

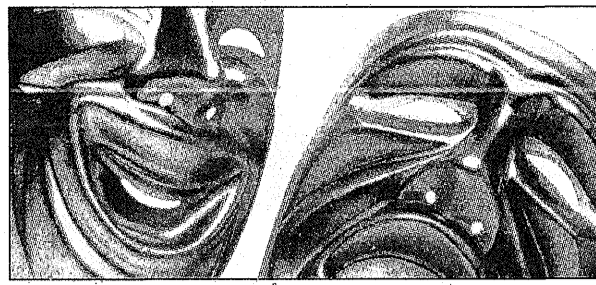


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Police merger unlikely, but talks could come

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll announcing last week he plans to retire Jan. 16, could now be the time to discuss a merger of the city's police department with Plymouth Township's — much like the fire and dispatch agreements — to bring efficiency and cost savings to both police departments?

The real question is whether any potential police merger will even become a topic of discussion as the City Commission and administration

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should the city and Plymouth Township talk about merging police departments? E-mail bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

work with a consultant to find a new police chief.

"My choice would be to promote from within," Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell said. "Wayne and (City Manager) Paul (Sincock) have built a great organizational department and I'd like it to continue. Even though

the cost savings could be substantial, I worry about the long term, especially with the township moving more toward a (more costly) defined benefit (retirement) plan."

For some city commissioners, difficulties in contract negotiations concerning the Plymouth Community Fire Department have left a sour taste, and an inclination not to merge police departments.

"I certainly would not support waiting to fill that position until a merger may or may not occur, primarily with the history of difficulties trying to settle a fire agreement,"

Commissioner Dave Workman said. "We can't make something work that has worked in the past (fire agreement) because of some elected officials in the township. We'd be crazy to open that door at this point."

Commissioners Stella Greene and Ron Loiselle expressed a willingness to look at what the possible cost savings would be before closing the door on a merger.

"We have an obligation to ask the questions and to explore it with the township," Greene said. "We've historically had a very good situation with where we're at, but we should

ask the questions before moving forward and hiring a new chief."

Loiselle remembers the fire department merger in 1994, which caused what he called "hysteria" among city residents who feared moving the fire station from City Hall would put them in jeopardy.

"I suspect we would run into similar reluctance to change ... but the fire agreement ultimately turned out well despite our concerns," Loiselle said. "I'm always willing to talk, and if it's beneficial for the city I would be

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Mob-attack teens convicted on lesser charges

All Angela Kauffman could do in court Tuesday, when two teenagers charged with kicking her husband so badly it left him with severe head injuries were convicted of lesser charges, was cry.

A "shocked" Kauffman watched helplessly as the six-man, six-woman jury — which had visited the Mt. Clemens crime scene earlier in the day — decided there wasn't enough evidence to convict the teens of the more serious crime of assault with intent to murder.

Instead, the jury convicted 16-year-old Jemall Davidson of rioting and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder (felonies which carry 10-year prison sentences), and convicted 18-year-old Steven Lincoln guilty of rioting and two counts of assault, a 93-day misdemeanor.

The teens had been charged with assault with intent to commit murder, a charge which carries a potential life sentence. Angela Kauffman said while the jury didn't convict them on the more serious charge, she's convinced of one thing.

"They only stopped because of the police lights, they only ran because of the police lights," Angela said. "If the police hadn't shown up as fast as they did, they would have kept going."

The charges stem from a June attack precipitated by a rock being thrown through the window of the Kauffmans' car near the Gibraltar Trade Center in Mt. Clemens. When Andy Kauffman got out of the car to investigate, he was beaten so severely he suffered brain injuries.

Davidson and Lincoln will be sentenced Oct. 14 before Macomb Circuit Judge Edward Servitto.

Two others had already pleaded guilty in the case. Armon Boyd, an 18-year-old from Eastpointe, pleaded guilty to inciting a riot with intent to do great bodily harm. He's due for sentencing Oct. 6. Deonte Williams, 17, of Mt. Clemens, who admitted to throwing a rock that started the attack, was sentenced last month to 19 to 38 months in a youth facility and ordered to pay \$31,380 in restitution.



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Good eatin'

Eight-year-old Ryan Piccolo of Canton sinks into his Rotary Barbeque Chicken Dinner Sunday during the last day of the Plymouth Fall Festival. For more on the festival, see page A9, and the photo gallery at www.hometownlife.com.

Board considers new forum policy

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Paula Bowman doesn't think the township board's sudden decision to stop hosting political forums is good for residents, and Tuesday she told board members so.

Bowman, president of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County and a Plymouth Township resident, asked the board to reverse its position — staked out after it voted to cancel a July candidates forum sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce — and allow non-partisan events such as those the LWV has hosted for years.

"Using this public facility to provide information to the people whose money was used to build it and who will make voting decisions

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should the township board allow non-partisan candidate forums in township hall? E-mail bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

that affect our entire community seems to be a perfect way to use this facility," said Bowman,

who pointed out township hall has hosted such forums in the past. "Not allowing a public, non-partisan candidate forum at a public facility favors the incumbents since the voices of their challengers are silenced."

The debate started in July, when the board voted the night before the chamber forum not to allow such activities in township hall. Board members acted on advice of township attorney Timothy Cronin, who told them such use violates Michigan Campaign Finance law.

However, state elections officials said there are exceptions to the law, and a non-partisan forum would apply under those exceptions. Bowman presented a copy of the law with the exceptions highlighted.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the board generally follows the legal advice of its attorney.

"Usually, we rely on our township attorney," Reaume said. "We're going to rely on that going forward. (However) it appears as though the law might allow the public to use (the board room)."

Trustee Charles Curmi said the board should reconsider the policy.

"That whole (initial decision) was made literally at the 11th hour," Curmi said of the decision not to allow the forums, which was made following a closed session and just before adjournment of a meeting. "It should be available. The public should be educated."

The board is expected to consider adopting a new policy, perhaps as early as its next meeting (Sept. 23).

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Plymouth native sings herself into top 20

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Country music singer and Plymouth native Sarah Lenore is among the top 20 finalists on the NBC-TV reality show *America's Got Talent*.

Lenore performed Wednesday night, and is awaiting word on tonight's results show to see if she'll be among the top 10 finalists. The 19-year-old singer and her family are hoping the judges and votes cast from the television audience will propel Lenore toward an opportunity to win \$1 million and a contract to perform in Las Vegas.

"I was there at last week's performance and I was a wreck," said her dad, Brian Wiercioch of Plymouth. "Sarah, she was fine. She's been making a living with her singing, so it didn't bother her."

Susan Wiercioch, Sarah's mother, said she leaves the worrying to her husband.

"When she sang the national anthem at the (Detroit) Lions game, he had to walk out until she was done," said Susan Wiercioch, who flew to Los Angeles to watch Sarah perform. "I'll be nervous, but not about her ability to knock it out. And on Thursday, the elimination show ... I just don't want to see her heart broken."

America's Got Talent started with more than 10,000 contestants. Lenore, who's been performing since age 5, auditioned for the show in Nashville, where she moved last year to boost her career. She then made the cuts in Atlanta and Las Vegas before



NBC

Plymouth native Sarah Lenore has made it into the top 20 finalists on the NBC reality show 'America's Got Talent.' Lenore has a shot at making the top 10 on Thursday's results show.

becoming one of the 40 finalists in Los Angeles.

After Wednesday's show, viewers had two hours to vote for their favorite act, and the Wierciochs contacted as many people as they could to secure votes for Sarah.

"We were at the (Plymouth) Fall Festival last weekend handing out fliers everywhere," said Susan Wiercioch.

A sampling of Sarah's performances on *America's Got Talent* can be found on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=shhkTt0gows, which has had nearly 270,000 hits.

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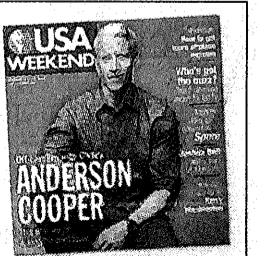
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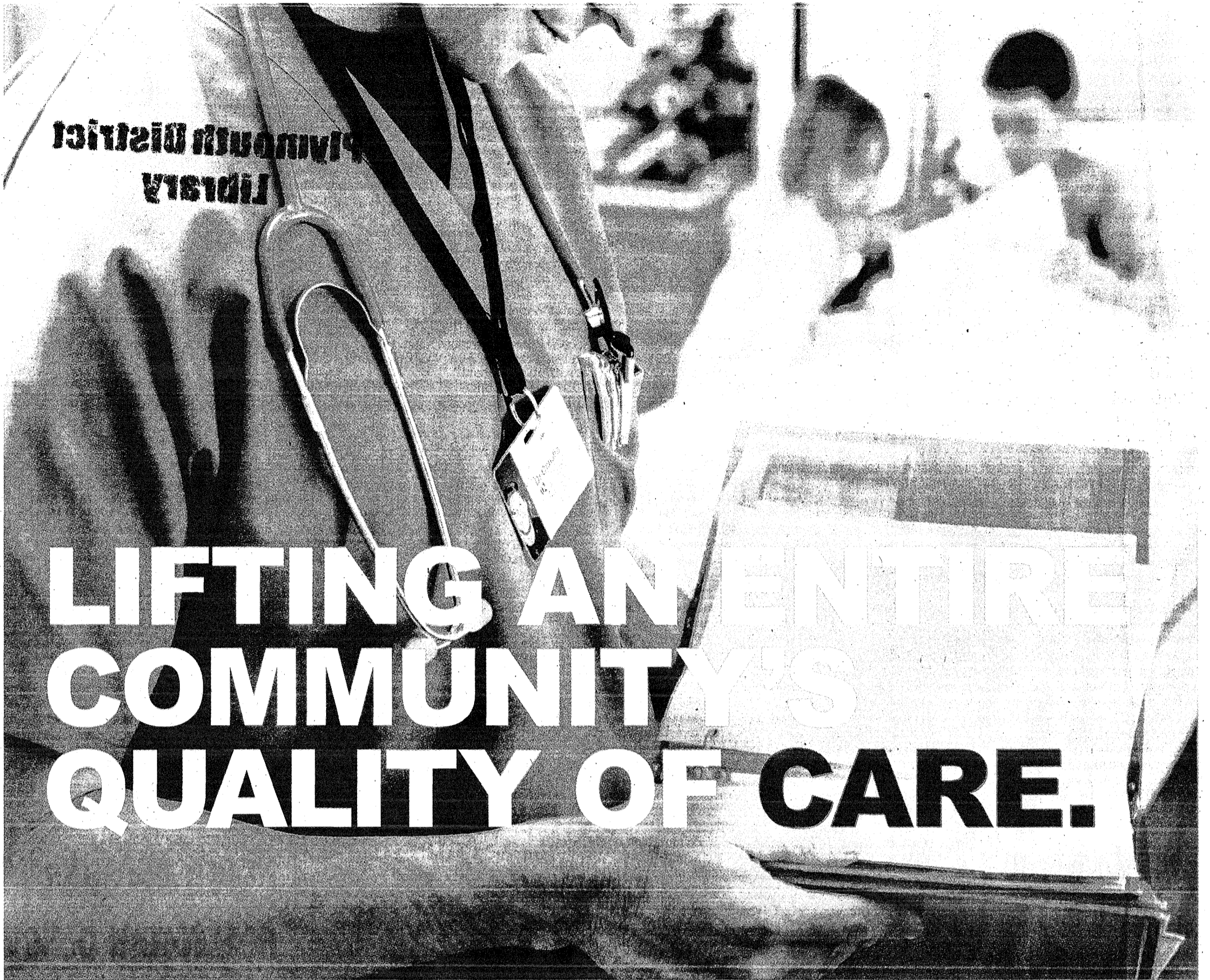
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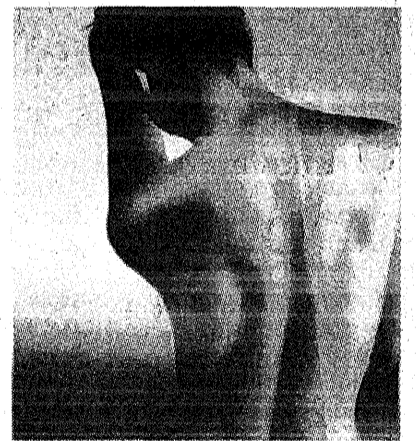
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Taxes and ice cream

The Plymouth Township treasurer's office will be open for business 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, for residents who want to pay their summer property taxes.

The tax bills are actually due Monday.

As a treat, township officials will be serving ice cream to residents who come in to pay their taxes.

For more information, call (734) 354-3214.

Cancer walk fund-raiser

Diners in downtown Plymouth can eat, drink and help beat breast cancer, all at the same time.

Compari's and Fiamma Grille, located on Main just past Ann Arbor Trail, host a fund-raiser Monday, Sept. 15, for "Breast of Plymouth," the team headed by former Mayor Dan Dwyer walking in the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

Diners eating between noon and closing time need only tell their waiter they're supporting Breast of Plymouth, and the restaurants will donate a portion of the check to the walk, scheduled for Sept. 26-28. Breast of Plymouth team members include Dwyer, Ed Hingelberg, Lisa Carney and Kate Hondorp.

Chiefettes variety show

The Canton Chiefettes Pom Pon Teams present their "Dancin' thru the Decades Variety Show" Saturday, Sept. 20, at 1:30 and 7 p.m. in Salem High School's Gloria Logan Auditorium.

Tickets are on sale now for \$5 and are available from Chiefette team members and parents or can be purchased for \$6 at the door on show day. For more information visit the Chiefettes' Web site at www.cantonchiefettes.com

Tailgate party

The Board of Education is hosting a welcome event for Dr. Craig Fiegel and everyone is invited. The event will be held Friday, Sept. 12, from 5-7 p.m., just prior to the Canton vs. Plymouth football game.



Fall fashion show

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church - and committee members Diane Pacos, Louise Jozefczyk, Doris Carter, Alice Pompea, Diane Roberson, Dorma Barretta and Sandy Salloum - presents its 'Fall Fashion Fling' dinner and fashion show Friday, Sept. 19, in the OLCG Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial (at Beck) in Plymouth Township. The event, featuring ladies, men's and teen fashions and accessories, starts with a preview from 5:30-6:30 p.m., a buffet dinner from 6-7 p.m. and the fashion show itself at 7 p.m. The event also features door and raffle prizes, wine and beverages. Tickets are \$30 for adults (\$15 tax deductible for debt retirement) and \$20 for ages 16 and younger (\$5 tax deductible for debt retirement). Contact one of the following participating boutiques for reservations: Bridal Couture, (734) 455-1100; Fine Threads (Men's), (248) 349-5097; Gigi's Mode, (734) 254-8774; Maggie & Me, (734) 459-5340; Van Dam's, (248) 449-4282. For more information, call Jozefczyk, (734) 454-1788, or Pacos, (734) 354-6766.

The tailgate will be setup outside the P-CEP stadium, on the east side of the ticket office.

Residents are invited to stop by and meet Dr. Fiegel and join a tailgate party before the game. The Educational Excellence Foundation will be selling meal tickets for \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Grilled favorites are on the menu. A portion of the event is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at the E.J. McClendon Center (Board Office)

Pom pon clinic

Children ages 5-14 years old who would like to become Chiefettes get their chance, if they attend the Kids' Pom Pon Clinic sponsored by the Canton Varsity Chiefettes 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III (North) building. Cost is \$35 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on the day of the clinic.

All girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Canton Chiefettes Variety Show Saturday, Sept. 20, and at a Canton Varsity football game.

Register now on the Web site www.cantonchiefettes.com or on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Canton Phase 3 building. Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants, so sign up early.

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Junior Miss search

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for Senior High School girls who reside in the cities of Plymouth or Canton to participate in the second annual Junior Miss Scholarship Program.

All girls who are interested there is an orientation meeting Sunday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Westland Friendship Center located at 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, please bring a parent along.

If you have any questions you can contact Marissa Sarnecky at (313) 215-3512 or e-mail at pejrmiss@yahoo.com

Lincoln round-table

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts Jerry Maxwell as the first speaker for its new season of lectures.

His topic will be Civil War Medicine and Surgery.

The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Plymouth Township Hall at 9955 N. Haggerty Road just north of Ann Arbor Road. The public is welcome, admission is free.

For more information, call (734) 451-7998.

Youth commission

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is accepting applications for new members through Wednesday, Sept. 17. Applicants should be entering the seventh through eleventh grade this year and reside in either the City or Township of Plymouth.

Completed applications must be submitted to Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main, no later than 4 p.m. that day. Interviews will be conducted on Monday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce office, located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

Applications can be found at Plymouth City Hall or

online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us under the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission tab.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meet noon, Monday, Sept. 15, for a sandwich luncheon at the Plymouth District Library, 222 S. Main.

The program, "The Constitution Of the United States," features historian Tom Barrett as the guest speaker.

For more information, call (734) 453-8194.

Donnelly road race

The 2008 Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race for breast cancer awareness and the Salem High School Cross Country team takes place Sunday, Sept. 21.

The races - a 3.1-mile run and a 1-mile walk or run - having starting lines on Farmer at Theodore in the City of Plymouth and finish at the Central Middle School track. Parking is available in the

Plymouth Cultural Center parking lot. Prepaid and race-day entries get a short-sleeved T-shirt while supplies last. Races take place in a variety of age groups from 13-under to 65 and older.

Entry fee is \$16 if post-marked before Sept. 12, \$20 after Sept. 12 and on race day. Registration goes 7-8 a.m.; the 5-k run starts at 8:15 a.m., the 1-mile run and walk at 9:10 a.m. Award presentation comes at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, e-mail obsports@comcast.net

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

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Although lots of things have changed since those attacks,



Money Matters
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many things remain the same. One area that remains unchanged is that every four years we have a presidential election. One question I get is: What effect will the outcome of the elections have on the stock market?

People want to know how they should position their portfolios and how they should react based upon which party wins the White House. I recently had a conversation with an investor as to what sectors of the economy he thought would perform better depending on the outcome of the election.

My advice is investors should not be speculating on what sector of the economy will outperform just because of election results. In fact, don't restructure or make adjustments in your portfolio based upon the outcome of the election.

It would make things easier if the U.S. economy was controlled by the party in power. It would make it somewhat easier in selecting our leaders. Unfortunately, it is not that easy. The American economy, contrary to what many people believe, is not controlled by the White House nor by Congress. It is important to recognize that the president has more power internationally than he does domestically. After all, if the president wants to raise or lower taxes, he can't wave a magic wand and make it happen.

I have read articles and I have heard statements on TV by so-called experts who are predict-

ing that if Barack Obama wins the election "these sectors" of the economy will do well, while if John McCain wins, "these sectors" will do well. As far as I'm concerned, these issues are totally irrelevant.

When it comes to the stock market, good news is bad news and bad news is good news. What that means is it is impossible to predict what happens in the market because what logically should happen doesn't mean that it will.

Instead of worrying about who's going to win the White House, spend time reviewing your portfolio. That's time better spent.

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Give-aways, characters help spread safety message

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk and Scooby Doo will be at Laurel Park Place on Saturday, Sept. 13, where children will learn safety tips from the best of the best, experts in all areas of safety," said Patrick Derrig, marketing director for the mall, and one of the organizers.

The Passport to Safety stations include Bike Safety, 9-1-1 Training, Automobile Safety, Computer Safety, Choking/Poisoning, Food Safety, Got2B Safe and Fire Safety.

The free event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will get more than just a stamp in their safety passport.

"At each area of safety there are giveaways with a safety message," Derrig said.

Allstate insurance agent Cheryl Bowker, another organizer, said her company will donate 750 helmets for bike riders and skateboarders. Nurses from St. Mary Mercy Hospital will measure children's heads to ensure they get the right size.

Allstate will also donate separate fire safety DVDs and brochures for parents and children, as well as coloring books and other resources.

Passport to Safety, in its fifth year, is "the largest indoor safety event, that we know of, in the country," Bowker said. "It's a great learning event for kids."

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Got2B Safe used to be known as the "stranger-danger" lesson. "That's not the case anymore," Derrig said. Strangers can cause harm, but so can people you know. This lesson will teach children the basics of whom they can trust and how to be safe.

Online safety has its own venue. Exhibit Works designed a house to fit inside the mall, where participants will learn about chat room and computer safety.

Children will be able to dress up like firefighters, meet firefighters and see their gear and get a fire helmet. New this year, visitors will get to see a real ambulance and learn and see what is on the inside.

Food safety will focus on healthy eating and proper food handling.

Sponsors have contributed more than \$20,000 in cash, plus much more in in-kind donations, such as airtime to promote the event.

MERGER

FROM PAGE A1

willing to look at it."

The cost to support the city police department has gone from 27 percent of the city's general fund budget six years ago to 37.6 percent of this year's \$7.7 million general fund budget, according to city Finance Director Mark Christiansen.

"And in five years, it will be a lot more than that because of legacy costs," he added.

Christiansen noted the bill from Plymouth Township for fire services this year will be \$1.1 million, which is 13 percent of the general fund budget.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said with the retirement of Carroll, now is a good time to discuss a merger. While city officials have concerns there is a different philosophy in how township police patrol, as compared to the community policing in the city — where cops walk the downtown beat — Tiderington doesn't believe that's the case.

"Our style of policing is very similar to the city of Plymouth ... we look to interact and work with our residents to provide a safe and high standard of living in this community," Tiderington said. "My first concern (with a merger) would be efficiency and if we could

provide better service than each provides individually.

"(Merging) would be a huge step for the communities, and I'm not sure people are ready to do that, yet," he added.

"At some point in time, if the financial decline continues, we'll have little choice than to regionalize police and fire services, even beyond local communities."

Tiderington revealed he's had discussions with Carroll about combining midnight shifts to help each community save money. That's where Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume would like to start merger discussions.

"Maybe we can do something in increments, or on a pilot basis, for example midnights," Reaume said. "A merged department should probably strive to deliver the same community policing that both the city and township have come to expect.

"Money would be at the top for consideration, but I also believe community identity would be near the top," he added. "I believe the city would still like to manage their own police force because it would retain control. When you go to merge departments, you're going to have to relinquish some controls."

Control has been a sticking point in the past, with city officials claiming their concerns over some provisions in

the fire department contract have not been addressed.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz said there's always been an open invitation to city officials to discuss combining police services.

"During the fire department talks, it was mentioned casually and four people from the city said it was a non-starter because it's the sacred cow," Doroshewitz said. "Things may have changed. (Carroll's retirement) opens the door to possibilities. Maybe there's a way to deliver the same service level and cut costs."

Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said she's willing to discuss a merger, but doesn't want to waste a lot of time on something she doesn't think will occur.

"I don't see the electeds (in Plymouth) taking a hard look at it and I don't think the residents want it," Massengill said. "I don't want to get into what we have at the fire department where everybody wants to change the rules. I would want our police chief to be the chief."

Outgoing Trustee Chuck Curmi said better heads need to prevail in any merger discussions.

"I think it should be discussed seriously," Curmi said. "It seems to make sense, and if you look at the numbers they'll tell you. (But) you need to look at them realistically, not politically."

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The decedent, Dorothy M. Keena, who lived at 14704 Northville Road, Apt. 259 in Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, died August 14, 2008.

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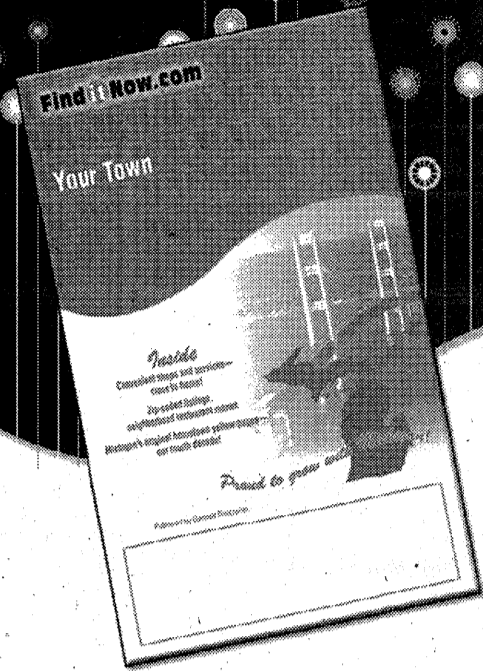
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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling All scrapbookers

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts Coptoberfest, a fund-raiser for its Coats for Kids Program, on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Scrapbookers can come to crop all day, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., for \$35, or a half-day, either 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 3-9 p.m., for \$20. The cost includes your own eight-foot table and all your meals for the time you've registered for. There will also be door prizes, contests, and goodie bags available.

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Lotsa Helping Hands

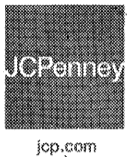
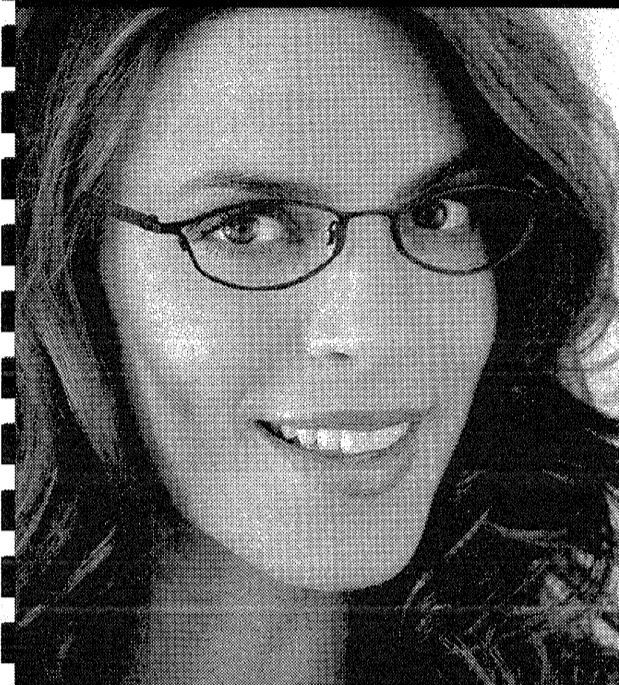
Officials have announced Lotsa Helping Hands, a network of volunteers through Plymouth First United Methodist Church. Plymouth First United Methodist Church, located at 45201 North Territorial in Plymouth, is providing a matching service, through LHH, of community needs and volunteers.

Having volunteers available to deliver meals, run errands to pharmacy & grocery stores, drive a person to chemo or doctor's office, or offering a simple act of kindness is worth more

than words can say. Other non-medical services include, but are not limited to, helping children with their homework, providing daily check-in for homebound recipients, assisting new moms with childcare for older children, prayer requests and English as a second language (free) starting in October (first 20 applicants).

LHH is serving Plymouth City residents at this time and plan to expand to Plymouth Township and Canton within the next few months. Anyone needing the service or knowing someone who needs it - or businesses wishing to sponsor - can e-mail helping-hands@comcast.net.

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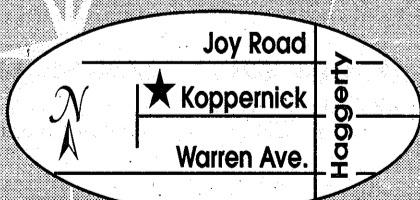
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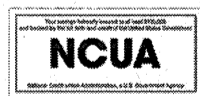
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OUR VIEWS

Recount showed democracy in action

There were people criticizing Plymouth Township clerk candidate Mary Ann Prchlik for requesting a recount of the 150-vote margin by which she lost to Deputy Clerk Joe Bridgman, calling it sour grapes and criticizing Prchlik as a sore loser.

There is also praise for her, a small segment of people who think she simply availed herself of the democratic process to make sure things were done right.

Surprisingly, current Clerk Marilyn Massengill is in that second group. We say "surprisingly" because Massengill, who has fought off charges of nefarious behavior in the past, had the most to lose if, for whatever reason, things weren't as they seemed with the results of the Aug. 5 primary election.

Shortly after Prchlik requested the recount — in a letter signed by her and delivered to the township by her husband — Massengill said, basically, "Bring it on."

"More than anything I want to make sure we got it right," she said at the time, though she harbored absolutely no doubt they had.

Apparently, she was right. The Wayne County Board of Canvassers spent Friday recounting most of the ballots and certified the results, actually adding eight votes to Bridgman's margin of victory.

We say "most" of the votes because canvassers were unable to recount two precincts — including one of the two absentee voter precincts — because the number of names in the poll books didn't match the number of ballots counted in the precincts. In that circumstance, according to county officials, state law prohibits those ballots from being recounted.

Therein lies the rub. That left some 1,700 ballots uncounted (for purposes of the recount; they remained in the original count). As Prchlik was quick to point out, that's a big chunk of ballots not subjected to recount.

Prchlik, who has handled herself with aplomb (better than some of her backers, even) in her first run at elective office, said Friday it's unlikely she'd pursue the matter of the election results in court. That's probably best because doing that risks making it look like sour grapes after all.

In the 15 precincts that were recounted, Prchlik actually lost eight votes, so it's unlikely she was going to make up 158 votes in 1,700 ballots. But that's not the point. The ballots still should have been able to be recounted; the state law is silly and needs to be changed.

Consequences of 9/11 continue to affect us all

Seven years ago today, the life of every American was forever changed when two commercial jets slammed into the World Trade Center and a third set ablaze the headquarters of our nation's armed forces.

The terrorist attacks of 9/11 are this generation's defining moment in U.S. history. Just like former generations recall exactly where they were or what they were doing when news spread of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, we are frozen in time to that moment when television and computer screens across the country were filled with images of the Twin Towers ablaze.

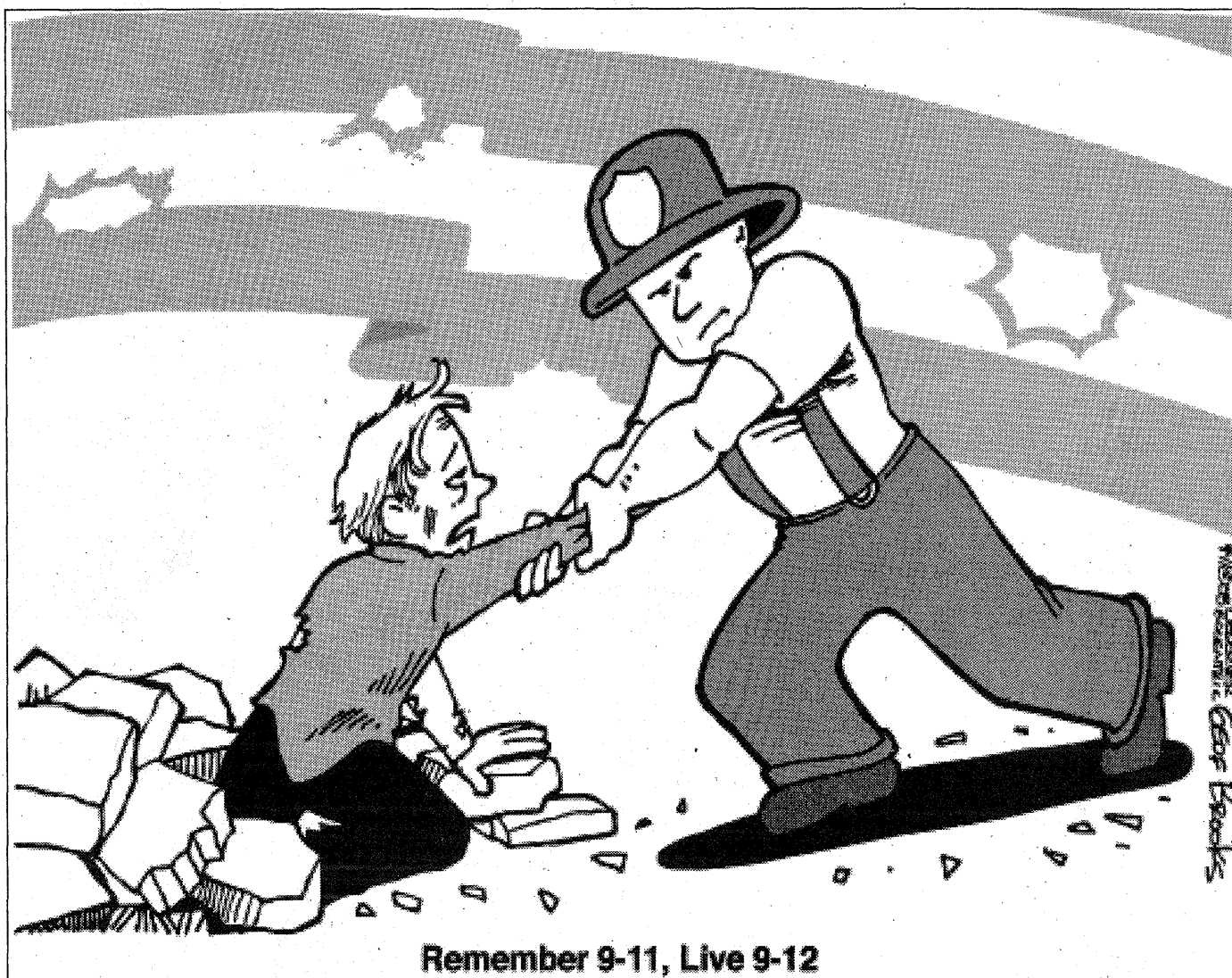
In the days following the attacks, we were encouraged by our leaders to resume our normal lives and deny the terrorists their cowardly victory by plunging the country into a state of fear and uncertainty.

Our country remains strong and proud and free, but even today, evidence of how we have changed as a nation is readily evident both on a national and local level. The "war on terror" led to the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security and the controversial Patriot Act, and our nation's resources are being drained — and thousands of our young men and women placed in harm's way — by wars being fought in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Closer to home, we are paying higher insurance premiums, the cost of a gallon of gasoline has more than doubled, jet travel has become a nightmare and it is more difficult to cross the Canadian border.

And in our hometowns, we face greater scrutiny while visiting local municipal buildings, are subject to search when attending a local sporting event, and witnessed the demise of a very successful and popular local restaurant chain (LaShish) when its owner fled the country after being tied to funneling money to a suspected terrorist organization.

We will never be able to go back to our way of life prior to the events of Sept. 11, 2001. But we must as individuals, and as a community, continue to move forward in accepting and embracing the many challenges that we will continue to face in our daily lives.



Remember 9-11, Live 9-12

Great deed done

I am writing in regards to a great deed my daughter and a few neighborhood girls — Hailey Browne, Alyssa Rowley, Amber Rowley, Kristy Bellanger, Jordan Bellanger — have accomplished this summer (they are 9, 8, 6, and 5 years old).

The girls set up a lemonade stand a few times a week every week on my corner and sat there for hours a day in the heat selling lemonade and snacks to passers-by. Their goal was to raise \$100 to donate to the SPCA or Michigan Humane Society.

They were out on the corner every day last week since they were still a bit short and worried about summer being over since school starts. We even taped umbrellas to their chairs to keep the heat off of them, but they would not come in until we made them.

Well, after sitting on the garage floor for an hour counting change and dollars, they were so excited to have raised \$103 for our furry friends.

I am so pleased that they accomplished their goal, and are donating to such a great cause rather than buying candy or other things kids like so much.

Rhonda Browne
Plymouth

It makes me laugh

When I read the County News section of the *Observer* dated Aug. 21, "McCotter: Bush reaction to Georgia invasion 'inexcusable,'" it really made me laugh to read that U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter would criticize his "sidekick" President George W. Bush over the fact that the Bush administration was "surprised" by Russia's invasion of Georgia.

Isn't it ludicrous for Mr. McCotter to criticize President Bush over this event, while assiduously supporting our president for almost eight years of catastrophic decisions that have crippled our nation and will certainly have very long-term effects on all Americans?

Where was Mr. McCotter's criticism when the real dangerous decisions by our president and his staff were made regarding the pre-emptive strike on Iraq? The Downing Street Memo? The Preliminary Report of the Commission Investigating 9/11 that said, "We have no credible evidence that Iraq and al Qaeda cooperated on attacks against the United States? Abu Ghraib? Haliburton? Walter Reed Hospital? Blackwater? Body armor? Katrina? Guantanamo? Yellow cake? Waterboarding? Weapons of mass destruction? "Slam Dunk?" Mission Accomplished? "Bring 'Em On?" "Heck of a job, Brownie?" Tax cuts for the rich? Giving cluster bombs, tanks and all kinds of weapons to Israel to devastate Lebanese and Palestinian people? Spending \$12 billion a month on Iraq? Enron? Politicizing our Justice Department?

I could go on and on with this list, but I think most of the American public are aware of these and other pernicious events that have taken place in recent years.

Yes, it makes me laugh that Mr. McCotter would now try to distance himself from the current administration when their ship is sinking.

Frank Delewsky
Livonia

LETTERS



Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

■ In response to: County certifies township clerk election:
allowable wrote:

"Congratulations, Joe and Marilyn, on jobs well done and an election well run. Marilyn, you've been a great clerk and, Joe, you'll be one. Plymouth Township is fortunate, indeed!"

■ In response to Judges at odds over next jurist:

aarpeligible wrote:
"Thankfully this foolishness will be over in January (hopefully) when MacDonald is out. It's obvious his judgment is lapsing (bad thing for a judge) and he's become arrogant."

■ In response to Chicken and fun highlight festival:

wcchamp4 wrote:
"I've been going to the Rotary Chicken BBQ since I was a kid (maybe 5 or 6 & I'm 36 now). I have missed it 1 time completely, and maybe 1-2 times because of rain, but still got it carryout. It is always awesome and would never, EVER miss it again. I will be there tomorrow afternoon for sure!!!"

■ In response to 'Cats outrun 'Dogs, 28-7:

PHSCatFan wrote:
"The Plymouth-Canton game this Friday ought to be very good!"

■ In response to Obama's message of unity was life-altering one:
porchparty wrote:
"Well written and inspiring."

Unfortunately, although Obama can give inspiring speeches, he lacks the experience to run a nation. I find it rather scary that people are being hypnotized by someone who has charm and can give good speeches, rather than someone who knows what is really involved in running a government, has real experience, and also wants to bring unity to our country. Obama's mentor throughout his adult life has been someone who preaches hatred and prejudice...so don't you wonder what his true feelings are? I seriously doubt he wants to unite the people of our country. But, I do see where young people who have limited exposure to real life issues can be mesmerized by him. Just please do this country a favor though, and continue to check out his true experience, and the type of people he has chosen to be friends with. That tells way more about the person than the type of speeches he makes."

Close2broke wrote:

"I just threw up in my mouth a little. "son of a goat herder." He was the son of a privileged, well educated youth, who went on to work with the Kenyan Government, which by the way was one of the most corrupt and violent governments Kenya has ever had."

edjew wrote:
"They are both just mouth pieces for 2 parties that claim to have different phi-

losophies, but don't. There is no difference between either party. Whichever is elected just goes to Washington, ignores the will of the people and further bankrupts the country. Vote Libertarian."

dogwhisperer wrote:
"Can you pass the air sickness bag, please?"

TrueLivResident wrote:

"Community organizer??? Pish posh! Community organizer and 120 days in the senate does not qualify one to be president of the US. A president needs to be able to think on his feet, make his mind up without hesitation, and cannot vote present or better know as ("idunno" or "I can't decide"). Our country deserves more than a smooth fast talker with a great many skeletons in his closet."

n In response to Keep the legal drinking age at 21:

dodgeram wrote:
"we have certain things in life set up for certain ages for a reason, you don't go into kindergarten until you're 5 because that's when kids are ready, you don't drive until you're 16 because that's when most kids are ready, you may be ready to be an adult at 18, but that doesn't mean you're ready for alcohol. And remember, if the drinking age goes down, insurance rates will go up. no one wants that right now."

TrueLivResident wrote:
"There is not enough information about the survey performed by Nationwide Insurance. Who did they survey, what was their ages, location, income, education, etc?"

I honestly cannot believe that the 78% mentioned in this story against lowering the drinking age, are a true representation of a valid cross-section of America.

If we as a nation can ask and or demand our men to register for selective services as well as get drafted, or we ask our 18 year old males and females to go to a wore torn part of the world and risk their lives for us, I think they have earned the right to legally drink if they so choose.

If our 18 year olds can help to elect a president or change laws, then they have also earned a right to drink legally.

Discriminating against these young adults by saying they are somehow a greater risk to our society if they drink, is the same as saying you cannot drive if you are over the age of 60 because of the increased risk.

It is simply un-American!"

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QUOTABLE

"I had abided by Judge Lowe's policy where we were trying to keep the court out of this, which was strictly a voluntary policy because people do have their constitutional rights to free speech ... One of the judges (MacDonald) didn't, and it's my perception that created an unfair playing field and created a false impression in the community that because one judge is speaking out backing a candidate that the other judges agree or didn't care, neither of which is true." Judge Michael Gerou, 35th District Court Judge, on why he decided to publicly endorse candidate Joe Barone

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Food for thought

Festival feeds funds to nonprofit groups

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Grutza of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth called it "the perfect morning" as the service club prepared for its pancake breakfast in Kellogg Park Saturday, an annual part of the Plymouth Fall Festival.

"We served about 3,500 people, which is about 500-600 more than last year," said Grutza. "I think the perfect weather brought in some extra people."

The three-day Fall Festival is the largest fund-raiser for many nonprofit groups. Plymouth A.M. Rotary member Pat Berkopec said the spaghetti dinner Saturday afternoon resulted in nearly \$8,000 that will be used for the "Field of Dreams" at Tanger Center, which will include a playground for special-needs

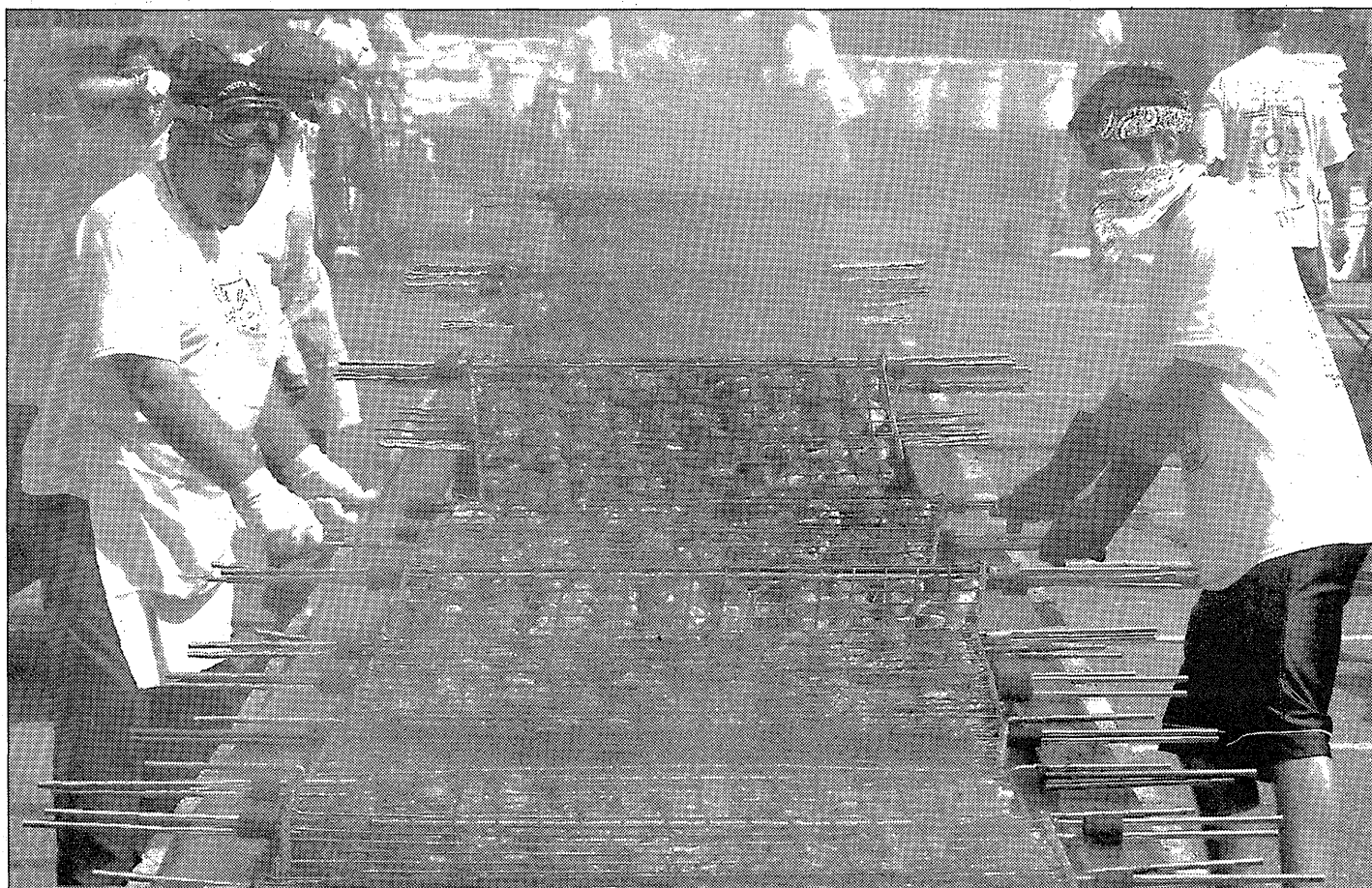
students.

"We never dreamed we would raise that kind of money," said Berkopec. "The first year we barely broke even, and the second year was a bit better. A big part of it this year is we had a lot of the food and supplies donated, and that really helped us."

And, the noon Rotary Club of Plymouth sold all of the 10,600 chicken dinners prepared during its 53rd barbecue Sunday afternoon.

"We raised a lot of money to help a lot of Rotary causes, both locally and internationally," said Cam Miller, the club's chicken barbecue chairman. "I think it's testament to the people in the community. They continue to support the groups that are good causes and provide good things for the community."

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Volunteers turn the racks of chicken along the barbeque as the Rotary Chicken Barbeque Dinners start flying out to customers Sunday during the last day of the Plymouth Fall Festival.

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Plymouth Fall Festival patrons sit down with their boxed Rotary Barbeque Chicken Dinners Sunday during the last day of the festival.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary Brooks and Ted Johnson call the numbers for Friday night's traditional Bingo, sponsored by the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club.



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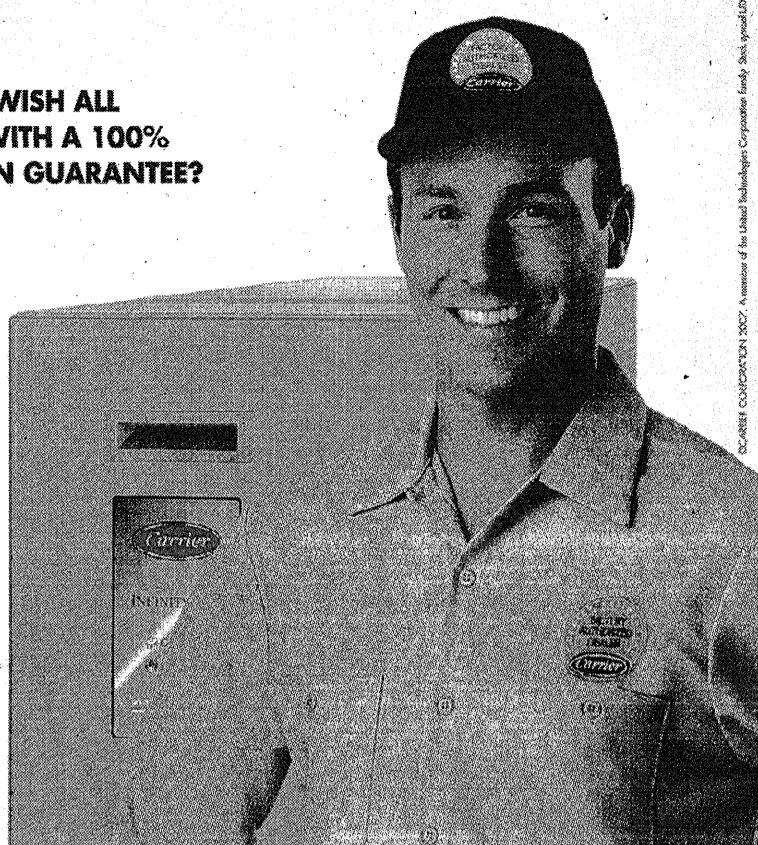
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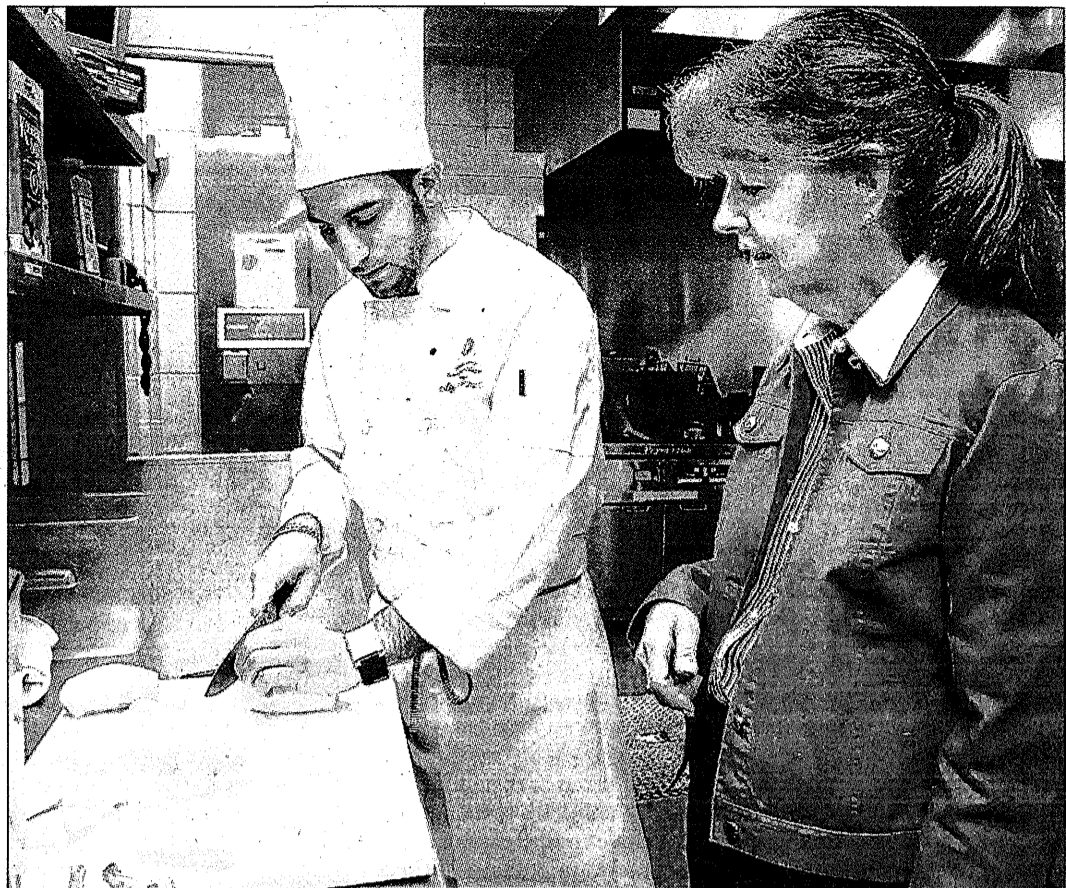


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Mary Ellen King stops by and chats with chef-in-training Ahmet Termos at Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts kitchen. King will chair a Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft on Sept. 28 that will feature food and wine from local restaurants and will benefit the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Schoolcraft's culinary event to benefit students

BY PAM FLEMING
NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mary Ellen King says if you like food and chances to win discounted gifts, plan to attend the 17th annual Culinary Extravaganza, Sunday, Sept. 28, at Schoolcraft College.

The 2-5 p.m. event at the VisTaTech Center on Haggerty Road just south of Seven Mile Road in Livonia will feature wine and samplings from many area restaurants, with proceeds funding scholarships for Schoolcraft students.

Cost is \$50 per person, \$20 of which is tax-deductible. To order tickets, call (734) 462-4518.

King, of Northville Township, is chairing the event for the second consecutive year.

She has served on the college's board of governors for about three years. During her first year on the board, she chaired the event's silent auction.

HIGHLIGHT OF FALL SEASON

She believes the annual Schoolcraft College Foundation fund-raiser is one of the highlights of the fall season in metro Detroit.

"I have several friends who have volunteered to help because they like the event so much," King said.

King has also served on the development committee of the Mercy Education Project in southwest Detroit for about three years. This nonprofit organization serves girls and women through after-school tutoring, summer enrichment, Graduation Equivalent Diploma preparation and teaching life skills.

Currently, she is working diligently on the campaign staff of Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville).

King grew up in Detroit and has lived in Northville since 1972. She was the first director of Northville Youth Assistance,

serving this organization that helps local needy students for 18 years.

For the Schoolcraft College Foundation benefit, King suggests that attendees arrive early and come hungry. As of mid-August, 47 businesses were scheduled to provide samples at the benefit.

"This event highlights many of our local restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors," King said.

Not only will several new restaurants be represented at this year's Culinary Extravaganza, but, "We have some really great silent auction items," King said.

King encourages those planning to attend the event to purchase tickets now, as they must be purchased in advance.

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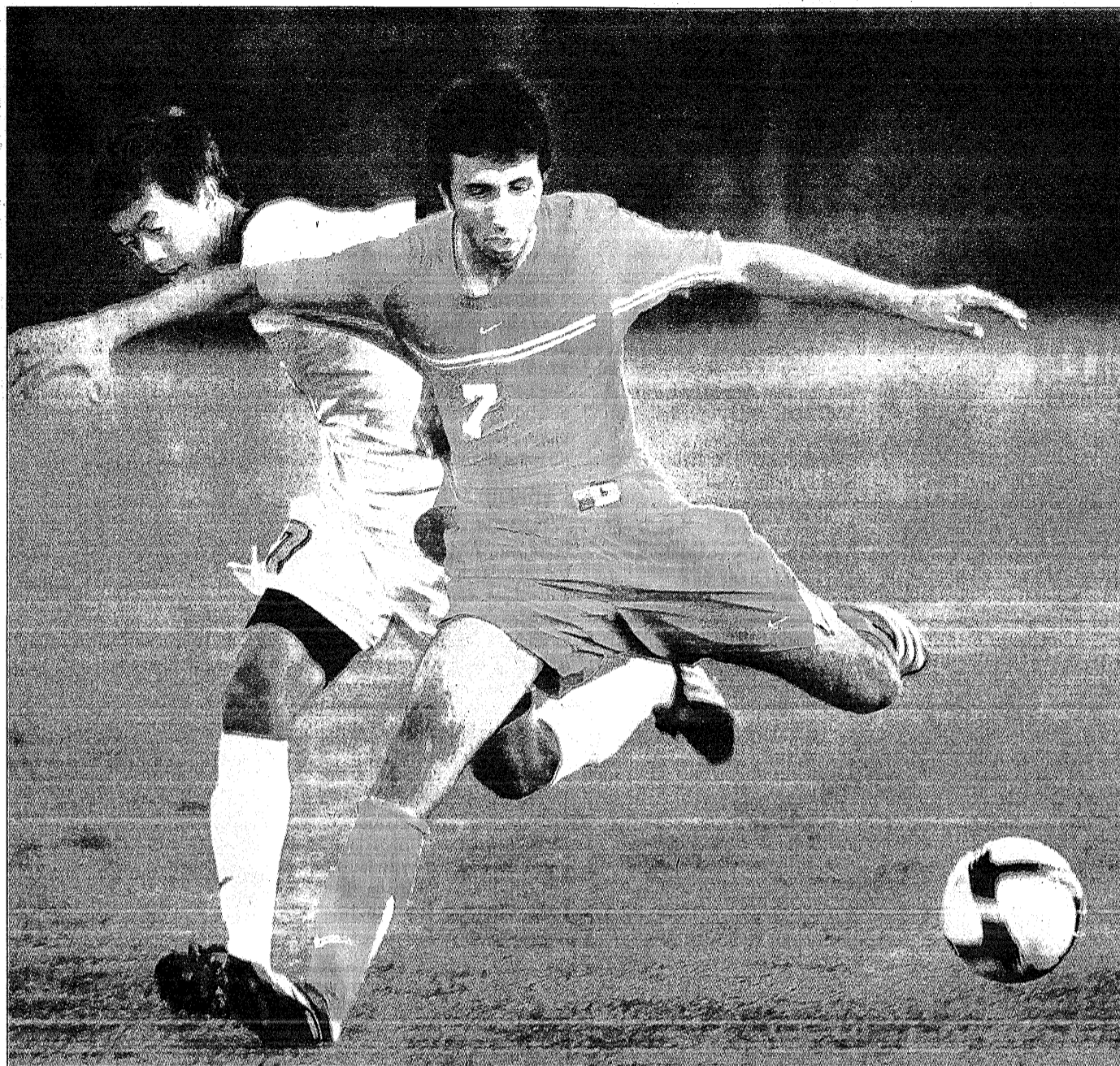
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Prep soccer action heats up



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Sherif Hassanien blocks Plymouth's Vinh Nguyen from the ball during Tuesday night's cross-campus encounter. Hassanien scored the first goal in the Chiefs' 2-0 triumph.

SECOND (HALF) EFFORT

Canton nets two late goals to edge Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a string of Canton shots whistled a few feet high of the cross-bar midway through the second half of Tuesday night's scoreless showdown against Plymouth, Chief head soccer coach George Tomasso encouraged his team with shouts of, "Be patient! Be patient!"

A few moments later, Canton's

patience paid off.

With 14:16 left in the game, senior Sherif Hassanien controlled a rebound a few feet in front of the Wildcats' goal and nudged the ball past sprawling Plymouth goalkeeper Kyle Brindza to give Canton a 1-0 advantage.

Five minutes later, Josh Hurst fired a rebound into the back of the net to account for the final scoring in Canton's 2-0 triumph.

Both goals were set up by senior Kyle Breitmeyer, who rifled a pair of sizzling shots that Brindza deflected, but couldn't control.

Scott Zech (first goal) and Jonathon Dugan (second) also picked up assists for the Chiefs.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 4-2-3 overall and 2-1 in the Kensington Lakes

Please see **CANTON, B2**

Novi battles No. 1-ranked Salem to draw

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On Monday, Salem's boys soccer team found out it was the No. 1-ranked team in the state in Division 1.

On Tuesday, the Rocks' defenders played up to their ranking when they battled a dangerous Novi contingent to a scoreless draw on the PCEP varsity turf field.

The tie left Salem with a 9-0-1 overall record and 2-0-1 mark in the ultra-competitive Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division, which also includes No. 2-ranked Livonia Stevenson and No. 3-ranked Northville. Novi has garnered honorable mention status in the Michigan Soccer Coaches Association poll.

"Novi is a very, very good team," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, whose squad is ranked No. 1 for the first time since 1997. "I thought we created enough chances to win, but we couldn't finish. I'm not overly distraught with a tie, though, because we played a very good team and it was our first game this year on turf."

Salem received strong play from senior defender Kevin Cope and junior goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic, said McCarthy.

McCarthy emphasized that the lofty ranking will not deter his team from its original preseason goals.

"There's no doubt the players are excited about it," McCarthy said. "But our No. 1 goal for the season is no different — win the division and play for a conference championship. Our next eight games will determine that."

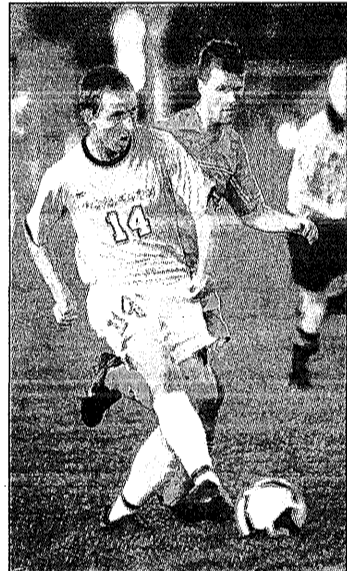
Rocks defend E.L. crown

On Saturday, Salem captured the East Lansing Invitational for the second consecutive year as it won all three of its round-robin contests.

Junior goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic shined, playing half of the Rocks' tourney-opening 7-1 triumph over Gibraltar Carlson (Will Allen also played a half between the pipes) before playing all 80 minutes in a 4-0 victory over Ann Arbor Huron and a 3-1 win over host East Lansing.

Pacing Salem's offensive explosion in the opener were Jeremy Stoychoff, Sal Savage, Lachlan Savage and Evan

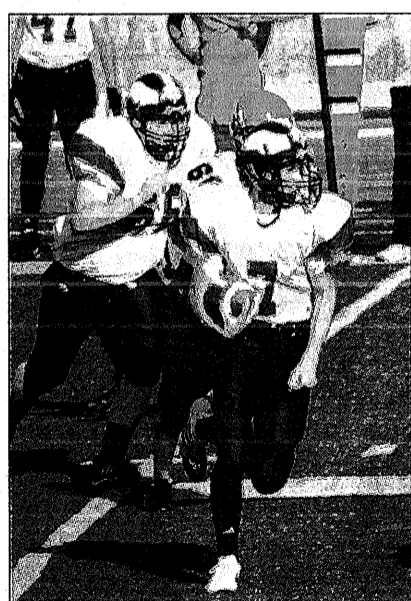
Please see **SALEM, B2**



Plymouth's Stephan Jahn (foreground) advances the ball upfield as Canton's Scott Zech pursues the play during Tuesday night's 2-0 Canton victory.

Eagles clipped in opening grid clash

Plymouth Christian opened its inaugural season of football Saturday afternoon with a 33-14 setback to the Muskegon Shoreline Breakers in a Christian Football League of Michigan contest played at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.



LISA JIPPING

Plymouth Christian's Jordan Allen rushed for 102 yards on 11 carries in the Eagles' inaugural high school football game Saturday — a 33-14 setback to the Shoreline Breakers.

Defensively, the Eagles were paced by freshman Eric Jipping and Early, who blocked a pair of Muskegon extra-point attempts. PCA will travel to North Branch on Saturday for game No. 2 of their historic first season.

The Eagles' roster is made up of students from Plymouth Christian Academy, area public schools and home-schooled boys. The team practices at PCA, but has yet to secure a field for its home games.

On Saturday, the Eagles racked up 326 yards of offense — all on the ground. Junior running back Jordan Allen led the way with 102 yards rushing on 11 carries. Senior Josh Lowman added 55 yards on seven attempts while senior Andrew Weaver picked up 65 yards on seven rushes.

PCA's two TD's were scored by junior running back Jordan Early, who found paydirt from six yards out and junior quarterback J.R. Hope, who scored on a 27-yard run.



DEBORAH EDWARDS-ONORO

Plymouth's boys tennis team proved to be the host with the most as it won the inaugural Wildcat Invitational Saturday. Pictured (back row from left) are coach Tom Kimball, Alex Berk, Matt Dwan, Max Korpalski, Andy Mitchell, Hank Eckardt, assistant coach Jim Tucker, (kneeling from left) Tom Eggleston, Pat Onoro, Wen Ning, Drew Leist, John Lopus, Aaron Zhang, Mitch Kimball and (front row) Pat Bailey.

Top 'Cats: Plymouth wins own tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's boys tennis team served notice at Saturday's inaugural Wildcat Invitational that 2008 may be a very good year.

Coach Tom Kimball's netters aced their opening test of the season by winning their own tournament by compiling 17 points, one more than runner-up Jackson. Two teams — Flint Powers and Salem (15 points each) — tied for third in the closely grouped standings, just

ahead of Dexter and Dearborn Fordson, who registered 12 points.

Plymouth's championship charge was led by its first and second doubles teams — Andy Mitchell-Max Korpalski and Alex Berk-Wen Ning, respectively — both of whom placed first in their flights.

The Wildcats racked up second-place points in all four singles spots — Pat Onoro, Aaron Zhang, Matt Dwan and Pat Bailey — and at No. 3 doubles, where Jon Lopus and Tom Eggleston earned two points.

The Rocks dominated singles play, taking first in three of the four brackets. Brothers Brett Foster and Brock Foster captured titles at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively, while David Benson earned the crown at No. 4.

Salem's No. 1 doubles tandem of Josh Perrin and John Kang placed second.

The No. 3 doubles duo of Nick Zaggy and Tyler Butterfield led Jackson to its only first-place showing.

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Sidelines

Arctic Edge skaters golden

Two dance teams that call Canton's Arctic Edge home won gold medals at last week's Junior Grand Prix events in Italy and France.

Ice dancers Madison Chock and Greg Zuerlein placed first at the Junior Grand Prix in Mareno, Italy, while ice dancers Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani collected gold at a similar event in Courchevel, France.

The Junior Grand Prix Series consists of eight international events in a cumulative, point-scoring format. Approximately 400 athletes representing more than 35 countries are expected to participate in the series.

GCYBSA tryouts

■ The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association (GCYBSA) 12U tournament team tryouts will be held Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton. Players turning 12 on or before April 30, 2009 who are interested in playing tournaments in addition to their spring GCYBSA recreational baseball are invited to attend. Players can pre-register by sending an e-mail to the Watson5@wowway.com.

■ GCYBSA 9U tournament travel team tryouts will be held Sept. 21 from 4-6 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton. Players residing in Plymouth, Canton or meeting residency requirements and turning 9 on or before April 30, 2009, are invited to attend. Players can pre-register by e-mailing valerie.mccarty@canton-mi.org.

For eligibility information on tournament teams visit www.gcybsa.com.

Men's rec hoop

There are openings for men's basketball teams in the Northville Parks and Recreation's Thursday night and Sunday night leagues. For more information, call Larry Potok at (248) 349-0203.

Precision Baseball fund-raiser

The public is invited to attend a fund-raiser at Precision Baseball, an indoor baseball training facility located in Canton, that will benefit Special Olympics. The comedy night event will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at the facility, which is located at 7835 Market St. in Canton.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the first comedian taking the stage at 8 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person, which includes the show, food and drink.

For tickets, send an e-mail to info@precision-baseballone.com or call (248) 761-9694.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 12
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 11
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 12
Salem at South Lyon, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Canton at Salem, 5:30 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Sept. 13
Plymouth at Pinckney Tourney, 9 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 13
Canton at Ludington Invitational, TBA
Plymouth at Autumn Classic at Stony Metropark, TBA
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 13
Canton at Ludington Invitational, TBA
Plymouth at Holly Invite, 1:20 p.m.
BOYS TEAMS
Friday, Sept. 12
Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Novi at Salem, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Plymouth at Crestwood Zelinski Memorial Invite, TBA
GIRLS GOLF
Friday, Sept. 12
Salem at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 11
Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 12
Findlay (Ohio) at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Muskegon Tourney, TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Schoolcraft at Muskegon Tourney, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 12
Schoolcraft at Ancilla CC, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Madonna at Aquinas College, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 12
Madonna at Aquinas College, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 9 a.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

CANTON

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Activities Association's South Division. Plymouth slipped to 4-5-1 and 1-1-1, respectively. "I give the boys a lot of credit because they stuck with it and never got frustrated," said Tomasso. "They kept trying and trying until they got that first goal, and they kept the pressure on until they got the second goal."

"More than anything, it showed how big their hearts are." Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said he was encouraged by his team's play during the opening 40 minutes.

"I thought we looked really strong in the first half," said Neschich, whose team had to turn around and play red-hot Livonia Churchill on Wednesday

night. "We just couldn't keep it together in the second half. We had a couple defensive breakdowns that cost us and we didn't come out with the same energy we had early on."

Senior Nick Turnbull earned the victory in net for the Chiefs. Brindza was spectacular for the 'Cats early in the second half when he snared a bending Zech shot from 25 yards out with 32:14 left before knocking away another Zech missile 39 seconds later.

Between the 20:40 mark and the 18:17 mark, three Chiefs — Collan Baker, Yusef Bazzy and Joey Krizanek — threatened to break the scoreless deadlock, but their shots sailed high of the net.

Canton returns to action Thursday afternoon at Wayne Memorial before taking on cross-campus rival Salem Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

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Rock harriers shine at Brother Rice

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Chiefs third in Dexter

Salem's girls cross country team was flashing some heavy medal following Saturday's Brother Rice Invitational.

Four Rocks earned medals while leading coach Dave Gerlach's team to a seventh-place showing in the 17-team event.

Leading the way was sophomore Victoria Tripp, who placed 23rd with a time of 21:20. The three other medalists were: Kara Booms (30th in 21:49), Kelly Kerwin (31st in 21:55) and Kelley Determan (35th in 22:02).

Also running for the Rocks were Phoebe Van Hoof (38th in 22:05), Linda Ling (40th in 22:13) and Autumn Burin (56th in 22:47). Rochester Adams, the defending Division 2 state champions, placed first with 71 points, 86 fewer than Salem.

Plymouth 3rd at Bath

The Wildcats turned in a stellar bronze medal-caliber effort at the talent-rich Bath Invitational Saturday, compiling 90 points, 62 more than first-place Saline.

Grandville placed second with 57 points. Senior Molly Slavens was among four Plymouth medal winners as she crossed the line in ninth place in 19:53. Fellow senior Beth Heldmeyer was 14th in 20:30, freshman Nicole Traitses was 15th in 20:31 and Kelly Hahn placed 21st in 21:01. Plymouth's Paula Green barely missed medaling as she was 31st in 21:56.

The Wildcats' junior-varsity squad also placed third in their respective tournament.

Canton's girls cross country team finished third at Saturday's Dexter Maroon & Gold Invitational. The Chiefs finished with 79 points, 47 more than first-place Brighton. Dexter was second with 59.

"I thought we ran really well," said Canton coach Eric Pahl. "The younger girls are starting to figure things out."

The Chiefs were paced by Bianca Kubicki, who placed seventh with a time of 20:17. Other key contributors included Rachel Rohrbach (eighth in 20:23), Sarah Thomas (ninth in 20:25), Emily Southern (20th in 21:12) and Melanie Kulczycki (35th in 22:11). Brighton's Elizabeth Kingshot won the race in 19:23.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

CANTON 24, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 33
Sept. 9 at Nankin Mills
Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:36.6 (school course record).
Canton finishers: 1. Bianca Kubicki, 20:49.7; 3. Sarah Thomas, 20:55.2; 4. Rachael Rohrbach, 20:56.4; 7. Abigail Gorzalski, 21:56.9; 8. Rachael Brunk, 21:58.8; 9. Melanie Kulczycki, 22:01.1; 12. Katy Galim, 22:24.1.
Other Franklin finishers: 5. Tiffany Lambie, 21:32.7; 6. Brittany Dilley, 21:36.5; 10. Megan Wickens, 22:01.4; 11. Kelly Walby, 22:14.3; 13. Victoria Church, 22:30.4; 14. Brittany Rouse, 22:35.9.
Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South Division.

SALEM 23, NORTHVILLE 32

Sept. 9 at Cass Benton
Salem finishers: 1. Jordyn Moore, 20:43; 2. Victoria Tripp, 20:44; 4. Kelley Determan, 20:57; 7. Kelly Kerwin, 21:08; 9. Linda Ling, 21:18; 11. Shannon Griffiths, 21:50; 12. Kara Booms, 21:51.
Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0; Northville, 0-1.

PLYMOUTH 19, JOHN GLENN 44

Sept. 9 at John Glenn
Plymouth finishers: 1. Adrienne White, 21:38; 3. Elise Chagas, 22:11; 4. Britta Swanson, 22:14; 5. Elise Gryniowicz, 22:37; 6. Sarah Brown, 22:57.
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-0; John Glenn, 0-1.

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SALEM

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Antich. Miskovic picked up a rare assist for a keeper. Dan Adsit, who was called up for the day from the junior varsity, also notched an assist.

Lachlan Savage recorded a pair of goals and two assists in

the win over the River Rats. Sal Savage also scored twice and Josh Pascarella contributed an assist.

In the two-goal victory over East Lansing, Matt Woster, Stoychoff and Sal Savage scored goals while Garrett Rogers and Alex Tramel added assists.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Board Proceedings September 2, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan.

Roll Call
Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter (left at 5:20 pm), LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo
Members Absent: Yack
Staff Present: Mike Sheppard, Jessica Pietka, Britt Winter, Ann Conklin

Adoption of Agenda
Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC
Item 1. TRAINING ON USE OF THE WEB BASED "LOGOS" FINANCIAL SOFTWARE. (FBD) Jessica Pietka, Britt Winter and Mike Sheppard instructed the Trustees on the basic window components of the "Logos" software.

Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 6:20 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present.

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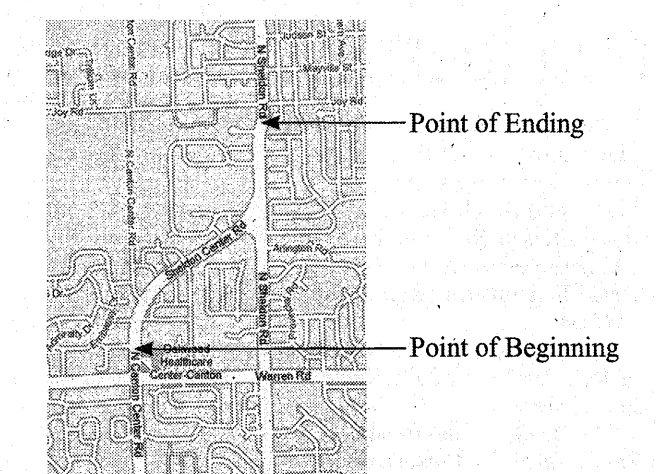
Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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WAYNE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH CANTON TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE CANTON CENTER ROAD/SHELDON CENTER / SHELDON CONNECTOR PROJECT (WARREN TO JOY) CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN T.2S. R.8E.

September 18, 2008 @ 7 p.m.
Summit on the Park, PDC Room Banquet Center
46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township

Project Description:
Wayne County Department of Public Services is undertaking the widening and reconstruction 1.11 miles of Canton Center Road / Sheldon Center Road / Sheldon Road from 400 feet north of Warren Road to 200 feet south of Joy Road in the Charter Township of Canton in Wayne County, Michigan. The project includes: 1) widening 1,133 feet of Canton Center Road from a four lane concrete road to a five lane concrete road from 400 feet north of Warren Road to where Canton Center Road turns to the northwest, 2) reconstructing 4,716 feet of Sheldon Center Road / Sheldon Road to a five lane concrete road from Canton Center Road to 200 feet south of Joy Road and 3) reconstructing 635 feet of Sheldon Connector to a three lane concrete road from Sheldon Road to Sheldon Center Road.



- Project Overview with Preliminary Plans
Reconstruction with five lane cross section and intersection improvements
Road, grading, drainage and sidewalk improvements overview
Proposed Construction Summer 2009
Your opportunity to get answers to your questions and concerns

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)981-0303 on 9/26/08 at 11:30 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of: 6043 - Cindy Dietrich - 15 Boxes, 5 Totes, Misc Items 4241 - Dorothy White - 10 Bags, 5 Totes, 4 Boxes 4267 - Alina LaFleche - China Cabinet, 3 Chairs, Portable Stereo 5029 - Cleopatra Peck - 2 Kids Bikes, Refrigerator, Mattress 4068 - William Grady - Aquarium, Mattress, Misc Items 6022 - Mark Hughes - Wardrobe, 7 Totes, Trunk 4203 - Sheryl Thomas-Williams - 3 Totes, Fan, Drums 6010 - Derek Tucker - TV, 3 Kids Bikes, Curio Cabinet 5276 - Trevena Glenn - 12 Boxes, Microwave, 3 Bags 6027 - Robert Dziuban - Sofa, 20 Boxes, 2 TVs 2016 - Matt Bagnell - Dishwasher, Minifridge, 30 Boxes 6015 - Derrick McDonald - Dresser, TV, Bed

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST TO TRANSFER INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #200-384 FROM MOTOR CITY MOLD, INC., TO SUPERVISOR CONTROLS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #200-384 from Motor City Mold, Inc., to Superior Controls. The request includes building improvements and new personal property. The facility is located at 14875 Galleon court, Metro West-Beck Road Sub., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Charter Township of Canton will be holding a public hearing regarding the 2009 proposed budget on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the township administration building located at 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, MI. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Township's Clerk's office, the library or at the township's website which is www.canton-mi.org.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FROM PLYMOUTH BAKERY DIVISION OF PERFECTION BAKERIES, INC., FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Plymouth Bakery Division of Perfection Bakeries, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on a 30,000 square foot addition to an existing facility, including new personal property. The facility is located at 45789 Port Street, Metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FROM BREMBO NORTH AMERICA, INC., FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Brembo North America, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a new 45,000 square foot facility, including new personal property. The new facility is proposed for Lot 30B, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Seasoned Rocks prepared for a break-out campaign

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The present is bright and the future is now for the Salem boys cross country team.

With several key contributors returning from last year's team that placed 13th at the Division I state meet, Rock coach Geoff Baker has several reasons to be optimistic.

"We're senior-laden, so I expect us to be very competitive," said Baker.

Salem lost two of its top runners from last season to graduation: Kevin deBear, who is currently Wayne State University's No. 5 runner; and Craig Cowing, a four-year letter winner.

Returning to give the Rocks a solid nucleus are seniors Matt Devey, Jason Smith, Rob Curtis, Alex Lang and Jared Jones; and junior Mike Charara. Devey placed 19th at Saturday's Brother Rice Invitational, a meet in which Charara also medaled.

"Both Matt and Jason put in a ton of miles over the summer, so they're in very good shape," said Baker, when asked about his top two returners.

Baker said winning the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division will be no easy task.

"Any time you add a Northville, Novi and South Lyon, it's going to be tough," he said.

Other runners Baker is expecting contributions from are sophomore Jimmy Daniels and Neil Gerlach.

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats' program has an air of newness to it thanks to the addition of first-year head coach Jon Mikosz and a talented foreign-exchange student.

Mikosz, a former stand-out long-distance runner at Canton and Eastern Michigan University, will fill the shoes of the highly successful Lee Shaw, who accepted a coaching position at Marygrove College during the off-season.

"I've always wanted to be a head coach, but I didn't think I'd get an opportunity like this soon," said Mikosz, who has served as Shaw's assistant. "A few years ago, I volunteered to coach and it's spiraled upward from there."

Mikosz's expectations for his team have risen recently -- and for good reason.

"If you would have asked me a few weeks ago, I would have said that this is going to be a rebuilding year," he said. "But we've had a few pleasant surprises and now I think we have a legitimate chance of winning our division."

The No. 1 surprise for the Wildcats is Elmar Engholm, a junior foreign-exchange student from Sweden.

"After his parents contacted me, I did some research on the internet and saw that there was an Elmar Engholm who ran a 2:01 800 meters last year, but I wasn't sure if it was the same one," said Mikosz. "We had a scrimmage last week and he ran a 16:45 flat 5K, so I knew at that point he was good."

Mikosz's coaching debut will also be bolstered by senior Derek Lax, a four-year varsity runner.

"Derek has definitely improved from last year and his attitude is great," said Mikosz.

Junior Warren Buzzard should be the team's No. 3 runner this fall following a stellar track-and-field campaign last spring. He'll be followed by junior Matt Neumann, sophomore Joe Porcari and junior Jimmy Eiben.

Other key contributors are freshman Derek Gielarowski, sophomore Stephen Balaze and sophomore Zach Koch.

CANTON

The Chiefs are coming off a stellar 2007 campaign in which they placed 14th at the D1 state meet after finishing second at their D1 Regional and second in the final WLAA conference meet.

"Our outlook is great for this season," said coach Bill Boyd. "We lost two key contributors to graduation -- Derek Hoerman, who's running for the University of Detroit, and Aaron McClellan -- but we're returning a lot of good runners and we added a couple

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

very good freshmen."

Leading the pack will be senior Duncan Spitz, who earned All-State accolades as a junior and holds the school record for the fastest 5K.

"I have high hopes that Duncan is going to have a good year," said Boyd. "He should be one of the top run-

ners in our league."

Spitz will team up with senior Kyle Clinton and junior Zach Spreitzer to give the Chiefs a potent 1-2-3 punch. Spreitzer ran a 16:51 as a sophomore.

Adding depth to the Canton attack will be senior Greg Reed; Jon Peck and Paul Rakovitis, who both contributed last year; and a pair of talented freshmen -- Mitch

Clinton (the younger brother of Kyle) and Miles Felton. Steve Watts has also ran well early on, Boyd added.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

CANTON 24, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 32
Sept. 9 at Nankin Mills
Individual winner: Kyle Clinton (Canton), 17:05.
Other Canton finishers: 2. Mitch Clinton, 17:37; 3. Greg Reed, 17:37; 7. Miles Felton, 18:27; 11. Steve Watts, 18:48; 13. Mike Gimers, 18:59.
Franklin finishers: 4. Paul Hanni, 17:40; 5. Austin Jones, 18:15; 6. Dylan Taylor, 18:16; 8. Nik Gherardin, 18:34; 9. Pete Walblay, 18:35; 10.

Jason Riffel, 18:40.
Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAASouth Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAASouth Division.

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WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 42
Sept. 9 at John Glenn

Individual winner: Elmar Engholm (Plymouth), 17:07.

Other Plymouth finishers: 3. Derek Lax, 17:45; 4. Warren Buzzard, 17:51; 5. Matt Neumann, 18:04; 6. Joe Porcari, 18:20; 8. Jimmy Eiben, 18:38; 9. Derek Gielarowski, 18:47.

Glenn finishers: 2. Tim Boes, 17:31; 7. Jeff Adkins, 18:28; 10. Eric Mlynar, 19:08; 11. Ruben Maya, 20:22; 12. Ryan Vichinsky, 20:30; 27. Jeff Medel, 21:11; 31. Kelly Maxwell, 22:16.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAASouth Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall,

0-1 KLAASouth Division.
SALEM 26
NORTHVILLE 29
Sept. 9 at Cass Benton
Salem's finishers: 1. Matt Devey, 16:51; 3. Jason Smith, 17:10; 4. Michael Charara, 17:26; 8. Alex Lang, 17:54; 10. Neil Gerlach, 18:00.
Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0; Northville, 0-1.

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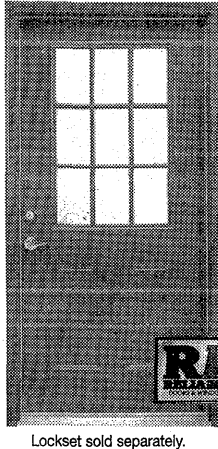
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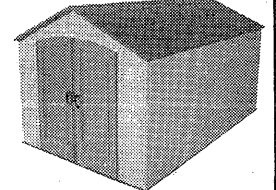
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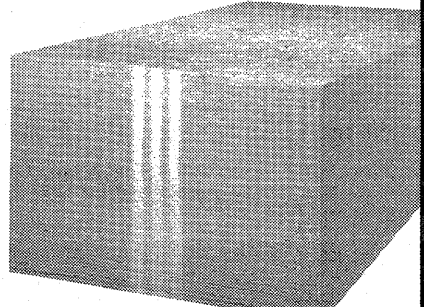


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All 3 PCEP volleyball teams shine at Madonna Invitational

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP VOLLEYBALL

None of the PCEP volleyball teams captured Saturday's Madonna Invitational, but all three knocked on the door to a title.

Canton, Salem and Plymouth advanced to the semifinal rounds before eventually succumbing. The Chiefs made it to the finals for the second time this season before getting derailed by White Lake Lakeland -- a team they ousted

in two sets in a pool-play match.

The host Wildcats were sidelined by the Eagles, 25-9 and 25-16, in the semis while the Rocks' day was ended in the semis by Canton, 25-9 and 25-16.

"The team played well together," said Canton coach Jen Barnes, whose team improved to 10-2. "They came out very strong in pool play and

we served aggressively, which I think kept us in control of most of the games. Kacy Moran and Jordan Kielty kept us in control offensively while Kristen Muir and Allison Trapp stepped up their play and got kills in clutch situations.

"Although we beat Lakeland in pool play, we really struggled with our blocking against them in the finals. I don't think that we served as strong as we did earlier in the day, which allowed Lakeland to run their offense against us."

Canton dropped a thrilling final, 25-18, 21-25 and 15-13.

Moran had an incredible day running the Chiefs' offense as

she recorded 124 assists and added 11 service aces. Kielty racked up 58 kills, 39 digs and nine aces. Other players who made key contributions to the Chiefs' big day were Kristen Muir (31 kills, 38 digs), Allison Trapp (21 kills, four blocks), Shelby Anthony (53 digs), Gina Waite (27 digs, nine aces) and Janelle Burdiss (nine blocks and nine aces).

Plymouth rolled through pool play with a 4-0 record, defeating Flat Rock (25-12 and 25-15), Taylor Truman (25-9 and 25-6), Dearborn Heights-Crestwood (25-12 and 25-6) and Waterford Mott (25-16 and 25-20).

Coach Kelly McCausland's squad received strong performances from Mandy McManus (24 kills), Katie Binger (15 kills, eight blocks), Megan Quinlan (12 kills), Briana Beyer (37 digs), Lauren Scott (24 digs) and Katie Solo, who registered 53 set assists.

Led by senior setter Jansan Falcusan, the Rocks breezed through pool play as well, knocking off Dearborn Heights Annapolis (25-11 and 25-9), Romulus (25-6 and 25-14), Gibraltar Carlson (25-17 and 25-12) and Waterford Mott (25-20 and 25-18).

Salem split with Tecumseh, losing 25-23 before winning

the second set, 25-13. Falcusan recorded 83 assists, eight kills, 10 aces and 10 blocks. Other Rocks who sparked were Nicole Merget (36 kills and six blocks), Kerry MacDonald (34 digs and four aces), Tracy Whalen (77 kills and 12 blocks) and Alexandra Engerer, who notched 20 kills.

"Overall, it was a good day for us," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "Kelly MacDonald -- one of our top players -- was out, which didn't help. But I thought we played well. And kudos to Canton -- they have a very good team."

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Canton Lions roar past Redford Rangers, 32-18

The Canton Lions varsity football team roared against visiting Redford Sunday afternoon, 32-18, in a game played at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

The Lions' first score was set up when Ben Slater returned a blocked punt to the Rangers' 10-yard line.

Offensively, the Lions were paced by a potent ground game featuring Malcolm Hollingsworth and Jordan Ciciotti. The passing game was energized by long aeriels from Jamarl Eiland and Brandon Lee to Nate Emminger and Luke Denzer.

Defensively, the Lions were led by Emminger, Kyle Durham, Brendon Swanson,

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

Tony Nyberg, Wally Turner and Cody Korpus.

The Lions put their unbeaten record on the line next Sunday when they travel to Rochester to take on the Redskins.

The Lions freshmen dropped an exciting 31-18 decision to the Rangers. The running game was fueled by strong blocking from Mason Robichaud and Isaac Jackson, resulting in strong runs from Victor Abraham and Jacob Miller, who accounted for the Lions' three TDs. Jacob McCall hauled in a key pass in traffic to set up a touchdown.

The defense was bolstered by strong play from Damarcus Kaigler, David Mason and Matthew Wayne.

The Lions' junior freshmen contingent turned in an intense effort against the Rangers. Turning in smooth performances for the offense were Jack Underwood, Justin Reynolds, Bennett Austin and Bradley Tyszkiewicz. The defense was led by Conner Flanigan, Wesley Askew, Chase Meredith and Ryan Cassidy.

Steelers varsity prevails

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers' varsity squad opened its home slate

Sunday afternoon with a 26-24 victory over the powerful Rochester Redskins. Steelers quarterback Brent Piligian made several great plays through the air and on the ground.

PC running back Kendall Scott set the tone with hard running and Austin Sylvester provided several key blocks.

Defensively, the Steelers were paced by Patrick Krestschmer and Joshua Dennard, who were both tough on the line; and Michael Kennedy, who had key tackles in the victory.

The Steelers' junior varsity dropped a hard-fought 28-21 decision to the Redskins. The Steelers' offense was

powered by running back Daniel Ahearn, who churned his way to several first downs, and quarterback Gregory Williams, who proved to be a versatile playmaker.

Matthew McKoy displayed his passing ability in a game-ending play that wowed the crowd.

On the defensive side of the ball, Braden Abundis played well at nose guard, Drake Wanshon shined on the line and Cory Burnette excelled at linebacker and cornerback.

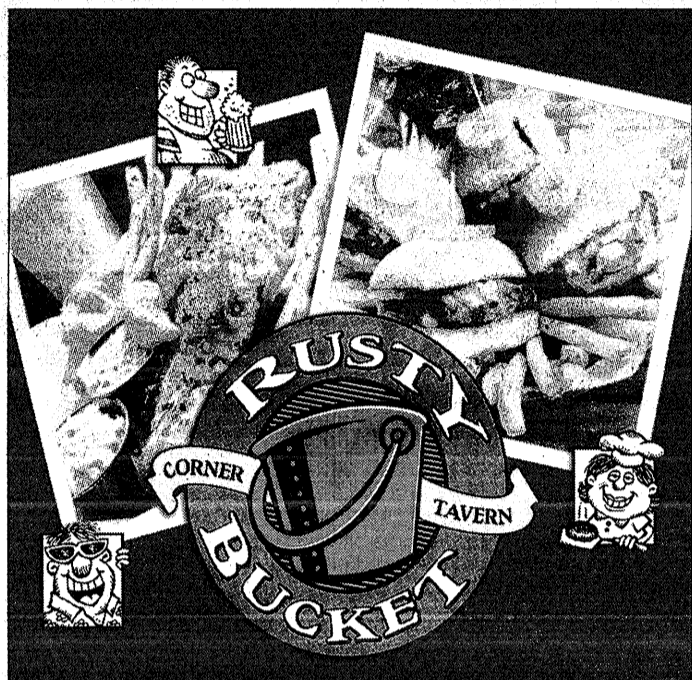
The Steelers' freshmen unit suffered a tough 13-0 loss to the 'Skins. Vinny Convertino played well at quarterback while Cameron

Stella was the team's top ground-gainer. On several occasions he followed the blocks of Adam McKee, who anchored the O-line. Joshua Stein was resilient on defense along with Jacob McKinnon and Isaac Emminger.

The Steelers' junior freshmen turned in an outstanding performance against the visiting Redskins. Bryce Lynn led the offense with a touchdown while Dean Kaye and Jake Cain opened gaping holes along the offensive front.

Defensively, the Steelers were energized by the play of Jimmy Knittel and Danny Lanava, who had a key fumble recovery.

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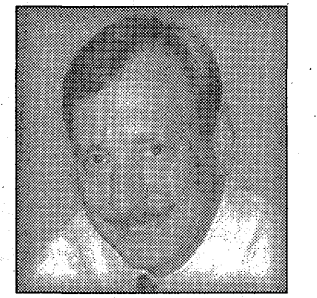
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CAROL JUNE (Pirkle) BORGNE

Age 71, formerly of Royal Oak, passed Sept. 7, 2008. Hayhurst Funeral Home, Broken Arrow, OK, 981-258-9623

DOROTHY FERN (nee Young) STREETER

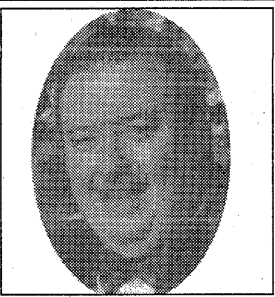
September 6, 2008. Dear mother of Nancy (Richard) Thompson, Patricia (Richard) Hartwig, Mary (Charles) O'Donnell. Proud grandmother of Elizabeth Grapentine, Rick Thompson, David Thompson, Ron Hartwig, Julie VanBuren, Michael O'Donnell. Dear sister of Marjorie (Lawrence) Crane, Norman Young and Eunice (Jack) Ward. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents, step-mother, former husband Donald Streeter, brother Arthur Young. Born April 17, 1915 on a homestead in Kendall, Montana, graduate of Highland Park High School Class of 1933, proud 55 year resident of Livonia. Dorothy retired from the Water Dept., City of Livonia. Dorothy enjoyed retirement, traveling, collecting recipes, cooking, bird watching and spending time with her church friends. A Celebration of Dorothy's Life was held on Wednesday in lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to St. James Presbyterian Church, C/O Rev. Paul Bousquetier Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. 734-591-3700.

SUE ANN HOLLAND (nee Anderson)

Age 37, August 3, 2008. Beloved daughter of the late Ivar and Estelle Anderson. Loving sister of Ivar G. (Lee Ann) Anderson. Cherished niece of Nancy and Robert Viverito, Jean and Sandy Branner, and George Wickstrom. Dear aunt of Stephen and Brian. Sue loved animals, especially her pet dogs, Tonka and Ernie, and was deeply committed to the conservation and preservation of wildlife, particularly wolves. She was active in all forms of outdoor recreation, including camping, snowmobiling, skiing, ATV and horseback riding. She enjoyed pop culture in all forms and loved to watch movies. Her varied musical tastes ran from classical to rock to country-western. She embraced New Age Spirituality, including the Wicca teachings, crystal healing and consulted horoscopes and tarot cards for guidance. She loved her work as office manager of Aberdeen Van Lines in Commerce Township, Michigan, which she joined in 1994. She is survived by her family and many friends, who she loved dearly. Memorial service Saturday 1pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Saturday 12 noon until 1pm service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Defenders of Wildlife. www.thayer-rock.com

ARTHUR L. RASCHKE

Of Rochester Hills, age 59, died September 8, 2008 at home, after a long and courageous battle with a neurodegenerative disease. Arthur was born February 2, 1949 to the late Harvey and Doris Raschke, and lived for 35 years in Rochester Hills. He married and was the loving husband and best friend for 35 years of Linda Raschke, dearest father of Jenna L. Raschke, Michael G. Raschke (Alissa) and Jacqueline M. McDermott (John) and loving Papa to granddaughter Macy Lyn McDermott. He will be very sadly missed by many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Great-nieces, Nephews, Great-nephews, and many great friends. Mr. Raschke retired after 37 years of service as Staff Engineer and Engineering Supervisor at General Motors Corporation, he graduated from GMI/Kettering University with a Bachelor's Degree in electrical/Mechanical Engineering, later earning his Masters degree in Systems Engineering (Computer Science) from Oakland University School of Engineering. Art was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity-Zeta Theta Chapter at GMI/Kettering, and also a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and The Fluid Power Society as a Hydraulic Fluid Specialist. Arthur distinguished himself at several divisions of General Motors including Pontiac Motor Division, Lake Orion Assembly Plant, Chevrolet Engineering, AC Spark Plug (manufacturing Development), Truck & Bus Assembly, Shreveport Assembly (LA) and was a highly respected Staff Engineer in the GM CCRW (Controls-Conveyors-Robotics-Welding) group at the General Motors Technical Center. His favorite projects at GM were the Corvette manufacturing data systems and digital computer programming assignments. Art traveled extensively in his career, and his family remembers many priceless and unforgettable happy moments with him upon his return home. His outside interests included being a licensed Amateur Radio Operator for 20 years, he held an Extra Class FCC License and was a member of the Air Force Affiliated Radio Systems (MARS), of the Firebird/GM Amateur Radio Club, and a member of The Oakland County Amateur Radio Society. Art was also an avid bowler and softball enthusiast with GM teams, and a member of the National Corvette Museum Foundation and The National Rifle Association. Art also served as a Firefighter of Avon Township/Rochester Hills Fire Dept. for 17 years and as a firefighter/EMT for Oakland Township for eight years. He believed in giving back to his community, and giving back to those that helped him along the way. In-State 11:00 a.m. Thursday at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood @ Northwood in Rochester until 11:30 a.m. time of Funeral Liturgy. Visitation 2-5 & 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Drive in Rochester. Donations in memory of Arthur may be made to: Mercy Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Court, Suite 200, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302 or The Sigma Chi Fraternity-Renovation Project, 704 E. Main Street, Flushing, MI 48433. The family would sincerely like to thank their wonderful friends and neighbors, Mercy Hospice Care and Pixley Funeral Home. The family could not have made it through this very difficult time without all your support and kindness for which they are eternally grateful. Arthur was always a find, courageous and gentle man, and a true friend to those that knew him.



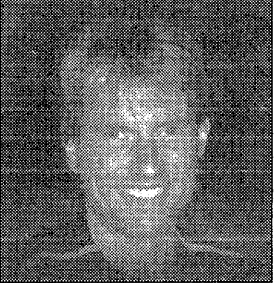
JOHN C. MORTON

Sept. 9, 2008, age 59, of Wayne. Beloved husband of Andrea F. Dear father of David (Linda), Richard (Renee). Brother of Wayne (Judy), Janice (Ed) Baker, the late Thomas & Hugh. Brother-in-law of Joyce & Mayflower. Grandfather of Randy & Richard Jr. Funeral Friday 10am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Thurs. 2-9pm. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com

KATIE MISH

Sept. 5, 2008. Age 85. Beloved wife of the late Leonard. Loving mother of Sandra (Jeffrey) Weiss & Vickie (John) Dec. Dearest grandmother of Aaron Weiss, Lauren Weiss, Mark Weiss & Mallory Dec. Funeral was Mon., Sept. 8, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Voran Funeral Home (Dearborn Chapel). Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Season's Hospice and Palliative Care of Michigan, 27355 John R. Rd. Suite 100, Madison Heights, MI. 48071. Onlineguestbook at www.voranfuneralhome.com

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SCOTT C. BOOTH

Suddenly September 6, 2008. Age 44. Son of Don (Jane) and the late Judy. Brother of Jeff (Kelly) and Chip (Kellie). Uncle of four nieces and three nephews including his favorite niece Isabella. Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A 1982 graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, he received his bachelors of Broadcast and Cinematic Arts Degree from Central Michigan in 1988. Scott enjoyed a life long career in film production starting in high school. He worked at Channels 7 and 4 in Traverse City, Detroit Public TV and worked on various freelance videos. Also a longtime employee of Pier 1 Imports. Scott loved, and was very involved as a counselor with Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Torch Lake. Memorial service Saturday 11a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30a.m. Memorial tributes to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha, 919 N.E. Torch Lake Dr., Central Lake, MI 49622. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



BERTHA DeBACKER-HINNAU

Died September 7, 2008. Age 94. Dear mother of Rachel Kaledas. Grandmother of Ronald (Valerie), Linda (Gilbert) Warren, David (Stephanie). Great-grandmother of six. Visitation Manna-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) Wednesday from 2-9pm. Rosary at 7:30pm. In state Thursday at 10:30am until time of Mass 11 a.m. at SS. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland.

To submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

SEPTEMBER

Remembering Sept. 11

A program with A. T. Ariyaratne, from Sri Lanka, a Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Gandhi Peace Prize Winner and Founder of Sarvodaya, will be hosted by Detroit West District Peace Center 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Hwy. at Lahser, Southfield. Includes interfaith prayers by Christians, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus and others coming together with music, songs, liturgical dancing and lighting of candles for peace. The public is welcome. Call (248) 356-1020. Ext. 137.

Sharing made simple

Well-known Catholic apologist, speaker and author, Gary Michuta offers a new lecture series focusing on Catholic apologetics 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, in the St. Michael School cafeteria, at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The series continues the 2nd Thursday of each month through May, except in December. The series is open to all. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 207.

Dorje Chang is living in America

Presentation focusing on reincarnation of the highest leader of Buddhism, HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. For information, visit www.zhaxizhuoma.net/. Respected Zhaxi Zhuoma, a close disciple of HH Dorje Chang Buddha III will lead the congregation in Detroit.

Music at St. John's

Opens the 2008-09 concert series with a performance by Scott Woolweaver, an internationally renowned violinist, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Free and open to the public. Call (734) 453-0190.

Mom to Mom Sale

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Wellspring Church, 36350 W. Eight Mile, Farmington. For more information, call (248) 471-4667.

Tent sale

Begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Household items, specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts. Also a used clothing sale inside the church for \$2 per plastic grocery bag. All proceeds donated to area organizations to help people in the community. Cost to participate is \$25 if you bring your own table, \$35 to use one of the church's 8-foot tables. Call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

Victorian fashion show/tea

Shows at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 age 12 and under. Red Hat Society members get \$1 off 3:30 p.m. show. Visit www.firstpresville.org.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Mel Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Tables \$25. Call (734) 525-3607 or (313) 274-0684 by Sept. 8.

Church celebration

The entire community is invited to join Emmanuel Lutheran Church for a celebration and to tour the new facilities at the Building Expansion Dedication noon Sunday, Sept. 14, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. The church has doubled its narthex, program and office areas to better support the community of faith. For more information, call (248) 442-8822.

Time change

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returns to fall, winter and spring schedule beginning Sunday, Sept. 14. Services will be at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

Bible study

A Word for You Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 19, in the Green Room at the Bailey Rec Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. The one-hour study includes Praise and Worship and the Word. All are welcome. Call (313) 289-8336.

Evensings of Evangelization

Resume with Rev. Alex Kratz 7 p.m. Friday Sept. 19, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. The series continues Oct. 17, Nov. 21, and Dec. 12. All interested Catholics are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200. Bring or buy study text "Go and Make Disciples" (U.S. Bishops) at September meeting.

Earth friendly craft fair

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, featuring hand made art and crafts from local Michigan artists, at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, south of 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For information, contact Barbara Danielsen at (248) 318-8044 or bdanielsen@comcast.net. Forms and info available for download at www.uufarmington.org. Call for artists and crafters: Spaces inside and outside still available.

Co-creating with God conference

Sacred Heart Major Seminary will sponsor a conference to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae, and explore its important themes Saturday, Sept. 20, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd, Detroit. Cost is \$75 with lunch and dinner, or \$50 without meals. Prices discounted for half-day attendance. Walk-in registration at a higher cost. Call (313) 883-8792, e-mail HumanaeVitae@shms.edu, or visit www.shms.edu for registration packet.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Anniversary celebration

On Sunday, Sept. 21, members of Salem National Evangelist Lutheran Church honor Rev. Carl DeMeritt, Jr. and his wife Beth in a 10 a.m. worship service of gratitude and praise, at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. A reception follows the worship service honoring DeMeritt's 25 years in the ministry.

Piano rededication concert

With guest pianists Gary and Jennifer Rownd 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, in the Sanctuary at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Call (248) 374-7400 for information.

Celebration of Israel

This year, Israel marks a significant milestone that provides a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of the occasion, The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening includes Russian-Jewish delicacies, entertainment by Ben Opengheim, door prizes and auction. Tickets, \$90, benefit ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, but space is limited. For details, visit www.lifetosave.org.

Explore the rosary

Explore the history and continue relevance of the venerable devotion to Mary 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, with presenter David Conrad, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 425-5950.

Organ recital

Robert Bates, associate professor of organ at University of Houston, performs 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, north of Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$10 per person at the door or call (313) 875-7407. Reception follows. Free supervised parking adjacent to church.

Sacred music concert

"Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains." The seminary choir of the Blessed Theodora Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine will sing selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Church Slavonic 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge, but free will offering requested to support the seminary. Open to the public. Several audio and video recordings will be available. Call (734) 522-3166 or visit www.seminaryconcerttour.com.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Safety/health fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, physical fitness competitions for kids, bicycle safety, health screenings for adults, parent information on child safety and health, free car seat inspections by Canton police officers, child safety identification, at All Saints Catholic School parking lot and gym, 48735 Warren, between Beck and Saviour, Canton. Call (734) 459-2490.

Revival services

Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday services 7 p.m. each evening, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. Revival preacher is from Alabama. Everyone is welcome. Call (313) 537-7480.

Marian rally

Join the Felician Sisters of Livonia on Sunday, Sept. 28, as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally beginning at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, followed by praying of the rosary alternating decades in English and Spanish at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, Ind. Refreshments available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants welcome. Parking available at Montessori Center of Our Lady at Newburgh entrance. Call (734) 591-1730.

Bethany hay ride

Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood will host a hay ride that includes hot dogs with all the fixings, beverages and a DJ Saturday, Sept. 27. Indoor facility for dining and dancing. Tickets, \$20. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 389-4730.

Spirit of Manresa

Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost \$150-\$250, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing. Call (248) 644-4933, Ext. 34 or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

Parenting class

Parenting Families DVD-based classes help address issues in a positive way that will enhance your family life, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 to Nov. 3, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830, or register at www.christoursavior.org under Adult Fall Classes.

UPCOMING

Mass confusion

Series on the celebration of the Mass 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter David Conrad. No charge. Please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950.

Crop walk

Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

Mom-to-mom sale

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile. Tables available, 6 ft. long \$18 each, 5 ft. round \$15 each, standard racks \$3 each. Admission \$1. Strollers welcome. Contact ncmom2mom-sale@gmail.com.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

Fall craft show

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, with over 70 crafters, at St. Theodore of Canterbury, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. No charge. Also bake sale, big raffle and food and beverages. Call (734) 425-4421.

ICEA conference

For Sunday School and Church Ministries, held by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Speakers Dr. Bruce Fong, Rev. Billy Walker. 30 workshops on timely topics. Second time around Christian books. Registration required only for workshops. Non-denominational. Call (248) 557-5536 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Plymouth/Canton crop walk

Sunday, Oct. 12, registration at 1:30 p.m. with walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, contact Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867 or wbrave@yahoo.com.

Crafters wanted

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebrew Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

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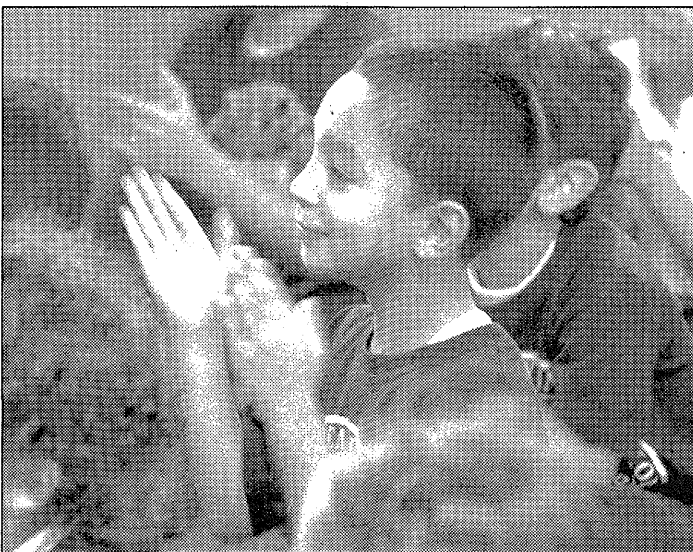
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Ramadan a holy time for all ages

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Even though the first grade students at Crescent Academy International skipped their morning snack, no one was complaining about fasting for Ramadan, a time of purification and reflection for Muslims. Instead the children seemed delighted to follow the practices of grown-ups who get up about 4:45 a.m. to eat before sunrise. Muslim adults do not eat during daylight hours. Whether or not students totally abstain from food and drink depends on their age. The 400 children in the Canton academy range from preschool to eighth grade.

"It's a special time in the school because Ramadan is holy month for Muslims," said Sommieh Flower, Crescent elementary school principal. Ramadan takes place during the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar which varies from year to year. "In the religion itself no one is required to fast until puberty however to experience Ramadan children usually like to do what their families are doing. They start not eating or drinking from dawn to dusk around third grade, practicing it, but not necessarily fasting all day. One of the goals is to feel hunger so you understand what life is like for people who are hungry. We always have a food drive during Ramadan that usually goes to a



Saifulla Ahmed sings a song about Ramadan.

shelter in Detroit.

"Ramadan builds your relationship to God, part of that is to purify. You also fast from bad habits, when it comes to children that includes wasting a lot of time watching TV or playing video games."

Muslims avoid food and drink from dawn to dusk then break their fast with Iftar. The families like to make their meals a little more celebratory during Ramadan depending on the country they came from.

The parents of academy students immigrated from the Arab countries, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Turkey. Dates and water are a traditional way to break fasting throughout the world. Afterwards the students

and their families go to the Canton mosque, the Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs for evening prayer services.

Monday afternoon students in Chrissy Kucher's first grade classroom were gathering around religion teacher Sahar Gelany for a prayer circle. The focus was on the first chapter of the Quran. Ramadan celebrates the month when Allah or God appeared to Prophet Muhammad with verses of the holy book.

"It's a sacred time, a way of training younger students to have a contemplative attitude toward prayer," said Flower. "We're trying to build that faith and self-discipline in our children. They've probably been



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Religion teacher Sahar Gelany talks with Shameena Shahzad about the beauty of the leaf she brought to school because it reminded her of Allah. The Novi girl is a 1st grader at Crescent Academy International in Canton.

saying the first chapter in the Quran since age 3. It's the first thing a Muslim child learns."

During Ramadan it's also a tradition to read the entire Quran and reflect on the meaning.

"It's an opportunity that comes once a year to devote yourself more fully to God and strengthen your relationship to him, because during Ramadan you are not as focused on daily needs and worldly desires," said Flower. "You're turning yourself more fully to God."

Shameena Shahzad of Novi brought a maple leaf to school that reminded her of Allah. Gelany asked who created all those colors. Like Christians, Muslims believe God created all things. Then it was time for Allah in the prayer circle, which ended with the children

singing a song to welcome Ramadan, a time to be kind to everybody. The reward of any good is multiplied between seven and 70 times.

The children were especially excited about the Eid or end of Ramadan when families gather to eat lots of food and cake and exchange presents. At the end of the month of Ramadan the Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs is renting a hall in Livonia for the special celebration, which begins with prayer. Muhammad Muniruddin plans not only to be there for the Eid, but the rest of the 30 days of Ramadan. Starting at quarter to 10 every night, Muslims gather at the mosque in Canton.

"At sunset time everyone from the neighborhood, about

100, break their fast, go home to eat dinner then come back for late night prayer. We have five daily prayers for 365 days but in Ramadan there is a special late night prayer, 'Tarawih,' said Muniruddin, a member of the Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs for almost 30 years. "In that prayer a person who has memorized the whole Quran reads without looking for almost 1-1/2 to 2 hours for 30 days because Quran is divided into 30 parts. It's like a miracle of Quran, It is going on throughout the whole world in almost every mosque. One billion people are praying even in Japan, China, Korea. People will fast, do charity, give money to poor people."

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TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH & WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O Monday at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Pat Onoro (P) defeated Zach Ernat, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 2:** Matt Dwan (P) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Andy Mitchell (P) def. Khari Stargell, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Pat Bailey (P) def. Mitch Dean, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Max Korpalski-Aaron Zhang (P) def. Zach Edwards-Tommy Roark, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Wen Ning-Alex Berk (P) def. Asif Sheikh-Carlo Tajeda, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Drew Leist-Hank Eckardt (P) won by forfeit; **No. 4:** Don Henry-Grant Senkbeil (P) won by forfeit.
PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 2-0 overall; 1-0 KLAA.

Chief golfers poised for 'plen-tee' of wins

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP GOLF PREVIEW

With its top two players returning from last season, Canton's girls golf team figures to be formidable in the newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs displayed a glimpse of what they're capable of last week when they tied for second place in the 18-team Livonia Franklin Invitational. Senior Chelsea Osburn finished second in the tourney with a 92 while senior Kara Gregory also excelled, placing sixth with a 102.

"Both Chelsea and Kara

have a lot of athletic ability," said Canton coach Dan Riggs. "They're both very smart players, too. You only have to tell them how to do something once."

Among the other linksters Riggs will also be counting on to produce solid rounds are Elizabeth Winther, Michelle Nagy, Erin Lixie and Alexandra Wie.

Sophomore Ariel Alber and Paige Osler are two promising newcomers to the Chiefs' roster.

"We had some nice success last year and we have a lot

of girls back, so hopefully it carries over to this year," said Riggs. "I don't know what to expect from the new league. I'd like to be competitive with Plymouth and Churchill, who I expect will be near the top of our division."

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats' roster is loaded with youth. Among the top returners who should make an impact in their fortunes are juniors Liz Cizek, Megan Haggerty and LeAnn O'Shaughnessy; and sophomores Chloe Marentic, Christy Pattison and Stefania Sgambati. Haggerty will serve as the team captain.

First-year players who head coach Chris Moore will rely on include Lindsay Dean and Maggie Furlong.

He has also seen good things out of sophomore Veena Katragadda and freshmen Kendra Bartkowiak, Carly Curvin and Ashley Pawczuk.

"Our goals for the season are to truly focus on the short game," said Moore, who also coaches the Wildcats' boys team. "We believe that we can be competitive once we become more consistent from inside 125 yards."

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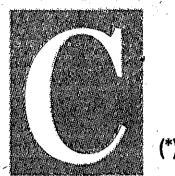
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WWOCAR taps Austin as Realtor of Year

BY JULIE BROWN
 O&E STAFF WRITER

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors has named its Realtor of the Year, Nancy Austin of Keller Williams Ann Arbor Market Center. She will be recognized at the state convention in Detroit Sept. 17-19, where voting will be done for the Michigan Realtor of the Year. She'll get her WWOCAR trophy in November.

Austin, a Canton resident since 1995, didn't anticipate being so lauded.

"I was shocked, truly. I was totally shocked," the honoree said. She hadn't been told of her nomination, and called colleague Carol O'Connor at Keller Williams, who nominated her. Austin told O'Connor of her surprise at being nominated.

"She said 'Yes, and you're going to win.'"

Austin's reputation is strong within the Realtor community and beyond. She has earned GRI, ABR, SRES, and ASP (Accredited Staging Professional) recognition. Austin was told she was the first Realtor who had earned the SRES (Seniors Real Estate Specialist) in WWOCAR. She has mentored a number of new Realtors during their first year. She has written and edited articles for *Newsline*, a WWOCAR print publication.

Working with seniors is particularly rewarding for the Realtor of the Year. "I do it because I know they need help. I just enjoy working with them." It takes longer to accomplish seniors' goals, but Austin finds it worthwhile. "I just love helping them, and I'm patient," she said.

She's been in real estate 25 years. "I've certainly been through every market you can think of, but it's been good to me."

Usually if someone doesn't make it in first year or so in real estate, they move on, she's found.

"People who are pleased with how you help them will refer people to you." A lot of referrals have helped her with her career, which includes condos and single family homes. Austin doesn't do commercial sales or vacant land.

"Real estate is cyclical." We're in a difficult cycle now, Austin said, and will cycle back but with slower speed. "I just foresee us getting back to a normal market." That's a market with 30-90 days to sell a home as more typical.

Gordon McCann, WWOCAR president, said the award is well-deserved. "Nancy's one of the people you can't speak enough of," said McCann, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake in Plymouth. "A



Nancy Austin is this year's Realtor of the Year for the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. The Canton resident has been in the field 25 years.

very involved person as well as selling real estate."

McCann noted her extensive work with WWOCAR, as well as her ongoing efforts to help those in the field whose luck has changed. "It's a very well-deserved honor," he said, praising Austin's involvement in the Canton Chamber of Commerce, with Canton Township and beyond.

Austin has been a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and served on a task force with the chamber regarding issues on the usability of the Web site. She has been an active member of the Area Council of the Aging and Canton Project Arts. Austin was the co-founder of a nonprofit organization, Birthright of Western Wayne County in 1972. The group has changed its name to AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center. It offers counseling and medical help for expectant mothers and clothing, equipment and lay-

ettes for newborns. The group has helped thousands since 1972 and remains a strong, volunteer-run organization.

She has been active in church activities in three parishes, currently at St. Thomas a Becket in Canton, and has taught religious education.

Austin has won numerous awards since becoming a Realtor, many of them real estate-related. She was nominated for the Athena Award, the recognition of an outstanding person by the Business and Professional Women. She was selected the Realtor Active in Politics for 2007 from WWOCAR.

Among her proudest moments was being able to help a family benefit from WWOCAR's Bowling for Charity several years ago. The toddler son had to be isolated from others due to allergies.

"They had to build a home that required special materials, which got very expensive," said Austin, whose work supported a home for the youngster and his family.

Austin has been elected by the general membership as a director to the WWOCAR Board of Directors where she represents District 3. Being a director is time-consuming, said Austin, who's on the government affairs committee for WWOCAR.

As a member of the Michigan Association of Realtors, she initiated and served on a task force addressing the issue of mortgage funding at closings. Austin has been to Lansing with WWOCAR to become more familiar with the Capitol, MAR issues, the Senate and House of Representatives.

"I actually initiated it," she said of the task force work. Austin was concerned about real estate closings where funds were not available as they hadn't been wired by mortgage companies. She was pleased to learn just recently legislation passed in Michigan "to regulate lenders, so that's a result of the initiative."

Austin is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy with a major in biology and a minor in teaching. She likes to spend time with her three adult children and three grandchildren. One child's in Gregory, Mich., about an hour away with two of the grandchildren, the others in Florida (with an Austin grandchild) and Connecticut.

Family and work keep her occupied, but she has other interests as well.

"I love to travel, I love to read," said Austin, who'll be traveling to Tunisia in Africa on a family wedding trip, a trek she's looking forward to. "I like contemporary novels, and I like nonfiction. I'm an ardent fan of the library, the Canton library."

Glacier Park home to some

Q: I have heard much about Glacier National Park and I am wondering whether a home and can be built or bought there?

A: There are approximately 70 to 80 homes in Glacier Park that were basically homesteaded and the people residing there are called "in holders."



Robert Meisner

The park does not allow any additional construction of single family homes, but you could purchase a home from one of the

"in holders" under certain circumstances. Obviously, there is a desire on the part of the National Park Service, to reclaim these homes to the extent possible because of the natural setting of the park.

Q: With the downturn of the market, I am wondering how it has affected Marin County or San Francisco in California?

A: While the progress of accelerated appreciation has lessened, there is a belief that the price of homes are still appreciating in good locations. There is also significant development on the San Francisco waterfront. The technology debacle of a number of years ago seems to have stopped, and merchants seem to be doing well in the more affluent suburbs of San Francisco as well as San Francisco proper.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Partnership seeks to attract businesses

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan announced that Michael C. Stoskopf, CGP, executive officer, was welcomed on Aug. 13, representing BIA as a new investor in the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership (DREP) at the Partnership's annual meeting in Detroit. BIA has joined DREP at the committee level in order to be at the leading edge in representing the home building industry as businesses consider relocating to our area.

The Partnership's mission is to develop new business opportunities by providing a single point-of-contact for attracting firms considering relocation to or expansion in the Detroit region — defined as the 10-county area of southeastern Michigan. DREP has ongoing



Stoskopf

has helped generate \$3.5 billion in new development in the 10-county Detroit region. This was done by assisting 422 companies either relocating or expanding in the region. In the process, 10,150 new jobs have been created, increasing the region's annual purchasing power by \$1.4 billion.

economic development efforts with firms in Europe, Asia, and North America. More than 100 influential private companies and public entities are participating as investors in the Partnership.

During the past eight years, the Partnership

"The economic health of the Detroit region directly impacts the health of our home building industry," said Richard Ives, BIA president, of Trinity Land Development. "We have a vested interest in helping attract new or expanded business ventures to our region. Each company relocating to the region means relocating employees who have families who need homes in which to live."

BIA's Board of Directors will hear an address by John W. Carroll, Jr., DREP executive director, covering DREP's plans for the coming year.

"BIA members comprise an important segment of the economy of southeastern Michigan," said Ives. "Joining forces with DREP and its other mem-

bers strengthens the impact we can make in rebuilding the economy of this region."

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) and Building Industry Association of SE Michigan (BIA) are trade associations representing nearly 1,600 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 19-23, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
240 Buckingham Rd	\$212,000
8156 Chatham Ct	\$705,000
425 Constitution St	\$245,000
46481 E Oak Manor Ct	\$259,000
50173 Heron Ct	\$320,000
51181 High Meadow Crossing S	\$375,000
49979 Jackson Ln	\$219,000
44222 Kingsley Ct	\$207,000
44224 Leebann Ln	\$205,000
6266 Porteridge Ln	\$205,000

4725 Sherwood Cir	\$200,000
2735 Stanton St	\$420,000
48756 Stonebriar Dr	\$142,000
1238 W Crystal Cir	\$258,000

Farmington	
34133 Cortland Ave	\$235,000
34937 Drake Heights Dr	\$210,000
35144 Drake Heights Dr	\$230,000
23065 Manning St	\$195,000

Farmington Hills	
29569 Andover Blvd	\$465,000
37125 Brentwood Cir	\$127,000
29473 Chelsea Xing	\$268,000
28873 Kirkside Ln	\$145,000
26867 La Muera St	\$175,000
28905 Lorikay St	\$170,000
23981 Noble Dr	\$116,000
28701 Oak Point Dr	\$300,000
31442 Orchard Crk	\$100,000

Garden City	
6323 Deering St	\$60,000
31541 Leona St	\$40,000
32744 Leona St	\$88,000
33432 Leona St	\$85,000

Livonia	
36340 Ann Arbor Trl	\$180,000
19134 Antago St	\$133,000
9268 Butwell St	\$170,000
15150 Fairfield St	\$50,000
36718 Gardner St	\$187,000
18777 Gary Ln	\$385,000
11759 Hunters Park Ct	\$90,000

29725 Nottingham Cir	\$121,000
19024 Sunset St	\$109,000
29860 W Chicago St	\$160,000
16815 Westbrook St	\$264,000
28726 Westfield St	\$143,000
29031 Westfield St	\$158,000

Milford	
320 Bennett St	\$175,000
2889 Central Blvd	\$45,000

Northville	
44200 Deep Hollow Cir	\$550,000
39400 Northwind Ct	\$333,000
16079 Pine Valley Dr	\$739,000
51025 Sunday Dr	\$537,000
17450 Victor Dr	\$341,000

Plymouth	
128 Linhart St	\$189,000
3106 Seneca Ln	\$225,000
41654 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$222,000
44818 Stockton Dr	\$352,000

Novi	
799 Arthur St	\$155,000
12047 Hines Ct	\$196,000
9740 N Canton Center Rd	\$337,000
610 N Harvey St	\$213,000

Redford	
9612 Berwyn	\$125,000
19273 Garfield	\$125,000
19964 Inkster Rd	\$35,000
15962 MacArthur	\$64,000
9922 Marion	\$85,000
12851 Nathalie	\$109,000
16622 Negaunee	\$90,000
17166 Norborne	\$77,000
9166 Riverdale	\$130,000

South Lyon	
15537 Winston	\$109,000

Westland	
34107 Decatur Ct	\$85,000
2339 Deerfield Ct	\$40,000
33626 Fairchild St	\$105,000
35704 Florane St	\$112,000
8471 Fremont St	\$120,000
31024 Merritt Dr	\$98,000
7237 Mohawk St	\$121,000
2315 Hanlon St	\$130,000
1260 Shoemaker Dr	\$83,000
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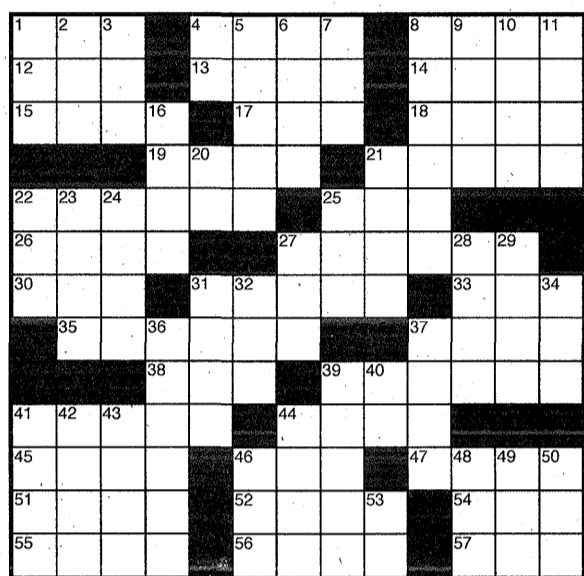
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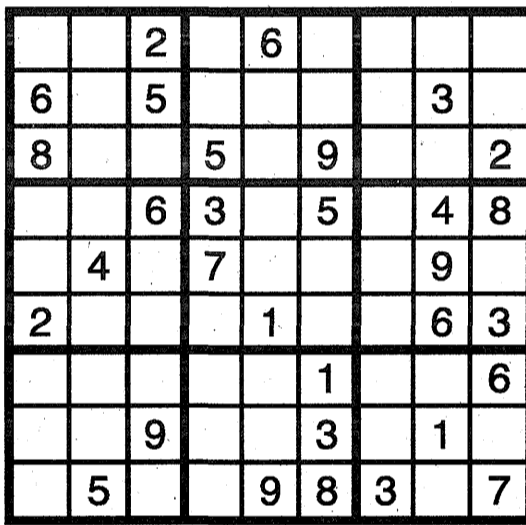
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- Nomad dwelling
- Swiss artist
- After deductions
- Newsroom VIPs
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- Present
- Suppress
- Appliance-tag letters
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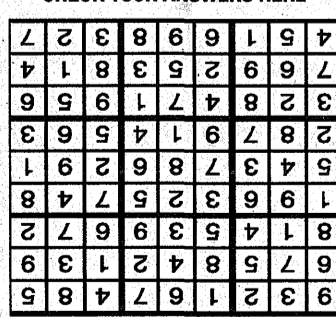
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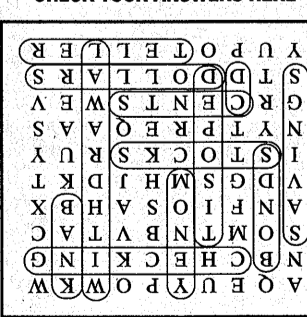
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Condo operation

Meisner & Associates will present "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation," a four-week course, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Bingham Farms office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467. The course is for those interested in serving on a board of directors of a condo, co-op or com-

munity association, as well as developers and managing agents who are assisting these boards. All attendees will receive a copy of attorney Robert Meisner's booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track."

Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433 or e-mail bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. Checks should be payable to Meisner & Associates, P.C. Cost is \$95 per person, with \$85 each for additional attendees from the same association.

New role

The Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR), a statewide trade association representing more than 26,000 real estate brokers, associate

brokers and salespersons announced 2008 President Jeff Young will assume a new role with the Realtors Information Network (RIN), the National Association of Realtors (NAR) for-profit subsidiary. Young will join RIN as the new vice president of Association and Broker Relations and Marketing. This new position will enable him to use his expertise as a broker and association leader to develop and implement several of NAR's key data initiatives including the Realtor Property Network, a national database that will include data from Michigan.

"Jeff has been and will continue to be an asset to the members of MAR," said Chief Executive Officer Bill Martin. "His keen ability to work with local leadership

and to develop strategies to meet the needs of our members translates well in his new role at NAR. We thank him for his contributions to MAR over the last decade and look forward to his continuing achievements." Young has served in a number of leadership positions at his local board, MAR and NAR. Up until accepting this position, he has been an owner of Woodland Realty and most recently, the vice president of Coldwell Banker Woodland Schmidt, based in Grand Haven.

"I am sincerely pleased about starting this new and exciting stage in my career. After nearly 14 years as a Realtor, I look forward to taking on new professional challenges which will allow me to contribute to the real estate industry on a broad


based level," said Young. "Most importantly, I remain proudly connected to the Realtor family. I've been introduced to a number of bright, energetic and talented Realtors and association/MLS management teams from across the country and I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to represent NAR/RIN in working with these folks."

Young will be tasked with leading NAR's communication and outreach efforts to brokers, boards, and MLS's for the RPR and other RIN projects. He will also be a key part of the RIN management team, helping develop project priorities and overall strategy for all RIN initiatives.

RIN is tasked with managing the operation of Realtor.com announces a restructuring that will position RIN to add management responsibilities for the Realtors Property Network (RPR), formerly referred to as the Gateway, and future NAR technology initiatives. NAR will be renaming RIN soon to indicate a new beginning.

Under the direction of RIN President & CEO, Bob Goldberg, and COO, Ken Burlington, RIN's restructuring from a project based organization to a more functional based approach, positions RIN to leverage the skills of its staff to the highest level, while providing the flexibility to manage Realtor.com, RPR, and future RIN initiatives with a collaborative, team-based approach.

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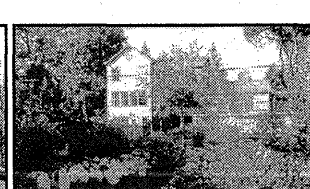
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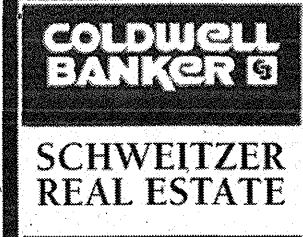
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QUALITY TIME TOGETHER
SBM, 42, 6'3", 200lbs+, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, movies, shooting pool. ☎291168

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

GIVE ME A CALL!
SWM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exciting, caring woman, 18-60, with great sense of humor. ☎289548

HOW ABOUT A DATE?
WM, 6'6", 285lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, hot fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more. 30-60. ☎289482

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎958147

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. ☎684501

GOOD MAN FOUND
Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. ☎267088

WARM AND FRIENDLY
Sincere BM would like to meet a warm, friendly, sincere female, 21-55, H/W proportionate, who seeks friendship, possibly leading to more. ☎279036

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and snuggling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ☎113835

WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL
SHF, 46, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing. Seeking SHAF, late 30s, for possible relationship. ☎289039

FIT & FUN-LOVING
Easygoing DWPM, 46, 6', 185lbs, romantic, looking for a woman, 25-50, who can find humor in what life gives us. Open to anything as long as we're laughing. ☎285335

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎283202

COUGAR LOVER
Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. ☎244260

JUST ME AND MY DOG
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller-blading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. ☎272374

GIVE ME A CALL
BM, 35, 5'5", 150lbs, secure, family-oriented, looking for a SWF, N/S, who shares the same interests and passions. I enjoy life, going places and trying new things. ☎289039

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE
SWM, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. ☎205048

WORTH A CALL
Attractive SBM, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! ☎283615

WORTH THE CALL
SBM, 41, N/S, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-50, to spend some time together and get to know. ☎283851

LET'S CONNECT
SBM, 33, looking for love and possibly marriage with SAHF, 18-25. Let's talk and see what develops. ☎288526

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. ☎178478

LET'S MEET UP
SWM, 53, brown/blue, 115lbs, smoker, looking for a nice, young lady, 18-25, to light up my life. ☎290675

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SWM, 32, N/S, interested in meeting a lady, 35-42, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎290956

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBM, 22, 6', 175lbs, light smoker, no children, looking for SF, 18-30, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎291487

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. ☎176497

CALL ME!
SBM, 50, 195lbs, 6'11", physically fit, likes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling. Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. ☎289335

LOVELY AND READY
SWM, 65, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford. ☎860305

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. ☎200990

HANDSOME WM
DWM would like to meet SBF, 22-46, N/S, who likes to experience new things in life, has varied interests. ☎287230

INTELLIGENT & MATURE
Down-to-earth, fun-loving, positive, youthful, upbeat, energetic, exciting SWPM, 51, 5'3", 185lbs, enjoys dining, movies. Seeking similar SF, 39-55. ☎287745

OUTGOING GUY
SWM, 26, 6'5", 180lbs, black/brown, with sense of humor, likes movies, beach walks, bowling. Seeking SWAF, 20-28. ☎286632

LOOKING FOR ME?
SM, 53, outgoing, cool, honest and easygoing, enjoys Italian/Mexican food, racquetball, camping, travel, and much more - looking for fit, fun and active lady to share talks, good times, friendship/love. ☎250719

LET'S HANG OUT
SBM, 29, 6'6", slim, light smoker, seeks nice woman, 25-28, to chill with and get to know. ☎277937

SHY

SM, 26, 5'5", light complexion, red hair, in search of fun and friendship with a single female. Let's talk and see if we click! ☎281335

HIT ME UP!
SBM, 19, 5'9", athletic build, smoker, no children, looking for a woman, 19-30, race open, for friendship or more. ☎287807

RESPECTABLE GUY
SBM, 33, 5'5", N/S, no kids, goatee, looking for that one special woman, 27-43, to settle down with. ☎287821

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE
Spontaneous BM likes working out, riding motorcycles, being outdoors and more. Would like to meet a woman with a similar personality. 35-50. ☎287500

SEEKING SOULMATE
SM, 33, 5'9", loves going out and having fun. The one I'm seeking must be down-to-earth, honest, beautiful woman, 21-30, who is classy. Friendship first. ☎287948

LOVELY, GENUINE HEART
SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, age/location open. ☎

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Luxury Brands Look For Ways To Spark Sales

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By Dale Buss

Sales of automotive luxury brands are struggling just like the overall U.S. market is. In fact, collectively, so far this year upscale marques have only managed to hold on to their 11 percent share of the market from 2007.

Lexus, for example, is off 15 percent in 2008 sales through the end of August; Porsche has fallen 17 percent; and BMW brand has suffered a decline of 7 percent. Among domestic luxury makes, Cadillac has plunged 13 percent for the year, while Lincoln has eased by 19 percent.

Even luxury brands with strong new-product stories are struggling this year, such as Audi, which has managed only a 4-percent sales decline so far in 2008.

"There's sort of a re-set button being hit by a fair number of [luxury] consumers," said Scott Keogh, chief marketing officer of Audi of America.

Added Mark Schirmer, a Ford spokesman: "The luxury market is down overall like the rest of the market, and we don't expect the luxury segment to buck the trend anytime soon. It will continue to struggle a bit in line with the overall market."

As the economic unevenness of 2007 evolved into this year's full-blown stagnation, luxury brands of all sorts have been trying to hold on to their gains of the previous several years. As they do so, their biggest challenge by far is the huge deterioration in personal wealth and resources of well-off Americans, because investment markets have turned down and because credit is much tighter. Higher gasoline prices have exacerbated those problems.



Detroit-area dealers pick up their 2009 Lincoln MKS.



The new Escalade Hybrid bears special decals.

Of course, Mercedes-Benz believes positive factors are at work as well in its ability to post the only sales increase for 2008 so far among major luxury brands, an 0.5-percent gain.

"A large part of our gain is the payoff of our strategy about choice and a diverse offering in the luxury segment," said Drew Slaven, marketing general manager for Mercedes-Benz USA.

Mercedes-Benz also has been stepping up its pace of product introductions. And in particular, it will begin emphasizing the availability of a clean-diesel option on some of its SUVs in all 50 states beginning this fall.

"So there's no sacrifice in fuel economy, and it will be packaged in products that are state-of-the-art," said Slaven. "So they're not only a solution to high gasoline prices but there's also a lot of torque, unlike with some hybrid powertrains. Slaven also believes that luxury consumers will continue to increase their preoccupation with "buying green - the downturn hasn't tempered that."

None of the other luxury makes are standing still as calamity befalls them either.

Audi, for example, is touting new powertrains, including diesel options, and new product offerings to keep its head above water. "We're launching our new A4 and getting new volume and increased production with the A5, so we're feeling good about where volume is going for the year," Keogh said. "We feel confident that it's our moment in time as consumers hit the reset button. Historically, we haven't gotten considered enough, and this will give us more opportunity to be considered."

Cadillac already has had some recent new-product successes, including its redesigned CTS sedan, and John Howell, global product director,

believes that the new Escalade Hybrid will rank as another. Cadillac began shipping Escalade Hybrids in August, with a \$3,600 higher price tag than for a conventional Escalade.

"They're a little more expensive," Howell allowed, "but they've got all the luxury features and content one wants in any Escalade, so you don't give up anything there - and of course you don't give up anything in fuel economy." Escalade Hybrid is manufactured along with the new Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon Hybrids. And while demand hasn't yet ramped up to a point where capacity is a problem, Howell noted that the Escalade "has the advantage within GM of having first-line status for the capacity that is available. So if people want them, they're going to have them."

And Howell fully expects Cadillac's luxury consumers to begin checking out the Escalade Hybrid. "It's easy to live with, and it can provide the image that people want," he said. "They want comfort and features - but they don't want criticism" about their vehicle's fuel economy.

For its part, Lincoln is counting on a continuing overhaul of its previous product line to increase its share of a down luxury market, Schirmer said. Its MKX crossover and MKZ sedan already have been widely hailed, and now Lincoln has brought out its new MKS sedan. Among the tough decisions Ford made about MKS, he said, was to make it available only in a six-cylinder - no V-8.

"People said that was a V8 segment," Schirmer recalled. "But now that the car is in the market and the market is the way it is, these same people are saying, 'Maybe you guys knew what you were doing.' Having a six-cylinder doesn't seem to be detrimental."

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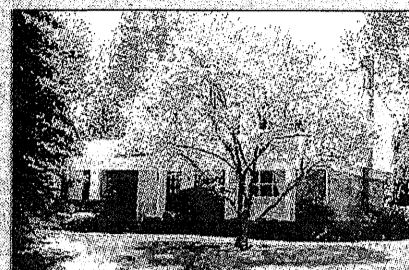
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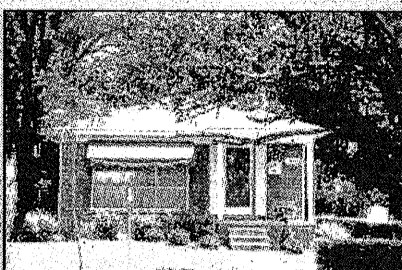
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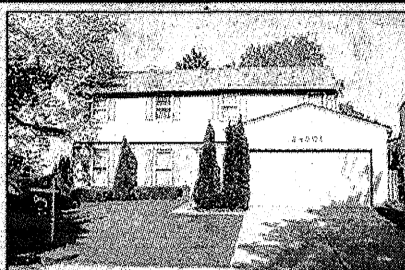
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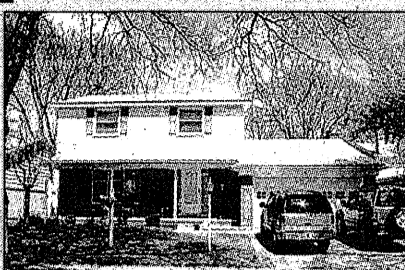
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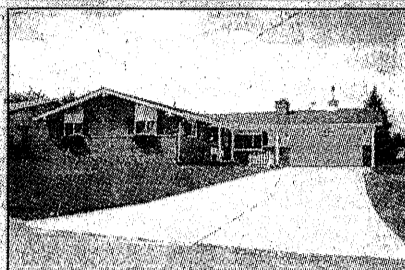
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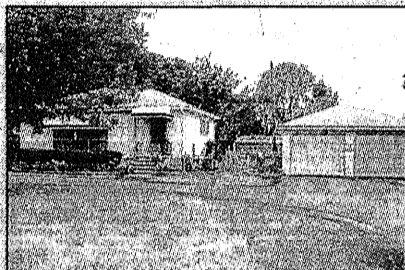
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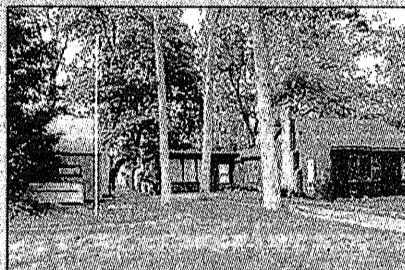
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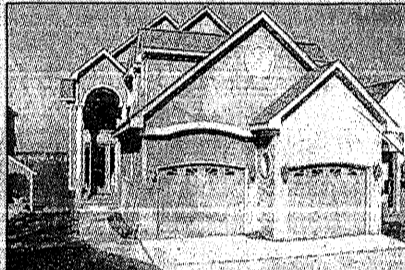
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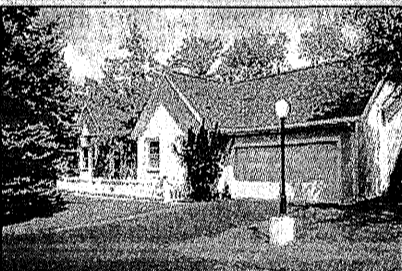
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Lrg custom col on golf course. 4 BR w/2 full and 2 hlf BA. WO bsmt. Lrg 2 story foyer w/mbrl flr, spiral stsc. Watch the sunset on 15x30 covered terrace. Lk priv-wood pecker.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$299,000
Kit w/map cab, grnt ctr, s.s appl, rof, hdwd flrs, mbrl t/p, MBR, BA, 2nd BA. Brick pavers, priv treed lot, Cer tile, recsd lghts, fin bsmt w/wet bar, deep tandem gar, bsktblt ct.
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3 BR ranch w/2 car att gar. Sprinkler, brick pav. Hg liv rm w/mirrors, firepl & bay wndw. Eat-in kit w/lots of cabs & cntl, WI pantry & hrwdw flr. FFL. Mstr ste w/WI clst & full BA.
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TROY \$329,900
Kit w/hrwd flrs opens to din area & liv rm w/hrwd flrs & hg wndw & frpl. Mstr BR w/wic, open loft leads to BR 2 & 3 w/WC and full BA. Fin bsmt w/big FR, office & gst rm.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$339,900
4 BR 3.5 BA col w/2 stry fyr & GR w/frpl w/bridge over FR. Kit w/eating area. Mstr BR w/wic. Grnte t/o. Lib. is 2nd BR, mstr up or down. Fin bsmt has BA & lrg. storage area.
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4 BR 3.5 BA on lot w/pond view. FR w/frpl opens to library. Granite island kit w/bkfst nk. Mstr ste w/wrpool tub, lrg sitting area & 2 wic. Fin w/o ll w/rec rm, kit, BA.
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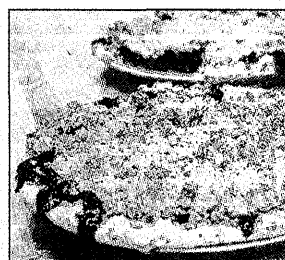
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September fruit pies are end-of-summer comfort foods

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Beverly Hills' own Spencer Perrenoud (left to right), Alex Hill of Detroit, and Katie Swinehart of Ferndale star in the Who Wants Cake? production of "Speech and Debate," at the Ringwald Theatre this month.

They really love their coffee in Village Players of Birmingham's production of the musical romp, "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying." Jerry Weiner of Troy and Liz Michalek of Royal Oak star in the musical comedy.



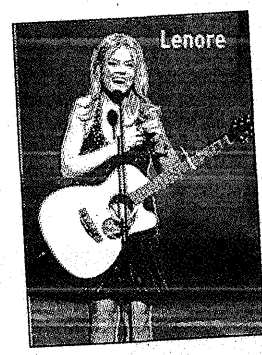
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West Bloomfield resident Sam Logan Khaleghi (pictured) wrote, directed, produced and stars in the feature film *Love is a Thieves Game*, premiering 7 tonight at the Smith Theatre OCC Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10 and all proceeds are donated to the Furniture Bank of Oakland County, which helps those in need obtain gently used furniture and home goods at no cost. Reserve a seat by e-mailing atgmovie@yahoo.com or purchase tickets at the door. Visit www.myspace.com/athievesgamefilm.

By S. Casola

SARAH LENORE'S GOT TALENT

Country crooner Sarah Lenore's star is rising with her success on *America's Got Talent*. The Plymouth native, who now lives in Nashville, made it through the reality show's auditions to Las Vegas, and rose to the Top 40 acts. After playing live on the show Sept. 3, viewer votes helped her advance to the Top 20. As of presstime, she was scheduled to perform a solo again on Wednesday, Sept. 10 with her acoustic guitar. Lenore isn't allowed to give interviews until the show concludes, but stay tuned to FILTER for updates, and watch for Lenore on "America's Got Talent" at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 8:30 p.m. Thursdays on NBC.



By W. Von Buskirk

Theater season hits close to home

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dig out the top hats and faux fur stoles, fall theater season is upon us. And while the Fox, Fisher and Detroit Opera House have plenty to offer downtown in the way of Broadway productions, our community theater companies keep the options unexpected and inviting, all while offering seats right around the corner. We've compiled some of the most anticipated local performances with box offices right in your neighborhood:

TAKE THE PODIUM

Daring Ferndale-based Who Wants Cake? theater company kicked off its sophomore season last weekend with Stephen Karam's *Speech & Debate*. The show, which follows three high school misfits who band together when a shocking gay sex scandal involving a teacher is revealed, runs Friday-Monday through Sept. 29.

The cast includes Alex Hill of Detroit, Spencer Perrenoud of Beverly Hills, Katie Swinehart of Ferndale and Jamie Warrow of Royal Oak. Ferndale's Joe Bailey is directing. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday; and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for Friday and Saturday

shows, \$15 for Sunday matinees and \$10 on Mondays. High school students pay \$10 any show, with valid I.D. The Ringwald Theatre is at 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 545-5545 for reservations.

BACK WHERE YOU BELONG

There's a reason the musical *Hello, Dolly!* is a classic — and it might have more to do with those contagious songs and elaborate dance numbers than it does its history of star-studded casts — including the irreplaceable Barbra Streisand who captured

Please see **THEATER, D3**



Raggle Taggle

LUCK O' THE IRISH

Raggle Taggle will celebrate the half-way point to St. Patrick's Day with two shows in Livonia this weekend. The Celtic band will play 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road. Fish and chips plus corned beef and cabbage meals will be available for purchase. On Saturday, Sept. 13, 8-11 p.m., the band will perform at Claddagh Irish Pub at 17800 Haggerty Road. Both free shows will feature the best in Irish sing-a-long tunes, lilty ballads, humor and good-natured fun. Visit www.raggletaggleband.com.

By W. Von Buskirk

S3 Entertainment Group going, growing in Ferndale

Editor's Note: This is the third in an ongoing series of stories highlighting the hometown impact of a newly passed 2008 Michigan tax incentive on a now burgeoning local film industry in and around metro Detroit. The incentives offer up to a 42 percent cash rebate as long as the production spends \$50,000 in Michigan.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

The headquarters of Ferndale-based S3 Entertainment Group just keeps getting bigger. According to Jeffrey Spilman, managing director, the full-service film production company — with

offices in Michigan, New York and California — has grown exponentially over the past few months. Days after the Michigan tax incentives for filmmakers were announced in April, the company rented a 250-square-foot space in Troy. By mid-May, S3 had moved to Ferndale, taking over 2,500 square feet in a warehouse north of 8 Mile. Now trucks and trailers surround the 22,000-square-foot building in the city's northeastern corridor. Inside, the space houses \$3 million to \$5 million in equipment needed for film sets. The soon-to-be storage, office space

and prop and set house recently stored a sleek dark green Gran Torino. It remained parked, guarded and hidden under cover until it was time to roll the vehicle out for use in Clint Eastwood's film by same name, which wrapped production last month. S3EG provided everything from equipment to catering on *Gran Torino*. The company also assisted with location scouting for *Youth In Revolt*, Miguel Arteta's film based on the darkly funny C.D. Payne novel, filming early last summer around Royal Oak

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Jeff Spilman

BACK TO THE 101

The Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music welcome students of all ages and musical experience back to class, beginning Sept. 22. Open since April by owners Jason and Sherry Gittinger, the Royal Oak school's well-attended summer camps and growing enrollment have led to an expansion of new classes, including *Live Audio 101*, *Entertainment Law 101*, *Indie Rock 101*, *Studio Techniques 101* and *Music Theory 101*. Private lessons are also available, as are adult or student band lessons. For more, visit www.detroitsofrockandpop.com or call 888-988-ROCK.

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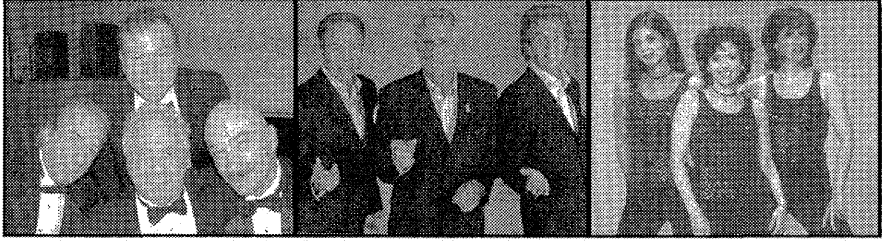
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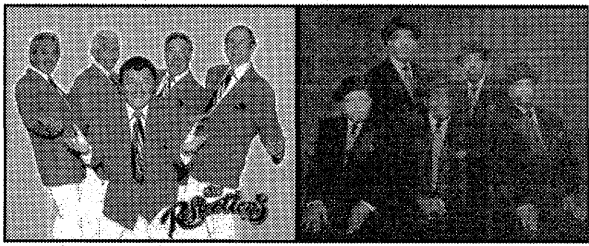


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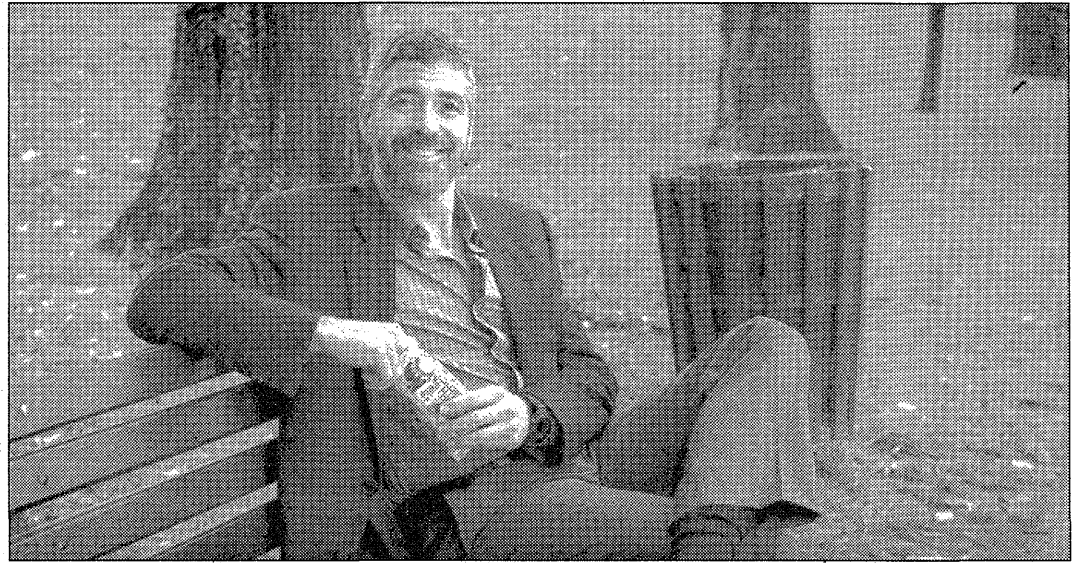
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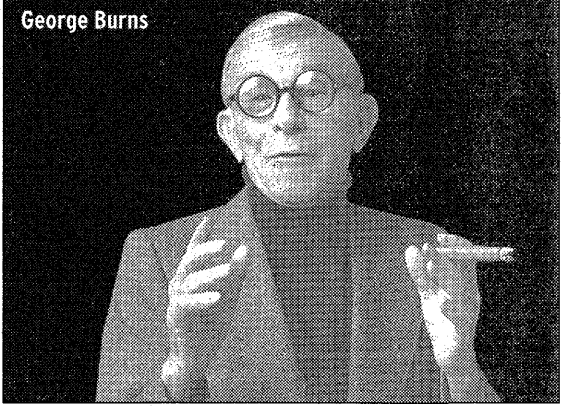


George Clooney in "Burn After Reading," which opens this week.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend of Sept. 12-16, 2008:

12 Summer winds down and the **Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit** heats up, presenting three new exhibits beginning at 7 p.m., as well as live music by Blanche and openers, Gardens. **Broadcast** brings together 13 artists who incorporate radio and television into their work, so be prepared to see, hear and experience installations like Gregory Green's radio station which will allow visitors to play DJ or give the news. **Business as Usual** explores the link between art and commerce, curated by Jacob Proctor. And **Becoming: Photographs from the Wedge Collection** delves into cultural identity with historical and contemporary portraits surrounding the black experience as portrayed by artists from the U.S., Canada and Africa. Family programs will accompany the exhibitions, through Dec. 28. MOCAD is at 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 832-6622 or visit www.mocadetroit.org.



George Burns

14 The spirit of George Burns, and his undying love for Gracie Allen, lives on in the Broadway hit **Say Goodnight Gracie**, showing 6 tonight at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Writer Rupert Holmes earned a Tony nomination for the show in 2003. Dubbed a "love story 100 years in the making," this marks a Michigan premiere for the production, which stars Frank Gorshin as George Burns. Tickets \$25-\$39.50, call (313) 963-9800

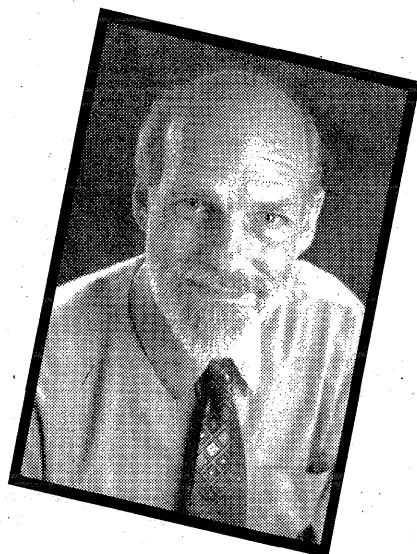
15 If you think something's different downtown, you're right. The **Detroit People Mover** is now running in the opposite direction. Don't feel too disoriented, check train times at www.thepeople-mover.com and take a ride.

13 Singles get up to speed with **Metro Detroit Speed Dating**, 8 p.m. at AJ's Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile, in Ferndale. Participants will rotate tables every 8 minutes and vote on whether they'd like to arrange a date with the singles they encounter. Admission is \$15 to participate. Visit www.ajsmusic-cafe.com.

16 The Coen Brothers go for a dark spy-comedy in their latest film, the star-studded **Burn After Reading**. John Malkovich is an ousted CIA official whose memoirs accidentally land in the hands of two gym employees set on exploiting the incident for all its worth. With George Clooney (pictured at top), Frances McDormand and Brad Pitt. This Focus Features film is rated R and now showing in area theaters.

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DSO Cellist kicks off local chamber series

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

As principal cellist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Robert deMaine is used to playing for crowds of 2,000 or more.

Yet the Grosse Pointe musician relishes the chance to connect with a more intimate audience.

He will kick off the Vivace Music Series at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Birmingham Temple.

"Chamber music is designed for smaller spaces, so I think it's fitting that these works are presented by such generous people who care about serious music-making, such as the Vivace Series presenters," deMaine said. "It fills me with optimism for the future of the performing arts, especially for the much smaller niche of

chamber music."

According to Claire Levine, long-time co-chair of the music series, Vivace was established to take advantage of the fine acoustics at the temple and bring world-class music close to home.

"We thought it would add vitality to the community, bring people together, give artists a venue," said Levine, of Farmington Hills. "We were a group of music lovers, and we were eager to present music in an artistic way."

deMaine, who joined the DSO in 2002, will play a 19th-century Romantic-era program including Adagio and Allegro by Robert Schumann; Sonata in A Major by Beethoven; Sonata by Cesar Franck; and the Introduction and Polonaise Brillante by Chopin.

He will be accompanied by pianist Zhihua Tang.

"The concerts at the Birmingham Temple are always exceedingly well-attended, which bodes very well for our art," he said. "The Birmingham Temple is small enough that the intimacy factor is there, but large enough for an appropriate amount of expansiveness."

The four-part concert series continues with classical and folkloric music by Alturas Duo on Nov. 8; award-winning, young Michigan pianist Christopher Atzinger on April 4, 2009; and stellar New Orleans Jazz-style vocalist Joan Bow on May 2, 2009.

Tickets for the whole series are \$72, or \$60 for members and seniors, and include an elegant Afterglow, where concertgoers and performers mingle over refreshments. Levine said prices have not

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Robert deMaine, principal cellist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will kick off the Birmingham Temple Vivace Music Series on Sunday, Sept. 14.

been raised for years, and simply cover costs. "We treat our musicians very well," she said. "We take our music very seriously."

CANTON JAZZ CAFE

The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill kicks off the 'All About Jazz Cafe' this Saturday, Sept. 13 in its Biltmore Studio, a cozy setting for enjoying live music. The unique monthly Jazz experience features the Tony Ruda Quartet in partnership with the Michigan Jazz Society, and invites soloists to come up to the stage and sit in with the band. In addition to Ruda, the quartet consists of Andy Conlin on drums, Keith Kaminski on saxophone and Kurt Krahnke on bass. Future dates are Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Dec. 6, Jan. 17, 2009, Feb. 14, March 21 and April 25. To purchase tickets (\$17 for single shows or \$120 for all eight) visit The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, or www.canton-mi.org/villageattheatre; or call (734) 394-5460.

By W. Von Buskirk

VOTE FOR PUBLIC ENEMY

Rock and Hip Hop collides when *African American Family Magazine* hosts **Detroit Rocks the Vote**, a politically-charged rally featuring keynote speaker Chuck D of Public Enemy and live performances by The Volebeats, The Go, Deastro, The Muggs, Black Milk and much more, Sept. 17 at The Fillmore, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The goal is to increase voter turnout and encourage young voters to get informed. The MTV-created Rock the Vote campaign is a non-partisan, non-profit effort and this event will feature participants from the Detroit Urban League, Southwest Detroit Business Association and more. Representatives will be on-hand to register new voters. Tickets are \$20 for this 18 and over show, visit www.ticketmaster.com or see www.myspace.com/detroitrocksthevote for details.

By S. Casola

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THEATER

FROM PAGE D1

Dolly on film in 1969, Don't miss the musical comedy about matchmaker Dolly Gallagher Levi, who managed to turn heads at the Turn of the Century in New York.

The Spotlight Players take on this timeless piece, with Novi's Barbara Bloom directing and Oakland Township's Alison Boggs in the lead role. "Dolly is a feel good show," said Boggs. "With all the challenges we have in life these days it's so encouraging to have the gift of theater to take us away from it all to a better time and place, even if it's just for a few hours."

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19-20, 26-28, Oct. 3-5, at The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets \$16-\$18, visit www.spotlightplayers.net.

BACK TO BUSINESS

The Village Players of Birmingham will open their 86th season with laughter, thanks to the production *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. The play features the voice of WJMC radio personality Dick Purtan in a role that featured Walter Cronkite on Broadway. Starring in the show are Troy's Jerry Weiner and Royal Oak's Liz Michalek.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying runs at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-27 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 and 28, at The Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. Tickets \$17, call (248) 644-2075 or visit www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

NEIL SIMON WITH A TWIST

Fans of the Neil Simon classic tale, *The Odd Couple* won't want to miss the premiere show of The Players Guild of Dearborn's 81st season. Taking a twist on the slob vs. neat freak tale, this version features a female cast. Northville's Patricia LaFramboise directs *The Odd Couple - The Female Version*.

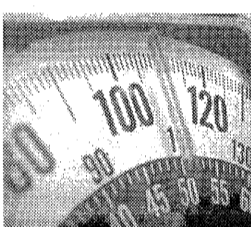
The show features Livonia's Nancy Valenti as divorced sportswriter Olive Madison and Emily Tyrybon of Wyandotte is Florence Unger. *The Odd Couple - The Female Version* runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sundays from Sept. 12-14, 19-21, 26-28, all at 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Tickets are \$15. Call (313) 561-TKTS or visit www.playersguildofdearborn.org.

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September fruit pies are comfort foods for end of summer

BY LANA MINI
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The best part of September in Michigan is produce in season and that means: pie!

It's a great time of year for pie to make on your own or to be lazy and go dine out.

Here's a list of quality pie restaurants plus two easy apple pie recipes that you can make in a single afternoon. One recipe is very fast and includes a store-bought crust. The second includes homemade crust directions.

Or, try these folks who have perfected pie recipes.

ACHATZ HANDMADE PIE

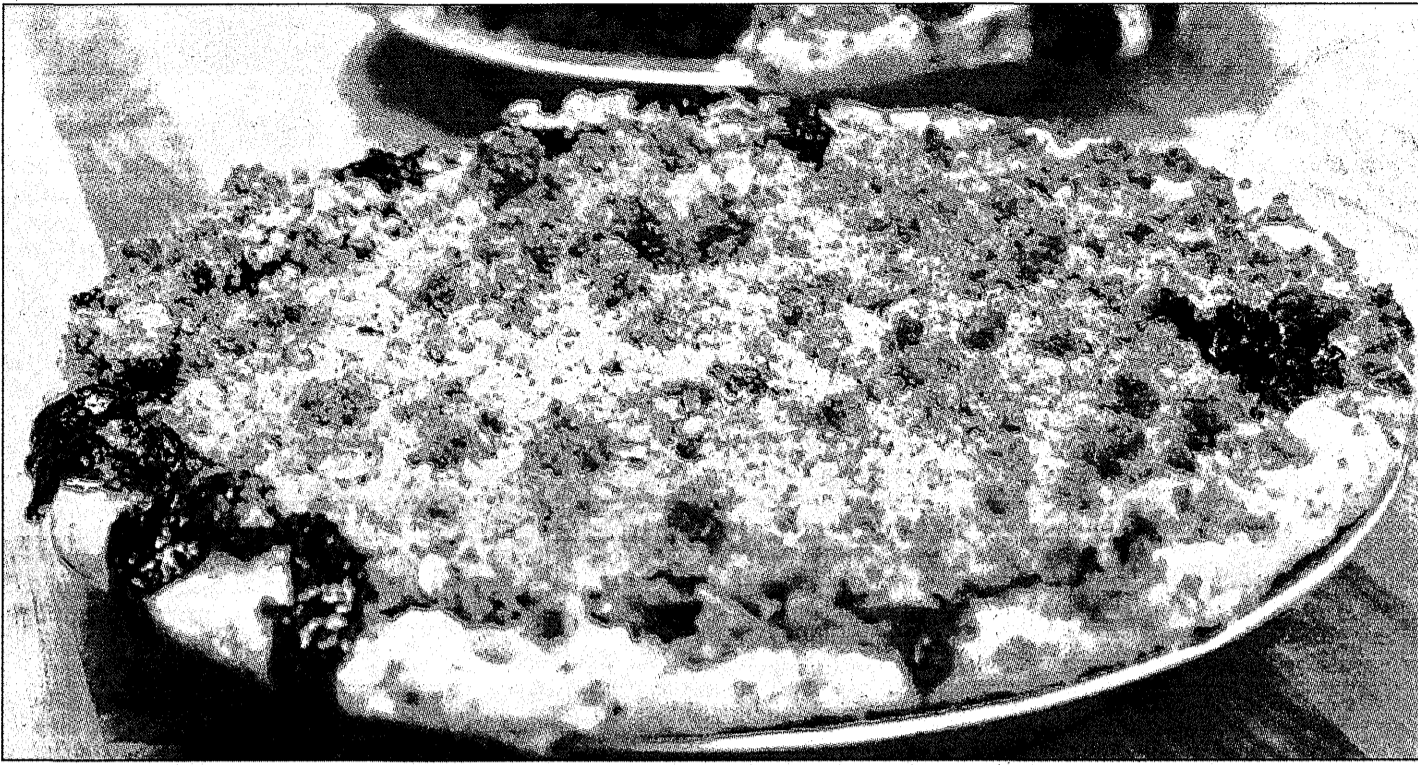
I've never had a bad pie here. In fact, every pie is beyond delicious. I love the Michigan Four Berry signature pie made with cherries, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries topped with crumb topping.

Locations include 1063 East Long Lake Road in Troy, and find the pies at Whole Foods Markets; Cucina Leone in Birmingham; Papa Joe's markets in Birmingham and Rochester; and at Kruse & Muer in Rochester Hills.

INN SEASON CAFE

I love every pie they offer. I love their peace pie with regular crust and blueberry or peach crumble with a scoop of soy vanilla ice cream and hot tea served in real China cups. I love dining there on weekdays around 8 p.m. as the sun starts to set and the lights in the small cozy restaurant are warm and dim. 500 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak.

GRAND TRAVERSE PIE COMPANY



Achatz's Four Berry Pie.

Sit down inside the restaurant and enjoy the Long Lake Cherry Berry pie with raspberries and cherries; or try the Splenda cherry or apple sugar-free for those who watch their sugar levels. My favorite is the Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb and the Caramel Apple Crumb, topped with pecans and caramel. Locations include 41640 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth and 1446 Maple Road, Troy.

GRECIAN CAFE

Have a fruit pie craving after a night out dancing at the clubs? Pregnant and have a craving? This casual family-owned restaurant is open 24 Hours and has quality desserts. Pie and coffee served late at night, perfect. 413 N. Main St., Plymouth.

BAKER'S SQUARE

Sit down for a homestyle meal and then try the featured pie of the month. In September it's the Dutch Apple Streusel with raisins and a crunchy crumb topping. It's a winning pie recipe from the 2008 American Pie Council. Location include 29622 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

THE EASIEST APPLE PIE

5-6 Granny Smith apples, sliced thin
1/2 cup softened margarine
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 & 1/2 tablespoons cinnamon
1 pre-made, 9-inch pie crust
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
In a bowl, stir half of the margarine into the brown sugar and

spices. Place apples in the crust. Add the remaining margarine over the apples.

Crumble the brown sugar mixture on top of the apples. Bake 45 minutes, or until apples are soft when pierced with a knife.

EASY APPLE PIE WITH FRESH CRUST

For the Pie Crust:
3 cups whole wheat pastry flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup margarine

6 tablespoons room temperature water

In a medium bowl lightly mix the flour and salt with a fork. Cut in margarine with a knife until and stir with fork until mixture resembles big crumbs.

Add the water, a little at a time. Mix it with a fork very gently until pastry holds together.

Using your hands, divide into 2 pieces, one slightly larger (for the top). Gently shape each piece into a ball.

On slightly floured surface with floured rolling pin, roll the larger ball into a 1/8 inch thick circle, that is at least two inches larger than the pie tin.

Roll half of circle onto rolling pin; transfer pastry to pie plate and unroll, easing into bottom and side of plate. Add the apple mixture as indicated below.

APPLE PIE FILLING

1/2 cup white sugar (or other sweetener)
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons whole wheat pastry flour
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 teaspoons lemon juice
7-8 cups sweet apples
1 tablespoon margarine

Put bottom crust in bottom of nine-inch pie plate (see recipe above).

Preheat oven to 425° F.

In a small bowl, combine both sugars, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg. Place half the apples in crust and sprinkle it with half of sugar mixture.

Add the remaining apples, then the remaining sugar mixture. Dot the top with margarine.

Roll out remaining crust and place over pie. Fold pastry overhang and then bring over pie plate rim. Pinch the crust to form a high edge. If you want a golden glaze-brush the top with any type of milk — excluding the edges.

Bake pie for 45 minutes or until crust is golden.



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port feature films heading here, but to keep them coming back. Crews need to be trained. Equipment - like lighting and rigs - needs to be easily accessible. Travel agencies, housing, transportation and catering companies are expected to provide superior, sometimes immediate service. Location scouts, music licensing, and tax credit experts and post-production houses are all part of the well-choreographed business behind movie-making.

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"We are a studio." He's certain the net effect will be positive for Michigan's economy. "Hollywood is spending," he said, adding that the impact can be seen everywhere from booked-solid rooms at Troy's Somerset Inn to a Clawson laundromat that's providing services to at least 150 film industry employees. The owner of a Warren-based cafe approached the set of Gran Torino with a plate of award-winning brownies and was hired to provide catering services.

When it comes to potential filming locations, Spilman said Michigan has the ability to change face. Its northern cities can resemble New England.

Its lakes can look like oceans and its sand dunes might as well be the Sahara, he said. So far the most popular cities for filming include Ferndale, Ann Arbor, Highland Park and Rochester Hills. They're the sort of places where film producers aren't stumbling across significant red tape, where local businesses and residents are showing support.

Spilman said the combination of tax incentives, a growing infrastructure and locally-hired crew members will support "a strong film industry here for years to come."

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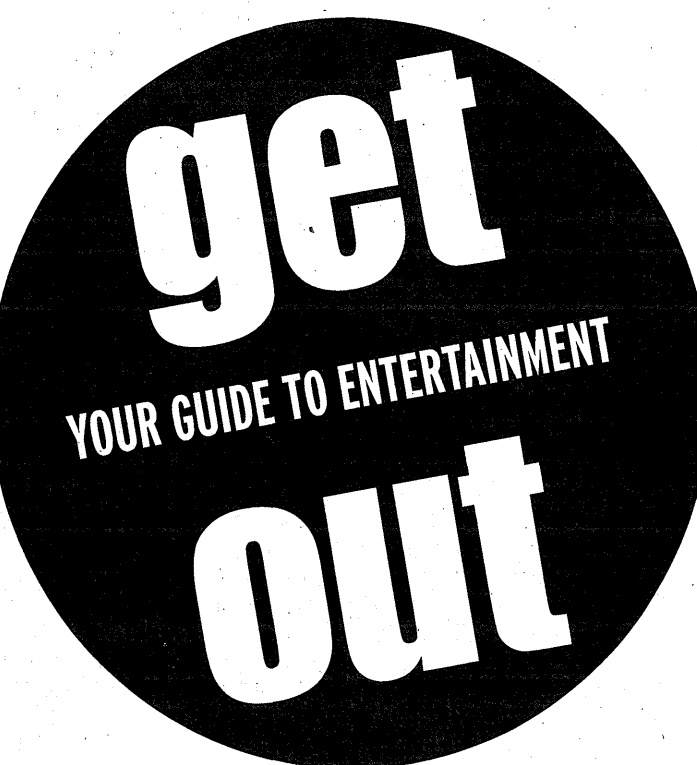
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4 p.m. Nov. 9; Tommy Ramone's Bluegrass Band "Uncle Monk" with special guest Black Jake & The Carnies, 4 p.m. Nov. 16, 2105 South Blvd., Auburn Hills, (248) 858-9508, www.ATCALLAHANS.com.

Crofoot Ballroom: Dirty Americans, Sept. 13, 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.

Edison's: No One Else, Sept. 11; The Robot Lovers, Sept. 12-13; The Blue Kings, Sept. 18; No One Else, Sept. 19-20; Aaron Vaughn Band, Sept. 25; Bazooka Charlie, Sept. 26-27, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

Four Green Fields: The Mydols, fund-raiser for Carolyn Steele, 6 p.m. Sept. 21, \$5, Northwood Shopping Plaza, 13 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 506-0531.

Magic Bag: Gaelic Storm, Sept. 12; Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, Sept. 23; Brian Vander Ark, Sept. 26, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Traveling Fork: The Bomb Squad, 9 p.m. Sept. 12 & 19; Just Sinatra, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13, 20 & 27; Kimberly Fairchild, 8 p.m. Sept. 26, located inside Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, (734) 464-1300, www.radisson.com/livoniaini.

COMEDY

City Theatre: The Young American Comedy Tour, with Mike Young, Bobby Lee and Steve Ramazzini, 7 p.m. Sept. 27, \$31.50, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

The Fillmore: Cheech & Chong, Sept. 20; Carlos Mencia, \$42.50, Nov. 22, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

Fox Theatre: George Lopez, Sept. 20, \$49.50-\$59.50; Young Guns of Comedy with Arnez J, Lavell Crawford, Kevin Hart and host Sheryl Underwood, Sept. 27; Robin Williams, Oct. 3; Kathy Griffin, Oct. 18; Jeff Dunham, Nov. 29, \$37.50-\$65, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Gilda's Comedy Walk: Gilda's Jokes and Junk Food Walk Registration Party, Sept. 18; Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Royal Oak; Family fund-raising walk, entertainment, food, kids activities, Sept. 20, Detroit Zoo, (248) 577-0800, cmcqueen@gildasclub-detroit.org.

Go Comedy! Improv Theatre: Opening October 2008, 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale, visit www.goedmy.com.net.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Joe Louis Arena: Jeff Dunham Spark of Insanity tour, Nov. 29, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Craig Shoemaker, Sept. 11-13; Jokes & Junkfood fundraiser, Sept. 18; Phil Palisouli, Sept. 19-20; Greg Giraldo, Sept. 25-27, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

Michigan Theatre: Brian Regan, Sept. 28; Daniel Tosh, Oct. 10, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Children of Bodom, Oct. 4; Relient K with Ludo, This Providence, House of Heroes, Oct. 11; Slightly Stoopid, Oct. 23; The Rose Trims Again feat. Dir en Grey, The Human Abstract, Nov. 18; All Time Low, Nov. 21, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Molly Hatchett, Blackfoot, Nazareth, Sept. 7; Journey, Heart, Cheap Trick, Sept. 9; Lou Gramm performs Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band album, opens Patty Smyth & Scandal, Sept. 12; Toby Keith, Sept. 14; Mary J. Blige, Sept. 28, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, (248) 645-6666.

The Fillmore-Detroit: Sigur Ros, Sept. 23; Seether, Sept. 24; Common and NERD, Sept. 28; My Morning Jacket, Oct. 4; Ben Folds, Oct. 9; Gym Class Heroes, Oct. 25; Henry Rollins, Oct. 26; Kinds of Leon, Nov. 8, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, Call (248) 645-6666.

The Fox Theatre: Maze, Sept. 13; Kem with Rahaan Patterson, Sept. 26; Celtic Thunder, Oct. 14; Maxwell, Oct. 19, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Joe Louis Arena: How Sweet the Sound, a gospel choir competition, Sept. 20; Carrie Underwood, Oct. 4; So You Think You Can Dance, Oct. 25; Metallica with Machinehead, The Sword, Jan. 13, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

Majestic Theatre: Buckethead, Sept. 29, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.

Michigan Theatre: Zappa Plays Zappa, Oct. 2; Alanis Morissette, Oct. 7, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Celine Dion, Sept. 26; Janet Jackson, Sept. 27; Weezer with Angels & Airwaves, Sept. 29; The Who, Oct. 21; New Kids on the Block, Oct. 25; Coldplay, Nov. 3; The Cheetha Girls, Dec. 2; Sarah Brightman, Dec. 3, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Keller Williams, Sept. 21; Deterium, Sept. 26; Pretty Ricky, Sept. 27; Citizen Cope, Sept. 30, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royalokmusictheatre.com.

St. Andrew's Hall: Lagwagon and MXPX, Sept. 19; Bayside with The Matches, Valencia and The Status, Oct. 8; Old 97s, Oct. 11; Pepper, Oct. 28; Dredg, Nov. 14; Matt Nathanson, Sept. 22, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

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Rene Ruiz Trunk Show
WEST BLOOMFIELD – Marguerite will host a trunk show featuring Rene Ruiz gowns Sept. 11-13 at its new location at The Boardwalk shopping center, 6923 Orchard Lake Road. Call (248) 932-5252.

Eco-boutique fashion show
BIRMINGHAM – Root and Sprout – a new eco-friendly boutique coming soon to Birmingham – will stage a fashion show during the Birmingham Showhouse preview gala, 5:30 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 at 386 Westchester. The evening includes eco-friendly food, wine and design. Tickets, \$100-\$150, benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan and CARE House of Oakland County. Call (248) 877-1000 or visit www.birminghamshowhouse.com.

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METRO DETROIT – Every Tuesday, Play It Again Sports – including locations in Canton and Livonia – will donate 10 percent of profits to a local charity.



This gown is among those on display as Marguerite hosts a Rene Ruiz trunk show Sept. 11-13.

Recipients include Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit, Sept. 16; JARC, Sept. 23; and Holy Cross Children's Services, Sept. 30. Visit www.playitagainsports.com.

Parisian puts spotlight on fall trends

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
 O&E STAFF WRITER

Fall is here, and with it comes the chance to relish cool weather clothes. Heidi Frank, a trend expert for The Bon Ton Stores, Inc., shared the season's top staples with PINK.

THE COLOR PURPLE

Leaves may be turning gold and red, but store racks are filling up with shades of purple. According to Frank, you've simply got to find a way to incorporate the royal color into your wardrobe.

"I would say certainly the color of the season is purple across the bar, from ready-to-wear to accessories, shoes and handbags," Frank said. "Gray is a nice secondary color to work back to the purple. You'll see it in the stores, mixing in with those bold shades."



Victor by Victor Alfaro gold cuffs, some with purple stones, make a statement this season.

LAYER IT UP

The key to being prepared for any weather – and every situation – is to pile on the style. Everywhere you turn, from fashion magazines to runway shows, you'll see the layered look with cardigans and jackets topping off everything from dresses to jeans and tees. "Layering is really key," Frank said.

Animal Attraction

Animal prints are still running strong this season, Frank said. Look for zebra and cheetah jackets and crew necks, along with croc and python purses and shoes.

"They're really a good way to add a little drama to your wardrobe," Frank said.

Grandpa's Sweater

If you're going to buy just one new item this fall, make it an oversized grandfather cardigan that will keep you both cute and cozy. Frank recommends a sweater with lots of luxurious texture, like chunky big waffle stitches that look hand woven.

"Last fall I bought one and I wore it as a jacket right up until there were snowflakes in the air. They work in a corporate setting or for weekend wear."

Feminine Flair

Delicate touches bring out the girly girl in womenswear this season. Silk and satin blouses in bold colors with ruffles or bows around the neck are an easy way to punch up pencil skirts and trousers.

But feminine touches can also be found on dresses, jackets and tees. Decorative sleeves also add character to the season's styles.

Shoes and boots

When it comes to shoes, retro styles and vintage looks from Mary Janes to oxfords complement the-



This look from Victor by Victor Alfaro, a new line at Parisian, embodies the season's top trends, from animal prints to layers.

blousy ruffles and frills. Slouch flat boots are a great option too, perfect for tunics and the wide variety of hosiery – from leggings to tights in various colors and patterns – that are hot right now.

The final touch

Don't forget to top it all off with dramatic jewelry. Pick one thing to emphasize, either a statement necklace or bracelet, or some oversized earrings.

"Chandelier earrings or big bold hoops are popular," Frank said.

When in doubt let your jewelry reflect one of the season's other trends by choosing layers of chains, or stones in berry tones.

Parisian, owned by The Bon Ton Stores, Inc., are located at Laurel Park Place

JDRF SHOPPING BENEFIT

What: Parisian and Ford Motor Company will team up to host a shopping event for charity. The evening includes a fashion presentation with the season's top trends, tastings from local restaurants, a meet-and-greet with the Detroit Ignition, and 20 percent off regular and sale priced merchandise throughout the store.

When: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14

Where: Parisian Laurel Park Place, Livonia

Tickets: \$10 per person, benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

in Livonia, The Village of Rochester Hills, and The Mall at Partridge Creek in Macomb Township.

pink picks

By Wensdy

To launch our 4th Annual Reader PINK Picks Contest, we 'picked' a selection of items available at Parisian department stores. Fill out the form below and enter your own picks to win gift baskets full of prizes from Parisian, as well as the chance to see your picks published in PINK!



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Kick It!
 UGG sweater boots

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Tote It!
 Victor by Victor Alfaro Italian leather handbags

Jewel It!
 Chunky cocktail rings

Smell It!
 Secret Obsession for Women

See It!
 The Women

TiVo It!
 Coco Chanel 8 p.m. Sept. 13 on Lifetime

Face It!
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Drink It!
 Hot Caramel Apple Cider at Coffee Beanery.

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PARISIAN

Each week, PINK highlights what's hot and what's not in our popular 'PINK Picks' feature. Now, it's your turn to pick 'em.

Fill out our fun PINK Picks form here or online, and share your favorite things to wear, watch, see and do. Everyone who enters has the chance to see some of their picks published in an upcoming edition of the PINK Page. The top three 'pickers' will have their PINK Picks published in full, and receive fabulous gift baskets courtesy of Parisian, valued up to \$200. So, get picking!

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Enter your choices for the PINK Picks categories below.

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