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After pulling out of first week, marchers open with victory

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band didn't miss a beat from last year's stellar season, taking top honors for their first performance of this year's program, "Kaleidoscope," at the Woodhaven Invitational in Brownstown Township Sept. 20.

In spite of a couple penalties for their incomplete program being seconds too short and their entrance onto the gridiron taking seconds too long, the 170 members marched off with the Flight I first-place trophy and all captions for Best Music, Best Marching, and Best General Effect along with the highest score of the 11 competing bands, 62.9, which narrowly edged Southgate Anderson's first-place Flight II score of 62.75. Livonia Franklin placed second and Westland John Glenn third in Flight I.

"I'm pleased with what they did today," said a smiling Martin Montoya, new director of bands at the Educational Park. "It was a solid day. They put forth everything we had rehearsed all week. Everything we worked on showed up today, so that's all you can ask for."

Salem junior Kayla Ragland, one of the three drum majors, concurred. "I'm very proud of them," she said. "They've put in so much work. We've changed the design of our show and they've been coping with it so well."

Those program changes along with the change in directors has put the program just a little behind schedule this year, according to Montoya, and was one of the reasons for pulling out of the Sept. 13 competition at Novi High School.

"We just needed a little more practice," he explained. "We wanted to make sure we had everything together before we made our debut. I'm pleased with what they did. It's the first show and first shows are always a little jittery."

That was certainly true for Plymouth freshman Michael Wolf, an alto saxophonist.

"I was scared to death," he confessed, "but once I got on the

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PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Color guard member Katie Babcock prepares to catch her flag during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition performance at Woodhaven High School Sept. 20.



Percussionist Eric Desjarlais on tympani focuses on directions from the drum majors.

Skaters are back on Plymouth ice

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's back to the basics at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Nearly four months after city commissioners voted to end the relationship with the city-run basic skills ice skating programming and private figure skating lessons provided by the Skating Academy of Plymouth, a private company will now be setting up shop on the one-sheet ice at the Cultural Center.

Back to Basics is run by Kathy Markovich, 41, of Howell, who has been coaching hockey and figure skating skills for 15 years. Lessons begin Oct. 6.

"We're not just figure skating and basic skills," said Markovich, who has played coed hockey and is certified as a pro coach. "The big difference is that we'll also be training power skating through NHL (National Hockey League) levels. Having a good, sound hockey program is important for any rink. It's a feeder to other hockey programs."

Markovich should know. She is working with several hockey players who could soon be promoted to the NHL. And, she teaches hockey skills to the children of Red Wings captain and All-Star defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom.

Markovich's company will sublet ice time from the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association for \$255 an hour. It's the same price that coaches of the former skating programs could not come up with to continue their programs.

"It's just another way of offering services to the community," said Steve Anderson, recreation department director. "We're very excited to have the across-the-board expertise they bring; not just figure skating and learning to skate but, they bring a lot more to the table with hockey."

Markovich said her group of coaches was teaching at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township when they were forced out in favor of coaches who formerly taught at the Cultural Center.

"We took a program that only had six kids and when we were let go there were several hundred," said Markovich. "It was devastating for us because we worked so hard for four years to build that program."

Markovich said the cost is \$100 for each seven-week skating session, which will be held Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Registration can be completed at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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Plymouth welcomes 3-day walkers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth will put its best foot forward Saturday as it plans to welcome thousands of participants in the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. It's the second straight year walkers will travel through Plymouth as part of the 60-mile event.

The city's Downtown Development Authority plans to put up signs downtown to welcome and encourage walkers, with an official cheer station at Penniman and Main. There are also plans for signs in Old Village, with many people planning cheering sections along the route.

Last year, many offered bottled water, candy, balloons and Band-aids for blisters to walkers as they passed by. Others wore pink wigs and a 10-year-old girl entertained by playing a trombone in her front yard.

"It was an impressive display of support, unlike any other of the communities we passed through," said Sherrie Pryor, the DDA's operations manager who walked the entire distance last year. "It



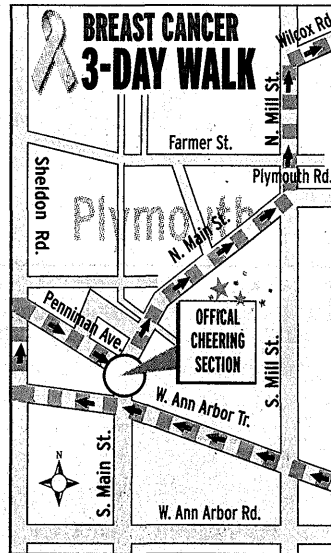
Walkers making the 60-mile trek during last year's Breast Cancer 3-Day got high-fives from encouraging fans as they made their way through Plymouth.

really picks you up when people cheer you and you cheer back. It shows how much they care, it's hard not to be amazed."

A portion of this year's route will have walkers leaving Livonia on Ann Arbor Trail, heading west into Plymouth. Participants will take Ann Arbor Trail through downtown Plymouth and further to Sheldon Road, where they will head north to Penniman, east

to Main Street and take Main north to Mill Street through Old Village. Walkers will take Wilcox Road out of town.

Deb Madonna of Plymouth Township will start early Friday at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College and finish Sunday at The Henry Ford in Dearborn. She'll be walking with a team captain who is a breast cancer survivor, whose sister died last year from



breast cancer at the age of 49.

"I always thought walking 60 miles was kind of crazy, but when I was asked I said 'yes,'" said Madonna. "Not doing it because I would get tired wasn't a good excuse. But, I'm still a little nervous."

Walkers are scheduled to begin arriving in Plymouth Saturday about 9:45 a.m. and continue through the city until about 3:30 p.m.

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Firefighter pact delayed

BY BRAD KADRICH
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It took some 27 months for Plymouth Township and its firefighters union to get an agreement on a new contract, and that had to go to binding arbitration.

Now it'll be at least another three weeks before the pact can be enacted.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume tried to present the three-year deal, which actually expires in March 2009, to the township board for approval Tuesday night.

However, no board members had seen the actual finished product, and were reluctant to sign off on it without a chance to review it. Board members voted unanimously (with Treasurer Ron Edwards absent) to postpone approval of the contract until the board's Oct. 14 meeting.

The firefighters had already OK'd the contract, not that they had any choice. The details were settled by an arbitrator, whose word was final, back in July. The deal runs April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2009.

That means the two sides, who sat through protracted negotiations, will likely be back at the negotiating table sometime by March.

The deal includes a 3-percent pay hike the first year, and 1.5 percent every six months after that and calls for the firefighters to continue paying 1 percent of base pay for health care (unless the firefighter chooses the more expensive PPO plan).

Firefighters were not happy at the delay.

"The proposal was not 'agreed to,'" fire department Capt. Jim Jury said. "It can't be negotiated; it is what it is. We thought it would be done (Tuesday)."

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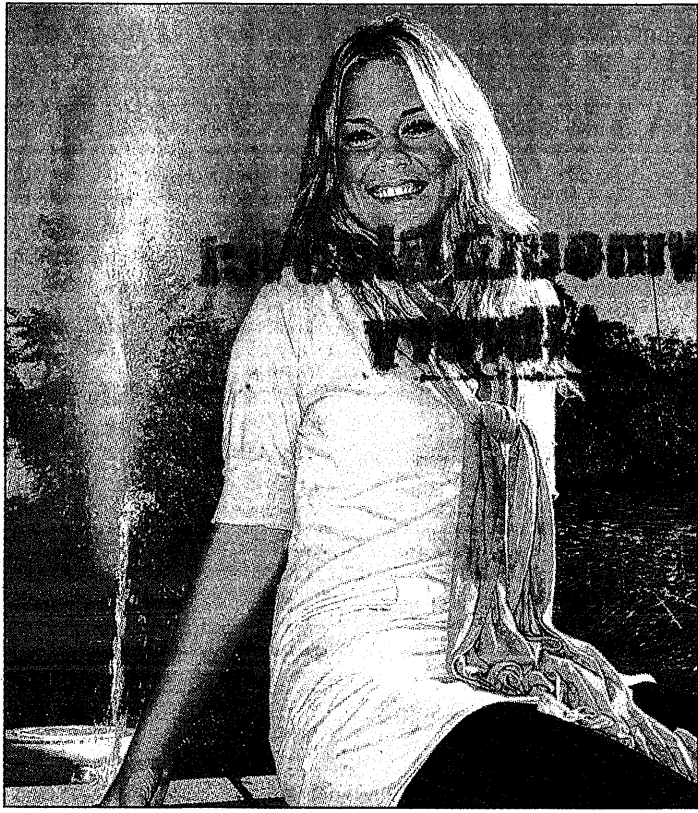
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After finishing her stint on NBC's 'America's Got Talent,' Plymouth native Sarah Lenore is watching her career climb.

Plymouth singer's star shines after TV gig

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Only a week after failing to make the top 10 on the NBC-TV reality show *America's Got Talent*, Plymouth native and country singer Sarah Lenore sat inside Starbucks in downtown Plymouth last week sipping a cup of coffee.

Lenore wasn't lamenting the fact she was told to go home after competing for nearly a year and beating out thousands of other contestants to move into the show's final 20. Just the opposite. Lenore said the 10 months of "roller coaster of emotions" did what she hoped for all along.

"I knew what I was going to get out of it, which was 30 million new fans that would know my face," said Lenore. "What else could I ask for? I've got recording labels asking about

me ... it's the best I could have done."

In fact, it didn't take Lenore long to get over the fact she was told — in front of a national television audience on the nation's highest-rated show — that she didn't make the final 10 and wouldn't be competing for a \$1 million top prize and a show in Las Vegas.

"It wasn't even a half-hour after being booted off the show that my phone started blowing up," said Lenore, referring to calls from recording companies. "I've been talking to a few major labels, a few big managers."

"It's different this time, it's the big dog, the real deal," she said. "People would kill for this in Nashville."

Nashville is where Lenore, 20, moved last year to boost her recording career.

"I kind of hit a plateau in

Michigan," said Lenore. "I opened for every country act that came to town and I was on every country music station in the state. I just couldn't go any further in Detroit."

Lenore has been working on becoming a country singing sensation in Nashville while supporting herself by being a songwriter. It looks like she may be soon writing more songs for herself.

"We're striking while the iron's hot," said Lenore of her talks with recording executives. "I would say I'll have something by after Christmas. I can't wait for my own record to be out and doing sold-out concerts opening for huge acts like Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith or Randy Travis."

Life has already changed since her appearance on *America's Got Talent*.

"Before it was 'There's a singer, she lives in Nashville now,'" said Lenore. "But, now I go out and my face is all over. It's cool having people know me and say 'You're that girl on that show.'"

"I just can't go out in my pajamas anymore," she said. "When I go to Kroger, people know who I am and sometimes they snap pictures on their camera phones. That's why I

don't want to have a successful reality show and be a one-hit wonder. That's why I'm getting on it right now."

Lenore scoffs at comments that as a result of the reality show she's become an overnight success.

"I laugh, this is no overnight success," said Lenore. "My first show was when I was 3½ years old with the Whistle Stop Players at the (Plymouth Community) Arts Council. I played 'Roo in Winnie the Pooh and it's been nonstop ever since."

It's a career that's included performing in a Broadway musical, acting, modeling and her own band since she was 13.

However, despite the fame, Lenore seems to have her feet planted firmly on the ground.

"To my family and friends I'm just the goofy, 20-year-old Sarah," said Lenore. "I love being home with my family and getting that hometown support, they keep me very humble and level-headed. If they see any change they'll knock me on the head."

"Right now, I'm just very grateful," she said. "I don't want it to end."

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All veterans of all wars are invited to a "Homecoming Open House" 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill (just north of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. All veterans organizations will be represented, including VFW, VVA, American Legion, Am Vets, Purple Heart, DAV, and Marine Corps League, and all will have information on their respective organizations.

All veterans and their families are welcome. A light lunch will be served, free of charge.

Uptown Players auditions

The Plymouth Uptown Players hold auditions for the upcoming season 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Auditions are open to children ages 5-12, who are asked to bring a poem to recite. All children who audition will receive a part in a play.

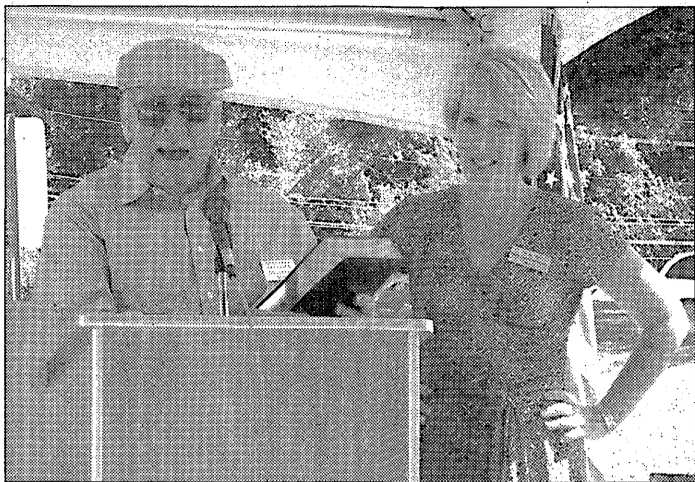
Through this program, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, elementary and middle school aged kids have the opportunity to learn live theater with a group of their peers. This 12 week program culminates in a play performed on a stage at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Long-time director Sharon Belobraidich has returned this year from retirement to lead the Plymouth Uptown Players.

The fee for the program is \$150. For more information contact the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 or tamara@plymoutharts.com

Alternative Teen Fashion Workshop

Area teens are invited to the Plymouth District Library 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, for a fashion workshop.

There will be prizes awarded to the most creative clothing or accessories made out of any recycled materials -



Senior picnic a huge hit

Bob Lipmyer, board president for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox distribute raffle prizes at the Council's 24th annual senior picnic. The picnic held recently at Waterford Bend Park in Northville attracted 180 seniors. Attendees enjoyed lunch, music and extensive array of prizes. The Council is a non-profit organization that coordinates programs to promote and safeguard the well being of senior citizens of the greater Plymouth community.

paper, duct tape, bubble wrap, paper clips and pop tabs, for example. Participants can create their entry at the Library or bring something they have already made.

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Jazz at the Penn

The Schoolcraft Jazz Ensemble plays the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13.

The box office opens at 7:30 p.m., with admission set at \$3.

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The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman. For more information, call (734) 453-0870.

Grief workshop

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Oct. 27.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by John O'Shaughnessy from New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led

by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth. For registration information call the parish office at (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

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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For more information, call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@COMCAST.NET

Shocktober movies

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth presents a "Shocktober Classic Movie Series" throughout October.

The schedule includes: "Creature from the Black

Lagoon," (1954) Thursday, Oct. 9; "Them!" (1954) Thursday, Oct. 16; "House of Wax," (1953) Thursday, Oct. 23; and "Frankenstein," (1931) Thursday, Oct. 30.

The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. Movies start at 7 p.m.; box office opens at 6:30 p.m. All seats are \$3.

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

Parents and Tots

Parents and their children ages 5 and younger are invited to join Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors' newest group, Parents & Tots, for some fun fall activities. This new group provides a means to make new friends while experiencing exciting activities and fun venues in the greater Plymouth area.

The group gets together for a morning of fall fun at the Plymouth Orchards 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7. Parents and tots will learn about orchard life, take a hayride, pick an apple and have a snack of cider and donuts.

The cost is \$4.50 per person. For an additional \$2, participants can pick a pumpkin of their own. Advance payment is

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Smith shopping spree

Smith Elementary School hosts its sixth annual Shopping Spree fund-raiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 in the school gymnasium. Admission is free.

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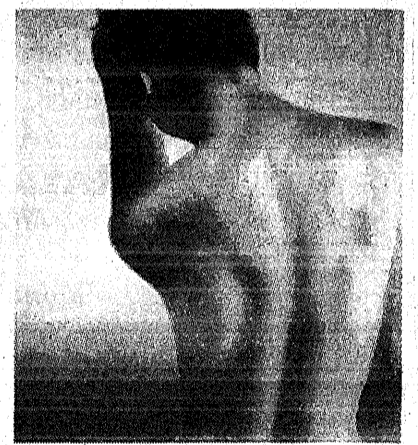
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Schoolcraft College hosts annual college night Oct. 1

Area high school students and their families can investigate the programs of more than 80 colleges and universities during Schoolcraft College's annual College Night on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The event is free and open to the community.

The schools, primarily from Michigan and the Midwest, will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on degrees, fields of study, admission requirements, cost, financial aid, scholarships and extra-curricular activities.

A sample of in-state schools attending include Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Grand Valley State University, Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan Technological University, Eastern, Central and Northern Michigan universities, College for

Creative Studies, Adrian College and Hillsdale College. Out-of-state institutions attending include Bowling Green State University, Penn State University, Wisconsin University, Purdue University, University of Notre Dame and Valparaiso University, to name a few.

College Night will be held in the Physical Education Building of Schoolcraft College's Livonia Campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Typically College Night draws about 3,500 people. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. The colleges are arranged fair-style and in alphabetical order in both gyms so guests can visit as many tables and in the order they wish.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426.

Investors shouldn't overreact to financial crisis

There is a lot to learn from what happened on Wall Street last week.

If you listen to the talking heads and read some of the news stories about the market, you would think that the entire economy was falling apart and that the Great Depression was around the corner.

In fact, I heard the Great Depression referred to a number of times in listening to the talking heads. By the end of the week, the same talking heads were talking a different story.

As investors, we cannot allow ourselves to be swayed by the daily banter that we read and hear. Think about how much money someone would have lost this week by bailing out of the market at the wrong time. Investors must recognize that good news or bad news, the



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Rick Bloom

market tends to overreact. Investors cannot be swayed by short-term volatility. The lesson to learn is don't overreact and take a step back and let some of the dust settle before making a major change in your portfolio.

Whenever a new program or a major change in tax law occurs, promoters of investments start coming out of the woodwork pushing the investment to take advantage of the changing situation.

No matter what the changes are, the rules remain the same. They are:

1.) Before investing in any-

thing, check it out with independent research. Don't believe what someone — who has an interest in an investment — says until you can check it out independently. If you can't check out an investment independently, walk away.

2.) Before investing, review how an investment has performed over time. Look at three-, five- and 10-year track records.

3.) Before investing, understand how the investment works and how you can make money, lose money or get your money out when you want.

4.) Before investing, understand all the costs associated with the investment. Know what an investment costs to buy, sell and hold.

5.) Don't forget — if an investment smells too good to be true, it generally is smelly. You need to be reasonable when it comes to returns. If you let greed enter into your thought process about an investment, your returns will suffer.

The rules on Wall Street and in Washington are always changing. As investors, we also need to follow a set of rules to protect ourselves, and those rules are not subject to change.

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Fall 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College

Unless otherwise noted, events are at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Maps and directions are available at www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/.

Wednesday, October 1 College Night
Representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and distribute informational literature.
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Physical Education Building
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu

Wednesday, October 8 Panayis Lyras, piano
Noon to 1 p.m.
The tradition of free lunchtime recitals at Schoolcraft continues.
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4403

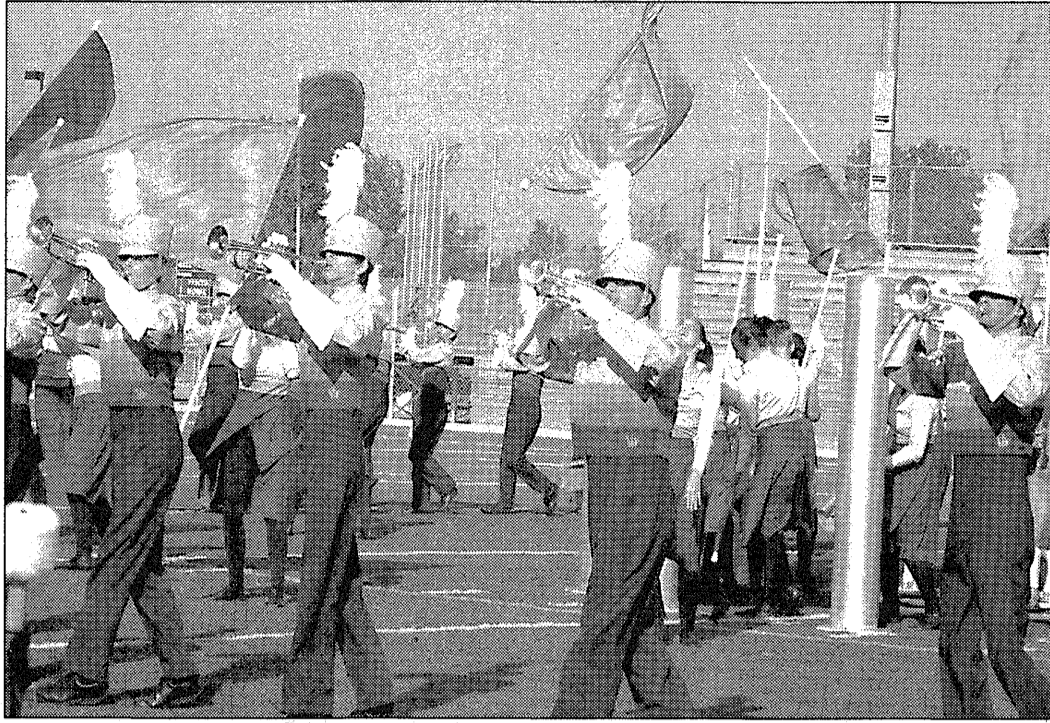
Monday, October 13 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble
The ensemble performs at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$3 donation to Friends of the Penn
Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth
Information: 734-462-4403

Friday, October 24 WRC Luncheon Series "Hiking Michigan"
From Sleeping Bear Dunes to the Porcupine Mountains, authors Susan Wedzel and Roger Storm offer a "guided tour" of trails in some of the most scenic areas in both of Michigan's peninsulas.
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: \$16 (prepaid, includes lunch)
Information: 734-462-4443

Fridays and Saturdays
October 24/25 and November 7/8, 14/15
Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn"
Presented by the Schoolcraft College Theatre Department
This delightful comedy about Harry Baker and the two sons who continually challenge his patience is full of richly comic complications that prove to be unfailingly inventive and delightful.
Dinner Theatre Performances:
October 24/25 and November 7/8
6:30 p.m.
Admission: \$24
Theatre Performances Only:
November 14/15
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$12
Theatre (LA500) inside Liberal Arts Building
Information: 734-462-4596

Sunday, October 26 Halloween Concert
Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble
Seasonal favorites and a children's parade are highlights of this family-friendly concert. Costumes are encouraged.
Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door
Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City
Information: 734-462-4403

Save the date
November 8 (9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.) and **9** (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.), Schoolcraft College Foundation Fall Craft Show (734-462-4518)
November 9 at 4 p.m., Schoolcraft College Choral Union Fall Concert (734-462-4403)
November 12 at noon, Logan Skelton, piano and Jennifer Goltz, soprano (734-462-4403)
November 14 at 8:00 p.m., James Tocco, piano (734-462-4403)
December 5 at 11:45 a.m., WRC Luncheon Series, "The Parade Company" (734-462-4443)
December 5 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Wind and Artist Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4403)
December 12 at 7 p.m., Bach Piano Honors Recital (734-462-4403)
December 12 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Jazz and Synthesizer Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4400, ext. 5)
December 14 at 4 p.m., "A Winter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert (734-462-4403)



DIANE HANSON

Plymouth-Canton marchers (from left) Janet Swales, Garrett Wojcik, Matt Seidlik, and Jeff Garcia raise their trumpets high as the color guard's flags fly at the Woodhaven Invitational Saturday. The 170-member marching band took top honors for the performance of their program, "Kaleidoscope."

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field and I was waiting for part two, it went away. I was focused and did everything right." Montoya said that while the band members have learned about three quarters of the program, they only performed

about half of it on Saturday. That's because "we want to make sure we are putting forth the most solid package out there," he explained. "We scrutinize every song selection, every visual aspect and we make sure it's planned out to the most specific detail so that once we learn it, it is what we want to put out there. The process we have works for us pretty well."

More of the show will be revealed at the Trenton competition Sept. 27 and nearly the entire show will be ready by the Bands of America Regional Competition at EMU on Oct. 11.

"The last quarter of our program is really the most challenging and difficult part of our show," said Montoya. "That's where the fast, the loud, and the color all come together. The show is all a big progression toward complexity, speed and color." Color Guard Director Jenifer Leseth is pleased with the show's progression and Montoya's direction. "Martin (Montoya) is doing a great job," she said. "The transition has been going very smoothly also due to the consistency of the parents and a few key staff people who have been here for awhile. And, of course, the kids really know how the program works."

Expert says regional cooperation and education vital to success

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kurt Metzger exhorts metro Detroiters to reach across city-suburban lines. At the same time, the Pleasant Ridge resident enjoys the services he receives as a taxpayer in that small Oakland County community.

"We either rise together or we fall together," said Metzger of what he calls "equitable regionalism."

The director of research for United Way for Southeastern Michigan spoke to the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Tuesday. Metzger, who's been with the U.S. Census Bureau and Wayne State University, talked about how United Way changed its funding three years ago, examining what areas need focus.

"We talked about the need for education," he said. Financial stability, including financial literacy, is also a focus.

He noted a 34-percent poverty rate in Detroit, set at \$21,000 for a family of four. The recent announcement of an AT&T call center in the city isn't quite enough.

"As great as that is the pay is not exactly the best," Metzger said, noting pay would put such a family right around the poverty rate. "Poverty has now visited the suburbs in numbers we've never seen before."

As many in the suburbs are poor, and food stamp use has risen in the suburbs, Metzger pointed out.

"Once the population started to move out the businesses started to move out as well," he said of post-World War II movement to the suburbs.

'Businesses are going where the talent is. We're competing against regions with much higher educations. If you've got an education you can find work.'



KURT METZGER, director of research for United Way of Southeastern Michigan

Population's been redistributed around the region, which still has some four million people.

"We sprawl in this region more than any other region in the country," he said.

Dearborn and Hamtramck have growth driven by immigration, he said, but that's not true of the city of Detroit. The 1990s brought outmigration of blacks, many for education, especially those with higher incomes.

In the city of Detroit, 70 percent of children are born out of wedlock, Metzger noted.

Detroit's daytime population is slightly less than its residents "which is not the way it's supposed to operate." The city even went years without a movie screen until recently, Metzger said.

Detroit's unemployment is at least two to three times that of the suburbs, and Detroit residents earn about half what suburbanites do. Employment centers are spread around, impacting mass transit efforts. There's no point, for example, in buses or light rail downtown for people who work in Novi.

Metzger noted violent crime nationwide is actually down, although there's a lot of property crime. He said 24-hour media coverage including nonlocal crimes makes the impact seem greater.

He returned to his education theme, saying Seattle's city limits have 51 percent college graduates compared to 11 percent in Detroit. Such pluses as diversity, density, walkability, mass transit and safety elude much of Detroit.

"There are a lot of people that are finally saying 'Enough.'" He cited efforts to boost educational attainment to compete with other cities and regions.

"Businesses are going where the talent is," including Boston, Chicago and Atlanta. "We're competing against regions with much higher educations." Jobs requiring education will be the growth area in Wayne County: "If you've got an education you can find work," Metzger said.

A note of local interest: The Plymouth-Canton school district has many more African-American and Asian students now, with a 77 percent white total as compared to almost 95 percent in 1991-92.

"It was a very enlightening talk," said Rotarian Joanne Lamar, who introduced Metzger. Lamar, a nurse manager with the Henry Ford system, had heard him speak previously. "I know he's been very active in all the local doings," she said.

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P-CEP students named National Merit semifinalists

Fourteen students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have been named semifinalists for the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students - Canton High School seniors Willa Chen, Ke Ding, Katherine Marion, George Muresan, Ryan Randall and Santosh Shanmuga, Plymouth High School seniors Monika Kothari and Amy Shen and Salem High School seniors Nikita Consul, Kelley Determan, Derrick Fu, Megan Ghasin, Linda Ling and Surya Nagaraja - rank as high scorers in the nation.

The National Merit Scholarship Program has named approximately 16,000 academically talented high school seniors as semifinalists. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards (about \$32 million) to be offered

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next spring. Students entered the National Merit and Achievement competitions by taking the 2008 PSAT/NMSQT. Students must fulfill several requirements to become a Finalist--record of high academic performance in college prep course work, SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance, detailed scholarship information about extracurricular activities and leadership positions, self-descriptive essays and full endorsement of the high school principal.

Odyssey Award for history

Darrin Silvester, social studies teacher at Salem High School, has been chosen to receive one of three



Silvester

2008 Odyssey Awards. Recipients were chosen based on their depth of knowledge about Michigan history; demonstrated leadership

in helping others learn about Michigan history, both in their local school district and in their community; and their creativity in teaching Michigan history.

Each year, the Michigan Historical Center Foundation presents the Odyssey Award to up to four educators who excel at teaching Michigan history. Each honoree is invited to attend the Jingle Ball to receive a plaque made of Michigan agate and \$500. The ball takes place on Nov. 22, at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing.

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The *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers* and Buddy's Pizza "Dining with the Stars" contest returns this fall asking: Who wants to have lunch at Buddy's Pizza with Mojo, Spike and Kyra of Mojo in Morning?

Mojo, along with Spike and Kyra, wakes up metro Detroit with some outrageous antics. The show is known for Spike's "Senseless Surveys," "War of the Roses" and outrageous phone scams (the station Web site says more than 570 people have been heck-

led, bothered and bullied by phone scams).

Mojo, who came to Detroit and Channel 95.5 in February 2000, is one of metro Detroit's most popular personalities.

"My interests are my wife, my kids, and sports ... in that order," he said. "My hero is my dad. He came to this country from Cuba for a better life for himself. He learned a new language and became a doctor, husband and dad. I get my work ethic from him. He was the biggest supporter of me getting in radio. Without his support, I would never made

it."

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Mojo, Spike and Kyra at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

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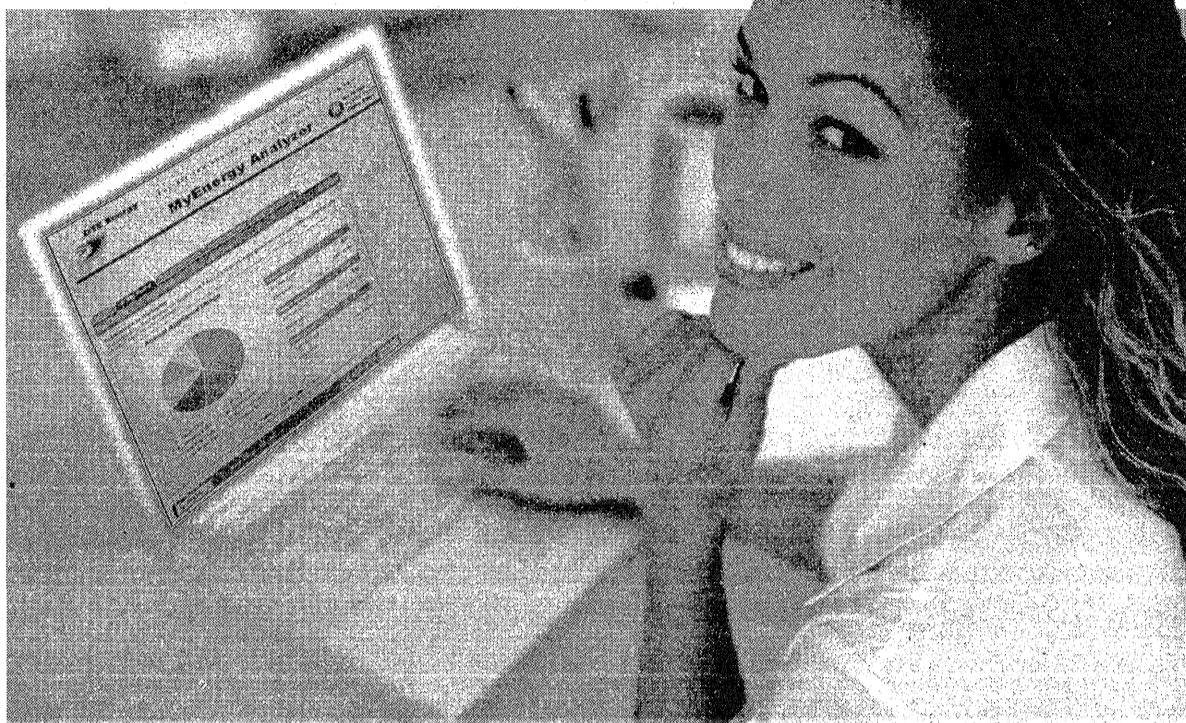
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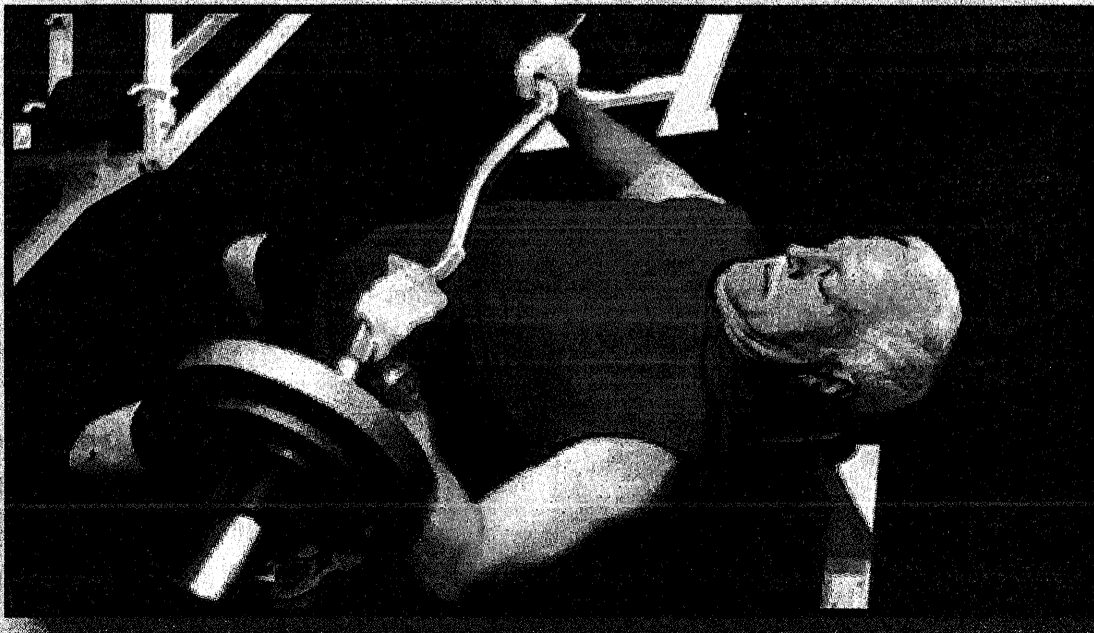
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Penn deals keep theater vibrant

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra announced last week a plan to provide a series of six old-fashioned variety shows at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth, a grand old venue that makes a great place for just such entertainment.

Now we hope this sort of agreement will help the Friends of the Penn seek and encourage other forms of entertainment that will help keep the theater a viable entertainment venue.

For now, the Saturday morning shows - which start Oct. 4 - are more a continuation of the Wednesday concerts in the park the PCAC has so successfully run for so long. That's a great thing, since those are tremendously entertaining, extraordinarily popular and a treat many always decry end too soon anyway.

These variety shows will last about an hour, they use guest hosts and performers. The best thing about them is they fit into what the Penn's actually all about: Showing movies.

Obviously, the Friends are going to want other acts to come in, but they're going to have to fit around the movie schedule. Certainly the Friends aren't going to want to disrupt their primary mission, nor should they.

For the shows that have already been announced, the PSO and PCAC received a \$3,000 grant this year and next year. The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club and Travel Leaders also contributed to the programs. The money will go toward the \$310 cost to rent the Penn and pay the talent.

PCAC director Deb Madonna said they are looking for additional sponsors, and what a great way that would be for anyone who hasn't yet been involved in saving the Penn in the first place to keep it going now.

With some hiccups, the Friends have, by and large, done a marvelous job of reviving the Penn. Creative scheduling has helped; the thematic Thursday showings - October, for instance, is "Shock-tober" month featuring weekly doses of horror flicks - and the theater generally draws a good crowd and has again become a popular destination.

Partnerships such as the latest one with the PCAC and PSO can do nothing but add to the theater's usefulness and popularity.

For now, the Saturday morning shows - which start Oct. 4 - are more a continuation of the Wednesday concerts in the park the PCAC has so successfully run for so long. That's a great thing, since those are tremendously entertaining, extraordinarily popular and a treat many always decry end too soon anyway.

Michigan's delegation must demand more from Washington

Michigan's role as a battleground state for the November presidential elections provides a unique opportunity for the state's congressional delegation to influence national policy, and keep our needs in the spotlight.

For too many years, Michigan has been known as a donor state, meaning we send more tax dollars to Washington than are returned in federal funding for education, transportation and other vital services. This was less an issue when our state's economy was humming, but that clearly no longer is the case.

Our state has some pressing needs, and our representatives in Washington should be taking every opportunity between now and November to talk about them with the McCain and Obama camps. A good place to start is helping Detroit's automobile companies lead the charge with alternative fuel vehicles, but it does not end there.

This state, and our local communities, has pressing needs to repair and replace aging roads and bridges, upgrade municipal water and sewerage systems and protect our Great Lakes from toxins and exotic species. And no meaningful discussion about a light rail system can take place without a commitment of federal dollars.

Hopefully, when our local politicians are pressing the flesh with their respective presidential candidate and making joint appearances along the campaign travel, they will take the time to make this state's case for more support for Michigan, and make it a condition of their support.



LETTERS

Thank you

Thank you for publishing the news about the girls raising money this summer from their lemonade stand to help animals in need.

The girls decided to donate to the Michigan Humane Society in Westland. It was a great experience. They received a personal tour from Heather, the manager, and we all learned many things about how the shelter works. The facility has received over 48 dogs from Hurricane Gustav and will be making room for more from recent Hurricane Ike. The shelter needs any donations from towels, blankets, food or just someone to volunteer to walk an animal from time to time.

The animals were very well taken care of but are desperate for new loving families.

Our kids are determined to keep up the fight to save these animals, and hope that others in our community are willing to do the same.

Rhonda Browne
Plymouth

Congrats to Nan

On behalf of the board of directors of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, I would like to offer our most sincere congratulations to Nan Harrison Washburn on her 10th anniversary as the music director and conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

The Plymouth community has been so fortunate to be the recipient of Nan's talent, vision, and dedication to the musical arts throughout the past decade.

Since her arrival in Plymouth, not only has the PSO gained four ASCAP Awards for adventuresome programming, but it has grown from a community orchestra into a highly respected, dynamic, and fully professional orchestra.

While working with the PSO, Nan has created three new ensembles: Orchestra Canton, the Celebration Youth Orchestra, and, most recently, the Studio Orchestra which is soon to launch its first commercial CD of children's music. Nan has grown the PSO education programs which are enjoyed by Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland students, and given hundreds of young musicians the opportunity to play "side-by-side" with our professional musicians.

The board is excited about the upcoming 2008-09 season, "A Seasoned Celebration," and invites everyone in the community to share in Nan's 10th anniversary at the PSO's opening night concert on Oct. 4 at Ward Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations, Nan!

Steve Alexandrowski
president, Board of Directors
Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society

Yes to police merger

We are Plymouth Township residents replying to the Sept. 11 *Observer* article on the possible merging of the city and township police departments.

In a word: Yes! Sure, there are difficulties, but responsible, clear-thinking adults should be able to resolve them and get the residents of the area qual-

ity police work with fewer tax dollars. If those currently "in charge" can't, then we need new leaders who can.

Bill Huppenbauer
Phyllis Werner
Plymouth Township

Humane society thanks

Thanks to the residents of the Plymouth/Canton area for your wonderful support of the Humane Society of Huron Valley at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

We were thrilled to talk to so many people at the festival about our organization and the services we provide to the residents of the Plymouth/Canton area.

Many of you were unaware that if you lose your family pet, you should contact our shelter immediately. Stray animals in Plymouth and Canton are brought to our shelter by the animal control officer or police. We want to reunite lost pets with their families, so contacting us is very important. Our shelter number is (734) 662-5585.

We had so much fun in Plymouth that we plan to return for the Chili Cookoff on Oct. 5. Look for our booth just outside of Parkside Gallery.

Kelly Schwartz
director of Volunteer Programs
Humane Society of Huron Valley

Lower the drinking age

I just finished reading the "Our Views" article in the paper. I felt the need to voice my opinion on the subject.

I am in total agreement with all the people who have joined the initiative to lower the drinking age to 18. We have such a double standard in this country that's so ridiculous, it is almost funny. You feel that people at the age of 18 are not responsible enough to drink. These are the same people that are serving in our armed forces and dying every day so that you can voice that opinion.

These are the same young people that pay the same amount of taxes as you. They are held to the same laws as you. They are married and have the same responsibilities as you. They have to support their families like you, but you don't think that they are responsible enough to drink.

Am I the only one that sees something wrong with this?

Don't you think that if they're not responsible enough to drink then they should not have to pay taxes, fight our wars and be held accountable for all the other things that they are until they reach the age of 21? If they cannot have a beer until they are 21, then the rest should not apply until they are 21.

I also see where they want to restrict driving until the age of 17. So I can't drive until I am 17, but the minute I turn 18 I can ship out and maybe die for my country. How sad.

I am 63 years old and when I shipped out to Vietnam from California I was 20 years old. I had to stop a guy on the street to go in and buy me a six-pack. Four days later, I was in Vietnam. Do you not see something wrong with this?

Roger Caldwell
Westland

Defending Palin

With the constant 24/7 vicious attacks against Sarah Palin, it becomes obviously apparent that she is deemed a serious threat to the liberal movement. She is just too articulate, too family-oriented, too qualified and too pretty, so she must somehow be discredited. Even public education has jumped on the bandwagon by issuing an assignment to write a paper trashing Sarah Palin. Be creative they say. Then we will read them in class and discuss their merits.

I'm curious, if Sarah Palin's credentials are not adequate, how do you make the giant leap that Barack Obama's are? His past is a carefully guarded secret. He has the thinnest resume of any presidential candidate in the past 100 years, and has spent his entire adult life hanging around bad people. But, hey, we're not supposed to question his constant flip-flops and shady background, just Sarah Palin's credentials. You have to take an ugly pill to keep from laughing.

Barry Baccus
Birmingham

FROM THE WEB

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

■ In response to "Tornado takes out Plymouth Township apartments, causes variety of damage:"

HCHCHC wrote:
"I had attended Joe Carli's auction at JC Auction Services in Plymouth at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center at 525 Farmer last night and when I got out to go home there was so much damage in that area, I couldn't get down Hines Drive to get home. The whole road was closed off. Thank God no one was hurt."

CherryHillV wrote:
"I live in western Canton and all I experienced was a few flashes of lightning and some thunder (and of course a deluge of rain). I was shocked to find out this morning that a TORNADO hit 10 miles away. Now I know how that kind of stuff just creeps up on people. If it had happened at my house, I would NOT have been prepared."

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"(Symphony conductor) Nan Washburn loves to do things for kids ... and the Penn is the perfect venue for it on Saturdays. We have a perfect partnership, we have music and the Arts Council has contacts for other great performers. Every month kids will be exposed to art in many forms."

- Beth Stewart, executive director, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, on the natural partnership between the symphony and the Plymouth Community Arts Council to provide entertainment at the Penn Theatre

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No need to reinvent wheel in considering FOIA policy

Here's a definition I would have taken straight out of the dictionary, had I been able to find it:

"Hiney (high-nee); n; slang; 1) term used to refer to the human butt; 2) Part of the body the Plymouth Township board is trying to cover with its new Michigan Freedom of Information Act policy."

In the wake of criticism over the handling of a FOIA request by former supervisor candidate and current Plymouth-Canton schools Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, the township board is trying to implement a new policy designed to create one single, omniscient FOIA guru who would, in a perfect world, coordinate all such requests that come into the township, no matter which department is asked to handle them.

A few weeks ago, troubled by the handling of the Gonzalez requests — which focused first on how much money the township spent negotiating the fire-fighters contract and then on the amount of money (which, by the way, will turn out to be in the high six figures) the township settled for in a lawsuit from a former police officer — Trustee Bob Doroshewitz asked for a new policy that designates a single coordinator (his preference: the clerk) to handle such requests. While the clerk gets most of them now, department heads are also allowed to handle requests made of their departments.

Doroshewitz, and others, think a single source coordinating the requests would insulate the township from potential lawsuits and the like.

In an effort to comply with the board's wish, Clerk Marilyn Massengill turned clerk-in-waiting Joe Bridgman loose on the problem, and he presented a policy Tuesday night even he couldn't fully explain, a policy supposedly coordinated with department heads that director of municipal services James Anulewicz — a department head of some significance — said he hadn't seen until it showed up in his board packet.

The policy calls for the clerk to be the township's FOIA coordinator, working with department heads and the chiefs of the police and fire departments to move FOIA requests through the township. The problem is, the policy takes more care to make sure the township's hiney is covered than it does carrying out what should

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Now, I'll grant you, Massengill tackled this task a little disgruntled by the request, pointing out that, with the exception of the very public Gonzalez requests, there really hasn't been a problem.

And the new policy takes away the ability of the police department, whose own fully trained FOIA coordinator, Nichole Hunt, already seamlessly handles hundreds of these requests a year, to handle requests for things like accident reports without bouncing citizens back-and-forth, as one police official suggested Tuesday, "like a ping pong ball."

What the Plymouth Township board ought to do is realize it doesn't need a new policy to handle FOIA requests, because there's already a perfectly good policy handy: It's called the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Rather than stumbling all over themselves trying to reinvent the wheel, board members ought to do two things: 1) let the police and fire departments continue to handle their own requests, rather than bog citizens and those departments down in unnecessary red tape; and 2) put the clerk in charge of everything else, including the fee schedule the act allows. If the board wants oversight to make sure things are being handled, that's fine; a monthly report on FOIA activity should be easy to generate.

Thomas Paine said, "That government is best which governs least." Here's a chance for the Plymouth Township board to prove he was right.

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Brad Kadrich

Librarians lead the way in keeping information free

You may not think of librarians as a radical bunch, but they're on the forefront of free speech efforts in the U.S. and beyond.

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom To Read, is Sept. 27 to Oct. 4 this year, as a bookmark from the Plymouth District Library reminded me.

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom To Read is observed during the last week of September each year, according to the Web site of the American Library Association (ala.org). Observed since 1982, the event

reminds Americans not to take the freedom for granted. This year marks BBW's 27th anniversary.

BBW is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, American Library Association, American Society of Journalists and Authors, Association of American Publishers, National Association of College Stores, and is endorsed by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

Pat Thomas, director of the Plymouth District Library, pointed with pride to library displays on Banned Books Week and librarians' lapel buttons saying "I read banned books."

"It's amazing what people try to ban," she said. "The Bible, a lot of things you consider great literature."

Plymouth has a formal process for challenge in which librarians review material, checking with neighboring libraries in Livonia, Canton, Northville and Farmington. "A lot of it is a community standard," Thomas said.

Infrequent challenges have come up, but Plymouth has never removed material. A book may go from children's to teen, or from teen to adult. "The library has things for all kinds of tastes and all kinds of sensibilities," said Thomas.

She likes to ask those who object to material what they'd like to include. "I'd rather have more points of view rather than fewer," she said. "If we start narrowing it down, then we close people out."

The Canton Public Library's Laurie Golden, marketing and communications manager, said there are book displays, posters and

bookmarks for Banned Books Week. "It's going to be featured on our Web site," www.cantonpl.org, she said.

"Every once in a while, we get a request for someone to look at materials. It's not a big issue here," Golden said. Like Plymouth and other libraries, there's a process for reviewing materials some find offensive.

Librarians select materials appropriate for the community, allowing for a plurality of viewpoints. "We really do try to do that. Because Canton is so diverse, we really do have a wide range of materials here," Golden said.

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Director Cheryl Napsha said book banning's not an issue "that I've ever heard" locally. The Westland library will have a teen event for Banned Books Week 6-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29.

"They're going to read banned books out loud," Napsha said. The teens should sign up and pick a passage ahead of time.

"We wanted to make sure it was appropriate," she said, adding you can call (734) 326-6123 for sign-up details.

"The best books are thought-provoking. I think sometimes adults are afraid of what a book might inspire, what kind of thinking or challenging thoughts," Napsha said.

She agreed not every book is right for every reader; it's best for parents to be aware "of the literature themselves and guide their child's reading."

"Intellectual freedom is really the foundation of a public library," Napsha said. "We're here to provide all sides, answers to an issue, and we're not supposed to judge."

Plymouth's Thomas noted "I don't know that you see the polarization in the library." Librarians are there in person, there's safety to explore views and respect for views. "So you don't get the extremely emotional kind of environment," Thomas said.

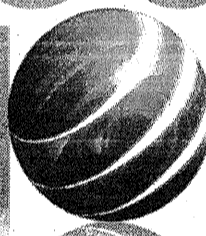
The "information explosion" has benefited from professional librarians who help us sort through the heavy load of information out there these days. It's also time to salute librarians for their efforts to keep free speech free and alive.

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For more information or to reserve your costume, contact the costuming department at The Parade Company at (313) 432-7835. To view and receive discounts on costume rentals, visit www.theparade.org.



Arrrgh matey, the Parade Co. has pirate costumes available for Halloween.

Focus:HOPE walk supports scholarships

Focus:HOPE, marking its 40th anniversary, will hold its annual Walk and Diversity Festival Sunday, Oct. 12.

From the day it started 40 years ago, Focus:HOPE has found ways to bring people together — people of all races and religions, from Detroit and its suburbs.

That spirit continues during this anniversary year with the Oct. 12 event. Entertainment and children's activities will begin 11 a.m., the Walk program at 12:30 p.m. and Walk at 1 p.m. There will be entertainment, food and children's activities 2 p.m., with the program ending 4:30 p.m.

Those who register and seek pledges for the Walk and Diversity Festival will help support scholarships for Focus:HOPE's students. Scholarships make it possible for students to develop their skills and start on the path to new careers in information technology, manufacturing or engineering. Registration fee is \$15 for those age 18 and older.

You can register:
 ■ online at www.focushope.edu
 ■ by calling (313) 494-4225
 ■ by bringing a registration form to the Walk. Focus:HOPE is at 1355 Oakman Blvd., Detroit 48238.



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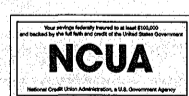
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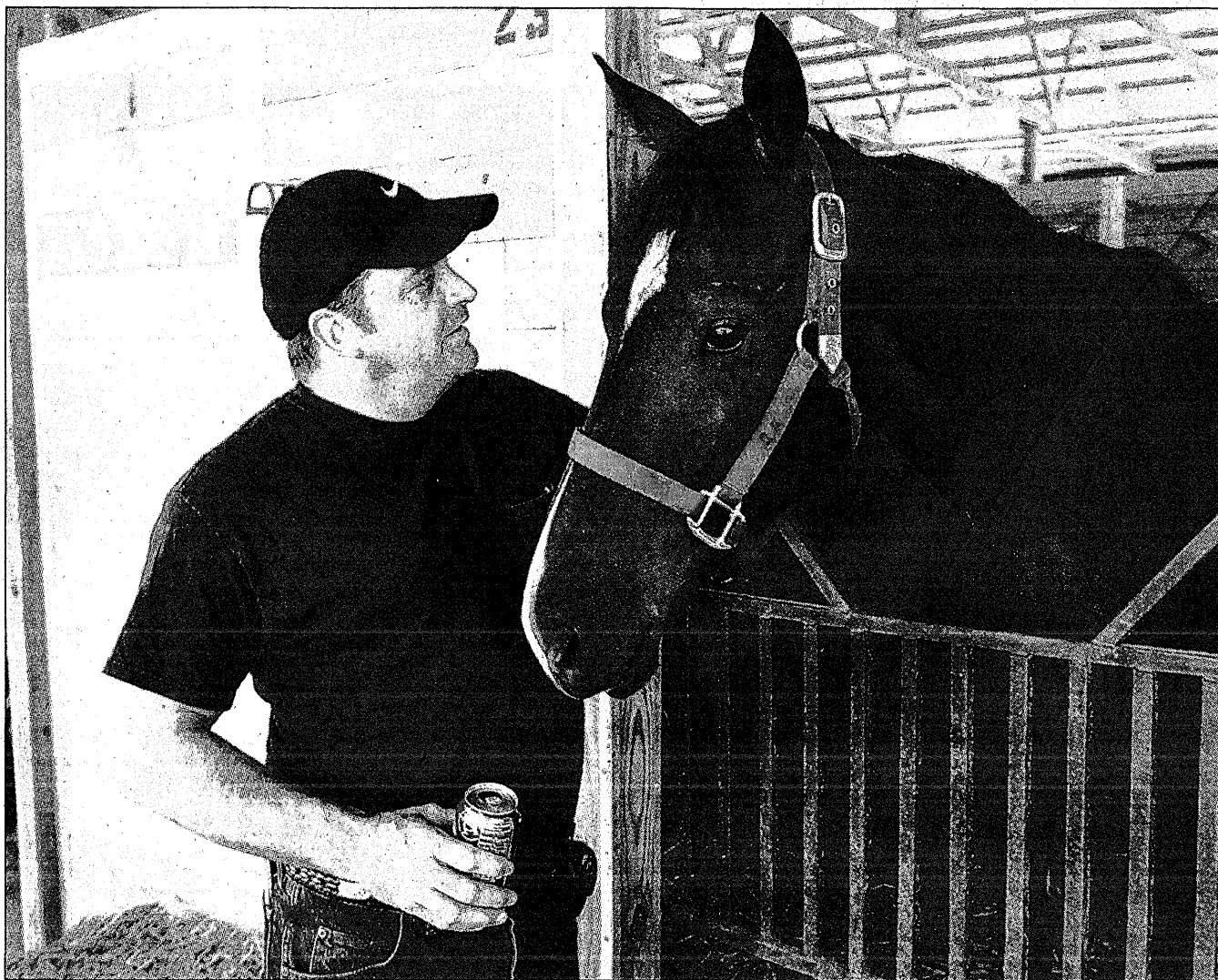
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Canton resident John Rupert checks on Blackjack Breeze, one of the thoroughbred horses he trains at Pinnacle Race Course in Huron Township.

A JOB WITH STABLE-ITY

Training horses is ideal occupation for Canton Township man

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Standing on a converted swamp under a glistening sun Tuesday morning in rural Huron Township, John Rupert marveled at the rebirth of the thoroughbred horse racing industry in metropolitan Detroit and how fortunate he felt to be smack dab in the middle of it.

The Canton Township resident did so in the shadow of a gleaming

row of stalls that were emblazoned with a shiny blue sign bearing his name — John Rupert Racing Stable — and less than two furlongs from the backstretch of the two-month-old Pinnacle Race Course, a still-under-construction venue that opened in mid-July.

"This past winter, no matter what the weather was like, I'd drive up two days a week from Cleveland

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PINNACLE RACE COURSE FACTS & FIGURES

Following are some notable points regarding the metropolitan Detroit area's newest thoroughbred racing venue:

- The facility covers 320 acres of land in Huron Township, just south of Detroit Metro Airport.
 - Once construction is completed in late 2009 or early 2010, the site will include a four-story 60,000-square-foot clubhouse; a 4,000-seat grandstand; a 12,000-square-foot corporate pavilion; an 8,000-square-foot covered patio; 30 barns; and 1,200 horse stalls.
 - The finished product will offer two tracks: a one-mile dirt track and a 7/8-mile turf track.
 - The inaugural 2008 season will conclude Nov. 2 following 63 days of live racing.
- For more information, visit www.pinnaclearacecourse.com or call (734) 753-2000.

GRID PICKS

Pee-wee football offers valuable lessons on life

According to author Robert Fulghum's 1989 best-selling book, everything you really need to know in life you learn in kindergarten — necessary skills like sharing, playing fair and not taking things that aren't yours.



Ed Wright

After watching a few of my 7-year-old son's junior freshmen football practices, I'd like to contribute the following unauthorized sequel to Fulghum's masterpiece: *Everything You Really Need in Life You Learn in Kindergarten...and at Pee-Wee Football Practice*.

Here's a condensed version:

Chapter 1 — Pay attention to detail: Always make sure your chin strap is on, your mouth guard is in and your other vital protective devices are straight, because you never know when you're going to get matched up against the kid that hits harder than Brian Urlacher in one-on-one tackling drills.

Chapter 2 — Stay focused: Even when a train is chugging by the practice field over your right shoulder and the junior freshmen cheerleaders are practicing a routine over your left, don't forget the snap count because, for goodness sake, you don't want to be the one who costs your teammates 10 down-ups.

Chapter 3 — Never give up: No matter how big the guy is you're blocking or how far he's pushing you back, keep moving your legs because while you may never pancake him, you can always earn his respect.

Chapter 5 — Live for the moment: Cherish every jumping jack, every bear crawl and every gut-busting run around the flagpole because before you know it, you'll be watching *your* son and wishing you could participate in just one more pee-wee football practice.

The most important thing I learned in kindergarten was to stay humble when I'm kicking my two colleagues' rear-ends in Grid Picks. Not really, but that skill would come in handy after going 9-2 last week to

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Sidelines

Home run derby

The first Canton Fall Fest Sept. 25-28 will feature a variety of activities and carnival rides.

A home run derby will be held for all ages 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Canton Sports Center. There will be prizes and such but — so come join the fun.

Unlimited one-day ride passes are available for \$17 if purchased by Wednesday at CCS or the Summit, \$20 on the day of the event.

Pistons camp

Hey, young fans of the Detroit Pistons who live in the Redford area, circle Saturday, Sept. 27, on your calendars.

Pistons' youth coach Steve Moreland will be at Redford Union High School from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 27 for the fourth annual Detroit Pistons Youth Mini-Camp.

Boys and girls in grades one-eight are invited to come to the camp and learn about ball-handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding from Moreland. The cost is \$25, payable at the door (cash only). To confirm a spot, call the Pistons hotline at (248) 377-8653 and leave the camper's name, grade and school.

Among goodies will be a Chauncey Billups T-shirt.

PCEP alumni hockey game

The 2008-09 PCEP high school hockey teams are looking for PCEP alumni who played on any of the three high schools' hockey teams to participate in the inaugural alumni hockey game.

The game will be played at the Plymouth Cultural Center 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

Registration forms are available at www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com/.

For more information, contact coach Darrin Silvester at darrinsilvester@gmail.com.

Zeroing in on first place

Salem, Stevenson kickers battle to scoreless draw

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nothing gained, nothing lost. That was the story again Tuesday as Division 1 state powers Salem and host Livonia Stevenson battled to a 0-0 draw in a showdown for first place in the Central Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson, 8-1-3 overall and ranked No. 3 in the state, maintains its slim one-point lead in the KLAACentral Division race at 5-0-2, while top-ranked Salem is 14-0-3 overall and 5-0-3 in the division.

Each team has three matches remaining in the division.

In the first meeting between the two teams on Sept. 15, Salem scored during the final five minutes to forge a 1-1 deadlock. That duel featured free-wheeling, up-and-down action, but the rematch was played close to the vest.

Stevenson had five corner kicks in the first half, while Salem had four in the second half — that was extent of it.

Ironically, play opened up — out of desperation — during the final minutes.

"We played hard and played smart, the second-half was much better," Salem coach Ed McCarthy told his team afterwards. "Both backlines were strong and it limited the scoring opportunities. Our first-half message was that we had some opportunities, but we did not have any quality shots. And if we don't get shots, obviously we don't get any scoring opportunities. I think they responded better the second half."

"It's been eight days since the last time we played them and this game looked nothing or felt nothing like the last game — even going from the grass field to the (synthetic) turf, to the number of

scoring opportunities."

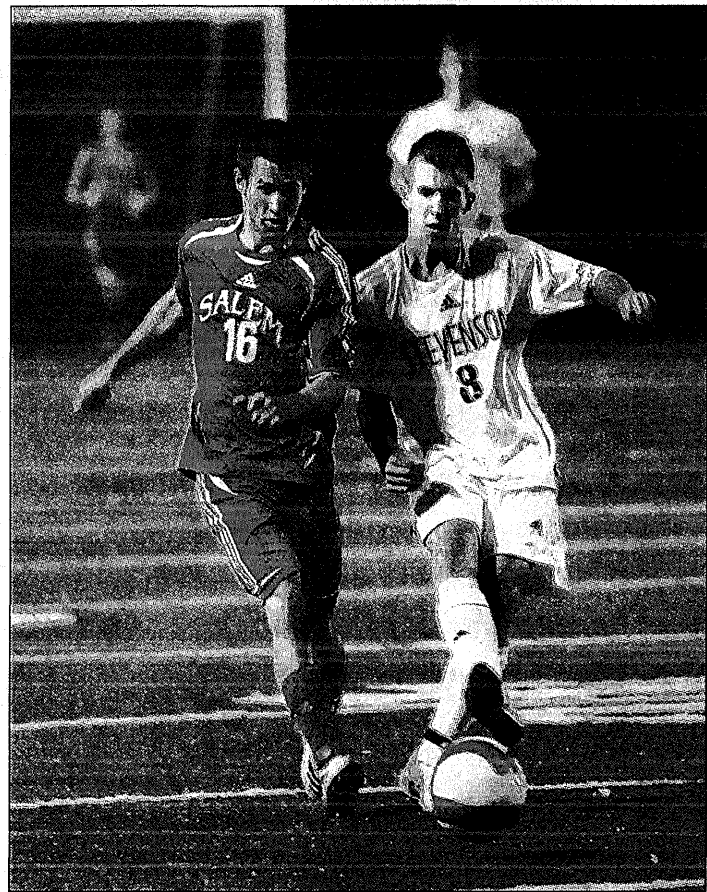
Stevenson goalkeeper Conner Burton and Salem's Will Allen both did their jobs efficiently despite the limited amount of shots.

"The first meeting, in terms of soccer performance, was much better," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Both teams tonight had some exciting moments, but I wish we had played better and with more composure despite the high pressure."

"But a 0-0 result against Salem — it's at least somewhat satisfying — but I hoped we would have performed better."

Salem had to be pleased to keep Stevenson off-the-board for 80 minutes. And for the Rocks, it could be considered a moral victory. Allen, a senior, filled in admirably for the injured Sasa Miskovic.

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Salem's Matt Woster (left) and Livonia Stevenson's Nathaniel Sergison battle for a loose ball during Tuesday night's KLAACentral showdown at Stevenson.

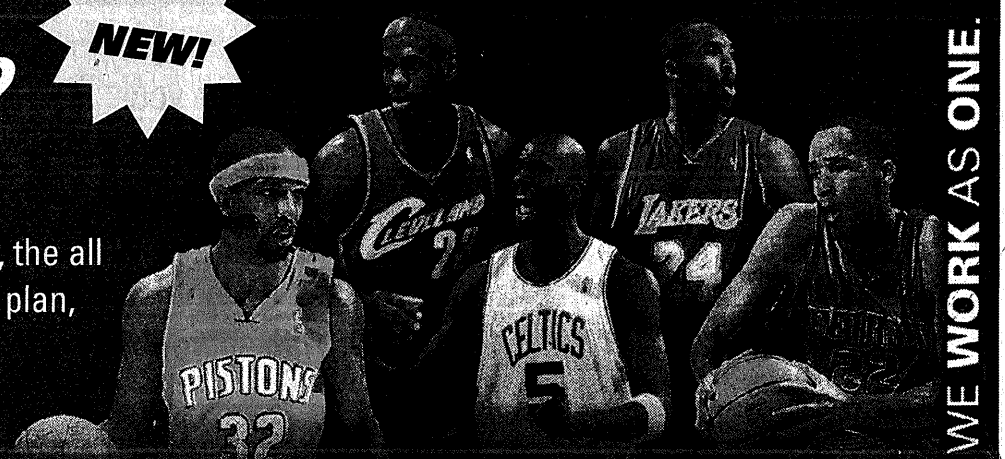
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Plymouth Christian gridders stun Troy

If only the economy could turn around as fast as the Plymouth Christian football team did Saturday against Troy.

After falling into an early 13-0 hole, the Eagles rallied to seize a 27-13 victory over the Defenders.

Reaching the end zone for the winners were Jordan Allen,

Matt Sauter, J.R. Hope and Andrew Weaver. Spencer Wiard converted a point-after-touchdown kick and Matt Sauter contributed a two-point run.

Pacing the Eagles' stellar running game were offensive linemen Jimmy Murray, Blake VanTiem, Jared Pitts, Kyle Winconek and Eric Jipping.

The PC defense was spearheaded by Wiard, who notched three interceptions as well as a touchdown-saving tackle.

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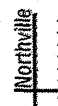
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Whalers struggle in home opener

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the Plymouth Whalers were weekend golfers, they'd be looking to get a mulligan for Saturday night's home-opener against Erie.

The 6-1 loss to the Otters was comparable to shanking a tee shot into the woods on the opening hole.

Plymouth was missing four of its most effective clubs, er, players — goalie Jeremy Smith; forwards A.J. Jenks and Chris Terry; and defenseman Michal Jordan — all of whom were competing for roster spots at NHL training camps.

After Plymouth's Joe Gaynor knotted the contest at 1-all 1:44 into the second period, the Otters ruled the night, scoring the final five goals.

The loss dropped the Whalers' record to 0-2 while Erie evened its mark at 1-1.

Among the Otters' highlights were a pair of penalty-shot goals by Anthony Luciani, who accomplished the rare feat after getting dragged down on break-aways during the game's final 12 minutes.

Both of Luciani's net-finders were scored against Whalers back-up goalie Scott Wedgewood, who relieved starting goalie Matt Hackett at the beginning of the third period.

Hackett stopped 26-of-30 Erie shots.

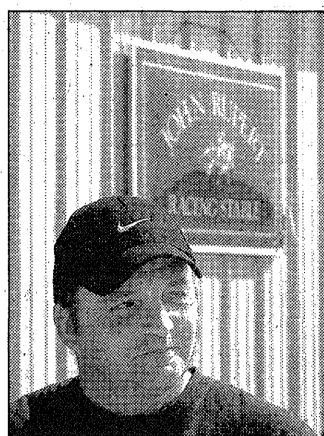
The play on the ice was a lot closer than the final score would indicate as Erie registered just three more shots on goal than their hosts — 40-37.

However, Otter net-minder Jaroslav Janus stuffed the Whalers on several pin-point scoring opportunities.

Erie's Shawn Szydlowski, a native of St. Clair Shores, enjoyed a productive night for the winners, tallying a pair of goals and an assist.

The Otters' Ryan O'Reilly, the first-round pick in the 2007 Ontario Hockey League draft, also sparked, recording a goal and a pair of helpers.

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Canton resident John Rupert has already made a name for himself at two-month-old Pinnacle Race Course in Huron Township.

HORSES

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where I was working, and I'd pull my truck up to the gate over there," recalled Rupert, a highly respected horse trainer at the flashy new track. "I'd watch the earth-movers and bull-dozer push the dirt around and I'd think to myself, I can't believe this is really happening."

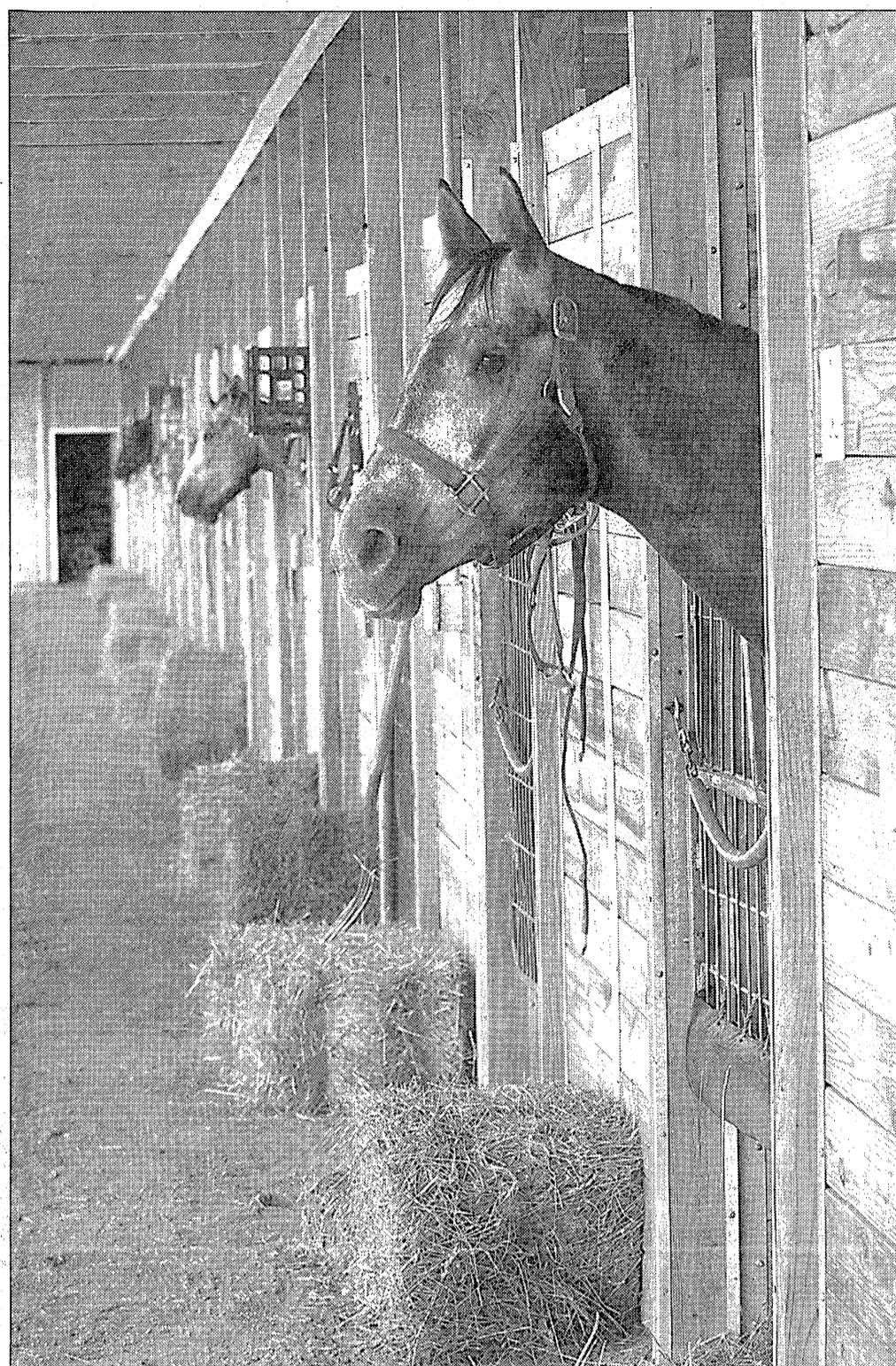
"To turn what once was a swamp into what we have now in less than a year, well, the people who are behind this — the Campbells, Mr. (Robert) Ficano — deserve a lot of credit. This place has given guys like myself a chance to come home again."

A job like no other

After Ladbroke DRC closed its Livonia doors for the last time nearly a decade ago, Rupert packed up his belongings and moved to Muskegon — the home of Great Lakes Downs, a thoroughbred race course that struggled financially until it was sold last year.

While in Muskegon, the 48-year-old native of Mount Clemens strengthened his reputation as a dependable trainer who could get the most out of horses — regardless of whether their price tag was \$4,000 or \$400,000.

"I couldn't ask for a better way to make a living," beamed Rupert. "When I was a kid



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Tuesday was an off-day for John Rupert's four-legged athletes, a few of which are pictured in their stalls at Pinnacle Race Course.

— probably 10 or 11 — I used to skip school and go over to a farm not far from my house. I'd feed the horses and actually started riding them. I knew right then I wanted to be a jockey — it was in my blood."

Rupert's ambition became

reality in 1976 when at the age of 16 he was hired to race horses professionally.

His jockey career lasted five years until a growth spurt put an end to it.

"When I was in my mid- to late-teens, I was a little guy; I

probably only weighed about 99 pounds," said Rupert. "But when I got into my early-20s, I got some meat and potatoes in me, my body started maturing, my weight shot up and I was too big to be a jockey."

That's when his passion

shifted from riding horses to preparing them to race.

Changing lanes

Like all worthwhile professions, the transition to trainer required years of training for Rupert.

"This isn't a job where someone can just walk in and say, 'I'm going to be a trainer,'" Rupert emphasized. "You really have to start from the ground up and work with the horses and work around good horsemen for several years, which is what I've done."

"You have to know what to do if a horse gets sick. Who's the best blacksmith to shoe the horses? Which riders have the best statistics? You have to know what kind of nutrition your horses need. There's a lot more involved in it than what most people think."

Rupert said the job includes working up to 15 hours a day, seven days a week while the track is open from July through November.

But he's not complaining. "One of my favorite parts of this job is waking up and getting here in the morning because I can't wait to see the horses," Rupert said. "I'll mingle with the other trainers to see how their horses are doing. I love it."

"The best thrill, though, is walking to the winner's circle after a race knowing your horse crossed the finish line first. It doesn't matter if it's a \$4,000 horse or a \$100,000 horse — it feels good to win."

"I could never ask for a better job. I've tried a few jobs, but this is the only one where I've never had a bad day. I come to work and — even if the horses aren't running well — I love the job."

Rupert said he's optimistic Pinnacle will thrive despite the worsening economic conditions that are plaguing the metropolitan Detroit area.

"So far, so good," he said. "The horsemen would like to see the numbers up a little bit, but considering how the economy is these days, I think we're on the right track."

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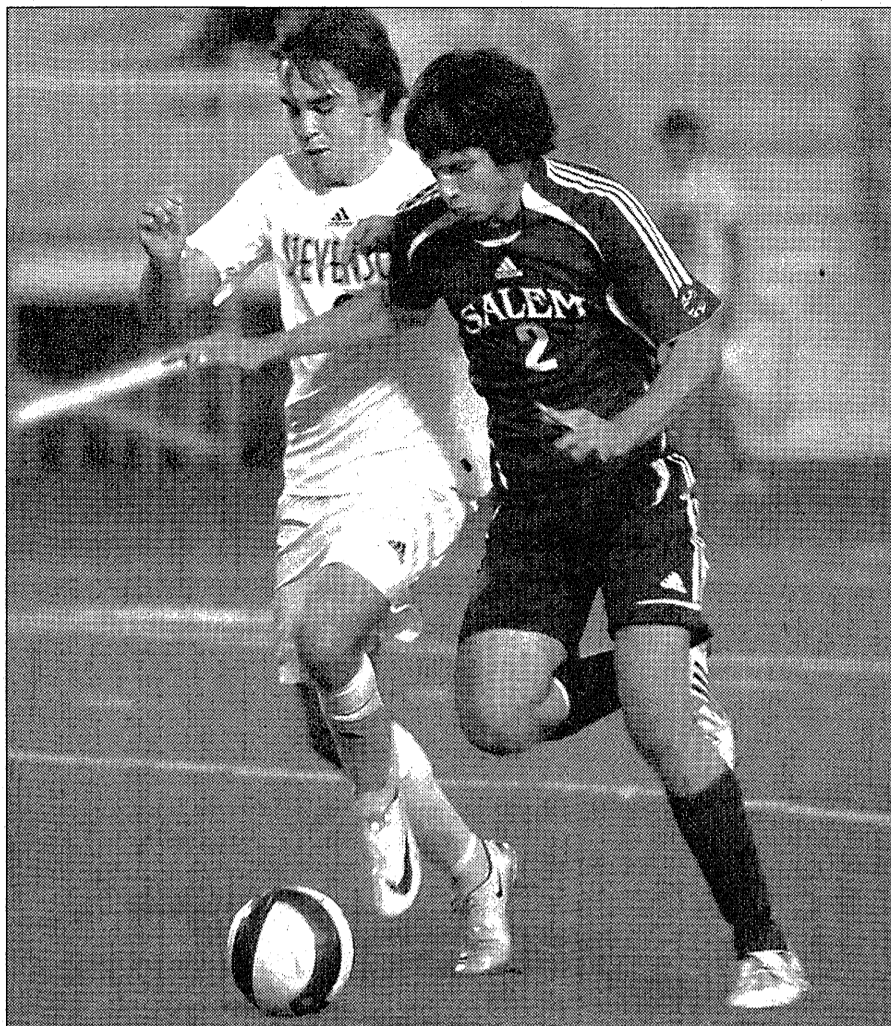
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Salem's Sal Savage (foreground) fends off the defensive tactics of Livonia Stevenson's Christopher Long during Tuesday night's clash at Stevenson.



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The Rocks' back-up keeper made a key diving save on Stevenson's Joey D'Agostino with only 3:25 left. Salem also played the final 59 minutes without senior defender Jace Beardon, who went off with a knee injury. "We went from goalkeeper

(Sasa Miskovic) who is probably among the top 10 percent goalkeepers in the state to a guy who has only played one game," McCarthy said. "That's why played a little more conservative and we didn't want to move (senior sweeper) Kevin (Cope) up. I didn't know what to expect, but tonight he (Allen) was very good." Stevenson tried to create some buzz late in the game, only to have the potential game-

winning goal by Nate Sergison disallowed with 2:19 left due to an obvious offside call. "I told the boys at halftime I had a strange vibe tonight," Richters said. "That last game we played with confidence and it was fun. I don't know if the nerves got to us or affected our performance. Unfortunately we did not bring the same level of play." bemons@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2123

Churchill blanks Chiefs 3-0 to seize control of division

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's boys soccer team is proving to be as proficient at attaining goals as it is at scoring them. Fueled by a crisp-passing offensive attack and an airtight defense, the Chargers blanked Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division rival Canton, 3-0, Tuesday night on the PCEP varsity soccer pitch. Churchill didn't lock up the division title with its ninth straight triumph, but it certainly has two hands on the padlock. The Chargers are now 7-0 in the South (and 9-2 overall) with three games to play. The Chiefs dropped to 7-4-3 overall and 5-2 in the division. "After we lost our first two games (to state powers Livonia Stevenson and Northville), we made it our team goal to win 10 games in a row," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs. "Now we're one away from that. "Tonight we moved the ball better than we have all season against a very good defense. These guys play as a team — they play for each other." The Chargers lost just one player to graduation heading into this season. "That's huge because they all knew what to expect coming in," said Friedrichs. "I didn't have to spend a lot of time teaching them the basics. We've

been able to work on extra stuff." Churchill netted the only goal it would need 15 minutes into the contest when Etienne Lussiez scored off a magnificent crossing pass from Max Washko. Approximately 10 minutes later, Tim Devine padded the Chargers' cushion to 2-0 after he secured a pin-point pass from Adam Bedell. The Chiefs came within an eyelash of cutting their deficit in half early in the second stanza when junior Kyle Breitmeyer banged a 30-yard free kick off the cross-bar. Teammate Sherif Hassanien controlled the rebound six yards in front of the goal, but his quick blast rolled just wide of the left post. Canton threatened again with 23:30 left when Kyle Wingham roped a low, sizzling shot that Churchill keeper Josh Andrezejewski cradled with both hands. The winners put the icing on the cake with 6:43 to play when Jakub Herout banged a laser into the lower-left corner of the net to make it 3-0. "The first time we played Canton (a 4-2 Churchill win), it was a back-and-forth game and they were more dangerous than they were tonight," said Friedrichs.

PLYMOUTH 3, FRANKLIN 1: On Tuesday in a match played on the PCEP varsity turf field, the Wildcats prevailed thanks to goals from Kyle Anderson, Bradley Finnegan and Danny Jasewicz. Plymouth is now 6-7-1 overall and 3-3-1 in the KLAASouth. "We did what we had to do tonight," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. Anderson's goal was assisted by Jasewicz. The Patriots' lone net-finder was tallied by Zach Miller. Kyle Brindza (first half) and Joshua Hill split time in net for the winners. The Wildcats take on Canton tonight at 7 p.m. on the PCEP soccer pitch. **CANTON AGAPE 4, CALVARY CHRISTIAN 2:** On Tuesday at Independence Park in Canton, the Wolverines improved to 3-7 overall and 2-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Calvary dropped to 1-12-1. Donald Mullett continued to shine for Agape as he registered two goals and an assist. Josiah Wyatt and Billy Martin also found the back of the net for the Wolverines. Justin Benbow sparkled in net for the winners, recording 11 saves. Ethan Walker anchored the Agape defense. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

Hills bring out best in Wildcat runners

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While some runners cringe at the sight of agonizing hills, members of Plymouth's girls cross country team embrace them. Battling cross-campus rival Canton on Cass Benton's anything-but-flat course, the Wildcats surged to a 24-31 victory to improve their record to 3-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Chiefs slipped to 1-2. "We're a strong hill-running team," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "We trained a lot on hills during the pre-season because I knew we had a lot of meets at Cass Benton, which is a very hilly course. "I was very pleased with the way the girls ran today. I told them before the race that if they executed the plan I gave them, they'd win. I told each one of them who they had to beat and they did it." Plymouth freshman Nicole Traitses crossed the finish line first in 19:57. "I knew she'd do well," Kerwin said of Traitses, "but I didn't expect her to win the race. She ran great." The Wildcats sealed the victory thanks to a 4-5-6 finish by Molly Slavens (20:10), Beth Heldmeyer (20:16) and Kelly Hahn (20:39). Julie Forster closed out the winners' scoring with an eighth-place showing in 21:31.



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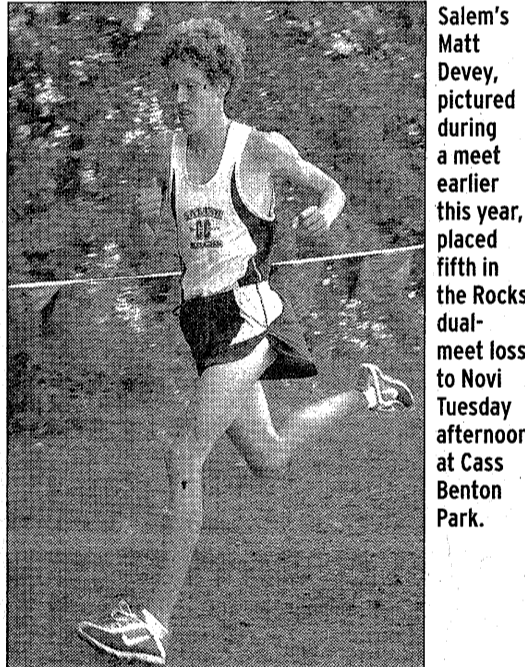
Beth Heldmeyer helped lead Plymouth to a key cross country victory over Canton Tuesday afternoon. placing fourth in 19:40. Also scoring were Rachel Rohrbach (fifth in 19:45), Sarah Thomas (10th in 19:58), Abigail Gorzalski (17th in 20:44) and Emily Southern (23rd in 20:56).

Rocks fall Salem dropped its first dual meet of the season Tuesday, 24-31, to Novi at Cass Benton. The Wildcats improved to 3-0 with the win. Jordyn Moore was Salem's top finisher, placing second in 20:32. Kelley Determan was next for the Rocks, earning fifth-place points with a time of 21:01. Salem's other scorers were Kelly Kerwin (seventh in 21:08), Linda Ling (eighth in 21:14) and Kara Booms (10th in 21:19). **Chiefs 2nd in Monroe** Canton placed second at Saturday's Monroe Jefferson Invitational, which was held at Sterling State Park. Canton finished with 59 points, 20 more than first-place Brighton. Livonia Franklin placed third with 122. "It was nice to see the girls run fast; we're heading in the right direction," said Canton coach Eric Pahl. Bianca Kubicki was the Chiefs' top finisher, ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

'Cats remain unbeaten in KLAASouth

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's boys cross country team is headed north in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division thanks to runner who lives a couple thousand miles east. The Wildcats earned a significant dual-meet victory over Canton Tuesday afternoon — 22-33 — in a KLAASouth showdown at Cass Benton Park. Plymouth is now 3-0 while the Chiefs dropped to 2-1. Swedish exchange student Elmar Engholm continued to lead the Wildcats, placing first with a time of 16:54. Canton's Kyle Clinton was second in 16:56 while Plymouth's Derek Lax was third in 17:23. "With the exception of Kyle Clinton and a couple of other guys, we did not run well," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "We need a few more upper-classmen to step up and perform better." Rounding out the scoring for Plymouth were Warren Buzzard (fourth in 17:32), Matt Neumann (fifth in 17:33) and Joe Porcari (ninth in 17:54). Additional scorers for Canton were Zach Spreitzer (sixth in 17:41), Mitch Clinton (seventh in 17:50), Steve Watts (eighth in 17:51) and Miles Felton (10th in 17:58). Mitch Clinton and Felton are both freshmen. **Salem nipped** In a battle for first place in the KLAASouth Division, the Rocks were upended by Novi, 22-35.



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The Wildcats' Mike Blaszczyk, T.J. Butler and Dan Egner placed 1-2-3, respectively, to cement the win. Mike Charara was Salem's top runner, placing fourth in 17:05, 23 seconds behind Blaszczyk. Also scoring for coach Geoff Baker's contingent were Matt Devey (fifth in 17:07), Jason Smith (sixth in 17:12), Alex Lang (eighth in 17:40) and Neal Gerlach (12th in 18:20). ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

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Canton Lions pull off dramatic comeback, 40-37

The Canton Lions varsity football team overcame an early 17-point deficit to defeat Farmington, 40-37, Sunday afternoon at Farmington High School.

Lions quarterback Jamarl Eiland torched the Rockets' secondary with help from receivers Kyle Durham, Luke Denzer, and Scott Gring. The offensive line, led by center Danny Stropes, created holes for Malcolm Hollingsworth.

Eiland's big-play mentality carried over to the defensive side of the ball as well as he intercepted two passes.

Chandler Berlin registered a key second-half sack for the winners.

The Lions JV unit dropped

a 28-8 decision to the Rockets. Daniel Jipping scored the lone TD before Evan Thomas tacked on a two-point kick.

Defensive standouts for Canton included Jake Stropes, James Hall, Charles Turfe, Andrew Hunt, Nathan Hamel, Daniel Kilgore and Austin Fisher, who recovered a fumble.

The Lions freshmen were edged 26-21. Shaw Lyall staked the Lions to a lead with just under two minutes left, however, Farmington scored a short time later to claim the victory.

The Lions' offense was paced by Jordan Burg, Ryan Schlieger, Carter Kahl, Patrick Wayne and Austin Stoneburg. The defense was ignited by the hard hitting of Damarcus

Kaigler, Issac Jackson, and Jacob Wickens.

Justin Reynolds rushed for three 40-yard-plus touchdowns as the Lions junior freshmen contingent played well against Farmington.

Noah Brown added another long run to the goal line while Myles Wagstaff and Lucas O'Brien played keys roles on the offense. Shining for the defense were Nicholas Krone, Tony Shembri, Avery Olson and Kollin Murray.

Steelers varsity triumphs

The Plymouth Canton Steelers varsity squad

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

improved to 4-0 with a 30-13 triumph over the Lake Area Hawks. Anchoring the O-line were Cameron Dillard and Nate Pearce. Kendall Scott led the way for the Steelers on both sides of the ball with his running and tackling skills.

The Steelers were energized by the tough defensive play of Joshua Mayberry and Alec Breckenridge. Michael Kennedy added two interceptions at crucial points in the game.

The JV Steelers blanked the Hawks, 12-0. The offense was

led by Zach Rhodes and Joshua Morris, who caught a long pass in the second half. Devin Cameron provided strong running while Anthony Colaluca shone on the offensive line. Vincent Crespi and Thomas Nelson III gave the Hawks fits on defense.

The Steelers freshmen team lost 26-14. Scott Gregor and Joseph Paz were O-line catalysts. Defensively, the Steelers were led by Zach Davenport

and Jacob Stephan.

The Steelers junior freshmen scored on their first play and were bolstered by strong defensive play from Billy Flohr and Marvin Hamm. Offensively, the Steelers' running backs enjoyed great success due to consistent blocking from Cameron Miller and Ben Wright.

Charles Shreve ignited the home crowd with an acrobatic, highlight-reel 25-yard catch.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (FY 2007 CDBG "CAPER") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Community Services Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5194, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 30 days, beginning September 25, 2008. Comments received during the public comment period or during two public hearings to be scheduled at a later date will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VACATING OF ALLEY CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that on Monday October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan, a Public Hearing will be held concerning the question of whether or not the following portion of an alley is to be vacated

DESCRIPTION:

Vacating a portion of a 16 foot wide Public Alley adjacent to: Lots 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, William McKay Sutherland's Addition to Plymouth Village, (now City) L. 28, P. 56, W. C. R. also known as addresses 824, 838 South Main Street and 813, 829, 839 Forest Avenue, City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan.

All interested parties will be given ample opportunity to participate in the hearing and, at the close of said hearing, comments and suggestions of those citizens participating will be considered by the City Commission prior to rendering its decision.

For questions concerning this Public Hearing contact the Building Department at (734) 453-1234 ext 232.

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

ADA Notice

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Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-September 16, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call:** Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Brit Winter, Tom Casari, Mike Sheppard, Carolyn Cox, Debbie Janice, Mike Rorabacher, Anna Stump, Deputy Chief Nemecek, Jeff Goulet, Brad Sharp, Abe Vinitiski, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Sean Fletcher, John Weyer, Greg Hohenberger. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC: 2009 TOWNSHIP BUDGET** Items for discussion: 1. Supervisor's Office 2. Treasurer's Office 3. Clerk's Office 4. Administration 5. Finance & Budget 6. Public Safety 7. Municipal Services 8. Leisure Services 9. Wrap-up **Other:** Supervisor Yack stated a Special Meeting to adopt the budget will be held on September 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **Adjourn:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 10:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the entire budget are available in the Clerk's office for viewing during regular business hours.

- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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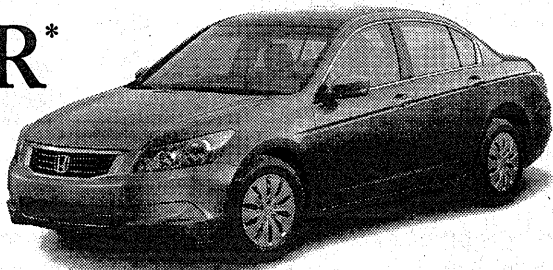
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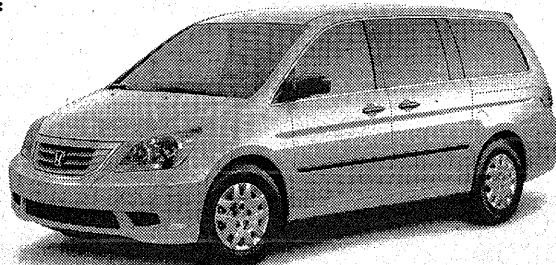
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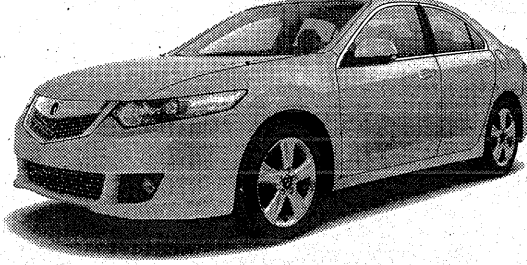
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improve my first-place record to 36-11.

Garden City/Redford Sports Editor Tim Smith and Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons also compiled 9-2 marks last week to stay in the hunt with 31-16 records.

Following are this week's games and picks.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(ALL 7 P.M. STARTS UNLESS NOTED)
LIVONIA STEVENSON (3-1, 2-0) AT NORTHVILLE (3-1, 2-0): A year ago this game would have had "lopsided rout" written all over it — and it still might, but in pencil, thanks to a

strong rebound season from the Mustangs. Northville is no longer the push-over it was the previous few seasons and the Spartans have shown they have a few dings in their armor. Expect a lot of points. **PICKS:** Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Northville); Emons (Stevenson).

SALEM (0-4, 0-2) AT SOUTH LYON EAST (0-4, 0-2): Judging by Friday night's near-miss against powerful Novi, the Rocks may be the best 0-4 team in the state right now. They're just nine points away from being 2-2 as they dropped a 20-14 decision to Walled Lake Northern and a 17-14 verdict to the Wildcats. Both teams need a win for morale purposes. **PICKS:** Wright (Salem); Smith (Salem); Emons (Salem).

PLYMOUTH (3-1, 1-1) AT LIVONIA CHURCHILL (1-3, 0-2): A pair of spread offenses will square-off in this key K.L.A.A.

South contest on the Chargers' turf. Plymouth hopes it can pick up on the momentum it gained in the second half of last week's win over Wayne when they outscored the Zebras 29-8 over the final 24 minutes. The Chargers are coming off perhaps their best showing of the season last week when they battled Franklin to the wire. **PICKS:** Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Plymouth).

WAYNE MEMORIAL (0-4, 0-2) AT CANTON (3-1, 1-1): The Chiefs will be looking to rebound following a tough Week 4 overtime loss to Westland John Glenn. The Zebras showed glimpses of promise against Plymouth last week, but couldn't finish drives. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton); Emons (Canton).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN (3-1, 2-0) AT WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (2-2, 2-0): First place in

the K.L.A.A South is up for grabs in what promises to be a down-to-the-wire dandy between two surging teams. One week after upsetting state-ranked Canton, the Rockets' defense will have their second hands full again against the Patriots, who are averaging 41 points a game. **PICKS:** Wright (Franklin); Smith (Glenn); Emons (Franklin).

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (3-1, 2-1) AT MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH (2-2, 1-1): The Trojans have outscored the Mustangs nearly 3-to-1 during the first four games and will be motivated to show that last week's setback to Lutheran Northwest was a fluke, not the start of a trend. **PICKS:** Wright (C'ville); Smith (C'ville); Emons (C'ville).

INKSTER (3-1, 1-1) AT GARDEN CITY (1-3, 0-3): The Cougars will be hard-pressed to keep up with the Vikings'

explosive offense. Garden City has struggled mightily after winning its opener. **PICKS:** Wright (Inkster); Smith (Inkster); Emons (Inkster).





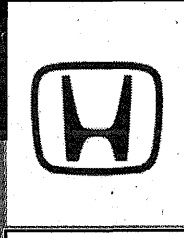
REDFORD THURSTON (2-2, 2-0) AT DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS (4-0, 2-0): Less than a decade since the Cougars could barely find enough players to field a football program they have turned the corner and are cruising on the highway to success. The winner of this Mega Gold showdown will be in the driver's seat to a conference crown. **PICKS:** Wright (Annapolis); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Annapolis).

REDFORD UNION (1-3, 0-2) AT GIBLALTAR CARLSON (2-2, 1-1): The Panthers have had a tough time moving the ball as their 13.5 scoring average indicates. That's not a good sign against a Gibraltar defense that has yielded just 66 points in four games. **PICKS:** Wright (Gibraltar);

Smith (Gibraltar); Emons (Gibraltar).
SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (2-2, 1-1) AT REDFORD COVENANT (3-1, 2-0) 4:30 PM: Covenant has yet to allow a point in its two Southern Michigan Conference games. That streak will be in peril against a Southfield Christian unit that has averaged nearly 30 points a contest. **PICKS:** Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant).

SATURDAY'S GAME
LUTHERAN WESTLAND (1-3, 1-2) AT BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK-KINGSWOOD (1-3, 1-2) 1-P.M.: The Warriors' offense needs to get untracked to keep its post-season playoff hopes alive. So far, they managed to put just 38 points on the scoreboard. The Cranes are allowing more than 35 a game, so the time is now for LW. **PICKS:** Wright (LW); Smith (LW); Emons (Cranbrook).

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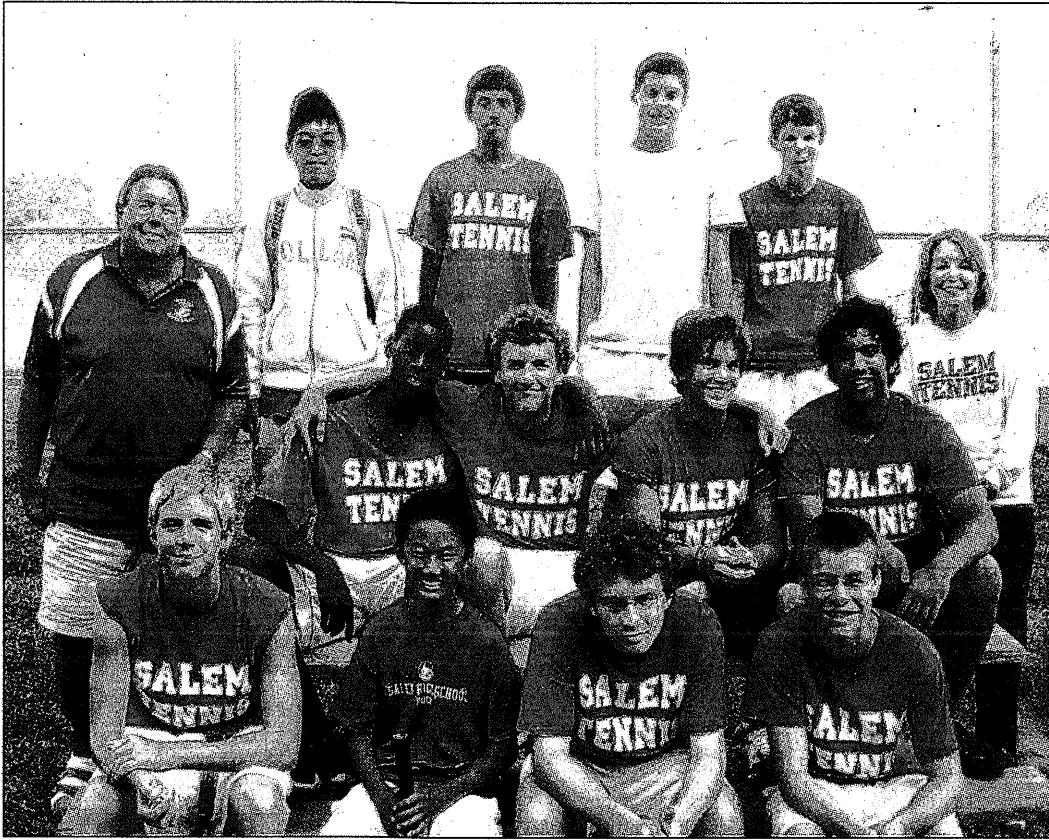
Sunday, September 28, 2008

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Atlanta at Carolina
Arizona at New York Jets
Minnesota at Tennessee
Green Bay at Tampa Bay
San Diego at Oakland
Buffalo at St. Louis
Washington at Dallas
Philadelphia at Chicago

Monday, September 29, 2008

Baltimore at Pittsburgh

Rocks net Monroe title



Salem's boys tennis team rocked the competition at Saturday's Monroe Invitational. Pictured are (front row from left) Andy Steinman, Michael Keum, Brett Foster, Greg Selewski, (second row from left) Dion Walker, Brock Foster, Dave Benson, Surya Nagaraja, (third row from left) coach Bill Nelson, John Kang, Vishnu Rajendran, Josh Perrin, Tyler Foley and coach Lin Ware. Not pictured is Jose Peres.

Salem's boys tennis team continued to over-head slam its competition Saturday when the Rocks captured the Monroe Classic.

The Rocks compiled 21 points to out-distance second-place Farmington and Dexter, both of whom finished with 16. Woodhaven (12), Monroe (10), Temperance-Bedford (9), Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central (8) and Wayne Memorial (4) rounded out the field.

All four Salem singles players — No. 1 Brett Foster, No. 2 Brock Foster, No. 3 Dion Walker and No. 4 David Benson — went 3-0, as did the No. 1 doubles team of Josh Perrin and John Kang. The Rocks' other three doubles team lost just once each: No. 2 Andy Steinman-Vishnu Rajendran; No. 3 Surya Nagarajan-Michael Keum; and No. 4 Tyler Foley-Greg Selewski.

SALEM 6 LIVONIA STEVENSON 3
Monday at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (S) defeated Erik Koch, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Brock Foster (S) def. Clayton Northey, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Dion Walker (S) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Dave Benson (S) def. Josh York, 6-0, 3-0 (default).
No. 1 doubles: Josh Perrin-John Kang (S) def. Giang Nguyen-Kyle Fan, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Simjae Holman-Rayos-Josh Rochette (LS) def. Andy Steinman-Jose Peres, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Paul Franchina-Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Surya Nagaraja-Michael Keum, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 4:** Garrett Adams-Dave Kruse (LS) def. Tyler Foley-Greg Selewski, 7-5, 7-5; **No. 5:** Bohdan Pelekh-Zenik Pelekh (S) def. Jeff Sondergaard-Paul VanGilder, 6-4, 6-2.

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ARE YOU THE ONE?

SWF, 42, 5'11", loves Italian food, music. Looking for SWM, 32-59, who is successful, financially secure, has a good head on his shoulders but also has a wild side. **2284915**

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **2282115**

MUSICAL GIRL

Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **2292258**

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME

SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SM, 39-51. **2284368**

COULD IT BE YOU?

SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2235988**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Good looking SBF, h/w, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2147056**

HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 52, 150lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S, enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2113901**

CLASSY LADY

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **2282305**

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'7", 120lbs, long blonde/brn, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentlemen. **2269249**

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2121734**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **2289947**

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN

Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 39, plus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. **2228810**

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON

Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years young, 5'3", seeks a man, 50-68, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **2282125**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-60, who's looking for an honest, love and laughter, I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2292317**

OUTGOING

BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **2222280**

SEEKING SINCERITY

SBF, 54", 120lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. **2285607**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SWF, 36, long brown hair, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of attractive, fit, funny, easygoing SWM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. **2286534**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Asian woman, 52", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome WAM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, HW proportionate, for friendship first. **2281229**

GREAT-LOOKING BF...

35, seeks serious, successful, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **2283172**

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP

SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. **2284371**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...

37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271683**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes rollerskating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **2287305**

A POLISHED DIAMOND

Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **2287057**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY

Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SPM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **2273600**

A NEW BEGINNING

SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SPM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **2289151**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature bodymind, looking for a lovely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **2292913**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230694**

HELLO OUT THERE

SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **2241293**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST

SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SPM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **2280950**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!

Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 39-75. **2281372**

ARE YOU LONELY?

Attractive female, 55", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **2281247**

HAVE A GOOD HEART?

WF, 33, 5'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves Nascar, classic rock and more. **2293230**

MATURE MAN WANTED

SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion; brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SPM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **2287856**

WARM SMILE

SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **2287187**

CALLING ALL GOLFPERS!

W/MF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **22976914**

A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2277971**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. **2282578**

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SPM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2284444**

GIRL NEXT DOOR

Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde enchantress, 5'5", 50s, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more... seeks soul-mate, call me, serious replies answered. **2233677**

IN SEARCH OF

a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. **2288886**

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-60. **2284318**

SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SWM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **2284532**

KEEP COOL

SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SPM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2287598**

FORMER RUNWAY MODEL

Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 26-38, 6'1", N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. **2285613**

STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 48-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2113198**

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2230808**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated. Loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. **2245846**

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2207254**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 65, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, may be more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **2282618**

I NEED A LOVE...

To keep me happy. Attractive, enjoys dining, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2268059**

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2296370**

FUN & OUTGOING

SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SWM, same age, for friendship or more. **2273709**

COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 65-65, N/S, HDUGs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2275945**

CHOCOLATE TREAT

Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the family and Seeks Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. **2281197**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

GIVE ME A CALL!

SWM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exciting, traveling woman, 18-60, with great sense of humor. **2285448**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

W/MW, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2265340**

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

SWM, 70s, 5'4", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72. I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. **2275970**

GOOD BETTER BEST!

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing and Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. **2292943**

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2289646**

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...

your investment. SPM, 5'8", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. **2233155**

SEMI-RETIRED

SBM, 41, 6'1", 220lbs, N/S, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF, 21-50, with similar interests, to settle down with. **2293532**

NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN?

SWM, nice-looking and really seeks interesting female, 35-51, for dating and friendship. **2292944**

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. **2286035**

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. **2200890**

GOOD GUY WITH A BIG HEART

WM, 5'10", brown/blond, likes music, boating, going to movies, dining out, camping and having a good time. Seeking outgoing, fun WF, 29-36, for dating, possibly leading to LTR. **2292659**

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SWM, 76, 6', 200lbs, N/S, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, seeks old fashioned SWF, 62-70, college grad, who's affectionate, kind, for friendship first maybe marriage. **2449201**

HOW ABOUT A DATE?

WM, 66', 285lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more. 30-60. **2289462**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Educated SWPM, 37, looking for SWF, 28-56, for friendship first. I love theater, movies, good conversation. **2252523**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2284501**

CALL THIS MAN!

Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. **2112288**

SEEK LOYAL WOMAN

BM, 6'1", 275lbs, enjoys reading, movies, sports, comedy clubs and more. Would like to meet an intelligent, down-to-earth, sincere, trustworthy, patient BF, 34-50, petite/medium build, to enjoy life with. **2293546**

KIND AND COMPASSIONATE

Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **2291990**

LET'S MEET!

SWM, 45, looking for a SWF, 18-35, who is fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys sports. Call if that's you! **2222293**

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. **2200459**

EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WILM SWF, for dating and fun times. **2187614**

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. **2128302**

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. **2262418**

TRUE GENTLEMAN

WM, 75, would like to meet a female, 65-75, N/S, for friendship, companionship and more. **2293604**

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SPM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. **22968147**

COUGAR LOVER

Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. **2242460**

GOOD MAN FOUND

Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, candid conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. **2267088**

JUST ME AND MY DOG

WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller-balding, hiking, going to the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2272374**

Late-blooming Longeway earns O&E men's golf title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dan Longeway didn't get serious about the game of golf until he was 32.

Twenty years later, Longeway continues to prove that you're never too old, especially when it comes to winning tournaments.

His latest conquest came Sunday during the final round of the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open where he overhauled Madonna University junior Steve South of Westland for the title by a stroke at Livonia's Whispering Willows G.C.

The Northville Township resident earned his first O&E crown by shooting 71 Saturday at Livonia's Fox Creek and added a 75 Sunday at Whispering Willows for a two-day total of 146.

South held a two-shot lead heading into the second-day of play after firing a blistering 69 on Saturday, only to fall back with a 78 on Sunday after four-putting and taking a triple-bogey on the par-13, 213-yard No. 15 hole.

"Steve played well, he only had one bad hole which probably cost him the tourney," said Longeway, who runs a health insurance firm for small to mid-size employers. "I settled down on the back side. On the front side I was trying to hold on. I was five-over on the front and even on the back."

Former O&E champion Jim Omietanski, the boys varsity golf coach at Livonia Stevenson High, finished with the co-low round of the day at Whispering Willows with a 73 (tying Matt Wiley). Omietanski shot a 75 at Fox Creek for a two-day total of 148.

"I made a few more putts today (Sunday), but I really couldn't get anything close," Omietanski said. "I was one-over on the back and two-over on the front."

Former Livonia Churchill High golfer Chris Kiehl and Stevenson High junior Drew Mossioan, the low net winner, tied for fourth with 149 each, while defending O&E champ William Himm and former

Churchill standouts Mike Lawton and Tommy Lucko were one shot back each at 150.

It's been a good summer for Longeway, who finished eighth last June in the Michigan Senior Open and won both the match and medal play rounds at the Western Golf & Country Club Championships where he is a member.

On Sunday, he birdied the tough par-4, 439-yard No. 10 hole and made par on the par-4, 341-yard No. 11. On Whispering Willows' No. 1 handicap hole, the signature par-4, 390-yard No. 2, he took a double-bogey.

On Saturday, Longeway got hot with five birdies in six holes (Nos. 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13).

"That's where I got it back to even-par," he said.

For his efforts, Longeway won a \$375 gift certificate and first-place trophy, while South took home a \$195 gift certificate and trophy.

Longeway, like South, attended Livonia Franklin High School.

"I played a little intramural golf in high school," he said. "Once I joined Washtenaw Country Club, I started as an 11-handicap and got down to a scratch. I've taken a handful of lessons, but Randy Erskine (a Michigan PGA pro) is the one who got me going. When I learned how to chip, that got me going. You have to learn you to get up-and-down. You practice, practice, practice. That's how I learned how to play."

The first-flight winner for handicaps 9-and-up was another Churchill Charger, Dan Higham, a Livonian who ran away with the title shooting 79-76 for a two-day total of 155. Higham was the first-flight winner in 2006.

Jim Matthews of Livonia was runner-up in the first flight with a 168 and Sal Petrusis of Howell placed third with a 169. See complete results.

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GOLF RESULTS

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF OPEN RESULTS

Sept. 21 at Fox Creek G.C.
Sept. 20 at Whispering Willows G.C.
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: 1. Dan Longeway (Northville Township), 71-75-146; 2. Steve South (Westland), 69-78-147; 3. Jim Omietanski (Livonia), 75-73-148; 4. (tie) Chris Kiehl (South Lyon), 72-77-149; Drew Mossioan (Livonia), 74-75-149; 6. (tie) William Himm (Livonia), 76-74-150; Mike Lawton, 74-76-150; Tommy Lucko (Livonia), 73-77-150; 9. Matt Wiley, 79-73-152; 10. (tie) Ron Herczak, 79-74-153; Josh Proben (Livonia), 76-77-153; 12. (tie) John Brown (Detroit), 76-81-157; Andrew Rousos, 78-79-157; 14. Bruce West, 80-79-159; 15. (tie) Dave Reese, 78-82-160; John Wallace, 81-79-160; 17. (tie) John Corrigan (Farmington), 80-81-160; Daniel Tacker, 78-83-161; 19. Paul Rys, 77-86-163; 20. Brian Sharpin, 83-82-165; 21. Kevin Robinson, 85-82-167; 22. (tie) James Mlynarczyk, 80-90-170; Ron Pummill, 78-92-170; Steve Robinson, 83-87-170; 25. (tie) Don Donohue, 85-86-171; Kevin Furlong, 82-89-171; 27. (tie) Ron Ambrose, 85-87-172; Mark Johnson,

85-87-172; 29. (tie) Fred Emory, 84-89-173; Justin Weigand, 87-86-173; 31. Joe Robar, 86-90-176; 32. Doug Harmata, 94-85-179; 34. Zor Compagnari, 93-101-194; 35. Steve Ponke, 80-withdraw; 36. Matt Corrigan, 82-withdraw; 37. Jeremy Lindlbauer.
Low net: 1. Drew Mossioan; 2. John Brown; 3. William Himm; 4. (tie) Josh Proben and John Corrigan.
FIRST FLIGHT: 1. Dan Higham (Livonia), 79-76-155; 2. Jim Matthews (Livonia), 87-81-168; 3. Sal Petrusis (Howell), 85-84-169; 4. Riley Butcher (Tecumseh, Ontario), 82-88-170; 5. Steve Szymanski (Rochester Hills), 81-90-171; 6. David Piasecki, 84-91-175; 7. Sam Williams (Livonia), 88-88-176; 8. Doug Campbell, 90-88-178; 10. (tie) James Allison, 90-89-179; Brian Cheesman, 90-89-179; 12. Ty Iles, 90-92-182; 13. (tie) Steve Barker, 93-90-183; Lewis Jefferies, 88-95-183; 15. Brad Przysiecki, 97-102-199; 16. James McAvoy, 117-98-215; 17. Charles O'Loughlin, 112-111-223; 18. Rick Wheeler, 88-withdraw; 19. David Lindlbauer, 90-withdraw; 20. Ryan Dietl, 93-withdraw.
Low net: 1. Steve Szymanski; 2. Riley Butcher; 3. (tie) Sam Williams and James Allison.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 26
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 25
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26
PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 25
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
PCA at Huron Valley Lutheran Tourney, TBA
Salem at Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 27
Plymouth boys at Falcon Invite, TBA
Plymouth and Salem girls at Haslett Invite, TBA
BOYS TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 26
Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Salem at Woodhaven Warrior Classic, 8 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Friday, Sept. 26
Plymouth at Franklin, 3 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.
Canton at Churchill at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Sept. 25
Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Rock Mauer Invitational at Salem, noon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 25
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27
S'craft at Spartanburg Methodist (S.C.), TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 27
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 26
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Salem rebounds to spike Mustangs in 5-game thriller

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Instead of hanging their heads Tuesday night in the face of a daunting deficit against Northville, members of Salem's volleyball team hung an incredible comeback on the Mustangs.

Trailing 2-1 in games, the Rocks rallied to bounce their hosts in a down-to-the-wire thriller 25-14, 16-25, 18-25, 25-11 and 15-3.

Coach Amanda Suder's squad is now 8-1-1 overall and 1-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division.

"I was impressed with how the girls came back strong in the final two games after losing the two previous games," said Suder. "We struggled with a lot of hitting errors early on, but came on strong in the end."

"Kelly MacDonald and Nicole

Merget were the two biggest reasons we were able to pull this one out. Kelly played a great defensive match and Nicole was our attack tonight."

MacDonald finished with a team high 18 digs while Merget compiled 24 kills and three aces. Salem setter Jansan Falcusan had her typically brilliant performance, finishing with 38 set assists, three aces and eight digs.

Suder also praised the play of Katie Parr (12 digs) and Kristen Johnson, who played well on the front row.

JOHN GLENN 3, PLYMOUTH 2: The Wildcats dropped a heart-breaking five-gamer to the host Rockets Tuesday night.

"Both teams played a great match tonight," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "Unfortunately, we made too many mental errors at crucial points."

"We allowed Glenn to make runs on us. In game two, we allowed a nine-point run and in game four we allowed a six-point run. We ended up losing both of those games because we did not have someone stepping it up to stop their momentum."

The match see-sawed back and forth all night. Plymouth captured the opening game and the third game, 25-20 and 25-22, respectively. Glenn took the second and fourth games by identical 25-20 scores before edging the 'Cats in game five, 15-12.

Plymouth dropped to 8-6-3 overall and 0-1 in the KLAASouth Division.

"I am looking for my players to step up and battle through when teams being to make runs," McCausland concluded.

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Plymouth spikers earn silver at UM-D

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

VOLLEYBALL

Although Plymouth's volleyball team couldn't find its groove during the early stages of Saturday's U of M-Dearborn tournament, the Wildcats still managed to find a silver lining — and a silver title.

After finishing pool play with a 1-1-1 mark, the Wildcats rebounded to win the Silver Division at the talent-rich event by defeating Livonia Clarenceville (25-13, 25-10), Wyandotte Roosevelt (23-25, 25-10, 15-13) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (25-20, 25-14) in the do-or-die playoffs. The 4-1-1 day left Plymouth with an 8-5-3 mark.

"After the rough beginning during pool play, I was pleased with the way the team reacted to the line-up changes," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "They regained their mental focus and closed the door when the opportunity was there. It was a huge hurdle that we had yet been able to

overcome. "There is still a lot of work to be done, but the girls are making the progress as needed."

The trophy-winning performance was engineered by senior setter Katie Salo, who registered 120 set assists and 34 digs. Also shining were Briana Beyer (69 digs), Meg Quinlan (44 digs, 20 kills), Kayla Bridge (49 kills) and Dani Risi (34 kills).

"Dani really stepped up after switching to the outside-hitter position," McCausland noted.

Chiefs 4-1 at UM-Dearborn
Canton rode the strong efforts of Jordan Kietly and Kacy Moran to a stellar performance at the U of M-Dearborn tournament. The Chiefs cruised through pool play by upending Hamtramck (25-9, 25-10), Belleville (25-10, 25-13) and Plymouth Christian (25-16, 25-13) before knocking off Allen Park Cabrini in the Gold Division quarterfinals, 25-18, 25-19.

The Chiefs were eventually derailed by Farmington Hills Mercy in the semis, 25-19, 24-26, 12-15, to leave their record at 14-3.

"Our serving and defense excelled," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We served tough and took a lot of teams out of their offense, and our defense was making some great plays."

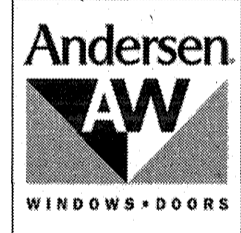
"Against Mercy, we started out strong in game one and game two was close — there were a lot of great plays by both teams — but in game three our serve-receive wasn't as strong as it had been and we couldn't run our offense effectively with the passes we were making."

Kietly had an all-around great day, recording 63 kills and 42 digs, while Moran chalked up 92 assists and eight aces. Other standouts included Shelby Anthony (18 aces and 46 digs), Gina Waite (46 digs) and Kristen Muir (49 digs).

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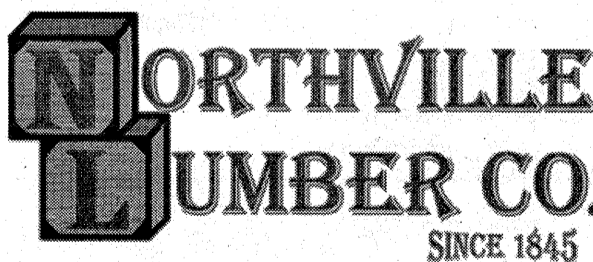
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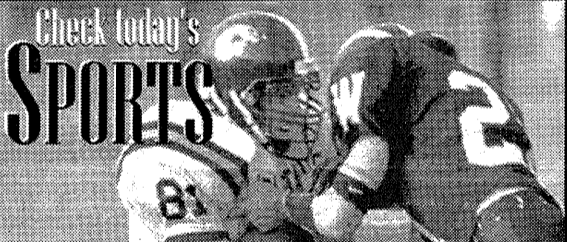
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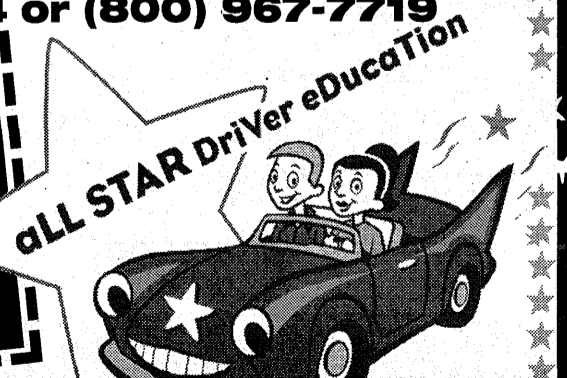
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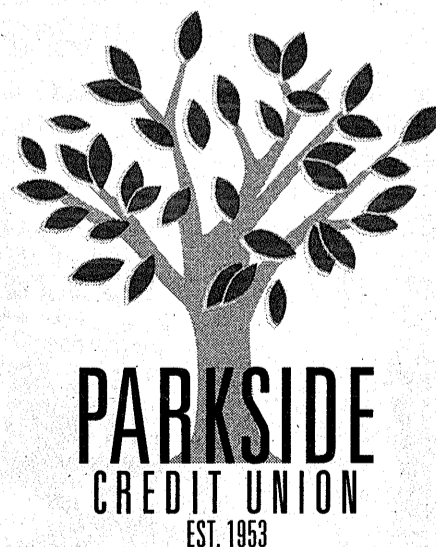
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THAW helps people stave off winter's chill

This information is from the Web site of The Heat and Warmth Fund.

What is THAW?

The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed in December 1985 by a coalition of representatives from businesses, social service agencies and concerned private citizens, in partnership with area utility companies. THAW provides energy assistance to low-income families and individuals during times of temporary financial crisis through local community agencies.

How does THAW work?

People whose service is off or who have a utility company shut off notice or nearly depleted heating fuel may apply for THAW at one of 100 community agency sites located in 70 counties throughout upper and lower Michigan. Trained counselors interview the applicant, verify eligibility, and complete an online THAW application. THAW pays the utility or fuel provider directly.

How do I know my donation will get to the truly needy?

THAW's eligibility guidelines include providing proof of income and need. All applicants are screened by caseworkers at agencies in their community who verify eligibility. Applicants must have already applied for any other available assistance prior to coming to THAW.

How does one get help?

To find the nearest THAW agency (site) location, call (800) 866-THAW (8429), 2-1-1 in southeastern Michigan, or visit the Web site at www.thawfund.org.

Where are applications taken?

THAW screening sites are local community agencies, familiar with available community resources. Sites include Salvation Army Corps and Community Action Agencies in each county we serve. THAW is committed to working through local agencies because low-income applicants often have other needs such as food or counseling, which can be addressed at a multi-service agency. THAW helps eliminate duplication between private and government programs and serves as an information resource on energy



assistance.

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What is the average amount of assistance an individual/family receives from THAW?

Our average payment is \$375 per utility (plus the match from THAW's utility partners), to prevent a shut-off or to restore services. Often a family will be able to make payment arrangements to pay on a bill over time if THAW helps pay a part. Applicants must have made some payment on their account in recent months.

How can one donate?

There are a number of ways to donate to THAW. To charge a donation using Visa, MasterCard or American Express call (800) 866-THAW or contribute via THAW's secure Web site at www.thawfund.org.

Donations can be made payable to THAW and mailed to:
 The Heat and Warmth Fund
 1212 Griswold, 10th Floor

Additionally, DTE Energy, MGU (Michigan Gas Utilities) Inc., and SEMCO Energy enclose appeals for donations in their utility bills during the winter months. MGU customers can add a donation to their monthly bill with their payment. Donations go directly to THAW.

Can I make a gift or memorial contribution?

Yes. Many people prefer to give charitable contributions to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and memorials. You will receive acknowledgment of the donation and a card will be sent announcing your gift (without referencing the amount) to the person of your choice. Call (313) 226-9348 for more information.

How much of my donation will actually go to pay someone's bill?

Because THAW receives support for administration and operations from utility companies, foundations and

others, all donations received from the public go to help needy families pay their energy bills.

What do the utility companies contribute?

THAW Fund has the commitment and partnership of all the utility companies in the areas we service. Each contributes in a different way. In addition to providing funds towards administrative costs, utility companies provide in-kind or donated services, such as meeting facilities or printing. DTE Energy, Consumers Energy, SEMCO Energy and MGU match all customer contributions. Many deliverable fuel/heating oil companies also contribute to THAW.

Aren't people protected from shut-off in the winter?

Utility companies may voluntarily protect some low-income people. Seniors are protected by law from November to March; however, this protection does not ensure bill payment. Without payment, accounts are subject to shut-off when the protection period is over. Deliverable fuel customers do not qualify for shut-off protection.

What is THAW's relationship with other funds, such as Peoplecare?

THAW is an independent nonprofit organization — not a program of a specific utility. While the generosity of our utility partners helps us educate the public and increases the power of our contributions, many other organizations contribute to THAW as well.

THAW participates in several collaborative activities with agencies providing energy assistance such as the Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm, the Southeast Michigan Community Energy Initiative, and the National Fuel Fund Network to look for long-term solutions to energy assistance issues.

Whenever possible, agencies work together to coordinate services for applicants and to avoid duplication. THAW works with agencies throughout the state that were formerly part of MichCon's Heat Bank program. Peoplecare funds collected by Consumers Energy are disbursed through Salvation Army offices, many of whom are also THAW screening sites.

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Q: I am wondering whether or not an easement that we have over an adjacent property can be extinguished by adverse possession?

A: It is reasonably clear that the owner of a servient estate (the property burdened by an easement) may extinguish the easement held by the



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owner of the dominant estate (the property benefited by an easement) if the holder of the servient estate acts openly, notoriously, exclusively, adversely, continuously, and uninterrupted to exclude use of the easement by the holder of the dominant estate for the statutorily established period of time, which is 15 years in Michigan. While there are a number of evidentiary hurdles that must be established, it is possible for that easement to be extinguished and you are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate lawyer.

Q: We run a condominium association where we want to provide that no more than 20 percent of the units can be rented at any given time, that the unit has to be owner occupied or vacant before renting, and that any owner could rent no more than three units. We also included a hardship provision. An amendment was approved by 2/3 of the co-owners here in Michigan. Now one of the co-owners is claiming that the provision is unenforceable. What do you think?

A: Each case has to depend on its own considerations. In a similar case in California, the court upheld that type of provision and generally, restraints on restrictions are enforced since they are not deemed a "restraint on alienation." However, you should consult with your attorney with respect to this particular matter.

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.

State offers home heating credit, deadline Sept. 30

Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Chairman Orjiakor Isiogu recently noted that the Sept. 30 deadline to apply for Michigan's Home Heating Credit in 2008 is quickly approaching. The credit assists low-income people with winter energy bills.

"Many times, low-income residents face financial challenges in paying their winter

heating bills," said Isiogu. "The Home Heating Credit is one way to assist them. The Michigan Public Service Commission encourages low-income people to apply for this important credit before the deadline — September 30."

The Home Heating Credit is funded by the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

(LIHEAP) grant. The program is administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury. The form (1040CR-7) may be obtained by calling (800) 827-4000. It is also available on the Department of Treasury's Web site: michigan.gov/heatingassistance.

Eligible customers must have their homestead in Michigan, must own or rent the home in which they live,

and income must fall within certain limits: one exemption, maximum income of \$11,243; two exemptions, \$15,072; three exemptions, \$18,900; four exemptions, \$22,729; five exemptions, \$26,558; and six exemptions, \$30,386.

Add \$3,829 for each additional exemption. Special exemptions are available if you are deaf, blind, a person with a disability or age 65 or

older.

"Low-income customers may also be eligible for other assistance programs administered by utilities and consumer agency programs, and should contact their utility company for more information," Isiogu added.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Labor & Economic Growth.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 2-6, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County.


Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	Farmington
41823 Conner Creek Ct \$230,000	20963 Meadowlark St \$165,000
6430 N Ridge Rd \$465,000	
42317 Saratoga Cir \$160,000	
584 Sorel Dr \$252,000	
49764 Taft Ln \$411,000	

Farmington Hills	Garden City	Livonia
27835 Berrywood Ln \$84,000	29425 Rosslyn Ave \$73,000	19677 Antago St \$98,000
35835 Castlemeadow Dr \$233,000		14630 Garden St \$137,000
36290 Congress Rd \$224,000		31243 Hathaway St \$135,000
32235 Craftsman Rd \$170,000		29631 Lyndon St \$164,000
30982 Huntsman Dr W \$375,000		37930 Margareta Dr \$100,000
39257 Lancaster Dr \$215,000		
36511 Quakerdown Ln \$220,000		
28917 Ramblewood Dr \$145,000		
29424 Regents Pointe \$127,000		
22615 Shadown Glen \$246,000		
29185 Sunridge \$300,000		

Northville	Novi	Plymouth
14451 Melrose St \$151,000	45253 Bartlett Dr \$117,000	
20035 Milburn St \$91,000	45284 Bartlett Dr \$352,000	
15772 Swathmore Ln \$230,000	27460 Belgrave Pl \$355,000	
	25426 Buckminster Dr \$229,000	
	26551 Glenwood Dr \$600,000	
	24500 Hampton Ct \$200,000	
	41772 Independence Dr \$142,000	
	23540 N Rockledge \$86,000	
	22140 Perth Ct \$433,000	

Redford	Westland
42519 Applecreek Dr \$165,000	8105 Coventry St \$66,000
9231 Elmhurst Ave \$158,000	8606 Diane Ct \$135,000
14967 Lakewood Dr \$194,000	32240 Grandview Ave \$75,000
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Roost service

Roost Inc. (www.roost.com), a comprehensive search engine for finding your dream home, announced the launch of its service in Southeastern Michigan, extending its coverage to the Detroit metro area (Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties), as well as Ann Arbor and rural

areas spanning from Washtenaw County to the Thumb. The addition of these new listings gives homebuyers accurate and up-to-date homes for sale listings of single-family homes, new construction and for sale by owner properties on the Web and provides real estate agents with a streamlined and effective way to connect with home seekers. Roost has initially teamed up with Real Estate One, the largest broker in Michigan, and one of the largest brokers in the country, in promoting the launch. As the 11th largest designated market area in the country, the addition of Southeastern Michigan expands Roost's network by more than 110,000 for sale listings. To develop listings, Roost forms partnerships with local Multiple Listing Service (MLS) boards one community at a time. By contrast, other real estate search sites largely depend on broker feeds

and other third party sources which are often unreliable and outdated. Roost's listings are always current because they are tied directly to the MLS. In this competitive real estate market, outdated information can quickly lead to frustration if a listed property has been sold or taken off the market. Roost's services in Southeastern Michigan are available within the Detroit MLS board boundaries. "The Detroit-area real estate market is a challenging one with falling prices and a tough economic climate. However, people who do plan to buy need accurate information they can act on in confidence. That's where Roost comes in," said Alex Chang, CEO of Roost. "The MLS tracks and updates both new listings and price changes frequently, and Roost makes that information immediately available, either by searching or through e-mail alerts. By using Roost, we know users will be better armed to make

smart decisions in their home buying quest." **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 community 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.

BIA ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council (NAHBR) will sponsor Certified Aging-in-Place (CAPS) seminars: "CAPS I: Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility" on Wednesday, Oct. 1; "CAPS II: Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility" on Thursday, Oct. 2; and "CAPS III: Business Management for Building Professionals" on Friday, Oct. 3. The three seminars will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of Wake-Pratt Construction will teach strategies and techniques for marketing, designing and building aesthetically enriching, barrier-free living environments. To be certified as an Aging-In-Place Specialist, participants must complete all three courses and submit a graduation application to the NAHB University of Housing. Upon approval, graduates may use the CAPS designation. This course counts toward pre-licensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan. Registration fees are \$155 per course for NAHBR members, \$200 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$250 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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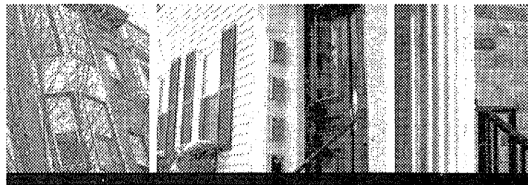
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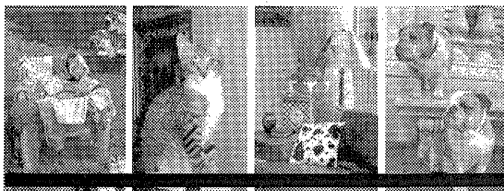
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(Woodward, just N. of 12 Mile, E. on Northwood Blvd., N. on Ferncliff, NE corner of Lloyd.)
Sat., Sept. 27, 10-5. Sun., Sept. 28, 12-3.
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ANOTHER ESTATE SALE BY ENCORE
Sept. 26-27, Fri-Sat, 8-4 (note time change, #s at 7:30AM on Fri.) Redford, 16922 Woodworth, 5 bks. W. of Beech Daly, 1 bk. S. of 6 Mile. 1930 Lionel train set in box, 1932 Coke tray, vintage sports items, collector plates, Pin Backs, jewelry, 50 cups & saucers, hand painted dishes, Lenox birds, 2 sets of china, glassware, 3 wood table & 4 chair sets, living room furniture, bdrm sets, 13 drawer Craftsman tool chest, hand & power tools, older drill press & arm saw, 6 HP boat motor, lots of fishing misc., washer, dryer, upright freezer, portable dishwasher, lots of Christmas books, records, & collectibles. Our #s at 7:30AM on Friday.

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LIVONIA ESTATE SALE
Antiques, collectibles, furniture, tools, appliances, kitchenware & china. 15135 Gary Ln, 5 Mile, btwn Levan & Farmington. Thurs-Sun, 9-5.

REDFORD TWP - 18339 MacArthur, 1st light W. of Beech Daly. Sept. 25-26, 9-5, Sept. 27, 9-3. Antiques, china, furniture, jewelry, metal cabinets, guitars, collectible albums, books, toys, misc.

WESTLAND
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BEVERLY HILLS 31167 Fairfax, 13 and Greenfield. Vintage costume jewelry and fabrics, furniture, decorative items, Bakelite, and more. Sat., Sept. 27, 9am-4pm.

BIRMINGHAM 460 Henrietta, N. of Lincoln, W. of Old Woodward. Sept 25, 9-5. Antiques (furniture & accessories), household, clothes, something for everyone!

BIRMINGHAM MULTI-FAMILY 1782 Fairway, S. of Lincoln, E. of Cranbrook. Sept 26-27, 10am-5pm. Household, clothing & much more!

BLOOMFIELD REMODELING ESTATE SALE 133 North Cranbrook Cross Rd, Lahser & Maple. Sat Sept 27, 9-3pm.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Giant 2 family! Furniture, clothing, toys, household, electronics, more! 5141 Provincial Dr, off W Quanton. Sept 26-27, 9-4.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 8288 Hill, btwn Gilbert Lake Rd. & Maple. Sept 25-27, 9ma-4pm. Antiques, new electric pottery wheel, unique decor items, clothes, children's, household.

BLOOMFIELD TWP - 6153 Eastmoor, N of Maple, 1/2 Mile W of Franklin. Turn right on Northam, right on Eastmoor. Thurs-Fri, 10-3. All must go! Great prices! Furniture, patio, baby grand piano, Orientals, antiques, tools & silver.

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE 364 N. Cranbrook, (off Maple) Sept 25-27, 9-4pm. We're back! Great stuff as usual. Christmas inventory, designer clothes, unique household goods, some furniture.

BRIGHTON - Thurs-Sat, 9-5pm. 2174 Airway Dr. Grand River to Hacker, to Hyne to Eastpoint Sub. Tons of great items with great prices!

CANTON - 49280 Geddes, 1 mile N. of Michigan. Sept. 26-27, 10-5. Carnival games, McCoy Hall, purses & SM tables, \$1 items. Cleanout!

CANTON - MEGA SALE! Thurs-Sat, Sept 25-27, 10-5pm. 42045 Hystone, off Lilley btwn Ford & Cherry Hill, enter on Gloria.

CANTON - Small & life size Halloween Decor, X-mas Village, misc. Corner/ Fredericksburg & Morton Taylor off Palmer. Fri-Sat, 10-4pm.

CANTON - Vistas of Central Park, S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Beck. Sub Wide Sale, Sept 25, 26, 27, 9-4pm. Furniture, household, clothing & ipics.

CANTON 39558 Dorchester Circle. Sat & Sun., 9/27 & 28th. 9am. CD'S/DVD'S/ Videos, sporting goods, electronics, tools, exercise equip, scooters, much more!

CANTON 43575 Bannockburn Dr., Hamford & Morton Taylor 1 bk N. of Miller School. Sept 25-27, 9am-4pm. Furniture, collectibles, toys, household.

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CANTON HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE. THURS AND FRI, 9am-4pm. 40722 Blue Springs Ct., off Lotz, south of Cherry Hill. Dining set, baby items, toys, kid's clothes, housewares and MORE!

CANTON MOVING SALE - 8245 Forrest, Canton, HOLI-DAY PARK SUB. Sept. 26, 27 & 28.

CANTON Parkview Estate Sub. Sale. Amber Dr. thru Lanocot Dr., (S. Palmer - E. Sheldond). Sept 25-27, 8am-5pm. Furniture, appliances, etc.

COMMERCE TWP Church Yard Sale. Household items, furniture, tables, lamps, clothing, etc. 2852 S Commerce Rd, Sept 27, 9-5. 248-960-2101

DEARBORN GARAGE SALE - Too much to list! Thurs-Sat, 8am. 3615 Westwood, E. of Telegraph, off Carlyle, btwn Van Born & Michigan Ave.

DEARBORN HUGE SALE 1740 N. Rosevere, E. of Telegraph, S. of Ford Rd. Sept 26-27, 10am-5pm. Antiques, collectibles, Coke items, household items.

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FARMINGTON 33242 Kirby, Farmington, N. of 8 Mile. Fri. & Sat. Crib, dining set, other misc.

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family Sale - 8 Mile & Farmington, 20941 Cass. Thurs & Fri., Sept. 25-26th, 9am-5pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS 3 Family Garage Sale! Sept 25-27, 9am-6pm. Copper Creek Sub, near 12 Mile & Halsted, 28400 Golf Pointe.

FARMINGTON HILLS Garage/Estate Sale - Fri. & Sat., 9/26 & 9/27. Lots of stuff, everything must go! House is sold! 28469 Baytree, 48334, 734-788-1117 for details!

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FARMINGTON HILLS MOVING SALE 24798 Crestview Ct., off Grand River, E. of Haggerty Ct. Sept 26-28. Clothes, furniture, CD & DVD's, household items. Large collection of Avon, with an emphasis on holiday collectibles, vintage and retro furniture & tables. Large collection of vintage records 500+.

FARMINGTON HILLS, Appliances, tools, books, dishes, furniture, loom. 21311 Osmus, btwn. 8 Mile & Freedom, & Farmington & Merriman. Sept. 25-27, 10-5.

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HIGHLAND GARAGE SALE - Sept. 25th thru 27th. 3721 Burwood, off Hickory Ridge, N. of 59. Household, teen clothing, power tools, misc.

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LIVONIA - Huge 3 Family Garage Sale! 18408 Melvin St., 1 bk. W. of Middlebelt, S. of 7 Mile. Sat-Sun., Sept. 27-28, 10-4pm. Decorating items.

LIVONIA 19215 Purlingbrook N. of 7 Mile, W. of Middlebelt. Sept 25-30, 9am-5pm. Tools, household items, kid's clothes.

LIVONIA 20108 ShadySide, E. of Farmington, S. off 8 Mile. Thurs-Fri. Sept. 25-26, 8:30am. Antiques, furniture, household, & folding tables.

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LIVONIA 29856 Schoolcraft W. of Middlebelt. Family Yard Sale - Sept 27-28, 9-5. Wide range of items from functional glassware to unique finds. Large collection of Avon, with an emphasis on holiday collectibles, vintage and retro furniture & tables. Large collection of vintage records 500+.

LIVONIA 30523 Hoy St., S. of 5 Mile, W. of Henry Ruff. Tools, ladies & men's clothes, baseball cards, household items & more! Sept 25-27, 9am-5pm.

LIVONIA 37653 Howell St., S. & Newburgh. Sept 25-27, 9-6, Sept 28, 9-7. Beermaking, tools, antiques, 2000 Suzuki Maulder, dishes, lamps, lawn equip. & much more!

LIVONIA 4 Family Sale! 16251 Hubbard, btwn 5 & 6 Mile. Wicker furniture, 150 records, women's leather apparel. DAY ONLY! Sat. Sept 27, 10-5.

LIVONIA 5 DAY SALE! 33982 Parkdale, Plymouth Rd., S. on Start. Starts Sun., 28, 9am. Huge Clothing Sale, Great New Christmas Decorations & Lights, Desk, Glassware & More Things Out Each Day!

LIVONIA 9615 Ardian, corner W. Chicago & Merriman. Sept 25-26, 9am-5pm. Misc. furniture, wicker, appliances, Kirby, china, Christmas, decor, rugs, vintage items such as costume jewelry, games, dolls, stand mixers, quilts, chenille, toys, 300 dollars, collectibles as Coke, Longaberger, cape cod, 100's of nic-nacs & glassware items, plus much, much more.

LIVONIA CLEAN HOUSE Garage Sale - Huge! Household items rugs to wall decor, toys to women suits and jewelry! 28215 Clement Circle South, West of Inkster, North of West Chicago off Harrison. Friday-Sunday.

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE - 18221 Laurel Dr. S. of 7 Mile, W. of Farmington. Sept. 26 & 27, 9am-5pm.



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Why GM Loves All Its Remaining Brands

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By Dale Buss

General Motors has been trying to peddle a suddenly outmoded Hummer brand for several months now, with no takers so far. But it is still dogged by questions about whether the company wants to unload anything else.

"It's reasonable that people would ask" whether GM plans to fold other brands too, said Mark LaNeve, GM's North American vice president of sales. "It's never bothered me."

But here are seven reasons why, in the view of LaNeve and others, GM will hold on to its other remaining brands:

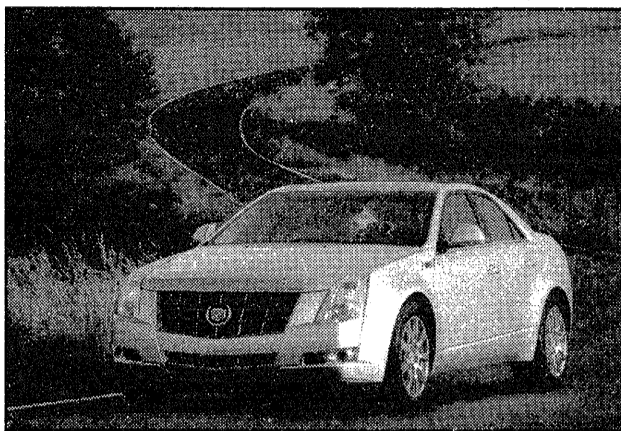
Hummer is unique: It is the only GM brand that "could be fairly easily separated both from a dealer point of view and manufacturing," said David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Two are too valuable: As today's linchpins of what remains of the overarching GM brand strategy first conceived by Alfred Sloan, Chevrolet and Cadillac are very secure. Chevy is the industry's biggest brand and carries GM to the mass market. Cadillac has re-established itself as the premier domestic luxury brand.

"All the big players in the world have a foundational brand, and a luxury / premium brand, and in our case we've made it clear that they are Chevrolet and Cadillac for us," LaNeve said. "It also helps that they're increasingly global brands."

Focus of new products and marketing: LaNeve asserted that the pipelines of most of GM's remaining are filled with exactly the kinds of vehicles that the market shift because of fuel prices will demand in the near and medium-term future.

"Eighteen of our 19 upcoming new models are cars or crossovers," he said. "And if you look at our performance back a couple of years, our share in each one of those segments has grown marginally. We've lost a couple of share points



The restyled CTS is one big reason Cadillac remains GM's luxury anchor.

because we're mixed in so heavily with trucks. It's very evident what kind of vehicles we needed to develop for all of our brands, and we've been doing that."

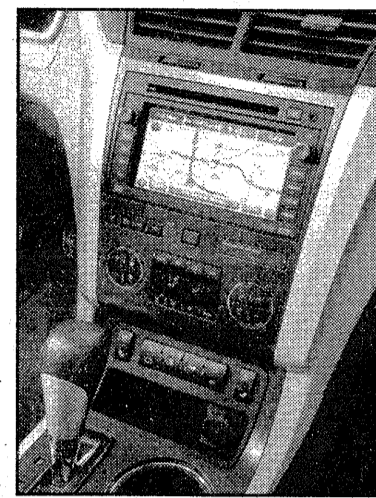
Lessons from Oldsmobile: GM got rid of Oldsmobile several years ago because it had become superfluous for a sensible brand architecture that barely could accommodate both Pontiac and Buick. GM executives have learned two indelible lessons directly from their Oldsmobile experience.

First, caveat dealers. While GM knew it would have some issues to work out with dealers who had individually invested millions of dollars in their Oldsmobile dealerships, most of them over decades, it wasn't prepared for the legal firestorm that hit when GM deep-sixed Oldsmobile. Some have estimated the lode at a total of more than \$2 billion in writeoffs and settlements; GM never has provided a figure.

Second, GM voluntarily sacrificed volume in the hundreds of thousands of units, partly in the expectation that its other brands would recover much of those. Buick, for example, had the most overlap with Olds, so the expectation was that many former loyal Olds buyers simply would switch to Buick.

Three are too intertwined: GM has learned how to inoculate three of its remaining brands - Buick, Pontiac and GMC -- against irrelevance by using a new marketing and manufacturing strategy. It has reorganized the three into one highly interrelated cluster of three brands.

They share more manufacturing capacity with one another than any other GM brands do; for example, both Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia, the



The navigation system of a Chevrolet Traverse LTZ, one of many new GM vehicles.

popular crossovers, are built on the so-called Lambda platform at GM's assembly complex in Lansing, Mich.

Similarly, GM has marshaled dealers into outlets for all three, instead of individual brands. They can draw from Buick's lineup that focuses on midsize sedans, Pontiac's sportier and smaller cars and crossovers, and GMC's larger SUVs and pickup trucks.

Globalism has changed things: Each of the brands in GM's current U.S. portfolio is coming in increasingly handy because of the accelerating globalization of the auto business, LaNeve said.

Buick, for example, has proven popular in China, where GM's expansion is thriving; and Chinese designers are starting to influence the styling of future Buick models for the U.S. market.

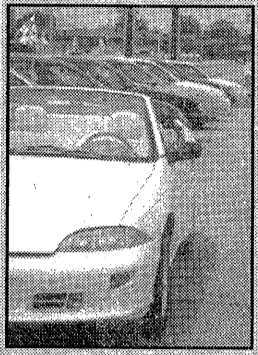
While it began a generation ago as the all-American "import fighter," Saturn has evolved over the years into GM's European-style brand of fuel-efficient vehicles -- and remains GM's flagship when it comes to distribution-system structure and dealer-customer relations.

Realignment of executive responsibilities: Last spring, GM realigned its U.S. marketing and field operations more strongly to support this overall brand strategy. It created four retail channels: Chevrolet, Premium (including Cadillac, Hummer and Saab), Buick-Pontiac-GMC, and Saturn.

LaNeve concluded that GM watchers "could debate it one way or another. But Toyota has three; Ford has four or five [brands]. Chrysler has three. How do you choose to go to market? I don't believe it's how many brands you've got -- it's how you manage them."

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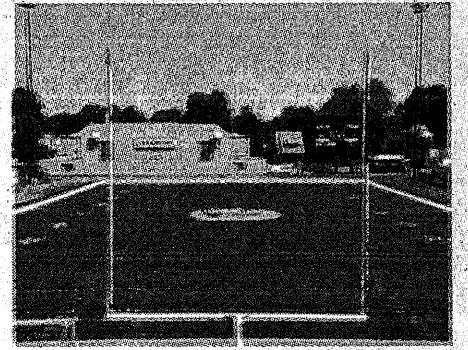
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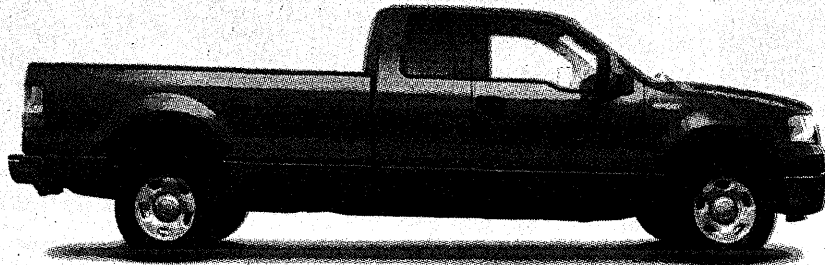


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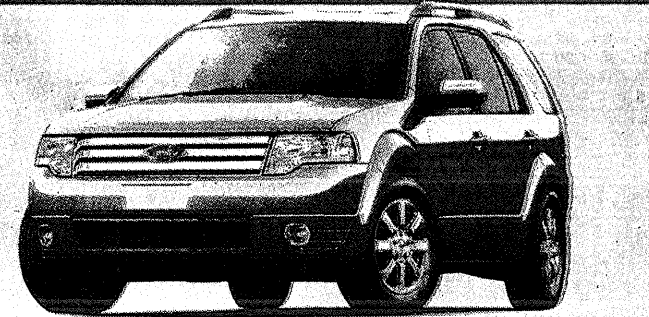
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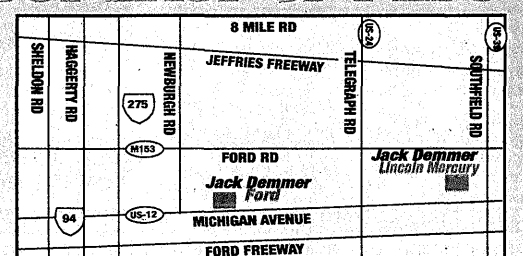
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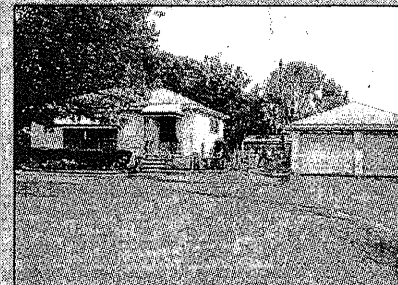
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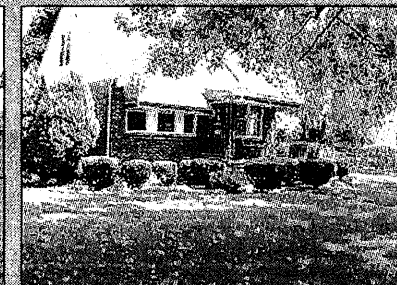
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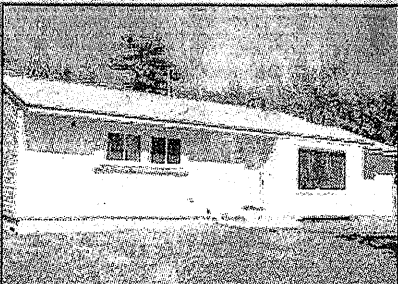
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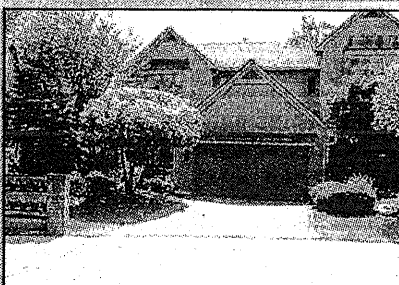
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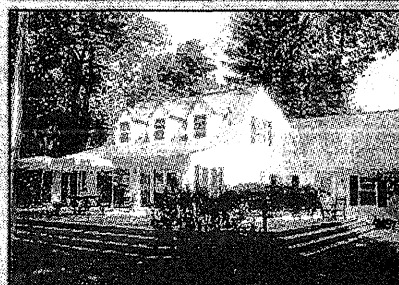
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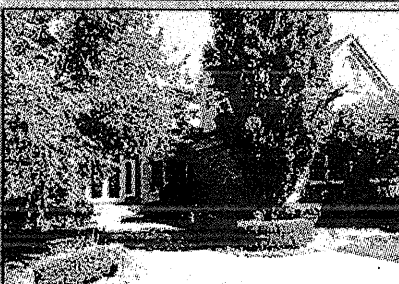
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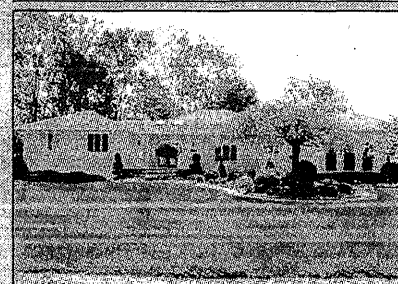
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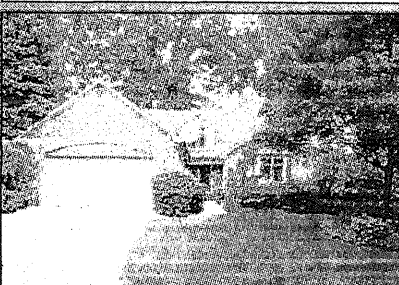
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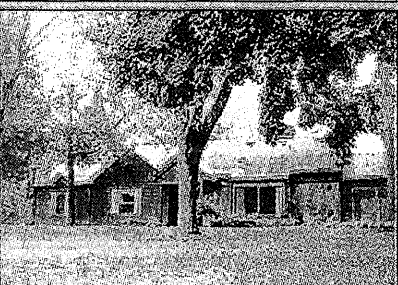
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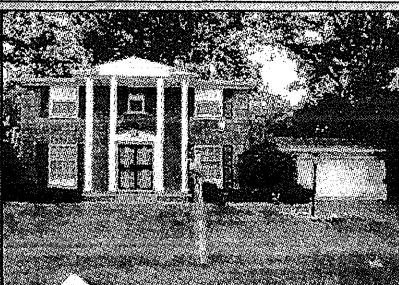
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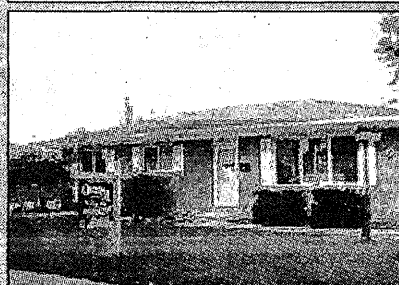
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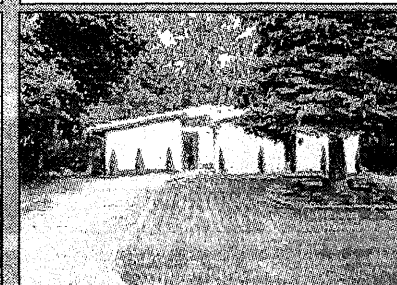
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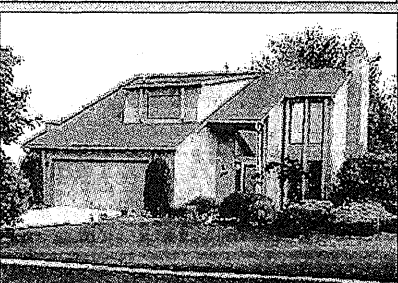
LIVONIA \$166,900
3 BR brick ranch w/ open fir. plan & hwdwd flrs t/o. MBR w/ full bath. New windows & blinds. Updated baths, fin. bsmt, new alarm sys & new 2 1/2 car gar. w/ large attic.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$199,000
3 BR brick ranch has spacious master suite w/ full bath & WIC. Open floor plan w/ vaulted ceilings. Updated kit w/ appls. FR w/ flrc. bsmt. 2 car garage.
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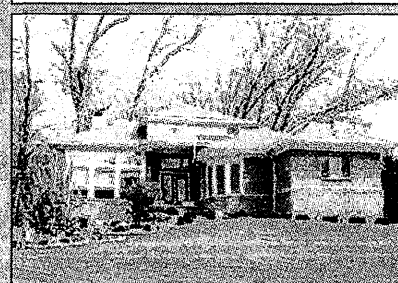
NOVI \$250,000
Contemp 3 BR 2 bath home w/ open floor plan & neutral decor. Kit has large bar counter & pantry. FFL. Bsmt. has bar & office. Large 2 level deck. Oversized garage.
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LIVONIA \$279,000
4 BR home built in 2005. Large kit w/ granite cntrs, isl & maple cabs. Flrc in GR, bay wndw in DR, huge mstr. suite w/ vaulted ceiling, bath. Fin. bsmt. 2 car att. gar.
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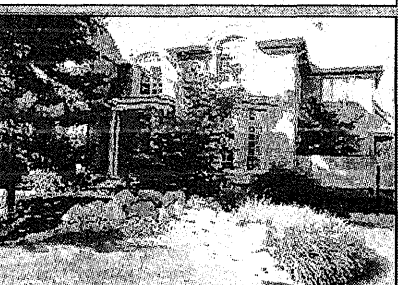
FARMINGTON HILLS \$299,000
4 BR 2 bath colonial. Kit has maple cab, granite counter, SS appl. DR, FR w/ flrc. MBR w/ bath & WIC. Fin. bsmt w/ wet bar. Newer roof, hrdwd flrs. 2 car att. gar.
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COMMERCE TWP \$400,000
4 BR, 2 bath Cape Cod. Hwdwd flrs, granite island kit & nook w/ maple cabs & SS appl. 1st flr mstr w/ bath, GR, formal DR, 2 way flrc. Bsmt. 3 car side entry garage.
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NOVI \$445,000
Beautiful 3600 sq ft 4 BR 3.5 bath colonial. Gourmet island kitchen is open to GR. Flrc. DR. Each BR has adjoining bath. FFL. Upgrades everywhere! Bsmt. 3 car att gar.
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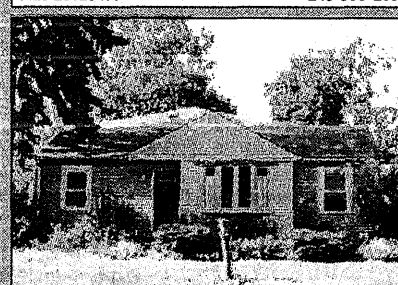
WEST BLOOMFIELD TWP \$649,900
4 BR 3 bath brick colonial. Hwdwd flrs in kit, lib, Indry & DR. Gourmet kit w/ granite counters, Jen-Air appls & butlers pantry to formal DR. Fin. bsmt. 3 car att gar.
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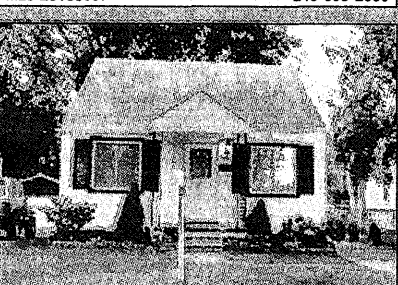
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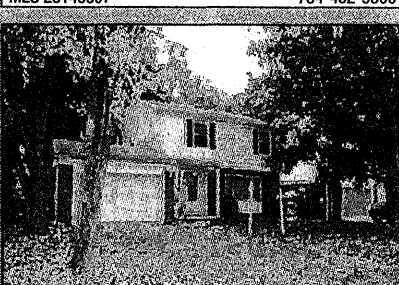
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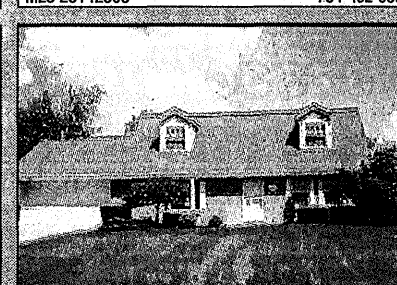
LIVONIA \$214,000
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial, great lot backs to open treed area, custom kitchen, formal dining room & living room with natural fireplace.
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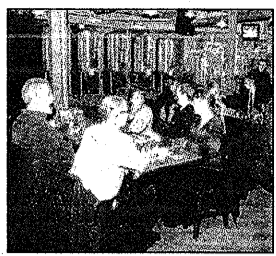


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Pull up a stool, grab a pint, it's beer month

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Performance art demands audience participation

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Last year, Japanese students tried an American pastime - a day at the cider mill. It's that time year again at the Franklin Cider Mill and all of Michigan's mills and orchards where there are hayrides, cider, doughnuts, pumpkins and apples.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike and Katie Titus took over Yates Cider Mill several years ago. The mill has been in Katie's family for years.

The big apple

Local cider mills each offer something different

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Worried about cider mills and all those bees?
Pin a fabric sheet to your shirt. It will help keep them away.

Metro Detroit is lucky because we have many apple orchards and cider mills to choose from and no two are alike.

For example, at Wiard's in Ypsilanti, there's a really scary haunted house each year and a corn maze. The orchard has been in business since 1853 and has hayrides, apple almond bread, cinnamon rolls and a lot more.

At the Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill are U-Pick pumpkins, hayrides for \$3 (kids three and under are free) and special pies including sugar-free fruit pies, and regular apple and pecan pies.

"The Michigan Pie is all-Michigan," said assistant manager Rosanna Pino. "It's one-third blueberry, one-third cherry and one-third apple."

At Yates in Rochester, the river trail is stunning in October as the leaves turn color. The half-mile trail is where you can enjoy donuts and cider and you may even see someone proposing marriage in the romantic area. Things like that happen at Yates. The pies there include caramel

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Here's an easy apple dessert for the family

FRESH APPLE CRUMBLE

2 cooking apples chopped into small pieces
5 tablespoons water
1 tablespoons ground walnuts or almonds
4 tablespoons wheat-free or regular flour
1 tablespoon margarine
4 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg optional
Optional variations: 1 chopped pear and an added tablespoon of water, or 1/2 cup wheat germ with an added tablespoon of water

Preheat oven to 350.

In a saucepan, over medium heat, cook apples (and optional pears) with water until stewed. Stir constantly to prevent sticking.

In a separate bowl, stir margarine (and optional wheat germ plus another tablespoon water) and flour together into a fine crumble.

Add ground nuts, two tablespoons brown sugar and stir well.

Add the leftover sugar and the cinnamon to the apples. Stir until sugar dissolves. Put the apple mixture in casserole dish. Top with the crumble. Bake about 30 minutes. Serve warm alone or with vanilla ice cream.

-By Lana Mini



BILL BRÉSLE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Picking apples at Plymouth Orchards and enjoying cider are some of fall's highlights.

Take a day trip to organic apple farm

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Locally grown apples require less pesticides and other chemicals than those grown out of state. When the fruit is driven just a few miles from pasture to store it doesn't need as much heavy spray.

But maybe you want a fruit that's even more natural.

Try organic.

Organic apple orchards are tough to find locally because Michigan's climate makes it difficult to grow large quantities of them.

But if you want to take a day trip with the family a

few hours away, while enjoying the state's color change, there are several organic farms and cider mills to enjoy as you head to the western side of the state.

For example, family-owned EverGreen Lanes has an organic U-Pick apple orchard open through the end of October. Pick from the semi-dwarf trees or buy from the retail stand and take a walk. Apples include tart and crisp Jonathans;

sweet and creamy Idas; Sweet and slightly acidic Golden Delicious and my favorite not-too-sweet yet sweet enough, crunchy

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ROCK 'N' ROLL FALL SPECTACULAR

Who: The Reflections, The Belmonts, Jay Siegel & The Tokens, The Shangri-Las, and Pookie Hudson's Spaniels

When: 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Where: Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Tickets: \$27-\$67

Call: (313) 943-2354

The Reflections headline playbill of '60s hitmakers

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gary Banovetz never tires of performing The Reflections' hit song *Just Like Romeo and Juliet*.

In fact, the Farmington Hills resident said it's more of a thrill today than when he first joined the group in 1977.

"It's greater now than it was back then," he said. "We're having more fun now than we ever have."

Banovetz is looking forward to playing at A Rock 'n' Roll

Fall Spectacular on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

During two shows, at 4 and 8 p.m., the Detroit-based band will share the bill with national acts including The Belmonts (*A Teenager in Love*, *Runaround Sue*, *The Wanderer*); Jay Siegel & The Tokens (*Lion Sleeps Tonight*, *Tonight I Fell in Love*); The Shangri-Las (*Leader of the Pack*, *Walking in the Sand*); and

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The Reflections are among acts featured at the Rock 'n' Roll Fall Spectacular on Sept. 27 in Dearborn.

RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN

SOUTHFIELD — Get ready for *A Grand Night For Singing*, set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Millennium Center, 16200 J.L. Hudson Drive in Southfield.

Presented by Off-Broadway Productions, this Rodgers & Hammerstein revue spans the greatest hits of the last 50 years. Patrons will hear their favorites from such classics as *Carousel*, *Oklahoma!* *The King & I*, *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music*. All performances will be accompanied by a full orchestra and singers from the Michigan Opera Theatre.

"The ensemble cast will take concert-goers on a musical journey through some of the most memorable music ever to grace the stage," said Frank Brock, executive director for the Cornerstone Development Authority in Southfield.

Prepare to be wowed from the music to the special effects. Tickets are \$15. Call (248) 796-5193 or visit www.millenniumboxoffice.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

By S. Casola

LIVONIA NATIVE SCREENS FILM

NOVI — Mike DiManno will return to Michigan to host the opening of *Battle in Seattle*, followed by a Q&A, at Emagine Novi Theater, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

DiManno is executive producer of the Hollywood film, which stars Ray Liotta, Woody Harrelson and Charlize Theron. The movie depicts five days in 1999 when demonstrators took to the streets to protest the World Trade Organization.

DiManno was born in Dearborn, raised in Livonia and attended Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University before moving to Sacramento and founding Redwood Palms Pictures.

A portion of his film's first week's run at Emagine will benefit Catholic Central's wrestling foundation as well as Thin Blue Line, a non-profit that assists the families of injured, ill, disabled and deceased public servants.

Emagine is located at 44425 West 12 Mile Road, in the Fountain Walk Complex. The movie also will open Sept. 26 at Landmark Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak. Visit www.battleinseattlemovie.com, www.redwoodpalms.com or www.tblofmi.com.

By W. Von Buskirk

FALL FEST BIGGER THAN EVER

CANTON — A giant carnival is part of the fun as Canton Leisure Services hosts its Annual Fall Festival Sept. 25-28. The family event, sponsored by Community Financial, will take place at the Canton Sports Center in Victory Park, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Attractions include more than 35 rides and games, a teen sports arena, food, a big screen movie under the stars, and a "Monster House" on Friday night.

Live entertainment ranges from The Ariel Angels to The Cadillac Cowboys. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. All-day wristbands are \$20 on site. Call (734) 394-5460.

By W. Von Buskirk

CLASSICAL BELLS IN CONCERT

BIRMINGHAM — The Many Voices ... One Song rings in its new season at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 26, with Michigan's favorite handbell choir, Classical Bells.

The 2008-09 Ovations Concert Series continues with The Birmingham-First Chamber Choir's "Let Heaven and Nature Sing," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17. The program includes songs inspired by nature, and concert-goers are invited to visit a menagerie of live animals in the courtyard before the show.

Other concerts this year are "A German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7, led by Tom Trenney; and "Welcome All Wonders," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19, featuring internationally-known concert organist Todd Wilson.

All concerts take place at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road. Call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136 or e-mail ttrenney@comcast.net.

By W. Von Buskirk

Chamber Music Society opens its 65th season Extravaganza offers exquisite delights

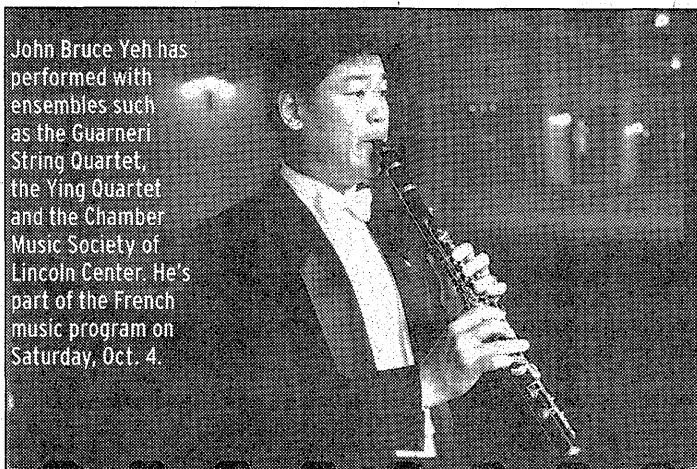
BY LANA MINI
OGE STAFF WRITER

The 65th anniversary season of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Saturday kicked off this month, and unlike many other chamber events nationwide, Detroit's is special.

Why? Because the concerts sell out and audience members are both young and old, sophisticated and hip, suburbanites and urban viewers. Something special is brewing here. There's a welcome feeling in the air. So check it out.

The concerts take place at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at 22305 West 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile roads), Beverly Hills, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School. All shows are at 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

The series includes musicians such as the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, the Miami String Quartet and the Pražák Quartet — big names worth hearing in the



John Bruce Yeh has performed with ensembles such as the Guarneri String Quartet, the Ying Quartet and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. He's part of the French music program on Saturday, Oct. 4.

chamber world.

On Oct. 4, a pre-concert talk with Steven Rings begins at 6:45 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, four virtuoso soloists — John Bruce Yeh, clarinet; Cho-Liang Lin, violin; Gary Hoffman, cello; and Christopher Taylor, piano — appear together for a program on French chamber music.

The program includes Debussy: *Première Rhapsodie*; Ravel: *Duo*

for Violin and Cello, Op. 73; and Messiaen: *Quartet for the End of Time*

THE MUSICIANS

Yeh is assistant principal clarinetist and solo E-flat clarinetist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He's a winner of both the 1982 Munich International Music Competition and the 1985 Naumburg Clarinet Competition. He is founder and director of the Chicago Pro Musica, which won the 1986 Grammy Award for best classical artist.

Lin is a violinist whose career has spanned 30 years. Since his debut with Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival at age 19, he has appeared with virtually every major orchestra in the world. Lin is a faculty member at the Juilliard School and Rice University.

Hoffman was only 22 years old when he became the youngest faculty appointee in the his-

SEASON LINEUP

OPUS 9 SERIES
Oct. 4: John Bruce Yeh, clarinet; Cho-Liang Lin, violin; Gary Hoffman, cello; and Christopher Taylor, piano

Nov. 15: Prazak Quartet
Dec. 6: Christian Tetzlaff, violin; The David and Andrea Page 1797 concert celebrating Renaissance, Baroque and Classical periods

Jan. 24, 2009: Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano
Feb. 7: ATOS Trio; Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Trio Award Concert

April 11: Guarneri String Quartet

April 18: Pacifica Quartet with Erik Ronmark, saxophone

May 16: Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet

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Oct. 3: Christopher Taylor, piano
March 21, 2009: Garrick Ohlsson, piano
May 30: Yefim Bronfman, piano

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tory of Indiana University School of Music. In 1986, he won the Rostropovich International Cello Competition, the first American to do so.

Extravaganza offers exquisite delights

BY LANA MINI
OGE STAFF WRITER

Don't forget the popular Culinary Extravaganza in Livonia on Sunday, Sept. 28 where dozens of Michigan's finest chefs will offer very interesting tastings.

Attire for the event is business casual, and the community is invited to attend.

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program has given us chefs including Randy Emert of Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester; Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky's of Novi; and Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of the organic Royal Oak catering company Pure Food 2 U.

And there will be specialties created by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel — one of just a handful of master chefs nationwide.

The Extravaganza is a treat for metro Detroit and benefits

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

When: 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28
Where: Schoolcraft College, VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia
What: Samplings from fine restaurants, pastry shops, beverage vendors, etc., plus a wine tasting seminar and silent auction
Why: To provide scholarship support to Schoolcraft students
Tickets: \$50 each, or packages from \$300-\$5,000
Information: Call (734) 462-4518 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation

the students of the culinary arts program.

Marjorie S. Lynch, Schoolcraft's special events coordinator, said it will raise approximately \$70,000.

At least \$20,000 provides direct support to the Culinary Arts Department. The remaining supports student scholarships and college initiatives.

Chef Kelli Lewton offers recipes

Chef Kelli Lewton of the catering company Pure Food 2 U in Royal Oak, is focused on organic gourmet foods. Here are several recipes that are popular with her company. Both dishes will be offered at the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

Chop parsley, onion and tomatoes. Mix all remaining ingredients together.

Serve as a salad bar accompaniment, or on romaine hearts, toasted pita bread or sprouted grain tortilla wrap.

QUINOA CHICKEN SALAD

- 1 cup cooked Quinoa
 - 2 cups pulled cooked chicken
 - 3 stalks celery, diced
 - ½ cup dried cherries (optional)
 - ½ cup mayo (made from pure pressed oil)
 - 2 tablespoons white vinegar
 - 1 teaspoon sea salt
 - ½ teaspoon fresh cracked pepper
- Mix Quinoa, chicken and celery. Mix mayo with vinegar and spices. Combine dressing with chicken mixture, adjust seasoning and serve.

RED QUINOA TABOULEH

- 8-10 servings
- 1 cup chopped parsley (about 5 bunches)
 - ¾ cup cooked red Quinoa
 - ½ cup diced organic tomatoes
 - 2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
 - ½ small red onion diced fine
 - 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 - 4 tablespoons virgin oil
 - Sea salt and fresh cracked pepper to taste

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by Neil Simon

Directed by: Evelyn Orbach

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SPECTACULAR
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Pookie Hudson's Spaniels (*Goodnight, Sweetheart*, *Goodnight, Stormy Weather*). The Reflections formed in 1964 and released many singles, including *Shabby Little Shack*, and one album, *Just Like Romeo and Juliet*, on the Detroit R&B label Golden World Records.

The current lineup includes original members Tony Micale of Livonia and John Dean of Westland; along with newer members Banovetz, Joey Finazzo of Warren and Sal Prado of Dearborn.

Banovetz said the group stays busy touring historic theatres across the country, and is often tapped to play local shows.

"We have a big fan base in the Detroit area," Banovetz said. "We're able to draw a lot of people."

In order to carry the name of a classic band, a group must have at least one original member, according to Joel Bogorad, Executive Producer of Concert Entertainment and organizer of the Rock 'n' Roll Fall Spectacular.

Bogorad said each act will play at least 20 minutes and banter with the crowd. Audience members are invited to take photos and get autographs during a meet-and-greet after the show.

"These are family-friendly performances. Good wholesome fun," said Bogorad, of Farmington Hills. "These shows give people a smile. When you leave you feel happy."

Banovetz says The Reflections enjoy interacting with fans, which is why they keep the music of the '60s alive.

"People will start dancing in the aisles and singing the songs. The energy that's created and the crowd participation is just unbelievable," Banovetz said. "It's a good feeling bringing back the songs that we all remember."

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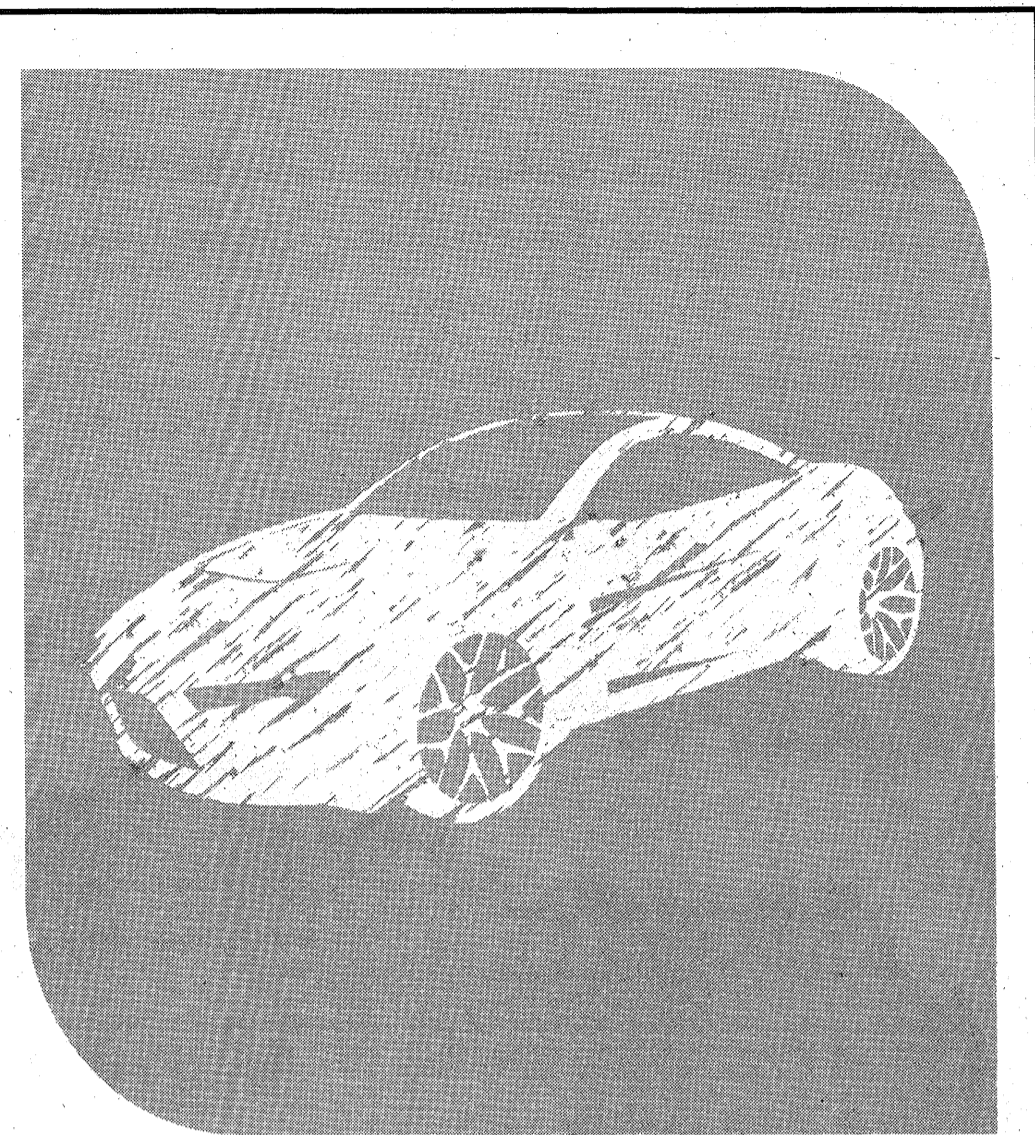
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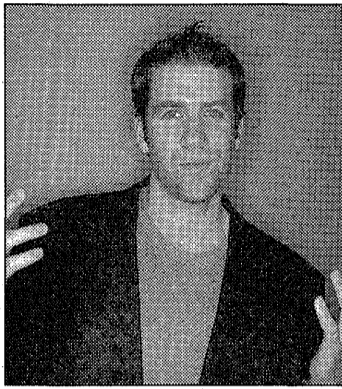
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Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend of Sept. 26 to Oct. 1:

26 Actress and author **Jamie Lee Curtis** reads from her brand new children's book *Big Words for Little People*, 7 tonight at Borders, 612 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 668-7652 for details.



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Brad William Henke and Sam Rockwell star in the dark comedy "Choke," released by Fox Searchlight Pictures.



30 Fans of author **Chuck Palahniuk's** novel *Choke* can now see it come to life — in all its dark comedic glory. Clark Gregg directs this sordid story focused on Victor Mancini (Sam Rockwell), a med-school dropout who keeps his deranged mother, Ida (Angelica Huston), in an expensive private hospital by working days as an historical re-enactor in a theme park. All the while he uses a restaurant choking scam to enlist the help of wealthy patrons eager to "help" him. The film is playing in area theaters now and it's rated R.

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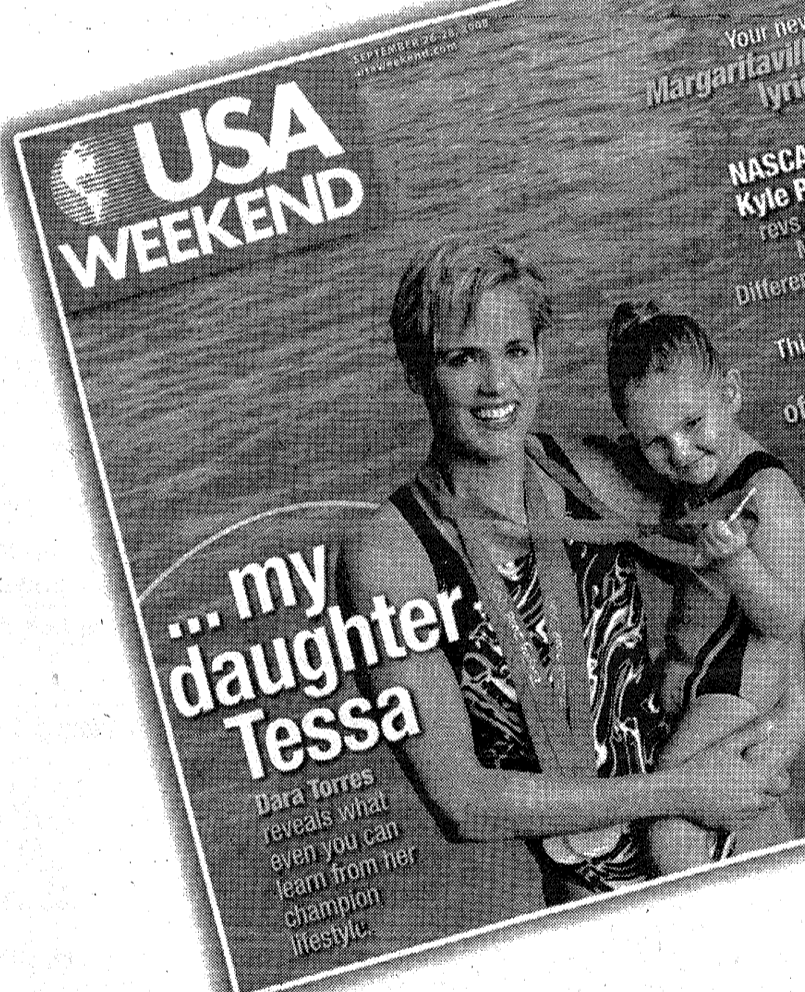
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Gómez-Peña

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What: The renowned performance artist returns to the DIA with two politically and socially charged programs
When: One-man show, *El Mexorcist*, is 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 and free of charge; *Mapa Corp*: Interactive Rituals for the New Millennium runs 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 27-28, tickets \$20 or \$28 for students and members.
Where: Rivera Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.
Museum Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m.-



Melinn
 10 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.
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Performance art demands participation

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
 O&E STAFF WRITER

This weekend won't mark Performance Artist Guillermo Gómez-Peña's first trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. He has visited the museum twice before, in the 1990s. Nancy Jones, executive director of learning and interpretation for the DIA, has brought him back for a weekend of performances she said is sure to make audiences think.

"Personally I think he is the most brilliant and gifted artist alive today," said Jones, who was anticipating his return.

Gómez-Peña relies on spoken word and interactivity to convey his passionate views on world issues.

He'll begin with a one-man show, a free performance, on Friday, Sept. 26. Titled *El Mexorcist*, Gómez-Peña will embody an activist protesting the construction of a U.S./Mexican border. He'll shift into various languages and morph into multiple characters as he presents ideas on identity, race, sexuality, pop culture, politics and more.

Then, Sept. 27-28, the audience gets in on the act for *Mapa Corp*: *Interactive Rituals for the New Millennium*. As the title suggests, the artist will use the human body as a political map. Gómez-Peña will be joined by his troupe, which includes Roberto Sifuentes, professor of performance art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; Violeta Luna, a Mexican actress and artist; René García, a California-

based video artist; and a local addition — Royal Oak resident and actress Lisa Melinn. Jones was familiar with her work and connected her to the project. Melinn could not be reached for comment.

Jones said she saw a production of *Mapa Corp* over a year ago in East Lansing. "I was just blown away by it," she said. "I think it's one of the most significant presentations he's ever done." And a timely one, she added, as it deals with and encourages people to think about current social and political issues. Audience members should prepare to feel personally involved and engaged, Jones said.

The programs happen to be during Hispanic History Month, which was part of Jones's intention in offering the program at

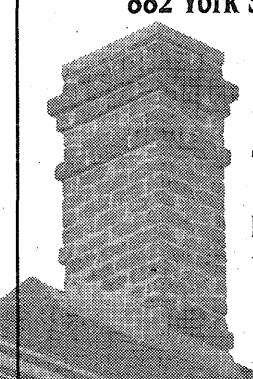
this time of year. Gómez-Peña is of Mexican descent and many members of his troupe are Mexican Americans.

Gómez-Peña, a MacArthur Grant fellow and regular contributor to National Public Radio, uses music, spoken word and images to evoke feelings and ideas meant to last long beyond his performance.

His work covers issues of oppression and liberation, mourning and healing, and visitors will interact with performers as they move through the Rivera Court.

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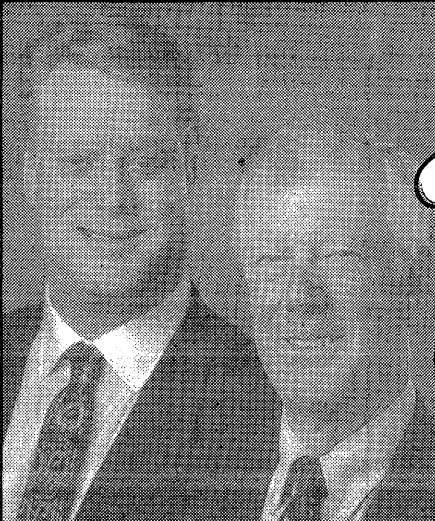
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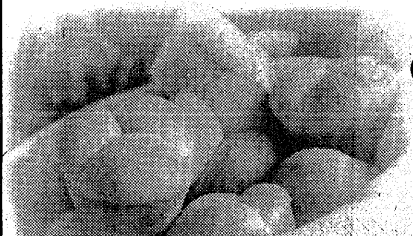


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Copper Canyon Brewing: If you're an IPA fan, try the hoppy, citrus-infused notes of *Devil's Peak Ale*. At 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, call (248) 223-1700
Detroit Beer Company: Come Fall order up the *Dimondale Dunkelweizenbock*, a medium-bodied wheat with clove and banana accents. At 1529 Broadway, Detroit, call (313)

962-1529
Dick O'Dow's: You gotta go for a *Guinness*, though a *Harp's* might suffice at this traditional Irish pub. At 160 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 642-1135.
Jacoby's: Order *Hacker Pschorr* in a bottle or *Spaten Maibock* on draught at this traditional German Biergarten. At 642 Brush in Greektown, Detroit, call (313) 962-7067.
Lily's Restaurant & Brewery: Love Hefe Weizen? Try the *Whitefish Bay Wheat*. At 410 S. Washington, Royal Oak, call (248) 591-5459
Motor City Brewing Works: Though the options abound, *Gettoblaster* is the go-to ale. At 470 W. Canfield, Detroit, call (313) 832-2700.
Rochester Mills Beer Company: Beer as dessert exists. It's called *Milkshake Stout* and it has notes of coffee, chocolate and caramel malt. At 400 Water Street, Rochester, call (248) 650-5080
Royal Oak Brewery: What else? *Royal Oak Red*, a multi-caramel ale. At 215 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, call (248) 544-1141
Traffic Jam & Snug's Detroit and Mackinac Brewery: Get the German malt *2nd Avenue Pilsner*. At 511 W. Canfield, Detroit, call (313) 831-9470.
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Stephanie Angelyn Casola is anxiously awaiting seasonal brews — particularly of the pumpkin variety. While she admits we couldn't include every bar in this little listing, she considers it a solid start for an Observer & Eccentric community pub crawl and thanks FILTER editor Wensdy Von Buskirk and staffer Lana Mini for contributing. Send your favorite brew picks and locations to scasola@hometownlife.com.

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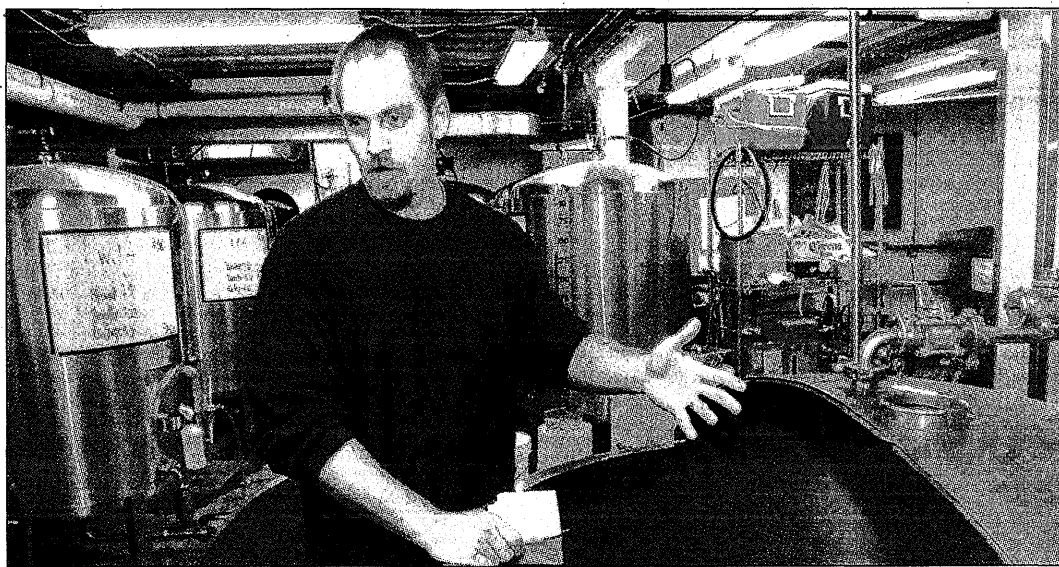
When the airy Belgian-inspired bistro Bastone opened in Royal Oak in 2004, it quickly garnered a reputation for its consistent menu of frites, tartes, burgers, salads and pastas. But that's only half of the story. Below its floorboards lies a full brewery where brewmaster Rockne Van Meter has free reign to create the eight varieties of beer that will flow from Bastone's taps at any given time.

Last week, just in time for the coming Oktoberfest celebration, he invited FILTER down to see the process for ourselves. Surrounded by stainless steel tanks on all sides, he sauntered over to a secondary room where hundreds of pounds of grain were piled, one bag atop one another, each awaiting its turn in giant grinding mill.

"Grain is the primary ingredient," said Van Meter. That's where the flavor, color and taste begins, he added. Bastone imports 90 percent of its grains from France, Belgium and Great Britain. Whole kernels are ground down into smaller pieces and transferred to a lauter tun in a separate room, where it is mixed with water and heated to a high temperature, up to 160 degrees, to release the starches.

At that point the mixture becomes wort, a sort of barley sugar water. Then, it is diluted to suit the style of beer Van Meter intends to create. "The darker the beer, the more concentrated the wort," he said.

Hops are added, or "mashed in," giving the beer its bitter flavor and aroma. The next step, and perhaps the one requiring the most patience, is the fermenting process. The mixture is placed in a large bin to ferment in open air — a quality unique



Brewmaster Rockne Van Meter keeps the taps pouring at Bastone in Royal Oak. Get ready to celebrate Oktoberfest at the local restaurant-brewery beginning Sept. 29 with the seasonal brew Rocktoberfest.

to Bastone when compared to other area breweries. The yeast begins to do its work and fermentation takes varying amounts of time.

Ales are crafted after seven days, Van Meter said, while lagers take about 14. Temperatures are stepped downward and when the batch is ready, it is transferred to a conditioner and later moved into tanks connected to the bar taps upstairs in the brewery.

The beer on tap includes mainstays like Bastone-best-seller Monumental Blonde, Main Street Pilsner, Royal IPA and the brewery's Belgian-styles like the Great White Wit, Dubbel Vision and Nectar des Dieux Triple.

The menu also features two seasonal beers at a time. And Sept. 29 marks the start of Oktoberfest season — which comes with a brew to match. It is a medium-bodied brew with a deep amber color and roasted toffee notes. According to David Ritchie, operating partner at Bastone, "we couldn't resist

naming it Rocktoberfest" after Rockne. The second seasonal offering is a Munich Dubbel, dark-styled lager with chocolate notes.

Ritchie came on board last year with the intention of promoting the brewery side of the business. He's seen the restaurant's to-go beer service double in that amount of time. Like Van Meter, he said the blonde is his favorite Bastone beer, adding "but I love them all."

Van Meter plans four to six weeks ahead of time to be sure the barrels remain fully stocked for Bastone's beer-drinking patrons. "We never run out of beer," he announced with pride. Van Meter, a Grand Blanc resident, has been in charge of the Royal Oak brewery for the past three years. He takes cues from the season rather than the restaurant's menu when choosing and crafting new brews. Some varieties sell faster at certain times of the year. The Belgian Wit seems to be a warm weather favorite while IPA earns more

fans in the fall and the Dubbel satisfies winter beer cravings.

The Monumental Blonde is the overall best-seller while the Main Street Pilsner tied with Stella Artois in 2007 national competition. In all, the brewery has earned 24 awards from organizations ranging from the Beverage Testing Institutes' World Beer Championships to the World Expo of Beer, the

North American Beer Awards and the Michigan Beer Brewers Cup. Most of those honors have come under Van Meter's leadership. He attributes his success to staying true to a beer's traditional style and paying close attention to detail when it comes to brewing.

Van Meter began as a homebrewer with a passion for beer and sought out his first position at Big Buck Brewery as an assistant. He also worked at Rochester Mills Brewery before coming to Bastone.

All of the beers he brews must pass Van Meter's rigorous standards. His work environment also contributes to the success of the product, he said.

"I do enjoy the freedom to do what I want," he said, adding that he has the support of management.

While he's had some unusual requests over the years — including one for an oyster beer which never materialized — Van Meter has established a beer menu patrons have come to expect, anticipate and enjoy. The awards, Ritchie said, are a testament to "how good Rockne is."

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OKTOBERFEST

What: Celebrate Fall with German food and hand-crafted seasonal beers.

Where: Bastone, 419 S. Main Street, Royal Oak.

When: Sept. 29 to Oct. 23.

Menu: Pan Roasted Salmon with caramelized apples, red cabbage, potato pancakes and a Reisling butter sauce; **Jagerschnitzel**, a pan-seared pork loin with herbed spaetle and German mushroom sauce; **Sauerbraten**, marinated sirloin with pan-fried potatoes and braised carrots; **Roast Chicken** with German potato salad and Bavarian sauerkraut. Items range from \$12.95 to \$15.95.

Brewery: Buy a limited edition Bastone beer stein for \$9 and fill it with any of the restaurant's hand-crafted brews — including the seasonal **Rocktoberfest** lager — for just \$3 throughout the Oktoberfest celebration.

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SEPTEMBER

Special needs class
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is looking for special needs teens and young adults (up to age 25) interested in participating in a course designed to help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith. The day and time of the course will depend on those interested. To get the most out of the course, students should possess basic communications skills (listening and speaking). Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail at elc-ed@around-detroit.biz.

Interfaith courage
Three-day free lecture series by Daniel Buttry, a global consultant for peace and justice, 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 25-26, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits. Topics include Freedom of Religion: Religious Hate vs. Religious Respect; Interfaith Community Building; Healing Our Communities Together, and Interfaith Courage: It's Our Time Now. Call (248) 644-0550.

Sacred music concert
"Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains." The seminary choir of the Blessed Theofore Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine 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. Free will offering requested. Audio and video recordings available. Call (734) 522-3166 or visit www.seminaryconcerttour.com.

Mom-to-Mom sale
9 a.m. to 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 Ridge, 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 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 Road., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter David Conrad. No charge. Please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950.

Rummage sale fund-raiser
Pre-sale 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 (admission \$2 per adult); Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads., Livonia. Admission free. Saturday everything half price.

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

A night of wine & roses
Wine tasting event Friday, Oct. 10, with tasting from 7-9 p.m. with dessert and afterglow until 10:30 p.m., in the lower level of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School and adjacent grounds of the church in Plymouth. Tickets \$50, ticket holders must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance. To order, visit www.olgwineevent.org or call (734) 737-0755.

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 Road, 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. No charge. 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.

Evenings of Evangelization
Resume with Rev. Alex Kratz 7 p.m. Friday Oct. 17, 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 Nov. 21, and Dec. 12. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200. Bring or buy study text "Go and Make Disciples" (U.S. Bishops) at September meeting.

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 ncamom2momsale@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.

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 Road. 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.

Music at St. John's
Continues with Halloween Pipes Spooktacular with performance by Scott Elsholz, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 (dinner at 5:30 p.m.); A Festival of Lessons and Carols 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, with the parish's music groups; Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

Grief workshop
Presented by Karen Jinnett from New Hope Center for Grief Support beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, for eight consecutive weeks at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

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ONGOING

ENDOW
St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women", the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays. All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Choral rehearsals
Oakland Evening Rehearsals has begun Tuesday choral rehearsals for its Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wacht auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. All singers who can read music are welcome. Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age

30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184.

New worship schedule
Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study
St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

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.

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.

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday worship
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

Reformed Protestant services
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kocpzynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

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Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington

Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings
Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

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Day of service
A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

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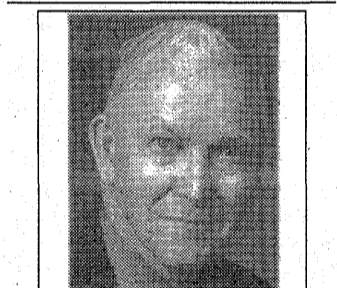
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Born Jan. 1, 1917. Died Sept. 15, 2008. Age 91. Loving wife Joyce for 53 yrs. Father of William Coon, Douglas Coon, Linda Lindeman, Greg Coon & Joy Heinrich. Grandfather of Carrie, Ken, Kevin, Amanda, Russell, Karen, Shelly, Tim, Kenneth, Michael & Jamie. Great-grandfather of 14 & Great-great Grandfather of three. He was a milkman before starting his business, Ray's Heating & Plumbing. He loved deer hunting every November in Oscoda. Lived in Plymouth until they put 275 in. Then he moved to Ann Arbor where he lived & owned a golf course until he retired to Arizona.



JAMES S. WILLOUGHBY

Age 79, died September 23, 2008, at Beaumont Hospital Hospice after a lengthy hospital stay following a pedestrian accident. He was a dedicated volunteer and cherished the time he spent with many charitable, civic and political organizations. He was an active member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit and an avid supporter of the Detroit Zoological Society, BASCC Meals on Wheels, St. Dunstan's Theatre, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Oakland County Lincoln Republican Club and other local, state and federal political groups. Other interests included the Detroit Historical Society, the Jaycees and the Windsor-Detroit Jazz Club. He was recently elected Republican Delegate to the County Convention. The son of Gerald and Dorothy, Willoughby of Detroit, MI. Jim was a 1947 graduate of Mackenzie High School in Detroit and a graduate of Michigan State University in 1951. He was a Lieutenant with the U.S. Army and served in Germany. He joined the Ford Motor Company in 1957 and retired from the Customer Service Division in 1991, after 34 years of service. In addition to his volunteer work, he enjoyed travel and spending time with his nieces and nephews and their children. He is survived by brother Roger Willoughby of Vero Beach, FL; sister Jean Ashton of New York, NY; six nephews and nieces; nine grand nephews and nieces; and long-time friend, Nancy Dailey. Donations may be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit, the Detroit Zoological Society, BASCC Meals on Wheels and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

MARION ELEANOR POSTLER (LaLonde)

Beloved mother of Sherry (Patrick) McMahon, Richard (Kathleen) Postler, Daniel (Ann) Postler, Karen (Donald) Convery, Kelly (Darlene) Postler, and Keith (Renee) Postler. Died at her home on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008. She was 80. A lifelong Detroit sports fan, she was especially fond of the Tigers and often watched or listened to multiple games at home when sports seasons overlapped. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, in 1997 and her granddaughter, Nicole, daughter of Karen and Donald, in 1993. She is survived by 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Viewings were Saturday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 21 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, Redford Township, MI 48239. Funeral services were Monday, Sept. 22 at 10:00 am at St. Hilary Parish, 23901 Elmira, Redford Township, MI 48239, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48034. Donations in her memory can be sent to The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Ann Arbor, MI.

DAVID NORRIS KEEFER

Age 56, of Newton, MA, formerly of Rochester, MI, Ft. Myers Beach, FL, and San Francisco, CA, died on Sunday, September 21, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, as well as his children, Hillery and James, mother Annabelle, brother, Bob and sister, Judy. A celebration of David's life will be held at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, 207 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA at 4pm on Saturday, September 27, 2008, followed by a memorial tea at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following charities: Theodore and Margaret Beard Family Excellence in Teach Award, Fairfield County Community Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851-1543 OR American Liver Foundation, New England Chapter, 88 Winchester Street, Newton, MA 02461

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Jewish prepare to celebrate holidays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Wendy Sadler is busier than usual these days preparing for the Jewish High Holy Days. In addition to her job as director of Shalom Street, the Jewish museum in West Bloomfield, the Canton woman is cooking for more than a dozen family members and friends for Rosh Hashana. The Jewish New Year begins at sundown Monday, Sept. 29. She'll be celebrating with daughters Michelle, 19, Samantha, 17, Frankie, 10, and husband Jim at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield. Sadler is a founding member of Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton.

"It's a family event," said Sadler. "Our family comes Monday night and then we go to the synagogue. My sister and I take turns making chalah and chicken soup, brisket, apples and honey in anticipation of the new year being a sweet one. For Yom Kippur, Oct. 8, we get together for a big meal and then break the fast in the evening of Oct. 9. Yom Kippur is a day of repentance to ask for forgiveness for the not so nice things we've done. We fast because if you feel the hunger, you feel the pain. It's kind of a way to



Tanya Nemeth of Canton holds the "four spices" of myrtle twigs, willow branches, palm leaf, and citron.

cleanse your body and start again."

Jeff Kirsch and his family bring in the new year together as well. The Farmington Hills man will have dinner at the home of his parents, Dan and Arlene Kirsch, then go to Congregation Beit Kodesh in Livonia for services. Joining them will be his children Michelle, 27, Jordan, 23, and grandson Chase, 3.

"We have a festive dinner," said Kirsch, Beit Kodesh education director. "My grandson

might not quite understand what we're celebrating but he sees we're all together and laughing and talking about what will come about for the new year. My daughter brings him to the synagogue for the holidays. It's a warm feeling for us to see him getting involved at a young age. He's being introduced to the holidays and celebration. For Yom Kippur we start with Kol Nidre for the beginning of the Day of Atonement where Jews say prayers to ask God for for-

giveness." Kari Alterman is hosting 35 friends and family members along with daughters Noa, 6, Adina, 4, and husband Eddie on Tuesday night at their home in Franklin. They'll attend services at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield where she serves on the board.

"We have many friends who are Jewish and non-Jewish. I believe it's a wonderful opportunity for people to reconnect. In many ways for our family it's like a Thanksgiving," said Alterman, Regional Leadership Director and Detroit Chapter Director for the American Jewish Committee. "It's a nice time for everybody to be together and celebrate and appreciate how lucky we are. For the 10 days of AWE which culminate in Yom Kippur people apologize to people they may have hurt over the past year. It's a period of self reflection."

Roberta Malkowski has been delivering holiday food parcels to elderly in the area through the Jewish Federation and Jewish Home and Aging Services. Her most recent stop was at a Livonia facility where one man said she made his day.

"We want to show they're



Members of Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton celebrate the Jewish festival of Sukkot with Rabbi Peter Gluck (center).

not forgotten at this time," said Malkowski, who'll attend Rosh Hashana services at Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton, which doesn't charge for High Holy Day services and welcomes everyone.

Although the Jewish High Holy Days end with Yom Kippur, the celebrating continues with Sukkot, the festival of booths, Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 14-15. The holiday reminds Jews about the celebration in ancient times when Israelites lived in temporary booths or shelters after harvesting crops.

Malkowski and the members of Bet Chaverim will construct a sukkah then gather at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19.

"We construct it ahead of time so then everyone can come out and celebrate," said

Malkowski of Northville. "Rabbi says blessings over your family and people go into the sukkah. We have four spices that are symbols. Myrtle twigs and willow branches represent different events and ideals. Lulav and etrog are fruits of the earth. A palm leaf is a lulav and shaken as prayer is said. Etrog is a citron, an oversized egg shape fruit grown in Israel and imported for the celebration. It's similar to Thanksgiving, celebrating the fruits of the earth."

It's also an opportunity for Jews to remember the 40 years they wandered in the desert after leaving slavery in Egypt, said Alterman.

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Makeup moves into sultry fall shades of wine, berry and gunmetal gray

The Fall face is all about decisions — choose between smoky gray eyes or a powerful deep berry pout and you can't go wrong.

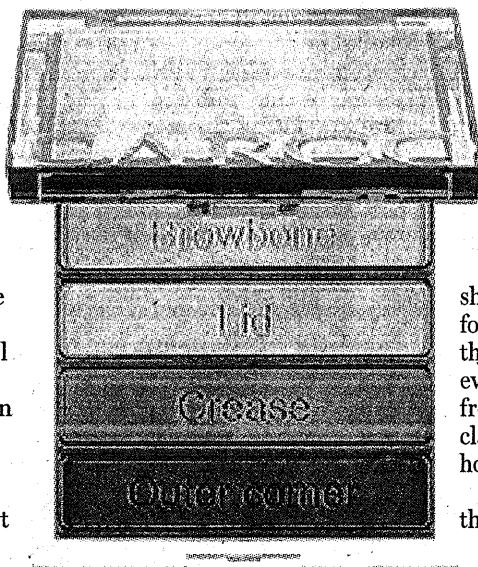
It's time to pack away the summer stock — like liquid shadows and frothy foundations.

And while bronzers are still all the rage, this season the chic, fashionable faces will tone it down a tinge.

Renee Ryan, North American sales and education manager of CARGO Cosmetics, had plenty of advice for fashionistas looking to update their cosmetic routines — whether it's a quick sweep of berry lip color on the way to the office or a sultry eye for an evening out on the town.

BITE INTO BERRY

"For Fall, one of the trends is a dark, deep lip," said Ryan. "Keeping everything else very clean, very matte, very fresh.



CARGO's Essential Palette makes applying eyeshadow a breeze.

Lips create that pop of color." She suggests deep berry or brownish mahogany tones that Ryan assured "everyone can pull off."

GO GUNMETAL

When it comes to eyes, the other major trend is the return of gray. "Gray is the new black," said Ryan. "We're seeing a sultry, smoky eye with gray, lighter gray and deeper blue-grays."

Keep the eyes the focus of the face by elongating them

with a long line using CARGO's new liquid liner. A new product for the CARGO line, "It's almost like a pen," Ryan said. "I did it in a cab. It was so simple to use."

Ease of use is important, she explained. In a recent focus group of makeup users, the brand discovered women everywhere had shied away from using eye makeup, claiming they weren't sure how to apply it properly. CARGO's response came in the form of a new system of eyeshades. Ryan suggests beginning with one of the Essential palettes, where each shade is engraved with instructions. It's easy to see which is meant for brow bones, lids and the corners of your eye. Color palettes are also available — and great for adding that pop of color.

A SHOCK OF COLOR

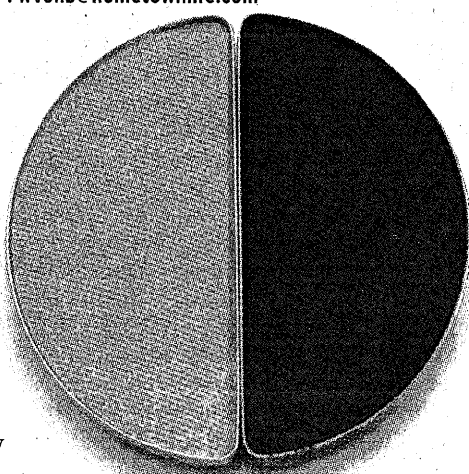
"It's a big trend, that pop of color in the crease," said Ryan. "You can use it on top of the Essential palette."

And purple is the go-to shade of the season. While not everyone can pull off a dark eggplant or deep purple — except maybe brown-eyed girls — the purple trend comes in subtle lavender tones mixed with pewter, Ryan said.

"Think of the Essential palette as your black dress," said Ryan. "Color is your accessories or shoes."

It's best not to overpower your look so those opting for a smoky eye will want to pair a subtle nude lip. And CARGO's newest line of high-pigment lip gloss delivers concentrated color — like the perfect marriage of lipstick and high gloss — with a click of the twist top. "You get the most amazing payoff," said Ryan. It comes in four nude shades ranging from pink to berry to brown.

While you're tuning into makeup trends, try CARGO's newest addition, the PlantLove



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Stephanie Angelyn Casola can't wait to hone her liquid eyeliner skills this fall. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Dollface? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com

Troy-based 'Project Runway' contestant will stay close to home

Local *Project Runway* contestant Joe Faris was eliminated from the Emmy-nominated reality show last Wednesday, Sept. 17.

But that didn't stop the Troy-based clothing designer from showing his work during New York Fashion Week.

This year, the final six contestants — including Faris — showed collections in Bryant Park on Sept. 12.

Faris' designs won't appear in the finale of the show, which will feature only the top three finalists, but the experience will certainly be a boon to his career.

Faris has hobknobbed with fashion elite, and his skills have been honed by "under-the-Gunn" challenges during the show. Yet, no matter how much his resume and Rolodex have been padded, the husband and father of two insists he'll continue to live in metro Detroit.

"I've had offers to move to New York, L.A., but the reality is with the Internet and video conferencing I found I never really had to move as long as I've been willing to travel," he said during a recent interview with PINK.

Faris spends about 10 days



Joe Faris, backstage at New York Fashion Week on Sept. 12, with a model wearing one of his creations.

each month in New York City, and takes frequent trips to China. Otherwise, he's not going anywhere.

Instead, he hopes to use his newfound fame to help other aspiring designers in the area.

"There's a huge pool of talent here — people coming out of CCS and Wayne State's fashion program. Especially in the fashion industry, there's not enough to keep them here. I would love to be involved in anything in the city — any fashion thing we can get started," he said.

"I am here. I'm based here, I'm truly representing."

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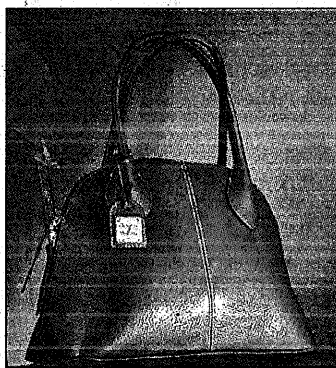
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