contacting the Grace Church office at (313) 532-2266.

Sisterhood tea party
It's time to dust off your favorite hat, put on your fancy lace gloves and join us for an afternoon of tea, sandwiches, pastries and the entertainment of Jack Bailey at the Second Annual Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Tea Party, Dressed to a Tea, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information or to RSVP (by Oct. 16), call Phyllis Lewkowicz (248) 474-8676. Please bring the buttons you have been collecting for Lisa Anderson and her Language Arts students at Frost Middle School. We will be presenting the buttons to Anderson and some of her students for their project Buttoning your mouth shut against Stereotyping. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org.

(30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills) is sponsoring at Women's Health Fair presented by Farmington Medical Center Saturday, Oct. 27. Focus is on mind, body and spirit taking a stand for optimal health. Presenters include keynote speaker Hellen Greenblatt PhD, Chief Science Officer Legacy for Life, International Speaker Immunologist/Microbiologist. Presenters 9 a.m. to noon, and 12:15-2 p.m. with health booths, live entertainment, appetizers and refreshments available at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15 pre-event, \$20 at door. Seating limited so reserve a space early: RSVP by Oct. 15. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to breast cancer research. For more information, call (248) 330-3001 or e-mail womenshealthfair@yahoo.com.

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.aod-womensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

is welcome to join us for Storytime In The Pumpkin Patch with stories, face painting and simple games for children. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (248) 626-3620, Ext. 30.

Pumpkin patch
The pumpkin patch of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church continues until Halloween, Oct. 31, at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Besides Michigan pumpkins, fall decorations will also be available. These include gourds, bales of straw, cornstalks, and decorated 1/4 and 1/2 bales of straw that have been treated to last six months. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Pumpkin fund-raiser
Get your pumpkins for missions 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 27, at Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, west of Newburgh on the north side, Livonia. Also, gourds, etc. for table decorations.

UPCOMING

Church fair
The 61st annual O Christmas Tree church fair 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 1-2, at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square at Michigan Ave. and Wayne Rd. Coffee shop opens at 9 a.m., a la carte luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., dinner served 5-7 p.m. (\$7.50 adults, \$3.50 children). Children activities 6-7:30 p.m. Fair features aprons, attic treasures, books, candy booth, bouillottes, Christmas gifts, Country Store, decorations booth, pet shop, specialties booth, raffle and more. For more information, call (734) 729-7550.

Angel baby service
A special remembrance and healing service for parents grieving over the death of a baby takes place on All Saints Day 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Hope Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. All those who remember and grieve are invited to attend. There is no cost and no obligation of any kind. For more information, call (734) 425-7280.

Upper Room Ministries
Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning Nov. 4, in the school chapel at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford. Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. It is a non-denominational contemporary ministry. There will be prayer for the sick and hands laid on to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Music is contemporary in style. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

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 2025 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.

Alternative Christmas Fair
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission of \$1 will be charged at the door. Call the church at (248) 553-7170 for more information.

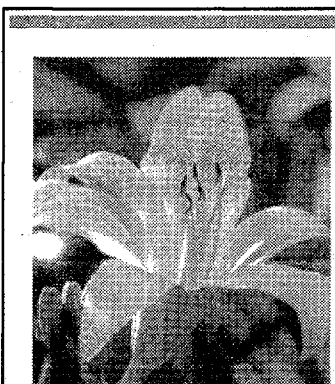
Sisterhood luncheon
Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. In honor of Veteran's Day, the luncheon will have a Patriot theme from the food to the entertainment. In the spirit of the season, we are asking members to bring new items such as knit hats, gloves, socks, personal care items, and toys to be donated to those in need. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org

ONGOING

Sunday worship
11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are

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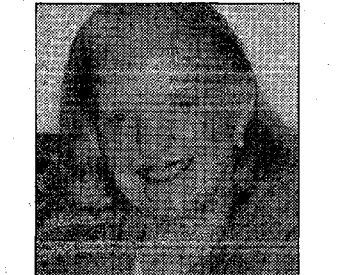
March 23, 1926-October 10, 2007. Arthur died, surrounded by his family, at home in Falmouth, Maine, after a valiant 9-year battle with lung and bone cancer. Mr. Tobiasen was born and raised in Portland, Maine. Following his naval service during WW II, he attended the University of Maine, graduating with a BS degree in Agricultural Engineering. After more than 35 years of dedicated service to Ford Tractor operations, Arthur retired from his position as Safety-Environmental Manager, Worldwide and worked independently as a consultant serving the industry as a safety expert. While a resident of Rochester, Mr. Tobiasen was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Oakland University President's club, Society of Automotive Engineers, and The Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, U.S. Advisory Committee to International Standards Organization, Industrial Equipment Manufacturers Council. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Cecelia, their children, Michael Tobiasen of Kingston, MI, Cathy Tobiasen-Dommenick and her husband Joseph of Washington, MI, Pat Naticz and her husband Lee of Auburn, Maine, grandson, Kris Tobiasen and his wife Angela of Auburn Hills, MI, and two great-granddaughters. He will be remembered as a kind, loving husband and father and dearly missed by his family.

CAROLYN JUNE (Potts) SHREVE

Born on Nov. 2, 1929 in Upsher County, WV, and entered into eternal rest on Oct. 9, 2007 in Mount Vernon, WA. She was an avid reader, knitter and loved to travel. She received her RN in Michigan and lived in Akron, OH, Troy, MI, Swane, GA., and most recently Mt. Vernon, VA. At her request her ashes will be released by plane over Washington state. She was preceded in death by her parents LuVernia & Glenville Potts, her brother John Paul Sr. and sister Barbara Ann Medin. She is survived by sons John (Barb) Blake, Bruce (Janet) Blake, Paul (Rachel) Shreve, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Sisters Genevieve Katz, Jane (Manny) Ecker, Sheila Reighard, brothers Sonny (Becky) Potts, David (Shelly) Potts. Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and Aunt Virginia Bolton. Also the family would like to extend their gratitude to her caregiver Laura Ashal. Memorials are to be made to your local hospice.

GLADYS IRENE RUSSELL

Of Leesburg, FL, age 103, died October 13, 2007 at Mayfield Retirement Center, Leesburg, FL. She was born in Southfield, MI. She is survived by her daughter Betty Jane (Kenneth) Shepard, Lady Lake, FL; sons Edward Halsey Russell II, Palantine, IL, Arthur Jack (Janis) Russell, Fowlerville, MI, Calvin Bruce (Marian) Russell, Lady Lake, FL, Dr. Ronald Kiehl (Nancy), New Jersey; 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Halsey Russell (1969), daughter-in-law Patricia Russell (2002), grandson Timothy Russell (1952), twin sister Grace Stephens, sister Mattie Nixon, Brothers Clark Nixon, Harry Nixon and Lucius Nixon. Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, FL is in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made to Hospice of Lake & Sumter, 12300 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778-9972.



FLORENCE H. PARISI

Of Maumee, Ohio, formerly of Birmingham/Troy, Michigan passed away at 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at Ridgewood Manor in Maumee. She was born on January 14 in Chicago to Arthur and Cornelia Tighe Hullcranz. Florence was the beloved wife of Clifford Parisi, who died on March 5, 1999 in Michigan. She was the loving mother of sons, Clifford M. Parisi of Maumee and Robert E. Redfern, Jr. of Ringwood, New Jersey and his wife, Wendy; grandmother of Ryan and Todd Redfern. Other survivors include her sister, Marie Moore of Columbia, Maryland and her brother, Stephen Hullcranz and his Carolyn of Washington, Illinois. Florence had been a bookkeeper for many years at Greenstones Jewelry in Michigan prior to her retirement. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 21 at 3 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the master, 3333 Coolidge Highway in Troy, Michigan.



KATHRYN M. "KITTY" (nee. Heilman) WEIR

October 14, 2007 Age 84 of Bloomfield Hills and John's Island, FL. Beloved wife of Charles R. for 64 years. Dear mother of Richard M. Weir, Mary Weir McCann (Lynn) and Robin Weir Horner (Clay). Grandmother of Laurie, Steven, Brian, Britton, Kathryn, Philip, Mark and Elizabeth. Great-grandmother of Matthew, Sarah and Grace. Sister of the late Ruth Berndt. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 4-7pm. Memorial service Friday 11am at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801 or The Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48034 or Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

THOMAS C. PAWLOWSKI

Age 75, of Garden City, passed October 16, 2007. Beloved husband of 53 years to Blanche. Loving father of Dawn (Wayne) Robertson, Tom (Deh), Frank, Bob (Tracey), Teresa (Chris) Stevens and Ed (Tennille). "Papa" of 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dear brother of Joe (Karen), Eugene (Gail), Carol Jackson and Maryann (Dick) Pruitt. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews: Funeral Mass from St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City Friday 10am (in state 9:30am). Internment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Friends may visit John N. Santeu & Sons Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster, Garden City, Thursday, 2pm to 9pm.

VIRGINIA WEED

October 12, 2007, Age 88 of Wayne, Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI

WILLIAM "BILL" L. BAUER

Aged 91, of Byron Center, formerly of Farmington Hills, MI, entered into the arms of Jesus and joined his beloved wife, Patricia, and daughters, Terry Pittenger and Sharon Bauer on Saturday, October 13, 2007. He was a warm and caring man with a delightful sense of humor who always had time for people, especially his girls. He had an uncanny ability to break anything mechanical. He is survived by his children, Laura (John) McDowell, Elizabeth (Rudy) Bahnsen, Constance (Dennis) Stachelek, and Faith (Chris) Koltz; son-in-law, Jerry Pittenger; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He served as a major in the U.S. Army during WWII and the Korean War. He worked for Champion Spark Plug Co. for 28 years, and owned and operated the Napa Store in Union Lake, MI. A special thank you to the staff and his many friends at Railside Assisted Living Center in Byron Center who took excellent care of him; whom he cherished as family. A Memorial Service will be held 1:00 pm Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at the Railside Assisted Living Center, 7955 Byron Center Ave., SW. Burial will be at North Farmington Cemetery in Farmington Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Railside Assisted Living Center. Arrangements by Stroo Funeral Home, 1095 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

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Piano concert

Three Centuries of Piano Classics Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Close your eyes and imagine an afternoon spent listening at the foot of some of the greatest piano masters: Beethoven, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff. Concert pianist Erin Anders takes us back in time through 300 years of piano classics. The concert will also be entwined with various contemporary pieces. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact music director Mark Loymeyer at (734) 522-6830.

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.

Concert

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be hosting a concert featuring Gordon and Carol Bleich, former Michigan residents and Ward members 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in the chapel at the church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The Bleichs musical selections will be a variety of Christian music. They will be joined in concert by Miguel Angel Cruz, a lyric tenor and pastor originally from Cuba. There is no charge for the concert. A free will offering will be taken. Child care provided for children through age 4. A reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Lutheran laymen's convention

The Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Convention takes place Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme for the convention is Let Your Light Shine based on Matthew 5:16. Guest speaker Andrew T. Fitzgerald is Manager of International Volunteer Services in the International Ministries Division of Lutheran Hour Ministries. He is responsible for the ministry's Global Care Packages program (which includes By Kids... For Kids, The Mothers Touch, and Teacher to Teacher) and its Global Work & Witness international mission trips. Registration begins at 8 a.m., worship at 9 a.m. followed by first convention session. An afternoon session follows the 12:15 p.m. luncheon. For more information, call (734) 729-0306.

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.

Pentecostal revival

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 26-28, at the Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area in Livonia. Times are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. Sunday with Evangelist Don McKenzie. The revival includes prayer for the sick and laying on hands to receive the Holy Ghost. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

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.

Women's health fair

Orchard United Methodist Church

Tatry dancers

The PRCUA Tatry Dancers give their annual Graduate Presentation Dance Saturday, Oct. 27, at Robert Jones K of C Hall, 25160 W. Outer Drive, Lincoln Park. Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$40 per person. Must be purchased by Oct. Call for information, call (313) 274-0183.

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.

180th anniversary celebration

First Baptist Church of Detroit is celebrating their 180th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the 11 a.m. worship service. All are welcome to join this festive occasion at the church, 21200 Southfield Road on the northbound service drive north of Eight Mile. Call (248) 569-2972 for more information.

Choir concert

The Contemporary Choir of Second Baptist Church celebrates its 21st anniversary with the theme: We've come this far by faith, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the church, 441 Monroe Ave., Detroit. For information, call (313) 961-0920.

Trunk or treat

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in the parking lot at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. A safe activity where kids go from car trunk to car trunk seeing and hearing a Bible story and receiving candy. Come dressed in costume and bring your friends and neighbors. Adults, if you haven't signed up for a trunk and are interested in helping call the church. Candy is also needed for the trunks.

Jazz vesper service

7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28th in the Chapel at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Childcare will be provided through age 4. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken. A reception follows the concert. The service will feature the Brass Roots Trio and they will be presenting Reflections in Peace. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Pontifical visit

Of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of Catholics of All Armenians Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, at St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Hrshapar Service followed by Armenian Heritage Collection Costume Show and Afterglow Coffee and Dessert in the Cultural Hall (no charge, children are encouraged to attend. Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cultural Hall. Cos is \$55, children under age 18 \$25. Space is limited. For tickets, call (248) 569-3405.

Pumpkin patch

Continues to Oct. 31, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and closes at 8 p.m. both weekend days, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 626-3620. This year marks the 11th anniversary of Orchard's youth sponsored Pumpkin Patch Fund-raiser. Orchard United Methodist Church will once again receive several thousand pumpkins grown by Navajo Native Americans in New Mexico. Proceeds of the sale have traditionally been used to support the youth groups annual mission trip. For more information call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org. On Sunday, Oct. 21 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Everyone

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celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Fall worship schedule

Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m. and includes simple worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays we will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

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. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

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, hash browns, 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.

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. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

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 Leverage, 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.

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.

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 Wednesday mornings 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 information or registration, 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.

Worship change

Began 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.

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 study group focused on 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, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The second session meets 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays to Dec. 4 in the same room.

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Tax on insurance cash surrender may be less than you think

Last weekend while broadcasting from the Fall Remodeling Show I was asked about life insurance.

A man has a \$100,000 life insurance policy with approximately \$35,000 in cash surrender value. He doesn't need the insurance and wants to get back his cash but he doesn't want to pay tax.

I'm asked this question frequently and the answer surprises many individuals.

Many people believe when they cancel a life insurance policy and withdraw the cash surrender value they are taxed on the entire distribution. That's not the case.

In your insurance policy there's a cost basis which is an offset to any distribution. The cost basis in an insurance policy is the premium paid throughout the years. For example, if your premium was \$100 a month and you paid that premium for 10 years then your cost basis in your policy would be (100 x 12 x 10) \$12,000. If the cash surrender value is \$12,100 and you cash out, the amount subject to tax is \$100. The first \$12,000 is principal coming back to you.

Another issue is what happens if you paid into the policy more than the cash surrender value. Unfortunately, since life insurance is not an investment, the losses are not deductible.

Don't treat life insurance as an investment. Life insurance is risk management. The issues dealing with risk are different from those of an investment.

If no one is financially dependent upon you, you typically do not need life insurance. However, if your death would cause financial problems for loved ones and you do not have the resources to protect them, life insurance is something to consider. If you have an existing policy, you need to review it every so often

to determine whether you still need the insurance and/or whether you need additional coverage.

There are a number of ways to remove money from life insurance policies. One is to borrow from the cash surrender value. I am not a fan of this strategy. If you don't need the insurance, why continue to pay for it? After all, when you borrow from a policy there are costs involved.

Some say borrowing from the policy is better than paying the taxes. I say when most people determine their basis they realize the tax consequence of cashing out is minimal at best.

However, there are situations where cashing out a policy would have a tax consequence. So for individuals who want to defer the tax, there is an option. Under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 1035,

one can directly transfer the cash surrender value of a life insurance policy into an annuity. By directly transferring the money there is no tax consequence. I generally recommend an equity-index annuity.

Like mutual funds, there are many types of equity-index annuities and the key is to find one that fits your situation. Like other types of investments, be aware of costs. Beware of policies that

have spreads, another word for commissions.

In an equity-index annuity, also look closely at the surrender period. Every equity-index annuity requires the investor to commit money for a period of time. In most cases, I recommend a time period of five to seven years. Every investor needs flexibility and to lock money up for 15 years in today's environment doesn't make sense to me.

The bottom line with life insurance is the cash surrender value of a policy is your money and you need to understand that to make wise decisions.

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 noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Bell ringers needed for yule season

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division (TSA) has kicked off its fourth annual online volunteer drive for the nonprofit's Red Kettle bell ringers. The Salvation Army needs to fill over 1,500 two-hour shifts from Nov. 16 through Dec. 24 (Sundays excluded). The Salvation Army is looking for people who want a simple and easy way to give back to their communities by "ringing a bell" during its biggest annual fund-raising campaign.

"Due to the increased need in the suburbs we are looking for a record number of volunteers this year to help the Red Kettle campaign reach our 2007 fund-raising goal," said Maj. Norman Marshall divisional commander. Opportunities throughout southeast Michigan are posted at www.ringbell.org. Anyone can log on, pick a preferred location and a two-hour shift that is convenient. The volunteer will receive a confirmation e-mail just prior to the selected date.

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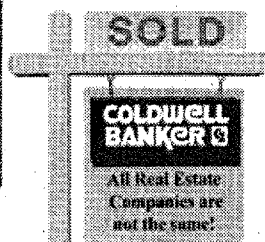
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Situated on a quiet tree lined street, this spacious quad is perfect for entertaining! Open floor plan, formal Din Rm, updated maple Kit, FR w/frpl, bsmt, Garage, & more.
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Spacious home w/over 2200 sq ft. Updated Kit, formal LR w/new carpet, 1st fl laundry, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Master w/WIC & bath, updated roof, furn, C/A, carpet, flooring, & more.
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Situated in desirable area of Canton, this exquisite home is tastefully appointed & in move in condition. 4 bd, 3.5 baths & prof fin bsmt w/guest suite & entertainment area.
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AWESOME HOME
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EXCEPTIONAL CANTON COLONIAL
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1,550 sq ft home offering 3 spacious bds, Fam Rm w/frpl, updated inc: baths, furnace, windows, Pergo & appl's, large private yard, 2 car Garage, immed occupancy & more.
\$179,900 (P-261GL)

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Glengary colonial with huge lot & inground pool. Fabulous decorating t/o, finished bsmt w/wall Kitchen, great location & a 1 yr home warranty.
\$380,000 (P-415HA)

NOVI CAPE COD
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Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan, spacious island Kitchen, Fam Rm w/frpl, 1st floor Master, 1st fl laun, finished bsmt & stamped concrete Patio.
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STEPS TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
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\$197,900 (P-647HA)

TURN KEY BEAUTY
34384 BARTON, S OF MARQUETTE, E OF WILDWOOD
Rare find on this charming 3 bd, 1.5 bath, tastefully decorated home. Fresh neutral paint, hwd floors, newly added Fam Rm & Deck, finished bsmt w/extra Kit & egress window.
\$199,900 (P-548MO)

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS
2829 PARKLAWN, N OF HILTON, E OF OLD US 23
This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakepointe Village. Updated Kit, large family room w/frpl, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appliances stay, & Home Warranty.
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Seminar

A "Foreclosure Homebuyers Seminar" will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. Learn about: How, Why and Where to Buy Foreclosures. Title? Mortgage? Inspections? Presented by Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate. Call to reserve a seat: (248) 293-0000.

BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging

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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

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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. Registration fees are \$155

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Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed

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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.

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Make the Parade of Homes Work for You" seminar as part of its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) 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 marketing program. Reservations are required, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and new home sales representatives. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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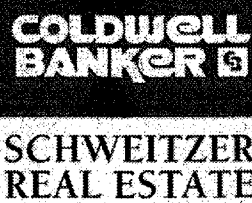


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NOVI \$255,000
Volume cigs in Lr & kit! Hwd flrs on 1st flr, remod kit! 1/2 BA w/corian cntrs, newer deck w/paver patio, c/a, alarm, new wndws & hwh, fin bsmt w/rec rm.
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NOVI \$230,000
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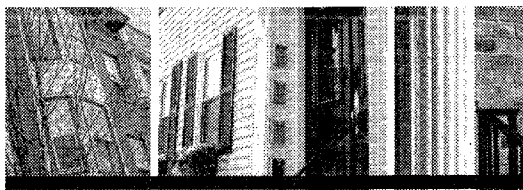
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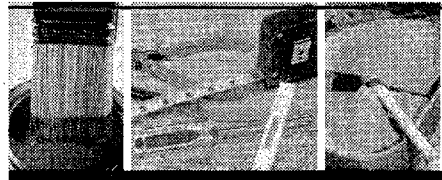
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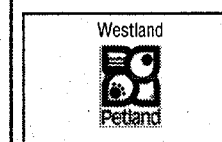
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WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

It's important to know how to sort through which clerical tasks to keep and which to drop when your work situation changes, and how to handle

people who can't stop coming to you for clerical help. This situation arises at all levels of organizations, because computerization brought clerical tasks to almost all office workers and professionals, who find themselves compelled to do a little -- or a lot. Productivity speaker and consultant Michael Guld, president of The Guld Resource Group L.L.C., in Richmond, Va., maintains that the drive to decrease costs by consolidating work in companies pushes the trend. In addition, entrepreneur Ponn Sabra, founder of Empowerwomenow.com in Meriden, Conn., says that in 2006, more than 50 percent of small businesses were home-based, many underfunded. Lack of resources compels large numbers of these owners to do their own clerical work.

SORTING

Most people jump on the opportunity to get rid of this kind of work when the moment strikes. How do you determine what to delegate and what to keep? Guld suggests that focusing upon your areas of specialty will make clear what to delegate to an employee receiving a lower salary.

Sabra uses an easy method she's employed herself:

-- "List every single responsibility, duty and task;

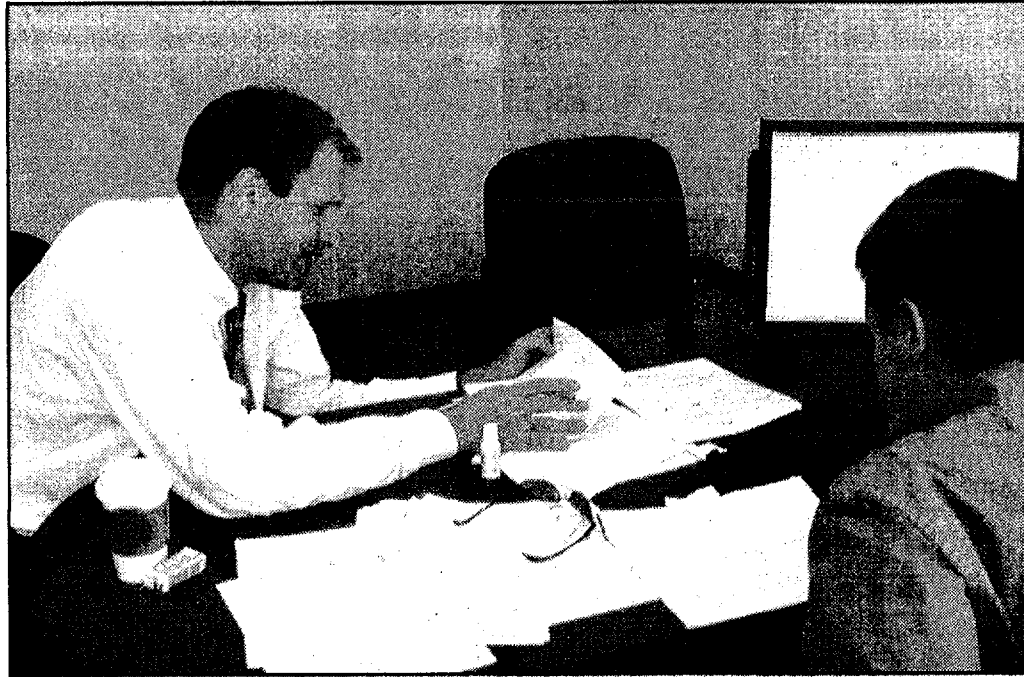
-- "rank the profitable 20 percent of duties, tasks and responsibilities to keep; and -- "cross out the remaining 80 percent as 'clerical,' 'technical,' or 'non-expert work' that could be delegated."

Following this method, you'll identify the 80 percent ripe for delegation and the 20 percent for your attention. 'REPEAT OFFENDERS'

But while you're changing, some people around you just won't break their dependence upon you for tasks you drop. Some people who've been counting on you for the clerical help keep coming back for more. Tom Gimbel, founder of LaSalle Network in Chicago, argues that companies themselves frequently have difficulty "wean(ing) themselves off the dependency." All sources discussed here recommend communicating extensively about your new situation. Gimbel's method is the most imaginative.

You'll want to refer people to the new person handling the clerical responsibilities, but the direct method might not be best, according to Gimbel. He cautions against using it for one simple reason: the individuals you want to stop coming to you may be afraid to use a new contact because of concern about working with someone whose work they don't know. Returning to you is a much surer route.

Instead of sending people packing, Gimbel advises, "accept the work. Then take it to the new person handling the clerical responsibilities and have him follow up with the person who keeps coming back." Go one step further. Reinforce the change in your duties by asking the correct person in your organization, perhaps someone in PR, to communicate your new assignment and mention the new person who's handling your



Credit: Callie Hodge

Tom Gimbel (left) founded the Chicago-based staffing company LaSalle Network. He maintains that when you leave some clerical tasks behind, you might have to be creative in redirecting employees who "forget" that you're no longer doing them.

former duties. You may have to ask PR to do this more than once before the change registers with pesky employees.

Sabra brings up the issue of boundaries -- and letting people know what yours are. Guld cautions against "being a jerk. Say, 'We're willing to help people out. I'll help you out this time, but this is more the exception than the rule. Please look for other sources to help.'" He further recommends that you "build a case to show why you should stick with your responsibility. Say something like, 'The best way for you to maximize my involvement is to let me focus

on these areas and let me delegate in these areas. So, please don't come to me taking away from my focus.'" Not building that case will encourage repeat offenders.

Sabra tells home-based business owners to consider charging more for specialized tasks, which will discourage repeat offenders, who won't want to pay a higher rate for clerical functions. Suddenly, they'll decide that they don't want to pay quite that much.

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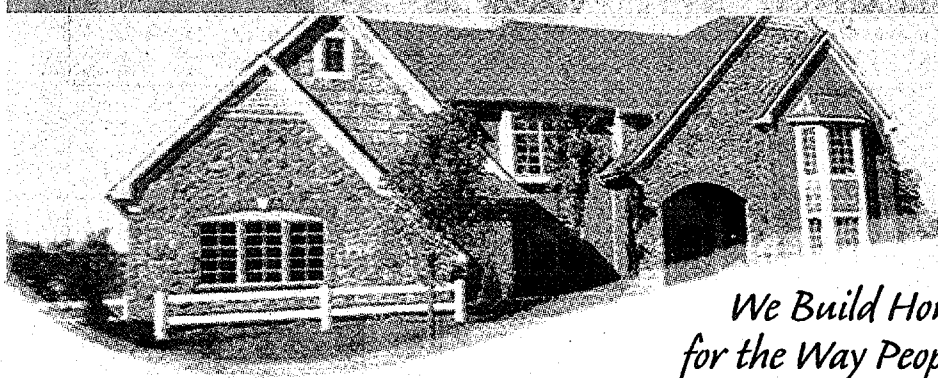
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OAK PARK \$139,891
Pristine 3BR brick ranch. Many profess updates: roof, windows, furnace-air, copper plumbing, gorgeous designer kitchen, more! Fin bsmt. Gar. MLS #27139664 248-647-8888



TROY \$139,900
2BR, 1.5 BA Northfield Hills condo, fabulous location! FR w/frplc. Newer appls. Finished bsmt. Two level deck. Pool, clubhouse, & tennis courts! MLS #27115776 248-647-8888



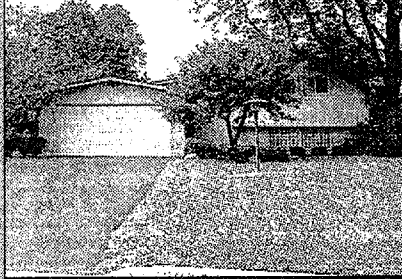
SOUTHFIELD \$149,900
Lovely two story home on a tree lined street offers 3BR, 1.5 BA. LR, FR w/frplc, hrdwd flrs, newer windows, 1st flr lndry, deck, 2 car att gar. MLS #27162822 248-647-8888



LATHRUP VILLAGE \$205,000
Character & charm in this updated 4BR cape cod! Oak flrs, cove ceilings, fresh paint, updated kitchen, frml DR, FR, fin bsmt w/vintage bar! Gar. MLS #26129349 248-647-8888



SOUTHFIELD \$209,900
Elegance & comfort in this 3BR custom ranch on secluded cul-de-sac. GR w/frplc, DR, lib or 3rd BR, huge laundry, storage galore, & oversized gar. MLS #26213172 248-647-8888



SOUTHFIELD \$229,000
Beautiful 4BA, 2.5 BA home, a desirable neighborhood! Completely remodeled! Newer roof, wins, A/C, gar dr, carpet, paint, & deck. MLS #27149211 248-647-8888



SOUTHFIELD \$279,900
New construction! Builder's model! 4BR, 2.5BA colonial, profess decorated, many options! 2 story FR, mstr suite, wood flrs in foyer & kit. Deck. MLS #27174729 248-647-8888



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP \$289,900
Lovely 4BR, 2BA home offers LR & DR w/hrdwd flrs. LL has family rm w/natural frplc & additional space for 4th BR or office. Bloomfield Hills schls. MLS #27113464 248-647-8888



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP \$729,900
Spectacular lakefront contemp home! Foyer with skylights & blk granite flr, gourmet maple kit w/ granite, mstr suite, jetted tub, updates! Deck. MLS #27126341 248-647-8888



COMMERCE \$269,900
Immaculate! Commerce Pines. 3 BRs, 2 full BA & 2 half BA, Corner Lot! Fin bsmt, wet bar. Hrdwd flrs, crown moldings. Walled Lake Schls. MLS #27159845 248-360-9100



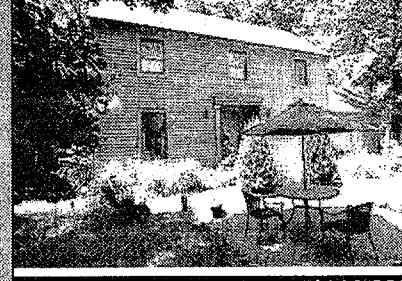
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$209,900
3 BR Condo. LR w/fabulous gas frplc. Priv deck. 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs. Oak flring, ceramic BAs, cherry cabs, brass fixtures, Pella Wins. Two-2-way frplc. Large master, WIC. Marble floor in Master. 2 car gar. MLS #27138883 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$219,900
West Acres Beauty. 3 BRs, lg master. Almost 1 acre, beach & boat priv. Contemp home. New win, heating a/c in '00. Shingles '06. New appls. MLS #27138605 248-360-9100



COMMERCE \$319,900
Over 3000 sq. ft., fin bsmt. Newer hrdwd flrs in kit, nook, DR & LRs. Granite cntrs, island. Lg mstr, WIC, exercise rm. 2nd Flr Laundry. MLS #27182166 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$300,000
Custom cedar home. 1 acre. 3 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Gourmet kit, Butter pantry, DR. Great rm, vaulted ceilings, frplc. 2nd flr bridge to mstr suite. LL w/o. MLS #27178507 248-360-9100



MILFORD \$359,900
Beautiful & Peaceful 5.5 acres. 4 BRs, 2 full BA, 2 half BA, Corner Lot! Fin bsmt, wet bar. Hrdwd flrs, crown moldings. Walled Lake Schls. MLS #27171428 248-360-9100



WHITE LAKE \$599,000
Lakefront Home. Almost 1 Acre. 700 ft Frontage. 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs. Oak flring, ceramic BAs, cherry cabs, brass fixtures, Pella Wins. Two-2-way frplc. MLS #27122902 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$574,900
Almost 1 acre wooded lot. 4 BRs, 3 BAs. Cherry wd kit, granite cntrs, s/s appls. 1st flr mstr, walk-in shower, jetted tub. Hickory wd flring. MLS #27172605 248-360-9100



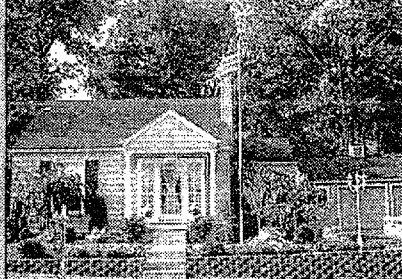
CLARKSTON \$464,900
Impressive open LR, lg windows across the back. Gourmet kit. Lg mstr site w/his & her cists. Fin W/O bsmt w/BA & 3rd BR. Clarkston Schls. MLS #27102036 248-360-9100



REDFORD \$129,900
Beautiful brick ranch w/3 BRs, 2 BAs, DR, florida rm & fin. bsmt. Updates include paint, carpet, hrdwd flrs, furn, roof & more! 2 car gar. w/elect. MLS #27097860 313-538-2000



REDFORD \$139,500
Immaculate 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch features updated kit w/lots of cntr space, fin. bsmt, covered deck off kit, high effc. furn & 2 car gar. MLS #27102845 313-538-2000



REDFORD \$189,000
Beautiful cape cod overlooking golf course. 4 BRs, 2 full BAs, frplc, DR & fin. bsmt. Updated hrdwd flrs, Corian cntrs, wins, C/A & more! 2 car gar. MLS #27171909 313-538-2000



FARMINGTON \$179,900
Gorgeous in & out! 3 BRs, 2 BAs, updated Farmington Meadows home! New kit w/cab, cntrs, appls & flr. DR leads to beaut. yd & perennial gard. MLS #27177196 734-462-9800



REDFORD \$141,900
Beautiful 3 BR brick ranch w/gorgeous fin bsmt. Great court location w/s. Redford Schls. Priv fenced rear yd, & all of the important updates done! MLS #27132036 734-462-9800



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$112,900
Great house you could move right in! 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. Dining room, first floor laundry. Large living room. MLS #27119451 734-462-9800



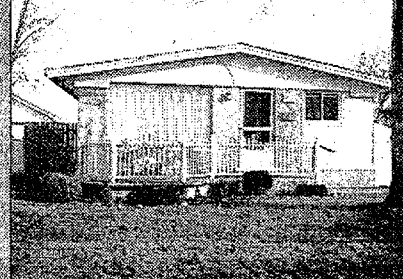
NORTHVILLE \$439,900
'98, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 BA colonial. 3,000 square feet & finished daylight basement. 3 car garage. Over \$70K in updates and upgrades. MLS #27054506 734-462-9800



FARMINGTON HILLS \$199,335
Updated 3 BR, 2 BA, 1 lavatory home. Kitchen w/ granite trans counters, GR with frplc. Master BR w/priv BA. New windows, plumbing & more! MLS #27176904 734-462-9800



CANTON \$239,900
Condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 lavatory. Great room with fireplace, luxurious master suite w/2 WIC. Finished LL. First flr laundry. 2 car gar. MLS #27096779 734-462-9800



WESTLAND \$104,500
Bright and airy 3 bedroom ranch. Open kitchen, vaulted ceilings. Beautiful large living room. Partially fin basement. All appls stay. MLS #27178434 734-462-9800



MILFORD VILLAGE \$170,900
Condo with 2 BRs, 2 BAs, 1 lavatory. LR with fireplace, first floor laundry. 2 car attached garage. Minutes from downtown Milford. MLS #27168094 734-462-9800



NORTHVILLE \$365,000
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial in Abbey Knoll. Beautiful walk-out basement, family room with fireplace. First flr laundry, breakfast rm & more! MLS #27050548 734-462-9800



SOUTHFIELD \$132,500
Updated 3-bedroom bungalow w/oversized 2-car gar. Updated vinyl siding, windows, kitchen & BA. Some rms freshly painted. All appls are incl. MLS #27069928 248-855-2000



HAZEL PARK \$99,950
Very sharp and clean 3-BR ranch w/an awesome private yard. Spacious LR, open kitchen w/brkfst bar, spacious BRs w/of closet space. MLS #27095601 248-855-2000



REDFORD \$105,000
Well kept 3-BR brick bungalow in quiet neighborhood. New furnace & central air. Newer windows, roof & glass block windows in bsmt. MLS #27097712 248-855-2000



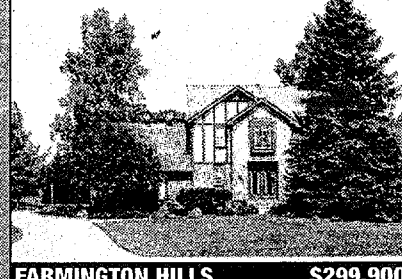
VAN BUREN TWP \$335,000
Colonial on cul-de-sac, backs to privacy. Roomy mstr ste, lg kit w/drwl, spacious GR w/frplc. Lg fin w/o bsmt. Over 2800 sq. ft. of great living sp. MLS #27130517 248-855-2000



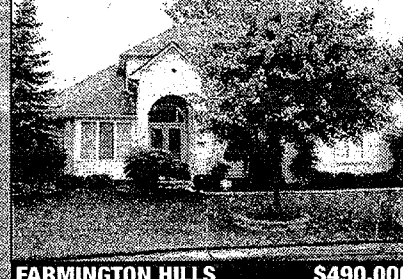
INDEPENDENCE TWP \$250,000
Vacation, all year. Wooded hilltop home, breathtaking views. Deluxe BA, Jacuzzi, balcony, hot tub & new carpet. Fin LL w/o. All appls stay. MLS #27152029 248-855-2000



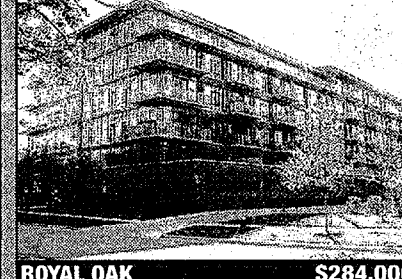
WASHINGTON TWP \$274,500
Nearly new. Move in condition. This 4BR colonial offers a 1st flr mstr ste, 2 story foyer, lib & two story GR. Lg kit & dining space, lots of storage. MLS #27164494 248-855-2000



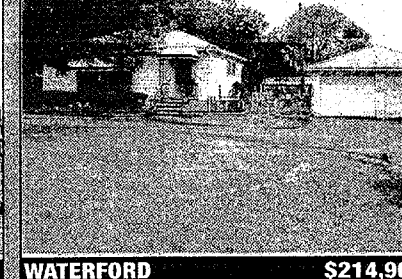
FARMINGTON HILLS \$299,900
Tudor in gated comm. on a lg lot. Very lg BRs, kit w/newer granite cntrs & drwl to deck. Huge FH w/frplc. Mstr w/WIC & priv BA. Updated win & c/a. MLS #27173122 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS \$490,000
Beautiful 4-BR cape code that shows like a model. Over 2700 sq. ft., 1st flr mstr w/Jacuzzi tub, 2nd BA w/skylights. 2 car attached garage. MLS #27175023 248-855-2000



ROYAL OAK \$284,000
Profes designed unit, hrdwd flrs in main living area, balcony, comp enclosed mstr BR w/huge WIC & stunning BA. Kit w/granite cntrs & appls. MLS #27174894 248-855-2000



WATERFORD \$214,900
Great 4 BR, 2.5 BA ranch located on 3.87 acres. Hrdwd flrs on the main level, a fin bsmt w/2nd kitchen, frplc, living room, bedroom and bath. MLS #27129130 248-673-2211



PONTIAC \$168,900
Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BAs colonial. Huge country kitchen w/honey oak cabinets & dr wall onto deck, designer drs, lg living rm w/bay windows. MLS #27108545 248-673-2211



OXFORD \$450,000
Beautiful 4 BR, 3.5 BA home in Lake Orion school district. 2 story great room with a wall of windows, fin w/o bsmt, w/media rm or 5th BR. MLS #27164249 248-673-2211



WHITE LAKE TWP \$206,600
Entertain in style in this 3 BR, 2.5 BAs, brick ranch. Cherry hardwood floors w/o, cathedral ceilings, a GR w/dr wall leading to deck. MLS #27170316 248-673-2211



WHITE LAKE TWP \$244,900
3 BR, 2.5 BA brick home in Walled Lake school district. Double lot w/on quiet cul-de-sac. Large kitchen, lib w/door wall to deck, & a fin bsmt. MLS #27153277 248-673-2211



INDEPENDENCE TWP \$219,850
3 BR, 2.5 BA lake front home on all sports Middle Lake. Walk to town, Clarkston schools. Finished w/o bsmt, 2 story open dining area, & hrdwd flrs. MLS #27109036 248-673-2211

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Dearborn Heights 734-591-9200
Super clean, spacious colonial in a prime Dearborn Heights area. Kingswood Estates-4 BR-2.5 bath colonial. Updated kit, counter & table space-family rm w/natl F/P-newer baywindow in living rm. (27160832) \$219,900



Highland 248-684-1065
3 acres w/ pines for privacy. 2 mstr stes on main flr w/ jet tubs/ceramic flrs. 3rd br w/bt-in shelves. Open upper loft w/ full br for 4th br. 2 fp. Huge kit. (27164385) \$344,800



Livonia 734-591-9200
3 bdrm brick ranch, 1.5 bths, fin. base, w/bar, poss 4 bed' off in base. 2 home theatre svms neg. 2 car gar. 3 tier deck w. hot tub, abv ground heated pool. (27104694) \$189,900



Novi 248-437-3800
Detached Condo/End Unit! Everything you could want and more in a desirable community. Cozy kitchen, first floor laundry. Fireplace in fully finished basement with wet bar. (27118421) \$289,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Hard to find Ranch This well kept home features large kitchen w/lots of storage, open to breakfast/dining area. New master bath. Brick fireplace w/handcrafted bookcases and mantel. (27180784) \$167,000



Canton 734-455-7000
SO MUCH TO OFFER! Ceram fir in kit & foyer. Cath ceil & skylights in fam rm. 2-tier deck, fin. bsmt w/wet bar & bath. Spotless! Home Warranty & Assoc. Dues for 07' pd at closing! (27177410) \$265,900



Dearborn Heights 734-591-9200
Spacious 3 Bedroom Solid Brick Ranch Ceramic Tiled Bthrm, Newer Roof, Newer Hwh, Newer Wndws, Newer A/C & Furn, Updtd Electrical & Cop Plumb, Deep Fenced Lot, Dual Sheds, All Appliances Stay. (27158695) \$84,999



Highland 248-684-1065
Woods, waterfront, W/O! On .81 ac & cul-de-sac. Built in 2000. 4 br, 2.5 ba. Fresh paint. Privacy in sub setting. 2 stry covered porch. 3+ car gar. (27072570) \$338,900



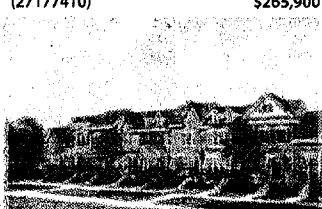
Millford 734-591-9200
Your Own Private Island This Custom Built Villa Has Over 4,000 Sq Ft Of Living Space. Quality Feat Incl 9 Ft Ceil, 2 Stry Gr Rm, 4 Frplcs, Custom Mantel, 3 Balconies. The List Goes On! (27127829) \$539,900



Novi 248-348-6430
For The 50 Plus Active Adult! Bright, cheery 2 BR, 2 BA condo overlooking lake. Bike trails, lake access and more. Pickled oak cab and Pergo in Kit. App incl. LR doorwall leads to patio. (27053693) \$119,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Don't pass this one by! 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/ spacious vaulted ceilings. Well maintained and tastefully decorated. New carpet, new ceramic tile in kitchen. 1st floor laundry. (27180787) \$154,900



Canton 734-455-7000
UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! The Dalton offers 3BR/2.1BA, 2 car garage, balcony, geothermal heating & cooling, no gas bill. Upscale Brownstone in popular Uptown Canton. (27178394) \$217,500



Detroit 734-591-9200
Great Prime Dwnth Condo 2 bdrm / 2 bth!! Walk to all action kit w/all upgrades. Mstr ste feat jetted tub, skylight, cath ceilings thru-out lvg rm, fp, att 2car gar fully painted. Tax red till yr 2020! (27091216) \$280,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Private 1/2 acre paradise. Dunleavy Lake. Upper Pettibone across street. Park & boat landing. Dual decks. New mstr ste. Rec rm w/ fp. Subject to bank approval. (27170193) \$248,900



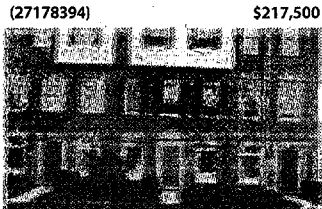
Millford 248-684-1065
Lg deep .77 acre lot. Historic home. 27x8 covered porch w/ deck above. Rear deck porch 32x10. Upper decks w/ D/W from brs. Kit open to FR w/ hearth. 20x34 den. (27108103) \$209,800



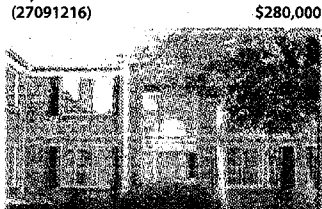
Plymouth 734-455-7000
DESIRABLE! YOU BETCHA! Rear dense woods? Mostly yours! Storybook red barn? Yup! Orchard-grower greenhouse? Ah hui! Custom brick ranch w/2nd Flr in LL, faces sunsets across 10+ acres. (27183769) \$438,900



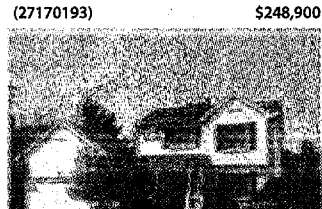
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Charming Home downtown! New windows, doors, refinished original hardwood floors, new drywall and remodeled master suite. Just add your finishing touches! (27165531) \$139,500



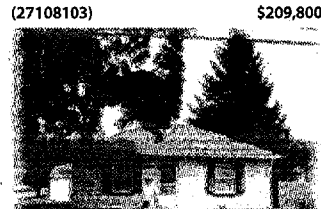
Canton 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS CONDO UNDER REPLACEMENT COST! 2BR/2.1BA, granite countertops 1/0, 2car gar, wood flrs t/o main flr, wood blinds, nickel fixtures, maple cabs, etc. All this + scenic setting. Priv clubhouse! (27182047) \$179,900



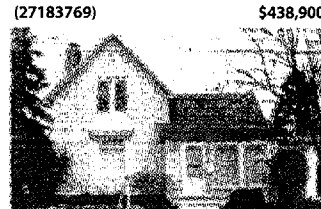
Farmington 248-348-6430
Furnished Condo in Farmington. Walk to Costco! 2BR/2.1BA, granite countertops 1/0, 2car gar, wood flrs t/o main flr, wood blinds, nickel fixtures, maple cabs, etc. All this + scenic setting. Priv clubhouse! (27182047) \$179,900



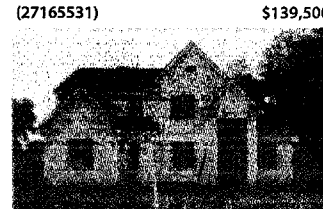
Highland 248-684-1065
Generous treed lot on cul-de-sac w/ beautiful landscape. Gazebo, deck, paver patio & walkway. Fin. bsmt w/ rec rm & bar. Quiet, serene, low traffic setting. (27143185) \$233,800



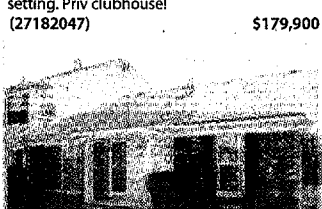
Millford 248-684-1065
Completely updated Village ranch in great location. New carpet, baths & counter top, french drs, hwd flrs, 2 car garage, deck, corner lot, all appliances. (27152096) \$150,000



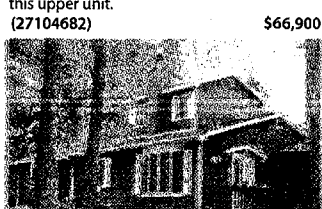
Plymouth 248-348-6430
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CHARMER! Charming 3 br, 1.1 ba bungalow close to park, fountain, shopping & restaurants. Hwd flrs, newer ac, furnace, h2o hr, & some windows. Nice backspace patio in backyard. (26126509) \$199,900



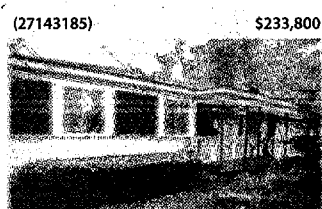
Southfield 248-348-6430
NEW CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTHFIELD Two elegant 4 br, 2.5 ba homes in beautiful neighborhood. Sunny, gourmet kit, sumptuous mstr ste and elegant dining room. Not too late to pic surfaces. (27091716) \$490,000



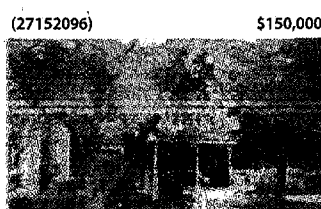
Canton 248-851-1900
CONDO W/ PRIVATE BASEMENT! Fantastic value & location for 2BR end-unit. Brick ranch w/ full, partially finished basement. Updated kitchen. Neutral. Patio. (27047510) \$114,900



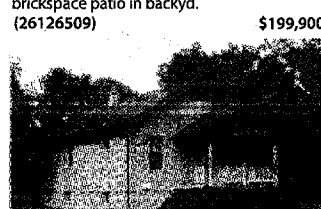
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
UPDATED ON 1 ACRE Country living in the city! Spacious kit & DR leads to deck & beautiful backyard. Huge fam rm w/ nat fp & bay window, 2car att gar. Tons of storage. Great location. (27090992) \$224,900



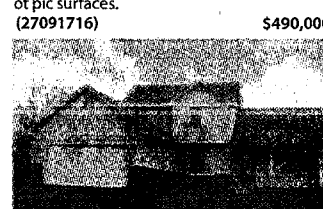
Highland 248-684-1065
Affordable White Lake canal frontage. Ranch with deep garage (26x22). Full basement. Full wall brick fireplace. Privacy fence. New 5 inch well. One year warr. (27091395) \$229,800



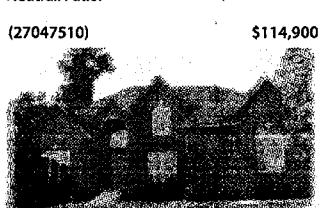
Northville 248-348-6430
VICTORIAN/FARMHOUSE RIGHT IN TOWN 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath that's had 2 major additions in the last 8 years. Granite kitchen w/cherry cabinets, 1st floor laundry. (27145195) \$485,000



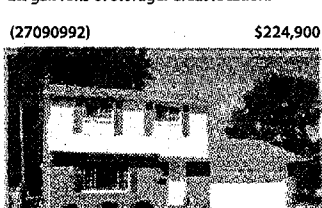
Plymouth 734-455-7000
IT'S NO LONGER A DREAM! You can own a charming, updt home in dwnth Plymouth. Totally new & never used bath & kitchen w/all appl, wndws, roof, refin hrdwd flrs t/o, ext doors & more! (27183551) \$129,900



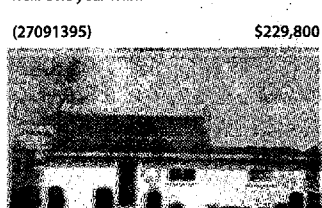
Walled Lake 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD ON WOODED LOT Rare cape cod on wooded almost 3/4 acre lot. When you step inside you will see an immaculate home, beautifully done in neutrals. (27031760) \$254,900



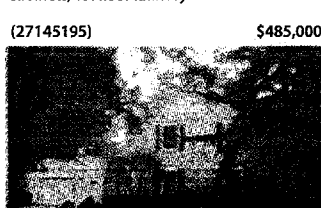
Commerce 248-684-1065
Builder's Spec for sale. Lg wooded lot. 2 sty foyer, open flr plan, GR w/ fp, hwd flrs, Lg eat-in kit & formal DR, butler's pantry, granite cntropts, lib. (27102887) \$424,000



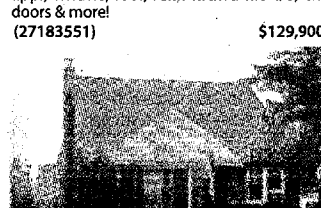
Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Just Unpack & Move In! Immaculate gem! Spacious colonial w/lots of updates: kitchen, all windows, roof, furnace, HWH, sprinkler sys, freshly painted, fenced backyard. (27131935) \$219,900



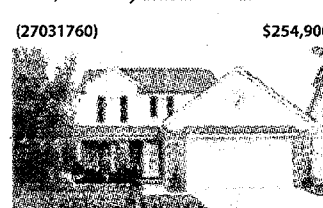
Highland 248-684-1065
Breathtaking view! Sit on deck or in the Florida rm to watch the sun set and fall in love. Waterfront ranch has all major updates. All appliances stay. (27058974) \$195,000



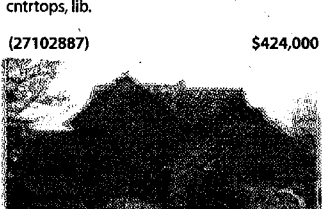
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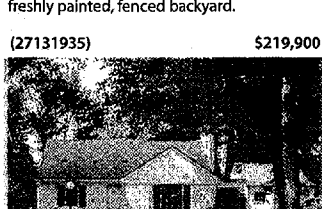
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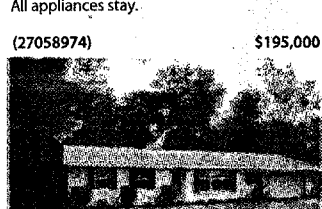
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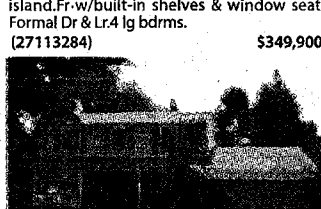
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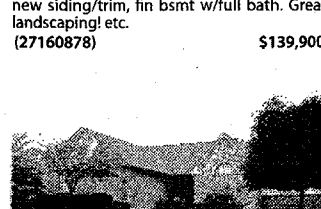
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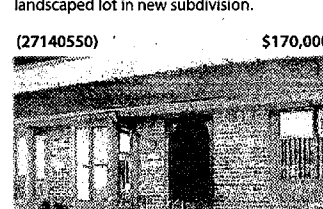
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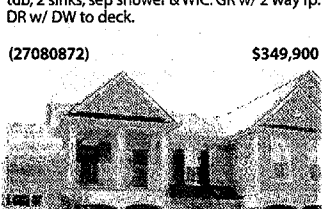
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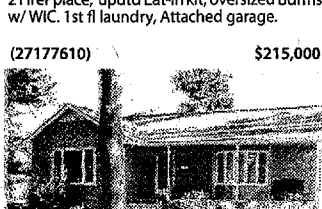
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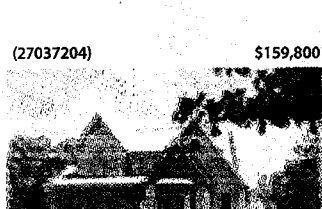
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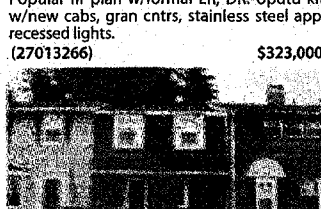
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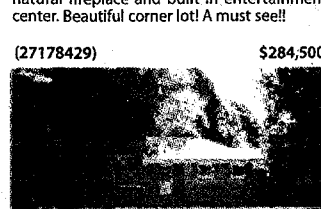
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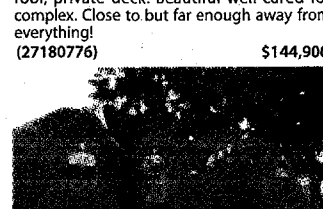
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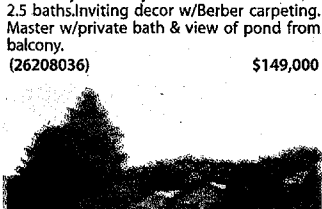
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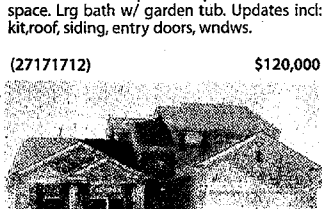
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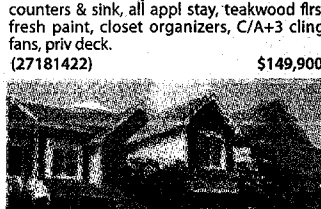
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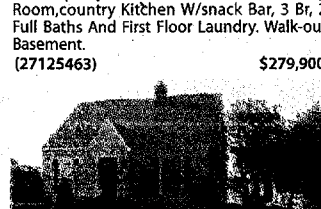
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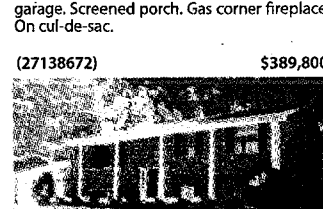
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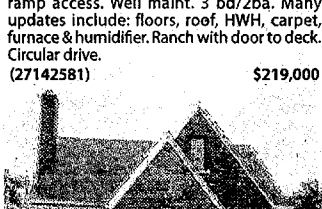
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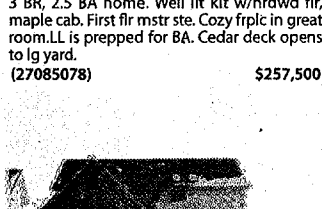
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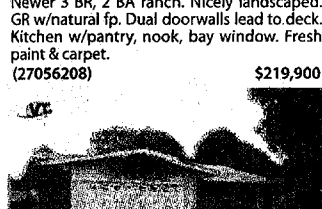
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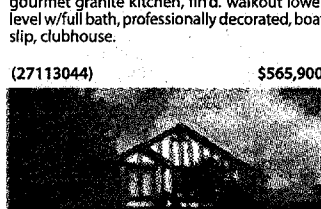
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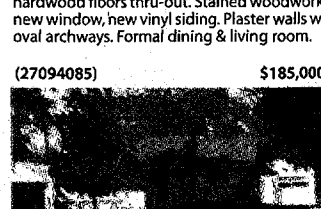
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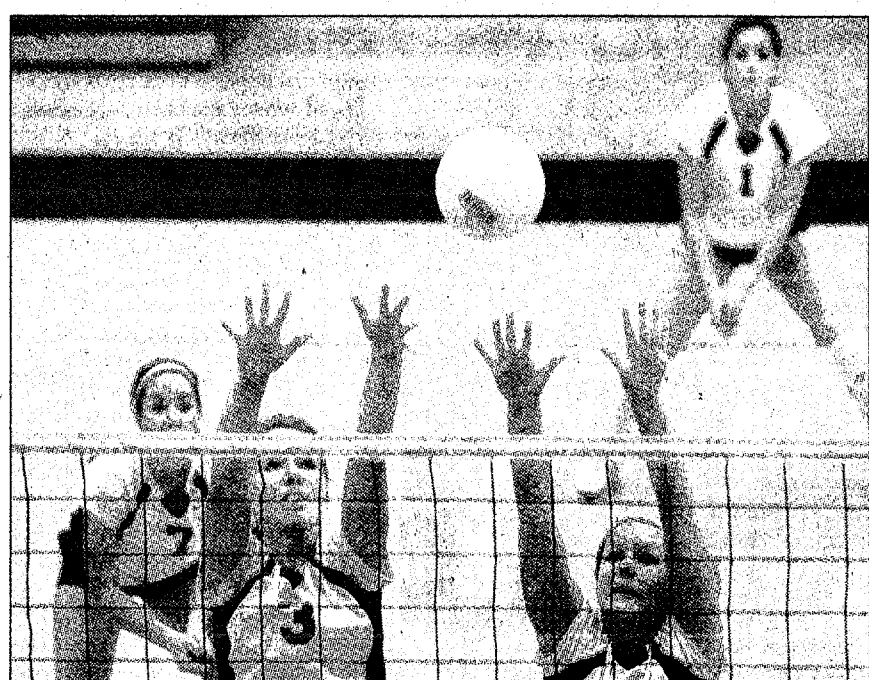
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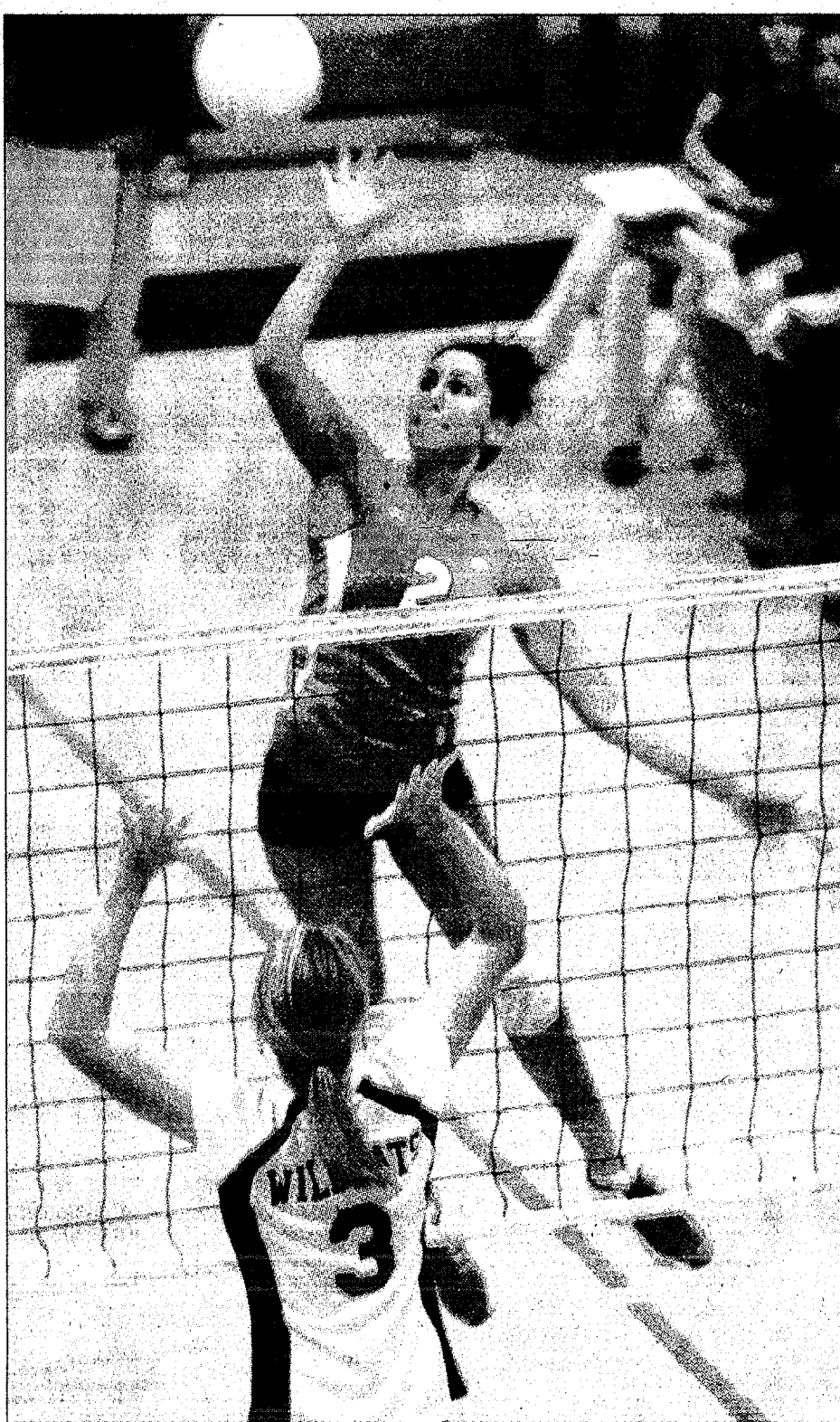
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Plymouth's Kelly Smoltz (3) and Ashley Becsziko go up for a block during Monday's match against Canton.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Lauren McPartlin elevates for a kill over Plymouth's Kelly Smoltz during the team's cross-campus showdown Monday night at Plymouth. The Chiefs won in four games.

Sidelines

Selection Sunday

FoxSportsNet Detroit will air the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoff pairings Selection Sunday Show at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21.

The 30-minute program, hosted by FSN's Mickey York and Cameron Wong, will provide a run-down of the 256 teams that qualify for the playoffs, as well as first-round matchups and game sites.

F5 running club

Moms, dads and kids of all ages are invited to participate in the F5 Running Club (Faith, Family, Fun, Fitness and Friendship) this fall and winter, beginning with the showing of the movie "ONE" on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Box Bar, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Main St. in downtown Plymouth. Ward and Diane Powers, the creators of "ONE," will be on hand to answer questions about the movie.

The fourth season of F5 begins on Monday, Nov. 5, and run through Saturday, March 8.

The club, which invites all runners regardless of ability, will meet at the following locations:

- **Mondays** - 6 p.m. at OLG School (Arthur and William streets in Plymouth);
 - **Thursdays** - 4:30 p.m. in Hines Park (Hines Dr. just east of Haggerty Rd.); and
 - **Saturdays** - 8:30 a.m. at St. Johns on 5 Mile Rd., just east of Sheldon (east corner of front parking lot).
- For more information, contact Steve Spreitzer at (734) 451-0017; or at spreitzerfamily@comcast.net.

Players needed

The 14U Canton Alley Cats baseball team needs three or four competitive players for the 2008 season. For more information, contact Glen Potter at (734) 844-8982.

Best in the Western

Canton earns share of first in division by edging Wildcats

Canton's volleyball team took a monumental step Monday night in its quest to capture the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division crown when it upended cross-campus rival Plymouth in four games in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

After dropping the first game, 26-24, the Chiefs stormed back to seize the final three games 25-22, 25-14 and 25-17 to improve their record to 22-8-1 overall and 6-1 in the division. The loss dropped the Wildcats to 19-8-5 overall and 4-3 in the Western.

Heading into Wednesday night's action, Canton and Northville were tied atop the division standings with 6-1 marks with three matches to play.

"We looked slow and tired in game one," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We weren't communicating or running enough quick-tempo sets. We missed a lot of serves and our serve-

receive passes were off.

"We started to look like ourselves again in games three and four. Plymouth played us tough and their outside hitters made our defense work hard. There were a lot of great plays on both sides of the net -- it was an enjoyable to watch both teams."

Senior Marie Martin turned in a memorable performance for the winners, netting 16 kills and five blocks. Also shining for the Chiefs were Lauren McPartlin (12 kills), Jordan Kielty (11 kills), Hannah Mills (25 digs), Shelby Anthony (18 digs) and Kacy Moran, who registered 39 assists.

Plymouth was paced by senior Rachel Heaton, who racked up 20 kills and 12 digs. Other standouts for the Wildcats were Mandy McManus (15 kills), Kate Spangler (20 assists and 11 digs), Lindsay Jewett (15 digs) and Briana Beyer (28 digs).

Salem blanks Churchill in District soccer, 2-0

Canton, Plymouth knocked out. Please see Page C2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's not wise to give a team with Salem's lock-down defensive capabilities an early lead, but that's exactly what Livonia Churchill did Monday afternoon in a Division 1 District soccer opener played on the Chargers' turf.

Rock junior forward Josh Pascarella drilled a shot past Churchill's goal-keeper two minutes into the game to give Salem the only offense it would need in its 2-0 victory.

The triumph improved the Rocks to 7-5-10 and, more importantly, gave them a pass into Wednesday's semifinal contest against host Northville, which crushed Redford Union, 10-0, on Monday.

Pascarella's goal was assisted by senior Scott Dreaver. Pascarella would also play a huge role in Salem's second goal when he assisted sophomore Alex Tramel mid-way through the second half.

Salem net-minder Sasa Miskovic, who's only a sophomore, was brilliant between the pipes for the winners. "Sasa played extremely well, as did our two center-mids, Dan Radosevich and Jeremy Stoychoff," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

A victory Wednesday would propel the Rocks into Saturday's 3 p.m. final at Northville High School. Salem captured a District title last year and wasn't derailed until the Regional final when it fell to eventual state runner-up Livonia Stevenson.

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Salem's No. 1 singles player Lawrence Washington, pictured above in a match earlier this fall, placed second at the Division 1 Regional held Oct. 12 at the P-CEP tennis courts.

Rocks' Washington state meet-bound

Salem senior Lawrence Washington became the first Rock to qualify for the Division 1 state meet since 1996 when he placed second at the Oct. 12 Regional meet held at the P-CEP tennis courts.

Washington's lone loss came in the No. 1 singles final to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Nate Eddy, 6-4, 6-4.

Salem's No. 4 singles player, Dave Benson, also advanced to the championship match before getting edged by Pioneer's Matt Monich, 6-3, 6-4.

The Rocks placed fourth overall with 15 points, 15 behind the champion Pioneers. Canton and Plymouth tied for sixth with six points a piece.

Local players who advanced to the semifinals before getting derailed were Canton's Mike Darouie (No. 2 singles), Plymouth's Steve Ostrowski (No. 3 singles), Salem's duo of Brock Foster and Eduardo Diaz (No. 1 doubles), Salem's Tyler Jeleniewski and Dave Burnstein (No. 2 doubles), Salem's Ryan Aubert and Yuvi Rajeev (No. 3 doubles) and Salem's John Kang and Josh Perrin (No. 4 doubles).

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Spartans upend Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's soccer team earned the unenviable distinction of "Best Team in the State to Lose in the First Round of the State Playoffs" Monday night.

The Chiefs, who were ranked as high as No. 2 this fall in the Division 1 rankings, saw their promising season cut short, 2-0, by defending D1 state runner-up Livonia Stevenson, which moved on to battle Salem in a semifinal contest set for Wednesday at Northville.

Canton, which knocked off the Spartans last week in the WLAA championship game, ended its season with a 12-4-4 mark. The No. 2-ranked Spartans improved to 17-1.

Canton threatened early and often during the game's first 15 minutes, but was stoned repeatedly by Spartan sophomore goal-keeper Conner Burton, who posted his seventh shutout.

"We changed up our system on them to start the game and we were effective in the first 15 or 20 minutes," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "We had more good opportunities to score in the first 10 minutes than we did the rest of the game. I think it kind of demoralized us when we weren't able to put the ball in the back of the net early on."

"Stevenson is a fantastic team and they did a good job to keep the ball out of their net. When they got their scoring opportunities, they converted them. All in all, it hurts to lose in the first round of the districts, but Canton had a great season. We won the conference championship in a hard fought game last week and overall it was a very good season."

Stevenson coach Lars Richters said his team advanced thanks to its ability to hold off the Chiefs during the game's outset.

"We knew we were in for a really big challenge tonight, especially after the way Canton played us in the conference championship game," said Richters. "We struggled early in the game. I think it was a small case of the playoff jitters."

Fortunately, we overcame those and got stronger as the game went on.

"We knew we'd have to do a good job of defending because Canton has such a strong counter-attack. They have a lot of speed, a lot of energy and one of the best center backs in the state in Scott Zech. We feel relieved and privileged to move on to the next round."

Stevenson lit up the scoreboard first at the 24:25 mark of the first half when Joey D'Agostino scored off a set piece from Brian Klemczak.

"Klemczak did a great job of putting the ball to the front post, D'Agostino was in the right place and he put it in the corner. Obviously, it was nice to get a goal at that point because we were not playing our best early in the game."

The Chiefs nearly got the equalizer with 31:40 left in the game, but Logan McGraw's line-drive header was snared at the doorstep by Burton.

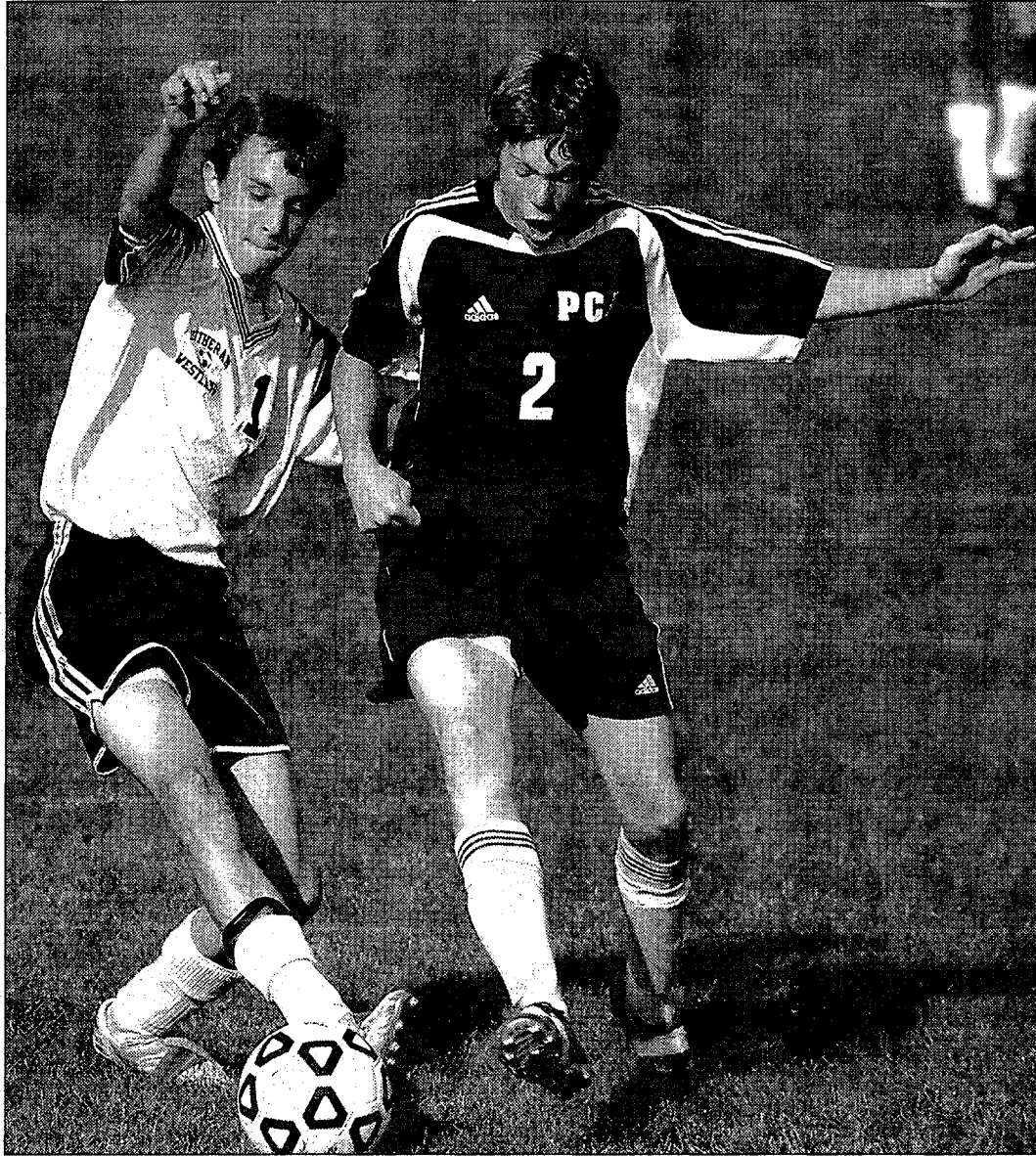
Canton goalie Kevin Krause made a pair of spectacular stops over the next five minutes before Dave Simor launched a laser from the right wing that eluded Krause's reach to give the Spartans a 2-0 advantage. The insurance goal was assisted by Klemczak.

"That second goal was nice because we were really in a battle at the time," said Richters. "Not that two goals is an insurmountable lead, but it was a special goal for us."

A few moments after his team's season was prematurely ended, Tomasso paid tribute to the Chiefs' stellar group of seniors who played key roles in the school's back-to-back WLAA titles.

"These kids stepped up last year as juniors and they played with so much heart this year, too," said Tomasso. "They gave 100 percent every time they stepped on the field — it didn't matter if we were winning or losing or who we were playing."

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Lutheran Westland's Gage Flanery (left) and Plymouth Christian Academy's Andy Bartes try to control the ball in the first half of their District opener Monday afternoon. PCA won 2-0 to advance to Wednesday's semifinal clash against Novi Franklin Road.

PCA kickers stymie LW, 2-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's soccer team appears to be peaking at an opportune time.

The Eagles chalked up their most impressive victory of the season Monday when they blanked Lutheran Westland, 2-0, in the opening round of the Division 4 District tournament in Westland. The

victory improved the Eagles' record to 9-9-1 heading into Wednesday's semifinal showdown against Novi Franklin Road.

"It was a great victory for us, especially because Lutheran Westland beat us earlier in the season," said PCA coach Larry Machonga. "The boys played very well and with a lot of intensity."

Senior forward Ross Gerulus continued to carry a red-hot

scoring touch as he registered both the Eagles' goals — one 10 minutes into the contest and another in the second half. Bryson Machonga and Jordan Machonga assisted on the goals.

Brent Zinn recorded the shutout in goal for the Eagles. He received plenty of support from sweeper (and brother) Trevor Zinn.

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Falcons end Wildcats' season, 1-0

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

In Division 1 District soccer action on Monday, Farmington defeated host Plymouth, 1-0.

The Falcons managed to keep Plymouth standout Colin Rolfe scoreless, and Shane Patterson's second-half goal won the game for the Falcons.

"Our goal was to deny (Rolfe) the ball as much as possible," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "When he gets the ball, he's really dangerous; he does great things with it."

"We tried to keep the ball away from him, and we did that for the most part. In the second half, I thought we contained him a lot better."

"In the first half, he got the ball more and created some real good scoring chances. Our defense and goalie came through for us."

In a back-and-forth second half, the Falcons (13-7) made one of their counter attacks count and stand up for the victory.

Patterson received the ball 30 yards from the goal via a pass from Ryan Pimlott, and he "hit a tremendous shot" that went under the bar and escaped the reach of the keeper.

The Wildcats, who had an honorable mention in the last coaches poll, put pressure on the Farmington defense, but the Falcons also had chances to score more goals. Ryan Dinco and Tyler O'Hara had excellent chances to get a second goal, according to Juncaj.

Farmington had an 11-9 edge in shots on goal, and netminder Andrew Gaughan earned the shutout. The Falcons will play at No. 4-ranked Northville 5 p.m. Wednesday.

"It's going to be a tough game," Juncaj said. "We knew tonight would be a tough, close game, and the boys played very well. It all depends how we come out and play Wednesday."



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Senior Allison Schmitt, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, led Canton to a 32-point victory over Salem Tuesday night by racking up firsts in the 100 backstroke, 200 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay.

Chief swimmers outstroke Salem

Canton's girls swim team improved its record to 6-2 Tuesday night with a 109-77 victory over visiting Salem.

All-State performer Allison Schmitt and Maggie Carlson led the Chiefs with four first-place finishes each — two in individual events and a pair in relays.

Katie Gorman excelled for the Rocks as she touched first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 butterfly. Salem's Katie Koetting notched a first in diving with 222 points.

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TUESDAY AT CANTON

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Maggie Carlson, Kayla Eyster, Christine O'Keefe), 1:57.9; 2. Salem (Emily Nelson, Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Caitlin Heaney), 2:03.78; 3. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Sara Krebs, Britney Sheeler, Kari Schmitt), 2:08.38.

200 IM: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:19.21; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:21.74; 3. Emily Nelson (S), 2:22.06.

50 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 26.66; 2. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.96; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 27.56.

1-meter diving: 1. Katrina Koetting (S), 222.0; 2. Robyn Phowar (C), 167.25; 3. Mallory Hudak (C), 166.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 1:05.82; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 1:07.06; 3. Kirsten Clemans (S), 1:10.78.

100 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 58.84; 2. Emily Bair (S), 59.02; 3. Kari Schmitt (C), 59.11.

500 freestyle: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:28.07; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 5:28.16; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 5:48.92.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Kari Schmitt, Maddy McDuff, Christine O'Keefe, Allison Schmitt), 1:47.25; 2. Salem (Katie Gorman, Caitlin Heaney, Allison Burke, Whitney Aumiller), 1:49.56; 3. Salem (Amanda Price, Casey Zimmerman, Mary Schremer, Alexis Thornbury), 1:54.21.

100 backstroke: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:00.61; 2. Emily Nelson (S), 1:04.68; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:08.81.

100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:14.37; 2. Sara Spala (S), 1:16.56; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 1:17.03.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Maddy McDuff, Maggie Carlson, Allison Schmitt), 3:49.97; 2. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Katie Gorman, Emily Bair, Emily Nelson), 3:52.25; 3. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Catherine Irwin, Sara Krebs, Kayla Eyster), 4:11.36.

CANTON'S DUEL-MEET RECORD: 6-2.

Whalers, Spits set for home-and-home

One of the Plymouth Whalers' oldest rivalries continues later this week when the Whalers face the Windsor Spitfires in a home-and-home series starting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Windsor Arena and concluding Friday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Tickets for Friday's game can be purchased by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. The Whalers are also home Saturday night at 7:05 p.m. against the Owen Sound Attack (1-8-1-0).

Redskins hand Lions first loss, 13-12

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Canton Lions varsity football team suffered its first setback of the season Sunday when it dropped a 13-12 decision to the Dearborn Heights Redskins. The Redskins scored on the second play from scrimmage and again on a punt return in the second quarter to seize a 13-0 half-time advantage.

Canton roared back in the second half with a pair of touchdowns by Clay Behrman and Kevin Buford. The Lions then marched to the Redskins' 12-yard line in the fourth quarter, but turned the ball over before they could score. The Lions received strong defensive play from William Askew, Farris Abraham, D.J. McMillian, Jordan Smith and Marcus Houston. Offensively, the Lions were led by Kyle Dexter, Ian Green and Eric Jipping.

The Lions junior-varsity team rolled over the Redskins, 42-0. Jamal Eiland opened the scoring with a 42-yard run. Other offensive stars were Devin Slominski,

Luke Denzer, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Westen Price and Tyler Searls.

Defensively, Evan Thomas, Brandon Lee, Danny Stropes, Jordan Ciciotti and Kyle Durham shined.

The Lions freshmen unit rebounded from its first loss of the season by knocking off the Redskins, 33-18. The Lions defense was suffocating, forcing four fumbles and intercepting three passes.

The Lions jumped on the board early when Chuckie Turfe stripped the ball from the Dearborn Heights quarterback and ran it in for a TD. The Lions' offense struck on its next three consecutive possessions to expand their cushion to 33-6. Ty Jasman, Dante Pruitt, Robert Guajardo and Mason Robichaud paced the winners' defensive effort while Luke Edwards, Daniel Kilgore and Cordell Gibson each scored touchdowns for the "O."

The Lions junior fresh-

men unit turned in a strong performance thanks to commendable efforts from Kyle Burnette and Noah Brown, who hooked up a pair of long pass plays; George Jablonski and Jack Underwood, who contributed incredible blocking; and Scottlar Chakarbart, Spencer Brown, Ethan Balogh and Steven Thomas, who sparked the defense.

Steelers keep winning

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team upped its record to 6-0 with a 33-21 triumph over the Lincoln Railsplitters. The offense was led by key offensive-line blocking by Bradford Leblanc, Alex Masson and Alex Smith, while Josh Heinze scored his first extra point of the season. Both Ali-Akbar Shahine and Austin Sylvester made substantial runs for the winners.

The Steelers junior varsity contingent blanked the "Splitters, 44-0. The offense was led by Conner Stella and Kyle Topper, who had over

125 yards rushing in the first half alone. Much of the strong rushing attack was the result of strong blocking by Nick Poet. Matt Ramey excelled on both sides of the ball as did Justin Sydlowski, who also registered an interception.

The freshmen Steelers whitewashed Lincoln, 21-0, thanks to outstanding O-line blocking from Nathan Gzodur, Christopher Vos and Jacob Sydlowski. Camerson Stella had a punt return for a TD and Drake Wanshon had a fumble recovery in the end zone for a TD. Phillip Avramowski was strong defensively as was Dakota Lynn, who picked off a Railsplitter pass.

The Steelers junior freshmen played well against the Redford Rangers. Among the Steelers who played their hearts out were Evan Good, Marvin Ham, Scott Grego and Danny Lanava on the offensive line. Defensively, Justin Kuhn and Matthew Poet turned in strong efforts on the D-line.

Plymouth harriers 2nd at Wildcat Invitational

Plymouth's boys cross country team placed second at the 2nd Annual Wildcat Invitational held Saturday at Plymouth High School.

Brother Rice's "A" team won the event with 42 points followed by the Wildcats, who tallied 49. Rounding out the field were Livonia Franklin (52), Berkley (90), Brother Rice "B" (102), Westland John Glenn (185), Salem (209) and Garden City (233).

Justin Huey turned in a strong race for Plymouth, placing second in 17:04. Also contributing to the Wildcats' cause were Derek Lax (fifth in 17:35), Alex Noble (11th in 17:57), Matt Neumann (15th in 18:05), Warren Buzzard (16th in 18:08), Jimmy Eiben (29th in 18:55) and Lucas Seibel

(37th in 19:23). "We're getting better, but not quite where I thought we'd be at this point due to injuries and illness," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw.

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BOYS RESULTS

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 31; 2. Churchill, 32; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 75; 4. W.L. Northern, 119; 5. John Glenn, 144; 6. W.L. Central, 146.

SALEM: 1. Kevin deBour, 16:16.4; 2. Rob Curtis, 16:40.6; 4. Craig Cowing, 16:54.9; 11. Mike Charara, 17:22.1; 13. Alex Volstromer, 17:25.2; 15. Matt Devey, 17:35.9; 18. Jason Smith, 18:02.7.

GIRLS RESULTS

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 28; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 56; 3. W.L. Northern, 85; 4. Salem, 99; 5. John Glenn, 129; 6. W.L. Central, 130.

SALEM: 10. Kelly Determan, 20:28.4; 13. Jordyn Moore, 20:37.7; 22. Linda Ling, 21:15.6; 26. Lauren Olson, 21:31.5; 28. Sabrina Burcroff, 21:36.3; 31. Shannon Griffiths, 21:40.6; 32. Mackenzie Rogers, 22:05.3.

Plymouth spikers 2nd in Wildcat Invite

Plymouth's volleyball team advanced to the final match of Saturday's Wildcat Invitational before falling to Novi, 25-16, 25-19.

In pool play, the Wildcats defeated Flat Rock (25-7, 25-7) and Warren Regina (25-20, 25-17); and split with Jackson (18-25, 25-11) and Lutheran Westland (19-25, 25-21).

The Wildcats ousted Walled Lake Central, 25-17, 25-14, in the quarterfinal round before knocking off Chelsea, 25-13, 25-22, in the semis.

Plymouth was led by Rachel Heaton (42 kills, 65 digs), Briana Beyer (92 digs), Kate Spangler (70 assists, 27 digs) and Ashley Becszlko (76-of-80 serving, 14 aces).

Chiefs excel

Canton's volleyball team recorded a stellar 5-1 record at Saturday's WLAA vs. Mega Tournament held at Northville. Overall, the WLAA prevailed over the MEGA, 20-16. The Chiefs notched victories over Trenton (25-15, 25-13), Monroe (25-11, 25-27, 15-6), Woodhaven (25-18, 21-15), Garden City (25-19, 25-25, 15-8) and Dearborn (25-14, 17-25, 15-9). Their only loss was to Wyandotte, 25-18, 25-15. The Chiefs were paced by Jordan Kietly (team-high 44 kills), Marie Martin (32 kills, eight blocks), Lauren McPartlin (20 kills) Ellie Kenny (20 kills), Hannah Mills (66 digs) and Kacy Moran (49 digs, 103 assists, 17 kills and eight aces).



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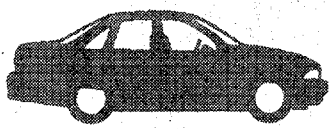
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The GMC Envoy is big enough for those who need more than a compact SUV, but small enough for people who don't want a full-size.

Although the Envoy has kept current with modern features, it hasn't been remodeled in seven years, and it shows.

The Envoy shares its mid-size truck-based SUV platform with the Chevrolet TrailBlazer, Buick Rainier and Saab 9-7X.

The 2008 Envoy comes in three trim levels: SLE, SLT and Denali. The \$27,750 priced SLE has 17-inch alloy wheels, dual-zone air-conditioning, a CD player, satellite radio, full power accessories, keyless entry and OnStar telematics.

The SLT adds a power driver seat with memory, a trip computer, automatic climate control, leather seating and steering-wheel-mounted audio controls.

The Denali comes with a unique honeycomb grille, 18-inch alloy wheels, a load-leveling rear suspension, power-adjustable pedals, heated seats, a power passenger seat and a Bose audio system.

The Denali's upscale interior features Nuance leather seats with French seam stitching, and wood-tone accents that enhance the luxury feeling.

A variety of options packages are available on the SLE, such as the SLE-2 package that includes an auto-dimming rearview mirror, a power driver seat, a roof rack, an overhead console and power-folding heated side mirrors.

Stand-alone options for all are a rear-seat DVD entertainment system and the sunroof. Only the SLT and Denali are available with a navigation system.

There are also three new exterior colors: Dark Cherry Metallic, Black Granite Metallic and Desert Brown Metallic.

SLE and SLT trims are powered by a 4.2-liter inline-6 engine that puts out a whopping 291 horsepower. The Denali comes with a 5.3-liter V8 that's good for 302 horsepower.

All Envoy trims can be had as either two- or



The 2008 GMC Envoy has a powerful engine lineup and a roomy cabin. But the fact that it hasn't been redesigned in seven years makes it outdated in today's SUV market.

four-wheel-drive. Properly equipped, the 6-cylinder Envoy can tow up to 5,800 pounds, while the V8 can tow up to 6,600 pounds.

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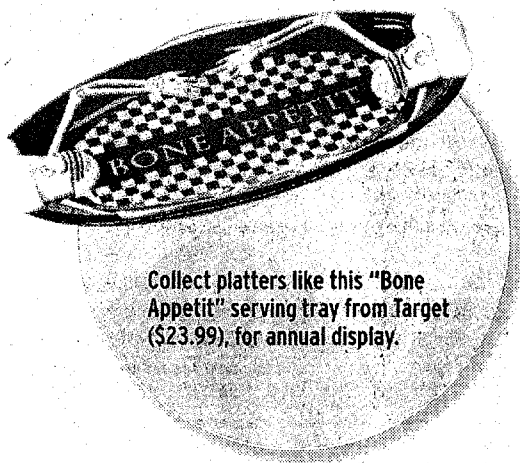
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Home for Halloween

Spice up your haunt with festive decor

BY JEANINE MATLOW
SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE

As the popularity of Halloween continues to grow, so do the number of decorative items that will transform your home into a fun and festive destination. Take your cues from Mother Nature and the bright bursts of color the season has to offer at this time of year.

Whether you prefer the element of shock and awe in your Halloween décor or a more sophisticated setting, this unique special occasion offers a little something for everyone. And if you're looking for an excuse to throw a party, then this is the one for you. Although Halloween is often associated with people parading around in costumes in search of candy, your home can be dressed for the festivities too.

FUN AND GAMES

Create a fun-filled mood with a few outdoor features such as doormats with witches or goblins. A scarecrow will set the tone for your Halloween-themed home, while providing a focal point throughout the fall season. Bales of hay add a natural element to any setting and act as a platform for displaying pumpkins and other decorative pieces.

Raid your cabinets for rarely used items such as cake stands and trifle bowls. Bring these pieces to life by filling them with gourds (real or artificial), colorful candles and Halloween candy. Seasonal items, such as miniature pumpkins, have more staying power because they can be displayed until Thanksgiving.

Your home decor may consist of skulls, ghouls and other special effects or you might settle on a more subtle look. That's part of the fun. There are no limits to your creativity when it comes to Halloween.

HOT TRENDS

"Halloween 2007 is all about spooky fun," according to Lynette Walker, Merchandising manager for English Gardens. Adults have as much fun with this holiday as kids do and they love to decorate, she says. This year's hottest trends evoke a touch of nature with pumpkins, hay bales and cornstalks. Ghosts or witches hanging from trees or staked into garden containers are also a big hit as are fun and sassy outdoor garden signs.

There's never been a better time to decorate your pumpkins and this year's offerings make it easier than ever to do so. Pumpkin decorating accessories are hot this year.

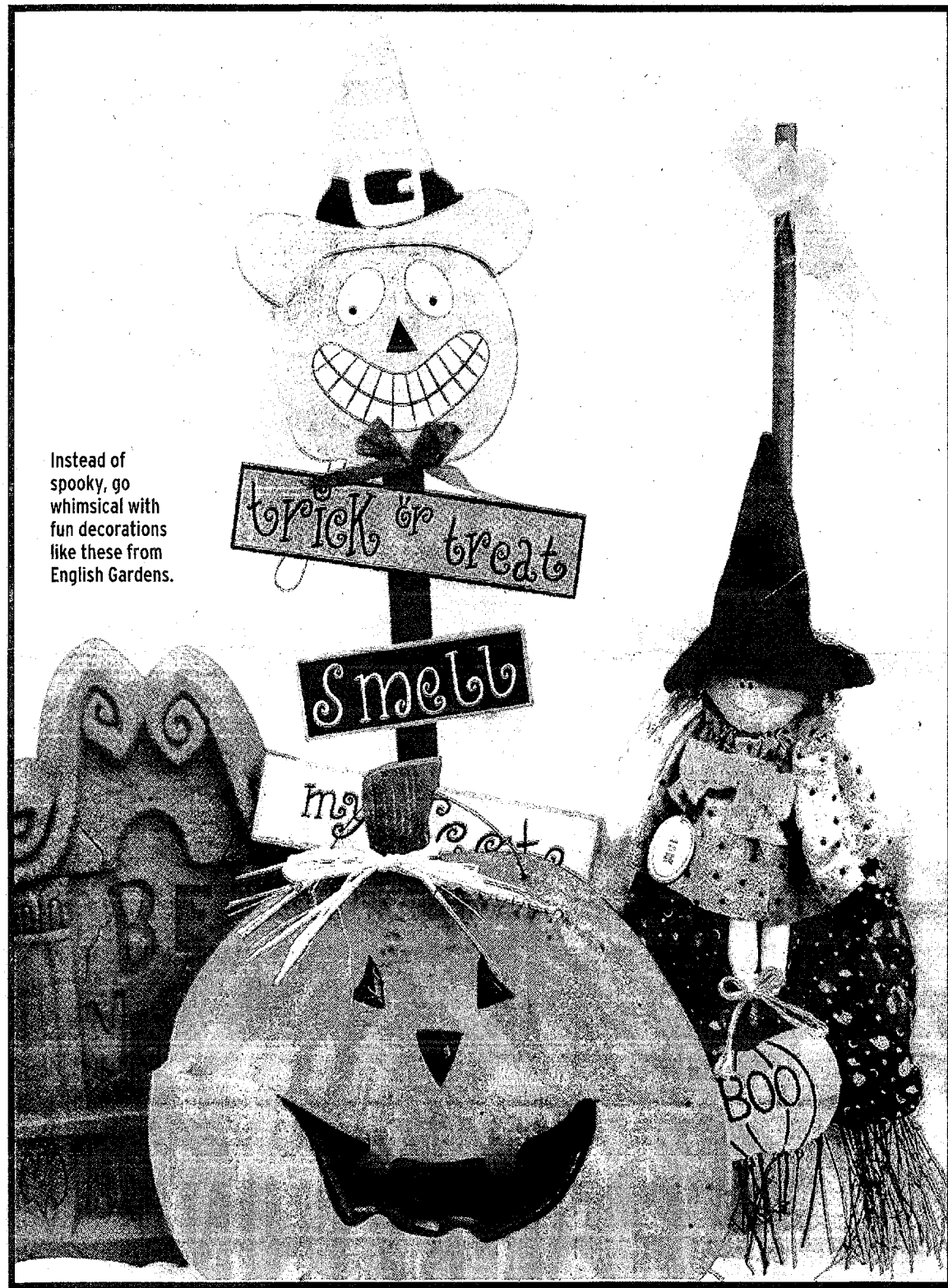
"Our battery operated pumpkin carver is a safe and quick way to carve your pumpkin," Walker says. "Or pumpkin people, which are wooden decorations that you stick into your pumpkin, to create an instant cat or scarecrow."

CREATING A THEME

Spread the colorful décor throughout your rooms with vignettes containing accessories that make a graphic design statement. Search year-round for orange and black fabrics, which will add plenty of drama to your surroundings. Seasonal flowers come in hearty hues this time of year so pick up some autumn-inspired bouquets. Then carve out a pumpkin and use it as an impromptu vase.

Little touches go a long way. Hang Halloween ornaments from chandeliers and fill your fireplace with festive candles. Display pumpkins and small floral arrange-

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Instead of spooky, go whimsical with fun decorations like these from English Gardens.

Treat kids to a healthy Halloween

Halloween is a scary time of year for kids ... that's the point. But the holiday can be even more frightful for parents worried about what their kids are eating. Here, Registered Dietician Gail Posner offers a list of trick-or-treat alternatives that won't scare kids away.

SALTY/CRUNCHY SNACKS

- Pretzels
- Cheese dip/cracker or pretzel packs
- Light popcorn
- Goldfish packs
- Nuts

FRUITY/SWEET SNACKS

- Fruit leather/fruit roll-ups
- Low-fat cookies, such as 100 calorie packs or Fig Newtons
- Low-fat granola bars
- Raisins
- Gummy bears

CHOCOLATE (IF YOU MUST)

- Peppermint patties
- Dark chocolate

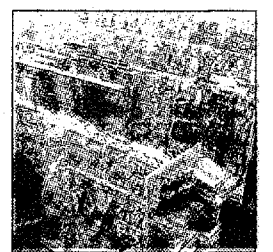
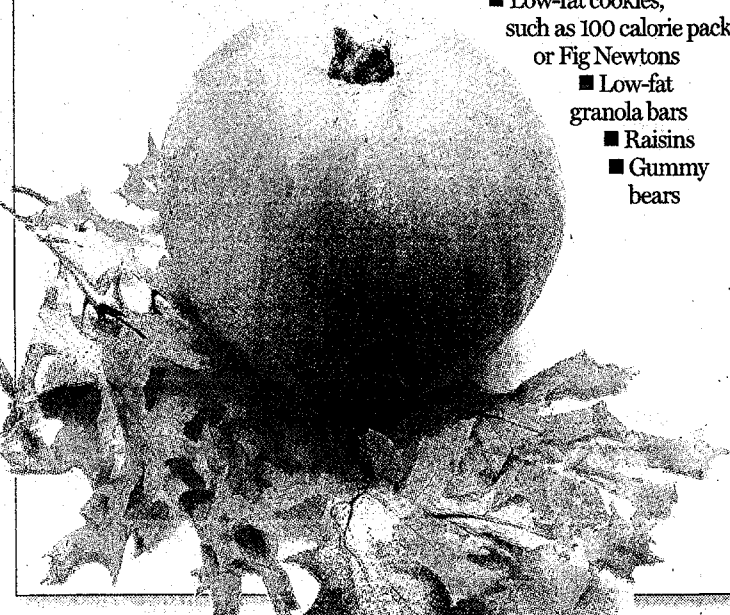
NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Play-doh
- Temporary tattoos
- Change (nickels, dimes or quarters)
- Stickers
- Yo-yos

BEVERAGES

While a little untraditional, healthy beverages are great treats to give away. Not only do they keep little ghosts and goblins hydrated as they run through the neighborhood, they also fill them up so they're not apt to down pounds of junk. A favorite among kids everywhere is VitaminWater. It's all natural, low-calorie, and packed with nutrients. A new 12-ounce size, which comes in four varieties, is perfect for kids.

Gail Posner, R.D., M.S., is owner of Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling, 6960 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 310, in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 855-4558 or visit www.gailposner.com.



Scrappy Chic will celebrate its one year anniversary in Livonia with giveaways on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Scrappy Chic offers Golden Ticket

Scrappy Chic will celebrate its first anniversary by giving away free scrapbooking for one year. The first 200 customers who stop by the Livonia store at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 will receive a specially wrapped chocolate bar. Some of those will contain Golden Tickets that can be entered into a grand prize drawing for a year's worth of classes and crops, valued at \$2,000. Other chocolate bars will contain \$100 gift certificates and special offers. The grand prize drawing will be held at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Contestants need not be present to win. Scrappy Chic is located at 33509 W. 8 Mile Rd. in Livonia. For complete contest rules, visit www.ScrappyChicLivonia.com, or call (248) 426-9020.

HALLOWEEN

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ments on your mantel. Drape your side tables with black fabric which will make the bright shades of the season truly shine. Dimming the lights creates the perfect mood. Add some jack-o'-lanterns and you're good to go.

HALLOWEEN CHIC

While it's always nice to have fresh flowers and real pumpkins, it's also a good idea to invest in more permanent pieces that can become decorative fixtures for years to come. Grande Trunke Home in South Lyon offers distinctive items for Halloween such as ceramic pumpkins, votive holders and hurricane lamps with pumpkin motifs.

Sometimes all it takes is one conversation piece to get you started on your col-

lection. A favorite of Grande Trunke Home owner Susan Stowe is a black Trick-or-Treat decorative wooden plate that features a white jack-o'-lantern face. The newly opened store also carries seasonal items such as leaf-shaped metal trivets, which are ideal for entertaining; and hand-poured, soy based candles that are available in the scents of the season including Cinnamon Apple and Pumpkin Spice. There is even one called "Boo" that smells like licorice.

HOLIDAY HINTS

You can also dig up some decorative items you already own and rethink them for Halloween. Picture frames can hold photos of family members wearing fun costumes. Covering books in orange fabric or wrapping paper is a cost-effective way to add a strong dose of color.

Black bookends provide a dramatic contrast. Look for statues of bats, crows or the tried-and-true black cat to hold your decorative books in place.

Fewer items on a larger scale create a clean and subtle hint of Halloween. Look for wreaths, unique vases or colorful glass bottles to use for display purposes.

Food can also add to the fun.

A bowl of oranges is a natural choice for a Halloween-themed centerpiece. Set the tables with props such as fake skulls and scary creatures. Bales of hay become impromptu tables that will also come in handy for extra seating.

So, what are you waiting for? Now's the time to get started since Halloween is almost here. Have a howling good time while decorating your home.

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.

The Community House

Cooking classes are offered at The Community House, including Verdure Per Tutti! 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 www.community-house.com.

Pronto! Cooking Classes

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Wine Exploration Series

FOOD CALENDAR

Sessions include 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.

Whole Foods Market

Gluten-Free Support Group - Recipe Exchange and Contest, 7 p.m. Oct. 24, free, but register and submit your favorite gluten-free recipe at the customer service desk by Oct. 22, for a chance for it to be made and sampled Oct. 24. Information provided on gluten allergy, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. Call (248) 652-2100.

Whole Foods Market

Raw Treats, Desserts & Healthy Alternatives, 7 p.m. Oct. 25, presented by Beth Wilke, raw foodist for more than three years, a raw food diet con-

sists of fresh, whole, organic fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, and some sprouted grains, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. Call (248) 652-2100.

Halloween Celebration

"Trick-or-Treat" at Whole Foods Market, the natural way. As with any Whole Kids Club Wednesday, visit each department for a special treat, just for Kids Club members. Don't forget to wear your costume for an extra special prize. Not a Kids Club member yet? Signing up is easy. Visit the customer service desk and pick up your Kids Club card, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 31, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. Call (248) 652-2100.

2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the fall, including 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.

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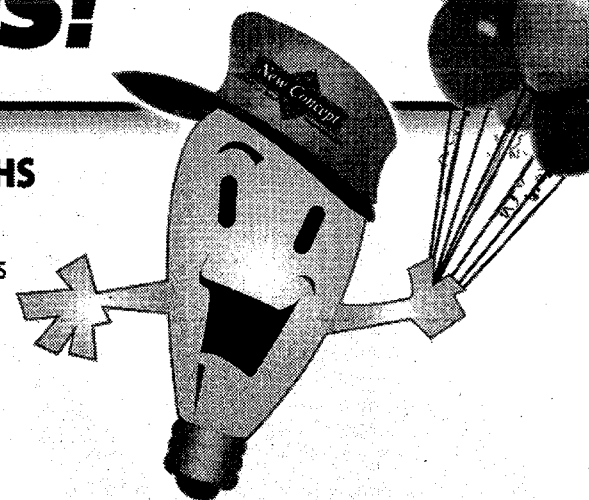
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Ranking Apple's new iPods against the competition

So there I was at the Apple store in Novi, running my excited little fingers over the touchscreen of the much-ballyhooed iPod Touch. For those of you who've been off the planet these past weeks, the Touch (I know Apple spells it with a lowercase 't,' but I'm not letting a marketing gimmick stand in the way of proper capitalization) is the coolest, sexiest, most-to-die-for iPod yet.

Really. It is. The moment I picked it up and starting sliding my fingers across the screen, flipping through album covers and scrolling around crystal-clear Web pages, I wanted it.

This makes no sense. It's not the right player for me. My music library exceeds the 16 gigabytes of available storage space on the higher-end model (the lesser Touch has just 8 gigs), meaning I'd have to pick and choose the songs I wanted to carry on any given outing.

Plus, I'd have no room left for video, which would be downright criminal given the Touch's fabulous screen.

And while it's quite adept at pulling down Web pages over Wi-Fi, the Touch doesn't do e-mail. Or instant messaging. The equally drool-worthy iPhone does, but it tops out at 8 gigabytes.

Finally, there's the \$399 price tag. You know

me: I'm cheap. I'm not spending that kind of cash on a gizmo unless it also comes with Jessica Alba.

Did I mention I'm on Apple's Web site ordering one while I type this? I can't help it. It's like dating someone you know is wrong for you, but you're just too swept up. Resistance is futile. I must have the precious. (Okay, I'm done mixing movie metaphors now.)

I feel the same way about most of Apple's latest iPods. Take the Shuffle, a tiny, screen-less MP3 player that holds a mere 240 songs. You can't even choose the song you want: It either plays them in order or shuffles them (hence the name). Price: \$79.99.

Contrast that with the new SanDisk Sansa Clip, a similarly diminutive player with twice the storage capacity, a color screen, an FM tuner, and a voice recorder. Price: 20 bucks less.

Clearly it's superior in nearly every way possible. So why do I find myself shopping for a Shuffle to keep my wife company when she goes running?

It's a similar story with the new iPod Nano, a video-capable model that's incredibly thin and light. But it lacks an FM tuner and voice recorder, features available in the new Creative Zen. In fact, the Zen has a memory-card slot so you can add more storage for your stuff. It has a slightly bigger screen, too, yet weighs mere ounces. Put them side by side, however, and there's

no question which one you'll pick. Here it's more of a left brain/right brain tussle: The smart money's on the Zen, but your creative side insists on that impossibly cute, wafer-thin Nano.

Recently I got a sneak peek of Verizon's new LG-made Voyager phone, the closest thing to an iPhone-killer I've seen yet. It's got a similarly spiffy touchscreen adorned with fancy icons on a black background. Plus, it opens up to reveal an actual QWERTY keyboard, something most iPhone owners dearly miss.

The Voyager runs on Verizon's considerably faster 3G data network. And it comes with a 2-megapixel camera, removable battery, memory-card slot and GPS navigator.

With so many significant advantages over the iPhone, the Voyager is sure to be a big hit. So why doesn't it make my pulse race the way the iPhone does?

My friend Dave says it's because Apple designs products while other companies engineer them.

Am I just a sucker for elegant design, then? Perhaps. It's tough to articulate what it is about the iPhone and new iPods that makes me willing to bypass competing products with more features



SanDisk's tiny new Sansa Clip MP3 player features two gigabytes of storage, a color screen, an FM radio and more, but sells for just \$60.

and/or lower prices.

I'm not advocating that you do likewise. I'm just commending Apple on a job well done. The company knows how to create compelling products and market them brilliantly.

Funny, though — I still have no interest in owning a Mac. Maybe if it came bundled with an iPod Touch?

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Consider the benefits of LED for home lighting

It isn't new news that energy prices are soaring. Of course we are always looking for ways to keep the impact of these rising costs to a minimum. One place to look is in our home lighting.

Most of us by now are familiar with CFL (Compact Fluorescent Lamps), the small version of the tube lighting used in offices and other commercial buildings. CFLs screw into standard light sockets and give off a warm light while costing about 30 percent less to operate. They last about 10 times longer than standard incandescent lamps.

There may now be something even better. LED (Light Emitting Diode) lighting is making its way into the home lighting arena. LED lighting, also referred to as SSL (Solid State Lighting), yields about the same amount of light per watt as a CFL but can last more than 10 times as long.

LEDs have been around for quite

some time. They were often seen as those little green or red indicator lights on televisions, radios and other electronics. In the 1990s, white LEDs were invented. These soon found their way into lighting mostly in the form of small flashlights.

Recently, many companies have started converting the flashlight idea to home use.

Several manufacturers are making LED lighting fixtures and lamps with standard screw-in bases. These styles of fixtures and lamps are found on the Internet and will soon be available locally at major home improvement stores.

The advantages of LEDs over incandescent or CFL lights are:

- They save money on electricity.
- The color of the light is similar to that of daylight. This light is easier on the eyes, and is said to lift a person's mood during the winter months.
- Further, LEDs emit a monochromatic light where ultra-violet and infrared has been eliminated. This makes them safer to illuminate artwork and other items subject to fading.
- They use about a third of the energy as an incandescent bulb.

■ They are very long lasting — up to 60,000 hours of bulb life as compared to the 700-1,000 average hours of an incandescent bulb.

■ They have relatively cool operating temperatures. Remember the toy ovens that used a light bulb to bake cookies and brownies? This makes them safer to use than incandescent and halogen bulbs, especially in children's rooms.

■ They work with most dimmers.

CFLs do not. In addition, LED lights do not have thin wire filaments like incandescent bulbs. This makes them ideal for areas where there are high vibrations that can prematurely break the filament. Unlike standard light bulbs, which are usually made from thin, easily broken glass, LEDs are normally made of very durable materials.

Probably the major disadvantages to LEDs are they are highly directional and presently rather costly. The directional factor can be considered an advantage, especially when the light is used for task lighting. As far as the cost factor, LEDs are about where CFLs were when they were first introduced. The longevity of LEDs makes them worth considering.

As energy prices rise higher and higher, more efficient means of lighting becomes even more important. LED technology is certainly worth keeping an eye on. According to the government's ENERGY STAR program: "If every American home replaced one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified bulb (many CFL lamps do and LED lights soon will qualify) we would save enough energy to light more than three million homes for a year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs and prevent green house gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars."

For more information on finding LED lighting products visit: www.besthomeledlighting.com/; www.ledshoponline.com/LED_home_lighting.htm or www.ccrane.com/lights/index.aspx.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Garden Staging

The Good Earth Landscape Institute will present "Staging Your Garden for All Seasons," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Cost is \$24. Call (248) 644-5832; or visit www.communityhouse.com, or www.goodearthlandscapelc.com.

Michigan Orchid Society

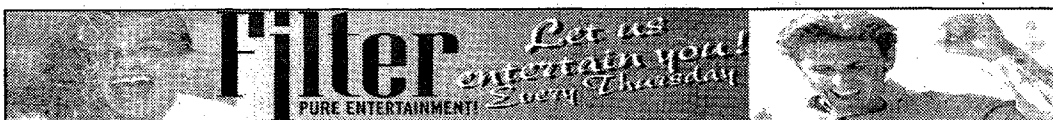
Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn, in Bloomington, Ill., will discuss the growing and care of the Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper Orchid), 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St. The program is free. Call (248) 528-1453.

Invasive Plants

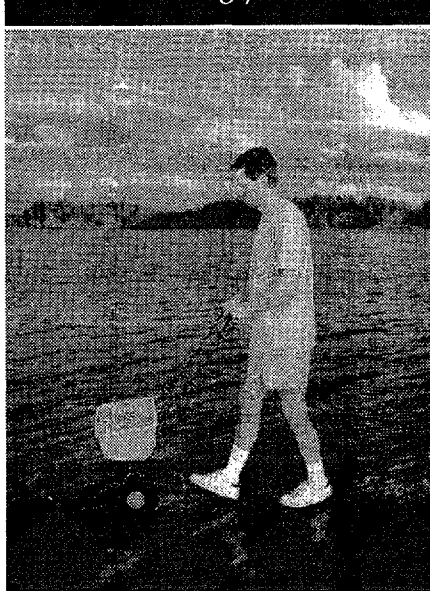
The public is welcome to attend Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club's next meeting, 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in the Coach House behind Meadow Brook Hall on campus of Oakland University, Charles Martin of Dow Gardens in Midland will discuss "Invasive Plants in Michigan." Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m.; non-member donation \$5. Call (248) 608-0485.

Lily Bulb Sale

The Michigan Regional Lily Society will host a sale at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road (at Woodward), 9 a.m. to 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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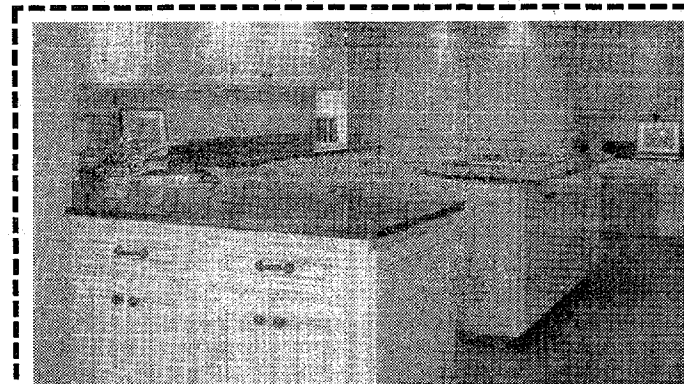
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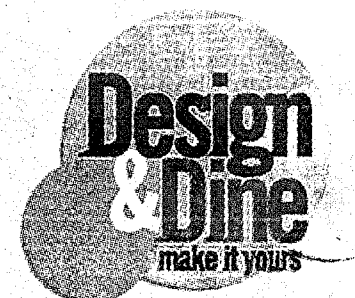
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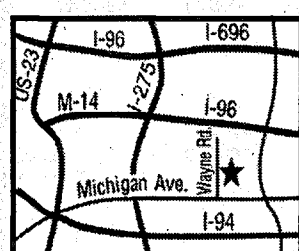
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PINK PICKS

By Katrina Hancock

Sports fan or not, you've no doubt noticed Katrina Hancock on Local 4 News. Standing at 6-foot-3, the blonde sportscaster is hard to miss. Whether she's hosting Sports Final Edition, or reporting live from the latest game, Hancock follows Detroit's thriving sports scene with style. Here, we asked the laid back Kansas native to share her Picks with PINK!



Katrina Hancock

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'Passion for Fashion'

Farmington Hills designer wins sewing competition

BY WENS DY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Maria Carolina Torres can't wait to open a boutique in Metro Detroit. The fashion designer moved to Farmington Hills five months ago from Rio Cuarto, Argentina, leaving a successful custom dress shop behind.

But her recent victory in The Baby Lock Passion for Fashion Challenge brings her dream closer to reality. "This challenge to me was like being in my boutique sewing and designing. It was a good feeling for me," Torres said. "It was a good opportunity to see the taste of women here, what they like. The women in my country have a different style."

Torres beat 11 other contestants to win the grand prize during the contest, held during the American Sewing Expo at Rock Financial Showplace Sept. 27-29.

Modeled after the hit show "Project Runway," the contest gave designers one day to create a casually elegant dress Leah Partridge, the lead in David DiChiera's opera "Cyrano," could wear to a gala.

Judges, including Project Runway Season 2 winner Chloe Dao, ruled Torres' strapless red gown best fit the task.

According to ASE owner Janet Pray, all the designers had good technical skills, but Torres best captured the 'casual elegance' of the task. Torres will travel to New York City for fashion week as part of her prize.

It is notable, Pray said, that the two runners up, Becky Fulgoni of Kalamazoo and Valerie Keiser of Hazel Park, also are from Michigan, considering that contestants hailed from across the country.

To enter, Torres submitted a 40s-style wedding gown inspired by her grandmother and Evita Peron.

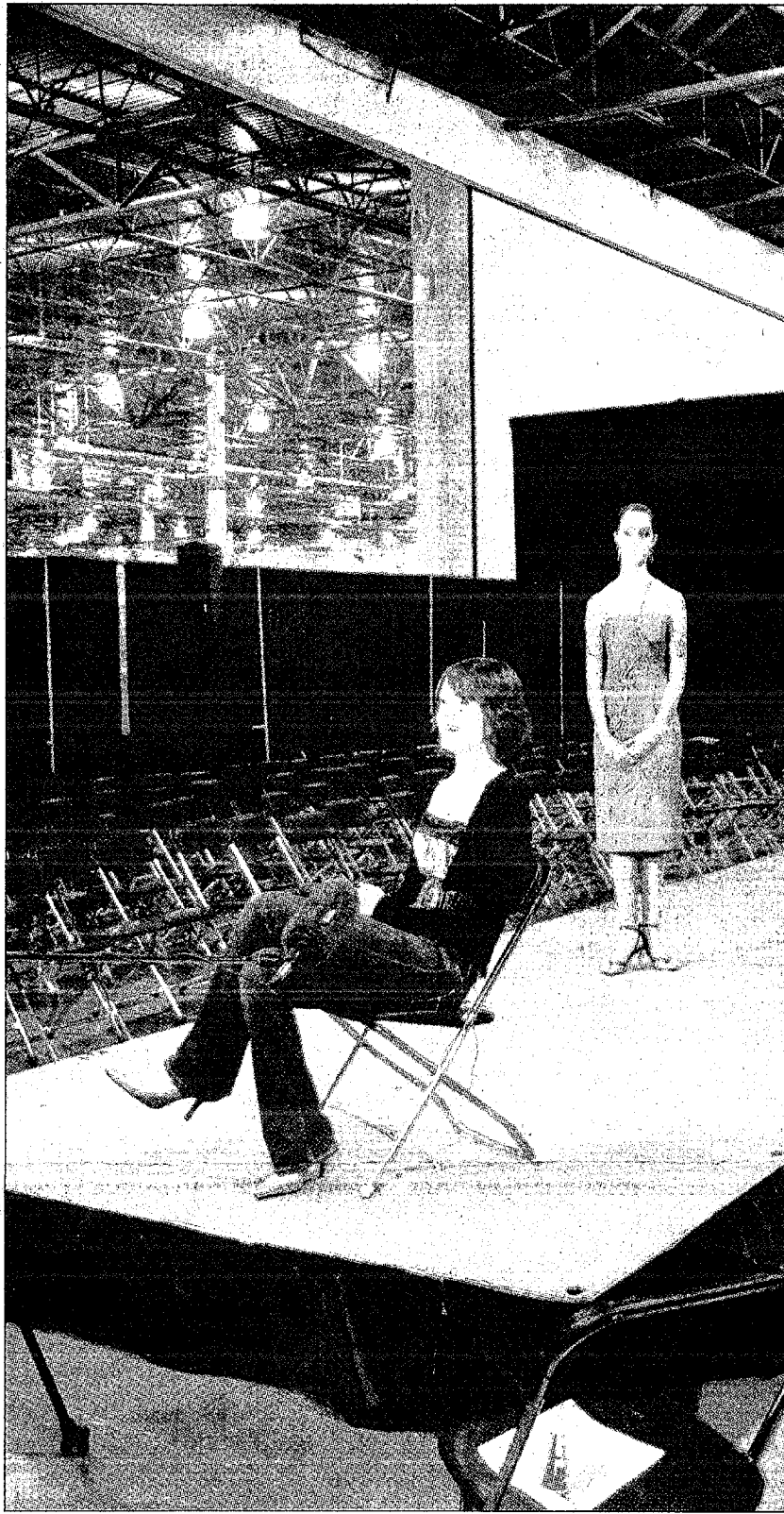
She said the design challenge came easy because of her experience creating dresses at her boutique, Carolina Soma.

"I used to work with not so much time and also I have four years experience working with different body types," said Torres, who moved to Michigan when she married her husband, Carlos.

Similarly, Dao won Project Runway because of her real world experience working with women through her boutique in Houston.

Pray said Dao was an excellent ambassador for 'Project Runway.' She had coffee with expo attendees, signed autographs and answered questions. She even called two local tween fans at home.

"She impressed everyone. She had time for everyone and she was just as gracious as could be," Pray said.



Maria Carolina Torres (seated), 26, of Farmington Hills, used crochet detail to embellish her award-winning dress, modeled at the American Sewing Expo by Erica Ducoing.

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Pink Hair for Hope

Matthew Thomas Salon in Northville is offering pink hair extensions throughout October to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation. For a donation of \$10 or more, customers can have a single pink hair extension applied at the salon, with proceeds benefitting the cause. Nadine Girvan, co-owner of the salon, says the pink tresses are extremely popular with clients of all ages. Here, Girvan (center) models the So.Cap. USA Hair Extensions with employees Breanna Wallace and Tiffany Allen outside the salon at 330 N. Center St. Call (248) 449-9090.



The open-air, town-square feel of Macomb County's new Mall at Partridge Creek is conveyed in this rendering.

Mall at Partridge Creek offers retail 'experience'

Macomb County is officially a hot spot for power shoppers. The Mall at Partridge Creek opened at 8:30 a.m. this morning, bringing a new level of retail to Metro Detroit.

The Taubman Centers development is an open-air mall anchored by Parisian and MJR Theatres and containing 90 stores and restaurants. Metro Detroit's third Nordstrom will open there in April, 2008.

But the unique concept of Partridge Creek is what will make you willing to don your driving shoes for the destination.

The mall is designed to make shopping less stressful and a lot more fun.

Lush landscaped grounds dotted with benches encourage people to relax with a coffee and people watch. Heated sidewalks and a 30-foot-tall fireplace surrounded by seating

mean people can comfortably chill out even in the winter.

A Children's Play Park allows kids to climb on giant fruits and vegetables to make their way down a 'healthy lifestyle path.'

Partridge Creek even caters to dogs with four Canine Comfort Stations.

And lest we forget the shopping ... Stores range from Aldo to Zales with everything for men, women and children in between.

The Mall at Partridge Creek is located on the south side of M-59 between Garfield and Romeo Plank in Clinton Township. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Restaurant and department store hours may vary. Visit www.shoppatpartridgecreek.com for information and to sign up for weekly eBulletins.

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BREAST HEALTH FAIR
Beaumont Hospitals will host the "Second Annual Breast Health Fair," 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Beaumont, Troy. The free fair features information on breast health screening; cancer genetics; lymphedema prevention; meditation; educational programs; treatment; cancer clinical trials; diet and survivorship programs. It also will feature "Lilly Oncology on Canvas: Expressions of a Cancer Journey," an art exhibit with works by people affected by cancer. Call (248) 551-1219 or visit www.beaumont-hospitals.com.

STYLE AT AANK
The Arab American National Museum will host "Threads of Pride: Palestinian Traditional Costumes" tonight. The event includes a free reception, lecture and slide show on Palestinian embroidery presented by Rabiha Shafie of the Palestine Aid Society at 6 p.m.; followed by a Q&A and sale of embroidered items. At 7:30 p.m. New York-based actor/author Betty Shamieh will make a rare Midwestern appearance, presenting excerpts from her many plays. Tickets for the performance are \$12 at the door; \$8 for Museum Members and students. Call (313) 582-2266 or visit www.arabamericanmuseum.org.

KIDS KICKING CANCER
The Claymore Shop will host a free family event to benefit Kids Kicking Cancer, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 20. The afternoon includes a martial arts demonstration, pumpkin painting, tattoo art, and arts and crafts. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to Kids Kicking Cancer. Call Kids Kicking Cancer at (313) 557-0021 x19. The Claymore Shop is located at 908 S. Adams in Birmingham. Call (248) 642-7755.

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Art show benefits Birmingham & artists

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There you can take classes such as ballet, the wines of California and France, selling on ebay, the laws of attraction; and yoga. Travel with organizers to the Alafi Coast, the Rocky Mountains or to an opera here in Detroit.

You can join interest groups to make new friends; meet people who are new to the area if you are too; or better the community by dealing with race relations. Partake in youth programs such as fencing and itsy bitsy yoga, or "help your daughter navigate in the girl world."

Or have your wedding there in the ballroom. To offer interesting programs, The Community House hosts several fund-raisers per year — one of them is the prestigious Our Town Art Show.

Barbara Heller, Chief Conservator of The Detroit Institute of Arts, is the juror.

The show, in its 22nd year, takes place Thursday through Sunday Oct. 18-20 at The Community House, 380 South Bates St., Birmingham.

The show features 405 pieces of artwork from 233 artists of varying mediums and ranging from traditional to contemporary. The show not only benefits The Community House, but Michigan artists too. At least \$10,000 in prize money will be awarded to artists.

The show also features demonstrations, and all admission is free. The public is invited to observe artists who will offer usable tips. For more information call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

SCHEDULE FOR DEMONSTRATIONS:

Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Victor Pytko, mixed media; Judy Lipson, pastel; Lillian Mitchell, colored pencil; Marcia Tournay, water color

Thursday 1-5 p.m.
Ann Caldwell Kelly, pastel; Anne Plutshack, monoprints; Shirley Schultz, acrylic; Fran Nicolson, mixed media

Friday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Pat Bristol, water color; Tina Dupke, water color; Betty Ordiway, water color; Mary Callam, pastel portraits

Friday 1-5 p.m.
Ann Stein, oil and water color; Colleen Hiltzinger, water color; Barbara Gasparski, water color

Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Gienna Livingston, painting; Dave Dolby, acrylic; Raenette Franklin, computer art; Shirley Gower, water color

Saturday 1 a.m.-5 p.m.
Beverly Smith, water color; Terri Selik, acrylic; Paulette Width, acrylic

- Lana Mini

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Back in action minus the booted Michael Anthony and with Eddie's son Wolfgang - Van Halen plays two shows in Detroit this month.

Van Halen ready to rock Michigan - we think

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

I've spoken with David Lee Roth frequently during his solo years.

Love or hate his solo music, it didn't matter. When Diamond Dave came to Detroit — he deserved respect, which means he deserved press, I always thought. After all, he's David Lee Roth, one of the best frontmen of one of top-selling and most influential rock bands in history.

Van Halen was my first rock concert (Shawn Cassidy doesn't count) at Cobo Hall in 1981. This is the band that created some of the coolest rock songs of the 80s: *Running with the Devil* and *Ain't Talkin' Bout Love*.

So whenever Roth would call — be it on my home telephone line or in the newsroom, I listened and let Dave do his famous rhyming rants. The last time we heard from him was in 2003 to promote his solo show at Freedom Hill.

Flash forward to present day.

Legendary rock band Van Halen — of course with Roth back in the swing and with Wolfgang Halen replacing the fired Michael Anthony — along with special guest Ky-Mani Marley (Bob Marley's son, whose new CD debuted at number one on the Reggae charts) will perform at Joe Louis Arena on Saturday, Oct. 20 and at the Palace Monday, Oct. 22.

Big tickets, big money, big excitement.

And no interview.

"We're sorry but Van Halen is not doing any press at this

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Marley son plays a week before new TV show

Ky-Mani may soon be the latest household name of the legendary Marley family.

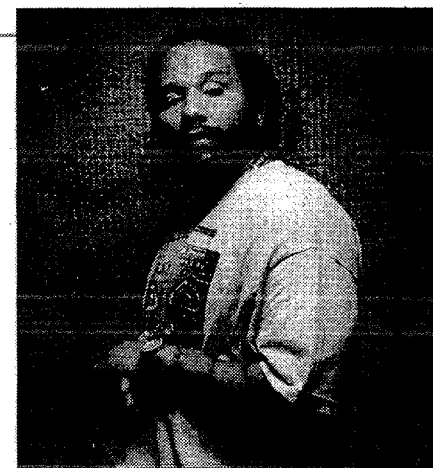
Ky-Mani Marley is the son of reggae singer Bob Marley and table tennis champ Anita Belnavis. He's been performing to supportive audiences as the special opening act for Van Halen.

After this week's Detroit shows at the Joe Louis Arena and The Palace, Marley will be featured in a new reality show on BET called *The Life of Marley*, that

sweetly shows viewers how the Marley family is honoring and carrying on the treasured family name.

Ky-Mani Marley, born in 1976 in Jamaica, moved to Miami with family when he was nine. He's had five successful albums and his current CD *Radio* debuted at number one on Billboard's reggae charts — even though Marley doesn't label his music as reggae (it's

Please see **MARLEY, E9**



Bob Marley's son Ky-Mani plays with Van Halen - the rising star already has a number one album.

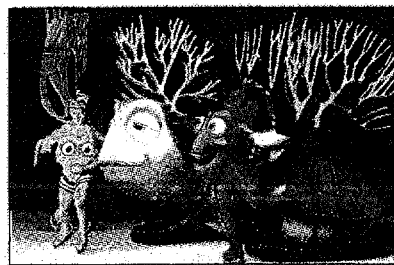


Sam Raimi produced the new blood-sucking thriller "30 Days of Night."

19 Vampires hit the jackpot - an Alaskan town that won't see the sun for a month. Countdown to Halloween with *30 Days of Night*, in theaters today.

20 Documentary Filmmaker Albert Maysles hosts a panel discussion this afternoon and a Q&A tonight, along with his films, at the Detroit Film Theater - inside the Detroit Institute of Arts. It's all part of the Detroit Docs festival going on this weekend. Visit www.detroit-docs.com.

21 Grab the kids and catch your favorite clownfish, today's the last chance to see Disney Pixar's *Finding Nemo on Ice* at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Showtimes at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$55, call (248) 645-6666.



PURE PICKS OCT. 19-24

22 Eddie Van Halen shreds again when a reunited Van Halen hits The Palace of Auburn Hills. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$59.50-\$79.50 at Palacenet.com.

23 It's elegantly frightening. Attend Ghosts, Ghouls and Ghastly Tales Tea to hear Halloween stories of the Victorian era. This traditional afternoon tea is served from 1-3 p.m. at the Longacre House, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads in Farmington Hills. Cost is \$20-\$25, call (248) 473-1870.

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Concerts are at the Temple Beth El at the intersection of 14 Mile and Telegraph road in Bloomfield Township. Adult admissions are \$25, and students and children 18 and under are free.

The season's first concert program, entitled The Three B's, includes music by Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. Charles Greenwell, music director and principal conductor of the BBSO, will conduct.

The concert also will feature special guest musicians including violinist Paula Elliot and cellist, Anthony Elliot.

The concert program includes: Bach: Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor;

Brahms: Concerto in A minor for violin and cello and Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 in C minor.

Reduced-price packages are available: the complete season of five concerts for \$99 or "Your Choice" of any three concerts for \$65. Special group rates are offered for more than 10 people. For ticket orders, call Ticket Hotlines at (248) 645-BBSO or (734) 525-7578.

Also, The Western Jazz Quartet, a resident

faculty ensemble from the School of Music at Western Michigan University, presents their unique blend of jazz on Friday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Get tickets soon because this show may sell out.

The group plays classic standards like Duke Ellington with splashes of cool West Coast sounds from Dave Brubeck plus touches of Latin America. Western Jazz Quartet performers include Tad Weed at the keyboards, Tim Froncek on drums, Tom Knific on upright bass, and Trent Kynaston on saxophone—a talented ensemble of music educators and professionals.

The Western Jazz Quartet has performed with artists like Bobby McFerrin, jazz legend

Randy Brecker, and drummer Billy Hart.

The group was honored with sponsorship by the Arts America Program and tours worldwide as artistic ambassadors for the U.S. Department of State, visiting Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Poland, Italy, and Slovenia. The concert is hosted by the Cultural Arts Division of the Farmington Hills Special Services Department, and takes place in the Costick Center located on Eleven Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at the Costick Center registration desk, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 473-1848.

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On Sundays, from noon to 3 p.m., they perform during brunch at La Dolce Vita, the stylish, fresh, Italian restaurant at 17546 Woodward Avenue in Detroit (313) 865-0331. The atmosphere is romantic with its garden patio and atrium yet it's also social. Hard to find with the letters LDV written in neon and surrounded by Ivy, but once you do it's a little paradise. (The second Sunday of each month is pajama day - wear your fuzzy flannels.)

On Tuesdays, from 8-11 p.m., the band plays in a very different atmosphere at the Black Lotus Brewing Co., 1 E. 14 Mile Road, Clawson, (248) 765-3051. The upbeat trendy, non-smoking brewpub is known for its Artisan beers, whole leaf teas, deli sandwiches, and draft cream soda. It's packed on Tuesday nights. If there's no tables, just gather around the friendly bar. Beers include an oatmeal stout, a light lager, German Pilsener, American ambers and red ales. This is the place that hipster beer-lovers are raving about online.

On Thursdays, from 6-9 p.m. at Pi Restaurant, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield, (248) 358-3355. This upscale romantic restaurant serves eclectic European dishes at affordable prices. Check out www.pisofouthfield.com

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Curl up with a horror classic this October

I have a dark side. Most people I meet probably don't suspect it. Oh it's nothing dangerous or illegal. It's just my long-standing fascination with scary movies.

I can't say for sure how it all started. To tell you the truth I was quite a scaredy-cat growing up. I had an overactive imagination. Still do. I'm plagued by memories of my sisters convincing threats that a bogeyman was out to get me. As the youngest of three girls that sort of thing is quite common. I remember hiding under the car seat in my parents' station wagon when someone spotted a vampire standing just outside. The teen was suited up for Halloween - but I still rode home curled up in a ball with my eyes closed. I was scared of the mere possibility of being scared, of feeling taken by surprise. I couldn't have been older than 4.

Despite my shy, easily-spooked demeanor I did spend a good deal of Saturday afternoons at my grandparents house watching old, black and white B-movies, gems like *Godzilla*, courtesy of host Count Scary. My grandmother and I would curl up on the couch, adjust our 3D glasses and giggle our way through the movies while sinking spoons into a pint of mint chocolate chip ice cream.



Stephanie Casola

ON THE HORROR....

Can you name the scary movie that matches the murderous moments or campy clues?

1. A carousel spins violently out of control.
2. "Redrum" scrawled on a mirror.
3. "Gobble gobble, gobble gobble. We accept her, we accept her..."
4. The Frog brothers
5. The site of a man with his back turned in a corner. Children's handprints on the walls.
6. Watch the tape and they will call.
7. "They're coming to get you Barbara."

Answers: 1. *Strangers on a Train* 2. *The Shining* 3. *Freaks* 4. *The Lost Boys* 5. *The Blair Witch Project* 6. *The Ring* 7. *Night of the Living Dead*

Scary was in vogue back then, when *The Addams Family* and *The Munsters* ruled the tube.

By the time I hit my teens that scary movie tradition hit an all-time high. The video store - you remember the kind, where the clerk asked if you needed it on VHS or Beta - was walking distance from my Rochester Hills home. My best friend and I would file through the rack on weekends and summer

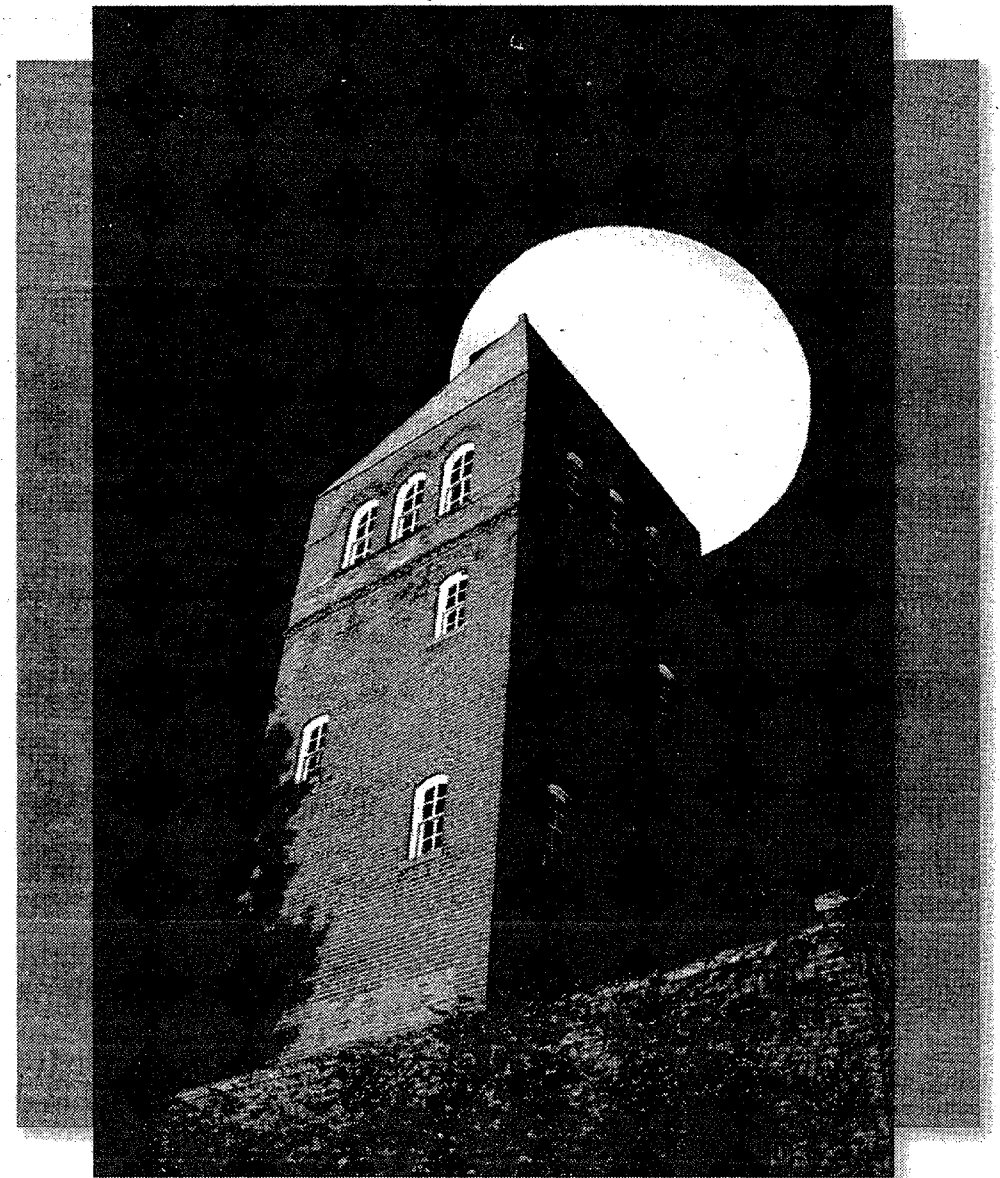


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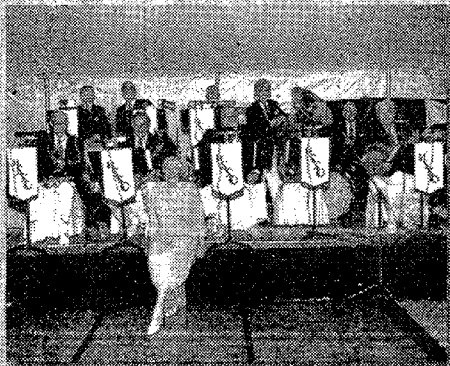
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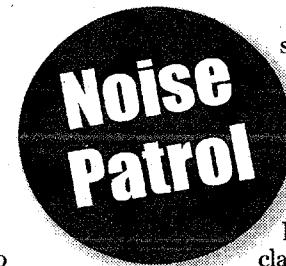


There's something inherently spooky about the fall season, something that scary movies seem to capture best.

nights choosing a flick based solely on its spooky cover art. Deranged camp killers, dolls that came to life, haunted houses on hilltops - they were all just a rewind away.

I may be all grown up now, but I'm still intrigued by all things eerie. There seems to be something about the change of seasons that makes me crave a good spine-tingling movie night. When the leaves start changing color and the air gives off a chill there's nothing I love more than a cozy blanket and a good fright. Horror master Wes Craven once said it's the shared experience of a scary movie that makes it so appealing - that moment where moviegoers jump at the same time, someone screams or shouts out to the characters.

And he's right. There's nothing like it. Give me a stormy night in with an Alfred Hitchcock double feature; slasher clas-



sics that run the gore gamut from *Halloween* to *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* to *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, or multi-culti faves like *Susperia* or *Audition*.

But I can do without the torture flicks in theaters today, the countless remakes that ruin my campy classics with lofty goals of upping the body count or showing every gory detail. Jigsaw is simply no match for Jason Voorheis or his mom. A good scare has little to do with what the audience sees. I could tell you that by age 4. The most successful film frights are all about what you don't see. Those are the moments that linger.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola's Netflix cue is stocked with scream queens and serial killers but she still can't make it through a haunted house unless someone holds her hand. By day, she writes about pop culture for the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers" and can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

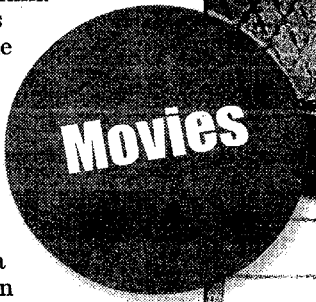
Wes Anderson offers his latest, 'The Darjeeling Express'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Wes Anderson was never one to shy from family dysfunction on film. The Texas-born director has honed his unmistakable style in the films *Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore*, *The Royal Tenenbaums* and *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*. His first effort launched his college roommate Owen Wilson's acting career. The second became a proving ground for Anderson and for Jason Schwartzman in his acting debut. And by the time he collected an impressive cast for the latter two movies, his stories nearly oozed of family relationships gone awry.

So it comes as a little surprise that the director should fill his next movie, *The Darjeeling Limited*, with three estranged brothers. "It's just something I'm interested in," said Anderson. "It's one of the ideas I'm most drawn to."

The script for his latest film started out with no reference to parents whatsoever, Anderson said. But in the end it evolved into a story that follows The Whitman

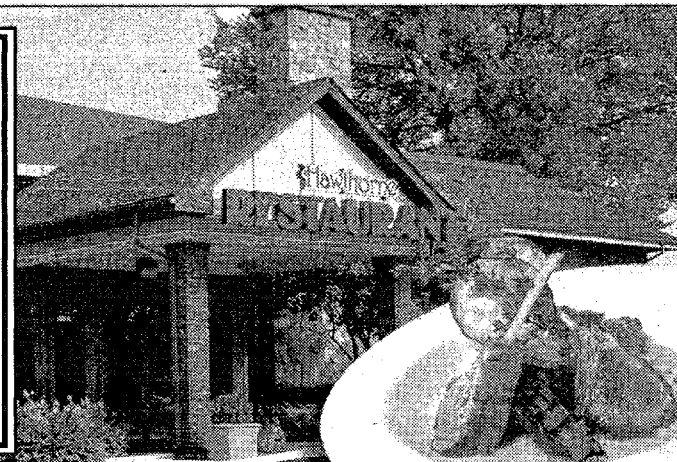


Jason Schwartzman, Owen Wilson and Adrien Brody star as the brothers Whitman, embarking on a spiritual journey through India in 'The Darjeeling Limited.'

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Go to the Baldwin Theatre and explore its mysterious hauntings that seem to happen at specific areas of the building. Paranormal experts will be on hand to answer questions.

Every day is Halloween in October

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

If you love Halloween, and Michiganders do, then these next two weeks are for you. Haunted Houses, parties at nightclubs, horror flick screenings, lectures on the paranormal, trick-or-treating schedules ... it doesn't seem to end.

And here's the start:

ROYAL OAK FOR KIDS

Kids will find something special "in-store" Halloween Weekend, Oct. 26-28, in downtown Royal Oak. The Ghastly "Good" Weekend, presented by the Downtown Development Authority, offers adults the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts at the third annual "Scary Sale," while a number of restaurants and gathering places host costume parties and Halloween menus. On Sunday, Oct. 28, more than 3,000 goblins and other-worldly creatures will descend on the downtown for "Spooktacular Trick or Treating," 2-4 p.m. along Main Street, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Washington Avenue.

ZOMBIES IN ROYAL OAK, TOO

The Mitten Movie Project, introduced *Zombie Movie Night* on Nov. 6. The living and the un-dead will gather at the Royal Oak Main Art Theatre at 7 p.m. for a night

of Zombie films. All zombies get a delicious brain to tide them over during the movie.

After the screening is an afterglow party at Bastone, 419 S. Main Street - four blocks south of the Main Art Theatre.

There has been a resurgence in zombie activity in the area, including zombie walks in Detroit and Royal Oak.

Really? Yes. Individuals bring out their inner zombie and wander the street imitating some of the famous and their favorite zombie flick scenes.

Zombie Movie Night offers a chance for fans to express their zombi-ness and entertain themselves with Michigan-made zombie movies. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 at the Main Art Theatre the day of the showing or via Pay Pal at www.myspace.com/mitten-movieproject.

HALLOWEEN AT CRANBROOK

Halloween revelers are invited to creep, crawl and monster-mash their way to Cranbrook Institute of Science for the annual Halloween Science event 5:30-8 p.m. Oct. 27. No tricks, just a (not too) scary planetarium show, special presentations from "Mad professor" Dr. Kelp, live bats, goody bags, stage shows and more than 20 interactive science activities including magnet art, dry ice crystal balls, fake blood and scabs, feel-y boxes, liquid Nitrogen demos and more. Costumes welcome. Tickets, \$12 for Institute of Science members, include museum admission. New this year, free

admission for adult chaperones. Pre-register at (248) 645-3210 or <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.

TRICK OR TREAT IN ROCHESTER

The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market invites ghouls and their parents to visit for trick or treating 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 27. Children will receive free goodie bags, and market vendors will have treats available at each booth. The market is located at the corner of E. Third and Water Street, one block east of Main Street. For more information, call (248) 656-0060 or visit www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.

PARANORMAL AT THE BALDWIN

Stagecrafters will present data from paranormal investigations at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., in Royal Oak. With help from three paranormal investigation groups, a shaman and a psychic astrologer, *Phantoms of the Baldwin* is an opportunity to meet with actual paranormal investigators and experience the theater behind the scenes and beyond. The evening concludes with a screening of the film *Poltergeist*. Costumes

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TRY THESE HAUNTED ATTRACTIONS:

Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village, 6:30-9:30 p.m. the weekends of Oct. 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28.

As the sun sets, visitors travel paths eerily lit by 800 hand-carved jack-o-lanterns. Thick fog, spooky sounds and special effects surround you.

Pass through 11 sweets and treats stations where goblins hand out goodies. Dress outrageously or come as you are. Visit the Hallowe'en Shop in Liberty Craftworks for this year's souvenir T-Shirt and Halloween collectibles. Enjoy delicious meals and snacks at Taste of History or the Guild Beer Hall along the way. Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village treat bags will be provided. It's not too scary, even for young children, said Seema Mahadevan from The Henry Ford.

Tickets are available for tours every half hour and require a timed ticket and advanced reservations; \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members; children 2 years old and younger are admitted free. Visit www.thehenryford.org or call (313) 982-6001.

Brandywine Cemetery, 2727

Brandywine Street, Ann Arbor; www.brandywinecemetery.com. Open on Oct. 29-31 from dusk until 9 p.m. Admission is free; event features gargoyles and animatronics with a theme of a haunted graveyard. Free donations for Yipsi High drama club.

Hayrides under the harvest moon at Upland Hills Farms, 481 Lake George Road, Oxford, (248) 628-1611, through Oct. 5-27. Un-haunted fun, 30 min. hayride.

Deadly Intentions Haunted House

20900 Dequindre, Warren, north of Eight Mile Road. It's called a haunted house the old-school way with good old fashioned ghosts appearing from nowhere.

Hours are 7:30-11 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays; and 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$10 for kids 48" and under; \$13 for adults. \$20 VIP gets you to the front of the line plus free beverage or bag of chips per ticket. Visit www.deadlyintention-shaunt.com for information.

Realm of Darkness, 79 S. Glenwood, Pontiac. An interactive, frightening haunted house with great effects. Find the wizard with thought-provoking clues and win a prize. Hours are 7:30 p.m. till the ghosts rest, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Adults \$19; children \$10; VIP \$27 (no waiting!); 10 group ticket pack \$160. Call (248) 338-0029, or visit www.therealmofdarkness.com

Five Terrors, Wizards Orchards, 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti, (734) 482-7744, www.wizards.com. The barn is haunted, orchards and storage rooms are hugely haunted. Visit the site for price packages. Free parking, not suited for kids under 12.

Tunnel of Terror, Rochester Jaycees haunted house at Rochester Municipal Park in downtown Rochester, (248) 652-7777. Fri.-Sat. 7-11 p.m. \$10. Not suited for very young children.

HALLOWEEN

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encouraged, prizes granted. Admission is \$19.22 per person with general seating, ages 18 and over. Call (248) 541-6430.

ON THE EAST SIDE

Rumors that The Emerald Ballroom is haunted are good reason for a party. The seventh annual Halloween Scream, set for Saturday, Oct. 27, includes outrageous decoration, intense lighting, music pulsating from the dance floor and this year, management is going to try to channel the dead that supposedly have haunted the venue for the past decade. Costumes are elaborate, so dress to scare. A costume contest will award a \$3,000 cash prize for the most original, and a \$500 prize for the sexiest. Doors open at 8: p.m. Women 18 and up and men 21 and over are welcome. Cover charge is \$5 in advance; \$10 at the door. The Emerald Ballroom is located at 31 N. Walnut, Mt. Clemens. Call (586) 913-1920 or visit www.emeraldtheatre.com.

HALLOWEEN TEA IN FARMINGTON

Take a trip to the Victorian era in the quaint setting of the historic Longacre House in Farmington Hills 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, as part of the series of Traditional English Afternoon Teas offered by the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division.

Guests receive three courses and unlimited

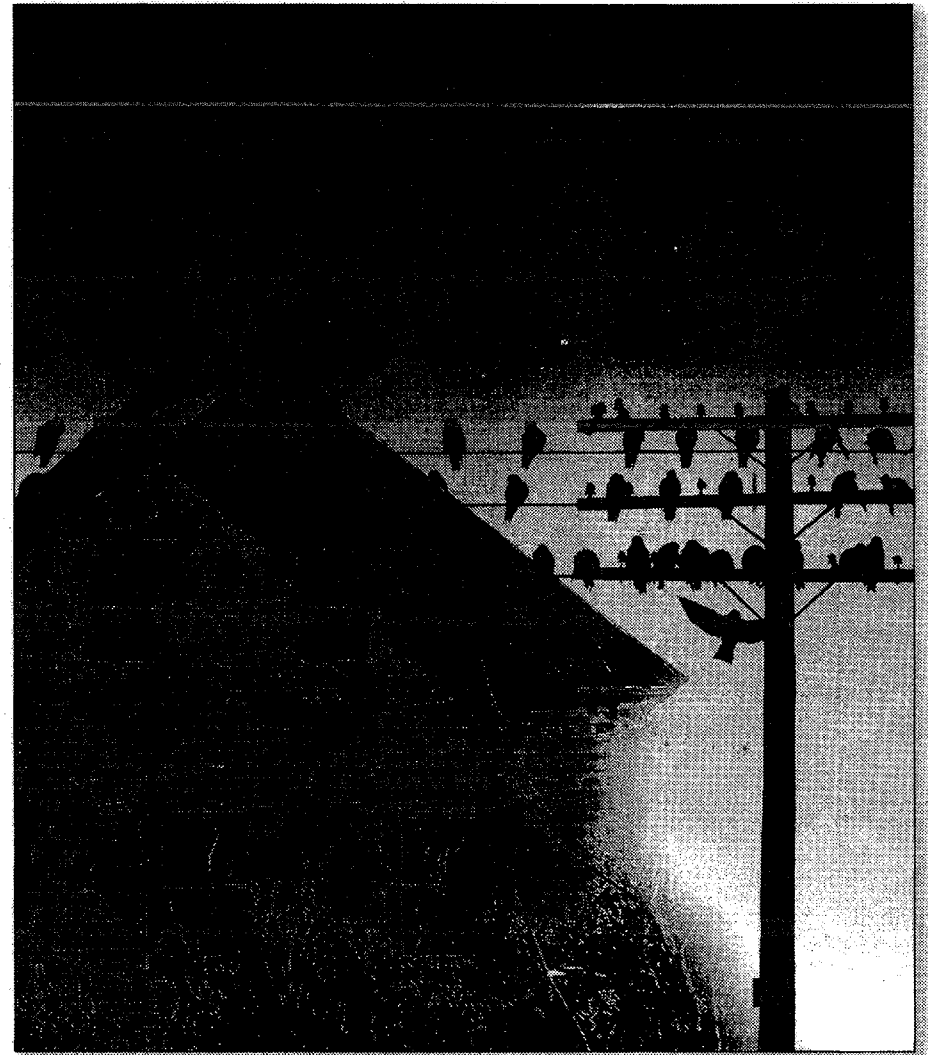
tea as Ann Pettersson of "All Things Victorian" entertains with tales of Halloween from the Victorian-era. Guests may dress in costume or smart casual attire. Teas are \$20 for residents of Farmington/Farmington Hills; \$25 for non-residents. Call (248) 473-1870 or register in person at the Costick Center.

MICHAEL MYERS DOUBLE FEATURE

Psychotic murderer Michael Myers returns to a handful of theaters for a double-dose of horror with *Halloween 4 - The Return of Michael Myers* and *Halloween 5 - The Revenge of Michael Myers* at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30. Fans will also be treated to two featurettes - *Halloween: Faces of Fear* and *Meet the Michaels* will air before the double feature. *Faces of Fear* includes new and archival interviews with many members of the films' original cast and crew, plus rare behind-the-scenes-footage shot on the Utah set of *Halloween 5*. Tickets are \$10 at www.FathomEvents.com. Screening is at the Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty Road, Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Dr., Walled Lake.

THE BIGGEST AND BADDEST

It's in the Guinness Book for the largest walk-through haunted attraction in the world. And it's scary too. This haunted house is full on. Erebus, at 18 Water Street, Pontiac, has become legendary in Michigan with fans coming from out of state to see the additions that are added each year. Erebus is \$20, and is open through Nov. 3. Visit www.hauntedpontiac.com for discounts.



VAN HALEN

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time," the band's publicist said.

"Not even David?" we asked. "He's always been a friend of *Filter*."

"Not even David," they responded.

So there it was.

In what promises to be the most exciting live tour this year, Van Halen with original lead singer Roth, playing for the first time in 22 years. And now Roth is untouchable.

Van Halen remains one of the most important bands of all time. Formed in Los Angeles in 1974, they quickly won a loyal hometown fan base with their electrifying live shows. From the moment they released their self-titled 1978 debut album, they shook the foundations of

rock and changed it forever with songs like *Eruption* and *Jamie's Cryin*. Appropriately they were inducted in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame this year and are one of just a handful of rockers to earn a Diamond Award — meaning they've sold more than 10 million albums (the only other artists to receive it are Rod Stewart, Mariah Carey, Celine Dion, Bon Jovi and Michael Jackson).

They are also in the Guinness Book of World Records for earning more number one hits on Billboard's Mainstream Rock chart than any other band in history.

Because of all that, we forgive Dave for snubbing us this time.

And when he comes back, we'll be around. That's how important Van Halen is — snub and all.

MARLEY

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a blend of reggae/hip hop/and super smooth R&B that he calls simply "Ky-Mani" music).

In 2001 Ky-Mani, who sports a tattoo of his father on his bicep, was nominated for a Grammy for his album *Many More Roads* but lost out to his brother Damian's blockbuster

CD *Halfway Tree*.

He's gaining worldwide success partially because he's the first major artist to sign with a label called Vox Music Group that has software that converts a singer's voice to any language while retaining the exact sound.

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Table Hopping

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

"Green, green, it's green they say..." That tune keeps spinning in my head and for what reason?

According to the latest market survey estimates, "green" consumers spend \$300 billion annually for eco-friendly products, including not just energy-efficient appliances but food items.

Given this statistic, I wondered how area restaurants were satisfying "green consciousness" with an earth-friendly agenda and in what ways.

SELECTING ORGANIC

According to proprietor Jim Lark, The Lark restaurant in West Bloomfield, remains committed to local organic farmers throughout the Midwest. The Lark's chef John Somerville includes among his favorites Wilson's Farm in Tipton, Mich., that supplies heirloom tomatoes and onions. From Ann Arbor, Garden Works, a 4.5-acre truck garden and greenhouse farm, operating year-round, is the source of herbs, potatoes and leeks. Broccoli and garlic hail from Tantree Farms in Chelsea.

That's good. Organic farmers do not use herbicides or pesticides in growing their produce. This practice benefits not only soil and ground water but to most people, the taste is superior.

But what does the Lark do in winter months? "We select only organically-grown tomatoes in season," owner Jim Lark says. "In winter, for years now, we've followed a lesson I learned from Rao's Restaurant (located at 455 East 114th Street, East Harlem, N.Y., with a second restaurant in Caesars Palace, Las Vegas) cookbook. Rao's uses only canned San Marzano tomatoes for its home-style Italian dishes."

RESTAURANTS WITH GREEN CONSCIOUSNESS:

Sweet Lorraine's: 29101 Greenfield, Southfield (248) 559-5985; 17100 N. Laurel Park Dr., in Livonia Marriott Hotel, Livonia (734) 953-7480; and 333 E. Jefferson in Courtyard by Marriott, Detroit (313) 223-3933.

The Lark: 6430 Farmington Rd., W. Bloomfield (248) 661-4466.

Zingerman's Roadhouse: 2501 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor (734) 663-3663.

Inn Season Cafe: 500 E. 4th Street, Royal Oak, (248) 547-7916

Om Cafe: 23136 Woodward, Ferndale, MI (248) 548-1941

LOCAL IS THE NEW GREEN

Chef Lorraine Platman of Sweet Lorraine's, with locations in Southfield, Livonia and Detroit, dubs an earth-friendly agenda as "having a conscience." She considers buying local and organic important. "When restaurants buy from local farmers, they reduce truck shipping and therefore the amount of environmental pollution," Platman said. "Additionally, shipping organic produce from a distance results in reduced nutrients in the foods."

Platman sources organic grains from West Wind Milling in Argentine, Mich., organic apples from Almar Farms in Fenton; organic pork from Yale; beef and bison from Michigan Natural Meat and organic chickens from a Frankenmuth farmer.

Kitchen staff at the Sweet Lorraine's three locations recycle glass and cooking oils. Platman and her husband/business partner Gary Sussman are converting a standard diesel-powered car (which will be used in their business) to bio-diesel from spent cooking oil.

"Going green in big city locations is difficult," Platman says. She points, in particular to Oakland County, which does not recycle restaurant glass. Restaurants must pay to recycle wine, spirits and water bottles. "So guess what happens?" she asks. "In most cases, glass bottles get thrown out with the rest of the kitchen garbage."

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"We are composting all vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, coffee chaff from the Coffee Co., egg shells and fish carcasses," said chef/partner Alex Young. "We also donate our spent vegetable oil to two local bio-diesel consumers and we separate all recyclables from our garbage."

For carry-out items, Bagasse to-go containers are used. Bagasse boxes are made from sugarcane, an annually-renewable resource. They have a similar look and feel to paper and will completely compost under commercial composting conditions in 45 to 60 days.

They can be used for either hot or cold foods and won't soak up grease or liquids, making them ideal for burgers, fries and other frequently-ordered carry-out foods. They are also microwave safe and the newest environmentally-friendly trend in food service packaging.

Bagasse to-go containers cost twice as much as styrofoam. Yet, the next time your carry-out items come in a non-biodegradable container, ask the ownership why they've not converted to Bagasse to-go. If you've developed green consciousness, tell management that you're willing to pay a bit more to go green and you wish the eatery would.

Inn Season in Royal Oak and Om Cafe in Ferndale - both organic are so green they only serve vegetarian foods.

TELL ME MORE

If you know a metro-Detroit restaurant with an earthy-friendly agenda, please email me at focusonwine@aol.com with details, restaurant name, phone number and if possible, a contact person. Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers." Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Plymouth will be the site of the Green Street Fair May 3 and 4, 2008, to help educate the public about the benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly products. Green Street Fair, Inc. is a joint venture between the owners of Plymouth's Art in the Park and the owners of Street Marketing, Inc. in Northville. Presented by Whole Foods Market, the fair will blend companies, artisans, entertainers, workshops and speakers together in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment.

The event will showcase more than 300 local and national businesses displaying, demonstrating and/or selling eco-friendly, organic, and green products. Sponsors will also be on-site presenting their efforts in energy conservation, environmental awareness programs and product demonstrations.

Highlights of the 2008 Green Street Fair will include: the Whole Foods Market® Village, exhibitor displays, speakers, film, live music, street performers, interactive displays, children's activity centers, fitness and well-being demonstrations, organic cuisine, a farmers market, art installations and more.

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City Bites

ORGANIC CAFE

If you're looking for casual dining with a conscience, try First Cup Organic Coffee in Redford. Fay Saleh and her daughter, Jehen (friends call her JeJe) opened the deli and coffee shop Sept. 1 to bring fresh organic food and beverages to the area. The mother and daughter duo were inspired by a trip to Spain, as well as cafes on the West Coast.

First Cup coffees adhere to Fair Trade standards — the signature House Blend and Frappofays (named after the owner) are favorites. The Mediterranean-infused menu consists of organic, nitrate- and chemical-free selections, like deli-style corned beef and turkey sandwiches, fattoush, hummus, tabouli and specialties like Eat to Lose Yogurt, and Power Breakfast — a high protein vegetarian dish with chick peas and fava beans tossed with signature dressing and toppings.

First Cup Organic Coffee is located at 15130 Inkster Rd. (at Five Mile) in Redford. Hours are 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call (313) 255-4200.

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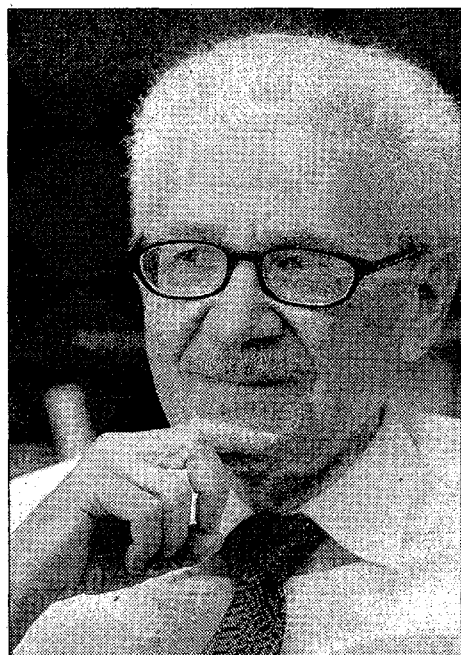
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Excitement and anticipation were palpable long before the red velvet curtain lifted Saturday night for the world premiere of *Cyrano*. The new opera marked a first for Michigan Opera Theatre director David DiChiera. It took more than eight years for his vision to reach the stage. But when it did the three-hour-long tour de force evoked a delicate balance of passion and pain on the part of our hero, the long-nosed man called De Bergerac.

Rick Williams, chairman of the MOT board, reached out to the near-full house noting that "our general director is not here to welcome all of you. Tonight he's working in a somewhat different role."

DiChiera didn't make an appearance on stage until urged to take a bow during a rousing standing ovation. He was presented with flowers, and exuberant cheers from the audience.

The accolades were well-earned. *Cyrano* began with a stage full of characters, and careful introductions of a dim-witted soldier named Christian (Jose Luis Sola), the powerful Count de Guiche (Peter Volpe) and the first glimpse of the



David DiChiera

lovely love interest Roxane (Leah Partridge).

From the opening scene it's easy to be struck by the elaborate, voluminous costumes. Royal Oak's Haberman Fabrics donated every stitch of fabric for the production

— clothing 167 cast members in well over 200 costumes. Roxane's regal gowns, first in shades of blue and later rich velvets and golden tones, were every bit as intoxicating as her character. She's adored by the town, beginning of course with her cousin Cyrano (Marian Pop).

He enters the scene in Cadet Blue

with a feather in his cap, ready to duel. He then proves he's not only a worthy swordsman and poet but can take ridicule and toss it back. Though, we the audience know better. In music that's sometimes somber and tender we understand his

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David DiChiera plays music from his opera, "Cyrano" in his office at the Detroit Opera Theatre.

CYRANO

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one weakness, his large and protruding nose. It makes him feel unworthy of love and unable to share his true feelings with Roxane.

Cyrano is even more charming than the iconic ideas imbedded in our minds from the story's long history on stage and in film. He's witty, earns more laughter, seems more engaging than ever — all of which contribute to the ultimate tragedy of this romantic story.

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"I need eloquent words," Christian declares.

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By Act II, the memorable balcony scene, the vast, detailed set is awe-inspiring. Though the mile-high doors of the bakery before it added grandeur to the story, Roxane's balcony caused audience members to gasp in delight. Its gated exterior gave way to a winding tree that seemed to be a character all its own.

And Roxane, we learn, is more

complex, more clever than ever. She squirms at the advances of De Guiche but manipulates him in an attempt to ensure Christian's safety in a time of war. But he and Cyrano are sent to fight the Spanish in a deadly battle. That's where the love triangle takes a turn. Christian feels that Roxane is truly in love with Cyrano, but she's unaware of their plot. By the end of Act III years have passed and the secret ultimately comes to light too late. Set to DiChiera's enchanting, elaborate and often sweeping score, the opera comes full circle. The sights and sounds of this great love story will lay heavily on the hearts of those who experienced it through DiChiera's vision.

By the time Roxane declares "I've loved only one being, and lost him twice," tears are inevitable.

The production is presented in three acts with two intermissions. Longtime contributor Bernard Uzan provided the libretto for DiChiera's work, basing it on Edmond Rostand's 1897 stage work *Cyrano De Bergerac*. The opera is sung in French with English subtitles.

Cyrano kicked off the MOT's 37th season. It runs through Oct. 28 at the Detroit Opera House, and will be performed in both Miami and Philadelphia to follow. For tickets or information, call (313) 237-SING or visit www.motopera.com.

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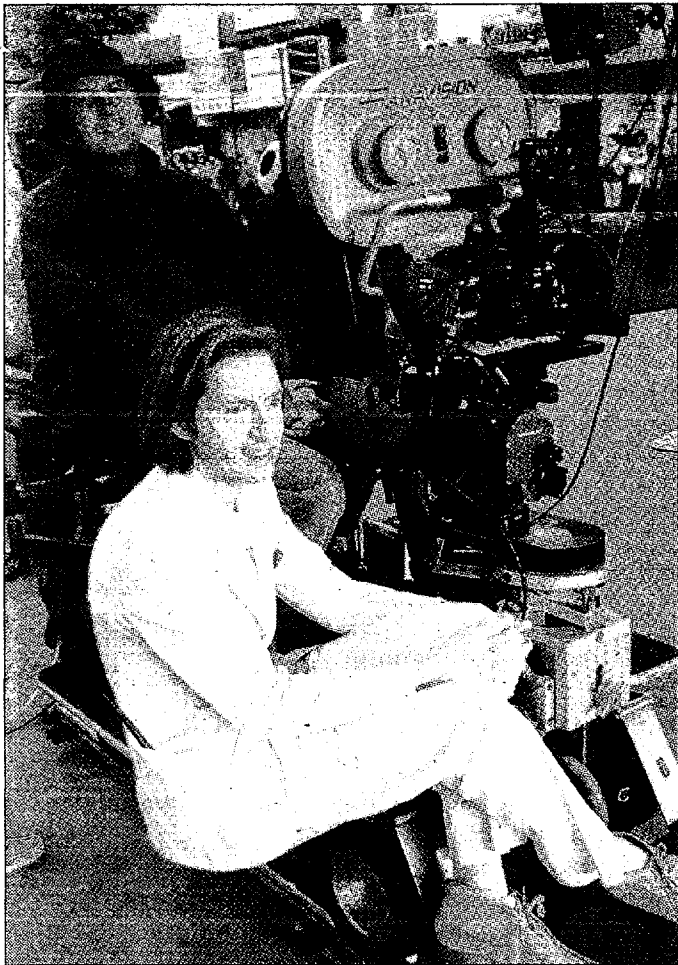
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DARJEELING

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brothers as they deal with their father's death, and searching for their long-lost mother. In theaters Friday, *The Darjeeling Limited* is an ambitious effort entirely filmed on a moving train.

Anderson's fans will quickly recall Schwartzman, Owen Wilson and Angelica Huston from his previous films. "I like to work with my friends; it's as simple as that," said Anderson. Two such friends, Schwartzman and Waris Ahluwalia, joined him on a press tour stop at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel Monday.

"I was approached by Wes right in the beginning," said Schwartzman who took on co-writing duties this time, along with Roman Coppola. The film ultimately achieved three of Anderson's longtime objectives — to write a movie about brothers, to film in India, and to set it all on a train.

"I really fell in love with India in films," said Anderson noting the influential work of Indian filmmaker Satyajit Ray and Jean Renoir's *The River*. "It drew me to want to go," he said. All three writers took a train through India and left inspired by the landscape and the experiences. It was all used to craft the interplay that would belong to the three Whitman brothers.

A feeling of imposed claustrophobia within *The Darjeeling Limited* was no mistake, Schwartzman noted. Ahluwalia said the train car itself was smaller than the hotel room they were sitting in for this interview. It brought the cast closer together, they agreed. Actors couldn't stray from the set or retreat to a trailer. There was no such thing as alone time. Instead, they were there, in the moment.

"It was tremendously difficult to get permission to do it," Anderson said. And once on the train car they

dealt with limits in lighting and space to move. The cast dressed themselves and did their own makeup. It made for an unusually tight environment. Schwartzman said he believes there are two possible outcomes to such a confined situation: "One is not good and one is the movie."

In the movie Owen Wilson is eldest sibling Francis. He's arranged a train trip through India, a spiritual journey to bond with brothers Peter (Adrien Brody) and Jack (Schwartzman). Together they tote their father's baggage through the landscape of India, popping pain killers all the way.

Anderson might be one of the few directors who manages to nab stars like Bill Murray and Natalie Portman to make cameo appearances. Portman stars in a related short titled *Hotel Chevalier*, where we learn she's the ex-girlfriend Jack is pining for at the film's onset. While it isn't currently being shown along with the film, it can be found online and provides a bit of back story to *The Darjeeling Limited*.

When it comes to defining images on film, *The Darjeeling Limited* has plenty. For Schwartzman, a sequence where all three brothers run into a river to save children in danger was most memorable. "It was the first time I'd ever done anything with action," he said. "I loved that experience." Ahluwalia opted for a scene where all three brothers are talking by a fire.

"That scene required very little to no light," said Anderson. "We shot by the fire. There was no light of any kind." He recalled the entire experience surrounding it — a short day of shooting that he said ended in fireworks and champagne.

"We were inspired by the energy there," said Anderson. The movie achieves its goal, to spread that feeling through these fragile relationships, backed by a surprising landscape, inside a bright blue train car.

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The Print Gallery: Paintings by Matteo, Oct. 15-Nov. 17, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com.

Sherry Washington Gallery: David Fludd, New Paintings and Drawings, through Dec. 31, www.sherrywashingtongallery.com, (313) 961-4500.

Sisson Gallery: Blue Collar, sculpture by Kelly and Kyle Phelps, through Oct. 31, Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6485.

Suseme Hilberry Gallery: Ellen Berkenblit, through Nov. 3, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, www.hilberrygallery.com (248) 541-4700.

Tangent Gallery: Guns: Replacing Violence with Art, Not for Killers but Collectors, through Nov. 3, 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit (313) 873-2955.

ART, ETC.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Costume designer John Pennoyer from Stratford Shakespeare Festival, workshop on set and costume design, ages 10-16, 10-11:30 a.m.; ages 17 and up, 1-2:30 p.m. Nov. 3 workshop, \$38 plus \$5 materials

fee, bring a sketchbook, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, reservations and more information are available at www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Oakland University Art Gallery: James Stephens: A Mid-Career Retrospective, through Nov. 11, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag.

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, exhibit 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

Detroit Opera House: Miami City Ballet, Nov. 2-4, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, \$25-\$75, (313) 237-SING.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: National Ballet of China, Oct. 26-27, \$27-\$47; Auditions for National City Stars of Ballet and Broadway (April 2008), Nov. 11, www.musicall.org, (313) 887-8500.

BOOKS

Barnes & Noble: Joe Borri, Author of Eight Dogs Named Jack, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 20, 500 S. Main, Royal Oak.

CHORAL

University Musical Society: Choral Music series for 2007-08 featuring Russian Patriarchate Choir, 8 p.m. Oct. 30; The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Dec. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

CHRISTMAS

Fox Theatre: Daryl Hall & John Oates, Home for Christmas Tour, Dec. 1, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515.

Fox Theatre: The Nutcracker, presented by Michigan Opera Theatre, Dec. 6-9, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515

CLASSICAL

Birmingham Temple: Yizhak Schotten, violist, with

pianist Katherine Collier, 8 p.m. Nov. 10, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348 for tickets.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Vaagan-Williams Ninth, Oct. 18-20; Davies Returns Oct. 26-28; The Three B's, Nov. 23-25; The Norrington Experience, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; The Four Seasons, Dec. 6-8; A Summer's Dream, Jan. 4-6; Ehnes Plays Barber, Jan. 10, 12-13; Fantastique Dutoit, Jan. 24-26, Max Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

EMU Department of Music and Dance: Choral music concert, EMU Choirs, Measure for Measure: A Men's Choral Society, and the debut of The Len Riccinto Singers, benefit for Leonard Riccinto scholarship fund, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21, Pease Auditorium, on campus of Eastern Michigan University.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra: Salute to American Composers, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20, Volodymyr Shesniuk conducting, Louis Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, \$17 adult tickets are available at Livonia Libraries or at the door, (734) 421-1111, www.livoniasymphony.com.

Royal Oak Symphony: Fall concert led by John Robertson, 8 p.m. Oct. 19, Royal Oak High School auditorium, 1500 Lexington Blvd., \$10, (248) 988-6991, www.royaloakorchestra.org

CLUBS

The Ark: Kelly Joe Phelps, Oct. 18; Ellis Paul, Oct. 19; Chris Smither, Oct. 20; Sonia & disappear fear, Oct. 21; Mary Black, Oct. 22; Arlo Guthrie, Oct. 23 and 24, Corinne West, Nov. 12; 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor (734) 761-1800.

The Ark: Marc Cohn with Amy Correia, Nov. 5; shows at Michigan Theatre, information hotline (734) 763-TKTS, www.theark.org.

The Ark: 11th Annual Fall Fund-raiser, This Ark is Your Ark: A Celebration and Tribute in the Spirit of Woody Guthrie featuring Odetta and The Ribbon of Highway Endless Skyway Artists, Nov. 10, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor (734) 761-1800.

Bosco: Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Crofoot Ballroom: 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: 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 Gwinell on piano and Dennis Horvath on bass, 7-11 p.m. Oct. 13, 33316 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-2355.

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.

Magic Bag: Breathing Underwater with Exit the Ordinary & Manna and Quail, Oct. 19; The Mega '80s, Oct. 20; Blue Rodeo & Friends, Oct. 21; Coco Montoya, Oct. 23; Savoy Brown with Kim Simmonds, Nov. 2; Leon Russell, Nov. 9, The Section Quartet, Nov. 11; Blue Cheer, Nov. 13; Gary Hoey, Dec. 7; 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Majestic Theatre: 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.

O-Zen Lounge: Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday, www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W.

Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

PI Restaurant: Gary Schunk, Oct. 19; Jesse Palter, Oct. 20; Fat Cats, Oct. 26-27; 28875 Franklin Southfield (248) 208-7500.

The Pike Room: 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

Sky Club: Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

US-12: Bizarre of 1-12 celebrates release of solo record Blue Cheese n' Coneys Island, Oct. 25; 34824 Michigan Ave., in Wayne.

COMEDY

The Comedy Room @ Portofino: Rob Haney with Nate Fridson, Oct. 19-20; Mike Damra with Connie Ettlinger, 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, Ticketmaster.com.

The Palace: Dane Cook's Rough Around the Edges tour, Nov. 24, \$32.50-\$102.50, Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

CONCERTS

The Filmore-Detroit: Kelly Clarkson, Oct. 28; Brian Setzer Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 7, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

The Fox Theatre: 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 Oates 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

Masonic Temple: The Big Dance, Oct. 20, four ballrooms at the temple, workshops in West Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, Salsa and Argentine Tango during the day, at night free lessons in each ballroom at 7 p.m. four dance 8 p.m.-2 a.m. \$65 for three hour workshop and dance, \$40 for the extravaganza, or \$10 per hour for mix and match lessons, Michigan Swing Dance Association, msda.org, (248) 390-0515.

Joe Louis Arena: So You Think You Can Dance, top 10 finalists from hit show, Nov. 3, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 645-6666.

Music Hall of Performing Arts: Mazowsze, Nov. 15-16; Bellydance Superstars, Nov. 17; 350 Madison, Detroit www.musicall.org, (313) 887-8500.

FAMILY

Penn Theatre: Films for the family featuring *The General*, 1 and 1 p.m. Oct. 18; all seats \$3, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

Wayne County Parks: Fall family fun, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 20, \$4, fall activities, which include making leaf print T-shirts, fresh apple cider and a hike to enjoy the fall colors, bring a light-colored T-shirt for each family member to make leaf prints, and five apples per person to make your own cider, fresh off the old-fashioned cider press, recommended for ages 4 - Adult, pre-registration and payment are required at the

Nankin Mills Park Office, cash or check made out to Wayne County Parks, Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland (734) 261-1990.

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, through Oct. 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, kidzbpworldtour.com, for tickets, Ticketmaster.com or call (248) 433-1515.

Plymouth Ride the Rails: Explore the history of trains. Exhibit open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday through Nov. 1. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students under 18, and \$10 for families. The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

Walking with Dinosaurs: The Live Experience runs Nov. 14-18, Cobo Arena, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

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.

IND-RAISERS

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.

COTS: Coalition on Temporary Shelter, celebrates 25 years, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24, \$50, at the Roostertail, 100 Marquette Dr., Detroit (313) 831-3777 Ext. 285.

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.

HALLOWEEN

The Big 80s Flashback Bash: Five local bands play 80s hits, 9 p.m. Oct. 27, Paychecks Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck, 18 and over, \$6 entry benefits animal shelter, call (313) 874-0254.

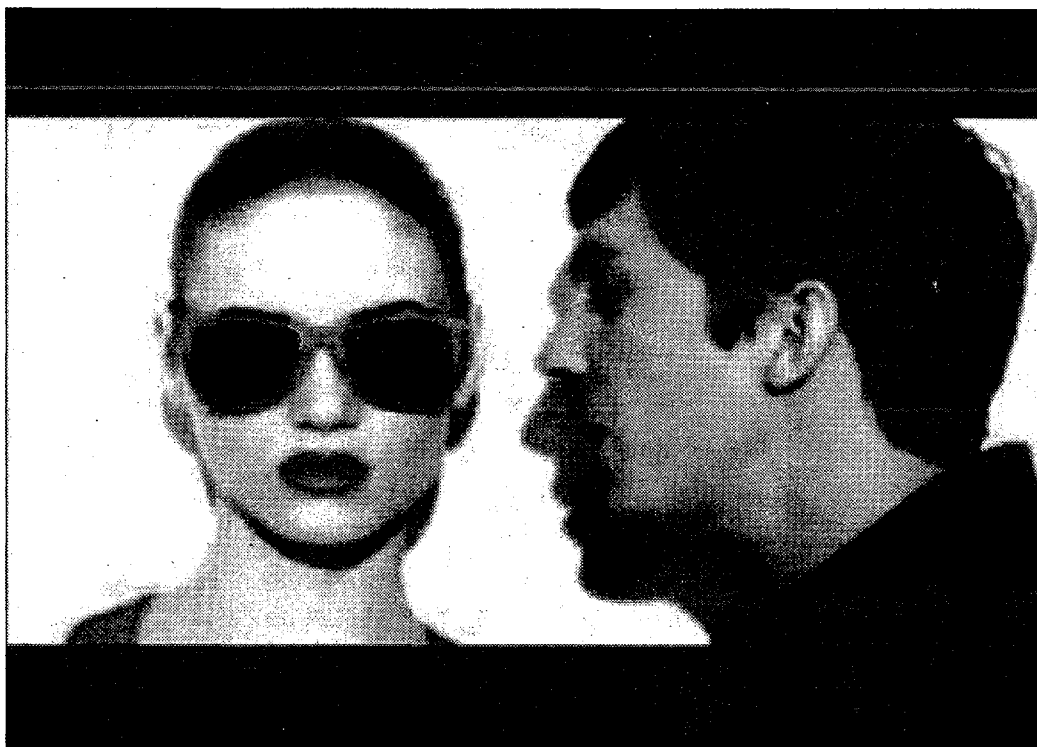
Detroit Zoo: Zoo Boo celebration, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 19-21, Oct. 25-31, time slots for Zoo Boo are 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. if a date and time slot is not sold out, a limited number of tickets may be available at the gate that day after 5 p.m. for \$10, \$6 advance tickets for Zoo Boo can be purchased at Booth One at the admission gate of the Detroit Zoo or Ticketmaster retail locations, calling (248) 645-6666, or clicking on www.ticketmaster.com.

Franklin Community Church: Boo!, a collection of spooky music from the movies and Broadway, presented by guest artists from the Michigan Opera Theatre, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, also a tribute to the "Wizard of Oz" by the Department of Performing Arts, Livonia Churchill High School, and special guest appearance by magician Rick Carver, \$10 adults, \$5 students, \$12 at the door, Franklin Village Boutique (248) 851-0055, church location is 1 mile west of Telegraph between 13 and 14 mile on the Village Green.

Ghosts, Ghouls and Ghouly Tales Tea: Celebrate Halloween stories and the Victorian era 1-3 p.m. Oct. 23 for this traditional Afternoon Tea, at the Longacre House, Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads in Farmington Hills, \$20-\$25, call (248) 473-1870.

Halloween in Greenfield Village: 50 magical characters, 150 cast members and costumed presenters, 800 jack-o-lanterns, 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 19-21 and 26-28, \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers, (313) 982-6000, www.thehenryford.org, advance reservations are highly recommended, entry to the event is timed at half-hour intervals. Sunday

www.hometownlife.com



At the Fillmore

Named by Billboard as one of the "Best Bets of 2007," singer/songwriter and charismatic band leader Young Love (Dan Keyes) of Young Love has been added to the first inaugural MySpace Music Tour, joining Los Angeles-area bands Hologoodbye and Say Anything, and Japan's Polysics. Here is Keyes from Young Love's video from the debut CD "Too Young To Fight It," on Island Records. This is dance pop music. The show is at the Fillmore on Thursday, October 25. Visit myspace.com/younglove for details.

8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. time slots are not available. **Night of the Living Dead, The Musical:** Oct. 26-27, 31, Nov. 2-3, Majestic Theatre, 4140 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

Oakland University: Spooktuba, a fun-filled family event with the OU Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble, 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in Varner Recital Hall, featuring spooky music, a costume contest and sweet treats, free of charge, but a \$5 donation will be gratefully accepted. The OU Low Brass Studio Recital, another free event, will be held Wednesday, October 24, 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. For information, write mtd@oakland.edu or call 248-370-2030.

Spooktacular XXII: "tunes 'n treats," a concert just for ghosts and goblins and their families. Farmington Community Band, assisted by the students at Warner Middle School in a joint effort to enrich their instrumental music program, dress is "spooky casual" for the concert, enjoy an afternoon of Halloween musical fun, get some treats, march in the costume parade and help the FCB encourage young musicians, 3 p.m. Oct. 28, Harrison High School Auditorium, Farmington Hills.

The Haunted White Horse Inn: Look for the friendly ghost of proprietor Lorenzo Hoard at this historic inn. Open Tuesday-Sunday with live entertainment Saturday nights. Dinner reservations recommended, call (810) 678-2150.

Trick-or-Treat Downtown Rochester: 4-6 p.m. Oct. 20, followed at 6 p.m., kids can participate in a costume parade followed at 6:30 p.m. by the feature presentation Ghostbusters (Rated PG) at Movies in the Moonlight (bring your own chairs) in the parking lot at the corner of East Third and Water, one block east of Main. Admission is free; arrive early for the best seating, (248) 656-0060, www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.

Treats in the Streets: Trick-or-treat down the streets of Old Detroit at the Detroit Historical Museum. Admission free for children in costume and members, 2-4 p.m. Oct. 28, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7935.

JAZZ

Baker's Keyboard Lounge: Spencer Barefield & Friends with Don Mayberry (bass) and Djallo Djakate

(drums), Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois (at Eight Mile), Detroit (313) 345-6300.

Cliff Bells: Scott Gwinell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543. **Jazz and dinner:** "Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Les Nubians, Oct. 24; Eric Reves Quintet, Oct. 26 and 27, Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. **Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club:** Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

MORE MUSIC

Trinity House Theatre: Brooks Williams with Matt Watroba, Oct. 25; Yellow Room Gang featuring Annie Capps, Kitty Donohoe, Jim Bizer and David Barrett, Oct. 26; Richard Gilewitz, Oct. 27; 38840 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia (734) 464-6302.

First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak: Merry Old England Renaissance, preceded by Holiday was-sail feast, concert is 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30; Caberet with Sunny Wilkinson, Feb. 1; Detroit Dance Collective, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak (248) 541-0108.

Jazz Cafe at the Music Hall for the Performing Arts: Eric Reves Quintet, Oct. 26 and 27, 350 Madison, Detroit (313) 887-8501.

Nardin Park Music Series: Brass Roots Trio, 2 p.m. Oct. 28; Christmas at Nardin Park Concert with Chapter 6, 2 p.m. Dec. 9; Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 476-8860 for information.

Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program: Bluegrass Music Series with Lou Reid & Carolina, Oct. 26; Honi Deaton & Dream, Nov. 9; Illrd Tyme Out, Jan. 25, Williams and Clark Expedition, April 11; Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, May 2, performances at 7:30 p.m. Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford except for Vincent, which will be at the Orchard Ridge campus, \$20, (248) 341-2270.

A Night of Opera and Show Tunes: soprano Annie Radcliffe, pianist/tenor David Carle from the Michigan Opera Theater, enjoy arias, duets and showtunes, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Giulio's Cucina Italiana, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia (734) 427-9500.

Rackham Symphony Choir: Jump, Jive, Swing and Sing, Fats Waller Revue, 7 p.m. Oct. 27, \$25, Zion Lutheran Church, 143 Albany, Ferndale (313) 404-0222, www.rackhamchoir.org.

Motor City Brass Band: Horns and Howls VII, the band's annual Halloween concert, prizes for best audience costume, 3 p.m. Oct. 28, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn (313) 943-2354, www.mcbb.org.

MUSEUMS

Arab American National Museum: Arab Film Festival, featuring 10 films Nov. 2-4, \$5-\$6 per screening or passes \$20-\$25, visit www.arabamericanmuseum.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum: Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center: Extended Our Body: The Universe Within exhibit; new IMAX is Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure, call (313) 577-8400 or visit <http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org>.

Detroit Historical Museum: Reopened with six new or refreshed exhibitions, including 1920s Detroit Building Boom, Rallying the Home Front, New to the Collection (a showcase of artifacts), Detroit Artist Showcase, Fabulous 5 and Detroit Automotive Showplace, (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org.

Detroit Institute of Arts: DIA is closed; will reopen Nov. 23 after the completion of its renovation, at 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971.

Exhibit Museum of Natural History: Lecture Series: Scales of the Universe, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19, Nov. 2, 16; the University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor, www.lsa.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum, (734) 764-0478.

The Henry Ford: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Macomb Cultural Center: Great Lakes, Great Stories, Michigan's Maritime Heritage, through Dec. 2, located on Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Hall and Garfield roads in Clinton Township, the Macomb Cultural Center is adjacent to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

Plymouth Rides the Rails: through Nov. 1, artifacts, model trains, \$5 adults, \$2 students, \$10 families, \$1 AAA discount, 155 S. Main, Plymouth (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

Plymouth Historical Museum: Sheldon 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, speaks on "The Music of World War II," and will include music he played while a military band member, 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 \$60 per person, available 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.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoesen Farm: Adams Road Mastodon in special exhibit, one year after discovery by road crew at Adams and M-59, through January 2008, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoesen Road (off of Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of Downtown Rochester), (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org, also Rudy Simons, impressions of Iran, 7 p.m. Sept. 20.

OPERA

Detroit Opera House: Cyrano performances are Oct. 20, 26, 28, call Heather Hamilton at (313) 237-3425 or email hhamilton@motopera.org for tickets; The Marriage of Figaro, Nov. 10-11, 14, 16-18; La Sonnambula March 28, April 2, 4-6; La Rondine, April 19-20, 23, 25-26; La Traviata May 10-11, 14, 16-18; all at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Macomb Cultural Center: Great Lakes as a Maritime Superhighway, with Lee Murdock, historian and singer, songs of the Great Lakes, 1 p.m. Oct. 19, 2 p.m. Oct. 21, Wood Boats of the Great Lakes, author John Mitchell, 1 p.m. Oct. 26; Charles Hyde, Wayne State University professor and historian, 2 p.m. Nov. 1; Highway to the Heartland with Dennis Zembala, president of the Port Huron Museum, 2 p.m. Nov. 7; Evolution of the Great Lakes Freighter with Mark Thompson, former college professor, 2 p.m. Nov. 18; Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Hall and Garfield roads in Clinton Township, (586) 445-7348, www.macombculturalcenter.com

Macomb Cultural Center: Series on presentations on Michigan waters, including What Makes the Great Lakes So Great, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 25; Our Drinking Water, 2 p.m. Oct. 25; Shared Waters: Michigan's Commitment to Protecting the Great Lakes, 2 p.m. Nov. 9; Clinton Township, (586) 445-7348, www.macombculturalcenter.com.

Detroit tours: Guided tours by Detroit Tour Connections, Downtown Retail Shopping Tour, at Bagley Fountain 1 p.m. Oct. 20, and Downtown Highlights tour, Bagley Fountain, 1 p.m. Oct. 14, \$10 a person, no reservations needed except for 8 or more, (313) 283-4332, www.detroittourconnections.com.

Phil's Fun Singles: dancing, Oct. 19, Sunnybrook Golf Bowl Motel, 7197 E. 17 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, \$10, 941-0120.

Detroit Docs: International Film Fest, Oct. 17-21, www.detroitdocs.com.

Detroit Historical Society's Maritime Auxiliary Group: Annual dinner 2 p.m. Oct. 21, Blossom Health Inn, 24800 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, with author and historian Larry Massie, \$30 group members, \$35 other (313) 833-7938, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo and click on "Special Events."

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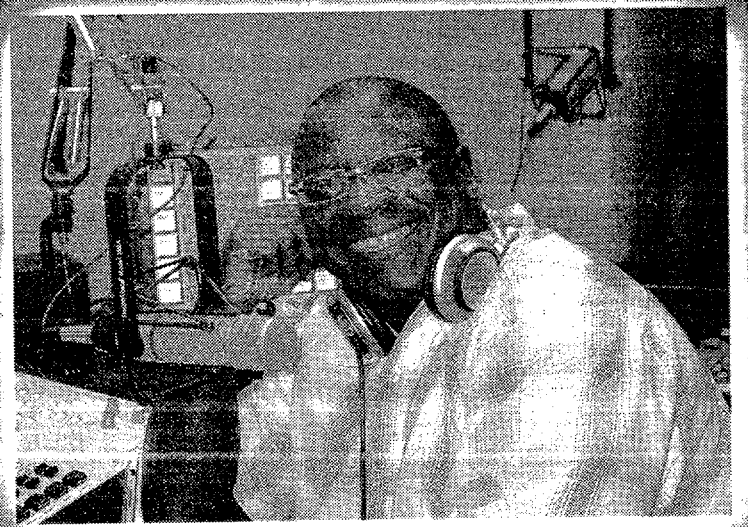
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