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Plymouth Township woman bound over in baby's death

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 28-year-old Plymouth Township woman accused of delivering a baby in her bedroom, then smothering it and placing it in a plastic garbage bag, will stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Judge Michael Gerou bound Emily Portellos over on all four counts she faced — felony murder, first-degree premeditated murder, second-degree murder and first-degree child abuse — following her day-long preliminary exam Tuesday in Plymouth's 35th District Court.

Portellos, who did not testify, faces circuit court arraignment 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. She faces mandatory life in prison if convicted in the Oct. 15 death of her child.

"I'm not at all surprised the judge bound over on all charges," Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lora Weingarden said. "It wasn't even a close call."

Gerou made his decision after listening to the testimony of four witnesses, including Dr. Cheryl Loewe, the deputy Wayne County medical examiner who did the autopsy on Portellos' infant daughter.



Forensic pathologist Dr. Cheryl Loewe, deputy Wayne County Medical Examiner, testified she ruled the death of Emily Portellos' newborn daughter a homicide and concluded the baby had been smothered.

Loewe testified the baby's lungs had expanded, there was signs of blood pressure where the baby's umbilical cord had been cut, and the baby weighed

7.5 pounds, all signs of life, the doctor testified.

Loewe ruled the death a homicide caused by asphyxia due to smothering.

"Had this baby received (proper care after birth) ... the baby would probably be having her picture taken by now," Loewe testified. "The baby was a victim of infanticide — the killing of a baby shortly after birth, usually by the mother."

Portellos was taken by ambulance to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia the afternoon of Oct. 15 after her mother found her bleeding badly. Emergency room Dr. Michael Prescott testified a pregnancy test was among the tests administered to Portellos. He also testified an OB/GYN doctor took Portellos to surgery and removed, among other procedures, a placenta.

Having cause to believe Portellos had delivered a baby, but with no baby present, hospital staffers notified Plymouth Township police, who opened an investigation. Detective Marcy Linton testified Thursday that, during questioning, Portellos admitted to smothering her baby and putting it in the garbage bag.

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Emily Portellos stares at the table as her defense attorney, Henry Scharg, questions a witness during Portellos' preliminary hearing in Plymouth's 35th District Court Thursday.

City opts to preserve wall

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth city officials have given the Plymouth Preservation Network a window of opportunity to raise money to repair the stone wall — which dates back to the 1930s — in front of Central Middle School.

As a result, plans by the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park committee to demolish the 161-foot wall — which is also adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Park — in favor of a new cultured stone wall to match the entrance to the park have been put on hold.

"We have not chosen a stone mason as we're waiting for one more bid," said Wendy Harless, president of the Plymouth Preservation Network. "We want to look at examples of work they've done so we can hire a qualified person."

"In the meantime, we're looking for donations because it's a sizeable amount of money no matter which one we go with," she added.

Harless said bids have thus far ranged from \$5,600 to \$25,000 to repair the stone wall. She said the PPN will eventually give a date to city officials as to when half the money will be raised.

Bob Zaetta, president of the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park committee, still believes his group's plan to replace the stone wall with a solid concrete structure covered by Michigan River Stone with a limestone top is a better option.

"We still have a request for a permit to replace the wall," said Zaetta, who has a donor willing to cover the estimated \$100,000 price tag for the new wall. "We believe if the wall is repaired we'll be back in two years at the same point, but our donor will have probably gone away."

"All they have to do is drag their feet and kill our opportunity to build that wall," he said. "We are a proven entity and we have delivered."

While Zaetta's stance is the wall isn't so historic because of the many repairs made to it over the years, Harless argues it remains a part of Plymouth's history.

"It's still an historic structure," she said. "You could compare it to an historic house which has had some repairs done to it. Some of it is new, but it's still an historic structure."

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Fond farewell

Marilyn Massengill reacts to her surprise retirement party thrown by friends and well-wishers at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth. Massengill retired this week after nearly 40 years working for Plymouth Township, including the last 16 as the clerk. The party was disguised as a victory party for Joe Bridgman (left), who was elected the new clerk.

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Ann Arbor Road falls on snow priority list

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Ann Arbor Road through Plymouth and Plymouth Township is being downgraded to a Priority 2 when it comes to snow plowing this winter.

For motorists, that means more slipping and sliding — and, potentially, more accidents — as the state plans to plow Ann Arbor Road less frequently, sometimes waiting until after snow stops falling.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is responsible for plowing Ann Arbor Road, which is considered a state highway. However, according to an office memorandum from Ron DeCook, director of government affairs for MDOT, more of the state's thoroughfares are moving from Priority 1 to Priority 2 roads.

"In response to rapidly rising costs and reduced overall transportation revenues, the Michigan Department of Transportation and its contract agencies have found it necessary to reform our practices to be more efficient with the limited dollars available to maintain the state's highway system," DeCook wrote in his memo. "The difference that motorists may experience will be that while (Priority 2) routes may be passable, they will not necessarily be completely clear until well after snow has stopped accumulating."

With Priority 1 roads, the goal is to have all lanes cleared of ice and snow during and after a snow storm, using overtime as needed.

While the city of Plymouth has its own salt trucks and snow plows, don't look for them to clear Ann Arbor Road this winter.

"It's a state road and we're not required, and we'd be pulling manpower outside the city and putting them on roads that aren't ours," City Manager Paul Sincoc said. "We will respond when the police request it."

We have a priority list for plowing within the city," Sincoc added. "We keep the main thoroughfares open for police, fire and medical emergency access and we expand from there. If it's a school day, our school routes become a secondary priority for us."

Sincoc also noted the cost for road salt this year is a bargain compared to some past years.

"Actually, the price we're paying this year is several dollars less per ton than five or six years ago," Sincoc said. "It's more than it was last year, but not a significant increase."

Sincoc said he's estimated the city will use 2,200 tons of road salt this winter.

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Coming Thursday in filter

Your guide to holiday happenings

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

Medicare workshops

The Plymouth District Library will again join CVS in a series of Medicare D Prescription Workshops Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, from 10-11:30 a.m.

Attendees should bring all present medical prescriptions to determine which prescription drug program would be best. The workshops are free of charge; although registration is requested. Please call the Library at 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

Saturdays at the Penn

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society present "Saturdays at the Penn," with noon concerts at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

The next concert is set for noon Saturday, Dec. 6, with special musical host Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady, with announcer Timothy Thompson. Special guest performer will be Josh and Roy, "A Comedy, Juggling Show." Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased the day of the show. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman

in downtown Plymouth. To purchase tickets before the concert, sponsored in part by a grant from the Wilcox Foundation and other generous supporters, or for more information on group purchases, contact Deb Madonna at (734) 377-0914.

Museum exhibits

The Plymouth Historical Museum has reopened with its new special exhibit, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," featuring several popular Christmas stories from the past two centuries, including the poem of the same name purportedly by Clement C. Moore, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, and The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg. The special exhibit will be open through Jan. 4.

Santa is now visiting the Museum to meet good little girls and boys. Santa Claus will be at the Museum every Saturday until Christmas. And will be at the Museum 9-5 p.m. Dec. 6 during the Annual Craft Bazaar and Open House. This year's Craft Bazaar will have free admission, with more crafters and a craft raffle.

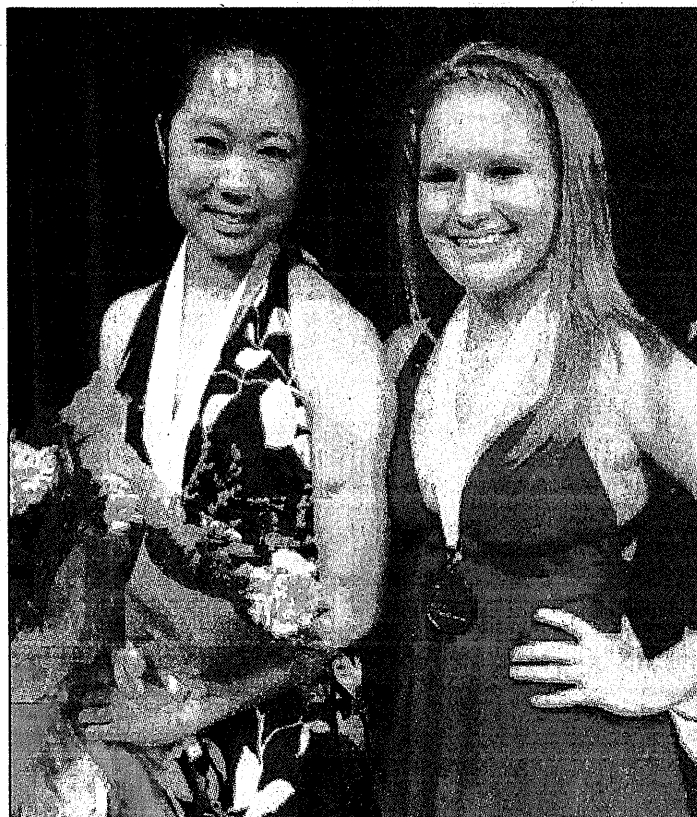
The Museum's permanent Lincoln Collection exhibit will remain closed until early December while the exhibit undergoes a facelift in anticipation of the upcoming special exhibit "In the Presence of Lincoln," honoring Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday in February 2009. That exhibit will run Jan. 21-Nov. 4.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$10 for families, and \$2 for students 6-17. Tours and groups can be accommodated by calling (734) 455-8940. For more information, visit www.plymouthhistory.org

Prison Family Support Group

Do you have a family member currently serving time in prison, a subject that you can't easily discuss with just anyone? Now, there's a place for help - for conversation - for understanding of what you are going through.

Hope-4-Healing is a free ongoing support group for those



Junior Miss winner

Canton High School student Willa Chen was the winner of the second-annual Plymouth Canton Junior Miss scholarship program earlier this month at the Village Theater in Canton. Ten girls competed for scholarships totalling \$4,950. Willa, the daughter of Kevin and Ling Chen (and sister of Bryant) of Canton, won scholarships totalling \$2,250. She advances to the Michigan Junior Miss program in Ann Arbor March 14. Last year's winner, Erin Wheeler, presented Willa her Medal of Honor. Other scholarship winners included Sophia Daly, the People's Choice Award, \$100; Stacy Mero, the Spirit Award, \$200; Stephanie Brown, Physical Fitness and Talent awards, \$800; Raqueliah Hayes, Self Expression Award, \$300; Annie Zhang, Interview Award, Scholastic Award and was first runner-up, receiving \$1,100; Samantha Dieck was a finalist and received a \$200 scholarship. Anyone interested in participating in next year's program can go to the America's Junior Miss Web site at www.ajm.org and fill out an application. Anyone interested in volunteering with the program can contact Marissa Sarnecky at (313) 215-3512 or pcjrmiss@yahoo.com.

who have loved ones in prison, providing a safe place to talk about it, share with and learn from others. The group meets the second Monday of every month beginning in January 2009 at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, in Westland. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail hope4healing@rocketmail.com

Gabrial's fund-raiser

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and Gabrial's join together for a fund-raising event 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4.

Gabrial's will donate 15 percent of all purchases to the

PCAC. All donations go to support PCAC programs, including arts education classes, a theater program, concerts, lectures and seminars, workshops, and community-based enrichment activities.

Gabrial's is a specialty gift store offering home accents perfect for holiday gifts. Gabrial's is located at 322 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, across from Kellogg Park.

For more information contact the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or Gabrial's at (734) 455-8884.

Senior party fund-raisers

The PCEP Senior Party Committee is inviting diners to dine out for "a wonderful cause," supporting the senior

party by dining out at one (or more) of the area restaurants which have agreed to donate 20 percent of the purchases made during a specific time and date.

Fund-raisers take place at the following restaurants on the following dates:

Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Buffalo Wild Wings; Monday, Jan. 12 at Palermo's; Thursday, Feb. 12 at Caravel; Monday, April 6 at Palermo's; and Thursday, May 7, also at Palermo's. All restaurants are on Ford Road in Canton.

Detail information and a flyer is available at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof2009/senior-party09.htm> (this flyer must be presented at time of purchase for us to receive 20% credit of your purchase).

Visit the committee's blog at <http://pcep09seniorparty.blogspot.com/> or its Web page at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof2009/senior-party09.htm>

To volunteer or for questions, contact pcep-senior-party@comcast.net

Miller Woods calendars

The Friends of Miller Woods are selling calendars for the coming year highlighting "the beauty and diversity of Miller Woods and the surrounding meadow and wetlands," with photography by Marcia Fowler.

Cost is \$15 each, with an additional \$3 delivery charge. Orders should be placed by Nov. 28 for early December delivery. For more information or to order, call (734) 459-6479.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meet 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Greenmead, Alexander Blue House in Livonia.

The program will feature Christmas music and a sing-along with "MI Darlings." For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Luminaria sale

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Luminaria kits for the holiday season.

Each \$5 kit consists of 10 white paper bags and 10 candles and can be purchased at

Gabrial's, Sideways, Saxton's and the Plymouth Symphony office at 470 Forest Place Suite 18 from Nov. 24 to Dec. 24.

For more information visit the symphony Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

Holiday classics

The Penn Theatre will show a variety of holiday classics during December.

The schedule includes: "It's a Wonderful Life," featuring a live performance by the Belleville Bass before the Thursday show, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 and 6:45 and 9:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5; "White Christmas," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11; "Polar Express," 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 and 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20-21.

The Penn Theatre is located on Penniman in downtown Plymouth. Box office opens a half-hour before each showing; tickets are \$3. For more information, call (734) 453-0870 or visit www.penntheatre.com

Sounds of the season

The BeckRidge Chorale proudly presents our "Sounds of the Season" Christmas Concert Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m.

Each concert will be held at Northville High School, located at 45700 Six Mile in Northville. Tickets are \$13 and \$16 with an early bird special, buy 5 get 1 free if you purchase your tickets before Nov. 9.

For more information or to order tickets visit us at www.beckridgechorale.org or call us at (734) 416-9885.

Nutcracker Ballet

More than 70 dancers from Bunny Sanford's School of Dance perform the holiday classic at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road (just west of Farmington). Tickets are available for \$5. This special production features original choreography and costumes from the Nutcracker Ballet that formerly appeared at the Fox Theatre and Detroit Opera House. Tickets are available at the door or by calling Bunny Sanford's School of Dance at (734) 464-7440.

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Getting in the spirit

Downtown events help spring holiday spirit

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Thanksgiving is a day for everyone to contemplate the things for which they're, well, thankful.

But thanks to the efforts of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, there will be plentiful to be thankful for the next day, as well.

Those two organizations combine to host three different events designed to get the holidays started on the right foot.

First, more than 80 specialty stores and another 24 eateries open for business 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., offering "an exceptional holiday shopping experience," said the DDA's Sherrie Pryor. More than 50 Gingerbread Houses will be on display in downtown business windows. Strolling holiday carolers will sing from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

At 5 p.m., Karen Newman and Michael King take the stage for a free, outdoor holiday concert in Kellogg Park. At 6 p.m., when the concert hits intermission, the community welcomes Santa to town in its annual tree-lighting ceremony. Newman's concert - her second straight appearance in downtown Plymouth - resumes and runs until 8 p.m.

Santa will welcome families



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Santa Claus makes his annual arrival in downtown Plymouth 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28.

to his house in Kellogg Park to talk with youngsters and take pictures through Dec. 23. The house is open 5-8 p.m. Fridays, noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 5-8 p.m. again Dec. 23.

The Walk of Trees, featuring 55 sponsored trees, will be on display Nov. 23 through Dec. 29 in Kellogg Park. There are 55 trees sponsored this year.

For more information on the Santa House and the Walk

of Trees, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540. For more information on Downtown Plymouth Holiday Events visit www.downtownplymouth.org or call (734) 455-1453.

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Rotary honors year's top first responders

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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First responders received special recognition Friday for their efforts during the annual Officer of the Year award ceremony sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth.

Firefighter of the Year for 2008 is Jim Harrell, a 12-year veteran of the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

"It feels good to help people, it's different every day," said Harrell, 41. "You come to work and hopefully do some good for somebody who's in need and go home the next day feeling pretty good about it."

Plymouth Police Officer of the Year, Jennifer Dergis, has been on the force for 12 years. During that time she's been a member of the Police Mountain Bike Team, has mentored K-8 kids about drug awareness and Internet safety and is the president of the officers union.

"It's overwhelming and a great honor," Dergis, 37, said after receiving the award. "It's such a great job to have, helping people and being in this community. There's so



The Rotary Club of Plymouth honored its top officers for 2008 (from left) Huron Valley Ambulance Paramedic Mike Warzocha, Plymouth Township Police Det. Ryan Krebs, Plymouth Police Officer Jennifer Dergis and Plymouth Community Fire Department Firefighter James Harrell.

much you can do."

Detective Ryan Krebs, the Plymouth Township police department award recipient, is also assigned to work with students at West and Pioneer middle schools.

"The middle school students in this community are absolutely fantastic," said Krebs, 30. "It's very rewarding to go into those schools and students recognize who I am and interact with them."

"There's not too many people who can truly say they really enjoy a job and look forward to going to work

every single day," he added.

As Paramedic of the Year, Mike Warzocha explained how gratifying it is to make a difference in someone's life.

"It's not necessarily the life-saving procedure we may perform, it just might be a simple act of holding someone's hand or reassuring parents their child will be OK," said Warzocha, 38, a 1989 graduate of Canton High School. "The biggest thing is kindness. That goes farther than any medical procedure we can do pre-hospital."

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Turkey farm marks its 60th year

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Christine Roperti doesn't just talk turkey. She knows turkeys.

It has been life on the turkey farm on Five Mile, since it was her father's and since she was a child. Today she owns the farm that bears her last name, celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. That's a long time for a business, let alone for a farm, that sits in the middle of a suburb.

"By 9 years old, I was driving the tractor and helping my dad plant crops for the turkeys," she said. "I have been a turkey farmer since then. I always enjoyed working outside and the years when I worked with my dad."

Roperti's father, Thomas Roperti, moved from Dearborn in 1942 and bought five acres and the farm to provide for his family.

"At the time, this area of Livonia was all dirt roads and open land," Christine Roperti said. The family had 40 head of cattle and sold milk to Twin Pines Dairy.

But the cattle were sold in the late 1940s, when Christine's brother Fred, enlisted in the Army. "My dad sold all his cattle because he relied on his son to help him with the farming and the workload was much too demanding to do by himself," Christine said.

Thomas Roperti asked his best friend, Rocco Mussilini, for ideas as to what he should



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Christine Roperti gets a little help from 4-year-old grandson Maverick in the turkey yard at the Roperti Turkey Farm in Livonia.

ROPERTI'S TURKEY FARM

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Web: www.freewebs.com/ropertis/index.htm



Christine Roperti wraps a turkey for pickup.

do now to provide for his family. His friend suggested he raise turkeys and sell them to family and friends. In 1948, Roperti started with 50 turkeys and the next year he raised 100 and 500 the third year, Christine said.

"And the demand just grew from there," she said.

Turkeys, which are free range and corn-fed at the farm from August through December, are her passion. "I take great pride in raising my turkeys," Roperti said.

Roperti wants to keep

providing the best quality turkeys that she knows how for her customers and her family. "I hope to make people more aware of where their food comes from and how it's raised," Roperti said. "I want people to realize how important it is to support your local farmer because we want to continue providing the best quality turkeys for generations to come."

"My neighbors love knowing that I won't sell my property to builders that want to turn my farm into another subdivision," Roperti said.

My family farm is a place that families have made a tradition of coming to year after year. I have customers that have been coming here since the farm first began raising turkeys."

Roperti plans to keep the farm going, raising turkeys for holiday meals. And while local businesses may have cut back on large scale purchases of holiday turkeys for employees, she still encourages businesses and families to consider buying them as holiday gifts. "Families refuse to buy any other turkey even though the economy is the worst we've seen in recent history," Roperti said.

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Employees should limit their exposure to company stock. I recognize there is a loyalty issue, however, the bigger issue is diversification. Investors cannot afford to keep all their eggs in one basket. That is why it's important to limit the amount of exposure to company stock.

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



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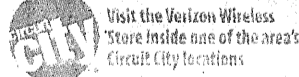
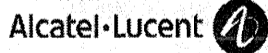
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Taking flight

Volunteers meticulously resurrect World War I fighter plane

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the cavernous Hangar II at Willow Run Airport, where Henry Ford once cranked out B-24 airplanes by the thousands during World War II, a small group of volunteers has spent more than a year building a replica World War I airplane.

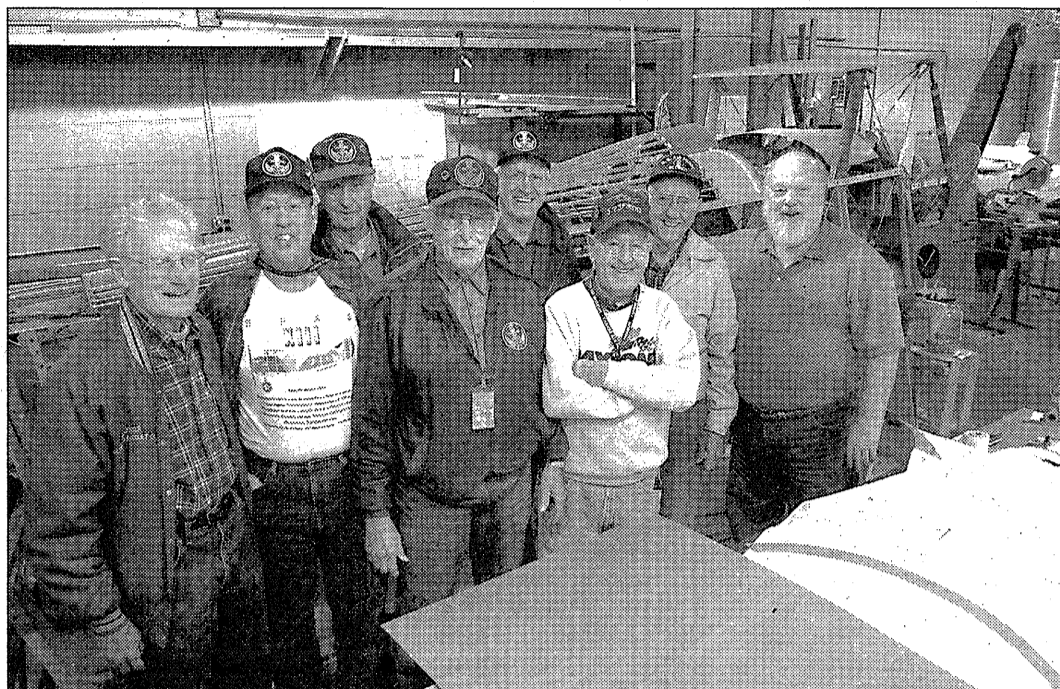
It has been a meticulous process for the group of retired engineers and toolmakers, including several military veterans, who are attempting to build a SPAD — a French fighter plane made famous by pilots like American Eddie Rickenbacker during the first world war.

When they complete the project, expected to take two more years, the plane will not only be on display at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, but it will also be used in air shows, because the plane will be flyable, according to Lou Farkas, Jr., vice president of the Yankee Air Museum.

"This won't just be a model. It will be flyable," said Farkas, a longtime Westland resident who now resides in Canton. "We're going to fly this thing at different air shows, which will help raise money for the museum."

The museum is currently housed in Willow Run's Hangar II on a temporary basis, because of a fire that destroyed the old museum four years ago. The museum lost nine vintage airplanes, as well as millions of dollars worth of military and aviation artifacts. The organization that runs the museum is currently holding a fund raising campaign to build a new museum on the grounds of the historic airport owned by Wayne County.

The SPAD project began more than a year ago when volunteer and former pilot Bill Rodgers was out in California and got a hold of some original plans for the SPAD, most of which were



Volunteers Larry Arnett of Wayne (from left), Ken Hauser of Canton, Tom Ismond of Huron Township, Joe Kosek of Westland, Ray Wall of Plymouth, Bill Rodgers of Brighton, Dale Burgess of Ann Arbor and Mark Clapham of Taylor stand in front of the World War I fighter plane they are building by hand at the Yankee Air Museum.

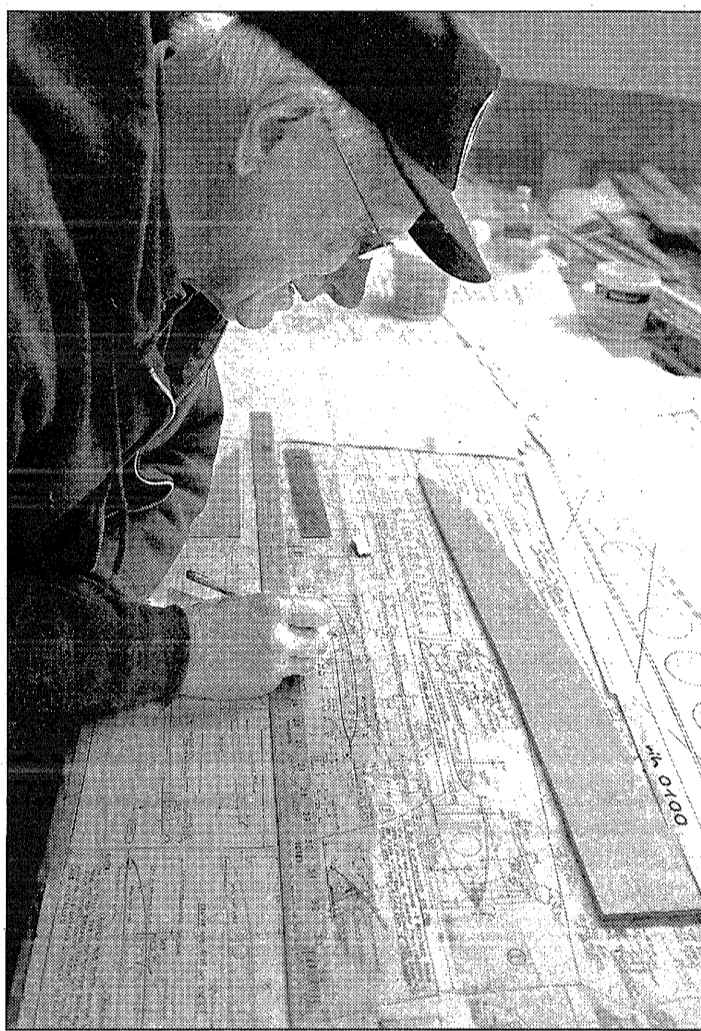
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The SPAD was a French biplane fighter, developed by the Société Pour L'Aviation et ses Dérivés (SPAD). It was one of the most capable fighters of the war and is a recognizable symbol of World War I.

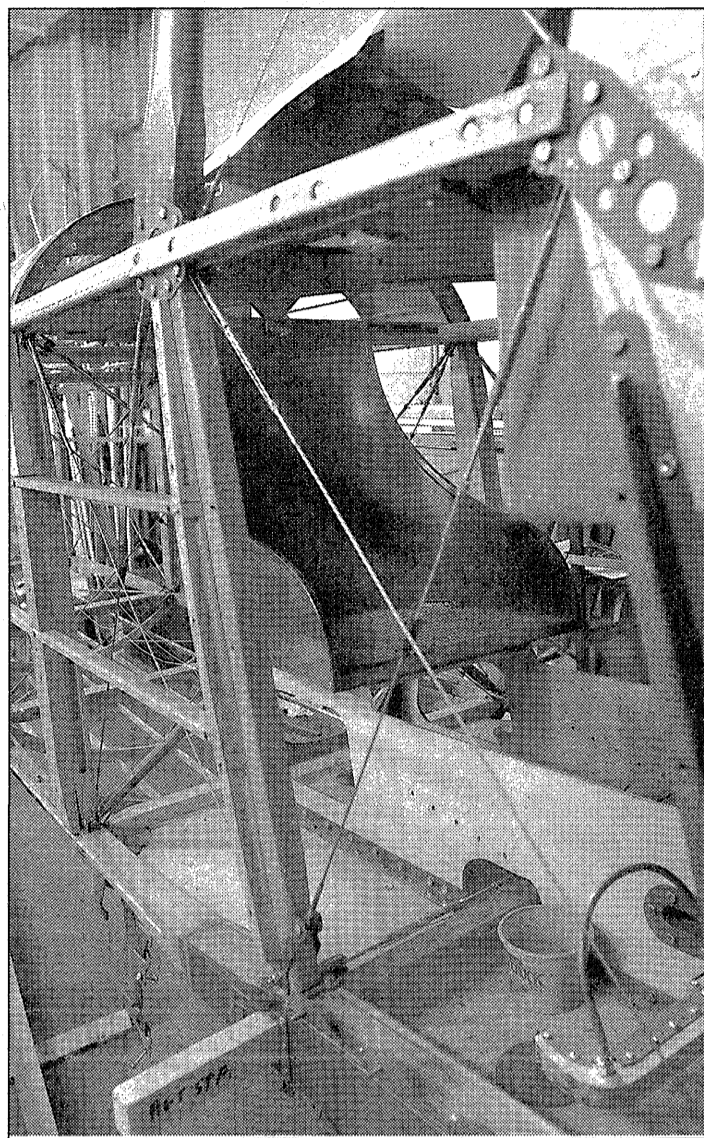
The plane is made almost entirely of wood, which makes for a tedious process. Every once in a while, as the team is hoping to keep the single-seat plane under 1,200 pounds by the time it is finished. That means using special wood products, including spruce from the Pacific coast region.

"We're seeing how difficult it was to make these things," said Westland resident Joe Kosek, who is the lead on the project.

Kosek, 84, was a glider pilot who flew missions in the Pacific during World War II. He said building the plane by hand "is a very precise process" and has led to many disagreements between volunteers and they put the plane together piece by painstaking piece. Last week, for example, there was an argument about a half millimeter when fabri-



Retired engineer Ray Wall, of Plymouth, works on patterns for the wings.



The cramped pilot's compartment in the SPAD fighter features a hard wood seat. The wood frame is held together with wire and turnbuckles.

ating a piece of the plane.

"This is a wonderful project. I love the camaraderie with the guys," said Ray Wall, a retired engineer who lives in Plymouth. "I find myself waking up a 3 o'clock in the morning sometimes thinking I could have done something a little differently than I had done it that day."

The volunteers work on the plane each week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, according to Farkas, who calls the project a labor of love. He says the team is so passionate because they will help future generations remember a slice of American history.

"It's important that people

don't forget what happened during World War I, or any war for that matter. It's important to keep history alive. We're doing our part," Farkas said.

The group of volunteers also includes Mark Clapham, Larry Arnett of Wayne, Gene Blanchard, Ken Hauser of Canton, Tom Ismond, Dick Sprague, Dale Burgess, Rick Klann and Hennie Moses.

For more information about the SPAD project or to tour the Yankee Air Museum, call Lou Farkas at (734) 483-4030, or e-mail him at lfarkas@comcast.net. For more information about the Yankee Air Museum visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA DECEMBER 11, 2008

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Steven Johnson, Vicki Welty
Alternate: Dawn Zuber

Acceptance of Agenda

- Taleb & Abdallah Holdings, 15111 W. Warren Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126, for commercial property located at 45495 Michigan Avenue (Amoco/BP), south side of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Dewitt Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.15; Article 6A.00, Section 6A.06; Article 6A.00, Section 6A.25, sign variance.
Zone C-3 Parcel 132 99 0010 712 (Building)
Tabled from the 12-13-2007, 1-10-2008, & 10-9-2008 meetings
- Bryan L. Amann, 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located on the west side of Denton between Geddes and Proctor Roads, appealing Article 26.00, Section 26.02.b, variance of 882 ft from the maximum 388 ft depth allowed based on a lot width of 129 ft in the R-2 district.
Zone R-2 Parcel 120 99 0010 707 (part of) (Planning)
- Jeffrey L. Scott, 41775 Michigan Avenue, Suite 200, Canton, MI 48188, for vacant property located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Haggerty and Lilley Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.25, block style lettering shall be at least 14" in size on any wall sign.
Zone C-3 Parcel 137 99 0016 000 (Planning)

Approval of the November 13, 2008 Minutes

All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

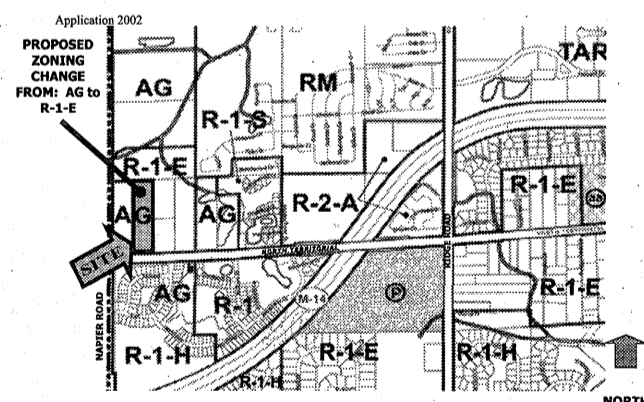
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: AG, Agricultural District
REZONE TO: R-1-E, Single Family Residential District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, December 10, 2008
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall
9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R-78-042-99-0003-004 from **AG, Agricultural District** to **R-1-E, Single Family Residential District**. The property is located directly west of 51200 and 51100 North Territorial Road, a short distance east of Napier Road.



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 011 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-042-99-0003-004. (The property is located directly west of 51200 and 51100 North Territorial Road, a short distance east of Napier Road.)

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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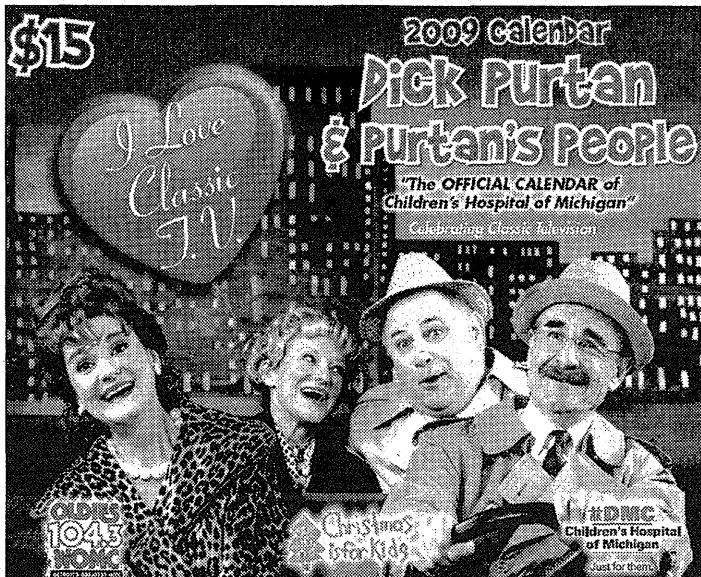
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Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Dick Purtan, the dean of Detroit radio, and his zany morning show crew at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17.

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The winner of the Dining With the Stars contest will be treated to lunch with Dick Purtan (right) and Purtan's People of WOMC-FM (104.3).

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tains his loyal listeners with comedic commentary and topical wit.

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For 21 years, his annual Salvation Army Radiothon has raised almost \$17 million for the Salvation Army's Bed & Bread program.

Dick Purtan and Purtan's People can be heard Monday through Friday on 104.3 WOMC from 5-10 a.m., and Saturdays from 6-10 a.m.

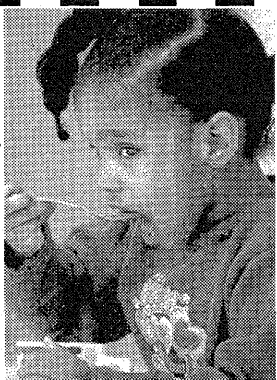
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DEATH

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Lt. Robert Antal testified he and other officers were dispatched to the Portellos home on Deer Creek Run, where they were eventually met by Portellos' mother, Maria, who allowed them into the house and gave them permission to search her daughter's bedroom.

Police found the garbage bag where Portellos had told Linton it would be.

"I was kind of taken aback by the amount of blood in the room," Antal testified. "We found a rose-colored towel inside ... the baby was wrapped very tightly inside the towel. When we got the baby unwrapped, I couldn't detect any signs of life."

Defense attorney Henry Scharg focused most of his questioning on Linton, the detective who elicited the confession from Portellos. He questioned the voluntary nature of Portellos' statements to Linton, considering she was questioned just 90 minutes after surgery, and asked Linton why Portellos wasn't placed in custody before questioning.

"We had no evidence of a crime" at that point," Linton testified. "I asked (Portellos) if



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Emily Portellos, 28, of Plymouth Township, was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of felony murder, first-degree murder, second-degree murder and first-degree child abuse.

she felt up to answering questions, and she said, 'Yes.'"

Gerou ruled Portellos' statements admissible.

In asking Gerou to bind Portellos over on all four counts, Weingarden pointed to what she described as the premeditated nature of the crime, saying Portellos had no intention of keeping the baby and

pointing to the absence of any "baby necessities" — diapers, wipes, bottles, etc. — in the Portellos home.

"(Portellos) had contemplated ahead of time what she would do when she went into labor, and then she acted on that plan," Weingarden said. "Whether the baby died inside the (garbage) bag or outside



Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lora Weingarden said Judge Mike Gerou's decision to bind Emily Portellos over on all charges "wasn't even a close call."

the bag is irrelevant. The defendant had time to reverse the decision."

Scharg, who wouldn't comment on the case, also asked Gerou to change his mind about pre-trial bond for his client, asking the judge to order a GPS tether and house arrest and saying Portellos' mother would offer up bond based on the value of her Plymouth Township home and a condo she owns in New Port Richtie, Fla. Gerou denied the request.

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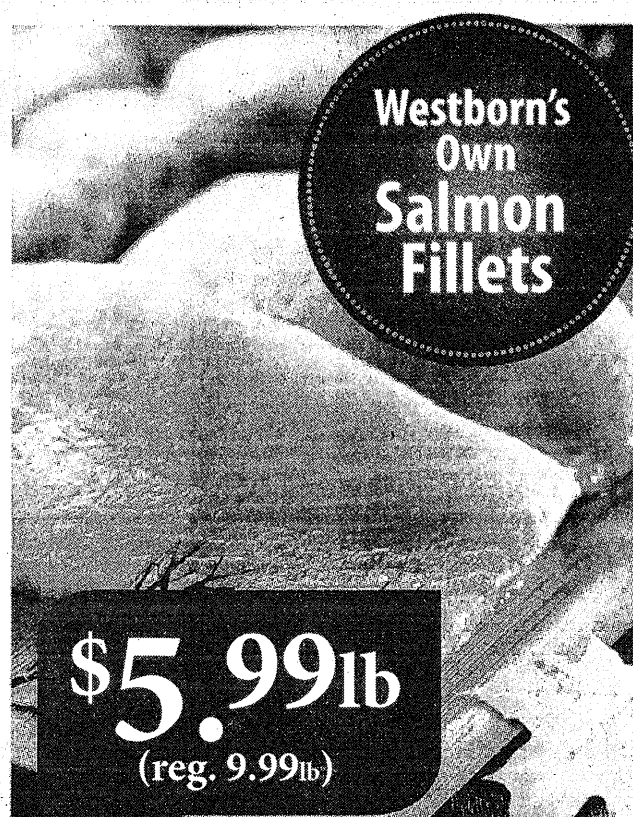
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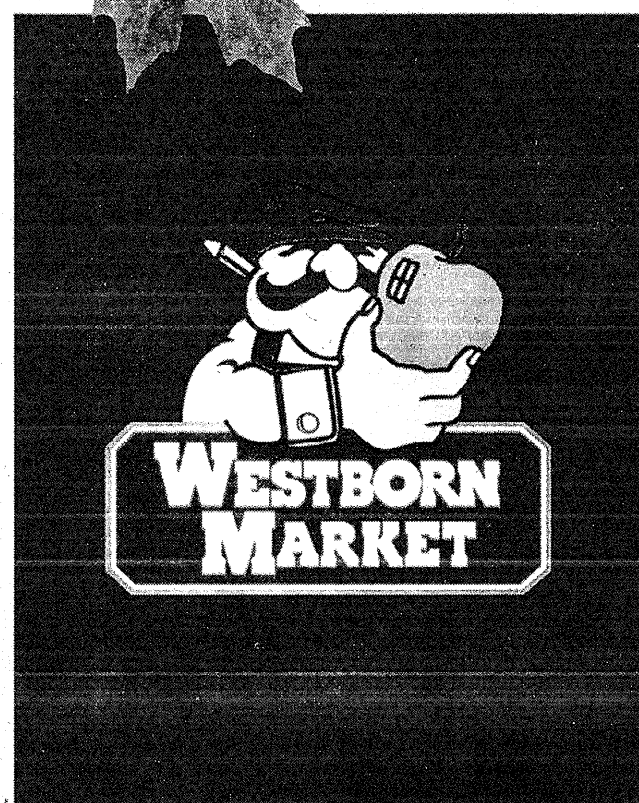
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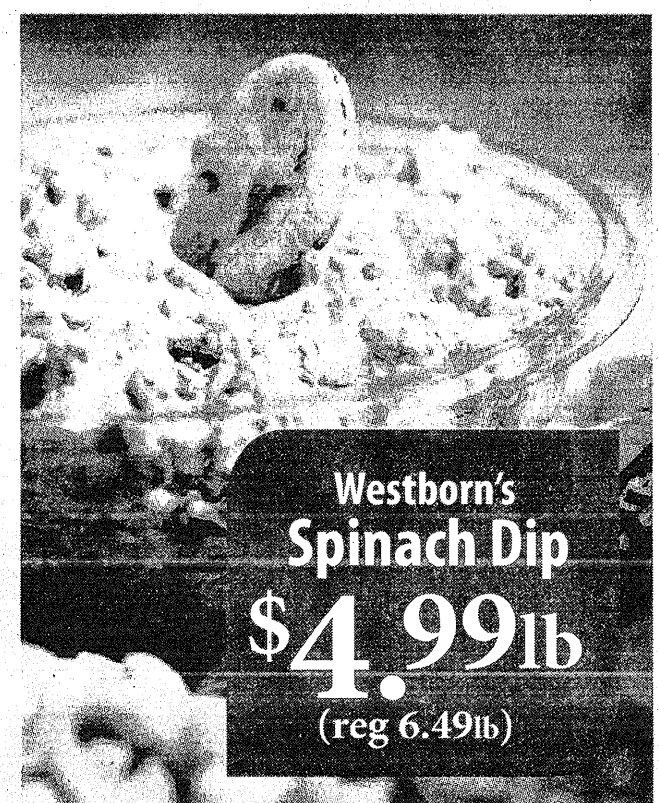


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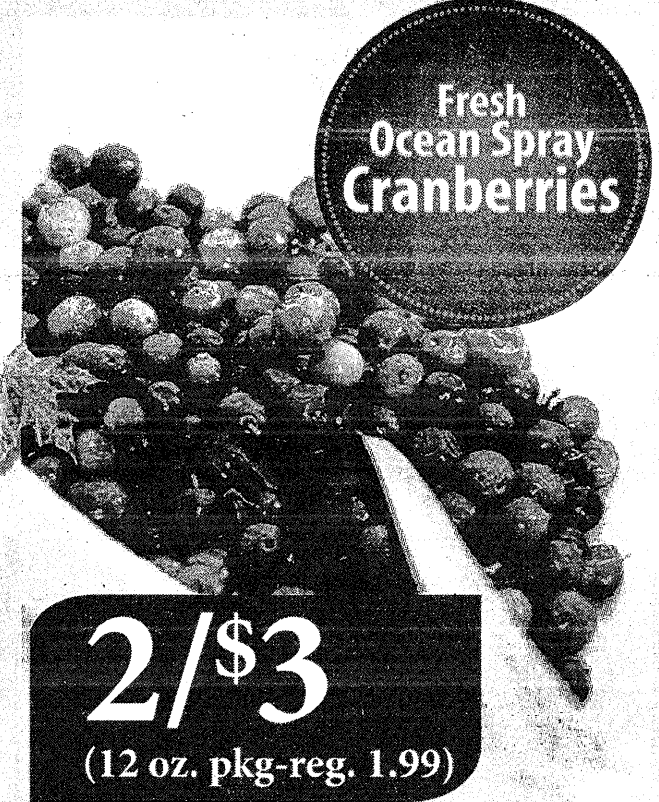
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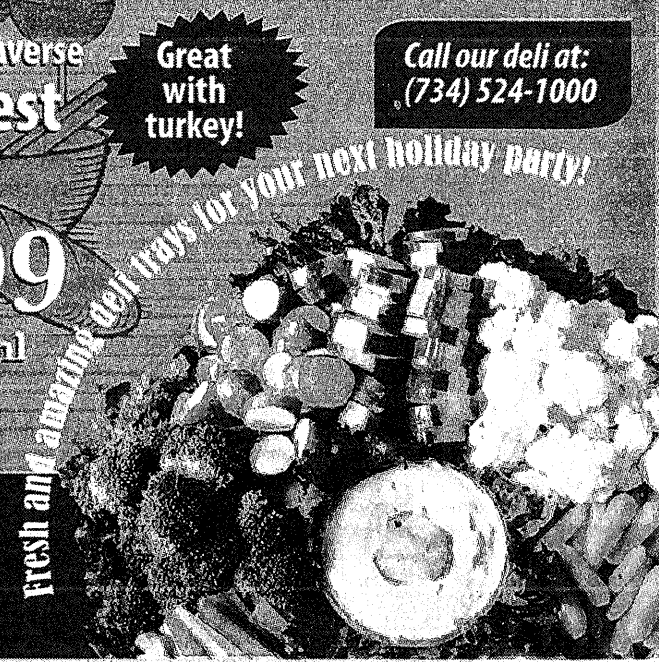
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Dec. 2, 9 and 16 will be Toy Nights. Wayne County will be lending a hand to provide toys to disadvantaged children in Wayne County. On these nights, the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the suggested \$5 donation fee. Visitors are also welcome to contribute the recommended donation.

At the walk through display area, visitors can stop by Santa's Workshop at the Warrendale Area for refreshments and gift shopping. Santa will be there from Thanksgiving until Dec. 23. Don't forget to bring your letters to Santa! Outside of Santa's workshop there will be a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa. Santa's elves will pick up the letters each night.

Although Lightfest begins at 7 p.m., Hines Drive will be closed to traffic beginning at 5:45 p.m. nightly. Visitors enter Wayne County Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman, 2½ miles south of I-96 in Westland.

Lightfest is presented in partnership with Fox 2 News, Magic 105.1 FM, DBT Marketing and Promotional Group, Garden City Hospital, McDonald Modular, the Friends of Wayne County Parks, Entertainment Express Luxury Limousine and ITC Holdings.

For more information on Wayne County Lightfest, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecountyparks.org.



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County Executive Bob Ficano, Santa Claus, and a crowd of kids throw the switch to light the lights for the Wayne County Lightfest.



The fireworks begin for the opening of the Wayne County Light Festival.



Nine-year-old Claire Frankowski enjoys a doughnut while waiting for Santa Claus.



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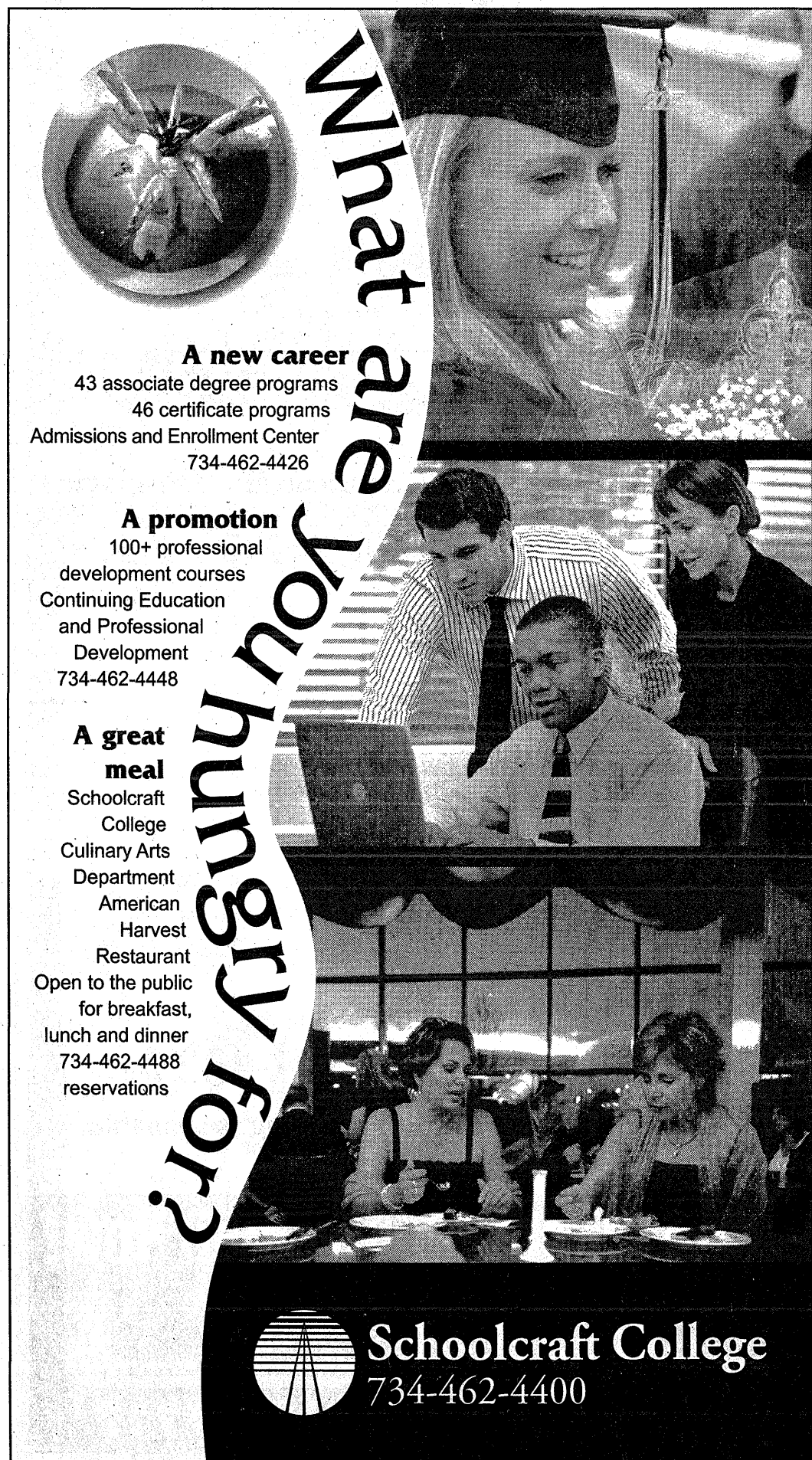
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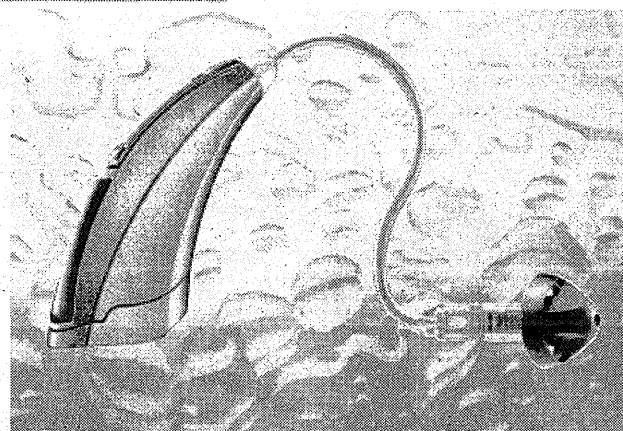
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OUR VIEWS

Be grateful and have a happy Thanksgiving

"Happy Thanksgiving." We'll hear this greeting a lot in the next week, but how can we have a "happy" Thanksgiving when the economy is in such sad shape?

So many people have lost their jobs, their homes, their retirement savings.

The national unemployment is 6.5 percent, the highest since March 1994. In Michigan, it's 8.7 percent.

A record 1.2 million homes were in foreclosure during the second quarter of 2008, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. According to some estimates, another 2 million families could lose their homes to foreclosure in the next two years.

In October, the Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered its worst week of losses ever.

The Big 3 is seeking a government bailout, and leading economists say the likelihood of a prolonged U.S. recession has increased significantly as economic conditions continue to deteriorate.

Yet, happiness doesn't come from material possessions. They make it easier to live, but they don't bring lasting and genuine joy.

True happiness comes from being content with what we have — no matter how meager our possessions or how trying our circumstances.

Put the happy in your Thanksgiving this year by being grateful for your many blessings.

MLK's dream not just for African-Americans

On the morning of Nov 4, I got up early and had breakfast. I kept looking at the time to make sure I would not be late for voting. I felt as if there was going to be an exam. This is the first time I voted in my life.

After a short time standing in the queue, I came to a desk and handed my voting card and got the paper. I sat down and read the directions very carefully and looked at the questions and multiple choices very carefully. Good thing I already knew the answer. But I still took the great effort to fill the circles very completely. I finally finished and went to line up for the machine.

The lady patiently instructed me how to push the envelope into the slot. I did very well. And I got a sticker that said "I voted." I pasted it on my shirt right away. When I went to work, some friends noticed and said "Ah, you voted!" I had a new feeling never felt before.

I had been a green card holder for 18 years before I applied for citizenship. When asked why I wanted to become a citizen, I answered that I wanted to be more involved in the future of the U.S. and I wanted to vote.



Xiaoling Chen

Early this year, my citizenship application got approved and a good friend accompanied me in the ceremony. I registered to vote right after the ceremony. She took pictures for me holding the certificate and we went to celebrate it afterwards. I was excited on that day, but not as excited as I was when I learned of the election result. I became a real American when my voice was heard together with other Americans.

All this happiness brings back memories. I came to study in the university 19 years ago in Detroit. After I registered for the classes, I paid the tuition and found a temporary place to live. I went to museums. The African-American History Museum gave me a lot of information about the American history that I did not know before. I also saw the movie *Roots* when I was in China. I did not notice the terrible things like that happening around me. But I did notice the homeless in the street.

I also noticed one professor is an

African-American who holds two doctorate degrees. He talked with great wisdom, but at the same time was down to earth. I asked friends in and out of the class about how racial discrimination affects life. Each agreed that it is still around.

Discrimination can happen to anyone. But equal opportunity still prevails because most Americans accept differences and give trust to people despite their skin color or accent.

I was living in an apartment in Plymouth at that time. One day as I was taking a walk after dinner passing someone's window, a teenage girl yelled at me from inside of the window a racial remark together with "Go Home!" My body shook and I could feel a fear and sadness inside my heart. I ran back to my apartment and could not concentrate for the rest of the night.

Next day, I got lost on my way to my evening class in downtown Detroit. I finally made it to the class and there was no one left except for my professor because the class was over. He looked at me and said "Xiaoling, I knew you would come." Tears rolled down my face. He told me with his action that there are still Americans who believe

in you for who you are.

Five years later, I started working in companies. There was a management opportunity I thought I could do well in. I mentioned this opening to my boss. He said that I should not even try and hinted that he felt this way because I was Chinese. I carried this uncomfortable thought for several years before I realized I was as good and capable as all white managers. I got calls from recruiters that believe my skill will fit in some supervisor positions. Even though I did not end up working in that position, I again realized that there are trust and opportunities for me due to my character and talents.

Martin Luther King's dream is not just for African-Americans, it is for all of us, white and non-white. Barack Obama took that dream to a new level. America, the land of opportunity, is of significant meaning at this moment and the whole world is looking at us as the greatest nation on earth.

Xiaoling "Charlene" Chen is a graduate of the Wayne State University, School of Education, and currently works as a computer engineer. She has lived in Canton for 11 years.

Community Living Services, turning dreams into reality

When you think of housing lately ... well, it has been just plain depressing.

Those of us fortunate to own a home are watching the value drop like a rock. And far too many Michiganders and Americans are losing their homes to foreclosure at a rate that is unmatched or unseen since the Great Depression.

Michigan has been leading the parade of the economic death march for longer than other parts of the country, but it seems everyone else is catching up quickly. Yet, like the guy complaining about not being able to afford a new pair of shoes until seeing the man with no feet, I feel lucky to still have my home, health care and income.

Attending a ribbon cutting ceremony of a new house being built to provide a home for people with disabilities



Tom Watkins

snapped me out of my funk. The opening of a new home that will provide people with disabilities the opportunity for greater hope and dignity was a burst of sunshine on an overcast gray day. It was a grand reminder that in spite of all the challenges at the national and state level, there are good things happening in our communities every day.

Homes like the one recently opened in Westland and celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony have also opened throughout the metro area. They have opened in Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Redford, Birmingham, Bloomfield, Southfield, Novi,

Northville, Detroit and Dearborn.

Liberty Hill Housing corporation, ably led by its Executive Director Peggy Frankie, is a subsidiary of Community Living Services under the direction of Jim Dehem. Both organizations are headquartered in Wayne. With vision, drive and leadership, this dynamic duo has turned dreams of people with disabilities living in our communities into a reality.

Yet, both Frankie and Dehem are quick to point out that every home that opens is the result of teamwork and a cooperative community spirit and determination from their partners in federal, state and local governments as well as nonprofit agencies. Dehem praised Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health

Board, and local mayors and city councils that, together with local affiliates of the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC), made "another dream come true."

Just 30 years ago these same individuals were warehoused out of sight and often out of mind, at a great fiscal and moral cost, in vile, inhumane and costly state institutions.

There is much to give thanks for that takes place throughout the beautiful hometown communities that we all call home. Yes, "Home Sweet Home!"

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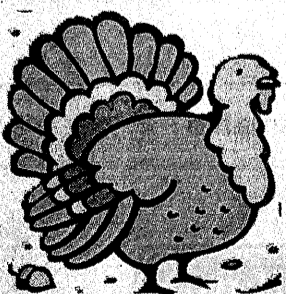
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THRILLER

Canton icers pull off dramatic rally

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton senior forward Nick Tomilenko made sure his team's never-say-die comeback Friday night turned into a never-say-tie victory.

The Chiefs wiped out a 4-2 deficit with just over four minutes left to defeat Chelsea, 5-4, at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

Tomilenko buried the game-winner with 0.6 seconds left off assists from Mark Barath and Anthony Bonnett.

"Things were looking grim for a while there, but the guys hung in there and never gave up," said Canton coach Dan

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Abraham, whose icers improved to 2-0. "It was a good back-and-forth game. When it was five-on-five, I think we got the better of them, but their goalie played extremely well.

"Our defensive unit played well. They showed people what they're capable of. We scored a couple of power-play goals, too, which was good to see."

The Chiefs led 2-1 after one period thanks to goals from Tomilenko (from Dan Bielak and Bonnett) and Barath (from Bonnett and Jimmy LaFontaine).

Chelsea then reeled off three consecutive net-finders to seize a 4-2 advantage before Canton's dramatic, down-the-stretch rally.

A.J. Rosales sparked the comeback with a goal assisted by Ryan Lash and Alex Berlin with four minutes left. Tomilenko then knotted things up at 4-4 with an unassisted lamp-lighter.

Moments later, the scrappy senior forward won it with shot from the door step.

Freshman goalie Max Sexton notched his first high school victory.

"The key was we hung in there and never gave in to defeat," Abraham said.

The Chiefs return to action Friday when they take on Salem in the first round of the Salem Thanksgiving Tournament.

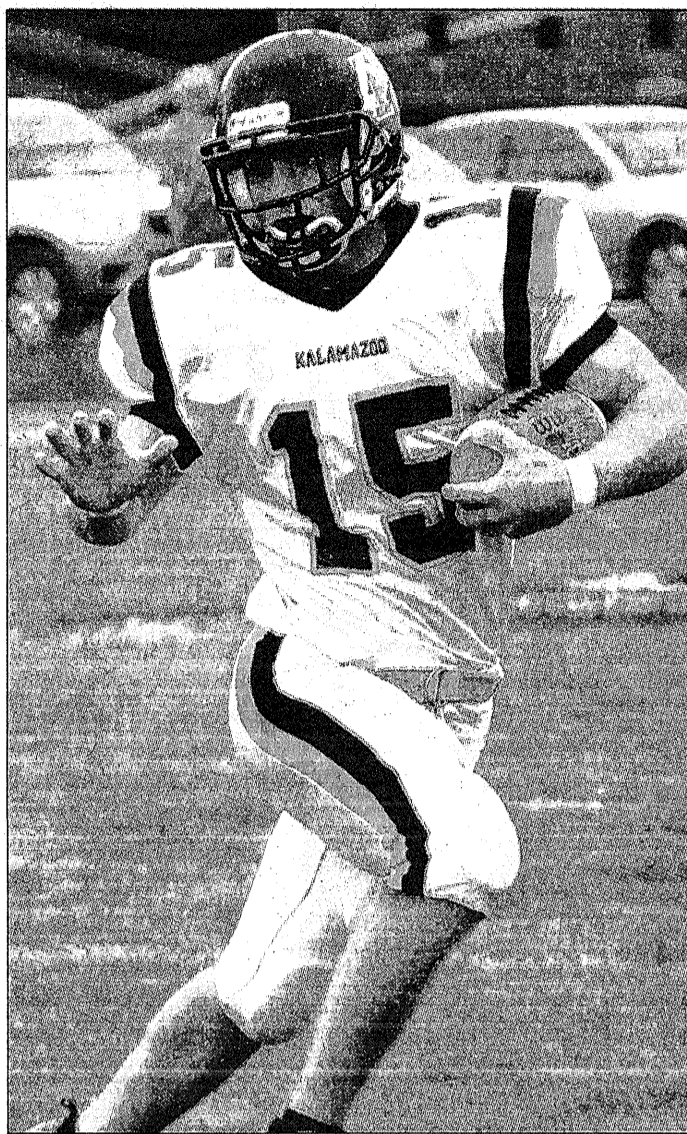
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Adam Powers made a sudden impact on the Kalamazoo College football program this fall. The freshman scored five touchdowns and registered 20 pass receptions.

Sidelines

Rolfe honored

Former Plymouth High School soccer standout Colin Rolfe was recently named the Big East Conference's Rookie of the Year following his stellar freshman campaign at the University of Louisville.

Rolfe became the first player in the Louisville program's history to earn a major Big East award.

The ex-Wildcat notched a team-leading five goals and 12 points. Among his goals were a pair of game-winners.

The highlight of Rolfe's season came Oct. 4, when he recorded a goal and an assist in the Cardinals' 2-1 upset of then-No. 4-ranked St. John's. It proved to be St. John's lone regular-season loss.

Super Bowl to host NCAA

The NCAA Women's Bowling Committee has selected Canton's Super Bowl to host the 2009 NCAA Women's Bowling Championships.

The double-elimination event will be held April 9-11. The top eight teams from 49 NCAA institutions will compete.

The University of Detroit Mercy will serve as co-host in partnership with the Detroit Metro Sports Commission.

Whalers postponed

Friday night's Ontario Hockey League match-up between the Plymouth Whalers and the Owen Sound Attack was postponed due to poor weather.

The Whalers' team bus traveled as far as Sarnia in clear weather before turning back due to poor road conditions.

The Whalers will host the Windsor Spitfires at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets for all Whalers home games are available by calling (734) 453-8400.

Gridiron brotherhood

Plymouth Township siblings fulfill life-long dreams of playing college football

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Every Saturday afternoon this fall, Jake and Adam Powers dialed up one another's cell phone for long-distance conversations that few, if any, brothers in the United States could relate to.

The Powers brothers, who grew up in Plymouth Township and graduated from Canton High School, both play college football, a family feat that is remarkable considering only one in 20 prep gridders is talented enough to make a collegiate roster.

"We'd usually chat after our games on Saturdays to see how each other's games went," said Jake Powers, who Saturday played his final game at Brown University. "I'm real happy for Adam because I know how much he loves football. We worked out together this summer, which was good for me because I've never trained with anybody that works as hard as he does."

Fittingly, Adam Powers attended his big brother's final game Saturday. He had a legit reason for missing the first 10: The 5-foot-11, 190-pound freshman played a pivotal role for the Kalamazoo College football team, scoring five touchdowns in his first-ever stint as a running back.

"I'm glad I got to go to Jake's last game because it was the culmination of 12 years of playing football for him," Adam Powers said. "I learned a lot from Jake growing up, mostly about how to serve in a leadership role and how to motivate my teammates."

IT'S IN THE GENES

The apples didn't fall far from the tree in the Powers household. Jake and Adam's dad, Jeff Powers, played col-

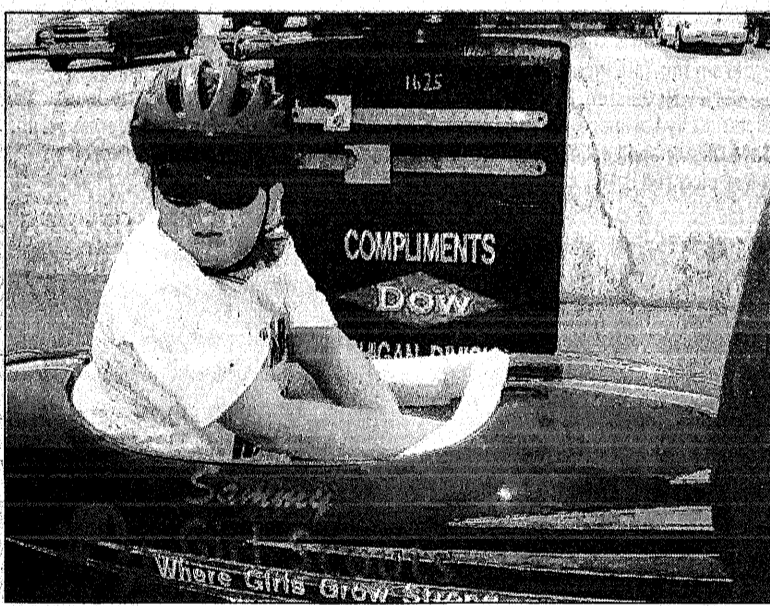
lege football at Bowling Green State University, an experience that allowed him to pass down some valuable advice.

"First of all, I couldn't be more proud of both of them, not just as football players, but as men," Jeff Powers said. "They both aspired to play college football since they played little league for the (Plymouth-Canton) Steelers, and it's great to see that they both had what it took to realize that dream."

"Having played college football myself, I was able to warn them about how tough it was going to be the first year. You go from being a big dog in high school to a nobody in college. The two-a-days are brutal. The coach is grinding you down because he wants to fish out the quitters."

Jake Powers not only survived the early rounds of two-a-days, he has thrived at

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JIM HOWELL

Eleven-year-old Canton resident Samantha Howell has made a mark on the national Soap Box Derby racing scene. The East Middle School sixth-grader is currently ranked No. 2 in one racing series.

SPEED RACER

Canton sixth-grader is Soap Box Derby star

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like her idols Danica Patrick and Ashley Force, 11-year-old Canton resident Samantha Howell has a need for speed.

And like the two most famous female race car drivers in the world, the East Middle School sixth-grader appears to be on the fast track to success.

Since picking up the hobby of racing Soap Box Derby cars two years ago, it's been all down hill for Howell, who is ranked No. 2 nationally in the All-American Soap Box Derby's Super Stock class, which consists of racers between the ages of 10 and 21.

Howell will be heading to Winston Salem, N.C., next weekend to compete in a regional National Derby Rally qualifying race that could earn her a berth in the 2009 championships in Des Moines, Iowa.

The personable Howell sped to a top-20 finish at last year's nationals.

"It's fun and I like to win trophies," Howell said when asked about her speed-driven hobby. "I'm going to keep racing until I'm too old to do it anymore."

Howell was introduced to the sport by accident after her father, Jim, returned from a car show with a piece of literature that caught her eye.

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Wildcat skaters hope to build on school's best-ever season

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What does Plymouth's hockey team have in store for an encore on the heels of its most successful season ever?

Based on its talented core of returning defensemen, plenty of victories.

The Wildcats chalked up a 16-10 record in 2007-08, a season that included a second-place showing in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division and the school's first pre-Regional title.

"Our team defense should be our strength," said second-year coach Paul Fassbender. "As long as we do what we should be doing, we should be strong. We have good team speed and we have a group of guys who are aggressive."

The Wildcats will draw strength from numbers. Forty-two skaters tried out for the 20 roster spots.

Plymouth will be paced by senior forward Luke Mirandi, a third-year varsity player who will occupy a spot

on one of the 'Cats' top lines.

"Luke leads by example," said Fassbender. "He always works hard and he always knows exactly what we want to do."

Senior forward Kyle Callahan will also serve as a captain following a stellar junior season.

"Kyle has a complete knowledge of the game," said Fassbender. "He gives us great defense from the forward position and he knows his role."

Serving as assistant captains will be senior defenseman Mitch Martin and junior forward Ryan Renault.

"Mitch is a tremendous worker who hits hard," Fassbender said. "Ryan displayed a lot of leadership qualities during the summer and fall. He's probably the most vocal of the four captains and he has tremendous goal-scoring ability."

The starting goal-tending duties have been earned by first-year sophomore Michael Justus.

"He's an aggressive goalie who likes to play the puck," said Fassbender. "He's real solid and should help us a lot."

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Other key contributors Fassbender mentioned were first-year players Pat Smietacz, a junior forward, and junior center Taylor Currier.

The team's defensive unit will be spearheaded by Martin, senior newcomer Chris Merrill, junior Evan Swieczkowski, junior Ryan Cigile and sophomore Tayler Lazorka.

CANTON

It's only November, but it appears the Chiefs are already well on their way to improving upon last year's up-and-down 12-11-2 record.

Canton has started the 2008-09 campaign 2-0 following non-conference victories over DeWitt/St. John's and Chelsea.

"We have the potential to be a strong team," said veteran coach Dan Abraham. "We have a lot of talented returning players and some new guys who have shown some potential."

"If we play as individuals, we'll be a mediocre team. If we play as a team,

we should do well."

Among the Chiefs' 14 seniors are their three captains: forward Ryan Lash, center Alex Berlin and defenseman Donny Barlow.

"Ryan brings us leadership on and off the ice," said Abraham. "He has a natural leadership style that resonates throughout the team."

"Alex leads by example. He's the kind of captain who can get his point across without saying a lot."

"Donny has the ability to do it all on the ice. He's a greater leader. He has a hard shot and he's the kind of skater who can take the puck coast to coast. He's exciting to watch."

Speaking of exciting, senior forward Nick Tomilenko has notched seven points for the Chiefs in their first two games.

"Nick can put points on the board," said Abraham. "He seems to score the big goals when we need them the most."

Senior forward Mark Barath may not be as flashy as some of his teammates, but he more than gets the job done, said Abraham.

"Mark has a lot of heart," said Abraham. "He'll set a screen, take a hit, score a big goal."

Joining Barlow on the defensive end of the ice will be senior Bryan Davison, senior Dan Bielak, sophomore Jimmy LaFontaine and senior Ryan May.

"That group has a great combination of speed, smarts and intelligence," said Abraham.

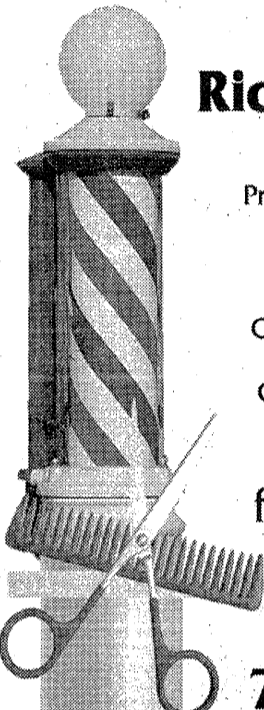
A trio of goalies will share time between the pipes: senior Zane Birchler; and freshmen Ryan Bazner and Max Sexton.

"We have a lot of depth at goalie this year so the guys will have to play well to earn their starts," said Abraham.

Abraham praised his gold line, which consists of Andrew Juback, Zach Haar, Jordan Emery and Trent Taylor.

"They'll do whatever it takes," he said. "They're gritty. They'll fore-check, kill penalties — whatever it takes."

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Penguins hope to soar back into title contention

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two years after capturing a state championship, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team is looking to reclaim some of its past glory.

The Penguins nearly did so last year. After struggling through the regular season, coach Lori Callahan's young and inexperienced contingent surged in the post-season playoffs, advancing to the semifinal round of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League tournament before being ousted.

"We have quite a few new players and only four seniors

and no juniors, so we're a young team," said Callahan, who has served as either a head coach or assistant coach since the program's inception. "It's a very enthusiastic team and all the girls pull for each other."

For the first time in recent memory, the Penguins' roster will have two goalies — returning senior starter Michelle Shaffer and freshman Emily Bullock.

"Michelle did a great job for us last year, especially considering it was her first year as a goalie," said Callahan. "Emily has been playing the position for a while, so her experience will help. When she doesn't

play goalie, she'll be one of our defensemen."

The Penguins will be led by senior captains Kelsey Nikkila, Chelsea Osburn and Katie Rokakis.

"Kelsey is a good leader," said Callahan. "She fires the girls up and keeps everything together."

"Chelsea has improved each year. We moved her from forward to defenseman this year, so our defense should be improved."

"Katie is a three-year player and one of our hardest workers."

When the Penguins are looking for a big goal this season, they'll turn to sophomore forward Amanda Heisler.

"She knows how to put the puck in the net," Callahan said of Heisler, who scored four goals last week against Regina.

The Penguins' defensive unit will be anchored by Jessie Hazlett, Rhianna Fleisher, Osburn and Sarah Coleman — the third Coleman sister to play in the PCS program.

"I'd like to make the playoffs again and get out of the first round like we did last year," said Callahan, when asked about her goals this season. "We're in the upper division (of the MMGSHL), so we'll have to play hard every night."

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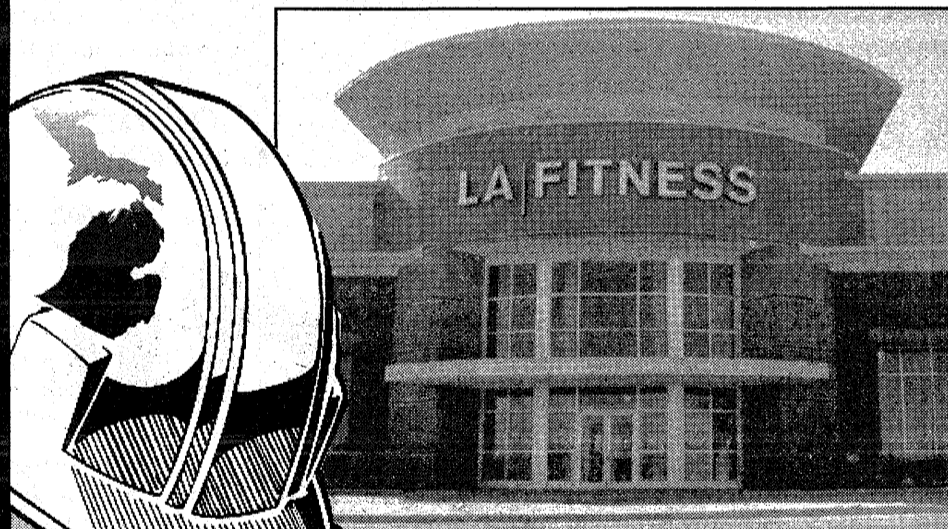
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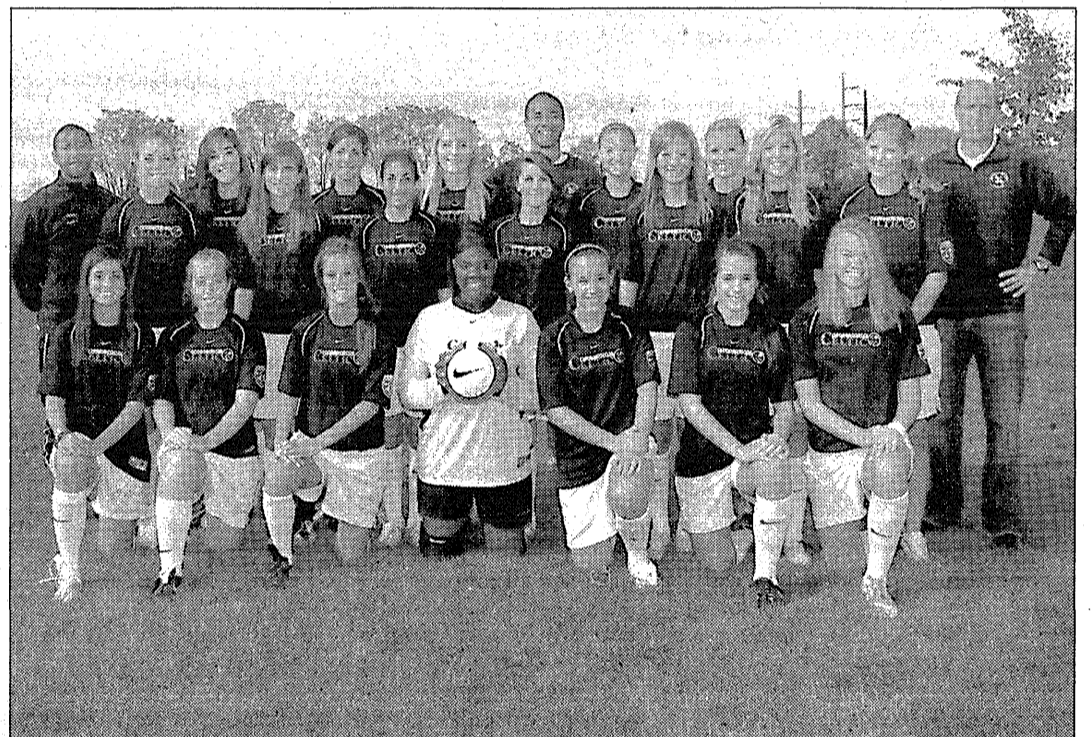
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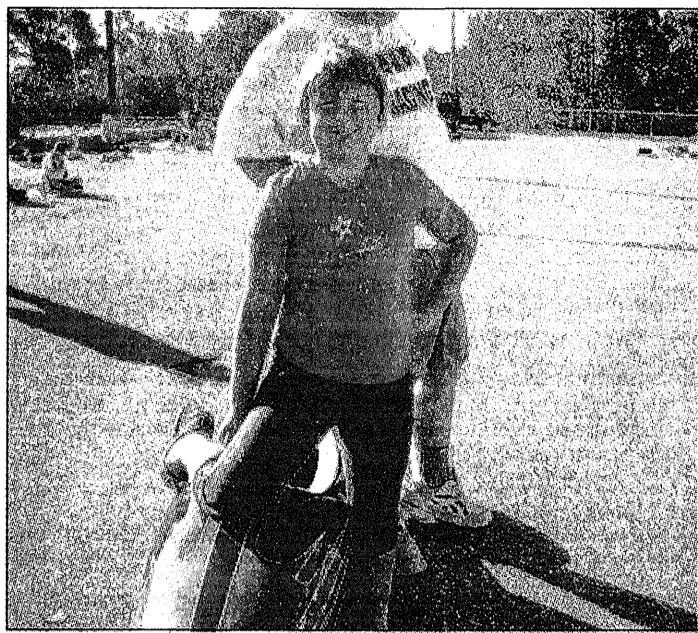
Premier champions

The Canton Soccer Club's Celtic U17 premier girls soccer team went undefeated and captured first place in the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program this fall. Pictured are (front row from left) Lindsey Newton, Meeghan Hughes, Kasey Webb, Kayle Lewis, Carley McQuisten, Katie Krajewski, Tracy Rymph, (back row from left) Jenna Virant, Allyssa Cottrell, Abigail Gaier, Kelly Larimore, Liliana Serratos, Lauren Booth, Taylor Burgoon, Megan Staub, Jennifer Babcock, Kelly Dobbs, Sara O'leary and Leslie Weisz. The team is coached by Hewerton Camaz Moreira, Rogerio Oliveira and John Staub. Not pictured is Marissa Williams.



Plymouth JV pom pon team excels

The Plymouth High School junior varsity pom pon team placed first in the Mid-American Pom Pon High Kick Competition held earlier this month at Eastern Michigan University. The team's high-kick performance theme was music from the movie "The Mask." Pictured are (front row from left) Lauren Turner, Alanna Farrugia, Kirsten Engstrom (captain), Dominica Convertino (captain), Christina Dreyer (captain), Holin Pardikes, Emma Buechele, (middle row from left) Lindsey Martin, Katie Justice, Lyndsay Zelenak, Brittany Guajardo, Samantha Trunk, Siera Tyl, (back row from left) coach Erica Caudillo, Jennifer Sochocki, Isis Haywood, Stephanie Hall, Kelly Karst, Kellie Connelly, Callie Lehr and coach Amanda Baldwin.



HOWELL FAMILY PHOTO

Samantha Howell relaxes by her Soap Box Derby car between races this summer.

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"My son (Joshua) and I went to the Autorama at Cobo Hall a couple years ago and I picked up a brochure that explained all about Soap Box Derby racing," Jim Howell said. "Joshua looked at the brochure and said, 'This is something I might want to do.'

"Well, when Samantha saw the brochure, she said, 'This is something I am going to do.' She's been in love with it ever since."

Before he knew it, the elder Howell was ordering a \$600 car kit and — with Samantha's dedicated assistance — constructing his daughter's first race car in their Canton garage.

"It's been a wonderful bonding experience for Samantha and I," he said. "Before, I'd take her to dance lessons and sit on the sidelines and watch, or I'd take her to soccer games and sit in the stands and watch. This is something we can do together."

"Samantha not only drives the car, but she helps assemble it, she knows how to tune it up on race days; she does it all."

Even though the Soap Box Derby cars are engine-less, they can still motor down the 1,000-foot racing hills.

"The cars get up to about 32 miles per hour at the track in Des Moines," Howell said. "In Saginaw, which is our home track, the top speeds are 28 to 29 miles per hour."

The weights of the cars with the driver on board are made even by adding metal plates to the car prior to each race, so no one has an advantage.

That puts an emphasis on skill and preparation — two things the Howells have excelled in.

"The biggest thing between winning and losing is know-

ing how to keep the car going straight, which Samantha does very well," Jim Howell said. "There may be a cross-wind you have to compensate for. It's kind of like a bowling ball — you want to hit the pocket every time down the hill."

"The night before a race, we'll go to the top of the hill and roll tennis balls down it to see if there are any grooves. Then we'll go down the hill with a flashlight to look for spots to watch out for."

Once the car is built — something that takes roughly three hours — there is minimal maintenance, Howell said.

"During the week before a race, we'll usually work on it an hour to an hour-and-a-half," he said. "The biggest thing is changing the brake pads. At Saginaw, we can get through five events on the same set of brake pads because they have a hill at the end of the track. But in Cleveland, for instance, we'll have to change them halfway through an event. Because you practically have to stand up on the brake to get the car to stop."

For more information on Soap Box Derby racing, visit www.aasdb.com or www.ndr.org.

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Brown, which was a victory over Columbia on Saturday from clinching just its fourth Ivy League title ever.

ADVANTAGEOUS MOVE

After playing sparingly as a tight end his freshman year, Powers was switched to the defensive line before his sophomore campaign. He's excelled at clogging up the opponents' running lanes ever since.

One of Powers' many personal highlights unfolded Sept. 27, when he joined forces with another Brown defensive lineman to haul down a Harvard running back short of the goal line during a last-minute, two-point conversion attempt to preserve a 24-22 Bear victory.

"Most people in the Midwest aren't familiar with football at the I-AA level," Powers said. "They don't realize how com-

petitive this level of football is. I'd go up against offensive linemen that weighed anywhere from 280 to 350 pounds, and they weren't just big, they were athletic."

Powers, who is pursuing a degree in entrepreneurial studies, said he's certain his college football experience will pay off many years down the road.

"In a lot of ways, playing college football prepares you mentally for life after college," he said. "With practices, mandatory workouts, film sessions and meetings before and after practice, you learn how to deal with some serious time commitments."

"One of the best things about it, too, is the people you meet. I've met at least 100 teammates here that will be my friends for the rest of my life."

READY TO SERVE

Powers has applied to serve with Teach For America after

he graduates in the spring. The program puts highly accomplished college graduates into inner-city teaching positions for two years.

"I've completed one of the two rounds of interviews necessary to get in the program," he said. "It's pretty competitive, but I'd love to be able to do it."

After starting at both quarterback and strong safety his senior year at Canton, Adam Powers has found a niche as a running back in Kalamazoo College's pass-happy spread attack. Playing every other series, he racked up four rushing TDs and one scoring reception for the 2-8 Hornets, who lost three games by less than five points.

The hard-running freshman did something few players at any level accomplish: He scored on his very first collegiate carry — a 3-yard TD run against Denison.

"The most difficult part for me was learning the offense,"

said Powers, whose 20 receptions ranked him among the Hornets' leaders in that category. "We have over 50 different plays and formations. Once I got all those down, I was fine."

Powers said he's optimistic the Hornets' football program is ready to turn the corner. He pointed to an early-season victory over Rockwood as proof of the imminent turnaround.

"We were down 14-0 at halftime, which was a bad sign because our seniors hadn't experienced much success in their four years with the program," he said. "But there was a different vibe in the locker room at halftime. We came out in the third quarter, put together a few good drives and ended up winning, 17-14, on a last-second field goal."

"A couple weeks later, we lost to Trine, 36-35, and they're 10-0 and going to the playoffs, so we're getting close."

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Top-ranked Jenison ends Churchill's run

BY BRAD EMONS
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It had been exactly 54 days — Sept. 27 at the Temperance Bedford Tournament — since Livonia Churchill's volleyball team had tasted defeat.

Defending state Class A champion and number-one ranked Jenison spoiled the Chargers' quest for their third state Class A volleyball title in school history with a 25-17, 21-25, 25-12, 25-22 victory Friday night at Battle Creek's Kellogg Center.

The Wildcats, 64-6 overall, moved into Saturday's championship with a rematch against Bloomfield Hills Marian (65-8-1).

Churchill, trying to duplicate its 2006 (winter season) state championship run, bowed out at 49-4 overall.

Senior outside Megan Hendrickson, bound for Duke, collected the game-winning kill, one of her 20 on the night,

after Churchill had rallied and closed the deficit to two, 24-22.

Jessica Maier and Elizabeth Vaughan added 12 and 10 kills, while setter Leah Poel finished with a game-high 43 assist-to-kills for the Wildcats.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Nalez recorded a team-high 16 kills for the Chargers.

Junior middle hitter Cierra Yetts added nine, including five in the second set to go along with two blocks in sparking Churchill's only win set win in the second.

Churchill's downfall in the match was 39 attacking and 11 service errors.

"I couldn't ask for anything,

more," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We had our chances, but we made too many unforced errors. The kids played hard, but we got caught with too many (errors) and you can't do that against a good Jenison team."

Taylor Root, bound for Valparaiso University, finished with 21 digs, while Poel added 17.

The 6-foot Hendrickson also contributed 11 digs and kept Churchill's defense off-balance with a variety of attacks from all angles of the court.

"She (Hendrickson) changed things up a couple of times and went in the opposite direction," Grenier said. "There's a

reason why she was runner-up for Miss Volleyball. And their libero (Taylor Root) — we couldn't get the ball around her. They played great defense and they did a good job."

Churchill senior Lindsey Graciak played an outstanding match with a game-high 22 digs. Teammate Taylor Kerr added 10. Setter Kristy DeClercq finished with 19 assists.

"They (Jenison) moved really well and they picked up all our attacks," Graciak said.

"They're a good team with a lot of experience. Some key plays took us down, but we were able to leave here staying we put our all into it. That's what makes it so hard."

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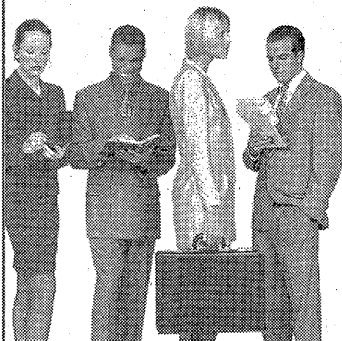
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FIRST TEAM

ELMAR ENGHOLM, JR., PLYMOUTH: The foreign-exchange student from Sweden left a lasting mark on the Wildcats' program as he became the No. 1 runner in the school's history, setting a mark of 15:48. He won the Holly Invitational, the KLAAs conference meet, the KLAAs South Division meet and the Ypsilanti Early Bird meet. To add icing to the cake, he placed second at the Division 1 Regional and earned All-State status by placing 23rd at the state meet.

"Elmar, who's just 16 years old, would have had a good chance of being in the top five in the state next year if he didn't have to go back to Sweden at the end of the school year," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said.

DUNCAN SPITZ, SR., CANTON: Spitz had a spectacular senior season, placing second at the KLAAs South Division meet, third at the KLAAs conference meet and eighth at the Division 1 Regional meet before turning in a 16:14 clocking at the state meet.

"Duncan is probably the greatest runner in school history," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "Duncan was a four-year letterman who was named first team all area three times. He has broken the school record three times and has run three of the school's four fastest times ever at the state meet."

MATT DEVEY, SR., SALEM: The four-year varsity performer was the Rocks' No. 1 runner throughout most of the fall, placing 11th at the KLAAs Central Division race, sixth at the KLAAs conference meet, 10th at the D1 Regional and 59th in the state meet.

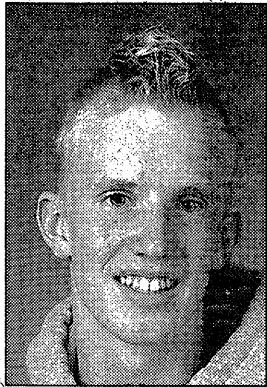
"Matt is a four-year runner who showed tremendous improvement over his junior and senior seasons," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "His personal best of 16:20 came at the state meet where he executed the race plan to perfection. Matt is the perfect example of what can happen with hard work and dedication — he was not a varsity runner until half-way through his junior season,

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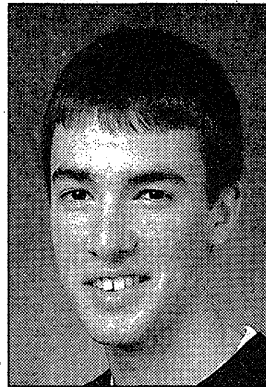
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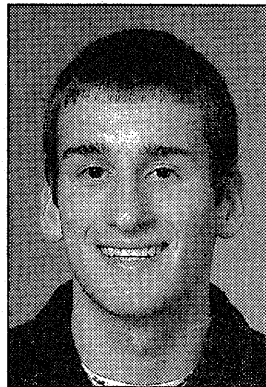
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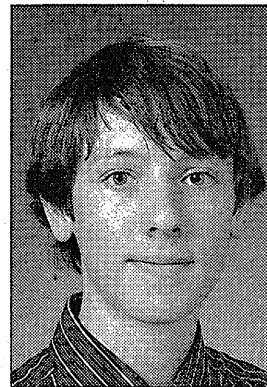
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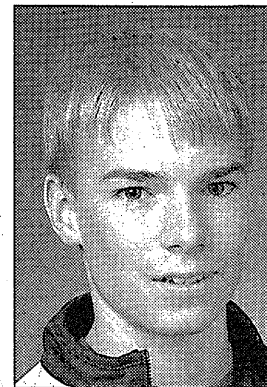
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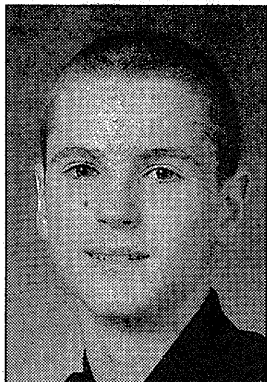
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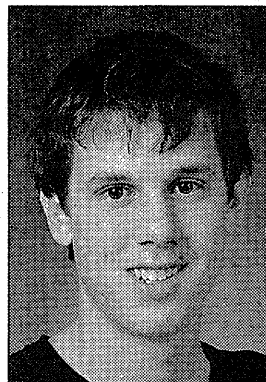
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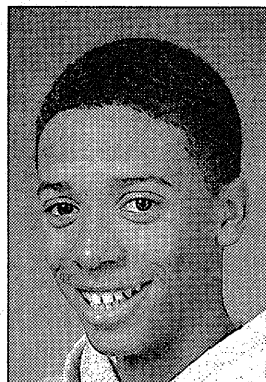
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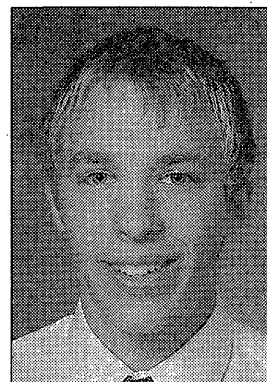
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but ended up his career as the thirteenth-fastest Rock in school history."

SPENCER LYLE, SR., LUTH. WESTLAND: The senior earned All-State honors in Division 4 with a 24th-place showing in 16:29. He is a four-time state qualifier.

Lyle was runner-up in regional at Lake Erie Metropark and took third in the Metro Conference meet.

He captured titles this season at the Shamrock and Falcon invitational, as well as tri-meets at Newport Lutheran South and Dearborn Heights Annapolis. He was also runner-up at the New Boston Huron and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard invitational, as well as the Metro Conference jamboree.

"Spencer has been a great individual to coach the last four years," Lutheran Westland coach Jeremy Fabris said of the 12-time meet winner. "A big part of his success this year comes from his unwavering focus and commitment to hard work. He was a great example for our younger runners this year."

WARREN BUZZARD, JR., PLYMOUTH: The junior carried over the momentum he garnered from

last year's state-meet berth by turning in a spectacular season. He placed 11th at the KLAAs conference meet, 19th at the Regional and 98th at the state meet. Buzzard ran a personal-best time of 16:36 at the state meet. He has a 4.0 grade-point average.

KYLE CLINTON, SR., CANTON: Clinton capped a sensational high school cross country career by placing third in the KLAAs South Division meet, fifth at the KLAAs conference meet and 13th at the D1 Regional before posting a time of 16:34 at the state meet. The captain was voted the Chiefs' MVP.

"Kyle is unquestionably one of the greatest runners in Canton history," said Boyd. "He received his letter all four years and his time of 16:33 at the 2007 state meet places him fifth on the team's top 10 board. As the team's captain, Kyle was instrumental in the team's 2008 division championship."

MATT NEUMANN, JR., PLYMOUTH: Neumann had a break-out season, dropping over 80 seconds from his previous personal-best time. He placed 13th at the Wayne County Championships, 16th at the conference meet, 25th at

the Regional race and 106th at the state meet, where he posted his PR of 16:37. Neumann has a 3.9 grade-point average.

"Matt was definitely one of the leaders of our team," said Mikosz.

DEREK LAX, SR., PLYMOUTH: The four-year varsity runner was a member of both Plymouth teams that placed 12th in the state meet in 2006 and 2008. Lax ran his personal best time of 16:31 this year at the D1 Regional meet. He is the fourth-fastest runner all-time at Plymouth and carries a 4.1 grade-point average.

MILES FELTON, FR. CANTON: The ninth-grader earned "Rookie of the Year" status for the Chiefs this fall after placing 17th in the KLAAs meet and 14th at the Regional race. He posted a 16:54 at the state meet.

"Miles shattered the freshman school record by 27 seconds," said Boyd. "A hard worker and team leader, Miles set high goals for himself then worked hard to achieve them. He was the fastest freshman in the league and the fifth-fastest freshman at the D1 state meet."

MARK WATERBURY, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The senior is a three-time All-Observer selection who owns a personal best of 16:40.

Waterbury posted a season best of 16:44 en route to a 17th-place at the Division 1 regional. He also took 21st in the Kensington Conference and sixth in the KLAAs South Division race.

Waterbury was also Livonia City champion and earned medast the the Michigan State, Monroe Jefferson and Wayne County invitational.

"Mark is a fine student athlete and gentleman," Churchill coach John McGreevy said of the 2007 Academic All-Stater and 2008-09 MHSAA Scholar Athlete nominee. "He has very high expectations and goals. He is a very hard worker and a tremendous competitor. Mark always puts the team first and is like and respected by his teammates."

"Mark battled through some nagging injuries and saved his best performance for the regional. He has been a great role mode for the young runners and will be sorely missed next year."

MIKE CHARARA, JR., SALEM:

Charara enjoyed a success-filled season, placing ninth at the Wayne County Championships, seventh at the KLAAs Central Division meet and seventh at the KLAAs conference meet. He is the 13th-fastest junior in Salem history.

"Mike is the type of person every coach wants and every good team has," said Baker. "He is a tremendous leader, a hard worker and he's extremely dedicated. We look for big things from him this coming track season and in the future."

COACH OF THE YEAR

JON MIKOSZ, PLYMOUTH: The first-year coach guided the Wildcats to their most successful season in school history. Under Mikosz's leadership, the Wildcats captured several invitational titles throughout the course of the fall before capping the campaign with a 12th-place showing at the Division 1 state meet. Mikosz was an assistant coach at Plymouth under Lee Shaw for several years before getting promoted to the head job when Shaw was hired as head coach at Marygrove College.



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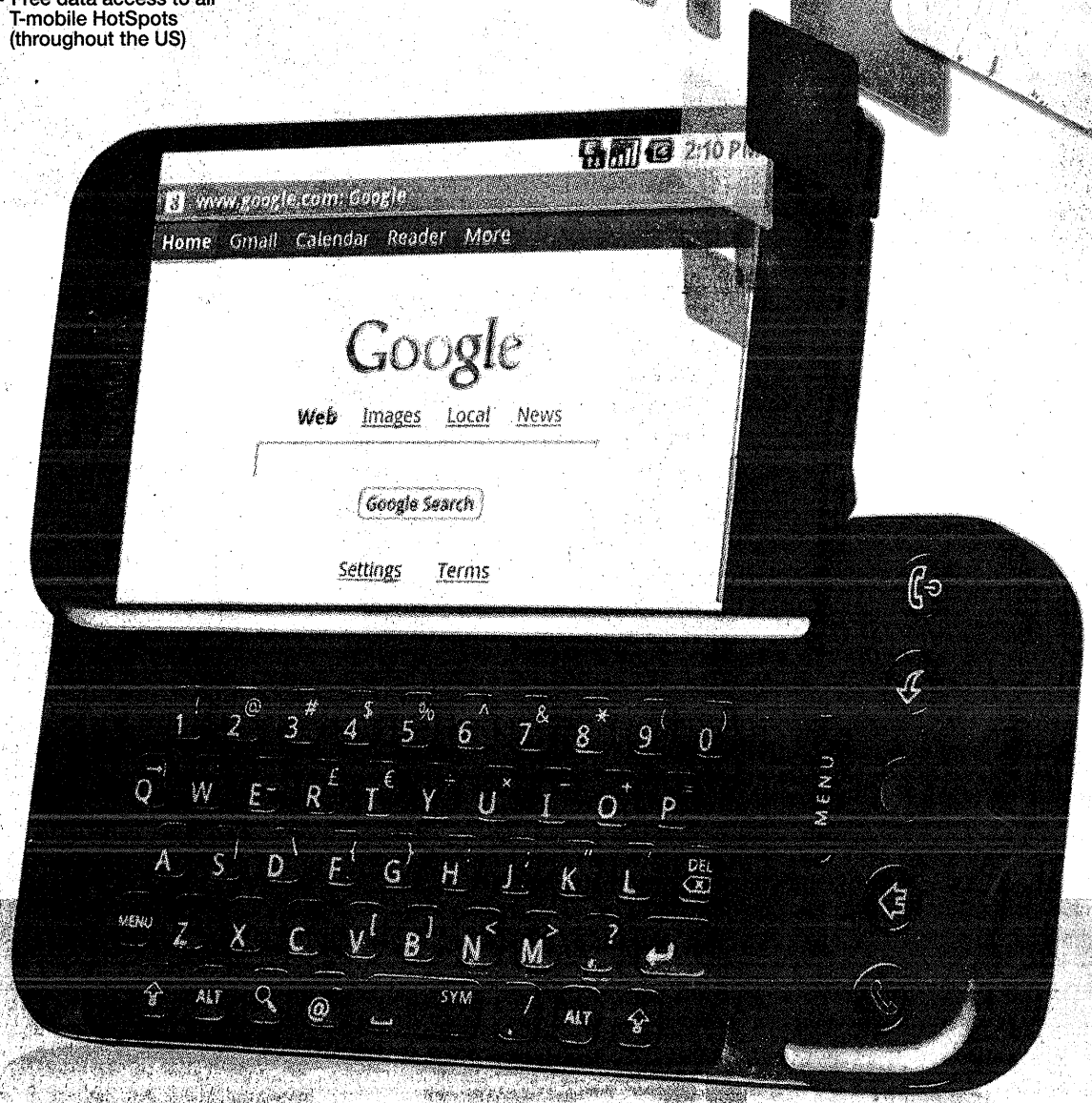
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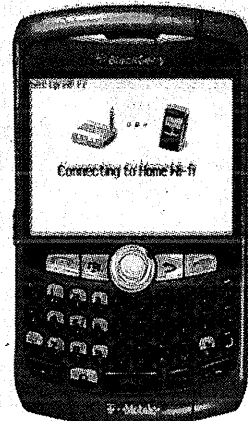
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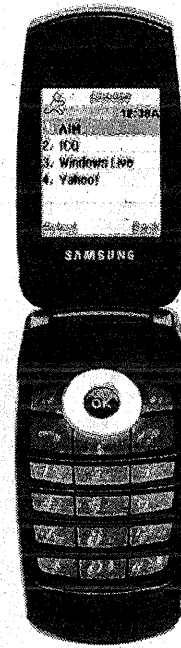


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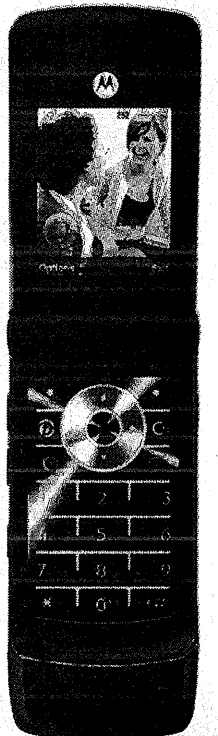
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Vegetarian tasting a time for sharing

Thanksgiving is probably a lot of people's favorite holiday, but especially vegetarians who take pride in the fact that they're not only eating healthy but a turkey hasn't died for them. That's probably why there were a lot of happy diners at the Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza Sunday, Nov. 9, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School in Plymouth.

While many Seventh-day Adventists opt not to eat meat it was apparent that hundreds of others are trying to eliminate flesh from their diet. Many had come with their families to sample the 57 holiday dishes plus desserts made by about 35 cooks. After picking up our trays and filling them with everything from entrees to side dishes, my sister Gwen and I began rating the dishes listed in the program. One star meant it was good, two stars we'd probably make it, three we really liked it. All but a few were yummy or at the very least met with our approval. Although near the end we were so full it became harder and harder to tell how much we liked the appetizers, soups, salads and desserts. Still, sharing the information was fun. We even exchanged our findings with Amy and Diane, the sisters-in-law who sat next to us. They weren't total vegetarians but trying to cut down on the amount of meat they ate as part of their diet. The extravaganza allowed them to taste different vegan and vegetarian dishes before trying the recipes in the cookbook sold at the event.

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Vegan dishes have no animal products as opposed to vegetarian which can contain milk, eggs and cheese.

The main courses ranged from a polenta and veggie sausage stuffing by Jeanie Weaver to holiday peccan loaf by her mother-in-law Natalie.

Jeanie Weaver was especially excited as she floated from table to table. The personal trainer founded the tasting extravaganza 21 years ago. She said switching to a plant-based diet is not as simple as not eating meat. Anyone considering the change should first educate themselves about a nutritious meatless diet. It wasn't easy to do when we stopped eating meat in the mid 1970s because PBB in feed left our neighbor's dairy cattle crippled. After watching him bury his entire herd, we gave up red meat then pork, poultry and fish. Today more and more studies show the less meat you eat the better. You don't have to become a vegetarian, but trying some of these dishes could be a pleasant surprise.

Back then there were only a few meatless cookbooks which made the switch difficult. Mostly we tried to substitute grains and beans for meat.

There was only one kind of tofu — the white brick. It was pretty tasteless because we didn't know how to season it or what to use it in. It wasn't until we discovered ethnic foods that we realized there are many cultures around the world who eat very little or no meat. Years later I'm still looking for vegetarian recipes and looking forward to the March 29, 2009 Better Health cooking seminar at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School. To sign up, call (248) 349-5683.

For more about next year's Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza, call (248) 446-9176 or visit www.veggieholiday.com.

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Clowning



John Landis of Livonia proudly poses with his son Kris, a Farmington Hills police officer. John joined the Distinguished Clown Corps 20 years ago. Kris is celebrating his fifth year.

Community leaders put on grease paint for a family affair

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER



Victor, 28, (left) and Josh, 30, now join their father Syd Ross (center) of Bloomfield Hills in the Distinguished Clown Corps. They began coming to the parade 18 years ago when Ross first became a clown.

John Landis counts on remaining anonymous behind the grease paint when America's Thanksgiving Parade steps off at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, in Detroit.

During the week he is managing director of The PrivateBank in Bloomfield Hills so it's important clients take him seriously. Thanksgiving Day is another story as the Livonia resident joins more than 100 community and business leaders in the Distinguished Clown Corps.

Without the clowns, The Parade Company might not be able to produce the event. Each pays \$1,000 for the privilege of marching down Woodward on the day meant for families.

"It's just really quite amazing that these business and community leaders come out year after year," said Joan LeMahieu, president of The Parade Company and a Bloomfield Hills resident. "Their involvement demonstrates their commitment to one of the community's treasures."

COSTUME MILESTONES

Landis will proudly don his 20-year costume for the 82nd annual parade. Every five years the clowns receive a new suit to designate their years of surviving all kinds of Michigan weather. Landis will wear a silver and black outfit, his cape and a special silver ruff celebrating the corps 25th anniversary this year. His son Kris, a Farmington Hills police officer, received his five-year suit for 2008. Clowns look forward to this milestone as their first costume is a one piece which makes going to the bathroom a real challenge, said Landis.

"I got started because a friend, Linda Kuhn, asked me to be part of the parade," said Landis. "You have to be invited and sponsored. When I started to do this my family became involved. My son Kris was 5. My first year I didn't know anybody. While it was fun it wasn't that family atmosphere. Now you go down for the breakfast, get made up any way you want and get your picture taken with your family"

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Linda Orlans of Birmingham (center), her daughter Alison (right), 29, and Linda's best friend Rox Roselle march with the Distinguished Clown Corps on Thanksgiving Day in Detroit.



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Linda Nimmerguth created this "pear tree" with its own partridge just in time for the Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour.

Home tour puts visitors in the holiday spirit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

K.C. Mueller gazes in wonder at the elegant decorations greeting visitors to the Linda and Gary Nimmerguth home in Plymouth Township. Golden deer and Christmas trees sparkle everywhere including the bathroom sink filled with snowy white cotton and glittering glass bulbs. Mueller says there's something special about each of the seven homes on the Plymouth Symphony League Holiday Tour, which runs noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. She is co-chairing the annual fund-raising event to benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

One homeowner's display of 600 Santas is so spectacular it led the league to invite children this year. Ticket prices were reduced as well to encourage all ages to get in the spirit of the season. Many of the homes have been extensively renovated and offer plenty of ideas not only for holiday decorating, but making over a house.

"For the three-story Winter Wonderland, she makes her own ornaments," said Mueller, who's been involved with the tour since 1985. "Her whole kitchen was created in Germany and shipped here. It has a European flair. Each was chosen because it either has historical significance, architectural design or decor."

The Nimmerguths moved into their 5,200-square-foot Cape Cod in 2004 and began ripping up floors and replacing them with cherry wood. Linda worked with Maggie Walsh of Interior Painting, Antiquing & Faux Finishes to give an old world look to the kitchen cabinets by painting and adding architectural details. In the next room, a door wall was converted into a fireplace. Visitors especially won't want to miss the memory room with vintage family photographs, a doll dressed in a sailor suit their son wore as a toddler, and Gary's mother's wedding dress. Gary had the task of carrying up the boxes full of decorations. Even the rabbit statue in the front yard bears a wreath around its neck.

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In the living room is a centerpiece Linda made

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A Santa Claus stands next to the Christmas tree in Sandy Osmer's home.

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Consumers need improved recall notification

I was talking on my office telephone the other day to a homeowner who was having a problem with her Maytag dishwasher that is 10 years old. I told her that Maytag dishwashers produced between 1997 and 2001



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

were under a national recall because of a fire hazard. Even though 2.1 million dishwashers were sold with this existing problem, only 32 percent of the U.S. population knows about this recall. While I was explaining what was wrong with this customer's dishwasher, Marylou who sits next to my office, was on her telephone calling the Maytag Co. When she hung up she came running over to my desk with a big smile on her face. "I just made \$75 by listening to you and calling Maytag."

I asked her to explain what was going on. You see, Marylou has a Maytag dishwasher, which is eight years old, it's not working and she was going to donate it to some scrap metal company. The Maytag Co. told her to punch some holes in the bottom of the inner drum so no one else would be able to use it and they

would send her a voucher for \$75. Is Marylou smart or what!

In this world we live in it is quite simple to find out about a recall concerning one of your major home appliances. Use the Google thing and ask for information. Type in the make of the product and what it is and all this information pops up.

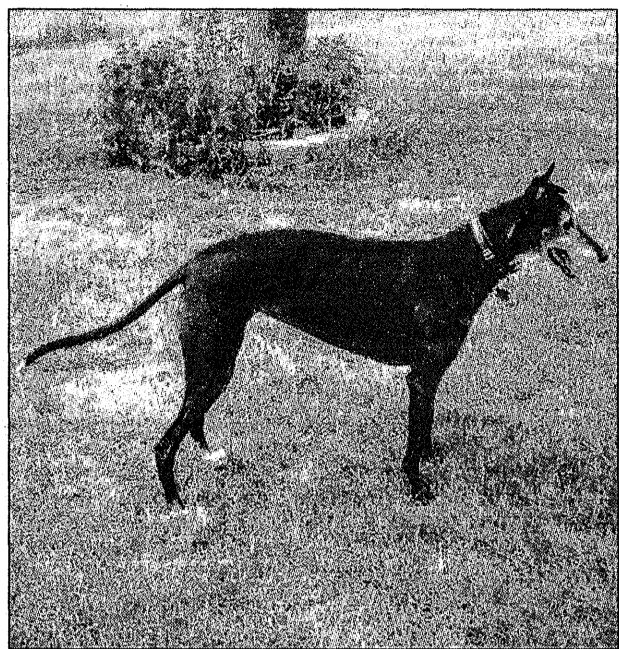
If I had my way, the manufacturer would be totally responsible for informing the homeowner if they had a defective product in their home and there would be some serious consequences, severe penalties assessed to that manufacturer should someone suffer through a fire or loss of life. I know all products come with a registration card but many people just stuff that somewhere never to be seen again. There has got to be a better way to make sure that consumers are informed.

I talked with Linda from Bill & Rods Appliance in Livonia and she told me that they registered all the products they sell to their customers. I told her that I would like to see a system like the credit cards we receive. You have to call in to activate the card and maybe the manufacturers could use the same system. She thought this is a great idea, as there are homeowners who purchase a product

and leave it in the box until months later when they put it into use. These consumers don't realize that the warranty starts when you purchase the appliance, not six months later when you plug it in. They end up paying for repairs and losing out on the warranty coverage.

The warranty coverage has changed in the past two years on major home appliances. The majority of appliances now carry a one-year full warranty without any limited warranty on such components as transmissions, compressors, pumps etc. This is just another example of how companies are cutting their expenses and the proven fact is the burden of repair costs is extended to the homeowner. The example of the Maytag dishwasher recall is very expensive and must hurt the bottom line of the Whirlpool Corporation, which owns Maytag today. Is it even possible that a company would forget its corporate responsibility to their customers by not doing what is necessary to make sure that all homeowners are aware of a defective product? I hope not. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com



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Reunion location changed at last minute

The location for the Franklin High School Class of 1988 reunion had to be changed at the last minute. The event still takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, but at The Italian American Club in Livonia.

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Class of 1959
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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://clarkston-1998reunion.myspace.com>, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail.com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

Crestwood 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 Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ klivingston@nu-core.com.

Detroit St. Bridgid

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 gchsi98reunion@hotmail.com.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

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 Nisun 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.

Class of 1988

The location for the Franklin High School Class of 1988 reunion had to be changed at the last minute. The event still takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, but at The Italian American Club in Livonia.

For more information, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

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.

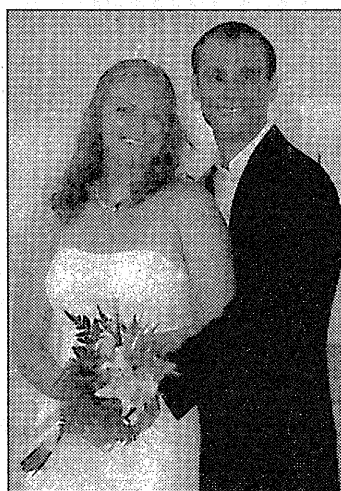
Redford Union

Class of 1988
Holds its 20th class reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Information and registration can be obtained by calling Sharon Culbertson at (734) 261-3264. The Web site for the Redford Union Class of 1988 reunion is www.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 ruh-s98reunion@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.

WEDDINGS



Elsner-Nahavandi

Robert and Marcia Elsner of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie Marzonie Elsner, to Kurosh Nahavandi of Portage. He is the son of Amir Nahavandi of Marabella, Spain and Amy and Paul Van Laak of Long Lake, New York, but currently residing in Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong.

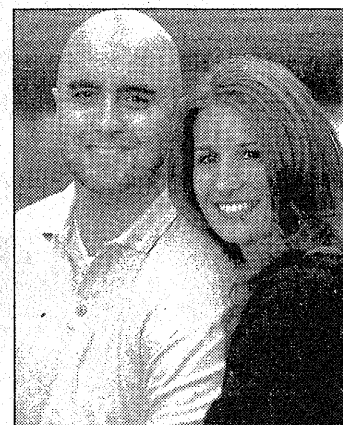
The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan, where she earned her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, her master's degree in biomedical engineering and competed in softball as a Big Ten scholar athlete. She works as a senior analyst for Whirlpool Corporation in St. Joseph.

The groom is a graduate of Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park, New York and of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, where he earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and his master's degree in material science. He works as a senior designer for Stryker Corporation in Portage.

The couple wed at sunset on Sept. 13, 2008 on the beach at the Dreams Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The bride was attended by maid of honor Kathy Mokienco Borsos of Plymouth and bridesmaids Marissa Young and Katie Shea. The groom was attended by best man Sujal Patel of Belmont, Calif., and groomsmen Bijan Nahavandi and Michael Elsner.

A candle-lit evening reception followed the service. Seventy guests, hailing from Spain, New York, California, Michigan, Florida, Ohio, Georgia, Texas, Minnesota, Massachusetts and the Dominican Republic, enjoyed an elegant evening of dinner and dancing.

ENGAGEMENTS



Williams-Johns

Thomas and Randa Williams of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelley Lynn, to Nathan Christopher Johns, son of Carl and Elaine Johns of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned her undergraduate and master's degrees in elementary education. She teaches first grade at Hoben Elementary School in Canton.

Her fiancé graduated from Ann Arbor Huron High School in 1998 and earned a degree in business from Michigan State University. He works

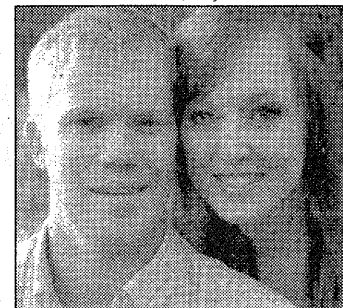
as an account executive at Big Communications in Ferndale.

The couple plans a July 2009 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, followed by a reception at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

Fournier-Montero

John and Charlotte Fournier of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley M. Fournier of Ypsilanti, to Aaron Montero of Munith. He is the son of Al and Jane Montero of Chelsea.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and works for the University of Michigan. Her fiancé is a Chelsea High School graduate and also works for



the University of Michigan. The couple plans a March 2009 wedding.

Goldsworthy-Bohn

Don and Barb Goldsworthy of Madison, Wisc. announce the engagement of their daughter, Janie Goldsworthy, to Eric Bohn of Flagstaff, Ariz. He is the son of Mike and Pat Bohn of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Madison West High School in Madison, Wisc., and a 2003 graduate of the University of Wisconsin. She earned her master's degree in biomedical engineering in 2006 from the University of Iowa. She works as a biomedical engineer with W.L. Gore and Associates in Flagstaff.

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. He studied at the University of Michigan from 1999 to 2001 before transferring to the University of



Arizona, where in 2005 he graduated with his degree in environmental science. He works as an environmental scientist for Western Technologies in Flagstaff. The couple plans a September 2009 wedding in Arizona.

Kotzian-Reschke

Ralph and Kaye Kotzian of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari, to James Reschke of Dearborn Heights. He is the son of Bob and Barb Reschke of Dashwood, Ontario, Canada.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and she plans to graduate from Wayne State University Nursing School in December 2009. The groom is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University and works as an engineer for an automotive supplier.

The couple plans an August



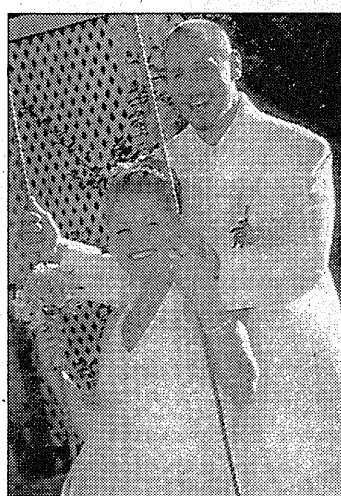
2009 wedding at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church with a reception on Ovation Yacht Charters.

BIRTH



Anthony Joseph Jendrusik

Joe and Marisol Jendrusik of Westland announce the arrival of their son Anthony Joseph Jendrusik. He was born Oct. 6, 2008 at William Beaumont Hospital. Grandparents are Emilio and Guadalupe Herrera of Westland, and Don and Sue Jendrusik of Livonia.



Auvil-Frye

Jodi Marie Auvil of Redford and Jeremy Eugene Frye of Nashville, Tenn., were married Sept. 17, 2008 in a private ceremony. A reception followed in Nashville, Tenn.

The bride attended Schoolcraft College (Fire Academy) and is a homemaker. She is the daughter of the late James P. Auvil, Sr.

The groom is an ironworker. The couple spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. They will make their home in Tennessee.



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DOROTHY A. DAVY
Age 86. Of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away November 18, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

MARY LOU GARDNER
Passed away November 17, 2008 at the age of 78. Beloved mother of Karen (Harry) Hawkins. Dear grandmother of Melissa Kerley and sister to Edna Richardson and Patricia Green. Visitation Sunday 2 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth with a funeral service followed on Monday at 11 a.m. Share your special thoughts and memories at schrader-howell.com

JACK ZOOK, Ph.D
Age 85. Passed away November 5, 2008. Beloved husband of 60 years to Doris. Devoted father to John, Lawrence, and Janet (Steve) Douglass. Loving grandfather to Clayton, Serena, Sarah, Amanda, and Jonathan. Dear great-grandfather of Kiran. He is also survived by his niece Patricia Messenger. He piloted carrier-based Avenger torpedo bombers in the Pacific during World War II, for which he received three Air Medals. Upon his return, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Wayne State University, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. In his retirement years, he delivered Meals on Wheels, assisted the Detroit Goodfellow during their holiday gift drives, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, and crafted wooden toys for patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

FREDERICK D. NEIL
Age 60, of Brighton, formerly of Livonia. Died November 5, 2008. Graduated Clarenceville H.S. 1966 and Schoolcraft College 1968. Received the U.S. Army Commendation Medal for his service in Vietnam, 1970-1971. Fred loved sports, achieving his ultimate dream of completing the Boston Marathon in 1992. Predeceased by parents Eleanor and Donald. Neil. Survived by his wife of 31 years Cathy (Coldiron) Neil; children Charles and Audrey; siblings Jim, Barb, Jack, Pat and Marge; numerous extended family and friends. Share memories and condolences at www.mi-cremation.com.

MOLLY S. TEHOY
Passed away on Wednesday, November 12th, 2008. Molly was beloved wife of the late William J. Tehoy II. She is survived by her children Diana York (Daniel) and William J. Tehoy III and grandchildren. Molly was a docent and member of the Cranbrook Art Academy & Art Museum, Cranbrook House & Gardens and Eastern Star. If you wish to honor her memory, the family suggests memorial gifts to Cranbrook Academy of Art & Art Museum, Molly Tehoy Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801.

WILLIAM R. "BOB" KEOUGH
November 20, 2008. Age 91. Founder of Atmosphere Furnace Company. Beloved husband of "Toni". Dear father of Patricia Gibson, William M. (Gina) and John R. (Nancy). Stepfather of Michael and Patrick O'Mara. Grandfather of Eric, Kevin, Bonnie, Scott, Sara, Josh, Ian and Lane. Also survived by five great-grandchildren. Memorial luncheon Sunday, November 23rd, 12:30pm at The Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Local celebration recognizes 91st anniversary of Finnish independence

The Finnish American Historical Society of Michigan celebrates the 91st anniversary of Finnish Independence, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 6-7, at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, Farmington.

other musicians including the Soittoniekat, the cultural center musicians. All types of music will be played. Musicians and listeners are welcome to this free event that begins at 7:30 p.m.

tation on the role of the musical instrument, Kantele, in the development of Finnish nationalism. Kalevala rune singing and an accordion rendition of Finlandia will also be part of the program. Coffee hour follows. The cost is \$10.

On Dec. 6, the guest speaker for the weekend, Dr. Carl Rakkonen, will jam with

At 2 p.m. Dec. 7, Rakkonen, a professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, will have an illustrated presen-

For more information, visit www.finnishcenter.org or call (248) 478-6939.

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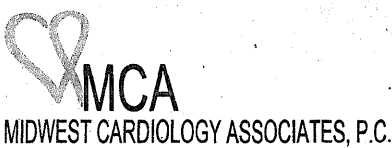
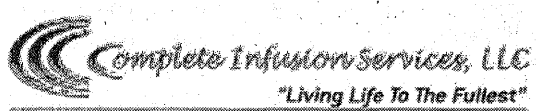


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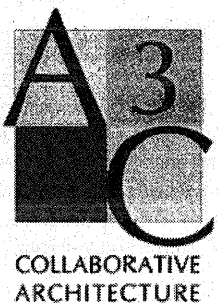
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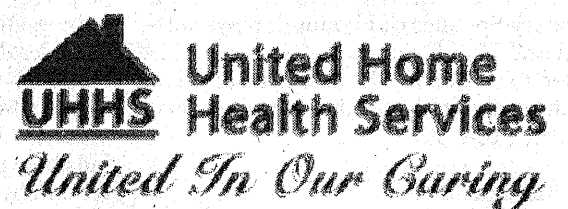
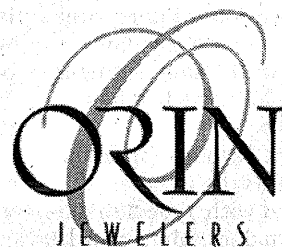
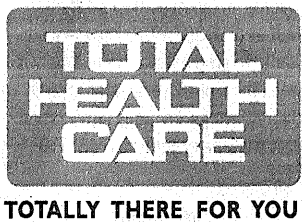
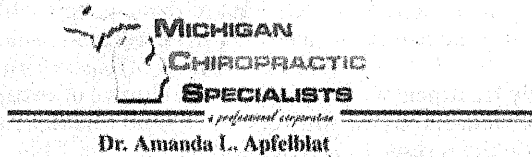
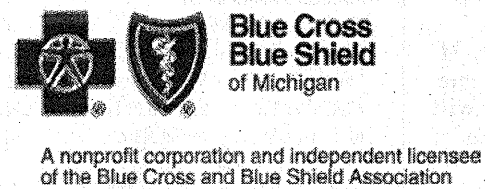
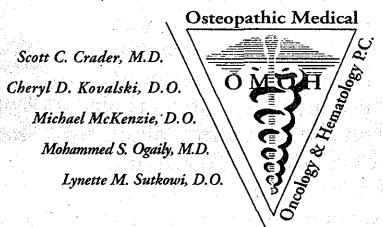
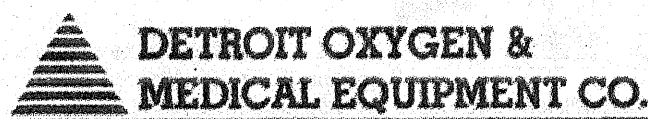
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KICKin' kidney disease

Educational program raises awareness in students

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mariam Swaad was one of the first to raise her hand when health teacher Tom Alles asked the class if they knew anyone with kidney disease. The question led off the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan program he presents twice a year to students at Salem High School in Canton. Pre- and post-tests determine students' knowledge as well as the effectiveness of the K.I.C.K. (Kids Interested in the Care of their Kidneys) program available to schools.

Swaad thought she knew about kidney disease until watching the educational video about a 12-year-old girl who was on dialysis three times a week for two years until receiving a kidney from her brother. Swaad watched her uncle die while waiting for a donor. Kidney disease runs in her family. Her 5-year-old cousin is on dialysis treatments which remove waste from the blood when kidneys fail.

"I'm already eating healthy and exercising but didn't know so many different factors could affect it," said Swaad.

According to the National Kidney Foundation, 26 million Americans suffer from chronic kidney disease; that's why it's important to not only know the warning signs such as swelling of feet and ankles, puffiness around eyes, and lower back pain, but how to avoid the loss of function. Alles wasn't aware of the causes of kidney diseases or failure when first presenting the program 10 years ago. He uses the video as part of a comprehensive curriculum that includes nutrition and eating disorders, physical fitness, human sexuality, mental health, chemical dependency, and chronic and communicable diseases.

SUCCESS SEEN

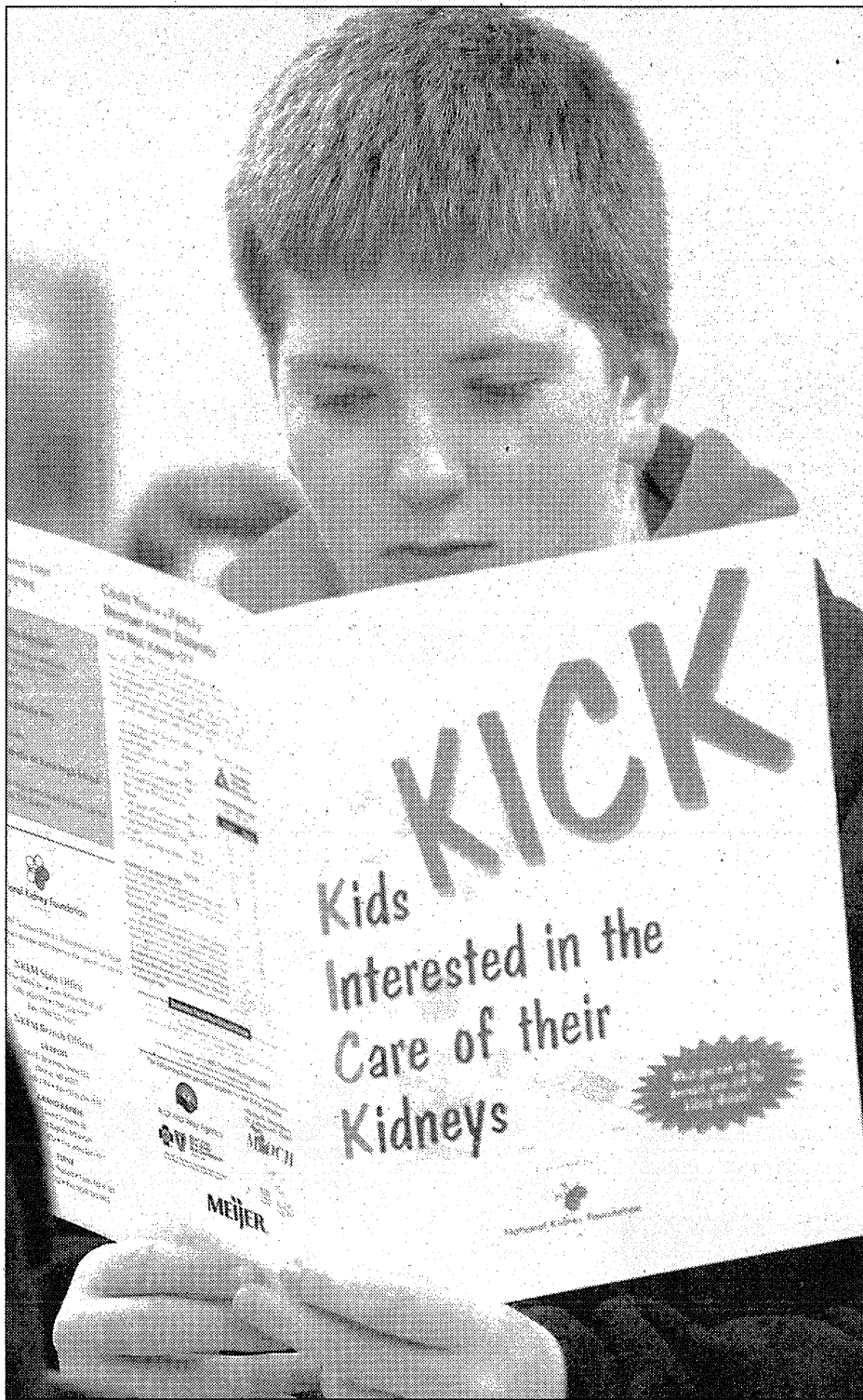
The approach seems to be working. Fewer students are smoking and at least have an awareness of the need for proper nutrition and exercise than when he began teaching health 30 years ago. Alles reaches about 350 students a year as the health course is a graduation requirement.

"Factors such as diabetes, high blood pressure predispose people to kidney disease," said Alles. "Not smoking is a factor in the development of kidney disease which can lead to cancer of the urinary tract, bladder and kidneys which have to filter out toxins. We see fewer students using illicit substances, smoking, but still need to work on the nutrition element and exercise. There are a fair amount of students who could improve on their weight and what they're eating. When both parents work, they eat pizza, burgers because that's all that's available to them. There are consequences like high blood pressure, diabetes."

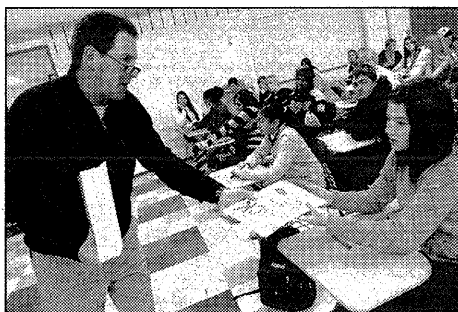
Ashley Hinojosa, 14, didn't realize the seriousness of kidney disease until listening to Kayla Jowski talk about her grandfather needing dialysis. Jowski said she learned how to prevent kidney failure. She already dances seven days a week at Dancin' Feet at Summit on the Park community center in Canton to stay in shape. Lindsey Spooner of Plymouth plays softball and Monday night put on an exercise video to work out. She admitted knowing nothing about kidney disease when taking the pre-test.

'IN PERSPECTIVE'

"It puts everything in perspective,"



Plymouth Salem sophomore Alex Watson looks over literature from the National Kidney Foundation during a presentation in his health class.



Plymouth Salem High School health teacher Tom Alles hands out literature on kidney disease to his class.

said Spooner. "Before we learned about diseases I never knew how it could affect me."

Once kidneys fail the only treatments are dialysis and transplantation. As of Nov. 1, more than 2,500 Michigan residents were waiting for a donor kidney, according to Gift of Life Michigan. Alles stressed to students that the chances of survival with a live donor kidney are 95 percent, 90 percent with a cadaver kidney. Omar Hashwi, 15, said he might consider donating a kidney when he's older.

Larry Merx knows the need for donor organs will increase as the number of kids being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes and hypertension does. Merx coordinates the NKF school programs which

began in the fall of 1997.

"They're the two leading causes of kidney disease," said Merx. "They need to go to a doctor and get checked for blood pressure and diabetes and need to control if diagnosed so they don't get worse. And tell them to ask their parents when was the last time they were checked. They get school and sports physicals, but the parents are less likely to be checked."

NKFM reaches out to adults with programs that train African American hair stylists and barbers to share prevention strategies such as eating right and exercising with clients.

"One out of three people will develop diabetes or hypertension," said Merx from the NKFM office in Ann Arbor. "If a minority, the chance of getting are one in two. One in nine Michigan people will develop kidney disease. Kidneys clean toxins from the blood, but also help balance body fluids, remove excess water from blood, release hormones that regulate blood pressure, synthesize vitamins which control growth, and also control production of red blood cells."

For more information, call NKFM at (734) 222-9800 or (800) 482-1455 or visit www.nkfm.org and click Kidney Disease. To learn about organ donation, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

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Volunteers needed for arthritis call line

The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, is looking for volunteers to answer calls for its information and referral service, Arthritis Answers, in its Troy office.

The Arthritis Foundation anticipates call volumes to increase significantly beginning Jan. 1.

Volunteers provide an empathetic and understanding voice to Michigan residents who are living with arthritis. Volunteers should have arthritis or experience with arthritis, perhaps in

taking care of a loved one. Volunteers provide callers with the most up-to-date information regarding arthritis diagnosis, treatment, specialists, management strategies, exercise and self-help programs, support groups and more. Training is provided.

As a nonprofit organization the Arthritis Foundation heavily depends on volunteers who are asked to make a half day or full day commitment once a week.

For more information, call 1-800-968-3030.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

NOVEMBER

Chocolate Jubilee

To benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter noon Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008 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.alzgm.org for details.

Qigong workshop

Pre-registration required by Nov. 26, for Qigong workshop with Daisy Lee Sunday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Winter Health for all, and 1-4 p.m. (women only), sponsored by Michigan Tai Chi Association, 38121 Ann Arbor Rd. at Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 591-3530 for information and form.

Turkey Busters program

The Livonia Family YMCA is offering a Thanksgiving morning series of back-to-back group exercise classes to help burn off those extra calories that will sneak up with any holiday feast 9-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27. The classes are open to women and men age 13 and older. All fitness levels are encouraged to sign up. Sessions include 8 a.m. Yoga, 8:30 a.m. KickBox, 9 a.m. Step Aerobics, 9:30 a.m. Hi/Low Aerobics, and 10 a.m. Zumba. Space limited so everyone must register. Members may register online. Community members will need to register in person at Livonia Family YMCA at 14255 Stark Rd. For more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org or call (734) 261-2161.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous Information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722.

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 e-mail michigan@ccfa.org for more information.

Bone marrow drive

An opportunity to join the National Marrow Donor Program registry by completing a brief health questionnaire and having the inside of their cheek swabbed 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Madonna University, Take 5 Lounge, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan off I-96, Livonia. Doctors search this registry to find a donor whose tissue type matches that of a patient. Potential donors must be between the ages of 18-60 and in good general health. For more information contact Edna Rankine at (734) 432-5425 or erankine@madonna.edu.

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Jingle Bell run/walk

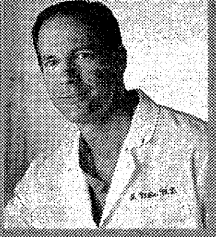
For The Arthritis Foundation Sunday, Dec. 7, at Northville Downs Race Track, and Saturday, Dec. 13, at Covington School in Bloomfield Village. Both festive events offer competitively timed 5K routes, 4-mile children's Snowman Shuffles and post-race chili parties. Call 1-800-968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Gluten-free food fair

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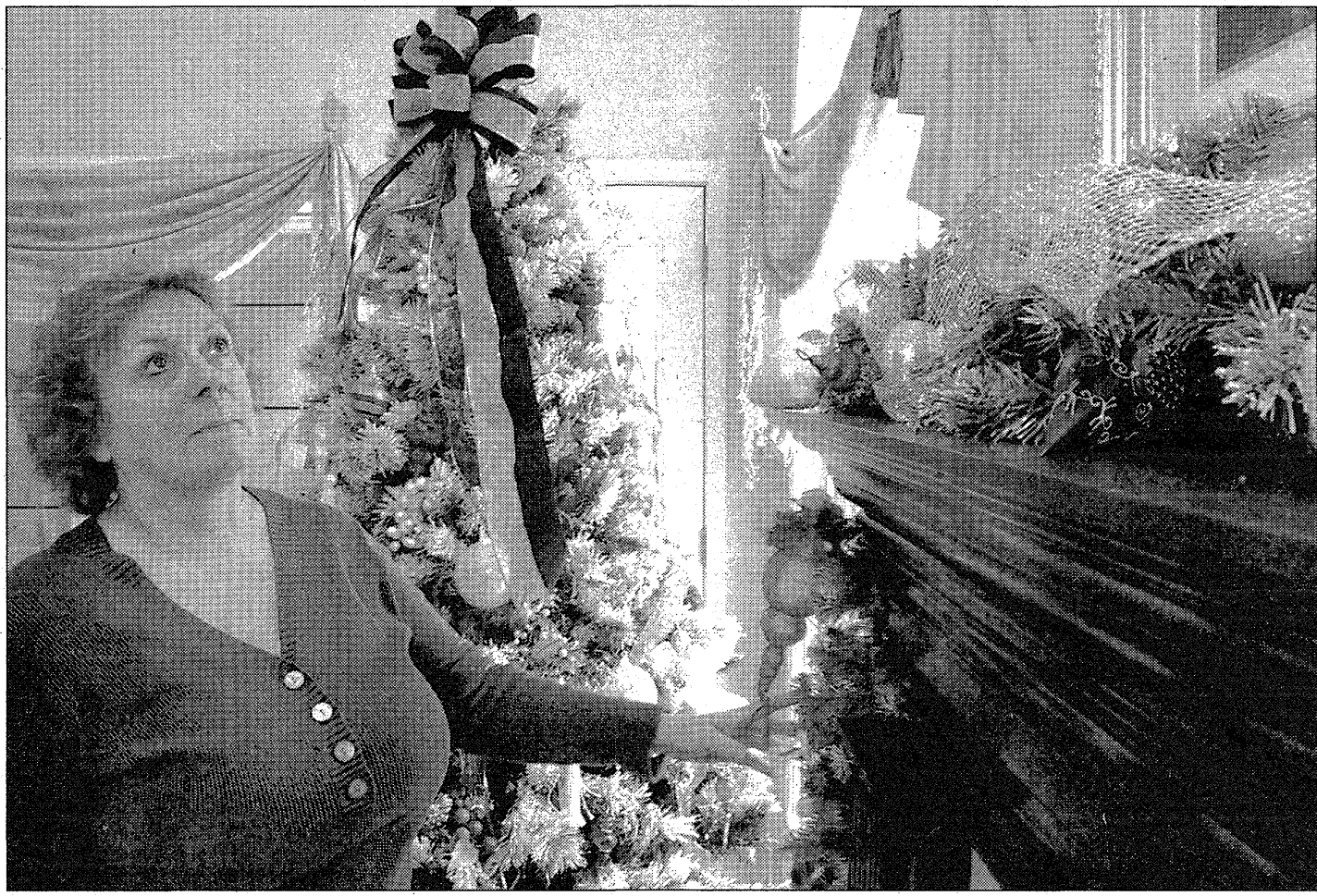


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Sandy Osmer looks over the holiday decorations she is putting up inside her home for the upcoming Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour.

TOUR
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by layering and then filling three cake plates with artificial pears and topping with a partridge. For the walk, Ribar Florals in Plymouth is creating a red rose centerpiece to serve as the focal point of the dining room table that forgoes traditional holiday colors for a red, white and black theme.

"I grew up in a family of eight kids and Christmas was all about memories," said Linda. "The music box church belonged to my mother. It brings me closer to my family."

Sandy and Mike Osmer moved into their 4,456-square-foot condo in 2005. Functional is the word for the renovations. One example is the coat closet transformed into a pantry. An interior designer by trade, Sandy is using decorations left over from Blooms Floral and Designs in Birmingham, her former shop.

"It works out better to work with what you have. That's part of the fun of it," said Sandy Osmer. "I kind of do things as I go as opposed to having a set plan. Designing gives you immediate gratification this way."

Osmer's granddaughter Ella, 8, loves decorating too. She'll trim the large-scale doll house in the lower level.

SPECIAL ADDITIONS

Marilyn Andrews, a well-known piano



Linda and Gary Nimmerguth's home is filled with Christmas decorations. It is one of seven homes on the upcoming Plymouth Symphony Holiday Tour.

teacher in the area, will provide the music on a baby grand in the living room. The symphony's new children's CD, *Magical Tunes & Mystical Tales*, will be sold there as well as luminaries to raise funds. The league has added extras to the walk this year just for that purpose. A wreath, displayed at the Nimmerguths, will be raffled off, while 20 percent of Cookie Lee jewelry sales at the

Barbara and Gene Levegood home go to support the symphony's operating budget. The Levegoods have an extensive wildlife art collection in their 4,200-square-foot home that backs up to pine trees and wetlands and gives the feeling of living Up North.

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CLOWNS

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then the clowns step off to basically perform in front of a million people. It's a fun thing to do."

FATHER AND SONS

Syd Ross is clowning around when he says he's found his proper station in life. The Bloomfield Hills resident will have an especially good time leading the clowns as Distinguished Grand Jester just as Landis did last year. Ross never went to a parade until he joined the corps 18 years ago.

"My kids were little back then," said Ross, CEO of Great Lakes Wine and Spirits. "Now my sons Josh and Victor march with me. They have no children yet but someday they will and we'll get third-generation clowns. It's a good time. You shake hands with the kids and hand beads out. They love the floats. It's funny because the guys and women like doing it, too. We get there about 7 and have professional clowns putting makeup on you. After 15 years you get a cape. When you see someone with a cape they've been a clown for 15 years. It's a little secret, not something we talk about."

Jack Robinson claims three generations of clowns. This year, daughter Dr. Beth Robinson Swartz, a pediatrician at Henry Ford West Bloomfield, her husband, Steve, and their son, Nathan, a 19-year old student at Kalamazoo College, will join the Bloomfield Hills man in the parade. Robinson was chairman and founder of Perry Drug Stores when he became a clown 25 years ago.

"Being a clown is just great," said Robinson. "You develop a different persona when you remove your tie and suit and polished shoes. You put on



Jack Robinson celebrates 25 years in the Distinguished Clown Corps. Robinson, a Bloomfield Hills resident, was chairman of Perry Drugs (now Rite Aid) when he started marching as a clown in the Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit.

the face grease and the wide smiles and all of a sudden you're liberated and having fun. I find it exciting to go out and smile at people. When you smile at people, they smile back."

For Linda Orlans, the experience starts her thinking about the meaning of the season. This year the Birmingham woman will continue to share the tradition of marching in the parade with daughter Alison, 29, and best friend Rox Roselle of Troy. The three work together at E Title Company in Troy which Linda founded. Linda was inspired to become a clown six years after a friend came to her home dressed in her clown suit after the parade.

"For me it starts the season of giving," said Orlans. "It just changes my mind and I start reflecting upon the year, what's important. It's all about helping people. And it's exciting to see all those little faces bundled up in those snowsuits and all of the smiles."

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However, in instances when the problem is arthritis, braces and splints have limited usefulness because devices that support a joint limit that joint's movement. In arthritis, that limitation does not rest the joint as much as place strain on the rest of the body. For instance, a brace for the right knee eventually puts an added burden on the left knee and leg. If the left knee also has a degree of arthritis, the added stress creates a greater problem for the left knee than the help gained by bracing the right knee.

However, bracing helps an ankle when a loss of muscle strength causes a foot drop. A lower leg-ankle brace holds the foot in a neutral position and allows walking without stumbling.

Splints create problems because the splinted joint remain in a fixed position, again placing strain on surrounding muscles and joints. The exception is the use of wrist splints at night to treat carpal tunnel syndrome. Then, holding the wrist in an upward flexed manner is desirable as that diminishes strain on the nerve causing the problem.

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SCHEDULE/IMAGE

Allison Heittman, CEO of software manufacturer Solutium Corp. in Williamsburg, Va., had something at stake. She contacted PrintingForLess.com, a commercial online printer, in Livingston, Mont., in a last-minute effort to order business cards for four employees leaving for a trade show in Barcelona, Spain. Solutium was launching two products there. Heittman had ten business days before leaving. In addition, "I chose a proof by e-mail," she confesses.

PrintingForLess.com guided her on maximizing her background image. "They were very generous with their time," she recalls. She chose the normal business production schedule, four days, to keep costs down, and overnight

delivery. The cards arrived in five business days. Heittman was so pleased with color and durability that she wrote the company, something she does only once or twice a year when her expectations are met or exceeded.

FACILITY

On October 8, I was sitting at my computer after everyone else had gone home. There were no cars in the parking lot; so the building probably looked closed. A man came to the door with a dolly stacked with two boxes of paper from Office Max (ten reams each) and another small box. He conceded that he'd thought no one here, but that didn't stop him from trying to make his delivery.

James Reed, as I learned later, is a distribution driver out of the Chicago office for USM Logistics Inc., based in Willowbrook, Ill. As soon as I spotted that dolly headed through the door, I cringed, recalling another one that was pushed across my grandmother's antique rug. I just told this delivery man that the rug was "special."

Meanwhile, I had two options... pick up the paper myself or push it across the rug after he left. Tendinitis in my shoulder made either impossible, even if I'd been strong enough. Reed stopped, without skipping a beat, asking a question or objecting; removed his shoes; and carried one box in each hand to store. On his way out, he said he'd close the door. I couldn't let him. His service meant too much.

PERSONAL FINANCES

Accountant Chris Baldwin of Hoboken, N.J., had the scare

of his life, putting him at risk emotionally, then financially. Bugsby, his 18-month-old rescue Pug, found some sugarless gum in Baldwin's gym bag and ate all of it. Its sweetener, Xylitol, is lethal to dogs.

Alarmed, Baldwin called Poison Control at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), then raced Bugsby to an emergency veterinarian. "He pumped Bugsby's stomach, used IVs and kept him for a night," the owner recalls. Then the pooch spent a night or two at the regular veterinarian. Total cost: \$1,300.

Baldwin had recently left a pet insurer and signed up for Petplan, but he was apprehensive. His veterinarian had said that most pet insurers look for ways to deny coverage: He filed a claim with all of his receipts. In one week a check came, minus only the deductible. "Zero hassle, fast turnaround, one or two e-mails to make sure the dog was doing okay." He e-mailed Petplan about how thankful he was and says that he doesn't think he's sent a letter like it since that day in March, 2007.

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(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. E-mail your questions to culp@workwise.net. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)



James Reed is a Chicago-area distribution driver for USM Logistics Inc., based in Willowbrook, Ill. He is a stellar example of how customer service can alleviate risk for customers.

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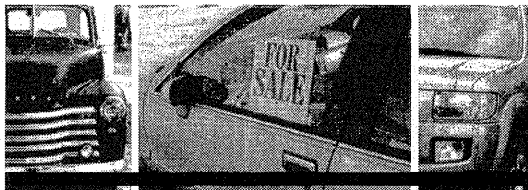
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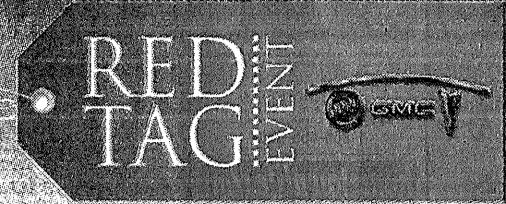
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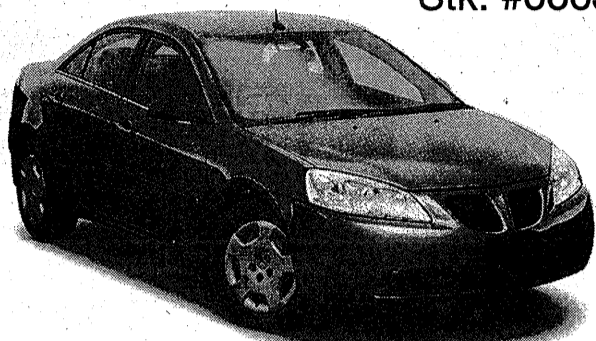


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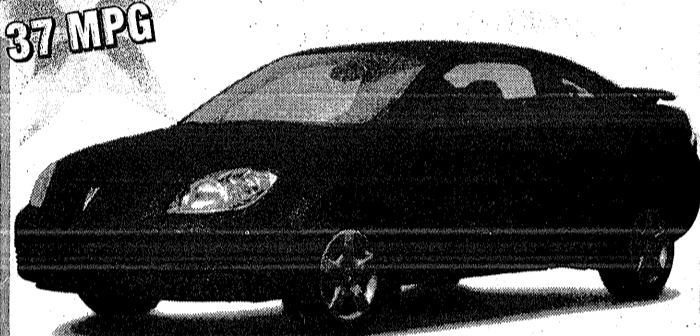
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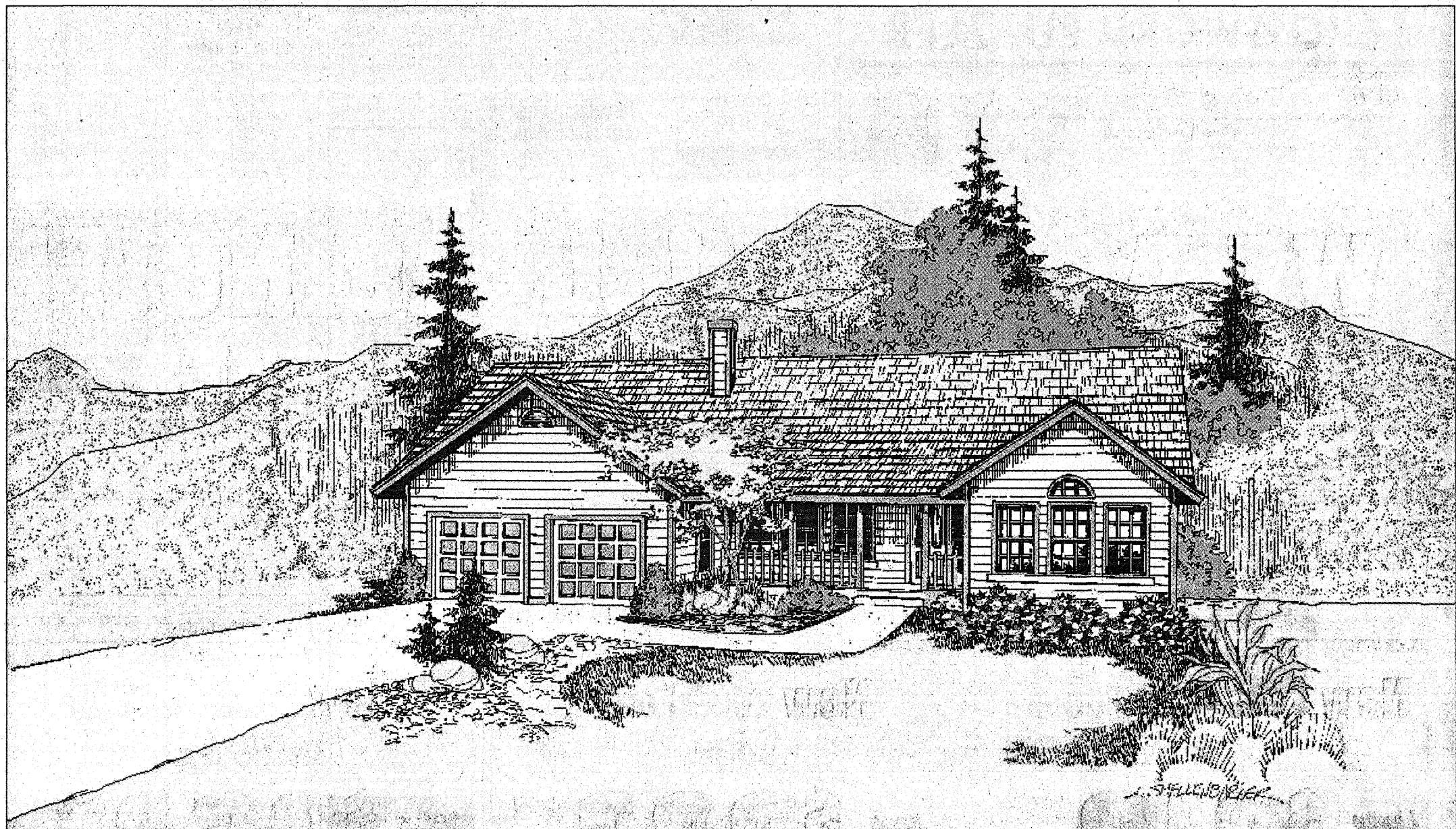
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New Homes



Glamour design has room for a family on the grow

The 2,045-square-foot Glamour (336-110) could be an excellent choice for a young family wishing to purchase a home with a little more space for growing children. This can also be a great buy for empty nesters that still need room for returning college students and other overnight guests.

The Glamour has an attractive exterior of easy to care for lap siding, topped by a long lasting shake roof. The two-car garage with storage shelves, side entrance and built-in workbench for the hobby enthusiast has a front entrance.

A covered porch, with waist-high railing is a welcome sight to visitors, and a great place to relax on warm summer evenings. Step into the entry of the Glamour and the openness of the floor design becomes evident. Immediately to the left of the entry is the vaulted living room. This is the perfect place for after dinner coffee and conversation while basking in the warmth of the corner fireplace.

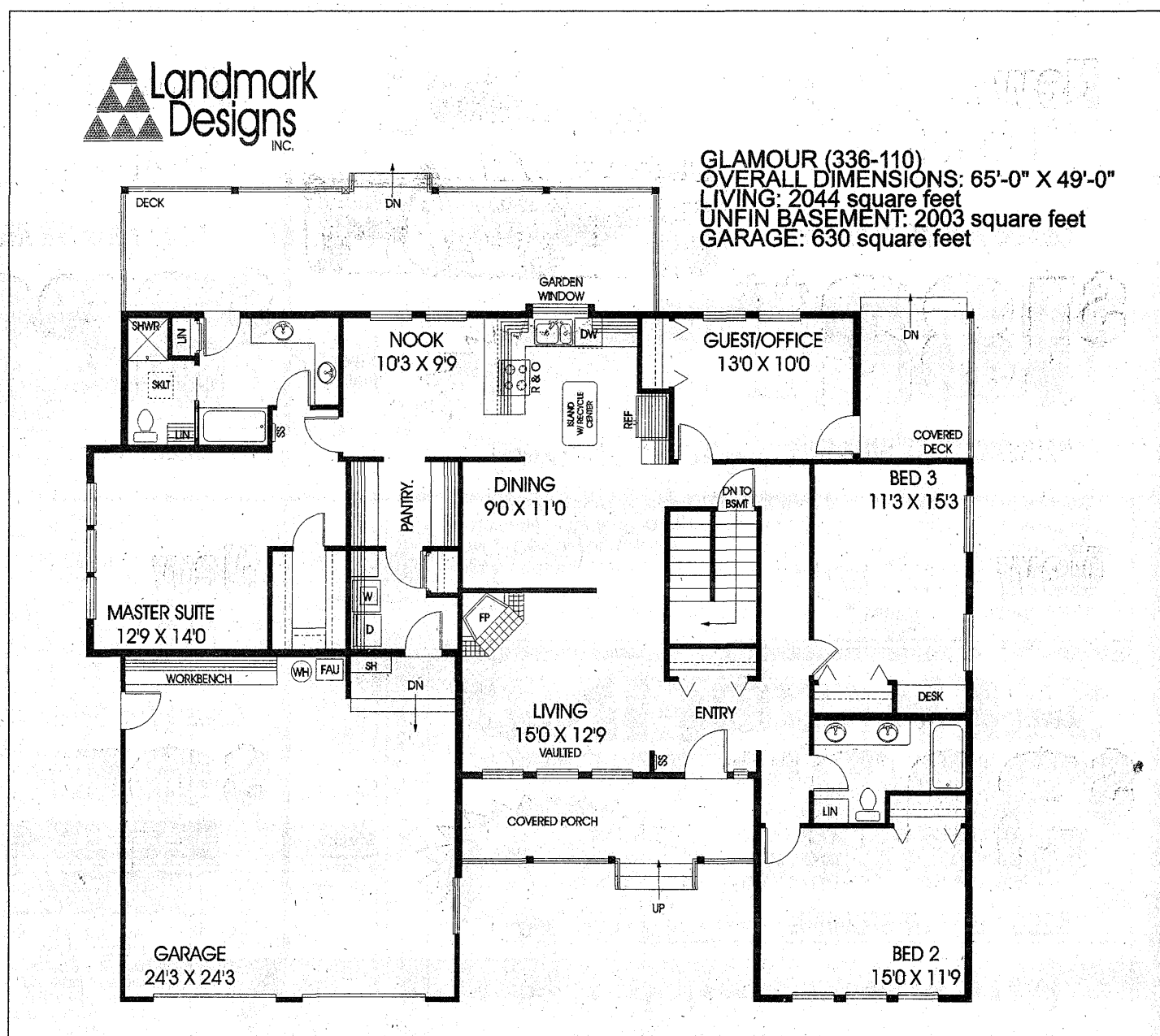
The U-shaped kitchen has been placed in a position that the cook in the household will surely appreciate. Equipped with an island recycling center, garden window, eating bar and walk-in pantry, meals can be easily prepared and served in either the adjoining breakfast nook or the nearby dining room. The rear of the walk-in pantry opens to a convenient utility room with access to the garage.

The isolated master suite features many amenities not usually found in a house this size. Among them are a big walk-in closet, security system and private bathroom with skylight, separate tub and shower, twin basin and personal access to the back deck.

The other sleeping quarters, on the opposite side of the Glamour, consist of a large front bedroom and a smaller back one. A full bathroom divides them. One of these bedrooms could easily be converted for use as a den, sewing or exercise room.

Completing the floor plan is a guest room/home office with plenty of closet space and a private deck that is covered for protection from the weather.

For a study plan of the GLAMOUR (336-110), 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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Tips for buyers

Realtor Paul Schwartz of Prudential Cranbrook Realtors in Birmingham will review the things a buyer needs to know and accepting new buyer clients on a space available basis at a presentation Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at his office, 34122 Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. Reservations are needed. Topics: What to look for? What to avoid? Financing red flags. What is the property worth? What to do with it after you own it? How to add value to it? What will it be worth in the future? Condo/house? What is the best area? For reservations, e-mail: paul4realtor@yahoo.com (www.paul4realtor.com).

His phone numbers are — direct: (248) 539-7283, office: (248) 647-6400, fax: (248) 258-1024.

BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4-5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving

up cost. Registration fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler Council members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at www.builders.org.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Business Management for Building Professionals" course on Monday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB), Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR), Certified

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Sunday PUZZLE CORNER

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Warm-hearted
- 5 Rhyme
- 9 Paramount rival
- 12 Nefertiti's god
- 13 Lhasa
- 14 Ill temper
- 15 Stop up
- 16 Street vendor's need
- 18 Llama cousins
- 20 Element 18 symbol
- 21 Four qts.
- 22 Narrow inlets
- 26 Cul-de-sac
- 29 Subzero comment
- 30 Fly ball's path
- 31 Prompted
- 32 Wray of "King Kong"
- 33 Diva's melody
- 34 Karate level
- 35 "Babe" star
- 36 Klutzy
- 37 Meat market buy

DOWN

- 1 Bay Area valley
- 2 "never fly"
- 3 Takeover
- 4 Meshed, as gears
- 5 Of the Vatican
- 6 Comics penguin
- 7 Slalom run
- 8 Soft sweater
- 9 Woody's ex
- 10 Watchdog's warning

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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P E P Y S	I A	
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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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New Cadillac STS Adds Power, Safety Features

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The Cadillac STS is debuting General Motors' new 3.6-liter direct injection V6 engine this year. It pushes the STS's horsepower up from 255 to 298.

While the Cadillac STS has been updated this year with new exterior features, the biggest change is under the hood.

The base model is the first vehicle from General Motors Corp. to be fitted with the company's new 3.6-liter direct-injection V6 engine -- a power plant that delivers 298 horsepower, an increase of 33 horsepower from the 2007 model.

The overall dimensions of the Cadillac STS have increased a little, with minor changes being made both inside and out.

The exterior now has a larger, multifaceted grille and side air extractors on the front fenders similar to those on the Escalade, as well as chrome-plated door handles.

Inside, the STS includes new wood trim, the option of a heated steering wheel and a head-up display on base V6 models.

The head-up display projects driving information directly onto the windshield so drivers don't have to take their eyes off the road.

The STS is available as either the \$42,390-priced V6, or as a V8 model that costs \$51,810. Both versions feature 17-inch wheels, leather seating, wood and alloy-looking interior trim, eight-way power front seats, dual-zone automatic climate control, remote keyless entry and vehicle start, satellite radio, an eight-speaker Bose sound system and OnStar.

The V8 version adds a CD changer, memory seating presets, heated seats for front and rear occupants, a heated steering wheel and rain-sensing wipers. Many of the V8's features can be added to the V6 model by ordering different packages.

Other features on both models include a sunroof, xenon headlamps with washers, adaptive cruise control and heated and ventilated front seats.

There is also the Performance Handling Package, which adds premium wheels, tires and brakes. An adaptive suspension system with Magnetic Ride Control is also available, as are larger, 18-inch wheels. While the standard engine on the STS produces

302 horsepower, you can get the V8 engine that makes 320 horsepower. Both engines come with a six-speed automatic transmission, and both can be ordered in rear-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive configurations.

The V6 STS has fuel economy ratings of 17 miles per gallon in the city and 26 mpg on the highway.

Safety is provided by anti-lock disc brakes, stability control and front-seat side and full-length side curtains airbags as standard on all STSs.

In Insurance Institute for Highway Safety frontal-offset crash testing, the STS scored "Good," which is the highest rating possible.

But equally impressive are the variety of advanced technologies designed to prevent accidents, including lane departure warning, a blind zone alert system and active steering, which is only on all-wheel-drive V8 models and turns the front wheels into a skid when rear wheels lose traction.

The Lane Departure Warning System is controlled by a camera located in the rearview mirror that reads the lines in the road. The system will alert drivers when they have strayed into another lane. Drivers get both an audible and visual alert cue.

When the Lane Departure Warning System is engaged, a driver traveling at 35 mph or more who crosses a detected lane marking without signaling the driver is alerted by an amber indicator light located in the fuel gauge of the instrument panel.

The Side Blind Zone Alert System enhances driver awareness and vision. Alternating radar beams in Side Blind Zone Alert System sweep adjacent lanes of

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When the system is engaged, a driver will know that following vehicles in the lanes next to them are entering their side blind zone when an amber symbol, located in the outside rearview mirror, is illuminated.

The system is not designed to detect vehicles outside of the side blind zone that may be rapidly approaching, or detect pedestrians, bicyclists or animals.

With all of those safety features, one thing that might keep a driver occupied on the road is operating the memory-setting for the driver seat, mirrors, radio and climate controls. Unlike traditional systems, which place buttons on the door or driver seat, you must find the controls in the navigation touch screen to set memory functions.

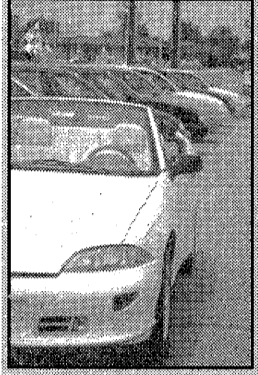
That aside, the high-tech safety and performance upgrades should keep the STS competitive in the luxury sport sedan market.

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2008 Cadillac STS
Vehicle class: Luxury sport sedan.
Power: Equipped with V6 or V8 engines.
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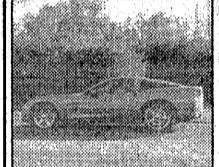
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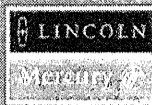
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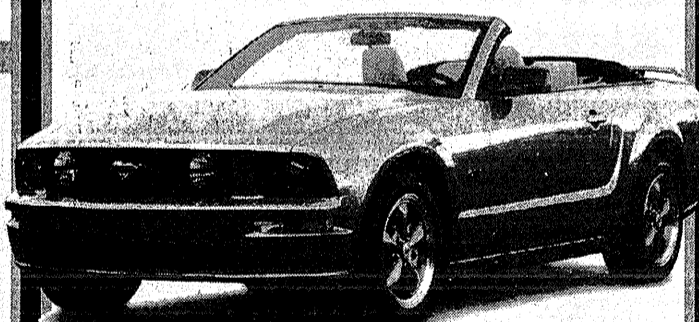
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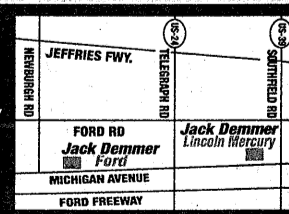
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