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Ryan offers ideas for next bond

New middle school, work
on Central among items

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan is proposing a future bond issue that would cost taxpayers about half of the \$120 million voters turned down in May.

In a "straw design" of a future bond issue - most likely to come in February - given to the Board of

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Education Tuesday night, Ryan proposed a package totaling \$59.4 million, with slightly more than half that amount (\$30.6 million) for a new mid-

dle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School.

Ryan's plan also calls for the remodeling of Central to house alternative education, which is currently at Starkweather Education Center in Plymouth, the curriculum center and community education, at a cost of \$13.2 million.

Another \$12 million would be used to remodel and add a total of 15 rooms at East, West and Pioneer middle schools, to bring them up to par with the proposed new middle school and Discovery Middle School in Canton.

One of Ryan's priorities - addressed in the "straw design" - has been to reimburse the general fund \$2.3 million used to purchase land for the proposed new middle school on Cherry Hill Road, just west of Canton

PLEASE SEE BOND, A6



Pat Whalen lost her daughter, Meredith, in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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'Our society will come out on top'

Five years after her daughter was killed in 9/11
attacks, Pat Whalen is hopeful about future

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Somewhere deep in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Spain, a bottle holds a note. The note is to whomever finds it and wants to read about Patricia Whalen's daughter, Meredith.

Though Whalen doesn't say exactly what's in the letter, it's about her oldest child, who on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, was at work early on the 93rd

floor of the north tower at the World Trade Center. She never saw it coming when a plane crashed into the building, killing her and 35 of her colleagues at Fred Alger Management Inc., who were also at work at 8:46 a.m.

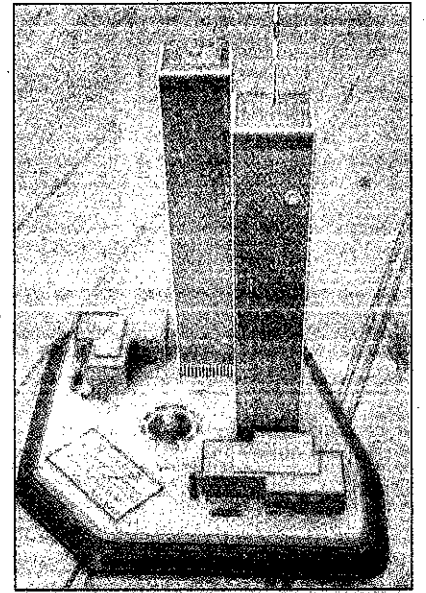
But Meredith's story isn't really all about the way she died. It's more about the way she lived and what she left behind.

Meredith Whalen, a 1996 Plymouth Salem graduate, was

working as a research analyst. She had just turned 23, and was a recent graduate from the University of Michigan's business school. Her employer had called her a "rising star," and she was already making a name for herself in the international business world.

She was finally able to afford to enjoy one of her passions (which she likely inherited from her mother) - travel. Whalen

PLEASE SEE DAUGHTER, A3



A neighbor gave Pat Whalen a small model of the World Trade Center. She added a red dot to mark where her daughter, Meredith, was at the time of the attack.

New book provides a glimpse into Canton's agricultural past

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

A good place to start for anyone wanting to get a glimpse at Canton's rural farming past is local author Gerald Van Dusen's new book, *Canton Township*.

The 127-page book, which will be available for purchase beginning Sept. 11, is part of Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series, a photo-driven series of books about historic places in the United States. Van Dusen, a Plymouth Township resident who lived in Canton in the 1980s, said his book contains more than 200 black and white photos of some of Canton's most historic farms, businesses and families. He also provided about 16,000 words of text.

The Canton Township Historic District Commission

and the Canton Historical Society provided most of the images in the book. However, the author also had several longtime Canton families bring him old photographs, which he used to piece the township's history together. Even members of the Dennis family, who now live in Minnesota, heard about the project and sent Van Dusen photos detailing the four generations that the family operated the Dennis Market on Canton Center Road.

The book is broken up into six chapters, including "Pioneers and Early Settlements," "Country Schools and Early Education," "Life on the Farm," and "Historic Homesteads." Many of the families pictured in the book have names that should be familiar to Canton residents, including the Palmers, Lilleys, and Mettels.

Van Dusen, a member of the Canton Historical Society and a professor of English at Wayne County Community College's Western Campus in Van Buren Township, said he learned much more about Canton's history than he anticipated when he began the project.

He said it was a real "odyssey" for him to learn about the hearty pioneers who first traveled to Canton in the early 1800s, and settled in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories.

He said by 1850, all of the land in Canton Township had been gobbled up.

"Honestly I had no idea that Canton's history from 1825 to 1875 was really the story of American settlement after the opening of the Erie Canal," he said. "These settlers were headed to the American West, but



once they got here and saw the fertile soil in Canton, they decided to stay."

The book, which costs \$19.99, can be bought through Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com, or at the Arcadia Web site at www.arcadiapublishing.com. For more information about the book, visit www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Van Dusen will be signing copies of his book with the Canton Historical Society from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Cherry Hill School.

Comic Coulier to yuck it up at shelter benefit

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It just didn't sit right with Patrick Elliott when he heard about a plan to shepherd Detroit's homeless out of sight during the week of the Super Bowl in Detroit last February, only to let them go back to the streets once the spotlight on the city was turned away.

So the Livonia resident and his father Gregory Elliott, a local dentist, decided to do something about it.

They launched an event last year and dubbed it "Hilarity for Charity." The event brought comedians to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill and all proceeds from ticket sales were donated to St. Aloysius Community Outreach Center, a homeless shelter in Detroit.

And the sales added up. "We raised a little more than \$15,000," Elliott said. "And this year we're hoping to do even better."

Elliott was able to contact nationally known comedian Dave Coulier (famous for his role in the sitcom *Full House* and more recently his appearances on *Skating with Celebrities*), and increase the price of



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Coming Thursday



Birmingham's Art in the
Park is one of summer's
last festivals.

Professional Women to meet

The Canton Business & Professional Women will meet Monday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at Palermo's Restaurant, which is located at 44938 Ford Road in Canton. Dinner will be served. The goal of the group is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. The group focuses on leadership development, business contacts and networking opportunities, mentor rela-

tionships, community awareness, personal growth, political advocacy, and providing a voice on national, state and local women's issues. For more information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610 2561 or e-mail her at junenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting.

Radio control airshow

The Flying Pilgrims Model Airplane Club and IMAA Chapter 31 are hosting a radio control airshow 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sept. 16-17 at Geddes and Ridge roads in Ypsilanti. The event is the 23rd Annual Fall Phase Out For Fun. The public is welcome.

Radio control airplane enthusiasts are also invited to participate, particularly Warbirds and scale owners. There is a 35-foot by 400-foot paved runway. There will also be lunch for pilots, as well as food concession and primitive camping on site. For more information, visit www.flying-pilgrims.com on the Web.

Choir auditions

The Canton Community Youth Choir and the Canton Community Adult Choir will hold upcoming open registration. The choirs rehearse on Monday nights at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill beginning Sept. 18 and ending with a concert on Dec. 8 at 7:30

p.m. at The Village Theater. The youth choir is for 5-15 year olds and the adult group is for 16 years and up. Youth meet from 6-7 p.m. and adults meet from 7:30-9 p.m. in the theater's Biltmore Studio. The fee to participate includes music and is \$40 for youth and \$50 for adults. Auditions are not necessary - all singers are welcome.

To register please visit the Summit on the Park prior to Sept. 18, or call (734) 394-5460 for directions.

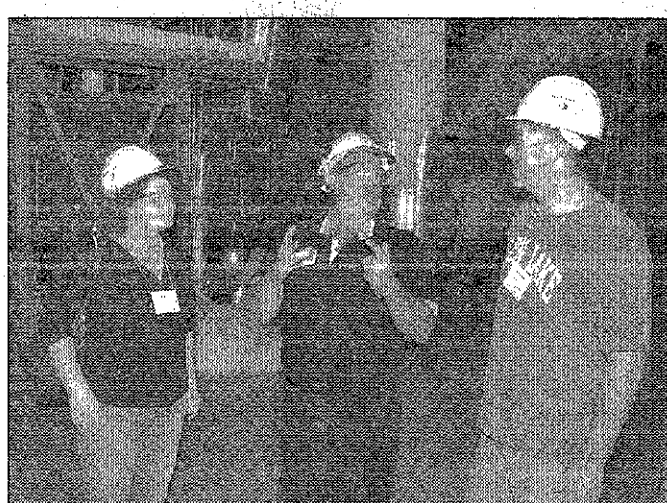
Free legal aid

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. will conduct a free outreach clinic on civil legal services for senior residents of Wayne County, who are 60 years of age or older at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at Summit On The Park in Canton. Attendees are asked to register before 10:30 a.m., as a Legal Aid attorney will assist only those persons who have done so by that time.

For further information, contact Gina Polley, director of community relations and governmental affairs, by phone at (313) 964-4111, Ext. 6440, or (877) 964-5310, or by e-mail at gpolley@ladadetroit.org.

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Exploring energy

Plymouth teachers Lisa Hedrick and Scott Riley recently toured DTE Energy's Monroe Power Plant with plant supervisor Clyde Smith (center). The tour was part of the 14th-annual Educators' Energy Workshop the teachers attended in August. Sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation in partnership with Eastern Michigan University, the workshop was developed to help middle school and high school science teachers develop their own energy education programs and integrate new materials into existing curriculum. Experts from DTE Energy and EMU's College of Technology shared with teachers the latest information on energy technology, the wise use of electricity and gas, and the impact of energy on the environment. Hedrick teaches at West Middle School and Riley teaches at East Middle School.

teacher - the Soviets did not approve of his art or its themes of romance, freedom growth, and unity.

Yuroz art exhibition is free and open to the public. Work will be on display at The Village Theater through Oct. 8., Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, from 7-9 p.m., and Sundays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Yuroz work is being presented in cooperation with the Lotus Arts Gallery in Plymouth www.lotusartsgallery.com. Walt and Mary Menard have brought this exhibition to the gallery at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Historical society to meet

The Canton Historical Society will host Ford Motor Company corporate historian and author Robert Kreipke to its meeting in Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13. Kreipke will discuss the role Ford has played in southeast Michigan. The school is located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. The presentation is free and open to the public. Seating is limited so arrive a little early. For more information, call the Canton Historical Society Museum at (734) 397-0088.

Coping with grief

Heartland Hospice announces a new support group for widows and widowers. The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is held from 10-11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 N. Lilley Road in Canton. The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss.

The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice Bereavement coordinator, toll free at (888) 973-1145.

White Elephant and Bake Sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a White Elephant, Craft and Bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and lunch are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

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Pat Whalen displays a photo of her daughter, Meredith, lost in the terrorist attack on New York's World Trade Center.

DAUGHTER

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and her daughter were scheduled to take a cruise from Barcelona just days after Sept. 11, 2001. Meredith was proud to be able to pay for her and her mother to go, Whalen said. But that didn't happen.

"I finally took that trip with my sister," Whalen said. And on the trip in 2004, she asked the bartender on the cruise ship for an empty bottle. She wrote a letter about her daughter, put it inside the bottle, and threw it from the rear of the ship into the water.

"I know you're not supposed to do that but I was thinking it would be something if someone found it and learned about my Meredith," Whalen said.

Whalen prefers to look at most things in the same hopeful manner, she said. She knows that the aftermath of Sept. 11 has been deeply felt by people around the world, and

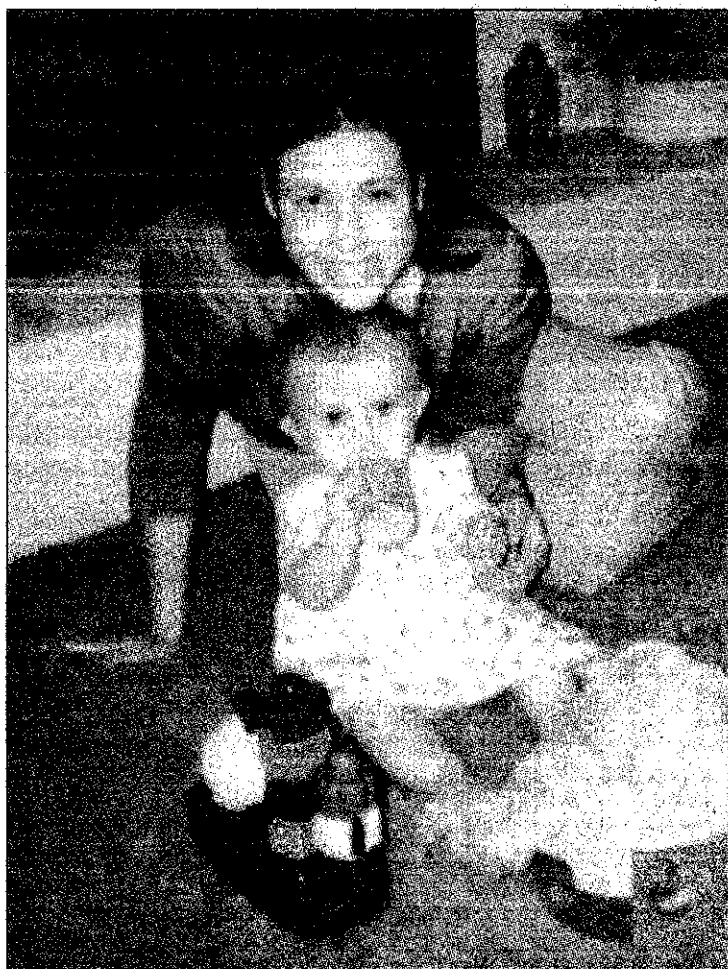
that United States citizens are divided in opinions about war and terror and the current presidential administration.

"But I can't dwell on that," she said. "In the long haul our society will come out on top. I like to think that the evils in this world will disappear ... I do pity (Meredith's) killers, as crazy as that sounds. I don't know if it's forgiveness, but I do think they were misguided when they took her life."

Monday, on the five-year anniversary of her daughter's death, Whalen will be in Lansing.

"We found out last fall that the city of Lansing had erected a memorial in a park two blocks from the Capitol," she said. Nineteen Michigan families who lost loved ones on Sept. 11 have placed personalized memorial bricks there, and there will be a small ceremony in Lansing that afternoon, which Whalen will attend.

Later this autumn, a tree and granite marker will be



This photo of Meredith Whalen and niece Ellie Jackson was taken on Labor Day weekend of 2001, just days before she was killed in the 9/11 attacks.

placed on the grounds of the state Capitol.

"That took a lot of effort, actually," Whalen said. "In fact, another tree had to die before we could get approval to plant a tree there."

Scholarships in Meredith's name - one at the University of Michigan, and one through the Canton Community Foundation - were set up shortly after her death, and Whalen thinks of them as a way to ensure that her daughter won't be forgotten.

It's keeping the memory of Meredith alive that brings Whalen to the telephone when reporters make their perennial

calls on the anniversary of that tragic Tuesday in 2001. And the memory is what made Whalen want to ask that bartender on the cruise she had planned to take with her daughter if perhaps she could have an empty bottle.

As for the message, it could be adrift in the ocean. Or the bottle could have smashed on the rocks, Whalen said. But she prefers to think something else.

"In my mind it could be out there, waiting for someone to read it."

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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano recently handed out 200 backpacks to at-risk students who attend Van Buren Schools.

Backpack program helps 200 students

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano recently donated a number of backpacks to at-risk children who attend Van Buren Public Schools. The backpacks came just in time for the beginning of the school year which started Tuesday for VBPS students.

Select elementary school children were invited by letter to the Belleville High School cafeteria on Aug. 24 to receive one of 200 backpacks donated by Ficano.

Ficano also arranged for immunizations to be available to the children at the same event at no charge. Ficano, Belleville Mayor Tom Fielder and Van Buren Township Supervisor Cindy King distributed the backpacks to the children.

"When one mother called to accept the backpack for her child, she was in tears of joy that immunizations were being offered," said Paul Henning, communications specialist for the district. "Her insurance ran out and

she needed the vaccinations for her child to start school. This is what the backpack program is all about."

The program started in 2004 with 700 backpacks being given to Wayne County school districts; the program expanded to 1,500 backpacks in 2005. This year the program will distribute 2,000 total to Wayne County children. "Last year's program was a success," said Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools Pete L. Lazaroff. "I am very happy that the program has been expanded this year to 200 backpacks and include immunizations for the students who need them. I would like to thank Mr. Ficano for his generosity and extend my appreciation of his commitment to helping the children of Van Buren Public Schools."

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Now showing

Penn pals bring movies back to historic theater

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Lights, camera, action.
For the first time in nearly three years, the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth will be open for business, once again showing popular second-run movies as part of an initial effort to revitalize the 418-seat theater.
Friends of the Penn, the preservationist group organized to raise \$1.5 million to renovate the historic Penn – which opened in 1941 – will begin showing movies on weekends. The first shows were Friday.
First up, the animated movie *Cars*, which started Friday and runs through today. The group will show new movies every week.
“We will be open for business on weekends only, for now, until further notice,” said Ellen Elliott, executive

director of Friends of the Penn. “Eventually, our goal is to have programming five days a week, to introduce different types of programming for kids and occasional concerts.”
Elliott said *Cars* was suggested by a booking agent as this week’s best-bet to draw movie-going crowds, which will already be downtown for the Plymouth Fall Festival. Show times today are 2:30, 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets will cost \$3.
“Usually there’s either a minimum charge for the film, or you pay a percentage of the box office receipts,” Elliott said. “That could be from 35-50 percent, so the more frequently we show the film, the better, to be able to clear the minimum.”
“We hope to cover our operating expenses and make a little profit to pay for repairs,” she said. “We still have fund raising to be able to do all the renovations, and money from operations won’t be able to pay for everything that has to happen.”
Elliott said the group has raised about \$130,000, with about \$84,000 going toward expenses.
Jim Courtney, who along with two partners owned the Penn Theatre for a handful of years before closing it down

and eventually selling it, said the theater “paid its way” when they owned it, revealing the Penn never made a profit for the group. However, Courtney believes the Friends, by adding Plymouth Symphony concerts and other entertainment, can at least make it a break-even proposition.
“It all comes back to the town supporting it, which hasn’t been there before,” Courtney said. “That means people getting off their couches and going to a restaurant and movie in Plymouth, instead of driving to the mall.”
Steve Marulis, who along with his wife, Sandy, owns Michigan Made on Ann Arbor Trail, has sponsored fund-raisers and contributed to the Friends of the Penn in an effort to revitalize the historic theater.
“We’re impressed with the group that has done so much to bring the Penn back, and we’re doing everything we can to support them,” Steve Marulis said. “It would create more traffic downtown, which would be good for everybody here.”
Volunteers will staff the Penn during show times, selling tickets, concessions and running projectors. Warren

Phillips, 68, and his wife, Carrie, 69, of Plymouth Township plan to be two of those will be donating time to keep the theater operational on weekends.
Warren Phillips spent several hours this week learning how to run the two projectors, which he said are more than 50 years old.
“We’ve learned how to thread the projectors, how to splice the tapes and how the sound system operates,” said Phillips. “Each reel is about 40 minutes, and we had to learn how to switch to the second projector so no one can tell while watching the movie. There are a couple of reference points in the film we have to watch for.”
Warren and Carrie Phillips, who have lived in the area for 20 years, are members of Friends of the Penn.
“We were sorry to see the Penn closed, and we were afraid we’d run the risk of losing it completely,” Phillips said. “We’ve been working hard at cleaning the place up.”
Elliott said that’s been a top priority in getting ready for opening night.
“We’ve done a lot of cleaning,” Elliott said. “Air quality was a big issue for many people before, but it won’t be an issue when we open. The drapes have



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Warren Phillips practices threading one of the projectors at the Penn Theater.
been cleaned, the duct work is being cleaned and the basement has been power washed. The lobby and vestibule have been painted.”
Elliott said the concession area still needs approvals and permits from the Wayne County Health Department. However, the Friends will sell packaged foods like chips and candy, as well as bottled beverages.
“Our highest concession price will still be lower than what you’d pay for the lowest-priced item at a big movie house,” promised Elliott.

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Local communities, DWSD close to reaching new water contract

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The pressure is nearly off. Or rather, it's nearly back on, for customers of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which has nearly completed its draft contract with all of its 126 customer communities.

The draft was presented Friday to the Conference of Western Wayne, an agenda-setting consortium of Wayne County community leaders.

"The old contracts date back to the 1950s. They were really very vague. Basically

what it said was Detroit will supply water to the customer then charge the customer for it," said Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas. "The new contract is much more specific. They guarantee that the communities will purchase a certain amount of water and in return DWSD will supply the water at a guaranteed pressure."

What that means is that distant suburban communities will have better water pressure, and inner ring communities - those which are close to Detroit, such as Dearborn and Grosse Pointe - will be

guaranteed that their pressure will not exceed those high ranges of pressure, and they will have fewer problems with water main breaks due to spikes in pressure.

The contract, which is proposed for a 35-year term, will ensure DWSD that it will have the continued revenue it needs for capital improvements, and at the same time will provide municipalities with consistent quality they demand, Faas said.

The contract has been long overdue.

"Canton's contract with DWSD expired in 1989," Faas

said. But Canton was unique in that the original contract had built-in automatic 10-year renewals. "So we have a few years before we have to renew."

The proposed contract is approximately 80 percent completed, and Faas anticipates that it will be approved later this year.

The relationship between suburban community leaders and the DWSD has at times been strained, Faas acknowledged. Under former leadership, communities often had some difficulty getting assistance when it came to under-

standing rates set by the water and sewer provider.

Arguments have been known to erupt, and can easily get off-course and wander into issues of competence and even racism.

But the DWSD and suburban officials since 2002 formed a Technical Advisory Committee, or TAC, which has taken most of the political friction out of the contract process, Faas said.

Every one of the 126 communities served by DWSD are invited to participate in TAC, though only about a dozen or so regularly do. Canton is also

represented on a TAC subcommittee which has been working on the new contract.

"We buy into the TAC process because it takes to some degree the political posturing out of those discussions. They're people like me, DPW and DPS directors, who tend to focus on the issues," Faas said. He was encouraged that TAC is a key element of the new contract, and will not be dissolved once the negotiations are completed.

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Michael Cherepko
Cherepko, 88 of White Valley, Pa., died Aug. 29.

D
Barbara Ann Dahlmann
Dahlmann, 73, of Rochester, died Sept. 6.

F
Gale R. Furgison
Furgison, 61, of Howell, died Sept. 8.

H
Anne F. Hargis
Hargis, 84, of Canton, died Sept. 5.
Lenore M. Hudson
Hudson, 94, of Plymouth, died Sept. 5.

L
Alice Rose Kippola Lee
Lee, 78, died Sept. 6.

M
Richard L. "Dick" McKinley
McKinley, 67, died.
Alfred F. McLoughlin
McLoughlin, 72, died Sept. 4.

P
Richard William Parent
Parent, 52, died Sept. 5.
Corinne E. "Corry" Parmenter
Parmenter, 82, of Waterford, died Sept. 3.

T
Marie E. Tienen
Tienen, 89, of Redford, died Sept. 6.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

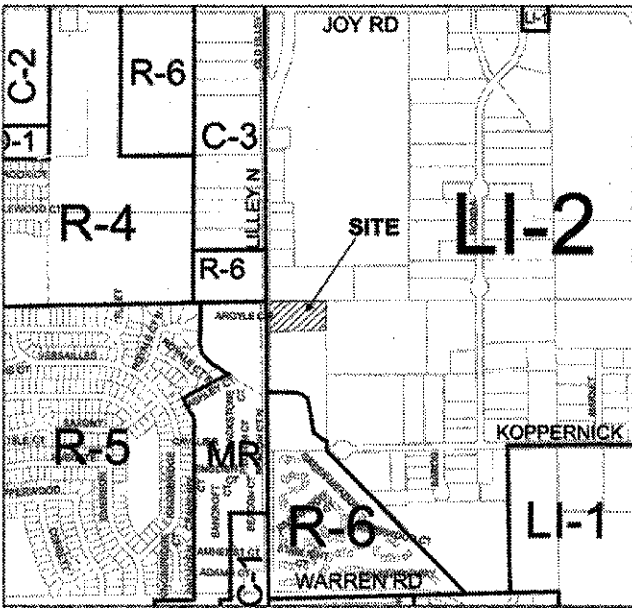
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JOYOUS HEART YOGA SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PRIVATE INDOOR RECREATION USE FOR A YOGA STUDIO REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NO. 008 06 0003 000 (7986 LILLEY N.) Property is located east of Lilley and north of Warren Road.

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Joyous Heart Yoga 008-SLU-122

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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BOND

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Center, in Canton. The board has only until April 1 to secure the money. There's also \$1.3 million for 13 new buses.

"I tried to focus very clearly," Ryan said, referring to an EPIC/MRA survey which indicated voters turned down the two-question, \$120 million bond issue in May partly because they thought the district was asking for too much money.

"We think the remodeled Central will be a radically improved situation for Starkweather," Ryan told the board. "We think it will be a great improvement for the curriculum center where we do professional training and professional development, and it gives a more central location for community education.

"The middle schools would be set for the long, foreseeable future," he said. "I don't see anything you would have to do for a very long time."

Missing from the "straw design" are remodeling and additions to elementary schools, as well as a career and technical education center at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I didn't put any elementary or high school piece in this because I believe the board should think about a bond issue for '07 and beyond ... having the community discuss elementary and high school pieces," Ryan said. "New elementary schools versus additions is a concern, as well as what do we want to do with the growing percentage of students at the Park. Those are questions I don't think deserved a simple answer."

The Board of Education will discuss Ryan's proposal after Tuesday's regular meeting. Most board members believe Ryan is on the right track.

"I think it's a good starting point," said President Barry Simescu. "We have to keep in mind what the survey told us. I'm concerned about the Park being a little overcrowded. And, some kind of additions at the existing elementary buildings may be a possibility. There seemed to be high interest for that in the community survey."

Topping the list of priorities voters would support, according to the survey, were 10 new buses at a cost of \$1 million (71 percent approval); spending \$13 million for adding classrooms, gyms and other improvements to the existing elementary schools (68 percent); adding classrooms, cafeterias and band

rooms at the middle schools for \$11.1 million (69 percent); improving the existing Career and Technical Education facilities (64 percent); and construction of a \$28.3 middle school in Canton (63 percent).

Trustee Tom Wysocki said the bond ideas presented by Ryan are a good mix.

"It hits an area we need in the middle schools that can solve a lot of problems for many years," Wysocki said. "The elementary and high schools are probably for a future bond, potentially for next year. I want to get something the people will buy into, pass it, be successful and then move on and get to the next bond and focus on getting that passed."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski, who was against the May bond issue, said middle school enrollment numbers put him in support of constructing a new middle school in Canton.

"Given the information we've seen concerning our middle schools ... the growth, the demographics of where they're at, taking a look at how many students from Canton that are going to Central, East and Pioneer, and seeing how high those numbers are and how much busing we have going on there," Ham-Kucharski said. "It's a wonderful idea to repurpose Central and

expand the program we have at Starkweather.

"I don't think we should put buses on this bond," he said. "It doesn't make sense to finance a bus in a 25-year bond. We need to have a real bus replacement program in our budget."

Ryan also tossed out several options for consideration, including a new auxiliary gym at Salem and the remodeling of the Canton High School auto shop, instead of building a stand-alone career and technical center, as proposed in the May bond. "We know we have an auto shop that, with some remodeling, could become nationally certified," Ryan said. "Kids who come out of a nationally certified program can move into our local auto dealers and make a six-figure income."

Board Vice President Judy Mardigian said she'll be watching closely how a new bond matches up with the survey.

"It (Ryan's proposal) certainly mirrors what the survey data says the community is willing to support, and it's not reaching far beyond that," Mardigian said. "I'm squeamish at this point. I'm going to be paying very close attention at what our community said in that poll."

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BENEFIT

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tickets, in hopes of packing the house at the Village Theater. Coulier will take the stage at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6. A reception with hors d'oeuvres will precede the event, starting at 7 p.m.

"It was harder than I thought, trying to find a well-known comedian with a clean act," Elliott said. He did some research and found Coulier was scheduled to be in the area early in October, and a few phone calls later he got a

commitment from Coulier.

He sought out corporate sponsorships to cover the \$10,000 in costs to bring the comedian to the theater, so that all proceeds will benefit the shelter and its programs for the homeless in the city.

It's this kind of event that the theater is attracting more frequently as it begins its third season.

"We love being host to groups like this," said the theater's director, Jennifer Tobin. "It's a great project and a wonderful charity. And they take care of all the expenses and all of the risk."

What the theater staff does take care of is the details.

"We treat all the acts the same way. The technical crew is ready to unload you and get you everything you need and you're set up and comfortable. You're treated like royalty," Tobin said.

And that's why Elliott chose the Village Theater.

"When I started calling around to different theaters, no one was really taking me seriously. But Jennifer did," he said.

He was taken on a tour and given a couple of tickets to a

show, and was impressed with what he saw.

"I just loved the theater itself. It's beautiful, and it was perfect for what we needed," Elliott said.

Ticket are \$50, available in advance at Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460. Tickets can also be purchased through Dr. Gregory E. Elliott, D.D.S., by calling (248) 473-2000. Cash, Visa and MasterCard are accepted at both locations. Checks are also accepted at Elliott's office.

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JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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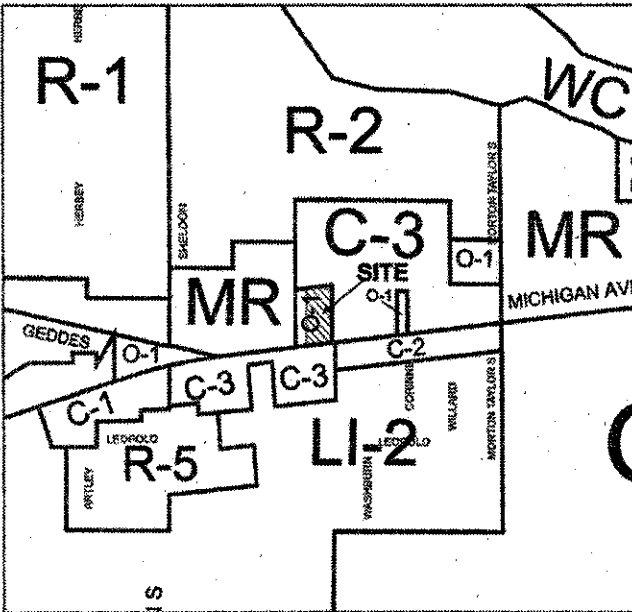
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M.A.L.A.C. LLC REZONING NO. 2 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 133 99 0008 000 (43780 MICHIGAN) AND 133 99 0009 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located west of Morton Taylor Road and north of Michigan Avenue.

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M.A.L.A.C. LLC Rezoning No. 2 133-RZ-103

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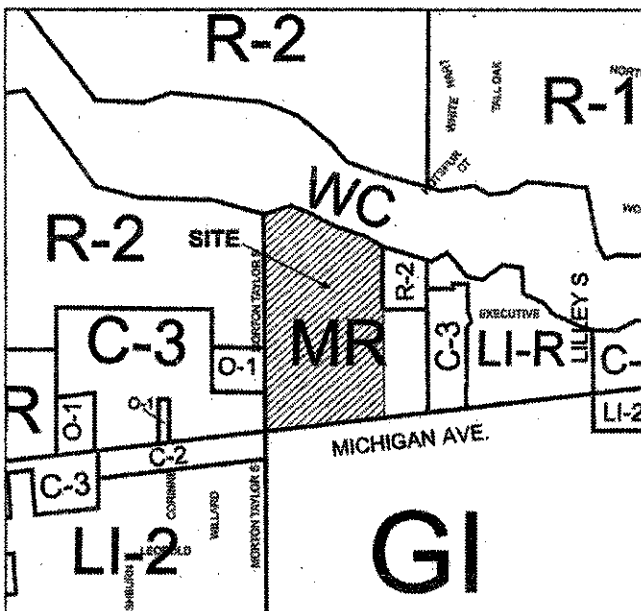
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JC DEV. REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 103 99 0001 003 AND 138 99 0004 000 FROM MR, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located east of Morton Taylor and north of Michigan Avenue.

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JC Development Rezoning 103-RZ-030

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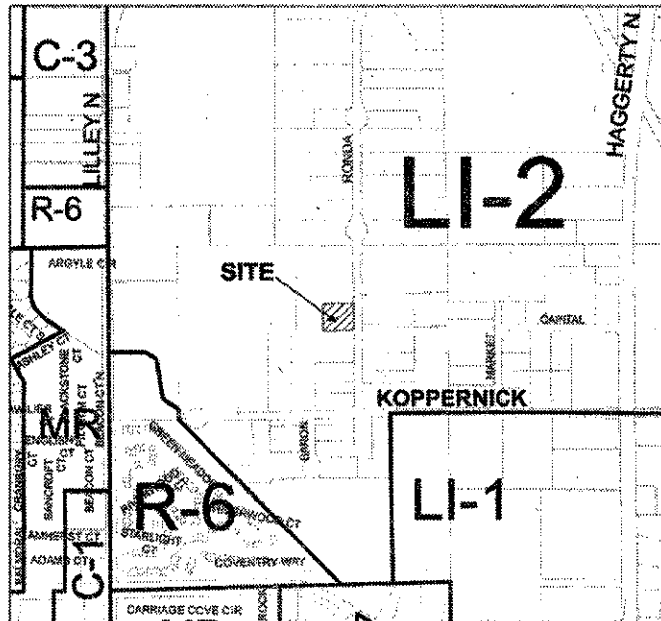
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MICHIGAN XTREME CHEER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A GYMNASTICS/DANCE STUDIO USE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NO. 008 99 0001 702 (7855 RONDA). Property is located south of Joy and west of Ronda (located in the Gilmar Industrial Building).

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Michigan Xtreme Cheer 008-SLU-123

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Encourage U.S. senators to pass Rogers' trash bill

Today as you are about to slather cream cheese on your bagel for Sunday breakfast, pay attention to the first couple of steps in the process.

First, observe as you open the carton that there is an inner package. Peel it open.

Second, slice off some cream cheese, then close the inner package and replace it in the outer carton.

This is not a time study experiment. The wasteful dual packaging, however, is an example of part of the problem with trash in Michigan and elsewhere in North America.

There's too much of it. In fact, there's so much, Canadian cities and businesses have been importing their trash to Michigan landfills. The problem is not only are our dumps filling up, but the contents of that trash could be hazardous to our residents.

One family's trash is another's treasure, however, or at least it is for landfills. That's why the issue of Canadians importing trash to Michigan has been so difficult to deal with. Trash is considered a commodity, and is bought and sold for placement in Michigan landfills. As such, past practice has been for the feds to say trade agreements prohibit its regulation.

But there has been some movement on the issue. After a five-year struggle, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers has been successful in getting a bill passed in the House that would regulate Canadian trash.

The Senate has only four weeks to pass a companion bill, which has been gathering dust, before the effort dies completely.

Residents in Oakland and Wayne counties ought to place wake up calls to U.S. senators, demanding action and making this an election issue.

Rogers is organizing Michigan's congressional delegation to appeal to the Senate Majority Leader, Bill Frist. Phone him at (202) 224-3344 or write him at 509 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Call Rogers at (202) 225-4872 or e-mail him at www.house.gov/mikerogers to offer your support.

Rogers says that, faced with the prospect of the bill's passage, the Canadians were willing to reach an agreement with U.S. senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin

that would limit trash sent to Michigan — limit, but not eliminate.

Rogers' bill would move the process along more quickly. While the Environmental Protection Agency works on the trash issue, Michigan could outlaw Canadian trash for two years.

Only Canadian cities would begin to close out their trash shipments to Michigan under the Levin/Stabenow agreement. Commercial and industrial sources would still be able to send it over the border.

Adding to the uncertainty over the agreement is whether two senators can achieve a deal with another country that would have any teeth behind it.

Let's you think trash isn't an issue, because you don't live next to a landfill, consider those living and working in Farmington, where bait boxes and rat poison are being put out in bulk to control the rodents.

Rats live on garbage or other food sources.

Which brings us back to the core problem: There's too much trash coming out of, not only Canada, but our own homes as well.

Years ago, there was a substantive campaign for homeowners to recycle, and many communities instituted curbside recycling pickup. One of the more successful has been the Southern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority. SOCRRA has a facility in Troy where recyclable goods are separated, packaged and shipped out for reprocessing.

While SOCRRA recently expanded the list of items that are recyclable, in many communities in southeast Michigan, the call for recycling has diminished to a whisper. Some towns have found that goods placed at the curb aren't making it to the recycling process.

The Canadian trash issue ought to be our own wake up call when we're about to throw out that plastic carton after pouring milk in our Sunday morning coffee.

It may take a little extra effort to rinse out the carton and squish it before placing it in the recycle bin, but it won't be until we reuse and recycle that we ultimately prevent Michigan from becoming a trash heap.

American flag shouldn't have been dragged through the political mud

Anyone with no prior knowledge of the dynamics within the Canton Board of Trustees would probably be a bit puzzled over the recent flap surrounding the board's decision not to place a flag at Todd Caccamo's spot at the board dais.

The absentee trustee left in April to join the U.S.



Kurt Kuban

Marines, and is either in or headed to Iraq. At Caccamo's last board meeting in April, a group of supporters, including Dan McCausland and some local veterans, presented him a ceremonial "saluting" flag. They requested it be displayed as a reminder of Caccamo's service to the community and to his country.

At face value it seems a nice and appropriate gesture, considering Caccamo is risking his hide and hair to defend America, and doing so with absolute gusto. But nothing is ever that easy in the political world, is it?

As most observers of the Canton political landscape know, Todd Caccamo has been ramming heads, so to speak, with the rest of the Board of Trustees since almost the day he took office. In fact, he was a critic of Supervisor Tom Yack and his administration even before becoming a trustee. It was probably the main reason he was elected.

Caccamo has frequently and publicly criticized Yack and the board about a number of issues, but usually about government spending. He thinks Canton has spent way too much money on facilities and programs, and blames Yack and the others. Don't get me wrong, there is absolutely nothing wrong with scrutinizing and being critical of government spending. That is the job of an elected public servant. But sometimes Caccamo has been overzealous when being critical of his colleagues. Let's just say diplomacy is not one of his strengths.

It has gotten to the point other members of the board would not bend one iota to do anything for Caccamo. I can't say that I blame them. Who wants to cozy up to someone constantly pointing a finger at you and ranting about what a terrible job you are doing? It sometimes seems Caccamo is driven to bring down Yack and the board, which is certainly the case with some of Caccamo's most ardent supporters, who often blog with one another on The Canton Voice Web site.

And that brings us to the other factor in this flag situation. One cannot forget that Dan McCausland and his brother Bob have had an ongoing feud with Yack and his administration about the appearance and upkeep of their auto repair shop and property on Lotz Road. McCausland openly spars with Yack and the board on a frequent basis, and would like nothing better than to see Yack go away, or at the very least to look bad. McCausland is also one of Caccamo's biggest supporters. Maybe because Caccamo is currently the only other game in town.

So when McCausland and the veterans showed up at Caccamo's last meeting, with no warning to other board members, and presented the flag, you can almost read the thoughts that must have coursed through the minds of the other board members, who probably thought it was political stunt. And, therefore, it is almost no surprise that the flag uncereemoniously ended up in a closet somewhere after the meeting ended.

My guess is that if it were Todd LaJoy, Melissa McLaughlin or any other board member going off to Iraq, there would have been a nice ceremony. Heck, when Tony Minghine, the township's former finance director, recently left for a job with the Michigan Municipal League — in far away Ann Arbor, of all places — they served cake at a board meeting.

Obviously upset about the slight, Caccamo's wife and parents showed up at a recent board meeting mad as hell. They said Yack and the board were not only disrespecting Caccamo's service, but also all the other soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. They didn't mince words about their disgust, but were only met with a cold response of "Thank you for your comments" from Yack. No other board member said a word.

The story got picked up by the media, and even led to Yack and Kay Caccamo (the trustee's wife) being interviewed on the Frank Beckman radio program on WJR-AM (760).

Frankly, the whole episode has been a bit ugly. You have to feel bad for Caccamo's parents, who traveled from their Auburn Hills home to question why the board was not displaying their son's flag. They are very proud of their son and don't understand why the board does not share that same pride.

But it wasn't Yack and the board who dragged the flag into this situation. In my opinion, flag presentations should be reserved for the highest of ceremonies.

The thought that comes to my mind is of military personnel presenting an American flag to a crying widow. When the flag was presented to Caccamo, who has never been shy about self-promotion, he hadn't even served in the war. I can promise you, all the other soldiers from Canton who have gone to serve in the war did not receive the same type of going away ceremony. They just went off to do the duty they swore they would do.

Steve Van Buskirk, National Director of Programs at the VFW Headquarters in Kansas City, said such a flag would only be appropriate if it were placed in a permanent display. He also said a flag being displayed at the board dais might suggest that the board is either pro- or anti-war, and a local body of government has no place making those kinds of statements. And he said that it really is up to the other board members to make the decision about what should happen with the flag.

Perhaps the easiest thing for the board to do would be to just display the flag like Caccamo's supporters want. But, as we all know, nothing is ever easy in politics.

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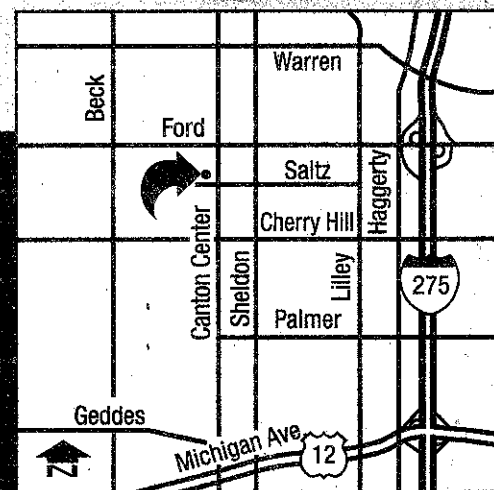
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Recycling program good for local school, environment

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's not easy, affording the little extras in life. Nor is it easy affording those extras that make school so much fun for some youngsters.

That's where parent teacher organizations come into the picture. This year, PTO members at Eriksson Elementary hope a new fund-raiser will fill in some of the gaps.

The new fund-raiser is a recycling program in which students can bring in old inkjet cartridges, cell phones, laptops, PDAs and iPods.

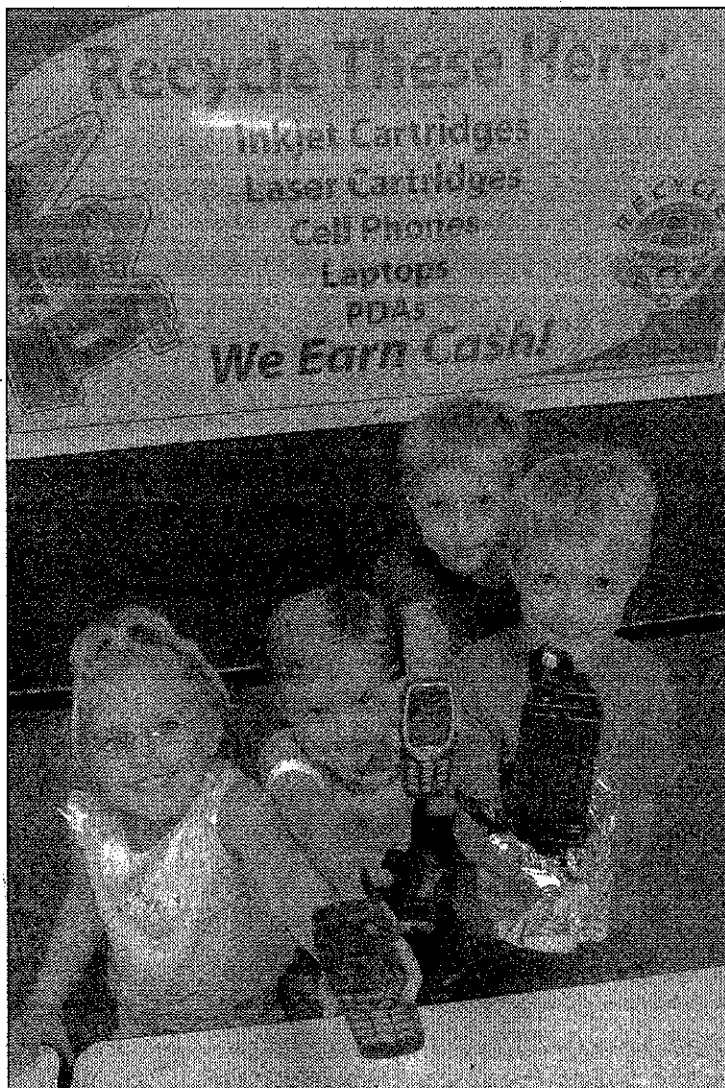
"This is the kind of stuff that people throw in the junk drawer and don't know how to get rid of it," said parent Joyce Barszcz, who spearheaded the fund-raiser for the school last year and is doing so again this year.

"Usually what happens when I am getting rid of a cell phone is my kids (twin 8-year-olds Kyle and Nathan) play with it for a while then it goes into a drawer indefinitely," she said. "Now we can turn them in and make some money for the school."

Last year, the program raised some \$500. This year Barszcz hopes it will be double that.

Besides raising money for the PTO, it also keeps dangerous items such as batteries out of landfills.

"These are things that shouldn't be thrown out anyway because it's not good for the environment," she said. "Instead, they're donated and refurbished, then resold or



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Twins Elisabeth and Emily Wolf, and Nathan and Kyle Barszcz have their hands full of hi-tech recyclables, which Eriksson Elementary will be collecting to raise money for school programs.

sent somewhere where there is a need."

She added that many of the phones are sent to soldiers serving overseas, or are donated to women's shelters.

The fund-raiser, though certainly not the largest of the schools programs, funds things like field trips, the school's Festival of Cultures, classroom supplies, a family movie night, assemblies and the like.

"It's all those extras that just aren't in the budget," said PTO Vice President Jennifer Wolf.

The school's biggest fund-raiser, the upcoming fall fair, generates more than \$14,000, which is enough to cover the PTO's basic needs during the year. But when emergencies come up - like when a laminating machine broke last year -

it's the smaller fund-raisers that come to the rescue, she said.

The cartridge recycling program, though popular at schools, is suitable for any group trying to raise money, Barszcz said, and she has helped several schools and churches start programs of their own.

To learn more about Eriksson's program or for information on starting a cartridge fund-raiser for your school or group, call Joyce Barszcz at (734) 664-8171 or e-mail her at joyceb@cartridgesforkids.com. For more information, visit www.cartridgesforkids.com or call toll free (800) 420-0235.

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Police sweep nets 17 sex offenders not in compliance

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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As most local youngsters returned to school, a two-day joint operation last week resulted in the arrest of 17 registered sex offenders for failing to meet state sex offender registry requirements.

Officers from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Metro Street Enforcement Team had targeted sex offenders in six suburban communities - Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Taylor, Inkster and Romulus - as part of Operation Safe Passage.

"We have done sweeps before for sex offenders who were wanted on warrants. This was a little different," said Sheriff Warren Evans. "We looked at their history to see if they were not registered appropriately or failed to change their addresses, then we sought warrants. We were being more proactive."

Sex offenders are particularly troubling to law enforcement, Evans said, due to high recidivism rate. Also, 10 of the 31 targeted offenders had victimized minors, he noted.

During their investigation, officers uncovered 31 instances in which individuals had failed to comply with the Sex Offender Registry Act,

either by failing to report their new address to authorities, or for neglecting to verify their address on a periodic basis. Depending on the case, failure to do so can result in a new 93-day misdemeanor or four-year felony charge.

While arresting 17 suspects - more than half those sought - is an accomplishment, Evans pointed to the additional 46 visits officers made to the homes of registered sex offenders to make sure they were in compliance with their registry requirements.

"I strongly believe that we have to build accountability, that the offenders know they will get caught if they don't comply," said Evans. "Those who weren't arrested will get feedback that someone was looking for them. That's not unhealthy either. It's crime prevention. If they are thinking of reoffending, they at least may give it a second thought."

A majority of those arrested - 13 of 17 - had been last registered at Westland addresses. Other arrests included a man originally convicted for criminal sexual conduct in Garden City and a sex offender registered in Livonia. Three of the sex offenders were identified as being deceased.

"We made some good arrests. Some had had sex with children under age 13,

and one had not reported his address change since 2002," said Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes. "The Sex Offender Registry was set up to protect innocent people in our community from sexual predators. In order for it to be effective, we need to make sure people are complying with the system."

Garden City Police Chief Kimberly Scott said she is always supportive of enforcing Sex Offender Registry violations. A Garden City officer regularly monitors the registry for compliance but really hasn't been able to go outside the city to track down violators.

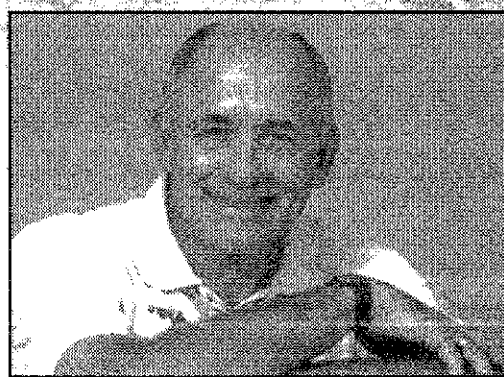
"This (Operation Safe Passage) allows us to stretch our resources. A multi-jurisdictional team allows us to reach beyond our borders," said Scott, adding her department Special Investigations Unit does follow up on some offenders.

Pfannes, whose department was one of the hosts for the sweep, agreed that the joint effort is beneficial.

"Anytime we can work in concert with other departments and have forces multiplied to put more officers on the street is good," he added. "It's been a pretty productive day."

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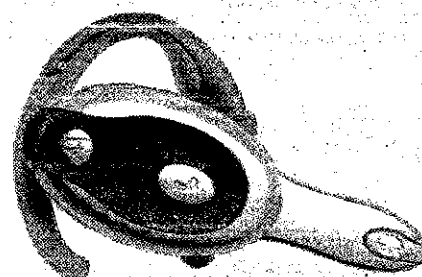
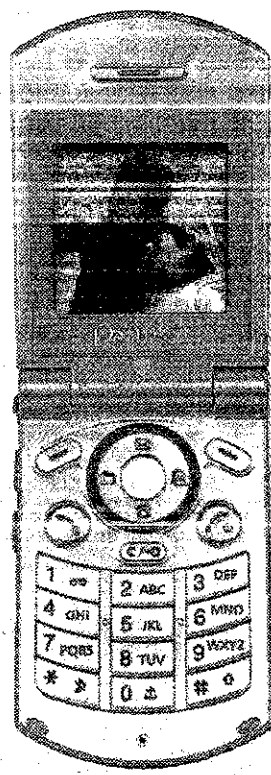
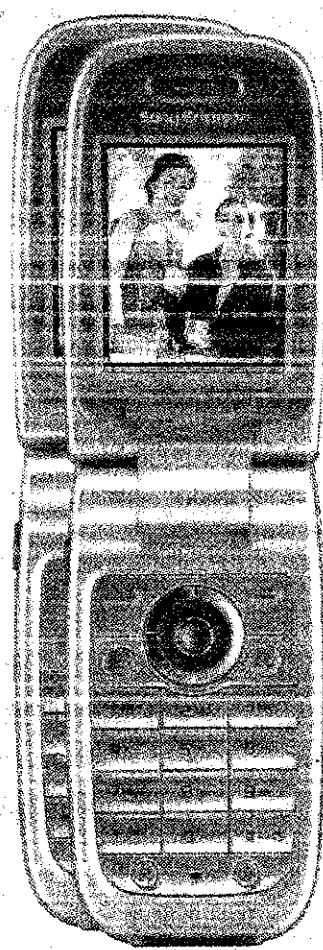
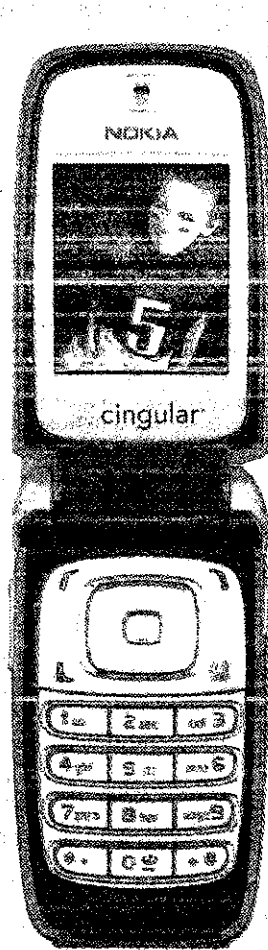
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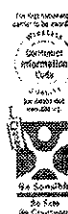
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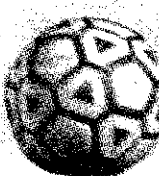
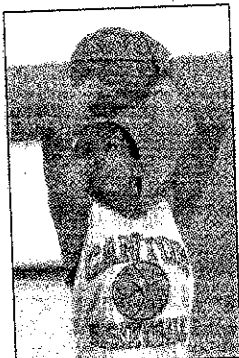
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Chiefs' comeback upends Wildcats, 35-24

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For almost two quarters of football Friday night, the balance of power at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park tilted toward the west — away from Canton and toward Plymouth.

However, a last-minute touchdown pass at the end of the first half and a momentum-shifting turnover early in the third quarter helped the Chiefs overcome a 17-7 deficit and defeat the Wildcats, 35-24.

The victory improved Canton's record to 3-0 overall, 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. Plymouth slipped to 1-2, 1-1 and 0-1, respectively.

"They had us in the first half until that last drive," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "We finally figured it out, but I wish we could have figured it out a little

earlier.

"Plymouth played a great game. They have some good athletes and their coach did a good job getting them ready to play. It was a heck of a good football game."

The Chiefs' first key play unfolded with 28 seconds left in the first half when senior quarterback Steve Paye, who was making his first varsity start, hit a wide-open Brandon Fender on a 20-yard scoring strike to cut the Wildcats' lead to 17-14. The play capped a six-play, 80-yard drive that took just 1:11 to complete.

The second came on Plymouth's first play from scrimmage in the third quarter when Canton senior cornerback Chris

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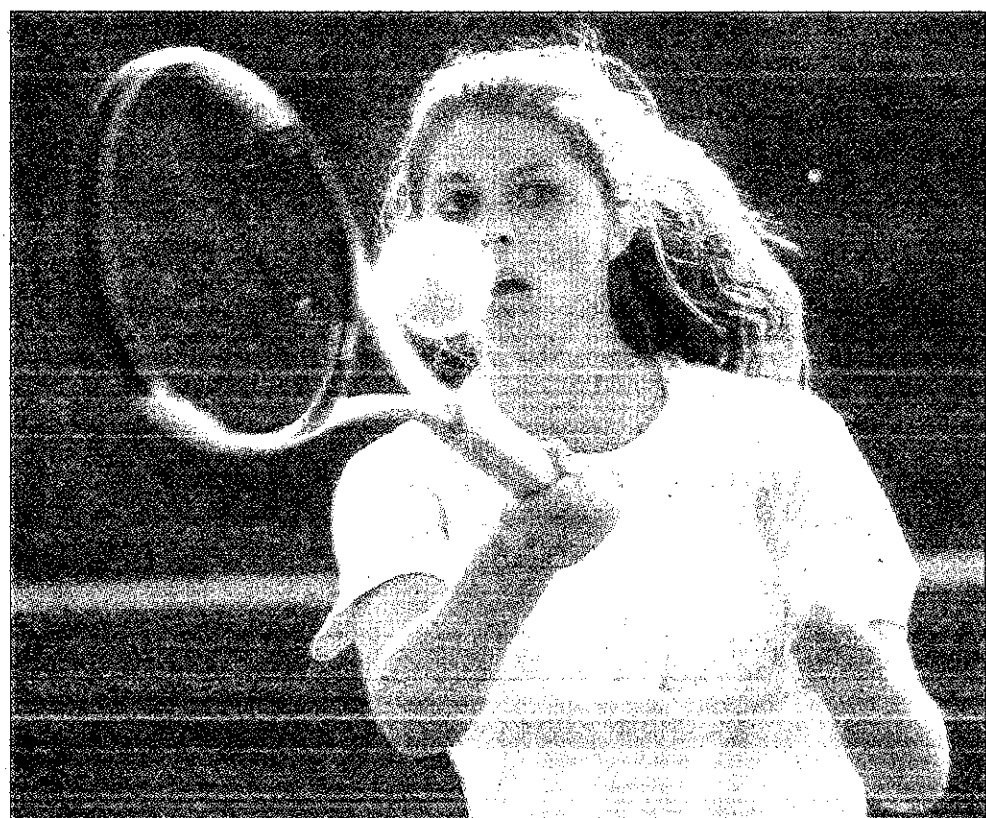
The following individuals turned in stellar efforts during Friday night's key WLAA Western Division showdown between Canton and Plymouth:

■ Canton's Deshon McClendon picked up 118 yards and three TD's on 16 carries. His 77-yard scoring jaunt on the game's first possession set the tone for Chiefs' offense.

■ Plymouth's Myron Puryear gained 96 yards and a TD on 12 carries while filling in for injured starter Nate Gholston. Puryear's 62-yard sprint set up the Wildcats' first score, a 36-yard Jeff Lucco field goal.

■ Canton's Dalton Walser rushed for 72 yards on nine carries and also hauled in a 33-yard scoring pass from Steve Paye.

■ Plymouth's Sam Jones caught six passes for 72 yards. He also anchored the Wildcats' defensive backfield.



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Plymouth's No. 2 singles player Natalie Maurer returns a serve during Friday's match against Walled Lake Central's Sara Johnson. Maurer lost a hard-fought three-setter, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Close calls

3-set setbacks prove costly to Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

At first glance, the Plymouth girls tennis team's 6-2 loss to Walled Lake Central Friday afternoon looks a little lopsided.

A closer look reveals a different story.

Four of the Vikings' six victories were nail-biting three-setters, a fact that gave Wildcat coach Tom Kimball reason for optimism.

"As close as the matches were, I told the girls that if we went out there and played them again tomorrow, we could win," said Kimball, whose team fell to 0-2 overall and 0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "We were in just about every match. They just didn't go our way in the end."

Playing under clear, blue skies, Central seized an early 3-1 lead after the singles matches. Viking Erica Rouleau won at No. 1, 6-0, 6-1, over Plymouth's Sarah Hillegonds.

Central won a pair of three-setters at No. 2 and 3 singles as Sara Johnson edged Natalie Maurer, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, and Liz Slusher nipped Kelly Armbruster, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The Wildcats' first win came at No. 4 singles when Emily Sinnott outlasted Renee Cronin, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Central clinched the victory with victories at No. 1 and 2 doubles. The duo of Stephanie Indianer and Afsha Kahn swept Amanda Hastings and Kylie Mackenzie, 7-5, 6-2, and the twosome of Danielle Martinek and Madison Bartlett rebounded to upend Ellen Mitchell and Lauren Strahm, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

Whitney Askew and Chelsea Craig earned Plymouth a point at No. 3 doubles when they defeated Alesha Segnetz and Mackenzie Conn, 6-4, 6-4. The Vikings closed out the win when Angela Stawafz and Nicole Mehta won a three-set thriller over Elise Humphries and Lauren Thiele, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

Detroit Ignition inks second goalkeeper

The Detroit Ignition has acquired the playing rights to goalkeeper Danny Waltman as well as future considerations from the Chicago Storm in exchange for the playing rights to goalkeeper Jim Larkin, Ignition president Greg Bibb announced Friday.

Larkin was selected eighth overall from the California Cougars in the 2006 Major Indoor Soccer League Expansion Draft.

Additional conditions of the deal were not disclosed.

"We are excited to welcome Danny to the Ignition," Bibb said. "He brings experience, enthusiasm and talent to our roster and I look forward to seeing him compete for our club."

"Danny's experience will give us two solid, veteran goaltenders as we enter our inaugural season," Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic said. "We are thrilled to add Danny Waltman to the Ignition."

A member of the Chicago Storm since he broke into the league in 2004, Danny Waltman has been named MISL Goalkeeper of the Week on six separate occasions. During the 2005-06 season, Waltman started 22 games for the Storm finishing with a 7-15 record and a 5.31 goals against average. Waltman was named to the 2005 MISL All-Rookie Team following a season in which he led all keepers in minutes played with 2,145. In 2003 he started 17 games as a senior at the University of Washington and finished the season with an 0.88 goals-against average.



Johnson named new Plymouth Christian AD

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Chris Johnson's job title has been altered over the past few months, but his workload will remain as heavy as ever.

On Aug. 1, the 34-year-old Rochester, N.Y., native was named the athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy. He succeeds Doug Taylor, who accepted a similar position in Fredericksburg, Va., earlier this year.

Along with overseeing the PCA athletic program, the former AD/softball coach/soccer coach at Rochester-based Northstar Christian Academy will serve as the 750-student school's dean of students, a role that puts him in charge of discipline for students in 7th through 12th grades.

Johnson admitted he'll miss his former head-coaching duties, but his new dual-responsibility position will keep him plenty busy.

"I love coaching, it's something I've done for the past 13 years," he said. "But with this new position Plymouth Christian has created, I can't commit to coaching from 3 to 5 every day as well as attending games. It wouldn't be fair to the kids."

Johnson enjoyed a success-filled coaching tenure at Northstar, leading the varsity boys soccer team to a 136-97-14 record over 12 seasons and the varsity softball squad to a 138-73 mark over 11 years. His soccer teams won one Class D state championship and five sectional titles.

"Coaching was always my first love, but Plymouth Christian brought me out here to be the athletic direc-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chris Johnson was recently named the new athletic director and dean of students at Plymouth Christian Academy. Johnson formerly served as an AD and coach at Northstar Christian Academy in Rochester, N.Y.

tor and dean of students," Johnson said. "My job now is to help our coaches to better develop their teams."

Johnson said he is anxiously anticipating working at a school that is approximately twice as big as Northstar.

"We had about the same number of sports (at Northstar), but a lot fewer students," he said.

"Since this is a new position, I'm kind of learning as I

PLEASE SEE JOHNSON, B5

Schmitt makes Pan-Am team

Allison Schmitt, a junior at Canton, was named recently to the United States women's swimming team that will be competing in the Pan-American Games, which are set for next summer in Rio de Janeiro.

Schmitt, a standout on the Chiefs' swimming team, will swim on the 800-meter freestyle relay team.

CEBL sign-ups

The Community Education Basketball League (CEBL) will be holding a walk-in registration session on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School, which is located on Ann Arbor Rd. In Plymouth, between Sheldon and Beck.

The league is open to boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th. The season includes practices, games and an end-of-the-year tournament for the 5th- through 8th-grade divisions.

Teams consist of up to 10 players with guaranteed playing time. Each player also receives a jersey to keep. The per-player registration fee is \$100 for grades 5th through 8th and \$90 for players in 3rd and 4th grades. Registration will first-come, first-served. No registrations will be accepted before Sept. 12. For more information, forward an e-mail to: cecbl@pccs.k12.mi.us.

Results needed

Local prep sports coaches are encouraged to report all of their results this fall to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright. Results can be phoned in to (734) 953-2108; faxed in to (734) 591-7279; or e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com.

Wright can be reached Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:30-11 p.m. If the answering machine comes on, please leave a message and he will return your call promptly.

Grady set to shine

Salem senior captain Megan Grady will be a key contributor to the Rocks' girls cross country team this season.

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GOLF RESULTS

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 166
PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 172
Friday at Hickory Creek G.C.
(top four scores count)


Oakland Christian: Ben Vanbiesbrouck, 38; Matt Garza, 40; Alex Coyne, 43; Mike Stenets, 45.
Plymouth Christian: Ross Gerulis, 40; Aaron Lorincz, 43; Scott Hampson, 44; Mitch Geracz and Derek Elenbaas, 45.
PCA's record: 7-2 overall; 5-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

PLYMOUTH 155
SALEM 162
Thursday at St. John's G.C.
(top four scores count)

Plymouth: Nathan Conroy and Mike Gerisch, 38; Matt Talbot, 39; Jimmie Vicek, 40; Jeff Selasky, 41; Kyle Eisiminger, 44.
Salem: Tyler Jeleniewski, 38; Quentin Higgason, 40; Joel Cheesman and Aaron Thompson, 42.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 3-0; Salem 0-1.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 178*
SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 178
Thursday at Plum Hollow C.C.
***Plymouth Christian wins tie-breaker**
(top four scores count)

Plymouth Christian: Ross Gerulis and Derek Elenbaas, 43; Aaron Lorincz, 44; Scott Hampson, 48; Mitch Geracz, 49; Matt Saagman, 58.
Southfield Christian: Jordan Ronketto, 41; Austin Farah, 45; Alex Bartee and Joe Spears, 46; Ben Globke, 52.
PCA's RECORD: 7-1 overall, 5-0 in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.



CHIEFS

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Bogdanski pounced on a fumble at the Wildcat 35. Three plays later, Deshon McClendon swept into the end zone from 15 yards out to put the Chiefs ahead for good, 21-17.

"In the first half, our offensive coaches came up with a good gameplan, the kids executed it, and it showed," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "We did almost anything we wanted to early on. We controlled the clock and the ball, which is something you have to do against Canton. You have to keep their offense off the field."

"At the half, we knew Canton was going to make some adjustments and our coaches made some, too. We did a ton of teaching. But we came out and made a mistake right away on the fumble, then we had a breakdown on a pass that led to another touchdown. The good thing about it is that they're all fixable mistakes. Plus, the kids never quit."

McClendon reeled off 77 of his game-high 118 yards on the second play of the night when he broke a pair of tackles near

the line of scrimmage and sprinted the rest of the way to the end zone putting Canton up, 6-0. Colin O'Shaunessy followed with the first of his five extra points.

The Wildcats retaliated quickly, driving to the Canton 19 before settling for a 36-yard Jeff Lucco field goal to make it 7-3.

The Wildcats secured their first-ever lead against the Chiefs with 6:33 left in the half when junior running back Myron Puryear capped a 12-play, 51-yard drive when he plunged over the goal line from one yard out to make it 10-7 Plymouth.

Following a three-and-out from the Canton offense, the Wildcats increased their advantage to 17-7 on a perfectly executed 33-yard touchdown pass from Matt Barrera to Chris Sanchez with 1:39 remaining in the first half.

Baechler said his team's first-half deficit wasn't the result of a lack of effort.

"The kids were playing as hard as they could," he said. "We just talked to them about focus and the adjustments we made were technical football things. The defense went out

and stepped up right away by causing a fumble and then we scored a couple quick touchdowns."

After Canton jumped ahead 21-17 on McClendon's TD run, Chief defensive tackle Donnie Laramie helped keep the momentum on Canton's side when he sacked Plymouth's Barrera for a 16-yard loss at the Wildcat 4. Barrera was knocked from the game with an apparent leg injury and replaced by junior signal-caller C.J. Gregory.

"Donnie is a tone-setter for our defense," Baechler said. "When he makes a big play, it seems to fire up the defense. You want your D-line to free things up for your linebackers. When they're making plays, that's when you have a chance to have a great defense."

Canton extended its lead to 28-17 with 9:07 left in the third quarter when Paye and Dalton Walser hooked up on a 33-yard TD pass.

Plymouth bounced right back, though, when LaBrodrick Caldwell returned the ensuing kickoff 91 yards to bring the Wildcats to within 28-24 with 8:48 left in the third.

The Chiefs closed the scoring on McClendon's third TD run of the night, a 5-yarder with 4:13 to go in the third.

Canton outgained Plymouth in total yards, 368-219. Complementing McClendon's big night were Walser (72 yards on nine carries) and Nick Moores, who gained 54 yards on nine attempts.

Puryear had a breakout game while filling in for the injured Nathan Gholston. The junior picked up 96 yards on 12 runs, including a 62-yarder that set up the Wildcats' field goal. Rico Tyus added 22 yards on nine carries.

Barrera completed 4-of-8 passes for 42 yards before his injury. Gregory was solid in relief, connecting on 4-of-10 throws for 43 yards.

Senior wide receiver Sam Jones hauled in six passes for 52 yards for Plymouth.

"I thought Myron and C.J. stepped up and played very well," said Blaylock. "It helps when the No. 2 kids step in and show that they're prepared to play when called on."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 15
W.L. Western at Canton, 4:30 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 12
Salem at F.H. Mercy, 7 p.m.
Lutheran Westland at PCA, 6:30 p.m.
Saline at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 14
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9
Canton at West Bloomfield, 5 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 11
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 12
Ypsi Calvary Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 13
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9
Salem at East Lansing Invite, 11:15 a.m.
Farmington at Plymouth, 1 p.m.
Canton at Saline, 7 p.m.
PCA at Shirine, 11 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 14

Plymouth, Salem and Canton at City Championships at Plymouth H.S., 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16
Salem at Holly Invitational

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 14
Plymouth, Salem and Canton at City Championships at Plymouth H.S., 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16
Salem at New Boston Huron Invitational, 10 a.m.
Canton at Ludington Invite, 9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, Sept. 11
Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 13
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16
Salem at Saline Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS GOLF
Monday, Sept. 11
Canton at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.

W.L. Central at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 13
Salem at W.L. Central at Edgewood G.C., 3 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows G.C., 3 p.m.

W.L. Western at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15
Livonia Churchill at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Sept. 12
South Lyon at Canton, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 12
Madonna at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 14
Davenport at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Sept. 10
Cuyahoga (Ohio) West at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 13
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Madonna vs. Concordia

at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15
Schoolcraft at Bryant & Stratton (N.Y.), 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Herkimer (N.Y.), 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Sept. 10
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati St., noon.

Tuesday, Sept. 12
Madonna vs. Concordia at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 13
UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
Schoolcraft at Olivet JV, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF
Wednesday, Sept. 13
Madonna in WHAC Jamboree (No. 2) at Quail Ridge (Grand Rapids), noon.

Saturday, Sept. 16
Madonna in WHAC Jamboree (No. 3) at Lenawee C.C. (Adrian), 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF
Monday, Sept. 11
Madonna in St. Francis (Ind.) Inv. at Elks C.C. (Fort Wayne), 1 p.m.

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PCA cagers outlast Clarenceville, 29-24

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Christian Academy gym doubled as a pressure cooker Thursday night during the Eagles' girls basketball game against visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

Both teams applied baseline-to-baseline defensive pressure, but PCA's was a notch hotter in its 29-24 non-league victory over the Trojans. The win improved the Eagles to 3-0.

Clarenceville slipped to 1-2. "Both teams struggled offensively," PCA coach Carol Gerulis said. "They pressed us most of the game. We finally started pressing them back so that we could get our offense going. We got a couple of big steals late in the game that turned into easy lay-ups. We had a tough time scoring out of our half-court offense, so we needed the points we got off turnovers."

Peggy Abraham and Lauren Beckett paced the Eagles' offense with eight points each. Megan Polera drained five points.

"Lauren Beckett and Megan Greve both rebounded well for us tonight," Gerulis said. "And Megan Polera had an awesome game. She played great defense and she made two big free throws down the stretch."

"Sara Ross played solid at the point for us, too. She did a good job handling the ball and passing."

Amanda Moody led the Trojans with 10 points.

Clarenceville led 5-2 after one quarter and 12-8 at the half. PCA took a narrow 18-17 advantage into the final stanza.

PCA swished 9-of-13 free throws. The Trojans struggled at the line, connecting on just 4-of-12.

The Eagles return to action Tuesday when they host Lutheran Westland.

SOUTHGATE ANDERSON 42, PLYMOUTH 37: On Wednesday,

the Wildcats battled back from an early 18-7 first-quarter deficit, but couldn't catch the host Titans in the end. The loss dropped Plymouth to 1-2 while Anderson improved to 3-0.

The Wildcats, who trailed 26-18 at the half and 32-27 with eight minutes to play, were done in by a 10-of-26 effort from the free-throw line. Anderson twined 13-of-23 attempts from the charity stripe.

Sophomore Kelsi Robinson led the Wildcats with 13 points. Stacey Klonowski also had a strong game, netting 10.

Lindsey Potter led all scorers with 18 points, six of which came on a pair of three-point bombs.

HOWELL 53, CANTON 41: Ja'nee Morton tallied 18 points and seven rebounds for the Chiefs (1-1), but it wasn't enough against the host Highlanders, who improved to 3-0.

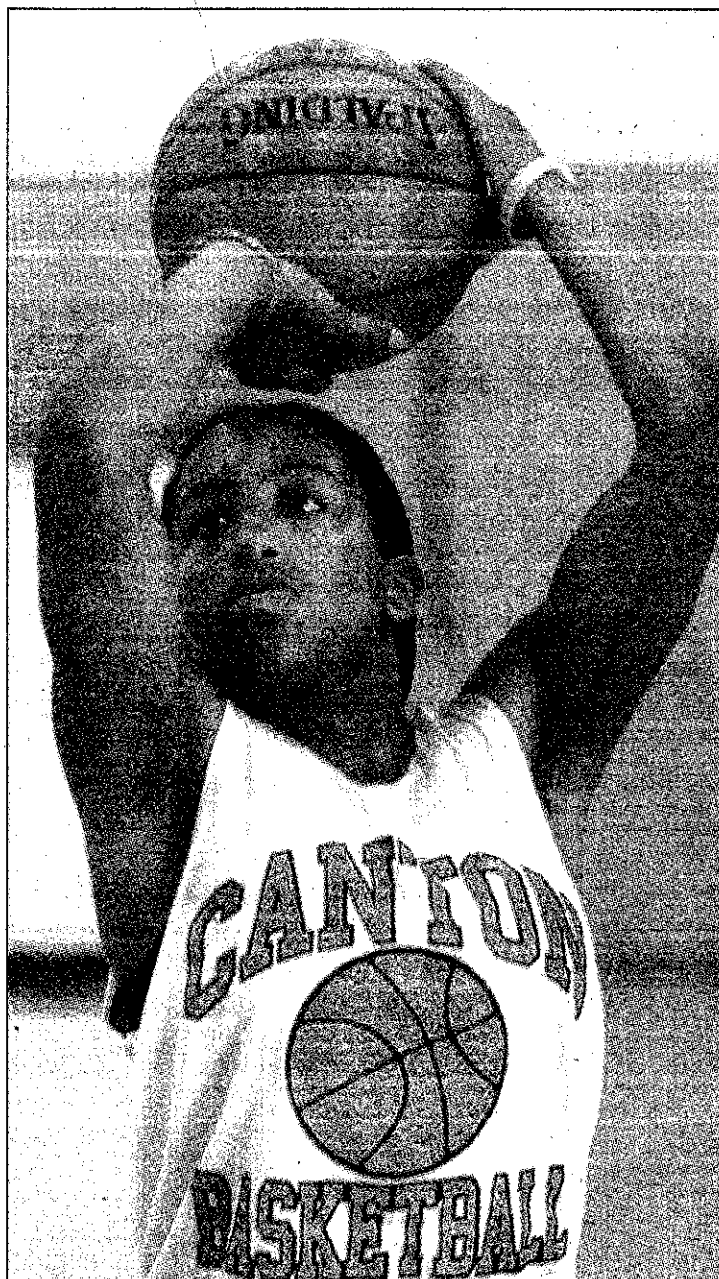
Howell jumped to a 15-7 first-quarter lead and a 27-17 halftime advantage. The Chiefs closed to within 40-33 after three quarters and whittled the Highlanders' lead down to three during a couple fourth-quarter runs.

"Every time we'd get to within three, Howell would either hit a three-point shot or convert an and-one to go back up six," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "When you give up 53 points like we did, you're not going to win many games. We're going to have to defend better in the future."

Samulski said the Highlanders' fast-break was a thorn in the Chiefs' side during the early going.

"They got off to a good start in the first quarter because of their transition game," he said. "We weren't doing a great job of getting back on defense."

"On a positive note, the girls started to adjust in the second half and they their way back into the game. We



Bill Bresler | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Canton senior forward Ja'nee Morton, pictured above during a recent practice, netted 18 points and seven rebounds in Thursday night's loss to Howell.

just couldn't hit a big shot when we had it down to three points."

Senior point guard Becci Houdek netted nine points and six rebounds, and Marie Martin poured in seven points for Canton.

Anna Patriotto led the winners with 19 points.

Canton converted 9-of-14 free throws. Howell was 19-of-26 from the stripe.

BRIGHTON 41, SALEM 30: On Thursday at Brighton, the Rocks (1-1) led the highly touted Bulldogs 29-28 after three quarters, but struggled late after losing leading scor-

er Teresa Coppiellie to fouls.

"We played well early on against a very good team, but we couldn't sustain it," said Salem coach Fred Thomann.

Senior forward Taylor Langham led the Rocks with 11 points. Coppiellie finished with eight while junior point guard Alaya Mitchell contributed seven. Lauren Kurtz led the Salem rebounders, grabbing 11 caroms. Coppiellie hauled down eight boards.

Salem led 20-14 at the intermission.

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Floyd twins lead 'Cats to draw with Northville

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Twins Tyler and Trevor Floyd proved to be double trouble for Northville's soccer team Thursday night.

Both of the Floyd brothers found the back of the net once in Plymouth's 2-2 tie with the Mustangs in a game that was postponed Wednesday night due to stormy weather.

The tie left the surging Wildcats with a 4-3-2 record (1-1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division). Northville entered the contest with perfect 7-0 and 2-0 ledgers.

"I think it shows that we're legit," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose Wildcats stunned Salem, 1-0, last week. "I think it proves that we can play with the top clubs. Northville dominated the first half, but we really took charge in the second half and established ourselves."

The Mustangs led 1-0 at the half. Junior goal-keeper Brian Rissman kept it close by making several outstanding saves, Neschich said.

Tyler Floyd knotted the game at 1-1 when he scored off Colin Rolfe's corner kick mid-way through the second half.

Five minutes later, Northville scored on an own-goal, but Trevor Floyd retaliated a short time later off an assist from Steve Schaeffler.

Along with the Floyds, Neschich praised the play of central defender Travis Norris, mid-fielder Anthony Sasinowski, and forwards Jeff Lucco and Robert Matar.

CANTON 5, W.L. WESTERN 0: Five different players scored goals for the Chiefs, who improved to 6-1-1 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA and 3-0 in the Western Division.

Canton led 3-0 at the half thanks to goals from Pat Nolan (18:40), Tim Belcher (13:06) and Andy Huang (4:56). Kyle Gring (two), Austin Poirier and Eric Piwowar registered first-half assists.

Keith Campbell (31:01) and Poirier sealed the victory with second-half net-finders. Eric Zech assisted on Campbell's goal while Campbell and Sharif Hassanien were credited with helpers on Poirier's goal.

Senior goal-keeper Parker Laabs notched the shutout, stopping six Warrior shots.

CLARENCEVILLE 7, CANTON AGAPE 1: Daniel Steinholtz paced the Trojans' potent attack with four goals. Tyler Majeski tallied the lone Wolverine goal, which was assisted by Jack Anleitner.

Agape junior goal-keeper Jared Miller stopped 20 Clarenceville shots. Wolverine coach Dan DeWitt also praised the play of mid-fielder Mark Mullett and Billy Martin.

CANTON AGAPE 3, FRANKLIN ROAD 2: The Wolverines (1-3) earned their first victory of the season thanks to goals from Mark Mullett (two) and Donald Mullett. Jack Anleitner added an assist and junior goal-keeper Jared Miller was strong between the pipes for the winners, recording seven saves.

Andrew Fuco scored both goals for Franklin Road.

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TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 8
CANTON 0
Sept. 6 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Amanda Moccia (LS) def. Emily Hoernschemeyer, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Corinne Pasley (LS) def. Ashley Madau, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Lindsay Hostetter (LS) def. Janelle Karimemi, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Paige McNamara (LS) def. Emily Misko, 6-4, 7-5.
No. 1 doubles: Julie Francisco-Laura Sims

(LS) def. Johanna Alexander-Janelle Burdiss, 7-5, 6-7 (3-7), 6-1; No. 2: Amelia Lepping-Courtney Bunna (LS) def. Katie Schwenn-Gunjan Malhotra, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Laura Dulude-Rachel Simari (LS) def. Vicki Chen-Amy Provost, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Katherine Morse-Katey Roberts (LS) def. Sana Raheem-Kathleen Marcinkowski, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).
Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 WLAA.

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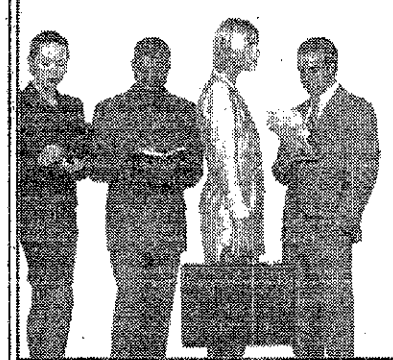
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PREP SWIM PREVIEWS

CANTON

The Chiefs will be led by junior Allison Schmitt, who is one of the most talented high school swimmers in the entire state, if not the country. Schmitt competed this past summer for the ultra-talented Club Wolverine, whose roster includes Olympic champion Michael Phelps, among other notables.

She has also earned a spot on the USA's 2007 Pan-American Games roster.

"Having someone with Allison's talent at practice raises everyone else up to the next level," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "The other girls try to keep up with Allison, which makes Monica Blaesser work harder. When Monica works harder, it makes Laura Landis better, and right on down the line."

The Chiefs placed fourth in last season's WLAA conference meet. With standouts like Schmitt, Blaesser (500 freestyle, 200 IM), Landis (freestyle events) and Chelsea Selden (diving, 50 freestyle) returning, a higher conference finish this season wouldn't surprise anybody.

"I think the top four teams in the conference — Northville, Livonia Stevenson, Salem and Canton — have gotten tighter over the past year," Weber said. "One or two teams won't dominate like they did in the past."

Other Chiefs expected to make key contributions this season include Maddy McDuff, Katie Kubacki, Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson and Crissy O'Keefe. Carlson and O'Keefe are both freshmen.

SALEM

The Rocks are coming off an impressive third-place showing in the WLAA in 2005. The team should be deep and talented again with 64 girls on the roster.

Leading Salem's 2006 contingent

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200 freestyle: 1. Casey Peterson (JG), 2:09.96; 2. Laura Landis (C), 2:10.43; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 2:17.24.
200 individual medley: 1. Jill Peterson (JG), 2:19.59; 2. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:25.84; 3. Alyssa Johnson (C), 2:32.08.
50 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 24.32; 2. Jordan Burgess (JG), 27.18; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 29.18.
1-meter diving: 1. Chelsea Selden (C), 177.05 points; 2. Katy Harris (JG), 118.10; 3. Mallory Hudak (C), 93.10.
100 butterfly: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 57.93; 2. Ashley Sells (JG), 1:00.86; 3. Ashley Britt (JG), 1:14.31.
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Casey Peterson (JG), 59.50; 3. Laura Landis (C), 59.70.
500 freestyle: 1. Jill Peterson (JG), 5:26.12; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:26.21; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 6:08.71.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Laura Landis, Meghan Sears, Monica Blaesser, Allison Schmitt), 1:49.56; 2. Canton (Chelsea Selden, Hannah Maxam, Maddy McDuff, Christine O'Keefe), 1:56.92; 3. John Glenn (Casey Peterson, Kimberly Raley, Ashley Britt, Natasha Falkiewicz), 1:57.56.
100 backstroke: 1. Ashley Sells (JG), 1:04.25; 2. Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:06.42; 3. Catlin O'Sullivan (JG), 1:18.38.
100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:16.38; 2. Ashley McClellan (C), 1:22.82; 3. Katy Harris (JG), 1:24.55.
400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Ashley Sells, Jordan Burgess, Casey Peterson, Jill Peterson), 3:57.77; 2. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Maddy McDuff, Katie Kubacki, Allison Schmitt), 3:58.04; 3. Canton (Meghan Sears, Laura Landis, Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson), 4:08.70.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 1-0; John Glenn, 0-1.

will be a trio of talented senior captains: Megan McManimon (freestyle, distance events), Andrea Spohn (freestyle, breaststroke, IM) and Alie Stencel (freestyle and butterfly).

Providing valuable depth will be senior Rena Clark (freestyle, breaststroke); and juniors Allison Burke (freestyle, butterfly, IM) and Katie Gorman.

"I can't think of anything Katie won't swim this year," Olson noted.

The Rocks should also receive solid contributions from three 10th-graders: Katie Koetting (diving), Whitney Aumiller (all events) and Emily Bair (butterfly, freestyle, IM).

"Katie had a very nice freshman year for us," Olson said. "She really stepped it up at the league meet and at the Regionals."

PLYMOUTH

Schade said the Wildcats' depth should make them formidable in dual meets this season, but their lack of Schmitt-like swimmers could hamper them when it comes to the conference and Regional competitions.

"With 12 teams in the conference, you need a couple superstars to do well," he said. "We have a lot of very

good swimmers, but we don't have any superstars like Stevenson, Northville and Ann Arbor Pioneer who are going to go on and swim for a Division 1 college."

"But we should do very well in dual meets because of our depth. We were third in the Western Division last year and I think we have a shot at that again."

Serving as captains for the Wildcats this season will be seniors Sarah Palczynski and Stephanie Goulet; and juniors Beth McReynolds and Molly McKinstry.

Other key contributors include seniors Maricat Eggenberger, Emily Alyssa Liakos and Melissa McKinstry; sophomores Ellen Palczynski and Lauren Maslyk; and freshmen Sijia Hao and Michelle Chang.

Schade was especially complimentary of Ambrose's work habits during the team's preseason workouts.

"Nichole didn't have a great junior season, but she has come back for her senior year and totally re-dedicated herself to getting better," he said. "It looks like she's going to have a great senior year."

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JOHNSON

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go, but I love it so far and I'm looking forward to working here and living in this area."

"We are very pleased to have Chris joining our team," said Dr. Marilyn Meell, the head of schools at PCA. "He has enjoyed a successful career in athletics and has a very good track record in education. We feel he is more than capable of serving the needs of this newly created position."

Johnson said one of his top priorities in the early part of his tenure at PCA will be hiring a boys basketball coach, a role Taylor held until he left for Virginia.

"I've spent the majority of my time so far finding a cross country coach and girls basketball coaches," Johnson said. "The boys basketball coach is the next thing I plan on tackling. The boys basketball program is probably our most high-profile sport, so I want to make sure I find the right person."

"The job is posted on our Web site. I've received about six or seven applications already."

Johnson also revealed that the plan Taylor visualized to add football to the PCA sports roster has been placed on the back-burner, at least for the time being.

"If we had a large increase in the number of students we currently have, then I could see that being an option," he said. "But as of now, we have no immediate plans to add football."

Johnson and his wife, Jennifer, are the proud parents of three children: Christopher, 7; Caleb, 5; and Carly, 2.

"My wife was a little hesitant about the move to Michigan initially," Johnson said. "But after I talked to Dr. Meell the first time about the job, we went on the Plymouth Christian Web site and checked out the school. Then, once we came out here to visit, we absolutely loved the school and the area."

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LESSON ON GOLF

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HOW DOMINANT IS TIGER?

Now with five consecutive wins on the PGA Tour, one cannot help but repeatedly wonder how great is this guy? "This guy" of course is one Eldrick "Tiger" Woods, who since the British Open has been playing the best golf of his career.

He has seven victories this year including two majors. He has twice reinvented his swing over his career to get better when he already was the best there ever was. He is 12 for 12 in victories when entering the final round of a major championship in the lead or tied for it. That's strong.

He is on the same kind of run he had back in 2000 and 2002 only this is more impressive. This time it is with a new swing coach (Hank Haney) and a completely different swing than he had four years ago. It is impressive to see how any of his playing partners in the final round of a major seem to fold up like a tent with the tournament on the line. It would seem the pressure and all the expectation should be on Tiger to win. After all, he is always expected to. Yet it seems it is always the other guy who cannot handle the pressure.

Now with 11 major championship wins, it is inevitable he will eclipse the Jack Nicklaus record of 18 majors. The only question is by how many.

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BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding a second tryout for the 2007 season on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6-8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located at the intersection of Haggerty and Plymouth roads. Eligible players must be

younger than 13 years old on April 30, 2007. Call Larry at (734) 812-3280.

'Y' FALL SOCCER

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall soccer program, which is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The leagues are forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices will start the week of Sept. 18, and

games will begin Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be eight practices and seven games for each squad.

The cost is \$68 for program members or \$85 for community members. All participants will also need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, the cost of which is \$15.

All parents of interested players or potential coaches should call (734) 453-2904 for more details.

KVBSA SEEKS TEAMS

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is accepting applications for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2007 season. There are currently openings in all age brackets in both baseball (U9-U18) and softball (U10-U18). Contact Jeff David at (586) 206-7646; e-mail jeff.david@kvbsa.com; or visit www.kvbsa.com.



Members of the Michigan Synchro Masters team include (bottom row, from left) Carrie Tluczek, Garden City; Patti Poirer, Livonia; coach Joyce Lindeman, Ypsilanti; Scotti Nichols, Livonia; Maureen McMurray, Beverly Hills; (top row, from left) Rhonda Madej, Plymouth Township; Nancy Gorham, Canton; Peggy Brady, Beverly Hills; Marie Lamberg, Livonia.

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Local synchronized swimmers' old-school approach pays off

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Synchro Masters swim team took an "old-school" approach to winning last month's FINA World Aquatic Masters team synchronized swimming age-group championship.

"Lots more practice and a good routine," said coach Joyce Lindeman, who has been in the sport for over 50 years.

The event, held Aug. 14-17 at Stanford University's four Olympic-size pools in Palo Alto, Calif., attracted a total of 8,500 masters and grand masters competitors in speed swimming, diving, water polo and synchronized swimming.

The synchronized swimming program features four different categories including solo, duet, trio and team.

A visit earlier this spring by former Olympic and U.S. National Team coach Charlotte Davis, who conducted a clinic at Schoolcraft College, also provided the Michigan Synchro Masters (ages 35-45) a boost.

"She gave us a lot of help," said Lindeman. "We swam six hours in one day. We we learned a lot training, as far as transition skills and technique."

The Michigan Synchro Masters won by the narrowest of margins in the field of eight - 4-100ths of a point over a team from Edmonton, Alberta and 6-100ths over a team from the Netherlands - to earn the gold medal.

Lindeman's squad led after the technical round, an 80-second compulsory skills routine, performing in a required sequence.

And two days later in the five-minute freestyle routine, the Michigan Synchro Masters were able to maintain their lead and cement their crown.

"It's fun to win, especially when you don't have any idea what competition is going to be like," Lindeman said.

Six of the eight Michigan Synchro Masters team members have been together since they were 8 years-old. They were original members of the synchronized youth program sponsored by the Garden City Department Parks and Recreation under coach Shirley Burlingame.

The original six include Rhonda Madej, who now resides in Plymouth Township,

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Nancy Gorham, Canton; Carrie Tluczek, Garden City; Marie Lamberg, Patti Poirier and Scotti Nichols, all of Livonia.

Rounding out the team is Peggy Brady and Maureen McMurray, both of Beverly Hills. (Madej and Brady also took a third place in Duet.)

Lindeman, who resides in Ypsilanti, has a rich history in the sport. She started a synchronized swimming club when she taught at Redford Thurston High School.

In 1964, she was manager for the U.S. team on a three-month world tour to promote and help it become an Olympic sport. Lindeman was also an officer for U.S. Synchronized Swimming for 10 years and has been a team manager for several national teams.

She is retired from the University of Michigan where she served as an Associate Professor and Associate Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Kiniesology. During her tenure at U-M, Lindeman was in charge of the synchronized club and was the University's varsity coach.

The Michigan Synchro Masters, who train three days a week at Schoolcraft College, competed six years ago in the FINA World Aquatic Championships in Germany and were coming off an appearance last October in the U.S. Nationals held in Sacramento, Calif. The 2006 nationals will be held next month in Portland, Ore. followed by the 2008 Worlds in Perth, Australia.

But this most recent accomplishment certainly has to be the most gratifying.

"We're considered world champs in our age-group," Lindeman said. "We had a barbeque afterwards at a beautiful condo. We danced and celebrated."

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Fishing in Great Lakes has been hotter than summer

Fishing has been hot this summer – hotter than the summer itself. Walleye fishing has been fantastic in Lake Erie and Saginaw Bay. Salmon fishing has been terrific on Lake Michigan. One of the fisheries a little closer to home that has been sizzling all summer is the bass fishery on Oakland County's Maceday Lake.



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size.

Maybe a new technique called drop-shotting, which became legal this year in Michigan, is allowing anglers to catch more fish.

Weidman thinks it may have something to do with large mouth bass virus.

"Four or five years ago they had a big problem with LMBV. It killed off some bass in some lakes around here," he said. "What they have found down South is that when a lake gets hit by LMBV, they tend to come back stronger than ever. It's kind of like survival of the fittest. The strongest bass survive and reproduce.

"Lake Orion had LMBV and they're starting to catch big bass over there again. Maybe that (virus) had something to do with it."

Regardless of the reason, bass bite on Maceday has been great and there is no reason to think it's going to slow down any time soon. Most bass anglers practice catch and release so the resource is not suffering.

Some of the best fishing of the year takes place in the fall, when most anglers have stashed their fishing poles for a shotgun or rifle. Put Maceday Lake on your "To Do" list this fall.

The public access site is at the south end of the lake off Williams Lake Road. It has a paved ramp and ample parking.

While you're there you may be tempted to tap into the lake's unique trout fishery.

Maceday is a deep lake, dropping down to a maximum depth of 117 feet. A large area of the 234-acre lake is over 50 feet deep. This deep, cold, oxygenated water is what trout need to survive in an inland lake in southern Michigan.

The Department of Natural Resources has

been planting rainbow trout and splake in Maceday Lake for years. (A splake is a hybrid cross between a brook (speckled) trout and a lake trout.) The DNR plants an average of 14,000 'bows and 11,000 splake annually. In 2003 the state also planted 50, 16-inch white-fish, and 250, 17-inch lakers.

Maceday also has a reputation for producing some pretty good walleyes, although the numbers aren't really great.

"When people talked about Maceday in the past they always talk about the splake and the walleyes," Weidman said. "This year, all the talk is about the bass."

SPORTSMEN'S DAY IN LANSING

On Sept. 13, state Reps. Dave Hildenbrand and David Farhat are hosting the inaugural Sportsmen's Day at the Capital.

The day starts off at 9 a.m. with a meeting on the DNR budget between the House Appropriations Subcommittee and the House Committee on Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation. Beginning at 10 a.m., legislators and the general public can talk with conservation leaders from a wide variety of organizations. Some of the groups scheduled to have a booth at the event are: Great Lakes Shooting Sports Association, Quail Unlimited, the Dove Sportsmen's Society, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, National Rifle Association, Pheasants Forever, Michigan Association of Gamebird Breeders & Hunting Preserves, Michigan State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Safari Club International, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, Michigan Bear Hunters Association, Ducks Unlimited, the National Trappers Association and others.

WEEKEND ADVENTURE

If you're looking for something to do this weekend take a mid-day trip down to Trenton and check in on the Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League Michigan division Super Tournament. The event will be held Sept. 9-10 at the Elizabeth Park Marina in Trenton. Weigh-ins will be held at 2 p.m. each day.

For more information or to enter the tournament, call (270) 252-1000 or visit FLWOutdoors.com. Tournament entries will also be accepted on-site during registration Sept. 8, 4-7 p.m. at the Wal-Mart store located at 23800 Allen Road in Woodhaven. Entry fees are \$200 for boaters and \$100 for co-anglers. A \$25 late fee also applies to entries taken on site along with a \$25 membership fee for anglers who are not yet members of FLW Outdoors.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

Schoolcraft kickers boot foes

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

A blend of solid freshmen and returning sophomores bodes well for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team this fall.

And head coach Bill Tolstedt got an early return on that prediction when freshman forward and Livonia Franklin graduate Jessica Austin scored the Lady Ocelots' first goal of the year – which kicked off a 3-1 triumph against Concordia on Aug. 15.

Another freshman, forward Gloria Soyad (Regina) made it 2-0 and then Redford Union alum Stefanie Stephens, a sophomore defender/forward set up the third tally, scored in the second half by freshman midfielder Alexandria Saba.

"It was a game during which we controlled the tempo and field of play from beginning to end," said Tolstedt, noting the Lady Ocelots maintained a 24-7 advantage in shots on goal.

On Sunday, at home against Indiana Tech, Schoolcraft improved to 2-0 with a 3-0 victory.

Tolstedt is enthused about the mix of talent and overall team chemistry despite the team having just 16 players (down from the usual 20).

"This year's Ocelot team is one of the best classes that I have had," said Tolstedt, adding that the players are "technically and tactically sound."

The 2005 version finished fifth nationally and qualified for its fifth trip to the national championship in six years. But it looks as if the '06 squad could be up there once again; the Lady Ocelots were selected fifth in the preseason NSCAA National Poll.

Up front, Schoolcraft will feature sophomores Shari Trandell (Sterling Heights

Stevenson), Steph Vargas (Southgate Anderson) and freshmen Austin, Soyad, Megan McCabe (Pinckney) and Monica Warda (Brighton).

Backing them up in the midfield will be sophomore Julia Zilan (Walled Lake Western), freshmen Saba and Nicole Polite (Troy Bethany Christian).

Stephens, whose versatility is important to the team, is a big part of the defense. Also providing stability are sophomore defenders Sarah Davies (South Lyon), Lauren DeRoo (Waterford Kettering) and Chelsy Wagner (Ann Arbor Pioneer).

Augmenting that quartet will be freshman defender Ashley Erickson (Walled Lake Central).

Handling goalkeeping duties for Schoolcraft will be sophomore Stephanie Squires (Rochester Hills), a transferee from the University of Michigan. In the reserve role will be freshman Jessica Tuggle, a Westland resident who graduated this year from Livonia Ladywood.

Helping Tolstedt out on the sidelines this season are holdovers Doug Lyon and Bob Rowland, as offensive and defensive coaches, respectively.

Managing the midfielders is former Schoolcraft All-America Lisa Tolstedt.

"I remain impressed with our collective work ethic and see good things for us in the 2006 campaign," Bill Tolstedt said.

In Sunday's victory, McCabe made it 1-0 with a marker at the 20-minute mark. Adding goals after intermission were Saba and Trandell to support the shutout goaltending of Tuggle.

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MU recipe for success: Talent, hard work

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PREVIEW

Talent, as always, dots the roster of the men's soccer team at Madonna University.

But head coach Tino Scicluna, although expecting more good things from the Crusaders this season, knows it takes more than sheer ability for teams to succeed in the always-tough Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

"We've always had a talented team," Scicluna said. "I think it's one of the benefits of being where we are, such a hotbed of talent in this area.

"(But) talent doesn't always get the job done. In order for us to be successful, we have to play on both sides of the field. We have to become a better defensive team and we have to learn to not give up goals."

Despite giving up two second-half goals against Davenport University in Wednesday's 2-0 conference-opening defeat at Greenmead Field, Scicluna's squad so far is playing good two-way soccer.

The Crusaders (2-1-1 overall and 0-1-0 in the WHAC)

outscored opponents 5-3 in a three-game California trip, featuring 2-1 wins over No. 23-ranked Bellevue (Neb.) and Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.).

Even though Scicluna said the 2006 squad is one with the greatest personnel turnover during his tenure, there remains a solid group of returnees from last year's WHAC regular-season champions (16-4, 11-1). Most of that group plays midfield, capable of making it tough on opponents to control the ball.

The list is headed up by Redford Catholic Central alum Pat Griffin, a 5-foot-2 senior

midfielder-forward. But Madonna's midfield lineup also features senior T.J. Djokic (Livonia Stevenson), senior Derrick Mudri and sophomore Doran Dral.

"We have a lot of players that read the game in our midfield and have the ability to hold onto the ball," Scicluna said. "For us to have success, we have to be a team that can win the turnovers, and just let the ball do the work for us."

According to Scicluna, strong play from his midfielders and forwards will help a mostly young group of defenders grow into solid contributors.

"Our back line is pretty new, only one player who has returned from all of our defenders (sophomore Cory Maupin)," he said.

Junior Darrel Quinn will be one of the cogs of the MU defense, helping support junior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons.

Scicluna's other defenders lack experience at the WHAC level. Those include junior Patrick Kolodziejczak, who comes over from Schoolcraft College, and freshmen Jason Clark, Dan Pichler (Livonia Stevenson) and Eric Kelly.

Up front, looking to score for the Crusaders will be Griffin, returning senior for-



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

One of the players who could provide plenty of offense for Madonna University's men's soccer team is senior forward Ryan Montague.

ward Ryan Montague and sophomore Cody Pickren (Plymouth Christian Academy).

"I think the finishing will come along," Scicluna said.

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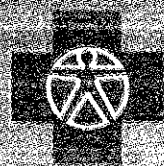
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Davenport is still a thorn in MU's side

The story was disappointingly similar for Madonna University's men's soccer team.

On Wednesday, the Crusaders — just back from a 2-0-1 California trip — opened their conference schedule with a tough defeat to Davenport University, 2-0. The last time the two teams met was in last season's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament final.

A fluky goal just 14 minutes into the second half gave the Panthers (3-1-0, 1-0-0) all they needed to get past Madonna (2-1-1, 0-1-0).

Junior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons tried to boot the ball out of his end, only to have it blocked by incoming Davenport midfielder Anes Suhonjic. The ball trickled into the cage behind Lyons, who desperately tried to reach it in time.

Davenport added an insurance marker with approximately eight minutes left when sophomore forward Lebogang Thelele skirted around the right side, cut in front of Lyons and found the target despite falling to the turf.

Madonna had quality chances to score during the second half, only to be thwarted by sophomore goalkeeper Tyron Avnit.

With 20 minutes to go and the score still 1-0, Avrit leaped to his left and deflected a rising free kick from senior midfielder Pat Griffin (Redford Catholic Central).

MU streak ends vs. Cedarville

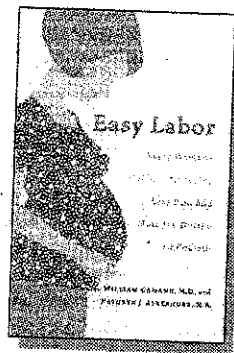
Madonna University's volleyball team Friday night lost a regular season home game for the first time in five years, falling 25-30, 27-30, 21-30 to Cedarville in the nightcap of the seventh annual Julie Martin Memorial Tournament.

The loss snapped a 71-match victory string (regular season only), and gave the Crusaders a 9-2 record this season. Cedarville upped its record to 9-0.

MU's last home loss during the regular season came on Sept. 8, 2001 to Lake Superior State University — also during the Martin tourney.

"We simply got outplayed tonight," said Madonna head coach Jerry Abraham. "We just played terrible and the other team played excellent. We didn't pass and didn't attack and just didn't play well enough to win tonight."

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When you are angry, listen first

My 16-year-old son flew to Orlando, Fla., with me to attend his third year of leadership camp. While I was attending professional development training; my son was developing skills and friendships with kids from across the country. The last night of the event was an emotional one for Alex. Being at the tail end of the age group, this was to be his last year in the camp. He had developed some deep friendships, and this evening would be the last time he would see those he had come to care so much about.

I was so proud of him. It seems like last week he was a little boy, and now standing before my eyes was a handsome young man, with the emotional sensitivity to have a shimmer in his eyes at the idea of saying goodbye to his friends.

Each day, I asked Alex to give me a specific time to expect him back in our hotel room for the night, and he always showed up on or before the time we agreed on.

This year, I had given him a lot of breathing room after proving over the last few camps that he could handle it. This last night, he asked me to please not pin him down to a specific return time, but just trust that he'd get back when he was ready. The kids would be staying on the hotel premises, there was a big group of them, and I felt that he was safe and in good company.

While he enjoyed his dinner dance, I enjoyed mine, with colleagues and friends. It was a fabulous night. When I got back to the hotel room, I was tired. I packed my bags and just before going to sleep, I wondered if I should call Alex and check in with him. No. I decided to let him have his space. I made it clear that we had to get up at 5 a.m. to leave for the airport. If he stayed out too late, he'd get to experience the results of his decision, which would teach him more than a phone call from me.

It felt weird going to sleep that night without knowing the exact time of Alex's return. I realized I had a choice to make. I could either make peace with my agreement to let Alex choose his return time, or I could have a fretful night. I stood by my decision, labeled that lingering anxious feeling as normal for a mom letting her son test the waters of responsibility, and promised myself to get an exact return time should I find myself in this position again.

At 5 a.m. my wake up call rang. One second later, time stood still. I looked over and realized that Alex was not in the room. I could hear my thoughts send shock waves through my head. My heartbeat was pounding in my chest and thumping in my ears. I reached for my cell phone and called him. One ring, two rings, three rings. I took a deep breath. After the fourth ring, it went to voice mail.

"What now?" I thought. I imagined myself running around the gigantic hotel like a maniac, looking for him. Shaking, I took another quick breath, and dialed him again. No sooner did I dial, than I heard his cell phone ringing on the other side of the hotel door. I opened it up, and there he was at 5:02 a.m.

"Where have you been? Are you crazy? Who do you think you are? You are in so much trouble Mister. You can forget about the rest of your summer. It's over. Don't you ever scare me like that again." That's what I would have said, if I hadn't learned from painful experience, to listen first before reacting, especially when I'm upset.

As I stood at the door, listening, Alex talked. "Mom, I'm so sorry I wasn't in the room before you got up. I hope I didn't scare you. A big group of our leaders had to leave for the airport at 5 a.m., so they decided to hang out all night in the lobby with their luggage. A whole bunch of us hung out with them. Mom, it was so emotional saying goodbye."

I listened, and stayed silent long enough to absorb what he was telling me and check in with my own feelings. I was relieved to know he had been in the lobby with the camp leaders. Then I spoke, "Alex, I called and you didn't answer your cell phone." Alex said, "I'm sorry, I was running for the room, because I didn't want you to wake up without me being here. I was probably in the elevator when you called and my cell didn't pick it up."

I said, "Alex, I need you to hear me. I need you to understand how scared and upset I felt when I woke up and realized you hadn't come back. I need to know that you understand what that was like for me?" I could see in Alex's eyes and hear in his words that he got it.

I know at a visceral level what would have been lost, had I reacted with hostility, and what was gained by suspending my judgments long enough to hear my son, and respond to both our needs.

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Jan Stevenson (left) and Susan Horowitz stand alongside the delivery van for their publication 'Between the Lines' in their new Livonia location. In the early years, they used their minivan to deliver the publication.

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Equal Issues remain the same although times change rights

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Susan Horowitz and Jan Stevenson haven't been able to park their cars in the garage of their Farmington Hills home for the last eight years so they couldn't be happier about liberating the space that housed their *Between the Lines* archives. In late August, they moved the publication for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders from a commercial office building in Farmington and their home garage to Livonia, doubling the size of their operations.

Since their first issue as owners was printed in December 1995, the paper has grown from a monthly to a weekly which now reaches 20,000 readers in Ferndale, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Plymouth, West Bloomfield, Ann Arbor, Lansing, and as far north as Traverse City and Escanaba.

As far as content, not much

has changed since a group of students from the University of Michigan started the publication in March 1993. Stevenson knew firsthand about the issues facing lesbians as she helped found then served as executive director for Affirmations, the gay/lesbian community center in Ferndale. Horowitz had started a lesbian-owned printing company in 1975 in New York City to publish some of the first AIDS posters and gay newsletters. By 1995, they were publishing *Between the Lines* in the basement of their Farmington Hills home where they remained for the next 2 1/2 years until moving into the offices just down the street.

SHARING THEIR MESSAGE

"Over the years it's changed," said Stevenson, 51, who recently was part of a host committee with Horowitz for a fund-raising event for U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Their Pride Source Media Group publishes a voter's



Publishers Jan Stevenson (right) and Susan Horowitz look over the archives of 'Between the Lines' in their new Livonia office.

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Jan Stevenson
Between the Lines co-publisher

guide every other year and a Michigan resource directory of gay-friendly businesses, companies and organizations annually.

"The gay community is seen as a force in Michigan," said Stevenson. "It's very hard to organize without being able to reach people. That's where the paper comes in."

Between the Lines gives gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders a voice. Stevenson and Horowitz have been activists since the early 1970s, advocating not only for the gay rights, but civil liberties in general. The two met while serving on the

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Mall kiosk makes funeral pre-planning simple

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

A steady stream of shoppers stop for a closer look at the display of urns and photographs of caskets in a kiosk at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia. Once people overcome the initial shock from viewing the objects, David Griffin says they become interested in learning about Guardian Memorial Society's pre-planned funerals.

Guardian is not only making funerals more affordable, but appealing to those who want arrange-

ments that are less traditional than one or two days of visitation followed by a procession to the cemetery and burial. One woman signed a contract to hold a lakeside service on her 40 acres. Golf courses, VFW halls, just about any location is possible, even the home.

"The response has been one of interest because they've never seen this type of set up at a mall," said Griffin, who grew up over a funeral home in Detroit. Griffin Funeral Homes has been in business since 1954 and has two locations in

Westland and Canton. Griffin founded the society nearly three years ago to provide affordable arrangements through a network of independent funeral providers.

"We serve about 550-600 families every year," said David Griffin. "We saw a dramatic change from families going away from traditional funerals because of finances, uneasiness. Guardian Memorial Society was started for a different clientele. We have a limited package for the family who wants something simple,



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Mary Costanza (left), David Griffin, Thekla Szlinis, and Dan Desentz II of the Guardian Memorial Society stand alongside their kiosk in Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

dignified, affordable."

The \$2,300 package allows one-hour of visitation at a church, cemetery or family's home and funeral service. The price

does not include the cost of a casket, procession, cemetery lot, or cremation. The caskets on display in the

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kiosk cost \$1,250 and \$1,875. So far, about 300 people have signed contracts with three-, five- and 10-year payment plans. Costs generally run less

than a traditional funeral due to lower overhead since funeral homes don't have to store caskets. Guardian simple contacts the manufacturer directly.

"We don't even make arrangements at the funeral home," said Griffin. "We meet them at their home or at

church with their clergy. We work with about 30 cemeteries throughout the state to finalize their arrangements. We're bringing the services back to them.

"For some it's back to the home where they are more comfortable and lived their life.

"We're a real traditional funeral home. We wear black and white. Guardian Memorial Society is filling a niche for families that don't want that. This is not for everybody but it's becoming more acceptable."

Linda Carlton chose to bury her mother, Beulah Tarbet, 85, in a simple, graveside service last Tuesday. She originally made the arrangements

through Guardian Memorial Society in March 2005.

"She passed away in Florida," said Carlton of Howell. "I don't know what I would have done without Guardian Memorial. We knew we wanted her buried next to dad in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. We wanted to have a simple service, no visitation."

"David phoned me and immediately got the necessary paperwork to get mom back to Michigan. Originally the cemetery told me it could cost several thousand dollars to bring her up here and how would I know how to do it."

Carlton's total cost was \$4,900 and included an annuity policy that gained interest

to cover some of the costs.

"It's like any pre-need arrangements, you're not as emotional about it and there's a real settling feeling," said Carlton. "I didn't feel a confusion about what I was going to do. There was time to do things."

"We make it simple, affordable and still have dignity," said operations manager Thekla Szlinis of Canton. "They call the 800 number. The society determines the need and then locates a provider for them."

Mary Costanza, a pre-arrangement advisor, then meets with the family or individual. She's even discussed services at a coffee shop before.

"We're trying to help families with planning affordable funerals without being a burden to families, locking in prices of today," said Costanza. "By planning ahead they're giving their family peace of mind. Their family is in a better state of mind to celebrate their life."



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Options of various urns are on display in the Guardian Memorial Society's kiosk in Laurel Park Place.

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National Gay Lesbian Task Force, a nonprofit headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Same sex marriage, adoption by persons of the same sex, HIV/AIDS, and gay and lesbian teen suicide remain issues of concern for Stevenson and Horowitz who were legally married in Canada on June 18, 2005. Since March 2004, Between the Lines has published 336 articles about the right for same sex partners to legally adopt children in Michigan.

"It's the same issues about safety in coming out, health care, violence, building our community, and organizing politically," said Stevenson. "We had a network of friends and supporters helping. Some are still involved. Some of the advertisers are still with us."

In the early years, Stevenson did most of the writing while Horowitz, a certified master printer, oversaw production. Stevenson graduated from Yale University School of Music and went on to play string bass with professional orchestras such as the New Haven Symphony until returning to school for an M.B.A. then working as a corporate banker.

"The first three years were a 180-degree learning curve," said Horowitz, the 53-year old editor in chief. "It was a monthly and we wrote stories

twice each month because the story would change before the issue came out."

ONLINE PRESENCE

Today a staff of 15, including Stevenson and Horowitz, look to future growth with the recent addition of managing editor Jillian Bogater, a former *Detroit News* journalist. Kevin Bryant, IT (information technology) director, is heading up the transformation of the publication's Web site to a place where people can turn for news around the clock. Bryant has worked with Stevenson and Horowitz from the beginning.

"The future of the business is the Internet not the printed page," said Stevenson. "It's about information, instantaneous information although the printed paper is still an important resource."

"We print 20,000 copies a week, but its the Web site traffic that has exploded. We now have a daily Web site and directory. You can download copies of the paper on the Web, can find help and resources."

Horowitz has received e-mail letters from isolated people in the Upper Peninsula who find them through the Internet. Even though gay rights have come a long way since patrons stood up to persecution by police at Stonewall, a gay bar in Greenwich Village in 1969, Stevenson and Horowitz believe there's still a lot of work to be done. They spend at least 60-hours a week working in

the offices where employees are treated like family. Spirits are high even during deadline whenever Teddy, Cooper or Yogi, the homeless dogs Stevenson and Horowitz rescued, walk in for a brief nuzzle. All employees are allowed to bring their dogs to work, and a few do.

"The goal is full equality and peace," said Stevenson. "We spend our lives working for gay and lesbian rights but they're tied to so many other things. They're parallel to the women's movement, civil rights initiatives. It's part of freedom, the freedom to make choices."

"We're creating a world where everything is possible," added Horowitz.

"(Over the years) so much good has happened (but we're) seeing basic rights being challenged, civil liberties at risk," said Stevenson.

"Basically we believe people should be free. Part of the challenges of living in a free society is not everybody is going to like what you do, but imagine what could be done if they took the energy of quashing gay people and put it into education, health care, to breed tolerance instead of intolerance."

For more information about *Between the Lines* and Pride Source Media Group, visit www.pridesource.com or call (888) 615-7003 toll free.

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Program to focus on Internet safety

The 17th District Court and The Commission on Children's issues in cooperation with Redford Township 17th District Court Judges Karen Khalil and Charlotte L. Wirth are presenting a program for clergy on understanding the Internet and its hidden dangers Monday, Sept. 11, at the Redford Township District Library. The program is designed to give local clergy and staff a better understanding of how the Internet is being used and how to better protect our communities, families and children from Internet crime.

Khalil first came up with idea as a result of a series of articles on MySpace.com in the

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Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in March and April. She plans to begin the program with a prayer and remembrance of the men and women who died Sept. 11, 2001, in the terrorist attacks on the United States.

Speakers include Keith Clark, assistant Wayne County prosecutor; Wade Higgason, a

Livonia Police detective assigned to the Michigan State Police's Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; Hugh Gallagher, *Observer Newspapers* managing editor, and Linda Ann Chomin, health and community life reporter for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.



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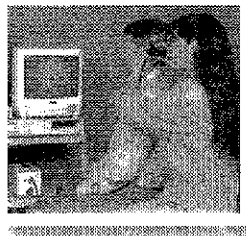
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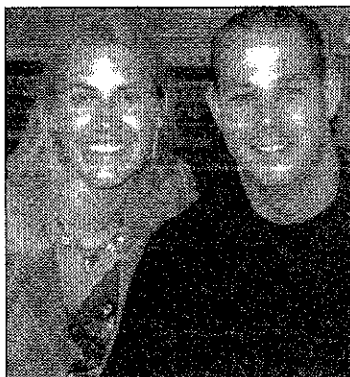
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Krol-Russo

Walter and Donna Krol of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Ann Krol, to Christopher Allen Russo, son of Charles and Linda Russo of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School and Grand Valley State University. She is employed at Ford Motor Co. working in human resources and is in the process of obtaining her master's degree in business administration at Madonna University.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Canton High School. He is a firefighter and paramedic employed with the Brownstown Township Fire Department.



A September 2007 wedding is planned at St. Dunstan's Catholic Church in Garden City, followed by a reception to be held at the Italian American Club/Conference Center in Livonia.

Harding-Anders

Pastor and Mrs. Richard Harding of Williston, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy Harding, to Ryan Anders of Westland.

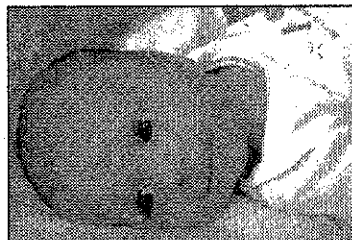
The bride to be is a home school graduate.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Anders of Westland. He is a home school graduate, an International ALERT Academy graduate and a graduate of School Missionary Aviation Technologies. He is employed with Triangle Aviation of Leesburg, Fla.

A November wedding is planned for Williston, Fla.



NEW VOICES



Jake Bargowski

Chris and Carrie Bargowski of Chicago announce the birth of their son, Jake Leo Bargowski, born June 16, 2006. Chris Bargowski is a former Canton resident.

Jake weighed in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20 3/4 inches long at birth. He joins sister Caden Nicole, 3, and Kyle Christopher, 11 months.

Proud grandparents are Richard and Donna Bargowski of Canton and Leo and Terry Bell of Palatine, Ill.

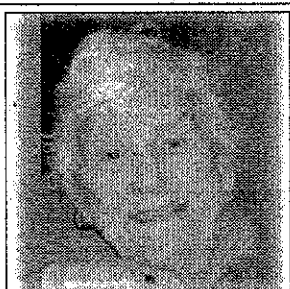


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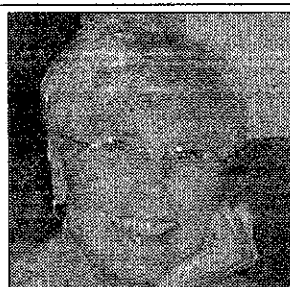
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JULIA M. CALDWELL

September 5, 2006, age 89. Wife of the late John R. Caldwell, M.D. Dear mother of John (Karen), Ann Kelly (James), Sally Fisher (Gregg), Beth Simon (Dan) and Mark (Nancy). Also 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Sister of Edward Matthews (Betty). Funeral Services were held privately. Memorial Tributes to Save the Children, 54 Wilton Rd., Westport, CT 06880. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



BARBARA ANN DAHLMANN

Barbara Ann Dahlmann passed away peacefully September 6, 2006, at age 73. "Babs" was born in Detroit to her late parents, Hazel and George Muggleton and made her home for over 50 years in Rochester, Michigan. She belonged to the University Presbyterian Church where she shared her beautiful singing voice as a choir member. Barbara was an avid golfer and swimmer. Her love of nature and gardening was nurtured as a participant in the Rochester Garden Club and she dedicated many years to the well being of the actors and staff at Meadowbrook Theater as a volunteer and fundraiser. Most of all, Barbara cherished the love of her children and many friends and the joy brought to her by her grandchildren. She was the loving mother of Duane (Andrea) and Gregory (Tracy) Utech of Rochester, MI. Christopher Utech of Kingston, WA, and Jenie (Vincent) Altruda of Ann Arbor, MI. Barbara was the proud grandmother of Christopher, Pilar, Clifford and Benjamin. She was a dear sister to Kathleen (Richard) Miller and the late Dolores Koch. Her radiant smile, infectious laugh, and vibrant presence will be missed and remembered by all who knew her. A public celebration of Barbara's life will be held Saturday, September 16 at 3:00 p.m. at The University Presbyterian Church, 1385 South Adams Road, Rochester Hills. In lieu of flowers, those who would like to honor her are asked to make donations in her name to the: Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 888-992-CARE, www.arborhospice.org or to Meadowbrook Theater, 207 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48309, 248-370-3316, www.mbttheatre.com.

GALE R. FURGISON

age 61, of Howell, died Friday, September 8, 2006. Beloved wife of James Furgison, dear mother of Robert Silvani of Plymouth, Jackie (Doug) Gordon of Livonia and Jody (Jerry) Di Giovanni of Royal Oak, grandmother of six and sister of Judy Stoll of Rochester and Diane Mann of Mancelona. Mass of the Resurrection will be Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church; Howell, interment following in Lakeview Cemetery, Howell. Visitation Sunday and Monday 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. with rosary Monday at 7 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club or Arbor Hospice. Visit online guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

ANNE F. HARGIS

Age 84, of Canton Township, died September 5, 2006, after a brief illness. She was born February 28, 1922, in Philadelphia, PA, the daughter of Henry A. and Lelia E. (Haymes) Chappell. On August 14, 1950, she married Samuel "Mitch" Hargis, and he preceded her in death August 23, 2004. Mrs. Hargis worked for the city of Philadelphia for 32 years. She was a member of Isom Memorial C.M.E. Church, Belleville. Survivors include her son, Samuel (Priscilla) Hargis of Canton; grandchildren Marquina and Samuel III; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, George Epps, four brothers, and three sisters. The funeral service was held Saturday, September 9, at Isom Memorial Christian Episcopal Church, Belleville, with burial following at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti. Arrangements by Stark Funeral Service, Moore Memorial Chapel. Please sign her guestbook at www.starkfuneral.com



LENORE M. HUDSON

age 94 of Plymouth, passed away in her sleep on September 5, 2006. She and her late husband Joseph (who passed away in 1994) were long-time Plymouth residents. Lenore continued to live actively in her home until her death. Dear mother of Richard (Pamela); Joyce (Ron) Finney; and John (Sally). Also leaves 10 children and 22 great-grandchildren. Visitation and services were held Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence, www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

ALICE ROSE KIPPOLA LEE

Age 78, died Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at her home. Mrs. Lee was born July 16, 1928, in Ishpeming, MI, the daughter of Mayme J. Norkali Kippola and John August Kippola. She was previously employed as an Activities Therapist at Northville State Hospital. She was a member of St. Helena's Episcopal Church (Beaufort) and the Preservation Trust for Historic St. Helena's Church. Survivors include her sons, Kimball Lee of New Port Richey, FL, and Russell Lee of Jasper, IN; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to The Preservation Trust for Historic St. Helena's Church, Inc., PO Box 1043, Beaufort, SC 29901. Arrangements by Copeland Funeral Home, Beaufort, SC

RICHARD L. "DICK" MCKINLEY

age 67. He married Geneva I. Button on March 9, 1958 in Winamac, IN. He is survived by his wife, Geneva I. McKinley, Sons Doug (Sharon) McKinley of Winamac, IN and Steve (Theresa) McKinley of Rochester, MI, and a daughter Lisa (Randy) Sommers of Kewanna, IN. He is also survived by his 7 grandchildren, 2 sisters, and 1 brother. Visitation was Saturday, Sept. 9 & Services were Sunday, Sept. 10 at the First United Methodist Church, Winamac, IN. Burial will take place in the McKinley Memorial Gardens Cemetery located at Winamac, IN. Memorial Contributions may be given to: First United Methodist Church Accessibility Project or Pulaski Memorial Hospice. Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.frammortuary.com

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ALFRED F. McLOUGHLIN

September 4, 2006, age 72. An over-the-road truck driver with a love of boating. Dear husband of Jeanne. Dear father of Sharlene & Ronald Kessler and Shella & Gary Smith. Grandpa of Zachary, Nathan, Hannah, Grace and Calvin. Brother of Kathleen Sherzer and William M. McLoughlin. Visitation Thursday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. & 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Visitation Friday 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 11 a.m. from Holy Family Church 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi.

CORINNE E. "CORRY" PARMENTER

Age 82, of Waterford, died September 3, 2006. Corry, with her husband owned Parmenter Florist in Birmingham, a family business for over 70 years. She lovingly raised her children with strong morals, deep respect for others and with a great sense of humor. Beloved Wife of the late Gene. Loving Mother of Deborah (Marty), David (Georgia), Corry (Gary) Roberts, Mary (Michael) Mejia, Elizabeth (Bob) Braum and Sally. Proud Grandmother of: Steve (Tiffany), Lauren, Heather, Jessica, Justin, Alyssa, Kristy, Amie, Chelsea and Jordan. Great Grandmother of Leigha and Kevin. Dear Aunt of Cheryl (Bob) Johnson. Also survived by dear friends Dorothy Dreyer and Kathy (George) Williams. The family would like to share their deep gratitude for the doctors and nurses at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, for the great care they received. Private family services are being held. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, American Lung Association or Leader Dogs for the Blind. Arrangements entrusted to the Union Lake Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home. Sorry Mom, we all "folded".

I. ELIZABETH RIDENOUR

Age 57, Farmington resident and long-time Farmington Public School Teacher. Beloved wife of James Ridenour of Cincinnati, OH, and loving mother of Tiffany Lynn Humes (Okopyn), Matthew Christopher Okopyn, and Jared Ridenour. She loved her daughter-in-law, Jill Ridenour, and her new son-in-law Jeffrey Humes. Liz had just retired early from a long award-winning career in the Farmington Public Schools in June to join her husband in their new house in Cincinnati. Liz had experienced some heart difficulties and was waiting for a heart transplant at the Cleveland Clinic where she died on August 25, 2006. Born in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, to Bud and Helen Cann, who preceded her in death, she enjoyed much of her early life visiting the deep woods in upper Canada and her Aunt Irma's farm. She graduated from Fordson High School, and then Eastern Michigan University in Education. She received her Masters from Texas A&M in Educational Technology before returning to Michigan and teaching in the Farmington Public Schools, primarily in the gifted program at Woodcreek, William Grace, and Lanigan. She was most proud of her family and sharing in the joy of their successes and supporting them in the face of their challenges. She sat in the rain, sleet, snow, and sun to attend the many soccer, baseball, and basketball games as well as gymnastics and dance competitions. She recently said how happy she was that her children were doing so well. Despite being very ill when she entered the hospital in July, she fought to improve and keep strong for her daughter Tiffany's wedding. While she was not able to attend, Liz was able to view a live two-way telecast of the wedding and reception in her hospital room. She volunteered for several activities over the years with the schools, the Red Cross, Hospice, Renaissance Unity Church, girls' and boys' soccer clubs, and SFBF baseball. There will be a memorial service held to honor and celebrate her life on Saturday, September 30th, at 11:00am. Please arrive at 10:30am at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth, Michigan, 734-453-7272.

ALICE OSTERMANN SMITH

Of Birmingham, passed away on July 16, 2006 at the age of 91. Alice was born January 29, 1915 in Pleasant Ridge, MI to A. Gustave and Nina H. Ostermann. Alice and family moved to Bloomfield Hills in 1920 and attended Brookside School when it opened as a one room school house. She was a member of the first graduating class of Kingswood School in 1932, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1937, and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Alice loved golf, bowling, and gardening and was a talented painter, writer, and composer having composed the lyrics to the Hymn for Brookside School. Alice was preceded in death by her loving husband F.M. "Tex" Smith, sister Virginia Murphy, and brother William Ostermann. She is survived by and greatly missed by children Stephen Smith (Carol) of Empire, Stephanie Dixon (John) of Bloomfield Hills, Lauri Beldo (Dr. John) of Menominee, and Mark Smith (Peggy) of Brighton, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A private memorial service was held at Christ Church Cranbrook on July 25 with interment in the Columbarium. Memorials may be directed to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, Kingswood School or Brookside School, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801

MARIE E. TIANEN

Age 89, September 6, 2006. Redford resident for over 40 years. Beloved wife of the late Carl. Dear mother of the late Betty Bennett. Also preceded in death by her siblings Margaret Joly, Lillian Maloy and Thomas Harvey. Survived by her grandchildren Luann Reynnders and Jim Bennett, great-grandchildren Melanie, Courtney, Zach and Chance and one great-great grandchild, Camden. Also survived by nieces and nephews Shirley, Richard and Harry Joly, Delores Lichtman, Bob Maloy, Judy Mastura and several cousins. Funeral Mass was held Saturday at her beloved St. Valentine Catholic Church. Memorials to American Heart or American Lung Associations would be appreciated. Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Home, Redford Twp.

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ANNIVERSARIES



Evans celebrate 50th anniversary

Glenn and Nancy Evans celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 8 with family and friends at historic Greenmead Village.

They were married on June 30, 1956, at the Southfield Community Church by pastor Raymond H. Baine.

Their children, Tim, Craig and Teri, with their spouses and all nine children took part in anniversary celebration. The Rev. Hal Edmonds of Ward Presbyterian Church officiated the renewing of their vows at

the Newburgh Church. A reception followed at the Alexander Blue House.

They have been residents of Livonia for 48 years. Glenn is a graduate of Lawrence Tech and worked as an engineer at Detroit Diesel Corp. He retired after 43 years. He served as past president of the Bentley Dad's Club. Nancy remained at home as a homemaker. Together they were active in community, school and church activities. They enjoy volunteering at Greenmead, due to many years of collecting antiques.

Westhauses mark

50th anniversary

Harry and Carol Westhaus, residents of Livonia since 1974, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 17 with a noon Mass at St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia. Following Mass they will be guests of honor at a luncheon at the Dearborn Inn.

Harry Westhaus and Carol Kimmet were married on Sept. 15, 1956, at the Bluffton Mission Church in Bluffton, Ohio. The Rev. Yaeger performed the ceremony. Harry Westhaus retired as an assistant manager from the Insurance Services Office, where he was employed for 42 years. He also served as a navigator in the U.S. Air Force. Carol Westhaus retired as a secretary from PPG Industries and as an assistant to the CEO at Valley X-Ray Co. They have been retired for 10 years.

The couple have six children: Randy Westhaus of Moorpark, Calif.; Perry (Marianne) Westhaus of Dayton, Ohio; Rita

(Joseph) Kane of Traverse City; Susan Patterson of Garden City; Julia (Christopher) Brough of Commerce Township; and Christine (Christopher) Lonie of San Diego, Calif. Their daughter Commander Christine Lonie is currently serving in Kuwait and Iraq.

They have nine grandchildren.

Harry enjoys collecting stamps and lighthouses. Carol enjoys reading and scrapbooking. Both are members of the Hallmark Keepsake Ornament Club and enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Gartners celebrate

50th anniversary

Daniel and Lois (Petrowsky) Gartner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Aug. 12, 1956, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wayne.

They have five children, Linda (Christopher) Klein, Beverly (the late Scott) Marincic, Kenneth (Carrie) Gartner, Hope (John) Hunter and William (Deborah) Gartner. They have 12 grandchildren.

Dan is retired from the Internal Revenue Service. Lois worked as a child caregiver at



Jackson Center.

They celebrated their anniversary with family and friends at the Alexander Blue House in Greenmead Historical park.

Knoxes celebrate

50th anniversary

Robert and Anne Knox, formerly of Westland, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15, 2006.

They were married at Calgary Baptist Church in Dearborn.

They have three children, Robert (Michele) Knox, Kathleen (Michael) Lenhardt and Karen (Jim) Schramm.

Grandchildren are Stephen (Kathryn) Lenhardt, Christopher Lenhardt, Erica and Kristen Knox and Andrew and Robert Schramm. Great-grandchild is Tyler Lenhardt.

Robert retired nine years ago as an international representative for the Teamsters for Michigan and Illinois.

Anne retired nine years ago from Wayne State University; she was a secretary III in the Psychology Department.



They now reside in Holiday, Fla., during the winter months and Attica, Mich., during the summer months.

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Easy labor

Author delivers options to lessen childbirth pain

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kathryn J. Alexander suffered through eight hours of labor before receiving an epidural. The spinal injection relieved the agony, allowing her to relax and feel the joy of giving birth to her daughter, Alexandria, 10 years ago.

Alexander wants expectant mothers to know it's possible to take pleasure in the entire experience by researching options beforehand. Her new book, *Easy Labor: Every Woman's Guide to Choosing Less Pain and More Joy During Childbirth*, was written with William Camann, an M.D., to help women formulate a birth plan using medical or non-medical pain-relief techniques, or a combination of both. The lack of reading materials and vagueness of childbirth educators during her first pregnancy were two of the reasons the Farmington High School graduate wrote the book. Camann, director of obstetric anesthesia at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, is internationally recognized as an authority on pain control during childbirth. Alexander, 47, is a former child and family therapist whose articles have been published in national parenting publications and women's health Web sites.

The book covers the pros and cons of pain-relieving medications, the effectiveness and safety of today's epidurals, and the use of complementary and alternative methods such as hypnosis, acupuncture, massage, and water immersion to provide relief. Camann culled the latest research on techniques, interpreted the findings and edited the book published by Ballantine, an imprint of The Random House Publishing Group.

Alexander admits that labor is never pain-free, but information contained in the book can help make the birth of a child easier.

"It's one of the most painful experiences they'll endure unless they choose medical intervention," said Alexander, who now lives in Charlotte, N.C. "I don't want to scare women, but studies have compared the pain against other diseases and injuries, and it's second only to amputation of a finger."

In writing the book, Alexander says she counted on women wanting to hear the truth about childbirth. She describes her first labor as starting out with a bang. It was so difficult, she chose a Caesarean section for the birth of her second daughter, Priscilla, five years ago. Alexander says she wishes she knew then about the options she discovered while writing the book over the last four years. If Alexander was planning to have another child, she would be more vocal and enlist the support of doula, a birth



Kathryn J. Alexander

assistant trained and certified in labor support and childbirth, because she says "most partners are clueless and overwhelmed" by the experience.

"Whether they choose epidural, hypnosis, it's OK for them to say they don't want to be in pain," said Alexander, "whatever course they want to take. I want them to be aware that there is more than one right way and to find a caregiver (obstetrician, midwife or doula) who'll support you in your decision."

"With the use of hypnosis, I was intrigued by the fact that a lot of women who were afraid of needles and epidurals and opposed to any kind of medication, committed to taking a self-hypnosis course for childbirth. One woman told me she had an entirely pain-free delivery, an intense state of relaxation, knew what was going on, didn't even have discomfort. That's very surprising."

Dr. Ann Rehm cautions women to discuss pain-relieving options with their physician. Rehm, an obstetrician and gynecologist, delivers between 140 and 200 babies a year at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. In the book, she tells of one mother with a birth plan that called for minimal medical intervention. As a result, the woman had a difficult delivery and the baby complications.

"I now try to talk to patients when they give me a birth plan that's so black and white," said Rehm, an M.D. who lives in Bloomfield Hills and shares an office with Dr. Joseph A. Beals in Birmingham.

"The book allows women planning to have or expecting a baby to realize that there are two sides to every coin. Everything is not a cookbook. The majority of my patients will get epidurals, if not some sort of pain medicine through the IV or injection. Some women are still very hesitant to have something injected into their back, but it's a very rare event when women arrive and the baby arrives in 10 minutes."

Rehm had epidurals for the vaginal births of daughters, Alana, now 11, and Sarah, 8, when she was 31.

"I would tell women to be flexible. Research is good. Attend classes. Talk to their mother or sisters for advice about pregnancy and labor itself," Rehm said. "I didn't have a sister. My mom was in Florida. I talked to some of the nurses at the hospital. With my first child, I didn't even know I was in labor when my husband

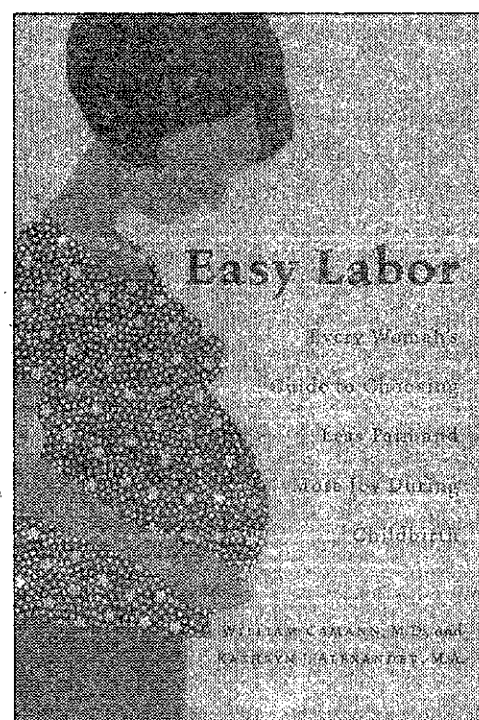
took me to dinner in Birmingham.

"Pregnant women should definitely get prenatal care, and women considering having a baby in the future should bring it up with their doctor ahead of time. This gives them time to research familial illnesses or medications that they take. We should all be taking a multi-vitamin and folic acid, which reduces the chances of having a baby with spina bifida."

"I really think women should deliver in a hospital. We live in a developed country and they should take advantage of the resources we have. Pregnancy and childbirth is seen as a natural event, but sometimes problems can be averted if we use today's medicines."

For more information about the book, visit www.easylabor.net. *Easy Labor: Every Woman's Guide to Choosing Less Pain and More Joy During Childbirth* is available at Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores.

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'Easy Labor' was recently chosen as the Editor's Pick by three national publications: FitPregnancy, ePregnancy, and Pregnancy Magazine. Co-author Kathryn J. Alexander is a former Farmington Hills resident who graduated from Michigan State University.

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Karmanos program promotes wellness for everyone

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kristine Frias strongly believes in the benefits of using complementary and alternative therapies whether to stay healthy or battle illness. The Karmanos Cancer Institute music therapist is encouraging everyone to take an active role in their health by attending the Experience Wellness program 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive. Frias came up with the idea for the event promoting the use of complimentary therapies for cancer patients as well as the general public.

Registration is \$15 for current Karmanos patients, \$25 for general public, and \$50 for VIP seating. For more information or to register, call Carol Kudron at (313) 576-9281. Deadline to register is Sept. 14.

"We're hoping to make it an annual event," said Frias, program administrator of complementary therapies including music, massage, art and pet therapies; Reiki; healing touch, and yoga at Karmanos in Detroit. "I wanted to promote wellness for anyone, not just cancer patients. I'm especially excited about two Karmanos research presentations in layman's terms during lunch."

Q. Ping Dou, Ph.D., leader of the Karmanos prevention program talks about green tea and cancer prevention and "how tea polyphenols deter cancer cell growth through a unique mechanism." Dou's been studying green tea and cancer prevention for about seven years. Dou says there is a correlation between how much you consume and the decrease of cancer risk. Some enzymes can modify green tea and some people can be less responsive. Pratiima Nangia-Makker, a

Ph.D. in the tumor progression and the metastasis department, Karmanos Cancer Institute, talks about the effects of citrus pectin and holy basil on cancer cells.

The keynote speaker is Peter Nielsen, an Observer & Eccentric columnist and health and fitness expert for WDIV-NBC 4 and WWJ News Radio 950.

"We wanted to have Peter because he inspires people to take a more active role in their health through complementary therapies, encourages people to take a walk rather than lie on the couch, to choose a piece of fruit instead of a candy bar," said Frias, a Birmingham resident. "After lunch people can experience and observe several complementaries including massage, craniosacral therapy, a technique that helps people with pain issues from migraines to sinus problems."

A silent auction offers 17 items ranging from a gift basket from Whole Foods to a television appearance with Peter Nielsen, a personal healthy cooking chef's services, an all-organic tea gift basket, a one-hour session at the Center for Complimentary Healing in Troy, and a haircut and make-up application at Bashar Salon in Birmingham.

"It's primarily an educational awareness event," said Frias. "It's called Experience Wellness because it's a dimension of health that's beyond disease. You can use music, art, yoga to maintain a sense of wellness. It's not necessarily a cure, but despite a diagnosis of cancer or any disease it could help patients cope with symptoms. One patient after taking a yoga class didn't have to take her pain medication for the first time in two years."

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Fat in gut is serious concern



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Randy from Detroit e-mails asking for help settling a bet. His cousin says that gut fat is more dangerous than fat stored elsewhere in the body. Randy says that fat is fat and where it is makes no difference. Randy, score this one for your cousin! Fat stored in the gut is indeed much more dangerous than fat stored on the backside or other body location. Abdominal fat deposits are linked to high cholesterol, high blood pressure, blood clotting problems, as well as other serious conditions. Scientists usually estimate gut fat by measuring waist circumference or hip to waist ratio. This method is effective but can't show the amount of fat stored in the abdominal cavity. Bio-electrical impedance or BIA is a simple way to measure body fat and muscle mass. It involves sending an electrical impulse that shoots through the body. It is now being used to measure abdominal fat and is viewed as a medical

development that actually could be a life-saver! Dale from Westland e-mails that prunes are a regular part of his diet and wants to find out if they really are healthy.

Dale, hold on to your seat because prunes are about to disappear from stores forever! Relax though, they're just getting a name change. Plum growers recently won the right to change the name of their products from prunes to dried plums. It's all about image and they feel the name "prune" conjures an unattractive image. The name change, however, won't change the health benefits. Here are just a few: Just 6 dried plums have 3-1/2 grams of fiber plus calcium, magnesium, potassium, and Vitamin C! In addition, dried plums help lower blood cholesterol, probably because of the soluble fiber. They're also a great source of anti-oxidants (even more so than berries or oranges). And finally, the best thing is they're known as a natural laxative. So for all the added health benefits, enjoy dried plums whenever you can. Try them in foods like cereal and yogurt for a great treat!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



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CHADD meeting

Child and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet Monday, Sept. 11, at Way Elementary on W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Two meetings in separate rooms address parent and adult concerns. Parent meeting features Fran Parker, PhD, psychologist in Private Practice and Coordinator of EOC CHADD, presenting on Parent-to-Parent: Tips for raising AD/HD kids through the lifespan. It is an introduction to the National CHADD program to empower parents. Wilma Fellman, MEd., LPC, a Career Counselor in Private Practice and renown author speaks on Making your Career Work Better with AD/HD. Sign in is at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. All meetings free to CHADD members, \$5 donation for non-member families. Call (248) 988-6716.

Benefit performance

The Rat Pack is Back goes smoke-free for a performance Sept. 12, at the Gem Theater in Detroit to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan's research, education and advocacy initiatives. The show recreates one of the famous Las Vegas

performances with Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean. Tickets \$50, \$110 for a special pre-show and VIP dinner at the Century Grille Restaurant. Call (248) 784-2030.

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyne will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, at Women's Resource Center Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Chronic care workshops

Workshop series on managing chronic care. Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions is based on the Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program which was developed and tested by Stanford University. The workshop is not disease-specific and is designed to help participants build confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives, and deal with frustration, fatigue, depression and pain. Cost is \$30. There is an optional text book available for additional charge. Workshops begin Sept. 13, every Wednesday for six weeks, at Older Persons Commission, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester (248) 656-1403, and Sept. 14 every Thursday for six weeks, at Macomb Senior Center, 19925 23 Mile, (586) 992-2900. Call (248) 475-5711 or visit www.miteam.org.

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LIMITS OF CARE

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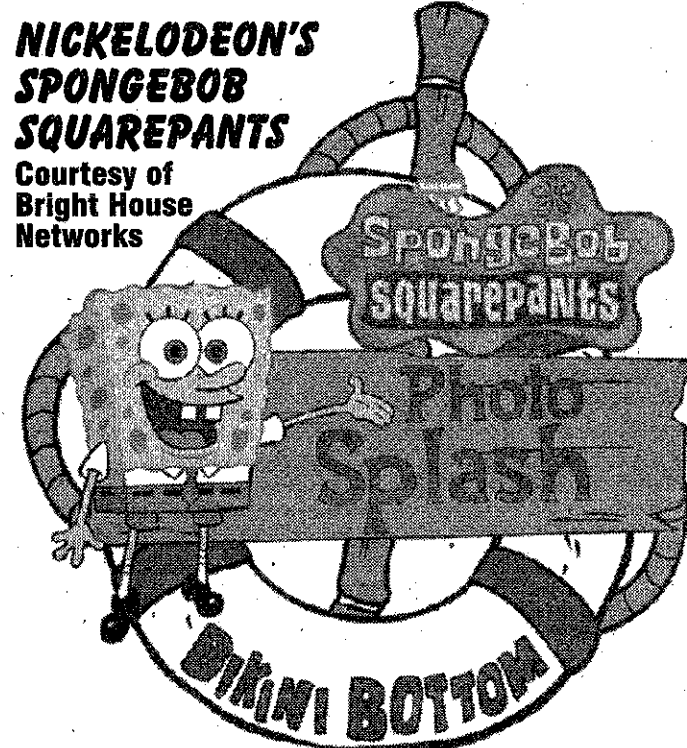


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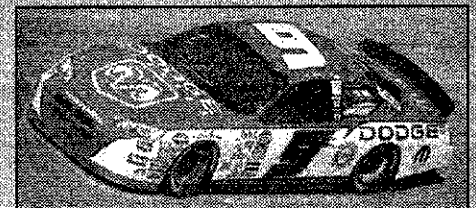
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SWF, 45, 5'7", blonde/green, average build, Pisces, smoker, educated, enjoys dining out, bowling, concerts, carnivals, camping, canoeing, seeks easygoing, honest, financially secure WM, 40-55, for friendship, possible romance. ☎115738

MADE TO ORDER

SWF, 52, attractive, Pisces, N/S, nice, educated, secure, fun, enjoys sporting events, movies, camping, travel, theater, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, possible romance. ☎993487

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5'6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-year-old JF looking for her soulmate, very sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

ONE GOOD WOMAN

BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM, 38-55, to do and share things together. Must like pets. ☎947175

FABOLOUS FIT FUN

Petite, 50s, young at heart, female, athletic build, Pisces, smoker, financially secure, fun-loving, likes sailing, seeks BM, 35-50, tall, dark, handsome, independent, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118000

WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN

Female, 37, 5'7", 135lbs, sexy, HWP, athletic build, Pisces, smoker, financially secure, fun-loving, likes sailing, seeks BM, 35-50, tall, dark, handsome, independent, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118000

LIFE IS BEST SHARED

SBCF, 44, 5'1", 120lbs, bright, warm-hearted, creative, musician, enjoys concerts, sporting events, outdoors, travel, quiet evenings home, reading. Seeking honest, intelligent, confident, spiritual man, 45-60, emotionally/physically fit, for friendship/companionship. ☎123621

FEMALE SPORTS FANATIC

DWF, 44, 5'1", redhead, N/S, very outgoing, romantic, likes college football, hockey, quiet nights at home. Seeking active WM, 39-48, SOH, kids ok, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎124056

FIND ME

Attractive SWF, 49, N/S, 5'3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113901

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. ☎962317

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harley's, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SF, 47, beautiful inside/out, enjoys quiet drives, romantic times, good talks, simple fun. Seeking A loving, gentle man to share a little friendship and fun, maybe romance. ☎117115

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

SEEKING COMPANION

SWF, 42, queen-sized, outgoing, enjoys walks, music, life, open to new ideas. Looking for SM who wants to do things together. Must be employed and like pets. ☎909140

FRIENDS FIRST

SBCF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

WHERE ARE YOU?

Very attractive, sexy SBCF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎50732

SINGLE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN

SWPF, 45, 5'9", average build, educated, Capricorn, N/S, loves golf, reading, gardening, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, 38-55, N/S, similar interests, for LTR. ☎983176

GORGEOUS

SWF, 39, 5', attractive, average build, dark/blue, Pisces, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, seeks WM, 35-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎112039

ISO CHIVALROUS MAN

SBCF, 35, attractive, plus-sized, Capricorn, single mom, marriage-minded, N/S, seeks man, 40-55, family-oriented, old-fashioned, possible romance. ☎112291

TAKE A CHANCE

SWF, 37, likes motorcycles, movies, Star Wars, seeks WM, 34-35, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, and more. ☎114057

LOOKING FOR ME?

Hard-working, affectionate SAF, 47, 5'1", 95lbs, very clean, N/S, N/D, loving and fun, seeks independent, responsible, respectful, secure man, 45-50, to share the special times in life. ☎113534

LOOKING FOR ME?

Affectionate, sincere SWF, 63, 5'2", dark hair and eyes, employed part-time, enjoys travel, movies, dining out, more. ISO tall, active, open-minded, lovable man to share a little fun, possibly romance. ☎959193

DREAMS COME TRUE

Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎85794

PAHAMA

SBF, 31, sexy, sassy, and classy, wonderful personality, self-motivated, seeks SWM, 25-65, for possible LTR, traveling, fun times, and more. ☎114816

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easy-going, intelligent, educated SJPF, 34, 5'4", 120lbs, N/D, N/S, from good family, in medical field, play piano. Seeking JPM, 34-45, for LTR. ☎120165

GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎633527

PETITE & SEXY...

SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. ☎912553

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

Female, 51, 138lbs, seeks independent, respectful male, 45-52, D/D free, who likes outdoors, walks, movies, for LTR. ☎967475

LOVES BOATING

SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. ☎90004

MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE?

SWF, 56, 5', HWP, easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. ☎112612

SEEKING A LADY?

SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confident, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎612098

NATURAL BBW

SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. ☎953694

A GOOD FRIEND

SWF, 50, N/S, looking for SWM, 50-55, who loves movies, dining out, long walks. Must be employed. ☎969547

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN

Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

POSSIBLE SLIDER

SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381

GREAT CATCH

Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs, brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. ☎111193

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, Caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎92074

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎991247

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-85, race open, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎69272

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. ☎123905

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SEARCHING FOR YOU

SBCM, 43, seeks educated woman, 25-44, N/S, slim to medium build, who has a great personality and loves the lord. ☎121167

WHAT HAVE U GOT 2 LOSE

SM, 47, on disability, honest, good-hearted, homebody type, loves movies, quiet times, togetherness. Seeking romantic, open-minded, non-judgmental, caring understanding lady for friendship, fun, LTR? ☎124127

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER

SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎69189

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC

SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, N/S, enjoys conversations, college football and new activities. Seeking a down-to-earth SF. Age/area open. ☎982364

SHARE GOOD TIMES

SBM, 27, 6', 162lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, Mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎980453

DATING FOR A BIT

SBM, 44, 5'6", 162lbs, clean-cut, brown/brown, Taurus, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, likes bowling, concerts, movies, fishing, seeks WF, 39-59, feminine, well-dressed, happy, similar interests, companionship. ☎117697

FRIENDLY BLACK MAN

SBM, 46, brown-skinned, Leo, N/S, N/D, respectful, honest, sociable, likes cooking, plays, movies, seeks woman, 20-60, friendship, hopefully more. ☎114530

THE REAL DEAL

SWM, 41, 6'2", 165lbs, brown/blue, likes movies, long walks, romantic dinners, seeks WF, 18-41, for possible LTR. ☎119789

SEARCHING...

SBM, 41, 5'10", 195lbs, medium build, marriage-minded, likes church, family time, seeks SWF, 28-45, for possible LTR. ☎120475

HOPE YOU'RE MY LADY

SBM, 40s, N/S, loves plays, movies, travel, jazz, comedy clubs. Seeking sincere, loving, genuine woman, with open heart and mind, who enjoys a finer lifestyle. Age/race open. ☎124024

HELLO OUT THERE

Loving, sincere man, 58, 5'4", 146lbs, likes camping, movies, dining, bowling, more. Looking for a sweet, easygoing, fun-loving woman, 22-39, with like interests to share friendship, maybe more. ☎116656

WHAT'S UP LADIES

SBM, 22, 6'4", 215lbs, brown complexion, athletic, looking for a good-looking, cool, sweet lady to kick it with, talks to. ☎120954

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SWM 40, 5'11", 160lbs, enjoys movies, dining out, simple times. Looking for a nice woman, with children ok, to share friendship and/or relationship. Race open. ☎117887

SEEKS DOWN-TO-EARTH

SBM, 37, 6'1", 265lbs, Gemini, smoker, fun-loving, outgoing, hard-working, likes clubbing, movies, seeks BF, 27-41, honest, down-to-earth, for friendship, possible romance. ☎115848

JOIN ME?

Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9", 200lbs, N/S, homeowner, enjoys karaoke, oldies music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new people. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere lady to share the special moments in life. ☎982461

WORTH A CALL

SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

THAT'S ALL

SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116761

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎92418

OLDER WOMAN DESIRED

SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, muscular, athletic, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

SERIOUS

SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

HOPETO HEAR FROM YOU

Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

CALL ME AND SEE

DWM, 45, 5'9", 140lbs, father, N/S, N/D, employed, honest and fun, likes music, movies, bowling, family/friends, more. Looking for SWF with similar interests and qualities. ☎950678

HELLO LADIES

SWM, 23, 5'10", 150lbs, brown/brown, looking for a fun, easygoing, sweet lady under 150lbs, to share talks, dates, friendship and then who knows? ☎117399

SECURE

WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

HOLLA AT ME

SBM, 26, 5'9", average build, Virgo, smoker, outgoing, adventurous, seeks BF, 35-45, smoker, laid back, open-minded, for LTR. ☎114532

GIVE ME A CALL

SBM, 24, 6', chocolate skin, hazel eyes, 180lbs, HWP, likes good conversation, seeks cool, laid-back, down to earth, honest female, 24-30, for friendship, and more. ☎120224

GET AT ME

SBM, 20, 5' 8", 150lbs, dark complexion, athletic build, well-groomed, seeks woman, 18-26, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎120392

SHARE GOOD TIMES

SBM, 32, 5' 7", 165lbs, average build, brown/brown, seeks mature, respectful, independent BF, 18+, for friendship, and more. ☎120737

THE BASICS

SWM, 66, 5' 9", slim build, youthful, 160lbs, seeks WF, 40-61, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎116789

LOOKING FOR YOU

SWM, 46, 160lbs, 5' 11", brown/hazel, adventurous, down to earth, smoker, likes Harley's, movies, seeks WF, 40-47, for friendship, and more. ☎114545

SIMPLE REQUEST

WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. ☎833911

ECONOMIC

AROUND TOWN

MADD 5K walk
Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K non-competitive walk Saturday, Sept. 30, at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:20 a.m. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.stridesforchange.org

Hospice series
Coping with the death of a loved one can be very difficult for many. Heartland Hospice is offering a six-week series, "Loss of a Spouse," 4-5:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 21 through Oct. 26. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office in Ann Arbor, 3840 Packard, and is open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 973-1145 or toll-free (888) 975-1145.

Genealogical meeting
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, Sept. 18, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. At 6:30 p.m., there will be the video "Finding a Maiden Name" and, at 7:30 p.m., the program will be "Understanding Migration and Immigrant Communities," with Ceil Jensen as the keynote speaker. Further information can be found on the society's Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~miwwegs/ or by calling Margie at (734) 522-4050. Meeting, class and program are free of charge and open to the public. Guests are welcome.

Radio control airshow
The Flying Pilgrims Model Airplane Club sponsors a Radio Control Airshow 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 16-17 at the group's airfield at Geddes and Ridge in Ypsilanti. The show is AMA-sanctioned and will follow IMMA guidelines. Planes to be flown and shown are "giant scale," meaning the model must be at least a quarter-size the real aircraft. Admission being requested is \$5 per vehicle. For more information, call Jim Repp, (248) 941-8731.

Baby Walk
The 2006 MCARE Michigan Baby Walk to benefit research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome takes place Sunday, Sept. 17, at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck in Northville. For more information, contact event manager Carol Facca, sidsnews@comcast.net

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Sally Ride festival
Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for an exciting day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival Saturday, Sept. 30 at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. The festival features an action-packed street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to former NASA astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. Parents and teachers are also encouraged to attend. The Ann Arbor Science Festival will take place at the University of Michigan on the North Campus Diag. The day begins at 11 a.m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration required. Teachers, parents and students can register and learn more about the festivals by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by calling (800) 561-5161.

Bariatric seminar
St. Mary Mercy offers bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically at its Bariatric Center. To learn more about it, the hospital offers a free

educational seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 655-2692 to register.

Flea market
The Livonia Historical Society hosts a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park and Newburgh and 8 Mile in Livonia. Food and refreshments will be available, and the village will be open for tours noon-3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

Art/craft festival
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAACC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyhomalley@aol.com

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Plymouth Newcomers
Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplus-janet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on

child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 456-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion
Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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Notice is hereby given that on (Monday, September 18th 2006), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

MICHELLE COWAN
DANIEL LATOWSKI

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Marlin Fish, Golf
clubs, Snow blower,
Etc.

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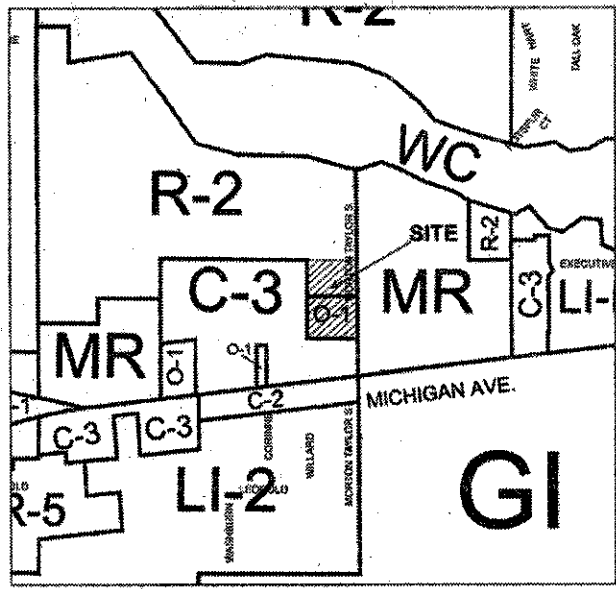
PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 25, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

M.A.L.A.C. LLC REZONING NO. 1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 133 99 001 133 99 0001, AND 002 133 99 0001 003 FROM R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL AND PARCEL NOS. 133 99 0001 004 (3650 MORTON TAYLOR) AND 133 99 0002 000 (3700 MORTON TAYLOR) FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located west of Morton Taylor Road and north of Michigan Avenue.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 21, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



M.A.L.A.C. LLC Rezoning No. 1 133-RZ-102

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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Advertisement for Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will accept sealed bids for the following Project:

STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE FOR DDA STREETScape

Details are described in the bid Drawings and Specifications.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time, on September 21, 2006 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-4673 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

General Description of Work: Maintenance on forty-eight (48) decorative street lights and four (4) illuminated street name signs. Services include as-needed repairs and replacement of poles, luminaries and lamps.

General Description of Project Area: The decorative street lights are located along Ann Arbor Road from Eckles Road to Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township. The illuminated street name signs are located at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery) at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-4673.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Township reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids in whole or in part and to waive any defect or irregularity in any bid if it is deemed in the Township's sole discretion to be in the best interest of the Township. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

REQUIREMENTS

- The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate authorities to perform Work.
- Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of Plymouth insurance requirements.
- The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs.
- The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other company without approval of the DDA.
- The term of the Contract is one year and may be renewed by written agreement of both parties at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date.
- The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State and local laws.
- The contract award by the DDA must be approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:


Mr. Thomas R. Hollis, DPW Manager
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Plymouth, MI 48170-4673
Ph: (734) 354-3270 Ext. 3

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

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Plymouth Township Clerk
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 06-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING ARTICLE IV SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING UNIT STANDARDS

Section 1. The City of Plymouth Ordains:
Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended adding the following described text revisions.

Section 2. Modify Section 78-221 Definitions
Attic finished:
Means the area between the roof and framing and the ceiling of the rooms below which has been made occupiable through the use of permanent stairs. ~~electricity and finished walls.~~ No finished attics may exceed 1/3 of the floor area of the story below. (Section 78-21)

Section 3. Modifying Article IV R-1 Single Family Residential Districts Section 78-43 Single Family Dwelling Unit Standards

No residential structure, mobile home, manufactured home, modular home or prefabricated home shall be built unless the dwelling unit has been reviewed by the building official subject to the following conditions:

- Dwelling units shall conform to all applicable city codes and ordinances and state and federal requirements with respect to the construction of the dwelling.
- Dwelling units shall be permanently attached to a perimeter foundation. In instances where the applicant elects to the set the dwelling on piers or other acceptable foundations which are not at the perimeter of the dwelling, then a perimeter wall shall be constructed. Any such perimeter wall shall also be constructed of durable materials and shall also meet all local requirements with respect to materials, construction, and necessary foundations below the frost line. Any such wall shall also provide an appearance which is compatible with the dwelling and other homes in the area.
- Dwelling units shall be provided with exterior finish materials similar to the dwelling units on adjacent properties or in the surrounding residential neighborhood.
- Dwelling units shall be provided with roof designs and roofing materials similar to the dwelling units on adjacent properties or in the surrounding residential neighborhood.
- Dwelling units shall be provided with an exterior building wall configuration which represents and average width to depth or depth to width ratio which does not exceed three to one, or is in reasonable conformity with the configuration of dwelling units on adjacent properties or in the surrounding residential neighborhood.
- The dwelling shall contain storage capability in a basement located under the dwelling, in an attic area, in closet areas, or in a separate structure of standard construction similar to or of better quality than the principal dwelling, which storage area shall be equal to ten percent of the square footage of the dwelling or 100 square feet, whichever is less.
- The building official may request a review by the Planning Commission of any dwelling unit with respect to subsection (3), (4), and (5) of this section. The building official of Planning Commission shall not seek to discourage architectural variation, but shall seek to promote the reasonable compatibility of the character of dwelling units, thereby protecting the economic welfare and property value of surrounding residential uses and the city at large. In reviewing any such proposed dwelling unit, the building official may require the applicant to furnish such plans, elevations, and similar documentation as is deemed necessary to permit a complete review and evaluation of the proposal. When comparing the proposed dwelling unit to similar types of dwelling areas, consideration shall be given to comparable types of homes within 300 feet. If the area within 300 feet does not contain any such homes, then the nearest 25 similar type dwellings shall be considered.
- The total width of a garage attached to a single family dwelling, shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the width of the entire front facade for the residential dwelling.
- Attached garages shall not protrude more than six (6) feet in front of the front facade or covered porch of the living area for the residential dwelling.

Section 4. Rights and Duties.
Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 5. Validity.
Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 6. Ordinances Repealed.
All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date.
This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced: August 21, 2006
Enacted: September 5, 2006
Effective: September 11, 2006

DAN DWYER
MAYOR

LINDA LANGMESSER
CITY CLERK

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- *America's Top Resumes: For America's Top Jobs* by J. Michael Farr, 2002
- *eResumes: Everything You Need To Know About Using Electronic Resumes To Tap Into Today's Job Market* by Susan Whitcomb, 2002
- *Resumes for Dummies* by Joyce Lain Kennedy, 2003
- *Resumes That Get Jobs* by Ray Potter, 2002
- *Winning Resumes* by Robin Ryan, 2003

COVER LETTERS

- *Cover Letter Magic* by Wendy Enelow, 2004
- *The Guide To Basic Cover Letter Writing*, 2nd edition by the Public Library Association and the editors of VGM Career Books, 2004
- *175 High-Impact Cover Letters*, 3rd ed. by Richard Beatty, 2002
- *Winning Cover Letters*, 2nd ed. by Robin Ryan, 2003

INTERVIEWING AND WAGE NEGOTIATION

- *Get Paid What You're Worth: The Expert Negotiator's Guide To Salary and Compensation* by Roblin L. Pinkley and Gregory Northcraft, 2000
- *Keywords To Nail Your Job Interview* by Wendy S. Enelow, 2004
- *Mastering The Job Interview and Winning the Money Game* by Kate Wendleton, 2006
- *Salary Negotiation Tips for Professionals* by Ronald Krannich, 2005
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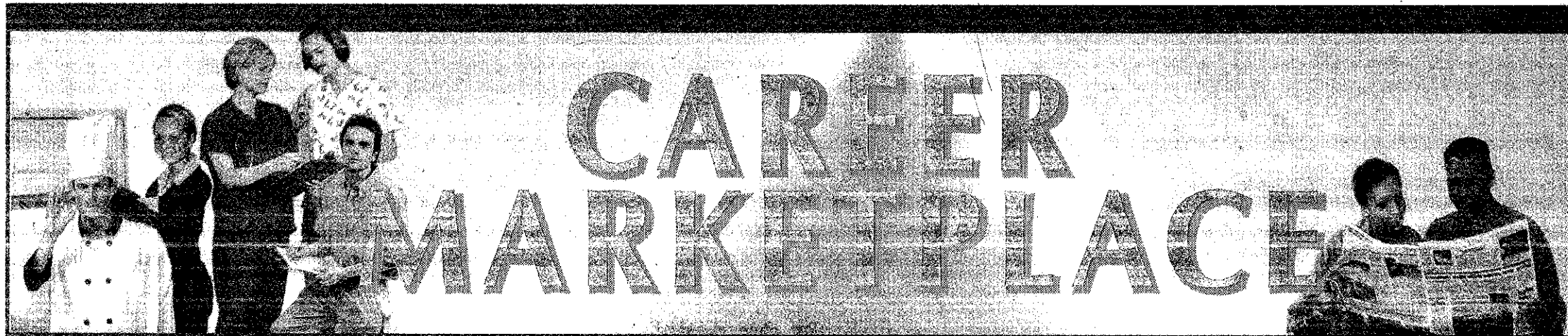
- *Career Comeback: 8 Steps To Getting Back on Your Feet When You're Fired, Laid Off, or Your Business Venture Has Failed*

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- *Getting the Job You Really Want: A Step-By-Step Guide To Finding a Good Job in Less Time*, 4th ed. by Michael J. Farr, 2002
- *The Job Hunting Guide: Transitioning from College to Career* by Ronald Krannich, 2003
- *No One Will Hire Me! Avoid 15 Mistakes and Win the Job* by Ronald Krannich, 2002
- *Over-40 Job Search Guide* by Gail Geary, 2005
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CAREER INFORMATION

- *America's Top Jobs* series (includes *America's Top Jobs for College Graduates*, *America's Top Jobs for People Without a Four-Year College Degree*)
- *Jobs Rated Almanac: The Best and Worst Jobs* by Les Krantz, 2002
- *Occupational Outlook Handbook* by U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2006-07 ed.
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Medical supply company seeking an enthusiastic person to complement our stellar office staff. Experience in medical field a plus. Candidate should be self directed, flexible team player, with ability to learn computer programs quickly. Ideal candidate will possess a Associates or Bachelor's Degree, or be in active pursuit of a degree. Please forward resume with salary requirement to: jfwelling@bamms.net

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Part-time. No exp necessary for a Livonia dental office. Call: (248) 442-8885 or Fax 248-442-7727

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PT for busy OBGYN office in Livonia. Computer knowledge helpful. Duties include making appts., phones & billing. Fax resume to: 734-422-0907

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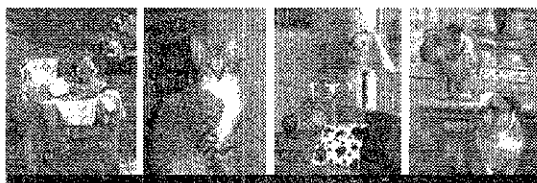
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ACROSS

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- 4 Squeal
- 9 Kid's ammo
- 12 Galley slave's tool
- 13 Brother of one's mother
- 14 Not just my
- 15 Video-game pioneer
- 17 Delhi attire
- 19 Bellow
- 21 Milne marsupial
- 22 Dropped by
- 25 — on the wrist (mild punishment)
- 29 Type of elec.
- 32 At no time
- 32 Merry king of rhyme
- 33 Grassy field
- 35 Kitchen gadget
- 37 Fireworks noise
- 38 Metal rooster
- 40 Wisser
- 42 Niagara Falls loc.

- 43 Checkup
- 44 Imposing fronts of buildings
- 46 Might
- 49 Unhurried gait
- 50 Theoretically (2 wds.)
- 54 Monaco neighbor
- 57 Large green parrot
- 58 Bulge out
- 60 Old card game
- 61 Boar's mate
- 62 Extremely sharp curves
- 63 Form 1040 info

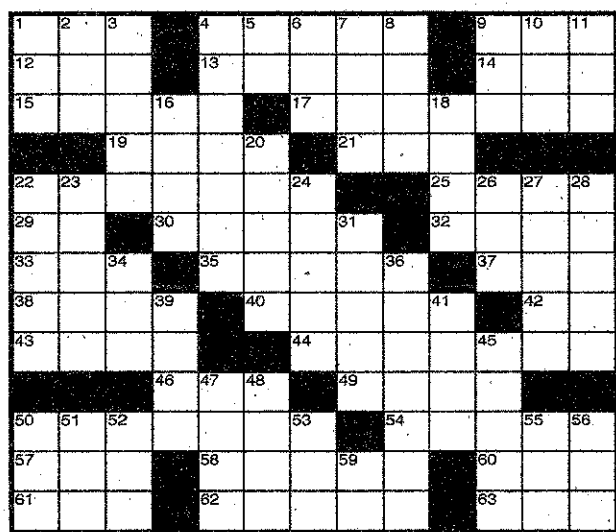
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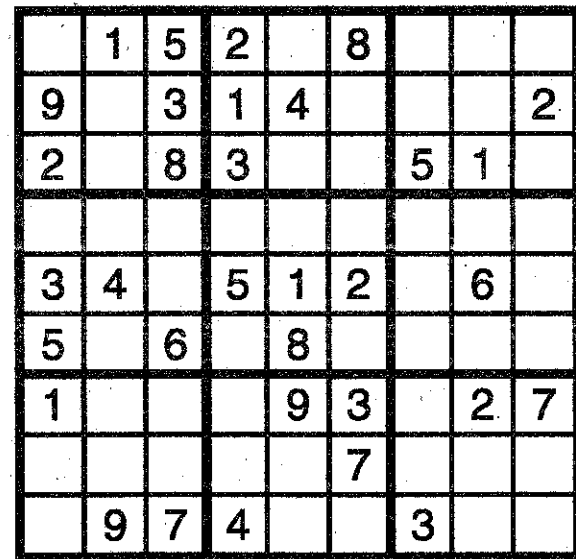
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SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Z E T Y P O Y T R E

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

9 5 6 1 2 4 7 6 8
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2 2 8 6 9 7 9 1
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Market Place

7100 Estate Sales 7100

ROCHESTER HILLS
Thornridge Sub. 3619 Aynsley Dr. Adams & Tienken Rd. Sept. 15th 9-3pm, Sept. 16th 9-12pm. Ends-Up Furniture, other furniture, household. Lots to choose from!

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Sept. 14-15, Thurs-Fri, 9am-5pm. 1690 Lebury Dr. Adams & South Blvd. Lots of tools & household items.

BLOOMFIELD Vintage clothing, furniture, collectibles, crystal & silver, roll top desk. Sept. 15/16, 10-4pm. 580 Fox Pointe Ct. off Square Lake Rd.

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PLYMOUTH 39646 Ann Arbor Trail, btwn. Hix & Hagerty Rd., Sept. 13th, 8-7pm. Huge Sale! One Day Only! Furniture, computer, microwave, bed etc.

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Garage Sales 7110

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WESTLAND Garage Sale at 8168 Creekside Dr. (Off Joy, S. on Echles). Sept. 14, 15, & 16, 9am to 4pm. Household, baby, and handicapped items. Books, tins, crafts & more.

WESTLAND Large Garage Sale 8544 Sanford, Thurs.-Sun., Sept. 7-10, 9am-6pm

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Tile roofs a good bet for any climate

(NAPSI) — A common misperception among consumers and even some home builders is that tile roofs are only suitable for warmer climates.

History, and a growing body of research, have demonstrated that tile can weather any climate and can be used virtually anywhere in the world. The only variable from climate to climate is installation method.

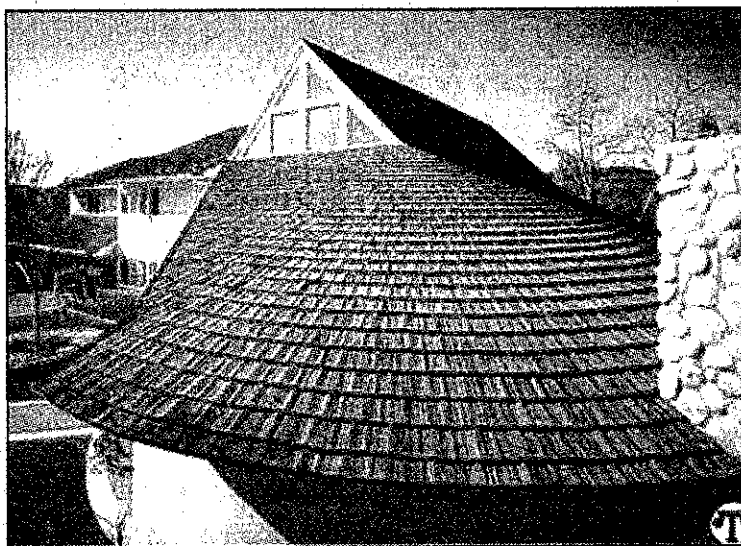
When most people think of tile, they picture timeless Mediterranean scenes of red clay tile-roofed neighborhoods. There's a reason for that: Other than minor weathering, tiles are impervious to sunlight and can last virtually forever.

Asphalt shingles, by contrast, lose their granular covering over time, exposing the asphalt beneath to damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays and leading to eventual failure.

Tile roofs keep houses cooler and save energy, too. A recent study concluded that, because of their thermal mass and the air space formed between the tiles and the roof deck, tiles can reduce heat flow into an attic by up to 70 percent.

In alpine climates, snow and ice require that more attention be paid to roof ventilation and snow retention. Improved ventilation designs and special attachment devices are available to prevent the snow from sliding and to reduce the formation of "ice damming."

In hurricane-prone regions such as the Gulf Coast and parts of the Eastern seaboard, extra fasteners are used during the installation process to guard against high winds. Standard-weight tiles even endure hail well. However, if unusual weather does bring hail that



Tile roofs offer energy savings, longevity and aesthetic appeal in any climate.

breaks tiles, they can usually be replaced individually, without replacing the entire roof.

Regions that experience high levels of rainfall, such as the Pacific Northwest, require surface-mounted and step flashings to keep water and debris (such as leaves and pine needles) on top of the tile where it can drain away. Counter-batten systems are also used to help

the roof breathe and drain better.

Roof tiles can be made to look like almost any conventional roof covering. Cedar shake look-alikes that appear to be brand-new or weathered (in a range of colors) are growing in popularity.

For more information about advances in tile roofing, visit www.tilerroofing.org.

Selling your house in a tough market

I have been trying to sell my house for a long time. What can I do to get my home sold?

There are many sellers in this situation these days. There are some key elements that involved in getting a house sold. Here are some of them:

■ The price. This is by far the most important criteria. Every house will sell if it's priced at its market value. Some sellers these days are unwilling to price their house based on its current value and this leads to their house not selling.

How is market value determined? It's based on what similar houses in the same area sold for. And no, just because your kitchen has white walls, doesn't mean it's worth \$10,000 more than similar houses that recently sold.

You also need to determine how much money you will need to close. In other words, you will need to pay off your existing mortgage, your real estate fee, title insurance, and state & county taxes.

If the purchase price doesn't cover all these expenses, you will need to bring money to the close. Not a fun situation. In fact, there are sellers that need to bring a good chunk of money to the close to get their home sold.

■ The terms and conditions. To make your house more appealing to buyers, you may want to consider making attractive terms and conditions. Perhaps consider offering owner financing. Make possession, the



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amount of time that buyers have after close to take over the house, immediate.

■ Give incentives. Why do the big companies constantly have commercials giving discounts and other incentives in order to entice customers to buy their stuff? Because it works. Some incentives you can offer are to pay the buyers' closing costs. Perhaps consider giving a gift card to buy appliances and furniture. Maybe offer a \$1,000 rebate. After all the buyers' costs, they may not mind having an extra grand in their pocket. Be creative.

■ Make sure that your house is immaculate. It's a lot of work keeping your house in great shape for a prolonged time. However, buying a house is an emotional experience. You are also asking buyers to give you perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars. Your house has to look beautiful all the time. Not doing so could end up costing you mega bucks.

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Joint venture focuses on development projects

Two prominent Michigan development families and companies — Gershenson Realty & Investment, LLC of Farmington Hills and KIRCO of Troy — have joined forces to develop over \$200 million in projects consisting of more than two million square feet of space.

Bruce, Richard and Joel Gershenson, the principals of Gershenson Realty & Investment, bring a century of combined retail experience, most recently as officers of Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust (RPT), a \$2.5 billion Real Estate Investment Trust with more than 85 properties in 13 states.

With more than four decades of real estate experience, KIRCO has planned and developed more than 11 million square feet of office, residential, institutional, municipal, retail and industrial developments totaling more than \$1 billion.

The joint venture is to provide the multi-disciplined background required to developed mixed use properties without the necessity of bringing in diverse companies to focus on different elements of the project. Mixed use, the hot topic in both urban and suburban development, will be the focus of attention for the venture.

The venture Gershenson

KIRCO, is poised to develop projects in several states, with a focus in Michigan and the Southeast. The following list is a summary of current projects targeted for development in Michigan:

■ The Gardens of Rochester Hills, a proposed 350,000-square-foot lifestyle center situated to serve upscale northern Oakland County cities.

■ E Street, Grand Rapids, Mich., the current development plan contemplates the addition of a movie theater, retail, and restaurants, as well as hotel and condominium uses, to the already burgeoning entertainment district in a live/work

environment.

■ The Village at Springfield, Springfield Township, a proposed 650,000-square-foot hybrid-style retail center that combines Power Center anchors with "Main Street" type specialty stores.

■ White Lake Township, White Lake, Mich., a proposed mixed-use project will have a retail component of 147,000 square feet and a medical office building of approximately 77,000 square feet.

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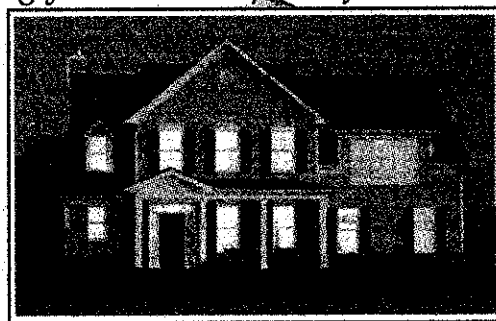
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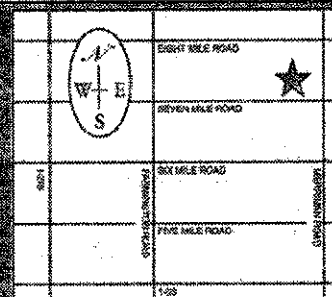


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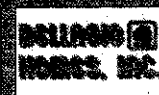
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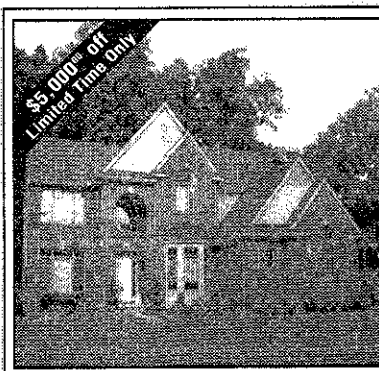
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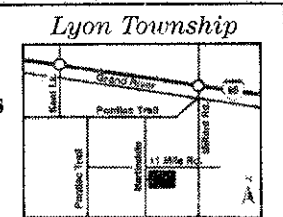


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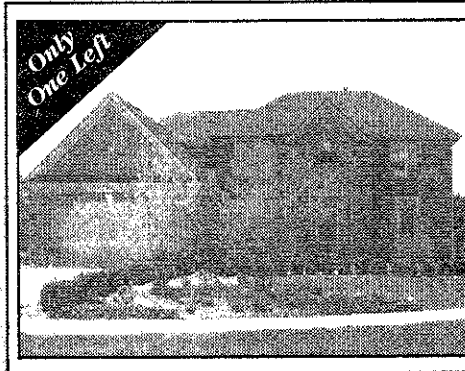
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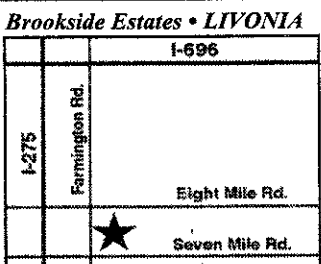
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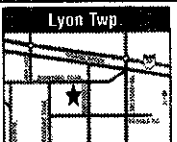
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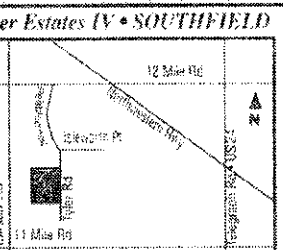
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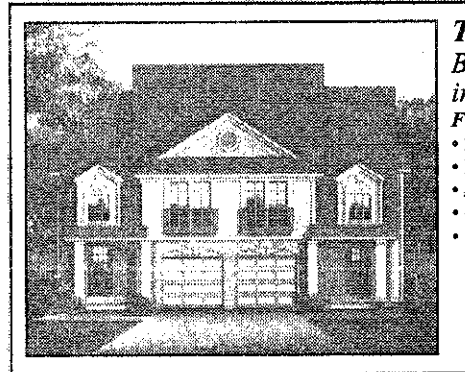
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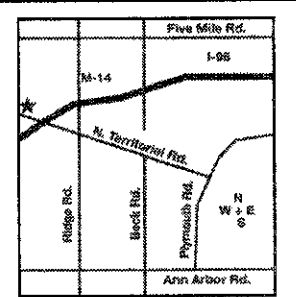
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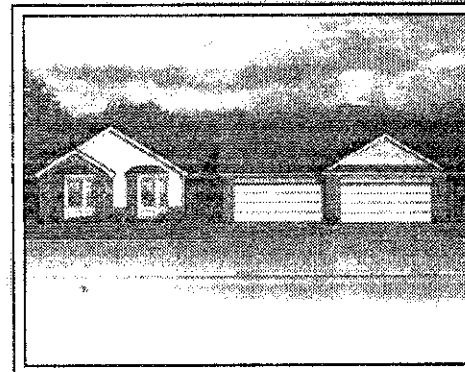
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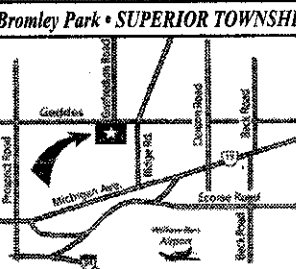
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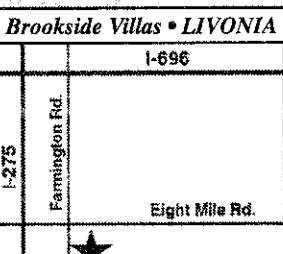
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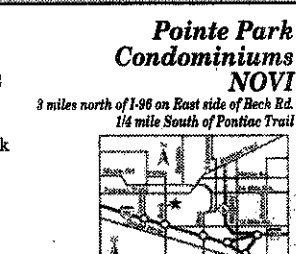
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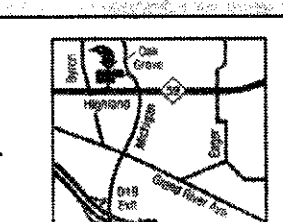
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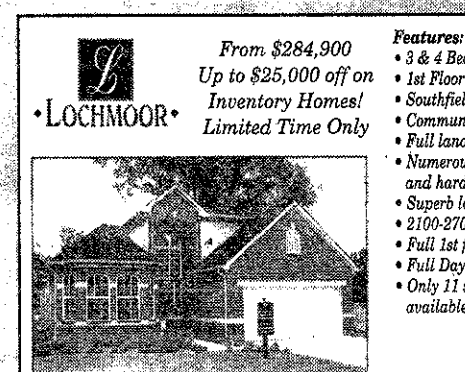
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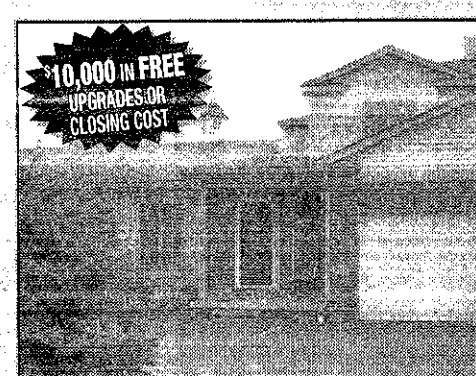
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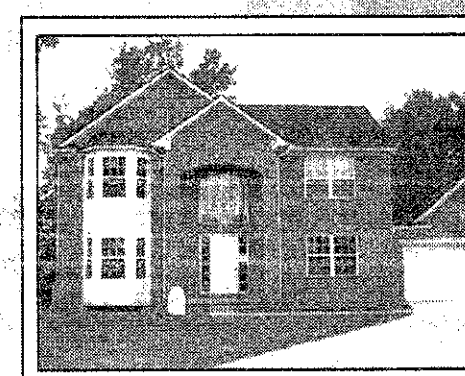
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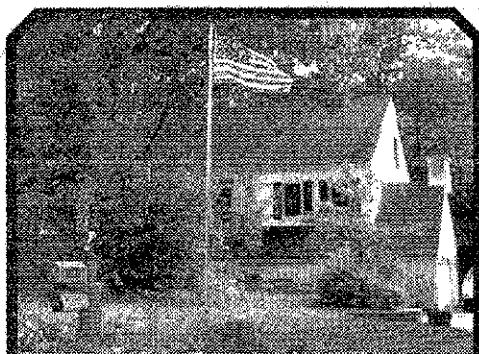
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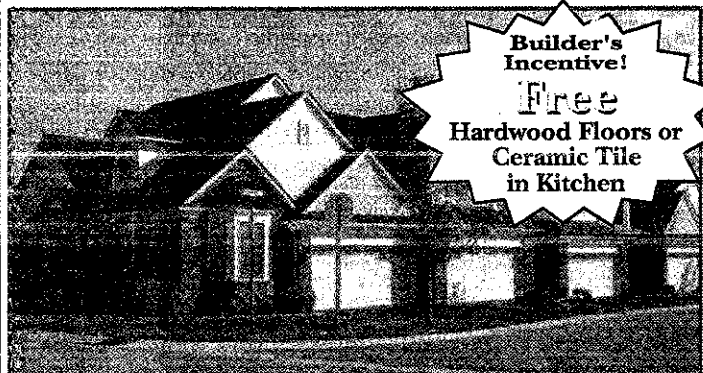
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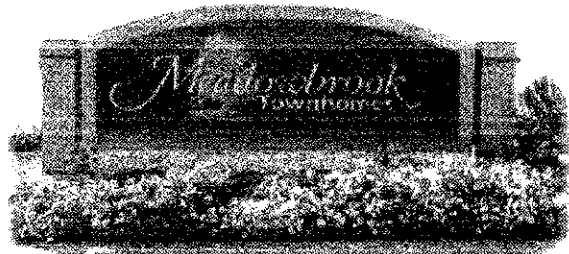
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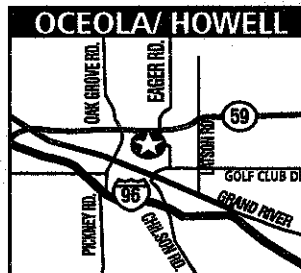


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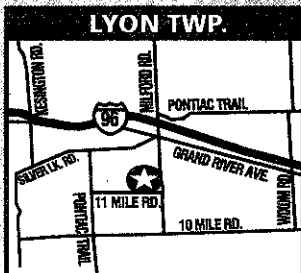


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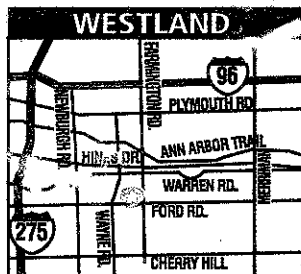


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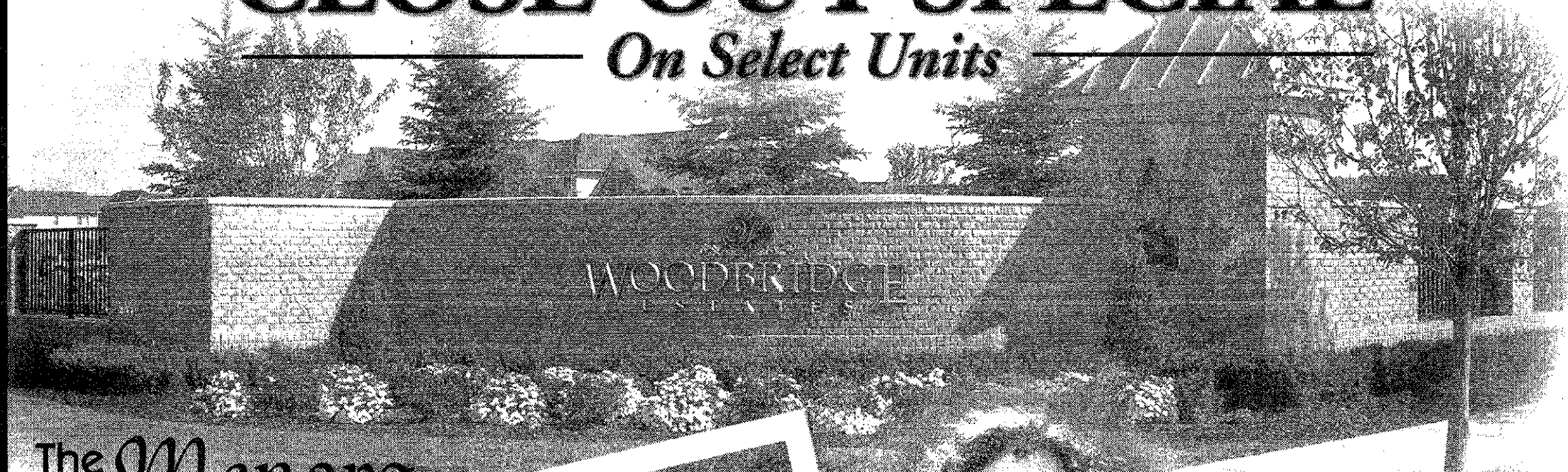
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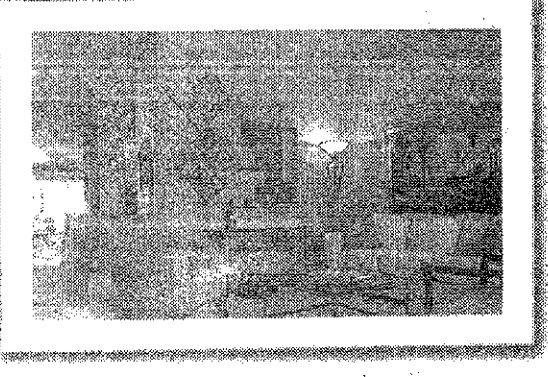
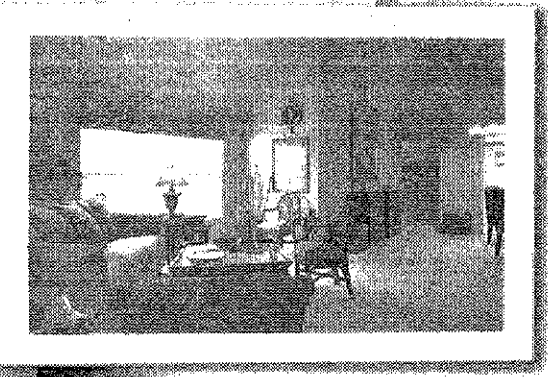
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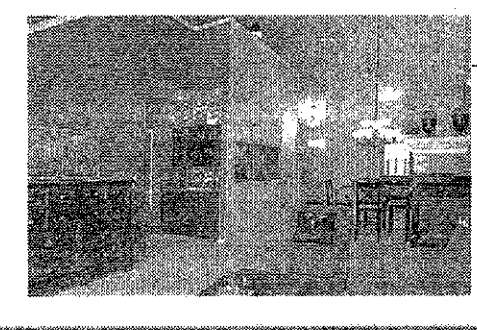
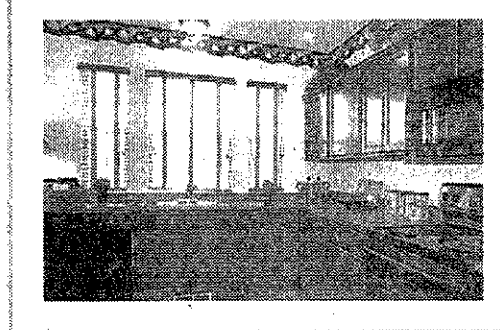
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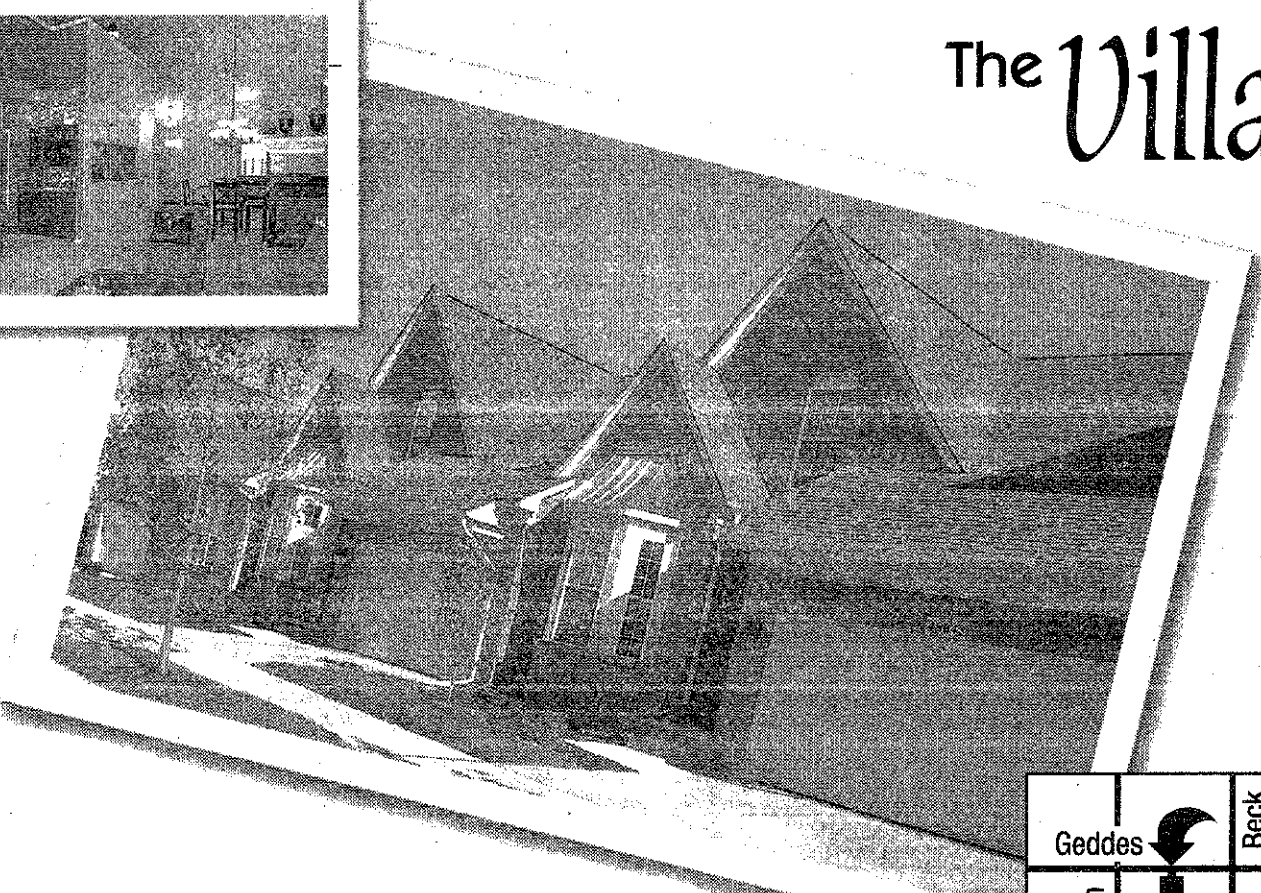
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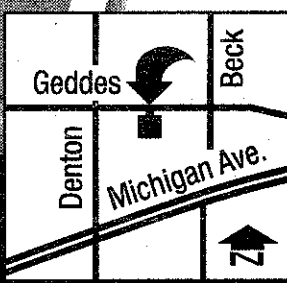
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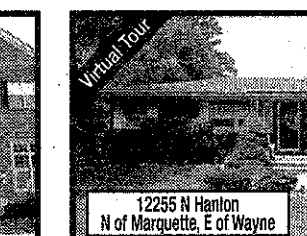
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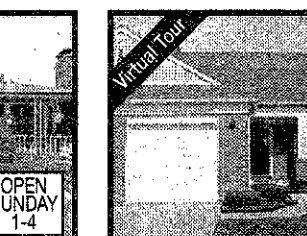
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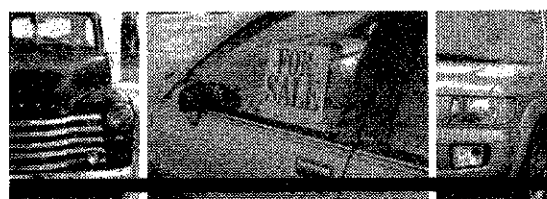
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Chrysler Pacifica offers best of cars, vans and SUVs

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Chrysler was one of the first automakers to introduce a crossover vehicle during the 2004 model year—a minivan, car and sports utility vehicle rolled into one.

Now, it has expanded the crossover concept, which it calls a sports tourer, with the 2006 Chrysler Pacifica. The Pacifica is available in three models: The entry-level, five-passenger Pacifica, the six-passenger Touring and a top-of-the-line Limited model.

The Limited is built only with all-wheel drive, while other models have front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive. All models are equipped with a four-speed transmission with an AutoStick manual mode.

The mid-size vehicle has enough space to haul a carpool, but what we liked is that it doesn't blare mommobile. It's got enough room to transport kids to and from soccer practice, but then again, it's OK if you don't. It's a good alternative to the mom who wants a vehicle big enough to carry everyone around, while satisfying the dad who wants a stylish vehicle.

It's almost as tall as most SUVs, flanked by a masculine design with an eggcrate grille and a long, boxy shape. Inside, it's packed with amenities such as second-row captain's chairs and is perfect for a long trip.

The Pacifica shares a platform with other minivans, but that's where the similarities with minivans end. The Pacifica is like no minivan we've ever driven, with stylish features and chock full of luxury amenities. We hate to use the word stylish again, but it's a fashionable alternative to a minivan, with the flexibility of a minivan, wagon and SUV.

Why compromise when you have all three? Available in five-seat and six-seat models, the Pacifica is equipped with folding seats, luxury leather heated first and second-row seats, and a ParkSense rear back up system.

The Pacifica had a quiet, comfortable ride with sharp handling that was almost car-like.

Fold up the seats and the Pacifica is roomier than a Jeep Grand Cherokee. But it falls short when the seats are not folded up. A tiny space, hardly enough room to hold five or six bags of groceries, is all that's left on the Limited



2006 Chrysler Pacifica Limited FW Vehicle Class: Mid-size, six-passenger crossover vehicle. Power: 3.5 liter, V-6 engine. Mileage: 17 city/23 highway. Assembled: Windsor, Ontario. Price as tested: \$40,045.

model when the seats are not folded up.

We don't think you should be forced to choose between folding the rear seats up and storing small amounts.

Maybe Chrysler had to skimp on the storage because the seats in the Pacifica are so large. The back seats have enough room to comfortably carry four adults on the Limited model. It's easy to see why Chrysler calls this a tourer—finally, a vehicle that is refined enough to carry its occupants in style.

The Pacifica is loaded with safety features: three-row side curtain air bags, driver's side inflatable knee blocker, driver and passenger air bags and anti-lock brakes. The Pacifica earned the U.S. government's highest crash test rating of five stars for front and side impact, when equipped with optional three-row, side curtain air bags.

The Pacifica also received a four star rating for rollovers—the highest rating in its class—from the government. It also received a Best Pick rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) in frontal crashes.

Anti-lock brakes, power eight-way driver's seats and power four-way passenger seats are standard, while three-row side airbags and 17-inch wheels are optional.

What we really liked about the Pacifica is that it has the best features of an SUV, wagon and minivan. The Pacifica's design is SUV-like, with a prominent face and sleek body, monochromatic exterior and 19-inch chrome wheels.

Leather seats are standard on Touring models, while power heated bucket seats, traction control and power adjustable pedals are optional. Another huge bonus: Step across entry and exit made it easy to get in and out of the vehicle. Even my five-year old could get in and out of the

Pacifica with no help. For more petite drivers, it's a relief not to use a step-up to get in and out.

The Pacifica has the power and features of a sedan, thanks to front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive, 3.5-liter, V-6 engine. But the V-6 struggled to gather enough power to navigate the hilly terrain of Georgia roads, at times seeming to momentarily stall before engine power kicked in.

The Limited includes standard all-wheel drive, exclusive interior trim and leather steering wheel and shift knob with wood trim accents, and a six-disc CD changer that plays DVDs, MP3s, DVD audio and video.

A 385-watt Infinity surround system, which includes eight speakers with a subwoofer, SIRIUS satellite radio, rear seat video system and navigation system are extra.

Our model was equipped with an in-dash screen navigation system that made driving even more pleasurable. The navigation system's screen position inside the dash near the steering wheel made it easy to navigate the road and pay attention to the map.

Optional equipment available for the 2006 Chrysler Pacifica Limited includes SIRIUS Satellite Radio, rear seat video system, Uconnect hands-free communication, an in-cluster navigation system and laminated side glass.

The Pacifica is available in Brilliant Black Crystal, Stone White, Inferno Red Crystal Pearl Coat, Bright Silver Metallic, Butane Blue Pearl Coat, Magnesium Pearl Coat, Linen Gold Metallic and Midnight Blue Pearl Coat.

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