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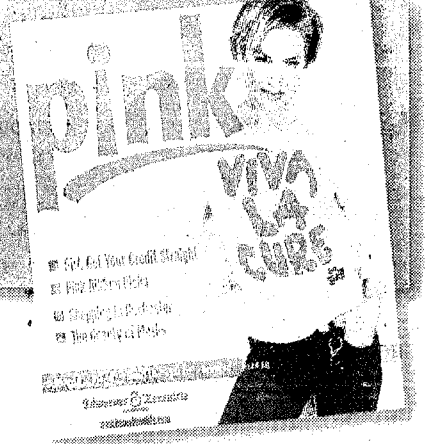
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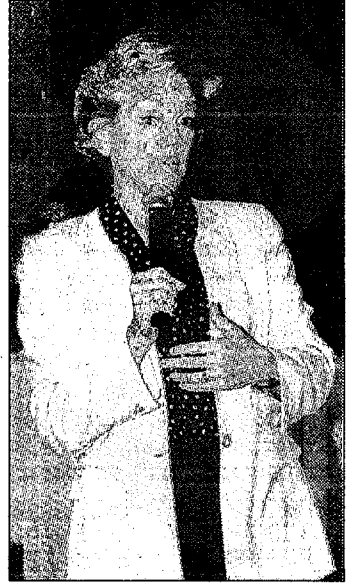
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Granholm brings budget message to town

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The best news Gov. Jennifer Granholm delivered to hundreds of municipal representatives attending the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments General Assembly meeting Thursday afternoon at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township Thursday was not necessarily good news.

"We have a freeze on revenue sharing," Granholm said. "I did propose a cost-of-living increase, an inflationary adjustment, when I proposed my budget. That didn't survive, but we did avoid major cuts."

That didn't seem like much solace to municipal leaders, who know a freeze still means a loss of money because of

inflationary budget increases facing their communities. After Granholm's presentation on the budget and how it will affect businesses and the residents of Michigan, the governor was asked about the many blank stares as she delivered her speech.

"The folks who were in there understand the challenge, both of tough economic times and trying to make ends meet," Granholm said. "To say what it is we're going to become ... we just can't retrench and get small, we've got to be bold and come out swinging because we're never going to emerge victorious if we're not innovative."

"Michigan citizens are feeling the brunt of this global shift in manufacturing jobs," she added, "and having a plan and an aggressive strategy and

working that plan ... and giving people some benchmarks so they know that progress is being made is important."

Granholm said presidential candidates need to take notice of what's happening in Michigan as they seek the nation's highest elected office.

"Michigan is a precursor to what will happen in other states as technology moves and other states grapple with a shift in their economic sector to other parts of the world," Granholm said. "These candidates have got to have a strategy that allows us to invest in making our businesses competitive. Candidates who talk about trade, and battling to keep the playing field level as well as investing in our people, are the candidates Michigan citizens still listen to."

Granholm was critical of the recall efforts of nearly a dozen lawmakers who cast votes in favor of the recent income tax hike, including Rep. Marc Corrievau (D-Northville).

"I think the representatives who cast tough votes to put our state on solid financial footing should not be recalled," Granholm said. "People need to understand these are the toughest votes of their careers, and they cast a vote to save Michigan, not to save themselves. They put themselves at risk, and I think anybody who came to the center in the bipartisan solution should be thanked and not recalled."

When asked if she specifically would help Corrievau in his efforts to avoid recall, Granholm said, "I'll help him in any way he needs help."

Orbs and other things that go bump

Cemetery, photographer top museum's Halloween program

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Professional photographer Jill Andra Young likes to think of the ghost-like circles that mysteriously appear in some of her photographs as angels.

The images, mostly in photos taken at night, are known as orbs, or a formation of energy.

"Some people believe they're energy, some think they are the spirits of people who have passed on," said Young, who resides in Plymouth. "I don't claim to know what they are — I don't have a sixth sense — but my thought is they are guardian angels."

Young isn't out to convince the world what they are, but the paranormal photographer will just present the facts on captur-



JILL ANDRA YOUNG

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District deals with first staph problem

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials confirmed the district's first case of a potentially deadly strain of antibiotic-resistant staph infection, which has forced several school districts in southeastern Michigan to cancel classes and close schools.

In a one-page note sent home to parents Thursday afternoon, Smith Elementary Principal Jill Cantin confirmed the case of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, telling parents "the student is on antibiotics, the infection is improving and is under control. The student is being treated by a doctor."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Director of Communications Frank Ruggirello said the student's doctor confirmed the case of MRSA Thursday. The identity, age and sex of the child is not being disclosed because of privacy laws.

MRSA can range from mild skin irritations to more severe infections that can become deadly.

Ruggirello said after consulting with the Wayne County Health Department it was determined the situation wasn't serious enough to close school. Smith Elementary held classes as scheduled Friday.

Along with the information on the diagnosed case of MRSA, Cantin's note to parents also included information on staph infections, as well as how to treat and keep them from spreading.

"Students and staff are encouraged to practice good hand-washing techniques and to wash their hands often," Cantin wrote. "Custodians are doing their part to keep our schools clean. Parents follow up at home as well."

"Teach your child to wash hands thoroughly, do not share personal care items and do not touch another person's cuts or scrapes," read the note. "Working together, we can keep all of our students healthy and infection free."

Last week, Assistant Supt. of Administrative Services Ken Jacobs said his staff checked the strength of cleaning products used to clean locker rooms, swimming pool facilities and other well-traveled areas.

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Families set to open 'restaurante Mexicano'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

¡El primer restaurante auténtico, mexicano, familiar va a abrir el lunes!

For those who enjoy Mexican food, but don't understand Spanish: Plymouth's first authentic family Mexican restaurant is scheduled to open Monday.

Plymouth resident Danny Gomez and his long-time friend and business partner David Zamudio have put the finishing touches on Zapata's, located at 600 Ann Arbor Trail, across from Saxton's. The restaurant, which will be run by members of both families, will open Monday with limited hours before eventually opening full time.

"We're really looking forward to it, it's something we've always wanted to do," Gomez said.

As it says on the menu, Emiliano Zapata

was a peasant who began the Mexican revolution in 1910, becoming a key figure in redefining Mexican national culture. The southwestern-style decorated restaurant named in his honor will serve standard Mexican fare, including soft and hard tacos, enchiladas, burritos and quesadillas.

"For five or six times an hour, people have been walking by poking their noses on the window and asking when we'll be open," Zamudio said. "We let them come on in to see what we're doing. Eventually, we'll have a grand opening, maybe with some live Mexican music."

This week, the restaurant is scheduled to be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours will soon change to 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The restaurant will be closed Sundays.

"We're churchgoing-type people," Gomez said. "It's a time to be with our families."



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Here's the crew at Zapata's (foreground, left to right) Rachel and Eric Bruinsma, Esther Bruinsma, Danny Gomez, David Zamudio; (back) Paul Kalaj, Joe Gomez, Shannyn Hyland, Mario Guereca, Betty Perez, Otila and Mario Zamudio.

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Coming Thursday

Hip Clawson: The corner at 14 and Main is the place to be, especially Tuesday nights. Read more in the next filter.

Park Players

The Park Players present *Pride and Prejudice*, a tale of understandings, foolishness, and love, Nov. 1-3 in The Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts at Salem High School in Canton.

Pride and Prejudice is a romantic adaptation based on the riveting novel by Jane Austen, written in 1813. It's a story about the times when having a good marriage decided a girl's future, and Mrs. Bennet will do everything she can to make sure her daughters have the perfect match. Sometimes things don't work out the way they should. Especially for Elizabeth Bennet. When she meets a handsome and wealthy Mr. Darcy, he seems proud and arrogant. But could her first impression be wrong? This is the story of love, life, and foolish misunderstanding.

Performances are 8 p.m. Tickets are \$9, all shows, all ages, and can be purchased outside the upper auditorium at Salem High School Monday-Thursday 2:30-5 p.m., or can be purchased on show nights outside the auditorium for \$8 on hour before curtain.

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.

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.

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,



Merit scholars

Eleven students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park - Julie Zhao, Steve Su, Katherine Lu, Siyang Yu, Emily Movesian, Jessica Liu, Wenxin Zhu, Theodore Wakar, George Wasylshyn, Aaron Goodman and Ryan Hoffman - were named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists. The students rank in the top one percent of their peers across the nation. The National Merit Scholarship Program has named approximately 16,000 academically talented high school seniors as semifinalists. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards (about \$34 million) to be offered in the spring of 2008.

food and beverages and televisions to watch the Michigan-Michigan State football game, will benefit Craig Oster, who is living with and being treated for ALS. Admission is by donation at the door.

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

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

McCotter staff hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District II) 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.

Manor in Livonia.

The evening, which will serve as a retirement party for executive director Fran Toney, has been dubbed "Fran-Tastic," 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.

Salvation Army craft show

The Salvation Army of Plymouth is hosting a Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

Admission is \$1 for Adults. Shoppers can get a head start on buying holiday gifts while benefiting The Salvation Army's World Services program. A bake sale and lunch will also be available. Spaces are still available for crafters or vendors. The cost is \$25 to rent an eight-foot table.

The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in

Plymouth. For more information contact Cassie Hull at (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.

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.lwvnmw.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,

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Seeking the supernatural

Michigan Ghost Watchers out to prove there's life after death

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Ghost Watchers don't run from things that go bump in the night — they take a picture of it.

Founded by Canton woman Cindy Blake in 2001, the group has nearly 100 members and serves as a haven for serious ghost watchers.

"For as long as I can remember, I've been interested in paranormal and the supernatural," said Blake, 52. "I remember being 6-years-old and begging my father to take me to (my first horror) movie."

In their investigations, club members travel to places such as cemeteries, basements and historical buildings. They take photographs, record audio, access temperatures and tap into the skills of their spirit medium, Keith Norton, 37, of Madison Heights.

During these experiences, Blake said she's heard whispers, been touched and had footsteps following her when she was the only person in the room.

"I've definitely been startled but I haven't been afraid," she said, adding that her favorite investigation took place at the Gettysburg battlefield. "There is so much activity there. We recorded gun shots. It's a privilege to witness something that can't be explained through normal means."

MGW, which has blossomed to include chapters in North Carolina, Ireland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, is planning a trip in the spring to a sanatorium in Kentucky.

"Those who believe will believe," said Blake, a former Plymouth resident. "For those who don't want to believe, there's nothing you can say to change their mind."

Lon Kuehn, 44, of Clinton



Cindy Blake (from left), Sue Burt and Lon Kuehn search Sheldon Cemetery for areas that have markedly colder temperatures, which indicate the presence of ghosts.



Cindy Blake of Canton notes the time that her voice recording begins. Keith Norton and Lon Kuehn take photographs and measure temperatures.

ORBS

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ing spirits or orbs photographically during her discussion Halloween night of "Things That Go Bump in the Night" at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"There's a lot more to the world than we can physically see, and sometimes in photographs we capture those things," Young said. "I don't see them until I see the photograph."

"Sometimes there's a lot of them in the photographs, which happens mostly in photos that include children," she added. "I've seen them in the newspaper, and people just don't see them until I point them out."

Young said she's never had an orb appear while photographing subjects at her photography studio on Penniman Avenue, but has seen them show up during off-site commercial shoots, which are scheduled during daylight hours. Young said Halloween seems to be a "special night" in capturing orbs.

"Last Halloween, I went to the York Street cemetery (also known as Baptist Cemetery) and took photos, and there were dozens of orbs in the photographs," Young said. "I've seen them in pictures taken with film and digitally."

"The more research I do,

the more skeptical I actually become," she added. "But I know that what I capture and see can't be explained photographically."

Young's presentation begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday, admission is \$10 and includes refreshments and a stroll through the museum's "haunted" Main Street. Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Before Young's discussion on orbs, Plymouth Historical Society President Sanford Burr will conduct a historical walk at Baptist Cemetery, recounting the history of the one-acre plot and the lives of those buried there.

"It's the oldest cemetery in Plymouth," said Burr, 81. "It's an area where the Indians brought the bones of their dead and disposed of them in what is now Hines Park. When the early settlers came to Plymouth, they considered it sacred ground and purchased it for \$75 and began burials in it."

"There are some Civil War veterans buried there," he added. "It was turned over to the city in 1875, with the last burials dated about the 1940s. It's kept under lock and key by the city."

Burr's cemetery walk begins at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on the Web site at plymouthhistory.org.

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Township has been with MGW for four years and said he had his first paranormal experience as a toddler.

"My grandfather was buried the day before my first birthday and I saw his ghost when I was 3 years old," he said. "It freaked out my mom."

Kuehn, who describes himself as a "techno geek," said he gets a thrill out of being in MGW because it's filled with "like-minded individuals that are proving to the world there's life after death."

As Blake, Norton, Kuehn and another group member, Sue Bert of Waterford, walked around the historic cemetery on Sheldon north of Michigan Avenue, they snapped and compared photographs.

"We haven't had a hand come up out of the ground," Blake laughed, while Norton chimed in, "That would be nice, though. We're hoping that happens."

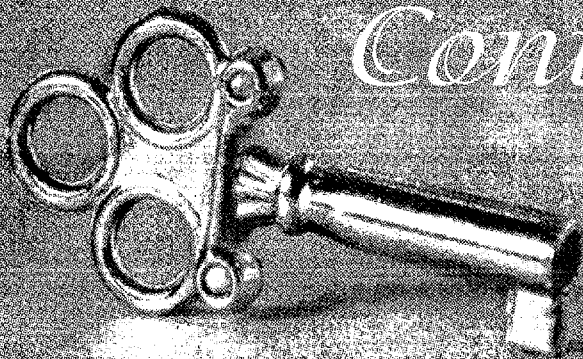
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Solomon spent a year gathering quotes and carefully selecting keys for her book. She collected quotes from actor Tim Allen and golf great Tiger Woods to journalist Katie Couric and author Elmore Leonard. A portion of the proceeds from Solomon's book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

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Cops think Farmington robber may have pulled Plymouth heists

BY SUE BUCK
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The Farmington Public Safety Department is working with the Livonia and Plymouth Township police departments today to share information about a bank robbery suspect.

About 3:20 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24, the Farmington Public Safety Department responded to a robbery at the Charter One Bank on Farmington Road, south of Grand River.

The well-dressed robber who wore a suit coat and sunglasses, approached a bank teller and displayed a note demanding money.

The robber implied he was armed as the teller was handing over the money from the bank drawer, police said.

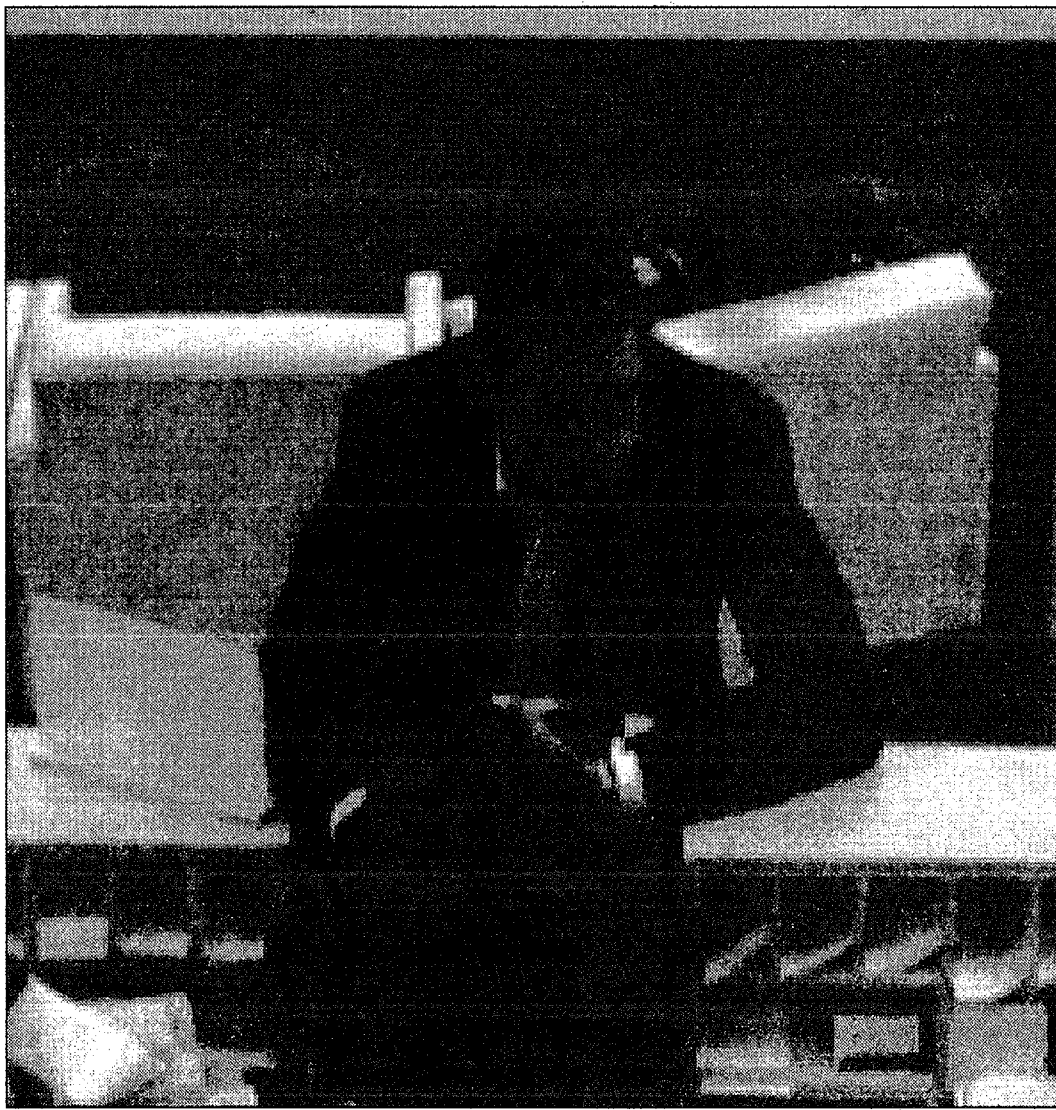
The man fled from the bank on foot.

"There were three customers in the bank at the time," said Commander Frank Demers. "He didn't say anything to them. It was a quick in and out."

A Southfield Police Department K-9 tracked the man to a nearby parking lot where the track ended.

The man is described as a white, 40-50 years old, 6-foot tall, thin build, dark hair, clean shaven and last seen wearing a black suit, white shirt and sunglasses.

"This robbery appears to have been committed by the same suspect who robbed the Charter One Bank in Livonia on Oct. 23," said Deputy



Police are seeking information about this man, who was caught on video robbing the Charter One Bank on Farmington Road in downtown Farmington on Wednesday afternoon.

Director Robert Schulz. A second Livonia holdup, also attributed to the same man, was reported at the Chase bank, 32203 Plymouth Road in Livonia, on Oct. 19.

The man is also suspected in the Oct. 15 robbery of the First Bank of America branch on Ann Arbor Road at Tavistock in Plymouth Township, and one at a Chase branch at

Sheldon and North Territorial.

Anyone with information about the Oct. 24 bank robbery should contact the Farmington Public Safety Department at (248) 474-4700.

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Board starts search for superintendent

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The official job posting for Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent is expected to be published in various publications this week, as the Board of Education seeks to find a replacement for Jim Ryan, who will retire Feb. 28.

During the past week, hundreds of district stakeholders met with representatives of the search firm - Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd. - to help develop a profile for the next superintendent.

Patricia Kordick of Plymouth Township said it's important for the district to hire a superintendent who will motivate people and hold them accountable.

"To make sure things run smoothly in the district, according to district policy," said Kordick, who has a son attending Salem High School. "The person needs to be able to motivate people, not out of fear, but because the people want to make things better."

"This selection is very important because of the size of the district and so many areas of education we have, such as special education, college preparatory and vocation," she said. "This isn't going to be an easy job to find someone who is able to do all this."

For Kimberlyn Benjamin, who has five teenagers, the search for a new superin-

tendent "is everything."

"We're such a big district that if we didn't do a national search we would miss out on some quality," Benjamin said. "When you have a beloved school superintendent like Jim, it's very hard to find someone comparable, and we'll have to go through a lot of people to do that."

"I think it's hard to find a communicator like Jim," she said. "He has that shirt sleeves feeling, he's comfortable in sitting down and hanging out with parents."

Randolph Tinder, a consultant associate for HYA, said the concerns of stakeholders in Plymouth-Canton aren't any different than those found in other school districts searching for a new superintendent.

"We're hearing the same issues about funding and finances that everybody recognizes, and we're hearing a certain level of anxiety about the new leader," Tinder said. "Those are exactly the same things we hear in every school district."

"This is a very high quality school district and you'll get some high quality candidates," he said.

Representatives of HYA will compile the results of their discussions with stakeholders, and are expected to present the profile assessment report to the Board of Education at the Nov. 27 meeting.

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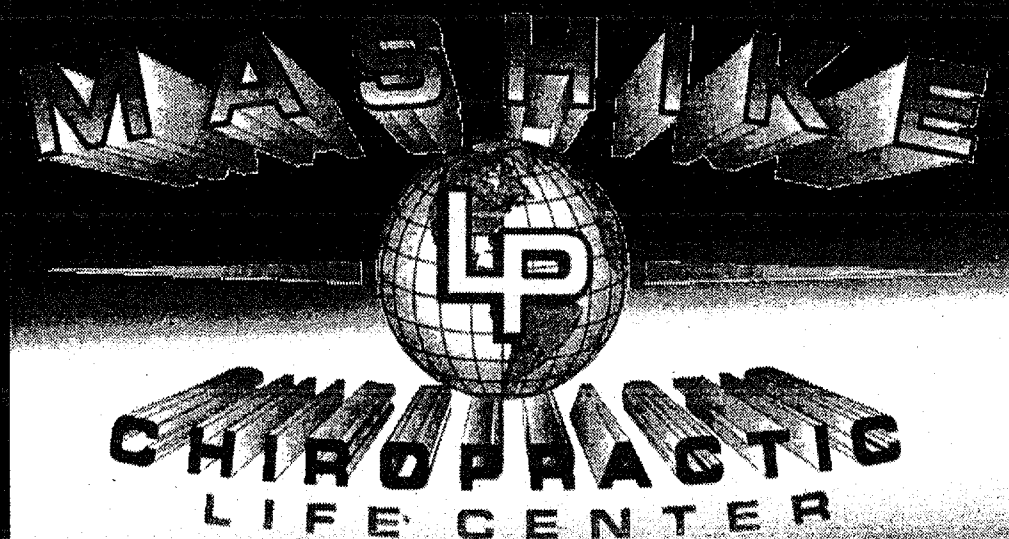
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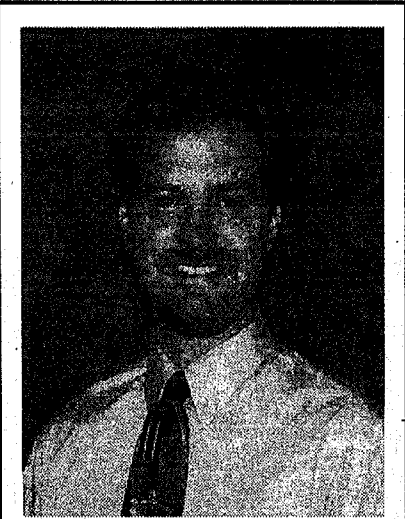


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Dr. Adam Mashke

Have you been living with headaches? You don't have to!

If you have a headache, you're not alone. Nine out of ten Americans suffer from headaches. For some people headaches are an occasional annoyance, for others a disabling chronic condition.

What do you do when you suffer from a pounding headache? Do you tighten your jaw and try to make it tough the day? Lie down with your head under a pillow? Pop a pill and hope the pain goes away? There is a better alternative.

Modern chiropractic care has a lot to offer headache sufferers. Headaches have many causes, or "triggers." These may include foods, environmental stimuli (noises, lights, stress, etc.) and/or behaviors (insomnia, excessive exercise, blood sugar changes, etc.). Aspirin and other medications relieve the pain of tension headaches, migraines and cluster headaches without correcting the underlying causes. Drugs, on the other hand are designed to mask the pain.

Suggestions to help headache sufferers:

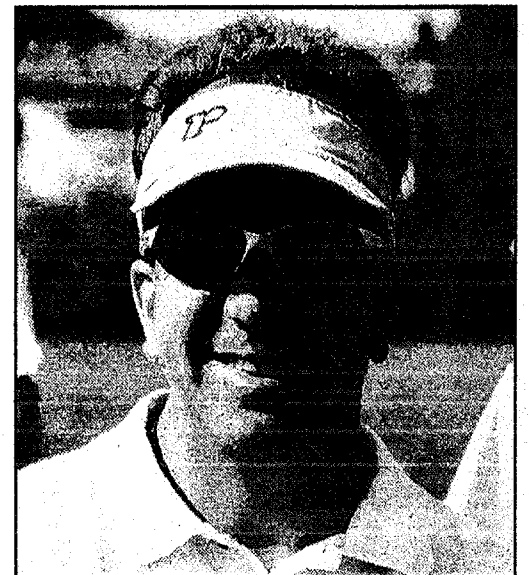
- * If you spend a large amount of time in one fixed position, such as in front of a computer, on a sewing machine, typing or reading, take a break and stretch every 30 minutes to one hour. The stretches should take your head and neck through a comfortable range of motion.

- * Low-impact exercise may help relieve the pain associated with primary headaches. However, if you are prone to dull, throbbing headaches, avoid heavy exercise. Engage in such activities as walking and low-impact aerobics.

- * Avoid teeth clenching. The upper teeth should never touch the lowers, except when swallowing. This results in stress at the temporomandibular joints (TMJ) - the two joints that connect your jaw to your skull - leading to TMJ irritation and a form of tension headaches.

- * Drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day to help avoid dehydration, which can lead to headaches.

Dr. Mashke can perform spinal manipulation or chiropractic adjustments to improve spinal function and alleviate the stress on your system. He can provide nutritional advice, recommending a change in diet and perhaps the addition of B complex vitamins if necessary. If you or someone you know is suffering from headaches, a Chiropractic evaluation is the first step to freedom from pain.



I suffered with headaches/migraines for over 20 years. I experienced several headaches each week and at least one migraine per month. The migraines would force me to lie in bed with an ice pack on my head, feeling nauseous and taking several medications to ease the pain. Since becoming a patient of Dr. Mashke and receiving adjustments to correct my subluxation, I am no longer on medication. I am happy to share that I have experienced only one migraine in the last two years. When I feel a headache coming on I see Dr. Mashke for treatment and relief.

Larry Machonga

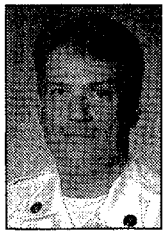
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Take precautions for a safe Halloween

The rustle of leaves under your feet, the autumn chill in the air, and decorations being put out that look like skeletons, witches and various grimaces on the faces of jack-o'-lanterns remind me of my favorite time of year and the celebration of Halloween.

While the trick-or-treating that we have become accustomed to didn't really take off until the 1930s, many children love to dress up in costume and collect treats on the evening of Oct. 31. The least we, as adults, can do is to make sure they are safe while doing it.

If you are expecting to invite children to your door, start by cleaning up your yard, so children won't trip over hoses, branches or slippery leaves. Put unused tools away and make sure your house lights will light the way for children to come to your house. If you must drive on Halloween, use extra cau-



Tom Kiurski

tion, especially in neighborhoods where children have their minds on treats more than on watching for cars. Turn house lights on to welcome children, and do not ask them into your home.

Candles look nice when controlled, but the risks may be too great. Consider a trip to your local Halloween store to check out the many options for lighting pumpkins. They have small strobe lights, color-changing lights and I even lit up a jack-o'-lantern with a glow stick last year and it looked great!

If you have children who will be trick-or-treating on Halloween, try their costumes on well before Halloween so that you can add reflective tape,

take up hems and make sure there is plenty of makeup for the big night. Makeup is recommended for the face over masks due to the peripheral visibility limitations of putting a mask on. Costumes should be plainly marked as flame-resistant or flame-retardant, and it shouldn't drag on the ground. Have children practice the "Stop, Drop and Roll" procedure in case their clothing and/or costume catches fire. Just because you may not use candles to light your jack-o'-lanterns doesn't mean that your neighbors do not.

Children should only travel in familiar areas and along an established route with a group of friends. Flashlights, glow sticks and reflective trim are a must, and a cell phone may be useful for children who are old enough to have them. Small children should always be accompanied by an adult and make sure they have their name and address

pinned somewhere onto their clothing in case they do get separated from the group.

I am a huge fan of cell phones during Halloween. It allows parents to let kids go out with friends as long as they know they are close and who they are with. Make sure cell phone batteries are fully charged, and that you are pre-programmed into the cell phone for one-button calling.

Give your children a meal before they head out for the evening. A full stomach will make children less likely to grab treats until they can get home and have an adult inspect them prior to consumption. Any unwrapped candy or food items should be discarded. Don't give candy to pets, and any unwanted candy will certainly be welcomed at your nearest fire station!

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Sheriff receives federal grant for marine equipment

In 2004, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and Detroit Wayne County Port Authority began working together to apply for federal homeland security grants, only 5 percent of which typically reach Great Lakes ports.

However, since the partnership was formed, the Port Authority has been awarded more than \$3 million in marine grants, at least half of which has been allocated to the Sheriff's Marine Unit to purchase new boats and equipment, according to the Sheriff's department.

Sheriff Warren Evans recently received word of a new \$450,000 allocation and is just weeks away from putting out bids for more than \$1 million in new marine unit equipment, including four new vessels, new motors for its existing boats, night vision technology and new and improved equipment for the Marine Unit's Dive Team and Special Response Team, including 40 gas masks.

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Ebony Bell of Redford, enjoyed lunch with WJLB's CoCo at the original Buddy's in Detroit.

WJLB's CoCo inspires Redford woman

Ebony Bell of Redford Township got a chance to lunch with the woman who inspired her "to be happy with myself."

Bell won The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Buddy's Pizza "Dining With the Stars" contest featuring CoCo of WJLB-FM.

Bell and her husband, James Maloy, are the parents of three children ages 1 to 16. A stay-at-home mom, Bell was treated to a limo ride courtesy of All Class Transportation & Limousine Services, make-over from Beauty Salon by J. Lyle Lmt, featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick; \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Bloomfield Hills.

"CoCo was so sweet I felt like I had known her for years" said Bell, who had lunch with

CoCo at the original Buddy's on Six Mile Road in Detroit.

Bell was among five finalists in the August competition.

In her winning entry Bell wrote about how she "used every diet known to man to try and lose weight. One day I tried to give up the diets and give up on life... until I heard CoCo on the radio."

CoCo was talking about how television and some people promote diets and thin "even if it kills us," wrote Bell.

Bell suffered a heart attack in April 2002 - the result of dieting and stress. She credits CoCo's inspiration to be happy with who you are as the turning point in her life.

"I had never seen CoCo in person before but I started to see pictures of her and I said she looks so happy. I said I want to be happy too. I want to live and be happy."

"I started going to the doc-

tor, found out I had diabetes and if I didn't lose the weight I was going to die.

"I made up in my mind that I didn't want to be thin but I want to live and take care of my kids.

"I listen to CoCo in the morning to start my day...I just want to thank her for being an inspiration to a lot of women. "To me I am beautiful and my children let me know that every day," wrote Bell.

Bell, who weighed more than 300 pounds has lost 100 pounds.

"I really feel good about myself - thanks a million CoCo."

Coco of "The Coco, Foolish & Mr. Chase in the Morning Show," airs weekdays from 6-10 a.m. on FM98 WJLB.

Buddy's donated \$500 to the Detroit Recovery Project, the charity of Coco's choice which supports individuals in identifying and resolving barriers to achieving a healthy and productive drug-free lifestyle.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for "Dining With The Stars" and selects the top four to five "fan" letters. The stars featured for the month make the final selection.

Win a chance to dine with Florine Mark

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Florine Mark of Weight Watchers. Mark is known throughout metro Detroit as a successful businesswoman and philanthropist.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you would like to have lunch or dinner with Florine Mark at Buddy's Pizza.

Mark has a "healthy" pizza named after her on

the Buddy's menu. It's "The Florine Mark Pizza" with brick/fat-free cheese blend, spinach, mushrooms, diced tomatoes, garlic and black olives.

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

Deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of All

Class Transportation, make-over by Utopia Salon & Spa on Main Street in Northville (hair by Sebastian and makeup by ILSE), a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top "fan" letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.

Avoid investing in life insurance policies on terminally ill individuals

Q: Dear Rick: I was recently approached about buying a viatical contract. What do you think?

A: I am not a fan of viaticals. One rule I live by is never invest in anything I cannot check out independently. It's very difficult to research viaticals.

A viatical contract is a life insurance policy on a terminally ill individual. In theory, it is a win-win for both sides of the transaction. The contract allows the terminally ill individual to sell the policy and use the proceeds for whatever purpose they desire. Of course, they could always cash out the life insurance policy and receive the cash surrender value, but in theory by selling the policy they receive a greater amount than the cash surrender value.

The investor, upon the terminally ill individual's death, would receive the full face value of the policy. So if the individual passed on when expected, the investor could make a fair rate of return. However, in the real world other issues/problems develop when investing in viatical contracts.

The value of the contract is based upon a terminally ill individual's death. If he/she survives longer than expected, the investor's rate of return reduces dramatically. Not only do they have to wait longer to receive the face value of the insurance policy, but the new owner of the policy has



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to continue to make premium payments. This will substantially reduce the rate of return to an investor.

Another issue is the fraud that has been committed on both sides of the transaction — selling the same policy to more than one investor and undervaluing the policy.

I choose to avoid viaticals as an investment and I recommend you do the same.

Q: Dear Rick: At the beginning of the year, I set up a flexible spending account through my job. I have not spent any of the money and one of my fellow workers told me that unless I spend it before the end of the year, I lose it. Is that true?

A: Unfortunately, with few exceptions, that's the rule.

A few years ago, the Department of Treasury revised some regulations and allowed employers to extend the time to use flexible spending accounts for another two and a half months after the end of the year. This was not a mandatory change, but rather one that is optional and so some companies have extended the deadline. Ask your employer for the deadline and if they have not extended the deadline, you should encour-

age them to do so.

I am a fan of the flexible spending account. It allows you to use pre-taxed dollars to pay for certain expenses. When you use pre-tax dollars, it's like the government is subsidizing your expenses.

The majority of people use a flexible spending account for medical expenses.

Most people believe that flexible spending accounts are used to cover deductible and co-payments, however, they are more flexible. You can use your flex spending dollars for prescription sunglasses, a doctor approved weight-loss program or even laser eye procedures. Most flexible spending plans are very flexible, which is why I recommend them. However, you should only fund your flexible spending account with money you will use. The downside of these programs is the use-it-or-lose-it feature.

As we get closer to the end of the year, if you have money in your flex account, make sure you use it. Whether it's for a dental visit or laser eye surgery, the bottom line is it's your money.

Unless you use it, you lose it.

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

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Syndie Best of Westland, Georgia Scappaticci of Plymouth and Bruce and Debby Kearns of Dearborn show off their groovy style at the Light Up a Life Benefit.

Workman gets grant to build schoolyard habitat

Workman Elementary School in Canton will soon have an outside classroom that will teach students about nature and also benefit the environment.

The new school, which opened this year, has received a grant from Wayne County to construct a schoolyard habitat on the school grounds.

The joint project between Canton Township, the county and the school district will include an upland meadow with environmentally positive features.

According to Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, Canton has completed the preliminary design work and the bulk of the project is scheduled to be constructed next year. Once completed, the habitat will include native vegetation, a gazebo with a living roof, an educational kiosk, and a bridge spanning a small creek.

The cost of the project is \$45,000. The county grant will cover half the cost, while the township and the school will pick up the other half.

The school will try to raise \$10,000 through various fund-raisers, according to Gillian Marceau, member of the Thomas Workman Oversight Committee, and a driving force behind the habitat project. She said the first step in her plan is to sell pieces for her blooming wall inside the school. Marceau has constructed an environmental mural where students, staff and parents can buy fish, frogs, rabbits, trees and shrubs to place on it.

"I want to get kids away from televisions, computers and video games and get them back outside to nature," said Marceau.

According to Workman Principal Jim Burt, the habi-

tat will be used as an outdoor classroom to teach children about nature and their environment.

"This natural habitat will provide us with plenty of educational opportunities," said Burt. "Kids will have the ability to connect with nature and we are very excited about that."

Construction on the project will begin next year and is anticipated to be completed by the start of the 2008-2009 school year. Canton's Public

Works Division will begin grading the project this winter. Bids for the gazebo will go out in April and planting of native Michigan plants and vegetation will take place in the spring.

"Canton is a leader in the area of environmental projects," said Heise. "Wayne County is thrilled to be a part of this project and we hope it will serve as motivation for other school districts to see the potential in partnering with local government."

Chrysler grants \$1,000 to Plymouth Fife, Drum Corps

The Chrysler Foundation has awarded a \$1,000 grant to the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps through the "Touched by an Agency" program.

The grant required submitting an essay highlighting how an agency has impacted or changed the life of a local community member. Lindsey and Kristen Johnson, members of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corp, submitted an essay telling about the great benefits membership in the PFDC has brought them and their family.

Both Johnson sisters have been in PFDC for three years; Lindsay plays bass drum, Kristen plays fife. The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corp will apply the \$1,000 grant toward the purchase of new vests for Corps members.

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps consists of young people ranging from 12-18 years of age from various local communities and perform approximately 40-50 times per season. They are dressed in replicas of the Continental uniform of George Washington's personal Lifeguard (white wool breeches and waistcoat, a blue wool Continental coat trimmed in red with 64 pewter buttons. Uniforms weigh 10 lbs). The Corps has 45 members and is entering its recruiting season to ensure ongoing growth as senior members retire out.

Since its inception in 1971, the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps has appeared in hundreds of parades and festivals throughout Michigan, the Midwest, New England and Canada. During 2007, the Corps performed at historical venues such as Old North Bridge, Faneuil Hall, USS Constitution, and Deep River Ancient Muster. The Corps was presented with a Stars & Stripes Flag that was flown on the USS Constitution, which the Corps now proudly

flies in its Guard Section. In 2006, performances were held at the Flight #93 Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Colonial Williamsburg and aboard the USS Wisconsin Battleship. In 2005, the Corps performed in front of Independence Hall and Fort Ticonderoga. On Aug. 3, 2004, the Corps performed at the Re-Opening of the Statue of Liberty. The Corps has performed several times before the Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps of Ft. Meyers (the President's Fife & Drum Corps).

'60s bash bolsters Hospice

Hippies, go-go dancers, Sgt. Pepper, and even Jackie Kennedy came out to support Angela Hospice at its "Groovin' and Cruisin' through the Sixties" Light Up a Life Benefit. The event took place Oct. 13 at Rock Financial Showplace-Diamond Center in Novi. With auctions, raffles, and a diverse cast of costumed guests, the event raised more than \$125,000 to support the organization's programs for patients and their families.

"I am grateful to all who helped make this event possible. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by over 400 people," said Angela Hospice president and CEO, Sister Mary Giovanni. "One hundred percent of the proceeds will go toward enabling us to care for more terminally ill patients and their families."

Ron T from WOMC 104.3 FM emceed the event, and guests enjoyed performances from The Stubbs Girls and The Reflections, who played before a packed dance floor.

When the band took a break, it was time for the best dressed contest. Nancy Chapman of Canton wowed the crowd with her Jackie Kennedy ensemble; Mike Quinn from Bloomfield Hills took first place for men with his nerd outfit, complete

with twin slide rules; and Joe and Sandy Consiglio of Northville won best dressed couple as Sgt. Pepper and Cher.

The evening also included the drawing for the 1969 Buick Electra 225 convertible, donated by Classic Auto Rentals of Birmingham. A Livonia businessman won the classic car which was displayed in the ball room during the benefit.

The event was co-hosted by Lear Corporation and The Riley Foundation. Other sponsors included Chris Furniture of Livonia, and Ron and Deborah Oye.

Angela Hospice's next fund-raiser will be the annual Tree of Life at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The opening ceremony, featuring a performance by the Angela Hospice choir, will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, next to the Von Maur entrance. For details visit www.angelahospice.org.

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When injury is the cause for hand swelling, the incident that caused the problem is evident. At times, infection in the hand results in swelling. Again, the chain of circumstances is recent and evident in most instances; the only exception is if you are a diabetic. In this case, it is possible, though still unlikely, that a seemingly insignificant scratch could lead to a hand infection.

However, a number of instances of hand swelling cannot be explained as the result of arthritis, injury, or infection.

Most of these cases include the feature that the hand swelling is painless and that the swelling has been present and little changed for months to years. Such features allow your doctor to make a diagnosis without subjecting you to difficult procedures to confirm the cause. Painless and prolonged hand swelling occurs with venous or lymphatic obstruction in sites of the upper arm, axilla or neck.

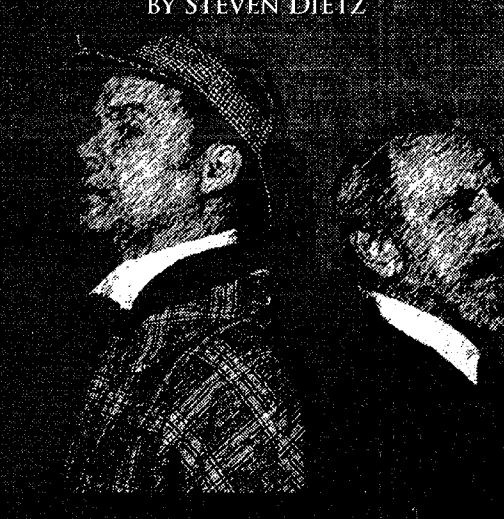
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AROUND TOWN

Holiday bazaar

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

Flu clinics

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: Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, Redford, Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; St. Matthew United Methodist, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, Oct. 28, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; St. Bellarmine Church, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford, Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-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. 28, 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 operating 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.

Farmington Players auditions

The Farmington Players Community Theater announces upcoming auditions for Neil Simon's Chapter Two. Auditions take place Thursday, Nov. 1, with registration at 7 p.m. Auditions begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at The Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Based on part of Neil Simon's own life, this comedy features George

Schneider, a writer whose wife has recently died, as he returns to a lonely apartment. His younger brother Leo, a theatrical press agent and born matchmaker, tries to snap George out of his emotional tailspin by supplying him with unwanted and unsuccessful dates. Then Leo comes up with Jennie Malone and she's a winner. There will be four available parts: George, (40's to 50's), a widower after 12 years of marriage, successful author, thought to be based on Neil Simon's own life; Leo, (40's), George's younger brother, a theatrical producer, womanizer, fast talking "player" of sorts; Jennie, (late 20's to late 30's), a recent divorcee reluctant to start over, soap opera actress, small town girl originally from Cleveland; and Faye, (late 20's to late 30's), Jennie's supportive friend whose own unhappy marriage triggers an unfortunate casual affair. For more information, call (734) 612-1767.

Holiday craft show

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

Suicide Loss Support Group

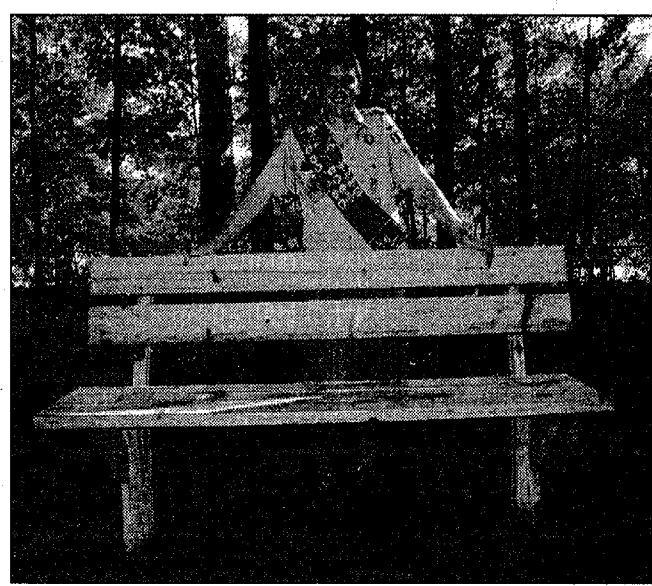
New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration 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

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide



Eagle project

Cory Hurst, 17, a senior at Canton High School working toward the rank of Eagle Scout, picked Miller Woods to benefit from his Eagle Scout project. Cory's project was presented to, and approved by, The Friends of Miller Woods and the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, and consisted of removing old bridges and benches, building new benches, clearing and marking trails, and trash pick-up. Cory, who has been in scouting 12 years, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 1537 sponsored by the Plymouth First United Methodist. He has held a variety of leadership positions, took part in an 11-day back-country hike at Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in June 2005 and a six-day trip to Boy Scout Sea Base in Florida, living on a sailboat in April 2004.

the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

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

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second

Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the

thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

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

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

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Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day

and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwianis.org).

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplus-janet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, 734-453-5534

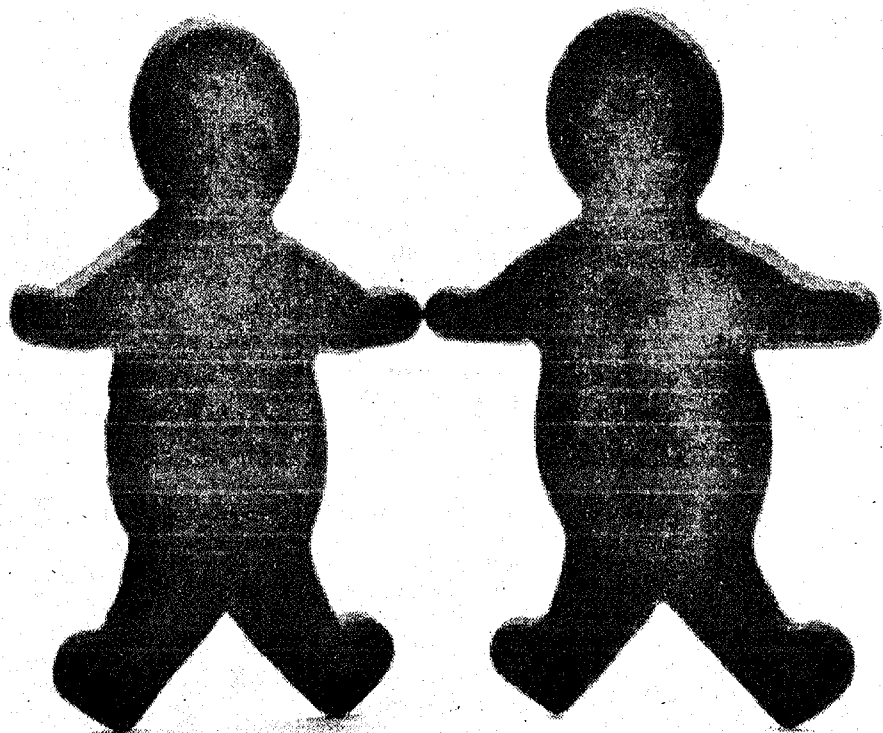
Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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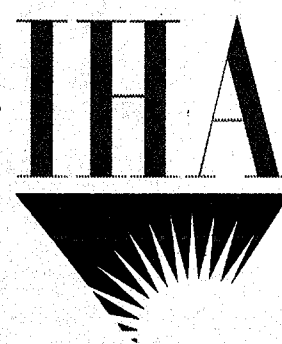
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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with **macular degeneration** and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

For most of us, activities like reading, knitting, driving or playing cards seem like simple tasks, but for those who don't see well, these tasks can be difficult or even impossible. People with visual limitations from conditions like glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts or macular degeneration are said to have low vision.

However for many of these people, Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers they have been seeking.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from these types of eye diseases. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"Many people are told by their doctor that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit specially designed devices to help patients meet their personal visual goals."

Many patients seeking to help themselves end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

"Mostly, telescopic glasses focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery" the doctor said, "but they can be set up for closer tasks as well."

"They can even help with driving" the doctor explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles William age 81 of Taylor MI came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer age 70 of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision was 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newspaper. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes are another way to help make reading a little easier. There are as many low vision devices as there are various activities. Dr. Smith also counsels his patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to safeguard the vision from getting worse.

Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "My objective is to help each patient do what matters most to them. Whatever the goal, I try to match it with a device to meet that need. People really improve their quality of life and independence."

If you or someone you know is struggling to do the things they love because of severe vision problems, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at **1-877-677-2020**

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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Gleaners needs help to feed hungry

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, the area's largest emergency food provider, has put out an urgent SOS. At a time when the need is the greatest, the supply of food is critically low.

The agency reports that its inventory is down by 1.5 million pounds of food. Meanwhile, from January through September, Gleaners' distribution has increased by 2.2 million pounds, a 12.7 percent increase from the same period last year. In the months July through September, Gleaners distributed 704,964 more pounds of food than in the same period in 2006.

Improved efficiencies by national food companies have had a devastating effect on surplus supplies for emergency food centers. The agency reports that the 35 percent decline in donations so far this year is the largest fall-off to date.

Also contributing to the food shortage is the diversion of some food and feed crops to ethanol manufacturing.

This is especially hard on Michigan and metro Detroit, which continues to be economically hard hit. In September, United Way's 2-1-1 call center received the highest volume of calls for service since the program was launched in December 2005.

Gleaners Community Food Bank needs to acquire two million pounds of food before Thanksgiving to ensure it can meet the needs of 250,000 people who depend on its emergency food to feed themselves and their families.

Gleaners is asking for help.

"We have thus far been able to meet the demands of our partners, the 400 soup kitchens, shelters, churches and pantries who serve our hungry neighbors," said Gerry Brisson, Gleaners vice president for development. "But without help it is only a matter of time before hungry children, seniors and families will be denied assistance due to lack of food."

Gleaners is seeking monetary donations so it can purchase food. To donate and learn more, go to the Gleaners Web site at www.gcfb.org.

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Wright stuff

We are fortunate to have several fine candidates on the ballot for the Plymouth City Commission in 2007. One candidate of particular note is Mike Wright.

We had the pleasure of working with Mike while he held top executive-level positions at the Detroit Convention Bureau. We witnessed his strong organization skills in the management of the nation's oldest convention bureau while overseeing a multimillion-dollar promotional budget. He demonstrated diplomatic and political skills in working with the divergent interests and leaders of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties as well as the city of Detroit — all in an effort to work toward a common goal.

If Mike could get all of those government leaders rowing the boat in the same direction, we think he'll be a great choice for Plymouth City Commission.

Mike Wright understands the needs and wants of business and being a resident of the city of Plymouth for more than two decades, he clearly knows what is on the minds of his fellow residents and neighbors. Mike has further demonstrated local leadership in his role on the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Under his leadership, the good works of previous boards has been continued and built upon offering a promising vision for the DDA.

The bottom line: we like Mike. He'll continue to be good for Plymouth and that's good for all of us.

**Randy Lorenz
Scott Lorenz**
Plymouth

Supporting Wright

The board members of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority write in support of the candidacy of Mike Wright for Plymouth City Commission.

Mike has served on the DDA board for six years, the past three as chair. Mike has earned the respect of our board by diligently working to create a strong working relationship between the DDA and the City Commission.

We believe Mike Wright is well-qualified to serve on the City Commission. During his tenure on the DDA, Mike's leadership resulted in the successful completion of the Way Finding initiative, the design and implementation of the new downtown logo and the successful downtown Plymouth marketing campaign, as well as keeping our downtown looking vibrant and welcoming.

We urge you to vote for Mike Wright Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Steve Alexandrowski
vice chair, Plymouth DDA

Corking new business

Why are they building on to the parking structure if they plan on halting any new drink-

ing establishments? Isn't that a sign of prosperity in itself?

The more places you have, the more guests you can handle and the more money the city can make. We have a group of about 6-10 friends that meet downtown two or three nights a week.

In fact, we would like to see a microbrewery come to Plymouth. It is the one missing link that other towns have and we do not for some reason.

Jim Satterfield
Livonia

Recall Corriveau

Rep. Marc Corriveau needs to be recalled from office for voting to increase the state income tax.

Obviously, Mr. Corriveau did not take Economics 101 in college. The solution to turning Michigan around is not to raise taxes when our state is in a severe recession. He needs to return to the private sector to understand what most of the Michigan citizens are dealing with.

Charles B. Thornell Jr.
Plymouth

No recall

While no one likes increased taxes, recalling state representatives because they did their job is irrational.

In the recent tax debates, no one has mentioned that the outgoing Legislature left the state in a revenue quandary when it eliminated the Single Business Tax without any plan to make up the difference. The previous Legislature left a legacy that the current Legislature has struggled to fix with mixed results.

Marc Corriveau simply did his job in supporting actions that will allow the state to continue to function. I would ask Mr. Hatt how he would propose solving the state budget problems. Recalling those legislators who made difficult choices is not a solution.

Karl Fiegenschuh
Plymouth

Corriveau courageous

Rep. Marc Corriveau is courageous and correct in voting for the Michigan income tax increase.

With price rises in wages, energy and services going up for all of us, how is the state of Michigan immune to these cost increases? Quality of life is important, not just cutting costs. I want good schools, roads, parks and public services.

If we want more businesses to move to Michigan, then we must provide good state government services for their employees. Who wants to move to a poor state?

Richard Emrich
Plymouth

What would you dress up as for Halloween?



"Probably a devil, though I try not to be."

— David Glynn, 50
Highland Township



"I would be Grandma Moses."

— Colleen Soenen, 58
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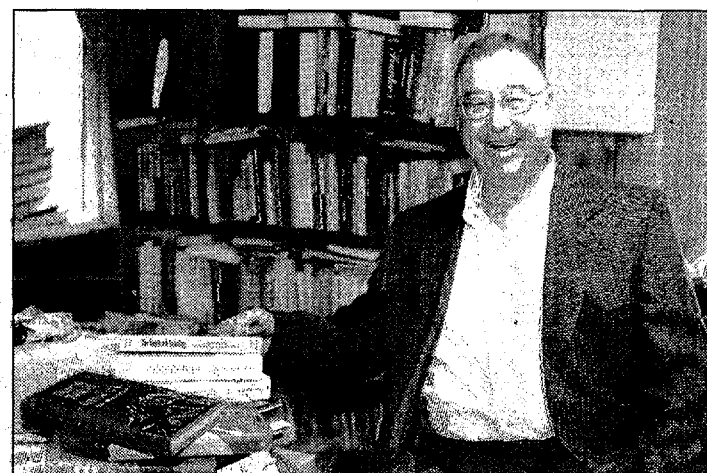
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Lawrence Berkove's own volume pulls together works from the late 19th century.

Local man strikes mother lode of Wild West tales

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Before retiring from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, professor Lawrence Berkove taught English and American literature.

This past weekend in Nevada, however, the Southfield resident was being recognized for his work on the Sagebrush School of Writers, 19th century authors who lived and wrote about the famous Comstock Lode that yielded \$400 million (as much as \$600 billion in today's dollars) in the last half of the 1800s.

"These guys were good writers," Berkove said last week as he prepared for the October meeting of the Western Literature Association.

While Berkove is extremely knowledgeable about Ambrose Bierce, Samuel L. Clemens, Bret Harte and Dan DeQuille, perhaps the most well-known of the sagebrush writers, he is considered an expert on Sam Davis and other lesser known authors of the time.

"Larry has virtually single-handedly recovered long-forgotten works from 19th century Nevada," said Cheryl Glotfelty, a faculty member at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

She was to present a paper — entitled *Daring Acts of Literary Recovery: Lawrence I. Berkove and the Sagebrush School* — at the association meeting.

While it's nice to be recognized, Berkove said his lifelong research has been rewarding in its own right. "All the work I've done (since the 1950s, as an assistant instructor at the University of Pennsylvania) has been demanding," he said, "but fascinating."

Among the most rewarding developments, he said, occurred in the 1990s when he interviewed the granddaughter of Sam Davis, who among other things was a newspaper writer in Nevada.

As part of an interview about her grandfather, Berkove recalled, he examined several original manuscripts. "I was about to leave," he said, "when she said, 'Don't you want to see the rest?'"

"Davis' granddaughter had an entire trunk of notes, personal letters and other (largely unpublished) material."

He spent months copying materials in that trunk, Berkove recalled. "And now I am the expert on Sam Davis," he said.

Gail Berkove, his wife and a psychologist in Southfield, said she has enjoyed her husband's research and life's avocation almost as much as he has. "He's like a detective," she said.

Berkove said retirement is rewarding. But he still enjoys working with students, as he did in the summer of 2003, when he taught summer school at Elmira College.

"I've always enjoyed teaching," he said.

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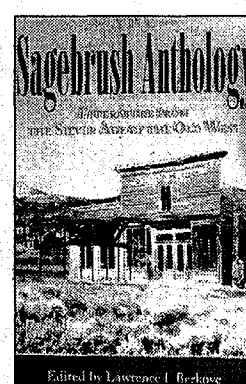
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Berkove's own volume pulls together works from the late 19th century.

Livonia Stevenson 27, Plymouth 21

Plymouth was scary good vs. Spartans

Remember the final heart-pounding 15 minutes of the very first "Halloween" movie when ultimate horror-movie bad guy Michael Myers gets pushed off the second-floor balcony by Jamie Lee Curtis's character, and he's lying there on the ground, all messed up and motionless?



Ed Wright

Remember how everyone in the movie theater let out a huge sigh of relief, assuming Jamie Lee was safe and the movie was as good as over?

And remember how Jamie Lee — with her nemesis clearly defeated on the lawn below — chilled out momentarily, only to discover that (cue the scary music) Michael had shaken off the 20-foot fall and was suddenly after her again, only this time with a renewed vengeance?

On Friday night — just five nights before the real Halloween — Plymouth's football team pulled a Michael Myers-like comeback against Livonia Stevenson, which, with all due respect to Jamie Lee Curtis, was a much tougher foe than the one Michael Myers was taking on.

Against the odds Even though the Wildcats trailed the high-octane, No. 4-ranked Spartans 20-7 with less than four minutes to play and 27-14 with 54 seconds to play, they refused to go away.

They refused to let the movie end. On two different occasions late in the game, I closed up my notepad and stuck it inside my coat, thinking a Stevenson victory was clearly in the books.

Just as quickly, I had to pull it back out in the wake of stunning Plymouth plays. Armed with the resilience of a prize fighter who didn't want his ongoing fight to be his last, the Wildcats staged a comeback — no, make that two comebacks — that would double as fine Hollywood scripts.

They eventually succumbed to the

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth running back Myron Puryear butted heads with Stevenson's John Samann During the first quarter of Friday night's pre-district football game at Stevenson. Puryear gained 122 yards, but the Spartans prevailed, 27-21.

'Cats nearly upend No. 4 Spartans

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In a game that was capped by four of the wild-est, drama-packed, comeback-filled minutes imaginable, unbeaten and No. 4-ranked Livonia Stevenson survived against never-say-die Plymouth Friday night.

Led by a junior back-up quarterback who's been chomping at the bit all season to show his stuff, and a defense that registered big plays when it absolutely had to, the Spartans perse-

vered against the Wildcats, 27-21, in a Division 1 pre-district contest played in mild, misty conditions.

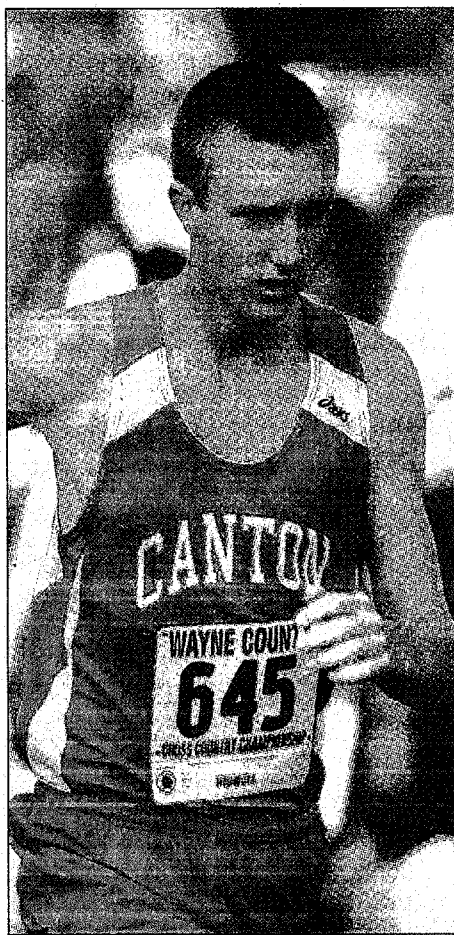
The 10-0 Spartans, whose most recent post-season victory came 13 years ago against Howell, will host Novi Friday night at 7 p.m. in a district final. Novi advanced with a 13-9 triumph over Livonia Churchill Friday night.

Plymouth closed out first-year head coach Mike Sawchuk's first season with a 6-4 record — and a serious dose of respect from those in attendance Friday night.

"I absolutely knew this was going to be a dogfight," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel. "I thought our kids played with a lot of pride tonight and I was happy with the way they hung in there."

"We've won a lot of games by wide margins this season and now we've had two games in a row in which the score has been close and we haven't panicked. We didn't close it out real well, but I think that's part of the learning process."

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ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Through hard work and perseverance, Canton senior cross-country runner Derek Hoerman has become one of the top 20 hurriers in the school's history.

Hoerman's dedication puts him on path to success

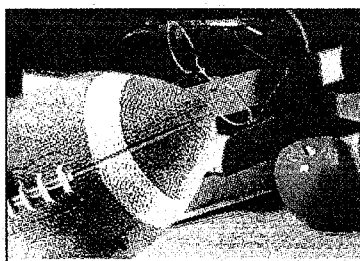
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Canton senior Derek Hoerman signed up to run for the Chiefs' cross-country team a few weeks prior to his freshman year, his intentions were motivated by hoop dreams.

"I wanted to play basketball at Canton," the 6-foot-1 Hoerman said, "so I ran cross country to get in shape for tryouts."

Hoerman's basketball plans never materialized, but three years later he has established himself as one of the school's top 20 all-time hurriers — and quite possibly its all-time hardest working 5,000-meter runner, in the estimation of head coach Bill Boyd.

"We went over to Schoolcraft College yesterday to do a practice run for Saturday's Regional and Derek finished first," said Boyd, on Thursday. "It was typical Derek — he attacked the course,



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just like he attacks every practice. He's kind of quiet and not a big talker, but he's a great captain because of the way he leads by example. Derek never coasts."

Short on experience, long on effort

With little long-distance training on his resume, Hoerman's initial accomplishments were modest, but it wasn't due to a lack of effort. He struggled to break the 22-minute mark in the first couple of weeks. However, by the

time November rolled around, the lanky runner with the long strides had shaved his personal-best time to a respectable 18:21.

"To show you what kind of a captain Derek is, one of our freshmen was frustrated by how slow his times were earlier this week and he was complaining a little bit," Boyd said. "Derek spoke up and said, 'My times were way slower than that when I was a freshman.' He has a subtle way of building his teammates up."

Marked improvement

Due to a lack of depth and a stockpile of inexperienced young runners, the Chiefs struggled mightily during Hoerman's first two seasons, before they eventually showed signs of promise last fall.

This year, paced by Hoerman and some super-talented underclassmen, Canton is one of the area's most-feared squads, hav-

ing finished second behind only Northville at last week's 12-team WLAA Conference meet.

"To put things in perspective, our junior-varsity team this year probably could have beat our varsity team my freshman year," Hoerman offered.

Hoerman said the key to his steady improvement has been the strong commitment he's made to off-season workouts.

"The season goes by so fast, you have to train a lot in the off-season — especially in the summer — if you want to get better," he said. "This year, we started getting together the week after school got out. We probably had 15 guys who showed up regularly, plus we were lucky enough to have some great parents — like Mr. Spitz and Mr. Spreitzer — who volunteered to drive us to different parks, like Kensington and Maybury."

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Canton wins division title

The Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division has a red glow to it following Canton's four-game victory over Livonia Franklin Wednesday night.

Thanks to their 25-16, 22-25, 25-13, 25-16 triumph over the Patriots, the Chiefs clinched first place in the division and carried a high seed into Saturday's WLAA Conference tournament at Livonia Churchill.

"We had a really off night all four games," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "Our serve receive was very inconsistent and we looked slow and out of position on defense. Although we didn't play well physically, the girls mentally know what to do and where to put the ball, and that's what won us the game."

Sophomore Jordan Kielty led the winners with 13 kills and four aces.

Also shining were Marie Martin (nine kills and four blocks), Lauren McPartlin

(nine kills), Kacy Moran (eight kills and 16 digs), Hannah Mills (14 digs) and Gina Waite, who compiled nine digs.

The victory improved Canton's record to 27-10-1 overall and 9-1 in the division. The Chiefs finished one game ahead of defending champion Northville and two games ahead of Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0: On Wednesday, the Wildcats closed out their regular-season schedule on a high note by sweeping the Zebras on Senior Night, 25-18, 25-15 and 25-12. The victory improved the winners' record to 21-8-5 overall and 7-3 in the WLAA's Western Division.

The Wildcats' five seniors all turned in stellar efforts: Rachel Heaton (10 kills and 10 digs), Kate Spangler (28 assists, four digs), Lindsay Jewett (nine digs), Ashley Becszko (six kills and four digs) and Ashley Shaffer (four digs).

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Spartans, 27-21, but not without a gladiator-caliber battle.

The finishing touches on the late-game rally were fueled by senior back-up quarterback C.J. Gregory, who after standing in a steady drizzle for close to two hours, engineered a pair of late TD drives with Joe Montana-like flair after getting inserted into the game with just over eight minutes left.

Myron's 'The Man'

The Wildcats' main offensive weapon on Friday night — and throughout most of their success-filled season — was senior running back Myron Puryear, who played his final high school football game Friday night, but I'm guessing not his final football game.

Puryear's combination of speed, agility and toughness should allow him the opportunity to play at the next level.

On one dazzling run against the Spartans, Myron only gained two yards, but he must have made seven of the 11 Stevenson defenders miss tackles.

Led by Kyle Wallath, Connor Martin, Jackson Vaughn and Darrell Cohn, the Wildcats' hard-hitting defense kept Plymouth in the game by forcing the Spartans into four three-and-outs in the pivotal second half.

Nobody likes their season to end, but the Wildcats can hold their heads high with the way they delayed the final curtain's descent until the absolute final minute.

And, like Michael Myers in Halloween II, they'll be back next year — with a vengeance.

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Jernarian Caldwell looks for running room during Friday night's game against Stevenson.

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HOERMAN

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Close-knit crew

Hoerman credited much of the Chiefs' success to the fact that they're tight away from team get-togethers.

"A lot of the guys hang out outside of practice," said Hoerman. "The big thing with us now is ultimate frisbee. It's a great sport because it's fun, plus there's a lot of running

involved, so it helps us stay in shape."

Hoerman's hard work carries over from the running trails to the classrooms, where he's crafted a 3.7 grade-point average.

Hoerman said he'd like to pursue a career in architecture, which is fitting considering he's helped build the Chiefs' cross country team into a force to be reckoned with.

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Facing late-game, uphill scenarios that may have forced lesser teams to pack it in, the Wildcats kept clawing and nearly wiped out 20-7 and 27-14 deficits in the contest's final four minutes.

"The most important thing our entire coaching staff tried to instill in these kids from the very first day was that you can't quit — you have to keep battling — both on and off the football field," said Sawchuk. "You can't be a sometimes-effort kind of person and be successful. You have to do it in the classroom, the weightroom and on the football field."

"The kids have bought into it and now they're passing it on to the younger kids so that this program can keep getting better and better."

Stevenson played without starting senior quarterback Mitchell White, who was injured early in last week's 14-0 victory over Brighton.

In stepped junior Jacob Gudeman, who brushed off a few early-game jitters to complete 11-of-20 passes for 175 yards and a TD. He also may have earned the nickname Jake "The Snake" by slithering out of several near sacks and rushing for 37 yards.

"I've been a starter my whole life before this year, so I was happy to get a chance to start tonight," Gudeman said. "I was a little nervous early in the game, but Mitchell (White) and coach Gabel helped me calm down. It took me a little while to get into my groove."

The scoreless first quarter was monopolized for the most part by both teams' defenses. Stevenson drove to Plymouth's 23 on its initial possession, but was turned back when Wade Stahl was stopped for no gain by Connor Martin on a fourth-and-two play.

The scoreboard was lit up for the first time with 8:30 left in the first half when Austin

White — Mitchell's younger brother — hauled in a 3-yard scoring pass from Gudeman, climaxing a 10-play, 66-yard drive. Jonny Myschok's point after — his first of three on the night — made it 7-0.

Plymouth evened the count at 7-all with 1:32 remaining in the half when All-WLAA running back Myron Puryear finished off an eight-play march with a 2-yard scoring plunge. Michael Korona tacked on the first of his three PATs. The drive was set up by Ronnie Goble's fumble recovery at the Stevenson 35.

Taking over at its 20 with 92 ticks left in the half, Stevenson appeared to regain the advantage on the first play of its next drive when Gudeman and Austin White hooked up on an 80-yard scoring strike. However, the TD was called back due to a holding penalty.

Undaunted, Gudeman rifled a perfectly thrown spiral six plays later to Stahl, who sprinted through the heart of the Plymouth defense to complete a 33-yard TD pass with just 23 seconds showing on the first-half clock.

"Momentum-wise, that was a big play for us, but it was probably better for us because it helped us overcome the mistake we made on the touch-down that was called back," said Gabel.

Trailing 14-7 mid-way through the third quarter, Plymouth moved deep into Stevenson territory thanks to a 33-yard run by Puryear. On the ensuing play, sophomore speedster Jernarian Caldwell got the edge and raced into the end zone from 23 yards out, however, a holding penalty negated the play. Three incompletions and a punt later, the Spartans took over at its own 14.

Sparked by a 21-yard gallop by Austin White, the Spartans marched 86 yards on nine plays and upped their lead to 20-7 on a dazzling 13-yard run to pay dirt by White. The extra point was aborted due to a low snap, leaving the score at 20-7.

Following an exchange of punts, Stevenson junior defensive back Mark Grisa thwarted a Plymouth drive when he picked off a pass at the Spartan 2.

Plymouth's defense forced a three-and-out, which gave their offensive mates the ball at the Stevenson 24. Three plays later, senior back-up quarterback C.J. Gregory connected with Martin on a 12-yard TD pass with 3:35 left to cut Plymouth's deficit to 20-14.

Stevenson appeared to put the game on ice with 54 seconds to play when Stahl took a reverse hand-off 54 yards to the end zone to make it 27-14.

However, Plymouth responded 22 seconds later when Gregory lofted a perfect pass to Alexander Minch who sprinted past the Spartans' secondary to finish off a 59-yard TD, bringing the 'Cats to within 27-21.

Stevenson's Steve Eideh sealed the win when he pounced on an onside kick at the 30.

Austin White led the winners' ground game with 81 yards on 18 carries. Senior Myles White, Mitchell's twin brother and the older sibling of Austin, caught three passes for 60 yards. Stahl was dangerous all night, gaining 79 yards on seven carries while catching a pair of passes for 44 yards.

Puryear closed out a spectacular prep career with 122 yards on 24 attempts. Plymouth starting quarterback Matt Skubik was 4-of-12 for 42 yards while Gregory finished 3-of-8 for 80 yards and two TDs.

"We knew after watching the film that we could play with them," Sawchuk said. "They were a little bit bigger than us and they made a couple more plays than we did, that's all there was to it."

"I couldn't be more proud of this team than I am right now. They really showed their character tonight."

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Unbeaten Steelers double up Hawks

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team upped its record to 7-0 on Sunday with a 24-12 victory over the Lake Area Hawks. Jonathan Malone was the player of the game, taking over for injured quarterback Sam Pierce and executing the team's offense efficiently. Brandon Fogle and Ben Lloyd led the offense with excellent line play and Tyler Goble was the Steelers' top rusher.

The defense was led by Dillon Rahill and John Randle, who both registered several sacks; and Lowell Wade, who had three interceptions at crucial points in the game.

The Steelers' junior-varsity contingent dropped a 52-32 decision to the Hawks. The offense was paced by QB Brent Pilligian, who executed several outstanding plays. The O-line was led by Patrick Kretschmer, who provided great blocking, and Joshua Mayberry, who hauled in a pair of TD passes. Josh Dennard had a 70-yard kickoff return and Kyle Cameron was strong on both sides of the ball.

The freshmen Steelers suffered a tough 7-6 loss to the Hawks. The Steelers' only score was on a QB keeper by Gregory Williams, who broke

several tackles fighting his way into the end zone. Offensive linemen Mitchell Gross and Ben Phillips played well for the Steelers. While Christian Mayberry, Phillip Avramovski and Jacob Mallad excelled on the defensive line.

The junior freshmen continued to play with the Steelers' "No quit!" attitude. Dante Collins ran for a 50-yard TD following key blocking by Matthew Poet. Danny Lanava and Josh Stein powered the offense while Luke Walkley and Lou Baechler played exceptionally on the defensive line.

Lions rebound

The Canton Lions varsity football team got back on the right track this weekend with a 32-12 victory over the Redford Rangers. The Lions fell behind early, but Marcus Houston tied the score with a long TD run. Following another Ranger score, Clay Behrman answered with an interception return for a TD. The Lions took the lead for good on a long TD run by William Askew. Behrman and Askew added second-half TDs to put the game away.

Corey Watkins, Josh Peterson and Jordan Smith had stellar performances on both sides of the ball. Michael Boes, Kevin Buford and Jordan Smith recorded interceptions for the winners.

The Lions' freshmen unit notched its seventh consecutive post-season berth with a 26-6 victory over the Rangers. Chuckie Turfe found the end zone from 15 yards out to give the Lions an early lead. Jake Stropes then extended the lead when he picked up an errant punt snap and scored. Luke Edwards put the game away with a long kick-off return for a TD. Cordell Gibson finished the scoring with a 48-yard run to pay dirt. Also playing well for the Lions were Antonio Dumas, Allante Wheeler, Jakob Wickens and Robert Guarjardo.

The Lions junior freshmen contingent continued its strong play. The Lions received hard-hitting defensive efforts from Devin Farmer, Jacob Miller, Mason Kopchia, Carter Kahl, Mitchell McKenzie and Noah Brown. The offense was paced by solid running from Jason Arnold and Kyle Burnette, who received great blocking from Kyle Amick, Jeffrey Johnson and a dScottlar Chakarbarty.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball academy

Velocity Sports Performance in Canton has announced the opening of the Velocity Baseball Academy, which will be located on the second floor of the Arctic Edge Arena on 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The head academy instructors will be former Detroit Tiger Bruce Fields, who is currently a coach in the Cleveland Indians organization, and Kenny Howell, who enjoyed a lengthy Major League pitching career with the Los Angeles Dodgers. They will be joined by other area collegiate and high school coaches.

The academy's open house is set for Sunday, Nov. 4, from 2-5 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 485-2561; or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

Salem hoop tryouts

Tryouts for Salem High School's varsity girls basketball team will begin Monday, Nov. 5 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

All tryout participants must have a recent physical on file with the athletic department.

Tryouts for the Rocks' junior varsity and freshmen teams will begin Nov. 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Salem gym.

New record

A new women's 18-hole record was set Oct. 9 at Pheasant Run golf course by Livonia Churchill High School student Shannon Warner.

Warner shot a 5-under par round of 67, during the Western Lakes Athletic Association Regional Championship. Warner broke the record she previously set a two ago of 71.

The course, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton, is a scenic and challenging golf course designed by world-renowned architect Arthur Hills.

"Few times in the 10 years I have been here have I heard of

a score that low," said Pheasant Run professional Greg Bores. "It is a tremendous score on a tough course. Shannon has a very bright future ahead of her."

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 2:30-3:30 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 give-aways are included in the price. Pre-registration is required by calling the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

An indoor volleyball league will be offered beginning Nov. 9 through March 21 at the Summit on the Park. League matches will be held on Friday nights beginning at 6 p.m.

The leagues — both recreation and competitive will be offered — will be co-ed and for individuals aged 18 and up. The fee for residents is \$250; non-residents will be asked to pay \$295.

The schedule will be round-robin with awards for league and playoff champions.

The registration fee does not include officials' fees, which are \$10 per match.

The Elks Hoop Shoot Contest will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. at the Summit on the Park. The competition is free for all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13.

Boys and girls will compete in the following age divisions: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Registration begins in the Summit gymnasium at 9 a.m. The actual free-throw contest will commence at 9:30 a.m.

The annual "Turkey Trot For a Cause" will be held Nov. 22 at 8:30 a.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. The fee is \$20 and anyone 4 years old and older is welcomed to participate. The traditional 5K walk/run winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course. All proceeds are donated to the Epilepsy Foundation. A custom T-shirt is included in the entry fee.

For more information on these events, call (734) 483-5600.

SWIM RESULTS

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THURSDAY AT CANTON H.S.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Sara Spala, Emily Nelson, Katie Gorman), 2:01.03; 2. Plymouth (Chantel Cole, Elle Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Molly McKinstry), 2:05.12; 3. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Megan Burke, Kirsten Clemans, Caitlin Heaney), 2:08.59.

200 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:05.56; 2. Emily Bair (S), 2:06.69; 3. Michelle Chang (P), 2:07.97.

200 IM: 1. Emily Nelson (S), 2:20.70; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:20.83; 3. Elle Palczynski (P), 2:32.97.

50 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 26.82; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 27.27; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 27.61.

1-meter diving: 1. Katrina Koetting (S), 240.00 points; 2. Emily Voglewede (S), 134.90; 3. Kay Borst (P), 120.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Emily Nelson (S), 1:06.28; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:10.74; 3. Kirsten Clemans (S), 1:11.68.

100 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 59.16; 2. Michelle Chang (P), 59.39; 3. Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:01.63.

500 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 5:33.00; 2. Emily Bair (S), 5:33.80; 3. Devin Bromley (S), 6:01.44.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Elle Palczynski, Lauren Maslyk, Michelle Chang, Alyssa Liakos), 1:48.41; 2. Salem (Katie Gorman, Alexis Thornbury, Allison Burke, Emily Bair), 1:50.72; 3. Salem (Kaitlin Heaney, Casey Zimmerman, Mary Schremsler, Jaclyn Hoover), 1:55.76.

100 backstroke: 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 1:03.85; 2. Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:08.32; 3. Angie DiNicola (S), 1:16.15.

100 breaststroke: 1. Elle Palczynski (P), 1:12.76; 2. Sara Spala (S), 1:16.74; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 1:22.95.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Emily Nelson, Allison Burke, Emily Bair, Whitney Aumiller), 3:59.92; 2. Plymouth (Alyssa Liakos, Lauren Maslyk, Michelle Chang, Sijia Hao), 4:02.25; 3. Salem (Arielle Pietron, Jaclyn Hoover, Kirsten Clemans, Angie DiNicola), 4:19.81.

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Sarnia Sting defeats Whalers, 3-2

Steven Stamkos' power play goal with 30 seconds remaining in the second period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Sarnia Sting defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Wednesday night at Compuware Arena.

Chris Terry (8) and Wes Cunningham (3) scored for Plymouth (now 6-5-1-0), while Justin DiBenedetto (8) and Devin DiDionete (3) scored for Sarnia (7-7-0-0).

Stamkos — a young man many National Hockey League scouts

consider to be the first pick in next summer's NHL Entry Draft — also added an assist as the game's third star. He was playing with a full face shield to protect some chipped teeth, courtesy of a high stick received last Sunday in Brampton in a 3-1 loss to the Battalion.

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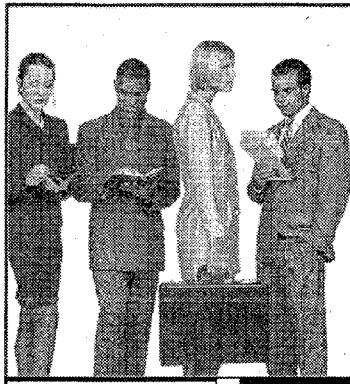
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Monsters in the night

Experts tell how to keep kids safe this Halloween

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Steve McGraw isn't as concerned about candy tampering this Halloween as broken bones and lacerations. As an emergency room physician, he's treated children who wore costumes hazardous to their health.

McGraw's own little princess will be wearing tennis shoes when he takes McKenna, 8, Erica, 6, Corey, 5, and Carrigan 4, trick or treating while wife Bobi stays home to hand out candy.

"The number one thing we see in the ER are injuries from kids wearing costumes that cause them to fall onto porches or steps and break bones," said Dr. Steve McGraw, an ER physician at Providence Hospital in Southfield. "It's the long flowing gowns of princess outfits and high heels that can cause injuries. Make sure they can walk easily up and down the steps of a porch. In my neighborhood I've seen kids tripping over shoes and gowns. Ninja outfits trip too."

Sgt. Debra Newsome made sure her 3-year-old son's Superman costume was fireproof. Newsome suggests parents check out the Canton Police Department's Halloween Safety Tips at www.cantonpublicsafety.org before letting their little ones go door to door.

Neither the Canton Police or Providence Hospital screens candy anymore because of a decline in real-life ghouls planting razor blades in goodies. Nevertheless, Newsome urges parents to look for signs of tampering or candy which could pose a choking hazard for young children.

"My son is not wearing a mask, but if their child is, make sure the eye holes are big enough to see and there is reflective tape on costumes," said Sgt. Debra Newsome, community relations coordinator for Canton Public Safety. "Parents should have a flash light and always accompany young children. One way to gauge if they're too young to go out alone is if you're not going to leave your child home alone then accompany them. Even in a group they should be accompanied by an adult."

Donna Bucciarelli plans to walk through the neighborhood with her 8-year old daughter Elena. Bucciarelli is trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Hospitals and program manager of Safety City U.S.A. which



offers classes from fire prevention to Decking Your Halls Safely (Dec. 11). For more information, call (248) 551-0100.

"Halloween is one of those days where I think people for one day of the year let their guard down. They take candy from strangers. Parents should stress never to enter a stranger's home or car to get a treat," said Donna Bucciarelli.

Although the Bucciarelli family lives in Livonia, Elena is trick or treating in Northville after performing at Miss Harriet's Dance Studio where Radio Disney will be broadcasting.

"At the dance studio she'll be a pirate but for the night she'll be in a witch costume," said Bucciarelli. "My husband and I will be with her making sure her costume is not dragging, she has the right shoes to wear, not on roller blades or wheelies. She doesn't have a mask. I worry about masks that might be sharp and if you fall could gash or poke an eye or they could get hurt on witch brooms or devil spears if they did trip and fall."

Like Newsome, Bucciarelli made sure Elena's costume is flame resistant. Decorative contact lenses are forbidden. Bucciarelli says older kids

like to change their eye color but don't realize an improper fit or lack of hygiene could cause an infection or corneal abrasion which could lead to blindness.

"We put candles in our pumpkins, luminaries on the walk ways. Anything that's flowing, a cape or edge of a gown could catch fire," said Bucciarelli. "If something does catch fire, tell children don't run; that feeds the fire. Stop, drop and roll."

While Halloween can be hazardous so can the activities leading up to the fun night.

Bucciarelli warns about the danger of carving pumpkins and suggests parents involve their children in drawing a design on paper or cleaning out seeds. She offers safety tips at www.beaumont-hospitals.com, click on news then the press page.

"I tell my daughter to stay on sidewalks and walk ways. She could trip over a sprinkler hose," said Bucciarelli. "It's so dark on Halloween because it's at night when it's spooky."

To prevent anyone from getting lost in the dark, McGraw tells his children to meet at the last house on the corner at the end of each block. Over the years he's seen frost nipped fingers and ears

in the ER on Halloween night even when children were out collecting candy for only a couple hours.

"My kids wear long john underwear like they would wear sledding. I always bring mittens and an extra hat, a blanket, and a wagon in case someone gets tired," said McGraw. "I stand with other dads at end of the walk very near the children to prevent kids from venturing off the sidewalk and into the road. With the flashlights it makes it easier for me to keep an eye on them. On Halloween in the ER we see various types of trauma, automobile accidents. People need to be very careful when driving. Children should all have a flashlight to keep from being hit."

To avoid ending up in the ER after Halloween, McGraw limits his children to no more than one piece of candy per day.

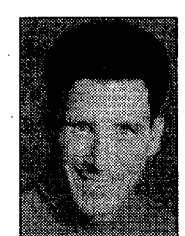
"A big load of carbohydrate can constipate, cause severe cramps and they can feel nauseated," said McGraw. "My wife and I give out Snickers bars, but also boxes of raisins. We like to give out healthy foods, granola bars from bulk food places."

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Faith may be good for your health

Sue from Madison Heights e-mails and says she and her husband were discussing the power of prayer. Is there any truth that faith can help heal?

Sue, this is a great question.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Researchers have been studying this for years. It all comes down to you. You have to believe! Researchers found faith, religion and prayer can produce health benefits from an increased lifespan to increased fertility to reduced risk of depression. A 28-year study of more than 5,000 people found those who went to religious services once a week reduced their risk of death by 25 percent. Another study of more than 21,000 people found those who attended religious services lived an average of seven years longer. Experts believe it all has to do with having faith, hope and being happy.

Ann from Taylor e-mails asking if there's any new news out about breast cancer.

Actually, Ann, there is and it is good news. A new study found the death rate from breast cancer continues to drop steadily by about 2 percent a year. There's more good news — breast cancer rates also fell. For women over age 50, the rates fell by almost 5 percent. Experts from the American Cancer Society say women have a lower chance of dying from breast cancer than they did decades ago. They say prevention is key. Proper nutrition and exercise is critical to prevent breast cancer and any disease.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Tips ensure all members of the family stay safe this Halloween

Costumed strangers, loud noises and a steady stream of visitors can make Halloween festivities frightening or even dangerous for companion animals, according to the Michigan Humane Society. MHS offers the following tips to help ensure a safe Halloween season for all family members:

Along with plenty of angels, there may be vicious pranksters in the area looking to tease, steal or harm animals on Halloween. Avoid leaving animals outside except under close supervision. The Michigan Humane Society recommends keeping cats indoors at all times but it is especially important several days before and after Halloween.

A dog or cat could dart outside when the door is opened for trick-or-treaters. Consider placing your companion animal in a safe, quiet room with a favorite toy and comfortable bedding. If he is nervous or frightened, play quiet music to help minimize stress.

Make sure your dog or cat is wearing current identification at all times. The MHS recommends an ID tag affixed to his collar as well as a permanent form of ID such as a microchip. If he escapes and becomes lost, having identification greatly

increases the chance he will be returned to you.

Resist the temptation to feed an animal trick-or-treat candy and keep it out of your pet's reach. Chocolate is toxic to many animals. Also, tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

Keep animals away from lit candles and jack-o'-lanterns which can pose a serious hazard. Keep this in mind if trick-or-treating with your dog.

If you dress your companion animal for Halloween festivities, introduce the costume two or three days in advance and make sure he is not uncomfortable or stressed by it. The costume should not restrict movement, vision, hearing or the ability to breathe or bark. Costumes that cover the animal's eyes, nose or ears are not recommended.

According to a survey by Pets Supplies "Plus," 29-percent of pet owners dressed their dogs for the festivities last year. Before putting the family pet into that Superdog or Princess Pooch costume, consider these tips from Pet Supplies "Plus."

Make sure the costume has no small or dangling pieces that a dog may chew on. Elastics, plastics and other pieces are choking hazards or may cause

intestinal blockage.

Costumes must fit well. If they're too loose, dogs may trip on them. Lightweight fabrics are best to prevent overheating. Remember dogs have thick fur coats and respond to temperatures differently than humans. Supervise costumed dogs at all times to ensure they stay comfortable and safe.

If you plan on walking your pet outside on Halloween, Petland in Westland suggests owners take their stroll before dark, keep their dog on a shorter-than-normal leash and away from groups of children and other pets. Petland agrees with MHS about keeping chocolate away from pets. Chocolate contains theobromine which in large quantities can be fatal to pets. 10-ounces of milk chocolate and considerably less of unsweetened baking chocolate can be a lethal dose for small pets, especially those weighing 20-pounds or less. Donna Kurdziel, Petland's owner, says to call your veterinarian immediately if the animal has eaten chocolate.

For more information about companion animal health and safety, visit www.michiganhumane.org or call 1-866-MHUMANE, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Team in training sessions

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training offers informational meeting (all begin at 7 p.m., except where noted) Monday, Oct. 29, at Comfort Inn, 30715 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills; Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Derby Middle School, 1300 Derby, Birmingham; Monday, Nov. 5, Courtyard by Marriott, 17200 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia; Wednesday, Nov. 7 (noon, lunch

provided), Troy Sports Center, 1819 E. Big Beaver; Thursday, Nov. 8, Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow; Saturday, Nov. 10 (9:30 a.m.), Oakland University Recreation Center, 2200 N. Squirrel, Rochester, and Monday, Nov. 12, Troy Athens High School, 43333 John R. For more information, call (800) 456-5413 or visit www.teamintraining.org/ml.

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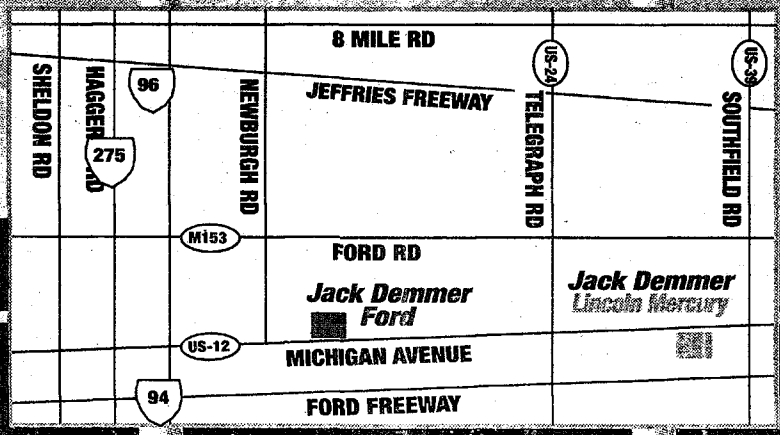
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When children are involved, take time with relationship

I have recently become engaged to a good guy. He has two sons from a previous relationship and is looking forward to having at least two more with me. The problem is that his children are out-of-control and I do not want to have anything to do with bringing more children into this situation. We have been together for about six months and I have serious questions about his parenting skills. He is a wonderful person, but he ignores the misbehavior of his kids and wants me to do the same. I have no control over this area of our lives and it is a constant source of stress for me. Is there any hope in this situation or am I fooling myself that things will change?



Chat Room

Terry Wilamowski

In the first place, it seems to me that getting engaged after only six months together seems premature. A relationship needs time to develop and mature, especially when there are children involved. Think about it, after such a short period of time, there are still so many things that you do not know about one another. Time is an ally when it comes to

learning about another person and deciding if a relationship is possible.

You seem to recognize this for yourself. You are concerned about his parenting skills and this is an area that needs to be addressed before you commit to a long-term relationship. What happens if you get married and then find out that he does not want to change anything about the way that he handles misbehavior? It's far better to address these issues now rather than learn to live with them later.

Talk to him and tell him your concerns. Decide as a couple what needs to be done to correct this situation and then do it. You might take parenting classes or talk to a counselor or pursue some other avenue. But the key is to do it as a couple and to do it before the relationship goes any further. In this way, you can make an informed decision about your future and what part, if any, you will play.

Do not ignore the stress that you are experiencing and do not hope that it will be all better with time ... because it won't. Only if these issues are resolved in the present can there be any hope for a future together.

My husband and I recently caught our 13-year-old son visiting "adult" Web sites. He was grounded from going online for a one month. The problem is that his computer is in his room and we can't always be sure that he is not going online when he is in his room. Do you have any advice about how we can better police his online use? I'm sure that we're not the only parents dealing with this problem.

While it is inappropriate for your son to visit these sexually explicit Web sites, it is important to remember that his curiosity and interest in sex is not. I hope that you and your husband take this opportunity to talk to him about sex and why he wanted to go to these Web sites. Talk to him about your concerns and address any questions that he may have. As awkward as this may be, I know that you want him to get this type of information from you and not from some adult Web site.

Once this line of communication is opened, you can begin helping your son to make more appropriate online decisions. Help him to see that the following suggestions are to help him make these kinds of choices and are not meant as a punishment for him. These suggestions may also keep him safe from online predators.

To begin, I would activate the parental controls available through your internet provider. These can be customized to your son's age and may even provide you with a regular report card listing all Web sites visited.

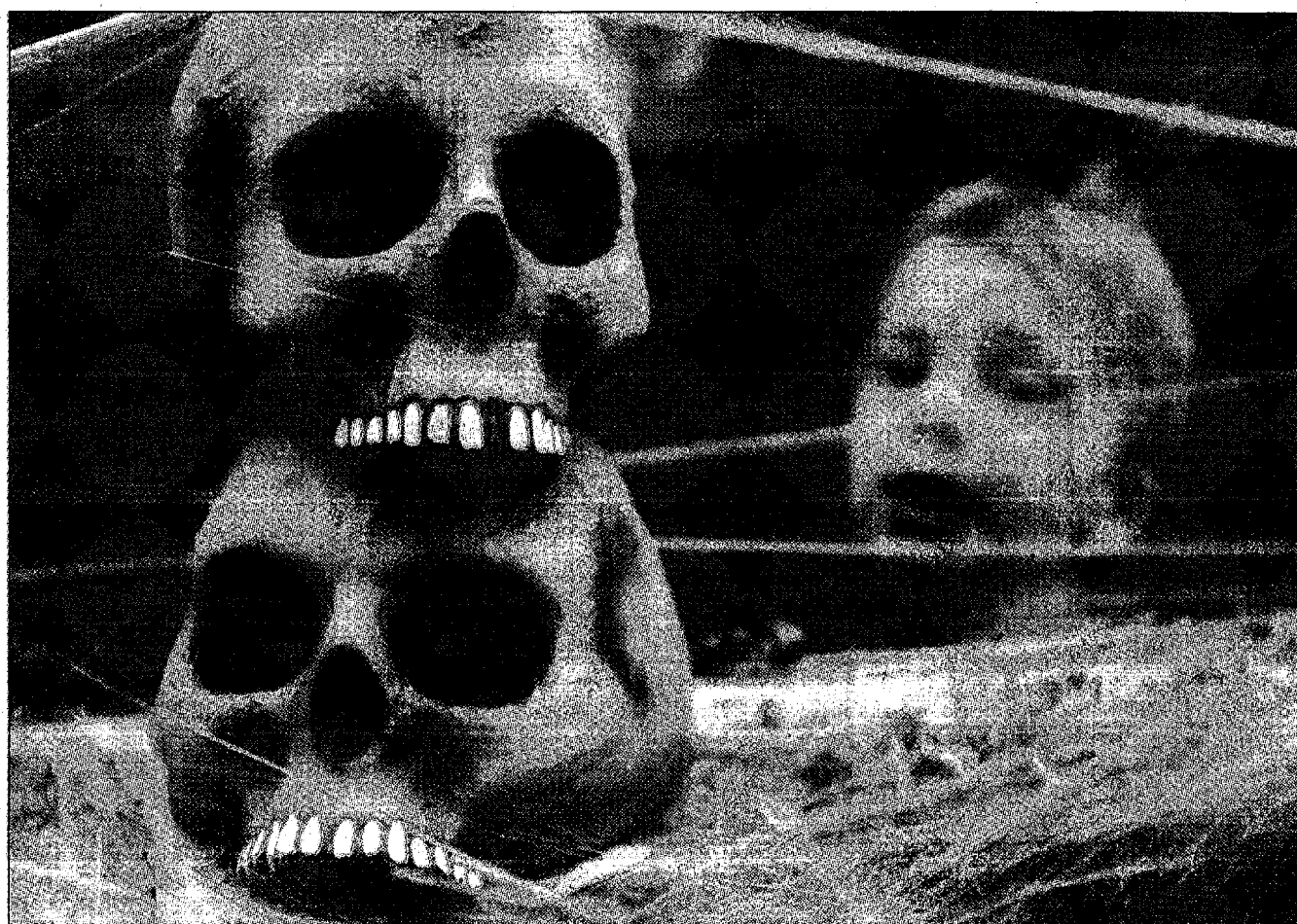
In addition, I would encourage you to relocate his computer to a more public area of the home. By placing it outside of his private space, he may feel less secure that his online activity will be unobserved and may be less inclined to risk visiting inappropriate sites. It is also important that you actually come into the room while he is online to create the idea that he is being supervised. Do not follow a pattern but rather come in randomly to let him know that you can and will pop in unannounced.

Finally, I suggest that you keep talking to him about this as well as anything else that comes up. The best method for keeping a young person out of trouble is to engage them and let them know that you care for them and will be there for them if and when they need you. The earlier that this communication is established, the more effective it will be.

As much as your son may protest these changes, tell him that they are a non-negotiable part of his continued online use. Remind him that these measures are not a punishment but rather supportive actions intended to help him to make better online choices. These measures, especially the communication, may also increase the positive decisions that he makes in the real world as well.

Terry Wilamowski is a clinical therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and their families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments should be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.

Homeowners spare no expense on Halloween decorations



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Logan Piendzia isn't scared of spooky skulls in his front yard on Brown Court in the Marquette and Henry Ruff area of Garden City.

Looking for a good SCARE

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



The Piendzia home in Garden City turns scary this time of year.

The last week of September, kids on the school bus start looking for the monsters in Jim and Wilma Stoops' yard on Hanford, between Ridge and Beck. It's not unusual for the driver to stop the vehicle to look at the decorations as Halloween creeps closer.

Some of the ghouls do scare passers-by but the majority were intended to make the holiday fun. For those looking for a good scare, homes in Garden City, Livonia and every community in between display graveyard scenes, scarecrows and pumpkins all aglow. Like many of the decorators, Jim Stoops started creating the characters in September from old clothes and straw. Stoops displayed his first monster about 16 years ago after moving into the Canton home built in 1898. This year, fog machines boil over cauldrons as dead bodies lay on the ground near a headless horseman. The newest acquisition is a carriage pulled by two horses with a macabre scene inside. While the plastic decoration was purchased, Stoops makes most



A mummy stands on the Stoops' front porch on Hanford, between Ridge and Beck.

Please see SCARE, C4

Orchestra benefit spotlights ballroom dancing

BALLROOM BRILLIANCE

What: A benefit for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra featuring ballroom dancing performances
When: Friday, Nov. 16, doors open at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails and browsing silent auction items, dinner at 7 p.m.
Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Tickets: \$60, call (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Rose Kachnowski only had to look at her television to come up with a theme for this year's Livonia Symphony Orchestra benefit. The craze over Dancing with the Stars inspired the event's chairwoman to create an evening around ballroom dancing.

On Friday, Nov. 16, LSO supporters will be treated to dinner, a silent auction and dance performances during Ballroom Brilliance at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"We've built in one set of dancing near the end in case people want to dance. It's not a dinner dance,

Please see BALLROOM, C3



Anja Walthall kicks up her heels on the dance floor.



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Gala to raise funds for hospital renovations

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

It's true this year St. Mary Mercy Hospital's annual gala is jam packed with entertainment and gourmet food, but more importantly it's all for a good cause - the Behavioral Medicine Department. As vice president of the hospital's foundation, Richard DeLoof is leading the way to renovate the area that provides inpatient care for those battling chemical dependency and mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, prolonged grief and loss issues, and schizophrenia. An intensive outpatient program offers treatment for addictions as well.

"It's a great plus for our patients," said Richard DeLoof. "We look to improving the health of patients."

Kelly Domagal used the hospital's inpatient rehabilitation unit as a guideline to envision the space which is sensitive to patients' emotional and physical needs. She then met with an interior designer to update every aspect of the Behavioral Medicine department including furnishings.

"We're using the newest products - a vinyl floor with grips to prevent falls," said Kelly Domagal, director of the Behavioral Medicine Department and an R.N. "The day room where most general activities takes place, we're making it more



The Rhythm Society Orchestra plays music to dance the night away at a gala to benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

homelike. This is where group therapy and interactions occur. We'll have an occupational workshop with tables to adapt to wheelchairs and we're creating an interview room for therapy."

"Presently our inpatient is 70-percent occupancy. We would like to go to 90 percent. Inpatient mental health has been growing five years but especially the last year. Detroit Riverview closed and the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital and there's an

urgency to have more beds available. St. Mary's wants to utilize more beds. We're licensed for 31, but average about 22. We need for it to be more comfortable and therapeutic for patients."

Domagal estimates the entire renovation at \$900,000.

The first phase begins at the end of the year and should cost between \$450,000 to \$500,000. DeLoof is counting on the gala to raise over \$150,000 just like last year. In the

past galas and golf outings supported improvements in cardiovascular and oncology services.

The hospital currently is running a capital campaign to provide the latest care in these areas so DeLoof looked for a new cause.

For several years, proceeds from the galas went to fund the hospital's new cancer center which opened in late September.

"We started driver's license evaluation about one month ago (outpatient



Naz Edwards performs songs from Funny Girl, Hello Dolly, Follies, South Pacific, and The King and I at the 15th annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Gala.

for substance abuse). We have new medication to get off of illegal drugs, Vivitrol injections for alcoholics. New services create needs," said Domagal. "We serve uninsured and under insured in our area. Most health insurance covers only 50-percent of mental health and chemical dependency. We limit the amount of treatment people can receive. Research shows these are brain disorders and treatment works. Most are chronic conditions and require ongoing treatments."

Katherine Daudlin is making sure the gala is a success so patients can receive the mental health and substance abuse care

HARMONY FOR HEALTH

What: A gala fund-raiser for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Behavioral Medicine Department. Black tie optional.
When: Friday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m. cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, 7:30 p.m. dinner
Where: The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth
Tickets: \$125. For tickets or sponsorship information, call (734) 655-2980

they need.

Naz Edwards sings songs from musicals during dinner. Edwards has performed in Broadway shows including Zorba with Anthony Quinn. Since moving to Michigan, she has appeared in productions at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield and the Performance Network in Ann Arbor where she can be seen in Souvenir, a play opening in January.

"We have a new entertainment format with music by the Rhythm Society Orchestra and Naz Edwards," said Katherine Daudlin. "This is our first year at St. John's where they opened the ballroom two years ago. There will be dancing after dinner, and they've created special appetizers for us at the cocktail hour."

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Livonia Turkey Trot to raise funds for Christmas dinners

Livonia's Department of Parks and Recreation holds a Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 3, and it's all for a good cause. Join the crowd in walking and running to help the less fortunate. All proceeds and can-food donations will be given to the Livonia Goodfellows organization, which will provide needy families in Livonia with a Christmas dinner.

Anyone that brings in nonperishable items will receive a ticket and be entered into a raffle.

The Livonia Turkey Trot begins at Bicentennial Park at Seven Mile and Wayne roads. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (ages 3-17). Fee includes T-shirt, drink and snack.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Habitat for Humanity holds annual fund-raiser

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County presents its Building Houses, Building Hope Gala Saturday, Nov. 3, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Proceeds from the Gala helps build safe, decent and affordable homes for qualified Habitat partner families in the community.


Along with a dinner prepared by award-winning culinary arts chefs, the evening features a silent auction, vol-

unteer awards presentation and music by the Keith Malinowski Jazz band. Robin Sullivan of The Praise Company (103.5 FM WMUZ) and Emmy Award winning anchor, Glenda Lewis of WXYZ TV Channel 7 News will host the event. The Gala is the affiliate's largest annual fund-raiser. Tickets are \$100 per person, \$150 per couple. Corporate sponsorship packages range from \$800 to \$10,000.

The nonprofit is currently collecting donations for the silent auction and

items for give-away bags. For more information and tickets, call (734) 459-7744 or visit www.habitatwcc.org

A donation of \$1,500 allows the Habitat for Humanity International affiliate to purchase 35 Roof Trusses and 50 Bundles of shingles, complete a sub-floor for an entire house, or carpet an entire house. A \$10,000 donation purchases a building site (a complete lot), lumber to frame an entire house, or heating or plumbing for an entire house.



**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE**

**GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. At that time candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:

CITY COMMISSIONER (Four Positions to be vacated November, 2007)

**PROPOSAL #1
CITY CHARTER** (complete document on file in the City Clerk's office or website)

"Shall the Plymouth City Charter as proposed by the City of Plymouth Charter Commission at its meeting on August 13, 2007 be adopted?"

YES NO

**PROPOSAL #2
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) and issue in one or more series its Unlimited Tax General Obligation bonds to pay the cost of acquiring and constructing Road Improvements in the City together with all appurtenances and attachments related thereto and the costs of issuance of said bonds? The estimated mills to be Levied in the year 2009 is 1.1988 mills (\$1.1988 per \$1,000 taxable value). The estimated average millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.5675 mills (\$1.5675 per \$1,000 taxable value). The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding is twelve (12) years, exclusive of any refunding.

YES NO

Absentee Ballot Applications may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Telephone Number is 734-453-1234, ext. 234 & 225. Absentee Ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters in person in the Clerk's Office from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2007. On Monday, November 5, 2007, qualified voters who wish to turn an absent voter ballot can vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m.

All Polling Places in the City are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped. Contact the Clerk's office prior to Election Day if audio or Braille are needed for blind or hearing impaired. You are further notified that the City's four (4) precinct locations are as follows:

PRECINCT	LOCATION
1, 2 & 4 525	Plymouth Cultural Center Farmer Street
3	Central Middle School 650 Church Street

If you are a qualified registered voter and find it necessary to require an Absent Voter Ballot and have not applied for one, applications are available for pickup or mailing at the front office at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.
CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction October 30, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**
(734) 453-1234

A special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 07-18 398 N. Evergreen Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Chris Dooley

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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MARRIED? (PG-13)
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BALLROOM

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but people will definitely be invited to join pros on the floor at the end after they put on a wonderful show," said Rose Kachnowski of Livonia. "It's a concert with dancers, a sit down dinner and silent auction with musically oriented items like wines with names like Symphony. We try to put a musical twist on everything in the silent auction. The orchestra's music will all be dance orientated with tangos, rhumbas. These are all professional dancers or very good dancers doing this."

Anja Walthall and partner Tom Desjardin twirl through a waltz, cha cha, Viennese waltz, and quick step before the night is done. Walthall first stepped onto the dance floor 30 years ago.

"I got bit by the disco bug and before I knew it I was competing and on Dance Fever. There are competitions everywhere every weekend," said Anja Walthall who teaches dance privately in Livonia. "I have a lot of students who dance for pleasure because it's something wonderful to do with your spouse or as a single to meet people. Ballroom dancing is mentally and physically demanding so it keeps you young and healthy."

Walthall says the craze over ballroom dancing started back 8 to 10 years ago when it was proposed as an Olympic sport.

"There's a TV show every few years about dancing," said Walthall, 48. "So You Think You Can Dance and Dancing with the Stars brought it into the spotlight. I never miss the shows. Ballroom dancing is a throwback to when men were gentleman and ladies, ladies and you dressed up and were active. It's a fantastic stress reliever and a social outlet, just a wonderful way to get out and be social and be fit."

Dave Michalski has been doing ballroom dancing since the 1980s for many of the same reasons. He and partner Hope Larson perform a waltz, fox trot and the up tempo Viennese waltz.

"It's just so much fun, the exercise and meeting people," said Dave Michalski, 59 of Livonia. "Once a week I dance all over town, different studios, singles dances. That's how I met my wife. She came over and said I'd like to learn that."

Michalski took up dancing about the time disco started.

"I originally started with Arthur Murray's, probably the only place teaching the disco stuff. That got me into the other dances and I was hooked," said Michalski, who's semi-retired. He works as a baker and assistant manager at Joe's Produce. "I watch Dancing with the Stars and So You Think You Can Dance all the time to see how things are progressing. They come out with new steps."

Michalski and Walthall will be joined on the dance floor for a waltz and Viennese waltz by Tom and Yvonne McCloud.

In addition to raising money from the dinner and ballroom performances, Kachnowski

said Baker's Square certificates will be sold for \$11 at the event and the Dec. 1 Santa Claus Symphony concert. \$3 out of each certificate goes to the symphony.

"We're trying to raise funds any way we can," said Kachnowski, LSO vice president of development. Kachnowski's son John and daughter Leslie play with the orchestra. "The musicians all donate services for this concert. We've had two volunteers come forth to entertain. Bob Bennett offered to play some piano music when people are coming in, and we'll have a harpist during dinner who's also donating services for the silent auction. At our concert on Saturday night (Oct. 20) my daughter donated an apple pie to go with the American theme to raise money to buy silent auction items. Our community is so lucky to have this orchestra."

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Tail Wagger's bowl has openings for new participants on Nov. 3

Tail Waggers USA, a local animal charity, has set their main fund raising event for Saturday, Nov. 3, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. For the first time in more than 15 years, the event has openings for new participants. Squads are being held at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. and costs only \$20 which includes bowling, lunch or dinner, commemorative gift and a lot of prizes and fun. The organization has collected and donated more than three quarters of a million dollars to various animal welfare organizations and people in need over the past 17 years.

Pre-registration is required by calling Laura Zain at (734) 560-4660 prior to Nov. 1.


New participants will enjoy a heart-warming day that is filled with visits from our own

four-legged benefactors, hear compelling rescue stories and see first-hand how our mission is fulfilled. Children are invited to participate in the 9:30 a.m. squad and become an official Pet Cadet and win a variety of prizes.

Tail Waggers USA is known for its direct donations to local animal hospitals, rescue organizations and the general public which helps pet owners pay for emergency services when they are in need of financial assistance. The organization will also spay and/or neuter any animal for

a family that is in need.

Tail Waggers has promised to continue its fund raising mission and prides itself on being able to "help people, help animals". Known for spending the money that is raised directly on the animals Tail Waggers does not have salaries, company cars or expense accounts like other organizations. It is the group's ultimate goal to be able to support dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance along with providing necessary funding for those animals in emergency situations.



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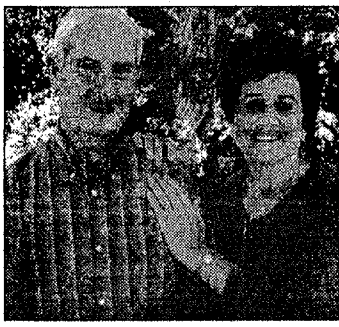
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ANNIVERSARY

Iaquaniellos celebrate 50th
Michael and Maria (Marchelletta) Iaquaniello of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 19.



Maria is a homemaker. The couple has four children - Linda and Bill Johnston of Commerce Township and Elaine and Gerald

Harding, Joseph and Virginia Iaquaniello and Michael and Jane Iaquaniello, all of Plymouth.

The couple also has 12 grandchildren. Michael and Maria are members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, and enjoy daily walks and supporting their grandchildren in their school sporting events. The couple celebrated the occasion with a Mass at OLG and a family dinner at Corsi's Banquet Hall in Livonia.

WEDDINGS



Gibaud-Thibault
Beth Ann Gibaud, daughter of Martin and Cindy Gibaud of Garden City wed Brian Daniel Thibault, the son of Bruce Thibault of Ferndale and the late Beth Thibault on Friday, Sept. 28, 2007.

The ceremony was held at Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit and was officiated by Dr. Brian O'Donnell, SJ. The reception was held at The Italian American Club in Livonia and featured a Super Mario Bros. wedding cake (by Mrs. Maddox Cake Shop, Farmington) and a surprise performance by the groom's acapella group, Double Stuffed Oreo.

The couple met while attending Wayne State University in Detroit where they both received bachelor of fine arts degrees in theater with a concentration on performance. The bride also worked for the former assistant director of marketing and public relations for the Theatre Department, the groom's late mother, Beth Thibault.

The couple will reside in Sterling Heights where they recently purchased their first home together. The attendants were: Angela Gibaud, maid of honor; Andrew Thibault, best man; bridesmaids, Andrea Gibaud, Katie Zoli, Shannon Ferrante, and Danielle Simonian; groomsmen, Joe Colosi, Joe Zettelmaier, Christopher Williams and Joshua German.

ENGAGEMENTS

Cornellier-Amormino

Gary and Sandra Cornellier of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Nicole Cornellier, to David Paul Amormino, son of James and Paula Amormino of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in telecommunications.

She is project-coordinator, scheduling, business manager at Kinetic Post Inc. in Southfield. The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. He is pursuing a



bachelor's degree in occupational safety, health and fire science at Madonna University. He is sole proprietor of Home Inspection Advantage. A January 2008 wedding is planned for Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.

CLASS REUNIONS

Berkley Class of 1987
A 20-year reunion, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at the Birmingham Community House. For information, www.bhsreunion1987.com for event details, to register and pay for your ticket.

Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

Bloomfield Hills Andover Class of 1997
A 10-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at The Sea Grille in West Bloomfield. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or email rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969
Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebidge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

Detroit Central High School Class of 1952
A 55-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. For more information, call Selma Cohen at (248) 541-7864.

Spencer-Tyo

Laura Spencer and Mike Tyo are engaged to be married in September, 2008.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debbie Martin of Ypsilanti and Randy Spencer of Grass Lake. She is a supervisor for City of Westland parks and recreation.

The future groom is son of Tom and Sandy Tyo of Belleville. He is a pet prod-



ucts manager for PetSmart in Canton. The reception will be held at the Holiday Inn Banquet Center in Southgate.

Baj-Dailey

Ron and Kathy Baj of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Baj, to Kenneth Dailey, son of Gary and Lola Dailey of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 2004 from Eastern Michigan University. She is second/third grade teacher at Trillium Academy in Taylor. The future groom attended



Ypsilanti High School and Washtenaw Community College. He is employed as a managing partner of Gabriels in Westland. A September, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

Berry-Reno

Jeanette Berry and Ron Reno are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lois and Edwin Berry of Flat Rock and Roma Berry-Selig and Warren Selig of Dundee, formerly of Garden City and Canton.

She is employed by Tucson VA Hospital as a Blind Rehabilitation Specialist. She graduated with a master's in blind rehabilitation teaching from Western Michigan. She graduated from Adrian College with a bachelor of political science and psychology. She also holds certification in low vision and vision rehabilitation therapist. The future bridegroom is the



son of Florence and Norman Reno of Oaklawn, Ill., and Lorraine O'Brien and Rick Cresler of Palos Hills, Ill. He is a retired lieutenant correctional service officer and has a hobby/business in scented oils. A spring 2008 Michigan wedding is planned.



McCahill-Geney
Tiffany McCahill, daughter of Dave McCahill of Westland and Kathy Shirk of Wayne, was wed Oct. 18 to Michael Geney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Geney of Wayne. The ceremony was held at Golden Bands Wedding Chapel in Livonia.

SCARE

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of the monsters. "On Halloween day, Jim and I dress in costumes to go out and greet the kids," said Wilma Stoops, a registered nurse in the surgical ICU unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "They give us pictures that they draw of our yard. We started with one dummy, George. It's the only thing we've ever had stolen."

After 40 years of marriage nothing surprises Wilma when it comes to Jim's creativity. "I used a reindeer head (from Christmas decorations) to animate the wolfman," said Jim Stoops. "A couple years ago I made her mother a dummy. She put it on a chair on the porch of her Main Street home in Plymouth."

None of the Stoopses' four grandchildren under age 10 have ever been scared by the monsters. It seems grandparents especially enjoy thrilling not chilling youngsters with the creations.

Mike Bernacchi believes Halloween home decorations is a baby boomer phenomenon. A marketing professor at the University of Detroit Mercy, Bernacchi tracks the numbers that reveal the unabated growth of merchandising for the fun holiday.

"Baby boomers have always been noted for having a good time. The decade of the 1990s is probably where the magnificent growth started," said Bernacchi of Huntington Woods. "The National Retail

Federation says it's about \$1.4 billion. What folks don't realize is it's the second biggest home decoration time of year only surpassed by Christmas. I started to follow it in the late 1980s. Halloween sales are about \$5 billion total with candy. It's no longer just a day. We now have the Halloween season which begins as soon as the back to school market starts to dwindle. We are baby boomers who are now grandparents and passed it onto our kids."

Two weekends ago, Tom and Sue Formes' five grandchildren, ages 4-11, helped put up the graveyard scene at their home at 9533 Hartel, east of Middlebelt, one block south of West Chicago in Livonia. Tom handmade the wrought iron cemetery fencing out of wood.

"My husband wants to make it more scarier," said Sue Formes. "He has a TV in one of the headstones and on Halloween night plays one of the Scream DVDs. The kids have fun with it. The best part of the holiday is watching the kids."

Three-year old Logan Piendzia says he's not afraid of monsters in his parents' yard at 29700 Brown Ct. in the Henry Ruff and Marquette area of Garden City.

His father, Michael Piendzia, began creating the graveyard scene about seven years ago from masks and clothes stuffed with hay.

"Michael does most of it," said his wife, Lynn Piendzia. "We might buy one thing a year at Halloween USA. Logan and his friends like to run

around and play by the ghouls. We keep the big guy inside the front door because he cost a lot but nobody's ever taken anything. On Halloween night, my husband dresses up and moves through this not to scare the little ones but older kids."

Bernacchi has seven kids, more than double that in grandchildren. He'll do his fair share of spending for Halloween which has grown into a multibillion dollar business that includes more than candy and decorations.

"We made it big time," said Bernacchi, 66. "There's always discussion about what you're going to be for Halloween. As a grandparent I send gift cards for Halloween. There's been amazing growth in the market for books. Go into Barnes & Noble and Borders and look at Halloween books for children. This business never existed in the '50s and '60s. From Snoopy to Clifford the Big Red Dog, everybody has a Halloween story."

"There's a growth of Halloween specials on television. Whether it's media, merchandise, movies, debuting *Halloween 27 1/2*, this is the time when we do it. The haunted house industry has grown. It may be the No. 2 day for decorations, but now it's in the top 5 or 6 for greeting cards. It's a worthwhile industry that transports you from back to school to Christmas without missing a step. It's the one day when the word fun is appropriate. Halloween is America's No. 1 fun holiday."

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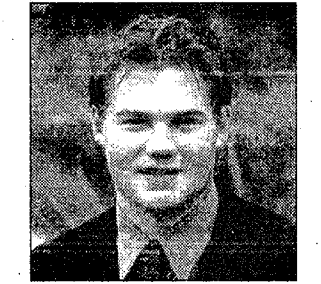
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E. James Gamble, age 78, regarded by many of his colleagues as the Dean of the estate planning and tax bar in Michigan, died unexpectedly Saturday, October 20, 2007. He is survived by his wife Lois, two sons, John and Paul, and daughter, Martha. Born June 1, 1929, in Duluth, Minnesota, Mr. Gamble graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in history. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1953 and went on to serve in the United States Navy as an Air Intelligence Officer. A Certified Public Accountant in the Detroit office of Ernst and Ernst at the beginning of his career and later became a partner at Dykema Gossett in Detroit, where he was the senior tax and estate planner for many years, until his retirement in 1994. Mr. Gamble served as an Adjunct Lecturer at the U of M Law School and as an Adjunct Professor at Wayne State University Law School. Following his retirement, Mr. Gamble formed his own law firm, now Gamble and Joswick in Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Gamble was the author of the Uniform Principal and Income Act (1997), currently adopted by over 40 states, and he was the author of a book on the 1962 Revised Uniform Principal and Income Act. He was an advisor for the Restatement (Third) of the Law of Trusts and the Restatement (Third) of the Law of Property (Donative Transfers). From 1998 until 1999, Mr. Gamble served as President of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). He was also a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, and an Academician of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law. Mr. Gamble was a frequent speaker and writer on subjects dealing with taxation and estate planning, including presentations he made at the University of Miami Institute on Estate Planning, the New York University Institute on Federal Taxation, as well as numerous other advanced programs. He served on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement of South East Michigan, and served as a trustee of both Walsh and Alma College. Mr. Gamble also served as counsel of the Michigan State Board of Accountancy and was Chairman of the Board of the Rehabilitation Institute of Detroit. While an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, Mr. Gamble played trombone and euphonium in the Michigan Marching and Concert Bands, returning frequently on football Saturdays after he graduated to play as a member of the alumni band. He developed a life-long interest in jazz and built a world class collection of recordings covering the best of American jazz. Mr. Gamble enjoyed playing squash as well as bridge and made yearly trips to Stratford and Niagara-on-the-Lake with his wife and friends to enjoy Shakespeare and other theater. Charles Clippert of Dickinson Wright, a close friend and contemporary of Jim's recalled him as "combining a brilliant intellect with a modest ego." A memorial service for Mr. Gamble will be held at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Wednesday, 10:30am. Memorials appreciated to U of M Marching Band, Revelli Hall, 350 E. Hoover, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-3707 or ACTEC Foundation, 3415 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 330, Los Angeles, California 90034-6060.



ELEANOR GOTTSCHALK SPEERS

Of Plymouth, September 15, 2007. Beloved wife of Jim. Dear mother of Heather (Tom) Van Cleave. Loving grandmother of Alena, Thomas, Jacqueline, Erin and Allison. A Celebration of Life Service is planned for 3:00 PM Sunday, November 11, 2007 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road (at Warren), Canton, Michigan. For more information, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



RYAN M. AMSBAUGH

Suddenly, October 24, 2007, age 21, of Rochester Hills. Beloved son of Richard and Jeanne Amsbaugh. Dear brother of Haley and Casey. Grandson of Richard and Marion Amsbaugh and the late Charles and Henrietta Beadling. Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Loving fiancée of Kate Woodward. The family will be receiving friends Sunday 1:00 pm until the 3:00 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence, please go to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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JANET E. MacKENZIE

October 23, 2007, age 79, of Plymouth. Loving wife of Donald for 56 years. Beloved mother of Jan (Cindy) Cairns, David W. (Paula), Robert J. (Pamela), Richard and Daniel. Proud Grandma "G-ma" of Jason, Kylie, Annie, Maggie, Erin and Ian. Dear sister of Richard K. (Jan) and her twin, the late James (Lee). Janet also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and other family members that were very close to her heart. She also shared wonderful times with her long-time and dear friends who were like family to her. She cherished them and their memories together. Janet had a gift for making fast friends with anyone she met, making them feel special and at ease. She would light up a room with her smile and beautiful blue eyes. She found great joy in being with those she loved and her joy was contagious. She will be sorely missed but her loving spirit will live on in our hearts forever. The family will gather with friends Monday 4-9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11am Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 702 Church Street, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 East Medial Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0752; or to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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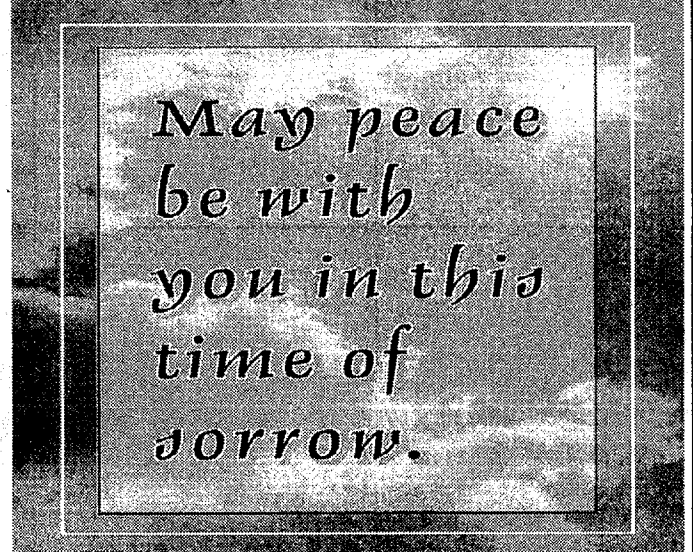
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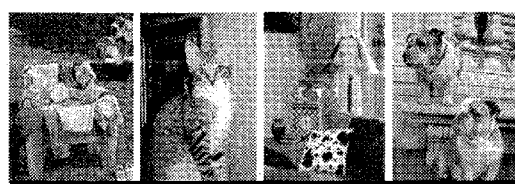
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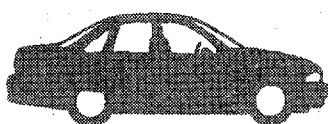
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Times have changed with the new Lexus IS 350

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Time was (he said, in his best "old man" voice), when you could either get luxury or sportiness, but not both together. Times have changed, and several automakers, including Volvo, Cadillac, BMW, Infiniti, Acura and Lincoln have successfully developed the luxury sport segment.

Toyota's luxury marque, Lexus, has been in the game since the start and has a couple of stellar entries in this segment. One of those is the 2007 IS 350.

Introduced for the 2006 model year, the IS 350 is an all-wheel drive sedan. Its sibling, the IS 250, comes as either a rear- or all-wheel drive. The IS 350 comes with 17-inch, 10-spoke aluminum alloy wheels (18-inch wheels are a \$720 option), dual chrome exhaust tips, dual high-intensity discharge headlamps (high-intensity headlamps with Adaptive Front Lighting are available for \$875), puddle lamps mounted on the underside of the outer mirrors, shark fin radio antenna, foglamps, and color-keyed heated outside mirrors. Its low front end and wide stance make this a smart-looking package with nice lines and a sleek overall look.

Inside, the IS 350 is sharp. The cockpit is well laid out and looks like a performance car should. The instrument panel houses the tachometer, a 160 mph speedometer and the fuel and coolant gauges. You get a trip computer, automatic dual-zone climate control, manual tilt steering column topped off with a leather-trimmed steering wheel (which includes audio controls) a power moonroof, cruise control, power windows and locks and a programmable garage door opener.

The 10-way adjustable power seats are leather-trimmed and they provide good support. You can opt for that package that gives you heated and ventilated front seats, wood interior trim and perforated leather (\$1,290). There's plenty of room up front; the rear seating area is a little tight for adults stuck behind a tall driver, but should be adequate for most passengers. The rear seats fold down for more cargo room. The front door pockets fold down for storage and they also include water bottle holders.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/six-disc CD system with 13 speakers and rated with 194 watts of power. It's a pretty good system, but you can upgrade to a Mark Levinson Audio System which gives you 14 speakers, a



The 2007 Lexus IS 350 combines luxury-car style and sports-car performance.

DVD changer, and 300 watts of power. Both systems come with an auxiliary input for your iPod or other mp3 player.

You can also get a navigation system with the IS 350 (\$2,550). The system is optional, but includes a feature I'd like to see become standard on all vehicles - the rear camera. It's great to be able to see behind the vehicle when backing up and it could be a life saver. The navigation system itself is clear and easy to use, and also allows you to use your Bluetooth-enabled devices.

So much for the "luxury" part of the luxury sport sedan, now let's look at the "sport" section. The IS 350 comes with a 3.5-liter DOHC, 24-valve V6 engine rated at 306 horsepower and 277 lb.-ft. of torque. It's mated with a six-speed automatic with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters for more control, if you choose. The IS 350 can go 0-60mph in an estimated 5.6 seconds, so you know you'll get power off the line. EPA rates the mileage of the IS 350 at 21/28 on premium fuel. The six-speed automatic shifts smoothly, but you can always do it yourself.

The IS 350 comes with one of those "new and improved" features I'm rather ambivalent about: push-button start/stop. Yes, the push button means you don't need to actually take your key out of your pocket or purse, but on some models, when the fob battery dies, you can't start the car. It's a personal thing, I guess - I prefer a real key.

The IS 350 got an all-new front and rear suspension system last year, plus new steering and brakes. The front suspension features a double-wishbone system with a high-

mount upper control arm and gas-filled shocks. In the rear, it's a multi-link system with high-mount upper arms, coil springs and gas-filled shocks. The result is a tight ride with some road feel, but not enough to make long journeys unpleasant. Speed-sensing power-assist steering is standard and the IS 350 handles very well in tight spots. The standard anti-lock brakes are very good.

Dual-front airbags, front-seat-mounted side airbags, knee airbags for the front seat passenger and driver, and side-curtain airbags are all standard on the IS 350.

The IS 350 starts at about \$36,000. Add the larger wheels, upgraded seats, high-intensity headlamps and navigation system and you're up around \$42,000.

It's tricky putting together the right combination of luxury and sportiness and Lexus has pulled it off nicely with the IS 350.

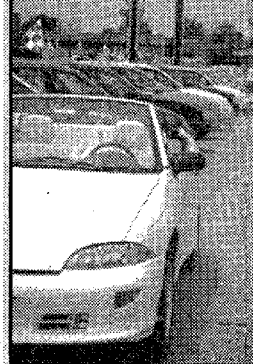
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WHAT TO DO ABOUT PUT-OFFS



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Imagine yourself on a project with a team that seems to be working together, frequently at breakneck speed. Suddenly, you notice an annoying communication pattern. People don't want to work. Some are more obvious about it than others. What should you do? What (BEGIN ITALIC)/can(END ITALIC) you do?

FUELING PUT-OFFS
Before you take action, you need to understand what put-offs are and what fuels them. Matt Eventoff, president of Princeton Public Speaking L.L.C., in Princeton, N.J., defines them as "a pattern of delay, a pattern of avoidance or a pattern of just not answering a question or questions." Think, for example, about e-mails you send that come back with "I'll try to find out." Beware of the tentativeness of "try to," in written and spoken conversation. Eventoff also attributes the problem

in part to the constant barrage of messages people receive.
Garrett Gunderson, founding partner of consulting firm Engenuity L.L.C., in Sandy, Utah, says that if something is necessary "or in line with what people truly want," it doesn't get converted into a put-off. (This would suggest a possible need for reminders about how tasks are related to their objectives.) He also maintains that "people get caught in social agreements of mediocrity." One clear sign of this is the person who says he'll get back to you with a response by a certain time and never does. You contribute to that mediocrity by not calling him on it.

Less charitably, you might think that increased put-offs may evolve from failed communication, failed honesty, even lack of commitment. You can't assume that the intent of one put-off is the same of another, Eventoff explains. "The only way to determine it," he states, "is to have a face-to-face conversation. Even then, you don't know if they have had a bad day." They might be keeping information from you. In some cases, you must allow for the need for privacy. That doesn't mean,

however, that you must remain perpetually silent.
TAKING CHARGE
Kerul Kassel, author of "Productive Procrastination" (forthcoming, Echelon Press, January, 2008), writes that "p(ester)ing... doesn't motivate you in a positive way, doesn't build your morale, doesn't endear you to the person who did it to you and doesn't make you want to excel for that person." In other words, it's a non-alternative, she indicates, that's become so "automatic" that it undercuts productivity all of the way around.
Eventoff agrees with Kassel about what not to do. He states that "consistent battering and continuing to push for an answer" aren't the answer. These tactics might be interpreted as bullying. "I like to tell people to take a step back and give the (offending parties) an opportunity if they're overloaded, not feeling well or in the middle of something in their family life," he observes. "These can cause lack of focus." You might want to protect yourself and your job further. He advocates documenting your attempts to communicate with problem individuals.

You need to know whether the put-off is temporary or permanent. Ask Eventoff tells clients to give people a week's breather before reviving the subject. When you do, Kassel



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Matt Eventoff and his client share an "aha" moment over how to handle people who put you off. Eventoff, of Princeton, N.J., is president of Princeton Public Speaking L.L.C.

recommends asking when they expect to complete the tasks and what resources you can provide.

A spoken "no" can be a very powerful, telling put-off. Recognize it for what it is, a roadblock and an opportunity for you to redirect. The next time around, Kassel advises, "head it off at the pass with a trial run." Eventoff says that redefining is another alternative, along with "almost cutting them off." In other words, don't you procrastinate when others are doing the same. You need not follow their lead.

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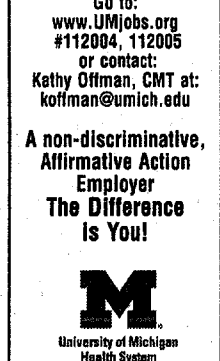
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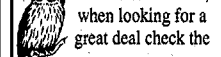
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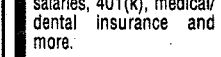
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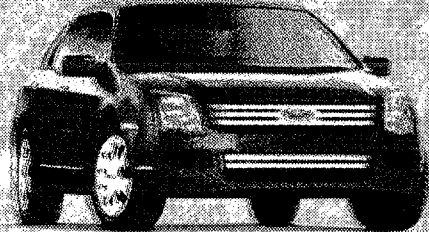
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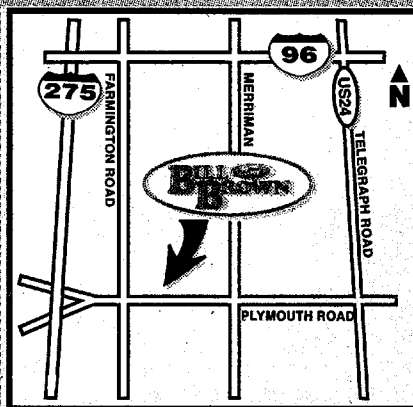
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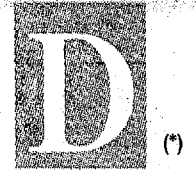
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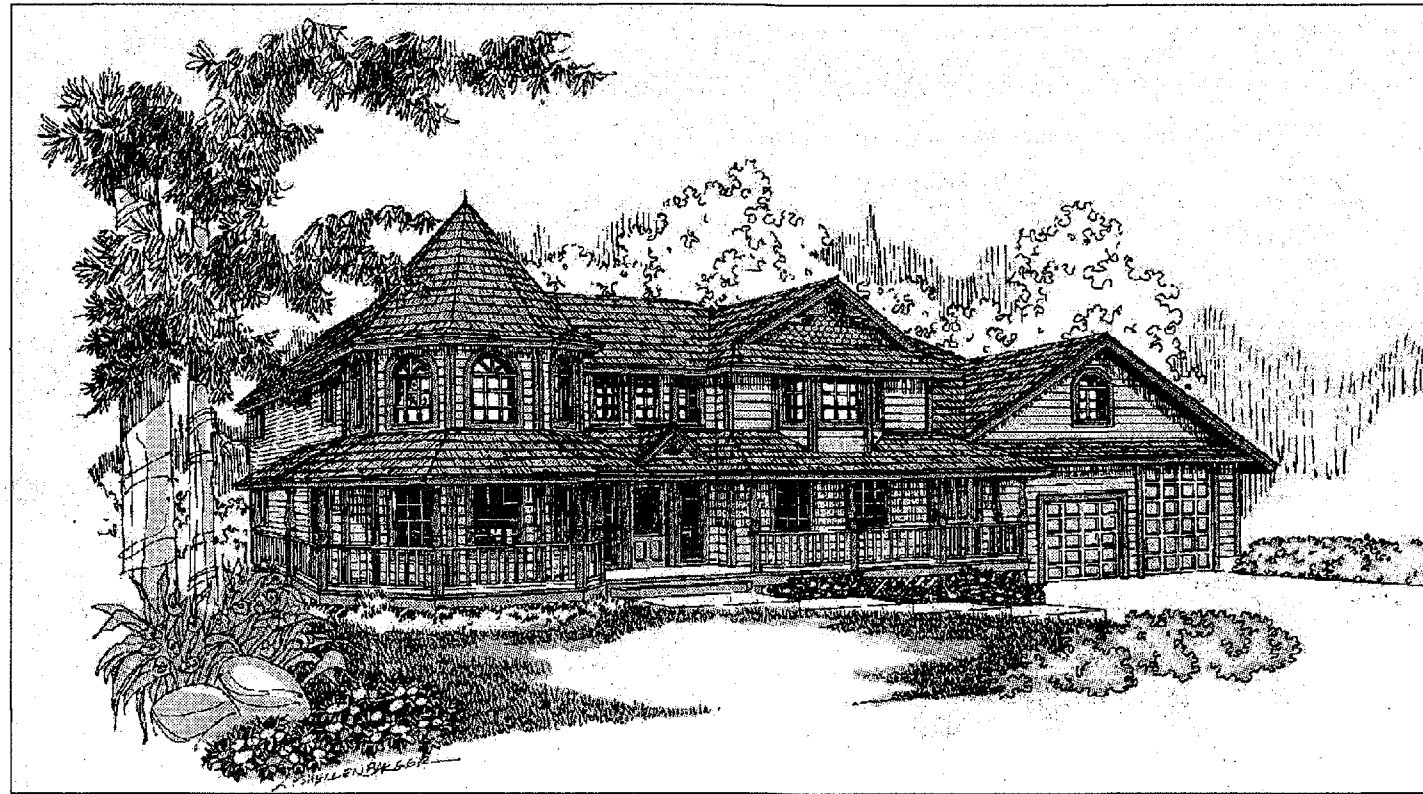


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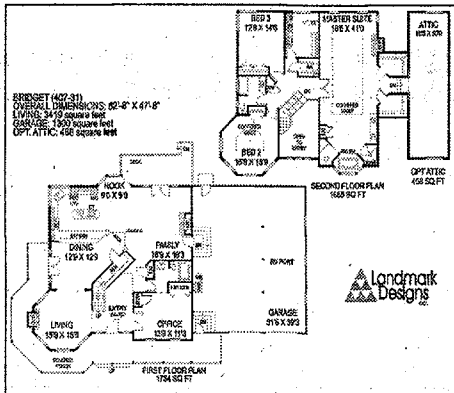


Live, work, entertain in stately Bridget home

Stately and Victorian describe the beautiful exterior of the Bridget (407-31). It is a majestic two-story home, with a wrap around front porch. The turret rooms give the home part of its magnificent appearance. The Bridget contains 3,419 square feet of palatial living.

The garage matches the scale of the home. It has a one-car area along with a recreational vehicle door. Because of the depth of the garage, there is ample space to set up a shop area, a hobby room, or a garden supply area. The vaulted entry has stairs to the upper level on the left and an office with a full bath on the right. The office area can also be used as a video room, as it has a built-in entertainment center. There is also a storage closet for supplies.

The enormous family room has a doorway to the garage and French doors to the deck area. A gas fireplace is located on the right side and the breakfast nook and kitchen are on the left. The kitchen has an island cooktop and vegetable sink. The eating bar connects the family room to the dining area with



an archway. There are French doors out to the wrap around porch through the dining area.

The round living area also contains a gas fireplace. Windows are placed all around the fireplace, providing light and an openness for the room. Directly above this room on the second floor is the second bedroom. Between it and the third bedroom is a full bath.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

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

■ The Sales and Marketing Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents its Master Certified New Home Sales Professional course "Essential Closing Strategies" Wednesday, Nov. 14. In addition to MCSP credit, the course gives the students 2 units of credit toward a Council of Residential Specialists (CRS), Certified New Home Marketing Professional (CMP) or Member, Institute of Residential Marketing (MIRM) designation. The class will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. Fees are \$159 for SMC members, \$179 for BIA members, \$199 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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

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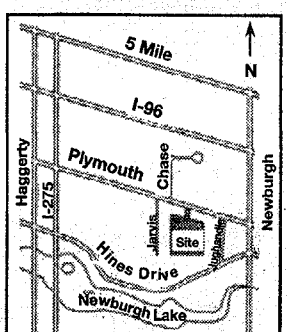
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS
OPEN SUNDAY 1-30 5:00
 532 Barrington Court
 S. of Hickory, W. off
 Woodward on Barrington,
 right to Barrington.
 Simply stunning unsurpassed
 quality Gardella Homes built
 Estate home awaits your
 estate touches. 1st floor
 master suite offers 'His & Hers'
 baths & closets & sitting
 room. Custom chef's kitchen
 boasts Wolf & stainless appli-
 cations. 3 bdrm suites up. Truly
 a must see! 4 bdrm, 6 bath.
 \$3,210,000 2715379
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CANTON - OPEN SUN 1-4
 44176 Arlington, S/ Joy, E/
 Sheldon. Completely updated
 with over 1,400 sq. ft. 3
 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths. A must
 see! \$207,000 (27180208)
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 (248) 478-6000

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REDFORD - GREAT COLONIAL
OPEN SUN 1-4
 9640 Mercedes
 3 bed w/ super size rooms &
 closet space. Nicely finished
 bsmt. Super clean & updated.
 Formal dining rm. Home sits
 on lg lot & backs to play-
 ground & school. Quick occup.
 Jane! 248-320-8840
 jane@janerbarber.com
 44785 Five mile, Plymouth

Open Houses 3030
TROY
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
 6028 Saint Paul Road
 N. off Square Lake between
 Crooks & Livernois
 Motivated seller & financing!
 Exceptional NW Troy colonial.
 Newer home built 2005. Large
 kitchen w/granite counter tops
 & stainless steel appliances.
 Stunning 3 story windows in
 great room w/fireplace.
 Formal living room & large
 den. 6 bdrm, 5.2 bath.
 \$639,000 27155385
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BEVERLY HILLS. Darling
 Ranch Features: 2500+ Fin Sq
 Ft, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, Hardwood
 Flrs, Geo-Thermal Heat, 2 Car
 Attached Garage, Breathtaking
 Kitchen, & So Much More!
 \$349,900. Open Sun 1-4.
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS
OPEN SUNDAY 3-5
 609 Chase Lane
 N. off Long Lake or E. off
 Kensington
 Fabulous new construction in
 gated Bloomfield Open Hunt
 Club. Designed by Alex
 Bogarts. Built by Daneweth.
 1st floor master wing features
 his & her closets, dressing
 room w/large bath suite, 4
 bdrm, 3.2 bath. \$2,495,000
 27154105
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Open Houses 3030
CANTON - OPEN SUN 1-4
 7255 Wadebridge Drive.
 Prestigious Buckingham Place.
 Beautiful 2900 sq. ft. circular
 floor plan with split stairs, 4
 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, hardwood,
 granite, fireplace, 3 car garage.
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ROCHESTER HILLS
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
 3565 Cedar Brook Dr.
 N. off South Blvd. on Walnut
 Brook E. of Coolidge
 The only home in the sub with
 a finished walk out. Over
 4,200 sq. ft. of total living
 space. Well maintained by
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 law quarters w/2 more bdrm &
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 waterfall at entrance. 4 bdrm,
 3.1 bath. \$775,000 27187576
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 E. of Wayne Rd. 34270 John
 St. 3 bdrm bungalow. Updates
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 Check out the lowest priced
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 lease \$1,000. 27144333
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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
 287 Brown Street
 W. of Pierce on S. side of
 Brown at corner of Bates
 Exquisite 4 story Townhouse
 steps from downtown
 Birmingham. Brick/limestone
 exterior, slate roof, blue stone
 & iron private entries.
 Hardwood floors, iron stain-
 cases, gourmet kitchen &
 appliances. 5 stone fireplaces,
 flowing floor plan. Very best in
 luxury & location. 3 bdrm, 4.1
 bath. \$1,795,000 27005491
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 971 Pierce
 N. off Lincoln. W. of Old
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 Spectacular price for the true
 in town home! 4,200 sq. ft. of
 beautiful detail & quality
 craftsmanship. New gourmet
 kitchen w/breakfast area.
 French doors off family room
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 patio. Huge master suite
 w/vaulted ceiling, 4 bdrm, 3.1
 bath. \$1,450,000 27181878
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WEST BLOOMFIELD. Classic
 Colonial Features: 2800+ Fin
 Sq Ft, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 3 Carr Att
 Garage, Library w/ Built-Ins,
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 N/ Square Lake, E/Ogdyke
 Delightful 2 bdrm, 2 bath
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 Living room w/ gas fireplace,
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 crown moldings. Occupancy at
 close. Great price! \$209,900.
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS
OPEN 1-4 SUN
 24826 Belton
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 Cute 3 bdrm. home with
 Bsmt. & Garage, \$139,900.
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LIVONIA-OPEN SUN 1-4PM
 19343 Bethany
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 Gorgeous 2300 sq. ft. ranch.
 Updates galore. Family room,
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ROYAL OAK
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
 617 Gardenia Avenue
 S. of 12 Mile, E. off Main St.
 or E. on Catalpa off
 Woodward
 Beautifully restored 3/4 bdrm
 Royal Oak craftsman style
 bungalow. New kitchen, 2
 baths, 2 story, 2 car heated/CA
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 in closet. Stained glass. Great
 home for entertaining. 4 bdrm,
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 ceilings, hardwood floors, oak
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 Crown moldings, numerous
 cabinets & walk in pantry.
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 w/fireplace, built-ins, partially
 finished full bathroom & wet
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\$60,000 Price Reduction
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 2071 sq. ft. ranch, 4 bdrm.
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 some
 12 Luau music
 13 "Miami Vice" cop
 14 — Krishna
 15 Scored some
 points (2 wds.)
 17 Desktop symbol
 18 Small fry
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 21 Riviera summer
 23 Stair post
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 33 Jackie's second
 34 Tattoo sites
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 36 Strait-laced
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 dynasty
 38 Bad day for
 Caesar
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 word

DOWN
 2 Mongol dwelling
 3 Just fine
 5 Guitar part
 6 Seize forcibly
 7 Assistance
 8 Wind-driven
 mist
 9 Noted potters
 10 Neighbor
 11 Natural resin
 12 Galleon cargo
 13 Craving
 16 Retains

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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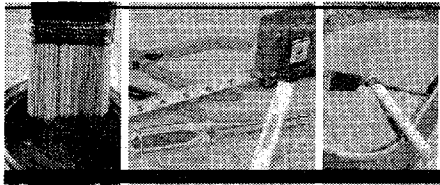
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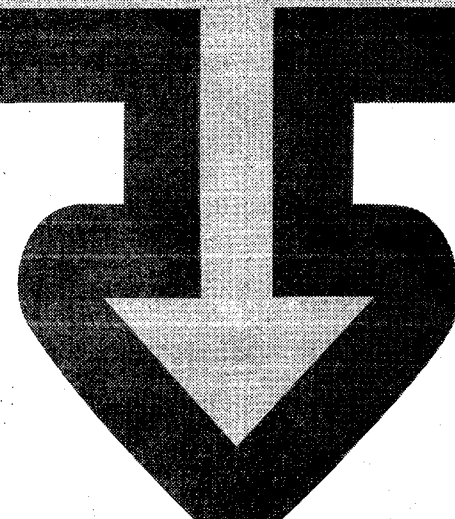
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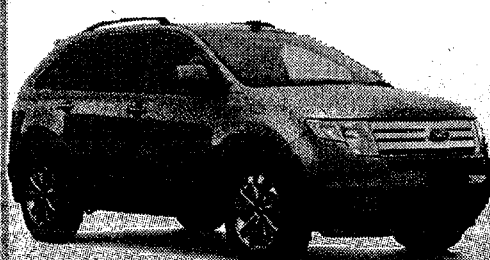
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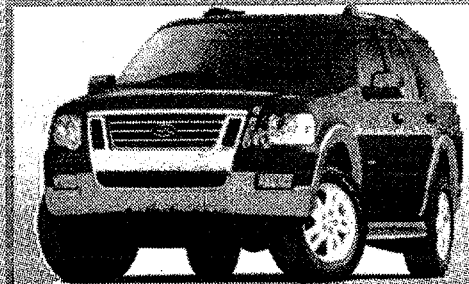
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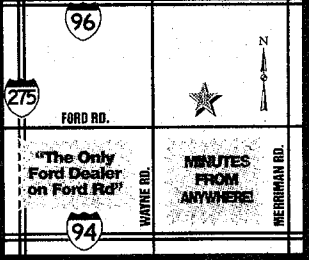


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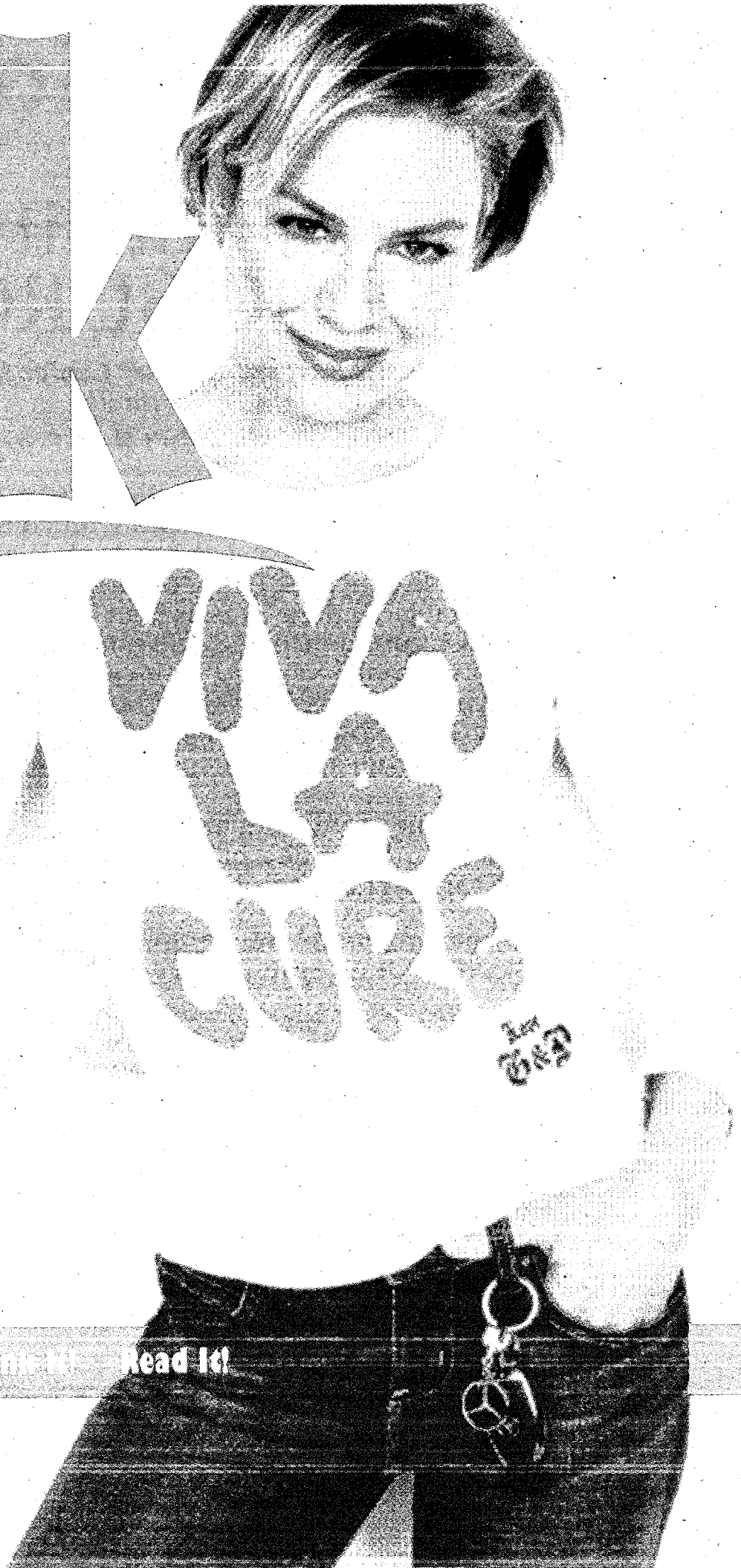


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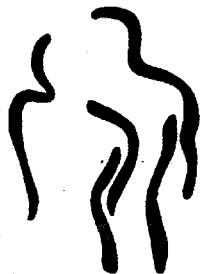
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BY AMANDA ABUKHADER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This fall, Pink paired up with Bag Borrow or Steal to present an exclusive contest for handbag fiends of Metro Detroit. Pink gave away a \$300 gift card to start one lucky lady on bagborroworsteal.com, a luxury on loan Web site where you can borrow designer handbags as long as you want.

Our lucky winner ended up being Emilie Pickert. The 20-year-old Canton resident's heart warming entry talked about her self-sacrificing super mom and her horrendous handbag.

"My mom thinks of everyone else before she thinks about herself so one of the last things she thinks about is how ratty her handbag gets! (GROSS!)," Pickert wrote.

Well, not to worry, with the \$300 gift card that Emilie has received she can get her mom Gucci, Fendi, Dolce & Gabbana, or even Prada couture bags. We'll be keeping tabs on the Pickerts to see what fabulous purses they pick.

Speaking of Gucci, honorable mention entrant Liz Scales talked about her dream STET; The Indy bag by Gucci. "Indy" calls my name every time I see it ... then I realize that two months' salary cannot be snuck by the husband!" Scales wrote.

So there you have it, another fabulous contest over, but not to fret.

You can sign up for your own subscription to Bag Borrow or Steal at www.bagborroworsteal.com. Or, stay tuned to PINK for more fabulous contests you can enter and win!



The Gucci Indy bag, available on loan at BagBorroworSteal.com.

PINK list

A girl's guide to stylish events in metro Detroit.

FASHION

STRATFORD DESIGNER VISITS BBAC

Stratford costume and set designer John Pennoyer will teach public workshops on "Set and Costume Design" Nov. 3 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. The workshops will be held 10-11:30 a.m. for ages 10-16; and 1-2:30 p.m. for ages 17 and up. Workshop is \$38 plus \$5 for materials. Participants are asked to bring a sketchbook. Call 248-644-0866 or visit www.BBArtCenter.org.

SILVER JEWELRY EXHIBITION

'Silver Speaks: Traditional Jewelry of the Middle East' makes its first Midwestern stop at the Arab American National Museum Nov. 15-March 30. Marjorie Ransom will speak about her 1,000 piece collection during an opening reception at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 15, with refreshments and live entertainment. Call (313) 582-2266 or visit www.arabamericanmuseum.org and www.accesscommunity.org.

BEAUTY

LAUREL PARK BEAUTY BASH

Parisian at Laurel Park Place will host the makeover of the season 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 3. Your \$25 reservation fee includes an appointment with a professional makeup artist, deluxe samples and drawings for a gift basket. With a purchase of \$75 or more, you'll receive a Mikasa heart-shaped crystal ring holder. Spend \$150 or more and receive an exclusive gift bag from Hour Detroit and entry into the Luxury Lounge for VIP treatments, refreshments and pampering. Seating is limited; see a sales associate or call (734) 953-7500 to RSVP.

BEAUTY ON LOCATION

Visit Nordstrom at Twelve Oaks Mall for Beauty on Location 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 2-3. View the latest colors, fragrances and fashion for the 2007 holidays. Enjoy complimentary beauty consultations from experts who will

showcase techniques for achieving a gorgeous look for the season. Call (248) 504-5700 and ask for your favorite cosmetics counter to RSVP.

FUN

HATS OFF DETROIT!

The Parade Company is hosting a hat design contest to find the best examples of a 'Warmest Hat,' 'Detroit Hat,' 'Favorite Parade Memory Hat,' 'Biggest Sports Fan Hat' and 'Thanksgiving Hat.' Submit a photo of crafted hat to www.clickondetroit.com by Nov. 9. Viewers will be able to vote on their favorite hat Nov. 10-12 at www.clickondetroit.com. Grand prize winners will receive a ride on a float in the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22.

WRITE FROM THE HEART

Learn the basics for writing keepsakes for your family or manuscripts for publication as local author Cindy LaFerle hosts writing workshops 10 a.m.-noon Nov. 7, and 7-9 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Harold Meininger Community Center, 3500 Marais Ave., Royal Oak. No writing experience required. Bring a photo of a favorite person or event, along with a pen and notebook. Cost, \$12 for each two-hour session, includes an extensive list of recommended books on the craft of writing. Call (248) 246-3900 or visit www.laferle.com.

BLACK TIE

THE BUTTERFLY BALL

The American Lung Association of Michigan will hold its black tie fund raiser, The Butterfly Ball, 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Proceeds will benefit lung health research, education and advocacy. The evening includes music from Rhythm Society, a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and a live auction. For tickets, \$250, call (248) 784-2018 or e-mail jjimenez@alam.org.

HOUSE OF HART & HOPE

Calling All Angels is hosting a black tie fundraiser benefiting Grace Centers of Hope 7 p.m.-midnight Friday, Nov. 9 at the San Marino Club in Troy. The evening features dinner, entertainment, and live and silent auctions. Tickets, \$100, will go toward building "The House of Hart & Hope" for children whose parents are in the Centers' rehab program. Call Shannon Grace Clark at (248) 334-2187, ext. 23 or visit www.callingallangels4gch.com.

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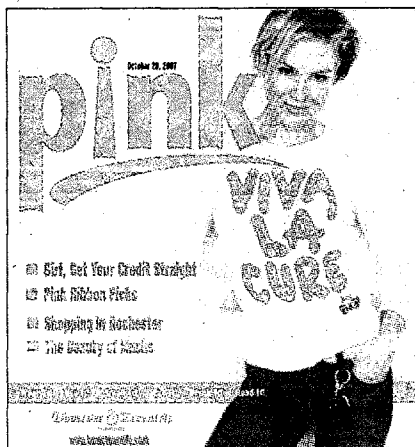
Blush Beauty

Celebrate Halloween with masks of beauty

ON THE COVER

Academy Award-winning actress Renée Zellweger models the limited-edition 2007 Key to the Cure T-shirt, available while supplies last exclusively at Saks Fifth Avenue. The 'Viva la Cure' shirts were designed by Juicy Couture and retail for \$35, with 100 percent of proceeds benefiting the Entertainment Industry Foundation's Women's Cancer Research Fund.

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Ralph Lauren pony rides to the rescue for breast cancer

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP FASHION WRITER

When the Council of Fashion Designers of America launched its breast-cancer initiative 14 years ago, it tapped Ralph Lauren to create the shirt that would go on to raise \$2 million. With that same number in its sights, Lauren again designed the garment the industry is counting on to attract attention — and buyers from around the globe.

It's one of his classic colorful polo shirts, but instead of a Lauren pony on the chest, you'll find the Fashion Targets Breast Cancer bulls-eye. (The pony can still be found near the shirt's hem.)

Lauren said he first participated in the campaign at the request of the late Washington Post fashion critic Nina Hyde, who fought the disease. He's now doing it because it's a global initiative that he believes can grow even stronger.

"I am very honored to have been part of FTBC's history and I hope we can continue to do great work," Lauren said in an e-mail to the Associated Press.

The biggest change to the campaign this

year is its global scope. The Lauren shirt — with other exclusive garments by Diane von Furstenberg, Rachel Roy and Oscar de la Renta to come later in the year — is being sold by online retailer Net-a-Porter, which ships to customers in 170 countries.

One-hundred percent of net profits from the sale of the items will benefit Fashion Targets Breast Cancer. The Lauren shirt costs \$75 and is available in red, white, green, yellow and aqua blue.

Net-a-Porter founder Natalie Massenet says the time was right for her 7-year-old company to help

with a charitable initiative. Breast-cancer awareness seemed a natural match considering 80 percent of her employees are women.

Proceeds donated will be kept in the country from where the shirt was bought.

"So many times a little guilt comes with a fashion purchase — it's pleasure and guilt — but this is one purchase with no guilt," Massenet says. "And it will be so cute next summer with your little white shorts."



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pink picks

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Juicy Viva La Cure tee from Saks Fifth Avenue

Tote It!

"Pick Pink" selection of handbags, messengers and luggage at ebags.com

Kick It!

New Balance 'Lace up for a Cure' athletic shoes

Support It!

Stretch Marks — a local movie in production

Click It!

www.VoicesofMammoSite.com

Eat It!

Campbell's Pink Ribbon soup

Drink It!

Cleavage Creek Wines



Use It!

The Dyson DC07 Pink, exclusively at Target

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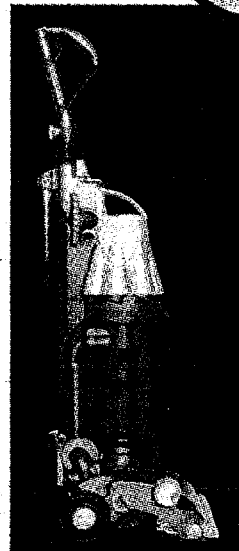
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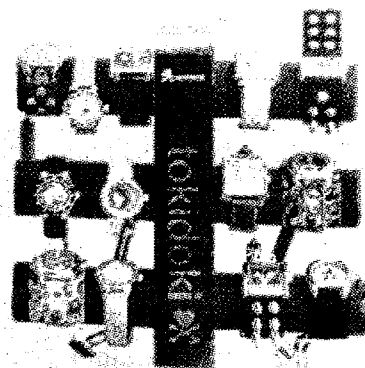
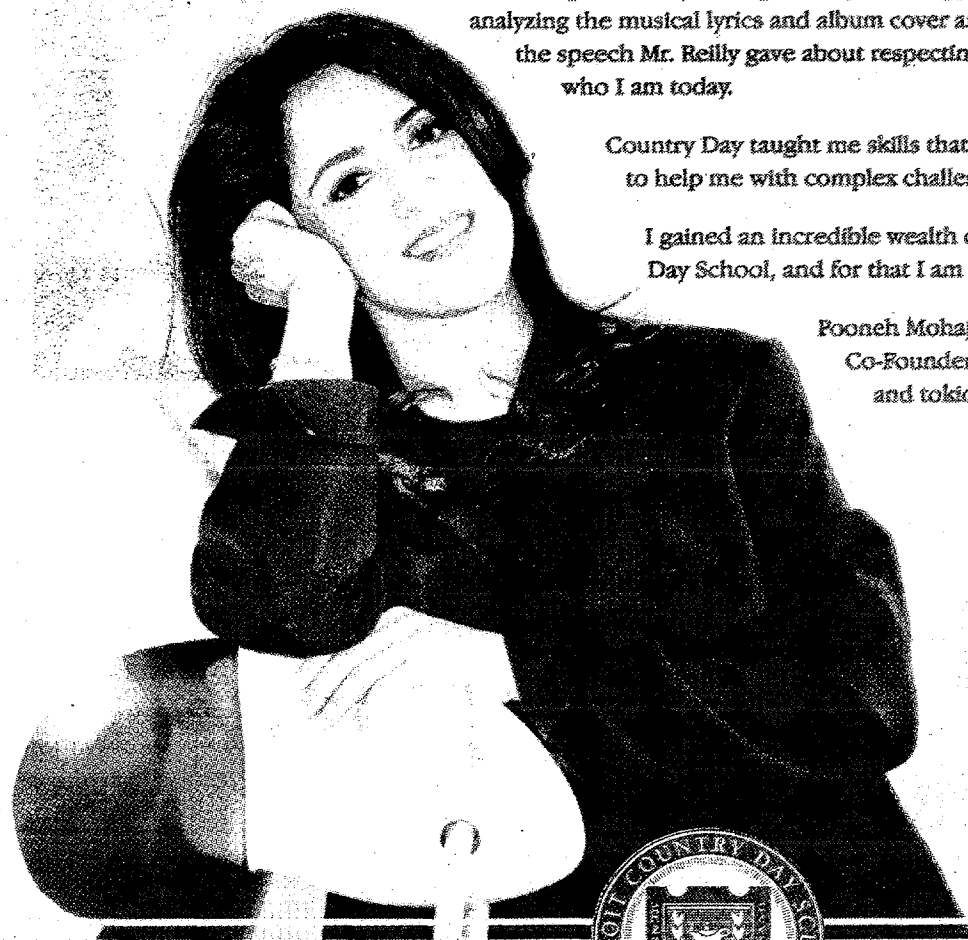
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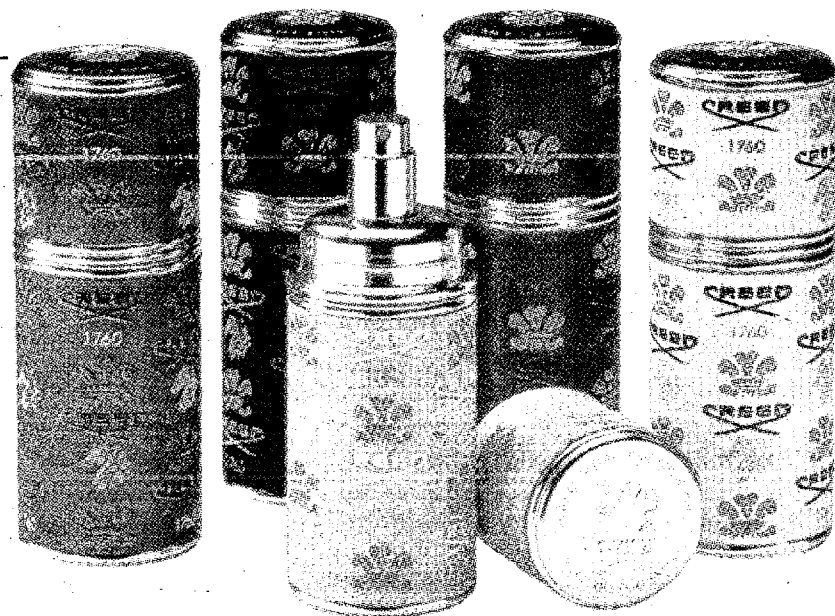
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ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Neiman Marcus is celebrating its past with a look into the future.

To mark its 100th anniversary, the luxury retailer asked leading fashion designers to create what they see as the future of fashion. The results — everything from a black and white sequined pantsuit embellished with an enormous bow by Giorgio Armani, to a silvery evening gown from Valentino — are on display at the company's flagship store.

The creations from about two dozen designers are part of a shimmering display among jewelry and purses on the store's ground floor, with many of the designs rotating to show all of the angles. That exhibit and several others throughout the store will be on display through Nov. 3.

Ken Downing, senior vice president fashion director for Neiman Marcus, said that the assignment they gave the designers was to dress women for the next 100 years.

"Who would she be? Who would be your muse? How would you dress her for the party of the century?" said Downing, who curated the "Future Fashion" exhibit.

"They're all very special, very different and very much in the voice of the designer," Downing said.

Looks include a white ensemble made up of a strapless top adorned with sequins paired with flowing wide-legged matching pants by Stella McCartney. Zac Posen designed an evening gown of gold and white with a billowing train. Dolce & Gabbana's shiny red cocktail dress is cinched at the waist with a large metallic piece.

While the designs run the gamut, Downing said one thing that is apparent is that style and luxury will continue.

The idea for the assignment came as executives thought about the vision the founders of Neiman Marcus had when they opened the store in 1907 at the

"crossroads of cotton and cattle," Downing said.

"We decided that looking into the future made so much more sense than only talking about our rich heritage," Downing said.

While the futuristic creations are the main exhibit, the store's six floors are also filled with special displays that overload the senses.

There are art displays that incorporate technology, small hand-crafted paper sculptures inspired by advertisements from the store's past and a video installation featuring blooming camellias.

One exhibit takes a look at jewelry made from nontraditional materials, including a striking gold breast plate from Jose & Maria Barrera in which metal was sprayed onto a mesh surface.

Another exhibit juxtaposes ready-to-wear pieces for fall with vintage designs.

"I think even if you were an expert, you'd be hard-pressed to separate the new pieces from the vintage," said Ignaz Gorischek, vice president of store development at Neiman Marcus.

Men can get a glimpse of what they might be wearing in the future with an exhibit from top menswear designers. A Prada design has men in black stirrup pants with a furry sleeveless top.

One floor features a look back at the future envisioned by the 1962 television series "The Jetsons." Episodes from the futuristic show are shown, and brief descriptions highlight how many of the show's predictions came true.

"No matter who it is, the minute you land on this floor you smile," Gorischek said.

Downing said that the women's fashions that twirl and reflect against glass in the glittering main floor will likely have different meanings to different patrons. Those familiar with fashion will likely recognize marks of the designers while others may simply be inspired to dream.

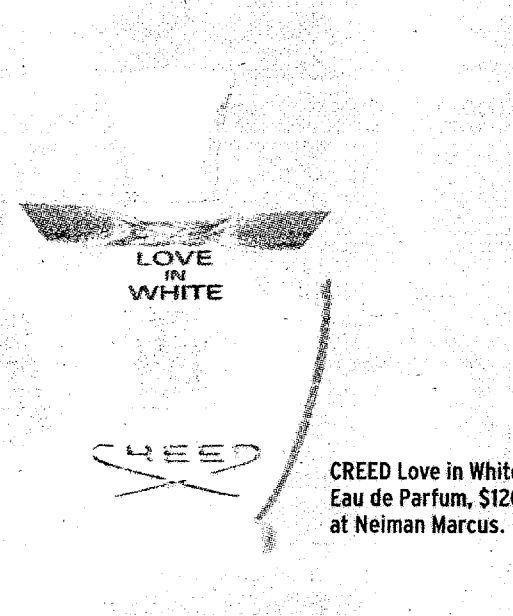
"It's truly a fantasy moment," Downing said. "It's a moment to dream and a moment to escape."



Erwin Creed

CREED FRAGRANCE EVENT

As part of its 100th anniversary festivities, Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection will host a CREED fragrance event starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. The cocktail reception will feature a personal appearance by Erwin Creed, a 7th generation perfumer for the legendary family business. Creed will mingle with guests and sign bottles of fragrance purchased that evening. He also will discuss the history of the company. CREED was founded in 1760 and has blended signature perfumes for more than 11 royal houses, as well as celebrities like Audrey Hepburn, Frank Sinatra and Princess Diana. The event at Neiman Marcus will feature a tribute to several of the company's luxury scents. Neiman Marcus is located at 2705 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. Call (248) 816-3411.



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A Romp Around Rochester and 'the Hills'

Like a breath of fresh air, a day in Rochester is rejuvenating. The town is sprinkled with eclectic shops, boutiques and eateries – and Rochester Hills boasts upscale shopping, dining and marketplaces.

Afternoon tea at the **Royal Park Hotel** soothes the soul, and I love to meander through **Rotary Gateway Park**, a serene little oasis that overlooks babbling Paint Creek.

Rochester is home to **Leader Dogs for the Blind** (one of my 'pet' charities). In fact, Main Street's audible traffic signals assist the visually impaired at pedestrian crossings.

FOREVER ACCESSORIZE

Shoetique is chic! This trendy shoe and accessory boutique is on Third Street behind the Rochester Chop House (a premiere restaurant, by the way!)

What's hot this year? Shoetique owner Hollis Griffin enthuses, "Navy is back with a vengeance, and especially navy metallic. Metallic is huge!"

She adds that buckles are big in 'boot & bootie' world, as are textures and patterns – from suede to crocodile to tapestry to paisley. Hidden platforms, clutches and cinch belts sizzle.

Beadz 'N Bagz, specializes in Pandora, Trollbeads, other jewelry, and designer inspired purses, including hobo-style slouch bags, vintage lunch boxes, and avant-garde Hollywood themes. (Check out the Elvis guitar purse!)

Catching Fireflies (in the old train depot on University) has a treasure trove of whimsical items, paper products and seasonal goods.



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It's worth a look 'beyond the window' at Mariposa Beauty Boutique and Studio in Rochester.

jeans, sleepwear and outstanding jewelry and belt buckles by Lela & Ramble of Franklin, Mich. (A great idea for a girl's night out arranged by spirited owner Monique Zafarana.)

NEW DUDS

Spruce up your wardrobe at such shops as **Janet Varner** or **Boutique Angelique**, and grab some matching shoes at **Sole Sisters**.

Yearning for the Old West? **Arizona Saddlery** corrals embellished jeans, tees, belts and boots. Over the holidays, eye a pair of jeweled alligator boots by Tony Lama. (Price? Only \$32,000!)

Peppertree (on Walnut Street) carries the popular Brighton line (including breast cancer awareness designs), and a gamut of jeans to fit every body shape – from Christopher Blue to David Kahn. And look for Geiger boiled wool pieces.

'ROCK' ON!

Feast your eyes on high-end rocks at **Lucido Fine Jewelry**, **Haig's Fine Jewelry** and others. Or, how about entrancing faceted crystal pieces by Swarovski, and other contemporary designs at **Modern Art Jewelers**?

'HILLS' HAPPENINGS

Head north from downtown to the northwest corner of Rochester and Tienken Roads. **The Hills Bar & Grille**, **Tom's Oyster Bar** and **Papa Joe's** (gourmet grocer) are huge draws.

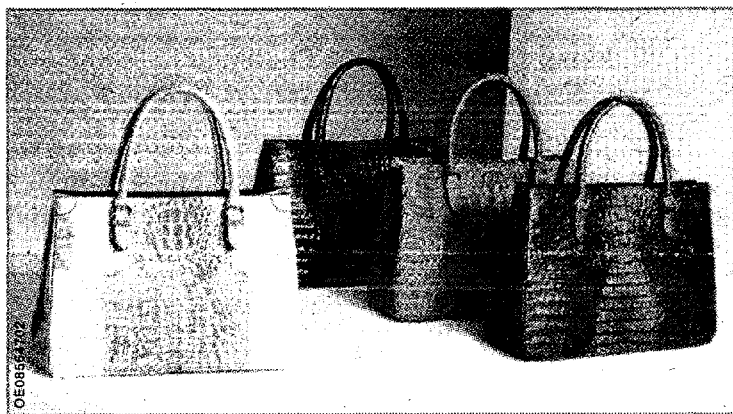
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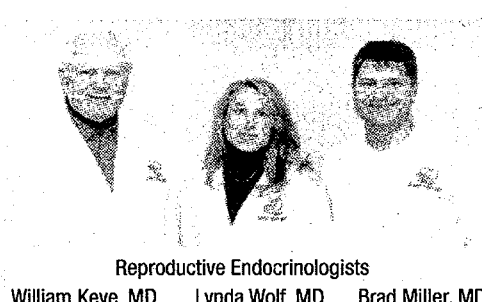
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Chick by Nicky Hilton captures designer's girly, playful style

BY SANDY COHEN
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Nicky Hilton stood in a corner, surrounded by cameras. But no body-guard pressed for her escape.

The 23-year-old designer was holding court backstage Sunday at Smashbox Studios, where she unveiled her spring Chick by Nicky Hilton collection on the opening night of L.A. Fashion Week.

After making her New York Fashion Week debut last month with her high-end Nicholai line, Hilton is an experienced fashionista — and it showed. Poised and demure, she gave interview after interview about Chick, the casual-wear label she launched in 2004.

"It's my first clothing line," she said. "So it's my baby."

Aimed at girls and named for Hilton's childhood moniker ("My parents thought I looked like Tweety Bird," she says), the line features flirty minidresses, floaty tops, playful patterns and super-high hemlines.

"It's very cute, very girly, very feminine. It's very reflective of the L.A. lifestyle — laid-back, casual," she said. "Nicholai is definitely for the mature, sophisticated customer ... whereas Chick is just fun pieces."

Still, the line has evolved over its three years, she said.

"Before it was a lot of sweat suits, T-shirts and tank tops, but now I'm doing more denim and tops and dresses."

Punchy prints — delicate swans, glass slippers and



The "Chick" collection includes lots of denim — especially trendy skinny jeans.

bright red apples — define the spring collection. An apple-covered A-line dress is topped with a black belted trench coat. Swans decorate sundresses and slim-fitting shifts. Printed halters and tanks float over tiny shorts.

Solids also make a statement in swingy T-shirt dresses, high-waisted "sailor trousers" and skinny jeans. Some of the best offerings came in black, including a knee-length dress with ruffle sleeves, a scalloped hem and a white Peter Pan collar and an airy voile top worn with wide-leg pants.

Hilton's parents took a front-row seat for the show, as did actress Jaime Pressly and Petro Zillia designer Nony Tochtermann, who is set to close Fashion Week



SCOTT BREITHAUPT

Nicky Hilton visited the Somerset Collection in 2004 to launch her clothing line "Chick," which continues to evolve and expand.

with her Thursday night show. Hilton's older sister, Paris, did not make an appearance.

Though Sunday marked Hilton's second fashion week in as many months, she's not done yet. She is set to show Nicholai in

Mexico City and Moscow in the coming weeks.

The cameras are coming along, too. A crew from MySpace.com has been documenting the designer's work and plans to follow her on her international adventure for its fashion feature, "The Fit."

"We're branding it like 'Around the world with Nicky Hilton,'" said MySpace spokesman Todd Dufour, calling it the Web site's "biggest international Fit program to date." It's set to air next month.

Still, Hilton seems humble about her international success.

"I'm excited," she said. "I've never been to Mexico City or Russia, so just for me to be able to go there is fun."

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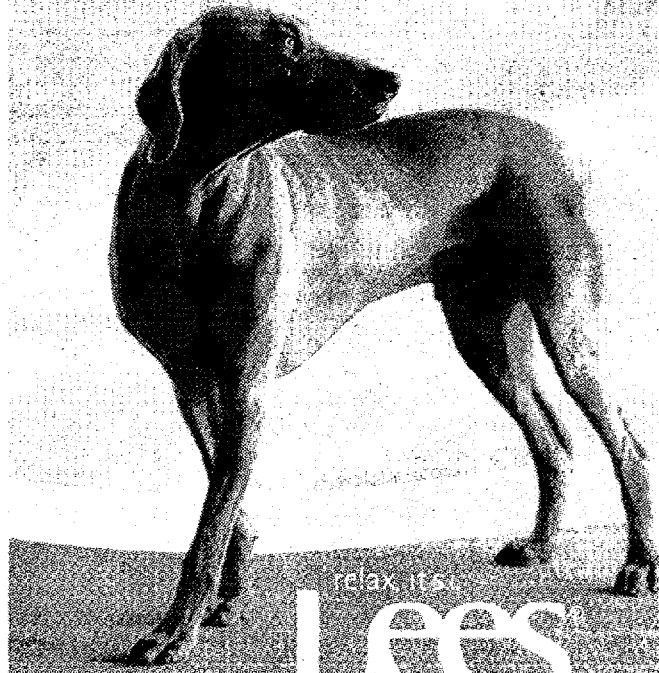


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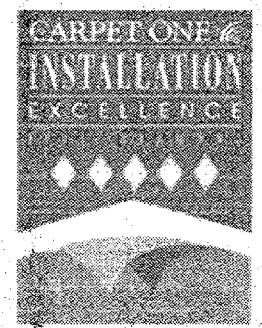
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You go, Girl!

Local financial expert offers help to the world

BY WENSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Glinda Bridgforth isn't afraid to be seen wearing the same thing twice.

The Detroit-based author, financial expert, and star of Oprah's 'Debt Diet' recently stood before hundreds of guests at Florine Marks' Remarkable Women Luncheon and played a tape of herself being interviewed on The Today Show.

As Bridgforth discussed her message — that today's celebrity-driven culture tempts people to go into debt pursuing lifestyles of the rich and famous — footage of stars on the red carpet flashed across the screen.

"Notice anything funny about that interview?" Bridgforth asked the audience when it was over. When no one responded, she did a catwalk-style turn at the podium, emphasizing her tailored black suit and smart white blouse.

"You were wearing the same suit on The Today Show," came a lone voice from the crowd. It was something most had probably registered, but thought too embarrassing to mention.

Bridgforth, however, was unfazed.

"I'm here to tell you that you don't need to go out and buy something new every time you have to go out," she said. "As my friend always says 'If you wear it again, you just look good twice.'"

New outfits are not the way to self-worth, Bridgforth said.

Too many people today buy clothing, bling and mansions on credit in an effort to live up to an outward image. Privately, they are racking up burdensome debt that is a source of constant stress and shame.

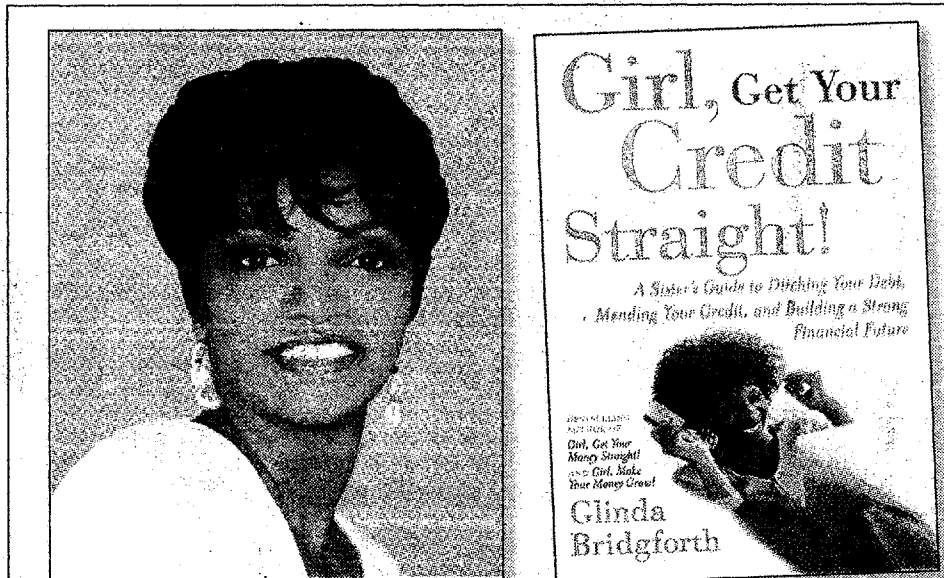
Bridgforth recently published "Girl, Get Your Credit Straight!" (Broadway Books, 2007, \$19.95) the third in a series of "Girl" books ("Girl, Get Your Money Straight" and "Girl, Make Your Money Grow") aimed to help people rein in their finances.

Although the books are aimed toward African-American women with their "sisterly" conversational tone, everyone can benefit from Bridgforth's practical approach, which grew out of her own struggles with money.

Twenty years ago Bridgforth wouldn't have been caught dead in the same suit. Yet her pursuit of a lavish lifestyle led to the verge of bankruptcy and drove Bridgforth into therapy with financial planners and counselors.

After climbing out from under \$50,000 in debt, she soon realized how closely tied emotional well-being is to financial well-being. She came to better understand the underlying beliefs and decisions that led to her situation.

Hoping to share her revelations, Bridgforth started coaching individuals on their credit, and expanded her audience through public speaking, magazine articles, and a weekly



Glinda Bridgforth

GET YOUR CREDIT STRAIGHT

Glinda Bridgforth shares tips on getting out of debt from her book "Girl, Get Your Credit Straight! A Sister's Guide to Ditching Your Debt, Mending Your Credit, and Building a Strong Financial Future."

- **Pay your bills on time.** Being 30 days late not only costs in late fees, it can significantly affect your credit score.
- **Reduce outstanding debt.** Pay more than the minimum to reduce the balance. Using more than 20-30 percent of available credit can reflect negatively on your score.
- **Minimize applying for credit.** Avoid in-store credit offers. Every time you apply for credit, the inquiries reduce your score.
- **Review your credit report.** Every year you're entitled to one free copy of your credit report from the three top agencies. Visit www.annualcreditreport.com to order copies; it will not reflect as an inquiry.
- **Close new credit cards first.** A component of your credit score is the age of your accounts. The older the better.
- **Avoid high interest rate credit cards.** Many cards that entice you with a zero interest rate eventually go up as high as 25 percent.
- **Exert patience.** You can't clean up your credit overnight. Negative items will stay on for 7-10 years, but the sooner you start on the path toward good credit, the better.
- **Stop debting.** If need be purchase everything on a cash basis. "It's amazing what happens once you do a reality check."
- **Eliminate wasteful spending.** You can download formatted worksheets from www.bridgforthfinancial.com for \$6.95 that help you track spending and find ways to cut.
- **Increase your income.** Ask your boss for a raise, change jobs or exploit your talents to make money on the side. "I don't advocate getting a second job unless it's a temporary step to reach a specific goal," she said.

radio show.

Then she was tapped by Oprah Winfrey to serve as a financial expert on "America's Debt Diet." The financial makeover segments were so successful, Bridgforth's phone began ringing off the hook. Calls came in from across the country, and as far away as Australia, South Africa, Germany and London.

Bridgforth quickly hired help and formalized Bridgforth Financial and Associates, LLC.

"Every day I get phone calls and e-mails from people seeking support and coaching," she said. "People want financial peace of mind."

Through her books and services, Bridgforth

shows people how to track expenditures, supplement their income, consolidate loans and pay off debt. She also helps people address subconscious decisions and unconscious beliefs that sabotage finances, such as seeking happiness through 'retail therapy,' and falling prey to a 'toxic ego.'

"I like a holistic approach, which takes into account psychological, emotional and cultural reasons we do what we do," Bridgforth said. "There are a lot of people in denial. Their finances are out of control and they're juggling a significant amount of time robbing Peter to pay Paul. If you don't make changes it will get worse and you'll find yourself drowning in debt."

LAINY

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American art at **Legends in Time**. Select transitional furnishings at **Hepplewhite's Interiors**, or exquisite classics at the historic **Chapman House** (on Walnut).

PRETTY AS A PICTURE

Primp and pamper at **Mixx Salon & Spa**, **Studio One Salon**, **Via Linda Salon & Spa**, **The Beauty Corner** and others.

Planning a wedding or special event? Check out the new pink digs of **Something Fabulous** (114 E. 4th) — they'll help plan and personalize your special day all the way from invitations to a paradise destination wedding.

FEEDING FRENZY

Other great dining suggestions? **4th Street Grille** or **Kruse & Muer** — and for ethnic twists: **Andiamo**, **Golden Gate Indian Cuisine**, **Gus O'Connor's Irish Pub**, and **Sumo Sushi & Seafood**.

Sweeten up at **Red Knapp's Dairy Bar** (for a great 50's style shake), **Morley's**, **Home Bakery** (with goodies decorated for Halloween), and try the huge homemade truffles at **Lynne Claire's Truffle Shoppe**.

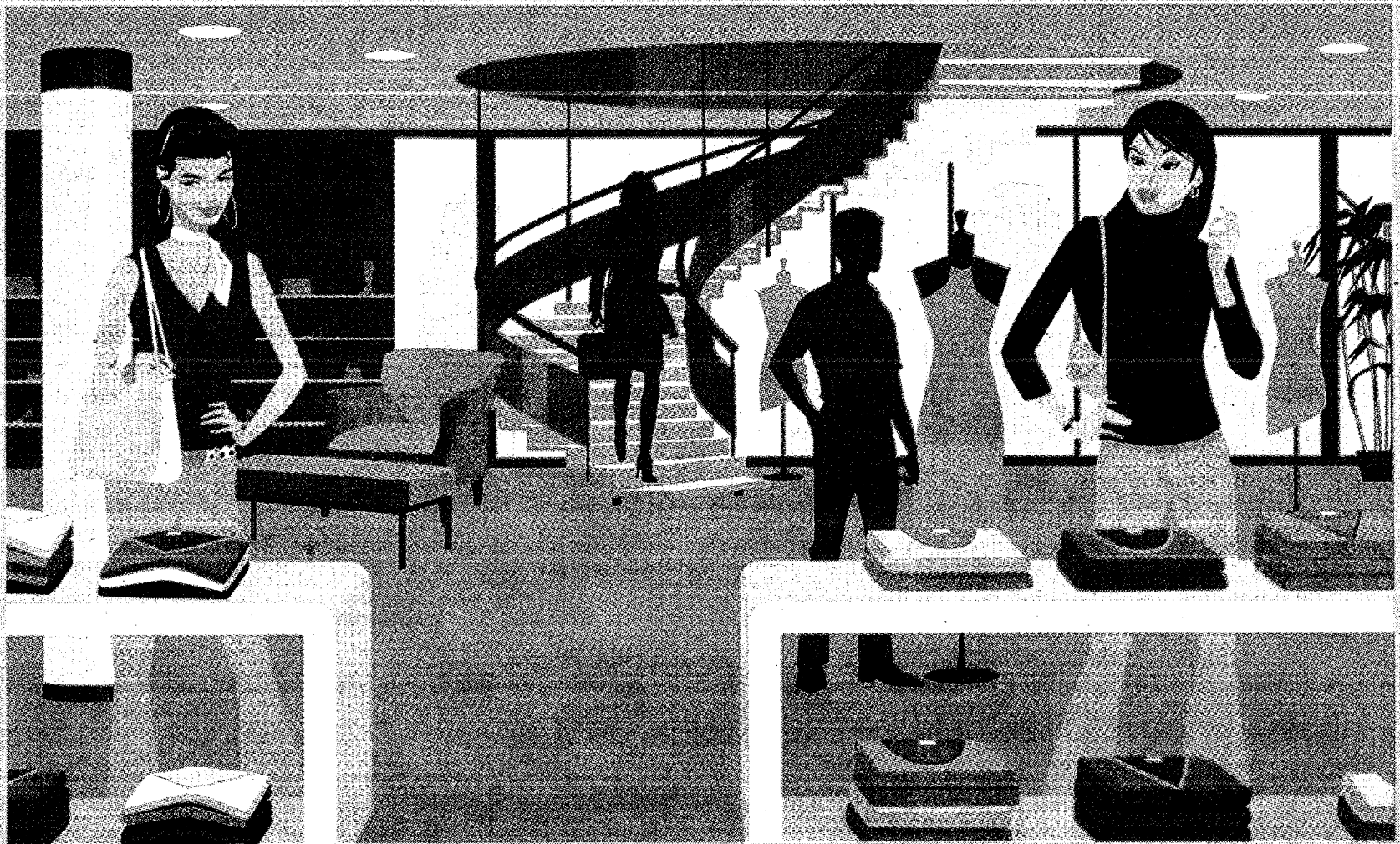
VILLAGE VOGUE

The Village of Rochester Hills, a 375,000 square foot tree-lined streetscape mall, stars anchor tenant **Parisian**, and **Whole Foods** is on its way Spring '08. A supporting cast includes **Abercrombie & Fitch**, **Ann Taylor**, **White House/Black Market**, **Banana Republic**, **Pottery Barn** and many more popular storefronts and dining delights. (**Ann Taylor Loft** is coming soon, too!)

Elaine "Lainey" Perlin Crossley suggests a trip to downtown Rochester during the holidays to take in its bedazzling lights display. She can be reached at (586) 612-7177.

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LIVONIA — Laurel Park Place recently announced it's the first mall in metro Detroit to let shoppers search items available at the mall via the Internet or mobile phone. While online, consumers can browse merchandise, then "reserve this product," ensuring selected items are available in the right size and color, and waiting to be picked up. Once at the mall, consumers can send a text message to find the nearest store that sells a specific product or advertises a sale. The service, powered by **NearbyNow**, also enables the mall's retailers and brands to launch highly targeted advertising programs. The service is available at <http://products.laurelparkplace.com/>.



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New twists on home shopping parties

I can't remember the last time a get together with friends didn't involve a swing, a slide or a messy sandbox. I miss my girlfriends! I've decided it's time for a good old-fashioned home party. I may regret saying this, but I actually like being invited to these. For me, there is nothing more appealing than relaxing at home with friends, AND getting to shop! The trouble is, most of my friends don't share this opinion. They have attended too many of the same types of parties and they're bored. Lucky for my gals, there are some fresh ideas in the home party market that breathe new life into the same old, same old.

TRUNK SHOWS

If you are looking for something to really wow the girls, invite them over for a designer trunk show. Matilda Jane Clothing, the brain child of designer Denise DeMarchis, has long been a favorite at local art fairs. Now she is bringing the show to you. The trunk keeper (local sales rep) will bring loads of fun, colorful clothes and accessories for girls (6m-12yr), and women, to the party.

The collection will include items from the latest catalog, as well as a few trunk show exclusives. Size and fabric samples are there to assist you in placing your order too. Hosts, or "Janes" as the company calls them, earn free and half-



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Plus, they have access to exclusive pieces for Janes only. It's every girl's dream. Dates are filling up fast for Fall, so contact local trunk keeper Stacey Tobar at (248) 542-3459 or visit www.matildajane-clothing.com for more information.

HAIR ACCESSORY PARTY

My daughter loves her "hair pretties." I have to say, I am totally addicted to them myself. I have probably purchased a set to match every outfit she has. I was so excited when I discovered that my favorite hair accessory designer now does home parties! Heather McDermott, the genius behind Tiny Pockets, has a brilliant line of funky hair clips made especially for your budding fashionista. She even has a line of doggie hair clips and bow ties for boys with a belt collection in the works. She brings a huge selection

of funky designs to your home and creates an informal setting for your guests. Items can be purchased and taken home that night. The hostess gets 10 free clips for every \$150 in sales and an additional five clips if a guest books a party that night. One lucky guest even gets a free hair clip holder and their choice of five hair clips. Contact Heather at (248) 543-5713 for more information or visit her website at www.tiny-pockets.com.

PORTRAIT PARTIES

I've gotten so excited about everyone else's creative home party ideas that I've decided to host my own Portrait Parties. These are a great way to get your children's portraits taken and have fun with friends at the same time.

The host of a portrait party invites 8-12 friends to their home or location of their choice for 15 minute, mini-portrait sessions. Portraits are viewable in an online gallery after one week and guests have one week to place a print order.

The host then receives a print credit worth 15 percent of the total sales from the event. The event is free to all who participate. The images are available to purchase after the event but there is no obligation to buy. This is the perfect idea for infant play groups, birthday parties or holiday themes like Valentine's,



Make shopping fun with a home trunk show party featuring Matilda Jane Clothing, the brain child of designer Denise DeMarchis.

Halloween and Christmas. If you would like more information about portrait parties visit my website at www.wendiedelanophotography.com.

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PLEASANT RIDGE — Women facing breast cancer can find solace, as well as merchandise tailored to them, at Susan's Special Needs. The company, founded by longtime Birmingham residents David and Susan Thomas, services more than 1,000 women a year through its retail store, and distributes hats and turbans to over 600 stores and boutiques throughout the U.S.

At Susan's Special Needs women can select from over 2,000 human hair and synthetic wigs and a wide variety of hats, turbans and hair accessories. With over 150 different mastectomy bras, the selection is exquisite and offers women choices similar to other "normal" lingerie. The shop also carries the Lindi skin care, made by a group of oncologists especially for women who have undergone chemotherapy or radiation. Menopausal women will find hot flash pajamas, Chillow — a product that keeps your pillow cool, and a variety of other personal care products.

Thomas, an oncology nurse, opened the shop after her own experience with breast cancer in 1992. "It's all about our creating a positive customer experience and helping women who are experiencing cancer or other medical treatment feel comfortable," Susan said. Susan's Special Needs is at 24052 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge just south of 696. Call (800) 497-7005 or visit www.SusansSpecialNeeds.com.

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The spooky season is well upon us but there is nothing quite as scary as forlorn, neglected skin. Fall into a new habit and try some of these indulgent face masques, meant to do everything from moisturize, to retexturize weather-worn skin. Some work best to exfoliate while others help protect delicate skin from free radicals and harsh elements in the air.

Take time out once a week, or whenever you feel like a pick-me-up, and grab one of these tried and true home spa specialties. Fresh, cold cucumber slices for your eyes are optional.

Skip the Trick-or-Treat candy and reach in the fridge for **Lush Handmade Cosmetics' Cupcake**, a nothing-less-than-decadent mud mask made with cocoa butter, cocoa powder, and peppermint and spearmint essential oils. It's a deep cleanser for normal to oily skin and a longtime best seller at Lush.com.

Origins Clear Improvement mask has been a longtime staple in my own medicine cabinet. It uses charcoal to deep-clean pores without stripping delicate skin dry. It's made to suit all skin types. Even at \$20 it's long-lasting beauty secret available at origins.com.

The Body Shop's Warming Mineral Mask is comforting on a crisp Autumn day. Smooth it on skin and feel it warm you up with ginger, cinnamon oil, and kaolin clay. Better than a campfire, this



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non-drying deep cleanser is suitable for all skin types and costs \$14 at thebodyshop.com.

Aveda Deep Cleansing Herbal Clay Masque stays true to its brand as the aromatic clay absorbs skin's impurities from skin, then moisturizes and tones. At \$19, it's a refreshing way to recuperate after a long workweek. Find it at aveda.com.

Like a seaside escape anytime, **H2O Plus** takes the plunge with Sea Mineral Mud Mask a soothing clay and aloe vera formula that zaps oil and stimulates cell renewal. It's \$25 at h2oplus.com.

Instead of painting your face orange this Halloween, smooth on **Apivita Revitalizing Face Mask with Orange** to tone and revital

talize. For \$24, the convenient, grab-and-go mask comes in single dose sachets at Bath & Body Works.

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Lush, located at Troy's Somerset Collection, sells a dessert-worthy chocolate mint mask called Cupcake.

SHEAR POINTE OFFERS LASER HAIR REPLACEMENT

BIRMINGHAM — The science of reversing hair loss in adults and children has truly evolved in recent years. Shear Pointe Hair Replacement Center is bringing the newest treatments to residents throughout Metro Detroit.

Laser based "Bio Photo Stimulation" procedures, long available in Europe but relatively new to the United States, can revitalize thinning hair with zero risk of side effects. "Intervention is key," states Shear Pointe Hair Replacement Center President Scott McCarty. "At the same time that many people come to terms with their hair loss, they have already lost 50 percent of their hair, making it a challenge to reverse the process. If you catch it at the right time, this new laser treatment can postpone or eliminate the need for more invasive procedures."

There are three stages of thinning hair. Terminal is the name applied to thick and healthy, normal hair. Intermediate hairs are those that are beginning to thin and fall out, and Vellus hairs are those that can become so thin and weak as to be nearly invisible. "In order for the less invasive laser treatments to be a viable option, it is necessary to begin applications when as many terminal hairs as possible remain," McCarty said.

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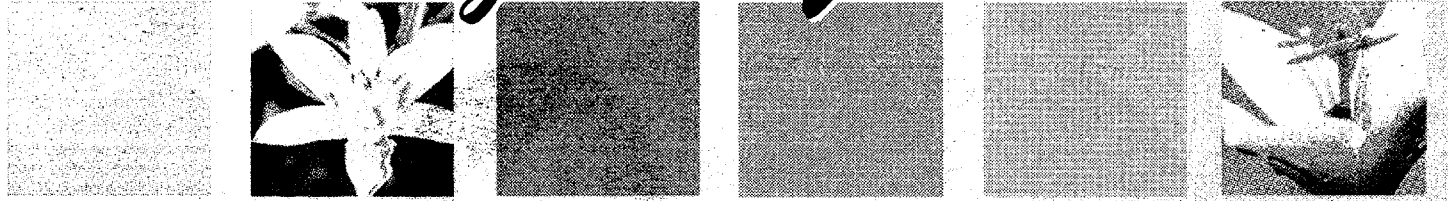
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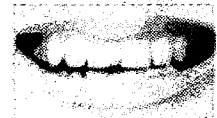


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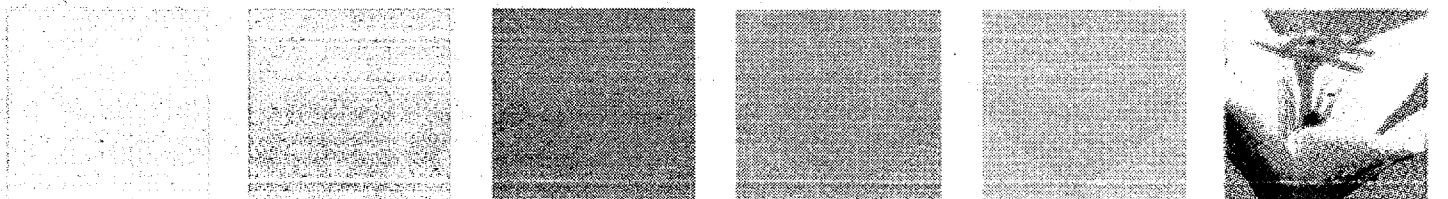


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