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## Council to roll in new van

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will soon have a new senior van to replace a 2002 model that has 122,000 miles on it, making it "unreliable" on the road.

Plymouth Township trustees voted Tuesday night to give \$15,000 toward a new vehicle, a week after the Plymouth City Commission voted to fund a like amount. With additional funding from the Plymouth Community United Way, the Council on Aging will be able to cash in on a \$40,000 matching grant from the Wilcox Foundation. The PCUW recently gave the Council on Aging \$9,800 for operation of the vans.

Council on Aging Program Coordinator Bobbie Pummill said the addition of the new vehicle — which is expected after the first of the year — will give the senior fleet three vans, with the one being retired used as a spare.

"It's always being serviced for something, everyday wear-and-tear," said Pummill of the van that's being replaced. "It's becoming unreliable for long runs to Ann Arbor. Right now, when one of the vans goes down, we have to cancel a lot of appointments."

Plymouth Recreation Director Steve Anderson said the second van has more than 80,000 miles on it. He expects a new van to cost some \$75,000.

Wilcox Foundation Director Dan Herriman of Plymouth Township said the combined \$80,000 will help seniors retain their mobility.

"While this grant was pending, all of us on the foundation board had heightened awareness about the use of the vans, reinforcing our decision to help fund it," said Herriman. "This sort of grant will permit seniors to enjoy their independence."

Pummill said as of Jan. 1, the senior bus program will expand its boundaries to help facilitate the medical needs of seniors. "We're finding seniors are being referred to doctors outside our area, so we're extending our boundaries so we can cover more ground for medical appointments," Pummill said. "We're also planning local trips for seniors other than to banks and grocery stores, such as Genitti's (Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville) and The Henry Ford." Pummill said those trips will require seniors to pay a small stipend. Currently seniors pay \$1 for each leg of a local trip.



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Our Lady of Good Counsel School students put on a show for their visitors from Nanjing, China.

## A China pattern

Visit could spark partnership between schools here, there

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER



Wang Bing, principal of Nanjing No. 3, applauds OLG students at the luncheon/variety show.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic school in Plymouth played host to a principal, teacher and secretary from Nanjing, China, earlier this month, developing a friendship that could result in an exchange of students and teachers in the near future.

The guests from Nanjing No. 3 Junior High School spent five days meeting with members of OLG's China Partnership Committee, stayed with host families, and visited with teachers and students at the school, including a luncheon and variety show put on by students.

"We spent time teaching our kids several phrases in Chinese, such as 'hello,' 'good morning' and 'welcome to our school,'" said OLG Principal Kay Reilly. "The visit gave our students a deeper understanding of the Chinese language and appreciation for the amazing 5,000 years of ancient history."

The visit to OLG was born from a visit Reilly made to China in June 2006, which included a stop at Nanjing No. 3.

"I spent the entire day visiting with students and meeting several teachers," Reilly said. "The time spent with the principal was a wonderful experience of genuine friendship and hospitality. I heard back the next spring their interest in coming to OLG."

Reilly said a handful of students from China were expected; however, none of the visas were approved in time for the trip.

"They wanted to experience America, so we took them to an Irish pub in Ann Arbor, owned by one of our families, the University of Michigan, and went to Lansing where they met Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm," Reilly said.

Reilly noted that by the end of the visit, there was an interest by both schools to form a partnership.

"We have a memorandum of understanding developed between the two of us," she said. "They would like to send a teacher to Good Counsel for five-six weeks to teach Chinese history and culture, and they've extended an invitation for a staff member of ours to go there. We'd love to have a student exchange."

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## Total recall

Township man behind effort to oust State rep

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

John Hett of Plymouth Township readily admits he's the "idiot with the target on my back," but that's not going to deter him from his effort to recall 20th House District state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, for the lawmaker's vote in favor of an income tax increase Oct. 1 to balance the state's deficit budget.

Hett, 44, who says he's "not registered for either party, nor ever have been," filed recall petitions with the Wayne County Clerk's Office for the legislator who represents the Plymouths, Northvilles, Wayne and a portion of Canton. If the language is approved following a hearing Nov. 1, Wayne County officials said Hett will have 90 days to collect 10,468 signatures — which is one-quarter of the Democratic and Republican party votes cast in the last gubernatorial election — to force a recall election.

"Marc Corriveau voted 'yes' to increase the income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent, and that's why people like myself, who are neither politically savvy nor connected, are upset," said Hett. "You can stand in downtown Plymouth and overhear people grouse about the tax increases, and those to come."

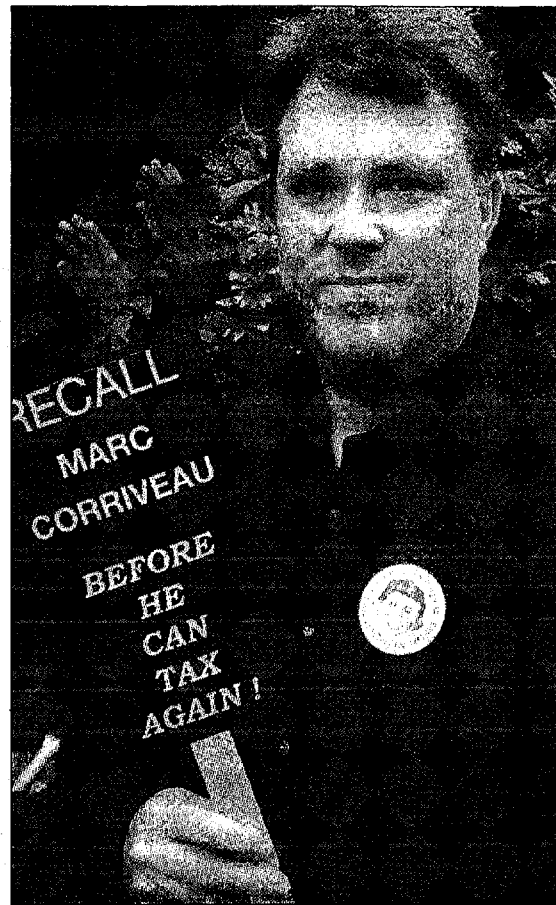
"The citizens of Michigan are finally pushed to the brink and know it's time for a change," he said. "Everybody is always talking, and not doing, so I'm putting my money where my mouth is."

Hett said he's asked for help from former state representative Leon Drolet, who operates the Michigan Tax Association, but only for Drolet's expertise of the process of a recall campaign.

"I don't belong to any tax associations, and I don't have outside money funding me," Hett said. "For the most part, I'm the only guy and working with no budget. I'm hoping for a groundswell of support. I know it's out there."

Corriveau, with less than a year in Lansing,

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John Hett of Plymouth Township is leading an effort to recall 20th District state Rep. Marc Corriveau.

## Volunteer remembered for wanting to help

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

If Dick Merrill were alive today, there's only one place he'd be right now — with American Red Cross volunteers helping victims in the fire-ravaged areas of California.

Merrill, a Plymouth resident who retired after 30 years as an installer at AT&T, spent nearly 20 years in retirement as a national reservist for the Red Cross, setting up communications systems in areas hit by tornadoes, hurricanes and floods.

He died Saturday at the age of



Dick Merrill of Plymouth, a devoted volunteer, passed away Saturday.

70 from complications of cancer. "For most volunteers, head-

quarters would call our chapter and we would activate them," said Jeff Wilson Jr., manager of the disaster program of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter. "But, because of his skills, headquarters would contact Dick directly. His specialty was dropping those phone lines."

Merrill also spent time at those disaster sites making sure people were being cared for. "People at disasters are proud, and they sometimes don't want to take a handout," said Dick's daughter, Jeannine Merrill, 40, of New Boston. "Instead of making it

look like charity, he would say 'Are you in the mood for a hamburger and a cup of coffee with me?' He'd eat about 12 meals a day to make sure people had something to eat."

Merrill had been on at least 80 national disaster assignments during the past 20 years, including southern California wildfires in October 2003; Hurricane Hugo in Florida in September 1989, and several months in New York City during 9/11.

"When he got back from 9/11, he had that mystery cough," said

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# Bringing the brooms

## Marchers continue competition sweep

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

The finely honed musical marching team of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band continued their sweep of Flight I trophies while marching off with the highest score of all 30 bands at the Clarkston Invitational Saturday.

"We did really well," said trumpeter Keith McGuire, a Plymouth freshman. "Upper classmen said we did better today than at [Grand Nationals] finals last year."

And McGuire knows something about the commitment it takes to achieve such a high level of performance. He has a sister and two brothers who have preceded him as members of the nationally acclaimed high school marching band.

"I had only watched it before," he said. "Being a member is really cool."

Along with capturing the Flight I first-place trophy with a score of 88.1, the 200-member hometown band took

all Flight I captions - Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect - for the dynamic performance of their show, "Out of the Shadows." Walled Lake Central was first in Flight II with a score of 82.85 and Farmington Harrison captured the top spot in Flight III with 73.85. Flights are determined by student enrollment, not band size, with the largest schools in Flight I.

Salem senior Anna Yanke, a member of the P-CMB color guard, was pleased with Saturday's performance.

"I love this show - it's so intense," said Yanke. "We learned tons of new stuff, even this morning, and we had to put it on the field tonight. I think we did a pretty good job."

So did band director Marc Whitlock.

"I think we were technically pretty good," he said, "but emotionally a little flat for the first third of the show."

Whitlock explained that emotion "is the most necessary ingredient in performance



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Flutist Alexandra Rodriguez and clarinetist Sarah Hallinen add a dynamic duet during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition performance Saturday at the Clarkston Invitational. The 200-member band earned the highest score of all 30 bands at the event.

quality. If we didn't have emotion in performance, we could just have a computer do the job for us."

Thinking about the Grand Canyon might help the students while playing something very majestic in nature, Whitlock added. Music that is more melancholy might require thinking about experiences that are not so pleasant.

"You have to find connections and experiences in your real life to make what you're doing as a performer even better," he said. "It's far beyond just playing the notes."

Whitlock said it didn't take long for the emotional quality to kick in during Saturday's performance.

"This group is very special," he said.



Even the smallest instrument adds to the overall effect of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's dynamic performance of their competition show, "Out of the Shadows." Here Adrienne Gibson plays the triangle during the band's first-place Flight I performance at the Clarkston Invitational Saturday.



Percussionists David Titus and Amy Bammel on marimba and Mark Knapp playing tympani along with color guard member Kim Jackson (far right) join fellow band members in concentrating on performance.



The saxophone section, including (from back left) Bruno Yoshioka, Jensen Phillips, and Ben Chuba, marches across the Clarkston High School gridiron during Plymouth-Canton's top performance of their show at the Clarkston Marching Band Invitational Saturday.

"It's harder for old age to catch up to you when you're cruisin' at 70."



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## Police think second fox killed in township was rabid

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Plymouth Township Police are waiting for results of tests performed by the Michigan Humane Society to determine whether a fox shot and killed by a township officer Saturday was rabid.

The officer made the decision to shoot the fox after responding to a call from a resident in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and Pinecrest, and seeing the fox "stumbling with its mouth wide open."

It's the second fox to be killed in the area this month. The first fox was killed by a resident it tried to attack Oct. 2. Tests determined that fox was rabid, making the chances this second fox was rabid high-

er, according to the township police chief.

"You typically don't see a fox unless it's sick," Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "The likelihood this one was rabid is high based on the proximity to the first one."

Township police actually responded to a pair of calls about Saturday's fox. Workers in the area reported having seen the fox and, according to police, saw the animal bite the tires of a van.

Neither police nor animal control officials could locate the fox on the first trip. A couple of hours later, police were told the fox had returned. Upon returning to the scene, officers saw the fox and made the decision to kill it.

Plymouth Township Police took the animal to the Michigan Humane Society for testing. Test results should be available later this week, according to the MHS.

Meanwhile, township police also found the fox's den, but police say no evidence was found there are other foxes living there.

Any questions or concerns regarding wild animals and rabies should be directed to Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7078. Information is also available on the Web at [www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases](http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases)

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## Same suspect sought in Livonia, Plymouth heists

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
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The same man who is believed to have robbed two banks in Livonia in the last five days is also likely to be responsible for two bank holdups in Plymouth Township.

According to Livonia police reports, the suspect, a white man, 30 years-old, about 6-foot-1, thin built with wavy hair walked into Charter One bank, 31441 Plymouth Road, at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday and handed over a paper bag with a note written on it. The note said "This is a robbery, put all the money in this bag."

The teller complied and the man ran out of the bank heading south on Arden Street.

Livonia police Lt. Greg Winn said the department believes the same man walked into the Chase bank at 32203 Plymouth Road Friday afternoon with a similarly worded note on another paper bag. In that incident, the man took the money and ran south away from the bank.

The same suspect is believed to have robbed the First Bank of America on Ann Arbor Road at Tavistock in Plymouth Township on Monday, Oct. 15, and also the Chase bank at Five Mile and Sheldon in the township on Monday, Oct. 8.

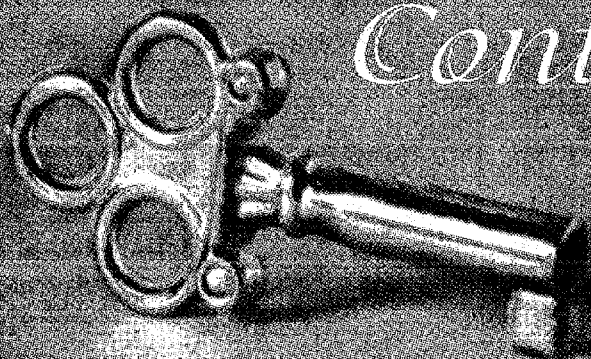
In each of the cases, money was taken but there was no weapon shown and no one was injured.

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Livonia police are looking for this man following the robbery of two banks in the city in the last five days. He is also a suspect in the robbery of two banks in Plymouth Township over the past month.

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One entry will be selected for publication in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The names of all winners will be announced in the November 15, 2007 edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Only one entry per person will be accepted for judging.

All entries must include name, address (include zip code), day and evening phone numbers. Photographs should be submitted in a jpg format as large as possible. Email all entries to Choya Jordan, marketing manager, at: [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com).

Solomon spent a year gathering quotes and carefully selecting keys for her book. She collected quotes from actor Jim Allen and golf great Tiger Woods to journalist Kate Curran and author Elmore Leonard. A portion of the proceeds from Solomon's book will benefit the fight against breast cancer.

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## Macy's, libraries promote arts

In a first-of-its-kind partnership in Detroit, Macy's, Detroit regional public libraries (through the Library of Michigan Foundation) and the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan announced "The Museum Adventure Pass, presented by Macy's." The program is a partnership between 162 metro area libraries - including the Plymouth District Library and Canton Public Library - and 25 local arts and cultural organizations, and provides regional public library card holders free passes to local museums, cultural centers and historical sites.

"Macy's ran this program with great success last year in Minnesota," said Plymouth District Library spokeswoman Susan Stoney. "It's a wonderful program that will jointly pro-

vide libraries and the many fine cultural offerings in the region."

The program is designed to enhance the learning experience for people of all ages through books and other library materials, and to provide access to arts and cultural organizations.

"The Museum Adventure Pass, presented by Macy's is a truly innovative approach to education that Macy's is thrilled to support," said Frank Guzzetta, chairman and CEO of Macy's North. "Our hope is that people who may not have access to the wonderful local arts and cultural scene will use this program as a learning tool for themselves and their families, and realize their local libraries are a great place to learn about something new."

The Museum Adventure Pass will be available at all 162 public libraries in Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. (A list of participating libraries can be found at [www.detroitadventurepass.org](http://www.detroitadventurepass.org).) Detroit regional public library card holders can receive up to two or four complimentary admissions to 25 world-class arts and cultural institutions.

Each library branch, as well as bookmobiles, will have five passes for check-out for each of the participating organizations. Card holders who check out a Museum Adventure Pass will receive a comprehensive brochure about the program, and can go online to [www.detroitadventurepass.org](http://www.detroitadventurepass.org) to find a list of readings, tapes and DVDs to complement their museum experience.

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## 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.

For more information please contact the Chamber at 734.453.1540.

## Rummage/bake sale

Grace Lutheran Church hosts a rummage and bake sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27.

The church is located at 46001 Warren Road (between Canton Center and Beck) in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-4980.

## McCotter staff hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) conducts in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

McCotter's staff will be available Tuesday, Nov. 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center and 1-2 p.m. at the Garden City Maplewood Center; 11 a.m.-noon Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Northville Senior Center; and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center.

McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

## Pioneer bake sale

Pioneer Middle School hosts a yard/bake sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, to help fund a trip for eighth-graders to New York.

Each child making the trip will have a table with items for sale, including miscellaneous items and baked goods.

The school is located at 46081 Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck), in Plymouth Township.

## Chieftettes' clinic

Children ages 5- to 13-years-old can become a Junior Canton Chieftette by attending the Kids' PomPon Clinic sponsored by the Canton Varsity Chieftettes 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Cost is \$35 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon and all girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at a Canton varsity basketball game.

Registration is from 8-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic.

For more information call Chieftette parent Kathy Schwalm at (734) 416-1685.

## Penn jazz concert

The Blue Steel Jazz Band takes the Penn Theatre stage for a concert 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, mixing old and new ballads and swing tunes.

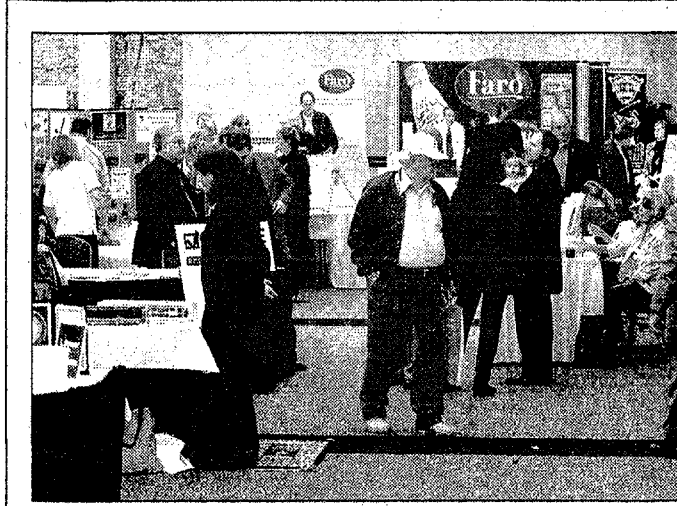
All seats are \$3. The Penn is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-0870.

## Miller Woods walk

Since pleasant autumn weather is still lingering, a second walk in Miller Woods takes place 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. Come see and hear how nature prepares for winter, but please do not bring dogs, as the woods is a designated nature preserve. Miller Woods is located on Powell Road between Beck and Ridge Roads in Plymouth Township.

A 2008 Miller Woods calendar is planned and orders may be placed that day. Proceeds from the calendar sale will be used to further the goal of the Friends of Miller Woods which



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## Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the bi-annual Consumer Expo this evening from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in the Grand Ballroom. The event is held twice annually in February and October, and features more than 60 businesses from the community, including several from Plymouth, who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free. The event is being sponsored by Boyer Meat Processing, Outdoor Fun Store and Xuereb Snow PC.

is to inspire responsible stewardship of this historic forest through education and community awareness.

## Chamber auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner/meeting/auction 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The evening, which will serve as a retirement party for executive director Fran Toney, has been dubbed "Frantastic," and will feature live and silent auctions, raffles, socializing and networking, dinner and dancing.

Tickets cost \$75 per person, and sponsorships are available (a Platinum sponsorship gets the buyer a table of 10 for \$975, while a Gold sponsorship gets two for \$375). Proceeds help fund chamber programs such as the weekly Farmer's Market, Scarecrows in the Park, the Great Pumpkin Caper, Walk of Christmas Trees, Santa's arrival in Plymouth, the Old Village Restaurant Crawl and Showcase Plymouth, among others.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

## DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution of Northville/Plymouth/Livonia meets noon Monday, Nov. 19, at Greenmead's Alexander

Blue House in Livonia.

Historian Luan Brownlee offers the program "Mayflower, a Book Review."

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

## Shopping extravaganza

Plymouth First United Methodist Church hosts a "Shopping Extravaganza" featuring more than 30 vendors 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

Shoppers can get an early start on holiday buying while benefiting the church's Music Ministry Outreach Program. Lunch will be available.

The church is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

## Crafter call

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

Salvation Army craft show

The Salvation Army of Plymouth is in need of crafters

for its Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair, to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

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

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

## 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.

## Kiwanis turkeys

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth announces its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Sale, which benefits Kids Against Hunger and the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Last day to place an order is Nov. 9. Cost is \$25 for 12-14-pound boxed turkey or \$40 for 24-26-pound turkey. Kiwanis Club members will be in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, to distribute turkeys and serve deep-fried turkey legs to support the Plymouth Salvation Army.

For more information, call Christopher Lynn, (734) 934-7653.

## Voters' guide

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared a non-partisan Voter Guide for the Nov. 6 election in the City of Plymouth.

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](http://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.

## Breakfast with Santa

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors sponsor "Breakfast with Santa" at Independence Village 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

The event will feature a beautifully decorated dining room, Christmas spirit in the air, a warm breakfast buffet and Santa will make an appearance with a special gift for every child. Kids will make an ornament to decorate the Newcomers' Christmas tree in Kellogg Park.

Cost is \$6.50 for kids 2 and younger; \$8.50 for kids 12 and older. The breakfast buffet will include pancakes, eggs, biscuits, hash browns, sausage, bacon, fresh fruits, asst. jams, honey and a variety of hot & cold beverages.

Independence Village is located at 14707 Northville Road in Plymouth Township.

To sign up for this event or get more information contact Angela Nolan with names and ages of those attending no later than Nov. 22 at [familfun@plymouthnewcomers.com](mailto:familfun@plymouthnewcomers.com) or visit the Web site at [www.plymouthnewcomers.com](http://www.plymouthnewcomers.com)

## 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](mailto:ostercra@msu.edu) or call (517) 575-0151.



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# Minority group taps JCI with annual honor for diversity

For its outstanding achievements in developing diverse supplier companies, Johnson Controls once again was recognized as the "Corporation of the Year" by the Michigan Minority Business Development Council.

This year marks the 10th time in the past 12 years in which Johnson Controls has gained this important honor. MMBDC representatives presented Johnson Controls with the award at the group's 24th Annual Awards Dinner on Oct. 16. The event was attended by more than 1,500 people, and was held at the Marriott Hotel at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Charles Harvey, vice president, diversity and public affairs for Johnson Controls, accepted the award.

Johnson Controls - a global, multi-industry company - has operated an innovative program to recruit and develop diverse suppliers since the early 1990s. In fiscal-year 2007, it purchased more than \$1.5 billion in goods and services from diverse firms, making it a member of the "Billion Dollar Roundtable" that includes just 14 companies that spend \$1 billion annually with diverse suppliers.

MMBDC, a voluntary organization with more than 2,000 members, creates links between major corporations and minority businesses.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from the MMBDC, which salutes the wonderful efforts of our purchasing team, supply base and business partners," said Keith Wandell, president and chief operating officer of Johnson Controls. "At Johnson Controls, we embrace diversity because it is a key element of our

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company's mission and values, as well as our business strategy."

### Lifetime achievement

Long-time MSPRA member Dick Egli, president of Egli Associates, has been awarded NSPRA's prestigious Lifetime Professional Achievement Award.

The award recognizes veteran NSPRA members who have led distinguished careers as public school relations professionals and earned the respect of their colleagues at the state and national level.

Egli is a former associate director for community relations in Plymouth-Canton.

In addition the award recognizes those who have remained active NSPRA members at either the chapter or national level for the majority of their careers, shared their knowledge and experience at chapter workshops and conferences at the NSPRA Seminar, contributed to the work of NSPRA committees and task forces. It also recognizes those who have mentored new members and supported colleagues, demonstrated the practice of good public relations on a daily basis, and constantly advocated the need for effective communication between schools and the public.

Egli has been a member of MSPRA for 39 years, during which time he served as communications consultant for the Lenawee Intermediate School District, associate director for community relations in Plymouth-Canton, pub-

lic relations instructor for Adrian College, MSPRA president, and is currently co-chair of the Professional Growth committee.

### National committee

Dan Dalton of Plymouth, a partner with the Royal Oak law firm of Tomkiw Dalton, has been named chairman of the Religious Land Use section of the American Bar Association's State and Local Government Law Land Use Committee. Dalton was voted into the newly formed position during a meeting this month in

Wyoming. In his role as chairman, Dalton will represent the American Bar Association on all issues related to the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Person Act (RLUIPA). He will be charged with upholding the committee's mission of informing attorneys, legislators and judges about the impact of RLUIPA as it applies to land use throughout the United States.

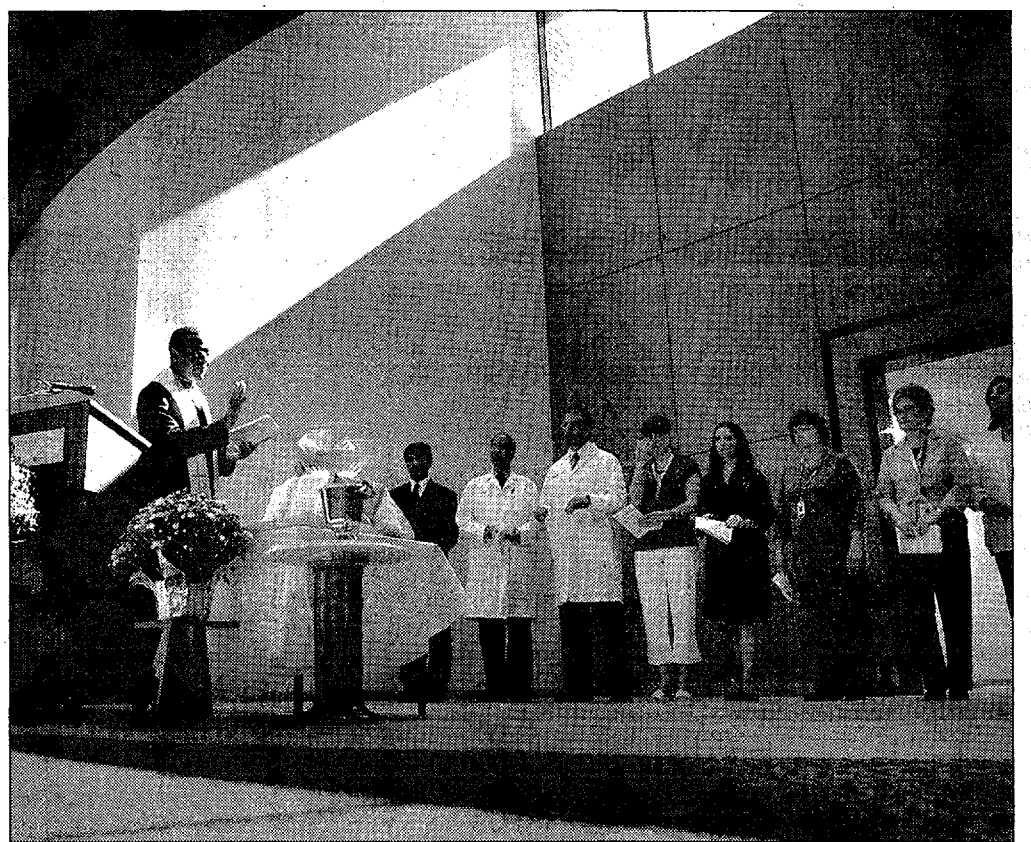
In June 2007, after a two-year battle, Dalton successfully litigated the landmark Religious Land Use Act case, Lighthouse Community Church of God vs. City of Southfield, obtaining the largest settlement in the nation on behalf of a religious organization under this act. He is in the process of co-authoring a book about the case with the Rev. Demetrius Booker, pastor for the church. Additionally, Dalton has contributed to a book about the RLUIPA to be published in January 2008 by the American Bar Association and American Planning Association.



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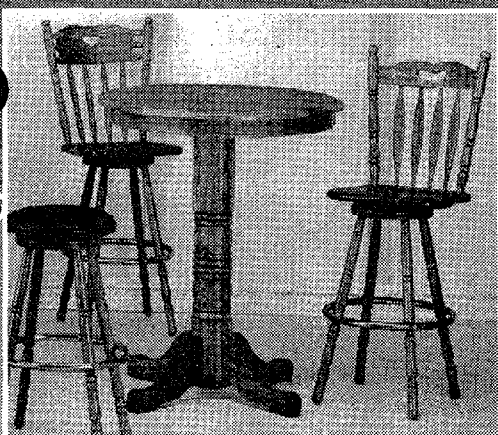
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## Healing hands

The Rev. Luke Iwujji blesses the water that he will use to bless the new Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center. The cancer facility at St. Mary Mercy Hospital was recently dedicated.

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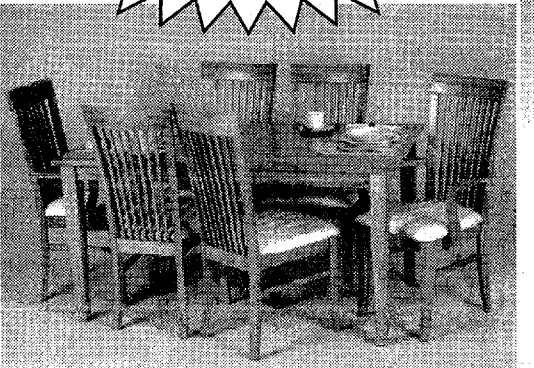
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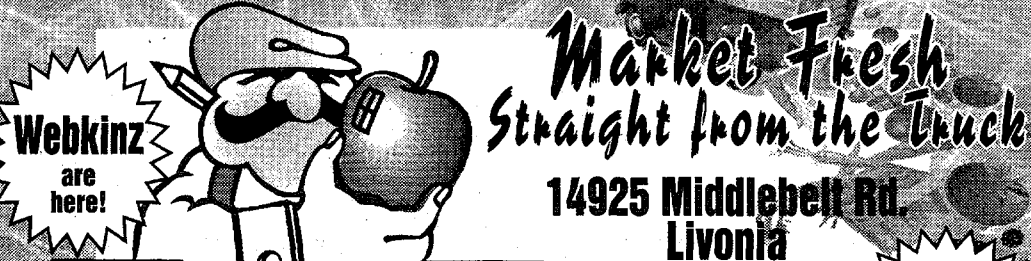
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believes the recall campaign is "destructive" to the political process.

"The decision I made was done after careful thought and consideration, in the best interest of the district," said Corriveau, who voted against a 6-percent tax increase on some services. "To be recalled for my vote ... I think you risk the political process being controlled by people who have money and special interests."

"This just sets us up for how future legislators will vote, with this type of fear and intimidation, and have special interests dictate their behavior," added Corriveau. "I think the voters in the district will reject this."

As in the political wrangling during the budget battle,

Corriveau continues to claim Republicans are doing whatever they can to target him in next November's election.

"I haven't heard the Republican leadership come out and object, the silence is deafening," Corriveau said. "(House Minority Leader) Craig DeRoche (R-Nowi) is pretty set on doing whatever he can on his way out of office to give us as much trouble as he can."

DeRoche said it's Corriveau's vote for the income tax increase, not the Republicans, which will be the demise of the 20th House District lawmaker.

"Rep. Corriveau should focus, while he's in office, to bring forward positive solutions that don't include tax increases; rather than further burdening the residents of his district to pay for a bloated bureaucracy and the special interests in

Lansing," DeRoche said. "I do not support the recalls, but I absolutely think it's proper for voters in Northville and Plymouth to take his liberal voting record into account in the next election."

Hett said while he's always been active in writing elected officials, this is the first time he's really become politically active.

"I know people who run businesses who are leaving, or have left, the state because they can't afford to keep employees on," Hett said. "The State of Michigan is in such dire straits, you can't tax the economy into prosperity. The economics are simple. There's one party not willing to budge, and that's the Democrats."

With that said, Hett said he would have filed a recall petition against any local legislator, Republican or Democrat, who voted in favor of the tax

increase.

"I am pleased it's not just the Democrats that are being recalled, that it's Democrats and Republicans," Hett said. "They refuse to sit down to reach accord on reforms."

For the record, Hett said he voted for Republican Mark Abbo of Northville Township in the 20th House District election last year. He voted Libertarian in the 2006 gubernatorial election, and voted Republican in 2002.

"I didn't vote for Gov. Granholm either time," Hett said. "She didn't come off as savvy with economics and budgets."

Hett said he's hoping to get 100 people to collect 100 signatures apiece to force a recall vote. Hett can be reached at [recallcorriveau@yahoo.com](mailto:recallcorriveau@yahoo.com).

[tbruscato@hometownlife.com](mailto:tbruscato@hometownlife.com)  
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Dick Merrill spent 20 years volunteering for the American Red Cross at disasters such as Hurricane Hugo.

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Jeannine Merrill. "Several years later, he was diagnosed with cancer at the base of the tongue, which is very rare."

Dick Merrill was an enthusiastic Amateur Radio Operator - his call sign KB8CFD - who also was a local weather spotter.

"He used to go to Beck Road, where the only cover was a ditch and three feet of water," said Jeannine Merrill. "When everybody else was looking for cover, my dad would be right in the middle of it."

Jeannine Merrill said her dad's personality was all about giving, which he proved when she was 2 years old.

"My dad adopted me before he married my mom," she said. "Any man can become a father, it takes a real man to step up to be a dad. To me, he was Superman."

As with any grandfather, Dick Merrill's pride-and-joy was his 3-year-old granddaughter, Casey.

"He bought her sleds and tricycles and fed her Popsicles when her tongue hurt ... they were buds," Jeannine Merrill said.

Dick Merrill was no stranger to the Plymouth Community Fire Department, having been a volunteer fireman for 24 years.

"On my 21st birthday, the paper factory in Plymouth caught fire," Jeannine Merrill said. "My dad had dinner with me, and afterward I watched as he put on his gear and went into a burning building. We always had weather and police and fire scanners going off at home. My sister and I had to

**DICK MERRILL, 1937-2007**

- Who: Dick Merrill
- What: Passed away Saturday from complications of cancer
- Family: Survived by daughters Jeannine (Colin Baldwin) Merrill and Lisa (Bob Price) of Deshler, Ohio, and granddaughter Casey.
- Accomplishments: Long-time volunteer with the American Red Cross; 24 years as a volunteer firefighter for the Plymouth fire department; member of Western Wayne Conservation Association, American Legion Post #32, Northville VFW Post #412, and Northville Moose Lodge #1190, as well as the Elks Club
- Respects: Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross Southeast Michigan Chapter

learn to sleep through them." Fire Chief Randy Maycock said Dick Merrill was the kind of guy who always wanted to help.

"He couldn't do enough for you, he was that type of guy," Maycock said. "Over the years he participated in fire suppression activities, training activities, department picnics, bachelor parties, everything and anything the department did. Dick was one of those rare people, he would donate his time to help out fellow firefighters and the community."

Dick Merrill was a member of the Western Wayne Conservation Association, American Legion Post #32, Northville VFW Post #412, and Northville Moose Lodge #1190, as well as the Elks Club.

A fire engine was planned for today's funeral procession from Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township to Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville, with several members of the department serving as pall bearers.

The American Legion Color Guard planned a 21-gun salute and *Taps*. The fire department planned to close out the service. "It's tradition the fire department chime a bell for each year of service, which for Dick will be 24," Maycock said. "After that, Lt. Charles Mann will play *Amazing Grace* on the bagpipes."



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The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will be at several Wayne County locations this flu season. Flu shots are \$25; pneumonia shots are \$40; Medicare, HAP, Priority Health, Blue Care Network, cash or check payable to VNAHSS accepted. For weekly listings, call the VNA Flu-Busters automated Hotline at (800) 296-8660 or visit www.vna.org. Homebound service is also available. \$40 service fee applies that is not covered by insurance. Must have a physician's prescription. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752, for an appointment. Among local locations: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman in Garden City, Oct. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.; Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, Redford, Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Matthew United Methodist, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, Oct. 28, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; St. Bellarmine Church, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to noon; AAA Insurance in Plymouth, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-noon; Art Van Furniture, 29905 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, Nov. 3, 1-3 p.m.; Art Van Furniture, 8300 Wayne Road, Westland, Nov. 3, 1-3 p.m.

**Trainorama 2007**  
The Redford Model Railroad Club will hold Trainorama 2007 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile in Livonia. Tickets are \$4 for adults and free for children 12 years and under with an adult. The show will feature an oper-

ating exhibit, railroad memorabilia, swap meet, train show and sale. Food and beverages also will be available. For more information, call Pierre Willmeret at (313) 565-1027 or by e-mail at pierre@hbc-benefitsandeducation.com.

**Wine tasting**  
The Oakwood Foundation will hold its 12th annual Wine for the Spirit fundraiser at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Ford Field, 2000 Brush St., Detroit. The evening will include a sampling of wines from around the world, food stations, silent auction, raffle and entertainment by The Bomb Squad. Tickets cost \$125 per person and are available by contacting Kim Kelly at (313) 586-5234.

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The Farmington Players Community Theater announces upcoming auditions for Neil Simon's 'Chapter Two.' Auditions take place Thursday, Nov. 1, with registration at 7 p.m. Auditions begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at The Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Based on part of Neil Simon's own life, this comedy features George Schneider, a writer whose wife has recently died, as he returns to a lonely apartment. His younger brother Leo, a theatrical press agent and born matchmaker, tries to snap George out of his emotional tailspin by supplying him with unwanted and unsuccessful dates. Then Leo comes up with Jennie Malone and she's a winner. There will be four available parts: George, (40s to 50s), a widower after 12 years of marriage, successful author, thought to be based on Neil Simon's own life; Leo, (40s), George's younger brother, a theatrical producer, womanizer, fast talking "player" of sorts; Jennie, (late 20s to late

30s), a recent divorcee reluctant to start over, soap opera actress, small town girl originally from Cleveland; and Faye, (late 20s to late 30s), Jennie's supportive friend whose own unhappy marriage triggers an unfortunate casual affair. For more information, call (734) 612-1767.

**Holiday craft show**  
The Mother's Club at Catholic Central High School in Novi is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Show and Marketplace to take place Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on Wixom Road in Novi. The show is open to artists, craftspeople and businesses that sell items suitable for holiday gift giving. For more information, call (810) 231-2335 or (248) 705-9519.

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

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

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

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

**Post Polio Clinic**  
Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.

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**State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton**  
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**State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville**  
Contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514; by phone at (517) 373-3816; or by e-mail at MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov

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Call him through City Hall at (734) 453-1234 or send an e-mail via the city Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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**U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter**  
His Washington, D.C. mailing address is 1632 Longworth House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515. Call him at (202) 225-8171 or send a fax by dialing (202) 225-2667. His district office is at 17197 N. Laurel Park Drive, Suite 161, Livonia, MI 48152. Call him at (734) 632-0314 or send a fax at (734) 632-0373. He also has a Web site - mccotter.house.gov.

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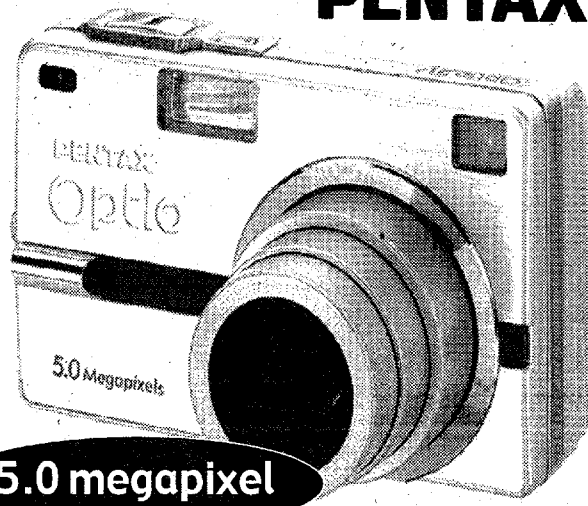
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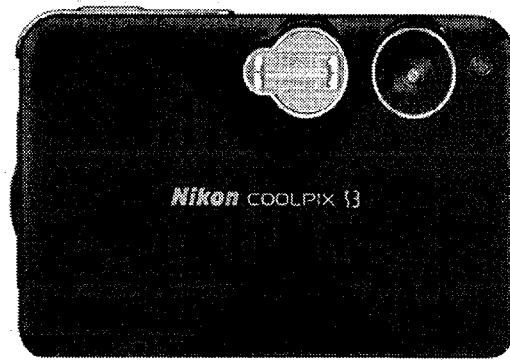
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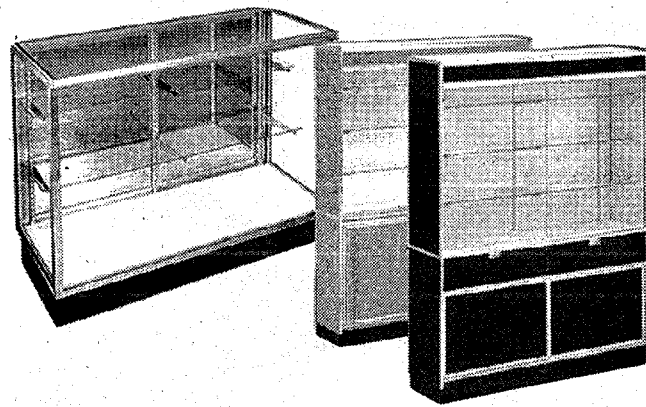
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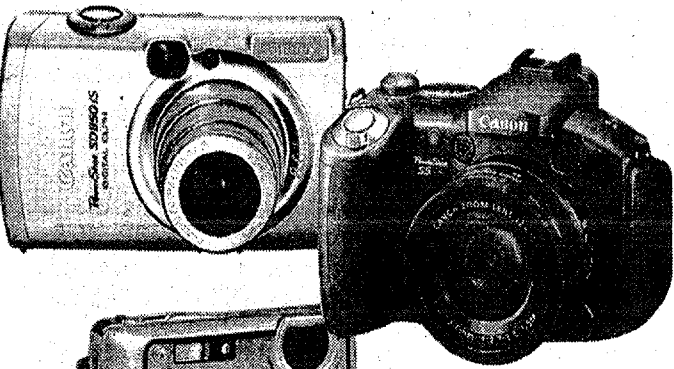
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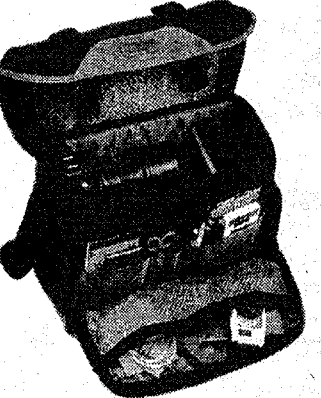


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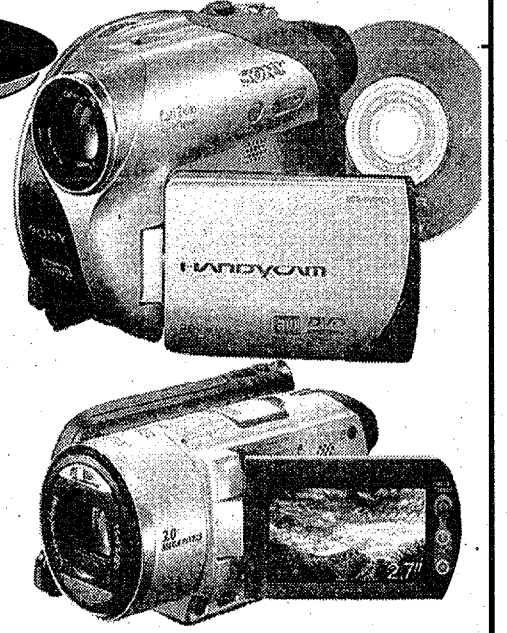
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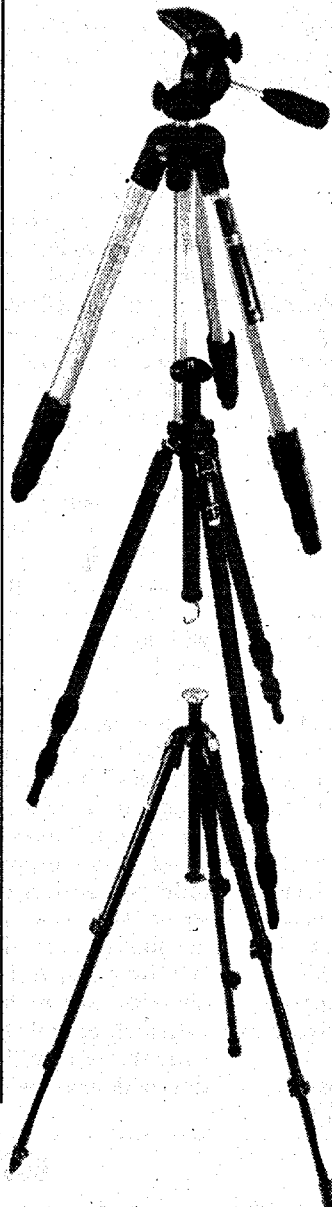


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OUR VIEWS

## Here's a chance to Make a Difference

Who wouldn't want to feel the satisfaction of actually making a difference in someone else's life or in their community?

On the other hand, many of us need a little kick-start to get that altruistic spirit going sometimes.

That's the point of Make A Difference Day, which takes place Saturday, Oct. 27.

Started 17 years ago, this is one of those created holidays but with a great purpose. It's sponsored by USA WEEKEND magazine and its carrier newspapers, in partnership with the Points of Light & Hands On Network and supported by Newman's Own Foundation, which provides donations to charities.

Make A Difference Day is a day set aside to help others. Simple as that. No special colors, fancy badges or funny hats required, just a desire to go out and, well, make a difference.

There are some groups planning organized events in recognition of the idea of making a difference. Among them is the Plymouth Community United Way, which has a group of volunteers working from 8 a.m. to noon to help rake leaves, clean yards and provide light labor such as replacing light bulbs and smoke alarm batteries for senior citizens in the Plymouth-Canton community.

The United Way is providing the lawn bags and other supplies, although volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes, garden tools and gloves. What the volunteers are getting out of it are a few refreshments and a huge dose of "feel good" for helping others.

Another way to find a way to make a difference is to look for a need around your neighborhood, a nearby park, a senior housing center or a group home. Still searching for an idea? Visit [www.usaweekend.com](http://www.usaweekend.com) and look for the Make A Difference Day icon at the top of the page. From that page, you can search for organized projects by zip code; get inspired by reading about what other difference-makers have done; or load in some details about how or whom you'd like to help and use a computerized "idea generator" to figure out what to do.

Making a positive impact on the world is something we should all aspire to — whether it's through some organized effort or something more subtle. Using this created holiday to get started seems like a great idea.

## Some basic safety precautions will ensure a happy Halloween

There are few nights anticipated by children as much as Halloween. And who can blame them? They get to dress up in wild costumes and parade around the neighborhood unlike on any other evening of the year. Not to mention all the candy and goodies they will reap while trick or treating.

But just like there will be witches, pirates and Cheetah Girls out on the streets, so too will there be plenty of dangers lurking about that every parent should be aware of before they send their children out to trick or treat.

Most parents will immediately think about the possibility of candy being tampered with — and they should inspect all treats before they are consumed — but there are plenty of other measures a parent can take to ensure a safe evening.

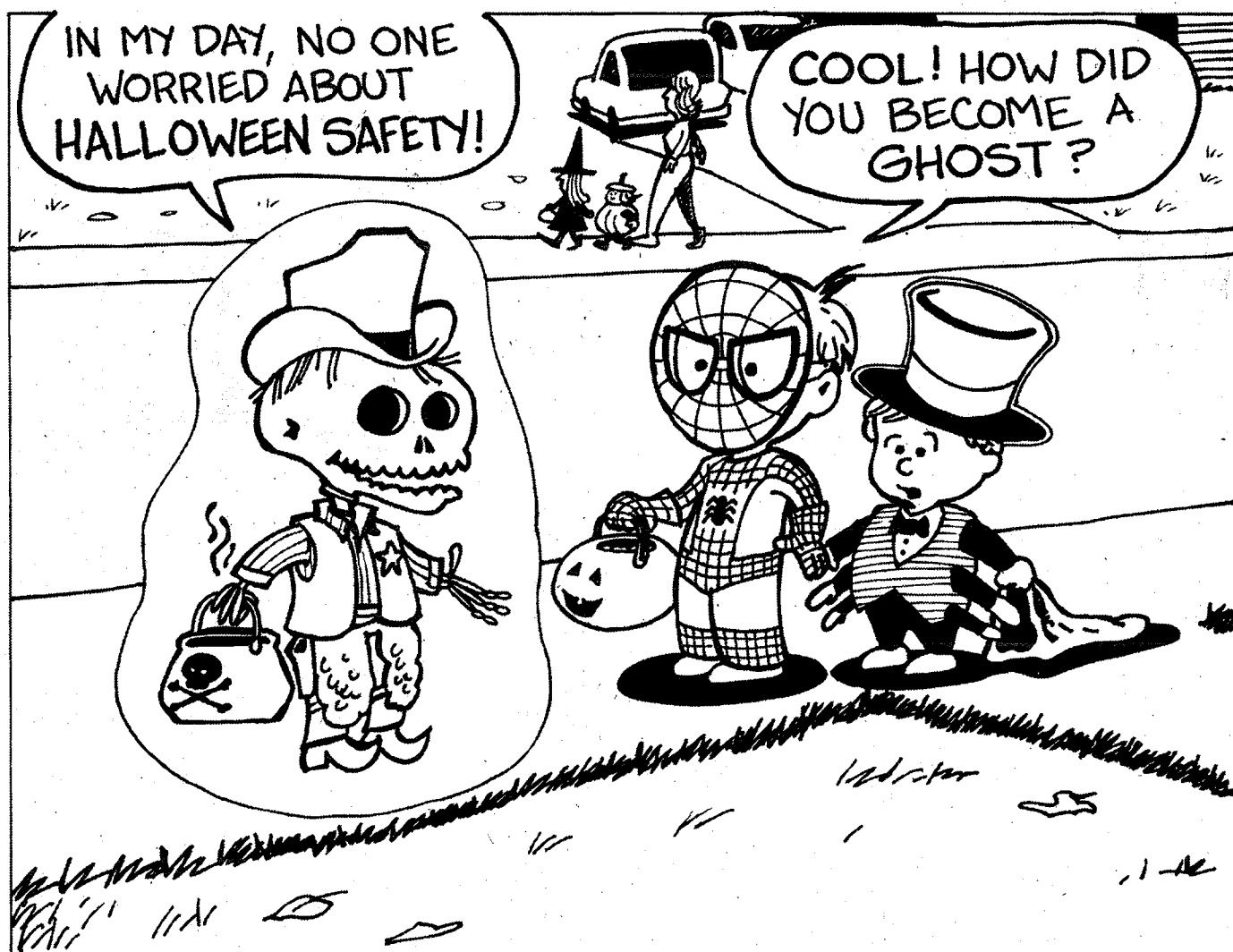
Basic everyday safety, including not getting into cars or talking to strangers, and looking both ways before crossing streets, is important. Of course, the safest plan is for parents to go out trick or treating with their children, but some kids will want to venture out on their own. In that case, follow these tips:

- Never send small children out alone. Make sure an older sibling is with them, and only let them out during daylight hours.
- Talk to your children about a safe route, so you will know where they will be, and set a time for their return home.
- Make sure children know to stay in populated, well-lit areas and away from unfamiliar places.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

Those not trick or treating, especially motorists who will be out on the roads Halloween night, also need to show some extra caution. There will be lots of children on the streets, many in dark clothing, so look for them darting out from between parked cars or walking in roadways. Enter and exit driveways carefully.

Halloween night also poses one of the greatest threats for fires. Many decorations, including cornstalks, are highly flammable, so they should be kept away from all open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs.

The jack-o'-lantern also poses a fire risk. The National Fire Protection Association recommends illuminating them with a flashlight rather than a candle. However, when using candles, be sure to place them well away from anything that can burn. And if you set them on your porch, make sure they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.



### Bad contract

Can anyone provide me an explanation, that makes a lick of sense, how the Plymouth-Canton Education Association obtained its most recent contract?

In a state that is reeling from a severe loss of anything resembling a tax base in years past, a raise is approved!!!

Get real. At a minimum, in my opinion, wages and benefits should have been "frozen" for one year until the state gets its house in order.

Roger L. Kehrier  
Plymouth

### Focus on what's best

I am a registered Republican, and I am a business owner in Marc Corriveau's district, but live in Bruce Patterson's district, and pay property taxes on my home (Canton), as well as my business property (Plymouth) and have been and continue to be active also in the Northville business community.

I am a CPA and fee-only investment adviser struggling to make sense of the Michigan services tax. I've been a Republican since I began voting almost 30 years ago.

Overall, I'm tired of politics and politicians who promise much and deliver little. I am looking to support people that want to serve to the best of their ability, honestly, doing what they can, in the best interest of their constituents.

I believe that Marc Corriveau, and many others in congressional seats, are placed in a difficult spot. As a business person, I understand what it means to pay taxes. Am I happy about having to pay more in income tax or even potentially to be in a position to collect sales tax on tax preparation or investment services that I offer? Of course I'm not. But what I am MOST unhappy about is the playing of politics in these matters.

The pretense of recalling Marc Corriveau is a thinly veiled special interest power play in my opinion. One only has to look as far as the individuals involved in order to obtain this understanding.

That said, I believe that Corriveau voted his conscience in a very difficult matter. I know Marc personally, and I know him to be a very reasonable and intelligent man, and certainly not the "liberal democrat" that Mr. DeRoche describes. I found Rep. Patterson's comments about Corriveau "whining" also offensive.

In my view, Corriveau is bringing a greater understanding and illuminating what is really going on in Lansing to the people of his and surrounding districts. I would encourage those unsure of Marc's position as an excellent representative to attend one of his local coffee shop meetings and pose questions to him and seek to understand his position.

On the other hand, when I see a bill from the Republican Senate that favors special interest groups and not considering fairness and equity for the small business owners and citizens of this state, I am thankful for that the legislature has someone like Marc Corriveau to vote his conscience.

As a registered Republican, I say to

### LETTERS

Mr. DeRoche and Mr. Patterson, and others working on the recall of Mr. Corriveau, focus on what's best for the people of this state, nothing else. Otherwise, you may find the tables turned in the next elections.

Wayne B. Titus III  
Canton

### Heise toots own horn

I was flabbergasted by Mr. Heise's narcissistic view of reality in thinking that he is the only former school board candidate to voice support for moving the elections to November.

If he will just put his sense of extreme self-worth aside for a moment, I'd like to inform him that another twice-former school board candidate suggested November elections in response to a fiscal responsibility question posed at one of the public forums just prior to the May 2006 election.

Of course, Mr. Heise was not privy to this important information, being as that he didn't even live in the P-CCS district for the May 2006 election. This comes across as a prime example of a would-be politician prematurely "tooting his own horn."

Sandra Martin  
Plymouth Township

### Help domestic violence victims

Domestic violence affects a huge part of our population. In fact, one out of three American women report being abused at some point in their lifetime. And contrary to some misconceptions, domestic violence knows no social or economic boundaries.

Because it knows no boundaries, it preys on the communities where we live, work and play. It also helps to create future abusers, and affects more than just the women involved. It harms children and entire families. That's why it is important to take a stand and work to put an end to this widely pervasive, yet rarely discussed, attacker.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Verizon Wireless is asking for your help by donating to its HopeLine phone recycling program, which turns no-longer-used wireless phones into support for area domestic violence shelters and organizations, including those throughout Michigan. Wireless phones, batteries and other accessories are collected at Verizon Wireless Communications Stores nationwide and in special collections throughout the year. The phones are either refurbished for reuse or recycled in an environmentally sound way.

Since October 2001, when Verizon Wireless launched its national recycling program, HopeLine has collected more than four million wireless phones. The program has disposed of nearly one million phones in an environmentally sound way and refurbished the remaining phones for resale and reuse. Over the last five years, Verizon Wireless also has distributed more than 45,000 phones with airtime and other features valued at more than \$10 million to be used by victims of domestic violence.

So far this year, Verizon Wireless has donated more than \$420,000 in cash grants, phones and airtime to shelters and other organizations in Michigan working to support victims of domestic violence and their families. In Plymouth, First Step received a \$9,800 grant to help fund case management and advocacy/counseling services to assist more domestic violence survivors.

This October, I highly encourage everyone to dig through their closets, ask friends and family members for their used phones and accessories, and donate as much wireless equipment as possible to the HopeLine program and help make a difference in the lives of the victims in the Plymouth area and throughout Michigan. Equipment can be donated at the following Verizon Wireless locations in the Plymouth area: Canton Corners, 42447 Ford Road, Canton; 35105 Warren Road, Westland; 20580 Haggerty, Northville; and in Circuit City, 36300 Warren Road, Westland.

To find out more about our HopeLine program, please visit [www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline](http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline).

Dave Vogler  
Verizon district manager

### Commending Corriveau

The purpose of this correspondence is to commend our state representative, Marc Corriveau, for his vote in the recent Michigan budget crisis.

Ever mindful of his constituency, Marc was not hasty in voting. He weighed the options, balancing all interests but ultimately voted to preserve Michigan's future.

Mary Jane Bevelheimer  
Plymouth

### Band thanks

Many thanks to the P-CEP Marching Band for attending the Canton Chiefs home football games. There is nothing like the sound of a live marching band to add to the festive atmosphere of a Friday night football game.

Your efforts are very much appreciated by all of the players, coaches, and fans of Canton Chiefs Football. Welcome back!

Kathy Powers  
Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club

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- James Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of Municipal Services, on the desire of NorthRidge Church officials to expand their parking area

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# Historical dolls have lessons to teach today's children

The occasion was my father-in-law's 88th birthday, along with my niece, a recent college graduate, finding a job — in southeast Michigan, yet! Certainly a happy Saturday with family, but before we left for the restaurant



Julie Brown

what caught my eye was the American Girls catalog. The dolls were popular with my nieces when they were younger, and I was glad. Although a tad expensive, the dolls from different eras, such as World War II's Molly and the early 20th century's Samantha, teach girls valuable lessons about history and growing up strong.

My surprise was the arrival on the scene of one Julie Albright, the 1970s girl. She's got long blond hair, bell bottoms and a peasant blouse, and hails from San Francisco. Acknowledging changing times in another way, Julie's parents are divorced.

The catalog noted that girls before Title IX didn't have a lot of sports opportunities in school, and Julie had to fight to get girls basketball up and running at her school. Julie's best friend, Ivy, is Asian American, another example of the company's effort to make the dolls as ethnically diverse as possible (and probably sell more dolls as well).

Here's the description of Julie's room, which seems eerily accurate for the 1970s: a furry foot-shaped rug from Mom's store downstairs; modular shelving that she can mix and match into bedside tables, storage drawers, or even a coffee table; an egg-shaped terrarium with silk plants inside; a metal tray of after-school snacks: pretend Jiffy Pop® popcorn, a plastic pitcher with a removable lid, and two plastic cups for preparing the pretend orange drink mix.

Until now, the dolls were safely a part of a distant past, reaching back to the American Revolution. It's a bit disconcerting to see your own past suddenly a part of history, with girls learning about just what life was like in the 1970s.

The doll has sound accessories appropriate for her era, just in case Julie and Ivy want to listen to some just-before-disco tunes. There's a series

Seeing the 1970s as a historical era was a bit of a jolt, but upon further reflection not all that upsetting. As we observed our niece's happy day, it was worth remembering just how far girls and women have come from the early 1970s. Maybe young girls today can ask their moms, aunts and grandmothers what it was like back then. Certainly, the American Girls are more physically realistic and probably better role models than Barbie, even if all do come with a lot of expensive accessories.

of books about Julie and Ivy, as there are about the other American Girls and their best friends.

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There was a time when only a few professions — teacher, nurse, secretary — were open to women, and it took a whole lot of pushing by a whole lot of women, and some men, to change that for the better. The toys children play with reflect that changing world, so maybe Julie Albright and friend Ivy show us that things really are getting better.

I wonder if they'll come up with a 1980s-type doll next (for some reason, Drew Barrymore comes to mind). If kids learn to be more open-minded, and girls' eyes are opened to a new world of possibilities, there's really nothing wrong with Julie and Ivy leading the way.

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# Underpass project sees progress, despite challenges

Judging by recent inquiries, it's time to provide another periodic update to the Plymouth community about the status of the Sheldon Road Underpass Project.

Let's start by acknowledging the obvious — the project has experienced some difficulties and delay over the summer, including the lack of observable construction and the August flooding. The Plymouth Observer has reported some of these problems, but this is an opportunity to describe progress that is not readily noticeable, as well as challenges.



Alan Helmkamp

The good news is by the time you read this, contractors are expected to again be on site doing "jack and bore" digging for the new water main, to be followed by mass excavation of dirt at the railroad crossing and construction of the temporary bypass tracks. The pump house has been constructed, and key components such as the 30-inch water main gate valve are being fabricated following months of design work with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

So what has been the biggest holdup? "Among the problems involved in this project was the relocation and reconstruction of existing utilities ..." This statement comes from the Wayne County Board of Road Commissioners in its Annual Report for 1941! Although it obviously refers to a different railroad grade separation project, this conclusion has uncanny relevance to our project. It really does seem that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

This complex project involves various government agencies, the CSX Railroad, DWSD, many contractors, some building owners in the project area and utilities such as DTE and AT&T. Coordinating such a substantial undertaking requires all parties perform their required tasks on time and in a particular order.

The utility companies have both underground and overhead facilities like fiber optic cable and electric transmission lines that must be relocated. When this project began, DTE committed to completing its many required jobs by June 1. DTE had a company-wide computer system change earlier this year that delayed design work for their eight jobs on this project. There were other complicating factors, including coordination delays with the building owner at 909 Sheldon, regarding the relocation of electric lines at that location. Recently, DTE has made some progress,

but is still playing catchup, as many of its jobs remain unfinished. AT&T has been working steadily for months, but its removal of underground fiber optic cable currently is the "top priority" before the mass excavation of dirt on the north side of the tracks can begin.

Another question that has been raised is whether a temporary access road can be constructed to reopen Sheldon while the construction continues. There was active consideration of this proposal when design started back in 1998. Ultimately, a bypass road could not be included in the plans in large part because the owner of the building at 909 Sheldon would not make its front parking lot available, as the temporary road would come within 10 or 12 feet of its front door.

Adding a bypass road now cannot be accommodated. Although one large tenant has left 909 Sheldon, other large companies are still tenants and the front parking lot at that location is still fully used. In addition, it could take a year or more to acquire the necessary property interests, railroad permits, and design and construct the temporary road.

We recognize that some persons most affected by this project probably will not find these explanations very satisfactory. Everyone involved in leadership understands and appreciates the sacrifices being made by Sheldon businesses and residents and do not take their concerns lightly.

The government leaders of Plymouth Township, Plymouth city and Wayne County regularly communicate with the engineers so that they understand the situation, and press for progress. Emergency agencies like police and fire are getting to where they need to be during the shutdown.

As the pace of construction picks up, we anticipate finding ways to mobilize additional resources during the remaining fall and through the winter, which is predicted to be relatively mild. In the face of frustrating challenges, those of us who are working on this project in good faith want to assure the community that we are doing everything reasonably possible to complete this project on schedule by the end of 2008. However, the odds of that occurring are becoming longer and will require the utmost cooperation from all participants to catch up and then stay on schedule.

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# Investors need to understand that investing is not risk-free

Last Friday, Oct. 19, was the 20th anniversary of Black Monday, the day (Oct. 19, 1987) when the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost more than 22 percent of its value.

This was the second largest one-day percentage drop in the market in history. On that day, investors lost nearly one-half of a trillion dollars.

I am always asked whether it can happen again. Although many things have changed since 1987, one thing that hasn't changed is the market is irrational over the short run and investors tend to let fear dictate decisions. It is highly unlikely we would have a market downturn similar to what happened in 1987. However, it's possible under certain conditions the market could have a major short-term decline.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Investors today are more informed about what is happening in the market than ever before. In 1987, we did not have the coverage of the stock market as we do today. Most of us had never heard of the Internet nor was there the explosion in cable TV. How the Internet has affected investors is difficult to know, however, there is no doubt it has made a difference.

A major change is a variety of safety measures the markets have implemented in order to halt trading if certain triggers are met. In addition, there are now certain restric-

tions in order to prevent computer trading from dramatically moving the market. Many individuals blamed the crash of 1987 partly on computers and program trading.

Another change since 1987 is the explosion in international investing and international investors. After all, it is impossible to compare the economy of countries like China and India to where they were 20 years ago.

Investors recognize that over the short run the market is volatile and downturns happen all the time. We saw it in February, in July and Oct. 19. So investors should not be fooled into thinking that even with new safety measures, the market can't take a major downturn — it can.

However, investors do have a mechanism to protect themselves.

Investors who follow a long-term strategy and diversify their portfolios in different asset classes, including emerging markets and fixed-income investments such as bonds, will find that even in market downturns, they will be protected.

Market downturns are a risk that investors must learn to accept. The notion of investing risk-free does not exist. After all, those individuals who are afraid of the market and bail out by investing in certificates of deposit (CDs) and U.S. Treasuries also are assuming substantial risks.

If you hold a CD to maturity or a U.S. Treasury, you will never lose the principal on your money. However, principal fluctuation is just one risk. Another is the risk that your money does not keep up with the increased

costs of living over time.

It is essential to have a rising income for the rest of your life. If your portfolio only contained CDs and treasuries, by the time you pay taxes and look at the increased costs of living, your money is not keeping up. The bottom line is there is no risk-free investment. There are ways to control risk by taking a long-term strategy and having a balanced and diversified portfolio.

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## Schoolcraft College holds Halloween concert

Schoolcraft College's Annual Halloween Concert and Parade will mark the debut of the Wind Ensemble's new director, Paul Michalson. This family-friendly concert will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Radcliff Center in Garden City and is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

In addition to the performances by the Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble, who will be performing in

costume, there will also be a children's costume parade. Everyone who attends is encouraged to dress in costume. Refreshments will follow the performances and parade.

The 38-member Wind Ensemble will offer a variety of appropriately themed musical selections in celebration of Halloween, including Chillers and Thrillers, a compilation of themes of suspense; selections from *Phantom of*

*the Opera* and *Harry Potter*; *Bugler's Holiday*, a trumpet trio; *Light Cavalry Overture*; *Swearingen's Deep River*, and *The Chimes of Liberty* by Sousa.

The Synthesizer Ensemble will be combining their musical talents along with a unique multi-media presentation to accompany their performance of *Africa*, made popular by the band Toto in the '80s. During the eight-member group's performance of *Lacrimosa* from

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The Radcliff Center is located at 1751 Radcliff St. in Garden City. Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Radcliff Center, at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road and online at [schoolcraft.edu](http://schoolcraft.edu).

## Railroad club holds Trainorama

The Redford Model Railroad Club presents Trainorama, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile between Merriman and Farmington Road), Livonia.

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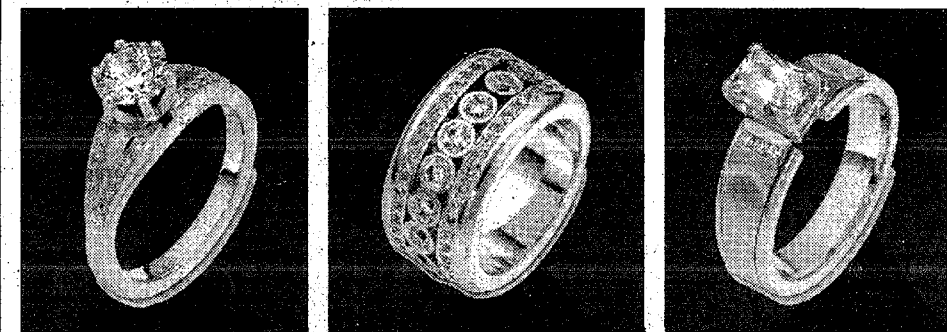
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## Shifting career gears: Woman writes child's Nativity story

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Jann Martin isn't taking much of the credit for the new turn her life has taken.

Martin, a Canton resident with a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University, puts all the credit for her newest endeavor — her first book, *This Babe So Small* — right where she devoutly believes it belongs. With God.

"God inspired it," said Martin, director of family ministry at her church, Faith Community Presbyterian in Novi. "It's what he asked me to write, so I wrote it."

*This Babe So Small*, Martin's first book, tells the traditional story of The Nativity in a relatively nontraditional way: through the eyes of the innkeepers' daughter.

"I wanted to tell the story so kids could relate to it and understand it better," Martin said. "They'll understand it better through the eyes of a 7-year-old."

The book, published by Ferne Press, a division of Nelson Publishing and Marketing in Northville, is illustrated by Megan Wellman, also a Canton resident who has now illustrated three books with Ferne Press.

While having her work published is becoming a regular occurrence for Wellman, the book represents a fairly significant career shift for Martin. After getting her degree from MSU, Martin had hoped to be a teacher. She did her student-teaching in the Garden City district, but could never manage to get her own classroom.

"I really wanted to be a teacher," Martin said. "They just weren't hiring."

She's worked in shops and offices and now her church. She was hoping to retire next year, and believes God got her started on a new career a little early.

Martin admits writing probably wouldn't have been her choice if it hadn't been his.

"I have no writing background," she said with a smile. "The most writing I've ever done is writing sermons the last two years."

Wellman is a little more experienced at it. *Babe* is her third book for Nelson Publishing, the first having come a few years ago when she illustrated *Lonely Teddy* for Nelson author Peggy Price Heiney. It was through Heiney that Wellman and Martin met, and the duo decided quickly they would like to work together.

The checked with publisher Marian Nelson, who quickly OK'd the pairing and is happy she did.

"This is the first Christian book we have done and I was pleased to take it because it takes the view of the child," Nelson said. "We all have seen hundreds of versions of the nativity story but this version seems so understandable from



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Jann Martin (left) is the author of 'This Babe So Small,' her first book. Megan Wellman illustrated the book.

a child's point of view. Isn't it delightful to know what the child may be thinking about having such a special event occur? It doesn't seem so mysterious or distant."

The main character is the innkeepers' 7-year-old daughter, Joanna. The challenge was deciding what Joanna was going to look like. Martin drew inspiration from a "Tiny Tears" doll she'd owned as a child, and Wellman went online to research the kind of clothing worn at the time.

Then Wellman, who owns a fine-arts degree from Eastern Michigan University, with a minor in children's theater, was given the freedom — in consultation with Martin — to draw.

"We talked about what we wanted it to look like, how we wanted it to be rich and full of color," said Wellman, who grew up in Redford and now lives in Canton with her husband, Brent, and two Great Danes. "Even though we talked about what it would look like, I was left artistic freedom and I think it really showed in the pictures."

Wellman, a certified ophthalmic assistant at U-M Hospital, is about to have her fourth book published. And she couldn't be happier about it.

"I invest in my drawing," said Wellman, who said she's been drawing since she was a little girl. "It's definitely emotional for me. There aren't many people who can say they've been published, and I've been published three times. It's incredible."

Martin, who has since finished a book on Easter, has now been presented a new challenge by pastors from her church: Turn *This Babe So Small* into a pageant. For now, though, she's enjoying the success of *Babe*. And she firmly believes she knows why it's all happened.

"The hardest part was waiting for it to come after it was printed," a laughing Martin said of *Babe*, published in September. "Everything else has fallen into place (because) God had his hand in it."

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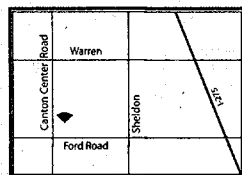
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The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* is giving away 10 autographed copies of Solomon's book to readers who write about or show (in a photograph) their personal key to courage, strength, faith and hope.

To enter, submit a 500-word essay or short story, a poem or photograph which describes courage, strength, or faith in your battle with cancer.

One top entry will also receive theater tickets and have his/her work published in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. The names of all winners will be published.

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](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com).

Entries must include name, address (include ZIP code), day and evening phone numbers. Photographs should be submitted in a jpg format as large as possible.

Solomon spent a year gathering quotes and carefully

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She collected quotes from actor Tim Allen and golf great Tiger Woods to journalist Katie Couric and author Elmore Leonard.

For more information or questions regarding the contest, contact Jordan at [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto: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.'*



## Parents invited to learn about college savings plan

A representative of the Michigan Education Trust (MET), the state's prepaid tuition program, and Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP), the state's college savings plan, will present a college savings seminar at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Cranbrook Educational Community, 39221 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. The seminar will be held in the Wenger Gymnasium of Kingswood School.

The college savings seminar is free of charge and open to parents, grandparents and guardians from the community who are looking for information on saving for college.

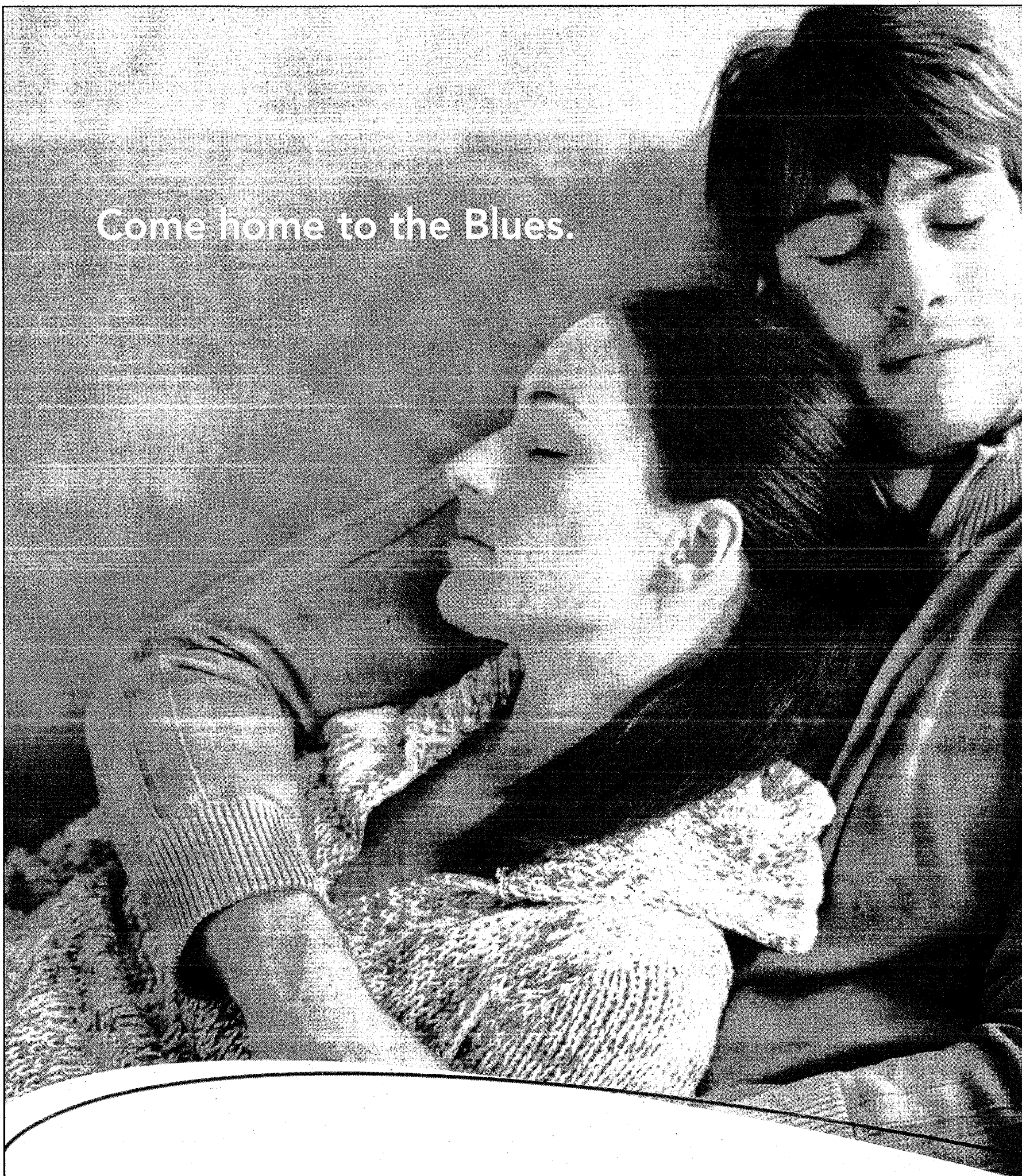
A college savings expert will illustrate a fail-safe way to take the guesswork out of saving for college tuition through the MET program. A MET contract is a guaranteed way to protect your savings against future tuition increases, because MET locks in tomorrow's tuition at today's rates. The advantages of establishing a 529 savings plan like MESP will also be discussed. MESP provides a way to start saving today to prepare for a child's tomorrow. When you contribute to MESP, your account earnings have the opportunity to grow federal and Michigan income tax-free.

For more information about the seminar, please call Cranbrook Educational Community at (248) 645-3630.

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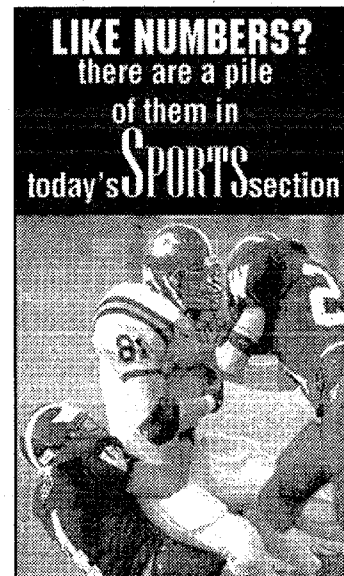


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OCTOBER

**Lutheran laymen's convention**  
The Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention takes place Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The

theme 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. Registration begins at 8 a.m., worship at 9 a.m. followed by first convention session. An

afternoon session follows 12:15 p.m. luncheon. For 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.

**Hallelujah Festival**  
6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive (south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley) Canton. Come out for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate this alternative to Halloween! For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or send e-mail to info@CantonCF.org or www.CantonCF.org

**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.

**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.

**Music of the heart**  
Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents a musical celebration of well-known hymns written by Charles Wesley which have been sung for three centuries in honor of the 300th anniversary of the lyricist's birth 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the church, 45201 N. Territorial, one mile east of Beck, Plymouth. No charge but a free-will offering will be received to benefit the church's Noteworthy concert series and AIDS victims in Africa. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

**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.

**Celebrating the saints**  
Enjoy reflections on the saints of Livonia Catholic parishes and join together in solemn sung Evening Prayer celebrating the upcoming Feast of All Saints 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The evening ends with a procession to the weekday chapel for the veneration of saint's relics. Reception follows in Bixman Hall. No charge. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

**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, Hrashapar 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. Cost 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.

**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. 31, at Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, west of Newburgh on the north side, Livonia. Also, gourds, etc. for table decorations.

**Heart quest**  
A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, started 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.

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 Avenue and Wayne Road. 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, boutiques, 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.

**Pasties sale**  
Taking orders during coffee hour Sundays, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, and by phone 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 6-7, pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Pasties are \$3.50 each, gravy also available. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

**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.

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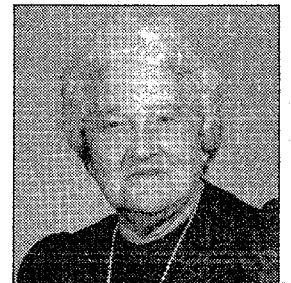
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ELMER H. FISCHER, JR.

Age 85, Livonia, MI. Died October 20, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington.

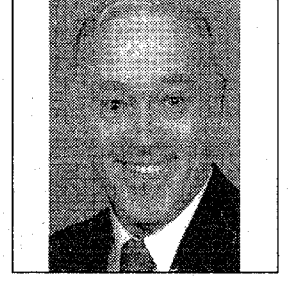
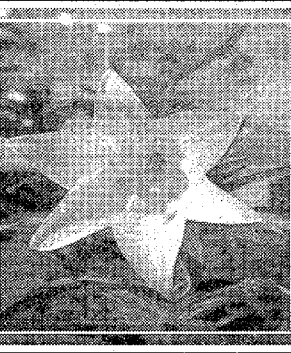
GENEVIEVE AVON ROOSE

Arrived at her heavenly home Wednesday, October 17, 2007. She was 90. Genevieve, formerly of Cadillac, lived near her daughter in Estes Park, CO for 7 1/2 years. Genevieve is survived by her children; Joe and Sharlene Roose of Westland, David and Cullann Roose of Cadillac, Julia and John Buller of Estes Park, CO., Paul and Linda Roose of Tustin; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; half sister Twila Carner of Sebring, Ohio and sister-in-law Sarah O'Nan of Clio. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Walter Roose; sister Juanita Huffman and half sister Marchetta Burgess. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday October 26, 2007 at the Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home in Cadillac. Visitation will be Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in LeRoy, MI. Further information is available online at www.hitesman-holdship.com.



PEARL WINSTON SMITH

Age 95, called home to be with her Lord on October 20, 2007. An avid Bible scholar, retired teacher with the Dearborn Public Schools, former officer of Alpha Delta Kappa, the professional teacher's sorority. Pearl was a native of Tennessee who moved to Michigan in the mid-1930's with her family. She received her B.S. and M.S. in Education from Wayne State University. Beloved wife of the late Raymond J. Smith, Pearl leaves behind a son Jerry (Sharon) Smith of Livonia and a daughter Sylvia (the late Robert) Kyle of Waterford, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A Funeral Service for Pearl was held on October 23 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Share a memory with her family at www.rgrharris.com

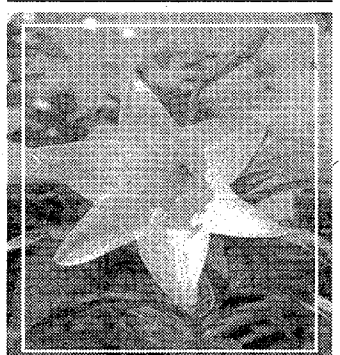


DON C. ALLEN

Age 68, of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2007. He was born on September 14, 1939 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son of Forrest and Lida (Callen) Allen. He was united in marriage to Paulette A. George on August 7, 1965. Don proudly served in the United States Navy from 1957-1960 and in the Naval Reserves from 1960-1963. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Northville. Don was an avid reader and would often volunteer at the Northville Library. He enjoyed traveling with Nomad Travel Club. Some of his other interests included golfing, playing cards, and book collecting. He is survived by his beloved wife Paulette "Polly"; his loving children Brian (Nancy) Allen and Leslie (Matthew) Handyside; his dear sister Barbara (Delbert) Hannahs; and his adoring grandchildren Callen and Oscar Handyside. He was preceded in death by his parents. A time of gathering will be held Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 1-3pm with a Memorial Service at 3pm at the First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile Road, Northville. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville (248) 349-0611.

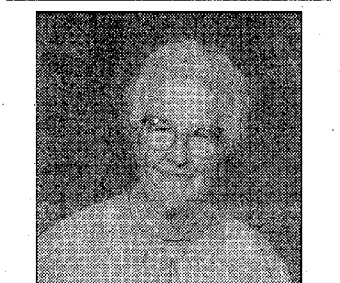
SCOTT J. HANNA

Died October 17, 2007. Age 52, of Honor, formerly of Plymouth, died unexpectedly of natural causes Wednesday, October 17, 2007. Scott was born April 23, 1955 in Ypsilanti, the son of Jay and Nancy Hanna. Scott was a man who made it through many struggles to find true happiness. Scott enjoyed his life here in northern Michigan spending time on the Betsie or Crystal river fishing. Scott had a passion for art and showcased his talent painting many of the area's landscapes. Scott enjoyed hiking on several trails and adore his pal "Chip" his beagle. Scott will be missed. Scott is survived by his mother, Nancy (Martin) Keasal of Plymouth, a sister, Sue (Tim) Nichols of Glen Arbor, two brothers, Steve and Jay Hanna both of Nevada, as well as other loving family members and friends. Scott was preceded in death by his father, Jay, his grandparents and an aunt. The family is being served by the Reynold-Jonkoff Funeral Home. www.reynolds-jonkoff.com



JEAN MEIER

Age 72, October 19, 2007 of Venice, Florida, formerly of Commerce Township, Michigan. Beloved Wife of James Meier and the late Niels Johnson. Dear sister of Jerry (Virginia) Fallot. Loving mother of Martin (Robert) Johnson, Stephen Johnson, Susan Johnson, Erik (Laura) Johnson and beloved Step Mother of Jimmy (Tina) Meier, Terry (Lindy) Meier. Cherished grandmother of six grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren. Loved and adored by friends and family and will be deeply missed by all. Memorials can be made in the name of Jean Meier to: Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 1115 Center Road, Venice Fl 34292 or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. TideWell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238.

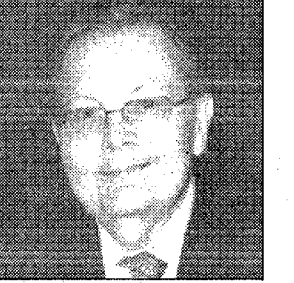


BURNETTA B. FORBING

Age 95, of Plymouth, formerly of Huron County, MI, died October 22, 2007. She was born March 26, 1912, in Pinconning, Michigan. She worked at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, and Schreur Hospital in Pigeon, MI. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. She loved making quilts and dolls. Her greatest love was her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Percy (Electra) Forbing, Margaret Rogers, Frances (John) Loechner, Luella (Darrell) Brockwell, Agnes (Leon) Farver, Jerry (Judy) Forbing, Norma Moss, Marilyn (Tim) Yoe, Ruth (Ed) Holly, and James (Sally) Forbing; her daughter-in-law, Lynn Forbing; 66 grandchildren; 180+ great-grandchildren; 60+ great-great-grandchildren; and her brothers and sisters, Marion Helm, Robert LaLonde, Donald LaLonde, Valera Dubs, Shirley Kohl, Joseph LaLonde, Joyce Marchesi, Leona Hunroe, and Margie Royal. She is preceded in death by her husband, William; her children, Virginia (Lee) Gray, and William Forbing; and 10 brothers and sisters. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Thursday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Memorials may be made to Boysville, Holy Cross Children's Services Foundation, 8759 Clinton-Macon Road, Clinton, MI, 49236, or Mass offerings. Share memories or leave condolences at: www.schtader-howell.com

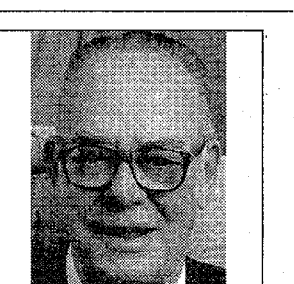
DONNA KATHLEEN FRENCH

Age 72, of Rochester Hills, formerly of Livonia, October 21, 2007. Loving mother of Diane (Paul) Johnson, Tim French, Amy (John) Page, and Michelle French. Grandmother of Abigail and Cameron. Sister of John (Patricia) Ausum, Janice (William) Thompson, Mary (the late James) Batcheller, James Ausum, and the late Paul Ausum. Also survived by her sister-in-law Nancy. Donna was the cook at St. Edith's Parish in Livonia for 23 years. She enjoyed playing the piano, saxophone, and teaching tennis for the Livonia Parks and Rec. Funeral service Monday, October 29, 2007, 10am with an instate of 9:30am at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. The family will receive friends Sunday 1-7pm with a 6pm Rosary at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. Interment Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock. Suggested memorials to St. Andrew's Senior Fellowship or the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Maryland. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhome.com



GEORGE J. VIVIER

Age 60, died in Paris October 16, 2007 of a sudden cerebral hemorrhage while on vacation with his wife. Beloved husband of Susan Kehoe of Bloomfield Hills. Proud father of Marie (Mark) Tabar of Waterford. Devoted son of Agnes (Pacion) French and predeceased father George Vivier of Dearborn Heights. Grandfather of Sam, Abbie, Katie, Tommy and Emily Tabar. Brother of John (Judy) and Edward (Nancy). Uncle of Joe, Susie and Jim (Connie), great-uncle of Harrison. Stepfather of Mark (Sara) Nicholas and Tricia (Dave) Camilleri, step-grandfather of Michael. George graduated from Central Michigan University and worked as a Value Engineer at Chrysler for more than 20 years. He was previously married to Donna (Fiedor) Vivier. Visitation Thursday at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak: Private viewing for family from 12:00-1:00 p.m., public viewing from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with religious service beginning at 3:00 p.m. Dessert reception following. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for George's grandchildren's education fund. www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com



ARTHUR RAY MORROW

Age 94, of Pompano Beach, Florida passed away October 11, 2007. He was born March 28, 1913 in Coshocton, Ohio to the late Wilmer and Daisy (nee Strauss) Morrow. He met and married his loving wife of 75 years, Helen Lucille White and in 1948 moved from their home in Cambridge, Ohio to Michigan. During their years in Michigan, Arthur was the President and Chairman of the Board of Morenci Rubber Products in Morenci, Michigan. He also devoted much of this time to the Bloomfield Village Volunteer Fire and Police Department and retired as Fire Chief and Police Commissioner. Art was a lifetime member and P.E.R. of the BPOE Lodge #448, Cambridge, OH and an associate member of BPOE Lodge #1898, Pompano Beach. He received his Master Mason degree in 1952 and is a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner of Moslem Temple, Detroit, MI. In 1993, Arthur and Helen moved to Pompano Beach to retire and enjoy life. Those left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Helen, daughter, Jean (Richard) Black, son Mike (Midge) Morrow, grandchildren, Andy Morrow, Allison Morrow, Richard (Leigh Ann) Black, James Black and great grandchildren, Scott, Brian, Eric, Keith, Stephanie, Kristin and Cassandra Black. He was predeceased by his son, Tommy Ray Morrow in 1938. The family received friends Monday, October 15, 2007 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home North, 200 West Copans Road, Pompano Beach, FL where funeral services were held at 2:30pm.



RICHARD G. "Dick" MERRILL

Oct. 20, 2007, age 70 of Plymouth. Beloved father of Jeannine (Colin Baldwin) and Lisa (Bob Price). Very proud grandfather of Casey. Dear brother of Gloria, Barbara (Phil) Coates, Janet (Fred) Knight, Elizabeth (Bob) Willerer, and Bill (Janet). Dick grew up in the St. Francis de Sales Parish in N. W. Detroit. He retired from AT & T as a PBX installer with over 30 years of service. Mr. Merrill was an active volunteer with the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Team, an enthusiastic Amateur Radio Operator call sign KB8CFQ who often served as a severe weather spotter and a long time volunteer with the Plymouth Fire Department. He was also a member of the Western Wayne County Conservation Association (Black Powder enthusiast), Northville Moose Lodge #1190, Life member of the Elks Club, Northville VFW Post #412, American Legion Post #32, where he served on the Honor Guard as Quarter Master, and Wayne County Homeland Security-Radiological Officer. Funeral Service Thursday, 10 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Btwn. Sheldon & Beck). Interment Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross-S.E. Michigan Chapter. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



EMMA CANFIELD

Age 98, formerly of Birmingham, died October 21 at her home in Annapolis, Maryland. Mrs. Canfield was born January 7, 1909, to Herman and Otilie Kennitz in the German-speaking settlement of Wolf Creek, Wilson Township, Alpena County, Michigan. At 14, she left her family's farm to attend high school. She lived and worked in the home of Frances Garvey, city editor for the Alpena News. Mrs. Canfield graduated from Alpena High School as valedictorian in 1927 and from Alpena County Normal in 1928. She taught in Long Rapids, Michigan, for two years. In 1933, she received her A.B. degree in modern languages from Michigan State Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University. Before marrying Howard L. Canfield in 1936, she taught high school German and English in Bucyrus, Ohio. During her husband's career with Detroit Edison, the Canfields lived in Grosse Pointe Farms, St. Clair, and Birmingham, Michigan. In 1962, they moved to Seoul, Korea, on a three-year assignment with the U. S. Agency for International Development. Later, they lived in South Vietnam and Saudi Arabia in conjunction with Mr. Canfield's work with Overseas Advisory Associates, a nonprofit corporation helping developing countries generate electrical power. Following her husband's death in 1992, Mrs. Canfield moved to the Ginger Cove retirement community in Annapolis. Mrs. Canfield served with the American Red Cross for more than 25 years as a bloodmobile volunteer and disaster worker in Michigan, in U.S. military hospitals in South Korea, and as a member of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter's board of directors. She taught English as a second language and was active as a church youth group and Girl Scout leader. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, and a founding member and past-president of the Plungers investment club. Surviving are two sons, Richard Canfield of Bozeman, Montana and James Canfield of Mason, New Hampshire; a daughter, Susan Canfield of Arnold, Maryland; a brother, Leonard Kennitz of Ossineke, Michigan; a sister, Eunice Nannberg of Sylvania, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Interment will be in Canfield Cemetery, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake at 445 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401 or www.hospicechesapeake.org



**RELIGION**

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**Benefit**

Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night Of Card Games & Mahjongg 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25, 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family. Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007, Julie Horn, (248) 914-7533, or Allison Berlin, (248) 770-4890.

**Reformed Protestant service**

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland

(Continuing). The services are held at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio will preach the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit [www.westminsterconfession.org](http://www.westminsterconfession.org) or call Humby at (937) 252-1156.

**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.

**Course in Miracles**

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 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](mailto:love.com@hotmail.com).

**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](http://www.beitkodesh.org).

**Church concert series**

Continues with the Schoolcraft College choral Union 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

**Bazaar & mini cookie walk**

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Anne Catholic Church,

23310 Joy, a few blocks east of Telegraph, Redford. Use Joy entrance to Basement Hall. Proceeds go to School/Building Fund.

**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 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](http://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.

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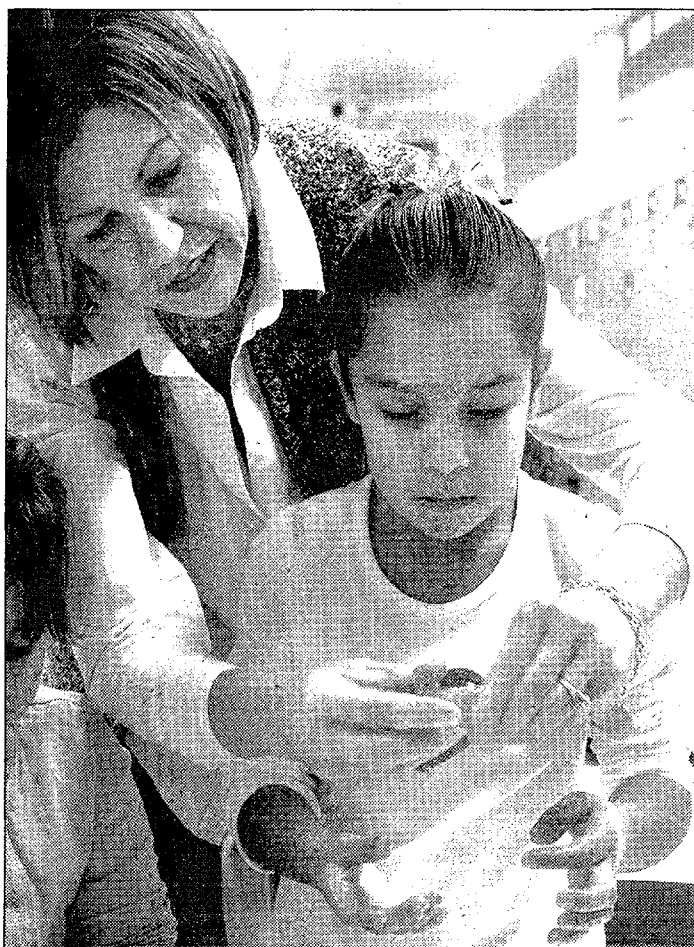
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Hulsing teacher Joan Blackley gives a hand to student Denise Jimenez.

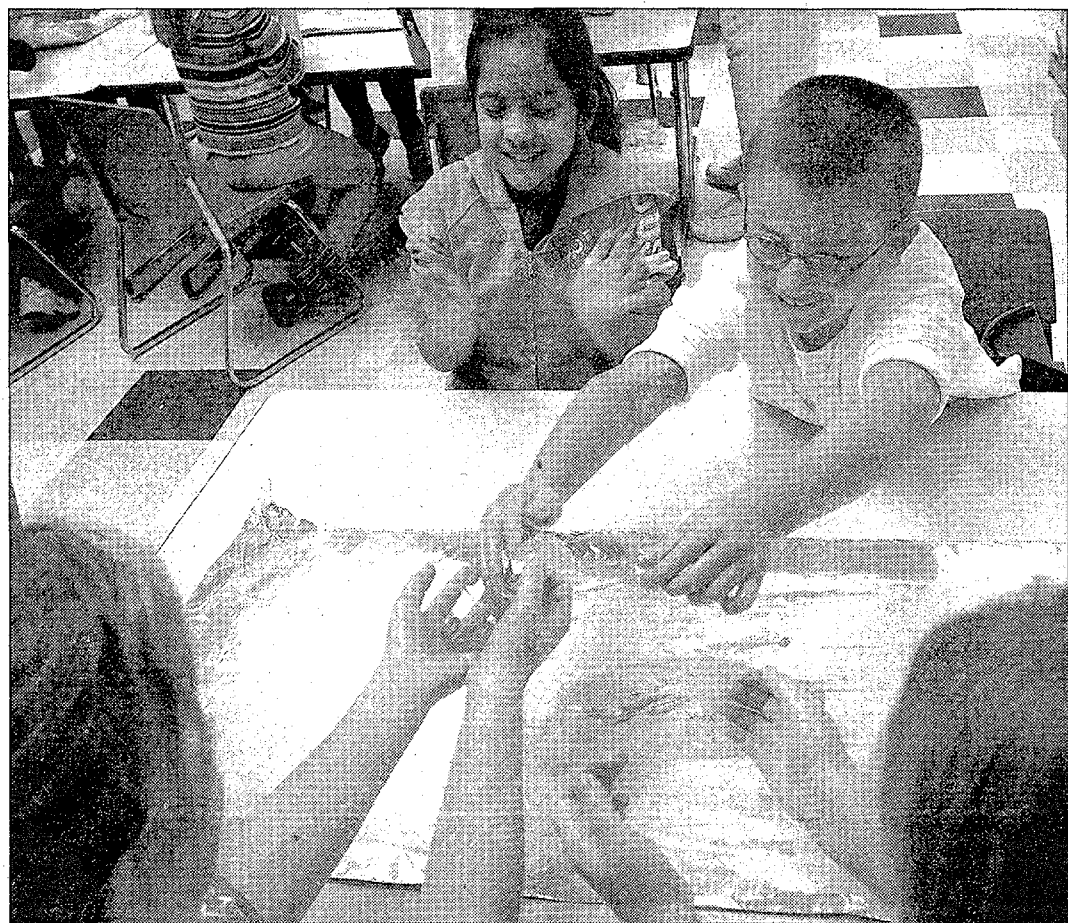
## Pulling taffy

Ageless candy teaches Hulsing students science lessons

Second-graders at Hulsing Elementary recently used an old-fashioned taffy pull to learn units in social studies and science.

"Students are studying how kids 200 years ago did things to have fun, as opposed to how they have fun today," said teacher Joan Blackley. "They're also studying matter in science, and we talked about how when taffy cools down it changes from a liquid to a solid."

There were 67 students in the classes of Blackley, Meg Jenkins and Susan Sourbeck who took part in the fun.



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Amber Sandhu and Matthew McCrehan pass the taffy to classmates Lauren Grendysa and Crystal Raulston.

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RobisonDentalGroup.com.

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Trick or treaters have options this Halloween.

They can either stuff themselves silly with bite-sized Twix and Milky Ways or they can make a couple of bucks.

Robison Dental Group is allowing children to drop off their excess sweets at its Canton Center Road offices in exchange for \$1 per pound.

"I love Halloween, so we can't take it away from the kids, but this is an alternative to putting so much sugar in their bodies," Dr. J.D. Robison said. "We are suggesting that

kids take a few of their favorites and then sell us the rest."

Robison, who practices with his father, Dr. John Robison, laughed when he recalled his own childhood memories of trying to keep a secret stash of Halloween candy from his parents.

"I remember it being a game to collect as much candy as humanly possible," he joked. "Halloween is a fun time for kids, but this is a great opportunity to add to their health."

In addition to money, children that drop off their candy will also get an electric toothbrush that glows.

"We've been going to elemen-

tary schools and we are getting a lot of new hits on our Web site," Robison said. "So many moms have told us they are excited we are giving kids a choice."

The candy, which will be collected 3:30-6 p.m. Nov. 1, will be sent to soldiers fighting overseas.

"Instead of throwing it away, we've decided to send it to our troops," Robison said. "We are not against candy, we just feel that kids eat an enormous amount of sugar and we want to help stop tooth decay. They can feel good about doing this."

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Hey, kids! Visit Dr. J.D. Robison the day after Halloween and trade your candy for some cash and a flashing toothbrush.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Special Election, Wayne County Community College District Millage Reauthorization Proposal, will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; at which time, voters will vote on the following proposition:

#### WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MILLAGE REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be increased by one dollar and fifty cents per thousand dollars (1.5 mills) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District for a period of ten (10) years, 2011 to 2020, inclusive, as new additional millage replacing a prior millage authorization approved by the electors which shall expire with the 2010 levy, to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.5 mills would raise approximately \$51,839,157 when first levied in 2011.

#### STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of August 13, 2007, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

#### WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2010
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County	November 3, 1998	1 mill	Indefinitely
Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010

#### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Effective
Van Buren Township School District	August, 2006	18 mills	2011 (non-homestead only)
Wayne - Westland Community Schools	June, 1998	1.30 mills	2015
	June, 1995	18 mills	2009 (non-homestead only)
	February, 2003	1 mill	2012

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
2	Tri-City Christian Center	3855 S. Sheldon Road
15	Winter/Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
20	Township Fire Station #1	1100 S. Canton Center Road
28	Agape Christian School	45081 Geddes Road
33	Dodson Elementary School	205 Beck Road

All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at (734) 394-5120 prior to Election Day.

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2007 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, November 5, 2007, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots **ONLY** will be issued on Election Day, November 6, 2007.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394-5120 prior to Election Day. Internet look up is available by going to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

Terry G. Bennett  
Canton Township Clerk

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# State launches 3 new Web sites to boost growth, travel

Michigan Economic Development Corporation President and CEO James C. Epolito announced the launch of three new interactive Web sites that will build off the award-winning Upper Hand and Pure Michigan campaigns to boost economic growth and tourism in the state.

Michigan.org has evolved into three distinct Web sites: TheMEDC.org, Michigan.org (Pure Michigan), and MichiganAdvantage.org (Upper Hand). All three sites will use Web 2.0 technology, including RSS feeds and user-generated content.

"The MEDC has always stayed one step ahead of the competition and this new approach to eMarketing will enable us to remain the most effective business development corporation in the nation," Epolito said. "There are great things happening in Michigan, and we will now

have a new tool to better tell our story and sell our state to a global audience."

TheMEDC.org will serve as the one-stop corporate shop for doing business with the MEDC, including connecting with staff, the media center and an overview of MEDC programs and services. The site will provide up-to-date information on items of interest to economic development stakeholders, including press releases, Request for Proposals, public notices and a comprehensive list of reference materials providing detailed information on the state of Michigan. TheMEDC.org will serve as the gateway to Michigan.org and MichiganAdvantage.org.

Michigan.org will remain the state's travel and tourism site and continue to provide travelers with information on all of the diverse recreational opportunities the state has to offer. New features will allow

travelers to post and share their Pure Michigan experiences.

MichiganAdvantage.org will target C-level executives and companies looking to start, grow and expand or relocate a business to Michigan. The site will provide unique features, including regularly updated success stories and previews of programs and services that can give businesses the Upper Hand.

The MEDC's Travel Michigan Web site has been the nation's most-visited state tourism Web site for the past five months in a row. According to Hitwise, an international company which tracks traffic to major Web sites, Michigan's travel site attracted 11.93 percent of all traffic to the 50 state tourism sites in August — more than double the next-closest state's 5.46 percent ranking.

# WSU Mortuary Science holds annual open house

View embalming techniques. Visit an anatomy lab. Learn about the methods and techniques used in reconstructive and restorative art. Wayne State University's Mortuary Science is holding its annual open house on Thursday, Oct. 25.

"Every year at this time, we open our building to the public to learn about the quality education and training that our classes in Mortuary Science, Anatomic Pathologists' Assistant and Forensic Investigation offer students," said Peter D. Frade, director of the Mortuary Science and Anatomic Pathologists' Assistant programs and chair of the Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences.

The event is a popular tradition on the WSU campus and in the Detroit Metropolitan area. Last year, an estimated 500 people toured the building.

Prospective students, their families as well as the curious are invited to the open house 6-9 p.m. at 5439 Woodward Ave., Detroit, three blocks north of Warren Ave. Faculty, students and alumni will take guests on

tours of the building and answer questions.

Parking at no charge will be available in Wayne State Lot No. 33 on Woodward Avenue (west side), between Palmer and Ferry.

Begun in 1939, the WSU Mortuary Science program was one of the nation's first programs of its kind. It is part of the WSU Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, one of the founding colleges of Wayne State University, is committed to advancing the health and well-being of society through the preparation of highly skilled health care practitioners, and through research to improve health care practices and treatment from urban to global levels.

Wayne State University is a premier institution of higher education offering more than 350 academic programs through 11 schools and colleges to more than 33,000 students.

# Sheriff holds gun class for women only

Women who wish to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) will have a chance to receive their required safety training as a group when the Wayne County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Wayne County Community College District offers a "for women only" CCW gun safety class on Saturdays, Oct. 27, and Nov. 3.

"We first held the Ladies Only class earlier this year and it was a phenomenal success," Sheriff Warren Evans said. "We are seeing many more women who choose to carry a concealed weapon and it's good to see them wanting to become responsible gun owners."

The class will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first half of the day will consist of classroom-based instruction at the Sheriff's Training Center, at the western campus of WCCCD, at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. The sec-

ond half of the day will consist of firearms training at the Sheriff's indoor pistol range, located at 3100 Henry Ruff in Westland.

The cost for the class is \$125, which is less expensive than many privately run CCW classes. Payment should be in the form of a money order made payable to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

Required equipment for the class includes shooting eye-glasses, headset ear protection, a cleaning kit for 9mm and .38 caliber firearms. Warm, loose clothing is suggested. Guns and ammunition will be provided by the Sheriff's Office.

To register for the class, contact the Sheriff's Training Center at (734) 699-6007.

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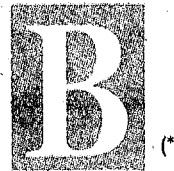
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## Realtors find blogging good business tool

BY JULIE BROWN  
 STAFF WRITER

Blogs, or Web logs, are coming on strong in the business world, including in real estate.

Realtor Maureen Webber of Real Estate One in Dearborn started her blog in August of this year. "I'd been hearing that it's a great way to reach a large number of people," she said of the blog, accessible through her Web site at [www.realestateone.com/maureenwebber](http://www.realestateone.com/maureenwebber) under the featured links. Her blog URL is [www.maureenwebber.featuredblog.com](http://www.maureenwebber.featuredblog.com).

Webber's found the blog helps her own clients, as well as people considering a move to the Dearborn area. "I thought it would be nice to have a place with posts on things they're inevitably going to ask."

"Buyer's remorse" is one topic covered on Webber's blog, along with others. "I knew they were going to ask me these questions anyway."

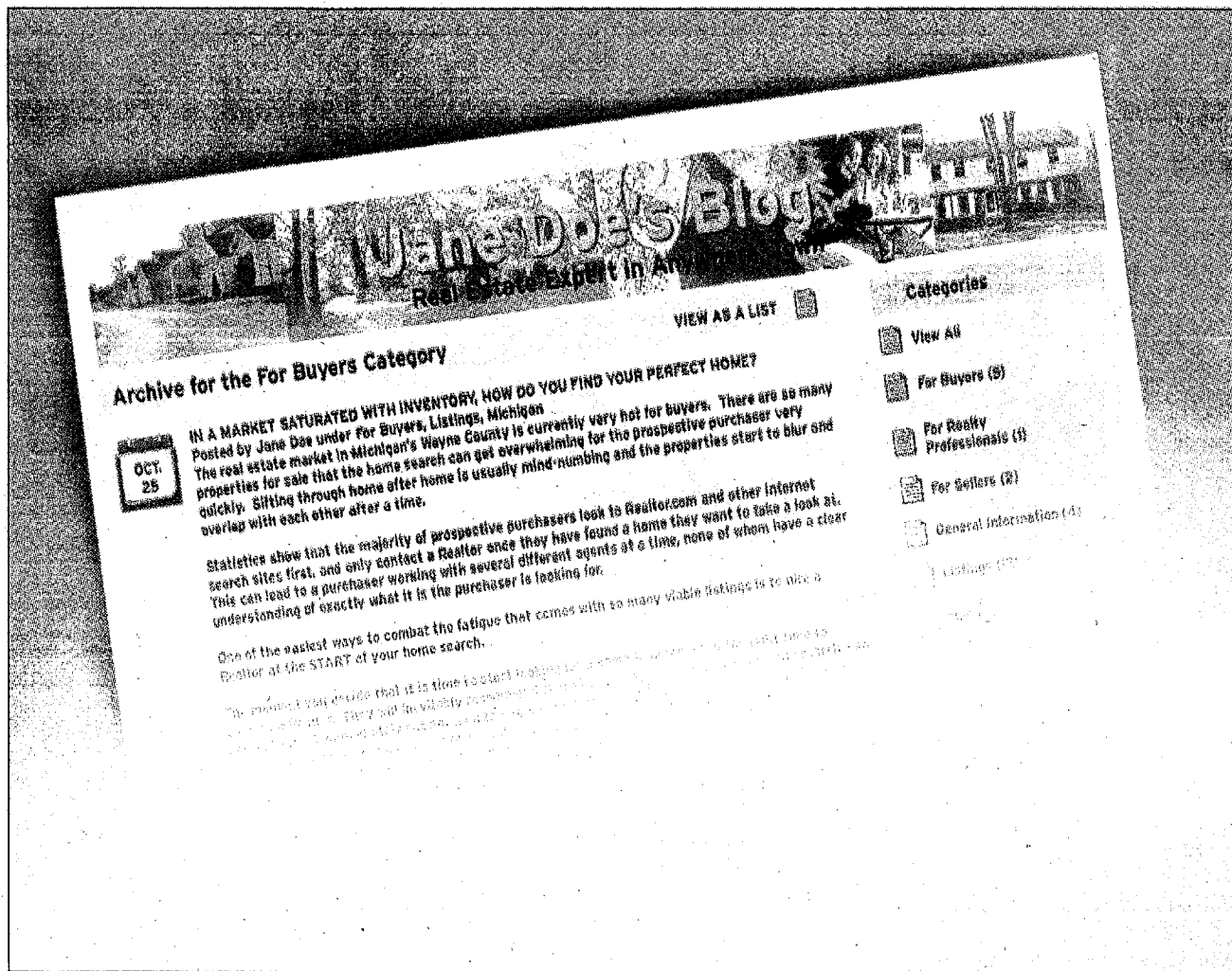
She didn't have any trouble setting up her blog, going to [realtor.com](http://realtor.com) to get started and using the link. "They have featured blogs for Realtors and they're free."

She's given the link on her marketing materials, and to new clients. "The people I do forward it to really love it. I write it myself." Unlike some other blogs, Webber's is password-controlled and she generates all content.

She agreed it can be hard to write when busy, but knows regular updates keep people reading. Other professionals in her field have reacted by saying "I need to do that."

She likes to get the verbiage together to explain to clients, noting nearly all buyers and many sellers start their search now online. "It's definitely the wave of the future," Webber said.

Her Oct. 11 post noted "The real estate market in Michigan's Wayne County is currently very hot for buyers. There are so many properties for sale that the home search can get overwhelming for the prospective purchaser very quickly. Sifting through home after home is usually



mind-numbing and the properties start to blur and overlap with each other after a time."

Incorporating video, or a vlog, is a possibility down the road. "I think having visuals is very important." Webber plans to post more visuals.

On her Web site, she has links to schools, chambers of commerce and other community groups "just as much information on the community as possible."

The Internet is becoming a forum where you don't just find information, you create it, according to Realtor magazine online of the National Association of Realtors. As of January 2006, more than 75,000

blogs were being created daily, and a new blog is created about every second, according to Technorati Inc., a company that tracks blogs.

"There's definitely an interest out there," said Corie Costello, director of communications for the 30,000-member Michigan Association of Realtors. "Most of them have Web sites."

Blogging specifically is also of interest: "I see more of our members asking about it," Costello said, although blogging is still relatively new in real estate. The state association Web site, [mirealtors.com](http://mirealtors.com), has no blog now but could very well in the future.

"We're completely revamping our Web site. We want to have more interaction with our members," she said. They're looking at podcasting and blogs.

"We do a little bit of Webcasting now but we'd like to do more of that," Costello said.

She finds members are eager to learn new technology, featured regularly in the *Michigan Realtor* magazine. Many real estate pros have assistants to help with technology matters, Costello noted, adding that the level of company/broker support is a factor as well. "Especially in today's market that's a big expense."

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Robert Meisner

not only physical access to land locked property, but also access to utilities for properties land locked from utilities unless, consistent with the traditional principals of

easement by necessity, the parties to the conveyance that left the property without such access "clearly indicated that they intended a contrary result." The court in that case also recognized that this conclusion was consistent with the doctrine of easement by necessity and the "realities of modern life." You should consult with an experienced real estate lawyer in this regard.

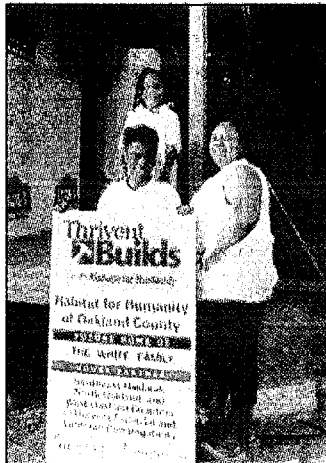
**Q.** I'm a former property manager and am concerned about what our property management company has been telling associations because of its affiliation with a developer who has been steering association clients away from certain law firms to a particular law firm who they think will be easy on the developer. What are my responsibilities as a former employee?

**A.** Obviously you have information which if your former clients knew, hopefully, would be of great concern to them. As a former employee, unless you are under a confidentiality agreement, assuming that what you know is true, you may feel compelled to advise your former clients of the activities of the management company. Obviously some lawyers are more aggressive in pursuing developers than others, but you must be very specific about what you say about your management company to your former clients to avoid potential liability.

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## Thrivent partnership helps Habitat construct homes

An unprecedented alliance between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, called "Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity," announces an historic milestone: 500 quality, affordable homes built in 45 states in partnership with 500 low-income families in just two years. Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County in Pontiac led construction of the first, the 500th and the 501st homes of this alliance. They led a celebration of this milestone at 112 and 118 Henderson St. in Pontiac, on Oct. 13.



New Habitat homeowner partners: Lakeisha White with her girls, Cashay Louris and Taryah Smith.

beside volunteers, to build her first home. When the house is finished this fall, she will make a small down payment on a no-interest Habitat mortgage and move her family into a fine, new home.

According to Sally LePla, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, "We could not do all that we do without Thrivent Builds."

## HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 25-29, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price	City	Address	Sales Price			
Canton	7688 Charrington Dr	\$190,000	Milford	3127 Bradford Ct	\$525,000			
	156 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$243,000		2345 E Commerce St	\$465,000			
	3999 Cornerstone Dr	\$46,000		1650 E Moore Rd	\$450,000			
	1424 Glengarry Blvd	\$285,000		2811 S Hill Rd	\$227,000			
	47485 Clyde Rd	\$425,000		Northville	18048 Blue Heron Dr W	\$375,000		
	42283 Hartford Ct	\$200,000			44998 Broadmoor Cir S	\$395,000		
	1832 Liberty St N	\$333,000			41559 Carmela	\$245,000		
	45466 Mulfield Dr	\$370,000			18645 Clover Hill Ct	\$520,000		
	2240 Paddock Ln	\$263,000			16884 Dover Dr	\$166,000		
	41552 Pineridge Ct	\$182,000			1038 Elmsmere Dr	\$425,000		
48314 Roundstone Ct	\$440,000	48078 Four Seasons Blvd	\$165,000					
47332 Saltz Rd	\$280,000	45875 Greenridge Dr	\$335,000					
658 Shana St	\$181,000	41307 Lagoon Ct	\$148,000					
47143 Woodlong Dr	\$335,000	19550 Mann Ct	\$124,000					
2115 Woodmont Dr W	\$205,000	Novi	47960 Manorwood Dr	\$1,050,000				
Farmington Hills	24855 Cobblestone Ct		\$410,000	526 Morgan Cir	\$331,000			
	38425 Darbyshire		\$155,000	15935 Morningside	\$132,000			
	30059 Fernhill Dr		\$240,000	49412 N Glacier	\$260,000			
	28586 Marc Dr		\$214,000	49499 N Glacier	\$272,000			
	21526 Mayfield St		\$148,000	15561 Prestwick Cir N	\$896,000			
	21715 Orchard Lake Rd		\$220,000	855 Scott St	\$255,000			
	21185 Parklane St		\$262,000	21041 Stanstead Rd	\$270,000			
	20819 Randall St		\$93,000	41864 Sutters Ln	\$281,000			
	32716 Red Clover Rd		\$226,000	50416 Teton Ridge Rd	\$684,000			
	28769 Rockledge Dr	\$265,000	16437 Weatherfield Dr	\$325,000				
30975 Sunderland Dr	\$360,000	Livonia	25954 Arcadia Dr	\$435,000				
Garden City	33327 Marquette St		\$144,000	30663 Ardmore Ct	\$129,000			
	Livonia		20011 Angling St	\$195,000	45302 Bartlett Dr	\$105,000		
			11324 Berwick St	\$266,000	24373 Bashian Dr	\$141,000		
			15000 Fairlane St	\$172,000	42055 Borchard Dr	\$391,000		
			15608 Green Lane Ave	\$153,000	51014 Drakes Bay Dr	\$1,378,000		
			18003 Hunters Park Ct	\$90,000	42660 Faulkner Dr	\$281,000		
			Plymouth	40187 Ladene Ln	\$175,000	South Lyon	25871 Carriage Ln	\$274,000
				40698 Lenox Park Dr	\$289,000		881 Challenging Trl	\$184,000
				51243 Mayfair Ter	\$325,000		26263 Daria Cir W	\$100,000
		51255 Mayfair Ter		\$328,000	61264 Greenwood Dr		\$97,000	
170 New Ct		\$175,000		21598 Nathan Ct	\$280,000			
41835 Ridge Rd E	\$173,000	23594 Prescott Ln W		\$468,000				
22666 Sheridan Rd	\$221,000	Westland		531 Brookfield Dr	\$170,000			
25822 Shoreline Dr	\$750,000			7450 Central St	\$95,000			
27276 Sloan St	\$313,000			6520 Deerhurst Dr	\$158,000			
Redford	540 Byron St			\$195,000	2043 Freeman St		\$136,000	
	45760 Denise Ct		\$310,000	38176 N Miller Cir	\$174,000			
	12416 Howland Park Dr		\$400,000					
	604 Jener Pl		\$185,000					
	12001 N Canton Center Rd		\$248,000					
	9088 Rocker Ave		\$190,000					
	9090 Woodgrove Dr		\$348,000					
	15836 Beech Daly Rd	\$133,000						
	9336 Dixie	\$150,000						
	20450 Garfield	\$160,000						
16821 Glenmore	\$128,000							
18446 Glenmore	\$106,000							
18462 Indian	\$68,000							
12095 Lucerne	\$105,000							
12095 Lucerne	\$89,000							
10020 Mercedes	\$138,000							
18695 Sumner	\$108,000							
15502 Winston	\$100,000							



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 <p><b>GORGEOUS HOME</b> 3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial backing to commons area &amp; woods. Fam Rm w/ catn ceiling &amp; wood stove, Master w/ double walk-ins, 1st fl laun, formal Dining, finished bsmt w/bar &amp; great location. \$228,900 (C-668NO)</p>	 <p><b>SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH</b> Open floor plan offering 3 bd, 2 ba, gourmet kitchen w/appl's, huge Master, private fenced yard w/2 Patios (one covered), newer roof, hwh, elec, windows, paint, furnace, &amp; C/A. \$210,000 (C-307RE)</p>	 <p><b>UPDATED COLONIAL</b> Greenbrook Village offers this great home that backs to woods. Kit w/ nook, Fam Rm w/frpl, oversized Master, finished bsmt, prof landscaped fenced yard, &amp; updated roof, furnace, &amp; carpet. \$175,000 (P-245RU)</p>	 <p><b>ENJOY THE VIEW</b> Immaculate 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial on a peaceful lot. Formal Liv &amp; Din Rms, huge Fam Rm w/frpl, Kitchen w/ island &amp; all appl's, 2.5 car Garage, C/A, sprinklers, &amp; Deck. \$274,000 (C-440EM)</p>	 <p><b>BUILD IT YOUR WAY!</b> Here's a chance to have the home you want! Great lots avail w/67.5 ft frontage located in residential area of established homes. These lots are hard to come by and won't last long. \$45,000 (P-853GA)</p>	 <p><b>STUNNING COLONIAL</b> 3 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod in popular Plymouth sub. 2 story foyer, island Kitchen w/nook, 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Mast w/WIC &amp; bath, 1st fl laun, &amp; prof landscaped. \$285,000 (P-964WE)</p>	 <p><b>SPECTACULAR VIEW</b> Northville condo feat: 2 story Foyer, spacious floor plan, new tiered Deck w/view of protected woods, tastefully decorated, 1st fl Mast, prof finished walkout, &amp; so much more. \$379,900 (C-778AR)</p>	 <p><b>GREAT FIND</b> This 3 bd brick ranch is perfect for you. Spacious Liv Rm, updated bath, Kitchen w/dining area, finished bsmt w/bar &amp; bath, 2 car Garage w/ workshop, Central Air &amp; so much more. \$119,000 (C-724CA)</p>
 <p><b>ALL THE WORK IS DONE!</b> Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move in ready! Great floor plan, Pergo flooring, new windows, new doors, oak kitchen w/ all appliances, huge 2.5 car Garage, &amp; priced for quick sale. \$134,900 (P-704FA)</p>	 <p><b>GREAT CONDO</b> Great investment for 1st time buyer. 2 bd brick condo w/updated bath, full bsmt, downwall to Patio, beautiful landscaping, private setting, area pool &amp; tennis, &amp; much more! \$95,000 (C-346LA)</p>	 <p><b>NEW COLONIAL</b> Transfer forces sale of this recently built home w/lower 55k in upgrades. Cherry Kit w/granite, plasma tv, new sod &amp; sprinkles. You can't build a new home here for less than this price! \$370,000 (C-488LA)</p>	 <p><b>BETTER THAN NEW</b> Built in 2004, this Farm Hills home offers a low traffic location backing to woods, huge 1st floor Master w/bath, ceramic Foyer, granite Kit, 2 car Garage, &amp; daylight bsmt. \$500,000 (P-206LU)</p>	 <p><b>LOVELY ROSEDALE PARK</b> Beautiful 3 story brick home featuring 5 bds, new tear off roof, newer carpet, updated Kitchen, 3 full baths, convenient location, &amp; more. \$217,500 (P-711PL)</p>	 <p><b>SPACIOUS COLONIAL</b> 4 bd, 2 full &amp; 2 half bath Novi home featuring a fantastic cul de sac lot, Florida Rm, sound system, Deck, Patio, finished bsmt, newer windows &amp; roof, &amp; close to parks. \$320,000 (C-016AV)</p>	 <p><b>PRICE TO SELL</b> Updated 3 bd bungalow close to shopping &amp; parks. Remodeled Kitchen &amp; Bath, newer roof, furnace, hwh, C/A, basement, &amp; Garage. \$99,900 (C-010CH)</p>	 <p><b>SPECTACULAR CONDO</b> Vacation at home in this gorgeous 3 bd condo w/1st fl Master, volume ceilings, walking distance to pool, fantastic view of pond from wall of windows, gourmet Kitchen, &amp; more. \$248,900 (C-546CL)</p>
 <p><b>A RARE FIND</b> Unique find in Pheasant Run. Brick ranch featuring 3 bd, 2.5 baths, 3 car Garage, Kitchen w/hickory cab's, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/2 WIC's, &amp; paver Patio w/mature evergreens. \$319,900 (C-431CY)</p>	 <p><b>BEAUTIFUL NORTHVILLE</b> Amazing colonial on quiet low traffic cul de sac. Expanded w/o bsmt, over 3900 sq ft, landscaped - acre lot, Atrium leading to Trex Deck &amp; Patio, maple Kit w/granite, 3 car garage, &amp; clubhouse w/pool &amp; fitness center. \$700,000 (C-497EA)</p>	 <p><b>BETTER THAN NEW!</b> Before you spend \$1,000's more on new construction, come check out this upgraded cape cod! Tray ceilings, central vac, prof landscaping w/pavers, cherry Kitch, 1st fl Master, &amp; great location w/wooded views. \$260,000 (C-042HI)</p>	 <p><b>MECHANIC'S DREAM</b> Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/frpl &amp; a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt, &amp; covered Patio. \$184,900 (C-025JO)</p>	 <p><b>AWESOME STARTER</b> Completely redone in 05. Ceramic baths, oak Kitchen w/appl's, neutral carpet, updated windows, updated concrete, huge Garage, &amp; more. Seller Motivated! \$119,900 (C-221LE)</p>	 <p><b>UPDATED CANTON COLONIAL</b> Beautifully updated 3 bd, 1.5 bath Canton home. Bright open floor plan, formal Liv Rm, maple Kit w/granite, prof fin bsmt, new furnace, C/A, &amp; hwh in '06, updated siding &amp; windows. \$209,000 (C-824MA)</p>	 <p><b>PRIVATE NORTHVILLE RETREAT</b> Beautiful Cape Cod situated on a park like setting. Loaded w/tons of top of the line updates such as roof, furnace, C/A, windows, &amp; more. 3 baths, 2 garages, finished bsmt, Deck, &amp; Patio. \$334,900 (C-275ME)</p>	 <p><b>CUSTOM BUILT RANCH</b> Situated on almost an acre in Livonia, this ranch offers a newer furnace, hwh, elec, plumo, Pella windows, oak floors, 2 full baths, full finished bsmt, large Garage w/water &amp; attic space. \$248,900 (C-723NO)</p>
 <p><b>END UNIT CONDO</b> Immaculate condo in popular Novi sub. Great location, new windows, carpet, entry doors, paint, Pergo flooring, finished bsmt w/berber carpet, &amp; more. \$112,900 (P-825OL)</p>	 <p><b>ALREADY REMODELED</b> This 3 bd brick bungalow is awaiting it's new owner! Home has been completely renovated. Maple Kitchen, tile floors, new appl's, hwd on 1st flr, newer carpet, &amp; large Master w/bath. \$149,900 (C-469LU)</p>	 <p><b>CHECK THIS OUT!</b> Updated 2 bd (can be converted back to 3) home w/2 baths, spacious Liv Rm, up'd Kitchen, heated Sunroom, finished bsmt w/office &amp; bath, 2 car Garage, appl stay, &amp; large lot. \$75,000 (P-301PE)</p>	 <p><b>CHECK THIS OUT!</b> Attention first time buyers! 3 bd, 2 bath home offering a large Kitchen w/ all appl's, 3 tiered Deck w/pool, finished bsmt, &amp; close to everything. \$109,900 (P-633PO)</p>	 <p><b>BEAUTIFUL WINDSOR MODEL</b> Much sought after Fox Run sub offers this fabulous home w/2 story Foyer, Library, island Kitchen, Butler's Pantry, nook, Deck overlooking pond, &amp; prof landscaping. \$335,000 (C-142RE)</p>	 <p><b>PREMIUM LOCATION</b> Executive colonial located on the 6th green in highly sought after Tanglewood. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st fl Mast w/luxury bath, island Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl &amp; towering windows, walkout bsmt, &amp; Deck w/spectacular views. \$519,900 (P-648SP)</p>	 <p><b>TO UNIQUE TO DESCRIBE</b> Start w/11,000 sq ft, 4 bd, 6 full &amp; 2 baths, extremely private lot surrounded by woods, custom details t/o, 4 fireplaces, walkout bsmt w/ wine cellar, &amp; 2 story building w/an in-ground pool, sauna, &amp; hottub! \$2,350,000 (C-775ST)</p>	 <p><b>SCENIC WOODED AREA</b> Beautiful upper end unit 2 bd condo featuring 2 baths, Wallside windows, neutral decor, private entry, carpet, &amp; close to downtown Northville shopping. \$132,000 (C-732TA)</p>
 <p><b>DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH</b> This home needs some elbow grease but features an updated furnace, hwh, windows, &amp; garage roof. Seller is negotiable. Call for details. \$104,900 (C-662WJ)</p>	 <p><b>UNCOMPROMISED QUALITY</b> Prepared to be overwhelmed w/this 2001 built 4400 sq ft Novi colonial boasting 4 bd, 4.2 baths, &amp; add't 2100 sq ft in fin walkout. Peaceful wooded setting on quiet cul de sac &amp; too many extensive amenities to list. \$775,000 (C-964AN)</p>	 <p><b>GREAT INVESTMENT</b> This multi family unit is priced to sell! Separate entrances, furnaces, hwh's, &amp; more. Updated bathrooms, newer roof, &amp; can be converted back to a single family home. \$49,900 (C-132CH)</p>	 <p><b>BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME</b> On this beautiful 5 acre parcel w/ paved road. Approximately 500x440 w/4 cleared acres &amp; one wooded acre. Successful perk test on file. Located just a cross the street from the church. \$110,000 (C-000DE)</p>	 <p><b>WALLED LAKE RANCH</b> Beautiful ranch condo offering fresh paint, new carpet, attached Garage, private bsmt, &amp; more. Great location &amp; price! \$115,999 (C-488DD)</p>	 <p><b>LARGE LOTS</b> Treed 132 ft lot in area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Also available as 3 separate lots for \$25,000 a piece. Great location, just a short walk to Lawson Field. \$75,000 (C-001GA)</p>	 <p><b>SHARP WESTLAND RANCH</b> 3 bd, 2.5 bath home in a great area. Large Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/bath, updated roof, windows, &amp; C/A. Attached Garage w/new door &amp; Deck w/hot tub. \$149,900 (C-183GI)</p>	 <p><b>CLASSIC RANCH HOME</b> Gorgeous ranch situated on 1 acre featuring a beautiful Master Suite w/ Jacuzzi tub &amp; custom shower, loft area, skylights, Liv Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, &amp; prof landscaped. \$249,900 (C-711ME)</p>
 <p><b>EXECUTIVE RETREAT</b> Acreage, privacy, walkout bsmt, wine cellar, maple &amp; granite Kitchen, custom tile work, vaulted bonus room, pool room, home theater, &amp; situated on 4+ acres. \$499,900 (C-015SA)</p>	 <p><b>OWN INSTEAD OF RENT</b> Be proud of the money you've spent on your new start in this brick ranch. Move right in to this brick ranch located close to parks, golf course, &amp; schools. Great low price, &amp; appl's stay! \$78,900 (P-686BE)</p>	 <p><b>BETTER THAN NEW</b> 3 bd, 1.5 bath colonial located in great neighborhood. This home has newer carpet, Pergo, remod Kit &amp; baths, newer windows, gutters, roof, finished bsmt, C/A, &amp; more. \$189,900 (C-802BE)</p>	 <p><b>CHARMING RANCH</b> Completely updated home w/ updates galore. Perfectly finished frwd frs t/o, updated Kitchen w/hw cab's, updated baths, new Deck, &amp; great location w/wooded views. \$150,000 (P-418BR)</p>	 <p><b>SIMPLY A DREAM</b> Awesome 3 bd, 2 bath home w/ gourmet maple Kit, Fam Rm w/brick frpl &amp; drvl to Deck, large Liv Rm, finished bsmt w/bath &amp; office, fenced yard, &amp; updated baths. \$185,000 (P-640CA)</p>	 <p><b>NOT YOUR ORDINARY FLOOR PLAN</b> This unique floor plan has a formal Liv &amp; Din Rm, large island Kitchen, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/ volume ceiling &amp; spa bath. \$318,900 (P-757CE)</p>	 <p><b>LOCATION LOCATION</b> Premium lot backing to commons area in Sunflower Sub. 4 bds, super clean &amp; neutral, 1st floor laundry, office/finfth bed, lots of updates, &amp; neighborhood clubhouse w/pool &amp; tennis. \$237,500 (P-710CH)</p>	 <p><b>A RARE FIND</b> This cape cod has it all! 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, large Kit w/hwd frs &amp; nook, 1st fl Master w/bath &amp; WIC, covered Deck surrounded by mature trees, &amp; more. \$249,900 (C-234CO)</p>
 <p><b>PERFECT!</b> Pristine cape in Fairways of Pheasant Run. Spacious Kit w/oversized granite island, hwd frs, all appl's, Hearth Room, 1st fl Mast w/spa bath, formal Dining, Den, prof fin bsmt w/bar &amp; rec room. \$394,900 (P-400CO)</p>	 <p><b>BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL</b> Spacious colonial w/4 bd, 3.5 baths, 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, huge Master w/cath ceiling &amp; bath, prof finished bsmt w/bath, &amp; too much more to list. \$269,900 (P-752CR)</p>	 <p><b>WESTLAND COLONIAL</b> Fabulous 3 bdrm home w/gorgeous remodeled oak kitchen w/appl's, 19x11 Family Rm w/nat frpl, remod baths, fiberglass windows t/o, 2 car att garage, large fenced yard &amp; close to schools. \$175,000 (P-515FA)</p>	 <p><b>CARE FREE LIVING</b> This spacious condo features a large Liv Rm, formal Dining, 2.5 baths, Patio, Garage, finished bsmt, &amp; great Nov location. Come and check it out for yourself! \$134,900 (P-353GL)</p>	 <p><b>WELCOME HOME!</b> Spaciously laid out ranch in great neighborhood. Super Kit w/pantry, updated bath, main fr exterior w/ new doors, garage siding, &amp; windows. Finished bsmt, covered Patio, &amp; the list goes on! \$137,900 (P-465HI)</p>	 <p><b>UNIQUE!</b> Newer custom built home feat Country Kitchen w/nook &amp; all appl's, large Fam Rm, Private Den, &amp; great location at end of quiet street. \$224,900 (P-360HI)</p>	 <p><b>COMPLETELY RENOVATED</b> A beauty w/a one of a kind design. Renovated inside &amp; out. Large lot, finished daylight bsmt, 3 bds, 2 baths, charming sitting room, large Kitchen, &amp; close to the lake! \$209,990 (C-769HU)</p>	 <p><b>BACKS TO WOODS!</b> Spacious 4 bd, 3.5 bath Farmington Hills colonial feat: Great Rm w/ soaring ceiling, Kitchen w/granite &amp; Corian, 2 private suites, controlled climate wine cellar, &amp; beautiful walkout location. \$599,900 (P-365LI)</p>
 <p><b>SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL</b> 3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/large Kit overlooks Fam Rm w/frpl, Liv Rm w/ bay window, 1st fl Laun, 2 car Garage, part finished bsmt w/4th bd, or study, &amp; great neighborhood. \$187,900 (P-768MA)</p>	 <p><b>PREMIUM PRIVATE LOT</b> Gorgeous updated home w/solid birch cabinets in island Kit, vinyl insulated windows, Fam Rm w/ soaring ceiling &amp; frpl, skylights, 2 tier deck w/bar &amp; bbq, &amp; home warranty. \$196,000 (C-680ME)</p>	 <p><b>NOVI RANCH</b> 1400 sq ft ranch w/3 bds, large Living Rm, separate Fam Rm, 2 car att Garage, Florida Room, extra deep yard, &amp; unbeatable price! \$145,000 (P-905MO)</p>	 <p><b>COME ENJOY NATURE</b> Located on a wooded 1.5+ acre lot. Huge Great Rm w/gas frpl, gourmet Kitchen w/ceramic &amp; large island, finished walkout lower level w/Fam Rm, &amp; much more. \$400,000 (P-520NA)</p>	 <p><b>55+ COMMUNITY</b> 2-bd, 1 bath ranch condo w/many updates. Private adult community offers clubhouse w/activities &amp; a pool. Private entry, carpet, C/A, nice Kitchen, &amp; great Plymouth location. \$124,500 (P-352NE)</p>	 <p><b>ROOMY RANCH</b> Solid brick ranch w/huge Kitchen, over 1000+ sq ft, 3 bds, 2.5 baths, &amp; Garage. Many updates done incl furnace, hwh, plumbing, circuit breakers, glass block, &amp; huge bsmt w/plenty of storage space. \$129,900 (P-425PA)</p>	 <p><b>MOVE RIGHT IN</b> 2 bd condo in move in condition. Finished bsmt, attached Garage, Liv Rm w/frpl, quiet neighborhood offers clubhouse &amp; tennis courts too. Don't wait to long on this one! \$189,900 (P-608PA)</p>	 <p><b>UNBELIEVABLE VALUE</b> Spacious well maintained colonial for under 195k. Fam Rm w/frpl, spacious layout. Beautiful w/hwd floors, large private yard w/oversized Deck, &amp; great Canton location. \$194,900 (P-258PR)</p>
 <p><b>OVER AN ACRE LOT!</b> 3 bd bungalow situated on a great lot w/trees, 2 car det Garage, office space, 2nd Garage, 3rd building for garden equip or storage, newer roof, windows, carpet, &amp; updated elec. \$150,000 (P-988RO)</p>	 <p><b>MOVE IN CONDITION</b> Check out this Belleville beauty w/ dramatic entrance, 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, king size maple Kit w/nook, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, &amp; seller is motivated! \$278,900 (P-797SA)</p>	 <p><b>GREAT LOCATION</b> Located at the end of 11 Mile &amp; within walking distance to Farm courses. Efficient Kitchen, Great Rm, formal Dining, Master w/bath &amp; WIC, full bsmt, &amp; 2 car att Garage. \$208,000 (P-178SA)</p>	 <p><b>AFFORDABLE DREAM</b> Enjoy the comfort of your own home w/this very affordable condo in Farm Hills. You'll love the large Liv Rm, bsmt storage area, clubhouse w/pool &amp; picnic area, &amp; fabulous location. \$69,500 (P-739SH)</p>	 <p><b>PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP</b> Freshly painted St. James on a quiet street. Large island Kitchen w/all appl's, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, Master w/volume ceiling, luxury bath, &amp; WIC. \$269,900 (P-527SH)</p>	 <p><b>CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY</b> You won't be disappointed here! Gourmet island Kitchen w/hwd floors, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, formal Liv &amp; Din Rm, large Master w/WIC &amp; bath, 3 car Garage, &amp; paver Patio. \$359,900 (P-366SP)</p>	 <p><b>SPACIOUS COUNTRY LIVING</b> Fantastic custom built home boasting 2300+ sq ft, 1.5 acre dual zoned lot, 1st fl Master w/bath, 4th bd could be theater room, &amp; a recording studio w/ control room, vocal room, &amp; an office! \$238,000 (P-665ST)</p>	 <p><b>GREAT INVESTMENT</b> 2200+ sq ft multi family home. Upper &amp; lower apt's, updated roof &amp; windows. Price has been drastically adjusted - SEV is \$169,200. Great investment, don't pass this one up. \$139,900 (C-570WA)</p>
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Professional (CMP) or Member, Institute of Residential Marketing (MIRM) designation. The class will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. Fees are \$159 for SMC members, \$179 for BIA members, \$199 for guests.

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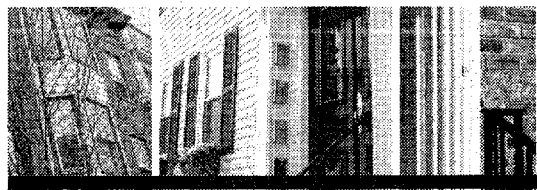
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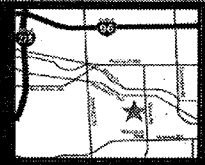
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6 Closest nicety  
11 Island welcomes  
13 Woodworking tool  
14 Nile god  
15 Take to the slopes  
16 Bark  
17 Greek letter  
18 Wire gauge  
20 Memorable time  
22 Spanish gentleman  
23 Pretty soon  
25 Earth's star  
26 Rattled to the fuzz  
27 "I" problems  
29 Fine as can be  
31 Bumped into  
33 Exercise place  
34 Like old bathtubs  
37 Jog  
40 Thump

**DOWN**

41 Ms. Taylor, briefly  
43 Go with the —  
45 Piece of cloth  
46 Birch family member  
48 "Evil Woman" rockers  
49 Worldwide org.  
50 Peacock spot  
51 Have dinner  
53 Oz aunt  
54 Skimpy  
56 Heated discourse  
58 Ear inserts  
59 Parachute material

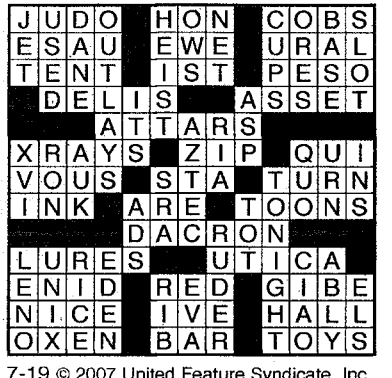
**DOWN**

1 It may be good or bad  
2 She loved Lancelot  
3 A Derek  
4 Happy sighs  
5 Make a cake  
6 Bygone ruler

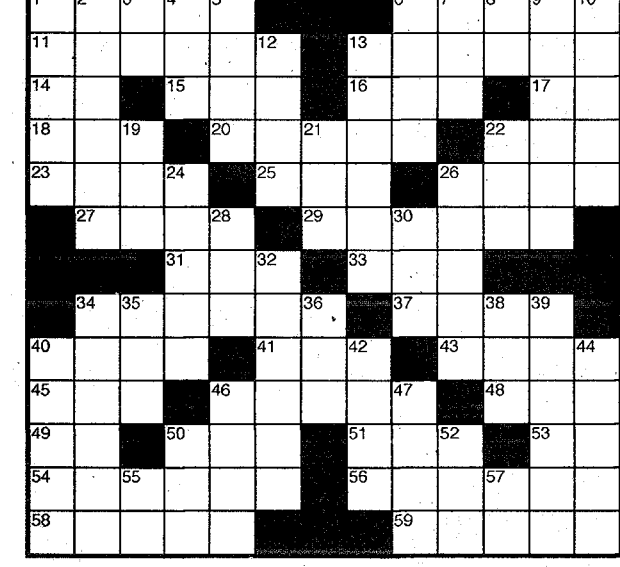
7 Streetwise  
8 Einsteinium symbol  
9 Tart  
10 Hurlied  
12 Little swallows

13 Dishwasher phases  
19 Record, as mileage  
21 Caveman from Moo  
22 Dit partner  
24 Wanderer  
26 Throat warmer  
28 Replace a button  
30 NYC dwelling  
32 Money handler  
34 Last name in perfumes  
35 Haul along  
36 Accomplished  
38 Pamplona shout  
39 Lake Erie port  
40 Tycoon  
42 Donald —  
44 Relish  
44 Amazons  
46 Certain votes  
47 Total  
50 Poached item  
52 Use a crowbar  
55 Gold, in the lab  
57 Hirt or Unser

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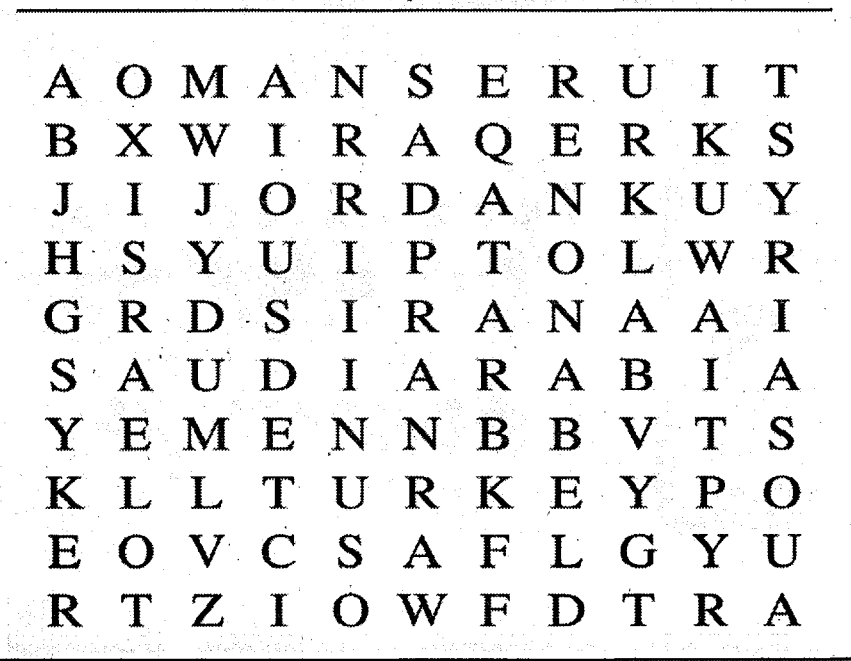
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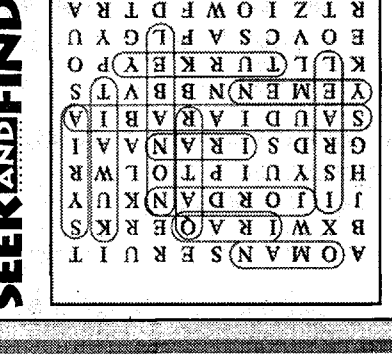
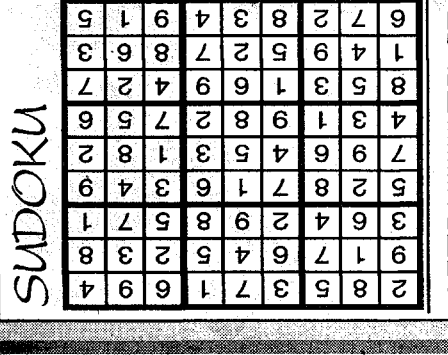
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BLOOMFIELD Estate Sale, Fri. & Sat. Oct. 26 & 27, 10:00am-4:00pm. Toys, lamps, some furniture, misc. everything must go. 4580 West Maple Rd.

Estate Sale by Americana ~Oct. 26-27 from 10am-4pm. 23581 Lee Baker, off 9 Mile, W. of Southfield Road. For details: americanaestatesales.com 248-739-4197

FARMINGTON HILLS 35248 White Pine Trail, at 9 mile and Drake. Follow signs into complex. Entire contents of large condo, 2 brdm, living room, dining room, kitchen and rec. room. All high quality, like new. Large bar area. 2 curio cabinets, 7 slots machines, video poker machine all reconditioned from casinos. 2 days only. Oct. 26 & 27, 9-4pm. Cash only & numbers. Sale by Gene.

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LIVONIA ESTATE SALE Everything must go! Oct. 25-27, 10-4. 20157 Angling, 8 Mi. & Grand River area.

NORTHVILLE 18222 Jamestown Circle, Northville Rd. N. of 6 Mile, Fri-Sat 9-5. Furniture, Art, Glass, Collectibles. 586-228-9090 Pictures: actionestate.com

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Garage Sales 7110

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BIRMINGHAM - Huge Sale! Oct 25-27, Thurs-Sat., 10-3pm, 336 Greenwood, 15 & Woodward. New Wedgewood China, baby items, furniture & tons more!! Rain or shine!

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 5505 Wing Lake, Wed-Fri, 9-4. Multi-Family. Many items. Something for everyone!

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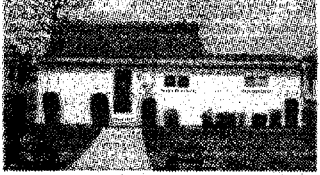
**Wayne** 248-348-6430  
AWESOME CURB APPEAL Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. Centrally located on a lovely street, updates inc: roof, windows, baths, kitchen, carpet, 2+ car garage, home warranty.

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**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Breathtaking view! Florida rm & deck. Waterfront ranch w/ major updates done. All appls stay. 100x150 lot w/ gar across street for parking & storage.

(27056829) \$225,000



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Well maintained home on 1.5 wooded acres. Huge LR w/ hwdw flrs. DR w/ D/W to covered porch. Oak kit. Spacious FR w/ D/W to deck. 1st flr lan. 2 car gar.

(27007037) \$219,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Priced to Sell! A gem of a condo nestled in peaceful colony, new kitchen cabinets & counters, updated bath, private deck, newer windows, tons of garage storage.

(27133588) \$125,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Location, Location! Set deep in this sub on 1.07 Acres this colonial welcome the most discriminating buyer. Large open kitchen w/ island, full fin. walkout. Many updates!

(26201680) \$334,900



**Westland** 734-326-2000  
PRIVATE WOODED AREA ON CUL-DE-SAC Great open flr plan w/ fresh paint, hardwood flrs, ceramic fireplace, new windows, carpet. 1st flr laundry, updated doors, garage door. Florida rm w/ hot tub.

(27176012) \$199,900



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
CANTON OPPORTUNITY! Awesome price for location and Ply/Canton schools. 3BR/1.1BA, fin bsmt & 2car att gar. Eat-in kit overlooks FR which features nat FP and doorwall to patio.

(27152933) \$174,900



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Pristine Dunham Lake privileges. Immaculate ranch boasts andersen windows, california closets, oak kitchen, wired for surround sound. Inground pool w/ solar heat.

(27160580) \$200,000



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Open flr plan. Cathedral ceilings in GR & mstr br. 3 W/Cs, 2 doorwalls to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.

(27055667) \$150,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME Lot available in desirable Autumn Park. A lovely neighborhood of upscale homes and large lots. Trees at the back provide privacy. Opportunity is knocking.

(27101346) \$99,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Secluded ranch on 2.5 Acres! Home completely renovated. New kitchen w/ maple cabinets & island with bar. New hardwood floors and carpeting. Freshly painted. New master bath. Walkout LL.

(27159044) \$283,112



**Westland** 734-455-7000  
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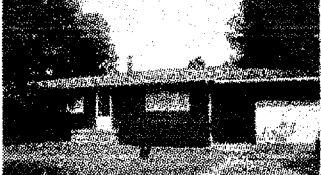
**Clawson** 248-348-6430  
INVESTORS & 1ST TIME BUYERS 2 BR, 1 BA bungalow. As is. Living room w/ hardwood. Florida room. Priced below comps/reflects need for updates.

(27186994) \$89,900



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Charming country cottage w/ fieldstone FP, wooded lot w/ large deck. Lake priv. Large eat-in kitchen. Updated full bath. Living rm w/ wood floors.

(27166317) \$137,895



**New Hudson** 248-437-3800  
Ranch on one acre! Great location. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, jacuzzi room could be 4th bedroom w/ walk-in closet. Two car attached garage plus 2 car detached garage. Private lot.

(27140602) \$159,900



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
OUTSTANDING BACKYARD INCLUDED! 3BR/2.1BA Cape cod. Large open kitchen w/ island and breakfast rm. Great rm w/ FP. Paver patio. Back opens to park-like acreage. 3 car gar & more.

(27148009) \$364,800



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Colonial w/ Over 2 secluded acres Spacious living in the 3 bedroom home. Family room has natural fireplace. Bright and Airy kitchen w/ bay window. Large bkfst nook. Beautiful yard!

(27128149) \$252,000



**Westland** 248-348-6430  
Lovely Westland Ranch Immaculate Move-In Great yard with brick paver patio. Newer windows, roof, furnace, A/C, electric. A wonderful place to call home!

(27170958) \$144,900



**Commerce** 248-684-1065  
Gorgeous home w/ 3 car gar. Home off 2 sty foyer. 2 sty GR. Huge kit w/ granite, SS appls, skyliter. 1st flr laun & mstr ste w/ jacuzzi & dbl sinks. 1 acre.

(27101573) \$399,900



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Lease this home. All appliances included. Tenant to pay utilities. Lake privileges on Rowe Lake. Wood burning stove in LR. Unfin bsmt. Shed, deck, patio.

(27136474) \$990



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Excellent Location and Lot Executive 5 bdrm, 1.5 bath, jacuzzi room could be 4th bedroom, colonial in a cul-de-sac with a pond view, gourmet kitchen, master ste. with views to the commons, finished bsmt w/ kitchen, bdrm & full bath.

(27172976) \$648,888



**Plymouth** 248-348-6430  
Trail wood Colonial On Wooded Lot! Beautifully maintained! New granite counters in Kit & 2 BA FM w/ vaulted ceiling & gas FP. 1st flr den Formal Living & Dining RMs 2 tier deck. Great curb appeal!

(27174088) \$334,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Cozy 3 bedroom colonial! Home has finished basement with dry cedar sauna. Very peaceful yard backs to wooded area. Enjoy bonfires in the evening and vegetable from your garden.

(27135663) \$208,900



**Westland** 734-591-9200  
Just Listed; Livonia Schools Drop Dead Gorgeous; it's all been updated. 3 BR brick ranch w/ 2.5 car gar. Maple kit, windows, BA, roof, furnace. Paver patio. All appliances. A must see.

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(27125428) \$174,900



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
STUNNING NORTHVILLE HOME! This impeccable 4 br, 2.5 bath col shows like a dream. Fabulous quality updates include Brazilian wood floors, granite kitchen w/ stainless steel appl & Corian baths.

(27162056) \$378,500



**Plymouth** 248-348-6430  
Craftsman inspired Bungalow! Oak moldings & oak pillars separating LR & DR. LR w/ FP & HWDD. Kit w/ granite counters & custom backsplash. Charming 3 season ft porch. Side courtyards & picket fence!

(27177552) \$329,900



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(27037892) \$189,000



**Westland** 734-455-7000  
TODAY'S BUY--TOMORROW'S SECURITY! Nicely updated, including roof, wndws, kitchen, bath + new half bath nearly completed, carpet, flooring, siding & gar door & newer furn & A/C. The work is done!

(27179768) \$128,000



**Detroit** 734-591-9200  
Great Prime Dwntr Condo 2 bdrm / 2 bthl Walk to all action kit w/ all upgrades. Mstr ste feat jetted tub, skylight, cath ceilings thru-out lvg rm, fp, att 2 car gar fully painted. Tax red till yr 2020!

(27091216) \$280,000



**Livonia** 248-851-1900  
NEW CONSTRUCTION ON LARGE PRIVATE LOT Features great kitchen & master suite w/ vaulted ceiling, master bath & walk-in closet. Great room w/ fireplace. First floor laundry.

(27188681) \$220,000



**Novi** 248-851-1900  
INCREDIBLE HOME ON WALLED LAKE! Only one year old. Floor to ceiling windows on all 3 levels on lakeside. 3 bedrooms, 3.1 baths. Granite kitchen w/ all the bells & whistles. Incredible master BR.

(27133583) \$989,000



**Pontiac** 248-684-1065  
Feels like new. Nice upgraded tiled ba flr, 3/4 in tongue & groove pre-finished. Bruce oak flr. Tile backsplash-kit cntrs. X-tall kit cabs. Gas fp. Very clean.

(27100004) \$164,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Great curb appeal! This very cute updated ranch is in an established sub with a great location! Large fenced in yard. A must see!

(27064301) \$154,900



**Westland** 734-326-2000  
HURRY! DON'T MISS THIS ONE! 3 Bedroom Ranch in Westland. Hardwood floors. Finished Basement. Great price for this subdivision.

(27158962) \$110,000



**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900  
PRICED WAY BELOW MARKET VALUE! 4BR 2.1BA 2576 SF almost 1 acre. Hwdw floors. Huge master. Newer roof & windows. 2 car garage. Farmington schools. Close to shopping & freeways.

(27159160) \$204,900



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
1996 blt colonial 3 brs, part fin bsmt. Good family home in nice area of Livonia. Mstr br is huge. Lg lr & kit w/ plenty of table space. Deck & jungle gym in fenced yard. A Shed to hold lawn equipment.

(27161358) \$129,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
A Short Stroll From Downtown Northville Well maintained home. Brick Paver walkway leads to entry. Updates include Pella windows, carpet, paint, HI-E furnace, aluminum trim, entry door, appl & sauna.

(27173450) \$294,900



**Redford** 734-326-2000  
GREAT CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION Well maintained home w/ Florida rm, newer ext doors, wndws, updated kit, BA, WH. Hardwood flrs under carpeting. Sharp part fin basement w/ FR lav, gl blk win.

(27174913) \$134,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Stunning End Unit! Flawless throughout, 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Kitchen with all appliances. Newer carpet and paint. Large master with walkin closets. Attached garage.

(27138586) \$129,500



**Westland** 248-348-6430  
Relax By Your Own Private Pond! Great deal on this updated condo with 2 baths. Neutral paint and carpet. Fireplace, carpet and all appliances stay.

(27173126) \$69,000



**Green Oak Township** 248-348-6430  
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(27066117) \$187,000



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
Spacious ranch waiting for a new owner! 3 BDRMS, 2 Full BAs, french doors to patio; huge eat-in kit; GR waiting for your finishing touches. Bank owned, as-is; no disclosures. Agent has info on condition.

(27141564) \$124,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Here It Is! Excellent interior location in sub & priced right! 4 bdrm., 2 bath w/ enhanced landscaping, refinished hwdw. Floors, many rooms w/ newer carpet, 2nd flr laundry.

(27174217) \$282,500



**Redford** 734-326-2000  
BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH 3-Bedroom ranch on an extra large corner lot. Cozy Florida room is located off the dining room. High partially finished basement with glass block windows.

(27133300) \$129,900



**Van Buren Twp** 734-455-7000  
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(27187279) \$150,000



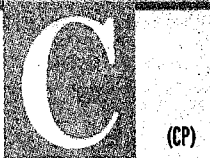
**Whitmore Lake** 248-437-3800  
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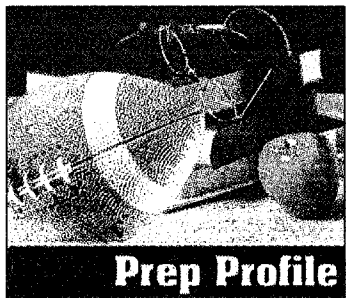
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## Division 1 Football Playoffs: Plymouth at Stevenson

# The 'Ultimate Wildcat'

### Cigile's work ethic a symbol of team's success

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER



Prep Profile

Ricky Cigile's value to Plymouth's football team can't be measured in the number of minutes he actually spends on the field on Friday nights. The 5-foot-11, 165-pound senior's only starting assignments come on special teams, yet he's earned the title of the "Ultimate Plymouth Wildcat" from first-year head coach Mike Sawchuk, who said Cigile's work ethic and dedication to the program are second to none.

"I learned to always work hard from my dad," said Cigile (pronounced SEE-GULL). "He instilled in me the importance of always giving it everything I had, no matter what I was doing."

A lack of playing time can create a sour attitude in some players. Not Cigile, who uses the scarcity of PT as a motivator.

"I've never complained about my playing time," he said. "To tell you the truth, it makes me work harder."

"When I was younger, I used to get three shifts in hockey games that lasted an hour and a half, and my

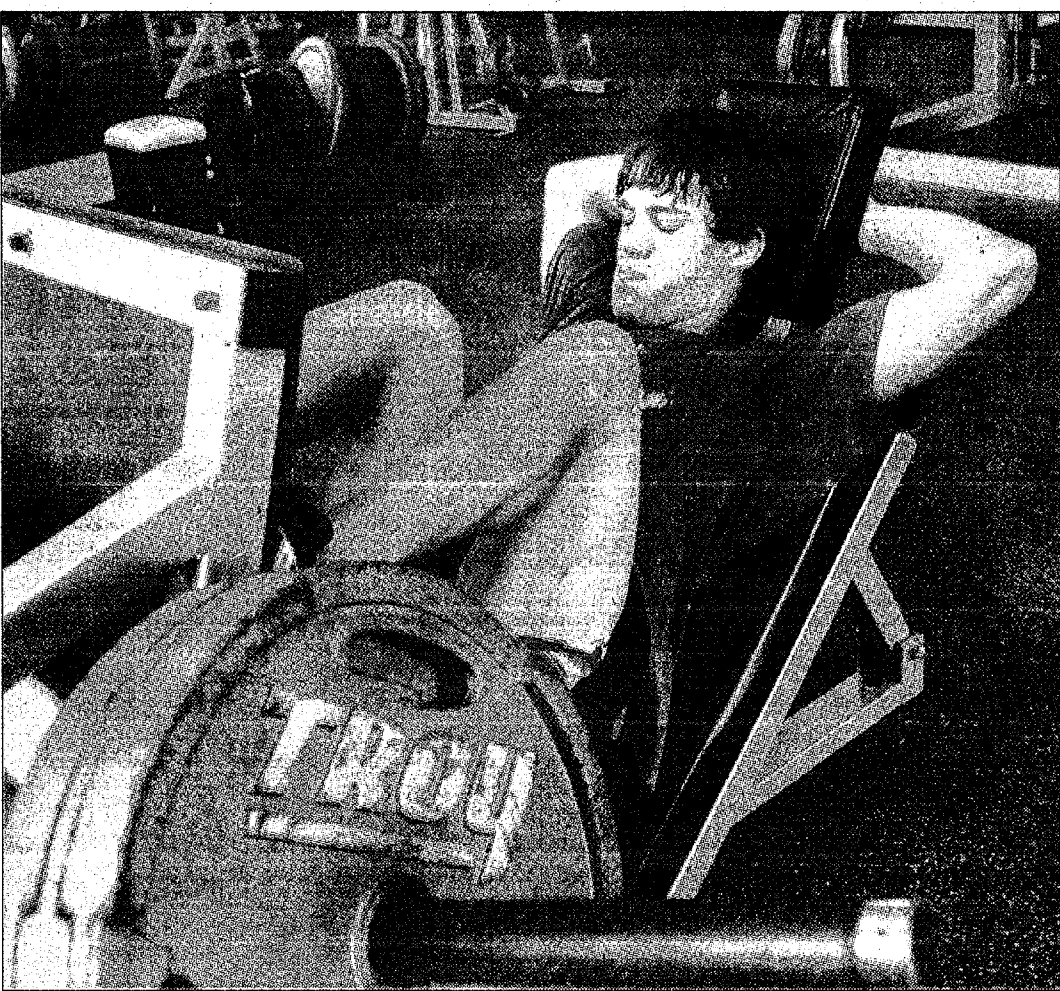
shifts were only about 30 seconds each. I just made sure that when I was on the ice, I played hard."

#### Anything for the team

While Cigile may not play a pivotal role in the Wildcats' Division I playoff game at Livonia Stevenson Friday night, he'll do plenty in the days leading up to it to make sure his teammates are prepared to take on the Spartans.

Cigile has played the role of Stevenson running back Austin White on Plymouth's scout offensive unit this week, which means he's had to learn the Spartans' multiple-

Please see **WILDCAT, C2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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#### A LOOK AT THE MATCHUP

**What:** Division I first-round playoff game;  
**Who:** Plymouth (6-3) vs. Livonia Stevenson (9-0);  
**Where:** Livonia Stevenson High School, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia;  
**When:** The opening kickoff is set for Friday at 7 p.m.  
**Plymouth players to watch:** All-WLAA Sr. RB Myron Puryear (over 1,000 yards rushing); Sr. S Kyle Wallath; Jr. LB Connor Martin; Sr. WR Mike Hanchett; Jr. DE/TE Ronnie Goble; and Jr. QB Matt Skubik;

**Stevenson players to watch:** Brothers Miles, Austin and Mitchell White;  
**Stevenson coach Tim Gabel on Plymouth:** "Offensively they have the ability to be balanced. They have a lot of skill players. Puryear has torn up people all season. Defensively they use a 4-3 (alignment) with a lot of overshift. They're very aggressive and their linebackers play downhill. Their free safety (Wallath) is in on a lot of tackles. He has great playmaking ability."

# 'Mission' accomplished

### Canton resident 'runs' charitable organization

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The inspiration behind one of the most inspiring stories of the past several Detroit Free Press Marathons came from — of all things — a newspaper advertisement.

It all started in October of 2002 when Canton resident Lisa Harper was leafing through that day's edition of the morning paper.

"I saw a full-page spread in the *Free Press* publicizing the marathon with the headline 'Run, Run, Run,'" Harper reflected Tuesday night. "I had only been running three or four miles a day three or four times a week at that time — maybe five or six miles maximum — but I really wanted to run in it."

"My husband (Scott) was a four-minute miler in college, so I asked him what I should do. He said, 'If you really want to do it, then you should do it. Just understand that if you need to walk or stop at any point, that it's OK.'"

So Harper decided to run — even though there was one marathon-sized catch to her decision.

"The marathon was only six days away," she revealed.

Amazing results

Harper, a mother of four, not only ran in the following Sunday's marathon, she ran rather well.

"I started walking for a little while

after the 21st mile, then I jogged the rest of the way," she said.

Harper finished in 4 hours and 21 minutes, which wasn't in the neighborhood of the 3:09 she had posted in her first marathon 17 years earlier, but it was still more than respectable considering her shortage of training.

#### Running for a cause

Something much more important than a resurgent running career evolved from Harper's 26.2-mile journey that day. The experience proved to be the catalyst for the nonprofit charitable organization Marathon Mission, which has raised thousands of dollars the past five years for a variety of faith- and community-based charitable groups.

"After running the marathon in 2002, I decided that I really wanted to do something the following year that went beyond running for myself," said Harper, who founded Marathon Mission in 2002. "There were dance-a-thons, rock-a-thons, bowl-a-thons, a lot of different things that raised money for charities. Well, I was determined to start something that revolved around running marathons."

"That first year I chose five charities — both stateside and abroad — that people who got involved with Marathon Mission could run and walk for. We sent out pledge sheets and ended up raising close to \$3,000."

"That first year proved what I always said — great causes attract great people."

#### An 'explosion' of interest

People of varying ages — from 5 years old to 73 — and a wide range of athletic ability were drawn to Harper's cause.

Several members of First Assembly



JEFF KINDY

Canton's Lisa Harper, pictured above near the completion of Sunday's 30th Detroit Free Press Marathon, is the founder and president of Marathon Mission, a nonprofit organization that raises money for charities through running.

of God Church in Dearborn Heights — where Scott Harper has been a pastor for the past 20 years — enthusiastically

Please see **MISSION, C3**

# Whalers beat Attack soundly

The Plymouth Whalers extended a 1-0 lead after one period with three goals in the second before going on to defeat the Owen Sound Attack, 6-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 6-4-1-0 and moved it into third place in the OHL's West Division, one point ahead of Sarnia (6-6-0-0) and two points ahead of Saginaw (4-4-2-1). Owen Sound is now 1-10-1-0.

A.J. Jenks led the Whalers' attack with a pair of goals, his eighth and ninth of the season. The Whalers received single goals from Vern Cooper, Andrew Fournier, Taylor Carnevale and Chris Terry.

Matt Carter scored twice for Owen Sound and Lane MacDermid added one.

Owen Sound outshot Plymouth, 37-32, but the Whalers never trailed in the game, leading 1-0 after one period and 4-1 after 40 minutes.

After Jenks gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead in the first period, Cooper scored from the lower rim of the left circle at 4:56 of the second period to make it 2-0. Fournier (one timer from the right circle on power play at 13:07) and Carnevale (left side of the Owen Sound goal at 16:59) then scored to give Plymouth a 4-0 advantage.

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth had his shutout ruined with 39 seconds left in the second period when Carter scored from the slot.

# Sidelines

## Hockey tryouts

■ The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins, the defending state champion girls ice hockey team, is looking for interested athletes to play for its 2007-08 team. Tryouts for the Penguins are Monday, Oct. 29, and Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. All student-athletes must have a valid physical to try out. The cost of the tryouts is \$18 per day.

For more information, call (734) 455-5159 or send an e-mail to PCSgirlshockey@aol.com.

■ Varsity hockey tryouts for the Canton, Plymouth and Salem boys teams will be held Oct. 29-31 at varying sites.

Canton's tryouts will be held at the Arctic Edge on Monday, Oct. 29, from 3-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 4-5 p.m.; and Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 3-4 p.m.

Plymouth's tryouts will be held at the Compuware Arena on Oct. 29 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Oct. 30 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and on Oct. 31 from 4-5 p.m.

Salem's tryouts will be held Oct. 29 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Arctic Pond; Oct. 30 from 5-6 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center; and Oct. 31 from 5-6 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

A sports physical must be on file with the student-athlete's home athletic department prior to tryouts. The cost of tryouts is \$45, which includes all three dates.

## Canton Leisure

### Services offerings

■ A family bowling bonanza will be held Nov. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Each group will receive two-and-a-half hours of bowling for up to six people. Shoes, pizza and giveaways are included in the price. Pre-registration is required by calling the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

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# MacDonalds golden in Rock spikers' victory

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Central's volleyball team had more than its fill of MacDonalds Monday night. Salem's MacDonald sisters (Kelly and Kerry) — not the golden arches — gave the Vikings heartburn in the Rocks' three-game sweep on Senior Night: 25-18, 25-22 and 25-15. The sisters were instrumental in the sweep, combining for a super-sized total of 19 kills and 33 digs.

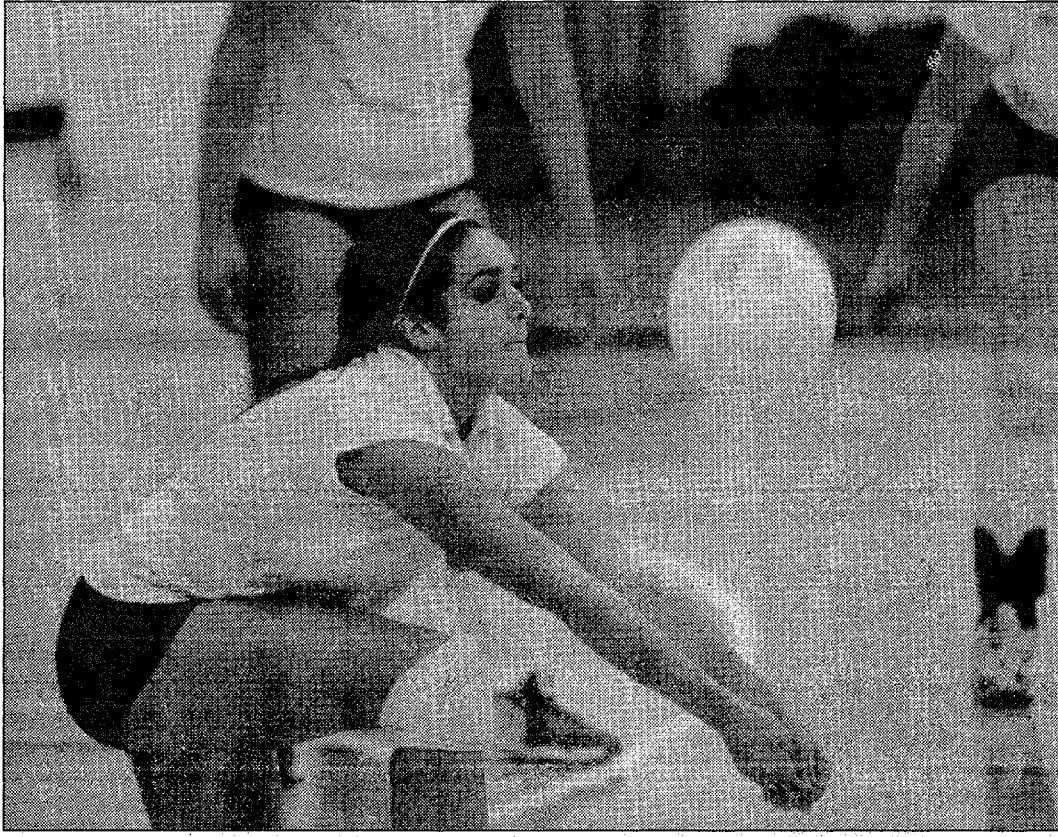
The convincing victory improved Salem's record to 5-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division and 32-12-2 overall.

"They play differently, but they're both extremely athletic and very competitive," said Salem coach Amanda Suder, referring to her team's impressive sister act. "Kelly started for me last year, but with all the great hitters we had, nobody really recognized her. The thing that stands out about her is that she has one of the biggest verticals I've ever seen in my life. She's only 5-4, but she can get up."

"The nice thing about the MacDonalds is that one's a junior and one's a freshman, so I get them both back next year."

Two players Suder won't be getting back next year — seniors Alyssa Matchette and Jill Slabey — closed out their final home match in style. Both players stepped up at key times throughout the evening as Slabey registered six kills, nine digs and one ace while Matchette hit the floor for 18 digs.

"Both Alyssa and Jill have been with the program for four



Freshman Kerry MacDonald helped lead Salem's volleyball team to a three-game sweep of Walled Lake Central Monday night in the Rocks' gym.

years and have worked their way up from the freshmen team to two years on the varsity," said Suder. "They've both done an outstanding job this year. They've gotten so much better, which is why they're our captains this year. They'll be our leaders in the post-season coming up and we're definitely going to miss them next year."

The first half of game one was nip and tuck as neither team managed to build more than a two-point advantage. With the score knotted at 14-all, Salem netted four straight thanks to the serving of Jansan

Falcusan and the front-row play of Kelly MacDonald and never looked back.

The Rocks nearly let a 23-14 lead slip away in game two before closing out the Vikings, 25-22, on a thunderous Kelly MacDonald kill.

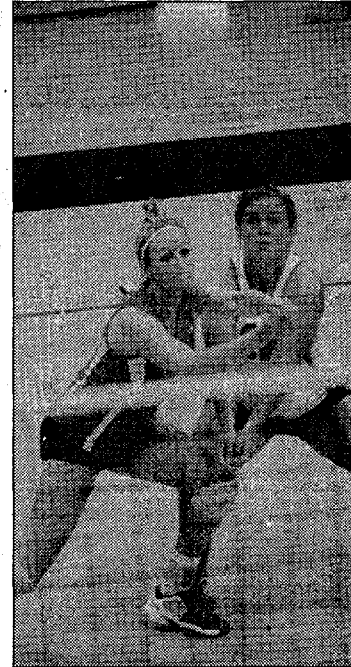
Game three was all Salem, which surged to a 13-4 advantage before winning by 10. Fittingly, the final game ended on a kill by the senior Matchette.

Slabey also played well down the stretch as she served for three of the final four points. **CANTON 3, WAYNE 0:** On Monday at

Wayne Memorial, the WLA Western Division-leading Chiefs dominated from the outset, winning 25-10, 25-10 and 25-14 to improve their record to 26-10-1 overall and 8-1 in the division.

Jordan Kiely paced the winners with nine kills and nine service aces. Also making significant contributions were Lauren McPartlin (eight kills) Kacy Moran (six aces), Shelby Anthony (eight digs) and Laura Daniels (six digs).

"Overall, everyone played well," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We came out strong



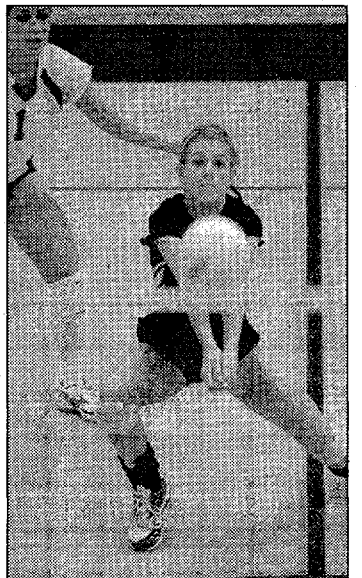
Canton's Gina Waite (left) and Hannah Mills, pictured above in a match earlier this season, helped the Chiefs upend Wayne Memorial Monday night.

from the beginning, which freed us up to try some new things. We moved hitters around and took a look at some possibilities for next season.

"We also tried a 6-2 (formation) in game three, having both Kacy Moran and Gina Waite set. It's nice to have different options to use against different teams and I'm glad we were able to try some of it in game play."

**PLYMOUTH 3, W.L. WESTERN 2:** On Monday at Western, the Wildcats fought off a serious challenge by the fired-up Warriors, who were celebrating Senior/Parent Night, to post an 18-25, 27-25, 21-25, 25-20 and 15-11 triumph. Plymouth improved to 28-5

## PREP VOLLEYBALL WRAP



Plymouth's Briana Beyer, pictured above in a match earlier this season, played a key role in the Wildcats' five-game triumph over Walled Lake Western Monday night.

overall and 6-3 in the WLA Western Division with the victory.

"Both teams played very aggressively defensively," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "It was Senior Night for them, so they came out very fired up. We weren't on top of our serve-receive game the entire match, but we played very well defensively."

Senior Rachel Heaton had an outstanding evening, recording 25 kills and 21 digs. Other Wildcats shining in the win were Kate Spangler (27 set assists and 18 digs), Briana Beyer (32 digs) and Lindsey Jewett (15 digs).

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## WILDCAT

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formation offense while at the same time absorbing a multitude of hard hits from members of the Wildcats' first-string defense.

"It can be challenging, believe me, especially learning the other team's offense in such a short time," said Cigile, talking about his season-long role as No. 1 scout-team running back. "I have quite a few scars and a few cuts and bruises from it — and I've had my helmet knocked off a few times — but it's worth it if it makes the team better."

### Special player on special teams

Cigile is a key member of the Wildcats' kickoff unit, which has done a solid job of denying opponents good field position this season.

In Plymouth's regular-season finale against Romulus last Friday, he made a pair of solo tackles.

"I'm one of the shooters on the kickoff team, so my job is to get down the field as fast as I can and find the football," he said.

In a lot of ways, Cigile's blue-collar ways are symbolic of this year's Plymouth team, which rebounded from a sub-par 3-6 campaign in 2006 to qualify for the state playoffs for the second time in the school's five-year varsity history.

"This team is filled with hard workers," Cigile said. "Everybody



Ricky Cigile

**'This team is filled with hard workers. Everybody puts in the maximum effort every practice and every game. The team's work ethic really shows in the weight room before practice and when we run the hill after practice. I'm glad I'm a part of it.'**

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His teammates would surely return the compliment.

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# SC nips PCA in District finale

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM  
STAFF WRITER

Southfield Christian won this year's MIAC soccer championship while Plymouth Christian Academy finished last in the conference race.

So Friday's Division 4 district final, played at Southfield Christian, should have been no contest, right?

Wrong. Plymouth Christian handed Southfield Christian one of its three losses and one of its two ties during the regular season. Friday, Plymouth narrowly missed ending Southfield Christian's season. The game went to a shootout where one errant kick made the difference, permitting Southfield to escape with a 2-1 victory.

The long game, played on a lightless field, ended in the gloom of night, but it wasn't a gloomy ending for either team.

For Southfield Christian, the victory gave the Eagles their first district soccer title since 2001.

For Plymouth Christian — also nicknamed the Eagles — the end was disappointing, of course, but not a bitter one, according to coach Larry Machunga.

"We've beat them, we've tied them, and then to tie them again — the boys just played up to their potential and it's a sad way to go out but I'm extremely proud of them. They gave it

everything they had. To play 110 minutes of soccer this late in the season, they gave it everything they had."

On the Southfield side, players and coaches were pleased with the victory, but relieved as well to put Plymouth Christian behind them.

"They had our number this year," admitted Southfield coach Brian Atkins. "It was a good game. It could've gone either way. They hit two posts, we hit a post in the second half. It was a fantastic game."

Both goals were scored in the first half. After a scoreless second half, the teams then played a pair of 15-minute overtimes before lining up for the shootout. With the sun down and the twilight dimming, the first six shooters scored — Ben Beaghan, Michael Solt and Bryan Brownlee for Southfield, Bryson Machunga, Russ Gerulis and Blair Robinson for Plymouth. The seventh shooter, Plymouth's Spencer Wiard, fired a shot over the crossbar, then Southfield goalkeeper Tim Bergsma moved over to the shooting line and put his team ahead to stay. After Trevor Zinn scored for Plymouth, Brian Nimmo clinched the victory by firing a high shot past Plymouth goalkeeper Brent Zinn.

Southfield Christian improved to 17-3-2 and advances to regional play in Jackson Tuesday. Plymouth finished the

season 10-10-1.

Southfield struck quickly Friday, scoring in the game's first minute. After a long goal kick by Bergsma, Solt passed in the box to Beaghan who put a low, left-footed shot past Brent Zinn. The Eagles almost made it 2-0 about 10 minutes later, but Zinn stopped Beaghan's drive from the top of the box, then made a diving save on Nimmo's rebound shot.

Plymouth tied the contest with about 10 minutes left in the half, when Trevor Zinn headed in Gerulis' corner kick.

Southfield had the territorial advantage for most of the second half but couldn't dent the net, although Solt hit the crossbar about nine minutes into the half. While Plymouth didn't have as many second-half scoring chances as Southfield, the visiting Eagles came close twice as Gerulis and Machunga both banged shots off the goalpost.

"It seems like that's kind of one of our histories is that, we always keep getting so (close)," said Coach Machunga. "Like the shootout, where we lose 5-4. We keep getting that close, but we seem to keep missing. But the thing I love about our guys is, a lot of teams where we've coached, if something like that happens they get all discouraged and they just quit. Our guys don't. They get fired up and they (say) 'Now we've got to make it count.' They never quit."

Indeed, Plymouth played Southfield evenly through the overtime periods and nearly ended the game when Wiard headed the ball on net in the first OT, but Bergsma was well-positioned to make the save.

Atkins, meanwhile, was particularly pleased that his team had overcome an ankle injury to defender Matthew Solt. Atkins shifted several players to fill the void and inserted freshman Brook Vosler into midfield when Solt was unable to play Friday.

Atkins said Vosler "played a fantastic game. To come off the bench two minutes before a district final, as a freshman — I put him in as a center-midfielder and he played a great game."

While thrilled to win his first district title as a head coach — Atkins was an assistant in 2001 — Atkins said his players have larger goals.

"It's a big step, because we haven't taken it," Atkins explained. "But they also know it's step one of a multi-step (process). We have a ton of seniors and a ton of them who've been on the team for all four years. So a lot of these guys are very dedicated to soccer, it's their main sport, they're going to pursue it in college. So this is a really big deal for us this year and the team knows that this is our shot, this year."

On Wednesday, the Machonga and Zinn brothers — along with a lot of help from Ross Gerulis — teamed up to lead the Eagles to a rousing 7-0 victory over Novi Franklin Road Christian in a Division 4 District semifinal game played at PCA.

Bryson and Jordan Machonga each scored three goals while Gerulis added a single net-finder. Bryson Machonga assisted on three goals and Jordan Machonga and Gerulis netted two assists each.

The Eagles led 4-0 at the half and never looked back.

"I was especially happy for Bryson because he's a senior and it was his final home game," said PCA coach Larry Machonga. "I was happy we were able to go out like that in front of everybody."

"Ross and Jordan did a great job, too, distributing the ball. They were very selfless."

Brothers Trevor and Brent Zinn anchored the Eagles' defense, Trevor from his sweep-position and Brent from between the pipes, where he recorded five saves.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the election for the Wayne County Community College District Millage Reauthorization Proposal to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The test will take place on **Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

TERRY G. BENNETT,  
Clerk

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-  
October 16, 2007**

A regular joint study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton and the Planning Commission held Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Kirchgatter Staff Present: Director Paas, Director Eva, Mike Ager, Tom Casari, Ann Naszradi Others Present: Tim Cronin, Township Attorney, Paul Denski, CWR, Mary Vangieson, Resource Recovery Coordinator for Wayne County DOE **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Single Stream Recycling Pilot Program** Canton Waste Recycling will initiate a pilot Single Stream Recycling Program in select Canton neighborhoods beginning in November 2007, in order to determine if the program will be feasible in Canton. The goal of the program will be to increase the number of items that can be recycled and increase overall participation in the Township's recycling program. **Item 2. DWSD Water Contract Negotiations-Update** Over the past three and a half years a group of suburban customer service representatives has been working out the details of a "model contract" for water service between the 86 suburban customers and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). The purpose of the new contract is two-fold. 1) To marry planning of current and future capital improvements between DWSD and its customers; and 2) To reduce the volatility inherent in the current water rate setting methodology. The model contract is purely a service contract between the provider and the customer. The issues of rates and governance are not components of the service contract and DWSD is firm in its position to not include those issues in the contract. **Other** There will be a Board meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, First Floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 9:37 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. —Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor — Terry G. Bennett, Clerk —

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval.

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# Chiefs' Thomas gets a kick out of running

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

What do Canton cross-country runner Sarah Thomas and NASCAR star Jeff Gordon have in common?

They've both competed in big-time races at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn the past two years.

While Gordon may be a tad faster than Thomas while he's seated behind the wheel of his No. 24 car,

there's a good chance Thomas may be able to outlast him in a 5,000-meter foot race.

The Canton junior is just one solid performance at Saturday's Division 1 Regional cross-country competition from qualifying for a third-consecutive trip to the D1 cross country state meet at MIS — a feat very few high school harriers have matched.

"I don't want to jinx Sarah, but I'd be very surprised if she doesn't qualify again," said Canton coach Eric Paul. "With her great attitude and outstanding work ethic, she's established herself as one of the top runners around."

"Hopefully, we qualify as a team this year, but if we don't, judging by how she's done so far this year, Sarah will be going again as an individual."

## Sudden impact

It didn't take Thomas long to make a positive impact on the Chiefs' cross-country program. In the fall of 2005, she became the team's No. 1 runner as a freshman and went on to earn team MVP honors.

"The soccer trainer I had before I started high school made us run a lot, so I was in pretty good shape when I started running cross country my freshman year," explained Thomas.

Bursting onto the scene as the No. 1 runner as a freshman could have been an uncomfortable position for Thomas, however, one of her teammates stepped up to make sure that wasn't the case.

"My sister (Jennifer) was a senior on the team that year, which helped," Thomas said. "She told me not to feel bad about coming in and being No. 1 right away just because I was a freshman. She told me to keep running as hard as I could and that it would make the rest of the team work harder."

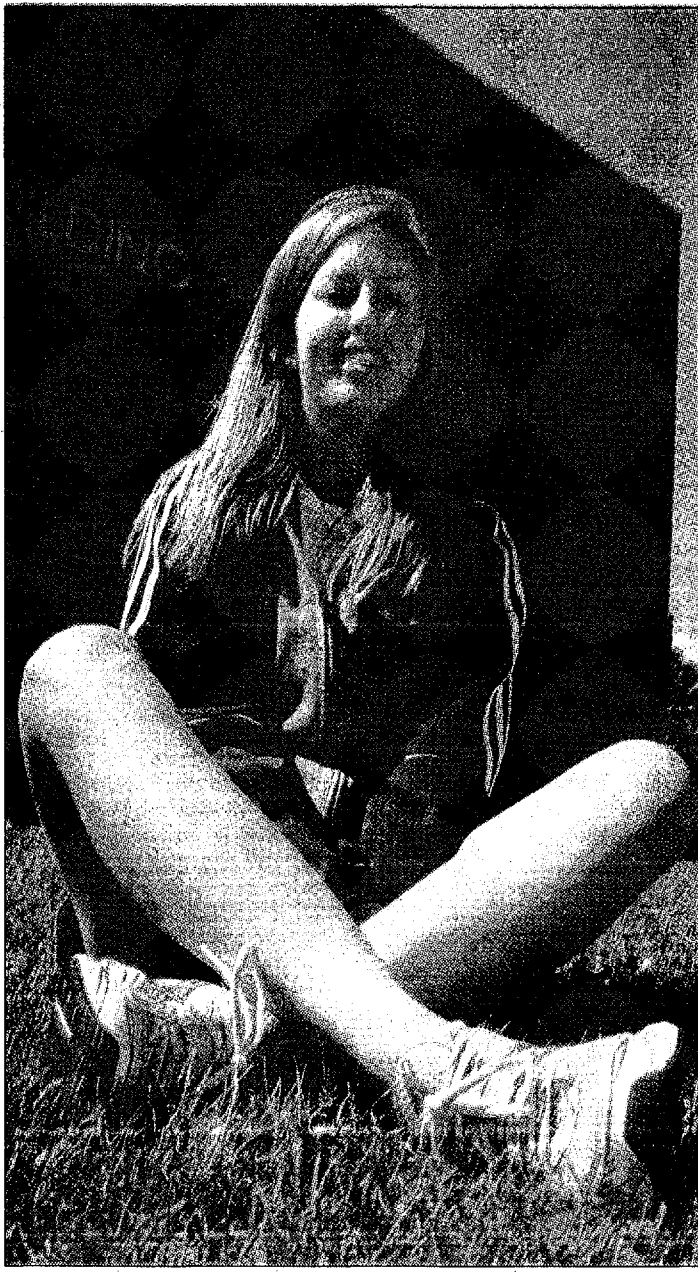
## Classy move

When a similar scenario was reversed on Thomas this fall, she handled it as gracefully as her sister did two autumns ago.

Freshman Rachel Rohrbach has at times overtaken Thomas as the Chiefs' top runner this year, but it hasn't fazed the two-time state qualifier.

"I told Rachel the same thing my sister told me — do your best and don't feel bad about beating me," she said. "It actually helps me having Rachel on the team this year because when she makes her move in a race, I know it's time for me to go, too. Plus, we're a stronger team with Rachel."

"Sarah has been a great men-



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton junior Sarah Thomas has been one of the Chiefs' top cross-country runners since her freshman season.

tor to Rachel and our other young runners," said Paul. "She told Rachel right off the bat, 'Don't ever feel like you have to wait for me.' It's that kind of attitude that has made her a captain."

## Never a dull moment

During the spring of her freshman year, Thomas pulled double-duty for the Chiefs' junior-varsity soccer team and the school's track-and-field team.

"I ran the 800 and the 800 relay as a freshman," she said. "If there was a conflict between soccer and track, I'd always pick soccer."

Thomas turned to soccer full time this past spring when she made the Canton varsity squad.

"I've been playing soccer since I was 4 years old, so it wasn't a tough decision choosing between soccer and track," she said.

With a 3.9 grade-point average, Thomas will be accepted to just about any college she applies to next fall. If everything works out, she'd like to continue her cross country career at the next level.

"I'd like to keep running in college," she said. "I think I'd have a better chance of running than playing soccer just because it's the sport I'm better at."

"And even if it doesn't work out and I don't run in college, I'm going to keep running on the side because I enjoy it so much."

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## MISSION

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jumped aboard.

"The Detroit Marathon is ideal for this because it offers several distances that people can run — from 5Ks to the full marathon," she said. "Not everybody has the time or ability to train and run 50 miles a week to get ready for a full marathon."

"There's been like an explosion of people wanting to join

me with this cause ever since that first year. Wanting to give back is contagious."

Last year, Marathon Mission raised somewhere between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for selected groups, Harper said.

"And the great thing about our group is that 100 percent of the money pledged goes straight to the charities," said Harper.

To learn more about Marathon Mission, visit [www.marathonmission.net](http://www.marathonmission.net); or

e-mail Harper at [lisa@marathonmission.net](mailto:lisa@marathonmission.net).

"Unlike other marathon-related charities, there is no minimum amount you need to raise to get involved," Harper said. "All we ask is that you have a willing heart and that you make a commitment to train and gather pledges. I promise it will be a life-changing experience for people who get involved."

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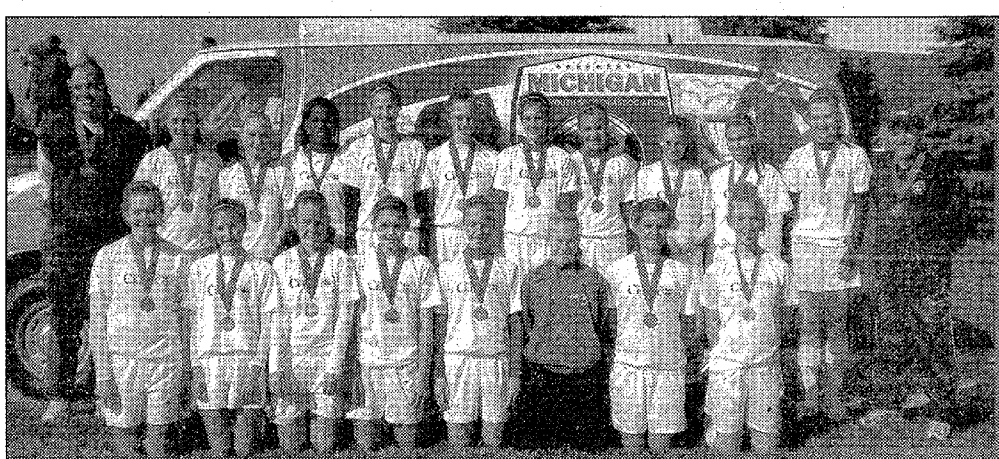
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### Victory Honda lives up to name

The newly formed Victory Honda AAA ice hockey team captured first place in its first tournament of the season last month when it beat defeated a team from New York to place first in the Honeybaked/Compuware Hockey Invitational. The team overcame an opening-game tie and won a shootout in the semifinal round to earn the title. Pictured are (front row from left) Joey Verkerke, Adam Olson, Ian Kwant, Kenny Johnson, James Sotiroff, P.J. Rapin, Anthony Biundo, Bo Freatman, (second row from left) Jack Miller, Justin Brandt, Brandon Kruse, Cooper Zech, Kyle Kozler, Eric Price, Joel Frazee, (on ice from left) Brendan Melody, Derek Schaedig. The team is coached by Jerry Verkerke, Todd Olson, Jim Sotiroff, Eric Kruse, Tim Zech and Jim Kruse.



### A strong second

The Canton Celtic 94 (U14) girls soccer team recently turned in a strong performance at the State Cup, finishing second to the Michigan Hawks. The Celtic won four games by a combined score of 18-0 before knocking off the No. 2-ranked Michigan Gators in the semifinals. Team members are: Francesca Downing, Sarah Falvey, Claire Huddas, Nicole Ineich, Kristina Klusek, Abby Livingston, Emily Lundh, Robyn Mack, Megan McCormack, Kaitlyn Murphy, Taryne Page, Nadya Rebar, Mackenzie Rogers, Victoria Pepper, Dominique Sarnecky, Jessica Scott, Emily Southern and Katelyn Watson. The team is coached by Andrew Crawford, who is assisted by Steve McCormack.



### World Series, here we come!

The PC Pride 12U Stars qualified for the 2008 USSSA World Series for the third consecutive year by finishing runner-up at the Thunderbird Fall Classic held in Belleville on Oct. 13-14. The Stars won four games on Saturday and Sunday before falling to Compuware in the final. Pictured (front row from left) are Elaine Gerou, Elliott Mitchem, MacKenna Payne, Catherine Porter, Megan Webster, Jessica Webster, Aubrie Cragg, (back row from left) Assistant Coach Nancy Hayes, Lauren Hayes, Assistant Coach John Watson, Casey Bias, Shannon Watson, Assistant Coach Kevin Bias, Katy Meade and Head Coach Mike Gerou.

## Ignition subdues Excite, 30-4

The Detroit Ignition defeated The Cincinnati Excite of the American Indoor Soccer League, 30-4, on Saturday to conclude the club's preseason schedule.

The Ignition struck first when forward Hewerton Moreira scored an unassisted two-point goal 15 seconds into the first quarter.

Mike Apple, defender Droe Callahan and midfielder Ryan Mack (two goals) also found the back of the net in the opening stanza.

Ignition training camp participant Chad Severs also

notched a two-point goal.

At 4:20 in the second quarter, Callahan scored a two-point goal with an assist from forward Jamar Beasley to expand Detroit's cushion to 14-2.

With 4:57 left to play in the half, Ignition defender Nate Craft notched a two-point goal off an assist from Apple. Moreira closed out the half for Detroit with two goals, making it 20-4 at the break.

Ignition defender Jonathan Greenfield scored the first goal of the second half, an unassisted two-point shot at 1:30

in the third quarter. Beasley, the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League MVP, notched two points with an assist from Callahan to bring the score to 24-4 at the end of the quarter.

Ignition training camp participant Derek Garrabone scored Detroit's first goal of the fourth quarter, a two-point shot off an assist from Craft. With 7:54 to play in the game, Greenfield notched an unassisted two-point goal.

Ignition midfielder Ze Roberto scored the club's final goal, a two-point shot with an assist from Moreira.

## Hat trick lifts Lady Ocelots

Plymouth High School alum Clare Baptist scored three goals Saturday, pacing Schoolcraft to a 4-0 women's soccer victory over host Adrian.

Baptist, a freshman forward, took a feed from freshman midfielder Ally King to put the Lady Ocelots (10-1-0) on the scoreboard and Schoolcraft tacked on two more tallies before halftime. The first was an unassisted marker from Baptist, and freshman midfielder Sam Harrington scored on

a play set up by sophomore forward Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin).

Schoolcraft tacked on a goal in the second half, with Baptist completing her hat-trick. Drawing the helper was sophomore forward/midfielder Megan McCabe.

Stopping all 11 shots for the shutout was sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Tuggle (Livonia Ladywood).

The Lady Ocelots are wrapping up the regular season with road contests Wednesday and Saturday

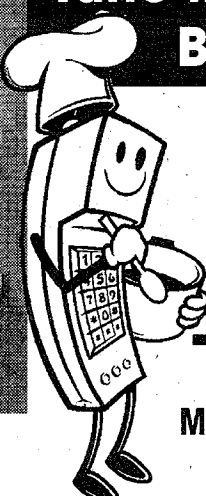
against Rochester College (Mich.) and Cincinnati State.

### SC men split

Schoolcraft's men's soccer team nipped Macomb 2-1 in overtime on Oct. 17, but dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker Saturday against Lakeland.

In the win over the Monarchs, Livonia Stevenson alums Louie Djokic and Nick Dordeski scored for the Ocelots. Chris Riley made three saves for the win.

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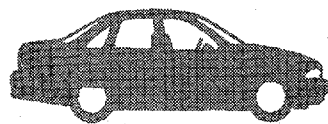
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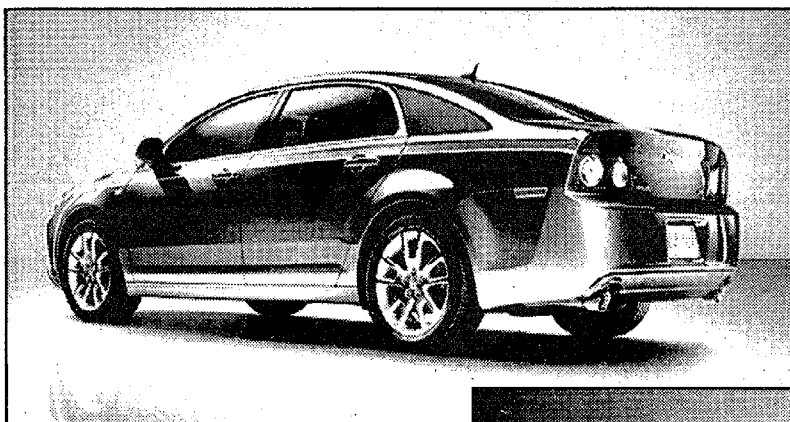
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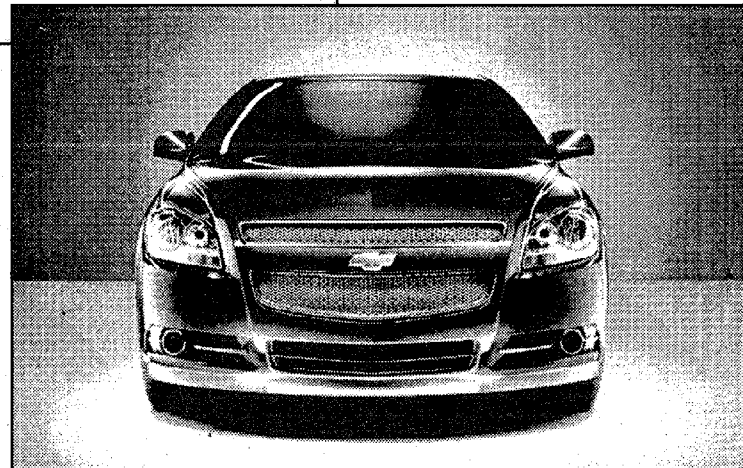
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By Dale Buss



The design of the new Malibu makes it more closely resemble competitive targets such as Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.



Hispanic consumers are an important target for new advertising for the 2008 Chevrolet Malibu.

The 2008 Chevrolet Malibu is General Motors' most ambitious shot in a long time at producing a high-volume mid-size sedan, and it's the company's most brazen attempt yet to knock off the Japanese-built category leaders, Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

Malibu also is raising the stakes in another important respect: GM's marketing to ethnic minorities. It's an area in which most automakers have lagged even though Hispanics, African-Americans and Asian-Americans are the fastest-growing major segments of the U.S. population.

But earlier this year, GM demonstrated a new seriousness about pursuing minority consumers by integrating "diversity marketing" with its mainstream efforts. And Malibu is among the first new marketing campaigns to showcase the change at GM and to test some advances in ethnic-marketing strategy and tactics that have stemmed in large part from the structural change.

"This campaign reflects the effort and energy that GM is dedicating to the idea of integrating all the parties involved so we're all at the table at the same time," said Sergio Rodriguez, associate creative director for Accent Marketing, a Miami agency that specializes in Hispanic marketing and is handling that responsibility for Malibu.

"I'd say the effort has been quadrupled from past campaigns. Before, we would come in two weeks late with our creative, and now everything is launching at the same time."

Last spring, Mark LaNeve, vice president of vehicle sales, service and marketing for North America, scrapped GM's separate "diversity marketing" staff and budget and integrated related marketing activities and budgets into the overall advertising, marketing and promotional efforts by each of the company's eight brands. The decision and action were similar to what GM did several years ago when it integrated the former e-GM e-commerce activity into the mainstream, said spokeswoman Ryndee Carney.

In the Malibu campaign, one subtle but significant reflection of that change in approach is how Chevrolet has integrated ethnic diversity into the main demographic segments that it is targeting for marketing the new vehicle instead of using its frequent past practice of setting ethnic audiences apart.

"Ethnically diverse, college-educated professionals" living a "comfortable, upscale lifestyle in a mid-sized home in the suburbs" comprise one of Malibu's prime demographic targets, for example. And in its attempt to promote Malibu to one of the other groups - "young, hip singles who've recently settled in metro neighborhoods" - ethnic consumers figure prominently.

But while ethnic-marketing strategy now evolves in a fashion more closely related to GM's overall marketing efforts, the company is practicing sophisticated differentiation in the tactics that it aims at various ethnic minorities. Chevy's plans to appeal to Hispanic consumers with Malibu marketing illustrate that.

The key insight that Chevy, with Accent's help, is applying in how it positions Malibu with Hispanics is to recognize that the brand and the model don't carry the same baggage in the eyes of these consumers that they do with American consumers in general, according to Rodriguez. Particularly in the areas of quality, reliability and durability, he noted, Chevrolet must shake off the general perception - which now has held sway for a generation in this country - that its cars simply aren't as well built as the Japanese-designed competition.

And yet, Rodriguez explained, most Hispanics aren't similarly infected. "Abroad, where many of them have come

from, Chevrolet is a well respected brand," he said. "And when they come to America, they don't necessarily prefer imported car brands. So with Hispanics, with Malibu, we didn't want to necessarily approach it as if we had a problem we had to solve."

Largely for that reason, Chevy's approach in marketing Malibu to Hispanics displays less of the defensiveness that is illustrated by its general-market approach and more of an assumption that Hispanic consumers might actually have a predisposition to be associated with a Chevy car.

"There's a spice of negativity associated with the phrase 'The Car You Can't Ignore,' in the general market," Rodriguez said. "With Hispanics, though, we're spinning away from that."

So, "Hazte notar!" which is roughly translated as "Get noticed!," is Malibu's tag line for Hispanics. "It's following the same kind of phrasing and cadence as the general-market theme, but it says, 'See it! Hear it! Believe it!' to the Hispanic consumer. It puts things back on the consumer."

Attitudinally, Rodriguez explained, Chevrolet is positioning Malibu with Hispanics as a vehicle that demonstrates they're on their way up rather than that they have arrived. "It's saying, 'My achievement continues,'" he explained. "Everyone wants to move up in life and in vehicles. But the insight is different."

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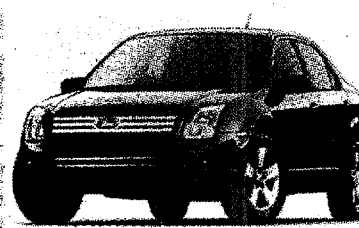


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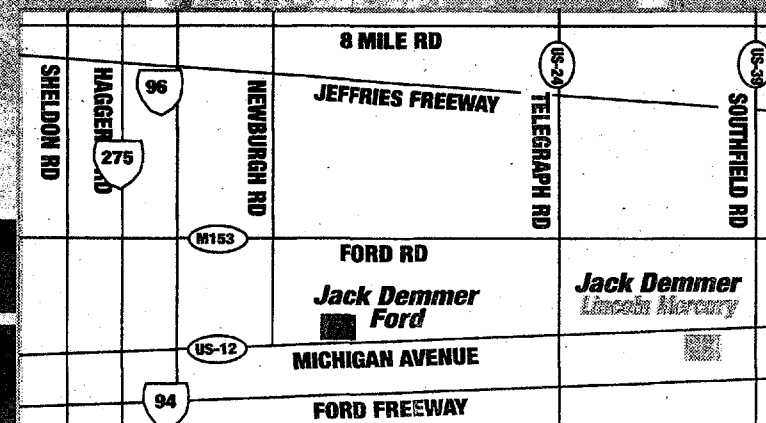


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# Most kitchen remodelings show return

(NAPSI) — The past five years have seen an explosion in home improvements. Homeowners continue to look for new, creative ways to bring more space, style and luxury to their everyday lives by remodeling and renovating.

For many who choose to renovate, the question becomes: "Where do we invest our limited resources and how will remodeling ultimately affect our home's value?"

While there's no guarantee that remodeling now will add to future resale value, statistics show that some projects yield a better return than others.

Consumers can generally expect to get a greater return in remodeling their kitchens than they would with other room upgrades. The 2006 Cost vs. Value Report from Remodeling magazine showed average returns for various remodeling projects in different regions of the country. In the East North Central region, which includes Michigan, a major kitchen remodel returned 69.1 percent, while minor kitchen remodels returned 74.8 percent.

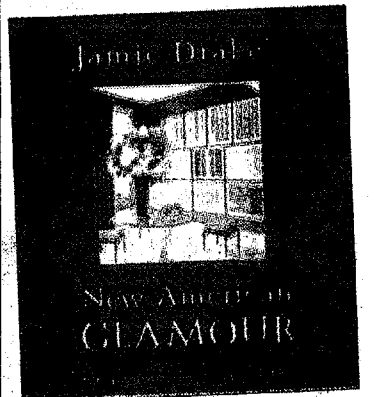
Statistics show there is a return on investment, but more importantly residents can reap the fruits of their labor before they sell — by enjoying amenities and aesthetics they love.



The deep gloss of a walnut floor grounds the lighter cabinets in this butter yellow and sky blue kitchen, showcasing the beauty of the wood.

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## ACCENTS



### 'NEW AMERICAN GLAMOUR'

Michigan Design Center will host renowned interior designer Jamie Drake during an open house and lecture Thursday, Nov. 1.

From 5-6 p.m., the public can browse the MDC's home furnishings, including the exclusive Jamie Drake fabric and furniture collections. At 6:30 p.m., Drake will discuss his signature look, as well as five basic principles he follows to make an ordinary room extraordinary. Tickets, \$45 per person; \$60 per couple include the lecture, open house and a copy of "Jamie Drake's New American Glamour" (\$45 value). Voted one of the Top American Designers by House Beautiful and New York magazines, Jamie Drake has completed a vast array of residences, including a Los Angeles showplace for Madonna, and the restoration of Gracie Mansion for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. MDC is located at 1700 Stutz Dr. in Troy. To RSVP call (248) 649-4772 or visit michigandesign.com.

### Halloween Fun Hike

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center will offer guided outdoor hikes to meet "not-so-scary" costumed forest creatures at 6:45, 7:15, 7:45 and 8:15 p.m. Oct. 26-27. After the hike, meet some live creatures from around the world during an indoor presentation.

All ages are welcome, but the trail is not "stroller-friendly." Pre-registration and payment (\$4 per person, cash or check to Wayne County Parks) are required at the Nankin Mills Park Office, 3175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185. Call (734) 261-1990.

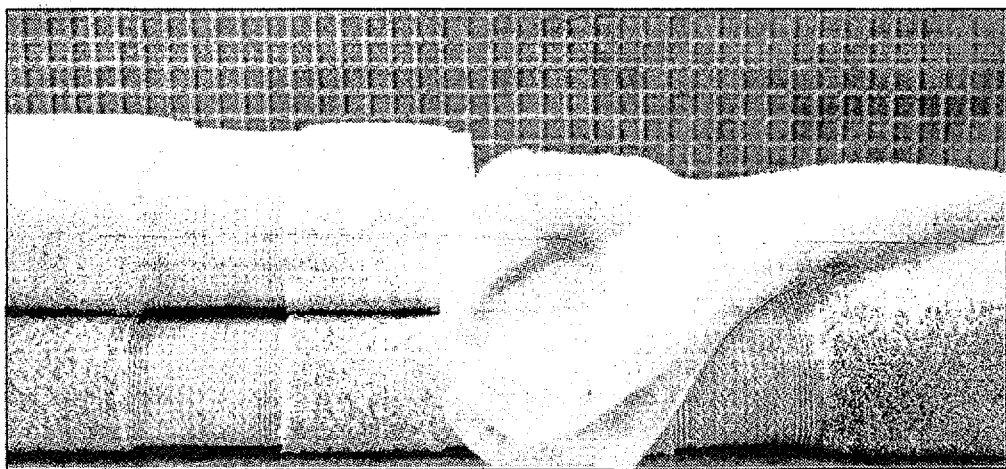
### Borders hosts Halloween "Spooktacular"

Calling all pirates, ghosts, goblins, princesses, witches and wizards. Borders Stores throughout Michigan will host a "Spooktacular" good time at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26.

The family-friendly party will feature Halloween themed stories, educational activities, and trick or treating at the store.

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# Fabulous living



## Create the spa effect in your own bath

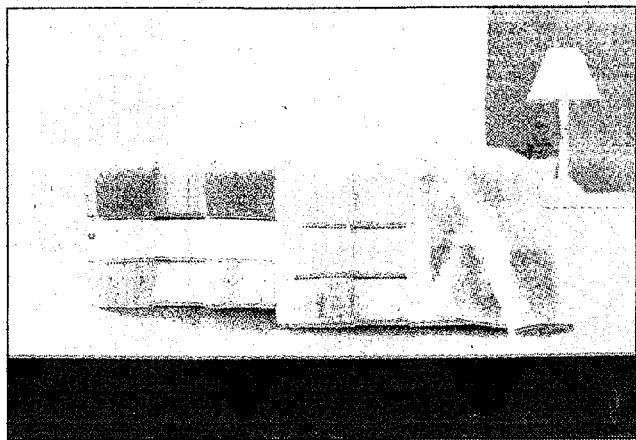
Whether the look is traditional or ultra-modern, it's important to provide plush, absorbent towels. Those by ABBEY HILL (above) and Martha Stewart Everyday (below) are available at Kmart.

Designer and author Roderick Shade of Roderick N. Shade Interior Design based in Harlem, N.Y., says many of his clients are asking for "sumptuous home sanctuaries that look and feel like luxury spas." This space has become a personal retreat where family members can spend quiet time. Included in the amenities are:

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- **Sleek hardware.** Heated towel bars are adding a new Euro dimension to today's bathrooms. In cabinet knobs and drawer pulls, the softer tone of brushed nickel is the metal of choice.

- **Soft textures.** Whether the look is traditional or ultra-modern, it's important to provide plush, absorbent towels, rugs and accessories that suit the style and make a statement.

## The latest trends for bedrooms

Most everyone wants to know what's in and what's out; what's hot and what's not. That's why trend spotting is such a popular pastime. Whether tracking the lives of celebrities, the fashions of the times, or the world of interiors, there may be no such thing as a "new idea," but what goes around can once again come around with a fresh new twist.

### A RETURN TO TRADITION

"Coming after the more austere interior styles we've been seeing and living with over the last few years, there appears to be a return to softer traditional looks that have been updated to fit today's mood and lifestyle," says designer Elaine Griffin of Elaine Griffin Interior Design

located in New York City. "There is a movement afoot to return to tradition, but with a twist." Where heavier furniture in dark woods has been popular, she sees a "feminization" of these furnishings, though not in a "girly" way, with the addition of soft curves, tufted fabrics, and rich woods like walnut.

To counter the colder, more austere hard lines in the bedroom, as currently seen in the market, Elaine advocates "a fun, fresh and comfortable approach filled with luxurious fabrics, textures, details and finishes."

### RAISE THE BED

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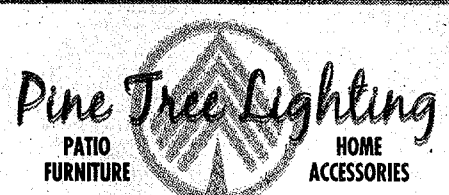
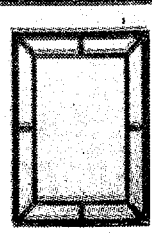
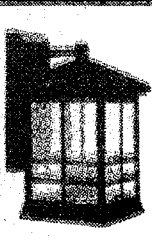
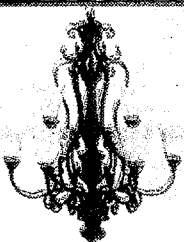


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# New products help rid your desk of wires

It's the 21st century — haven't we put up with wires long enough? Look around, under, or on top of your desk and you're likely to find a snake's nest of cords and wires, all of them necessary to connect PCs, printers, cameras, keyboards, and other devices.



**Tech Savvy**  
Rick Broida

Or perhaps not so necessary. Thanks to a new wave of wireless devices and technologies, it's possible to make cord clutter a thing of the past — or at least less of an unsightly mess. For example, you can kill two corded birds with one wireless stone by upgrading your mouse and keyboard. The Logitech Cordless Desktop Wave, for example, combines an ergonomically curved keyboard with a contoured laser mouse — and the receiver for both is a

USB plug no larger than a pack of gum. Microsoft and Kensington offer similar wireless mouse/keyboard combos.

Next, why not sever the connection to your printer? If you're in the market for a new model, consider something like the Lexmark X6570. This all-in-one device prints, scans, copies and faxes, and does it all via traditional 802.11g Wi-Fi networks.

That means if you've already got a Wi-Fi router set up in your home or office, it's a simple matter to add the X6570 to your network. Instead of being tethered to your PC, it can sit anywhere that's convenient: a closet, a bookcase, even another room.

As an added bonus, the printer is easy to share among multiple users: Anyone on the network can connect to it. Epson and HP are among the vendors that also offer Wi-Fi-equipped printers.

If you'd rather keep your existing printer, Belkin's Network USB Hub can help. It lets you connect up to five devices (printers, hard drives, memory-card readers, etc.) to your existing router so they can be

wirelessly shared by multiple users.

Speaking of peripherals, just about everything you connect to your PC these days requires a USB cable. With little more than a scanner, PDA, and iPod on your desk, you can wind up with serious cord creep. Belkin's Wireless USB Hub, the first device of its kind, promises to banish those cords: It provides a four-port USB hub with a wireless range of about 30 feet.

That means you can keep all your devices connected to your PC but keep them tucked away on a shelf or in a drawer at the same time.

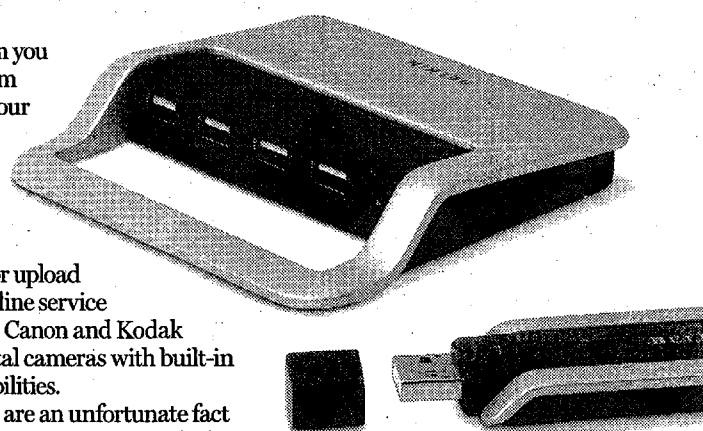
Sure, the devices' cords still need to be connected to the hub itself, but at least they won't be snaking across your desk. D-Link and Logitech make wireless USB hubs as well.

A wireless camera might help you eliminate yet another cable from your desk. Nikon's Coolpix S51c, for instance, forgoes the typical camera dock and cable in favor of — you guessed it — Wi-Fi.

Not only can you wirelessly beam photos from your camera to your PC, you can e-mail them directly from your camera or upload them to an online service such as Flickr. Canon and Kodak also offer digital cameras with built-in wireless capabilities.

Some wires are an unfortunate fact of life — there's just no getting rid of them. But that doesn't mean they have to dominate your desk. Products like the Cableyo (www.bluelounge.com) and CordHog (www.cordhog.com) provide inexpensive, effective, even attractive cable management. Basically, you wrap the excess cord around these little hubs to keep everything neat and orderly.

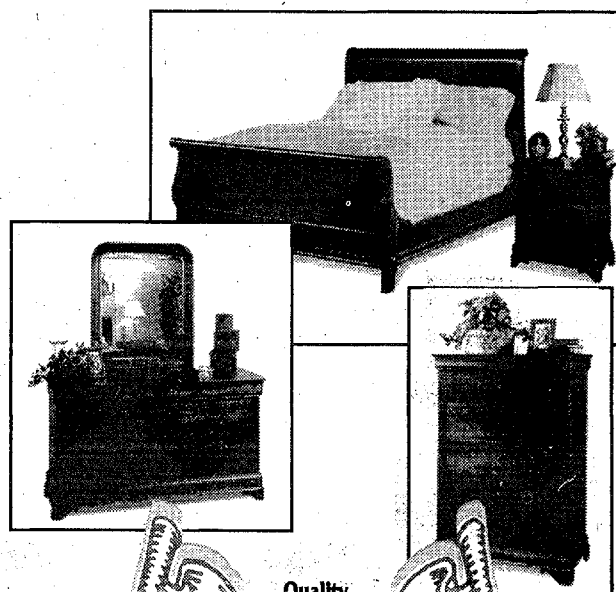
So long, cables — and good riddance.



Belkin's Wireless USB Hub lets you connect up to four USB devices to your PC, but keeps the cords out of your way.

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## Refrigerator doors and space create problems

Marilyn writes: "I would like to know if there is something that wears out in a refrigerator door that allows it to swing widely open (180 degrees) every time it is opened. When I have a load in my hands and open the refrigerator, it swings violently open from the weight of bottled foods stored in it. I know it hasn't always been this way but I can't even remember when it started. I know we're losing a lot of energy this way. What do you think?"

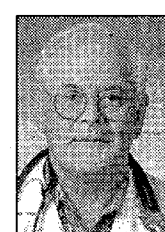
The door closure problem that exists with your refrigerator is being experienced by thousands of homeowners across this country. I for one had the same problem with my 13-year-old General Electric side-by-side. The plastic door closure, which fits on the lower door hinge, simply broke off. I ordered a new one, removed the refrigerator door and fit the new one in place. Not a hard job for any consumer, but time consuming and a little exerting for a senior citizen. This problem or frequent failure of

a door closure is also prevalent with other brands of refrigerators besides General Electric. Another symptom of this problem is a door, which actually won't stay shut. Homeowners resort to placing a chair against the door to keep it shut. My opinion on these sorts of problems relate to the lack of quality being produced today in the manufacturing of major home appliances. Need I say more?

Donna writes: "I have an old Kenmore side-by-side refrigerator in harvest gold. I need to replace it but the size is 19.1 cubic feet and the opening recommended is 67 inches high, 33 inches wide and 28 inches deep (without the handles). If I can't replace it, I will have to reconfigure the whole wall that my oven and cooktop is on. I can only use a side-by-side because I have a peninsula that a regular refrigerator door would hit because the doors are too big. Even the new French door style would work, but I can't find anything with all three dimensions. Help!"

I would suggest that hopefully someone out there in the retail world of appliances still carries a refrigerator to match those required sizes but I think you are going to have to do some heavy duty shopping.

Isn't it odd that sizes seem to



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

change so much as new product lines are introduced? Even the colors change to match the décor of a modern kitchen. My wife has been looking at a new refrigerator for our kitchen and her selected choice is 70 inches high. But the old one is only 67 inches high and fits perfectly under the overhead cupboards.

Fortunately I have enough overhang on the cupboard front that I can cut off 3 inches, allowing me room to fit the new refrigerator in place. There are times when minor adjustments have to be made to accommodate and this may turn out to be one of those times. Good luck shopping. Stay tuned.

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

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## U.S. on target to be world's largest wine market

According to the 2007 edition of Adams Wine Handbook, published by Adams Beverage Group, U.S. wine consumption took a leap forward last year, rising an impressive 3.4 percent and continuing a climb for the 13th consecutive year.

Sales were so strong that if the wine industry's expansion continues at this pace, the U.S. will become the largest wine market in the world by the end of the decade.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

### MARKET DYNAMICS

Wine now appeals to a broad spectrum of the U.S. population, including the much sought-after Millennials (consumers aged 21 to 30). For the first time in a recent Gallup poll, a majority of respondents claimed wine as their alcohol beverage of choice. Millennials and Baby Boomers together account for more than half of today's wine consumers.

In general, Millennials are categorized as novice drinkers and brands such as Pinot Evil, Killer Juice, Dog House and "critter" brands with dancing bulls, black swans, little penguins, kangaroos, and yes, a hippo from Fat Bastard, which of all things is a French wine, are pitched to them as more approachable wines.

Then there's packaging. Because they are easy to open, screw capped wines are popular. More than 95 percent of New Zealand wines have a screw cap closure. Yet, there's growing debate and ongoing research indicating that alternative closures may not be the best for all wines, even some in the lower-tier category. A higher quality of premium boxed wines has encouraged consumers to think inside the box.

Association between moderate wine consumption and decreased risk of some diseases was highlighted with the release of a study that found resveratrol, a substance contained in red wine, extended the life span of mice. Although studies from mice to men are ongoing, consumers bought the early good news. Thus, it's no surprise that red wine sales continue to surge. According to Nielsen Company tracked sales, cabernet sauvignon increased by 14 percent in the 13 weeks ending in late July this year. After merlot sales struggled due to disparaging remarks in the film "Sideways," it appears that merlot drinkers are no longer ashamed of their preference and sales rose five percent in the 13 weeks ending in late July this year.

### NOT ALL DOMESTIC

Perhaps to the chagrin of domestic producers, growth of imported wines shows no sign of slowing. Wines from Italy, Australia and France were up 6.7, 6.8 and 21.9 percent respectively. With an overall 29 percent market share, Italian wines dominate imports.

### WINE PICKS

Since cabernet sauvignon is consumers' favorite red wine, prices have taken a steady leap, making SYRAH or SHIRAZ tempting by price comparison for bigger style reds.

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- 2004 Grant Burge Filsell Shiraz, Barossa, \$31
- 2004 Dutton Goldfield Syrah, \$35
- 2004 JC Cellars Rockpile Vineyard "Haley's Reserve" Syrah, \$50
- 2005 Terlato-Chapoutier Lieu Dit Malakoff Shiraz, \$40
- 2005 Arrowood Russian River Valley, Saralee's Vineyard Syrah, \$40
- 2005 Paul Hobbs Kick Ranch Vineyard Syrah, Russian River Valley, \$70

### WALLET FRIENDLY

- 2004 RH Phillips Night Harvest Shiraz, \$8
- 2005 Paringa "Individual Vineyard" Shiraz, \$11
- 2005 Grant Burge Barossa Shiraz, \$15
- 2005 J. Lohr South Ridge Syrah, \$15
- 2004 Rosenblum Santa Barbara County Syrah, \$18

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

By far, Yellow Tail from Australia, at 8.1 million cases, is the largest foreign segment brand. Overall though, Australian wines that for many years running held the top spot in dollar share, no longer do. They've been outpaced by Italian wines.

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## BEDROOMS

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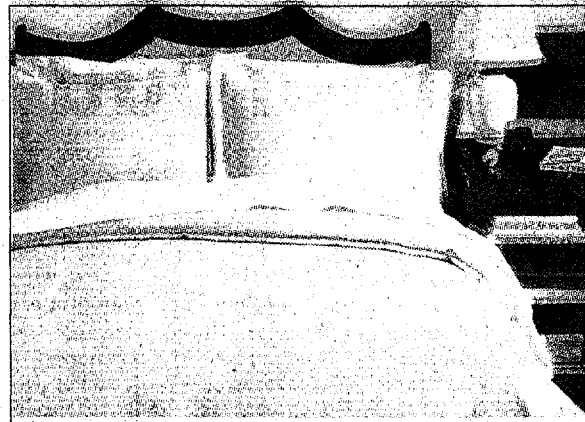
Carisa Perez-Fuentes, owner/creative director of DesignStudio3b in New York City and Miami, and runner-up in the Bravo series, "Top Design" also is a fan of casual tradition. "A proliferation of decorative pillows piled on the bed is the ultimate expression of relaxed formality," Perez-Fuentes says.

She also loves the idea of raising a low-to-the-ground modern bed to give it height - and an old-fashioned look - with bed risers or with the addition of an extra box spring. "Park some bed steps on either side of the bed for a notable touch of timelessness," she adds.

### THE HOME HOTEL

Conversely, the 'Hotel' aesthetic is one of the hottest trends in bedroom design at the moment, Perez-Fuentes says. "People are starting to realize that they can live like they're staying at a high-end hotel while remaining in their own homes. The look is always elegant, uncluttered, and ultra luxurious."

She suggests using rich, traditional fabrics, pillows and bedding sparingly to achieve a classic aesthetic with a modern appeal.



Get the 'hotel chic' look with Martha Stewart Everyday's 5-Star Duvet (\$80.99 including shams) exclusively at Kmart.

### NEW COLOR THEORY

According to Debbie Zimmer, paint and color expert with the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute, "Green may just become the newest 'neutral' reflecting a growing eco-consciousness and social responsibility." She also points out, "The sophisticated glamour of black, soft whites, creams, metallics and high sheen will be seen enriching fabrics, while 'crewel' hues like cranberry red and warm brown help to create a nurturing and caring environment."



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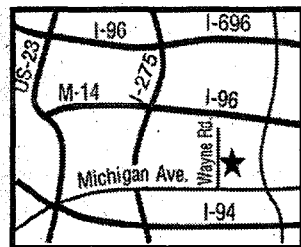
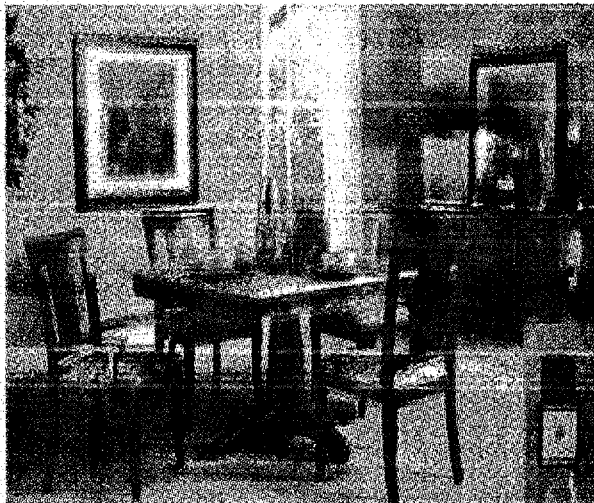
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## Young survivor becomes trendsetting advocate

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Charles has a knack for fashion. The 33-year-old has studied design at Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, produced music videos in Miami, and currently commutes between Washington D.C. where she lives with her husband, and Rochester, where she runs an event planning boutique with her sister called Simply Fabulous. At the office, they call her "Fashionista."

Now, the tireless jet-setter and party planner is on a quest to make breast exams trendy.

Last September, Charles found a lump. She wasn't reassured when her doctor said she was too young and healthy to worry about it.

"I know my body, and I knew something wasn't right, so I was persistent," she said.

Charles eventually convinced her doctor to prescribe a mammogram and ultrasound. Both came back citing "No Abnormalities," and Charles was told to return for another screening in three years. Still, she had a nagging feeling.

"I went back to the doctor even after I received a clean bill of health and said: 'I want answers.'"

Finally, her doctor referred her for a biopsy and sure enough, the surgeon found breast cancer.

Since then, Charles has undergone eight rounds of chemotherapy and radiation, along with a bilateral mastectomy and continuing reconstructive surgery.

Throughout everything, she continued to work. Her successful company is responsible for planning the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview event each year, and this past January, she attended wearing a yellow gown, with a teal ribbon adorning her bald head. As if Simply Fabulous events didn't keep her busy enough, Charles founded the Trendsetters Organization, a branch of Beaumont Hospital's Sharing & Caring program designed to make breast cancer screening and early detection fashionable.

"We started the organization to work with them and sort



Jennifer Charles is on a quest to make breast exams trendy.

of be a younger voice. People always think that breast cancer happens in your 50s, 60s and 70s and that's really not true," Charles said. "Younger and younger people are getting it. Early detection for any age is the key."

Trendsetters gets its message out to young women by staging fun events like a 'Premiere Purse Party' last April, followed in August by a 'Brassiere Bazaar' in the lingerie department at Nordstrom.

"It's a serious issue, but if we can inform people and they see the steps of what you should do

if you do find a lump, hopefully that will save someone's life," she said. "The worst thing you can do is hide your head in the sand and pretend it's not happening."

Charles started doing regular breast self-exams after reading an article in Glamour Magazine a decade ago.

"The article was about a girl in her 20s who had breast cancer, and found the lump herself," Charles said. "It just stuck with me. I thought if it happened to her, who's to say that down the road it couldn't happen to me?"

Ironically, it did. But today, Charles looks forward to marking a year cancer free this February, thanks to her own vigilance doing self-exams, as well as her persistence with her doctors.

"If I could get one message across it would be to do breast self-exams every day, every week when you're in the shower," she said. "You have to pay attention to your body. You have to be an advocate for your own health. You have to speak up for yourself. It saved my life and I tell people all the time."

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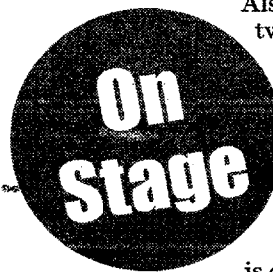
12 Girls Band is one of China's most beloved groups today.

# Chinese ballet comes to Music Hall

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The celebration includes performances by the prestigious *National Ballet of China - Guangzhou*; and also one of the hottest and most popular groups in Asian music, *12 Girls Band*.



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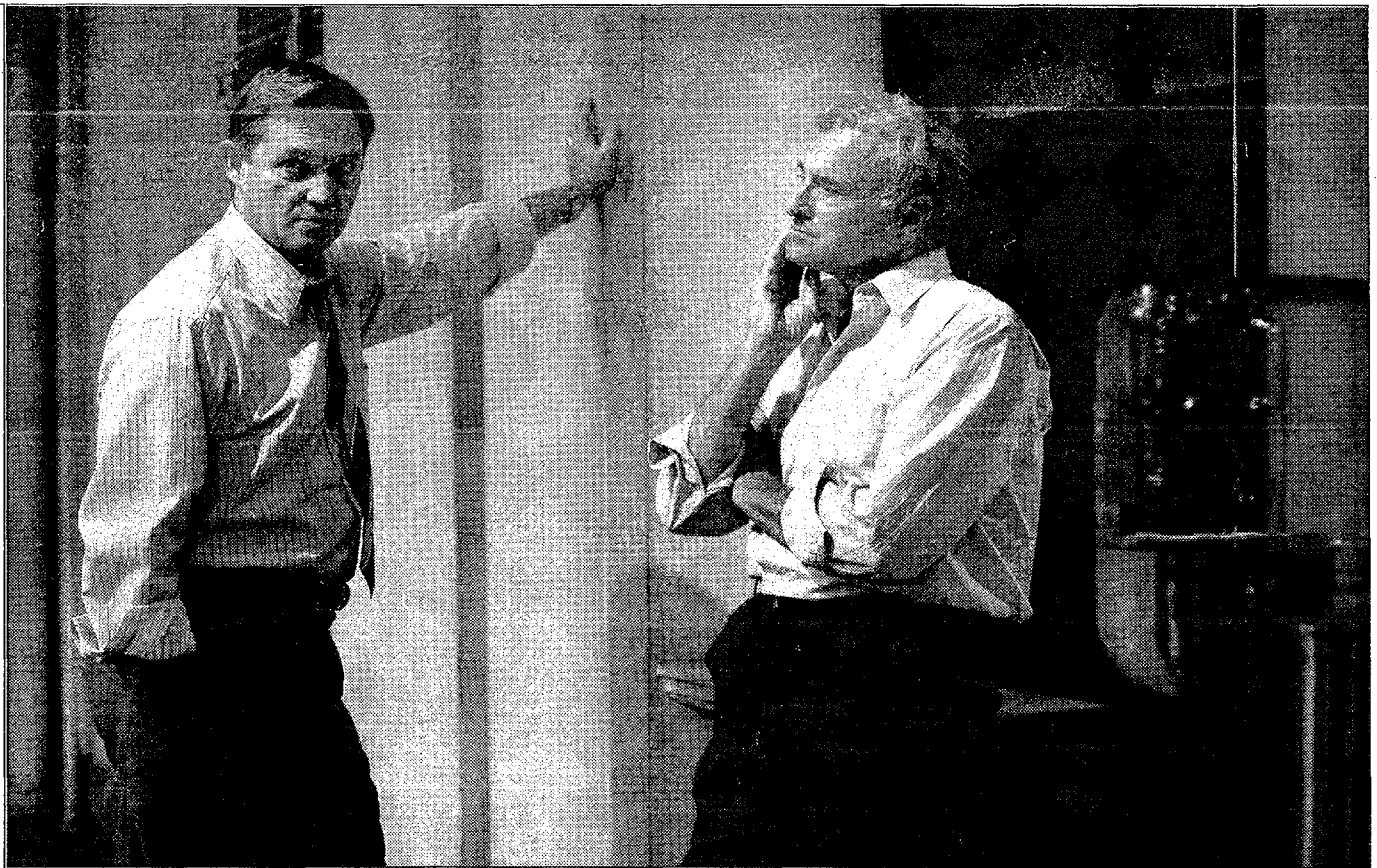
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Richard Thomas and Kevin Dobson star in Roundabout Theatre Company's "Twelve Angry Men," at Detroit's Fisher Theater beginning Oct. 30.

# TV star takes stage turn in 'Twelve Angry Men'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Dobson's first week with the touring cast of *Twelve Angry Men* sounded a bit daunting. The actor - known for successful television stints on *Kojak* and *Knots Landing* - recently joined the touring cast of Roundabout Theatre Company's critically-acclaimed Broadway hit.

Calling Oct. 12 from Tampa, he said: "I think I got over the frightening part of it. It's like a ship pulling in. You don't say 'hold it.'"

The show, written by Reginald Rose and directed by Scott Ellis, follows 12 jurors as they deliberate the fate of a young man charged with the manslaughter of his father. One of the jurors finds reasonable doubt, causing frustration among his colleagues. A heated debate ensues revealing preconceptions and prejudice in the jury room. *Twelve Angry Men* was originally written as a teleplay in 1954. It has been recreated for the stage and on film over the years.

With about three weeks of rehearsals Dobson has taken on the challenging role of Juror 10. "He's a bigot. He wants to get on and over with it," Dobson said. "That's all he wants to do. Then it starts to unravel."

## TWELVE ANGRY MEN

**When:** Performances Oct. 30-Nov. 18.

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Juror 10 is the sort of guy who believes he's got a thick skin, Dobson explained, but through the course of the play those layers are peeled away until "we get back to the root of who we are."

Dobson said he was well aware of the challenges to acting live on stage, when compared to television or movies. "There is a beginning and an end," he said. "When it stops, it's complete." That's quite a switch for an actor who's spent 10 years portraying Mack on television's *Knots Landing*. "What kept me there? It was an anchor. I could raise a family."

But it also meant 14-hour work days and getting caught up in the Hollywood scene. Once the show ended Dobson returned to his family full time. Life slowed down considerably, he recalled. "When we fin-

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# BALLET

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classical ballet with traditional Chinese dance and will perform Chen Zemei's *The Yellow River*. It will be accompanied by the popular Yellow River Piano Concerto.

The company will also spend a week in residence in the Detroit area, performing and conducting dance classes in Detroit area schools, as part of Music Hall's

educational programming.

12 Girls Band is an all woman band known for grace and energy on the group's new CD *Shanghai*.

The sound is a mix of traditional Chinese folk melodies and selections of jazz, classical and pop music.

The band actually consists of 13 comely virtuoso young Chinese women who play both traditional Chinese melodies, Western classical and pop tunes on classic East Asian instruments.

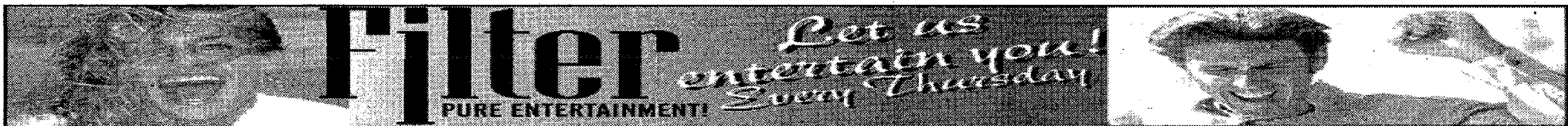
Chinese Art Exhibition Music Hall, in collaboration with G.R. N'Namdi Gallery of Detroit, Chicago and

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*The National Ballet of China - Guangzhou*, is at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and 27. The 12 Girls Band is 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29. Located at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave. in Detroit.

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ished that, and I had the same experience with *Kojak*, after shooting for a season you think you're ready to go back into it. It's staggering when it's not there."

Now that his children have grown up, he chose to return. "I've always wanted to do what I'm doing now," Dobson said. The show moves along so quickly, he wishes he could watch it from the audience's perspective, he said.

The script remains true to the words Reginald Rose wrote in 1953. The minimal set - a jury room - conveys a claustrophobic environment, and plenty of tension within the story. "We're just in a room sitting around a table, as they say in the beginning, talking."

Dobson described the emotions as raw and out there. Performing live on stage,

he said, "it's never the same." Despite the pre-determined blocking and dialogue, the show changes as the actors work from their instincts. "It's really of-the-moment," Dobson said. "As life is in the moment."

He raved about his castmates, noting that Juror 9, Alan Mandell "every night ages before my eyes" and calling Charles Borland the next Clint Eastwood. "Audiences love him." As for the show's star, Dobson said: "I'm so happy and proud to be working with Richard Thomas. It ain't John Boy."

*Twelve Angry Men* has been well-received by audiences thus far. "People have enjoyed it for several reasons," Dobson said, "It's a big production that's not a big musical extravaganza. That's different. When you watch these characters I think they have a bit of all of us."

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# She roars, she growls and she's smooth Otep

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Otep, the hardcore black metal band whose sultry frontwoman Shamaya Otep roars with a sometimes growling and sometimes haunting voice, is coming to the Fillmore on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

This is the band who Sharon Osbourne saw perform only once and immediately invited onto the Ozzfest tour, and is a group unlike any other metal band on the scene today.

Shamaya Otep remains elusive, giving limited interviews and becoming known as the Princess of Darkness who knows how to find light (Ozzy is the prince).

The band blends art with metal, but it's Shamaya's roaring voice and poetry that is giving her respect from legions of fans.

On Youtube, you can view the sexy rocker reading poetry, and then later letting all of us know how catty the poetry com-

munity can be. Her physical look is sometimes reminiscently hot as early Madonna (yet with tattoos) and her lyrics and social stance is about pushing boundaries - in a smart way.

The band's popularity has increased with Vlogging - videos and blogging. Shamaya, deeply artistic, is always seeking inspiration and doesn't settle for complacency.

With the release of the CD *The Ascension*, OTEP challenged themselves to avoid clichés and classifications and find a new landscape of sound and vision.

They're influenced by Nirvana, Pink Floyd and Radiohead - yet their sound is remarkably their own.

"We said: genre limits and music fads be damned, let's write music that is important to us and that motivates us," said Shamaya. "I wanted to write songs we believe in and let nothing stop us from building the album we want to make."

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Shamaya Otep was asked to perform at Ozzfest after she herself had played only seven shows.

soundscapes of the soul and society.

"I set out to reclaim the mindset I had when I wrote the first record (*Sevas Tra*). Bands have another level of intensity and risk-taking when writing their first record. I wanted to recapture the sound of that hunger and infuse it with as much raw passion and purpose as possible."

Otep was able to capture the passion of a new band partly because they have new band members on *Ascension* - guitarist Karma Cheema and drummer Brian Wolff, join Otep and founding bass player eVil J. Also contributing to the CD is Grammy-nominated Mudvayne guitarist Greg Tribbett and it's produced by Grammy-winning Dave Fortman (Evanescence, Mudvayne).

Her drive is legendary. She was merely a fan at Ozzfest 2000 when she told a friend, "I'll be here next year playing with my band." She wasn't even in a band, but two months later formed OTEP, and within seven months earned a record deal without a demo. Their eight show was Ozzfest 2001.

That's only part of the determination and power Otep brings to the band.

"It's easier for people to curse the darkness than to light a candle. I prefer to do the opposite," she said. "*The Ascension* is a message to rise above whatever limitations, obstacles, or social identities are placed upon us."

Otep herself is articulate, ethereal and heady, and the sound is wild and intense with lyrics that are relatable to the band's legion of fans.

"I write lyrics the way I like my art; the way I like to see a painting, or read a

story," she said. "I hope that there's some vulnerability, honesty and authenticity, but at the same time, presented in such a universal way that I can find myself in it as well. I hope our work provokes, motivates and inspires—that's the definition of art for me."

Last year, through cell phone voting, OTEP allowed fans to determine tour routing and venues and shape the band's set list.

Otep actively adopts new social media technologies to connect to her fans and encourages them to claim ownership over the band — and "all art they support." She also supports fans in personal ways, notably through *You Are Not Alone*.

*Alone* is an information clearinghouse that began on the band's, [www.oteplife.com](http://www.oteplife.com), as a resource guide for people in need of help with depression, suicide, pregnancy, rape, domestic violence and other issues.

Otep says, "Maybe 'You Are Not Alone' will help just one person. Maybe people just need a point in the right direction. It's building toward philanthropy."

She is currently using an innovative charity widget on her various Web sites to make it easy for fans to donate money to charities she feels are important (i.e., Save Darfur). And she is dedicating 13 songs on the album to 13 different charities. Otep has also worked with [moveon.org](http://moveon.org) to encourage voting.

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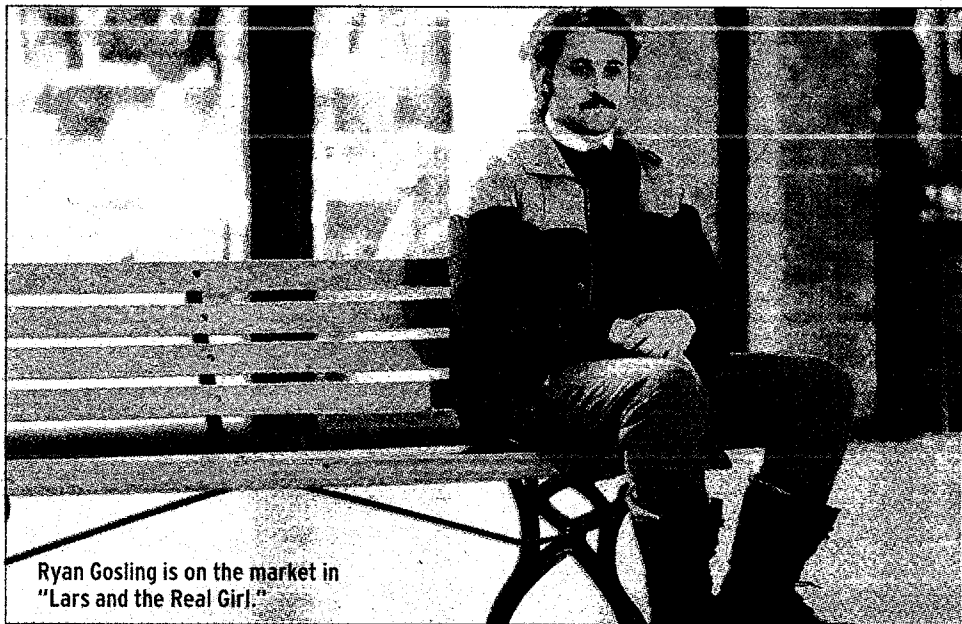
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are encouraged to don a costume for free entrance to trick-or-treat, decorate a pumpkin and take in a little magic. Located at 5401 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Call (313) 833-1805.

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**29** Get it while you can, Woodward Avenue Brewers is pouring its seasonal Pumpkin Ale - pairs perfectly with 1/2 off food on Mondays.

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"Saw IV" opens on Friday.

# Forest fun and fake blood

## More Halloween happenings scheduled

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

In last week's *Filter* we told you about Halloween hauntings, like the trick or treating in Royal Oak 2-4 p.m. Sunday Oct. 28. Thousands of little critters will turn downtown into a scary place. Here's some more events, some aimed for children and some for adults who just don't want to grow up.

### WESTLAND

*Halloween Forest Fun Hike* on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and 27.

Starting times are 6:45, 7:15, 7:45 or 8:15 p.m. and cost is just \$4 per person. This child-friendly event is a guided outdoor hike to meet "not-so-scary" funny forest creatures.

Costumed critters love to tell stories and can be quite comical.

Afterward, meet some live creatures from around the world during an indoor presentation.

Hikes begin behind the little white house on the hill on the grounds of Nankin Mills. The program will be moved indoors in the event of rain. All ages welcome, but the trail is not "stroller-friendly." Pre-registration and payment are required at the Nankin Mills Park Office, cash or check made out to Wayne County Parks. Located at

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, (734) 261-1990

### WATERFORD

*Death Sentence Haunted House,*

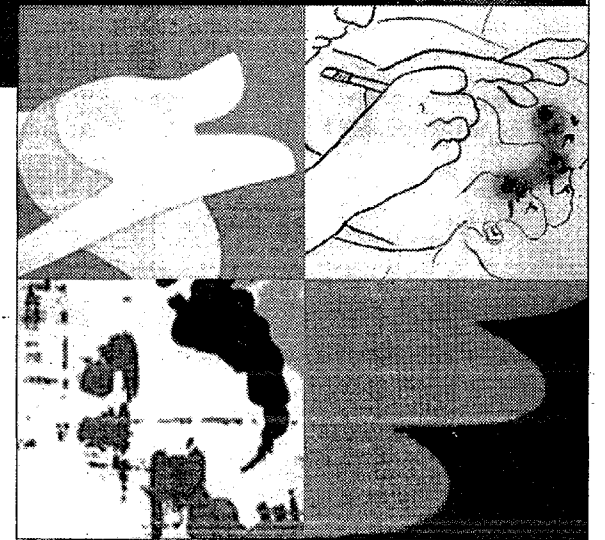
4889 Dixie Hwy. How scary is it? Well, the hotline is called the "Terror Line" at (248) 303-4043. But to make guests comfortable before the haunting, there's an indoor waiting area. Hours are 7-11 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Thursday through Saturday.

### DETROIT

*Fake Blood Art Show.* It's all bloody artwork by 15 artists from Detroit, New York and Rotterdam.

Paintings, sculptures, drawings and mixed-media works will be included. All pieces were made specifically for this exhibition.

Located at UFO Factory, you can dress up as Dracula, Frankenstein or Wolfman, just make sure to include



It's an art exhibit that's all in fun called "Fake Blood" at the UFO Factory in Detroit.

some fake blood. Even a regular, everyday outfit can be converted into a Halloween costume by simply adding fake blood.

The artists stress that no real blood is allowed on the premises.

Artists include Dana Bell, Ron Zakron, Jamie Easter, Davin Brainard, Greg Siemesz, Mike Canich,

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# Filtered Top Five: Film School

San Francisco-based Film School kicked off a North American tour earlier this month in support of their latest gothic treasure, the Beggars Banquet release *Hideout*. The dark layered pop songs meld a shoegazer approach with a surprising pop sensibility. After a year of lineup changes, Film School has added new bassist Lorelei Plotczyk who also contributes to vocals on *Hideout*. The record's 13 dreamy, wafting songs waste little time. Often clocking in at less than five minutes, songs like *Lectric* and *Sick Hipster Nursed By Suicide Girl* have an anxious, off-kilter vibe that plays off of Greg Bertons' hushed monotone vocals.

While on the road Bertons recently touched base with FILTER to share his Top Five:

## RECORDS

1. *Quique* (2007 reissue) by Seefeel
2. *Goodbye* by Ulrich Schnauss
3. *23* by Blonde Redhead
4. *Everything Last Winter* by Fields
5. *Fur and Gold* by Bat for Lashes

Get yourself to Film School, with openers Land of Talk and Eulogies, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, The Pike Room, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets \$8, visit [www.thecrofoot.com](http://www.thecrofoot.com).

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## HALLOWEEN

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Dion Fischer, Sam Consigilo, John Olson, Warn Defever, Ronald Cornelissen, Taurus Burns, Clare Fox, Dave Buick, Michael Segal.

The event is Saturday, Oct. 27 from 7-11 p.m. at 1345 Division, New Detroit (Eastern Market area). Visit <http://ufo-factory.com>.

## HALLOWEEN IN DECEMBER

This is the time of year to think of the Prince of Darkness - Ozzy Osbourne - the leader of metal.

He's coming not til Tuesday, Dec. 18, to the Joe Louis Arena - but tickets are on sale now.

Even cooler is that Osbourne is touring with one of the metal's most eccentric and interesting talents, Rob Zombie.

The tour supports Ozzy's first CD in six years, *Black Rain*.

Since Ozzy generously gave away tickets - all free - to his Ozzfest event last year, we know the prince has a light side to him. Yet, he's still our favorite scary singer. He's sold more than 100 million albums as a solo artist and with Black Sabbath.

As for Rob Zombie, he's hot off the heels of his record-breaking box office

hit movie *Halloween* and is releasing his first live album, titled *Zombie Live* (Geffen/UME), this week.

Zombie himself is one of Geffen Records' top selling artists, with more than 15 million sales on his own. He also directed Ozzy's *Dreamer* video plus many others.

Tickets (\$39.75, \$69.75 & \$89.75) can be purchased at OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charge) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

## 'SAW IV THE MOVIE'

Opens Friday, Oct. 26. Murderer Jigsaw and his apprentice Amanda are dead. Now with the additional news of Detective Kerry's murder, two seasoned FBI profilers, Agent Strahm (Scott Patterson) and Agent Perez, arrive at the depleted police precinct and help veteran Detective Hoffman (Costas Mandylor) sift through Jigsaw's latest grizzly game of victims to piece together the puzzle. However, when SWAT Commander Rigg, the last officer untouched by Jigsaw (Tobin Bell), is suddenly abducted and thrust into the madman's harrowing game, the officer

has 90 minutes to overcome a series of interconnected traps or face deadly consequences.

Rigg's citywide pursuit leaves a wake of dead bodies, and Detective Hoffman and the FBI uncover long hidden clues that lead them back to Jigsaw's ex-wife Jill (Betsy Russell). The genesis of Jigsaw's evil is unveiled, exposing the puppet master's true intentions and the sinister plan for his past, present and future victims.

While many of us here at *Filter* prefer

torturous horror film (films that scare us by leaving something to the imagination), we know the *Saw* films are huge. (You sickos!) Rated R.

But, hey, "sickos" can be nice people, too. *Saw IV* is hosting a blood drive on Friday, Oct. 26 at theaters everywhere. It's the fourth annual and has raised more than 80,000 pints of blood, which can save more than 100,000 people.

To find the closest theater, visit <http://advison.webevents.yahoo.com/sawblood-drive/>



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# Rocky's Rotisserie

Chefs blend chicken, convenience in latest venture



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rocky's Rotisserie serves Meatloaf in Mushroom Sauce with side dishes of roasted potatoes and macaroni and cheese accompanied with a house salad.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

When Dan Meier first interviewed with Rocky Rachwitz six years ago to become the chef at Rocky's in Northville, Rachwitz wanted someone who'd be there for the long haul.

That meant hiring not just a great chef, but someone exhibiting some business acumen, as a partner.

So when Rocky's Rotisserie opened Sept. 20, it was another chapter unfolding in Meier's culinary career. The former executive chef at Rocky's in Northville is an official partner with Rachwitz, and chef Steve Allen, who owns Steve & Rocky's in Northville with Rachwitz (which incidentally will be open for 10 years in December).

The new rotisserie restaurant is tucked in the Newburgh Plaza, one of several businesses between the AAA office and Busch's Markets.

## ROCKY'S ROTISSERIE

37337 Six Mile Rd. (located in the Newburgh Plaza) Livonia (734) 462-6240

Web site: [www.rockysrotisserie.com](http://www.rockysrotisserie.com)

Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Sunday

Menu: Rotisserie chicken, soups, salads, sandwiches, pastas, desserts.

Price range: 99 cents for a cup of a side item up to \$22.99 for the Big Family Feast; salads \$2.99-\$7.49; sandwiches \$5.99-\$6.49; pastas \$6.99-\$9.99.

Carry-out: Yes. Walk-in, phone or order online.

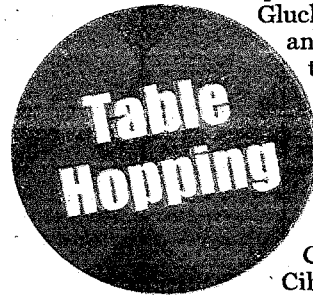
Catering: Yes.

## WARMING UP

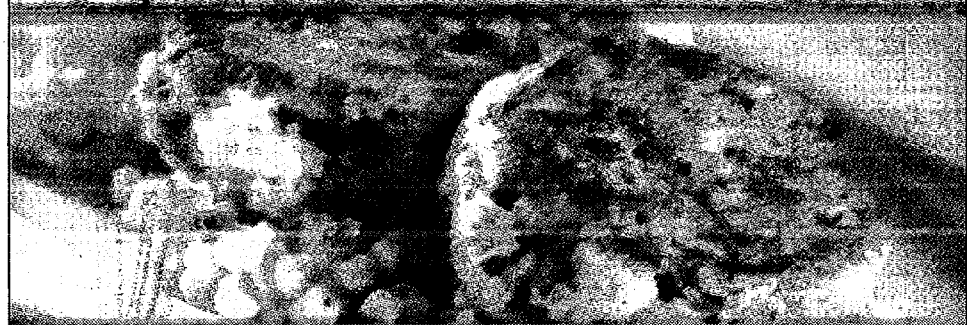
The partners hired a designer, Kerry Gluckman, to develop warm tones and a kitchen theme to play off the owners' extensive culinary backgrounds. (Prior to owning their respective restaurants, Rachwitz worked for Chuck Muer restaurants for 18 years, Allen worked at Golden Mushroom under Certified Master Chef Milos Cihelka, then became executive chef upon Cihelka's retirement, and Meier apprenticed under Allen before working at Rocky's in Northville.)

Gluckman incorporated wire whips and ladles into the lighting scheme, an epoxy

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# ROCKY'S

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coated bar and floors exuding warm oranges and browns. Then there's the chicken drawn by a former Disney cartoonist. A caricature of Rocky, it greets customers in a whimsical way.

Rachwitz gets a kick out of the drawing.

"He's got a big belly, and apron, and when I first saw it, I thought, 'that's cute,'" Rachwitz said, with a laugh. "He's standing with a little bit of attitude."

## CHICKEN IS THE STAR

Make no mistake about this place: it specializes in chicken, specifically rotisserie chicken, but the concept draws on convenience and the creation of good food culled from years of culinary experience from some seasoned pros. Yet the setting is casual and hip, and the food inexpensive.

It's a different strategy from Steve & Rocky's or even Rocky's of Northville, as the owners hope to hit the fast food market's customers who need a quick meal, yet want something prepped by a chef that tastes good.

This fare is not fast food in the sense of junk, fatty food. Not by any means. The chefs pulled popular items from previous and current gigs, such as Chef Milos' Cream of Mushroom Soup, originally from the Golden Mushroom, and the Chilled Gazpacho and Rocky's Famous House Bread from Rocky's of Northville.

Rocky's Rotisserie's concept came from all three chef/owners contributing to the menu. The restaurant is a chance to shine for Meier, who completed the base menu, and added items like the pasta salads and Dan's Chicken Noodle Soup.

And of course, chicken is the star of the show. Chefs will prepare rotisserie chickens, created from brined chickens, a process that helps retain moisture in the meat. That chicken will be used in items like the Chicken Salad Croissant and specials like the Pulled Barbecued Chicken.

"We'll use a homemade chicken stock in our chicken noodle soup," Meier said of the chefs' menu decisions. "And people love chicken pot pie. We make a high quality chicken filling to make our pot pie."

## LIL' LEGHORNS

Side dishes, salads and soups are all made in house, such as the tangy cole slaw. There's pasta dishes with nice culinary touches, like the Linguine with Shrimp and Artichoke (why, yes, you can get chicken on this dish instead). The Lil' Leghorns menu features chicken strips or a drum stick with red grapes and milk for \$3.49.

Rachwitz wanted to gear the restaurant to young working families, to get them away from fast food chain pizzas piled high with cheese, and burger-and-fries combos.

"All of it is fat, fat, fat," Rachwitz said. "We came up with this menu, it's reasonably priced and it's healthy. You can feed three people for about \$13, or a little more than \$4 a person." (The Family Dinner consists of one whole chicken that can be cut into 10 pieces, served with two large sides for \$12.99.)

While ribs aren't on the menu, the restaurant serves them as a special, as they will meat loaf.

The restaurant will cater office parties, bowling banquets and graduation parties. "And if someone wants something other than what's on the banquet menu, we can do that. We have the chefs to do it," Rachwitz said.

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# Andiamo adds Livonia site

Andiamo has added another location, opening at the site of the former O'Charley's in Livonia, located at 37803 Six Mile Rd., just west of I-275 and east of Haggerty Road.

The restaurant was expected to open Oct. 24, serving both lunch and dinner.

The restaurant will feature Andiamo favorites on the menu along with specialized dishes created by chef Mike Osinski, who has been with the Andiamo Restaurant Group for five years. Paul Chetosky with years of experience with the Andiamo Restaurant Group, will manage Andiamo Livonia.

"We look forward to serving Livonia and the surrounding communities and providing the fine food and service for which we are known," said Joe Vicari, president and CEO of the Andiamo Restaurant Group.

"Livonia has welcomed us with open arms and we are pleased to have found such a wonderful location."

The restaurant has been remodeled with seating for 235. The restaurant will have areas for both individual dining and private parties.

The new Ametista lounge area will provide entertainment Wednesday thru Saturday. And for those who are on the go, there will be an Andiamo carryout area.

The restaurant's phone number is (734) 953-3200.



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## ART EXHIBITS

**Canton at the Village Theater:** The Canton Fine Arts 15th Annual Juried Exhibition, through Oct. 28, juried by Richard Rubinfeld, artist and professor of art at Eastern Michigan University, 56 works were chosen from over 200 entered, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, visit [www.canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater).

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (248) 645-3300, [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu). Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** seeking motivated people with good public speaking skills to volunteer as tour guides during the international exhibition "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future" in November 2007-March 2008. training starts in October, for information, call (248) 645-3314, or e-mail [eivanova@cranbrook.edu](mailto:eivanova@cranbrook.edu).

**Eastern Michigan University Gallery:** Art Department New Faculty Exhibit, through Nov. 14, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti (734) 487-4065.

**Ford Gallery:** New Faces and Old Favorites, through Nov. 19, 114 Ford Hall (on the EMU campus), Ypsilanti, [www.emich.edu/ford-gallery](http://www.emich.edu/ford-gallery).

**Henry Ford Community College:** Blue Collar, sculpture by Kelly and Kyle Phelps, through Oct. 31, Sisson Gallery, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn (313) 845-6485.

**Madonna University:** Uncommon Sculptures with Sculptors Guild of Michigan, Exhibition Gallery, through Nov. 10, northwest corner of Levan and Schoolcraft roads in Livonia (313) 478-6722.

**MOCAD:** Words Fail Me, exhibit with messages in different forms, curated by Matthew Higgs, through Jan. 20, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622, [www.mocadetroit.org](http://www.mocadetroit.org).

**Oakland University:** James Stephens, a mid-career retrospective, through Nov. 11, next to Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester [www.oakland.edu/ouag](http://www.oakland.edu/ouag), (248) 370-3005.

**Picasso Cafe:** Pearls Of Wisdom: Life Drawings of Barbara Eko Murphy, through Oct. 31, 39915 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 427-0600.

**University Art Gallery:** Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition Travel Show, through Oct. 27, Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Rd., Saginaw, [www.mvcsart.com](http://www.mvcsart.com), (989) 964-4000.

**University of Michigan Museum of Art:** Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran, through Dec. 30; 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor (734) 763-UMMA.

**Visual Arts Association of Livonia:** Fall Art Exhibit, through Oct. 26, Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia (734) 432-5976.

## ART GALLERIES

**ARTSearch:** The Art of Dick Siegel, two dimensional constructions, through Nov. 29, 350 S. Main, Ann Arbor [www.arts-search-corporate.com](http://www.arts-search-corporate.com) (734) 769-3223.

**Biddle Gallery:** Black Candy, new paintings by Davin Brainard and giant papier mache heads by Dave Moroski, through Oct. 31,



reception and Halloween Block Party, 7-10 p.m. Oct. 26; 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte (734) 281-4779, [www.biddlegallery.com](http://www.biddlegallery.com).

**@POP Gallery:** "It's Humble To Be Good," six juried winners from @POPportunity, through Nov. 14, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, [www.cpop.com](http://www.cpop.com)

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu). Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

**Cass Cafe:** Notorious with Gwen Joy and Chris Turner, through Dec. 8, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400.

**Elaine Jacob Gallery:** Street Sense: Celebrating 20 years of the Heidelberg Project, through Dec. 14, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813 [www.art.wayne.edu](http://www.art.wayne.edu).

**Flatlanders:** Five Tough Broads (Meighen Jackson, Margo McCafferty, Barbara Miner, Norma Penchansky-Glasser, Deborah Orloff), through Nov. 11, 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield, (517) 486-4591, [www.flatlandersculpture.com](http://www.flatlandersculpture.com).

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** The Third Dimension, all-media juried sculpture competition, Oct. 26, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com).

**Lemberg Gallery:** Posedown, Orly Genger, through Nov. 10; 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, [www.lemberggallery.com](http://www.lemberggallery.com).

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** Works on Paper, featuring seven Michigan artists, through Nov. 10, Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org).

**paulkotulaprojects:** Eye Sites, Jim Melchert, through Oct. 27, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, [www.paulkotula.com](http://www.paulkotula.com).

**Picasso Cafe:** Pearls of Wisdom, drawings of Barbara Eko Murphy, through Oct. 31, 39915 Grand River, Novi (248) 427-0600, [www.barbaraekomurphy.com](http://www.barbaraekomurphy.com).

**The Print Gallery:** Paintings by Matteo, through Nov. 17, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield (248) 356-5454, [www.EverythingArt.com](http://www.EverythingArt.com).

**Sherry Washington Gallery:** David Fludd, New Paintings and Drawings, through Dec. 31, [www.sherrywashingtongallery.com](http://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.

**Susanne Hilberry Gallery:** Ellen Berkenblit, through Nov. 3, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, [www.hilberrygallery.com](http://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](http://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](http://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.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org), (313) 887-8500.

## 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](http://www.ums.org).

**University Musical Society:** Russian Patriarchate Choir, 8 p.m. Oct. 30, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538, [www.ums.org](http://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:** 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.detroit-symphony.com](http://www.detroit-symphony.com).

**Hill Auditorium:** UMS welcomes St. Petersburg Philharmonic, 7 p.m. Nov. 4; Caetano Veloso, 8 p.m. Nov. 9; Yo-Yo Ma 8 p.m. Nov. 10; at 825 University Ave., Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538.

**Plymouth Symphony Orchestra:** second concert of their 62nd -- "Love Affair with Music" - season, "The Passion of the Piano" at Ward Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd in Northville), 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, pianist Armen Guzelimanian, guest composer Cindy McFee

**Rackham Auditorium:** UMS welcomes Zehetmair String Quartet, 8 p.m. Nov. 8; Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, 4 p.m. Nov. 18, at 915 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538.

**Redford Civic Symphony:** Tribute to Robert Zimmerman, who retired last year after spending 53 years with the symphony, concert at 3 p.m. Oct. 28, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Rd. (corner on Inkster) in Livonia, free, donations accepted.

## CLUBS

**The Ark:** 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](http://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](http://www.thebosco.com), (248) 541-8818.

**Crofoot Ballroom:** Lotus, Oct. 27; The Hold Steady and Art Brut, Oct. 29, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, [www.thecrofoot.com](http://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](http://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) 541-6747.

**Edison's:** John D. Lamb Band, Oct. 25; The Snakes, Oct. 26-27, 220 Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

**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:** 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](http://www.themagicbag.com).

**Majestic Theatre:** 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](http://www.ozenlounge.com), 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

**Pi Restaurant:** Fat Cats, Oct. 26-27; 28875 Franklin Southfield (248) 208-7500.

**The Pike Room:** Film School, Oct. 30; The Legendary Shack Shakers, Nov. 2; David Kilgour and Euros Child, Nov. 7, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, [www.thecrofoot.com](http://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 D-12 celebrates release of solo record Blue Cheese n' Coney Island, Oct. 25, 34824 Michigan Ave., in Wayne.

## COMEDY

**The Comedy Room @ Portofino:** Mike Dambra with Connie Ettinger, Oct. 26-27, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 624-5561.

**JD's House of Comedy:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club:** Chili Challis, Oct. 26-27; Norm Stulz, Nov. 2-3; Steve Sabo, Nov. 9-10; Frank Roche and Sheila Loveley, Nov. 16-17; Bill Bushart, Nov. 23-24; David Luther Glover, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

**Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe:** Gary George, Nov. 4; Keith Ruff, Nov. 11; Steve Brewer, Nov. 18; Dave Landau, Nov. 25; Bill Bushart, Dec. 2, 2500 Hill Rd. (just west of U.S. 23, Flint, (810) 232-2500.

**Second City:** Night of the Living Debt, Wednesdays-Sundays, 42705 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-4448 or go to [www.secondcity.com](http://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 Fillmore-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:** 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](http://palacenet.com) or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Ozzy Osbourne and Rob Zombie, Dec. 18, (248) 645-6666, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), OlympiaEntertainment.com



**Joe Louis Arena: Up Close and Personal Holiday Exclusive Tour with Chris Brown and Bow Wow, Dec. 8, Joe Louis.** To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 645-6666. For additional information, call (313) 471-6611.

**Masonic Temple Theatre: Modest Mouse, Dec. 1, 335, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. (248) 645-6666.**

## DANCE

**University Musical Society:** Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Oct. 25-27; Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble:** On the Move, 8 p.m. Oct. 27; Other Side of Winter, 8 p.m. Dec. 8; NewDanceFest VI, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26; Bright Side of the Road, 8 p.m. April 5, various locations, call (248) 852-5850 or see www.ede-dance.org.

**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.musichall.org, (313) 887-8500.

## FAMILY

**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: 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, kidzboptour.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 Christkindmärkte, 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 e-mail rochesterdda@hotmail.com.

**Masonic Temple: Modest Mouse,** 8 p.m. Dec. 1, OlympiaEntertainment.com, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666.

## FUND-RAISERS

**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.

**"Broadway and Baskets":** featuring Three Men and a Tenor, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. This fund-raiser, hosted by the Rochester Symphony Guild to benefit The Rochester Symphony Orchestra, features a gourmet dinner, the lively comedy and singing style of Three Men and a Tenor, live auction of hand-painted chairs in various styles by talented area artists, and a silent auction of themed baskets. Black tie optional. Tickets are \$75 per person. For tickets, call (248) 652-9154 by Nov. 1.

## HALLOWEEN

**Cranbrook Institute of Science: Annual Halloween Science event,** 5:30-8 p.m., Oct. 27, features favorites, live bats, intriguing goody bags, mysterious new stage



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shows and more than twenty interactive science activities, Institute of Science members \$10; non-members \$12, tickets include admission to museum. New this year, free admission for adult chaperones, pre-registration is encouraged, 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3210, register online at http://science.cranbrook.edu, 39221 Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills.

**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. 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: Bool,** 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.

**Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village:** 50 magical characters, 150 cast members and costumed presenters, 800 jack-o-lanterns, 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 26-28, \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers, (313) 982-6001, www.thehenryford.org, advance reservations are highly recommended, entry to the event is timed at half-hour intervals. Sunday 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.

**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.

**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 Livorno (at Eight Mile), Detroit (313) 345-6300.

**Cliff Bells:** Scott Gwinnell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

**Hill Auditorium:** Madeleine Peyroux, 8 p.m. Nov. 8, at 825 University Ave., Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538.

**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:** Eric Reves Quintet, Oct. 26 and 27; Godfathers of Groove, Nov. 2 and 3; Mary Stallings, Nov. 9; Joan Bow-Belgrave, Nov. 10; Mahogany Revue, Nov. 21; V Miles Out, Nov. 30; 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532 or e-mail jazzcafe@musichall.org for additional information.

**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 wassail 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 Revis 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; Ilird 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.detroit-sciencecenter.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.detroit-historical.org.

**Detroit Historical Museum:** Curator Michael Hauser and tour of "Detroit: The Reel Story" exhibit, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, \$10 for the public, 5401 Woodward (313) 833-7935 or visit www.detroit-historical.org/thingstodo.

**Detroit Historical Museum:** David Clements, author of "Talking Shops: Detroit Commercial Folk Art," images and stories behind his photographic collection of folk art advertising signs in Detroit 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Detroit Historical Museum's Louise C. Booth Auditorium, \$10 for the public, for more information or reservations, call (313) 833-7935 or visit www.detroit-historical.org/thingstodo.

**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. Nov. 2, 16; Planetarium reopens Nov. 3, at the University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor, www.lsa.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum, (734) 764-0478.

**The Henry Ford:** Best of Friends: Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi, Nov. 3 through Jan. 15, at 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.plymouth-history.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.

**University of Michigan Museum of Art:** Persian Visions: Photography from Iran, through Dec. 30 with a lecture 4 p.m. Nov. 4, 1301 South University Ave., Ann Arbor.

## OPERA

**Detroit Opera House:** Cyrano performances are Oct. 26, 28, call Heather Hamilton at (313) 237-3425 or e-mail 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

**Ninth annual Urban Tailgate:** with black alumni associations of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, Nov. 3, Flood's Bar & Grill, located across from Greektown Casino in Downtown Detroit. For further details, MSU fans may contact Chuck Smith at (313) 595-7549. U-M fans may contact Lynn Burdell at (313) 309-1300 or Michael Henry at (734) 647-9605. All fans may purchase tickets online at www.umaac.org/events/tailgate.

**Macomb Cultural Center:** 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

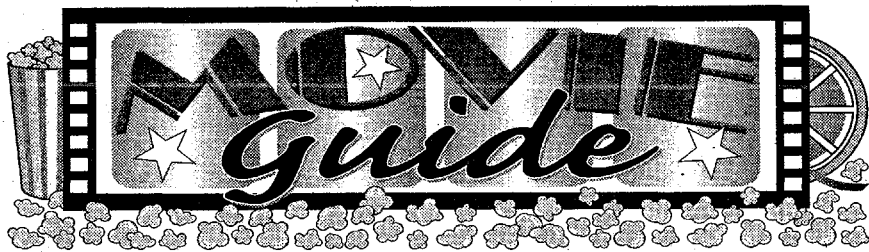
**Macomb Cultural Center:** Series on presentations on Michigan waters, including What Makes the Great Lakes So Great, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 25; Our Drinking Water, 2 p.m. Oct. 25; Shared Waters: Michigan's Commitment to Protecting the Great Lakes, 2 p.m. Nov. 9; Clinton Township, (586) 445-7348, www.macombculturalcenter.com.

**Fox Theatre tours:** tours available for groups of 15 or more on non-event days, Monday-Friday, appointment only, tickets are \$6 per person, (313) 471-6677.

**Birmingham Historical Museum & Park:** Allen

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**Oakland University:** 20th annual Maurice Brown Poetry Reading, 4 p.m. Oct. 25, free, Oakland Center Banquet Rooms, 2200 N. Squirrel, Rochester, (248) 370-2250.  
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**Avon Players:** auditions for the third show of its 2007-2008 season, "You Can't Take It With You," a comedy by

Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, 6 p.m. Nov. 6 and 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, registration begins one half hour prior to auditions. Show dates Jan. 11-13, 18-20, 25-26, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills. For more character and audition information, access the web site at www.avonplayers.org.

**Avon Players:** *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Nov. 2-4, 9-11, 16-17, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills, (248) 608-9077.

**The Farmington Players:** *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Nov. 16-30, Dec. 1-8; *Chapter Two*, Feb. 15-29, March 1-8; *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, April 25-27, May 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.

**Ford Community & Performing Arts Center:** *Cats The Musical*, 8 p.m. Nov. 1, \$41-\$49; *Bowfire*, 7 p.m. Nov. 4, \$30-\$42, all at 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 943-2354.

**St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild:** shows are *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, through Oct. 27, \$18; *Little Red and the Hoods*, Nov. 9-17; *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Jan. 18-26; *The Cemetery Club*, March 7-15; *Greater Tuna*, April 11-19; *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or www.StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstanstheatre.com.

**Spotlight Players:** *Brigton Beach Memoirs*, Nov. 16-18, 23-25, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:00 p.m., \$15-\$18, The Village Theater 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (Located on the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill). Tickets \$15-\$18. For tickets or information visit www.spotlightplayers.net

**Stagecrafters:** *Crimes of the Heart*, Nov. 2-18; *It's a Wonderful Life*, Dec. 7-16; *Cabaret*, Jan. 18-Feb. 10, all at 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak (248) 541-6430.

**Starbrite:** *Smell of the Kill*, through Nov. 4, dinner theater Saturdays and Sundays, Uptown Eatery, 19701 W. 12 Mile Rd. (just east of Evergreen), Southfield, www.starbriteprod.com, for information or reservations, call (248) 423-1452.

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**The Village Theater at Cherry Hill:** Auditions for *A Perfectly*

*Normal Boy*, *Every Gay Man's Life in Under 30 Musical Numbers*, a musical review by Paul Bruce, noon-5 p.m. Oct. 27, callbacks at noon Oct. 28, bring one song with sheet music in your key, dress comfortably for dance, walk-ins only, performances in December and January, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton, for info visit www.myspace.com/APerfectlyNormalBoy.

**Who Wants Cake?:** *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*, Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays, through Oct. 29, 22742 Woodward Ave. (in the Times Square), Ferndale (248) 556-8581, online at whowantscaketheatre.com.

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**Gem Theatre:** *Escanaba in Love*, through Nov. 11; *Forbidden Christmas*, Nov. 13-Dec. 31, 333 Madison Ave, Detroit, call (313) 963-9800. Visit online at www.gemtheatre.com.

**Broadway Onstage Live Theatre:** *A Thousand Clowns*, through Nov. 17; *The Nutcracker's Nuts*, Nov. 30-Dec. 16; *Corpse*, Jan. 11-Feb. 9; *Weekend Comedy*, Feb. 22-March 29;

*Escanaba in Da Moonlight*, April 11-May 17; \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. (at Toepfer) in Eastpointe. ticket reservations recommended, (586) 771-6333.

**Fisher Theatre:** *Twelve Angry Men*, starring Richard Thomas, Oct. 30-Nov. 18; *Whistle Down the Wind*, Jan. 8-27, at 301 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit (313) 872-1000, www.BroadwayinDetroit.com.

**The Ringwald Theatre:** *Richard O'Brien's The Rocky Horror Show*, presented by The Actors' Company, a Detroit-Metro professional theatre company, through Oct. 31, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$25, (248) 988-7032 ext. 2.

**Who Wants Cake?:** *Betty's Summer Vacation*, Nov. 9-Dec. 3, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave. in the Times Square of Ferndale. Reservations may be made by calling (248) 556-8581 or online at www.WhoWantsCakeTheatre.com.  
**Wild Swan Theater:** *Coming to America*, Nov. 7-10; *Charlotte's Web*, Dec. 12-17; *Strega Nona and the Magic Pasta Pot*, Jan. 24-26; 410 S. Maple, Ann Arbor (734) 995-0530, www.wildswantheater.org.

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Christopher Metzler and Jeff Springer will present their documentary "Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea," Oct. 26 at the Detroit Film Center.

# Documentary uncovers forgotten community

admit it, I'd never heard of the Salton Sea. It wasn't on my radar at all - this vast body of water set in the middle of a California desert.

All that changed with one viewing of the new feature-length documentary by Christopher Metzler and Jeff Springer. *Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea* is more than an informative look into this forgotten community nestled between Los Angeles and San Diego. It's an offbeat, uncensored glimpse into the lives of the eccentric people who dare to remain there.



Noise Patrol

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From a friendly nudist to a man building a religious mountain out of paint to a patriotic real estate die hard who calls himself The Landman, they all share the same

hope that the Salton Sea will regain

## PLAGUES AND PLEASURES ON THE SALTON SEA

**What:** A feature-length documentary and Q&A with directors Christopher Metzler and Jeff Springer

**When:** Showing 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26

**Where:** Detroit Film Center, 1227 Washington Blvd., Detroit

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the fervor of its heyday status. As the directors cleverly uncovered, an engineering error created the Salton Sea in 1905. The area was transformed into an exclusive vacation destination in the '50s and '60s. It was all but abandoned by the 1980's following a series of



Pelicans flock to the Salton Sea for its vast fish population, but they must be protected from botulism that forms in the salty water under high desert temperatures.

natural disasters. Residents argue whether the fish are safe to eat, some perpetuating myths about the sea itself. Tremendously high salt levels in this body of water has led to massive fish die-offs and even caused botulism in fish-eating birds. The landscape has serious

potential for renewal if environmental concerns were properly handled.

"Like many, we had never heard of the Salton Sea before," said Metzler, "but through a random

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# Vampires visit in '30 Days of Night'

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films currently at the theater:

## '30 DAYS OF NIGHT'

Vampires should have thought of this before: If you can't come out during the day, go where it's always night, namely, Barrow, Alaska, during winter's prolonged darkness. While director David Slade's adaptation of the graphic novel is a huge cut above most of the gore fests passing themselves off as scary movies today, the premise and its repetitive gimmicks gradually grow as monotonous as, well, 30 days of night.

The bloodsuckers show up as the sun goes down and won't come up again for a month (in reality, Barrow gets more like two months of darkness), and the vampires go on a feeding frenzy among the townsfolk, including the local sheriff (Josh Hartnett) and his estranged wife (Melissa George). Danny Huston plays the creepy vampire leader.

Slade fashions some memorably graphic images of the initial frenzy, but the momentum fades as the humans hole up to ride out the long night while the vampires hiss and moan outside. R for strong horror violence and language. 113 minutes. Two stars out of four.

David Germain, AP Movie Writer

## GONE BABY GONE'

Say the name Ben Affleck, and myriad images come to mind. The loyal Red Sox outer and John Kerry campaigner. Half of the Oscar-winning Matt-and-Ben *Good Will Hunting* duo. Another half of the abloid-fodder *Bennifer* couple.

A sometimes-solid actor (*Hollywoodland*, *Boiler Room*) prone to weak movie choices (*Bounce*, *Daredevil*, *Figli*). *Gone Baby Gone* will leave you with a new picture: filmmaker.

In his directing debut, Affleck has found his calling, an avenue for using his obvious intelligence while getting out of the way of his own celebrity. Co-writing the script with longtime friend Aaron Stookard, Affleck presents a place oozing with atmosphere and rich, complicated characters. He has enough confidence in himself (and in us) never to go for the safe, easy answer.

The film is based on the child-abduction novel by Dennis Lehane, author of *Mystic River*, which earned several Oscars under Clint Eastwood's direction. Like *Mystic River*, *Gone Baby Gone* is set on the rough streets south of Boston. Private investigators Patrick Kenzie (Casey Affleck, Ben's

younger brother) and Angie Genarro (Michelle Monaghan), partners in work and love, are asked by the missing girl's family to help find her because they can get details the police can't.

Ed Harris, Morgan Freeman and Amy Ryan are among the superb supporting cast. R for violence, drug content and pervasive language. 114 minutes. Four stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

## 'RENDITION'

This thriller focuses on the U.S. government's policy of transporting captured terror suspects to foreign countries for detention, interrogation and perhaps torture — a topic that's prime for debate and more than worthy for exploration in a film. But there's not much room for debate in director Gavin Hood's first feature since winning the foreign-language Oscar for South Africa's *Tsotsi* from 2005. Everything is black and white here, a tremendous disservice considering the complexity of the issue.

There's also an oversimplification, an insulting dumbing-down, as if the audience were incapable of interpreting shades of gray. The abduction of an Egyptian-born American man (Omar Metwally) suspected of helping North African terrorists is obviously a mistake. His pretty, pregnant wife (Reese Witherspoon) is left to worry, understandably, but her response is reduced to little more than increasingly shrieky grief.

The CIA analyst (Jake Gyllenhaal) assigned to oversee the suspect's torture is unwavering in his disapproval; conversely, the CIA's head of terrorism (Meryl Streep), who ordered the rendition, is unflappable in her certainty.

Then, at the very end, the script from Kelley Sane takes a narrative twist that's distractingly contradictory to the realism and relevance the film had been trying to achieve all along. R for torture/violence and language. 122 minutes. Two stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

## 'RESERVATION ROAD'

Essentially a made-for-Lifetime movie with higher aspirations because of its award-winning cast. Joaquin Phoenix, Jennifer Connelly, Mark Ruffalo and even Mira Sorvino — who actually has been relegated to such cable flicks more than a decade after her *Mighty Aphrodite* Oscar — are all better than the material.

Terry George (*Hotel Rwanda*) direct-

ed and co-wrote the script with John Burnham Schwartz, based on Schwartz's 1998 novel, about two families whose lives are connected by a fatal car accident. A perfect Connecticut couple (Phoenix and Connelly) loses a young son one night to a hit-and-run driver on the titular dark, winding road. Ruffalo's character, a screwed-up, divorced lawyer, was behind the wheel. It takes the whole movie for him to admit it.

But first, we must sit and watch as these people's lives intersect through an extraordinary series of coincidences which make it seem as if there's only one law firm and one music teacher in their idyllic New England town. While Phoenix trolls the Internet seeking validation for his vengeful urges, Connelly screeches and cries.

Both responses end up feeling painfully maudlin. R for language and some disturbing images. 102 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

## 'THINGS WE LOST IN THE FIRE'

Danish director Susanne Bier brings a

stripped-down, Dogma sensibility to what could have been an overwrought story of loss and redemption but in Bier's hands has powerful revelations.

Strong performances from Halle Berry and Benicio Del Toro also help elevate the script from Allan Loeb, which has its share of unbelievable elements. Berry stars as a wife and mother of two whose husband (David Duchovny) is shot to death one night during a violent confrontation. As she grieves, she seeks out her husband's childhood best friend (Del Toro), a heroin addict with whom she'd been at odds for years, and asks him to move into the family's home.

She and the kids need someone around; he needs to get clean. Del Toro is convincingly damaged, and his awkwardness as he tries to establish a healthy new life is unexpectedly endearing. He also has some touching interaction with youngsters Alexis Llewellyn and Micah Berry (no relation to Halle), who respond to his character as the father figure they desperately need. Alison Lohman also forms a strong connection with him as a fellow addict in recovery. R for drug content and language. 113 minutes. Three stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

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Fish die-off is a serious problem depicted in the documentary "Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea."

## SEA

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road trip to the deserts of Southern California and a few wrong turns, we ran across this huge lake. At first we thought it was a mirage, next an abandoned atomic test site, and soon enough, we discovered the hidden history of the Salton Sea."

Metzler described it as "one of the most surreal places I've ever visited and beautiful in such a weird way." And that certainly shows in the film - which juxtaposes images of tranquil flowing water with that of flooded trailers, trash and knee-deep piles of dead tilapia. But the directors found the true story in the people living on the Salton Sea.

"We made a point of spending a long time with each person," said Metzler. "We let them talk on camera as much as they liked. Most of our conversations were surprisingly personal and had nothing to do with the Salton Sea. We got to know each one as a multi-dimensional person, rather than merely as a documentary subject. And we also took great care during the editing process to remain faithful and honest to the people we could now call friends. Although the people might seem to be a bunch of oddballs at first, once you get to know them, they become quite human and normal... Whenever we have shown the film to the people at the Sea, they never have a problem with the way they are portrayed. I think this is because we have always remained faithful to who they are."

Metzler and Springer spent four years making *Plagues and Pleasures*. "The film took a hell of a lot longer than we ever expected," he said. "When you're making a documentary versus a fiction film you have to let reality intervene and tell the story, as you can't rush it, so we just had to wait for the story of the Salton Sea to happen."

And what a story it is. They intimately uncover every facet of it - every neighborhood impacted by it - and those, including Congressman Sonny Bono, who have tried to revive the area and save the sea.

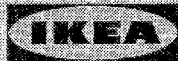
Narrating the tale of this strange, long-suffering community is none other than quirky filmmaker John Waters. "We had a prior version of the film with a very serious voice-over," said Metzler. "We always thought it needed something different." Following a screening at the USA Film Festival in Texas, they were able to submit a copy to Waters, and he accepted the offer. "It was easier than we ever expected," said Metzler. "Just one of those moments of serendipity and being very, very lucky."

The story, with implications from economic to political, personal to environmental, can't help but strike a chord with its audience. It's not a film that sets out to with a call to action - but it surely evokes a sense of responsibility to this all-but forgotten community. With houses selling for \$3,500 and temperatures soaring to 120 degrees; the directors have convinced me that Salton Sea - and its people - deserve better than the ghost town its become.

"Well, at the very least, I'd hope that people would just want to take a road trip out to the Salton Sea and see it for themselves; as it'll quickly become a vacation that they'll never forget," said Metzler. "Just remember to bring sunscreen. If people do that, I think they will realize that the Salton Sea and places like it are worth saving, as we need a little eclecticism in life and the Salton Sea definitely brings it fair share of that to the party."

Stephanie Angelyn Casola admits she while can't swim she's fully intrigued by life on the Salton Sea. She writes about pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

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# Klugh concert benefits youth

Earl Klugh is coming home to help Detroit area youth maximize their potential by performing with Randy Scott and talented youth Friday, Nov. 9 at Dearborn's Ford Community and Performing Arts Center to benefit the Don Bosco Hall. The organization's 10th annual concert benefit will help fund programs that provide numerous opportunities for youth and families throughout the metro Detroit area.

Contemporary jazz guitarist and native Detroit, Earl Klugh is scheduled to light up the stage at the event. Klugh gets his nylon string finger picking sounds from early influences such as Chet Atkins and the Beatles. His musical mastery can be credited to the blossoming musicality of The Funk Brothers, which he avidly watched perform at Detroit's infamous Baker's Keyboard Lounge as a youngster. Klugh would eventually go on to record songs with influential musicians like George Benson, Chick Corea, Yusef Lateef and more.

In the early 1980s Klugh and the two-time Grammy winner smooth jazz keyboardist - Bob James released the "One on One" album. For that collaboration the two would take home an award for Best Pop Instrumental Performance. The Detroit bred musician continues to woo audiences all over the world with his delightful contemporary jazz and classical guitar sounds. He stays instrumental in performing and composing music. He has recorded for artists such as Mary J. Blidge, Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, and Aretha Franklin.

"We are extremely honored in having such a remarkable talent perform in his hometown for an event that will continue

to help more than 2500 families in the city of Detroit," said Charles Small, executive director of Don Bosco Hall. "Our agency is committed in creating opportunities that bring families together. This concert is a shining reflection of our commitment to generate positive social change."

Don Bosco Hall is a private non-profit agency, opened in 1954 to respond to the human service needs of children, youth, and families within the metropolitan Detroit area. The benefit concert will help fund new and existing programs for youth and families, including residential treatment programs, emergency shelter programs, supervised independent living programs, transitional living programs, community enrichment programs and mentoring programs.

The Don Bosco Hall 10th Annual Benefit begins at 5:30 pm with a pre-reception that will feature a wide array of food, and a performance by Earl Klugh at 8 p.m. Tickets prices range from \$35-\$100 and are available at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. (at Greenfield Rd.) in Dearborn.

To be a sponsor, buy tickets or more information please call (313) 869-2200. Event media sponsors include the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WVMV-FM.

Opened in 1954, Don Bosco Hall is a leading private, non-profit agency focused on mobilizing youth and their families to excel to their full potential in the community. Don Bosco Hall is a recipient of the FBI Youth Service Award and maintains an outstanding commitment to mentoring.

# Bosco lounge hits YouTube

If you're 18, you need to check out the commercial on YouTube for the popular Ferndale lounge, the bosco.

The bar advertises itself by showing viewers, in a funny way, the type of clients who are not allowed inside. Remember, not just anyone can get into the bar, you have to be laid-back. If you're wearing big gold or silver chains, tuck them in your shirt or face embarrassment of entry denial.

Born in the summer of 2001, the bosco is known for originality, high style, interesting drinks and a creative crowd. It's earned praise from *Food & Wine* magazine and even the *Fine Living Network*, which picked the lounge as one of the top ten cocktail spots in the country. The innovative lounge, owned by co-owner Daniel Haberman, even has its own sound. Haberman hand-chose obscure music

from across the globe to create a series of chilled lounge CDs.

"Since day one we've been the place to push new ideas, new design, new drinks and new music," Haberman said. "We are so well-regarded because we create; we don't replicate."

When asked to explain the use of adult language in the commercial, Haberman said:

"We're a business that serves alcohol to adults, and this video is intended for adults. If we sold kittens, it might be different...besides, it's funny."

Check out the groundbreaking YouTube video at: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=hyCLEGnHc6s>

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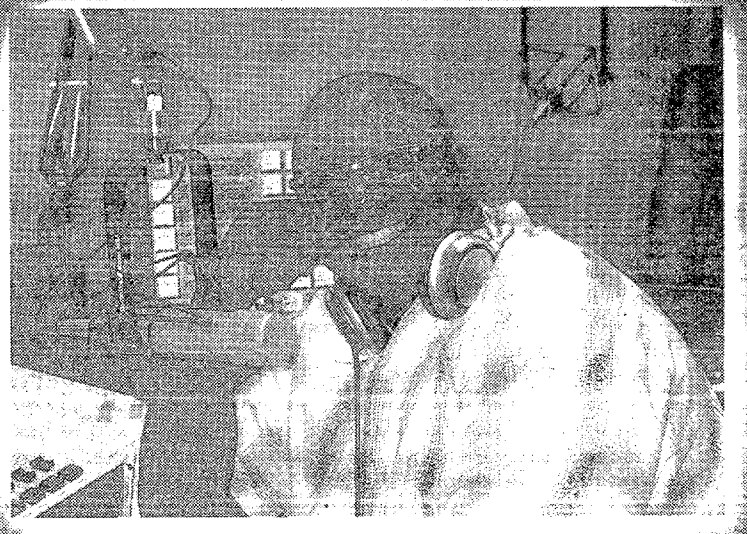
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