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Lawns provide 'signs' of election season

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- Come back to the Web site to see updated election results after the polls close 8 p.m. Tuesday. We'll have updated local, state and national election results, including the national Electoral College map.
- Voters needing help getting to the polls election day can utilize Michigan 2-1-1, which can provide transportation to the polls and help finding information on candidates and ballot proposals. It's an initiative sponsored by the Michigan Participation Project, a non-partisan, non-profit group dedicated to expanding the role of non-profit organizations in voting and elections.
- Michigan 2-1-1, the health and human service equivalent of 9-1-1 to give or get help, currently services 71 percent of Michigan's population through regional call centers.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Howard Pelkey used to be a Democrat. But while he now considers himself more an independent on the political scale, he's still got a "Democrat for McCain" sign, one of three — along with signs for 35th District Court candidate Joe Barone and state House hopeful Jerry Vorva — that dot the lawn of his Harvey home.

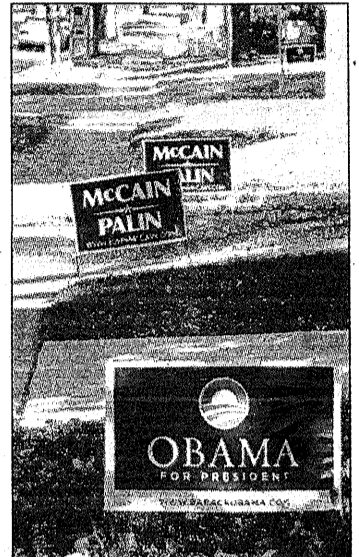
Pelkey, who plans to vote for Arizona Sen. John McCain, admits he finds himself in the minority in his neighborhood, which features noticeably more signs for

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Democrat Barack Obama. But no matter the candidate, residential streets — as they are every election season — are covered in lawn signs. And, even though his are in the minority, Pelkey thinks they have an effect on a political campaign.

"They definitely help with name recognition," said Pelkey, gesturing around the street. "Look at all these Obama signs. You look at them, and those names sit in your mind."

Pelkey, who said he'll vote for McCain



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Lawn signs dot the landscape in most neighborhoods.

Please see **SIGNS, A5**



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Three pairs of brothers invade downtown Plymouth for the Great Pumpkin Caper: Mason Lewis, 7, Blake Lewis, 9, Zakery Tate, 10, Corey Tate, 8, Evan Martin, 9, and Aaron Martin, 12.

Casting a spell

Annual Halloween event draws ghosts, goblins

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Halloween came a day early in Plymouth, much to the delight of the thousands of youngsters who paraded around downtown streets for the annual Great Pumpkin Caper.

The event, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, took place under sunny skies on a crisp, but not too cold, fall day.

"The weather was decent, and I thought it was a great event," said Wes Graff, the chamber's executive director, who officiated for the costume contest. "It's funny, because the

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event sort of takes on a life of its own. There were lots of kids and lots of fun."

Tammy Valice brought her twin 2½-year-old sons, Nicholas and Steven, from Northville to take advantage of the safe trick-or-treating event.

"It gets us out in the community, and the kids are having a blast," said Valice, whose sons were dressed as firefighters. "Look at the kids' faces. That says it all."

Those faces said it all for the retailers, too. They lined the streets as well, some also dressed up for the occasion,

passing out treats ranging from candy and suckers to gift certificates.

Vanessa Kirchoff, who owns Edible Arrangements, the Ann Arbor Trail store that sells fresh-fruit arrangements, said she doesn't know how much good the event does for business — "It brings awareness, I guess, but I don't know if it does much more than that" — but she doesn't really care all that much, either.

She's in it for the kids, too.

"This is one of those nights you don't worry about whether it's good for business," Kirchoff said. "You do it because it's fun for the kids."

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Trains roll as deadline nears

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp is choosing his words carefully, but he's hinting the Sheldon Road underpass project will be completed by the previously announced December timeline.

That could mean good news for merchants who depend on Sheldon Road to bring holiday customers in and out of town. "We would love to be able to finish it prior to the Christmas holiday," said Helmkamp, who declined to predict an exact date in December the underpass at the CSX Railroad crossing could be completed. "We're still on track for some time in December, with the cooperation of the weather and if production continues as it has."

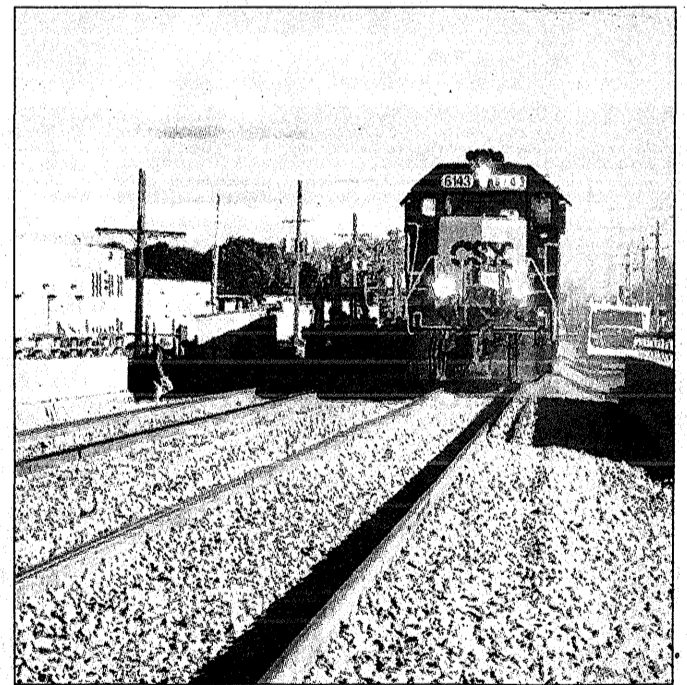
CSX trains began using the permanent tracks on the overpass this week, with about a dozen trains a day using the crossing.

"We've got the permanent tracks in place on the bridge and now we'll remove the temporary tracks that are no longer needed," said Helmkamp. "With those gone, we can do mass excavation at the embankment upon which the temporary tracks sat. That will allow us to pave Sheldon Road under the new bridge."

Sheldon Road has been closed for nearly two years to construct the overpass.

With an estimated cost of \$8 million when it was first announced in 1999, the project has grown to about \$15 million.

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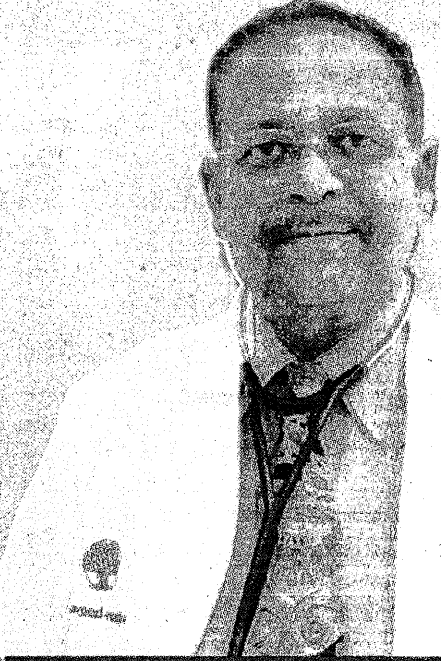
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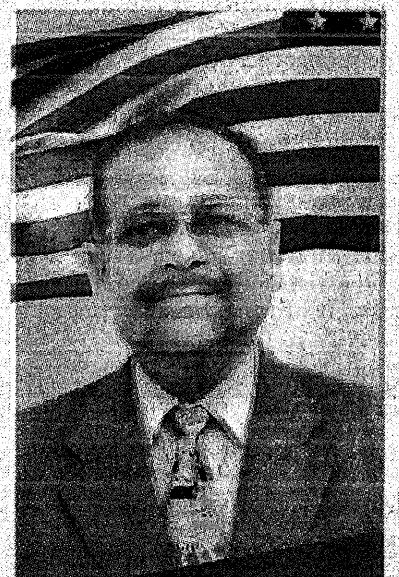
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Purple Gang auction

No bullets will be flying while author Paul Kavieff speaks about the notorious Purple Gang at the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual dinner and auction, Saturday, Nov. 8.

The talk will be part of the museum's annual dinner and auction and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Kavieff is the author of both *The Purple Gang: Organized Crime in Detroit 1910-1945* and *Detroit's Infamous Purple Gang*.

There will be a silent auction and raffle, with items available for viewing when the doors open at 5:30 p.m. Auction and raffle items include a Red Ryder/Little Beaver 2-gun commemorative gun set, an autographed photo of Detroit Tiger's shortstop Edgar Renteria, a History Buff package from The Henry Ford, luggage, wine, antiques, jewelry, gift certificates from local merchants and restaurants, and gift baskets.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are being sold at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, as well as at Wiltse's Community Pharmacy, 330 S. Main Street, and Michigan Made & More, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail. You can also purchase tickets from the museum's Web site at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>. Tickets will not be available at the door.

For more information, call (734) 455-8940 during museum hours, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays 1-4 p.m. Contemporary dress from the 1920s-30s is encouraged, but not required.

Truth about oil

The Plymouth District Library will host an informative program on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., "Oil 101: What every American should know about the lifeblood of modern society."

The program will be presented by local geologist and author, Charles Ferguson Barker. Barker will share background information on oil, how it is formed, where

it is found and why the price varies. Barker was recognized as a Michigan Notable Author in 2006 for his book, "Under Michigan: The Story of Michigan's Rocks and Fossils", which is a part of the Library's collection.

Registration is requested for this free program; contact the Library at 734-453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouth-library.org

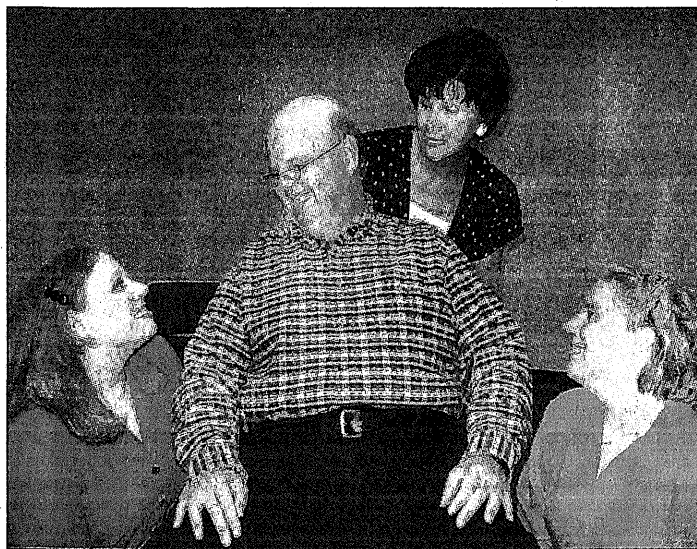
Memory loss

On Friday, Nov. 7, the Plymouth Community Council on Aging will Host "Memory Loss," a presentation presented by Four Chaplains, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

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A heart-warming comedy

Actors Meg daPonte, Jerry Carney, Barbara Bloom and Cara Manor of the local theater group Spotlight Players will perform the comedy 'You Can't Take It With You' Nov. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, Dec. 5-6 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Showtime is 8 p.m. except for Nov. 23 and 30, which will be matinee performances at 2 p.m. The show is about a family that lives the credo, "If you aren't having any fun, why do it!" Many people are familiar with the 1939 Oscar winning movie starring Jimmy Stewart and directed by Frank Capra. However, the play, written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, won the 1937 Pulitzer Prize. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd in Canton, Michigan 48176. To buy tickets, which cost \$15-\$18, or for more information, visit www.spotlightplayers.net or call the box office at (734) 394-5300.

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Items needed include non-perishable food items such as stove-top dressing, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, cans of turkey gravy, and cans of turkey/chicken meat, cookies, and paper plates/napkins. Involve the kids by having them make turkey decorations and cards.

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Detroit Free Press

July 12, 2008

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based on the veteran senator's experience, laughed while recounting a conversation he had with a neighbor whose house sports an Obama sign. "She said, 'I ought to come burn down your McCain sign,'" he recalled, grinning. "I told her, 'Your Obama sign would make just as good a fire.'" Pelkey will be one of a potential record numbers of voters casting ballots in Plymouth and Plymouth Township this year. More than 1,200 voters have registered with the Plymouth Township clerk's office since the August primary, bringing the township to 21,271 registered voters as of last week. In the city, there were an additional 296 registrations — many of them young people, according to Clerk Linda Langmesser. The diversity of signs doesn't seem to get in the way of neighborly relations, though. Pete Mundt, also a self-pro-

claimed independent voter, lives down the street from Pelkey. Mundt has signs for Obama and Democrat Marc Corriveau, the incumbent whose seat Vorva is chasing, in his yard. He said he got the Obama sign from the Democrat's Canton campaign office and allowed Corriveau to put one up following a conversation with the first-term representative during the primary election. "I'd done some research and found I agreed with him," Mundt said. "After I talked to him, he asked me if I'd put up a sign, and I said sure." Still, Mundt gets along with his neighbors — even those with McCain signs in their yards. "We've known for years we've had differing political views, but that doesn't affect anything," Mundt said. "Do (signs) change anything? I don't know," Mundt said. "Do they spur conversation? Yes, and that's always good."

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Schools to close for election day

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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For the first time in recent memory Plymouth-Canton Schools will be closed on election day. Student safety played the key role in the decision to close the district Tuesday, Nov. 4, for the general election. "With all the homeland security issues and our attempts at keeping our schools safe we'll be closed," said Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs. "It's not to say voters pose a threat, but there are people

who take that opportunity." Jacobs said there were too many issues to overcome to have both school and elections in the buildings on the same day. There are issues dealing with serving lunch, and the Americans With Disabilities Act requirements involving elections, Jacobs said, not to mention parking issues. "We made a conscious decision to fix the issues and the solution was not to have school those days," Jacobs said.

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Plymouth

Watts best choice

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For too many years Plymouth Township has been treated to just "more of the same" in terms of direction, growth, focus and "good 'ol boy network" running the township government. And what have the policies of the old leadership brought to us: bloated costs of administration; construction of unfunded and unneeded cavernous edifices — little more than monuments to the township administration; a micromanagement mentality that only interferes with the efficient execution of duties by township departments and employees; absolutely no improvement in the facilities and services provided to the citizens and taxpayers of the township.

I think in this pivotal 2008 election year Mike Watts is the "man of the hour," the best choice to lead the township forward in the next several years. Mr. Watts has extensive experience in running large multi-organizational and multi-community operations using a delegation of authority approach that empowers and enables everyone to achieve their full potential and contribution to the success of the operation.

Mr. Watts also is a great promoter, as you all probably know. He has some great ideas for much-needed improvements in the township services and facilities, for the township residents and taxpayers: improved utilization of the golf course; establishment and improvement of Plymouth Township venues (markets, athletic facilities); coordination of services with the City of Plymouth to reduce taxpayer costs.

Mike Watts is a 30-year resident of Plymouth Township, just like I am. He has chosen to make his home here. He loves this place and wants only the best future for Plymouth Township and its citizens — as do I. I encourage you all to get "out and vote" on Tuesday. And, while you are at it, vote for Mike Watts for township supervisor.

Don Bain
Plymouth

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Some facts about Plymouth Township and its relative standing in a peer group of six communities that either border Plymouth Township or border a community with which we share a border: Tax millage rate — lowest overall tax rate; Water & sewer rate — second lowest combined rate; State Equalized Value Per Capita — second highest; ratio of residents to township employees — second highest; Violent Crime Rate (2007 data) — lowest rate in peer group.

Recent recognitions for Plymouth Township include, in 2008 — Top 100 Places to Live, by "Relocate America"; in 2007 — 37th Best Place to Live in America, by Money Magazine; from 2004 to 2008 — Excellence in Financial Reporting, by Government Finance Officers Association.

Let's make certain we will continue to be proud of Plymouth Township. Retain the elected officials who help make us proud!

Dan Herriman
Plymouth Township

Vote for Barone

When Jim Plakas claims he prosecuted more than 15,000 cases, he is being misleading.

Plakas is a Westland lawyer who works for his father's firm. His father is the Westland city attorney. City attorneys do not prosecute felony cases. They handle traffic tickets and misdemeanors, most of which are handled by simply signing his name to a piece of paper and sending the file into the courtroom.

Joe Barone has handled five times as many cases as Mr. Plakas at the 35th District Court, where he actually has to appear in the courtroom. Tell Mr. Plakas to quit playing the numbers game. Elect Joe Barone for 35th District Court judge.

Rita Lowenstein
Plymouth

Plakas more qualified

I was very surprised after receiving a mailer from Joe Barone this weekend.

He paints an appealing picture of himself on TV and his Web site as being truly impartial. Barone claims how important it is for judges to distance themselves from partisan politics. Then his mailer came with a one-sided list of his supporters and I realized that he is no different from so many other politicians — dishonest and misleading.

Mr. Barone — don't tell us what sounds good to win you a vote, just tell us the truth! He also said his endorsements were based on friendships. Shouldn't endorsements be based on qualifications and experience? Our community can do better than "friendly" back scratching.

The choice is clear. Jim Plakas is far more qualified, has bipartisan backing and his endorsements are from people who truly know the courts.

Nick Wilson
Canton

Problem with Corriveau

I have an issue with my state representative in Lansing, Marc Corriveau.

He does not represent the beliefs of his constituents, but votes along party lines. For example, he voted for the state income tax increase from 3.9 to 4.35 percent — the biggest tax hike in a generation — rather than focusing on reducing the expenses in the state's bloated \$44 billion budget.

If we only reduced the budget 5 percent, we could rescind tax increases. Michigan is rated as the 48th best state in which to do business. Mr. Corriveau has done nothing to improve this

situation. Economist David Littmann's studies have found that the only industry still growing in Michigan is GOVERNMENT!

Robert Harris
Plymouth

No to Vorva

I believe that past actions should be considered in helping to decide the person to elect to represent us in Lansing.

In 1997 the residents of Plymouth-Canton Schools approved approximately \$80 million for a bond proposal for improving our schools. Jerry Vorva took legal action which in effect prevented the district from being able to market the bonds according to the superintendent, Chuck Little and the school board president, Mike Maloney (July 23, 1998, *Observer*).

Although Mr. Vorva lost at every level of our judicial system, the district lost millions of dollars as a result of having to delay selling the bonds until the legal cloud was removed. One of Mr. Vorva's arguments for continuing his actions at the time was that the district would be in a declining enrollment situation by the time his suit ended and the district would not need the money (August 2, 1998, *Observer & Eccentric*).

However, the fact is that the district continued to grow. In 1997 the district had approximately 15,700 students and student enrollment is now over 18,930. After all the state court appeals were exhausted, the district moved ahead in selling the bonds but the school administration declared that the district lost "approximately \$6.2 million in buying power because of inflation and increased construction costs" (Feb. 14, 1999, *Observer*). The school district prudently waited two years before trying to sell the bonds because they had to be sure the election results would not be overturned through the litigation process.

In the end I view that the children of Plymouth-Canton Schools lost out on millions of dollars of improvements that the community had legally approved for them. I do not dispute that Mr. Vorva was exercising his rights to pursue a course of action that he believed in.

By the same token, I will be following a course of action I believe in by voting for someone other than Mr. Vorva to represent me in the 20th District Michigan State House of Representatives.

John Rennels
Plymouth

Supporting Barone

First, I would like to congratulate the winners of the August Primary for 35th District Court.

Next, I would like to thank everyone who helped me on my campaign. Whether you wrote a check, worked a poll, helped with mailings, or simply allowed a sign to be placed in your yard, I was truly humbled by the outpouring of support and am from the bottom of my heart thankful to all who helped.

Now, to answer all of your questions that you have been asking me, i.e., who should you vote for now that I am out?

For the same reasons that I felt I was the best candidate prior to the primary, you should now support and vote for Joe Barone!

I honestly believe that the reasons you should pick a local Judge are twofold: 1) Who has the most experience in YOUR COURT, Joe is the clear leader here; 2) Who has put the most back into your community prior to running for Judge? Again Joe clearly comes out on top here.

Finally, ask yourself who you should follow as to their recommendation. On the one side you have a bunch of out of town judges who could honestly care less about your court, along with a retiring judge from the court.

On the other hand you have a sitting Judge

in our Court who will have to work alongside the new Judge, All the other candidates who previously were running for the position. That's right EVERY OTHER CANDIDATE is backing Joe. Why, because we have to practice in front of the winner and we know who that should be. Just look at the lawn of almost every Lawyer in town and you too can see who should be our next Judge: Joe Barone.

By the way, Joe did not ask me for my help or this letter. Rather I sought out Joe because to me as the rest of the community, it matters who are next Judge is.

Please Join me in voting for JOE BARONE.

Cameron A. Miller
Plymouth

Barone is best

I have had the opportunity to get to know Joe Barone over the past seven years as both an employee and as a friend. I also grew up in the district, graduated from Salem High School and worked in the community organizations such as the YMCA and City of Plymouth DDA.

Throughout the course of this election I have been asked numerous times why voters should consider voting for Joe Barone. So with the knowledge of both the community and the candidate, here are the reasons why you should vote Barone on Nov. 4.

Joe Barone is a man of integrity, honesty, and commitment to his family, friends, clients and his community. Joe didn't join or choose to support community organizations based upon a decision to run for judge. He has been involved in the community long before he ever considered running for this seat because he believes in supporting the community in which he lives and works in. He has built a law practice from scratch through hard work and by gaining the respect of 35th District residents. He has always respected the respect and trust of our client's first, ahead of making money. He has run his campaign for 35th District judge with the same respect. He hasn't run misleading ads, or made promises to the community about his campaign he couldn't keep. Furthermore, he didn't gain his endorsements through promises or favors, but received them based upon his qualifications.

Unlike his opponent, Joe Barone actually has a judicial philosophy and never changed the answer to fit the group he was speaking to. Judges are to be impartial and are not to be affiliated with any party and Joe has not brought partisan politics into this campaign; you won't find his signs in an office belonging to one the presidential candidates. Joe has practiced in the court almost five times more than his opponent and while some believe a "court is a court is a court," let me be the first to tell you that every court, while the same laws apply, runs differently. He has also practiced in various other courts and in various areas of laws, such as personal injury, estate planning, probate, business formation and real estate law. He has spoken for years to the Canton Homeowners association to help educate homeowners on their rights and has fought insurance companies to protect the rights of victims injured in auto accidents. Joe Barone is more than just a criminal defense attorney.

But the most important reason to vote Barone on Nov. 4 is that Joe is committed to bringing harmony to our court. Judges in smaller courts, such as the 35th, need to be able to work together so that the court is functioning at its best for the community residents. Unfortunately there hasn't been harmony for years at the 35th and it's time that was restored.

It is for these reasons that I urge you to vote for Joe Barone on the nonpartisan side of the ballot.

Corrine Porter-Halaas
Westland

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Observer gets new ad sales rep

Veteran advertising sales representative Nicole Stone is the new face selling advertising for the Plymouth Observer.

Stone, 33, moved over from the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, based in Howell. She started with the Observer Oct. 20. She said she's looking forward to working with local business owners.

"It gives you the chance to help a business grow," Stone said of her new job. "You're a trusted source of market- and information. I find it



Stone

and Alex, 9, has worked for Gannett newspapers the last 3-plus years, part of a sales career that has lasted "almost my entire adult life." Stone said she's already been

exciting when I sell someone an ad, and they tell me it worked for them."

Stone, who lives in Brighton with sons Zack, 11,

around to see a lot of business owners, and she's looking forward to getting to know the community better.

"When you get to know (owners), you're not selling them something just for the sake of selling them advertising," Stone said. "You're making a personal investment. You have a strong desire to see them succeed."

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Doyle's to appeal verdict in fatal crash

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The owners of Doyle's Tavern in Plymouth will file an appeal after a Wayne County jury last week ordered them to pay \$4.5 million to the estate of a Novi man who was killed when a drunken driver crashed the car in which he was riding.

Peggy Doyle called the multimillion dollar verdict against her establishment "a travesty of justice."

Doyle's comments are in response to the lawsuit filed by the estate of John Spolsky of Novi. According to police reports, Chris Bohm of South Lyon was driving 72 mph in a 55 mph zone on Plymouth Road near Joy when he lost control and rolled the vehicle 800 feet. As a result, Spolsky — Bohm's best friend — and Bohm's sister, Patricia, were ejected and killed in

the September 2004 accident. Neither were reportedly wearing seat belts.

"We proved to the jury we weren't responsible," said Doyle, who owns the bar with her husband, John. "Chris Bohm wasn't physically intoxicated and we proved that in court, but the jury went more with sympathy for them. My heart goes out to the families, I feel horrible, but I believe Doyle's Tavern isn't responsible."

The jury determined Doyle's Tavern was 95 percent responsible for the death of Spolsky, Chris Bohm was 5 percent responsible and no responsibility was assessed to Spolsky.

According to Michigan law, if Spolsky had contributed in any fashion to the intoxication of Bohm his family could not have received compensation.

"Two witnesses testified they gave Mr. Spolsky

money to take care of the tab," said Doyle's attorney Craig Nemier. "A waitress testified Spolsky used a credit card to pay the entire tab. There's no testimony from any other source that anybody but Spolsky picked up the tab."

Spolsky, a 1996 graduate of Catholic Central High School, recently graduated from Army Ranger School. He was on leave prior to being reassigned by the Air Force to serve in Iraq. Nemier said those facts, more than those presented in court, may have led to the jury's verdict.

"The plaintiff was such an exceptional young man and the mother so distraught the jury threw caution to the wind," said Nemier. "This was a jury which chose to ignore the facts and the law."

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Chamber dinner honors Plymouth's past

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Jeanette Bauman Schryer moved from a farm in Plymouth Township to Spring Street (in Lower Town, which is now called Old Village) in 1936, she and her family rarely found the need to shop in downtown Plymouth.

"We had everything we needed at Liberty and Starkweather," said Schryer, 89. "There was a grocery store for when we ran out of milk, bread or butter. We had a meat market, a couple of barber shops ... They talked about some of the stores downtown, but I wasn't familiar with them."

And, to purchase the groceries, Schryer — a 1936 graduate of the old Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School) — had to chip in part



Schryer

of her weekly salary. "I was a bookkeeper making \$15 a week I'd better put in five," said Schryer, who has lived in her Union Street home for 65 years.

"You had to make your money stretch." Schryer is one of eight people being honored at the 19th annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and auction on Friday, Nov. 7 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The event is being called

Honoring Our Legacy.

"We looked at Plymouth and the wonderful people who contributed to this community over the years, so we worked with the Plymouth Historical Museum to recognize the great heritage we have in the entire Plymouth community," said Wes Graff, executive director of the chamber.

Others who will be recognized at the chamber event include Betty Jane Brown Barbour, Sanford Burr, Milton Graham Laible, Mary Wilson Pauline, William Gayde, William Saxton and Ernest "Ernie" Krumm.

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Panel argues that money, interest groups undermine judiciary

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

When Edward Thomas ran for the Michigan Supreme Court in 2000, he estimates that almost \$20 million dollars was spent in a campaign for three court seats.

"Why would anyone spend that much money for a Supreme Court justice seat that pays approximately

\$165,000 a year," he said during a forum Wednesday at Schoolcraft College. "It's because of the decisions that are made that benefit certain people."

The role of money and outside influence on the court were the topic of "A Fair and Impartial Michigan Supreme Court," sponsored by the League of Women Voters Oakland Area.

The forum comes when incumbent Justice Clifford Taylor faces Judge Diane Hathaway in another expensive and politically charged judicial campaign for the Supreme Court.

State Rep. Paul Condino (D-Southfield), chair of the House Judiciary Committee, was moderator for a three-person panel: Thomas, a former Wayne County Circuit

judge and currently Wayne County corporate counsel; Brian Dickerson, a columnist for the *Detroit Free Press*; and Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network.

Michigan has an unusual method for selecting Supreme Court justices. Candidates run on a non-partisan ballot and can run as independents, but the political parties also

nominate candidates for the courts. In this year's election Taylor is endorsed by the Republican party, Hathaway by the Democratic Party. Justices serve an eight-year term.

When a seat becomes vacant, the governor appoints a justice without having to seek legislative approval. During his time in office, Gov. John Engler appointed four of

the seven justices, creating a strongly conservative court.

Thomas ran with the endorsement and financial backing of the Democratic Party in his race against Justice Stephen Markman. Thomas and the other Democratic-endorsed candidates lost in that election.

"Each of us lost by the same percentage basis. I believe it was because of the incumbent status, a tremendous advantage," he said.

Incumbents are identified by their title on the ballot.

Edwards said there are pros and cons for both appointing and electing justices.

"I think back to one particular governor I had great faith in and that was Gov. Milliken," he said. "The way he went about picking judges for various courts was impartial, well thought out and fair-minded. Some governors, and I'm not talking about anyone in particular, come in with agendas and pick judges that will follow what their agenda is and that's not good for the public in my estimation."

Brian Dickerson was less reticent about naming a governor with an agenda. He said he first realized that things were changing during the 1998 court election. He said he attended a Republican fund-raiser during which then Gov. John Engler said tort reform passed in the legislature and reinforced by conservative judges "made it much safer to do business in Michigan."

Dickerson said Engler saw judicial reform as an economic development tool. He said Michigan citizens have been adversely affected by the conservative 4-3 decisions of the current court.

"As citizens of Michigan you've all been a party to many, many state Supreme Court cases, and I will argue that, sadly, you've been on the losing side in many cases," he said.

Dickerson cited three cases that came before the court in which the court ruled against individuals and environmental interests in favor of business interests.

Rich Robinson's organization keeps track of campaign financing. He said large amounts of money are given to judicial campaigns "not for selfless reasons."

He said the 1998 campaign was the first "million dollar" Supreme Court campaign.

"The game changer was when different groups weighed in on the campaigns. We had not experienced these expenditures in past elections," he said.

He said one major change was the advent of "issue ads" in which groups advocate on a certain issue without exhorting a vote for or against a candidate, but strongly implying a positive or negative view of the candidate.

He said millions are spent in this way and the contributions are "off the book." He said many of these ads are anonymously funded.

Robinson and his organization are advocating full disclosure on who is paying for these issue ads, similar to requirements in federal elections; setting standards for when a justice has to recuse him or herself from a case where a major contributor is a party; and public funding for judicial races to avoid these conflicts.

"This is not a liberal or a conservative issue, this is an issue of impartial justice," he said.

He added, "I would say that the net effect of all of this, including the campaign that is going on today, is to undermine trust and confidence in a fair and impartial judiciary and we need to address this or have a further erosion in rule of law in this state."

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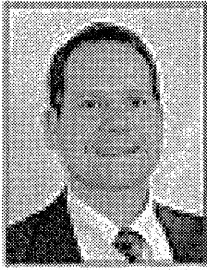
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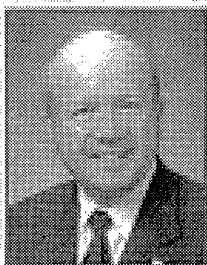
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Melissa McLaughlin is a lifelong Conservative who is determined to help Canton families informed as possible to make the best decisions for their homes and families.

As a Canton Township Trustee, Melissa McLaughlin always sought to help Canton families and taxpayers get the most for their tax dollar without ever compromising community services or safety.

Melissa McLaughlin's goals for our township include providing additional information and links on the Township Website that will make it easy to understand and help residents find programs that can help them. She will make Post Marks the on time factor in tax payments, just as the IRS does, and work to make payment plans and options available to taxpayers.

"I will work with my fellow Trustees to ensure that Canton continues to provide the top level services, using the most cost effective policies available. Together, we will keep Canton a great community."



Retain TERRY BENNETT as Treasurer Clerk

For 13 years, Terry Bennett has proven her worth and expertise as the Canton Township Clerk. Under her supervision, Canton has been able to maintain the lowest local tax rate since 1985. She supports fiscal responsibility, balanced budgets and has worked to provide exceptional public services which have made Canton the desirable place to live and work it has become. In addition to her work as Township Clerk, Terry Bennett volunteers her time on many community advisory boards and committees to ensure that the people of Canton are represented and their interests protected.

"Serving the Canton community is an honor I take seriously. I intend to ensure that Canton continues to provide a high level of service, using solutions that are efficient, and focused on containing our costs. We need to continue to look for creative ways to do business as we partner with other branches of government, continue to partner with businesses and work for our residents to ensure a "great" and stable quality of life in Canton."



Retain KARL ZARBO Canton Township Trustee

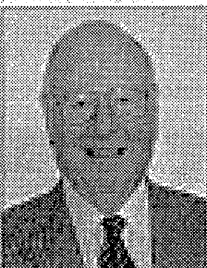
As a current Canton Township Trustee, Karl Zarbo has worked tirelessly to protect the superior community environment we all enjoy. He has worked to help bring \$130 million in commercial investment to Canton, and knows how important the thousands of jobs are to our area and the state. As a Trustee, Karl Zarbo has helped keep the tax burden in Canton low by paying attention to business and encouraging responsible development. He supports buying coalitions and partnerships to save taxpayers' money.

"As your current trustee, I am working every day to position Canton to attract new residents and businesses while retaining our existing ones. I support partnerships and coalitions to extend the efficiencies and effectiveness of every tax dollar. Our resident retention has been substantiated by providing quality services at an affordable rate. I will continue to work for Canton's desirable quality of life."

Retain TODD CACCAMO Canton Township Trustee

As a Canton Township Trustee, Todd Caccamo has worked and fought for fiscal responsibility on the board. He has been the voice of grassroots government and response to concerns of residents. His goal is to find ways to be more efficient, refocusing on rebuilding the local economy and roads. He wants to bring more business to Canton with high tech jobs. He is concentrating on alternative fuel production, such as hybrid batteries and fuel cells as business anchors for the township. Todd Caccamo wants to build on the great success of the past for prosperity in the future and supports a friendly, effective government that responds to those they are elected to serve.

"I plan on continuing to work hard to find solutions to today's issues, such as finding ways to be more efficient. We need to be supporting local workers by buying local products, not those manufactured abroad. I will work for a grass roots township government supported by the people. I plan on delivering again on my promises as I did in the past."



Elect JOHN ANTHONY Canton Township Trustee

After 35 years in Canton Township, Candidate John Anthony has some definite ideas about protecting the quality of life he, his family and his neighbors enjoy in the community. John Anthony, a former FBI special agent, takes public safety very seriously and has promised to ensure that the superior Canton Public Safety Department continues to provide the best in public service to residents. He will fight to ensure that funding for public safety is not reduced or cut, while continuing to support fiscal restraint. John Anthony understands the importance of working within the existing funding levels at the township and will not support any tax increase.

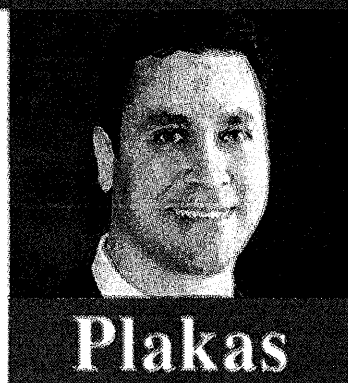
"I want to maintain the current level of funding for our existing programs and recreation activities that provide opportunities for families and develop a sense of community involvement. I intend to be the hardest working trustee for all the citizens of Canton Township."

Choose PAT WILLIAMS Canton Township Trustee

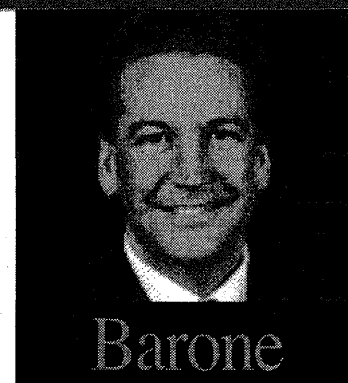
Pat Williams, an account manager with Automotive Component Holdings, LLC, a Ford Motor Co. subsidiary, vows to bring his business expertise to help keep Canton Township government on track. With bachelor and masters degrees in Business Administration, he has promised to be a tireless watchdog of taxpayers' money. He has been endorsed by current and past elected officials who praise his common sense approach to managing the delicate balance of township finances. He and his partners built a profitable business and sold it to a publicly traded company using his experience and skill as a financial manager. Pat Williams wants to use that skill to help our community stay on the right path and get more for our money. His skills will be an invaluable aid on our Township Board of Trustees.



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Plakas



Barone

Legal Experience (Years)	Prosecutor (13) Assistant City Attorney (13) Criminal Defense Attorney (13) Civil Litigator (13)	(0) (0) Criminal Defense Attny. (11) Civil Litigator (11)
Cases Prosecuted	Over 15,000	0
Judicial Endorsements	63 Judges (Including retiring 35th District Judge, Hon. John E. MacDonald)	3 Judges
Jury Trials	23 Within Last 7 Years (Over 35 In Last 13 Years)	8 Within Last 7 Years
Law Enforcement Official Endorsements	Kym Worthy Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Cox Attorney General Warren Evans Wayne County Sheriff	None
Police & Firefighter Endorsements	Canton Professional Fire Fighters Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Police Officers Assoc. of Michigan MI Assoc. of Police Organizations Wayne County Sheriff Road Patrol	None
Newspaper Endorsements	Detroit Free Press Canton Observer Plymouth Observer Northville Record	Eagle/Journal
Women Lawyers Association Of Michigan Rating for Judge	"Outstanding"	Unrated
Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Rating for Judge	"Well-Qualified"	"Qualified"
Years of Local Residency		
Western Wayne County	40	12
Within 35th District	13	12

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OUR VIEWS

Our picks in local races for Tuesday's election

When voters go to the polls Tuesday, much of the attention will be focused on the presidential race between Barack Obama and John McCain.

But local voters have decisions of their own to make, with races for Plymouth Township Supervisor and Treasurer, 20th District State Representative, 35th District Court Judge and 10th District Wayne County Commissioner. Here are our recommendations for each:

- Plymouth Township Supervisor: Richard Reaume
 - Plymouth Township Treasurer: Ron Edwards
 - 20th District, State Representative: Marc Corriveau
 - 35th District Court Judge: Jim Plakas
 - 10th District, Wayne County Commission: Laura Cox
- And here's why:

Supervisor

We believe incumbent Republican Richard Reaume should be returned to office based on the experience he's gained and the job he's done.



Reaume

Reaume has proven adept at certain aspects of the job. He works well with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to make it convenient — and, more importantly, profitable — for businesses to make Plymouth Township their home. Since 2005, more than a dozen companies have either located or expanded here, retaining nearly 3,000 jobs and adding 1,100 new ones.

Reaume works very hard, and long hours, to get his job done. While the township hasn't undertaken a great number of new plans in his first term, Reaume is responsible for shepherding existing ideas such as the new township hall, the Ann Arbor Road corridor and the second water tower.

While we believe he needs to improve his communication with his fellow board members and learn to trust the people who do

the work in the township, we also believe the township would be at best hindered — and at worst harmed — by the election of a third consecutive first-term supervisor, which would happen should one of Reaume's opponents, Democrat Mike Watts or independent Don Schnettler, be elected.

Treasurer

Ron Edwards, the incumbent township treasurer seeking a fourth term, is skilled at what he does, and we believe voters should indeed give him that fourth term.



Edwards

From a professional standpoint, Edwards obviously gets the job done. He has earned several municipal finance awards in recent years, this year became a certified public finance officer, he has streamlined the office, including reorganizing in 1999 to get rid of the finance department, and the township audit comes out clean every year.

Edwards keeps a close eye on interest rates, the stock market and anything else that affects the township's investments, which have earned some \$12 million in interest during Edwards' tenure.

He pushed some years ago to get Plymouth Community firefighters trained in Advanced Life Support, worked to get the sprayscape built in the township park and to get Lake Pointe Soccer Park finished. He runs the Good Ol' Fashioned Picnic every year, and this year brought fireworks back to the area for the first time in a decade, a display that drew rave reviews.

We believe voters should return Ron Edwards to his job in the Nov. 4 election.

State Representative

Democrat Marc Corriveau's 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 prom-



Corriveau

ise 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. Corriveau has proven he can work with representatives of both parties to broker solutions to difficult problems.

We believe Marc Corriveau has earned reelection.

35th District Court

When voters go to the polls on Nov. 4 and to choose a new 35th District Court judge, they'll have to choose between two strong candidates.



Plakas

Jim Plakas and Joe Barone were the top two vote-getters during the August primary election, and now face each other for the six-year term.

Voters can only pick one, and we believe it should be Plakas.

Plakas seems to have been training for this particular job most of his career. He's been a prosecutor, a city attorney and a defense attorney. He's handled all manner of cases in a variety of courtrooms.

He comes from an experienced legal background, has a sound judicial temperament and has the backing of many judges, including some of the most respected district court

jurists in the area.

Barone, who has tried more cases in the 35th of the two, is heavily involved in the community. He also has the backing of 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou, as well as all four former candidates who ran and lost in the August primary election. He has built a thriving law practice in downtown Plymouth, and shares many of the attributes that make Plakas an attractive candidate.

However, we believe Plakas' breadth of experience and his passion for the job make him the better choice of the two. We recommend Jim Plakas for 35th District Court judge.

Wayne County Commission

The 10th District county commission race features incumbent Republican Laura Cox facing Democrat Susan Clark to represent Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.



Cox

Cox has made her efforts to get more parks millage money back to the communities she represents one of the foundations of her campaign.

Cox believes difficult decisions will need to be made on county services for the \$2.2 billion budget. Her public safety background makes her a strong advocate for budget requests from the sheriff and prosecutor. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's call for a 10 percent reduction in county departments was a good starting point in cutting the budget, Cox said, but she believes more money should have been given to the sheriff's department to forestall a deficit.

She supports economic growth through reducing taxes, employing smart growth patterns, and providing economic incentives.

Cox has shown that she has an understanding of the importance of bringing tax dollars back to the five communities she represents. We believe Cox deserves another term as the 10th District county commissioner.

We endorse McCotter for Congress, Dunleavy for treasurer

This promises to be a good year for Democrats in their effort to retain and expand their control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

But in the 11th Congressional District, Republican Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia is expected to win easy re-election in a predominantly Republican district. He faces Democrat Joseph Larkin, a Livonia attorney; Green Party candidate Erik Shelley of Redford; and Libertarian candidate John Tatar, a retired Livonia school teacher.

Given his intelligence, his flexibility on issues of local importance, his broad legislative experience and his constituent service, we support the re-election of **Thaddeus McCotter** for a fourth term.

County offices

Prosecutor Kym Worthy ran unopposed in the primary and general election. Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood is unopposed in the general election. Sheriff Warren Evans and Clerk Cathy Garrett have nominal opponents in the general election.

The only race drawing any interest this year is the race for treasurer. Incumbent Raymond Wojtowicz, 79, faces Republican Brendan Dunleavy, 48, of Plymouth, former Wayne County auditor general.

We believe it is time for a change in the treasurer's office and support **Brendan Dunleavy** for treasurer.

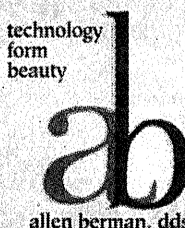
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WNIC listeners are in for a treat because the winner of this month's Dining with the Stars will lunch with Lisa Barry, co-host of the WNIC Breakfast Club, and Kevin O'Neill, WNIC's weekday afternoon (2-7 p.m.) drive-time host.



Barry



Neill

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Barry and O'Neill of WNIC-FM (100.3) at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

In addition to lunch with the WNIC radio personalities, the winner will be

treated to a limo ride courtesy of Class Plus Limo, mini-makeover by Sebastian and Heba of I Design Salon and Spa in Dearborn, \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Barry, a lifelong metro Detroiter, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Bentley High School.

She received a singing scholarship to Olivet College, where she graduated with a degree in communications. She started working at the campus radio station and has spent her entire career in Michigan and mainly Detroit on-air at news talk and country radio stations prior to WNIC.

Barry, who has two children — Benjamin, 17, and Parker, 13 — enjoys traveling, movies, shopping and eating out. She is active in her church and in the com-

munity.

After her son, Benjamin, spent an entire month in Beaumont Hospital — when a benign tumor was found on his spine — she selected The Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Hospital as her children's charity of choice.

"During this time ... Buddy's was also nice enough to send over pizza to the hospital to cheer up Benjamin and share with the staff something that made my family forever grateful to the wonderful people at Buddy's," Barry said.

Staffers at WNIC describe O'Neill as "sweet,

kind, funny and just a really nice guy."

O'Neill was born and raised in Cleveland and his mom knew that broadcasting was in his blood when, at the age of 6, she found him creating his own "radio shows" (Dick Clark-style) using a soup strainer for a microphone. The rest is DJ history.

Throughout his career, O'Neill has worked at a variety of stations, including those in Cleveland, Akron and Oberlin, Ohio, as well as in South Bend, Ind., and Houston. He was offered a job at New York's premier oldies station WCBS-FM and


declined because he had little interest in becoming a New Yorker. Years later, O'Neill made it back to the Midwest and to the Detroit area. He loves so much.

Becoming a part of the WNIC family on Labor Day weekend of 2004 was the "right thing to do," O'Neill said.

O'Neill's life would be changed forever — twice — when his son, Brendan, was born in 1982 and again June 11, 2007, when a quintuple bypass would save his life.

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CLASSIC CLASH

Late interception helps Chiefs thwart Cats' valiant comeback

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following 47 minutes and 55 seconds of goal-line-to-goal-line action, Friday night's Division 1 playoff game between Plymouth and Canton was decided by the oldest football practice ritual known to man: the tip drill.

With Canton clinging to a 35-28 lead, the clock winding down and Plymouth setting up shop at the Chief 31, Canton's David Wilcox tipped a Matt Skubik pass into the arms of diving teammate Nick Sweda's arms at the 7-yard line with 0:05 left.

The interception — Sweda's second in as many weeks — put a cap on a Halloween night encounter in which electric plays were good and plenty.

"That could have been the last game for the seniors, so we had to play our hearts out," said Sweda. "We were in a cover four, my man went out, I backed up deeper than their deepest, (Wilcox) tipped it and I caught it. It feels great to win."

"Plymouth's a great team and we knew they'd play well tonight. We just came out on top at the end."

Canton's 35-28 triumph propelled the 9-1 Chiefs into Friday's 7 p.m. District final at home against Saline (7-3), which nipped Ann Arbor Pioneer, 37-36.

"Our defense played so hard all night, it was nice to finally get a break," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "We've been talking about creating turnovers — stripping the ball, getting deflections — and we got a big one at the end tonight."

Plymouth closed its season with a 6-4 mark.

Canton used a trick play, a long touchdown pass and some solid defense to build a 21-0 lead less than 14 minutes into the game. But the 'Cats kept clawing back before eventually knotting the game at 28-all when Terrance Guthridge scored a 4-yard TD on a toss sweep with 5:38 left.

"When we were down 21-0, we kept telling the kids that there's a lot of time left and not to quit," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "They never quit."

"Tonight showed why football is such a great game and why you can learn so much about life by playing it."

Guthridge was a one-man wrecking crew for the Plymouth offense, gaining 181 yards on 35 carries.

Half of the elusive senior's yards came on a 93-yard scoring sprint that closed the Wildcats' deficit to 21-7 with 10:39 left in the first half.

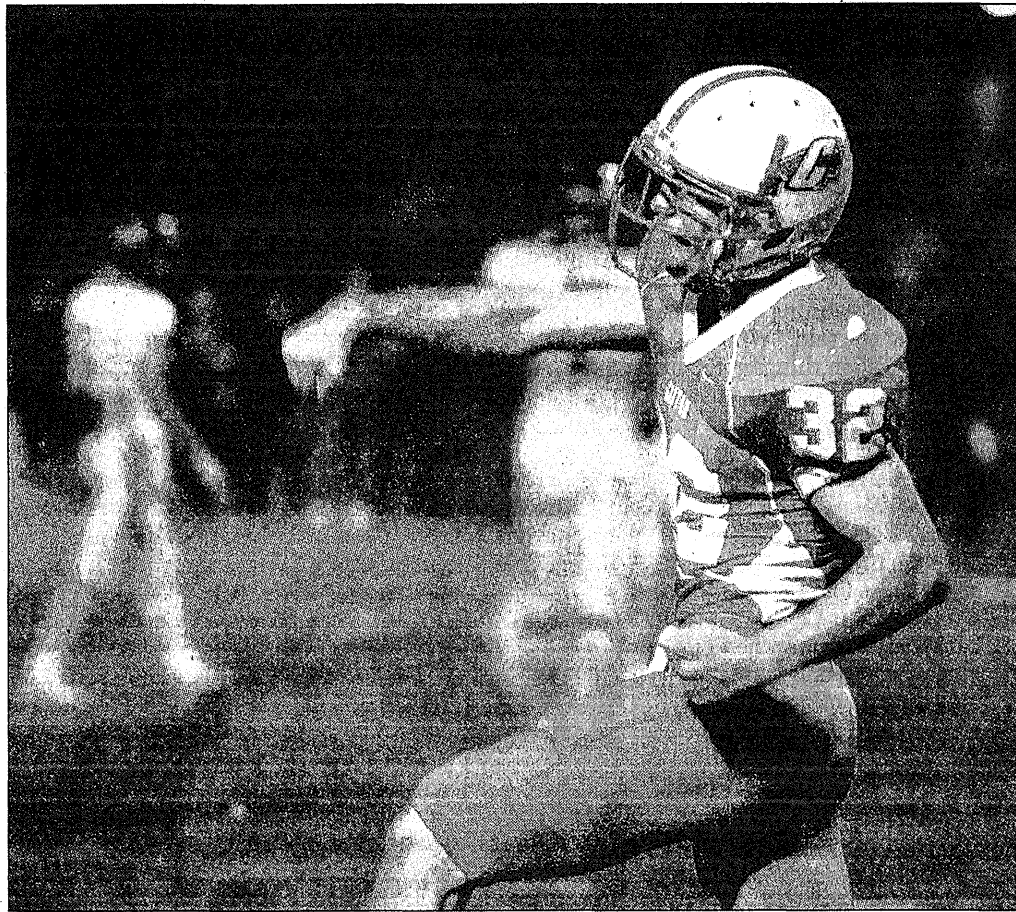
"Terrance is our bread and butter," said Sawchuk. "You have to run the football against Canton if you want to have a chance. You have to take time off the clock and keep the ball away from them, and I thought we did a pretty good job of that."

Canton's balanced, run-dominated offense churned out 345 yards compared to Plymouth's 251.

Junior fullback Adam Payter led all Chief rushers with 109 yards on 13 carries. Sophomore Davion Stackhouse netted 84 on 13 runs while junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz ran for 64 yards and passed for 78.

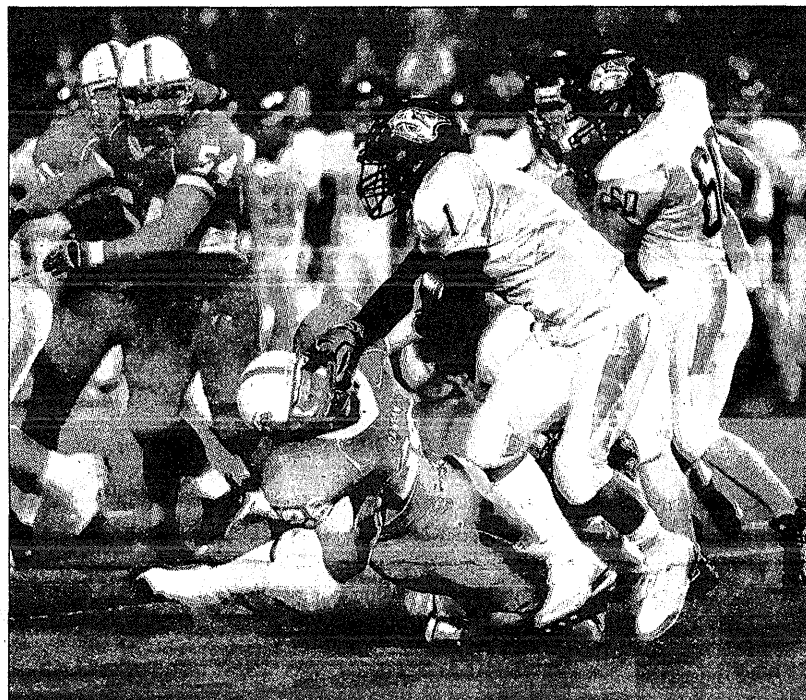
After Plymouth's defense forced a Canton three-and-out on the game-opening drive, the Wildcats drove to the Canton 30 before the

Please see **CLASH, B3**



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Canton senior defensive back Nick Sweda exalts following a big play during Friday night's game against Plymouth. Sweda's interception with five seconds left sealed the Chiefs' 35-28 victory.



Plymouth's Terrance Guthridge grinds out a few of his 183 yards during the second quarter of Friday night's playoff game against Canton.

Sidelines

Free throw contest

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting the annual Elks Free Throw Competition Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the competition starting at 9:30 a.m.

Kids between the ages of 8 and 13 are eligible to compete.

This is a free co-ed event. Awards will be given to winners of each age bracket.

For more information, call (734) 394-5354.

Matt Nokes hitting seminar

Precision Baseball in Canton will be presenting a hitting seminar by former Detroit Tiger Matt Nokes on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 90-minute PowerPoint seminar and 90-minute training session — entitled "The Art of Hitting Your Way" — will focus on timing, angles and blocking.

The cost of the seminar is \$75. To reserve one of the limited spots, call (734) 459-5921.

Precision Baseball is located at 7835 Market St. in Canton.

For information on Nokes, visit <http://mattnokes.com>.

Salem cross country third

The Salem girls cross country team placed third in the Lakeland Freshman-Sophomore Invitational, which was held Oct. 28 at the Lakeland Educational Campus.

Milford won the event with 104 points, followed by Pinckney (120) and Salem, which compiled 127 points.

Two Salem runners medaled: Victoria Tripp, who placed ninth in 20:30, and Kelly Kerwin, who crossed 12th in 20:34.

Also contributing to the Salem cause were: Phoebe VanHoof (28th in 21:14), Allison Walker (31st in 21:24), Autumn Burin (47th in 22:01), Amanda Beyer (53rd in 22:16) and Mackenzie Rogers (71st in 22:45).

Wright or wrong, here's what I think



Ed Wright

■ Olympic ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto don't deserve to be bashed just because they bolted Canton earlier this year to train full-time in Pennsylvania.

After all, this is America — the land of the free skate and home of the brave.

I'm also certain they don't deserve to have a Canton Township

street named after them near the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, their former training complex.

That's why I'd like to give a perfect 10.0 score to the township official who decided to yank the green-and-white Belbin-Agosto sign that was erected in their honor after the duo captured a silver medal in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

There are too many loyal *home-grown* heroes who deserve the honor more than a couple of great athletes who trained here because it's where their coaches happened to be based.

While I'm glad they took down the sign, the pole looks bare with nothing up there at all.

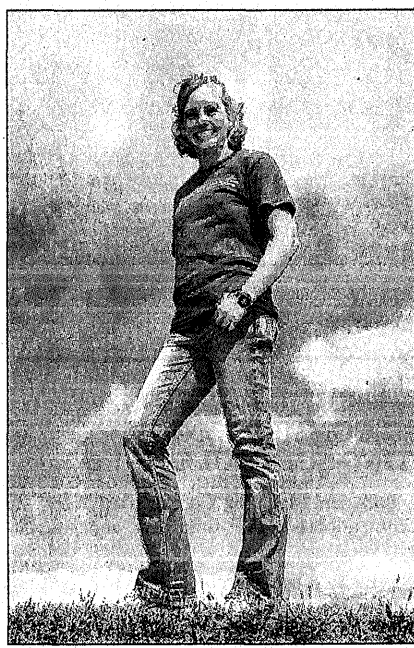
That's why I'm proposing the

street be renamed after a humble, incredibly hard-working, bronze medal-winning Olympian who has called Canton home since she was a few weeks old.

Let's rename the street Allison Schmitt Lane.

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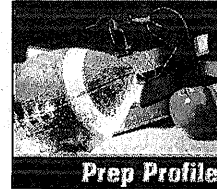
Salem cross country runners Kelly Determan (left) and Linda Ling are masters when it comes to juggling ultra-busy schedules.

Salem runners perfect art of high achievement

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How in the world do Linda Ling and Kelley Determan do what they do?

How do the two Salem seniors juggle nightly stacks of advanced placement-level homework, two hours of cross country practice and other extra-curricular activities including music, student



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council and National Honor Society?

How do they do it? In a word, skillfully.

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Parents of eighth-grade girls looking for role models for their young daughters would benefit from finding the blueprint Ling and Determan have etched throughout their four-year stay at Salem.

Both two-sport athletes — Ling plays tennis along with running cross country while Determan excels in cross and track — the seniors have managed to accumulate 4.0-plus grade-point averages along with earning National Merit Scholar semifinalist status — just two of 15 Salem students to do so — by finishing in the 99th percentile in a standardized test taken their junior year.

"I honestly don't know how they do it all," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "You can stereotype most kids that run cross country as intelligent and self-motivated, but these girls are the extreme. You have to be very, very, very motivated or you wouldn't be able to do what they do."

"They question a lot of things we do at practice — not in an disrespectful way, but in a curious way, like 'Why do we do it this way and not that way?' They'd both make great coaches some day."

The key to Ling's multi-leveled success is organization. "As dorky as it sounds, I wouldn't be able to do all this without my planner," she said, smiling. "I have so much going on, I need to write everything down."

"To keep up with everything, I don't get to hang out with my friends as often as I'd like and I probably don't get as much sleep as I need, but I love everything I'm doing. I wouldn't change anything."

Judging by her resume, a future in politics may be on the horizon for Ling. She's president of the National Honor Society and vice president of Salem's Student Council.

"I like being involved," she said. "I don't know if I'd like to get into politics, but I definitely wish I was born three months earlier so that I could vote next week."

When tennis — the sport she's been competing in the longest — got switched to the spring last year, it opened up a door to cross country in the fall for the personable Ling, who has registered a personal-best 5K time of 20:36.4.

She's come a long way on the

trails in the past two years, she readily admits.

"If you would have told me two years ago that I'd be able to run eight miles without stopping, I'd have said you need to be on some strong medication," she said, laughing. "Our coach does a great job of coming up with a training calendar so that we can all improve like we do."

"I've never experienced so much pain in my life since I've started to run cross country. It's taught me to push through no matter what."

Believe it or not, Determan is as busy as Ling. Her schedule is stocked with AP classes, she's involved in student council and NHS, and she runs every day.

"For me, running is a stress-reliever," she said. "When I have a million things going on, I need to take at least a half-hour a day — more during cross country season — to run so that I can get my mind off of things."

How does Determan get through the "wall" that crops up at times for all long-distance runners?

"What helps me when I'm racing in meets is trying to stay up with other runners," she revealed. "In practice, I tell myself the more it hurts now, the less it will hurt in the actual races."

"Running is applicable to the situations we face in life. We have a joke here that says for every 100 crappy days of running, you'll have three amazing days. That's the way it is in life, too. Everybody will have a few rough days, and then the next day they'll find a \$10 bill on the sidewalk."

Heading into this weekend, Determan's name was listed 10th on Salem's all-time record board thanks to a 19:44.8 she ran at the Haslett Invitational.

There's a good chance she may get bumped off the board, however, by one of her teammates who competed at Saturday's Division 1 state meet on a relatively flat course.

"I have bittersweet feelings about it," Determan said. "Above all, I want to see her do really well at the state meet, so I hope she beats my time in that way. But it sure would be nice to stay on the board, too."

Between them, Determan and Ling have earned just one non-A grade in their three-plus years at Salem, which leads one to ask: How to they do it?

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Wildcats post impressive win on 'Senior Night'

Plymouth's volleyball team closed its regular season with a bang Thursday when it defeated Walled Lake Central in four games on "Senior Night."

In a match that featured close scores throughout, the Wildcats won 25-23, 15-25, 26-24 and 25-24, to improve their record to 17-16-4 heading into next week's Division 1 District tournament.

"We started off pretty slow — maybe it was the jitters of 'Senior Night' — but the girls pulled it together in some pretty close games," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "I was proud of our seniors for refusing to lose."

"The underclassmen also stepped it up by putting the ball to the floor during the tight games. The whole team contributed to the win, but I am still looking for our offensive and defensive puzzle pieces to fit together for Districts."

Five seniors excelled on the night their careers were recognized: Megan Quinlan (23 digs, six kills), Jenna Livingston (16 digs), Lauren Scott (12 digs), Mandy McManus (six kills) and Briana Beyer (25 digs).

Underclassmen who sparkled were Dani Risi (career-high 21 kills), Katie Salo (26 assists) and Kayla Bridge (six kills).

Chiefs eye record

Canton's three-game sweep of Howell Thursday night improved the Chiefs' record to 33-8, placing them just one win from the school's single-season wins

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record total of 34, which was set in 1997 — head coach Jen Barnes' senior year.

The Chiefs won 25-15, 25-17 and 25-19 thanks to a versatile effort from Jordan Kieley, who racked up 23 kills, four blocks, 17 digs and three aces.

"I know we've been in and out of our line-up in the last few weeks because of injuries, but we're back to our regular line-up and it started to look comfortable tonight," said Barnes. "We served aggressively and played strong at the net."

"I think we can keep this chemistry going into this weekend and next week."

Joining Kieley atop the stats columns were Kacy Moran (33 assists, seven kills and four aces), Shelby Anthony (21 digs), Torry Riley (six kills) and Kristen Muir (20 digs, five kills).

Southfield man makes 800 series look easy

There are plenty of very good bowlers who have never achieved an 800 series. That translates into averaging 267 for three games.

Now, along comes Jeff Brown II, a 21-year-old right-hander from Southfield who rolled an 864 on Oct. 12 and came back a week later with 826 on Oct. 19.

To make this feat all the more incredible, he did it while subbing in the West Chicago League at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. This was no fluke, though, because Jeff is a very talented bowler who not only is very good, but had an unusual streak of "hot" shooting.

His game scores were: 300-266-298 for the first series and 236-300-290 the following week.

Jeff had shot one 800 previously, and the second 300 game was his ninth perfect game. To take another perspective, almost every ball rolled must be a strike.

He had 33 strikes in the 864 set. Jeff started out quite young, in fact he was a third-grader when they had an after-school bowling program for the kids.

His Dad, Jeff Brown, Sr., gave him good coaching and later on he had advanced work with Michelle Mullen, Aleta Sill and Lisa Bishop from the pro shop at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Asked about his equipment, Jeff said, "I use a 15-pound Ebonite — 'The One' — which I think is a terrific ball. They came out with it a couple of years ago, dropped it last year, and just started making them again."

Jeff is hoping his hot streak stays with him a while longer, as he has a shot at bowling with the pros when they come to Taylor Lanes starting on

Nov. 9, as he won a spot to bowl in the qualifier, a possible entry after winning the sweeper at Taylor.

Jeff says, "I'm not thinking about turning pro right now. My real job is with Wal-Mart."

Tail Waggers USA

Saturday, Nov. 8, is the time for one and all to come out to Woodland Lanes for the annual "Tail Waggers USA" fund-raising event for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

The registration fee is \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth bowlers 17 and under. This has been the "Pet" Project for Laura Zain, who has been dedicated to the cause for many years and has raised a lot of money for this worthy cause.

The squad times are: 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. with the special Pet Cadet squad for youngsters during the 9:30 a.m. time slot in which bumpers will be available for the little ones in which a parent must be present.

Registration forms are readily available at the Woodland Lanes counter or visit www.tailwaggersusa.org to get a form immediately.

For those who choose not to bowl, but just want to donate \$40 or more there are some very exciting prizes to be won. Laura says, "Our promise to you: A day of compelling stories, very special four-legged fur-faces, good fun, delicious food provided by our friends at Karas House Catering and fabulous prizes along with a warm-fuzzy feeling and we won't disappoint you."

For further information or questions, contact Laura Zain at (734) 560-4660 or Toby Robinson at (248) 353-7788. Woodland Lanes is located at 33775 Plymouth Road, just West of Farmington Road in Livonia.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. He can be reached by e-mail at tenpinalley710@yahoo.com.



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Al Harrison

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attention to post-championship medal ceremonies, but it was hard to ignore the one that took place following last Saturday's Salem-Saline boys soccer Regional title match.

It was hard to ignore because it seemed to take nearly as long as the actual game, which the Hornets won in overtime.

After lining up in numerical order about 15 yards from the spot where Saline's athletic director was handing out the medals — and with the disappointed Salem players looking on in the 30-degree late-October chill — one by one, the 25 Hornets walked at a snail's pace to retrieve their hardware in what appeared to be an

orchestrated effort to frustrate the fallen Rocks even more.

"It looked to me like they were trying to rub it in our faces," someone very close to the Salem soccer team told me moments after the incident.

Now, if I'm a sophomore or junior in Salem's soccer program, I'm going to lock that entire scene in my memory bank.

And if my team was fortunate enough to face Saline in next year's state tournament, I would unlock the memory bank minutes before the game and — BAMM! — I'm energized with a bonus dose of motivation.

And if my team won, I would encourage all my teammates who remembered what happened the previous year to jog when they picked

up their medals because — as every player's mother has reminded them since birth — two wrongs don't make a right.

On a personal note, I was a little apprehensive about signing up my 7-year-old son to play tackle football this fall.

I wasn't worried about him getting hurt as much as I was with him being overwhelmed by the four-days-a-week practice/game routine, the rigorous (for a 7-year-old) conditioning and all the other demands that go along with playing tackle football.

I didn't want him getting turned off to the sport at such a young age, and then never playing again.

Much to my delight, the opposite happened. He loved it. He made sure he had his

pads and practice uniform on every day 45 minutes before the start of practice — even though we live just a 15-minute drive from the field.

And the other day he said something I never thought I'd hear come out of his 7-year-old lips: "Dad, you know what my favorite parts of practice are? Wide-base blocking and form tackling."

While he may never win the Heisman trophy, it appears my son has acquired the same love as I have for the best character-building sport known to man, and for this, I thank his Plymouth-Canton Stealers junior freshmen coaching staff — Paul Hult, Harry Walkley, Rick Convertino, Jason Kaye and Bob Lynn — five guys who obviously understand how to introduce a 7-year-old kid to football.



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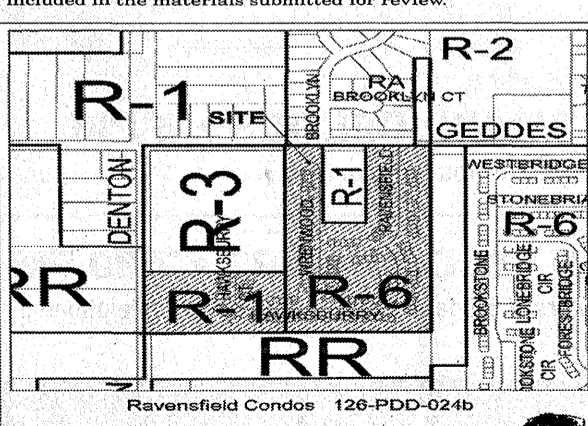
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 17, 2008, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

RAVENSFIELD CONDOMINIUMS PDD AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 126-01-0001-000 THROUGH 126-01-0140-000. Property is located south of Geddes between Beck and Denton Roads. The purpose of the amendment is to allow removal of the pedestrian path system.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 13, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



Vic Gustafson, Chairman

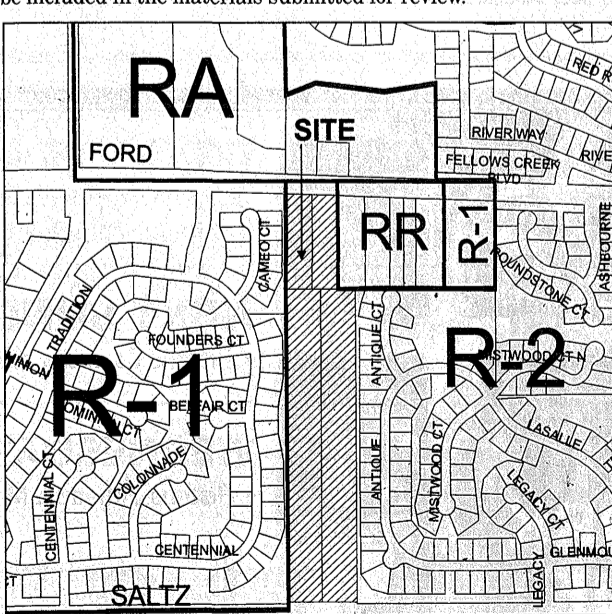
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UNIVERSAL ACADEMY SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A K-12 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B4 FOR PARCEL NOS. 066 99 0007 000 (48911 FORD), 066 99 0008 000 (48951 FORD), 066 99 0011 702 AND 066 99 0012 702 (48956 SALTZ). Property is located south of Ford Road between Ridge and Beck Roads.


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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

At the Meeting of October 6, 2008, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2009:

January 12, February 2, February 16, March 2, March 16, April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15, July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24, September 14, October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, December 7.

The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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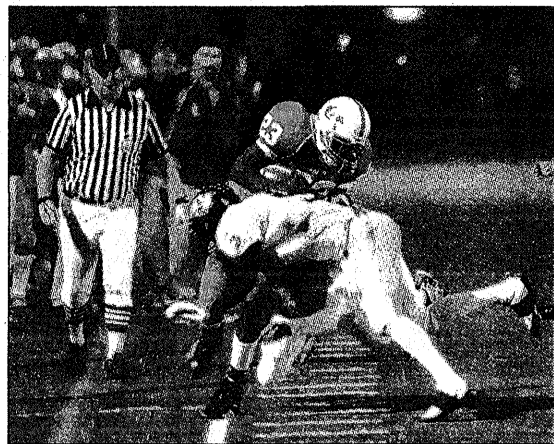
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Canton's Davion Stackhouse is knocked out of bounds by Plymouth's Travis Mewton during Friday night's Division 1 playoff game. Stackhouse finished with 83 yards rushing.



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impressive possession came up pointless when Canton senior cornerback Donnie Barlow swooped in from the left edge to block Kyle Brindza's 47-yard field goal attempt.

Three plays later, Delapaz lofted a soft pass to Kiere Daniels, who raced 65 yards down the sideline to paydirt to give Canton a 7-0 advantage.

Canton's fans got a treat from a trick play two minutes later when Satish Subramanian fielded a booming Brindza punt at his 15 before handing the ball to Arron Boudreaux at the 17. Following a crushing block by Wilcox, Boudreaux sped 83 yards to the end zone to put the Chiefs up 14-0.

"We've practiced that play all year and we've tried to run it in games, but a lot of times the punt will either go out of bounds or it will drop short," Baechler said. "When he boomed the punt, I thought, 'Here's our chance.' The blocks were set up well and Arron made a great run."

The Chiefs extended their lead to 21-0 on their next drive (five plays, 44 yards) when Delapaz scored on a 6-yard keeper.

Plymouth cut its halftime deficit to 21-14 thanks to Guthridge's end-to-end gallop and a 44-yard fumble return for a TD by senior cornerback Kelly Waite.

Payter busted loose for a 47-yard TD run on a fullback trap play with 7:40 left in the third quarter to double the Chiefs' lead to 28-14.

The Wildcats answered on their next drive, a 13-play,

60-yard doozy, that was climaxed by a 1-yard TD dive by Guthridge to close to within 28-21 with 23 seconds remaining in the third quarter. A leaping 19-yard catch by Zach Hamed on a fourth-and-6 play kept the drive alive.

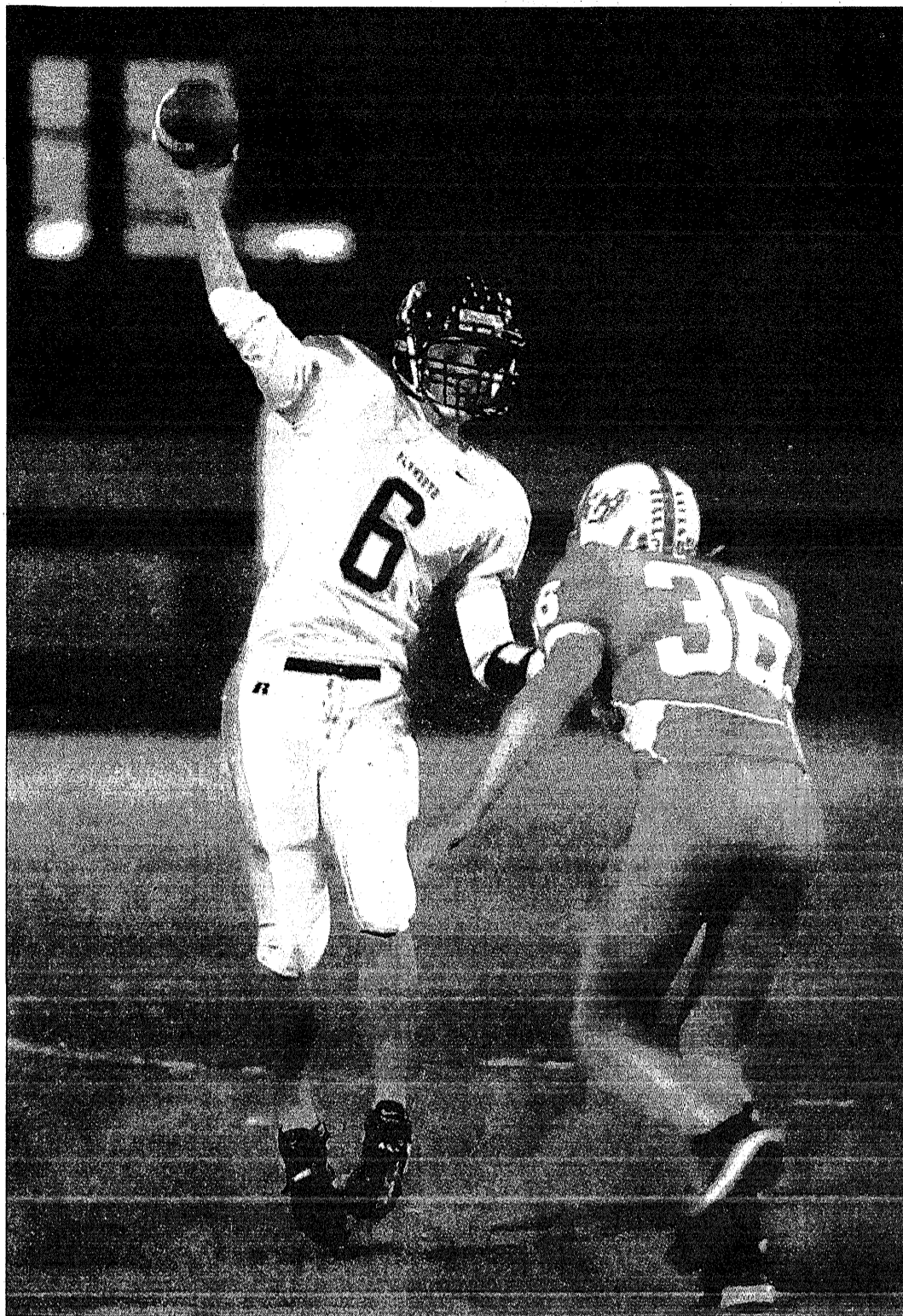
A Plymouth special-teams unit made a huge play moments later to set up the tying touchdown. On fourth-and-5 from the Chief 32, Canton punter Dan Stoney pulled the ball down and ran, however, he was stopped well short of a first down thanks to a heads-up tackle by Tony Rhodes.

Nine plays later, Guthridge scored on the toss sweep to even the game at 28-all. Plymouth converted another pivotal fourth-down play on the game-tying drive when Ronnie Goble hauled in a 16-yard spiral from Skubik on fourth-and-8 from the Canton 34.

After Brindza drilled the ensuing kick-off into the end zone, Canton constructed a run-only, 11-play, 80-yard drive that ended with Delapaz's 1-yard sneak into the end zone. Stackhouse accounted for 38 yards on the drive, including a 20-yard run that took the ball to the Plymouth 39.

"We wanted to feature the left side of our line on that drive because that's where we have two seniors — Justin Sneddon and Todd Turfe," Baechler said. "Plus, we wanted to run away from (Plymouth linebacker) Ronnie Goble's side. He's a heckuva football player and he was causing us all kinds of problems over there."

Trailing 35-28, Plymouth took over on its 45 with 40 seconds left thanks to a strong



Plymouth quarterback Matt Skubik, hurried by Canton's Mike Clemens above, completed 7-of-15 passes for 62 yards Friday night.

kickoff return by Guthridge.

However, the Wildcats' last-ditch effort to force overtime evaporated in the arms of Sweda.

Both teams' kickers excelled. Stoney was 5-for-5 on extra points and averaged 33.3 yards a punt. Brindza hit all four of his PAT's and averaged 35.3 yards a punt.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Free throw contest

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting the annual Elks Free Throw Competition Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the competition starting at 9:30 a.m.

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This is a free co-ed event. Awards will be given to winners of each age bracket. For more information, call (734) 394-5354.

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.

Saberettes clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a kids clinic from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

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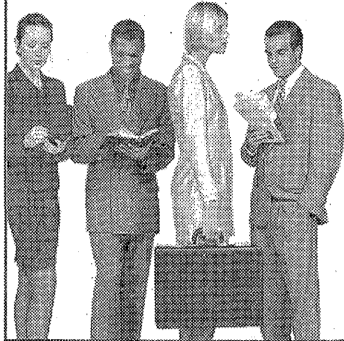


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Protecting public health

Workplace clinics help prevent spread of flu

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Malutkowsky hasn't missed getting a flu shot since college so when husband Kevin came home with news his employer was holding a workplace clinic she was glad it included the entire family. The Berkley woman makes sure she, Kevin, their daughter, Amelia, and are protected from the infectious virus every year. In mid-October she bundled up their 23-month-old daughter and headed for the American Concrete Institute in Farmington Hills. This year the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is recommending all children age 6 months to 18 years receive flu shots so ACI's decision to include families made it extremely convenient.

"It's a great opportunity. Hopefully we can miss getting the flu. We have a lot of kids getting sick in our neighborhood," said Jennifer Malutkowsky. "I used to get the flu all the time and it used to wipe me out for a week."

Human resources director Barbara Cheyne is always looking for ways to help employees stay healthy.

"This is a way to make a benefit available to the staff with minimal disruption to the staff day. They don't have to leave to get a flu shot," said Cheyne. "When employees get the flu there's a costly impact on the organization.

You're not only risking the spread of disease but diminished productivity and quality overall. It's in everyone's best interests."

CEO Bill Tolley was among the first in line. Tolley gets a flu shot every year.

"Part of it is because of travel. I take 20 to 25 trips a year, this year to Brazil, Colombia, Hong Kong, and Vietnam," said Tolley. "I never have gotten the flu very much because I receive flu shots. There's nothing worse than being sick and traveling."

More and more workplaces are offering clinics. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan has held several already this season including the one at ACI, The Wayne and Oakland counties' health divisions offer public clinics as well as the VNA (www.vna.org).

"Children carry virus and spread it," said Kay Renny, a registered nurse and manager of community programs for VNA of Southeast Michigan. "They're not always washing their hands and doing the sneeze in elbow. They bring it home to grandma and grandpa and maybe a baby sister or brother."

As a medical historian, Dr. Howard Markel knows how quickly infectious disease can spread. As director of the University of Michigan Center for the History of Medicine he has studied flu pandemics which have killed millions of people around



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American Concrete Institute CEO Bill Tolley, left, receives a flu shot from Doris Apacanis, an R.N. with the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan at the ACI offices in Farmington Hills.

Kevin Malutkowsky of American Concrete Institute, center, and his wife Jennifer, left, keep their 23-month-old daughter Amelia busy as she gets a flu shot from Doris Apacanis, an R.N. with the Visiting Nurse Association at the ACI offices in Farmington Hills. Amelia only cried for a little while probably because she had Pooh Bear with her.

the world. About 675,000 died of Spanish flu in the U.S. in 1918-19.

"It was a devastating pandemic," said Markel. "As a historian I tell people you need to pay attention to the past. Every 30 to 40 years we have a flu pandemic, in 68, 57. We're kind of overdue for one. Will it be one that kills a lot

of people or one that makes a lot of people sick? I can't predict, but flu shots are very, very important."

As a pediatrician, Markel recommends flu shots for patients as well as his children, ages 4 and 8. In recent years some parents have opted to avoid flu shots over fear

of a possible link between autism and vaccines.

"It's very safe. Studies have all disproved (a link) time and time again," said Markel. "Even if you don't want to trust me. Talk to your doctor."

While Malutkowsky says the possible link between vaccines

and autism is always in the back of her mind, it's more important for Amelia to receive a flu shot.

"I would rather see her protected," said Malutkowsky.

For more information about the flu, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

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Lead can cause health problems in children

Lead exposure can cause serious and permanent damage to the health of young children that's why the Oakland County Health Division is trying to increase awareness. Most often children are poisoned by lead dust and lead paint in homes built before 1978. However, children can be exposed to lead by a number of household items and materials including toys, old painted furniture, glazed pottery, dirt and soil from flower pots, charcoal, and imported spices and food additives.

"While there is much recent publicity about toys, lead dust from house paint remains the main source of lead poisoning in children," said Kathy Forzley, manager/health officer of Oakland County Health Division. "The only way to be sure that a child does not have lead poisoning is to have them tested."

Lead can cause reading disabilities and attention and motor coordination problems in children. Signs of lead poisoning include tiredness, headaches or irritability. In most cases there are no obvious symptoms to indicate that the child has been exposed to dangerous lead levels.

Lead poisoning in children is preventable. Here are some tips to keep your kids safe.

Keep toys out of the child's mouth. Wash your child's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.

Look for and remove sources of lead in places your child lives and plays. Keep floors, window sills, blinds, and other surfaces dust and dirt free.

Throw recalled toys or items away, or return to the manufacturer as directed. For a complete product recall list, visit www.cpsc.gov.

For more information, call Oakland County Health Division's Nurse on Call at (800) 848-5333.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

NOVEMBER

Flu shots

For adults and children over 6 months of age available at Oakland County Health Division locations at 1200 N. Telegraph in Oakland County Complex Bldg. 36 East in Pontiac; 27725 Greenfield, north of 11 Mile at Catalpa Road in Southfield, and 1010 E. West Maple at Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Cost is \$11 (cash only). Medicare and Medicaid accepted. Bring photo identification and insurance cards. For information, call (800) 434-3358 or visit www.oakgov.com/health.

CHADD meeting

Child & Adults with Attention-Deficit-Disorder meets Monday, Nov. 3, at Way Elementary School, 765 W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The Parent group will have Marla Godette speaking on AD/HD in the Black Home: The Real Truth. The Adult group will have Arthur Robin, psychologist and author, speaking on Can Your Marriage Survive AD/HD. Registration opens 7 p.m. Meeting runs 7:30-9 p.m. Meetings free for CHADD members and up to a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call (248) 988-6716. The Web site is www.chadd.net/527.

Girls' night out

Presented by Henry Ford Health System 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Pine Lake Country Club, 3300 Pine Lake Road, Orchard Lake. Enjoy a gourmet, heart-healthy dinner while learning about how to treat your heart right. Experts from the Heart & Vascular Institute will be available for small group discussions throughout the evening as well as present four short lectures. Tickets \$20 per person. Space limited. Call (800) HENRYFORD (436-7936) or visit henryford.com and click on Find Henry Ford classes.

Free seminar

To educate men and women about treatment options for erectile dysfunction and incontinence 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Henry Ford Hospital Warren Campus, Classroom BB, 13355 E. 10 Mile. To reserve a seat, call (734) 261-7401.

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.

Healthcare symposium

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. Guest speaker is Margaret Dowd, president of the Lupus

Research Institute. Dr. Joseph McCune, chief of rheumatology at University of Michigan, leads a discussion by a panel of physicians whose specialties impact treatment of lupus. No charge, but a \$10 donation is requested for breakfast and lunch. To register, call (800) 705-6677, send e-mail to info@milupus.org or visit www.milupus.org.

Stomp out diabetes

Wine Tasting Benefit 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel in Bloomfield Hills. Guests will enjoy an evening of sampling and socializing all in support of the American Diabetes Association's efforts to prevent and cure diabetes. For tickets or more information, contact Debbie O'Leary at (888) 342-2383, ext. 6636 or doleary@diabetes.org.

Thyroid & your health

7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, on the 3rd floor of Livonia Civic Center Library-3rd floor, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington Roads. Seating limited, call (734) 425-8588 to register. For more information, visit www.KarlWellnessCenter.com and www.KarlHolisticHealthcare.com.

Fibromyalgia workshop

By Dr. Daniel Clauw, director of the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center at the University of Michigan 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road, Garden City. For information, contact Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768 or lucyrowley23@hotmail.com. No charge for the workshop presented by the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Do you ever wish you had an understanding person to talk to? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer support and assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones and offers valuable information at meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month 10 a.m. to noon at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile Road in Redford. Morning and evening options available. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the evening group meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. For information or if attending for the first time, call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, ext. 233.

Chocolate jubilee

To benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter noon Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Held annually, Funds will support programs and services to more than 70,000 metro Detroit families affected by the disease as well as fund research. The luncheon is followed by a chocolate tasting with over 20 exhibitors offering up their sweetest creations.

Luncheon and Jubilee tickets still available. To purchase or participate in the 50/50 Raffle or Sweet Chances, call (248) 351-0280 or visit www.alzgmcc.org for details.

Get ready to have a baby

Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Childbirth Education Weekday programs held 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, to Nov. 19; Mondays, Nov. 17 to Dec. 15, and Wednesdays, Dec. 3 to Jan. 14. Childbirth Education One-day workshops 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. There is a fee. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1162 for information or to register.

UPCOMING

Gala evening at the movies

A benefit for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at The Uptown Palladium Theater, 250 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. Evening includes the premiere of a new feature film and an hors d'oeuvres and dessert pre-glow reception. The honoree for the 31st annual Gala Evening at the Movies is The Michael Yendick Foundation for Children. To attend the event, purchase a listing in the Movie Gala Souvenir Journal from \$75-\$5,000 and receive complimentary tickets. Call (248) 737-0900, or email michigan@cffa.org for more information.

Butterfly ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan has rescheduled its black tie fund-raiser to 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets \$250 per person and include The Butterfly Ball will be highlighted by music and will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica Jimenez, Development Specialist, (248) 784-2018 or jjimenez@alam.org.

ONGOING

Physical performance classes

Incorporates jump-rope training, core work, and functional strength training using dumbbells and body weight for resistance 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. An Exercise Therapy class for a mid to lower intensity workout that stress functional fitness, core, balance, strength and flexibility 8:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. One hour sessions run through November at Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy Gym, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Drop in sessions \$6 each, 10 sessions \$48. These classes are both lead by Jeanie Weaver with the concept of training to spare the joints and improve back mobility and strength. She is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training

experience. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957 to register. For information send e-mail to jeanieweaver@charter.net.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursdays). Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

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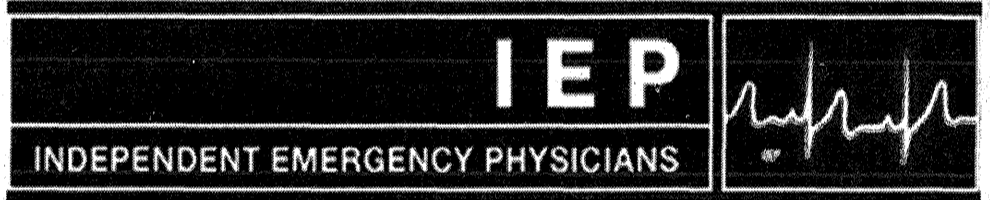
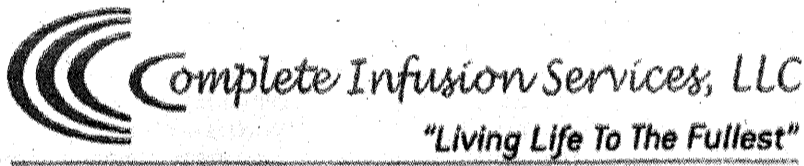
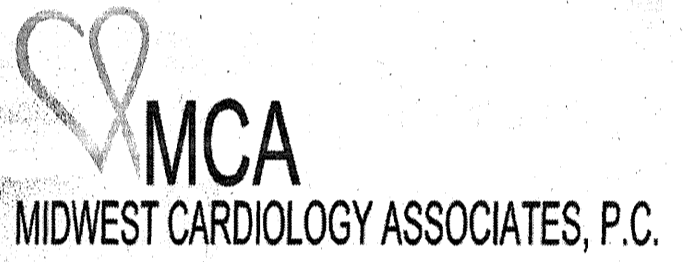
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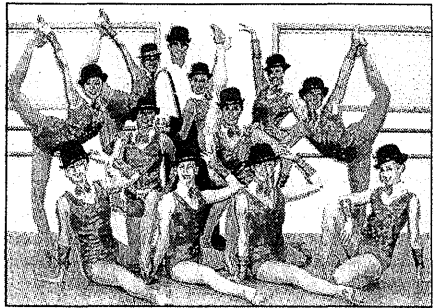
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The Bunny Sanford dancers sport red sequin vests and shorts for the Le Jazz Hot portion of the show.

NEW YORK VIBES

What: A fund-raising dinner, silent auction and concert by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra with special guests from the Bunny Sanford's School of Dance
When: Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21
Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Tickets: \$70. Call (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111. Items are still being sought for the silent auction.

Dancers to kick up their heels Rockette-style

One professional ballroom dancer dressed in bright yellow is still twirling in the heads of many of the guests who attended last year's Livonia Symphony Orchestra fund-raiser. This year's event promises to be equally as memorable as the chorus line from Bunny Sanford's School of Dance kick up their heels Friday, Nov. 21, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The nearly two dozen dancers, ages 15 to 19, perform in front of a silhouette of New York City, the theme this year.



Linda Chomin

Dance has always been popular as witnessed by the hundreds of little girls taking classes and performing in recitals locally, but lately more adults seem to be interested in a variety of styles thanks to the television hit, *Dancing with the Stars*. Last year's fund-raiser had just about everybody tapping their toes.

"Last year I set things up for the silent auction and had the opportunity to watch the dancers perform and it was just superb," said Patrick Beckley, vice president of the Livonia Symphony Society, the governing and fund-raising arm of the orchestra.

APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE

The kick lines should bring as much applause as the tangos and cha chas last year. Dressed in gold shimmering costumes with tails for the chorus portion of the show, the young dancers change into bright red vests and shorts with bowler hats for the jazz section. The show is definitely up tempo with music selections ranging from *Give My Regards to Broadway* to *Hello, Dolly* and a *Salute to the Big Bands*. Angie Hahn directed and choreographed the dancers in the chorus line and Le Jazz Hot. Hahn has been teaching 21 years at the Livonia studio celebrating its 35th anniversary.

"It's a fantastic show," she said. "The chorus line production is like a Rockette-style number. It gives them the opportunity to do a professional show in front of an audience in case they want to continue on to become a professional dancer and it's a great chance to perform with the symphony and have live music."

KEEPING IN SHAPE

In recent years, the Livonia Symphony has made an effort to reach out to the community just as Bunny Sanford and her students do. The dancers perform in local nursing homes. People of all ages love to watch them move to the beat of the music.

"Dance keeps them active, in shape. We have a lot of male dancers big into sports in high school, soccer, football," said Hahn. "It helps give them the coordination to excel at their sports. It gives them such a good base. There's a community spirit about them. A lot are on homecoming courts and in the Honor Society."

Nikki Fata isn't nervous about performing in front of the crowd since the dancers have been practicing for more than two months. The 16-year-old Westland girl has been taking classes

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Timario Wilkins directs the Philharmonic.

Musically entertaining



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Sophia Washer, 7, of Bloomfield Hills, and Elizabeth Manning, 10, Garden City, play violin during strings class.

Young instrumentalists play for fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Most kids look forward to having fun with their friends on the weekend and members of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan are no exception. The only difference is they're playing classical music together instead of soccer.

Four separate rooms of string and woodwind musicians sit on the edge of their chairs listening to conductors for the beginning to advanced ensembles. When

Please see **YOUTH, C5**

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN

What: A nonprofit educational organization teaches young musicians orchestral skills
When: Meets 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays from September to May
Costs: For the season range from \$175 for beginning concert strings to \$250 for the philharmonic
Details: Call (734) 634-5250 or visit www.LYPM.org.



Carl Karoub of Livonia leads the winds ensemble. Karoub is principal French Horn with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Holiday fair offers gifts that keep on giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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If you're looking to give something different for the holidays don't miss the Alternative Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

The show promises to be bigger and better than ever with 45 charities selling everything from jewelry to teddy bears, hand-carved items, food including soup and dessert mixes, and even chickens and goats. While fair goers can't take the animals home for a price they can help Heifer International provide food and income for families in need. All purchases at the fair keep on giving by supporting organizations including Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Haven, Donate Life Coalition, Detroit Rescue Mission, Special Olympics Michigan, and Lutheran Child and Family Services, to name a few.

Jessica Beamer of Farmington stresses the fair is an ecumenical event. St. Fabian Catholic Church

in Farmington Hills is once again working with Hope Lutheran. Volunteers from both churches bake cookies for the fair.

"This is not a fund-raiser for either church but a gift of service for the community," said Beamer, fair coordinator. "In 35 hours of selling time over the last seven years we raised \$150,000 for the charities. They leave with that money."

Beamer especially likes to shop at the event every year.

"I like to buy handmade gift bags to put my items in, gifts for teachers, school staff, piano teachers, the people in my life I like to honor," Beamer said. "For some charities you might leave with a card saying you bought a school kit going to a child around the world. I always call them double gifts. They're for someone but you're helping someone too."

"Last year M.I.N.D.S. (Mental Illness Needs Discussion) brought a professional photographer and took photos for Christmas cards,"

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Sales of bears and books go to Feed the Children.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

What: The festival features gift items from nonprofit organizations
When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15
Where: Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills.
Cost: \$1. For more information, call (248) 553-7170.



Nearly two dozen dancers perform a Rockette-like revue during the Livonia Symphony Orchestra fund-raiser on Nov. 21, at Laurel Manor.

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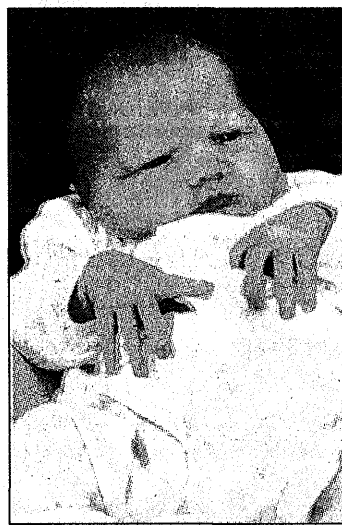
since she was age 4½. "I'm excited really cause we've never done anything like this before an audience. It's a great new experience for me," said Fata, a student

at Churchill High School in Livonia. "It's a different opportunity then just dancing in front of family or her class," added her mother, Terri. "She gets to show her talent off. Dance has given her a sense of confidence, helped with school work, the discipline of it has helped." Nikki admits dance has

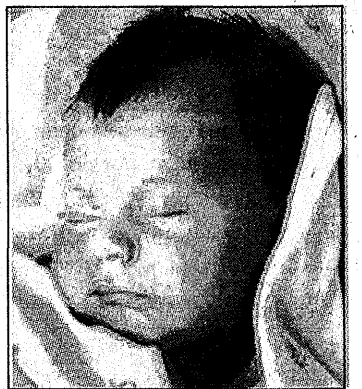
given her confidence in-school and she's not as nervous to talk in front of people, but even more importantly, it's fun.

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BIRTHS

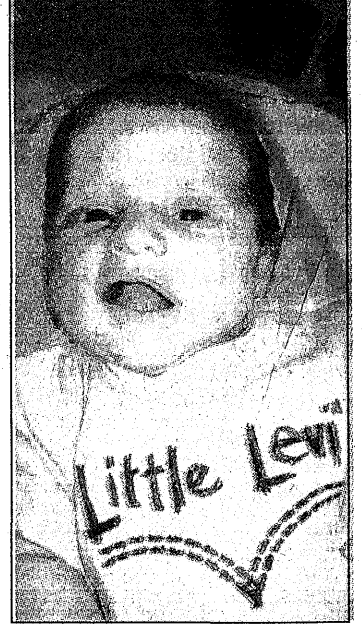


Liam Martin Poullélaouen
Guy and Colleen Poullélaouen of Livonia, who currently reside in Romania, announce the birth of their son, Liam Martin Poullélaouen, Aug. 5, 2008 in Bucharest, Romania. His grandparents are Barbara J. Karamon of Livonia and Guillaume Poullélaouen of Kerguen, France.



Levi Remington Florence
Jeremy and Emily Florence of Canton are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Levi Remington, born Aug. 19, 2008, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Levi weighed 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He joins siblings Robert, Luke, Cassidy, and Ainsley. Proud grandparents include Robert and Martha Waszak of Lansing; Murry and Terri Florence of Coleman; and Cindy Burns of Coldwater. His great-grandmothers are Lillian Waszak of Caro; Betty Beardsley of East Lansing; LaDonna Florence and Shirley Wilbur, both of Coleman, and Hazel Burns of Saginaw.

Michael Saunders Lenhardt
Steve and Katie Lenhardt of Westland are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael Saunders Lenhardt. He was born Oct. 7 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. He joins sibling Tyler, 2½. His grandparents are Mike and Kathy Lenhardt of Livonia and Mark and Jackie Burns of Westland. His great-grandparents are Robert and Anne Knox of Holiday, Fla.; Ray Cartwright of Farwell; Donna Sprader of White Lake and John and Martha Lenhardt of Livonia.



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she said, referring to the Southfield-based organization that educates youth about mental illness and suicide prevention. "My three children are going to come looking quite nice."

YOUNG ARTISTS

The children at the Boys & Girls Republic in Farmington Hills have been making jewelry for weeks to get ready for the fair. The nonprofit offers a group home setting for abused, neglected and troubled youth who would otherwise be in foster care.

"The kids sell the things they make themselves — candy babies filled with candy, pens with flowers on top, hair-pieces," said Latisha Early, representative. "Once a week we do crafts. It's very therapeutic when they're very stressed and having a bad day. They enjoy being creative."

The fair gives Julie Connoyer an opportunity to meet people from other social service agencies. Connoyer is community outreach coordinator for Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia. The nonprofit sells holiday greeting cards as well as Braille jewelry and books to provide low cost reading materials for blind children around the world. For \$10, supporters receive a holiday tribute card informing the recipient a book has been inscribed in their name.

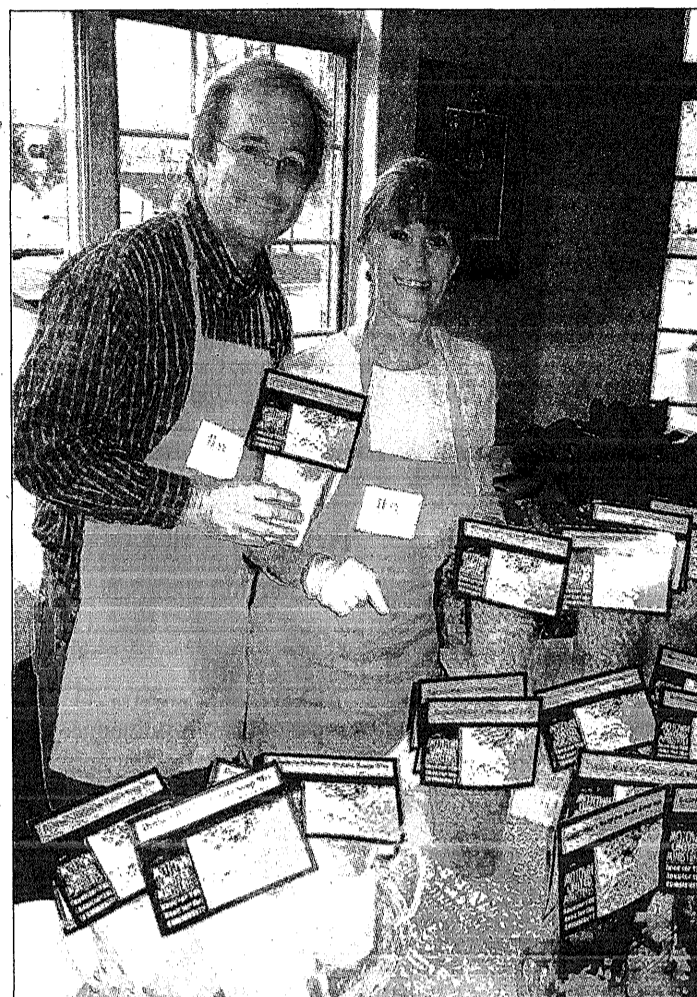
"People feel Braille is only for blind children. Our books tell children there is another reading medium out there besides print. We have cute holiday books this year, one with a hand puppet, and all of the books are in print and Braille," said Connoyer.

JEWELRY, PUPPY KISSES

Samaritan Counseling Center in Farmington Hills is selling mustard seed jewelry with proceeds going to support the center's adjusted fee schedule. Each of the organizations offers something different. Joy DeFranco, fair committee person and volunteer liaison for Make-A-Wish, was involved with



Robin Danko holds a Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan bear.



Bruce and Sue Calderwood volunteer every year to sell soup mixes for the Detroit Rescue Mission. New this year are dessert mixes.

hosting a party where terminally ill children made holiday cards. The Farmington Hills woman always buys the greetings to send to family and friends.

"They drew it. It tells you their diagnosis and what their wish is," said DeFranco.

Suzanne Geliske is offering something very unusual — the opportunity to kiss a Paws With a Cause puppy

she's raising in her Pontiac home. When Halo, the golden retriever, is old enough she'll leave for Wayland to be trained as a service dog.

"They can just give a donation. They don't have to kiss the dog but puppies are cute," said Geliske. "If they just want to pet the dog that's OK."

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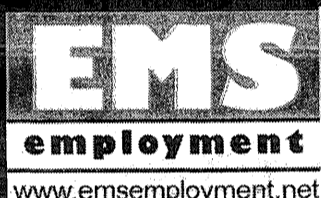
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GARDEN CALENDAR

Open house
English Gardens will kick off the holiday season with its annual open house, today, Sunday, Nov. 6, at all of its stores. A portion of the day's sales will be donated to Forgotten Harvest, Metro Detroit's mobile food rescue organization. English Gardens open house features the unveiling of its professionally decorated theme trees, photos with Santa, and caroling. Free photos with Santa will be taken from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Local stores include:
■ Ann Arbor, 155 N. Maple at Jackson (Maple Village Shopping Center); (734) 332-7900
■ Dearborn Heights, 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive; (313) 278-4433
■ West Bloomfield, 6370 Orchard

Lake Road; (248) 851-7506
63rd Annual Greens Market
The Ann Arbor Branch of Woman's Farm & Garden Association plans its annual sale of fresh-cut Oregon greens, holiday wreaths, swags, forced bulbs and other arrangements from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The market also will include custom-made accessories, jewelry, clothing, toys and gifts; homemade baked goods; antiques and collectibles and decorative craft demonstrations at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The market is open only to members of Woman's Farm & Garden Association and Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum from 10 a.m.-noon. Doors open to the public at noon. No admission fee. Free valet parking will be available.

Lunches from Afternoon Delight will be available for purchase. (734) 647-7600 or www.annarborfarm-and-garden.org.
Make a wreath
Join in the fun of making a holiday wreath with fresh greens and seasonal decorations to either keep or give away as a gift, from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Henry Ford Estate, located on Fairlane drive, west of Evergreen, on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, in Dearborn. Professional florists from Christopher and Company will teach the class, which is designed for adults and youth, age 10 and older accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$35 per person, with proceeds supporting the Henry Ford Estate gardens. For more information or to make a reservation, call (313) 593-0514 or (313) 593-5580.

ENGAGEMENTS



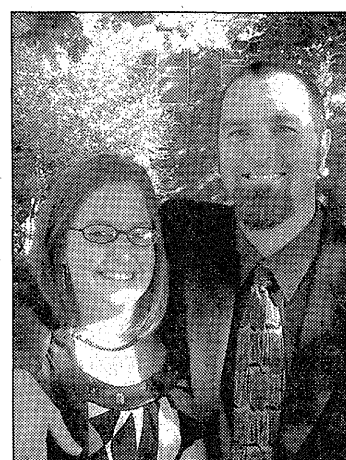
Comstock-Kostin
Jeff and Peggy Comstock of Dexter announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Alexander Kostin, son of Gordon and Nancy Kostin of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is a full-time graduate student at DePaul University, studying school counseling and student affairs. The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology. He works as a fine particle analyst at Particle Technology Labs in Chicago, Ill.
The couple plan a May 2009 wedding at St. Joseph Church in Dexter and a reception at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor.

Balcewicz-Sundol
George and Judy Balcewicz of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Balcewicz, to Chad Sundol, son of Max Sundol of Dunkirk, N.Y., and Carol Dowling of Titusville, Pa. The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Northern Michigan University and works for the University of Texas in San Antonio, Texas. The groom attends Mesa Community



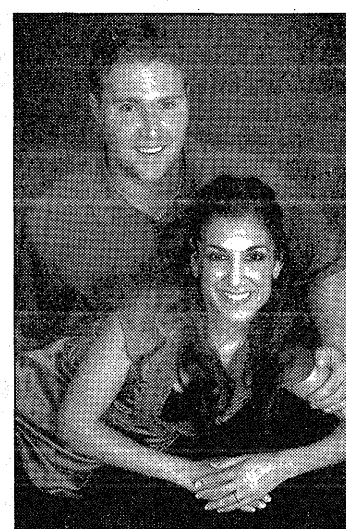
College, in Mesa, Ariz. The couple plans to wed in November 2008 at the LDS Temple in Mesa, Ariz.

Dimmer-Campau
Sally Dimmer of Livonia and Mike and Carol Dimmer of Walled Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Ruth, to Chad Evan Campau, son of Ronald and Barbara Campau of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and earned a master's degree from Marygrove University. She teaches special education at Cass Elementary and Cooper Upper Elementary schools in Livonia. The groom is a graduate of Michigan State University and earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is a secondary mathematics teacher at Churchill High School in



Livonia. The couple plans a July 2009 wedding at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia and a reception at Joy Manor in Livonia.

Kasper-Geverink
Richard and Lauretta Kasper of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Michelle, to Ryan Lee Geverink, son of Jan and Debbie Geverink of Allen Park. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia, and a 2005 graduate of Madonna University, where she earned degrees in music education and in English. She is pursuing her master's degree in educational leadership at Madonna University and works for Livonia Public Schools as a vocal and instrumental music teacher.
Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Allen Park High School and attended Henry Ford Community College. He worked for Alcoa before



accepting his current position at Sumitomo, where he is an electrical wire harness designer. The couple, who met at Oakpointe Church, plan a December 2008 wedding.



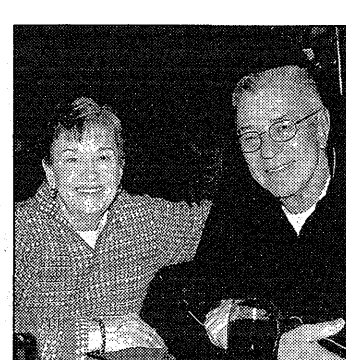
Boggs-Veres
Brook Ann Boggs of Canton and Daniel Lee Veres of Novi plan to wed in December 2008. The bride-to-be, daughter of James and Dollie Boggs of Ann Arbor, is an assistant to the U.S. director of SEND International in Farmington. Her fiancé, son of Daniel and Cheryl Veres of Cape Coral, Fla., is an account manager with ArvinMeritor, in Detroit.

ANNIVERSARIES



Golden Anniversary
Richard and Carol (Brandt) Dout of Redford are celebrating 50 years of marriage. The couple wed Sept. 20, 1958 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Detroit. They have lived in Redford for 20 years and are parents to Susan Dyke of Midland and Anne Dout of Dearborn Heights. They also have two grandchildren. Richard and Carol formerly owned The Lobby Shoppe in Detroit and have been retired for the past five years. They celebrated their anniversary with friends and family at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Dearborn Heights.

Golden Anniversary
Ron and Nancy (Francis) Rozman of Livonia are celebrating 50 years of marriage. The couple wed Oct. 18, 1958 at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Harper Woods. They are parents to six children: the late Sue Delia; Sally Williams of Okemos; Mary Muetting of Dexter; Rick Rozman of Brighton; Amy Rozman, a Livonia Stevenson High School teacher who lives in Salem Township; and Ron Rozman Jr. of Livonia. The Rozmans have lived in the area for 40 years. Both Ron and Nancy worked for Allstate Insurance and retired 12 years ago. They have nine grandchildren and enjoy attending family events like soccer games and dance recitals. To celebrate the anniversary, family and friends planned a party at Andiamo in Livonia.

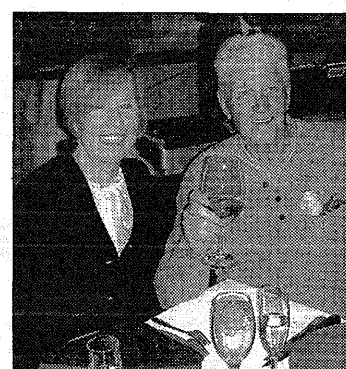


Ron and Nancy Rozman on their wedding day 50 years ago.



Richard and Carol Dout of Redford at their wedding in 1958.

Golden Anniversary
Thomas and Judy (Wright) Bradley of Plymouth are celebrating their 50 years of marriage. The couple, who split their time between Plymouth and Ft. Myers, Fla. and who previously resided in Livonia, wed on Oct. 21, 1958 in Hamilton, Canada. Thomas worked as a camera operator for Channel 50 and Judy owned an antique shop in Northville. They have been retired for 10 years and have two children, Jim Bradley of Naples, Fla. and John (Tanya) Bradley of Flower Mound, Texas. The couple has four granddaughters, Mae, Camille, Brianna and Peighton, and one grandson, Logan. For their anniversary, their

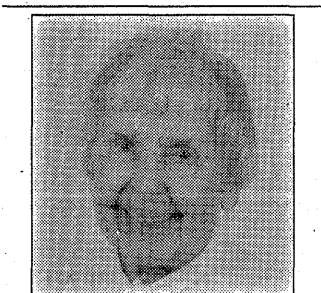


children planned a surprise celebration at LaBistecca Italian Restaurant in Plymouth. Friends and family came in from Canada, Texas, Florida and around Michigan. As a gift, their children gave them a vacation to San Antonio, Texas.

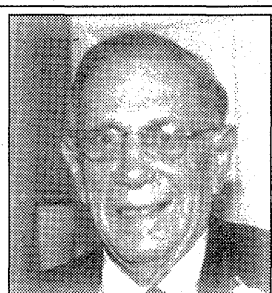


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SISTER MARY HONORA BUZA, RSM
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(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Honora Buza, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 67 years, died on October 27, 2008 at McAuley Center, Farmington Hills. She was 86. She was born on February 7, 1922 in Hawks, Michigan, the youngest of 17 children of Joseph and Louise (Rant) Buza. She was named Elizabeth at her baptism in St. Dominic Church, Metz. After joining the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1941 she received the name, Sister Mary Honora, and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1947. Sister Mary Honora earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a master's in elementary education from Notre Dame University. During her more than 30 years in Catholic elementary education, students in Howell, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Hazel Park, Bay City, Manistee, Temperance, Berkley, Cheboygan, Traverse City, Detroit, Posen, Dearborn, Wyoming and Rogers City, Michigan and Tucson, Arizona, knew Sister Mary Honora as a teacher who cared for them and who helped them to succeed. By 1975, health problems forced Sister Mary Honor to assume less physically demanding ministries as a teacher's aide, tutor and office assistant. In 1993 she moved to Mercy Bellbrook in Rochester Hills where she assisted other elderly persons as a companion and spiritual friend. In 2003, she retired to McAuley Center for a time of prayer and reflection. Sister Mary Honora is remembered for her gentle, generous spirit. In spite of numerous physical challenges she was always gracious and grateful. She enjoyed good conversation, reading, and a lively game of Scrabble. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and by the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service took place on October 29, 2008 at McAuley Center, Farmington Hills, followed by a prayer service that evening. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated on October 30, 2008 in the McAuley Center Chapel, with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

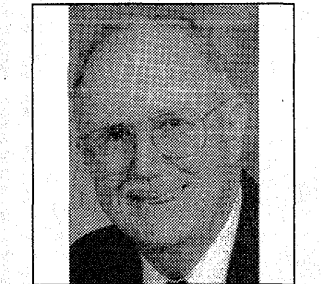


AARON COHEN
88, former Liberty resident and business man, died Saturday, October 25, 2008, in Monroe, Ohio, where he had resided since 2002. A native of Clarksburg, WV, he was born September 2, 1920 to Joseph H. and Dena Roseshien Cohen. In 1938, he graduated from high school in Clarksburg, WV and later attended law school. A U.S. Army veteran, he had been active in numerous civic clubs and organizations in Clarksburg, WV and Liberty IN. He came to Liberty in 1957 where he owned and operated the Liberty Department Store until his retirement in 1985. Aaron is survived by two children and their spouses: Jay Cohen and Paula of Middletown, Ohio, Perri Waggoner and Steve of Canton, Michigan; two grandchildren: Krista and Brandon Waggoner of Canton, Michigan; three step-grandchildren and their spouses: Scott Walker and Jenny of Middletown, Ohio, Wendy Cooper of New Hope, Ohio, Donna Bailey and Mark of Hamilton, Ohio; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted Monday at Showalter Blackwell Long Funeral Home, Fosdick Chapel, Liberty with Rabbi Kari Tuling of the Temple Beth Shalom, Middletown, Ohio, officiating. Interment was Wednesday at the Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington, WV. Memorial contributions may be made at the funeral home to the Mt. Pleasant Life Care Fund, Shriners Childrens Hospital or to the Beth Boruk Temple. For additional information and to send condolences or memories, visit www.ShowalterBlackwellLong.com



VIENO D. KARL
Age 88, passed away October 30, 2008 at Glacier Hills Retirement Community. Vieno was born in South Range, MI, in the Keweenaw peninsula, on January 25, 1920. She was the daughter, the fifth child of Hans and Olivia Kahkola. She was the widow of Robert L. Karl, who passed away in 1988. Vieno attended the South Range Grade School, Painesdale H.S. for three years, and finally graduated from Cooley H.S. in Detroit. She went to Burroughs Business School for accounting using comptometers. Vieno worked in accounting at National Bank of Detroit and American Blower in Detroit before marrying Robert in January 1942. She has three surviving children: Neil Karl, Karen Hartnett, and Marian Karl. Vieno has four surviving brothers and sisters: Jennie Oldford, Eino Kahkola, Wilho Kahkola, and Ann Valentine. She has two grandchildren, Jim and Jeanne Hartnett and two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Marlowe. Vieno was resident at Silver Tea Club group home of Royal Oak, 1987-2005; Glastonbury group home of Ann Arbor, 2005-2008; and Glacier Hills of Ann Arbor, 2008. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday at 12 pm. Visitation Sunday from 1 until 9 pm. Memorial Contributions may be directed to Seasons Hospice or American Heart Association. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgharris.com.

ROY G. HENDERSON
Age 99, of Farmington Hills, passed away October 27, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



RICHARD A. HOFFMAN
Age 83, October 29, 2008. Beloved husband of Mary Elizabeth for 60 years. Loving father of Elizabeth Anne (Charles) Thomas and Paul Richard (Debra) Hoffman. Dear grandfather of Erik Nuss and Kai Bailey Hoffman. Brother of Marjory Wesley. Funeral services Tuesday 11 AM (in-state 10 AM) at Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main Street, Milford, MI 48381. Visitation Monday, 2-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. West of Farmington Rd.), downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to the church. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. www.thayer-rock.com



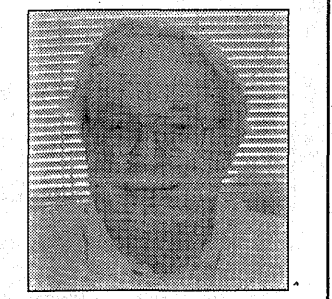
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JOHN LODGE
Age 78, passed away January 6, 2008, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Memorial service will be held November 29 at Unity Church of Hawaii, 3608 Diamond Head Cir., Honolulu, Hawaii at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the World Vision.

BRIAN K. MELVILLE
Age 26. October 30, 2008. Suddenly. Beloved fiance of April Ruddy. Loving father of eight month old Trent K. Beloved son of Keith L. & Deloris C. Dearest brother of Jessica & Christina. Dear grandson of Robert Melville & Deloris Trotter. Survived by hosts of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Service Monday, November 3, 11:00 am at the Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Rd. (btw. Beech Daly & Telegraph), Redford Twp. (313-535-3030). Visit Sunday 1 until 8 pm. Interment Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

EVELINE MIKKO
Age 95. Of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away October 31, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.

DAVID STEPHEN SKALSKY
Of Clarkston. October 24, 2008 at 96 years of age. Beloved husband of the late Shirley Skalsky and the late Edna Skalsky; dear father of Cindy Skalsky and Jeff Skalsky; brother of Eugene Skalsky; brother-in-law of Florence de la Valliere, Mr. Skalsky was a member of the Waterford and Clarkston Senior Centers, Waterford Golden Agers and the Young at Heart Bowling League at the 300 Bowl. He was a graduate of the Henry Ford Trade School and was formerly employed at Excellco Corp., Tishken Products and Pontiac Window Shade. He also formerly owned and operated Woodman's Shade and Blind. Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 31, 2008 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Family will receive friends at a memorial visitation on Thursday from 3-5 & 7-9 p.m. at COATS FUNERAL HOME, Waterford. Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan Care Hospice or your charity of choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To send a private condolence to the family, go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook.



ERICH WALTER vom STEEG
Passed away at home on September 8, 2008. He was born on April 14, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan. Surviving Erich is his wife of 45 years, Nancy (Wonnberger). They are blessed with many close family members and friends. A memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church Detroit on November 8th at 11 am followed by a luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Church Special Music Fund, or to the Lutheran Social Services of MI, Refugee Fund.

FERN WATKINS
Age 75, October 28, 2008. Beloved wife of Don for 56 years. Dear mother of Daniel (Marcia), Melody Reid, Beth (Ken) Brady and Bruce. Grandmother of Mark (Emily), Jim, David, Jesse, Chris, Sara, Andrew, Matthew and Julianna. Sister of Norman Mathias, Elizabeth (Vince) Sillanpaa and Ronald (Quan) Mathias. Visitation Friday 1-9 pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 10 am until an 11 am Funeral Service at Joy Baptist Church, 37055 Joy Rd. (east of Newburgh Rd.). Memorials suggested to Joy Baptist Church or Angela Hospice.

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YOUTH
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asked why they give up their Saturday mornings to rehearse at Churchill High School in Livonia, Jerusha Taylor, 8, of Farmington, Robert Sylvester, 8, of West Bloomfield and Damaris Micsa, 14, of Livonia resoundingly replied, "It's fun."

"I like performing," said Sophia Washer of Bloomfield Hills. The 7-year-old girl has been playing violin since age 4.

"Every semester she's given three options on what she wants to do and she chooses orchestra every time," said her mother Linda. "Miss Julia teaches kids how to play together. She makes it fun and picks engaging music. She challenges them."

Julia Kurtyka makes Bach fun. She's routinely on both sides of the baton not only conducting the two LYPM string ensembles, but performing with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

"LYPM gives them the opportunity to play in a group ensemble and have the camaraderie," said Kurtyka of Livonia. "They're not only playing their part but other people's parts and fitting their parts in."

POPULAR SONGS

In the next room Timario Wilkins, conductor for the philharmonic, the most advanced LYPM orchestra, makes playing enjoyable as well, by leading young musicians through themes from *Superman* and *Jaws*.

"It's fun to work together with a bunch of people



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Julia Kurtyka of Livonia leads the strings class. Kurtyka plays with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

who like music," said Nick Atsklas of Livonia. The 13-year-old boy has been playing trumpet seven years, three years in the philharmonic.

"There are a lot of entertaining songs you can play with a group you can't play alone," added Rachel Martin, 12, of Northville.

Dave Lindenmuth can't believe the philharmonic students have never heard the haunting music or seen the classic thriller, *Jaws* so he's hosting a movie party at his Livonia home this month.

"It's going to give them the feel and flavor for the music and to socialize a bit," said Lindenmuth.

As LYPM president, Lindenmuth is doing everything possible to inspire students to pursue music studies. His own son, Danny, 12, became interested in strings through Livonia Public Schools. He now plays with Kurtyka's two

groups, the Concert Strings and Symphony Strings. Lindenmuth's daughter Kristi, 8, is in Carl Karoub's wind and flute ensembles down the hall. Karoub is a member of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and a private French Horn teacher.

ALL WELCOME

A total of 112 students participate in the various ensembles for strings and woodwinds. The only criteria is that musicians must have taken a minimum of one year of lessons on their instrument. Half way through the season on Jan. 31, and at the close on May 16, the young musicians show off their talents in concert.

"We have an audition for placement, but we don't typically reject anyone. If a kid comes in with a skill set he or she could end up in the philharmonic," said Lindenmuth.

Linda Ignagni started playing violin with the

ensembles at age 10 and eventually went to college only to end up returning to help string players in the orchestras.

Ignagni, now a grandmother, is devoted to students in LYPM. She teaches privately and performs professionally with her Doree string quartet and the Southern Great Lakes Symphony Downriver.

"They were a major support in shaping who I am today," said Ignagni, LYPM strings specialist. "Students have gone on to become performers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, scientists. We have mentors, too, that help."

Lijun Deng can't praise the organization enough. Her daughter Kelly, 6, has been playing since age 4.

"We love music, the whole family," said Deng of Livonia. "She's really enjoying music from very little. Violin is like a toy of hers."

Jim Jonah has as much fun as his daughter Jessie, 9. He joined LYPM at the suggestion of Kurtyka who believes a child is more likely to continue playing if a parent does.

"I'm learning along with her. I'm the big kid in the orchestra," said Jonah of Highland.

While learning to perform as a group encourages teamwork, Wilkins says it also improves grades.

"It's inspired them through music to be a better student," said Wilkins, who earned a bachelor of music degree from the University of Michigan and is working on his teaching certificate at Eastern Michigan University.

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Help people to help animals

There's still time to help Tail Waggers USA, a local animal charity, raise money Saturday, Nov. 8, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. The cost for the Tail Waggers Bowl is \$25 per person and includes bowling, lunch or dinner, commemorative gift, and lots of prizes. Participants will get an opportunity to visit with four-legged benefactors, hear compelling rescue stories and talk to pet owners who have received assistance from Tail Waggers USA.

Founder, Laura Zain of Livonia said that "with the tough economic situation that we are all in, it is with high hopes that any amount of money can be raised for the animals that are in need of assistance." Zain also stated that if donations are avail-

able, Tail Waggers USA will provide pet food for families that are struggling financially because of job loss.

"We want people to know that we are here to give assistance and by providing food, pet owners will have one less thing to worry about," said Zain. "Pets need to stay with their owners during these times and we are here to help."

Tail Waggers USA is committed to helping people help animals. The goal is to be able to support dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance along with providing necessary funding for those animals in emergency situations.

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Measures meant to preserve health are not only for the young. In the area of arthritis, opportunities exist to prevent bone and joint damage even if you are age seventy, eighty or beyond.

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A corollary to eliminating throw rugs is to stop wearing slippers. The name "slippers" indicates the danger this foot wear bring. If you are elderly and must arise at night wear shoes with rubber soles and heels.

Make sure that all stairs have good lighting and sturdy side rails. You must be particularly careful with basement stairs. Poor lighting, warped steps and absence of railings are too often the norm especially in older homes.

Elderly individuals should be careful what medication they take at night. A sedative or a pain reliever seems sensible, but think again. If you arise at night and are groggy both from sleep and a medication, you are at extra risk for a misstep in the hall or bathroom.

Be sure to exercise. Treat it as vital for every part of your body. Appreciate that the older you are, the more you need activity.

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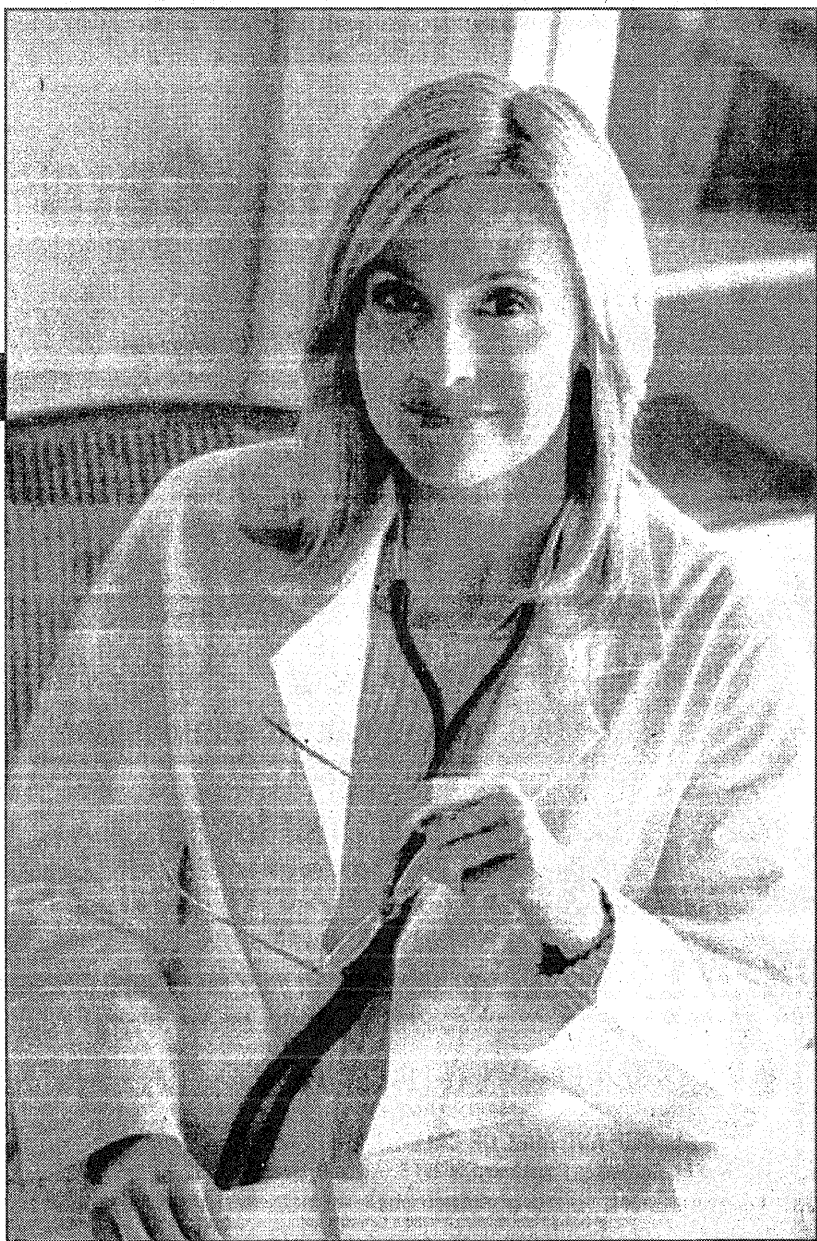
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Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

Cass Technical High School

Classes of 1964-67
Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 at Knights of Columbus in Dearborn Heights. Call Beverly at (313) 567-8133.

Class of 1959

50th reunion with a three-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Clarkston High School

Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit <http://clarkston1998reunion.myspace.com>, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail.com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1978
A 30-year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 28 at the O'Kelly K of C Hall in Dearborn. Contact Diane (Verostick) Kapelanski at (734) 981-0091 or dianekap@comcast.net for more information.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969
Planning a reunion. Contact Kathy Nison at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klvingston@nu-core.com.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about

classmates.

Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

Detroit Winship School

Class of 1956
Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

Farmington Harrison High School

Class of 1998
A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites, 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon

at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

20th reunion Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor (6 p.m. to midnight. Ticket \$65 before March 1, 2009, \$75 from March 2 to June 1, 2009. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Grosse Pointe North

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Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nison at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com.

Classes of 1964-2004

Reunion for graduates of Livonia Franklin High School between the years of 1964 to 2004 presented by Franklin All School committee

7 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at TC Gator's of Canton, 42775 Ford Road. Cost is \$10 and includes food and cash bar. Let's make this the biggest reunion that Franklin High School has ever seen. RSVP to Alicia O'Brien (Douglas) Class of 87 at (734) 261-4970 or e-mail: aliciadoug@aol.com. We need your help finding old classmates to make this reunion a success so please spread the word.

Milford High School

Class of 1978
Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Redford Thurston

Class of 1968
Pre-party get together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six, Livonia. 40th year reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at tonyd@guardianplumbing.com, Terry Tipton at tetipto@netscape.net, or visit www.thurstonclassof1968.com for details.

Redford Union

Class of 1978
30-year reunion Saturday, 6 p.m.

till ? Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, South Lyon. Cost \$20 per person if paid by Nov. 1, \$25 per person after Nov. 1. Contact Teresa (Linblad) McManamon at teresamac7@yahoo.com or (517) 861-0010, or Linda (Pearce) Dugan at lldugan@comcast.net or (734) 454-0745. Dress is casual. Hors d'oeuvres from 7-9 p.m. Cash bar.

Class of 1988

Holds its 20th class reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. E-mail Reunion Committee for more information at reunion@ruhs88.org or visit the Web site at <http://ruhs88.org>.

Class of 1998

10-year reunion 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern, Southfield. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and include food, drinks and door prizes. For information and directions on how to RSVP, contact Craig Horger at ruh98reunion@gmail.com. Reunion updates, discussions and direction on how to RSVP are located on Facebook. Make an account at www.facebook.com and search for RE[dford]UNION profile.



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Party time

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Shaina Allen fell in love with roofing three years ago while working on her first Habitat for Humanity house.

"When Hurricane Katrina hit we decided to do something. We drove down and worked on a house for a week," she said, recalling her trip to Biloxi, Miss., with her husband, Robb. "It was an unbelievable experience. That was my first experience with roofing. I love getting up there and nailing the boards on. I'd have to say roofing is my favorite."

The Rochester couple will throw a block party next weekend in the hopes that some of their guests might also fall in love with roofing, hammering, painting or donating money to assist Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, the nonprofit organization that enlists volunteers to build houses in Pontiac for the needy.

The Allens are among about two dozen Habitat supporters who will invite family, friends, co-workers — and in some

cases the public — to simultaneous gatherings that collectively have been dubbed "The World's Biggest House Party," on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The parties mix fun — from beer-tasting to shoe shopping — with information about the organization and its volunteer opportunities.

Virginia Alan, a Bloomfield Hills resident and Habitat board member, said event organizers decided on the multi-party approach because it is unique.

"We were looking for a new idea for a fund-raiser, rather than having another sit down dinner, which seems to happen every weekend," said Alan, referring to the fall social season of charity galas and fund-raisers.

"We thought if we could get individuals to have a party in their own home, invite family and friends, they could have a personal discussion about Habitat for Humanity," Alan said.

She's co-hosting a "Girls Night Out" party at a Berkley shoe store, where Habitat for

Gatherings mix fun, service, donations for housing group

Humanity of Oakland County will receive a portion of sale proceeds that night.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

As manager of corporate giving and volunteerism at the Handelman Company, Alan became involved in Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County six years ago.

Like Shaina and Robb Allen, she has served on a volunteer building crew for several Habitat houses.

"Painting is my forte. I'm not too good with a hammer," she said, adding that Handelman employees joined other Habitat volunteers to build five homes since 2002.

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County generally builds about 12 houses annually. About half of those are constructed during "blitz" week in June. The others are built over 14-16 weeks.

"The people who receive the homes are so deserving," Alan added.

"It's so great when you see people get these homes," agreed Liz Pinto, a Troy resident who is co-

hosting a wine-tasting bash in Beverly Hills during the World's Biggest House Party. "And it's not a handout. They have to go through a process, get a mortgage and work 300 hours on the home. There's a lot of sweat equity they put into the home."

"They have a nice, safe place to live. It makes you happy to be a part of it."

PONTIAC HOUSES

Allen said the organization has a waiting list of about 20 families waiting for a home. Home recipients must meet specific income guidelines and currently live in substandard housing or in a high crime area. Applicants can be from anywhere in or out of the state, but must be willing to move to Pontiac where the organization builds.

Allen invited a Habitat homeowner to speak at her block party in Rochester. At most parties, guests also will get a chance to sign a piece of lumber that's destined for a future Habitat house.

"We're doing it so that people will make a donation and I want

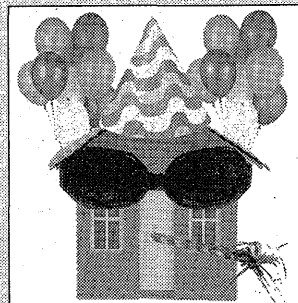
WORLD'S BIGGEST HOUSE PARTY

What: More than two dozen parties raise awareness and funds for Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County

Where: Parties held throughout Oakland County. Two are open to the public: Shaina and Robb Allen's block party, starting at 4 p.m., at 302 Drace, at Pine, west of Main and north of University in Rochester; and a shoe shopping party from 7-9 p.m. at City Style, 3017 W. 12 Mile in Berkley

Details: Each party will include a DVD message event chairman Detroit Pistons coach Michael Curry. A Habitat homeowner will speak at the Allen party

Contribute: Throw your own party by signing up at www.worldsbiggest-houseparty.org; donate online or sign up to be a guest at a party.



them to learn something about Habitat," Allen said, explaining why she and her husband decided to host a public party.

The gathering on Drace near downtown Rochester will offer a little something for everyone. Paint Creek Center for the Arts donated tiles that children can decorate as gifts to Habitat homeowners. They'll also get a chance to make take-home projects from clay.

Local businesses have donated snacks and contributions, enabling the couple

to hold a beer-tasting in conjunction with mingling and watching

televised football games.

There's no admission but guests can make contributions to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

"We're cleaning out the garage and putting couches and a TV in it. We'll have a tent as well and childcare from 4-6 p.m. I have a single mom with five kids, a homeowner, who will speak about her experience with Habitat for Humanity. And the city is allowing us to close off our street," Allen said.

"We're hoping to raise \$2,500. It's for a good cause. It should be a good time."

Angela Hospice gala dazzles guests

For Angela Hospice friends and supporters, the Diamonds and Denim gala held Oct. 18, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi was an evening of dining, dancing, and donating to an important cause. More than 250 guests attended the benefit which combined casual denim with the glitter of diamonds for a fun atmosphere.

"Our guests enjoyed being able to come casual and just have a good time," said Barb Iovan, Events Coordinator for Angela Hospice. "We gave out super-sized flashing diamond rings as favors and it was great to see them all lighting up the dance floor."

The evening began with hors d'oeuvres as the silent auction and art auction opened. A gourmet dinner was followed by chocolate mousse and a dessert bar. The Rick Lieder Band performed and the

annual raffle added to the fun with a Hearts On Fire diamond donated by Orin Jewelers of Garden City and a 42-inch LG flat panel HDTV from volunteers Bill and Toni Bufe.

Proceeds from the event, totaling \$80,000, will support Angela Hospice's programs of care for terminally ill children and adults as well as patients' families. The charity's next fund-raiser is the annual Tree of Life held at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Providing an opportunity to honor loved ones during the holidays, the Tree of Life kicks off Saturday, Nov. 22, with an opening ceremony at 11 a.m., and will remain on display through Christmas Eve.

For more information about Angela Hospice and how individuals can get involved, visit www.angelahospice.org, or call (734) 464-7810.



Helena Scappaticci was thrilled to win the Hearts On Fire diamond donated by Orin Jewelers for the Angela Hospice benefit. Scappaticci (center) is pictured with Orin staffers Joyce Pappas, Linda Mimnaugh, and Antoinette and Gina Mazzoni.

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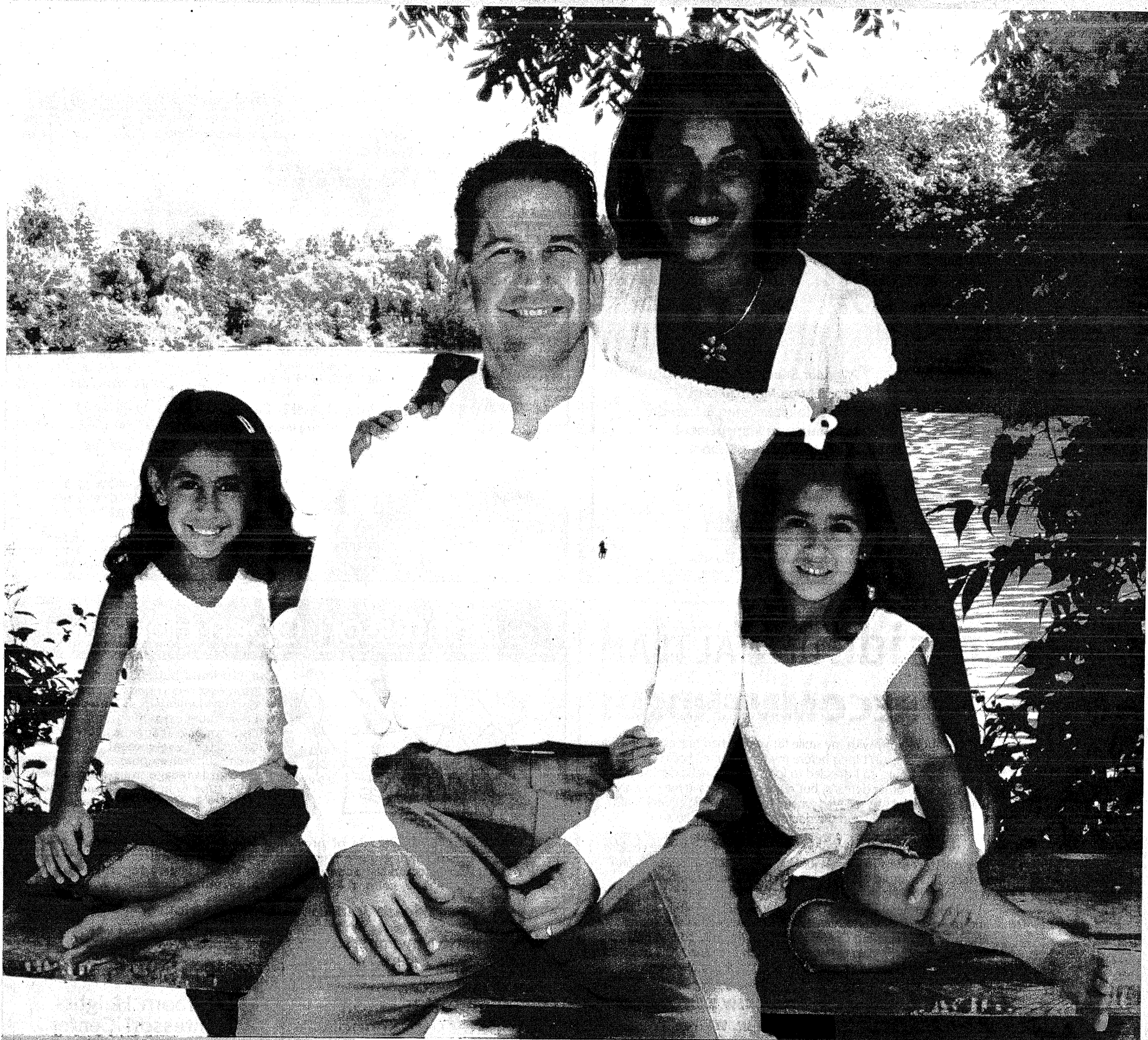
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WHAT'S BEHIND PRODUCT, SERVICE REPACKAGING



WORKWISE

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How do businesspeople create the magic that inspires new packaging for their products or services? I'm not talking about rewrapping food in bright new colors, but I am talking about reshaping it for a brave new market. Ask yourself first for indications that you might need to repackage. The most obvious of these is customer feedback.

Curtis Bingham, president of Predictive Consulting Group, Inc., in Littleton Mass., identifies four other indicators:

- pricing pressure from competitors;
- product or service usage variances, depending upon the market served;
- a customer remark that pinpoints a benefit or value you've overlooked; and
- client contract renegotiation with you.

Debra Ellis of Wilson & Ellis Consulting in Barnardville, N.C., compiles and organizes sales and service information for clients. Her work was going smoothly with larger clients, but she sought a stronger revenue stream from smaller companies. "Even though

there was an ROI," she states, "initial sticker shock pulled them back. I looked at downscaling the services (but it would) significantly reduce ROI, because these businesses need a comprehensive program, not bits and pieces."

Repackaging began when Wilson & Ellis developed an online workshop, which saves clients from having to travel and leave their businesses to learn. The Multichannel Analytics Intensive Workshop showcases the firm's most popular services. The first is analytics, which helps people maximize existing customer, marketing and operational data to find growth and profitability opportunities. The second service is benchmarking. It provides snapshots of a company's health over time and helps business owners identify trends before they have a negative fiscal impact.

The workshop enables participants to use their own information from their company, not samples. "This was very doable with the Internet," Ellis remarks. "We ended up with the best of both worlds. Clients can see anomalies, while data manipulation is taken from us." Breaking the process into manageable segments with reasonable time frames, such as a week or more, her firm shows them how to interpret their data. The workshop transpires over eight to 12 weeks.

Harris Family Foods L.L.C., in Roswell, Ga., found its inspiration very differently. This company oversees

the production of four Chet's Peanut Butter Breakfast and Dessert Toppings, with memories that stretch way back.

The two brothers and a sister grew up with few extras. One of their very favorite treats was the Sunday night ice cream, drizzled with a topping their father, Chet, made. Managing partner Tari Furey describes the moment of inspiration for herself and her brothers after their father died. "We stood around the kitchen," she says. "Randy wanted to honor Dad with something new."

They agreed to use their father's recipe to develop a new flavor. Brother Tim was in charge of product development for peanut butter topping with banana. Right away there was a hurdle over containers. The consistency wouldn't work with jars or tubes. It would "come out in huge globs," Furey said. Randy cased trade shows until he found a suitable container used by a juice manufacturer.

Ultimately, they maintained the product integrity they sought while adding unique flavors to peanut butter and putting it into a squeezable pouch to apply at breakfast and other times. This topping became known as Chet's Peanut Butter Banana Flavored.

The process of repackaging a service or product involves overcoming obstacles, large and small. Wilson & Ellis discovered a way to deliver their service in a new and innovative form to generate additional revenue.



Debra Ellis repackaged a service for larger companies to meet the needs of smaller businesses. It became a workshop delivered online so that the businesses could use the service on-site, at their convenience. Her firm, Wilson & Ellis Consulting, is based in Barnardville, N.C.

Harris Family Foods developed a new product from an old recipe. In meeting an obstacle, they discovered a new package for all of their products: the squeezable pouch.

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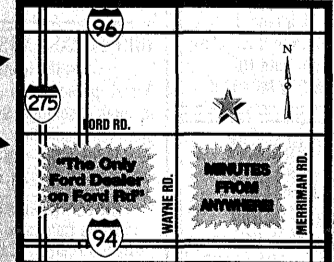
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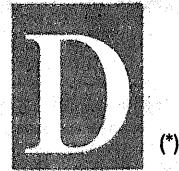
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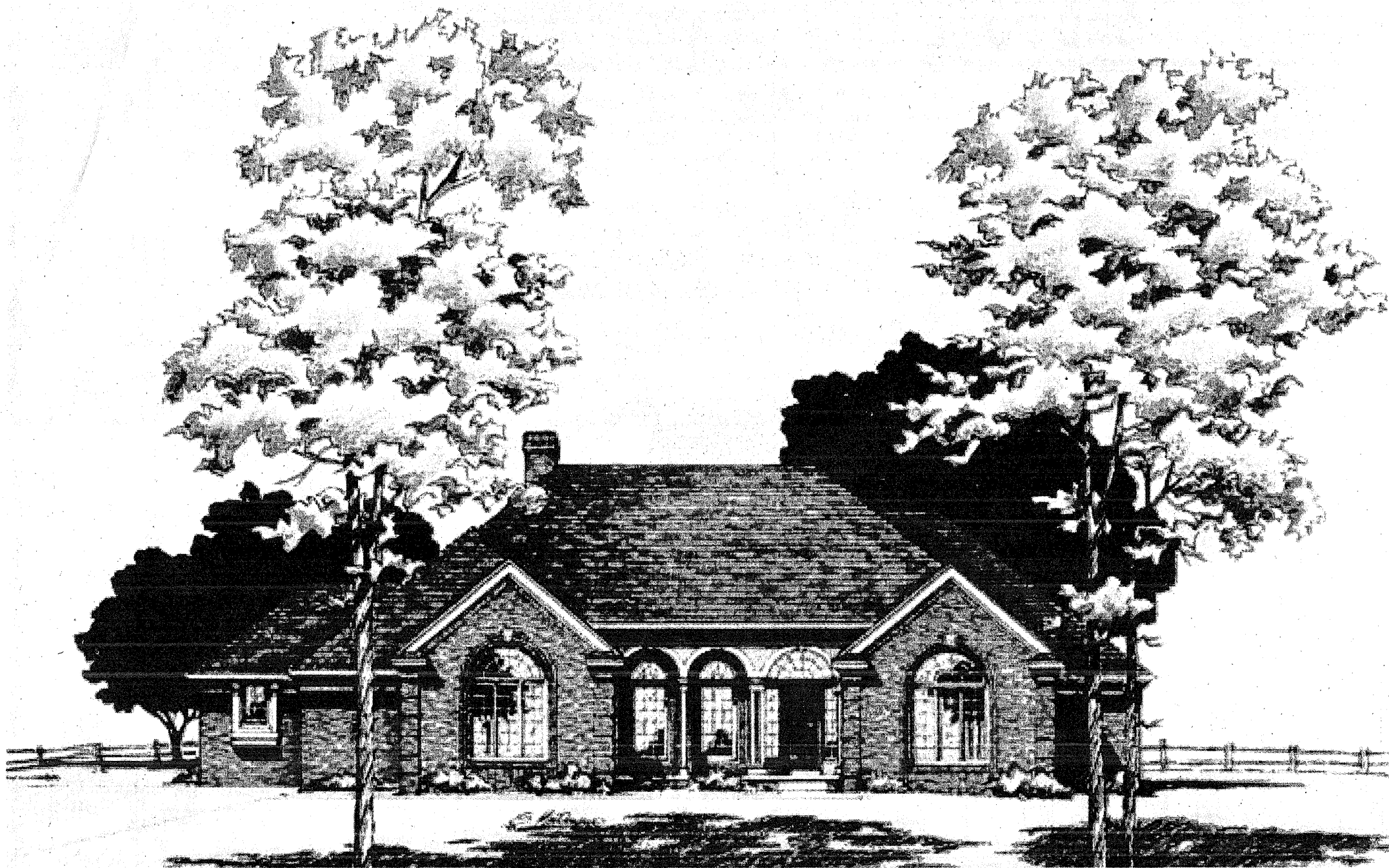


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You'll 'see way' into living in comfy Lawrence

The brick façade with brick cornices and the half-moon windows give the Lawrence (D2652) a very warm contemporary look. There is a three-car garage that faces the left side, making this home ideal for a corner lot or the acreage that allows a sweeping driveway to the left. The Lawrence has 2,512 square feet of open living space.

The covered porch has wood columns that accent the windows behind. The door opens into an entry facing the great room and dining room. The dining room has a coffered 10-foot ceiling separated from the great room by decorative columns.

Great rooms are open and spacious and this room is no different. It has windows lining the rear wall that allowing the sunlight to warm the room. A two-sided fireplace separates the nook. An entertainment center is on the nook side and the wall behind is for the entertainment center facing the great room.

Circular shaped, the nook is surrounded by windows and faces the eating bar in the kitchen. The kitchen runs along the walls on the left side with two pantry cabinets and a built-in desk. Behind a pocket door is the utility room with a sink, built-in ironing board, and a freezer. Adjacent to the utility is a half bath and a door to the garage, as well as storage and linen closets.

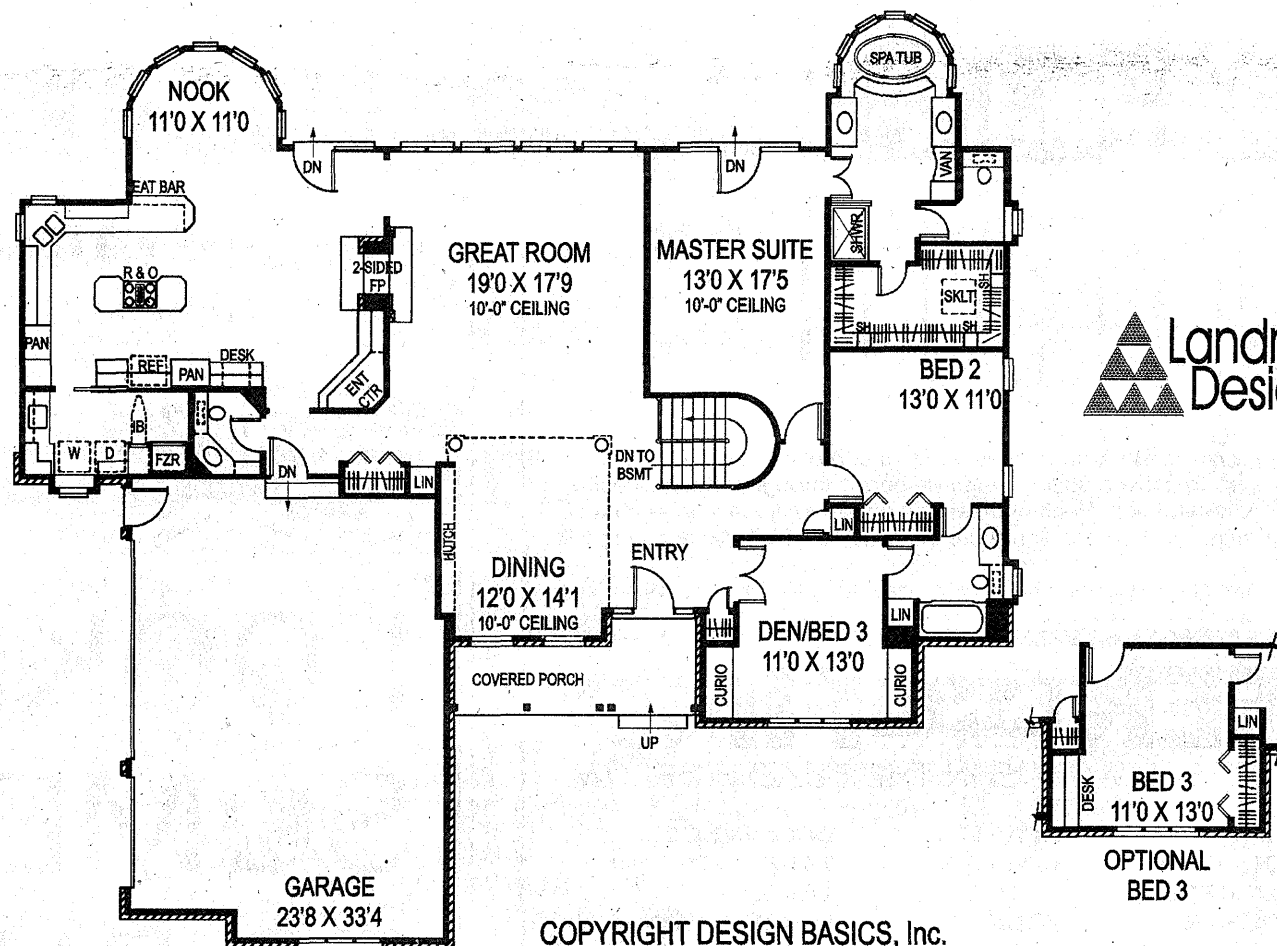
The right side of Lawrence

is the sleeping rooms.

Bedroom 3 can be a den with curio cabinets on the sides, and French doors to main part of the home. Alternately, if needed as a bedroom, the curio cabinets are replaced with a built-in desk and a wall closet. A full bathroom with a tub and single sink is accessible from both bedroom 2 and 3. In the hallway between the bedrooms is a linen closet.

The master suite has a 10-foot ceiling with a door opening out to the back yard. Behind French doors is access to a beautifully designed master bath. A raised spa tub is in a half circle of windows with "his and her" sinks on either side with a vanity on her side. A large shower is also available. A door to the enormous skylit walk-in closet is at the end of the master bath.

For a study plan of the LAWRENCE (D2652), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.



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BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales

& Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Goal Setting: Not Just A Dream — A Real Goal" on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Dave Tear, "The Sales Coach" of Sales Coaches' Corner, will show participants how to set S.M.A.R.T. Goals and how to stick to them. Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. The event includes a continental breakfast. For reg-

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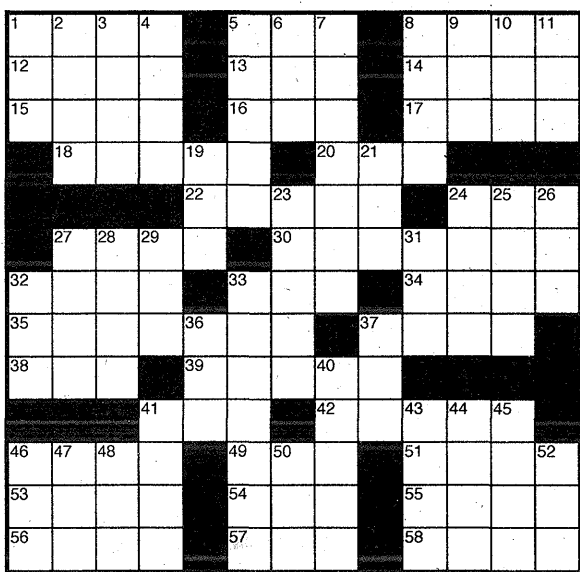
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 - Pop a top
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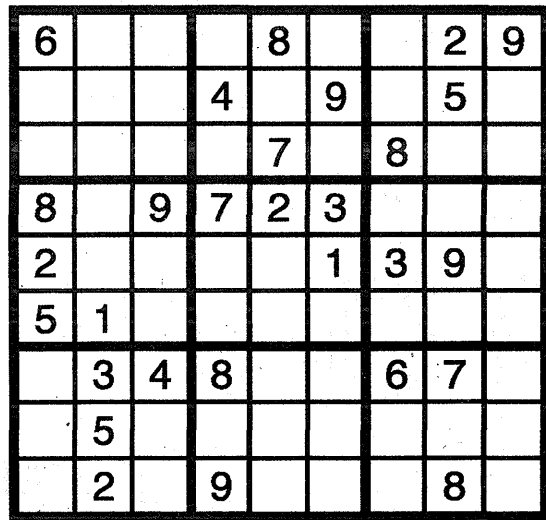
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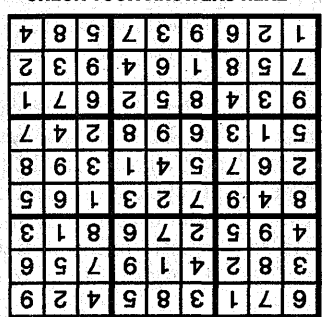
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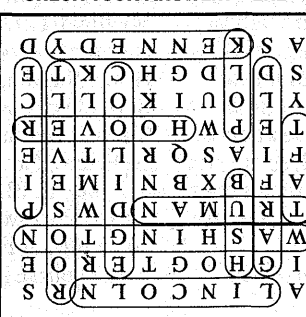
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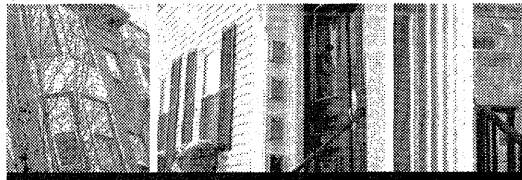
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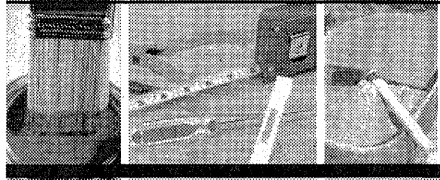
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2009 Traverse Is Chevy's Newest People Hauler

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In perfecting the large crossover SUV design, General Motors Corp. has come up with a model for its bread-and-butter brand - Chevrolet. The 2009 Chevrolet Traverse, which is making its debut right about now, is an expressively styled, well-equipped crossover that will give customers people-hauling and cargo-carrying capability typically found in larger SUVs.

Crossover vehicles, which use the same type of unit-body construction as a car which makes them more fuel efficient than traditional truck-based SUVs, are nothing new. They have been around for 10 years. However until 2007, they were generally small-to-midsize vehicles. But GM changed all that when it introduced a slew of crossovers nearly as big as a Chevy Tahoe.

The 2007 GMC Acadia, 2007 Saturn Outlook and 2008 Buick Enclave sold well, so Chevy decided to get in on the act.

To ensure a successful design, Chevy borrowed styling cues from its acclaimed 2008 Chevy Malibu. The Traverse delivers the same refined details of the "2008 Car of the Year" and incorporates the bold front-end appearance found on all new Chevrolets.

The Traverse's price is competitive with the tons of other crossovers flooding the market at about \$27,000.

There is only one engine available for the Traverse. GM's 3.6-liter dual-overhead cam V6, with variable valve timing, direct injection, and single or dual exhaust.

The single exhaust version will produce 281 horsepower, while the dual exhaust version will be slightly more powerful at 286 horsepower. Both will be mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

The Chevrolet Traverse comes with front- or all-wheel drive and will have a maximum towing capacity of 4,500 pounds.

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The 2009 Chevrolet Traverse, which is making its debut, is an expressively styled crossover.

the Traverse yet. Featuring upscale design elements that are usually reserved for higher-priced vehicles, it is Chevy's intention to offer people more bang for their buck. Some highlights include deep-set grille inserts with chrome-ringed trim, turn signals integrated in the outside mirrors, rear spoiler integrated over the tailgate window and bright dual exhaust outlets.

Specific sculpting in the Traverse's body juxtaposes luxury design with small car feel. Its taut body lines and minimal overhangs are intended to convey the image of a smaller vehicle, reinforcing the Traverse's feeling of a large vehicle that drives smaller.

The Traverse lineup will include LS, LT and LTZ models with OnStar and Turn by Turn Navigation standard on all. The high end LTZ will come standard with 20-inch polished aluminum wheels. Available features will include a panoramic sunroof, rear park assist, a rearview camera, a power liftgate, rear DVD entertainment, a navigation system, XM satellite radio with real-time traffic, a Bluetooth hands-free cell phone link and heated and cooled front seats.

A capable people or cargo hauler, the Traverse's interior can be configured for seven or eight adults, including two front bucket seats, a 60/40-split second-row bench or two second-row captain's chairs and a 60/40-split third-row bench seat. Perforated leather seats and second-row captain's chairs will be available.

While the third-row bench can comfortably seat large adults, at just over 26 cubic feet the Traverse also simultaneously provides the best-in-class storage space behind it.

The second- and third-row seats will fold flat to open up 117.9 cubic feet of cargo volume, and the second-row will have a Smart Slide feature to allow easy access to the third row.

Standard safety equipment will include dual-stage front airbags, front side airbags, curtain side airbags for all three seating rows, a tire-pressure monitor, antilock brakes, traction control, and GM's StabiliTrak electronic stability control with rollover mitigation.

The Traverse is set to replace the Chevy Uplander, GM's sole surviving minivan, just as the Enclave and Outlook have already supplanted the Buick Rendezvous and Saturn Relay.

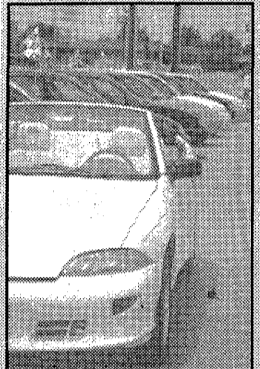
With a lot of hope riding on it, time will tell if Chevy's new crossover can traverse the competition -- some of the stiffest coming from its corporate cousins.

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Power: V6 engine.
Where built: Spring Hill, Tenn.
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Stock #9566

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LEASE \$469**	LEASE \$495**
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