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City shifts gears on parking plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The crash of the financial markets has forced the Plymouth city commission and the Downtown Development Authority to postpone — at least for the time being — plans to construct a new parking deck in the east central parking lot located between the Gathering and Plymouth District Library.

Instead, the two groups agreed to have city attorney Bob Marzano meet with owners of five properties along Union Street, adjacent to the proposed deck, to determine if any of them would consider selling. If all did, the land could potentially create 60 additional parking spaces to the existing lot.

Because of the economic downturn, several members of the Super Parking Committee believe lack of downtown parking may not be a near-term issue as consumers spend less time downtown. And some are concerned spending \$2 million in taxpayer money on a single-story parking deck — creating about 80 additional spaces — might not be necessary at this time.

"The meltdown in the financial industry may or may not force us to adjust our approach," city Commissioner Mike Wright said.

DDA board member Mark Malcolm put it more succinctly. "I don't believe there's a parking problem ... we do not have to spend money on what could become a white elephant," Malcolm said. "The money spent is taxpayer money, and the fact we can afford it doesn't mean we should spend it. We need to be sensitive to the community of what this message sends."

In May, the committee — made up of members from the city commission, planning commission and Downtown Development Authority — voted in favor of the east central parking lot location after considering several public and private options. Among those was a new deck to replace the current 274-space, two-story parking structure off Harvey Street and purchasing the private lot at Wing and Harvey. Old estimates indicate putting a third deck on the current parking structure could cost \$5 million, while a total rebuild was at \$8.5 million.

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There were plenty of hot peppers to go around Sunday as the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off returned to downtown Plymouth to wreak havoc on tastebuds everywhere. Find a photo gallery from the event at www.hometownlife.com.

The heat was on Chili fest, bike show draw record crowds

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Louise Somerville of Livonia and her son, Bill, began competing in chili cook-offs three years ago, starting with the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Show in Plymouth.

The two were back for Sunday's cook-off with their Shut 'Em Up chili.

"We use habanero peppers, the hottest chili pepper there is," said Louise Somerville, 63. "We grow them in our yard and Bill cans them and makes volcano sauce."

"When I hand it out (to those who sample for charity) I make sure everybody knows it's spicy so they don't get mad," she said. "It's really hot."

The chili cook-off and motorcycle show in Kellogg Park drew an estimated 30,000 people and 7,000



Bill Parker of Rockwood adds spices to his 'Too Hot To Handle' chili.

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motorcycles. Both were records for the 13th annual event.

"It's been absolutely terrific," said organizer Annette Horn of Plymouth. "The weather was great, the crowd was great, the chili was great."

Most of the crowd was wearing black leather, including 45-year-old "Flame" from Garden City.

"I've been here the past 12 years representing my club, show a good showing for my patch," said Flame, a member of the Scorpions motorcycle club who declined to give his real name or profession. "We're about 100 strong here. We like the atmosphere, good bike show. Plymouth is always a good time."

Proceeds from this year's event will go to Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity, which is headquartered in Plymouth, and the Plymouth Lions Club.

Supervisor: Experience the edge

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Richard Reaume survived — in fact outdistanced fairly easily — a crowded field in the Aug. 5 Republican primary for Plymouth Township supervisor.

If he wants to keep his job, the incumbent supervisor must now survive one more challenge, in the Nov. 4 general election against Democrat Mike Watts and independent Don Schnettler.

However, Reaume believes he's built up the kind of experience to convince voters he's the best choice to keep his job.

"I think I've worked diligently the last four years," Reaume said. "We've enhanced the financial abili-

THE REAUME FILE

- Who: Richard Reaume
- What: Running for Plymouth Township supervisor
- Now: Incumbent Plymouth Township supervisor
- Family: Single father of three adopted children
- Education: Bachelor's degree, Wayne State University; master's degree, University of Texas
- In the community: Schoolcraft College trustee; Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation; Plymouth Community Council on Aging; Plymouth Goodfellow; Little League coach (soccer, basketball, softball)



ties of the township. Even with the state economy down, the township has stayed strong."

Reaume points to a couple of different indicators Plymouth Township is surviving despite the struggling economy. In a time when

so many people are losing their homes to foreclosure, Reaume said only about 60 of some 8,600 residential units in Plymouth Township have faced that hardship.

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Judge denies motion to reopen consent judgment

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A federal judge denied a request from NorthRidge Church officials to reopen a 1996 consent judgment entered into by church and Plymouth Township that restricted the size and scope of the church facilities at North Territorial and Ridge.

Had they been successful, church officials had hoped to triple the 1,167 parking spaces now available. To help reach that goal, the church acquired some 25 acres of property adjacent to the church that church officials don't believe are covered by the consent judgment. If the church had gotten what it wanted, there would be nearly 3,300 parking spaces.

U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood didn't give it to them.

"She just upheld what our contention was all along — once you reach a consent judgment, as we did 13 years ago, you can't come back after 13 years and say that agreement doesn't apply," said James Anulewicz, the township's director of municipal services. "We just didn't think the argument was going to hold water."

In its motion, the church argued the township's lack of willingness to amend the judgment unfairly inhibits the church's growth and violates the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000.

However, RLUIPA wasn't in effect at the time the parties reached the agreement; instead, there was something called the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act," which Hood, in her decision, said was "essentially the same as, or arguably more restrictive than, RLUIPA" and therefore "(RLUIPA's) passage does not qualify as a circumstance sufficient to set aside the Consent Judgment."

NorthRidge Church spokesman Rick Harris said the church "would have no comment" while officials ponder their next move.

For their part, township officials said they're willing to sit down and hash out a solution.

"We're not sure what the church is going to do, but we're prepared to work with the residents and work with the church," Anulewicz said. "There are probably some solutions that could be achieved that would be satisfactory to all parties. It certainly isn't going to the extent they wanted, which means the additional property they included."

"It's going to have to be in an open forum," he added, "with the neighbors on all sides integrally involved in the decision-making process."

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Coming Sunday:
Big year-end
movie preview

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkdrich@hometownlife.com

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.

More than 25 vendors will be on display offering a diverse range of products for your shopping pleasure. This event will also feature a raffle of over 25 products from participating vendors. Proceeds from table rentals and raffle ticket sales directly benefit the Smith Elementary PFO. Applications are currently being accepted for home-based business owners that are interested in participating in this event.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, contact Julie on (734) 414-0218.

Hough home tour

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network offer a walking tour of Hough Family Homes 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 18.

One of the early families to settle in this area, the Hough family quickly became very influential. Learn how this family not only changed the face of Plymouth, but ultimately

changed the world. Please note that the tour will only enter a few homes, additional homes will be discussed from outside.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the Plymouth Historical Society, \$15 per person for non-members, limit of 30 people on tour.

Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours:

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or purchase tickets through PayPal or Google Checkout at: www.plymouth-history.org/Events.html

Miller Woods walk

The Friends of Miller Woods invite everyone to enjoy a walk through the community's beautiful Maple-Beech forest to enjoy the colors and smells of autumn.

Guided walks are planned for Sundays, Oct. 19 and 26, at 2, 2:30, and 3 p.m. Miller Woods is located on Powell Road between Ridge and Beck Roads in Plymouth Township. As a reminder, the woods is a designated nature preserve, therefore dogs are not permitted within it.

For more information about this historic property, please visit the group's new Web site www.millerwoods.com.

Delta Kappa Gamma crafts

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its 22nd annual juried, hand-made only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18,



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Going 'Barefoot'

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth presents 'Playing With Fire (after Frankenstein),' a contemporary adaptation of Mary Shelley's gothic horror classic. Cast members include (left to right foreground) Amanda Igrisan as Elizabeth and Ken Karges as Victor Frankenstein; Matthew Williams (standing; background) as the young Victor and Nathan Corliss (background) as Adam (the young Creature). Performances are Oct. 23-Nov. 2, including two special Halloween shows. All performances are held at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main in Plymouth. Tickets are \$10 for seniors and students; \$15 for general admission and \$5 for all seats for the 11 p.m. Halloween show. Call (734) 560-1493 for more information.

at West Middle School in Plymouth.

This fair raises money to help fund scholarships for Canton, Plymouth, or Salem graduate who are pursuing degrees in education.

Admission is \$2. There will be a prize drawing with four terrific prizes, a queen size

quilt, four tickets for a spring Detroit Tigers game, a sight-seeing airplane ride for two or a round of golf for four at the Golden Fox.

For more information, call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE.716@COMCAST.NET

Rummage sale

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is having a rummage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Performing Arts, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Drop-off of donated items will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17. The center is looking for art, equipment, books and gently used coats/jackets and household items. The PCAC is a 501(c)3 so all donated items are tax deductible.

All proceeds from the sale will go to programming at the PCAC. Unsold items will be donated to the AM Rotary Literacy Project and other local organizations.

Volunteers are needed to sort on Friday and work the Rummage Sale Saturday. If you are interested e-mail volunteer@plymoutharts.com

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

OLGC wine event

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School hosts its fifth annual "A Night of Wine & Roses" wine-tasting event Friday, Oct. 10, lower level and adjacent grounds of OLGC's Catholic Church in Plymouth.

More than 150 wines from around the world will be offered for sampling, along with beer selections and a variety of delectable culinary creations. Wine experts will be on-hand to assist tasters in appreciating each wine's attributes and recommending food pairings.

Tasting is from 7-9 p.m. with dessert and afterglow until 10:30 p.m. This recipe for a perfect evening is made possible by major sponsor Holiday Market of Canton and supporting sponsors Antonio's Cucina Italiana and Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen.

Tickets purchased directly benefit the school and its 600-plus students in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Tickets are \$50 per person; ticket holders must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available for purchase at the door. To order tickets or for more information, please visit www.olgwineevent.org or call (734) 737-0755.

Sighting-in days

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association, located at 6700 Napier, again hosts "Sighting-in-Days" for the upcoming deer season from Oct. 14 through Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., seven days a week. Hunter safety classes will also start Oct. 7.

For this and other information of club events call (734) 453-9843 or log onto wwcca.com

Child seat safety clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by appointment only, and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil, (734) 354-3232.

Shock-tober 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.

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Annual open house focuses on fire safety

Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters have a variety of responsibilities in their everyday duties, many of which the general public aren't aware.

Residents have a chance to gain some understanding when, as Fire Prevention Week comes to a close, the department hosts its annual Fire Safety Open House 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Plymouth Township Hall on Haggerty north of Ann Arbor Road.

Fire department officials are urging residents to "Prevent Home Fires," a theme for the campaign. For instance, a pot holder too close to a lit burner or a space heater left on overnight could be all it takes to start a home fire. In fact, cooking and heating, are among the leading causes of home fires in the United States, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association.

That's why the campaign, a partnership between local firefighters are teaming up with the NFPA. This year's campaign focuses on preventing all the leading causes of home fires - cooking, heating and electrical equipment, and smoking materials.

According to the latest research from NFPA, more than 2,500 people died in home fires in the United States in 2006, and 12,500 were injured. Fire departments responded to 396,000 home fires, which accounted for 80% of civilian deaths and 76% of injuries that year.

"While the number of home fires is daunting, the good news is that many are easily preventable when residents take simple steps to increase their safety from fire," said Assistant Fire Chief Mark Wendel. "Whether it's smoking outside the home, keeping space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, or staying in the



Plymouth firefighters will demonstrate extrication techniques at Saturday's Fire Safety Open House at Plymouth Township Hall on Haggerty north of Ann Arbor Road.

PHOTOS BY BILL CONROY



Firefighter Rick Abraham demonstrates the 'stop, drop and roll' technique.

kitchen when you are using the stovetop, there are easy things you can do to keep your home and family safe from fire."

Saturday's open house features Fire Safety workshops for kids, fire station tours, and a variety of demonstrations such as fire extinguisher, vehi-

cle extrication, and kitchen fire. "Sparky's Hazard House" will also be on display. This 3-D tabletop model of a home is used to help adults and children identify fire hazards and learn how to transform the house from a hazardous house to a fire-safe house. Refreshments will be served.

Township hopefuls face off in forum

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County had hoped to host a candidates' forum for the two contested Plymouth Township races at the site where those who win the election will be doing their work: Plymouth Township Hall.

But a township board decision to halt the use of the hall for such forums left the League to find a new site, which they have done, returning to the Plymouth District Library for their candidates' forum 7-8:15 p.m. Monday.

The forum will feature the three candidates for supervisor - incumbent Republican Richard Reaume, Democrat Mike Watts and independent Don Schnettler - as well as the two candidates for treasurer - incumbent Republican Ron Edwards and independent Richard

Sharland. All five have agreed to participate.

In the supervisor's race, Reaume is seeking his second term, while Schnettler is making his second try at the office. Watts is seeking his first political office.

Edwards was first elected in 1996 and seeks his fourth term; Sharland is running for the first time.

Questions for the candidates may be submitted by the audience and will be asked by a League moderator. Questions may also be e-mailed to the League of Women Voters at lwvmail@yahoo.com Unlike previous League of Women Voters forums, this one will not be taped for broadcast on cable television, so attendance at the forum is the only way voters will get a chance to see the candidates in one setting.

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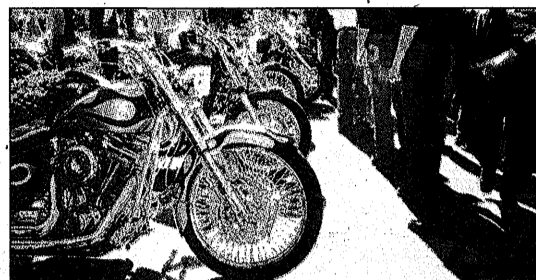
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- Chili Verde 1st Place, Gail Kyle, Dearborn
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- Restaurant Chili Peoples Choice, 1999 Tavern, Plymouth
- Best Judged, The Picnic Basket, Plymouth
- Hottest Dog, Hot & Spicy, Roxy, owner Jenni Jedlick
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Chili judge and WNIC radio The Breakfast Club host Chris Edmonds tries to cool off a sample of red chili.



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Don't let skunks, yellow jackets ruin fall's splendor

The perfect season is here. Crisp nights. Golden sunshine days. A time for goldfinch to tear at purple coneflower seeds. A time for monarch butterflies to drift south. And the time to dance with skunks.

For as the waning nights of September gave way to the dawn of October, tiny feet pitter patter about your yard, dig up tasty lawn grubs, paw through back door cat food bowls and dig exploratory burrows under your low deck: "Hey, this looks real snugly for a winter hideaway!"

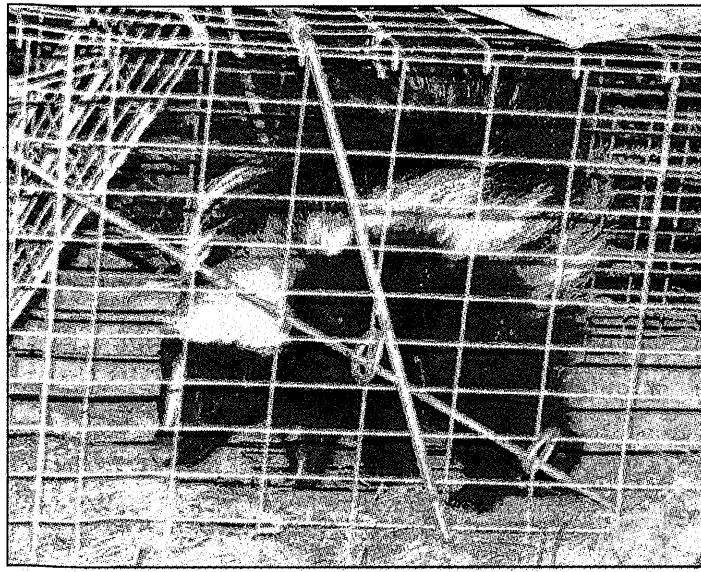
The striped skunk is a master of perfection when it comes to adapting to the suburban-created habitat. And aversive conditioning techniques — creating negative stimuli such as boldly yelling at or harassing the unwanted intruder — are ineffective at the least and foolish.

Before you can yell, "That's not the neighbor's cat!" and beat a hasty retreat, it will spin about, raise tail and let go with a pungent blast of overwhelming musk. Fact of the matter is clear: skunks practice aversive conditioning to keep us away. And if you let your dog out at night to cryptically do its "business" on the neighbor's lawn (Who, me, do that?) it just may well come home reeking of an encounter.

Another word of advice, if you are one of those do-it-yourselfer woodchuck catchers and you set a cage to catch the garden raider, close the cage door before dusk or you may well wake up with a skunk peering at you from behind bars. "Honey, you caught something in the cage. I think it's a skuuunk!"

Every autumn in my suburban nuisance wildlife removal work down in the burghs of Bloomfield, I've come across this exact situation.

Be aware. Be skunk smart. Skunk-proofing your low deck may help. Bird feeder spillage is a great skunk attractor. This intelligent, omnivorous creature has wide ranging



Skunks are one of the few animals that happily will take on a nest full of yellow jackets — and win most of the time.

tastes. And one of its absolute favorites, the most delightful delectable, is nothing other than an underground nest full of yellow jackets. Both the larva and the adults are delicacies.

These golden days have underground yellow jacket nests exploding in a frenzy of activity. And it is these insects — not honey bees — that are the cause of most human sting agony. And do they ever love your picnics, cider, doughnuts and suburban campouts. Watch your beverage cans, too. Check the can lip before you sip — yellow jackets share drinks.

And avoid the underground nests: Not to be messed with unless you are a hungry skunk putting on weight for winter.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. Write him at oaknature@aol.com.

ZOO BOO SCARES UP FUN AT DETROIT ZOO

The Detroit Zoo's annual "merry-not-scary" Zoo Boo celebration returns this Halloween season, featuring a festively decorated half-mile trick-or-treat trail through the front of the park. Presented by Meijer, Zoo Boo will be held 6-8 p.m. Oct. 17-19, Oct. 24-26 and Oct. 30-31, rain or shine.

Elaborate pumpkin displays will line the treat trail, where greeters will pass out goodies to costume-clad children at treat stations along the route. A trail of eerie fog and mysterious sounds will lead through a graveyard to the Haunted Reptile House, where friendly witches, mummies, vampires and other monsters have taken up residence for the season.

Ghouly Games, sponsored by Blue Care Network of Michigan, will feature Halloween-themed games, prizes, arts and crafts and a hay maze. The live musical "Zoo Boo Revue" will be performed every half hour starting at 6:30 p.m.

at the Main Picnic Grove. The excitement continues at the Wild Adventure Ride, sponsored by State Farm Insurance, as "Dracula's Haunted Castle" transports riders through secret passageways.

On Oct. 25, FedEx and Safe Kids USA will remind children and parents about safety. FedEx will provide reflective giveaways to increase visibility as well as safety tips for parents and drivers.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Booth One at the admission gate of the Detroit Zoo or online at www.detroitzoo.org. Tickets are \$6 per person, ages 2 and up. Tickets for the Wild Adventure Ride are an additional \$2 per person, half-off the regular price. Time slots for Zoo Boo are 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. If a date and time slot is not sold out, a limited number of tickets may be available at the gate that day after 5 p.m. for \$10.

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OUR VIEWS

Corriveau our pick in 20th House race

There were more than a few raised eyebrows two years ago when Democrat Marc Corriveau of Northville won a state House seat, the 20th District, that had been owned and operated by Republicans forever.

His re-election — which we believe voters should provide — should come as far less a surprise.

Corriveau, who defeated Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo two years ago, faces Republican Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, a former 20th District representative, in the Nov. 4 general election. Neither had a primary challenge.

And his performance in his first term has earned him the right to continue serving his district, which includes both Plymouths (city and township), the Northvilles (city and township), the City of Wayne and a small portion of Canton Township.

Corriveau went to Lansing with a promise to keep his constituents in mind, and we believe he's done that. He'd barely gotten his seat warm when he and other legislators had to tackle issues such as removal of the Single Business Tax (he believed eliminating it without a suitable replacement already in hand was a mistake) and the huge deficit in the state budget. Say what you want about his decisions, but Corriveau took into account what his constituents wanted when he cast his votes. And one of the things we like best about Corriveau is his willingness *after* those votes to put himself out there to explain his thought process.

Corriveau has the ability to work without regard to party lines. He talks regularly to the elected officials in his district, many of whom are Republican, and most of whom speak well of him.

He also proved his ability to get things done when he moved legislation through the House in an attempt to help Northville Township's fight against the annexation of the old Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital land to the City of Livonia.

Despite the fact that legislation stalled in the Senate, Corriveau worked with Republican Sen. Bruce Patterson of Canton to help township officials in trying to prevent the annexation. Corriveau joined Northville Township officials in campaigning against the annexation. Livonia voters did reject the annexation proposal.

Vorva is saying all the things people like to hear from campaigning politicians — cut taxes, save and create jobs, reduce government. But there's no real evidence he did any of that his first time around, and Corriveau has proven he can work with representatives of both parties to broker solutions to difficult problems.

We believe Marc Corriveau has earned re-election in the Nov. 4 general election.



Corriveau



Walker says thanks

On behalf of my team, Mary's Lucky Charms, and all of the other 3,000-plus walkers in the Breast Cancer 3-Day, I wanted to personally thank the residents of Plymouth for the phenomenal cheering station along Penniman and Main Street last weekend.

I am a resident of Plymouth Township and have been living there for two and a half years. I've been very happy living here, but I must say after the overwhelming display of support we saw not only at the cheering station, but all throughout the community, I am PROUD to be a Plymouth resident.

You have no idea how every cheer, sticker, piece of candy and smile encouraged us to walk on when we were battling blisters, weary feet and sore muscles. That type of support makes us only want to work harder toward a cure for breast cancer, and not to mention brings a tear to our eye because it means so much!

Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts, and maybe one day you'll want to join our 60-mile journey and help us put an end to breast cancer forever! By the way, when Plymouth was mentioned at camp that night, you got a standing ovation from all of us!

Jessica Howard
Plymouth

Congressional thanks

Thank you, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Thaddeus McCotter.

You need to be applauded for standing up for your constituents. You had the backbone and courage to voted against the Government Bailout. You have helped to try and prevent the citizens being forced to pay for the mistakes and corruption of Wall Street and government.

Thank you for listening to the people who will be forced.

Ron and Fran Loisele
Plymouth

No to Obama

Sorry, Robert K. Nelson of Canton, I WILL NOT be joining you in voting for

LETTERS

Barack Obama in November (reference his letter to the editor of Oct. 2 titled "Think twice about McCain").

My main reason is that I do not believe that the White House is a place for "on the job training" of a president.

We allowed that to happen in the 1990s! It was the William Jefferson Clinton era of foreign policy. Does anyone else remember Rwanda, Bosnia and Somalia as the United States of America, the world's sole superpower, appeared lost and inept for over two years?

Roger L. Kehrier
Plymouth

Keep drinking age

I feel I must reply to Roger Caldwell's letter (Thursday, Sept. 25) in favor of lowering the Michigan drinking age to 18.

I don't know how long Mr. Caldwell has lived in Michigan, but the drinking age WAS lowered to 18 in the early 1970s for a few years. I am 52 years old now, but in 1974 I was an 18-year-old high school senior who could legally drink along with the majority of my classmates.

We could and did buy for our younger brothers, sisters, and friends. We did sneak them into the bars, get fake ID's, etc. I don't know any statistics on car crashes or fatalities because of the lowered drinking age. I do know that there were a lot of drinking teenagers and the law was seen as a mistake and repealed within three-four years, not long after I turned 21.

College campuses are having a terrible time containing underage drinking. Lowering the drinking age sends that problem back into the high schools. Why wouldn't we learn from our past mistakes?

Mary Wind
Plymouth

Supports Palin

The mainstream media unfairly ripping Sarah Palin reminds of tactics of the evil journalist Joseph Goebbels.

A refreshing Palin with a confident, positive presence, reduced this debate to her performance. Her opponent

appeared confused. Competence and results, however, do not really matter to myopic, hardened, partisan minds of many in the press. The aware will remember Goebbels went insane and committed suicide with the collapse of his paper hanging mentor at the end of WWII.

With a weakened Germany in the 1930s, Goebbels with support of militant brown-shirt activists designed a propaganda campaign to completely intimidate opponents and create controlled opinion. So successful at this was Goebbels who then launched his own deep anti-Semitic views pushing Germany over the immoral edge.

Are there parallels here between Saul Olinsky's community activists attachment to the left wing media in a mission of driving the surge of ACORN and By Any Means Necessary? German concern is building in the City of Cologne with determined Islamic activists assuming a wedge role of the weak liberal city. Some strange patterns, indeed!

McCain sees a "blue Michigan." I saw an unfiltered Sarah Palin under serious pressure exhibit a coolness of command, warmth, and a genuine positive attitude. Her presence to disturbing the duds in Washington may be best thing our country has seen in a long time.

Jim Nowka
Northville

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FROM THE WEB

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

■ In response to "You're never too young to learn about finances":

Redford1987 wrote:
"desi2008
"I agree with your father.
"I pushed financial responsibility into my kid's head from an early age. Including they didn't get everything they wanted. Today they each own their own homes. Neither purchased a home above their means. Where most of their friends and coworkers are living pay to pay my kids are putting a little into savings. This is the way my husband and I have lived our married lives. Our home is small but paid off."

desi2008 wrote:
"There is only one thing youngsters (and school kids) need to know about money management. This is what my father taught me and what I'm teaching my kids:
"Annual income \$100, annual expense \$99; Result: Happiness.
Annual income \$100, annual expense \$101; Result: Misery."
"This is a modified Shakespeare quote. You don't need to attend seminars to learn this."

■ In response to "Patience is the key to weathering financial crisis":

desi2008 wrote:
"All these financial advisers are like tired parrots just repeated the same old cliches year in and year out. None of

these "financial experts" saw this coming. Aren't they supposed to be vigilant and see for a crisis brewing? How much can be trust them now?

"I didn't see any article saying "A financial meltdown is coming, sell all your investments". That advice would have been much more useful. Rather all these experts have been totally caught off-guard, and now start giving "expert" advice, saying be patient, and invest for the long term. What else can they say? In the long term, we're all dead. How much of an expert are they really? Seems to me I can do much better just following my own instincts. BTW, I sensed something was wrong way back in 2006, and paid off my mortgage. All these experts thought not having a mortgage was financially stupid."

QUOTABLE

"These are uncertain times, and we aren't sure where we're going to be financially down the road ... We probably need to look at the structure of not only the fire department, but of all our departments."

— Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor, on why the township is holding off hiring a new fire chief

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But the letters serve a valuable purpose in non-election times, as well. A range of topics — from taxes to budgets and zoning to public safety — are debated in these pages twice a week. At 400 words apiece, that's a lot of discussion.

But increasingly, readers are finding it more convenient and more interactive to get into discussions via our Web page (www.hometownlife.com). There are several ways to do it, and all of them are easy.

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Playing with a purpose

All Saints players take the field to fight cancer

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

At first, Jerry Grady of Canton learned his wife's stepmother had pancreatic cancer. Then a friend was diagnosed with cancer, and the father of a boy on his son's soccer team admitted he'd just finished a year of treatment for rectal cancer.

Every time he heard the news, Grady's compulsion to do something grew.

What came out of that need is Cancer Awareness Day, which is Saturday, Oct. 11. On that day, kids from All Saints Catholic School who play soccer or volleyball will be raising money for the Cancer Society through the sports they love.

Grady coaches soccer for the team his son, Jacob, plays on. Those on the team will don purple shirts for the game on Saturday, since purple is the color for cancer. Each shirt will bear a different name on the back—the name of someone with cancer or someone who had cancer. When the game is over, the shirt will be presented to the family of the person for whom that student played.

Grady paid for all 18 shirts, which were \$10 each, out of his own pocket. He asked the boys to raise half of that, and donate it to the American Cancer Society. They were also welcome to raise more money if they could. More than \$280 has been raised already.

The motivation for doing this was easy, according to Grady.

"I've been very well blessed," said Grady, the father of four. "I believe in paying forward."

Different soccer teams at the school, and the volleyball teams, decided they wanted to take part, but were too late to order shirts. They will wear purple wristbands or pink and purple ribbons to show support for raising money for cancer.



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The JV Boys Thunder Soccer 2008 Team is; Michael, Angotti, David Bindon, Michael Brish, Andrew Budd, Ryan Doyle, Alex Hayes, Josh Jones, Kent Langlinalis, Conor Nailos, Cameron Peterson, Connor Schumrick, Luke Stevenson, Luke Wellman, Austin Carr, Jacob Grady, Matthew Hammerstein, Conor McElroy, Gino Persicone, Andrew Pyle, Eric Swartz, and Matthew White. The team is coached by Jerry Grady, Rob Pyle, Gill Doyle, and Brent Jones.

As for Grady's own family, his wife's stepmother, Sharon Lipka, is too ill to travel to the games from Florida, where she retired. Lipka used to be a Plymouth-Canton school bus driver, and when she heard what Grady plans "she was ecstatic." The family will either personally deliver or mail the shirt Jacob wears for the game to her, Grady said.

"I thought it'd be really cool if we could do something," Grady recalls. "It's taken off faster than I thought it would."

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

The soccer games will be played Saturday, Oct. 11, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road. The game times are as follows, and all teams are playing Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School soccer teams:

10 a.m. - JV Girls; 11:30 a.m. - JV Boys (the game where the boys wear purple jerseys); 1 p.m. - Varsity Girls; 2:30 p.m. - Varsity Boys

The Volleyball games will be played at All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren. The game times are as follows:

10 a.m. - JV girls "Thunder" vs Our Lady of Victory; 11 a.m. - JV girls "Blue" vs St. Genevieve; Noon - Varsity girls "Thunder" vs St. William; 1 p.m. - Varsity girls "Blue" vs St. Genevieve

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He also points out companies such as Karmann and the Bosch Corp. are either locating or expanding existing facilities in the township. While companies like Visteon and Lear have also taken jobs away, Reaume said the township has seen some 1,100 new jobs come in since 2005.

"There has been some loss of jobs," Reaume said. "Then again, we posted those (building) openings and it's amazing how many inquiries we got about them."

Much of Reaume's effort has been focused on services, particularly for seniors. The township has expanded its senior center, Friendship Station. It's added a second bus to the senior transportation program, on which the township partners with the city of Plymouth. He also wants to work to keep seniors in their homes as long as possible.

"We're working with the Senior Alliance to expand services," Reaume said. "We also want to expand the Meals on Wheels program."

Many programs started under previous regimes have been finished the last four years, such as the new township hall, the Ann Arbor Road Corridor and the second water tower.

Critics claim Reaume is taking credit for programs he didn't start. Reaume acknowledged he didn't start them, though he pointed out he played a key role in their completion.

"Someone's got to get in there and get it done," he said. "There are obstacles to overcome, and someone has to do that. The water tower was something they've been

talking about for years. I got it done."

Recreation came up as an issue during the primary, and all three general election candidates are talking about it. Reaume admits he'd like to see the township do more, if it can. He said the township should work to "secure some of the green space" remaining in the township for potential future projects. He also said Hilltop Golf Course, which generates some \$75,000 to the township each year, could be a part of future plans.

"The golf course is still a great green space," Reaume said. "It's still bringing in money, although not like it used to. Maybe we can look at self-managing it."

The idea of reducing the supervisor's position to part time and hiring a professional manager have also been talked about, but those are ideas about which Reaume is skeptical. Proponents say it would add professionalism to township management and save the township money.

Reaume said the life expectancy of a manager is only four or five years, and he believes the voters will want more stability.

"There are some stability issues," Reaume said. "I would look at it, but you have to weigh the pros and cons. If the board wanted to study it, I'd study it."

As he goes door-to-door to talk to potential voters, Reaume touts his experience as a reason for returning him to office.

"There was a lot of learning that went into these first four years," Reaume said. "This is the most educational job I've ever had. I'm the known commodity here. We've moved the township forward, and we want to continue the success."

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Borrowers bear responsibility in financial crisis

Now that the economic recovery plan has been passed by Congress and signed by the president, everything should calm down and things should get back to normal. Of course, that is what we would all like, however, that is not the reality.

It would be nice if whenever we had a problem, Washington or Lansing would come up with a solution and everything would be OK. Unfortunately, it does not work that way. Washington or Lansing rarely have all the answers. After all, let's not forget how politics and special interest groups always enter into the equation of any legislation. Therefore, it is unrealistic to assume that the economic recovery bill will solve

all the problems. While it may resolve the current credit crunch and make it easier for banks to loan, particularly to small businesses, one thing that will not be resolved is the consumer's irresponsibility about money.

There is plenty of blame to pass around regarding this financial crisis. Banks, financial institutions and financial salespeople have let greed dictate business decisions. In addition, government and government regulators failed to take action based upon the irresponsibility of mortgage companies, mortgage brokers and other financial institutions. That being said, at the root of this financial crisis are individuals who borrowed excessively and had no realistic expectations of repaying their debt. No one likes to talk about that part of the problem, however, if we want to prevent similar problems from developing in the future, we must recognize that irre-

sponsibility was one of the main causes.

There are a number of lessons to learn from the current financial crisis. The first is to realize who we can or cannot count on for financial advice. Listening to a mortgage salesperson tell you how much house you can afford makes no sense. Your finances are too important to be trusted to a salesperson. The lesson here is the importance of independent financial advice.

Another lesson is understand the terms of the loan. Before you sign your name on the dotted line, make sure that you understand how the debt works. Don't assume that all loans are the same. Understand how the interest is calculated, payment terms, what happens upon default and know the costs. If you don't understand the terms of the loan, don't sign. When you obtain a loan, make sure you're getting independent advice.

Another lesson to learn is sometimes you just can't afford what you want. We live in a society that teaches us buy, buy and buy some more and don't worry about how to pay.

It's easy to blame Wall Street and the government for the current problems. However, that would only be half the truth. Individual Americans have been irresponsible with their finances and they, too, must accept part of the responsibility for what has occurred.

I hope the silver lining in this situation is that people will look at how they deal with debt and become better managers of their finances.

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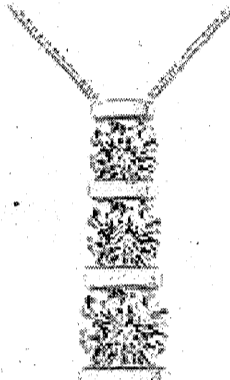




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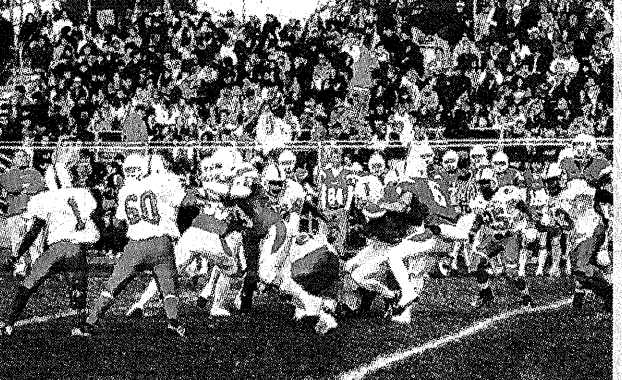
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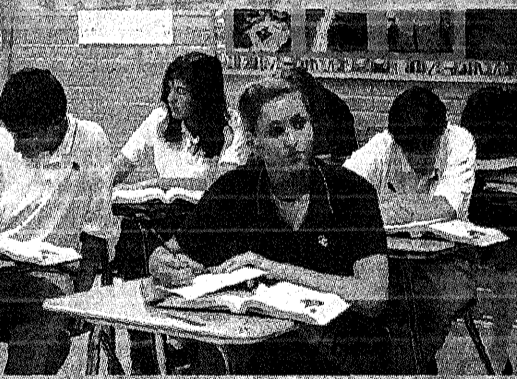

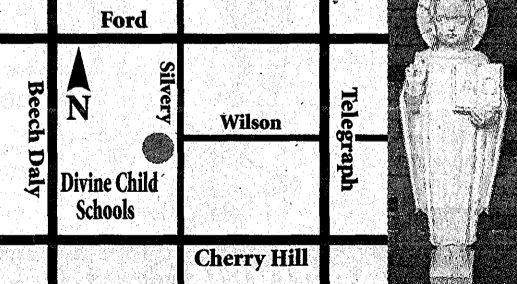
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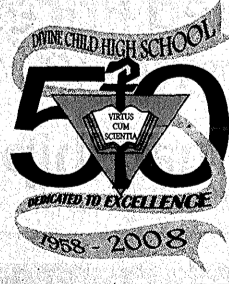






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Rocks edge Chiefs to preserve goose egg

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Considering the amped-up intensity it brings out in opponents, the zero that sits in the middle of the Salem boys soccer team's record might as well be a bull's-eye.

The impressive goose egg under the loss column remained intact for the Rocks Monday night as they held off a fired-up Canton contingent, 2-1, in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over match played on the PCEP varsity soccer pitch.

Salem and Canton finished in

second place in the KLA Central and South divisions, respectively.

Monday's regular season-ending victory left Salem with a 16-0-4 mark while Canton slipped to 11-5-3. The Rocks are the lone team in Division 1 to enter next week's state tournament with no losses, which is a mixed blessing in the eyes of Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

"It's definitely been exciting to go through the season unbeaten," said McCarthy. "It's provided an additional challenge for us and a little

additional incentive for our opponents — it definitely brings out the best in everybody that plays us.

"Tonight was not our best performance and one of our worst performances this season defensively. There's no doubt Canton had enough quality scoring opportunities in the first half to score one goal, if not two. We were definitely outplayed and out chanced in the first half; we just happened to finish on probably our only two chances."

The Rocks drew first blood 15

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SOCCER DISTRICT PAIRINGS

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park soccer stadium will be the site of a highly competitive Division 1 boys soccer District tournament beginning Monday.

Following is the schedule:

Monday, Oct. 13: (A) Garden City at (b) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn at (D) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.; (E) Wayne Memorial at (F) Canton, 5 p.m.; (G) Plymouth vs. (H) Salem, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m. at PCEP; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m. at Canton.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Championship final, noon at Canton (Winner advances to the Saline regional semifinals vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford District champion.)

Sidelines

Ignition news

The Detroit Ignition have agreed to terms with goalkeeper Danny Waltman, forward Worteh Sampson, and midfielders Vahid Assadpour and Kyt Selaidopoulos, the club announced today. Per club policy, the financial terms of the agreements were not disclosed.

Waltman, the Ignition's starting keeper in the 2007-08 Major Indoor Soccer League season, posted a league-leading save percentage with a .744 mark during the regular season.

He led the MISL in wins and was selected to the All-MISL Second Team.

Sampson, a native of Monrovia, Liberia, enters his third professional indoor soccer season this year.

He tallied 42 points during the 2007-08 regular season with 14 goals and 14 assists.

Assadpour finished his first professional indoor season with the Ignition last year after being acquired by the club in the 2007 Amateur Draft. Selaidopoulos tied for first in the MISL in game-winning goals with five during the 2007-08 regular season.

Canton Wrestling Club Registration

Registration for the 2008-09 Canton Wrestling Club will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Canton High School North building (Phase III).

All participants should bring three copies of their birth certificate to the registration.

The club is a member of the MMWA and MYWAY wrestling organizations.

Last year's team included 27 state qualifiers, 10 state placers and four state champions.

The season runs from Nov. 17 to March 29.

For more information, visit www.chiefswrestling.com.

R.J. IS A-OK

Monroe's Mahalak off to eye-opening start for Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

R.J. Mahalak's sky-rocketing hockey career nearly didn't get off the launching pad in 1997.

If not for a too-good-to-be-true offer he received from his parents that year, the Plymouth Whalers' 16-year-old rising star might be excelling at football and/or basketball at Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central High School.

"A new ice arena was built in Monroe in 1997 and my parents really wanted me to try hockey, but I had no interest in it," Mahalak recalled, a wide grin crossing his face. "Well, they told me if I at least went over to the arena and tried the sport, they'd take me to Disneyland. They bribed me. I couldn't turn that down, so I tried it, I loved it right away and I've loved it ever since."

"And I got to go to Disneyland."

Fast forward

Eleven years later, Mahalak is one of the top 16-year-old forwards in the Ontario Hockey League. After a season of growth in 2007-08, the 6-foot-2, 197-pound self-described "grinder" has already tallied five points in six games, nearly tripling last year's entire output in just a fraction of the time.



Mahalak

"I missed the entire preseason last year because I had a little wrist problem, so my first home game was the season-opener when they raised the OHL championship banner," Mahalak remembered. "I'll never forget it — it was a sellout and I was so nervous my legs were shaking."

"This year compared to last year has been totally different. Last year, I was kind of along for the ride, learning everything like how to prepare for the games, how to do interviews, how to act like a pro. This year, I'm more focused on playing hockey and supporting everything that's going on with the team, trying to become a leader."

"During the spring of 2007, Mahalak was presented with a dilemma few 15-year-olds face: Should he declare for the OHL Draft or play college hockey?"

The difficulty of the decision was enhanced by the fact that several top-of-the-line collegiate programs — including the University

Tough choice

of Michigan, were interested in him.

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The personable, 16-year-old running sensation has turned into the biggest thing to hit this area from Sweden since IKEA.

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WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whalers forward R.J. Mahalak has been a force during the early portion of the schedule, registering four goals and one assist in six games. The Monroe native has also provided strong leadership despite the fact he's only 16 years old.

The Swedish Wildcat

Foreign exchange student is cross country star for Plymouth

Wildcats win Wayne County title. See Page B3.

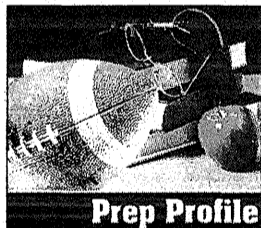
BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Foreign exchange student Elmar Engholm has had such a positive impact on the Plymouth boys cross country team this fall — both on the trails and off — that coach Jon Mikosz is prepared to take desperate measures to extend the Sweden native's one-year stay.

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Prep Profile

Armed with a strong work ethic and jovial attitude, Engholm has been the catalyst in what may evolve

into the best-ever season in the history of Plymouth boys cross country. That's significant considering Mikosz approached the campaign with the mind-set that it would likely be a rebuilding period.

Engholm has led the Wildcats to an unbeaten dual-meet record in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division along with excelling in weekend invitationals.

On Saturday he placed fourth overall (16 minutes, 11 seconds) at the 28-team Wayne

County Invitational, a meet the Wildcats won for just the second time in school history.

"Elmar has taken a lot of pressure off our other runners," said Mikosz. "Instead of them having to worry about winning, they can just focus on running now."

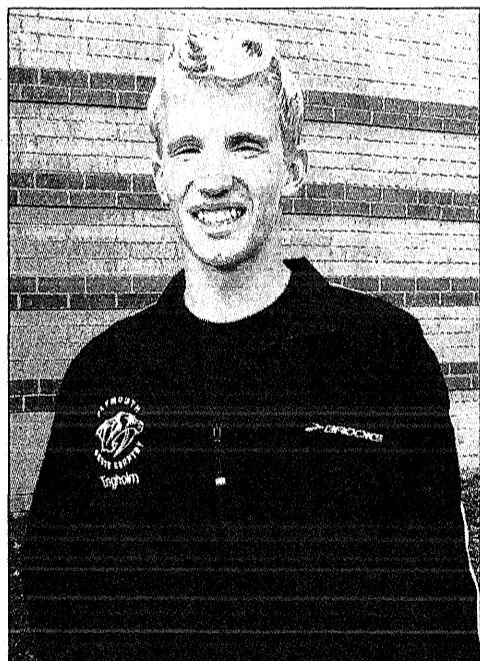
"When Elmar first joined the team, I figured we'd have to take him under our wing since he was a new kid in a new country. But as it's turned out, he's taken everybody under his wing."

Like father, like son

Engholm's American adventure is actually decades in the making.

In the 1980s, his father, Johan, was a foreign exchange student at Farmington

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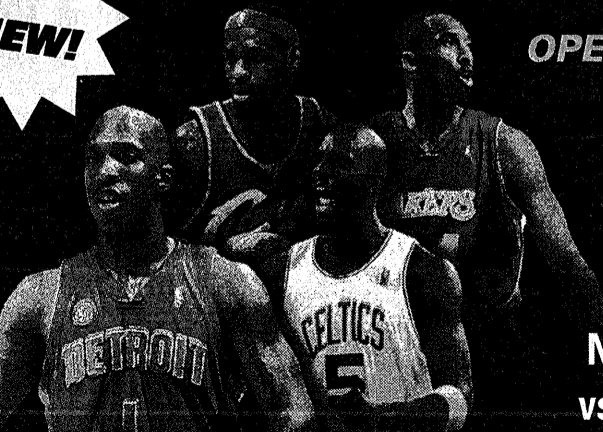
Elmar Engholm has made a sudden impact on the Plymouth cross country team this fall. The Swedish foreign exchange student has led the Wildcats to a 5-0 mark in the inaugural season of the KLA South Division.

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ENGHOLM

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Hills Harrison, where he starred in long-distance running. The elder Engholm befriended Brian Anderson, who now lives in Plymouth, and the two kept in touch over the years.

"Earlier this year, my dad asked me if I would be interested in going to school in Michigan for a year," Elmar Engholm said. "I told him I was, so he talked to my host father, Brian Anderson, and they set it up.

"I like it here very much. I live downtown Plymouth and everybody is so nice. It's very easy to meet people."

Engholm has fit in with his fellow Wildcats as if he's attended school with them since kindergarten.

"I love my team," he said. "Everybody gets along with one another; we never have any fights or anything like that."

The outgoing native of Hasselby, Sweden — a suburb of Stockholm — has proven to be an effective motivator for his teammates.

"I remember telling my teammates at the start of the season that if we could get our top five

guys under 17 minutes, we could make it to the state meet as a team," Engholm said. "At the time, our fifth guy's best time was like 17:40, so they all said to me, 'There's no way we can do that, Elmar!' I said, 'We can do it!' And now we're almost there."

On Saturday, four Wildcats ran sub-17-minute races while a fifth — Joe Porcari — was less than 10 seconds from hitting the mark — accomplishments that are making Engholm look like a prophet.

"Elmar has fit in from Day 1 on this team," said Mikosz. "All the guys have rallied around him. To see what he's done is just amazing."

Mikosz predicted Engholm's best days at Plymouth are still ahead of him.

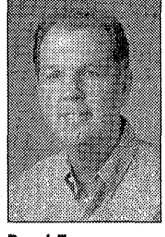
"Unless there are horrible conditions, I don't think there's any way he won't run in the 15's at the state meet," said Mikosz. "It's a pretty flat course and he's come close to doing it on some tough courses in tough conditions."

Barring an adoption, Engholm will head back to Sweden in June — much to the dismay of everyone he's grown attached with at Plymouth. "It's going to be hard to leave," he said. "But I'd like to come back here and attend college."

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Clock about to strike midnight for teams

So you think Drew Stanton should get the nod as Lions quarterback?



Brad Emons

Will Michigan make a bowl game? Is Michigan State for real? How many more weeks can Rod Marinelli survive? Those questions have yet or won't get

answered for a few weeks, but the moment of truth awaits several area high school teams this weekend.

Canton, Plymouth and Livonia Clarenceville — all sporting 5-1 records — are on the cusp of securing postseason playoff spots and making it to Halloween weekend.

Next in line are trio of 4-2 teams — Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Franklin and Redford Thurston, all of which must wait at least two more weeks.

On life support is 3-3 Redford Covenant, which has the daunting task of beating Southern Michigan Football Conference leaders Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Meanwhile, the prognostication race remains unchanged with myself, Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith and

GRID PICKS

Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright all going 8-2.

Wright, however, maintains a commanding six-game overall advantage at 53-15 overall, while your Livonia-Westland sports editor and Smith remained deadlocked at 47-21 each.

Here is a capsule look at this weekend's action.

FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

LIV. CHURCHILL (2-4, 1-3) AT CANTON (5-1, 3-1): The Chiefs have plenty at stake including earning the top seed in the KLAAs South Division and its eighth state playoff berth since 2000 under coach Tim Baechler. Churchill won last year's meeting, 20-7, and snapped its three-game losing streak Friday with a 43-16 win over winless Wayne Memorial.

PICKS: Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton).

PLYMOUTH (5-1, 3-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (4-2, 3-1): The second seed and a piece of the KLAAs South Division is at stake. Plymouth's defense has been tops in the division, allowing just 10 per game. The Patriots are averaging 36.3 points per game, while allowing 30. **PICKS:** Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth).

WAYNE (0-6, 0-4) AT WESTLAND GLENN (2-4, 2-2): These teams usually play in the season finale, but the matchup comes earlier because of the new KLAAs. The Rockets lead the series 28-8 and

snapped a three-game losing streak last year against the Zebras, 49-38. **PICKS:** Emons (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Smith (Glenn).

S. LYON EAST (0-6, 0-4) AT LIV. STEVENSON (4-2, 3-1): The Spartans, still stinging from their fourth-quarter collapse against Novi, must win two of their last three to make the playoffs. South Lyon East, with only 22 varsity players and no seniors, has been outscored 338-105 thus far. **PICKS:** Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

SALEM (1-5, 1-3) AT SOUTH LYON (2-4, 1-3): The Rocks have been much more competitive in their last three outings and are starting for a signature win under coach Parker Salowich. South Lyon picked on new rival South Lyon East last week, 67-18, while Salem gave Northville a battle before losing, 20-14. **PICKS:** Emons (Salem); Wright (Salem); Smith (S. Lyon).

LUTH. WESTLAND (2-4, 2-3) AT LUTHERAN N'WEST (6-0, 4-0): This has been a special year for Northwest, which has already locked up a playoff berth. The state-ranked Crusaders have allowed just 47 points all season. Lutheran Westland is coming off a 42-15 thrashing at the hands of Livonia Clarenceville. **PICKS:** Emons (Lutheran N'west); Wright (Lutheran N'west); Smith (Lutheran N'west).

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (5-1, 4-1) AT BIRCH RUN (2-4, 2-3), 7:30 p.m. at Birch Run M.S.: The Trojans can clinch their eighth state playoff berth in school history and first since 2004 with a win. Birch Run, a member of the Tri-Valley Conference with an enrollment of 6-5, is fresh off a 35-20 win over Millington and has lost four games by a total of 19 points. **PICKS:**

Emons (Birch Run); Wright (Birch Run); Smith (Cville).

TAYLOR KENNEDY (1-5, 1-3) AT REDFORD UNION (1-5, 0-4): This is a Mega Conference-White Division matchup. The Panthers made a strong showing last week against 4-2 Trenton, only to lose 24-22 on the final play of the game. Kennedy is coming off a 42-6 loss to Dearborn of the Mega Red. **PICKS:** Emons (RU); Wright (RU); Smith (RU).

GARDEN CITY (1-5, 0-5) AT D.H. ANNAPOLIS (5-1, 4-1): It's a Mega cross-over matchup with Annapolis leading the Gold Division, while GC is winless in the Blue. Garden City, which has played the tougher schedule, is coming off a 33-7 setback to Dearborn Edsel Ford, while Annapolis whipped Willow Run, 34-6. **PICKS:** Emons (Garden City); Wright (Annapolis); Smith (Annapolis).

RED. THURSTON (4-2, 4-0) AT ECORSE (0-6, 0-4), 4 P.M.: The Eagles, leading the Mega Gold, can move closer to a playoff berth with a triumph over the winless Red Raiders, who have been outscored 271-30 and are coming off a 28-8 setback to River Rouge. **PICKS:** Emons (Thurston); Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston).

SATURDAY'S GAME S.H. PARKWAY (5-1, 4-0) AT RED. COVENANT (3-3, 2-2), 1 P.M.: This Southern Michigan Football Conference matchup could be a competitive game. Parkway, led by running back Zurlon Tipton (committed to Central Michigan), has won five straight since losing its season opener, 54-47, to Deckerville. Covenant is coming off a 24-20 setback to Detroit Old Redford Academy. **PICKS:** Emons (Covenant); Wright (Parkway); Smith (Covenant).

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Hollingsworth-led Lions remain perfect, 34-20

The Canton Lions varsity football team remained unbeaten Sunday with a 34-20 victory over the Lake Area Hawks. The Lions shrugged off a slow start to outscore the Hawks 28-6 in the second half, thanks in large part to the stellar play of offensive and defensive line-men Tim Popp, Travis McCall, Siddarth Acharya and Daniel Tidwell. The winners' offense was spearheaded by Malcolm Hollingsworth, Jamari Eiland, Nate Emminger and Jordan Ciciotti.

Defensively, Canton was paced by Scott Gring, Lucas Bunting, Kyle Durham, Ryan Darish, Tyler Searls and James Dodge.

The Lions JV squad posted a 14-6 triumph over the Hawks. The Lions scored on a 48-yard TD run by James Hall and an Allante Wheeler quarterback

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sneak. Defensively, the Lions held the Hawks in check with remarkable efforts from Daniel Jipping (nine tackles, interception, fumble recovery), Hall, Kyle Murray, Everett Czarnota, Andrew Hunt and Jake Stropes.

The Lions freshmen suffered a 25-6 setback to the Hawks. The Lions' lone score came on an Evan Voyles-to-Shaw Lyall TD pass. Jordan Burg, Colton Weloch, Jacob McCall, Ryan Schlieger, Ethan Balogh and Austin Stoneburg shone on the offensive side of the ball for Canton while Damarcus Kaigler, Jason Arnold, Matthew Wayne and Jackson Austin paced the defense.

The Lions junior freshmen continued to shine against the Hawks as Avery Olson scored on

a long TD run. Other standouts were Cameron Wilborn, Lucas O'Brian, Myles Wagstaff, Devin Farmer, Bennett Austin, Bradley Tyszkiewicz and Nathan Hunt.

Steelers cage Cougars

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad upended Belleville, 29-6, Saturday to put a successful cap on the day's homecoming festivities. Kendall Scott enjoyed a break-out night with a pair of touchdowns. Jonathan Moore also sent a charge into the large crowd with a 35-yard field goal. Owen Ash was the catalyst for the winners' offensive line.

Defensively, the Steelers were led by Lowell Wade, Joshua Dennard and Austin Sylvester, who recovered a blocked punt that led to a touchdown.

The Steelers JV unit dropped

a heart-breaking 18-14 decision despite strong offensive play from Christopher Vos, Joshua Morris and Gregory Williams. Defensively, Rodney Allen, Jr., Philip Avromoski and Trenton Shelby registered grade A performances.

The Steelers freshmen wowed the crowd with a 39-26 victory. Jack Pardington, Cameron Stella (two touchdowns) and Chris Bryant (two touchdowns, interception) sparked the offense while Ben Smyth, Aaron Brazelton and Isaac Emminger played like pros on defense.

The Steelers junior freshmen turned in a high-energy performance against the Cougars. Offensively, Cal Voss, Lou Baechler and Rashawn Allen led the way while Ryan Young and Jimmy Knittel hooked-up for a 40-yard touchdown pass.

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PC wins battle of Eagles

The Plymouth Christian football team is playing like anything but a first-year program.

The Eagles registered their fourth consecutive victory Saturday by defeating the North Branch Eagles, 27-14.

Jordan Early-Pitts turned in a spectacular effort as he rushed

for a pair of touchdowns. Quarterback J.R. Hope added a rushing TD and a scoring pass to Brian Beach. Spencer Wiard chipped in with three successful point-after touchdown kicks.

The Eagles' defense bolstered by the inspired play of Andrew Weaver, Josh Lowman, Kyle Wincone, Tim Pugh (interception), Richard Truhn (fumble recovery) and Eric Jipping, who recorded a sack and a momentum-shifting fumble recovery.

The Eagles travel to Indianapolis on Saturday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the McDowell Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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LIKE NUMBERS?
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 of them in
 today's **SPORTS** section

Chargers edge Plymouth, Canton for county title

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Anyone suffering from claustrophobia may get a little light-headed when they look at the top of the standings of Saturday's Wayne County Cross Country Championships. It was that tight.

Livonia Churchill escaped with the title with 98 points, just four fewer than Plymouth and six less than Canton.

Salem finished fourth with 145 points. Pacing the runner-up Wildcats was senior captain Molly Slavens, who covered the 5,000-meter race in 19:40.66. Slavens was followed closely by teammates Nicole Traitses (11th in 19:46.38) and Beth Heldmeyer, who placed 16th in the 19:51.98.

"It was fun racing against competitive teams like that," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "With the conference meet and Regionals coming up, it should be an interesting next couple of weeks."

Canton was bolstered by a trio of top-10 finishes: Bianca Kubicki placed third in

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

19:01.74, Sarah Thomas was seventh in 19:37.24 and Rachel Rohrbach was 10th in 19:44.27. Victoria Tripp (17th) and Jordyn Moore (18th) both turned in stellar efforts for the fourth-place Rocks.

2008 WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday at Willow Metro Park
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 98; 2. Plymouth, 102; 3. Canton, 104; 4. Salem, 145; 5. Trenton, 151; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 174; 7. Livonia Franklin, 194; 8. Dearborn, 195; 9. Divine Child, 206; 10. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 211; 11. Grosse Pointe North, 299; 12. Edsel Ford, 373; 13. Belleville, 386; 14. Detroit Mumford, 373; 15. Southgate Anderson, 470; 16. Allen Park, 489; 17. Lutheran Westland, 515; 18. Detroit Cass Tech, 518; 19. Redford Union, 532; 20. Allen Park Cabrini, 556; 21. Fordson, 577; 22. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 597; 23. Garden City, 613; 24. Detroit Renaissance, 656; 25. John Glenn, 669.
OVERALL WINNER: Sara Kroil (Churchill), 18:01.62.

TEAM RESULTS
CHURCHILL (98): 1. Sara Kroil, 18:01.62; 19. Bethany Pilat, 20:02.41; 21. Kayla Szado, 20:03.86; 22. Emily Clairmont, 20:04.84; 36. Katie Rash, 20:45.82.
PLYMOUTH (102): 8. Molly Slavens, 19:40.66; 11. Nicole Traitses, 19:46.38; 16. Beth Heldmeyer, 19:51.98; 27. Kelly Hahn, 20:24.86; 42. Julie Forster, 20:56.24.
CANTON (104): 3. Bianca Kubicki, 19:01.74; 7. Sarah Thomas, 19:37.24; 10. Rachel Rohrbach, 19:44.27; 28. Abigail Gorzalski, 20:28.45; 58. Chelsea Smith, 21:21.89.
SALEM (145): 17. Victoria Tripp, 19:53.03; 18. Jordyn Moore, 19:55.43; 35. Kelly Kerwin,

20:39.74; 38. Kelley Determan, 20:51.65; 40. Kara Booms, 20:53.69.

STEVENSON (174): 2. Courtney Calka, 18:06.69; 32. Karli Kuchka, 20:34.87; 33. Victoria Saferian, 20:35.54; 55. Michelle Krawczyk, 21:19.92; 56. Julia Capeneka, 21:20.48.

FRANKLIN (194): 4. Megan McPhearson, 19:04.69; 26. Tiffany Lambille, 20:12.80; 49. Brittany Dilley, 21:04.17; 59. Kelly Wablay, 21:22.54; 60. Brittany Rouse, 21:23.53.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND (515): 63. Sarah Maynard, 21:28.66; 98. Miriam Pranschke, 22:55.56; 112. Erin Kyle, 23:08.46; 128. Brittany Maynard, 23:48.29; 135. Ashley Pniewski, 24:10.29.

REDFORD UNION (532): 54. Amanda Miley, 21:14.02; 67. Sara Miller, 21:33.22; 123. Virginia Sentman, 23:36.76; 155. Rheanon Brooks, 25:03.39; 158. Amanda Fross, 25:07.16.

GARDEN CITY (613): 101. Bobbi Beveridge, 22:57.44; 120. Christina Milne, 23:25.52; 134. Rebecca Szczembara, 24:09.62; 142. Whitney Spencer, 24:18.24; 146. Rachel Szczembara, 24:09.06.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (669): 103. Evi Cenilli, 22:58.88; 106. Ashley Bailey, 23:01.87; 160. Michelle Levy, 25:16.42; 162. Megan Nikulia, 25:37.15; 166. Audra Flores, 26:07.01.

DUAL-MEET RESULTS
SALEM 15
SOUTH LYON EAST 49
Tuesday at Cass Benton Park
SALEM'S FINISHERS: 1. (tie) Kelley Determan, Linda Ling, Jordyn Moore, Victoria Tripp, Kara Booms, 21:39.

SALEM'S RECORD: 4-1 in the KLA Central.
PLYMOUTH 15
WAYNE MEMORIAL 50
Tuesday at Wayne
PLYMOUTH'S FINISHERS: 1. Elise Chagas, 21:52; 2. Brianna Hessler, 21:53; 3. Elyse Gryniowicz, 22:03; 4. Kelsey Reineri, 22:11; 5. Sarah Brown, 22:22.

PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 4-1 in the KLA South.
FRANKLIN (200): 26. Austin Jones,

PCEP teams stand out at county meet

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Judging by the final standings of Saturday's Wayne County Championships, cross country is booming at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Led by a championship effort from Plymouth, the three PCEP contingents finished 1-2-4 in the 28-team event.

The Wildcats dominated the competition by compiling just 58 points, 52 fewer than runner-up Canton and 60 less than fourth-place Salem.

Plymouth was paced by junior Elmar Engholm, who placed fourth overall in 16:13.77. Fourth other Wildcats turned in top-22 finishes: Derek Lax (11th in 16:47.78), Matthew Neumann (13th in 16:52.89), Warren Buzzard (14th in 16:53.59) and Joe Porcari (22nd in 17:10.27).

"I thought we had a good chance of winning, but I never expected to win by the margin that we won by," said Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz. "Matt and Warren had been running in the low 17's, so to have them get into the 16's was impressive. Joe Porcari ran extremely well, too."

The Chiefs' runner-up finish impressive Canton coach Bill Boyd, whose team received

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a boost from Miles Felton, who posted the second-lowest time ever by a freshman when he crossed the finish line in 17:19.62.

"To finish second in a competitive race like that says a lot about our team," said Boyd. "I'm pleased with the strides the guys are making."

Salem was led by Michael Charara, who placed ninth in 16:41.71.

2008 WAYNE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday at Willow Metro Park
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 58; 2. Canton, 110; 3. Grosse Pointe South, 112; 4. Salem, 118; 5. Livonia Franklin, 200; 6. Livonia Churchill, 233; 7. Trenton, 289; 8. Fordson, 289; 9. Detroit Mumford, 295; 10. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 296; 11. Livonia Stevenson, 297; 12. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 332; 13. Edsel Ford, 343; 14. Dearborn, 352; 15. Allen Park, 375; 16. Redford Union, 422; 17. Detroit Community Media Arts, 439; 18. John Glenn, 447; 19. Southgate Anderson, 474; 20. Lutheran Westland, 551; 21. Belleville, 558; 22. Detroit Renaissance, 625; 23. Riverview, 628; 24. Divine Child, 657; 25. Allen Park Cabrini, 674; 26. Henry Ford Academy, 733; 27. Garden City, 836; 28. Summit Academy, 888.
OVERALL WINNER: Edwin Gay (Grosse Pointe South), 15:41.17.

TEAM RESULTS
PLYMOUTH (58): 4. Elmar Engholm, 16:13.77; 11. Derek Lax, 16:47.78; 13. Matthew Neumann, 16:52.89; 14. Warren Buzzard, 16:53.59; 22. Joseph Porcari, 17:10.27.
CANTON (110): 15. Zack Spreitzer, 16:59.35; 19. Kyle Clinton, 17:07.17; 27. Greg Reed, 17:15.87; 28. Duncan Spitz, 17:18.92; 29. Miles Felton, 17:19.62.
SALEM (118): 9. Michael Charara, 16:41.71; 17. Matt Devey, 17:05.46; 18. Alex Lang, 17:06.17; 32. Jason Smith, 17:21.97; 49. Neal Gerlach, 17:46.30.
FRANKLIN (200): 26. Austin Jones,

17:14.81; 36. Nik Gherardini, 17:28.07; 45. Paul Hanne, 17:40.21; 48. Pete Walblay, 17:44.56; 55. Dylan Taylor, 17:53.06.

CHURCHILL (233): 16. Mark Waterbury, 17:01.67; 30. Tom Winkle, 17:20.36; 58. Quinn Osgood, 17:56.59; 61. Matt Szado, 17:59.36; 78. Ryan Keeling, 18:20.39.

STEVENSON (297): 43. Matt Williams, 17:38.93; 50. Joe Urso, 17:47.72; 52. Andrew Longhi, 17:49.40; 65. Shawn Howse, 18:02.84; 98. John Lynch, 18:46.43.

REDFORD UNION (422): 38. Matthew Macek, 17:30.56; 80. Justin Faur, 18:22.27; 90. Zachary Vanden Toorn, 18:38.20; 109. Michael D'Arcangelo, 18:55.92; 121. Matthew Kibner, 19:14.02.

JOHN GLENN (447): 37. Tim Boes, 17:29.48; 63. Jeff Adkins, 18:01.17; 88. Eric Mlynar, 18:32.72; 129. Ruben Maya, 19:30.80; 150. Jeff Medel, 20:13.40.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND (551): 5. Spencer Lyle, 16:25.91; 123. Theodis Washington, 19:18.74; 140. Alex Kemp, 19:45.09; 148. Zechariah Washington, 20:06.52; 165. Jeremy Kohtz, 20:53.49.
GARDEN CITY (836): 157. Andrew Chambo, 20:32.74; 181. Simon Outlaw, 22:09.38; 183. Moises Cruz, 22:19.25; 186. Mason Mitchell, 22:31.33; 193. Josh Avery, 23:16.98.

DUAL-MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 15
WAYNE 50
Tuesday at Wayne Memorial
PLYMOUTH'S RUNNERS: 1. Steven Schultz, 18:25; 2. Stephen Balaze, 18:45; 3. Tyler Schwaegler, 18:46; 4. Zach Koch, 19:06; 5. Brandon Burke, 19:22.

WAYNE'S RUNNERS: 6. Daryl Ison, 20:10; 7. Tyler Geardron, 21:08; 8. Brandon Tykowski, 22:36.
PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 5-0 in the KLA South.

CANTON 15
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 50
Tuesday at John Glenn
CANTON'S RUNNERS: 1. Duncan Spitz, 16:45; 2. Kyle Clinton, 17:06; 3. Greg Reed, 17:11; 4. Zach Spreitzer, 17:14; 5. (tie) Mitch Clinton and Paul Rakovitis, 17:18.

JOHN GLENN'S RUNNERS: 7. Tim Boes, 17:35; 8. Jeff Adkins, 17:40; 9. Eric Mlynar, 18:43; 10. Jeff Medel, 20:16; 11. Ryan Vichinsky, 20:26.
CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 4-1 in KLA South.

Rockets can't hang with Chiefs

Westland John Glenn's volleyball team proved to be no match for Canton Tuesday night in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association showdown at Canton.

The Chiefs swept away the Rockets in three games — 25-15, 25-13, 25-20 — to improve to 18-4 overall and 4-1 in the KLA South Division. John Glenn dropped to 3-2 in the division.

"We started out strong tonight in games one and two," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We served very aggressively and kept them from having a lot of options in their offense. Our blocking, coverage and defense improved and looked better than it did in our last two matches."

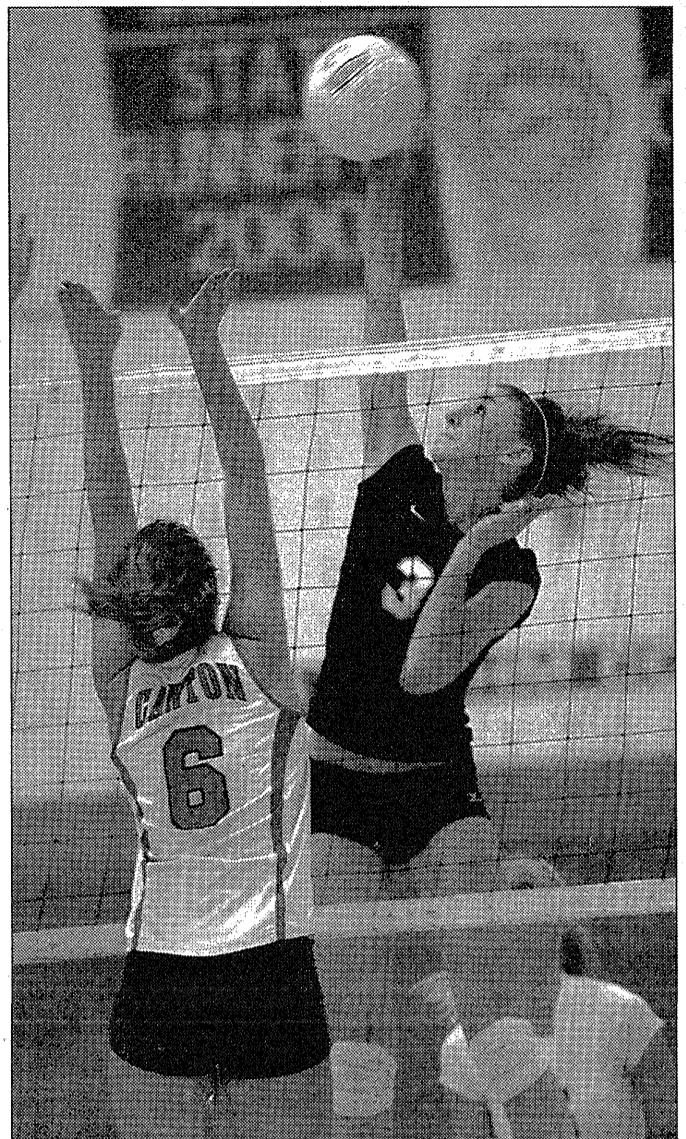
"We started slow in game three and missed too many serves. Our offense kept us in the game with a combined 16 kills."

Senior captain Gina Waite paced the Chiefs' defensive effort with 13 digs. Also excelling for the winners were Jordan Kieley (13 kills and 10 digs), Allison Trapp (eight kills), Kristen Muir (seven kills and 11 digs), Shelby Anthony (10 digs and six aces) and Kacy Moran (25 assists and six kills).

Leading the Rockets' attack were Brittany Holbrook (six kills), Halie Baker (seven blocks) and Stacey Truskowski, who combined with Holbrook to register 40 digs.

Wildcats prevail

Plymouth dominated Wayne Memorial Tuesday night, 25-13, 25-12, 25-14, in a KLA South match held in the Wildcats' gymnasium. The victory improved Plymouth's record to 10-8-3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Danielle Risi, pictured in a match earlier this week, recorded a team-high 12 kills Tuesday against Wayne Memorial.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

overall and 2-3 in the division.

"Offensively, we played a much better match," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "Erin O'Connor did a nice job as the starting setter tonight, spreading the ball antenna to antenna. Our

serve-serve was very consistent, which allowed for a quicker offense.

Dani Risi (12 kills) and Kayla Bridge (eight kills) were forces at the net for the 'Cats, who also received strong efforts from O'Connor (26 assists), Briana Beyer (21 digs, four aces) and Katie Binger (four kills).

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Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Oct. 9
PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10
Summit Academy at PCA, 4 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 9
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Wildcat Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Salem at Madonna Invite, 8:30 a.m.

Canton at Mega/KLAA Invitational at Northville, 8:30 a.m.
PCA at Mt. Morris Tournament, 9 a.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 11
Canton and Plymouth Boys at Gabriel Richard JC Invitational, 1 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Friday, Oct. 10
Division 1 Regional Meet, TBA

GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Oct. 9
Division 1 Regional Meet, TBA

GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Oct. 9
Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11

MISCA Meet, noon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 9
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Schoolcraft at Harper College Inv., TBA

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Oct. 10
Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 11
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

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Petitioner, **CAROL WINKLER,**
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minutes into the contest when John Krutty scored off a re-start on an assist from Josh Pascarella.

Ten minutes later, Alex Tramel doubled the Salem lead to 2-0 when he deposited a pass from Jeremy Stoychoff into the back of the net.

Canton coach George Tomasso said he knows what his team needs to improve on if it meets Salem in next week's District tournament.

"It comes down to finishing," said Tomasso. "We're creating the opportunities. We have a good evolutionary process going: The first time we played Salem, we generated two or three scoring opportunities and tonight we probably generated six to eight chances, which is nice because we're obviously doing things to break them down."

"But in the end, Salem got the result they wanted. We just have to move forward and, hopefully, we catch them in the Districts."

Salem will take on Plymouth while Canton will be matched up against Wayne Memorial in Monday's first-round action at the PCEP varsity stadium. The winners of both games will play Wednesday in a semifinal tilt.

The Chiefs mounted a furious comeback in the game's waning moments.

With 7:25 left, Brandon Burt lofted a 35-yard rainbow shot from the right wing that dropped just below the crossbar and above the fingertips of Salem keeper Will Allen to slice Canton's deficit to 2-1.

"That is a designed shot that we work on in practice," Tomasso said. "For a goal-keeper, I know that's a tough ball to come up with."

Canton nearly drew even, but Josh Hurst's floater from nearly the same spot that Burt's goal was launched from hit the cross-bar.

Allen was stellar between the pipe for the Rocks and improved his record to 4-0-2 since filling in for All-State first-stringer Sasa Miskovic.

Miskovic is expected back next week along with a pair of injured teammates.

McCarthy praised the play of senior central defender Matt Calupina, who repelled a couple of dangerous second-half scoring threats by the Chiefs.

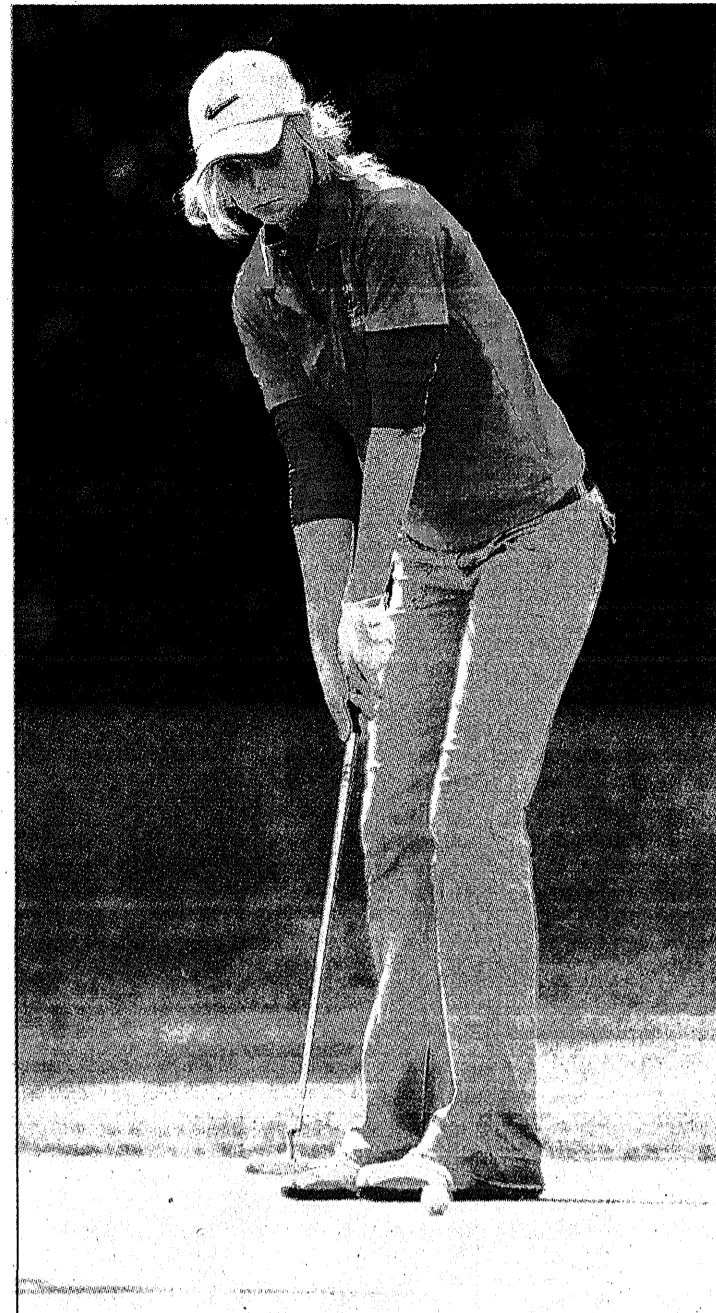
"Matt's done a great job all year centrally for us," said McCarthy. "There's no doubt Kevin Cope is a tremendous defender, but without Matt Calupina, our back line wouldn't be anywhere near what it is. He's irreplaceable in the role he plays for us back there."

MACOMB CHRISTIAN 3, AGAPE 2: On Tuesday at Independence Park in Canton, the Wolverines dropped a hard-fought decision despite goals from Donald Mullett and Josiah Wyatt.

Billy Martin notched an assist for Agape, which also received strong play from goal-keeper Justin Benbow (12 saves), Landon Cook and Ethan Walker.

The loss dropped Agape to 3-13 overall and 2-9 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Macomb improved to 7-9 and 7-4, respectively.

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Canton's Megan Baumgard watches a putt roll toward the hole during Tuesday's KLAAs tournament at Pheasant Run.

GOLF RESULTS

KLAAs CONFERENCE GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
 Tuesday at Pheasant Run Golf Course
TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 1. Northville, 354; 2. Novi, 363; 3. South Lyon, 388; 4. Livonia Churchill, 397; 5. John Glenn, 407; 6. Livonia Franklin, 414; 7. Canton, 436; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 468; 9. Plymouth, 476; 10. Wayne Memorial, 542; 11. South Lyon East, 558; 12. Salem (no team score).
MEDALIST: Natalie Krick, Northville, 77.
TEAM RESULTS
NORTHVILLE (354): Alicia Weber, 79; Kelley Hill, 87; Brianna Roberts, 89; Joanne Weber, 99.
NOVI (363): Natalie Krick, 77; Megan Henry, 93; Kelli Timar, 96; Alex Palmer, 97.
SOUTH LYON (388): Christy Cooney, 89; Danielle Godair, 95; Alex Drew, 101; Emily Groth, 103.
CHURCHILL (397): Lexi McFarlane, 87; Jessica Burdette, 91; Jordyn Shepler, 107; Sarah Linder, 112.
JOHN GLENN (407): Heidi Irvine, 90; Courtney McKinney, 103; Michelle Bishop, 107; Justine Woodard, 107.
FRANKLIN (414): Alexis Smith, 101; Samantha

McAtee, 102; Natalie Polakowski, 103; Lauren Beahon, 108.
CANTON (436): Chelsea Osburn, 93; Kara Gregory, 100; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 121; Megan Baumgard, 122.
LIVONIA STEVENSON (468): Gabrielle Sabatini, 109; Chelsea Phillips, 110; Shelby Plichota, 119; Brynn Cavanaugh, 130.
PLYMOUTH (476): LeAnn O'Shaughnessy, 116; Chloe Marentic, 118; Christy Pattison, 120; Liz Cizek, 122.
WAYNE MEMORIAL (542): Berlyn Beaver, 86; Taylor Tuttle, 109; Jane Thayer, 117.
SOUTH LYON EAST (558): Lindsay Heikkinen, 110; Taylor Jones, 111; Emily Wenson, 119; Stephanie Carson, 128.
FINAL STANDINGS
CENTRAL DIVISION: 1. Northville, 10-0; 2. Novi, 8-2; 3. South Lyon, 6-4; 4. Stevenson, 4-6; 5. South Lyon East, 2-8; 6. Salem, 0-10.
SOUTH DIVISION: 1. Churchill, 10-0; 2. John Glenn, 8-2; 3. Canton, 6-4; 4. Franklin, 4-6; 5. (tie) Wayne and Plymouth, 1-9.

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MAHALAK

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of Michigan and Michigan State — were pursuing him — and once you sign an OHL contract, you forfeit all opportunities to play at the collegiate level.

"The college game is more of skills-type game and most of the players are in the 22- to 24-year-old age range, so I don't even know what I'd be doing now if I would have chosen that route," he said, explaining his decision-making process. "In the OHL, you're playing at a competitive level right away and you can still go to college when you're done."

"It was a big decision to come to

the OHL, but as soon as the Whalers drafted me and I talked to (Whalers General Manager and President) Mike Vellucci, I knew that I had made the right decision. I've had no regrets since."

Blue-collar attitude

Mahalak's on-ice style mirrors that of Detroit Red Wing John Franzen, whose play he admired during last spring's NHL Playoffs.

"I'm just a grinder," he said. "I go hard every second of every shift. I'm crashin' and bangin' and going to the net. You're not going to see me score many highlight-reel goals. I just try to put the puck in the net."

Mahalak is quicker than he's ever been thanks to a rigorous off-season

workout regimen.

"I played at 204 pounds last year and coach Stefan suggested I drop a few pounds," Mahalak said. "Over the summer I followed a very strict diet, I ran a lot and biked a lot — I even competed in a mini-triathlon. I feel a lot quicker this year on the ice and I'm leaner than I was my first year. I still need to work on my skating because you can never get too fast."

Like all of his OHL peers, Mahalak's ultimate dream is to play in the NHL.

"It's definitely my goal," he said. "I'll be watching exhibition games on TV and seeing guys I played against last year — guys like Steven Stamkos — and thinking, 'I was on the same ice as them, so why not me some day?'"

Whalers turn into road warriors

The Whalers' road trip last weekend through Erie and Niagara wasn't very pretty, but it was effective.

Plymouth gutted out a 5-4 win in Erie last Friday, then came from behind twice in Niagara on Saturday before taking a 7-6 shootout win over the IceDogs.

The Whalers are now 3-3-0-0, with all three wins on the road.

"I was really happy with the attitude of the guys the whole week prior to this past weekend — the work ethic they had in practice and the determination of going on the road and trying to have a successful road trip," Plymouth head coach Greg Stefan said. "I liked the effort (and) I especially liked the work ethic of everybody and the attitude going in that we were there to get wins."

"Maybe it wasn't pretty or it wasn't perfect, but I thought a lot of positive things happened this past weekend."

Offensively, the Whalers got four points each over the weekend from Vern Cooper, Ryan Hayes, Joe Gaynor and Chris Terry. Jordan O'Neill's goal proved to be the game-winner in Erie and Whaler pups Tyler Seguin and Myles McCauley scored in the shootout in Niagara.

Although the Whalers gave up 10 goals in the two victories, netminders Jeremy Smith and Matt Hackett played well at different times.

Plymouth built leads of 3-0 and 5-2 in Erie and withstood a furious Otters rally in the third period for the victory. Smith stopped 46-of-50 shots as the game's second star. His outstanding stop on Nick Palmieri with ten seconds left preserved the win.

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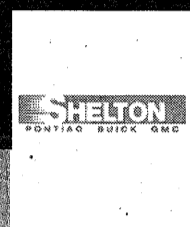
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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OCTOBER

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 purchase in advance. To order, visit

www.olgcwineevent.org or call (734) 737-0755.

Church bazaar

Oct. 10-11, at St. Sarkis Armenian Church, 19300 Ford Rd., off of Southfield Fwy. Dearborn, includes Vegas Night, Friday, Oct. 10 with doors opening at 8 p.m. (Tickets \$35, pre-purchased tickets include \$50 in chips; Texas Hold'em tournament tickets \$75); traditional bazaar with Armenian food, drinks, vendors, outdoor kids fun 1-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 (no charge). For more information, call (313) 336-6200.

Convention

The Southeast Michigan Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America hold their Bi-ennial

Convention 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-7249.

Church dinner

And Silent Auction with more than 100 items Saturday, Oct. 11, at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Rd., Westland. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 children under age 10. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with Silent Auction beginning at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Youth & Children's Ministries. For information or tickets call Pastor Rick Jewett at (734) 458-7301.

Apologetics conference

Christians & The Challenge of Islam" A Balanced View presented by Adam S. Francisco 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

11, at Henry Ford Centennial Library Auditorium, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. No charge, pre-registration not required. Sponsored by Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School in Dearborn. Call Pastor Rod Zwonitzer at (313) 565-4002 or Elaine Pierani at (313) 724-1979 or epierani@wowway.com.

Conference

With David Dark on his book, The Gospel According to America 9:30 a.m. to noon (9 a.m. registration) Saturday, Oct. 11, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile at I-275, Livonia. Cost \$5. For questions, call (734) 425-2800.

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. 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.

Anniversary celebration

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, will celebrate their 40th Anniversary with a special worship service and fellowship immediately after the service. Immanuel Church was previously located near Tiger Stadium until it was necessary to move the church due to the building of I-96. We are the "Friendly Church on the Trail". Please join us to celebrate!!!

Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Living rosary

7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at St. Michael the Archangel Church 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All area Catholics invited to participate in this spiritual experience in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates October as the month of the Rosary follows the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. until closing ceremonies at 7 p.m. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.

Youth meeting

St. Edith is planning a mission trip to New Orleans April 13-18 for high school students and young adults through the National Relief Network to help people still recovering from hurricanes Katrina and Gustave. There will be an informational meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the St. Edith Youth Group room at 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile. For more information, call Kim Rize at (734) 464-6621

Mass confusion

Series on the celebration of the Mass 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 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.

Volunteers need

The Salvation Army invites the community to partner with them this holiday season by donate a day or just a few hours. Opportunities range from adopting a family or child to bell ringing, Christmas in-take assistance, and many others. Sign up by calling volunteer coordinator Sandy Kollinger at (734) 722-3660 or online at www.ringbell.org and choosing Wayne/

Westland. The Salvation Army is at 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer.

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. (734) 425-2800.

Pumpkin patch

Begins Friday, Oct. 17, and continues to Oct. 31, with pumpkins of all sizes and fall decoration for sale, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. A book sale runs during the same hours Oct. 24-26 with a bag sale 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 26. The church women's group holds a bake sale on Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from all sales go to various missions and the church's general fund. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) hop

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Ford Field, Detroit. Tickets are \$250 and available by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 153, includes dinner and silent auction. After Glow takes place after the dinner at 9 p.m. in the South Cove Lounge (\$50 includes two drinks, unlimited dessert bar and coffee station, and entertainment by Flashback Experience, an 80s band). The event is included for those who will be attending the traditional SOCK event. Proceeds go to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Sweetest Day dance

Featuring The Rhythm Society Orchestra 8-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 seniors/students age 18 and over. Sorry, no children. Call (248) 349-0911.

Girl genius

The ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) event takes place 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 and 25, at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Girl Genius is an ENDOW middle school program designed to teach Pope John Paul II's message regarding the dignity and vocation of women to 10 to 13 year old girls on their God-given nature, dignity and special role in society. Call (734) 425-5950. Cost is \$30 per girl, mentors free. Lunch is provided.

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.

Annual church tour

Join us Saturday, Oct. 18 to visit an eclectic mix of Catholic parishes in Detroit: The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Old St. Mary's in Greektown, and St. Hyacinth. Two tour buses leave St. Aidan parish at 9:15 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited to 110 slots and costs only \$20 per person, which includes lunch at the New Parthenon restaurant in Greektown. Sign up today by emailing David Conrad: davidjconrad@staidanlvivonia.org or calling (734) 425-5950.

Mass of anointing

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. All Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 so that the church will be able to prepare for the number of people attending.

All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues their 30-plus year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday, Oct. 19, in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2

adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

Choral concert

The Detroit Lutheran Singers perform 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Faith will be expressed by in such beautiful anthems as "He Watching Over Israel"; from Mendelssohn's "Elijah"; "The Lord Will Guide You Continually", by F. Swann and several other familiar anthems. Featured in the concert will be the debut of "We Are the Lord's." Composer Donald Busarow, well known Lutheran composer and musician and founding director of DLS, describes this piece as a musical portrait of a life dedicated to the Lord. Tickets \$10 (\$5 in advance), \$7 seniors and students 12 and over). Call Dick Schaufelberger (810) 220-8639 for tickets.

Benefit concert

4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Rd., west of Farmington Rd., south of Grand River, Farmington Hills, hosts a benefit concert by Cross Chords to raise money for building and equipping Cpl. Joshua Hoffman's house through Homes for our Troops. The concert features favorite contemporary Christian songs. The band is composed of members of St. John's contemporary praise band, plus additional musicians from the area. No charge for admission. A free-will offering will be received to create barrier-free adaptations and the use of technology to enable him to regain some of the independence that he has lost since being hit by sniper fire in Iraq. For more information on Homes for our Troops, visit www.homesforourtroops.org.

Bible study

A Word for you Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 21, in the green room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Rd., Westland. The one hour study includes Praise and Worship and the Word. All are welcome. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (734) 425-7280.

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.

Spaghetti dinner

5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. A silent auction will also be held. Cost is \$7 adults, \$3.50 children ages 4-11, free for kids under age 3. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (734) 427-3660.

Rummage sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25 (\$2 bag sale) in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. One quarter of the proceeds are given directly to charities such as Lutheran Social Services Michigan, the Smile Train, Central United Methodist Church Noah Shoes Project, O.A.T.S. and for those in Texas impacted by Hurricane Ike. Part of the profits assist the church's youth group who will be traveling to New Orleans for a national youth gathering and mission work.

Empowering women

Catholic Women's Conference put on by Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Speakers include Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus: HOPE, and Sister Nancy Murray who travels the world performing the one-woman play based on the life of St. Catherine of Siena. The inspirational day celebrates the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter On the Dignity and Vocation of Women. Tickets \$45 adults, \$35 students. For information, call (313) 237-5806 or visit www.aodwomenministry.org.

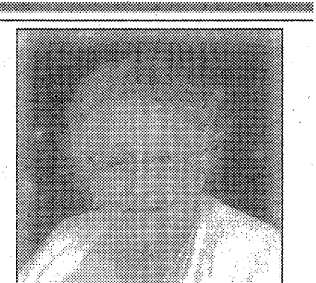
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BILL P. CUNNINGHAM Age 76. Of Farmington Hills, MI. October 4, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington.

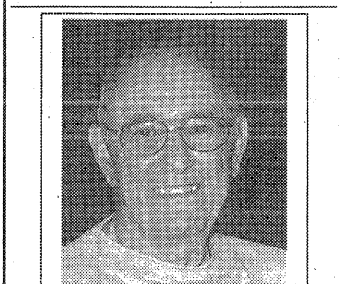
DONNA C. WHITE Age 73, lifelong resident of Plymouth. Passed away October 7, 2008. She retired after nine years as a bus driver for the Plymouth-Canton Schools. She was a member of Northridge Church. She loved to play cards and visit casinos, but most of all she loved being with her family. She is survived by her children, Marcia (Chris) Drake, Phyllis Maycock, Cheryl Lynn Collins, and Nancy (Jeff) Good; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and six brothers and sisters. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or the Michigan Heart Association. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

ELIZABETH F. SCOGGINS Age 86. October 6, 2008. Beloved wife of the late CM Scoggins and the late Denver Crumpler. Loving mother of Lillia Dale, Robert (Jean), Charlotte (John), Golembiewski and Charles (Christina) and step-mother of Carol (Al) Burki, and Paula (Bob) Newsom. Dearest grandmother of five and great-grandmother of eight. Family will receive friends Friday 3-7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Services will take place Friday at 7 pm at the funeral home. The family appreciates memorial contributions to Michigan Lupus Alliance. Please share a memory with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



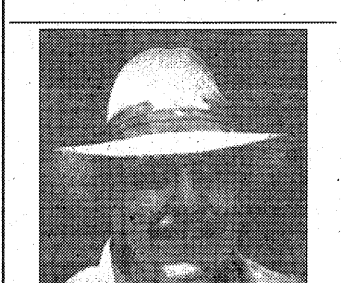
HARRIET FRANCES (KYSER) BARNARD

Born on June 17, 1917 in Highland Park General Hospital. Died October 5, 2008 in South Lyon. Her father was Harry D. Kyser of Troy and mother was Bertha V. West of Parsons, Kansas. Married (January 25, 1941) to Oakland County Probate Judge Norman R. Barnard (deceased 1998). They already owned the house in Troy and this was her resident until her passing. She worked at S.S. Kresge in Birmingham. After her first child was born, she was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Troy. Her great-great-grandfather came to Troy from New York in the 1860's (settled on land given to him by the Government for fighting in the War of 1812). Harriet is the fifth generation to live in Troy. She was active in the First United Methodist Church of Troy and Troy Study Club since 1945; former Brownie and Cub scout leader; 4-H leader in Troy for 20 years; former member and Chairman of the Troy Youth Assistance program; Troy Animal control board; former member of the Troy Historical Commission; past President of the Troy Historical Society; Active in Civic affairs, including the Troy Women's Society of Christian Service, Troy Animal Owner's Association, Troy Citizen's Committee for Schools, Election Precinct worker and chairman, and the Troy Township Volunteer Fire Department. Most recently an avid supporter of the History of Troy by giving her 1837 resident to the City because of its historical value. Mother of Frederick (wife, Kit) of Washington, MI; Robert (wife, Mary) of Lake Orion, MI; Harold is deceased (wife, Pat) of Shelby Twp., MI; Ronald (wife, Laura) of Metamora, MI; Sandra Elwood (husband, Tom) of New Hudson, MI; and Richard (wife, Cheryl) of Troy, MI. She has 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Sister of Virginia Schlabach of Livonia, MI and the late Betty Smith. Visitation was held at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road (bet. Big and Wattles Roads), Troy (248-689-0700). Funeral Service was held at First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livemore Road, Troy. Memorials should be directed to the Troy Historical Society-Heritage Fund and the First United Methodist Church of Troy. Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Share memories at www.pricefuneralhome.net.



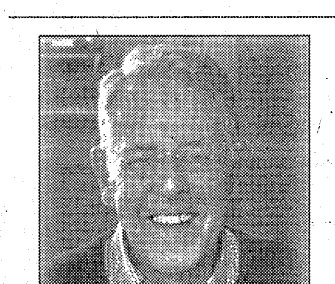
JOSEPH MIFSUD

Age 72, October 4, 2008. Beloved husband of Laura. Dear father of Joann (Joseph) Greene, Mia Peterson, Darrin (Tammy) and Andra Cooker. Grandfather of Jeffery, Ryan, Michael, Brian, Drew, Mitchell, Joseph and Sarah. Brother of Charles, John, Anthony, Mari and Victor. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.



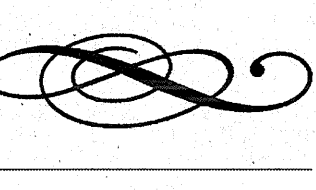
RICHARD G. BRIGGS

Age 81, October 5, 2008. Of Livonia. Beloved father of Nancy (Bruce) Souby, Aileen (Bud) Harris, Lloyd (Maureen) Briggs, Richard R. (Christina) Briggs, Ellen (Fred) Leach, Barbara (Terry) O'Neil, James (Rachelle) Briggs, Jeffrey Briggs and mother of his children, Margaret Kariden. Brother of Muriel Bradley. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral Service 11 am Thursday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Share a memory of Richard at www.rggrharris.com



MICHAEL BRAMLEY "MIKE" REDFIELD

October 6, 2008. Age 77, of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved husband of Pamela (nee Dittrich), the late Clare Redfield (nee Palms) and the late Elizabeth Louise Wagoner (nee Thompson). Dear father of David (Jean), Mary Redfield Wood, William (Julie), Michelle Redfield (Fred Gale), Lisa Daitch (Joshua) and Wendy Merriion. Loving grandfather of Patrick, Timothy, Kelsey, Gordon, John, Natalie, Ethan, Matthew and A.J. Brother of John (Arlene), William (Lyn), Anthony Fruhauf (Georgetta), Ennis Fruhauf and the late Nicholas (Ellen). Son of the late Harold and Alma. Michael was baptized and remained very active at Christ Church (Episcopal) Cranbrook in numerous ministries, including music, vestry, ushers and lay minister. Michael earned his Bachelor's in Business Administration at University of Michigan and worked for several manufacturing enterprises in Southeast Michigan. Michael purchased Ford'sell Machine Products in 1984 and had dozens of friends and associates during that time until its sale in 1997. He was a vivacious character and shared numerous hobbies and interests including gardening, Corvettes, travelling, photography, ice cream, model trains and classical music. He was a magnificent man and a tower of strength possessing a wonderful sense of humor. He is loved beyond words and will be missed by countless family and friends. He brought so much joy and laughter to many people in business and community. "He had one heck of a ride." Family will receive friends Friday 3-8 pm at A.J. Desmond and Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial service Saturday 11a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, (Lone Pine west of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to the Michael B. Redfield Memorial Music Fund at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



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Author to hold workshop for tweens and moms

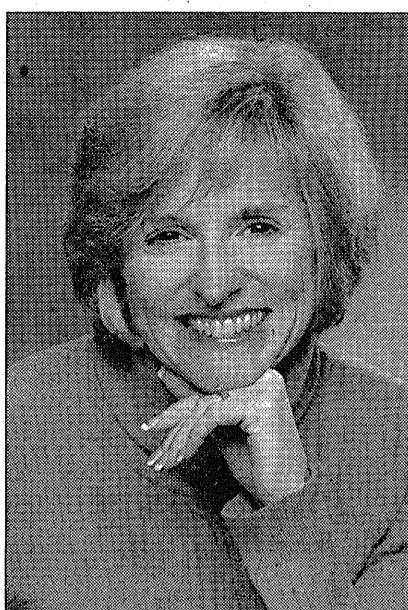
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Tween girls might be a little surprised when author Nancy Rue asks if they'd give their dog a cigarette or pour beer into his water bowl. The Nashville author is simply trying to shock young girls into taking care of their body by telling them "if you wouldn't do that to your cocker spaniel, don't do it to yourself."

The riveting presentation is part of the Faithgirlz! Beauty is Believing tour (www.faithgirlz.com) for ages 9-12, Saturday, Oct. 18, at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth. Faithgirlz! is a collection of books, products and resources designed for tween Christian girls to grow and develop emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Rue (nancyrue.com) has written more than 100 books for teens and pre-teens to help guide them through a period when celebrity role models look more like girls gone wild. The morning consists of two hour-long workshops, an interactive presentation, crafts and a book signing.

"I'll speak to them about Girl Politics, the issues girls face with their friends, 'Friendship Flubs' and how to fix them, the drama queen who cries at the drop of a hat and about choosing your battles. Maybe things could be a little more calm and what hormones play in that," said Rue. "We'll talk about loving the body that God gave you



Author Nancy Rue gives a workshop for tween girls and moms at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth on Saturday, Oct. 18.

and taking care of it. God gave you that temple."

Rue says the biggest obstacle facing tween girls today is parents who expect them to grow up too fast. She was raised in Florida where her biggest challenge as the baby in the family was being held back from exploring all that she was and could be. Rue went on to teach at public schools in Virginia and Nevada for 16 years but later started writing teen books. She grew up in a Christian home and tries to look at the way Jesus lived and live her life accordingly. Rue's conveys her mes-

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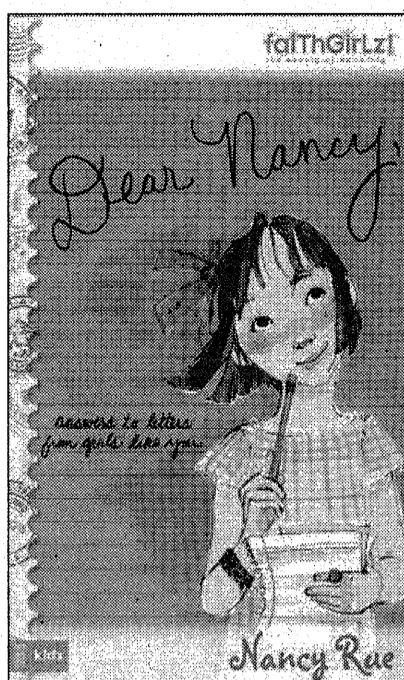
What: Author Nancy Rue talks to tween girls (ages 9-12) and their moms about the challenges of growing up
When: 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
Where: NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial at Ridge, Plymouth
Tickets: \$10 per girl, adults free. Space is limited. Register at www.northridge-church.com, click on kids to Faithgirlz. For questions, call (734) 414-7777

sage through her books "without beating them about the head with a Bible."

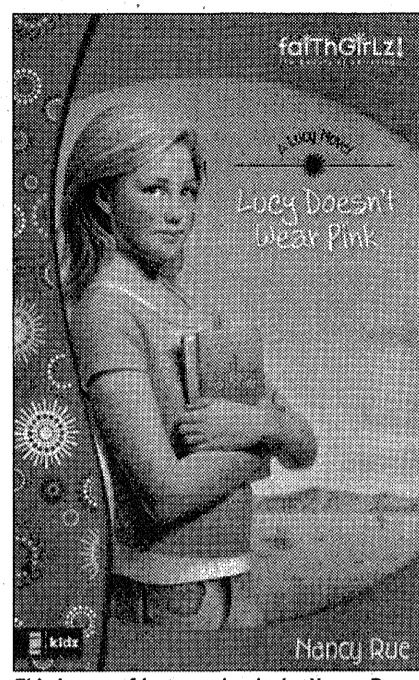
"They are not allowed to be little girls anymore," said Rue. "One little girl by age 12 had 6,000 text messages in one month. Where is the time to imagine, to play, to be little girls before they're out there facing a tough world? Many are over-scheduled. Parents feel she's gotta keep up. I would ask them to choose one sport and one activity that they'd like to do this term. Because of the hectic pace parents find girls really get bored easily, but there's books, friends to talk to. All that activity stifles creativity or even from developing their faith."

Parents, on the other hand, face their own set of challenges.

"It's being able to take a stand to say I know what everybody else is doing but it's time to slow down. Friendships are important. It's time to find out who you are. You have a



Nancy Rue answers questions from tween readers in her new book.



This is one of two new books by Nancy Rue. Lucy Rooney is a fiery tomboy who questions everything, even God. The novel, for ages 8 to 12, provides inspiration to live a life of faith.

whole life to grow into who you are," said Rue, whose daughter, Marijean, 29, still calls several times a day for answers to questions she has as a newlywed.

Rue goes to her daughter for advice as well. Marijean helped compile answers for Rue's newest book. "Dear Nancy" answers young girls' questions about growing up. As part of the Beauty is Believing Tour she'll sign her latest "Lucy" books as well.

"The workshop is a unique experience. They're not going to sit and be talked at. There's an opportunity to do crafts, have books signed, form Faithgirlz clubs where they take a pledge and form their own clubs so they're together with girls struggling with the same things they are, to be decent Christian girls."

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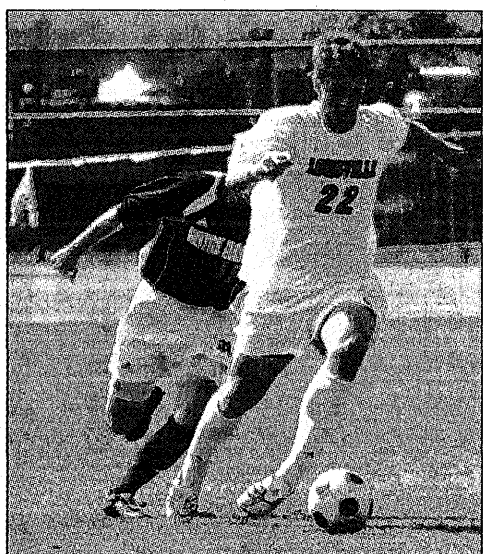
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Sudden impact

Colin Rolfe, a 2008 graduate of Plymouth High School and a freshman at the University of Louisville, was named the Big East's "Rookie of the Week" last week after playing a role in both goals in the Cardinals' 2-1 upset of No. 2-ranked St. John's on Saturday. Rolfe scored the equalizer on a header in the 50th minute and assisted on the game-winner seven minutes later. Louisville is currently ranked No. 7 in the country in the Soccer America poll, its highest-ever ranking.



JAY ROLFE

Emons honored by state's basketball coaches

Livonia/Westland Observer Sports Editor Brad Emons was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall of Honor Friday during a ceremony at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing.



Emons

Emons has earned the respect and admiration of the state's basketball coaches since he first started covering prep hoop for the Observer in 1977.

"Brad has always been a real pro when covering high school athletics," said Dan Young, a member of the BCAM Board of Directors and the head basketball coach at Westland John Glenn. "More importantly, he's been a pro as far as dealing with high school coaches over the years."

After graduating from Livonia Franklin - where he played basketball - in 1973, Emons earned a degree in journalism from Franklin College (Indiana), where he was a member of school's tennis team.

A short time after graduating from college, Emons was hired as

Sports Editor at the Plymouth-Canton Observer before moving to the Livonia-Westland beat in 1981.

He has also kept statistics for the University of Detroit and the Detroit Pistons.

"Basketball has been a lifelong passion of mine and I feel grateful for being recognized by the members of BCAM," Emons said. "I feel both blessed and grateful for the opportunity to cover the game at its purest form and grass roots level. I appreciate the efforts from all the area coaches I've dealt with during my 30 years in newspapers."

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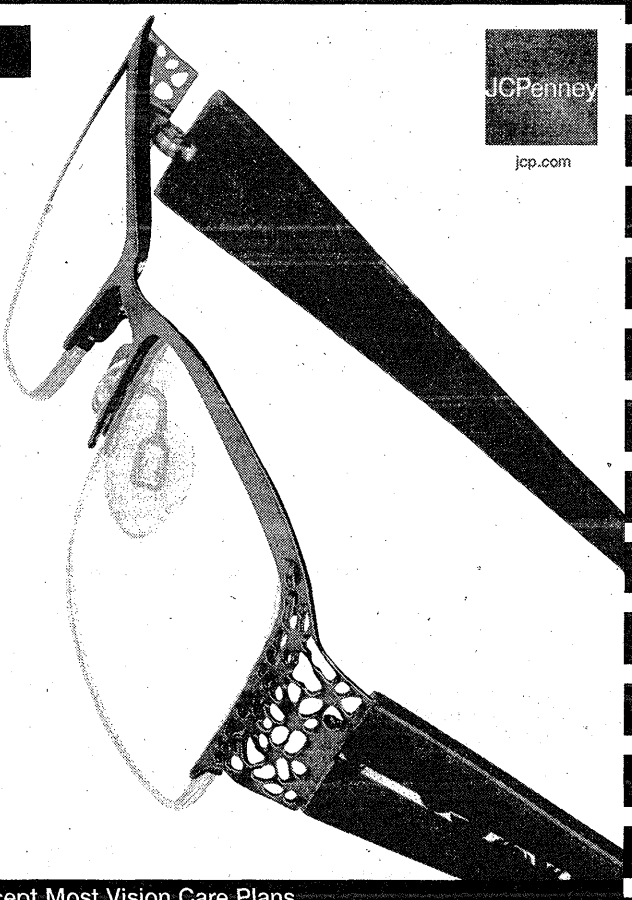
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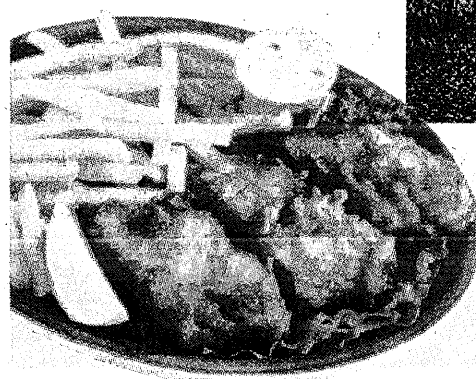
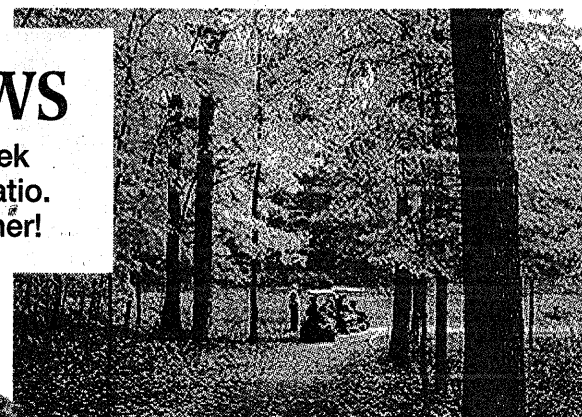
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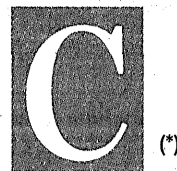
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Aim for an 'A' in your dorm fire safety plans

The number of reported fires in the dormitory occupancy group increased 3 percent from 3,200 in 1980 to 3,300 in 2005. In comparison, structure fires of all types declined 52 percent from 1980 to 2005, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

In 2002-05, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 3,300 structure fires in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and barracks. These fires caused an annual average of seven civilian deaths, 46 civilian fire injuries, and \$25 million in direct property damage. Note: Dormitories include school, college and university dormitories; fraternity and sorority houses; monasteries; bunk houses; barracks; and nurses' quarters.

Between 2002-05, cooking equipment was involved in 72 percent of the reported dormitory fires; this includes confined or contained fires. Heating equipment was listed as the equipment involved in 2 percent of these fires; an additional 2 percent were confined heating equipment fires.

Structure fires in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and barracks are more common during the evening hours between 5-11 p.m., as well as on weekends.

The National Fire Protection Association offers these dorm fire safety tips:

- Your building should have an evacuation plan. Learn it and participate in all fire drills.
- If you hear an alarm, leave immediately. Close doors behind you as you go. Take room keys; if you can't escape you may have to return to your room.
- If you have a disability, make sure you are included in the escape planning for your classroom area and



- housing.
- Learn the location of all building exits. You may have to find your way out in the dark.
 - Make sure your building has smoke alarms. Do not disable them or remove batteries.
 - The best protection is a building with a fire sprinkler system.
 - Don't hang anything from fire sprinkler pipes or nozzles.
 - Keep a flashlight handy.

ESCAPE TIPS

- If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.
- Before opening a door, feel the door. If it's hot, use your second way out.
- Use the stairs; never use an elevator during a fire.
- If you're trapped, call the fire department and tell them where you are. Seal your door with rags and signal from your window. Open windows slightly at the top and bottom,

- but close them if smoke rushes in from any direction.
- If you have a disability, alert others of the type of assistance you need to leave the building.

SMOKING

- If you must smoke, only smoke outside of the building and only where it's permitted.
- Use deep, wide, sturdy ashtrays. Ashtrays should be set on something that is sturdy and hard to ignite.
- It's risky to smoke when you've been drinking or when you're drowsy.
- Don't smoke in bed.
- Soak cigarettes before you empty ashtrays.
- After a party, check furniture and cushions for smoldering butts.

COOKING

- Cook only where it's permitted.
- If you use a kitchen, keep it clean and uncluttered.
- If you use electric appliances, don't overload circuits.

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- If a fire starts in a microwave oven, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.
- Check with your school and local fire department for off-campus housing before using a grill.
- Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors.
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

CANDLES

- Don't burn candles.

ELECTRICAL

- Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a receptacle outlet.
- Don't pinch cords against walls or furniture or run them under carpets. Never tack or nail cords.
- Don't overload your wiring.
- Buy only appliances that have the label of an independent testing lab.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn.

Check law on religious practices

Q: I am an owner of a condominium unit and I am upset because my condo association is threatening to remove the mezuzah from my front door. They have a "no signage" rule and I am wondering if they have any basis to do so.

A: I can tell you that it is a difficult issue for the association and its legal counsel, but in a 7th Circuit Court of Appeals decision, the court on similar facts found that the association's "no signage" rule posed neutral with respect to religion, and was not discriminatory. It held that neither the Fair Housing Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, nor the RLUIPA govern private condo associations, and that the Fair Housing Act does not provide the same protection for religious practices as it does for its accommodation of handicapped persons. You are best advised to consult with an attorney, however, before taking any legal action.



Robert Meisner

Q: I live in a condominium complex that is over 20 years old. I have lived there many years. I am the second owner of the unit and was told by the first unit owner that they never heard any sounds coming from the connecting unit. Until this year, I could say the same thing. The unit next to mine was sold and the new owner has made extensive changes that have affected my unit because now I am hearing sounds of running water that I have never heard over the past 20 years. I haven't had any luck in trying to discuss this with my new neighbor. I have had an outside consultant come in to try to see if I could add insulation. I was advised that the problem has to be addressed through the other unit. The board tells me that this is an issue between the two neighbors although the bylaws state that the water distribution system is a common element. What rights do I have to resolve this?

A: You may have recourse against the association if, in fact, the sound conditioning situation is such that it exceeds reasonable code requirements. If, in fact, circumstances have changed in the water distribution system because of the change in the neighbor's unit, you may have recourse against the neighbor, particularly if he or she caused changes to the common elements without association approval and/or the change has exacerbated the sound transmission problem. You should consult a community association attorney who has knowledge of condominiums at your earliest convenience.

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.

Safety first: Red Cross offers home fire safety advice

As the winter fire season approaches, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross urges families to prepare for safety in the event of a fire.

By taking time to make your home fire-safe, plotting and practicing escape routes and following through on your plan if needed, you can prevent tragedy from occurring. During Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-11, the Red Cross will work with area schools and fire departments to help reduce the number of fire-related injuries, death and damage. In the meantime, the organization provides the following tips.

MAKE YOUR HOME FIRE-SAFE

- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.
- If people sleep with doors closed, install smoke alarms inside sleeping areas, too.

- Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year, and a good way to remember is to do it when you turn your clocks back one hour every fall.
- Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms monthly.
- Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in your home. Get training from the fire department in how to use them.
- Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home.

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE ROUTES

- Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.
- Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn how to use them

- and store them near the window.
- Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping.
- Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

ESCAPE SAFELY

- Once you are out, stay out! Call the fire department from a neighbor's home.
- If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.
- If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use your second way out.
- If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a bright-colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where you are.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real-estate closings recorded June 9-13, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Price	City	Address	Price	City	Address	Price			
Canton	661 Buckingham Rd	\$144,000	Farmington Hills	33900 Braebury Rd	\$203,000	Novi	45273 Bartlett Dr	\$95,000			
	43577 Candlewood Dr	\$191,000		32496 Chesterbrook St	\$170,000		24689 Bashian Dr	\$112,000			
	8461 Chatham Dr	\$555,000		33773 Hartan Dr	\$230,000		28294 Carlton Way Dr	\$150,000			
	50425 Coolidge St	\$219,000		27329 W Skye Dr	\$165,000		47558 Cheltenham Dr	\$185,000			
Livonia	39641 Dorchester Cir	\$264,000	Garden City	32703 Bock St	\$125,000	Plymouth	674 Arthur St	\$160,000			
	8660 Holly Dr	\$163,000		30707 Elmwood St	\$65,000		9025 Muirland Dr	\$258,000			
	8716 May Apple Ct	\$65,000		33614 Florence St	\$120,000		101 S Union St	\$139,000			
	1668 Northbrook Ct	\$210,000		28455 Rugh St	\$108,000		Redford	18667 Five Points St	\$86,000		
2642 The Crossings Ln	\$296,000	Livonia	9819 Auburndale St	\$149,000	20540 Lexington	\$70,000					
2284 Town Center Rd	\$165,000		14355 Blackburn St	\$158,000	18602 Negaunee	\$90,000					
46723 Woodside Dr	\$280,000		29955 Bobrich St	\$165,000	12770 Sioux	\$86,000					
Farmington	25350 Branchester Rd		\$175,000	14509 Fairway St	\$159,000	15609 Wakenden	\$55,000				
	38815 Country Cir	\$113,000	16887 Fitzgerald St	\$237,000	19366 Woodworth	\$146,000					
	28805 E King William Dr	\$240,000	18512 Hillcrest St	\$157,000	South Lyon	1375 Cartwright Ln	\$300,000				
	Farmington	25350 Branchester Rd	\$175,000	34448 Middleboro St		\$235,000	757 Challenging Trl	\$140,000			
38815 Country Cir		\$113,000	35410 Minton St	\$137,000		1037 Paddock Dr	\$220,000				
28805 E King William Dr		\$240,000	38849 Northfield Ave	\$133,000		53548 Shinnecock Dr	\$295,000				
Farmington		25350 Branchester Rd	\$175,000	14617 Ronnie Ln	\$140,000	832 Timber Trail Ct	\$315,000				
	38815 Country Cir	\$113,000	8864 Saville Row	\$199,000	Westland	32372 Avondale St	\$145,000				
	28805 E King William Dr	\$240,000	Northville	1056 Allen Dr		\$200,000	36517 Avondale St	\$177,000			
	Farmington	25350 Branchester Rd		\$175,000		47605 Bellagio Dr	\$1,000,000	34142 Aztec Dr	\$92,000		
38815 Country Cir		\$113,000		40211 Bexley Way		\$440,000	7524 Cardwell St	\$106,000			
28805 E King William Dr		\$240,000		44043 Cypress Point Dr	\$628,000	8179 Huntington St	\$46,000				
Farmington		25350 Branchester Rd	\$175,000	46940 Elmsmere Dr	\$350,000	7610 Louise Ct	\$108,000				
	38815 Country Cir	\$113,000	44336 Cypress Point Dr	\$690,000	Novi						
	28805 E King William Dr	\$240,000	49201 Elmway Dr	\$300,000				51229 Mayfair Ter	\$85,000		
	Farmington	25350 Branchester Rd	\$175,000	18921 Heather Ridge Dr				\$530,000	51279 Mayfair Ter	\$85,000	
38815 Country Cir		\$113,000	16025 Johnson Creek Dr	\$244,000				25999 Petros Blvd	\$226,000		
28805 E King William Dr		\$240,000	541 Linden Ct	\$493,000	24985 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$580,000					
Farmington		25350 Branchester Rd	\$175,000	21569 Stanstead Rd	\$258,000	41843 Ridge Rd E	\$182,000				
	38815 Country Cir	\$113,000	39471 Springwater Dr	\$153,000	43336 Riverbridge Ct	\$275,000					
	28805 E King William Dr	\$240,000	15604 Iroon Ct	\$700,000	1127 S Lake Dr	\$100,000					
	Farmington	25350 Branchester Rd	\$175,000	37703 W Meadowhill Dr	\$264,000	43006 Sandstone Dr	\$275,000				
38815 Country Cir		\$113,000	21692 Welch Rd	\$255,000	27324 Sloan St	\$85,000					
28805 E King William Dr		\$240,000	48456 Wicker Creel Dr	\$274,000	21741 Sunrise Blvd	\$220,000					
Farmington		25350 Branchester Rd	\$175,000	Novi	48555 Wicker Creel Dr	\$319,000	24614 Venice Dr	\$282,000			
	38815 Country Cir	\$113,000	16966 Winchester Dr		\$185,000	27063 Victoria Rd	\$85,000				
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	Farmington	25350 Branchester Rd	\$175,000	47558 Cheltenham Dr	\$185,000	43336 Riverbridge Ct	\$275,000				
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28805 E King William Dr		\$240,000	25701 Groveland	\$390,000	43006 Sandstone Dr	\$275,000					
Farmington		25350 Branchester Rd	\$175,000	24291 Homestead Ct	\$285,000	27324 Sloan St	\$85,000				
	38815 Country Cir	\$113,000	28015 Hopkins Dr	\$147,000	21741 Sunrise Blvd	\$220,000					
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BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood" on Friday, Oct. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects.

Participants will gain an understanding of the risks and opportunities related to stepping into an existing project.

Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertibility rights to your advantage; developer-retained rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers for the seminar are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleason, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title.

Registration fees are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, Oct.

15, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will discuss building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

Topics in this training include building more energy-efficient, more durable and more environmentally sustainable homes with emphasis on indoor air quality and low impact development.

This course is required for all builder members of Green Built™ Michigan.

Cost for the training is \$65 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate Course, Business Accounting & Job Costs on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The course will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Services Group will present how a good foundation in the basics of finance is vital for sustaining growth and profitability in conducting a business. The course provides an explanation of basic accounting terms, job cost analysis, financial reporting and other controls needed to manage a small business.

Successful completion of this course meets a requirement for the Certified Graduate Associate, Certified

Graduate Builder and Certified Graduate Remodeler designations. This course counts toward pre-licensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan.

Registration fees are \$155 for National Association of Home Builder Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council (NAHBR) will present a seminar on Avoiding the Top 5 Legal Mistakes Remodelers Make, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 6-8 p.m.

Ken Neuman of Neuman Anderson, PC will answer these questions: When do you sue? When do you settle? How does the Lien Act help you get paid? How is the contractor accountable?

Registration fees, including dinner, are \$35 for NAHBR members, BIA members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at www.builders.org.

The Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a two-day Certified Sales Professional (CSP) and Master Certified Sales Professional (MCSP) course "House Construction as a Selling Tool" on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 22-23. Each class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course gives the student credit toward CSP and Master CSP designations. This course counts toward pre-licensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan.

The professional-level course is designed for specialists in new home sales. Participants gain a broad understanding of the home building business, discuss consumer psychology, and learn advanced techniques used by real estate veterans for greeting, closing, and overcoming objections.

Also included is an overview of the construction process, financial and legal aspects, and customer service.


Registration fees are \$300 for SMC members, \$350 for BIA members and \$400 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate Continuing Education course on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education.

Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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Gorgeous tree one acre lot! 1800 sq ft ranch, open floor plan, formal LR/DR, bright Kitchen, Florida room, Master w/bath & sit area, attached Garage, & 2nd garage & shed.
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This 2 bedroom condo is waiting for you! Updates include paint, wood flooring, lighting, faucets, hwh, & finished basement. Perfect end unit location w/private Patio & attached Garage.
\$115,000 (580ST)



ADORABLE!
Very cute & clean brick ranch located in great neighborhood! This home offers an updated Kit, remod bath, newer carpet, fresh paint, fin brnt, newer windows, & large landscaped yard.
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CHARMING RANCH
3 bd, 1 bath ranch in great neighborhood. Remod Kit, freshly painted, new furnace & C/A, updated windows, new door & roof on Garage, newer roof on house, & more.
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BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO
2 bedroom, 3 bath condo w/a huge Master w/2 wic's & bath, 1st floor laundry, soaring ceilings, Library w/built-ins, finished basement w/bath, excellent location, & close to everything.
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LOVELY LIVONIA COLONIAL
3 bd, 1.5 bath colonial backs to open common-like area, oak Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, 1st floor laundry, new furnace & C/A, finished basement, & oversized Garage.
\$227,000 (490NO)



QUIET COURT SETTING
Great home on 1+ acre lot in Putnam. Country Kit w/drwl to stamped concrete Patio that overlooks private yard. Large Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/bath, 3 car Garage, & more.
\$245,000 (777PO)



CANTON COLONIAL
Open floor plan that is great for entertaining from the Kit, Dr, Fam Rm, & to the large Deck. Rec Rm in brnt, over 2000 sq ft, appl's stay, 2.5 car Garage, & nice corner lot.
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SOUTH REDFORD BUNGALOW
Updated & move in ready! Gorgeous 3 bedroom home with newer roof, large fenced yard, copper plumb, home warranty, & located on a quiet tree lined street.
\$114,900 (123SA)



GORGEOUS COLONIAL
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/ large island Kit w/frpl & wet bar, oversized Deck, fin brnt, 1st fl laun, 2 car Garage, Master w/bath, newer furnace & C/A, & more.
\$314,900 (612TE)



FABULOUS FIND
Many amenities in this Westland home. 2003 updates inc: shingles, siding, gutters, furnace, C/A, baths, oak Kitchen, 22x14 Patio, full basement, & built in grill.
\$149,900 (465CA)



ROOM TO ROOM
Plenty of room in this 1160 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/oak Kit, ceramic baths, LR w/frpl, private screened porch/Deck, fantastic view of pond, area pool & clubhouse.
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WALK TO THE LAKE
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CHARMING LIVONIA RANCH
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GREAT FIND
3 bd, 1.5 bath Canton home w/ covered porch, oak Kit w/appl's, 2 Patios, above ground pool w/Deck, located close to park, & transferable home warranty for buyer.
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IMMACULATE!
4 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring remod baths, fresh paint, new fixtures, new carpet, possible in-law quarters, huge Deck, & more.
\$166,900 (002CA)



NEWLY REMODELED
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in popular Novi sub. New carpet, fresh paint, new garage door, shutters, furnace, C/A, hwh, sump pump, updated Kit, & too much more to list.
\$209,900 (623FA)



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\$159,900 (491FO)



GREAT VALUE
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SHARP COLONIAL
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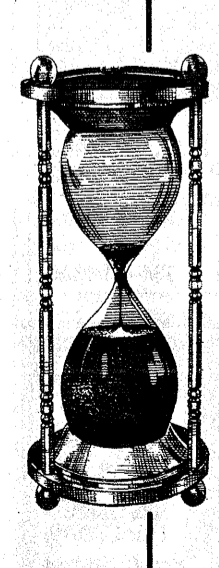
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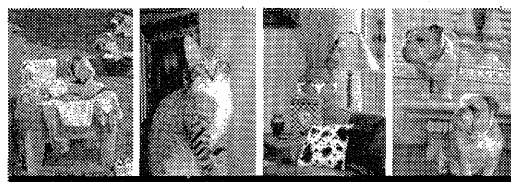
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Garage Sales

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BIRMINGHAM - Oct 9-10, 9-3, Oct 11, 9-Noon. 1177 Chesterfield, N. of Maple, W. of Woodward. Housewares, antiques, furniture & more!

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9am - 3pm

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917 N Glenhurst, N. of Maple, E. of Cranbrook. Oct 10, 8am. Furniture, sports equip, toys, clothing, home accessories and much more!

CANTON
2868 Woodmont, Palmer & Sheldon. Sat., Oct. 11, 9am-5pm. Home items, children's clothes, & misc. items.

CANTON 4 Family Sale!
45689 Samuel Ct., 1 blk. off Geddes, Canton Center Rd. Oct. 9-10, 10am-6pm. Men's & women's clothing, bedding, linens, stereo, BOSE speakers, & household items.

CANTON 45276 Thornhill Rd, East of Canton Center, between Cherryhill and Palmer, Gleggery Sub. ONE DAY ONLY! Sat., Oct. 11th, 9-4pm. LOTS OF GOOD STUFF! DON'T MISS OUT!

CANTON 45459 Muirfield Dr. W. Canton Cir. S. Cherry Hill. Household items, home decor, teen, men & women's clothing, furniture & more. Oct. 11, 9-5pm. Oct. 12, 11-4pm.

Garage Sales

CANTON New Apostolic Church Garage Sale - 1330 S. Haggerty Rd., Canton. Saturday, October 11, 9am-3pm. Rain or Shine!!!!

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FARMINGTON Huge Moving Sale! 22788 Violet, N. of Grand River, E. of Orchard Lake Rd. Oct 9-11, 10am-5pm. Furniture, household items & lots of misc.

GARDEN CITY Huge Garage Sale! 33520 Pardo, 1 blk. S. of Ford, 1 blk. W. of Farmington. Oct. 10-11, 10am-5pm.

GARDEN CITY 29215 Marquette, 1 blk W of Middlebelt. Great variety! Thurs-Sat, 9-4. No early birds.

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Garage Sales

LIVONIA 36028 Parkhurst, 5 Mile & Levan. Oct 10-11 Fri 9-5pm Sat 9-3pm. Pre-teen clothes, furniture, Christmas items & more.

LIVONIA 37545 Munger, S. of 6 Mile, W. of Newburgh. Oct 9-10, 9am-5pm. Mini flea market.

LIVONIA 39175 Grenada, W. of Newburgh, S. of Hix. Oct. 9-11, 9am-4pm. Lamps, tables, household goods, & more!

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29700 Greenland St. btwn 5 & 6 Mile off Middlebelt Rd.
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36344 Fairway, Golf Ridge Sub-8 Mile/Newburgh. Thurs-Sat, 9-4pm. 30 yrs! Furniture, household, & auto parts.

LIVONIA MULTI FAMILY
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Garage Sales

LIVONIA ST. EDITH YOUTH GROUP SALE 16777 Ryan Rd., E. of Merriman, S. of 6 Mile. Oct 9-12, 9am-4pm. Household items, lots of everything.

LIVONIA - 33749 & 33788 Angelina, S/Plymouth, E/Stark, enter on Parkdale. Wed. & Thurs., Oct. 8-9, 9am-4pm. Christmas collectibles & misc. household.

NOVI Garage Sale - Northville, 109-10/10, 10am-5pm. Low prices. Furniture, household, craft supplies. 47257 Curtis, SE corner Beck.

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PLEASANT RIDGE GARAGE/MOVING SALE.
Sat-Sun, 10-4pm. 44 Kensington, 10 Mile & Main St.

PLYMOUTH MULTI-FAMILY
9804 & 9869 Dorian Dr. in the Trailwood Sub. Furniture, small appliances, home decor, seasonal, craft supplies. Oct 9-11, Thu-Fri 9-5pm, Sat 9-2pm.

ROCHESTER HILLS Community Wide Yard Sale. 2600 W. Auburn Rd., btwn Crooks & Adams. Oct. 10-11, 9am-4pm. Lunch will be available.

Moving Sales

FARMINGTON HILLS Indoor Moving Sale - everything must go. 22939 Elm Grove at 9 Mile & Middlebelt. Sat. Oct 11, 12-6pm & Sun Oct 12, 12-5 pm. King Size Sleep Number bed w/2 sheet sets & King size electric blanket 3 years old, still like new- \$900. Furniture, dishes, knick knacks & much more.

FARMINGTON 32306 Valley View Cir., 1 blk. N. of Grand River, E. of Power. Oct 11-12, 8am-6pm. 3 floors plus cabana room & garage.

LATHROP VILLAGE
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LIVONIA 9206 Colorado St., Farmington & W. Chicago. Oct 10-12, 9am-5pm. Tools, baby stroller, sewing supplies, patterns, household items.

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'Certified Previously Owned' Is A Market Bright Spot

Advertising Feature

CAReport



By Dale Buss

There aren't many positive measures of sales performance where Chrysler can claim to be ahead of its domestic rivals this year, but the automaker can be proud of at least one indicator: Percentage growth in sales of its Certified Pre-Owned vehicles has been leading the Big Three lately.

That's partly because Chrysler bolstered its "CPO" program earlier this year -- among other things, expanding the availability of these most desirable used vehicles beyond just its top-performing Five Star outlets to all 3,400 dealers of the three Chrysler brands.

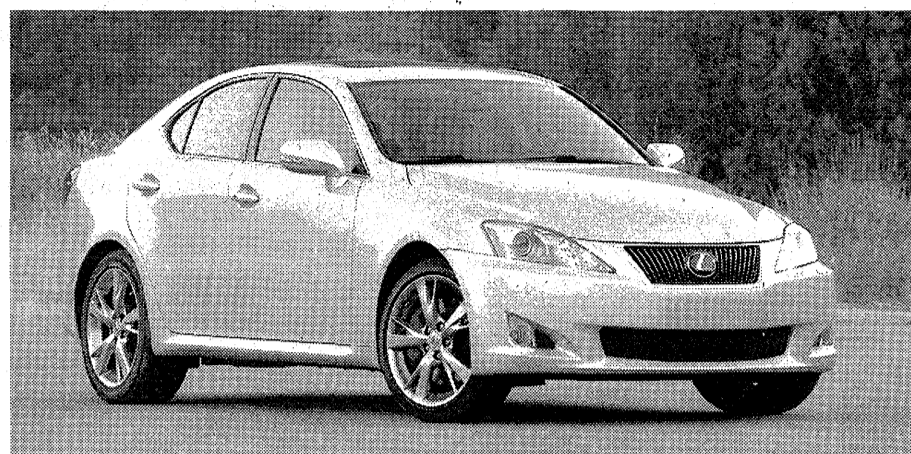
"We were the only domestic manufacturer to show improvement in CPO sales in August," noted Lisa Way, Chrysler's CPO vehicle manager.

Ford's CPO sales were up by 42 percent over last year, through August, in its Southwest Region and by 10 percent in California -- the two parts of the country where the company first launched a round of program improvements earlier this year.

Infiniti's CPO sales increased by 560 percent in August, and by 191 percent in July, over a year ago, after the Nissan luxury brand enhanced its program. Audi is on a pace to exceed 33,000 CPO sales this year after 27,000 last year. And Lexus CPO sales were up about 6 percent through August; for the year, the company projects them to reach 10 percent higher than the 2007 level, which in turn was up about 8 percent over 2006 CPO sales.

Indeed, amid today's increasingly sobering dynamics of the U.S. auto industry, Certified Pre-Owned vehicles are one of the few categories that could rate as a bright spot. Last year, they already comprised about 1.7 million vehicles, more than one-tenth the size of the new-vehicle market.

And through September of this year, sales of factory-certified CPO vehicles were up by 2.6 percent across the American market, according to Edmunds.com, while new-car sales were down 11 percent overall, and used-car sales at franchised dealers were down by 3.5



CPO sales at Lexus dealers are expected to get a boost soon because IS-model sedans, like this 350 version, are beginning to come off-lease in big volumes.

percent.

As a result, most OEMs are backing CPO programs more heavily than ever this year -- boosting vehicle eligibility for the programs, adding advertising muscle, and harnessing their efforts to effective internet-sales platforms.

Automakers are even beginning to treat the CPO-eligibility thresholds for their vehicles with some of the same enthusiasm that traditionally has been reserved for new-vehicle launches.

"We're excited about the fact that the current-generation IS -- which was launched in October, 2005 -- is just starting to come off of leases and into our dealerships now," said Matt Kaleba, national CPO manager for Lexus, the Toyota luxury brand. "There's been a lot of pent-up demand by consumers looking for those vehicles, and it will be a great volume addition to our [CPO] lineup. It's the kind of vehicle that brings new people to the brand."

CPO vehicles comprise multiple advantages for automakers and dealers who are scrambling for ways to respond effectively to the increasingly roiled dynamics of the U.S. car market.

The fundamental value of CPO vehicles, of course, is they're late models that dealership technicians inspect, recondition, repair, and "certify" as sound; then the factory backs them by re-applying the vehicle's original warranty and usually offers expanded and extended warranties.

CPO vehicles are priced somewhere above conventional used vehicles -- but usually many thousands of dollars below the price of the new versions of the same models. Prices for Lexus CPOs, for example, average about \$31,000 compared with the brand's new-vehicle average transaction price of more than \$40,000.

So, CPO programs encourage consumers to continue to consider aspirational models that many of

them no longer can afford to "stretch" to purchase new, especially luxury brands.

And factory CPO vehicles provide a new reason for consumers to explore the used market that, in general, they may have spurned before.

For dealers, they tend to be more profitable than regular used vehicles. Dealers can cherry-pick units from their regular flow of off-lease units, rental repurchases and company demos, send them through the CPO ringer, and maximize returns.

Also, CPO programs allow dealers more financial flexibility to pursue new-car sales. "With 85 percent or more of new vehicles today having trades attached to them, a strong CPO program allows dealers to be more aggressive with trades and put more money into trades," said Glenn Burke, Ford's certified pre-owned manager. "They know that they're going to make a decent gross profit on the back end of unloading a used vehicle."

CPO vehicles also give more opportunities to retailers to establish service relationships with customers that simply aren't provided by conventional used vehicles, which lack certification and significant warranties.

Moreover, CPOs increase residual values of vehicles coming off leases and of other used vehicles at a time when this is an increasing priority for most OEMs. This advantage complements other important tactics aimed at the same strategic objective, including recent fleet-sales maneuvers by the domestic Big Three.

OEM executives said that CPO programs also help them achieve longer-term goals. "It helps our circle-of-life strategy," explained Burke. About 55 percent of Ford's CPO sales since 2001 are "conquest" customers, he said. "So it gives us the ability to bring in a new customer. And once they experience our quality products and best-in-class dealer-retailers, we keep them."

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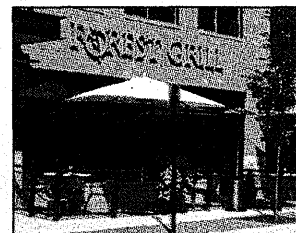
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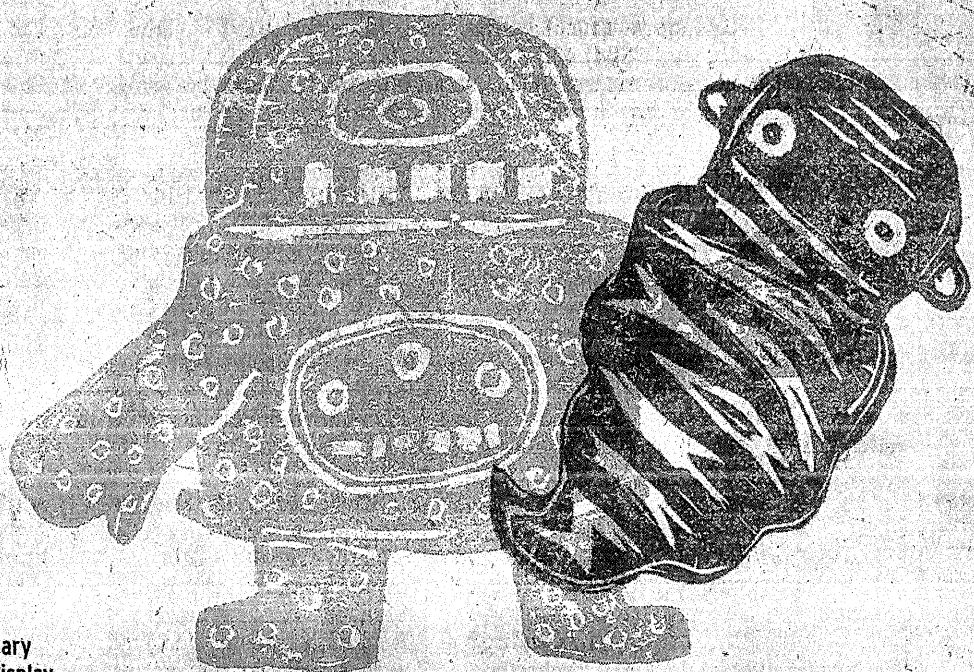
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Scary Monsters



See Tom Carey's "Scary Monsters," now on display at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

New exhibits showcase shadow puppetry, found objects at PCCA

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Since the season of thrills and chills is upon us, The Paint Creek Center for the Arts has invited back an Ann Arbor-based artist whose prints shown during this summer's *Uneasy* exhibit really drew a crowd. Tom Carey will take over the First Floor Gallery for his first solo show at the Rochester art house. It's appropriately titled *Scary Monsters*.

Much of the show is made up of Carey's relief prints, monster creations he's applied to handmade paper. Mary Fortuna, exhibition director for the PCCA said it's not the center's regular practice to time exhibits to coincide with Halloween but *Scary Monsters* "was just a great fit."

She said the images range from the familiar — inspired by classic monster movies like *Mothra* and *Godzilla's Revenge* — to Carey's own imagined creations. And Fortuna described them as "warm and friendly" rather than really scary.

Carey said he hopes the timing of the show "will inspire people to stop by and check out my witchy imagery."

The Detroit native has been drawing monsters since the tender age of 4. "When I was a kid I was fascinated (and) repulsed by vivid imagery

whether it was monster movies on Sir Graves Ghastly or Catholic iconography," he said in a recent interview. "I had a lot of nightmares either way. I think drawing monsters became a way to own that fear."

He earned his bachelor's degree in fine art from Wayne State University and his master's degree from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia. His work can be seen in the Print Collection of the New York Public Library, and Carey has exhibited here in his home state as well as in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

"He's done some really interesting things," Fortuna said. "He's created Indonesian-style shadow puppets on sticks." The puppets inspired the exhibit, but won't be on display. He created them in 2007 to accompany performances with the psych-folk band Monster Island for shows at Detroit's UFO Factory, Zeitgeist Gallery and the Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit.

"I made the (linoleum) cuts based on photos of the shadow puppets in action," said Carey. "I really like the silhouette effect on vividly covered space." Those images became the basis of *Scary Monsters*. It includes his lino-

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HANDS-ON ART

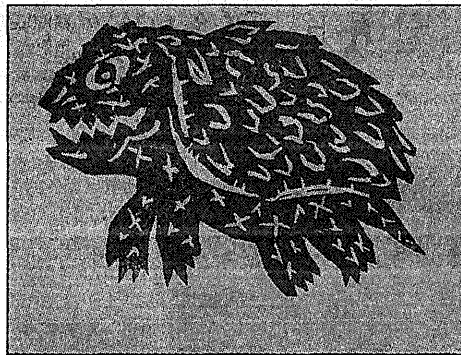
What: Two new exhibitions will host hands-on workshops to get all ages involved in art.

A Keeper: Craft art from found objects with artists Amanda Thatch and Andrew Thompson, in accordance with their show "Accumulation" which runs through Nov. 8. The workshop is free and open to all ages, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. The opening reception is set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10.

Get Spooked: Make shadow puppets and monster masks with Ann Arbor's Tom Carey, in accordance with his solo show "Scary Monsters" which runs through Nov. 8. The workshop is free and open to all ages, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. The opening reception will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10.

Where: Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester.

More information: Call the PCCA at (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.



Tom Carey's colorful prints are based on shadow puppets he created. See it all in "Scary Monsters."

Sci-fi and film fans get ready to flock to The Henry Ford

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Who hasn't wondered what Darth Vader or Batman might look like up close? Who hasn't hoped for a peek at the wide-brimmed hat worn by the venerable Wicked Witch of the West in *The Wizard of Oz*?

Now's your chance. A new exhibit featured at The Henry Ford in Dearborn gives movie buffs and sci-fi fans a chance to investigate the iconic images set forth in films ranging from *The Terminator* to *Indiana Jones*, *Star Wars* to *Ghostbusters*. More than 40 items — costumes, accessories and even vehicles — have been assembled by the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame in Seattle's Experience Music Project to create *Out of This World: Extraordinary Costumes of Film and Television*.

The family-friendly exhibit arrived just in time for Halloween and will continue through the holiday season.

Jeanine Head Miller, curator of Domestic Life and Leisure at The Henry Ford, noted that dressing in costumes has moved from trick-or-treat child's play into the adult realm. With the growth of popularity for science fiction movies, video games and role-playing games, adults are dressing up more than ever, added Terry Hoover, chief archivist and film historian at The Henry Ford. *Out of This World* showcases several outfits that have inspired costumes over the years — as well as fueled our pop culture-soaked imaginations.

The exhibit travels through concepts — from early ideas of hero and villain to the wonder that is George Lucas's *Star Wars* franchise to the creation of costumes inspired by both literature and film.

"The costumes displayed in this exhibit are just as much a part of our pop culture as the

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This Batman costume, featured in 1997's "Batman & Robin," is part of the "Out of This World" exhibit at The Henry Ford.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

What: A collection of costumes made famous in film and television, available from the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame at Seattle's Experience Music Project.

When: The museum is open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily and the exhibit runs Oct. 11, 2008 to Jan. 11, 2009

Where: The Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. **Museum admission:** \$14 adults, \$13 seniors and \$10 youths; members and children four and under are free.

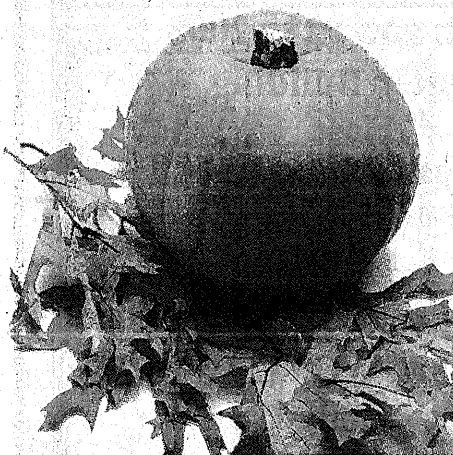
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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

ART

Scary Monsters: Tom Carey's *Scary Monsters* exhibit is open just in time for the spooky season, running through Nov. 8, at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts. An opening reception is set for 7-9 p.m. Oct. 10, and a workshop is set for noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 18, all at 407 Pine, Rochester. Call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Harvest Pumpkin Painting: D&M Art Studio gets in on the act of this artistic fall activity, Oct. 23-29, at 28691 N. Lilley



Road, in Canton. Call (734) 453-3710 or visit www.dmartstudio.com.

STAGE

Thrills & Chills 3 — A Halloween Special: The Max M. Fisher Music Theatre revives this classic for kids. On Oct. 25 celebrate Rock O'ween with the Candy Band, at 3700 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 576-5111.

"They're Coming to Get You Barbra": The Majestic Theatre presents a night of undead musical theater, with the production *Night of the Living Dead: The Musical*, Oct. 30, at 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-9700 for details.

Halloween Hocus Pocus: Children are welcome at the Marquis Theatre's *Halloween Hocus Pocus*, running Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, at 135 Main, Northville. Call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Murder by Poe: Adult audiences can get in on the stage fright with the mysterious *Murder by Poe*, running through Nov. 3 at Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University at Squirrel Hill and Walton roads, Rochester Hills. Tickets \$30-\$39, at www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 377-3300.

Blood Bath and Beyond: *And Blood Bath and Beyond* is showing Oct. 10-Nov. 1, at Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Call (313) 365-4948.

SCREEN

Penn Theatre: Brace yourselves, movie-lovers, for the Shocktober Classic Movie Series, featuring *Creature From the Black Lagoon*, Oct. 9; *Them!* Oct. 16; *House of Wax*, Oct. 23; and *Frankenstein*, Oct. 30 at the Penn Theatre. All movies roll at 7 p.m. Tickets \$3. The theater is at 760 Penniman Ave., in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-0870.

Detroit Film Theater: Boston's Alloy Orchestra will return to perform live during the films, *The Last Command*, Oct. 24; *Underworld*, Oct. 25 and *Chang: The Drama of the Wilderness* and *Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror* on Oct. 26, all at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org/dft.

Redford Theatre: The Historic Redford Theatre offers up *House of Wax*, in 3D with glasses, Oct. 17-18 and a double-feature of *The Invisible Man* and *House of Frankenstein* on Oct. 24-25, at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. Visit www.

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COSTUMES

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movies in which they were featured," said Miller, a Plymouth resident. "The designers of these wonderful pieces of clothing combined color and style with the right cultural cues and historical traditions and created these memorable fashions with which we will forever associate our favorite characters."

The first item visitors will notice is the pointy black hat worn by Margaret Hamilton in *The Wizard of Oz*. "When costumes were created, they harkened back to cultural cues," said Miller. Viewers instantly associated The Wicked Witch of the West with the commonly accepted idea of a witch, a villain in black. When compared with Glinda the Good Witch — who wore flowing fabrics in lighter colors, it was easy to identify who was good, and who was evil.

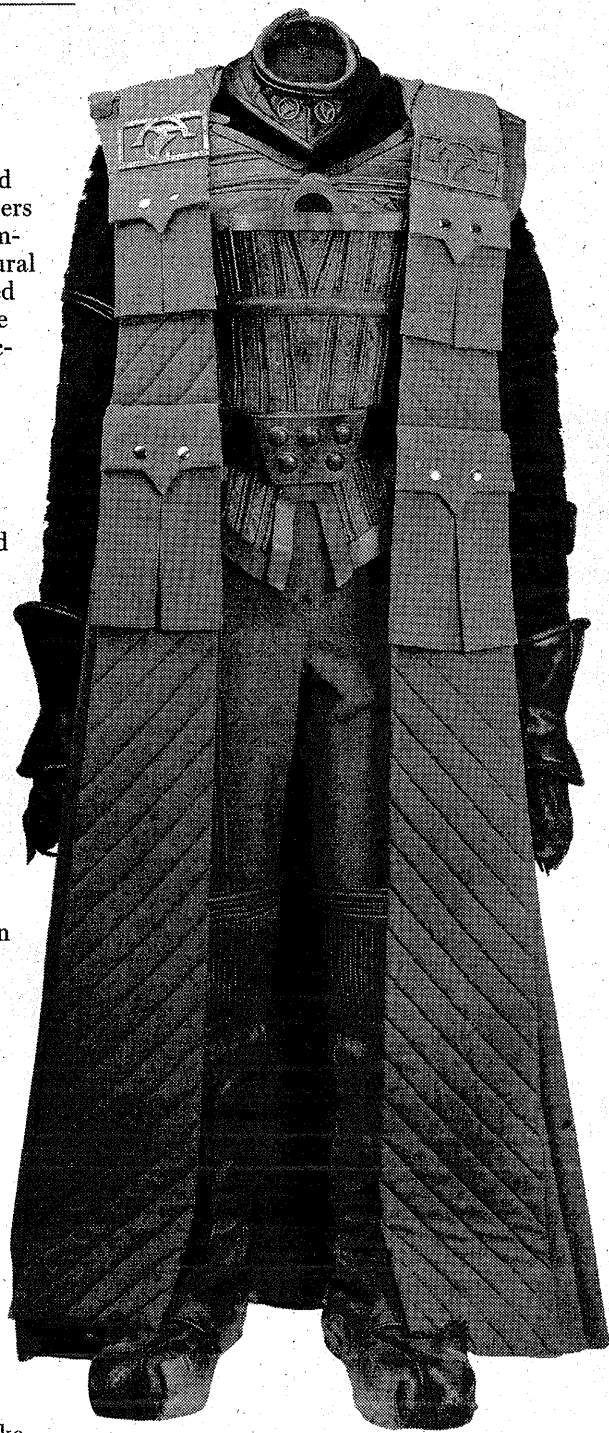
Hoover and Miller shared another interesting example of this juxtaposition in the form of the iconic leather jacket. One featured in the exhibit was worn by Arnold Schwarzenegger in *The Terminator*. It's imposing and structured, battered and black. Another, worn by Harrison Ford as archeologist and adventurer in the *Indiana Jones* series has an entirely different aesthetic. "The leather has a softer feel, it's a lighter color," said Hoover, who resides in Farmington Hills.

The costumes reveal much more than just a sense of the characters wearing them. In the case of *The Highlander* attire worn by Christopher Lambert, Miller noted the combination of fur and armor calls attention to a rugged world where animalistic characters fight to survive. Hoover said the clothing can also call attention to time periods, like the futuristic sleekness of early *Star Trek* series attire, as well as professions — considering the pilot-likeness of Luke Skywalker's stark orange X-Wing fighter costume.

Also sure to make a splash with *Star Wars* fans, is the Samurai-inspired black armor worn by uber-villain Darth Vader. Set in a cylindrical case like the other costumes, its striking image makes one realize, as in watching the films, that no one truly sees what lies behind that mask, as Hoover noted.

And *Batman* fans can compare the way the images have changed from sidekick Robin's Robin Hood-inspired and rather simple, cartoonish get-up from the television series to the eerie *Batman* costume worn by George Clooney in *Batman & Robin* to the sparkly green suit of Jim Carrey's Riddler in *Batman Forever*.

"Costume designers make sophisticated



Trekies will recognize this Klingon warrior costume in The Henry Ford's latest exhibit.

choices about color, style, scale and materials, and incorporate historical traditions and cultural cues into their memorable designs," said Miller. "We forever associate our favorite characters with the extraordinary costumes that help define them."

She anticipates the new exhibit will be very well-received at The Henry Ford. "We think it will be very popular," she said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to be able to get up close with your favorite characters."

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HALLOWEEN

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Movies in the Moonlight: Downtown Rochester will host a trick-or-treat event for costumed kids beginning at 4:30 p.m. culminating in a costume parade at East Street and University at 6:15 p.m. The parade ends at the Farmer's Market lot, and at 7 p.m. Lucido Fine Jewelry sponsors a viewing of *Scooby Doo* at E. Third and Water streets. The live action film is rated PG. It all happens Oct. 25 in Rochester, call (248) 656-0060 or visit DowntownRochesterMI.com for details.

PARTIES

Turn of the Century

Spooks: The Henry Ford presents a vintage Halloween celebration in Greenfield Village Oct. 10-12, 17-19 and 24-26, with time slots available every half hour, from 6:30-9 p.m. Tickets \$12.75-\$15, includes a treat bag. Children two and under admitted free. Follow the jack-o-lantern-lit paths to fill a goody bag and keep an eye out for the Headless Horseman. Admission includes a free treat bag. The Eagle Tavern is also offering Fall dining packages with a menu of squash apple cider chutney, roasted quail, beefsteak pie, stuffed pumpkin and more for \$47.75-\$50. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org.

Have a Spooky Time: Join the cake walk or donut-eating contest at The YWCA-Oakland Branch Annual Halloween Party, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at 839 S. Crooks Road, in Clawson, call (248) 435-9100.

Pick a Pumpkin Patch: Stop by The Village of Rochester Hills Pumpkin Patch noon-5 p.m. Oct. 18-19 in Festival Park, and pick your perfect pumpkin. Get it carved free by professional pumpkin artists noon-4 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds of pumpkin sales will benefit the Oakland Cobras U-14 Travel Softball team. The Village also will offer apple cider, snacks, hayrides, face painting and family fun 1-3 p.m. Oct. 19. Visit www.villageofrochesterhills.com.

PARADES

72nd annual Halloween Parade: Kicking off at the corner of Martin and Bates streets near Shain Park, this Birmingham tradition begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. Come early to visit The Community House's own pumpkin patch, open from 1-4 p.m., where you'll find cookie decorating, moon bounces, Halloween crafts and more. Call (248) 644-1700.

7th Annual Trick or Treat Parade: Princesses, pirates, ghosts, goblins, bees and bunnies are invited to Canton's Summit on the Park, 3:30-6 p.m. Oct. 30. The parade kicks off at the Recreation entrance and moves through the building with surprises filling every room — including appearances by Hannah Montana and Strawberry Shortcake. Children 10 and under. \$5 per family/\$10 per non-resident family. Call (734) 394-5460. Halloween Happenings at the Village

Spooktacular Costume Party & Parade: Costumed children are invited to enjoy ghostly games, eat snacks, win prizes and of course, get some candy, at the parks at The Village of Rochester Hills, 5-6:30 p.m. Oct. 31. Visit www.villageofrochesterhills.com.

TRICK OR TREAT

The Great Pumpkin Caper: From 5:30-7 p.m. on Oct. 30, ghosts and goblins will wander the streets of downtown Plymouth, loading their trick or treat bags to the brim. ETC.

Stories From the Shadows: Canton Leisure Services offers a family-friendly evening of spooky stories, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, at Morton Taylor and Michigan Ave. in Canton. Cost is \$8-\$10, register at (734) 394-5460 or www.canton-mi.org.

HAUNTED HOUSES

Pumpkin Fest Haunted Barn: Great for kids ages 12 and under. Admission \$.50 per person. The horse stalls there are taken over by friendly monsters. (Scary ones are based on request.) Oct. 17-19 & 24-26, 29 & 30; 5:30-8 p.m.; 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia, The Wilson

Barn. (734) 466-2410.

Haunted Hallows: Dusk through midnight Oct. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and November 1. Dusk until 11 p.m. on October 12, 19, 26, 30 and November 2. Acres of spooky stuff. \$15, not for the meek. Presented by the VFW Post 9885. 6440 Hix Road, Westland, between Ford Road and Warren Road. www.haunted-hallows.com (734) 751-4312.

Haunted Hike at Heritage Park

Not recommended for children under 7. On Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 mile roads in Farmington Hills. Oct. 23, 7:30-9 p.m., \$5; Oct. 24 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$7; Oct. 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$7.

Corn Maze: Bloomfield Township's Historic Bowers Farm open Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 27. Beginner's and advanced mazes. Flashlights permitted. \$8 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-11. Children ages 5 and under admitted free. 1219 E. Square Lake Road, west of Adams Road. www.BloomfieldMaze.com.

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Anne-Sophie Mutter violin
Vilde Frang violin
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SUN, OCT 19 | 7 PM
Hill Auditorium

PROGRAM
J.S. Bach Violin Concerto No. 1 in a minor, BWV 1041 (1717)
J.S. Bach Concerto for Two Violins in d minor, BWV 1043 (1717)
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Beethoven Sonata No. 17 in d minor, Op. 31, No. 2 ("Tempest") (1802)
Beethoven Sonata No. 18 in E-flat Major, Op. 31, No. 3 (1801-02)
Beethoven Sonata No. 21 in C Major, Op. 53 ("Waldstein") (1803-04)

PROGRAM (SUN 10/26)
Beethoven Sonata No. 22 in F Major, Op. 54 (1804)
Beethoven Sonata No. 23 in f minor, Op. 57 ("Appassionata") (1804-05)
Beethoven Sonata No. 24 in F-sharp Major, Op. 78 (1809)
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leum cut prints and larger watercolors depicting sea monsters and robots in bright colors, which he considers reminiscent of a dream sequence in a B-movie.

Carey is offering a workshop and will give a demonstration on shadow puppetry for those in attendance Oct. 18. He'll teach patrons how to create a shadow puppet and a monster mask and end the afternoon with an improvised performance using those items.

Coinciding with Carey's solo show, visitors will find Amanda Thatch and Andrew Thompson's joint installation, *Accumulation*, on the main floor.

The artists share studio and living quarters but view the concept of accumulation very differently. Thompson sees it as a resource for his work. "My aesthetic approach is to compose 'stuff' into works that tell a narrative or create an intimate space of retreat," he said. But Thatch reiterates that while accumulation of stuff "is comforting to him," it makes her nervous.

"I have been fixated on the idea of mobility for as long as I can remember, and therefore the acquisition of stuff is problematic," she said. The creative couple will showcase their divergent viewpoints during the opening reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. In preparation, Fortuna said, "they're making clouds out of puffed up plastic grocery bags. The space is not recognizable."

Artist Tom Carey performs a puppet show to coincide with live music by Monster Island.

CARY LOREN

The artists will also offer a workshop, showcasing just how found materials can be transformed into sculpture.

"We're interested in creating many different ways of appealing to parents and their kids, and encouraging them to interact with art and artists," said Fortuna, "to see these are just people." She hopes the gallery talks and workshops bring a new understanding to art patrons of all ages — to show that anyone can create and appreciate art.

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Forest Grill is the latest addition to Birmingham's dining scene.

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Food and wine take the forefront at Birmingham's Forest Grill

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Open just over one month, Forest Grill is quickly earning a reputation as Birmingham's newest dining destination. Five Lakes Grill Proprietor Brian Polcyn's latest culinary offering might be located off the beaten path of Woodward Avenue, but its green concept and welcoming atmosphere have already won fans over. Just ask the restaurant's food and wine tag-team of Executive Chef David Gilbert and General Manager and Sommelier Mario Plaza.

The culinary duo joined forces first at The Rugby Grill inside Birmingham's Townsend Hotel. After two years there they began discussing plans for a restaurant that focused on local flavors and environmentally responsible concepts.

About a year ago Polcyn became involved in just such a project. Forest Grill was created to suit a loft and office green building designed by Victor Saroki and Associates and constructed just east of Woodward Avenue on Forest. In it, Polcyn, Gilbert and Plaza aimed to create a restaurant that would offer diners something different — an American bistro where food was grown locally and cooking techniques were classic.

"We wanted to be unique but responsible," said Gilbert, a West Bloomfield resident. Customers expect a high level of quality in the menu and service, he said. But they intended for Forest Grill to be the sort of neighborhood restaurant where the clientele would return regularly.

Plaza, who resides in Troy, said the service itself sets the restaurant apart from its com-



Executive Chef David Gilbert and General Manager and Sommelier Mario Plaza work together to craft a harmonious menu and wine selection at Forest Grill.

petition. He described the staff and atmosphere as "very personable, not pretentious" and offering "personal attention without being intrusive."

When it comes to the menu, produce is purchased locally and all food comes from within a 300-mile radius, Gilbert said. By choosing locally-grown seasonal foods, the menu is constantly evolving. Dinner entrees like Venison Carpaccio with Black Truffles and Lake Trout with Potato Puree and Tomato Confit Butter Sauce have emerged as early favorites.

The lunch menu features everything from clay oven-baked pizza to panini to comforting soups like Tomato Bisque in Puff Pastry. "We're not locked into our menu," said Gilbert. "In many ways we are the anti-restaurant. We are not a restaurant that follows trends."

The wine menu also offers a wide variety of options — including more than 50 varieties that may be purchased by the glass.

Because Gilbert and Plaza work closely, the entrees and wines are paired to perfection. Rather than stocking wines by popularity, the menu urges the clientele to try something new. Some of the most popular wine choices lately include the dry white Albarino and Rioja from Spain, said Plaza.

And the contemporary decor, while subtle and airy, suits the restaurant. Silverware, stemware and dishes were chosen with high quality in mind, Plaza said. One of the best compliments he received was that the restaurant reminded a diner of a bistro in New York City, very trendy and urban.

"To be compared to that kind

FOREST GRILL

What: Chef Brian Polcyn's newest restaurant, an American bistro featuring local ingredients and highlighting green practices.
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of look, we do feel very pleased," Plaza said.

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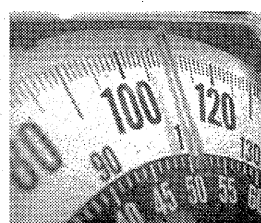
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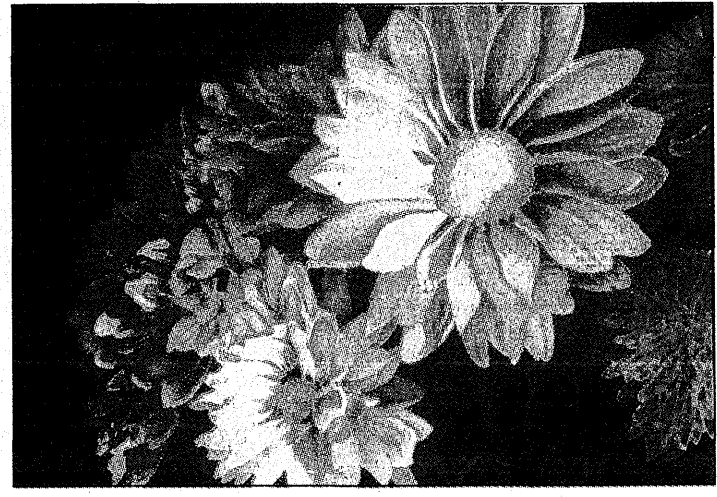
BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Troy resident Denise Little's enthusiasm is contagious. Spend five minutes in her world of art, community and hope and you just may catch her zest for living. Little is the co-chair of the Our Town Art Show and Art Sale in Birmingham — her goal is to bring people together, and that's not a cliché. "Art speaks to everyone," Little said. "And you can do wonderful things with art." Those wonderful things include feeding people, nurturing local artists, creating outreach programs for abused children, spreading awareness about can-

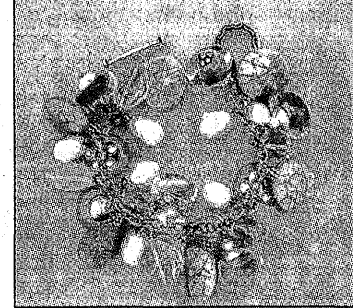
cer and keeping places like The Community House open and running. The Community House offers unique enrichment classes. It's the home-base where many nonprofit groups gather; it's where weddings are celebrated and where children learn to dance. Our Town, an event that sells fine art, help supports it all. The 2008 show, Oct. 16-18, in its 22nd year, is chaired by Little and Pamela Gerber. It showcases 397 pieces of artwork from 226 artists and will award \$10,000 in prize money to Michigan artists. Benefactor Chairs are Sue and Grant Beard, Deborah and Andy Meyer, Denise Ilitch and Jim Scalici. This year's honorees are Ann and Tom Stallkamp.

The juried, all-media art show provides a forum for Michigan artists to exhibit, demonstrate and sell their work. Art ranges from traditional to contemporary. New this year, is a "Teal Exhibit," focusing on the color teal which is also the designated color for ovarian cancer awareness. Last year, Little — who has been involved with Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance and also ran the art gallery Arteria during the 1980s — was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She had many symptoms, such as bloating, that women often ignore. Fortunately she went to her doctor, was diagnosed, treated and is doing well. "So many women don't even know about this disease," Little said. "The exhibit will help spread awareness through the Karmanos Cancer Center." Little didn't name all the artists who will be involved in the teal exhibit, she wants it as a surprise for guests. One of them, though, is Little's daughter Larissa Flynn, owner of Gallery on Main in Bay Harbor. She will show her oil pastel drawing titled *Minnows*. This year, along with the paintings and sculptures, is more wearable art. "We have expanded our jewelry selection in the entire exhibit," Little said. "People love the jewelry and some people may have

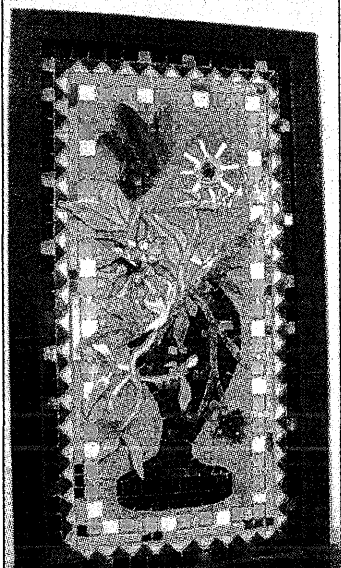
walls overloaded with art." Thirty-five percent of the proceeds from the art sales will benefit The Community House outreach programs. Opening night allows paid ticket members a chance to preview and purchase art a day before the event opens to the public. There's also a strolling dinner and interesting artist impersonators. Last year, skilled performance artists



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Blood Bath & Beyond

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend beginning Oct. 10, 2008:

10 We can always count on **Planet Ant Theatre** in Hamtramck for a ghoulish good

time nearing Halloween. Last year the theater brought us a devilish look at *Dr. Seward's Dracula* and this year they serve up *Blood Bath and Beyond*, an original comedy by Shawn Handlon. Tonight, opening night, catch the 8 p.m. show. Call (313) 365-4948 for tickets and information. The theater is at 2357 Caniff Ave.



The Three Stooges

11 For those who love lighthearted, classic comedies, the **Redford Theater's** annual *Three Stooges Festival* always fills the seats in this historic theatre. Tickets are only \$5 for a run of six films. Showtimes are 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. today for the following: *Women Haters*; *Three Little Pigskins*; *Uncivil Warriors*; *False Alarms*; *Violent is the Word for Curly*; and *Calling All*

Curs. The theater is at 17360 Lahser Road in Detroit. Free, lighted and supervised parking is available next to the theater. Call (313) 537-2560.

12 Calling all trick-or-treaters. This marks the first of three weekends in which the Henry Ford brings **Halloween** to Greenfield Village. Follow the jack-o-lantern-lit paths around the festively-outfitted historic village and fill up a complimentary goody bag. Just be sure to keep an eye out for the Headless Horseman. Tickets are going fast and cost \$12.75-\$15 for a time slot between 6:30-9 p.m. at The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org.

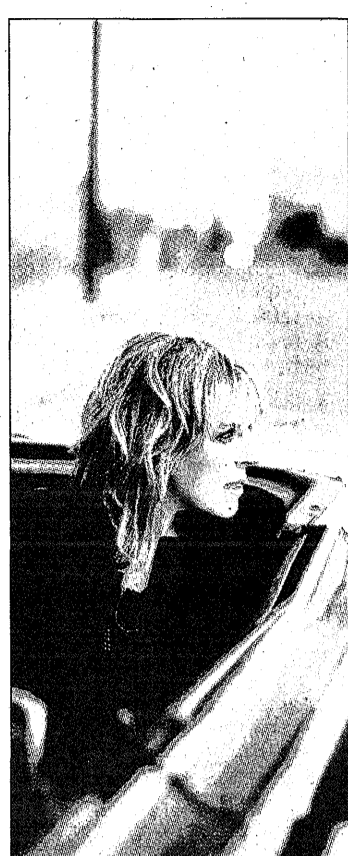
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14 Lucinda Williams performs tonight at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre. Doors kick open at 6:30 p.m. for this 7:30 p.m. show, so head out early. Brick 6 opens. Tickets \$25. The theater is located at 603 E. Liberty. Call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.livenation.com.



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Charles Greenwell conducting, featuring Hart Hollman, viola
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Dec. 28: Between the Holidays Special
Charles Greenwell conducting, featuring BBSO Concertmaster Eun Park and Birmingham/Bloomfield students
Music: Waldteufel: "The Skaters"; Humperdinck: Excerpts from "Hansel & Gretel"; Menotti: Excerpts from "Amahl & the Night Visitors"; Offenbach: "Orpheus in the Underworld"; Vivaldi: "Winter" from "The Four Seasons"; Chadwick: "Noel" from "Symphonic Sketches";

Tchaikovsky: "1812 Overture" & Birmingham/Bloomfield Students

3 p.m. Jan. 11, 2009: Americans Here & Abroad
Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin conducting at Orchestra Hall, Detroit
Music: Brouwer: "World Premiere"; Meyer, Fleck & Husein: "Triple Concerto"; Ruggles: "Sun-Treade"; Gershwin: "An American in Paris"

March 22, 2009: Spring Spectacular
Charles Greenwell conducting, featuring BBSO String Competition Winner
Music: Respighi: "Ancient Airs and Dances No. 2"; Selection by BBSO String Competition Winner; New Work by Michigan Composer (to be announced); Liszt: "Les Preludes"

May 10, 2009: David Syme Returns
Charles Greenwell conducting, featuring David Syme
Music: MMTA Piano Concerto Winner; Verdi: "Overture to La Forza del Destino"; Selection by MMTA Piano Concerto Winner; Vaughan Williams: "Five Variants/Dives & Lazarus"; Rachmaninoff: "Piano Concerto No. 3"

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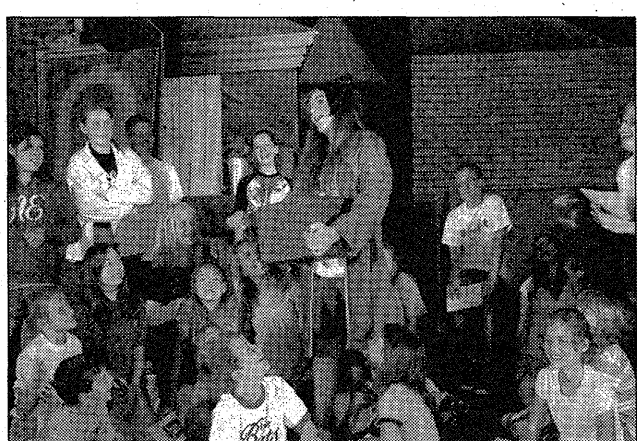
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Biddle Gallery: "Ryan Weiss and Jason Rohler AKA the A/V Kids: A Duo of Unordinary Proportions, through Oct. 31, 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com.
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Ruth Adler Schnee, open now, Marie Woo, "A Clay Odyssey," through Oct. 10; Students of Leslie Masters, "Pentimento: The Birmingham Society of Women Painters," and Mary Brodbeck's Woodblock Prints, through Oct. 10, 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.
Cary Gallery: "Sky, Clouds and Mind Dreams," Catherine Peet, through Oct. 18, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (248) 651-3656.
DEM Art Studio: Bob Ross-style painting classes, 1-5 p.m. one Sunday per month; free fine art portfolio assessments for college-bound students; Harvest Pumpkin Painting, Oct. 23-29, 28691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, (734) 453-3710, www.dmartstudio.com.
Habatat Galleries: "Four Seasons" Oct. 11-Nov. 1, reception 2 p.m. Oct. 11, 4400 Fernlee Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www.habatat.com.
Lawrence Street Gallery: Alice Frank: Frame of Mind, Nov. 5-29, reception, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 7; Little Things Mean A Lot! Competition,



Fairy Tale Opera

The Motor City Youth Opera, featuring child performers from throughout Metro Detroit, will present "Brundibar" Oct. 17-26 at Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland in Livonia. Composed by Hans Krass, the opera is a story of triumph over evil, first performed by children of the Terezin Concentration Camp. This "Part Two" will explore children's memories of the Holocaust. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets, \$12-\$15, may be purchased at (313) 535-8962 or www.mcyt.org.

Dec. 3-24; reception, 6-9 p.m. Dec. 5, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: Amanda Besi "If the Slipper Fits," through Oct. 11; Jane Hammond "People, Places and Things," Oct. 17-Nov. 2008, reception, 5-8 p.m. Oct. 17, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.
Lotus Arts Gallery: Artists Charles H. Pabst,

Thomas Arvid and Sergio Furnari (a life-sized version of the Lunchtime on a Skyscraper sculpture), now showing, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com.
Next Step Studios & Gallery: Featuring glass works by Kaiser Suidan, Craig Paul Nowak, John Gargano, Susan Beiner and many others, 530 Hilton, Ferndale (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.com.
Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery: Works in Oil & Pastel by Sharon Will, October, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, W. Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021, www.orchardlakeframing.com.
Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Amanda Thatch and Andrew Thompson, through Nov. 8, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Oct. 10, workshop, 12-2 p.m. Oct. 11; Tom Carey's Scary Monsters, through Nov. 8, reception 7-9 p.m. Oct. 10 and workshop noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 18; Holiday Objects Up and Down, Nov. 22-Jan. 3, shoppers preview, 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 22, reception and silent auction, 7-10 p.m. Nov. 22, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.
Paul Kotula Projects: Jae Won Lee "In the Shadow of the Moon," through Oct. 11, 23255 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.
Pewabic Pottery: "Texting: Print and Clay" through Oct. 26, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic.org.
The Print Gallery: H.W. Hudgeon, original oil paintings and mixed media, Oct. 25-Nov. 12, reception, 7 p.m. Oct. 25, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.everythingart.com.
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included, Oct. 16-18, 1511 North Main Street, Clawson, (248) 435-0944, www.progressiveart.net.
Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Ellen Phelan "Kenjockey - A New Suite of 24 Prints," through Nov. 1, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.
The Community House: 22nd Annual Art Show & Sale, Oct. 16-18, opening night party and fund raiser, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. beneficiary (S200), 6 p.m. friend (\$75), 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.org.
Visual Arts Association of Livonia: "Artistic Impressions," through Oct. 30, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., (248) 348-4550.
ADDITIONS
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: Aspiring Broadway hopefuls, ages 13-25, are encouraged to audition for "National City Stars of Ballet and Broadway - Rising Stars" Oct. 12. The shows will take place March 27-28, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, www.starsofballetandbroadway.com.

BOOKS/LITERATURE

Borders Birmingham: Jon Scieszka, "Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost-True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka," a children's memoir about growing up in suburban Detroit, 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 34300 Woodward Ave., (248) 203.0005.
CHAMBER
Birmingham Temple: Vivace Music Series - Alturas Duo, Nov. 8, 28611 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "Novemberfest," 3 p.m. Nov. 9; First Presbyterian Church, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 559-2095, www.detroit-chamberwinds.org.
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Seligman Performing Arts Center: Prazak Quartet, Nov. 15, Tickets, \$25-\$75, 22305 West 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-September 30, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Members Absent: Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Brit Winter, Deputy Chief Nemecek, Fire Chief Rorabacher Staff Absent: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by LaJoy to approve the agenda as amended adding the approval of the September 16, 2008 Board Study Minutes. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of September 16, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. **Public Comment:** Mr. George Miller, 1946 Briarfield Ct., stated homes that have been repossessed in his neighborhood have pools which is a safety concern and would like the Township to address this concern. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. SET MILLAGE RATES FOR DECEMBER 1, 2008 TAX LEVY.** (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the millage rates to be levied by Canton Township on December 1, 2008 be set as follows: Charter Mills (General Fund) 2.6160, Fire Protection Special Assessment 2.3580, Police Protection Special Assessment 3.6760, Total 8.6500 Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET.** (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the fiscal year 2009 Budget resolution. Motion carried by all members present. The entire budget is available for review in the Clerk's office during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move from open session to closed session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried by all members present. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Caccamo, Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Members Absent: Zarbo Staff Present: Finance Director Rick Eva **Closed Session - Employee Negotiations Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move from closed session to open session at 8:12 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present.

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

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

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 - 1012 - Jay D Kilgus - 4 Boxes, 4 Totes, Golf Clubs
 - 1072 - Jay Kilgus - 3 Totes, Rocking Chair, Golf Clubs
 - 2057 - Kelly Young - Aquarium, Microwave, Cedar Chest
 - 4017 - Christina Fuchs - Washer, Curio Cabinet, Refrigerator
 - 4035 - George Gallo - Studebaker Automobile VIN R4772
 - 4047 - George Gallo - Jensen Automobile vin1255269, Car Parts
 - 4052 - Orlando Austin - 20 Totes, Piano, Scooter
 - 4068 - Timothy Williams - 10 Boxes, 2 Tables, 2 Chairs
 - 5020 - Tom Estep - Washer, Table Saw, 10 Totes
 - 5032 - George Gallo - 1967 Mercedes Benz vin 10801212047788
 - 5036 - Henry C Klann - Bicycle, Dining Table, Air Hockey Table
 - 9261 - Chantell Andrews - Bed, Headboard, Clothing

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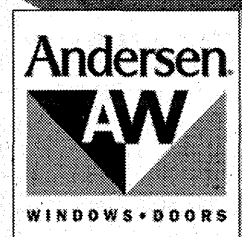
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 - 3030 - Charles Graham II - 4 Kitchen Chairs, Leather Couch, Big Screen TV
 - 3050 - Gwendolyn White - Stove, Chair, Futon
 - 3051 - Chontelle Jones - 4 Chairs, Dresser, Couch
 - 4010 - Chartese Lacole - 6 Boxes, Kids TV, Kids Toys
 - 4013 - John Boehret - 10 Boxes, Hand Truck, Cooler
 - 4023 - Larry Ferguson - Mountain Bike, 20 Boxes, Filing Cabinet
 - 4036 - Lashawntae Robeson - 3 TVs, Microwave, 1 Tote
 - 4051 - Chris Johnson - Hutch, Desk, Ironing Board
 - 4148 - David Fuller - 5 Boxes, 10 Totes, Misc Items
 - 4222 - Terry Brown - Chair, Microwave, End Table
 - 5027 - Ronda Olive-Sanders - Entertainment Center, Leather Chair, Leather Sofa
 - 5030 - Sonja Rice - 50 Boxes, Entertainment Center, Mattress
 - 5037 - Leonard Stovall - 3 Bikes, 20 Boxes, Table
 - 5134 - Kelly Warzocha - Dresser, Chair, Vacuum
 - 5152 - Lyeshia Hartman - Leather Couch, Love Seat, Dresser
 - 5227 - Eugene Hughes - Love Seat, Chair, 20 Bags
 - 5341 - Charon Renae Roberts - 30 Boxes, Couch, Mattress

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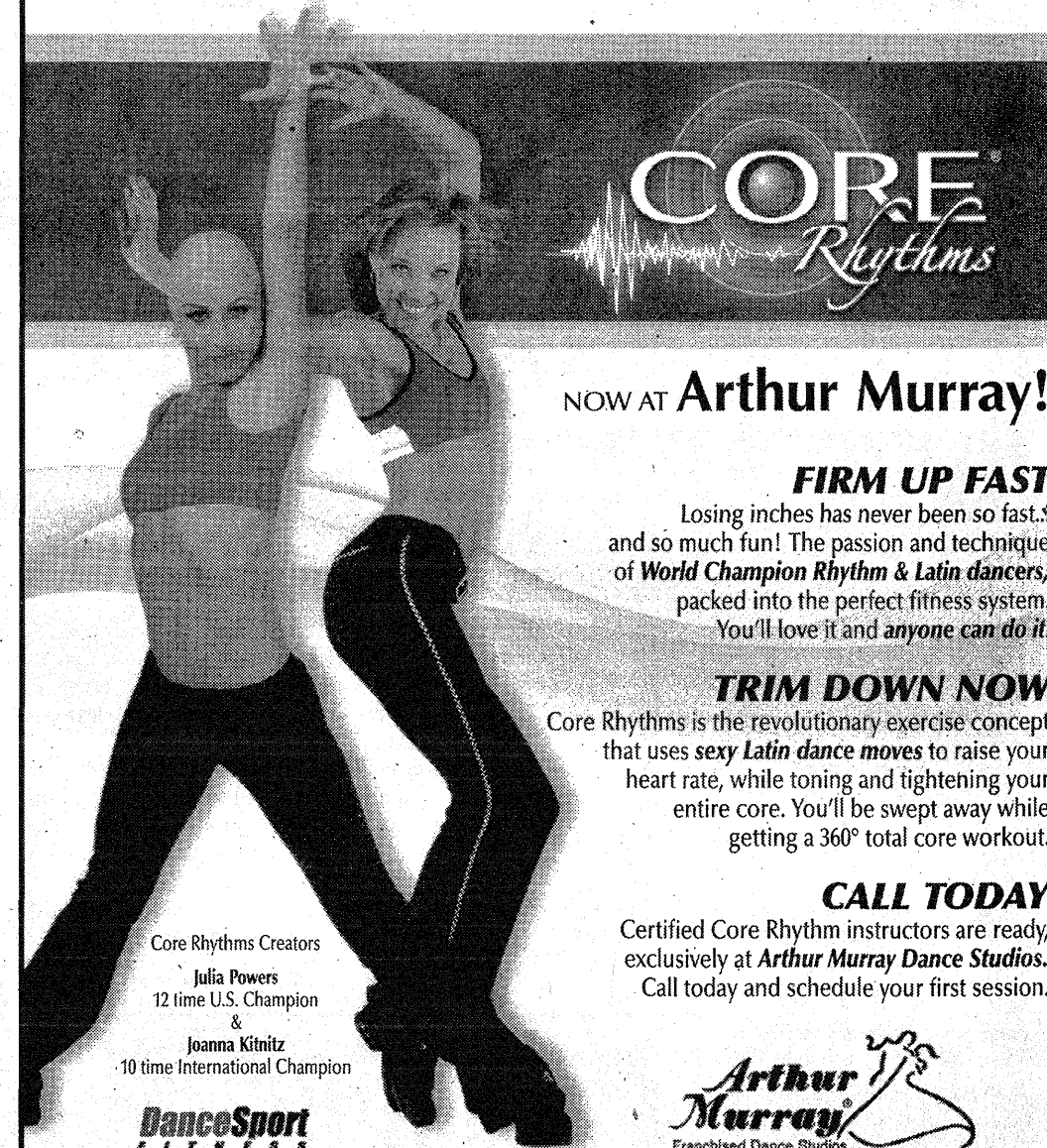
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pink picks

By Wensdy



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this week's "Pink Ribbon" picks benefit the cause:

Wear It!
Karl Lagerfeld Key to the Cure tee at Saks Fifth Avenue

Tote It!
Bejo Pinky Promise bag

Clutch It!
Stephanie Johnson cosmetic tote — free with purchase of three Energizer battery packs — visit www.energizer.com/komen

Kick It!
New Balance 768KM, the official shoe of Komen Race for the Cure

Accessorize It!
2008 Ford Warriors in Pink scarf

Smell It!
Komen floral mist reed diffuser at Pier 1

Nail It!
OPI "Pink of Hearts"

Shop It!
Pink Shop items at Parisian

Use It!
Dyson DC16 Pink handheld vacuum at Target

Gift It!
Pink Ribbon flower arrangement @ www.proflowers.com

Eat It!
Pink Ribbon bagels at Panera



PHOTO BY JULIAN BROAD

Gwyneth Paltrow models the 2008 Key to the Cure limited edition T-shirt by Karl Lagerfeld designed exclusively for Saks Fifth Avenue in partnership with the Entertainment Industry Foundation. For the sale of every shirt, \$35 will benefit EIF's Women's Cancer Research Fund.

Stylish soiree raises funds for breast cancer research

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

On the hit reality show *Project Runway*, designers are asked to fashion garments using grocery store produce, car parts and candy wrappers.

Closer to home, a contest sponsored by the Michigan Design Center challenges interior designers to create high-fashion garb from home decor fabric.

The results prove that talented artists can make a masterpiece in more than one medium.

Guests will have a chance to see the garments during the second annual Catwalk Couture for a Cause, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16 at MDC.

Tickets (\$50-\$150), as well as 100 percent of proceeds from live and silent auctions, benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Partners.

Theresa Kisser, Director of Marketing and Advertising for MDC, said the event sold out its maiden year, and she expects a full house again.

The goal is to bring people into the MDC.

"We're always trying to come up with new events — because we're not really open to the public, we're open to the trade — to highlight the product available here."

Kisser said many of the MDC's luxury fabrics translate well into structured garments such as suits, dresses and coats.

Interior designers are invited to work with sketch artists and seamstresses to carry out their vision. They also are responsible for finding their own models. All of the labor and fabrics are donated, ensuring that 100 percent of proceeds benefit the cause.

Last year, bidding went from \$350-\$5,000 per outfit during the live auction. The fabrics alone can be extremely costly, Kisser said.

This year, designer Michael Coyne used Stark fabric valued at \$2,100 to create his dress "For the Lady who Lunches."

The Kravet fabric Heidi and Allison Parris used for their "Crewel Intentions" coat and dress was \$2,560.

A stunning coat, "Green with Envy" by David McGowen utilizes F. Schumacher & Co. fabric priced at \$1,650.



"For the Lady who Lunches" by Michael Coyne of Michael Coyne Design in Southfield.

The garments, numbering more than 25, range from evening gowns to office wear, and are designed in a variety of sizes.

The one-of-a-kind looks will be displayed in the window of the former Sharper Image in Somerset Collection South through Oct. 10.

Kisser said the interior designers are surprisingly successful at applying their vision to fashion design.

"There's so much interplay between interior design and fashion. If you look at the trends in fashion you'll see them in a modified sense show up in interior design," Kisser said.

"It amazes me what they're capable of doing."

Karen Drew from WDIV will emcee Catwalk, and Robert DuMouchelle will lead the auction, which will immediately follow the 7:30 p.m. runway show.

Kisser expects the event will kick off the social season in style.

"I think the proliferation of all the home design shows, which emphasize what interior designers truly can bring to the table, as well as *Project Runway*, definitely increase excitement for this type of event," she said.

CATWALK: COUTURE FOR A CAUSE

What: Charity benefit featuring a runway show of garments created by top interior designers using fabric from Michigan Design Center's collection, plus live and silent auctions, strolling dinner and drinks

When: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16

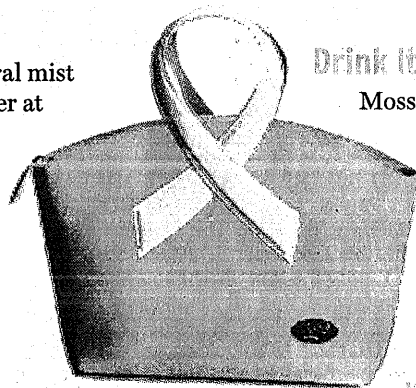
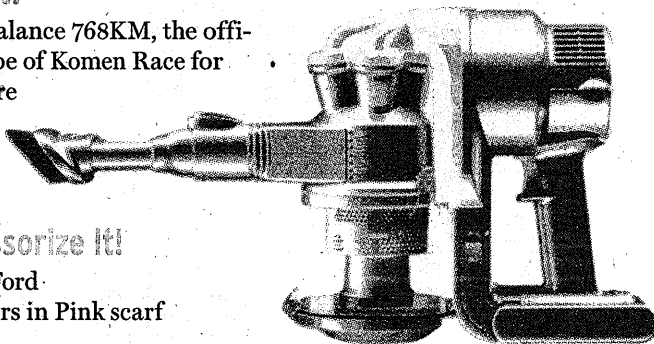
Where: Michigan Design Center Mid-America Room

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Malls & Mainstreets

Karen Neuberger Pink Party

METRO DETROIT — All Parisian locations will host a Karen Neuberger Pink Party Oct. 10-11. Shop KN Pink Ribbon sleepwear for 50 percent off, enjoy pink treats and refreshments, and sign a show of support to help under-insured women receive mammograms. Also, stop by Parisians' Pink Shop, where a variety of items benefit the cause through October.

Little Girls Night Out
CANTON — Girls 6-12 years old are invited to a fun-filled night of pillow fights, make up lessons, manicures as Canton Leisure Services hosts a big pajama party at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. The evening includes food, games, swimming, and more, \$15-\$22. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Golf Gear On Sale
CANTON — Get 25 percent off all golf gear as Pheasant Run Golf Club's Pro Shop hosts a Balloon Sale 3-8 p.m. Oct. 11. Shoppers can also pick a balloon for an extra five to 50 percent off. Located at 46500 Summit Parkway. Call (734) 397-6460.

HAVEN Benefit A La Mode

TROY — A la mode boutique will host

a designer-inspired jewelry and handbags show noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at Best Western Concord Inn, 1919 Star Batt Drive, Rochester Hills. Bring a gently used handbags for charity and be entered into a raffle. Call (248) 334-1284 or visit www.haven-oakland.org.

Knock Out Breast Cancer
LIVONIA — Parisian Laurel Park Place will host Wacoal Fit for the Cure through Oct. 15. For every customer who gets a free fitting in a Wacoal or DKNY Underwear bra, Wacoal will donate \$2 to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for breast cancer research and outreach programs. For every bra purchased, customers will receive a pink boxing glove key ring, and Wacoal will donate an additional \$2.

Macy's Opens Beautiful Planet
NOVI — Macy's Twelve Oaks will be the first store in Michigan to launch Beautiful Planet, Oct. 13, a new Macy's concept and eco-friendly shop carrying well-known natural and organic beauty products including Burt's Bees, CARE by Stella McCartney, Farmaceutics, Nvey Eco, Organic Apoteke, Pangea Organics and Terre d'Occ. All elements of the Beautiful Planet shop will be created using

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