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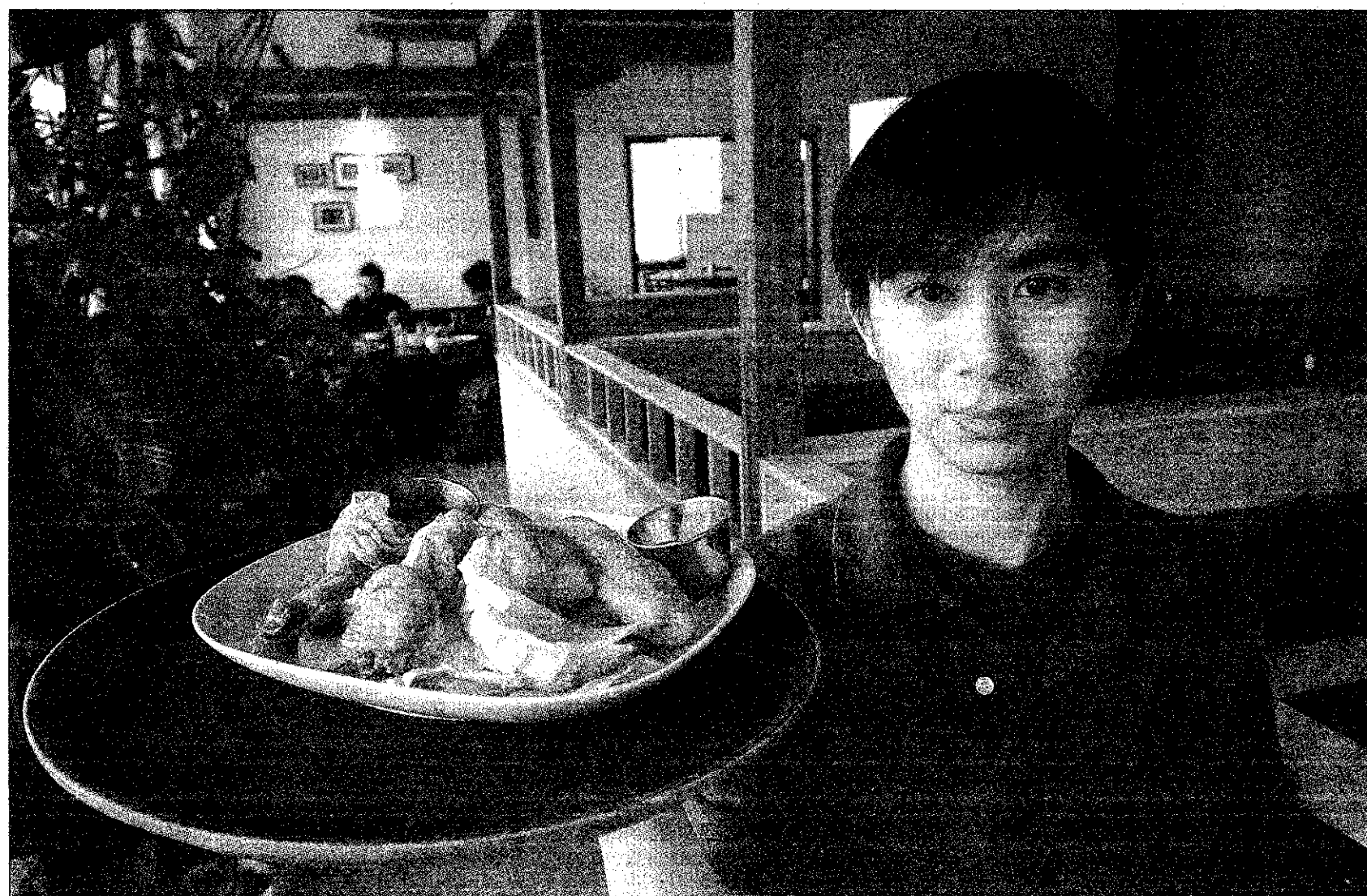
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Cheuk Lau, manager of Ginger, a new pan-Asian restaurant in Canton, presents an appetizer plate.

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Pan-Asian delight

Ginger's menu features authentic Asian cuisine

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

When Ginger restaurant opened its doors just a few weeks ago, the owners had thought of everything. The decor is clean and classic, as

one may expect in a stylish new Pan-Asian restaurant. And the menu is comprehensive and organized by regional flavor. So, who knew that the most popular item on the menu would be the hottest craze for Hong

Kong teens?

"It's bubble teas," said special events coordinator Christina Crossman. "That's probably the most popular thing on our menu."

Ginger's manager, Cheuk Lau, nodded in agreement

and added, "On the week-ends one-fifth of our sales are the bubble teas."

So what is this craze that has families and young adults so excited? It's tea — usually served cold, usually infused with fruit flavors or

milk, or both — with tapioca "bubbles" stirred in.

"It's really good," Crossman said, with a smile creeping across her face. "I mean, it's really good."

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Foster child dies following trauma

Canton police are investigating how a Canton toddler died following a serious head trauma at her home early Friday morning. The 2-year-old girl was taken to University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital and subsequently died.

The girl's foster mother voluntarily went Friday afternoon to the Canton Police Department for questioning.

According to Canton police, the foster mother called police just after 2 a.m. Friday, reporting that the little girl was unresponsive and not breathing.

She was rushed from her home in the 2600 block of Emily Court in southeast Canton to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, then was taken by helicopter to Ann Arbor.

At the time the 40-year-old foster mother called police, she and the toddler and another foster child, a 3-month-old baby boy, were home alone. The woman's husband was not at home, and was out of town at the time, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

Police did not know Friday afternoon how long the children had been in the woman's care.

The baby boy was immediately placed in care of the foster care agency, Pomorski said.



A hazardous waste bonanza

Canton collected more than 190,000 pounds of hazardous materials during the township's annual Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up, held Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Division of Public Works Building. More than 1,200 cars dropped off hazardous materials so they could be disposed of properly. Items collected this year included 18,000 gallons of latex paint and non-regulated materials, two pails of mercury, five cubic yards of aerosol, 1,010 gallons of bulk motor oil, 14,850 pounds of flammable liquids, 660 gallons of pesticide, 396 gallons of corrosive material, 6,000 pounds of batteries, 55 gallons of oxidizers and five pallets of propane. Here, employees from Environmental Quality Company (EQ) stack some of the materials that were turned in. The company handled all disposal activities for the event. For more information on how you can do your part by properly disposing of household hazardous waste, please call Canton's Public Works Division at (734) 394-5150.

Romulus man admits guilt in April stabbing at UAW Hall

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Police still aren't sure what circumstances led to a stabbing and gunfire outside the UAW Hall at 48055 Michigan Avenue. But the man charged with attacking and stabbing an Ypsilanti man pleaded guilty Sept. 19 to the charge of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm.

Willie Quawn Brown, 26, of Romulus pled guilty at Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit and Judge Brian Sullivan accepted the plea. He's scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 3, and will face 2-10 years in prison for the crime.

The charges stemmed from an April 29 incident, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

It was just before 2 a.m.



Brown

arrived and saw a large crowd of people running to their vehicles and leaving the parking lot in a hurry. Officers found spent bullet casings and a puddle of blood in the lot but no victim.

By checking nearby hospitals, officers found the 20-year-old Ypsilanti man being treated for nine stab wounds to the body. None of the wounds were life-threatening. Detectives from the Canton Police interviewed the victim, who stated that he was assaulted in the park-

ing lot after performing on stage at the hall. "The caller said gunshots were fired, and in the melee, the victim was jumped and was stabbed several times," Pomorski said. No one had been shot, however, and it's possible that the gunshots were fired into the air, he added.

The victim said he had no idea what the fight was about, but witnesses said that there was a man in the parking lot who had been trying to start trouble, Pomorski said.

Officers worked several leads in the case, and were able to identify Brown as a suspect. The victim picked him out of a photo lineup, and he was arrested and ultimately charged.

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Coming Thursday in Filter



Tiger Trivia and Tiger fun, catch it in the next issue of Filter.

Chamber awards luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will recognize its 2006 Business Person of the Year, Chamber Excellence Award, and Ambassador of the Year at its Oct. 4 monthly luncheon. The event, which begins at 11:30 a.m., will be at Summit on the Park and is being sponsored by the Observer Newspapers, Yazaki North America, Showroom of Elegance, and Waltonwood of Canton. Tickets for the event are \$20. Reservations are necessary by Tuesday, Oct. 3 and can be made by calling (734) 453-4040.

Hoben fair

Hoben Elementary Book will host its annual Fair/Vender Fair from 6-8 p.m. on Sept. 27. Scholastic books, various crafts and home business products will be available for sale at the event. The school is located at 44680 Saltz Road in Canton.

Vegas night

The Knights of Columbus Clement H. Kern Council is hosting Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 20-21 at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton. Games will include Black Jack, Let It Ride, seven card stud, Big Wheel, Texas Hold 'Em. On Saturday night there will be a 140-player

Texas Hold 'Em tournament. Food, pop, beer, and wine will be served.

Parent volunteers needed

Parent volunteers are needed at Plymouth-Canton's three high schools to help the staff with the Plan test from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 and from 12:30 p.m. to approximately 3 p.m. Sept. 29. For more information, contact Toni Shepherd by e-mail at tonisalem@aol.com.

Van Buren Schools meeting

The Van Buren Schools Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25 in the board room of the administrative building, located at 555 W. Columbia Ave. in Belleville.

Agenda items include a presentation of the 2005-2006 audit, a resolution to participate in the Michigan School Readiness Program for the 2006-2007 school year, establishment of the Maintenance Department Advisory Committee, and a Career Technical Education name change.

For more information, call (734) 697-9123.

Calling all alumni

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is gather-

ing contact information about its alumni. They will help support reunion activity, coordinate a directory (which was last available in 1996) and communicate through an alumni newsletter. If you are an alum of the district's schools, send your name, graduation year, address, phone number and e-mail address to:

Alumni Program
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
454 S. Harvey
Plymouth, MI 48170

You may also e-mail the above information to: pccsalumni@pccs.k12.mi.us

If you would like to enclose an interesting memory, anecdote or an update on your own situation, please do.

For more information, e-mail Tom Skutt, P-CCS chief development officer, at Skutt@pccs.k12.mi.us.

Learn about college

The Canton Public Library will host the All About College Night at 7 p.m. on Oct. 3, which is designed to educate potential college students how to prepare and pay for a college education. Staff from University of Michigan-Dearborn will take the confusion out of the application process and give tips to make students more attractive candidate to colleges. Participants will also learn about financial aid packages and applying for them.

This program is open to all Plymouth-Canton parents and students interested in learning more about the college entrance process. FAFS forms will be available. Register starting Sept. 26 by calling the library at (734) 397-0999.

Exchange Club open house

The Exchange Club of Canton is holding an open house so people can learn more about the club, its programs and the services members provide to the community.



These houses are for the birds

As part of their ongoing dedication to public service efforts as well as concern for and interest in indigenous birds, Pioneer Middle School Cadette Girl Scout Troop 501 made three bird houses and donated them to the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council's Camp Linden. While working on the All About Birds Interest Project at Camp Linden, the Scouts decided to donate them to the camp, which they did on Sept. 17. For more information about the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, which serves girls in Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw and western Wayne and Oakland counties, call (800) 49-SCOUT, or visit us at www.gshvc.org.

The event is scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. on Sept. 26 at Bailey's Pub & Grille, 1777 Canton Center North. The event will also feature raffle prizes, appetizers, and soft drinks.

For more information contact David Loveland at (734) 207-8943.

Fine arts exhibit

Award winning poet/photographer Cheryl A. Martin of Canton has juried into the 14th-annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibit. Her artwork, titled, "Westland's Camel" will be in the show Oct. 13-Nov. 5.

In addition, Martin's poetry and photography juried into the Innerscapes Exhibit in Lowell, Mich. Her work will be on display there until Oct. 21.

Martin will also be a part of the Resurrected Voices: The Eloise Cemetery Project, where she will display her poetry and artwork. For further information, contact her at (734) 397-

1626, peroinc5@comcast.net or <http://outskirtspress.com/womanrecliningv>

Canton Newcomers meeting

The Canton Newcomers will host a meeting at 7:15 p.m., Oct. 4 at the Village Theater to discuss the "secrets of Canton's success." The event will feature a number of guest speakers, including Supt. Jim Ryan of Plymouth-Canton Schools, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Director of Public Safety John Santomauro, Director of Leisure Services Ann Conklin, and Canton Public Library Director Jean Tabor.

The Canton Newcomers is a social, civic and charitable organization, whose motto is "where neighbors become friends." The group will also hold its general meeting during the evening.

This event is open to the

public.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. For more information, contact Jennifer Maddock at (9734) 981-1715 or visit our Web site at CantonNewcomers.org.

A toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting event to benefit the Canton Historical Society, Canton Christmas in Action and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

School supplies drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is conducting its annual "school supply drive." Included among the items they're looking for are notebook paper, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils and back packs. The Plymouth Salvation Army, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is located on Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

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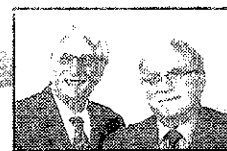
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The new fountain of youth?

Canton doctor says there are plenty of myths surrounding plastic surgery

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Mohamed Bazzi says that plastic surgery is today's fountain of youth.

Correcting the effects of trauma, illness and time is one of the miracles of modern medicine. But it's not always as easy as taking a drink from the well and reaping instant benefits.

"There are a lot of myths about plastic surgery," he said.

Bazzi moved his business, Celestial Institute of Plastic Surgery, to its new Canton location two months ago, due mainly to the community's growth and its attractive demographics - which include a large number of residents who fall into his "typical patient" profile, women age 20-35.

Among the myths of plastic surgery is that it will automatically give you the appearance

you want at no cost to your life and livelihood.

"The reality is people forget about the 6-12 months of recovery time," Bazzi said.

"Explaining to patients the concept of healing is difficult."

Another myth surrounding plastic surgery is that it can be the solution for all problems - social, physical and a person's mental perception of herself. The reality is that plastic surgery won't fix all a patient's problems.

"I use the example of a couple who is having marital problems. The wife may think that having plastic surgery will fix her marriage, but if your marriage is failing, surgery will not fix that," Bazzi said.

Such myths are perpetuated by the media, other doctors, and friends or family members, Bazzi said.

"Media is a double edged sword for plastic surgeons," he



Dr. Mohamed Bazzi said Canton is a perfect location for his business because of its large number of women between the ages of 20-35, who fit his 'typical patient' profile.



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Dr. Mohamed Bazzi moved his business, Celestial Institute of Plastic Surgery, to its new Canton location two months ago.

said. On the one hand, the reality shows and popular television shows about plastic surgery make people curious about, or even more willing to have, plastic surgery. But television and Hollywood often give misinformation and half-truths about surgery.

Another misperception, according to Bazzi, is that plastic surgery is one-size-fits-all.

"The reality is that there are many criteria each of us has to meet to determine if plastic surgery is right for you," Bazzi said. "And plastic surgery is as much an art as a science."

And there is no such thing as

"minor surgery," even if it's elective surgery.

"One of the most common procedures is liposuction," Bazzi said. "From a technical point of view it is probably one of the least challenging procedures. But the reality is also that when it goes wrong, it has some of the most deadly consequences, such as deep vein clots and embolism."

It's also a reality that plastic surgeons are often involved in surgeries to treat life-threatening conditions, not just elective procedures to improve a patient's appearance.

"Plastic surgeons are very

intimately involved in heart surgeries, lung surgeries, and brain and neurosystem surgeries," Bazzi said.

"It's because we are experts in skin flaps and how they work."

One of the myths about plastic surgery that disturbs Bazzi the most is that plastic surgery is a specific specialty in surgical medicine. But most people do not know that cosmetic surgery is not.

To call one's self a cosmetic surgeon requires no special training, according to Bazzi, while plastic surgery requires credentials.

"Cosmetic surgery has become such a loose term that everyone has it. An internist or a dentist or a general practice doctor can call himself a cosmetic surgeon," he said. "Plastic surgery is the only medical specialty that encompasses all reconstructive and aesthetic surgery."

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 Bell, 76, of Whitmore Lake, died Sept. 17.
Elizabeth M. "Betty" Brunette
 Brunette, 84, of Bemijdl, Minn., died Sept. 19.

D
Grace I. Duncan
 Duncan, 84, formerly of Birmingham, died Sept. 18.

F
Leslie C. Farmer
 Farmer, 82, of Westland, died Sept. 21.
Evelyn Field Forrest
 Forrest, 69, of Center Line, died Sept. 18.

H
Ruth M. Harding
 Harding, 79, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 15.
Samuel G. Horton
 Horton, 73, of Plymouth, died Sept. 16.

J
Michael J. Jensen
 Jensen, 39, of Westland, died Sept. 15.
Robert H. Jensen
 Jensen, 60, of Wayne, died Sept. 16.
James William Johnesee
 Johnesee, 85, of Farmington, died Sept. 15.

James H. Jorissen
 Jorissen, 78, of Plymouth, died Sept. 18.

M
Arthur Robert Matthias
 Matthias, 58, of Flint, died Sept. 6.
James S. Moore
 Moore, 97, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 19.

P
Winfield Millard Pemberton
 Pemberton, 78, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 17.

R
Gordon F. Robinson
 Robinson, 84, formerly of Plymouth, died Sept. 15.

S
James Alex (Jim) Steve
 Steve, 77, formerly of Birmingham died Sept. 17.

T
Raymond Walter Taylor
 Taylor, 64, of Wayne, died Sept. 14.

W
Dennis Wendel
 Wendel, 54, of Plymouth, died Sept. 16.

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

Johnson Controls scholarship

Alex Mihelick, a Plymouth High graduate, and Ruchika Kumar, a Detroit Country Day graduate, were two of 25 students in the U.S. to receive \$8,000 scholarships from the Johnson Controls Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Johnson Controls, Inc. Alex's father, David Mihelick, is a Johnson Controls employee. Alex will use his scholarship to help pay tuition at Michigan State University, where he will major in biomedical engineering. Ruchika's father, Alok Kumar, also works for Johnson

Mihelick

Controls. Ruchika plans to major in finance/business/pre-medicine at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

presented to students who make outstanding contributions improving the Grand Valley campus community. Recipients must be seniors and in good academic standing.

Departmental honor

Laura Wallace of Canton has been awarded a departmental honor in hospitality and tourism management from Grand Valley State University. Wallace is a graduate of Salem High School and is the daughter of Nanci and Scott Wallace.

At the undergraduate level, candidates for departmental honors must have earned at least 85 credits at an average of 3.5 or above. One student per department earns this award.

Outstanding contribution

Elizabeth Bonnell of Canton has been awarded the Thomas M. Seykora Award from Grand Valley State University. She is a graduate of Canton High School and is the daughter of Tom and Teri Bonnell. The Thomas M. Seykora Award is

Honor roll

A number of Canton residents were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2006 semester at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. To be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average. The students are: Michael Andersen, Pawel Bagadzinski, Nathan Bugosh, Mario Foley, Ryan Foley, Nathan Guideau, Darpan Patel, Benjamin Pew, Andrew Pixley, Matthew Trubowski, and Alena Weiss.

Computing scholarship

Ann English, who is currently enrolled at ITT Technical Institute in Canton, has earned a scholarship from the

Association for Women in Computing Ann Arbor Chapter in its third annual scholarship program for women studying computers and engineering. The scholarship recognizes outstanding women pursuing a career in a computer-related field. AWC is dedicated to supporting and mentoring women in computing.

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For more information, please visit <http://www.awc-aa.org>.

Borders site revision on planning agenda

The Canton Planning Commission will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

■ M.A.L.A.C. LLC Rezoning No. 1: Consider request to rezone from R-2, Single-Family Residential and O-1, Office to C-3 Regional Commercial. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Morton Taylor Road.

■ M.A.L.A.C. LLC rezoning NO. 2: Consider request to rezone from O-1, Office to C-3, Regional Commercial. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads.

■ JC Development LLC rezoning: Consider request to

rezone from MR, Multiple Family Residential to C-3, Regional Commercial. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Morton Taylor Road.

■ Michigan Xtreme Cheer: Consider special land use request for a gymnastics/dance studio. Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Ronda Drive (located in the Gilmar Industrial Building).

■ Joyous Heart Yoga: Consider special land use request for a private indoor recreation yoga studio. Property is located east of Lilley Road and north of Warren Road.

SITE PLANS

■ McDonald's rebuild: Consider request for site plan approval. Property is located north of Ford Road and west of Sheldon road. (tabled from

Aug. 21, 2006)

NEW BUSINESS

■ Community Financial Credit Union: Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue and east of Beck Road.

■ Office Depot: Refer review of proposed developer instigated revisions to approved site plan to staff. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Canton Center Road.

■ Chase Bank: Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Old Canton Center and Dewitt Roads.

■ Borders/PETCO: Refer review of proposed developer instigated revisions to approved site plan to staff. Property is located at the southwest corner of Ford and Morton Taylor Roads.

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CUISINE

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Her enthusiasm extends to the rest of the menu, as well.

"The food here is kind addicting," Crossman said. "I think it's because of the chef."

The chef, and the restaurant's owners, hail from Hong Kong, and offer a variety of Asian cuisine, from Vietnamese (which includes a lot of noodle dishes and broth-based recipes), to Thai, to traditional Chinese cuisine, and the Chinese food that has become popular in the United States.

The differences can be subtle to American diners, but not to Lau.

"One example is almond chicken, which is American Chinese food. Chinese people would never make almond chicken. It's not that it doesn't taste good, because it really does. It's just not something we'd ever find on a menu in China," Lau said.

The restaurant's physical details reflect a classic — not overstated — style, Crossman said.

"We were going for simplicity and elegance," she said. All the wood booths are simple, and were designed and built by

Lau's father, and the decor is clean and understated. The dining room and the party room in the back of the restaurant are smoke-free, and Ginger offers free Wi-Fi Internet access.

In the kitchen, nearly everything is cooked in one of a half-dozen oversized woks, with a few menu items that are deep-fried (a process more common in American Chinese cooking than in traditional Chinese cuisine), and the printer in the kitchen prints out every order in English and Chinese.

Ginger offers tea tasting parties, similar to wine tasting, where guests can learn about the characteristics of the different teas, as well as how to pair them with foods.

Tea tasting works better for parties of 10 or more, mostly because there are six types of hot tea, at \$3 per pot, but small parties, even parties of two, are welcome, Crossman said.

The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It's located at 8465 N. Lilley in Canton. For more information, call (734) 414-1818 or visit online at www.gingerpac.com.

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Hung Tai prepares an Asian dish at Ginger. Most of the dishes are prepared in traditional woks.

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Eloise complex gets state historical marker

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Eloise, a former poorhouse and asylum that became one of the largest U.S. public health care facilities, has earned Westland a state historic marker.

Reduced now to just two buildings, Eloise once sprawled for 902 acres on both sides of Michigan Avenue between Merriman and Henry Ruff roads. It housed 10,000 patients and employed 2,000 workers in the late 1920s.

"It was huge," said Westland historian Jo Johnson, president of Friends of Eloise.

She announced this week that the Michigan Historical Commission has approved a state historic marker for the Eloise site, which once had 75 buildings and its own farm, cannery, bakery, cemetery, employee housing, police and fire departments, and trolley and train stations.

Started in 1839 as a poorhouse where people who couldn't support themselves were sent, Eloise helped make a name for Wayne County because the facility was the only one in the state with a medical complex that included a general hospital, infirmary and asylum, Johnson said.

Eloise doctors pioneered the use X-rays for diagnostic purposes, and psychiatric patients underwent such treatment as "electroshock."

Author Patricia Ibbotson charted Eloise's history in *Eloise: Poorhouse, Farm, Asylum and Hospital 1839-1984*, a book that Johnson said helped raise more than \$3,000 needed to order the state marker. Ibbotson worked in nursing at Eloise.

Friends of Eloise this week

will send a check to the state to order the historic marker, and a dedication is expected in the spring.

Johnson, who has helped compile Eloise's history, welcomed recent news that a state marker had been approved. She considers it an important milestone.

"I feel that most all of what's left of Eloise will be gone eventually, and it did impact so many people," she said.

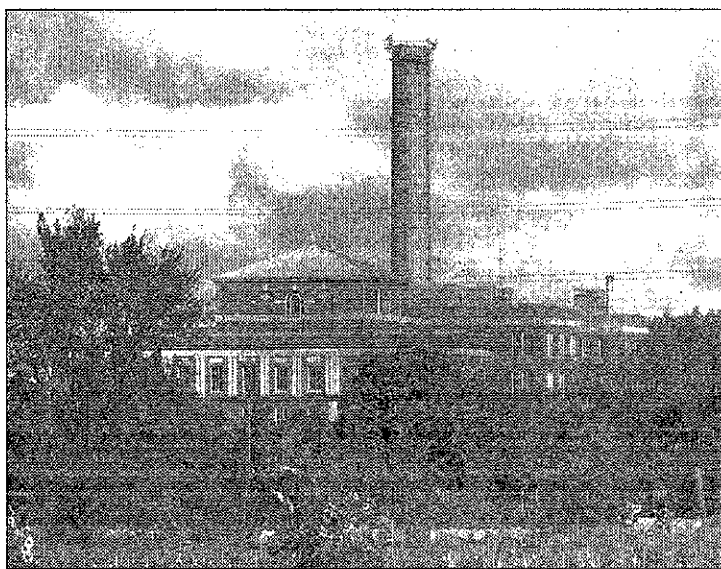
Even now, an old smokestack on the site is being slowly dismantled.

"That smokestack stands out like a trooper," Johnson said Monday, addressing city officials during a Westland City Council meeting.

Johnson receives inquiries most weeks from people who either spent time at Eloise or who had relatives that did.

"It's just unbelievable," she said.

More than 7,100 patients are buried in the Eloise cemetery — their graves marked only by numbered blocks. Not everyone believes it, but some ghost hunters say that certain areas of Eloise are haunted, such as the fourth floor of a building named after current Wayne County Commissioner



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Only a few buildings remain of the once sprawling Eloise complex that covered 902 acres in Westland.

Kay Beard.

This week, Westland historian Patricia Ibbotson said that the

Eloise historic marker is one of two recently approved for Westland's south end. The other is for Annapolis Park, a neighborhood that became one of the first U.S. suburbs to welcome African-American homeowners in the 1950s.

The historic markers will become the only ones ever

approved for Westland's south end. In all, Dale said, the city has eight historic markers.

Meanwhile, Johnson said anyone who wants to order Ibbotson's book about Eloise may call her at (734) 522-3918. The cost is \$20 plus \$1.59 for shipping.

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Daughter walks on in mom's memory

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For Traci Sincock of Plymouth, the month of October will never be the same.

Sincock remembers being "devastated" when her mother was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer in June 2003. It was only a few short months later, in October, that Jane Hueni succumbed to the disease at age 66.

"There were no signs of it in my family, so it came as a total shock," Sincock said. "I realize that now I'm high risk for breast cancer."

It was the year before her mother died that Sincock decided to take part in her first Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk.

"I did it because I wanted to challenge myself and do some-

thing extreme, mainly as a physical fitness thing," Sincock said. "Ironically, there wasn't a walk in 2003 when my mother had cancer. But I probably wouldn't have been able to participate because I wanted to be with her."

Since then, Sincock has made it a personal goal to continue her participation in the 60-mile walks to raise money for breast cancer research. She walked in the Michigan 3-Day Walk in 2004, and last year participated as part of the logistics crew in Michigan.

In August, Sincock was a member of the Michigan crew, and she'll walk the 60 miles with a lifelong friend in Tampa, Fla., Oct. 13-15.

"It's an amazing event, for both the survivors and those undergoing treatment," she said. "We need to make women

aware of how important it is to get an annual mammogram."

Nancy Baldwin of Canton can't agree more about the need for yearly mammograms.

"If I hadn't had a mammogram, I probably would be dead today," Baldwin said. "I was 45 and no family history, at all, when the doctor told me I had breast cancer."

Baldwin said her cancer "was non-invasive, but I did have a mastectomy. But I was very lucky."

Remembering the day her doctor told her she had breast cancer is as clear today as it was four years ago.

"It was awful. You're sitting in this room, just you and the doctor, and she says you have cancer," Baldwin said. "You just sit there and think the worst-case scenario."

Baldwin said she has a clean

bill of health, but has checkups every six months.

"It took me a long time to talk about it," she said. "But you hear other people talk and it becomes really important to make people more aware and stay on top of getting a mammogram."

"You think as you get older it's not as important, but that's not the case," she added.

Sincock's mission continues Monday night at E.G. Nicks restaurant on Forest in Plymouth to raise pledges for her 3-Day walk in Tampa.

Owner Frank Agostini is donating 20 percent of the evening's proceeds to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to fund breast cancer research and community outreach programs.

"The obligation of each walker is to raise a minimum



Traci Sincock (second from right) walked with Theresa Bilbrey (left) and Elizabeth and Helen LePres in the 2004 3-Day Walk.

\$2,200," Sincock said. "My personal goal is to raise \$3,000."

As for the month of October, Sincock said it will always be her driving force in efforts to beat breast cancer.

"October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and the month my mom died," she said. "It will always be a month

that will mean something very special to me."

Monday's fund-raiser is scheduled for 5-9 p.m. at E.G. Nicks, 500 Forest Ave. For more information contact Sincock at (734) 455-6069 or tsincock@comcast.net.

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Chocolate covering

Candy shop finds a way to beat faltering economy

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In a faltering post-9/11 economy, Denise Picard knew keeping her House of Fudge candy shop in downtown Plymouth a viable business would be a matter of concern.

For Picard, who has owned the candy shop across from the Cozy Café for six years, it was a matter of survival.

"After 9/11, we held through Christmas very well," said Picard, who has owned the House of Fudge, across from the Cozy Café, for about six years. "But after Christmas, things just dropped."

"People used to just walk in, but nowadays they just don't have the disposable cash," she added. "Candy is more of a luxury item."

Picard, who admits to seeking a little divine intervention, decided it was time to think out of the box and branch out.

"I just thought, 'We need more business or I'm going to close,'" Picard said. "I sent letters and samples to about a

hundred cider mills and basket companies, and we had a 10-percent return, which was really good. We're doing OK with it."

Not only is Picard doing business with the popular Franklin Cider Mill, she was also able to acquire an account with the famous Zehnder's Bavarian Haus in Frankenmuth.

"Zehnder's took off about nine weeks ago, and the cider mills just opened a month ago," she said. "A lot of them are open through Thanksgiving, and we're also selling to the basket companies. We're also seeing a little movement in the corporate business gifts."

Business has been good enough for Picard to begin a night shift, though she admits it's usually just her making fudge for the increased number of orders.

"If you're selling it, you don't mind," Picard said.

Picard, 40, has been at the House of Fudge since she began working part time as a 16-year-old. When the previ-

ous owners decided to retire, Picard decided to buy the it.

"I like my job, it's been fun, and I've never hated going to work," Picard said. "Most of the time people are in a really good mood when they come here. And I have really good help."

Along with the 17 varieties of fudge — Picard said chocolate and chocolate walnut are the best sellers — her store also sells homemade chocolates and bulk candy items. Picard said even she sometimes has a difficult time staying away from all the sweets.

"You get used to it, and it can be weeks before I'll touch anything," she said. "And then, for a week straight, I'll graze."

Not unlike her own start in the fudge-making business, Picard said she likes to hire high school students who stay with her through college, and come back to help through the holidays. One of the perks is getting to test the sweets.

"When the kids come in and start working, I always let them eat what they want," Picard said. "In fact, I encour-



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Sean McEvilly and Clyde Picard pour the cooked fudge onto the marble work table.

age it because it's hard to sell what you don't know."

Sean McEvilly, 18, of Canton Township — who visited the shop as a young boy — has been a fudge maker the past four years.

"When I first started, I just wanted to eat everything, and you tend to," said McEvilly, whose favorite is peanut butter fudge. "Now, I pace myself a little better and have willpower being around it. It's a candy shop, so you can't help but

have fun surrounded by all the

chocolate."

McEvilly said he's gotten used to people peering through the store window, watching him make a batch of fudge, which takes about an hour or so from start to finish.

"There's always people walking by on the street, or in to watch for a couple of minutes," he said. "After a while, you get used to it after making so many batches."

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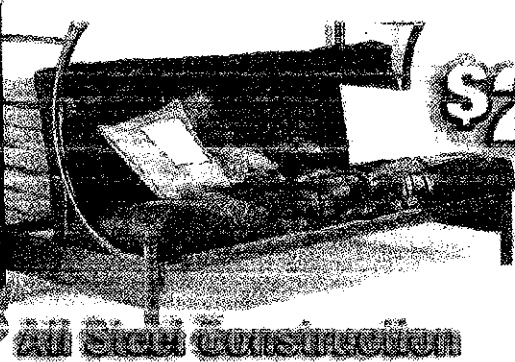
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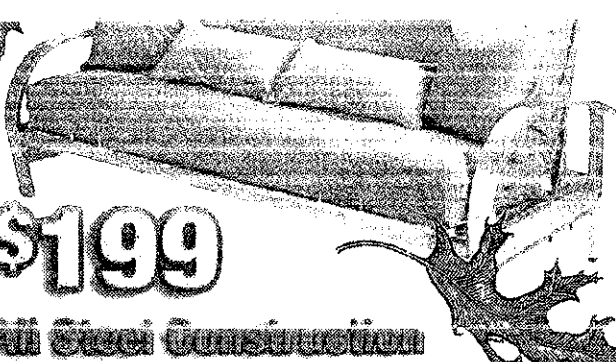
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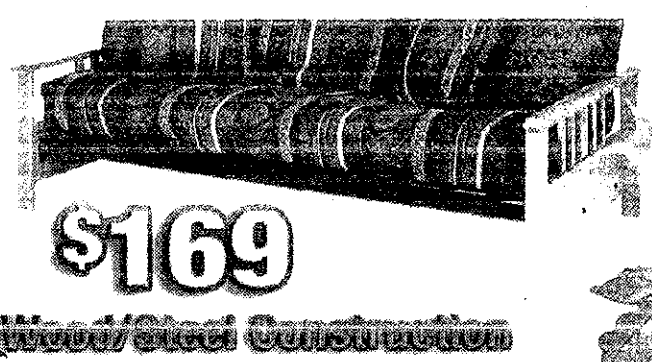
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Board ready to vote on new and improved sign ordinance

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

For the last 10 months, the Canton Township sign ordinance has been under review and in the revision process. On Sept. 26, the Canton Township Board of Trustees is expected to vote in favor of repealing the old ordinance, which was last revised in 2002, and approve the new ordinance. And it won't be a minute too soon, according to Canton Chamber of Commerce president Dianne Cojei.

"The new ordinance will have a lot of benefits," she said. "Some of the elements will be extremely good for business."

When the ordinance was last revised, multi-tenant signs were removed from the list of what's allowed, and signs were scaled back, both in number and in size. But the revisions allow strip mall owners to erect multi-tenant signs, and it allows for internal signage, called wayfinding signs, within the center parking lots.

Cojei said those elements give a little of what everyone - from business owners to residents to township officials - wants.

Cojei is one of the people who served on the sign committee, which included a group of residents, business owners and township representatives, that worked on the revisions.

"I have to say that even though I'm still 99 percent of a business mindset. But having served on the committee, I had to look at things from other perspectives that I may not have before," Cojei said.

For example, from the perspective of business owners, limiting sign size hurts their business, Cojei said. "Trying to make a sign visible at 40 miles per hour on Ford Road would mean that every sign would have to be big and we'd look like downtown Las Vegas," Cojei said.

But on the other hand, residents don't want big signs cluttering up the landscape in Canton either.

"The challenge was coming up with something that everyone wants. You can't possibly please everyone, but you can try to take into account everyone's needs and try to meet as many as possible," Cojei said.

The most useful tool to come out of the ordinance revisions was the addition of the Downtown Development Authority's branding and marketing campaign, which designates different stretches of Ford Road with different colors. Business addresses will be separated into color-coded districts along Ford.

"When people get used to that, they'll be able to use that to help customers find them," Cojei said. "Color districting is far superior to the sign ordinance. There's no way you can get signs big enough for everyone to see them."

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will vote on the sign ordinance at its Sept. 26 meeting. The meeting will be 7 p.m. in the township administration building.



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Livonia chiropractor Dr. C.J. Trupp hopes to have more than 60 people at his second 'Body by God' makeover challenge, which starts Thursday.

2nd 'Body by God' challenge set to start

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

About a week before his first "Body by God" makeover challenge in June, Dr. C.J. Trupp figures he had about 10 people signed up. About a week before he gets ready to start the second one Thursday, some 60 people had already registered.

Trupp figures that's a testament both to the popularity and the success of the first challenge, held in partnership with the Livonia YMCA. And this time, he's vowing even more fun. "We wanted to make this one even better," said Trupp, a Livonia chiropractor. "We're giving away more money and better prizes."

Body by God, as explained by Trupp, isn't a diet plan or a health plan. To Trupp and, he hopes, to the program's initial participants, it's a "change your life" program designed to work on the total person.

For his part, Trupp is excited about the prospect. "By the end, I know we'll have changed some lives," he said.

Body by God was developed

by Dr. Ben Lerner, an author and doctor who has served as the team doctor to the U.S. Olympic team. His program, brought to Michigan by Trupp, who calls Lerner his "mentor," following the "Extreme Makeover God's Way" manual, is a 40-day exercise aimed at making changes that allow participants to live a better life.

It uses "food by God" (more natural foods like grains, fruits and veggies) vs. "food by man" (processed foods. Students also learn time- and stress-management techniques).

This time, Trupp wants to help participants make even better changes. He's using some of the more successful students from the first group as team leaders this time around. He's going to use more technology - computers, movie clips, etc. - and has added a financial expert to the team to help participants straighten out their finances.

"I'm going to try to find ways to attack every aspect of people's senses and spirits to try to get them to change their life," Trupp said. "We're creating a 'buddy' system, so people can

meet with others just like them and maybe work out together, so people don't feel like they're going through it alone."

That drive to help people improve their lives doesn't surprise Trupp's partners at the YMCA. "(Trupp's) mission in his office is to change people's lives, not just from a physician's standpoint," said Jamie Stepanian-Bennett, director of marketing and membership for the YMCA. "He wants to make a difference in people's lives. It's a partnership between a local physician dedicated to changing people's lives and the YMCA, which believes in the same things."

They've added blood pressure checks to the weekly accountability sessions, trying to get as much physical improvement as possible. Participants will also get a spa night to "give them some pampering," Trupp said, and there's even a tailgate party for the Michigan-Michigan State football game.

For more information on the program, call Trupp's office at (734) 261-5677.



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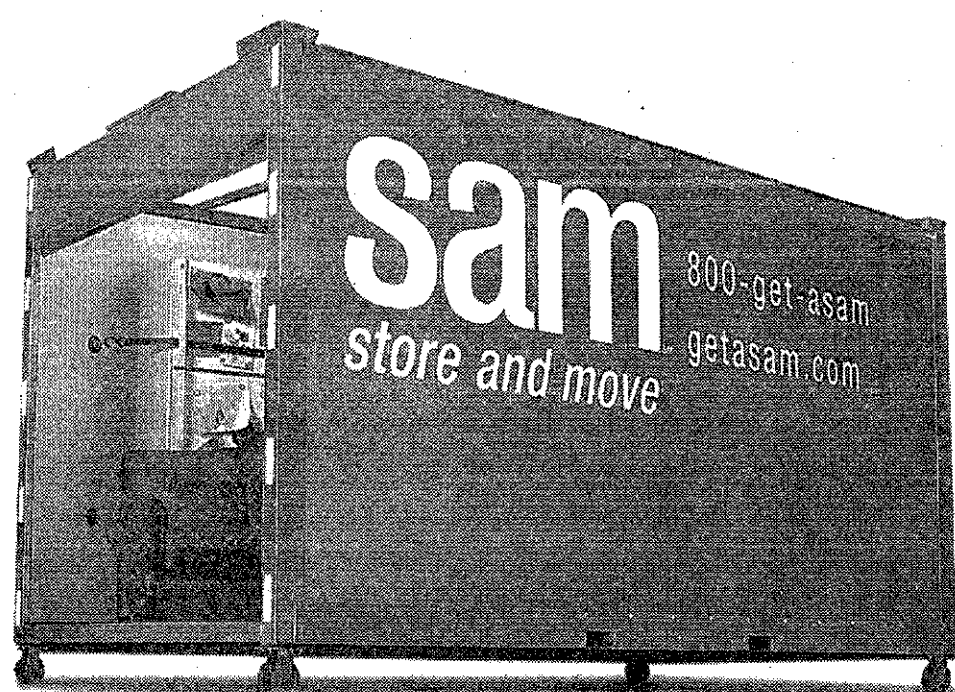
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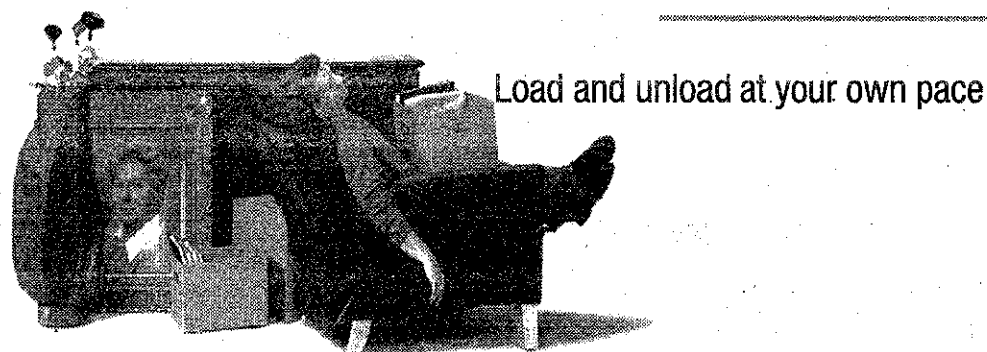
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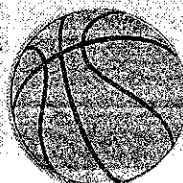
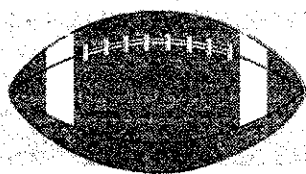


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Win puts Canton in division driver's seat

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Canton's football team maintained its perfect record, but not without some anxious moments courtesy of defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion Livonia Franklin.

The Chiefs used the big play to carve out a hard-fought 23-19 victory Friday over visiting Patriots on a misty night at

PREP FOOTBALL

Centennial Educational Park.

With the win, the state-ranked Chiefs improve to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the Western Division of the WLAA.

Franklin dropped to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the division.

Canton rolled up 382 yards in total offense, 346 coming on the ground.

"We had a lot of yards, but not a lot of points," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "They (Franklin) are a great team . . . very good. A Wing-T team is not hard to defense, but when you can throw the ball the way they can, it's tough. I got tired watching our defensive backs chase people."

Franklin tacklers, meanwhile, had a hard time pinning down senior Deshon McClendon, who led the Chiefs with 160

yards rushing on 18 carries, including 40-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and a 75-yard jaunt in the third period.

"Our focus going is that we felt we had to take their number one player, (Deshon) McClendon, away," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "They really broke two big plays and that was the

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At full strength

With serious back injury behind him, Collins is set for big season

Whalers drop season opener to Sarnia. See story on Page B5.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The weeks leading up to the 2006 Ontario Hockey League playoffs were the best of times and the worst of times for Plymouth Whalers veteran forward Dan Collins.

While his teammates battled Saginaw for the top spot in the OHL's West Division, Collins was sidelined by a serious back injury that caused him to miss close to one-third of the season and the first round of the OHL playoffs.

"Even though I wasn't playing, watching the team win the West Division title was the best memory I've had so far since I've been here," said Collins, a 6-foot-1,



Collins

209-pound forward. "At the same time, it was extremely difficult for me knowing that we were pushing to win the division and I had to watch

from the bench. Not being able to play was hard."

Considering all the pounding checks into the boards Collins both delivers and receives, the way he hurt his back was more than a little unusual.

"One day after practice I was working on one-timers," he recalled. "I went down to shoot one and a disc just shot out of place. I had surgery in January and returned for the second

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Plymouth Whaler forward Dan Collins is primed for a productive season after recovering from a back injury that shelved him for a good chunk of the 2005-06 campaign.

Salem golf win: One for the books

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Salem boys golf team is taking the phrase "records are made to be broken" quite literally this season.

On Wednesday, Rock junior Tyler Jeleniewski fired a 32 at St. John's Golf Course to set a new nine-hole school record. The previous low was Ryan Andrzejewski's 33, which he shot in the mid-90s, according to Salem coach Rick Wilson.

Jeleniewski's three-under-par effort came less than a month after teammate Quinton Higgason carded a school-record 18-hole total of 69.

"Tyler has a good, all-around game," said Wilson. "He hits the ball long off the tee — in fact, he drove the green on a par four Wednesday — he has a good short game and he putts well."

"He and Quinton have been our one and two golfers this year. They feed off each other."

Jeleniewski's historical round was instrumental in the Rocks' 157-161 victory over Walled Lake Northern. Also contributing to the Rocks' third-consecutive victory were Higgason (40), Matt Smidebush (42) and Adam Powers (43).

Salem's non-scorers were Joel Cheesman (44) and Brian Fifeild (50).

Scoring for the Knights were Greg Smith (35), Joe Lamanski (40), Tyler Strom (42) and John Murray (44).

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Rock-y road

Salem running back Jon Wilson, pictured in a game earlier this year, and his teammates dropped to 0-5 Thursday night with a 31-13 loss to Walled Lake Northern. Please see Page B2 for details of the game.

Wildcats take air out of offense and Mustangs

Who needs the forward pass?

Apparently not Plymouth's football team, which defeated Northville, 43-32, Friday night without putting the ball in the air once.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division heading into Friday's 4:30 p.m. home showdown against Walled Lake Western.

"Last week against Franklin, we tried to do a lot of different things offensively, but we didn't do anything well," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock, explaining his team's one-dimensional approach against the Mustangs. "This week, we decided to get back to the basics and run the football. We ran the option most of the time and our quarterback, C.J. Gregory, did a great job of making the right decisions."

Led by senior tailback Nate Gholston, Plymouth churned out 452 yards rushing. Gholston, who was completely healthy for the first time this season, picked up 228 yards on 21 attempts. Other big-time producers for the Wildcats were Rico Tyus (103 yards on 24 attempts), Myron Puryear (74 yards on eight carries) and Gregory, who chipped in with 47 yards on seven



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Plymouth's Rico Tyus picked up 103 yards rushing Friday night.

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B2

Sidelines

Powers starting

Jake Powers, a 2005 graduate of Canton High School, has earned a starting spot at defensive end for the 2006 Brown University football team. The Bears are the defending Ivy League champions.

Powers, a sophomore at Brown, was a three-year starter and senior captain for the Chiefs from 2002-04.

Lepper shines at Kalamazoo

Former Salem standout Kelly Lepper is excelling for the Kalamazoo College women's soccer team. Lepper, a sophomore, recorded a hat-trick in the Hornets' 7-1 victory over Rochester College on Monday.

The former Rock's first goal just two minutes into the game put KC up 1-0. She then added a penalty kick in the game's 58th minute before completing the three-goal effort with a long, hard shot with less than eight minutes to play.

Lions freshmen win

The Canton Lions freshmen football team evened its record at 1-1 Wednesday night with a 26-14 victory over the Garden City Chargers.

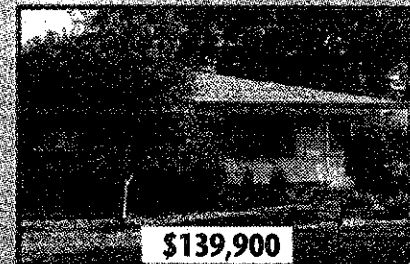
The Lions scored on their first two possessions on TD runs from Westen Price and Chuckie Turfe. Kenny Arnold also made a major contribution to the offense with strong running.

Canton increased its lead to 20-0 at the end of the first quarter on an interception return for a touchdown by Sean Stanners. The Lions' lone score of the second half came on Jake Stropes' quarterback sneak.

Cody Siris, Michael San Millan and Daniel Jipping also provided strong blocking while Alec Pantaleo and Jakob Wickens pitched in with strong efforts from the offensive backfield. The defense was paced by Dante Pruitt, Wesley Marshall, Evan Thomas, Andrew Hunt and Mason Robichaud.

The Lions return to action this morning with an 11 a.m. game against Lincoln at Central Middle School.

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rushes. Tyus scored on runs of 50 and 10 yards, and Puryear added an 11-yard scoring dash during the first half, which ended with the two teams knotted at 22-22.

The Mustangs came out of the halftime locker room with their nostrils flaring, scoring the first 10 points to seize a 32-22 advantage.

Undeterred, Plymouth rebounded with three unanswered TD's — all from

Gholston — to secure the vital road victory. "The kids showed great resolve tonight," said Blaylock. "We played without three defensive starters, who were out because of disciplinary reasons, and we trailed by 10 points in the second half, but they showed a lot of character in coming back. They pulled together and made plays when we needed them to." The Wildcats' short-handed defense was paced by Nick Rosochacki, Andy Price and Jason Miller, according to Blaylock.

Salem gridders fall to Northern, 31-13

Five players scored a touchdown Friday as host Walled Lake Northern won its second football game with a 31-13 victory over Plymouth Salem.

The Knights (2-3) ended a three-game losing streak at the expense of the winless the Rocks (0-5).

Quarterback Kevin Petsch scored on an 8-yard bootleg run, and B.J. Johnson, who replaced Petsch when the latter was injured, ran 15 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Royce Dickson, who scored both Salem touchdowns on kickoff returns, ran the ensuing kick back 79 yards to make the score 12-6. After Northern had taken a 31-6 lead in the fourth quarter, Dickson had an 88-yard kickoff return.

The Knights led 18-6 after halftime following a 5-yard run

by Sam Hall late in the second quarter.

In the second half, Tim Gandee and Nick Kecskes scored on short runs of 3 and 5 yards, respectively.

Northern had 259 rushing yards with Johnson carrying 17 times for 112. Hall added eight carries for 43 yards and Gandee seven for 40. Johnson was 3-of-8 passing for 40 yards, and Petsch completed one pass for 20.

Ryan Hummel had six tackles, two sacks and two fumble recoveries to lead a defense that held Salem to 96 yards rushing and 17 passing. Jared Rose had eight tackles, and Tom Ropek had a 30-yard interception return.

The Knights are 1-2 in the WLAA Lakes Division and the Rocks 0-3.

Late TD pushes Churchill past Spartans

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Fueled by the memory of a humbling defeat nearly a year ago, Livonia Churchill running back Michael Berger shifted his 5-foot-10, 170-pound frame into overdrive for Friday night's game at Livonia Stevenson.

When Berger's legs finally stopped churning after 24 carries and 134 hard-earned yards, he and the Chargers walked off the Spartans' turf with a pivotal 14-13 victory that kept their hopes for a WLAA Lakes Division crown alive and well.

Churchill is now 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the Lakes. Stevenson dropped to 4-1 and 2-1, respectively. Walled Lake Central — Stevenson's next opponent — leads the division with a 3-0 mark.

"We got beat 70-33 by Stevenson last year, so to come back and beat them tonight is the best feeling ever," said Berger. "I know a lot of their players from middle school. After what they did to us last year, if we could only win one

game this year, this would be the one."

After Churchill scored on quarterback Tom Tilley's 2-yard run with 1:01 left to go up 14-7, the Spartans countered with an electric four-play, 77-yard drive that was capped when Darius Pringle grabbed a Mitchell White crossing pass and sprinted 47 yards to make it 14-13 with 13 seconds left.

With overtime looming, the Spartans' extra-point attempt sailed inches wide of the right upright. The ensuing onside-kick attempt was smothered by Churchill with four seconds left to seal the deal.

"After they scored to make it 14-13, I told the kids that we were still in the lead, the game isn't over and that this is a big extra point," said Churchill coach John Filiatraut. "We tried to get a block, but Stevenson did a good job blocking us. We just lucked out when it went wide."

"We've lost three close games in similar fashion this year, so I know what they're feeling. But good for us. We've been work-

ing hard and we deserved it." Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said his team seemed out of sync from the get-go, a fact he attributed to Churchill's effort. "Churchill played really well tonight," said Gabel. "If you look at this game objectively, you'd have to say that they clearly outplayed us and they deserved to win."

"We made a lot of mistakes tonight — we had penalties, we dropped the ball. And defensively, it seemed like we were in kind of a fog. It's not that the kids didn't play hard. They did. We just made a lot of mistakes."

The Spartans' first critical error came on their opening possession when Churchill defensive end Kevin Tabone pounced on a fumble at the Stevenson 39. Four plays later, Berger galloped in from six yards out to put the visitors up, 6-0. Nicholas Barbas followed with the first of his two successful extra-point attempts to make it 7-0 just 2:15 into the contest.

With a stiff wind blowing from the south and a light drizzle falling, the game

evolved into a defensive battle for the remainder of the half. The Spartans finally broke the ice with 12 ticks left in the first half when Derek Severson hauled in a high, spiraling punt at the Charger 47, eluded two tacklers, broke to the outside and sprinted into the end zone to knot the game at 7-7.

Led by the running of Berger mixed in with a few short completions by Tilley, the Chargers dominated the third quarter by running 19 offensive plays to the Spartans' three. However, they couldn't score against Stevenson's bend-but-don't-break defense.

The key play in the fourth quarter unfolded with 7:05 left when Stevenson safety Pat York picked off a Tilley pass at the Charger 20. However, following a hard tackle, York fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Churchill's Aaron Poirier at the 10.

Churchill capitalized on the break by grinding out a 12-play, 90-yard drive that ended with Tilley's 2-yard TD with 1:01 to play.

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Langham's 14 lead Rocks to big victory

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Thomann. "Northville only had one run-out basket, so we were getting back on defense."

Salem led 10-4 after one quarter, 16-8 at the half and 25-14 with eight minutes to play.

CANTON 43, STEVENSON 14: Ja'nee Morton scored 15 points and Becci Houdek added 12 as the Chiefs (5-2) rolled to the WLAA crossover win over host Livonia Stevenson (2-5).

It was 6-all after one quarter before Canton went on a tear, outscoring the Spartans 16-0 in the second period and 15-4 in the third.

Stevenson missed all four free throw attempts, while Canton was 5-of-6.

"After a shaky first quarter, I thought the girls did a nice job of re-focusing and attacking their zone," said Canton coach

Brian Samulski. "We defended well after the first quarter."

Junior center Baylee Hollowell played well, registering eight points and eight rebounds.

CHURCHILL 53, PLYMOUTH 44: Talk about a turnaround.

Trailing 11-0 at the outset, Livonia Churchill came on like gangbusters over the final three quarters to earn a 53-44 girls basketball victory Thursday at home over Plymouth.

The Chargers improved to 3-3 overall with the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover win, while Plymouth, fresh from a 35-33 upset on Tuesday of district rival Salem, falls to 2-4.

"We switched up our zones (defenses) and we were able to hit some shots," Churchill coach Keith McDonald said. "Offensively we did what we've been wanting to do. It just opened up for us."

Three seniors led the charge for Churchill as Stephanie Bradshaw led the way with a game-high 15 points. Liz Buttery and Hilary Antal added 14 each.

Kelsi Robinson led Plymouth with a team-high 14, while sophomore Shaakira Haywood added 11.

Plymouth was 8-of-14 from the foul line, while Churchill was 6-of-11.

AGAPE 39, HV LUTHERAN 38: Madison Miller's short jump shot with one minute to play proved to be the difference for the Wolverines, who improved to 4-3 overall and 1-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Huron Valley dropped to 2-5 and 0-1.

"This was a big win for us, especially because they won the league last year," said Agape coach Rob Stockman.

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Friday at Hickory Creek G.C.

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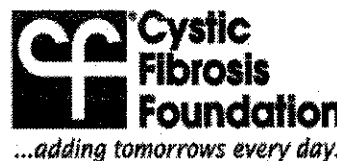
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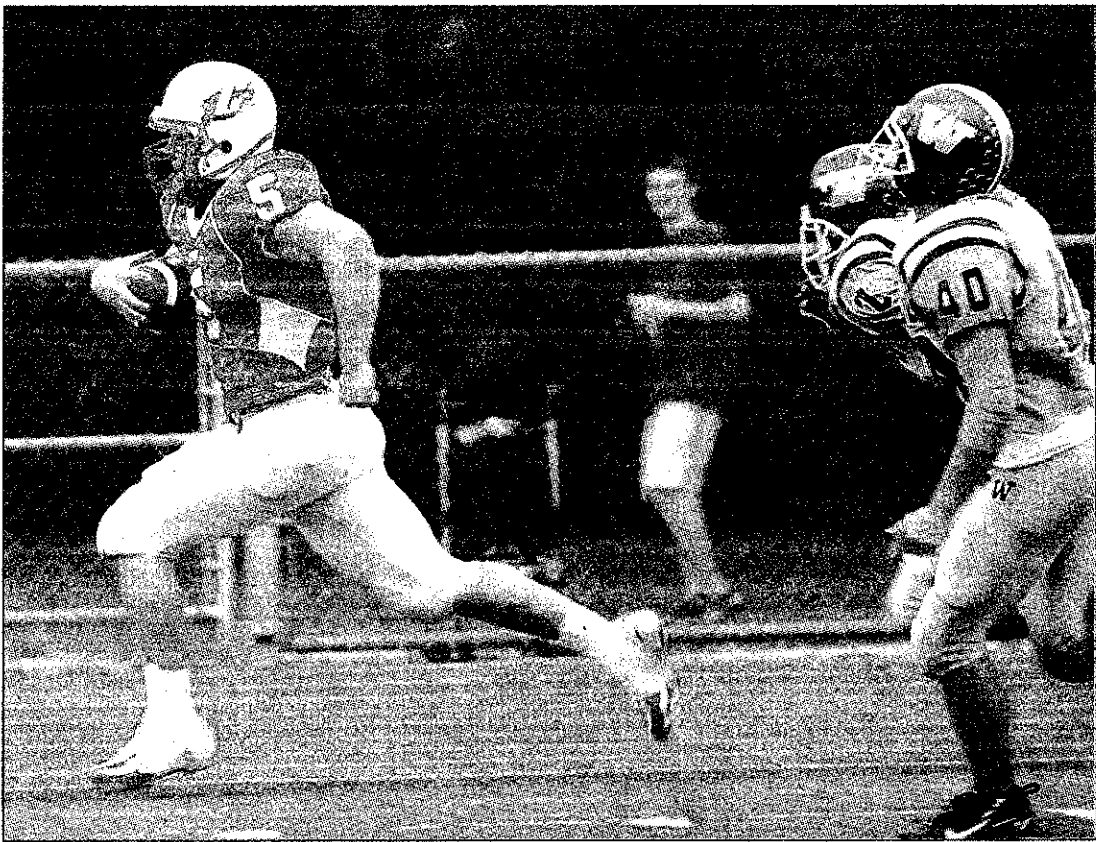
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Canton's Nick Moores, pictured above in a game earlier this season, picked up 36 yards on nine carries in Friday night's 23-19 victory over Livonia Franklin.

CANTON

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story of the game."

Antwaun Hawkins added 85 yards on 10 carries, including a 59-yard TD with 10 minutes left in the first period to stake the Chiefs to a 7-0 lead.

But after Hawkins' score, the Patriots came right back on an 87-yard kickoff return by Israel Woolfork. The lanky 6-foot-5 junior took a reverse lateral pitch from Cole Kelly after momentarily bobbling the ball.

The Patriots then took a 13-7 lead with 7:51 left in the second quarter thanks to a 41-yard burst up the middle by sophomore fullback David Fortin, but the extra point attempt was blocked.

Canton answered with McClendon's 40-yard TD burst with 4:09 remaining in the half to take a 14-13 advantage (following Colin O'Shaunessy's second straight extra point).

Franklin then missed the first of its two field goal tries from 42 yards out after driving down to the Canton 25 with 29 seconds left.

In the second half, Franklin took its first possession and drove down to the Canton 13, only to come up empty on a 30-yard field goal try.

Canton then responded with a six-play, 80-yard drive which was capped by a bizarre play when Hawkins burst into the Franklin secondary, only to fumble and have it picked up by teammate Williams Turner, who went the final 18 yards for the score with 5:28 to go in the third quarter.

Canton then appeared to have the game put away, only to be rebuffed on fourth-and-inches when quarterback Steve Paye was stopped at the goal line on the first play of the final quarter.

"The quarterback sneak was a stupid call on my part," Baechler. "I could just kick myself. I know Steve (Paye) is a big, strong guy, but that wasn't the right play."

The Chiefs, however, did not come up completely empty, sacking Franklin quarterback Jesse Carpenter in the end zone for a two-point safety to make it 23-13 with 11:47 to go.

It remained a 10-point cushion for the Chiefs until late in the fourth quarter when Carpenter hit Sean Sciba with an 11-yard pass - a play McClendon was injured on trying to make a tackle - followed by Kelly's 33-yard halfback pass to Dan Chynoweth.

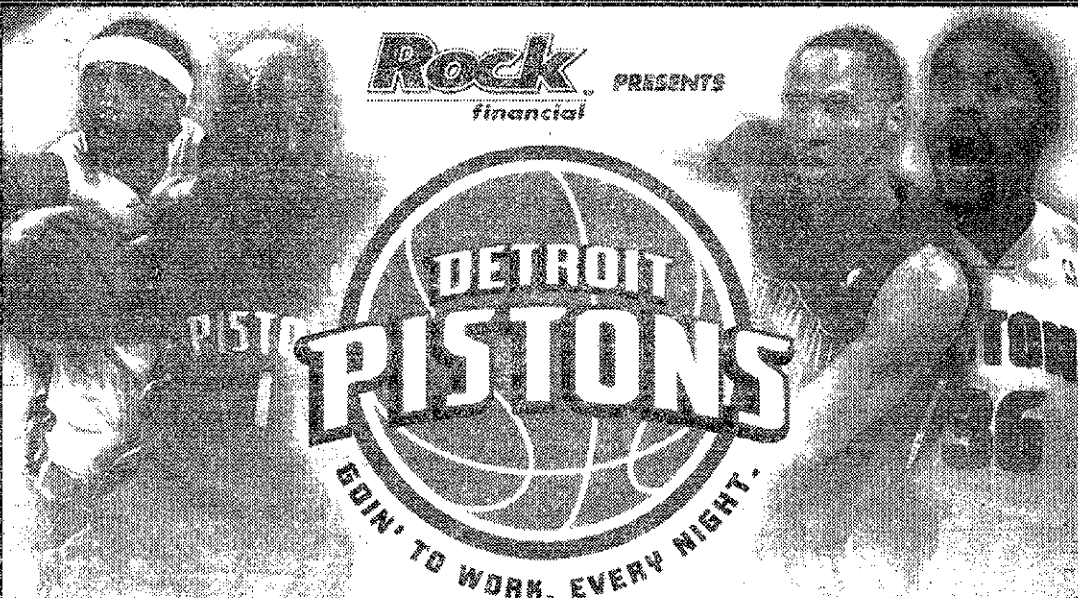
Franklin then scored on fourth-and-5 with 2:51 to play when Sciba, in for the injured Carpenter, hurled a 21-yard scoring pass to Chynoweth, who led all receivers with five catches for 115 yards.

The Patriots, though, muffed their second extra point of the night and were forced to try an onside kick, which didn't go the required 10 yards and Canton taking over at the Franklin 46.

With Paye going down earlier with a sprained knee, backup quarterback Adam Powers was inserted into the lineup and the Chiefs clinched the win by getting a critical first down on fourth-and-two with only 1:07 to go on a 4-yard run by Chris Bogdanski.

Franklin was limited to 111 yards on the ground and 137 yards passing (9-of-20). The Patriots also had three critical drops, including a sure TD in the second period, while missing four kicks.

"It's their size, did you see how big they are?" Kelfert said. "They shut down our inside game. But more than offense - it's their defense that has made them great teams. They suffocate you, especially when you're behind, and that's when they really make it uncomfortable for you."



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round of the playoffs. I'm 100 percent now."

That's music to the ears of Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci, who has had the best seat in the house over the past three seasons as Collins has racked up 60 goals and 57 assists. The 117 points put him in 31st place on the franchise's All-Time career scoring list.

"Dan's a great kid and a very talented player," said Vellucci. "He's gotten better every year he's been here. He suffered a setback with the injury, but he's worked hard to get back to full strength."

Vellucci said Collins, who was drafted by the Florida Panthers in the third round of the 2005 NHL Draft, is as valuable off the ice as he is on it.

"He's a very popular guy amongst his teammates,"

Vellucci said. "He has a persona about him that makes people look up to him."

"We need Dan to have a well-balanced season. Along with scoring, we need him to compete every shift and to do the little things it takes to win games."

Two weeks ago, Collins competed on a team with several other Florida Panther draftees against other NHL teams' rookies. The opportunity was a golden one for Collins to catch the eyes of the Panthers' assistant coaches who ran the rookie team at the Toronto-based tournament.

"It was a great experience playing against guys that are older and who maybe played in the AHL," Collins said. "It helped show me how hard I have to work to get to the next level."

"You only get two years to sign, so every time they see you play they're evaluating you. They want to sign you and give you a lot of money, so you have to play

well every time you're with them."

What advice did the Florida coaches pass on to Collins during the week-long tournament?

"They told me to try and be more consistent," he said. "They told me to play hard every day, every shift, and good things would happen."

Collins acquired a taste for the sport during his early years growing up in suburban Syracuse, N.Y.

"Before I started playing, my stepfather would take me to a lot of AHL games," he said. "I actually started playing when I was 6 years old. I liked it right away — once I learned what off-sides and icing were."

Collins was drafted by the Whalers in the second round of the 2003 OHL Entry Draft.

"I've liked living in Plymouth since the first day I moved here," Collins said. "It's a great place to live and for people to raise families. I like the fact that it's very calm and peaceful."

Rock swimmers outlast Warriors

Salem High School's official Homecoming isn't until next week, but the Rocks' girls swimming-and-diving team celebrated Thursday night.

Competing for the first time this season in their recently renovated pool, the Rocks outstayed Walled Lake Western, 105-81 to improve to 1-0 in dual meets. Salem was led by Ally Stencel (two individual firsts and one second) and Katie Gorman, who touched first in a pair of events.

Coach Chuck Olson's squad also received first-place efforts from diver Katie Koetting and back-stroker Whitney Aumiller.

"The girls were pretty excited to finally be able to swim in a dual meet," said Olson. "We started practicing Aug. 14, so that's quite a while to go without a dual meet. It's nice to be back in the pool again and have normal practice times again. The girls did a good job of dealing with the adversity."

SALEM 105

W.L. WESTERN 81

Thursday at Salem

(Following are Salem's first-, second- and third-place finishers.)

200-yard medley relay: 2. (Whitney Aumiller, Jennifer Grodus, Emily Bair, Ally Stencel), 2:04.34.
200 freestyle: Katie Gorman, 2:10.31; 2. Allison Burke, 2:12.72; 3. Megan McManimon, 2:17.63.
200 IM: 2. Whitney Aumiller, 2:25.97; 2. Emily Bair, 2:27.71.
50 freestyle: 2. Ally Stencel, 26.62; 3. Andrea Spohn, 28.47.
1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting, 204.85 points.
100 butterfly: 2. Emily Bair, 1:10.85; 3. Sandy Nabra, 1:13.40.
100 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencel, 58.98; 2. Allison Burke, 1:00.88.
500 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman, 5:51.03; 2. Megan McManimon, 6:06.54.
200 freestyle relay: 2. (Ally Stencel, Andrea Spohn, Rena Clark, Katie Gorman), 1:50.31; 3. (Anna Chamberlain, Danielle Roy, Elizabeth Staff, Alexis Thornbury), 1:56.63.
100 backstroke: 1. Whitney Aumiller, 1:04.63; 3. Kristin Hartwig, 1:09.55.
100 breaststroke: 3. Jennifer Grodus, 1:21.22.
400 freestyle relay: 1. (Katie Gorman, Emily Bair, Allison Burke, Whitney Aumiller), 4:05.6; 3. (Elizabeth Staff, Mary Schremser, Casey Zimmerman, Megan McManimon), 4:24.91.
SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 1-0.

PLYMOUTH 102

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 80

Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. W.L. Northern (Lauren Cockels, Katie Rinkevich, Dana Halse, Andrea Wozniak), 2:05.15; 2. Plymouth (Nicole Ambrose, Ellen Palczynski, Lauren Maslyk, Emily Clanton), 2:07.53; 3. Plymouth (Stephanie Goulet, Sarah Palczynski, Chelsea Frid, Michelle Chang), 2:11.19.

200 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:10.10; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 2:15.53; 3. Katie Rinkevich (N), 2:15.68.
200 IM: 1. Dana Halse (N), 2:31.89; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 2:33.23; 3. Sarah Palczynski (P), 2:35.33.
50 freestyle: 1. Andrea Wozniak (N), 27.14; 2. Lauren Cockels (N), 27.55; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 27.66.
1-meter diving: 1. Hannah Saarinen (N), 163.95; 2. Briana Waldie (N), 155.20; 3. Elizabeth Sommer (N), 120.65.
100 butterfly: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 1:06.02; 2. Katie Rinkevich (N), 1:09.14; 3. Stephanie Goulet (P), 1:12.55.
100 freestyle: 1. Dana Halse (N), 59.20; 2. Lauren Bell (N), 1:01.23; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 1:02.28.
500 freestyle: 1. Alyssa Liakos (P), 5:58.68; 2. Maricat Egenberger (P), 5:59.02; 3. Molly McKinstry (P), 6:11.83.
200 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Northern (Andrea Wozniak, Lauren Bell, Lauren Cockels, Dana Halse), 1:49.57; 2. Plymouth (Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Palczynski, Emily Clanton, Sijia Hao), 1:50.65; 3. Plymouth (Michelle Chang, Sarah Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Maricat Egenberger), 1:55.59.
100 backstroke: 1. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:09.98; 2. Lauren Cockels (N), 1:11.41; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:11.98.
100 breaststroke: 1. Sarah Palczynski (P), 1:17.50; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:17.63; 3. Chelsea Frid (P), 1:21.55.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Alyssa Liakos, Maricat Egenberger, Melissa McKinstry), 4:06.64; 2. W.L. Northern (Andrea Wozniak, Lauren Bell, Katie Thompson, Katie Rinkevich), 4:07.83; 3. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Beth McReynolds, Stephanie Goulet, Molly McKinstry), 4:18.24.
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 2-1

Sarnia stings Whalers in opener

Trevor Kell scored a hat trick and Steven Stamkos scored twice as the Sarnia Sting defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 7-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night in the season opener before 3,614 at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Tomás Pospisil and Danny Anger scored the other Sarnia goals. Dan Collins, James Neal and Andrew Fournier all scored one goal a piece for the Whalers.

Although Kell and Stamkos were playing in their first-ever game for Sarnia, they are in different stages in their

respective careers. Kell (the game's first star) is a veteran overage recently acquired by Sarnia from London, while Stamkos was taken first overall by the Sting in the 2006 OHL Draft.

Sarnia defenseman Ryan Wilson added three assists.

Sarnia never trailed, leading 4-2 after one period and 6-3 after 40 minutes.

Plymouth tied the game at 1-1 on Collins' goal at 4:54 of the first period and 2-2 on Neal's goal at 16:04 of the period. But Pospisil lit the lamp 31 seconds later to give Sarnia a 3-2 advantage and Kell scored his first of the evening 27 sec-

onds after that at 17:02 to give Sarnia a 4-2 lead.

Special teams proved to be the difference, with Sarnia getting 16 power plays and scoring four goals with the man advantage.

Plymouth went 1-for-9 on the power play.

Plymouth rookie goaltender Michal Neuvirth started the game and was relieved by Jeremy Smith after Kell scored at 2:10 of the second period to give Sarnia a 5-2 lead.

Neuvirth stopped 7-of-12 shots in 22 minutes in his OHL debut. Smith stopped 19-of-21 Sarnia shots the rest of the way.

Plymouth harriers 4th at Holly

The Plymouth boys cross country team proved it can run with some of the best teams in the state on Sept. 16 when it placed fourth in the 20-team Holly Invitational.

The competition was won by defending Division 1 state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer, which finished with 85 points, 76 less than the Wildcats.

"It was a good race for us," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "It was one of the top two invitationals in the state

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this weekend and it's always one of the top races all season."

Plymouth was paced by senior Anthony Scaparo, who placed fourth overall with a clocking of 16:47, 33 seconds behind race winner Robbie Fisher of Grosse Pointe North.

Sophomore Derek Lax also

had a stellar meet, placing 14th in 17:20.

"Derek ran a great tactical race," said Shaw. "He was one of the few runners for us who ran the race how it should have been run."

Also competing for the Wildcats were Justin Huey (40th in 17:52), Matt Levandowski (51st in 18:11), Cristian Chagas (52nd in 18:14), Pat Slavens (85th in 18:54) and Alex Noble (100th in 19:13).



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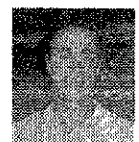
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LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

OFF SEASON DESTINATIONS

If you have not noticed, the weather has already begun to change and it won't be long before we are storing our clubs for the winter. That is unless we plan on doing some traveling during the cold weather season. The following are all recommended destinations that the staff at "Lesson on Golf" has personally experienced. Check with the resorts for prices, which can be a bit pricey.

We begin with "low country" golf at Myrtle Beach in the Carolinas, with some of the best values in golf travel today amid its over 125 courses. Almost all of its courses have public access. Golf in December comes with some tremendous values if you can accept the weather risk. Temperatures in the 50s are likely.

South Florida has some very well known resorts such as Doral (Miami), PGA National (West Palm Beach) and The Breakers (Palm Beach) to name a few. Doral and PGA National offer the best group of courses, while The Breakers is arguably the nicest resort in the state.

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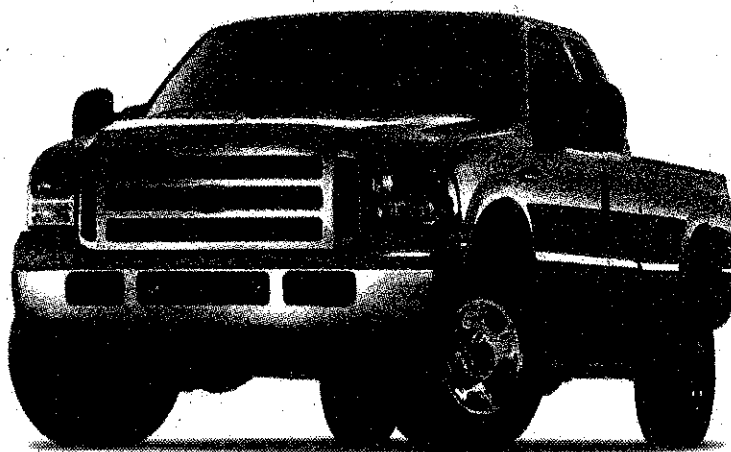
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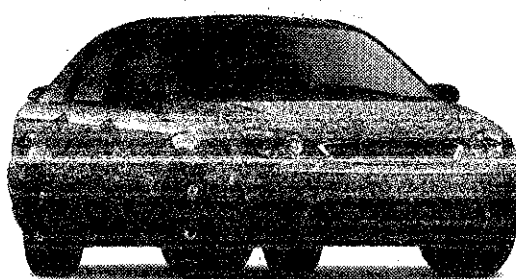
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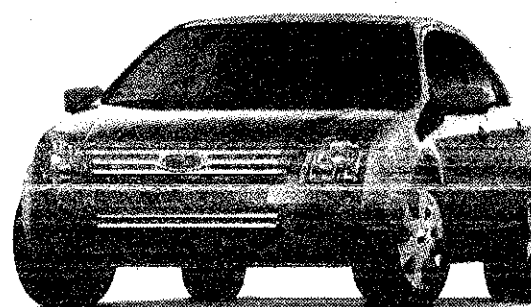
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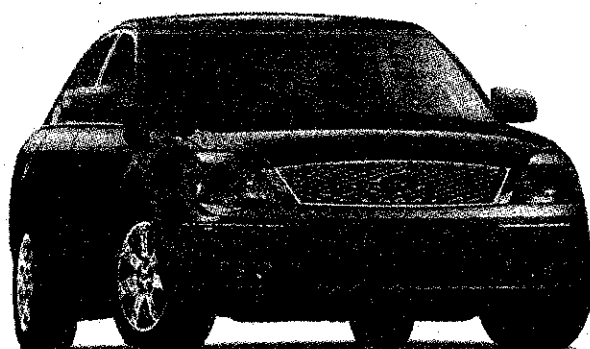
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Organizing relieves stress

How do you play two sports and still get good grades without going crazy? Stressed

It sounds as though sports and grades are two of your top priorities. You also seem to recognize that it isn't always easy to excel at two things without getting totally stressed out! When you've got a lot going on, it's important to stay organized. Keeping a planner, or writing your schedule on a calendar, can help. You should include practice times and game times, due dates for your assignments, and dates of tests for each of your classes. Before taking on other projects or activities, check your schedule to make sure you don't overbook yourself. Remember to save time slots for reading, studying and doing homework. It's also important to make time to hang out with friends, see a movie, or just chill out listening to your favorite music.

If you're feeling too stressed and overwhelmed, you need to sit down with your parents and explain how

you're feeling. As a family, you can decide how best to deal with your load. But whatever your decision is, keep your priorities straight and keep working toward your goal.



Teen Talk

Monica
Fulton

How do I get a kid that sits behind me to stop annoying me? Distracted

It's important to be able to focus during

class and it's sounds like the person sitting behind you is interfering with your concentration. If you haven't already, simply tell the person to stop doing whatever it is that you find annoying. For example, you could say something like, "When you kick my chair, I get distracted. I need to concentrate so I can get a good grade in this class. Please keep your feet off my chair." By telling this person what you need and why, you might get a positive response. Of course, the person might choose to continue and you might need to ask your teacher for a seat reassignment if you can't ignore the situation. If this is the case, make sure your teacher understands why you're asking. Most teachers would rather change a seating chart than deal with a blowout when you've had more than you can take. Deal with the situation earlier, rather than later.

I want to get back into school this year but I don't know anyone and I'm kind of scared. What should I do? Dropped Out

If graduating from high school is what you want to do - then do it! Feeling scared or nervous about a new place or meeting new people is normal. But it shouldn't keep you from reaching your goals. If you're ready to return to school, call the main office for the school district and make an appointment with the person in charge of student enrollment. Find out what your options are - you might be eligible for an alternative school setting or even night classes if the traditional high school setting isn't your cup of tea. Getting your high school diploma is one of the best things you can do for yourself. Don't let anyone or anything stand in your way!

How do I get back at someone that calls me a stupid blonde (the person is a friend)? Angry Blonde

You don't. Getting back at someone is simply revenge. Revenge doesn't accomplish much except to relieve our anger for a little while. Is this person really a friend? If so, why would your friend say something like that to you? I suggest telling this person that being called stupid by a friend isn't your idea of a friendship. If your friend continues to put you down, it's time to drop this person and find a new friend. By the way, being blond is a good thing! But, I'm probably a bit biased ...

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Days of caring



United Way volunteers (from left) Larissa Priebe from Cooper Standard, along with Doug and Patricia LaRowe from DTE work on repainting the dormitory rooms at the Methodist Children's Home Society.

Volunteers make a difference the United Way

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Volunteers really do make a difference at the Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford. On Friday, Sept. 8, nearly two dozen employees of DTE Energy and Cooper Standard Automotive brightened the lives of youth by painting one of the cottages and sorting through school supplies. The project was one of 26 going on during Days of Caring, the kickoff for the United Way Torch Drive campaign continuing to Nov. 15.

The Methodist Children's Home Society is one of the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county agencies receiving funding from donations made to United Way. Founded in 1917 in Highland Park, the Redford agency cares for boys, ages 10-17, who have been removed from homes statewide due to abuse or neglect. The children's home moved to Redford in 1929 after caring for youth in a Farmington location since 1922.

"The amount of money we save is incredible," said Steve Dingman, associate executive director of development and marketing, and a Canton resident. "Just having a group paint allows us to use that money elsewhere. We have foster care in addition to residential care and also do adoptions although not as many as we used to. Often the infant children are medically involved, having drug exposure during pregnancy or are victims of fetal alcohol syndrome. It takes a special family to take on that responsibility."

TEAMWORK

In another cottage, volunteers sorted through school supplies and clothes which were donated or purchased with funds from United Way.

Jeff Baytarian, United Way campaign manager, headed up the 22 volunteers at the children's home. A Farmington Hills resident, Baytarian had worked with DTE Energy and Cooper Standard Automotive employees in the past.

"My passion is to help people less fortunate than myself," said Baytarian.

George Chen, a cost estimator at Cooper in Auburn Hills, has been helping others since 1989 when he raised funds for United Way at the office. In the past, the Rochester Hills resident has volunteered at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

"I wanted to help do my part to help children's lives," said Chen.

Jaime Mortimer was painting alongside Chen in one of the children's rooms. Mortimer, an Oak Park resident, is an engineer at Cooper in Auburn Hills.

"I never knew this existed (Methodist Children's agency) so close to home," said Mortimer. "I was just married three months ago and plan to look into fostering (through the children's home)."

In another cottage, volunteers sorted through school supplies and clothes which were donated or purchased with funds from United Way. Like Mortimer, Maribeth Pittman plans to become involved with the home.



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United Way campaign manager Jeff Baytarian of Farmington Hills joins Nancy Morelli, (Livonia) of DTE in painting one of the rooms at the Methodist Children's Home as part of the United Way Days of Caring event.



Debbie Littlepage of Brighton (left) and DeAnna Cunningham of New Hudson sort through school supplies at the Methodist Children's Home as part of the United Way Days of Caring event. Fran Williams of Southfield is pictured in the back.

"I'd like to come back regularly," said Pittman, a Canton resident who works at Cooper. "I'm a single mom with two young boys so the welfare of young boys is important to me."

It was part of Nancy Morelli's job as United Way campaign coordinator at DTE to organize the energy company's 100 volunteers in different locations statewide. DTE helps support 40 United Ways in Michigan.

Morelli regularly calls upon her two young daughters to help with United Way activities. Gina, 14, a Stevenson High School freshman, has taken her volunteer work a step further by making keychains and donating 20-percent of sales to PAWS with a Cause and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, two United Way agencies.

'SEE THE NEEDS'

"You see the needs and you see the resolution," said Morelli, a Livonia resident who was painting and pulling weeds alongside co-

workers. "We had an employee diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. We built him a ramp because he was wheelchair-bound with funds from United Way. After he died I received a note from his family saying thank you for making his life a little easier. If we can help one person, make it a little easier, that's what it is all about."

Fran Williams provides special assistance to about 150 United Way agencies with their fund-raising efforts in addition to working on site. A United Way loan ambassador, she is sponsored by Young & Rubicam for a three-month period. This week, she'll don her Captain Karen costume and pass out candy at the Children's Aid Society to help them with their campaign. Before retiring from United Airlines, she handled fund raising for the United Way campaign there so she has plenty of experience.

"It gives me an opportunity to give not only time, but monetary as well," said

Williams, a Southfield resident who was sorting through school supplies in one of the cottages. "It's kind of rewarding. It leaves you with a very good feeling."

Pat McCann hears from volunteers regularly about the rewards of giving time. During the Days of Caring, she organized the helping hands who built five handicap ramps as part of the Ray West Memorial Project, and remodeled four early childhood literacy centers including Oakland Family Services in Pontiac.

"I work with thousands of volunteers throughout the year," said McCann, director of volunteer services for United Way. "We offer these opportunities year round for companies, schools, businesses, churches, individuals to connect with nonprofits. We have an easy to use Web site currently populated with over 300 opportunities (www.uwsem.org) or they can contact me directly at the volunteer center, (313) 226-9430."

Michael Brennan says the No. 1 reason people don't volunteer or contribute to United Way is because they don't know the opportunity exists.

"The need is escalating that's why it's so important to ask every resident to participate," said Brennan, executive director of United Way for Southeast Michigan. "Everyone knows we're in one of the largest economic contractions in 20-years. That puts a great demand on social services for those who find themselves in a difficult

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CROP Walk helps needy around world, close to home



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Deanna Koenig of Canton, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School, is a super fund-raiser for the CROP Walk.

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Walkers will take to the streets Sunday, Oct. 8, as the Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk again raises money to help needy people right here and worldwide.

The route will leave from St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth on Sheldon. There's a 2.1-mile route and a 4.1-mile one, said organizer Bill Brave of St. John's Episcopal.

Registration will be 1:30 p.m., with the walk starting at 2 p.m. "I think it's just a nice family event," said Plymouth resident Brave, who enjoys walking with his family. "It's for a good cause." Last year, the local walk

raised some \$10,000. One major fund-raiser was Deanna Koenig, 17, a Canton resident and senior at Plymouth Salem High School.

Koenig, of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, raised some \$8,200 last year, the tops in Michigan for any walker. Her dad ran the local event when she was younger. "I was just really touched by everything they did," she said.

Koenig, daughter of Cheryl and Doug Koenig, noted it's been tough in this economy to raise money this year. She's also busy with senior activities. She's considering a Peace Corps stint after earning her bachelor's degree in

biochemistry, and later medical school or international relations.

Koenig's efforts haven't gone unnoticed. She'll be featured in an upcoming Church World Service film, with filming to be done of her at the local CROP Walk and the one in Ann Arbor the same day.

Church World Service will receive 75 percent of funds from the local walk, the Plymouth Salvation Army the rest. Participating churches this year are: the Salvation Army, St. John's Episcopal, Geneva Presbyterian of Canton, First Church of Christ Scientist,

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First United Methodist and First Baptist of Plymouth. Brave said bikes, skates and skateboards aren't allowed on the route. "Strollers are fine for families." The local event's had about 50 walkers in the past. "The last few years we have had nice weather," he said. "You always keep your fingers crossed." The Salvation Army has a canteen with water and refreshments for the walkers. Canton's Barb Fichtenberg worships at Geneva Presbyterian and is coordinating CROP Walk efforts there. She noted the support of Church World Service for Hurricane Katrina victims and others. Information's available online at www.churchworldservice.org.

"I enjoy the ecumenical spirit of it, walking with people from other churches," Fichtenberg said. "I think the projects that Church World Service does are very worthwhile." The walk started locally in the 1980s and has been held annually since 1997. "We alternate Plymouth and Canton and this year it's Plymouth," Fichtenberg said. "It's something the whole family can participate in." She added that people in other countries sometimes must walk many miles for clean water. "I think it gives me a sense of solidarity with those people around the world who don't have those things I take for granted. You do think about those things when you walk. It gives you an appreciation, I think, for what we have." Information on the local walk is available from Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

UNITED WAY

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circumstance. We saw that with the launch of 2-1-1 (phone service) that people can call for help. Last month we had the most calls ever about 10,000. That was a 50 percent increase over last month, 80 percent over a year ago. "For 2-1-1 calls there are over 7,000 services that they have information on. We have more calls to 2-1-1 on foreclosures than we've had in the past. We see calls regarding utility assistance, taking care of a parent for the first time from counseling to meal delivery, calls from someone who finds themselves in an abusive environment where would they go for respite and safety, also those who want to volunteer to mentor or tutor a child. It's because of the financial support that a program like 2-1-1 can be created, coordinated and launched."

Sharing a way of life for retiring Lutheran pastor

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

After 42 years in the ministry, senior pastor the Rev. Luther Werth says it's time to retire. On Sunday, Sept. 24, he'll leave parishioners at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia after 22 years. He expects the three worship services on that day to be "difficult" emotionally. The 1,650-member congregation has become part of his family along with wife Norma and daughters Rachel, Rebekah and Christina. "What I'm telling people is our relationship will change. I'll no longer be a pastor but personal friend," said Werth, 67.

Werth always knew the ministry was his calling. He grew up in a parsonage in northern Wisconsin and by high school wanted to follow in his father's footsteps as a pastor.

interim minister, serving in churches awaiting a new pastor. "I'll help the congregation in transition between pastors," said Werth. "There's a shortage of interim ministers in southeastern Michigan." Werth always knew the ministry was his calling. He grew up in a parsonage in northern Wisconsin and by high school wanted to follow in his father's footsteps as a pastor. After completing four years of college and four years of seminary, Werth began a new mission in Ohio. After that he answered the call to Timothy Lutheran in Iowa then Hope Lutheran in Kansas City before coming to Christ Our Savior in 1985 to serve its 500 members. Since then he's grown not only the congregation, but spread the word to the community. About 10 years ago, he placed cameras in the church so he could record worship and take the message to the homebound. "I felt there was the need for outreach into the community to bring the gospel to people in the community," said Werth. "A contemporary service has brought in more baby boomers. Young people go more for traditional. That's typical




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Retiring pastor Luther Werth reflects on his time at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

across the country. They're more conservative. We acquired a third pastor, 27 years old to work with young people. We're now probably the largest Protestant church in the area." Werth hopes his legacy will be that he followed the written word and developed ministries to meet the needs. For years, he tried to form small group Bible studies in homes but the concept never realized until the last couple of years. He founded the first Bible study four years after he arrived at Christ Our Savior. Werth had learned to read Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and German in the seminary so he could study the old texts. "One thing I've emphasized strongly was Bible study," said Werth. "I started that. I taught it. Six years ago we started Bethel Bible Study, an overview of the Bible over a period of two years. It's all about getting people into the Word of God." A couple of years ago, Werth established a video ministry to ensure that those seated even in the last pews could view services which include about 30 baptisms of infants every year. For seniors, he founded a Wednesday morning Bible Study, and for children the youth ministry. Although he's been active in the church at large as vice president of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod for 12 years, Werth especially enjoys working with members of his congregation. "Our vision statement says our purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who will share the love of Jesus in the community and around the world," said Werth.

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






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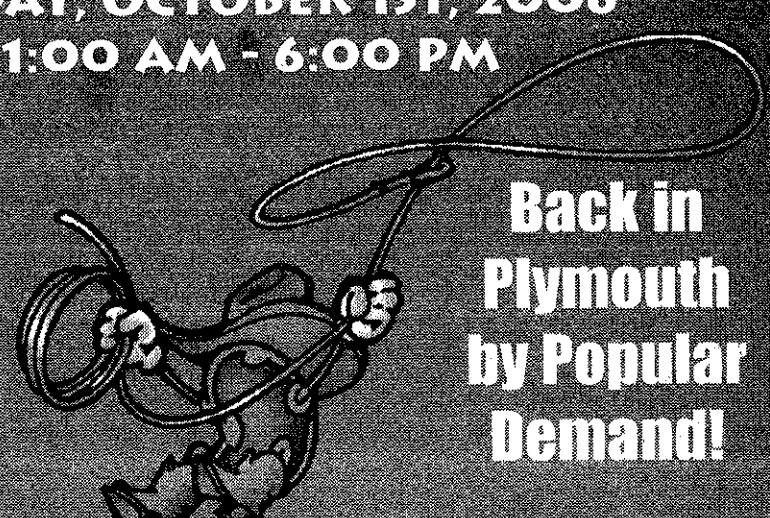

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FICTION

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- 2. "Rise and Shine," Anna Quindlen
- 3. "Dark Celebration," Christine Feehan
- 4. "Judge & Jury," James Patterson
- 5. "Ricochet," Sandra Brown

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- 1. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron

- 2. "Marley & Me," John Grogan
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- 4. "Pinkalicious," Victoria Kann
- 5. "The Lamb-a-roo," Diana Kimpton

Benefit to support
Sheriff's Mounted Unit

More than 50 horses and riders are expected to participate in a fund-raiser to help sustain Michigan's last remaining police mounted patrol. On Saturday, Sept. 30, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans and his mounted officers will host their second annual benefit fund-raiser, an affordable event geared toward families and area horse owners.

The event takes place from noon until 4 p.m. at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park between Farmington and Merriman roads in Westland. The public is invited. For a \$25 tax-deductible donation to the Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Unit, guests will be able to meet officers and their horses, enjoy refreshments and take hayrides. They also will have an opportunity to see inside the county's armored personnel carrier and meet and greet with officers from the motorcycle unit, marine patrol and K9 Unit. Children ages 12 and younger can attend free of charge.

"Being the last remaining full-time police mounted patrol in the state in economically

tight times means we have to reach out to the community for support," Evans said. "Our mounted unit is extremely popular with residents and we hope that popularity translates to support for this important event."

DREAM CRUISE OF HORSES

For a \$35 donation, individuals who have their own horses will have a rare opportunity to join Evans and the rest of the Mounted Unit on a commemorative ride or "Dream Gallop" through scenic Hines Park from Nankin Mills to Plymouth and back. Evans said he expects more than 50 horse owners to join the sheriff's office mounts, along with his own personal horse, Jesse, who he will be riding that day.

"It should be an awesome sight, especially for anyone who hasn't spent much time around horses," Evans said.

In late July, the Mounted Unit hosted its first public open house, which was a success, drawing nearly 1,000 people to the Mounted Unit barn in Hines Park.

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Orchestra looking for musicians
for scary Howl-o-ween concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Doug MacQueen couldn't be more excited about the first concert he's conducting this season for the Redford Civic Symphony. It's going to be a scream. Orchestra and audience members are invited to dress in costume for a Howl-o-ween concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile, west of Inkster in Livonia. All are welcome and the program is free.

In the meantime, MacQueen is looking for string players to join the orchestra in rehearsing the concert. The program includes *Phantom of the Opera*, *Night on Bald Mountain* by Mazursky, *Funeral March for a Marionette* (Alfred Hitchcock theme), *Egmont Overture* by Beethoven, *Danse Macabre*, and *Dances of Transylvania*.

"It's going to be all spooky kind of stuff. We're just trying to have some fun," said Doug MacQueen, who took over the reins of the orchestra after associate conductor Dr. Joseph Lewis moved south.

This is MacQueen's first full season as associate conductor of the orchestra founded by John Gajek of Redford 50 years ago.

"We thought we're going to do something different this fall by starting off in late October instead of with the holiday concert in December."

MacQueen hopes to attract musicians not only from Redford, but Farmington and West Bloomfield. MacQueen taught music in Farmington Schools for 36 years before retiring recently. He's already recruited a former student of his at North Farmington as a violist.

"We really need string players of all types. Violin, viola, cello are our most critical needs. We could use another bass, also a couple of oboe and French horn players," MacQueen said.

"We're particularly looking for people who enjoy playing but not professionally. We don't have audition requirements, but if they played before and can manage to get through a couple of scales or might be a little rusty we'd like to hear from them."

The Redford Civic Symphony rehearses from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Redford Community Center on Capitol, west of Beech Daly, south of I-96.

This year, their Holiday Concert takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at St. Priscilla's Catholic Church in Livonia, where the orchestra teams up with St. Priscilla's choir to perform yule music. As always, the concert is free to the public.

For more information about joining the orchestra, call MacQueen at (248) 477-1922, or send e-mail to redfordsymphony@sbcglobal.net.

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Kachers

ANNIVERSARIES

50th anniversary
Ronald and Loretta (Otto) Kacher of Westland celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding Sept. 22, 1956, at St. Luke's Church in Detroit. They have resided in Westland for 40 years.

Their children are Ronald Kacher of Hazel Park, Karen Grech of Saline, Mark Kacher of Canton, and Janet (Don) Fraser of Canton. They have six grandchildren.

Ronald (senior) retired from General Motors Fisher Body in 1989. Loretta retired from Garden City Hospital in 1996 and works part time at Jennie's Perogies in Garden City.

Ronald enjoys golfing and euchre and is a member of the Moose Lodge. Loretta likes



playing pinocle and bunko. Both enjoy travel and are Eagle Lodge members. Their favorite destination is Las Vegas.

SINGLES

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Moon-dusters

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Women - date style clothes, men - jackets and ties. For information, call Joe Castrodale, (248) 968-5197.

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Bethany Together Dance
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 30, at Divine Providence Church Hall, 25335 W.

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Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/nonmembers.

Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and field-house of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6.

In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

Co-ed Bowling League

Signup Sundays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, at

7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Oct. 8, 15, at 5:30 p.m. at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River east of Drake Road, Farmington Hills.

Western Barn Dance

7:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Lazy J Ranch, 625 South Hickory Ridge Road, Milford. Cost \$18 members, \$20 non-members. For directions, call (248) 887-1551 on day of event.

Hayride and Bonfire

Saturday, Oct. 14, at Sugarbush Farms, Gottfredson Road just north of Ford Road. For directions, call Sugarbush Farms, (734) 482-4741.

Singles Coalition Party and Dance
Friday, Sept. 29, Holiday Inn, Livonia, Six Mile and I-275. For directions, call (734) 464-1300.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101.
■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
■ Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

Tennis Anyone?

The nets are up at Rotary Park on Six Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia and you will find players there weekdays 4-7 p.m. anytime the weather is above 45 degrees. Saturday and Sunday play is 1-5 p.m. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. For more information, contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

SINGLETON

Senior groups meet weekly for dinner at local restaurants to discuss current events and future activities. For a monthly newsletter, call (313) 563-9362 or write to: P.O. Box 5356 Telford Station, Dearborn, MI 48128.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Rags to Riches

A singles "Rags to Riches" Convention is scheduled for Sept. 29-30 at the Holiday Inn in Southgate. Friday, Sept. 29, features cards, conversation and fun. On Saturday, Sept. 30, a free workshop begins 1 p.m. Speakers will include someone from Mindworks, a forensic handwriting specialist and a nutritionist. A banquet dinner will be held 6:30-7 p.m. Cost \$25. The "Rags to Riches" Ball will run 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at a cost of \$8. For information, call Pat at (248) 478-8977 or Tina at (734) 740-4063.

Cancer Benefit Ball

A Celebration of Life Cancer Benefit Ball is scheduled for Nov. 4 at the Brownstown/Dearborn Moose, 22112 Sibley Road, Brownstown. Cost is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. All proceeds will go to the University of Michigan Cancer Comprehensive Research Center. For advanced tickets or more information, call Pat at (248) 478-8977 or Harriet West at (734) 449-2236.

50th anniversary
Daniel and Lillian (Appleberg) Sanders of Livonia plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

The Sanderses were married Sept. 15, 1956, in Redford Lutheran Church. They have resided in the area for 20 years.

Their children are Daniel Sanders, and David (Kim) Sanders, all of Livonia. They have two grandchildren.

Daniel (senior) worked at Detroit Edison for 40 years and retired 13 years ago. Lillian worked at Michigan Bell for eight years before leaving to start a family. They enjoy gardening, dining



out, classic car shows, and taking long walks together.

50th wedding anniversary

Ed and Mary Azzopardi married Sept. 22, 1956, at Assumption Church in Windsor, Ontario.

Their children are Kathryn Ann (Greg) Prew, JoAnne (Steve) Wojnar, Terri (Andrew) Allendorf, Patricia (Michael) Angelini, and Jim (Michelle) Azzopardi. They have 13 grandchildren.

They have resided in Livonia for 41 years. Ed is a former employee of General Motors as a wood model maker. Mary devoted her time as a caregiver to many children. They both enjoy traveling and spending time with their children and grandchildren.



Their children planned to surprise them by taking them back to where they first said their vows at Assumption Church for a mass then on to a family celebration.

ENGAGEMENTS

Scheel - Spiker

Doug and Lynda Scheel announce the engagement of their son, Jonathan Ryan Scheel, to Jennifer Lynn Spiker daughter of Ms. Pamela Spiker of Milford, MI.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Milford High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a major in advertising. She is currently employed at American Laser Centers as a Media Buyer.

The groom-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a major in Construction Management. He is currently employed with Centex Homes as a field manager.

Wagner-Werner

Melissa Jane Wagner and Christopher Michael Werner, both of San Francisco, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Karen Wagner of Plymouth. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1999 and works as the marketing director of CCS Architecture in San Francisco.

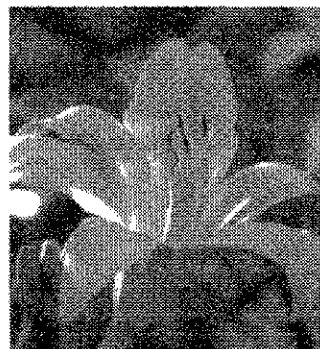
The prospective groom is the son of William and Julie Werner of Eureka, Calif. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1997 and is an associate architect at Studios Architecture in San Francisco.



They are planning a December wedding at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit. Reception immediately following at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills.



A wedding is planned for summer of 2007 in California.



ROSE MARY ASHLEE

Long-time Plymouth resident and former city employee Rose (Altomare) Ashlee died Sunday, September 17, at age 80. Friends and family members describe Rose as vibrant, fun, strong, beautiful, giving, caring, a great cook, generous, passionate, and brave. She threw herself into each day and always kept busy. Rose grew up in the coal mining community of Apollo, Pennsylvania. Her family moved to Dearborn in 1943. From around 1958 to 1963 Rose lived with her husband, Stewart, in Los Angeles, California, where she worked for Four Star Television. She told many stories of encounters with Hollywood stars, including one in which actor Ernest Borgnine bought her an ice cream cone. In 1963 Rose, Stewart, and their daughter Laura moved to Plymouth. Rose was active in Our Lady of Good Council pre-school and was the quintessential mom, heading many school committees. In 1980 the city of Plymouth hired Rose to work in the Treasurer's Office and the Building Department. She eventually retired from the Department of Public works in 1998. She took her role as public servant seriously and worked hard to assist the citizens of Plymouth. She loved "the Guys" at DPW- treating them like sons by scolding them and feeding them her Italian cooking- even after she retired. Rose filled her post-retirement years with friends, attending lectures at Schoolcraft College and shows at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, and had fun attending exercise classes at the Cultural Center and going to Curves. Rose is survived by her daughter Laura, son-in-law Dean Anderson and his sons Nate and Kevin of Okemos, her brother Frank (Sue) Altomare of Southgate and many nieces and nephews, and dear friends including Patricia Grzywacz of Plymouth and Angela Cece of Allen Park. A memorial service was held on September 20. Donations may be made in Rose's name to the University of Michigan Cancer Center and the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. For further information contact Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 734-453-3333



EVELYN FIELD FORREST

Age 69, September 18, 2006, of Centerline, formerly of Royal Oak, Birmingham, and Madison Heights. Born June 27, 1937, in Royal Oak, to the late H. Eugene and Gertrude Field. Ms. Forrest graduated from Royal Oak High School, The University of Michigan, and Wayne State University Law School. After working as a lawyer, she worked as a real estate broker. Survived by sons Charles A. Forrest, III (wife Francesca DeLillis and son Matthew R. Forrest) of Rome, Italy; and Richard A. Forrest (wife Miki Morimitsu) of Washington, D.C. Also survived by brother Gilbert Field of Royal Oak. Predeceased by brother Donald Field. A private service will be held.

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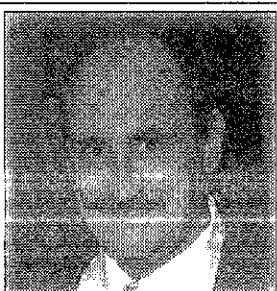
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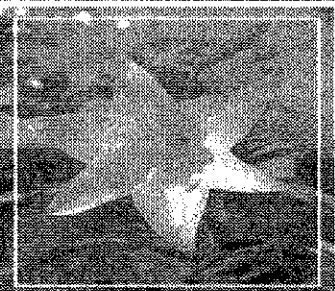
GRACE I. DUNCAN

Age 84, of Plymouth, Wisconsin (formerly of Birmingham, Michigan), passed away unexpectedly at her home on Monday, September 18, 2006. Born July 4, 1922, in the county of Ross, Ohio, a daughter of Herbert and Lillie Ervin Lancaster. She attended grade school and graduated high school in Columbus, Ohio. On June 5, 1962, she married Russell E. Duncan in Detroit, Michigan. The couple lived in Birmingham for 41 years before she moved to Wisconsin in 2003. Her husband preceded her in death on June 16, 1990. Grace was employed by the S.S. Kresge Company (K-Mart) in Columbus, Ohio for over ten years. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her loving family. Survivors include her daughter, Sandi (John) Garland of Kohler, Wisconsin; grandsons Jason Garland of Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, and Michael Garland of Hope College in Holland, Michigan; and her sister, Macleado Harvey of Munster, Indiana. Also survived by other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother. Memorial Service was held on Saturday, September 23, at the Suchon Funeral Home in Plymouth, Wisconsin, Reverend Tom Gudmundson, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls, officiating. Cremation has taken place. A memorial fund is being established in Grace's name for the American Cancer Society. The Suchon Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Plymouth is serving the family. For online condolences, please visit www.suchonfh.com



ARTHUR ROBERT MATTHIAS

of Flint, age 58, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at his home. He will be laid to rest at the Great Lakes National Cemetery on Friday, September 22, 2006, with a Memorial Service on Saturday, September 23, 2006. The service will be held at 11:00AM in the Chapel of Faith Lutheran Church, 37635 Dequindre Road in Troy, Michigan 48063. Pastor Fred Traugott will officiate. Art was born in Dallas, Texas on December 9, 1947, the son of Raymond and Mary (White) Matthias. He resided in the Flint area for the last 3 years and Oxford prior to that. Surviving are two sons, Arthur Raymond and Joseph Michael Matthias both of Asheville, NC; two Grandchildren, Kayley and Tyler; and a sister Glenn (Dave) Piziali.



LESLIE C. FARMER

Age 82, of Westland, September 21, 2006. Beloved husband of Elizabeth J. Loving father of Glenn, Linda (Phil) Mason and Jeannette (Russ) Abney. Also leaves five grandchildren, Lisa, Angela, Jeffery, Rebecca, and Daniel, nine great grandchildren, Hannah, Olivia and Molly Parsons, Joseph and Isabella Grech, Caelan and Gavrik Paul, and Gryphon and Drakon Farmer-Mays. Leslie was a member of the Detroit area Boy Scouts of America for 53 years, as a Leader and Trainer. He also was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and a Foster reader for Hayes School 2nd Graders and a Camp Counselor for 6th grade students. Funeral service Monday 1:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Visitation Sat. 2 PM - 9 PM and Sun. 2 PM - 9 PM. Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorial donations to St. Richard Catholic Church, Boy Scouts of America-Detroit Council or American Red Cross would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Snow White auditions

Auditions for children 8-15 years old for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" take place at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main in downtown Northville, 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. Children must sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music." An accompanist will be provided. Auditioners should also prepare a comic monologue. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

Lupus walk

The Lupus Alliance of America Michigan-Indiana Affiliate sponsors the 12th-annual Metro Beach Walk for

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CC Rummage Sale

The Mom's Club of Catholic Central High School is hosting its annual Rummage & Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, south of Grand River and west of Wixom Road in Novi. A \$1 bag sale will begin at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the school.

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 meetings

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speakers from the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan will talk about "Genealogy and Adoption Research." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The public is invited. Call (810) 227-7745 for details.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for car-

ing 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.

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 AAWCC, 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 pennyhomailey@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.

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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) 458-8143 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 #12 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 mothersand-more63@onebox.com.

Youth theater will hold annual auditions soon

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit only holds auditions once a year. On Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 26-28, all aspiring actors, singers and technicians (ages 11-18) from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are invited to audition for the upcoming season on a first come, first served basis. Those who join Mosaic will receive professional performing arts training.

Hours for the auditions are 6-9 p.m. each night. The audition fee is \$5 per person. Free parking is available on site at the auditions which will be held at General Motors Mosaic Theatre, 610 Antoinette, between Second and Third Avenue near Wayne State University, Detroit.

Actors can prepare and memorize a one-minute monologue from a published play or be assigned a monologue by Mosaic

staff upon arrival. All candidates will participate in a series of group warm-up exercises.

Singers must prepare a two-minute song, sung a capella, (meaning without music), and they will be asked to show harmonization skills, perform scales and arpeggios.


Technicians must attend a 10-15-minute interview where they will be expected to present an original creation they have made

in any medium (wood, paint, metal, drawing, etc.).

Every young person who auditions for Mosaic will be invited to participate in one of the three levels of training that are offered each year.

For more information regarding auditions, call Chanell Scott, program administrator, at (313) 872-6910, Ext. 4007, or send e-mail to chanell@mosaicdetroit.org.

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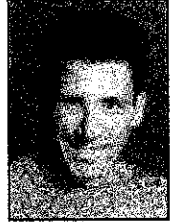
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Proper water intake is essential

Jill from Oxford is a marathon runner and e-mails asking for tips on proper water intake.

Jill, many endurance athletes think it's OK to drink and keep on drinking. That may be all right for high-performance athletes losing body fluids with excessive sweat, but athletes going at a slower pace just don't need that kind of water consumption.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Taking in too much water can lead to a condition called hyponatremia or water intoxication. The water overload causes the body's cells to swell up and it can lead to things like headache and nausea. You can even become delirious.

When it comes to water intake, for some endurance athletes, slow and steady really does win the race.

Bob from Birch Run e-mails that prostate cancer runs in his family and wants to know a good way to protect himself.

Bob, getting a good weight control program in place and sticking to it could make a big difference when it comes to beating prostate cancer. A new study shows that a weight problem can hurt chances of successful radiation treatment for prostate cancer. The study is the first to examine the role weight can play in the effectiveness of radiation therapy. And the results of the study are quite startling. Scientists found that men who are moderately to severely overweight have a 70-percent higher risk of a tumor recurring than their thinner counterparts.

That's just one more reason a proper diet benefits more than just your waistline.

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.

Search your heart

Program conveys prevention message to churches

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

While Carol Christian draws the line at wearing a french fry or cigarette costume, she regularly shows up for Sunday services dressed as a bunch of grapes, a banana or a milk carton.

Not all church nurses are quite as creative when implementing the American Heart Association program to prevent cardiovascular disease and stroke — Search Your Heart. Christian likes to make her messages as memorable as possible for the congregation at Family Victory Fellowship Church in Southfield. The costumes are her way of stressing heart-healthy nutrition — and it seems to work.

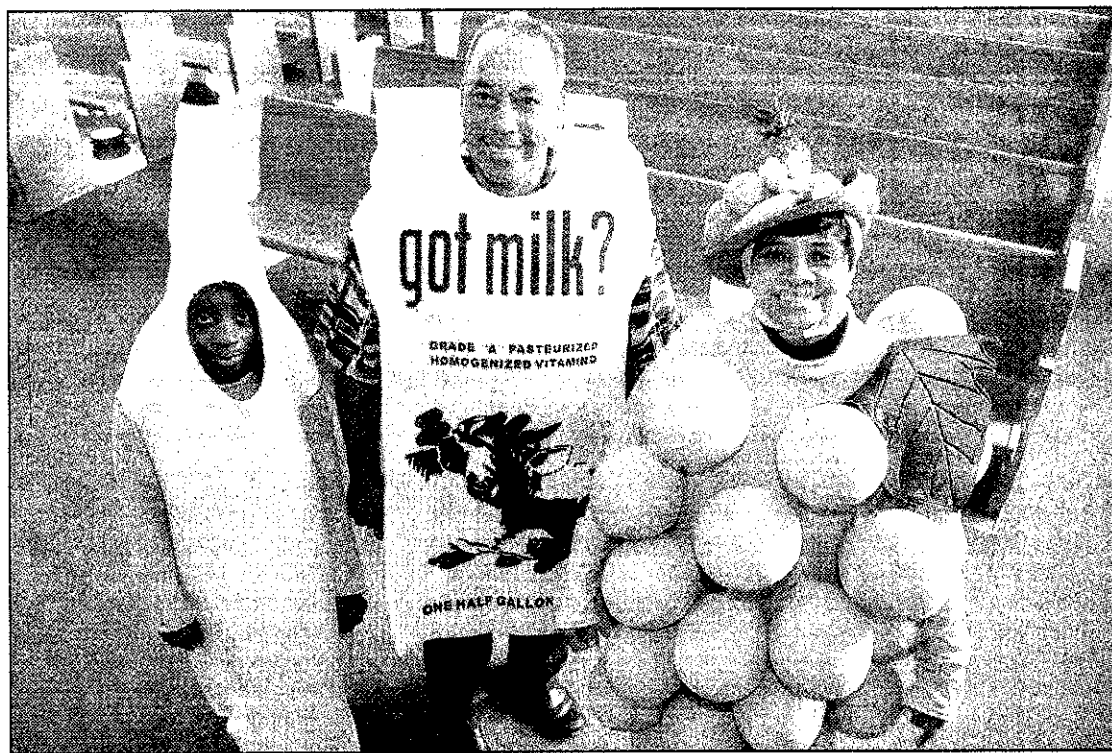
"Everything has to point to healthy," said Carol Christian, a registered nurse and department head of the church's health team.

Christian brought the Search Your Heart program to the 1,100-member congregation four years ago.

"When I go up there dressed as a grape or banana, the visual stays with them," she said, "and they say, 'That reminds me, I need more potassium.'"

"With Search Your Heart, I'm trying to reach as many as I can to teach preventive measures for hypertension, stroke, the importance of regular checkups and mammograms, and knowing the signs and symptoms of different diseases."

Originally, the Search Your Heart program was developed as a resource to educate African-Americans about reducing cardiovascular disease and stroke risk factors. Now it is being used to reach all populations. Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women in the United States.



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Health team members Helen Dukes (left), pastor Larry Jordan and registered nurse Carol Christian — standing at Family Victory Fellowship Church in Southfield — want everyone to have a healthy heart.

Along with holding an annual salad-a-rama buffet to teach members to eat healthy, Christian presents programs on physical activity, an essential component of prevention. A recent session for youth on the Tae Bo fitness regime by one of the health team's male nurses only reinforced her beliefs about raising awareness.

Christian and volunteers host blood pressure screenings every two months to test for hypertension. Exercise classes for adults and children take place regularly.

"I'm age 54 and kept up with him better than they did," said Christian, who regularly exercises at home. "When I have classes for the children, I tell them about eating air-popped popcorn for a snack and to stay away from soda pop, fried foods, potato chips. On Sunday, the young people have service downstairs. Because that's when the greatest population is there, we incorporate it in the service."

Peg Perun uses Search Your Heart to screen the blood pressure of First Congregational Church of Rochester members once a month. The registered nurse established the program about two years ago after first using it as a wellness nurse for a retirement community.

During a nine-month period, 64 screenings revealed eight people with uncontrolled high

blood pressure, 15 controlled with medication, and two members whose blood pressure was so high that they had to go to the emergency room.

"We want people to become more educated to take better care of themselves," said Peg Perun, the parish nurse. Perun sees her work as a non-invasive ministry that focuses on addressing a congregation's physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

"Our society has become more chair-bound. There's an increase in diabetes and heart disease due to sedentary lifestyle. As far as us becoming a fatter society, there's no quick fix."

Perun credits the success of the prevention program to Rev. David Wheeler, a pastor at the church. During a walk to Bethlehem during Advent before the Christmas season, members were encouraged to reflect and pray while logging miles. For seniors who couldn't walk that far, Perun suggested swimming, chair exercises, any kind of movement.

"We implemented a Fit for God program, asked all the boards and committees of the church to offer a healthy alternative snack at all meetings," said Perun, who's worked as a nurse at University of Michigan and Crittenton hospi-

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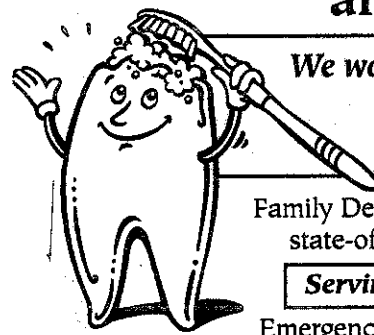
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Representatives of the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter have announced fall class schedules for their specially-designed exercise programs, including the Aquatic Program, a warm-water exercise program; The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, a land-based exercise program formerly known as P.A.C.E. (People with Arthritis CAN Exercise); Tai Chi, a graceful, flowing sequence of movements from Sun-style tai chi, and a Self-help Course, a 6-week series that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management.

The new class offerings begin in September in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Westland, and numerous other locations throughout Michigan. For more informa-

tion about locations, schedules and fees, call the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, based in Troy at 1-800-968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

The right kind of physical activity and a "can do" attitude are essential elements of any arthritis management and prevention plan. In one research study, individuals who attended the foundation's exercise class for four months were found to have reduced their pain by 24-percent and increased confidence in their ability to continue day-to-day activities by 22-percent. Other studies have documented increases in general health status, and decreases in the number of doctor visits.

Arthritis Foundation exercise programs are suitable for adults of all ages with arthri-

tis in its more than 100 different forms. They also present a wonderful option for people who are seeking a gentle exercise alternative, and people who are new to exercise.

Sites that offer Arthritis Foundation exercise programs are members of the Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Alliance and the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Alliance, elite partnerships that promote good health through joint-safe physical activity. Classes are led by instructors who are specially trained and certified by the Arthritis Foundation.

For more information about arthritis or about the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter's specially-designed exercise and self-help programs, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

HEALTHY

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tals. "We met some resistance initially. A lot of people associate food with love. Some people in church have had wonderful weight loss. We're changing attitudes about eating and put success stories in the congregation's newsletter."

The American Heart Association recently released a new Search Your Heart kit that is being used not only by churches but companies, social organizations, and boys and girls clubs.

"It was based on a church hypertension program created by Dr. Paul Crawford, a Chicago nephrologist, in the early 1980s because of concern for his patients in end-stage renal disease. He was a long-time American Heart Association volunteer," said Toni Griggs-Price, cultural health initiatives director, metro Detroit for the American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate in Southfield. "Since the inception of Search Your Heart in 1996, we've touched over 300,000 African-Americans, Latinos, and others through 15,000 faith-based organizations across the U.S."

"It's all free, whether attending training or to receive tools. When you look at staggering numbers from hypertension, it's important to get this out there. And we provide additional support material, an Eat for Life video, walking logs, tools for starting a walking club, Go Red for women materials focusing on women and heart disease. Some parish coordinators are so creative. One woman had a Go Red shoe party with a blood pressure screening."

Griggs-Price practices what she preaches by walking 2-5 miles every day in her Rochester Hills neighborhood or at Rochester Adams High School, where her son runs cross country. She suggests Southfield area residents might want to walk in Inglenook Park on 12 Mile, between Evergreen and Lahser.

"When you walk and eat healthy, you can see those cholesterol numbers coming down," Griggs-Price said. "You can make lifestyle changes to change those numbers."

For more information about the Search Your Heart program, visit www.americanheart.org then type in "Search your Heart," or call (248) 827-4214.

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Registered nurse Carol Christian uses creativity to present prevention material from the Search Your Heart program at Family Victory Fellowship Church in Southfield.

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8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia, proceeds to benefit the Inaugural Southeast Michigan Walk for Autism Research to be held in Edward Hines Park in May 2007. The nonprofit organization and its national parent organization, Autism Speaks (www.autismspeaks.org), are dedicated to raising awareness of the debilitating neurological disorder known as autism, and to finding the public and private research dollars needed to identify the causes, treatments and, eventually, a cure.

Autism is a neurological disorder appearing in early childhood that affects speech and language comprehension, fine and gross motor function, immunity, digestion, food allergies, muscle development, and social skills. Only seven-percent of children diagnosed with autism will go on to lead independent lives. Most will require costly, life-long assistance and care. Many are unable to speak at all.

Autism is growing at an alarming rate. A decade ago, one in 10,000 children were diagnosed with autism each year. Today, one in 166 children are diagnosed annually, as many as one in 104 boys.

Tickets for the benefit are \$15 and will save you 25-percent on dinner at Kicker's All American Grill or the Perfect Ten Dining Room (all located in the same building at 36071 Plymouth Road), or save 50-percent on pizza during the show (you must be 21 years of age). Dinner reservations required, call (734) 261-0555. To purchase tickets, call (734) 422-4295 or (734) 838-0386. For information, visit www.autismwalk.org.

Tai chi classes

Began the week of Sept. 11 and run 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a nonprofit, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Livonia. Call (248) 332-1281.

UPCOMING

Memorial conference

Seventh Michael Golds Memorial Conference on AD/HD Friday, Oct. 6, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills. Features experts on teaching teens safe driving, parenting the ADHD/ODD child, how to succeed in marriage when your spouse is AD/HD, medications for all ages, managing AD/HD in college with skills to promote success, and more. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. Keynote at 8:30 a.m., conference concludes 4:30 p.m. Golds learned to reach his potential with AD/HD. He was killed in a tragic accident shortly after entering grad school in Florida. He became successful academically because of The Project Bold program at OCC. For registration information, call (313) 438-3763 or visit www.chaddmi.com.

ONGOING

Empowered to care

A training series on providing care and support continues 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 20 and 27, and Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, in the 2 East A Conference Room at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. Weekly topics include teaching listening and communication skills to build empathy, helping children to deal with grief, how to talk to the dying, learning to be sensitive in our diverse world, the impact of religion on health care delivery, ministering to the mentally ill, and the cycle of substance abuse and treatment options. Cost is \$35 for all sessions or \$6 per session. For information or to register, call (248) 471-8850. This series is especially helpful for clergy and church/synagogue workers, health care providers, pastoral care volunteers, and family members.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets 7 p.m. every Thursday, at St. Thomas A' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

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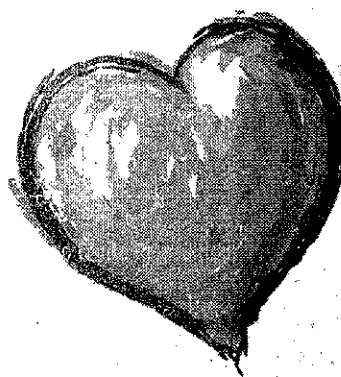
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REUNIONS

Birmingham High School
Class of 1956
Oct. 20-22, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. For more information, contact Barbara Sweeney Drisko, (248) 644-8797 or barbaradrisko@hotmail.com.
Bishop Borgess High School
Class of 1976
A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.
Clarenceville High School
Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimir's of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar; Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia.

For more information, call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016.
Detroit Chadsey
Class of 1956
Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.
Class of 1957
A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.
Detroit Cody
Class of 1976
A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton. \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden City 48135. Contact Pat (Pietzke) Wauford at Swailor@aol.com; or Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 or Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.
Detroit Cooley
Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington

Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or e-mail: jwork2friends@yahoo.com
Detroit Eastern
Annual All-Class Reunion
The Annual All Class Reunion of Detroit Eastern High School will be held 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road in Warren. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with an open bar and sit-down dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person, with pre-paid ticket pickup at the door. Advance reservations only before Sept. 24. Contact Bob Butler, (313) 824-7230; Terry DesRivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562; or e-mail: EHSReunion2006@aol.com
Detroit Northwestern
Classes of 1950-51
Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Holiday Inn West, Livonia. Looking for classmates. Contact Marlene (Oleson) Hanna, hamharold@aol.com.
Detroit Western
Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at

jlsranton@yahoo.com
Detroit Southwestern
Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.
Detroit Southeastern High School
Class of 1946
A 60-year reunion 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Vintage House in Fraser. For more information, call Jeanne Eversham at (586) 778-1913 or Fran Durham at (248) 344-4613 or frn.md@aol.com.
Epiphany Grade School
Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.
Farmington High School
Class of 1976
30-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Holiday Inn Livonia West. Alumni can update their address at (734) 261-3264. celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit Web site ctrinc.divincinet.com.
Fordson High School
Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynillu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Kiivington@nu-core.com.
Garden City High School
Class of 1987
Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.
Class of 1996
A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, e-mail gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net.
Garden City East
Class of 1976
Oct. 21 at Roma's of Garden City, contact Linda Fischer at (734) 591-9103 or sunniedai@twm1.rr.com for more information.
Garden City West
Class of 1971
Saturday, Oct. 7 at Whispering Pines Golf and Banquet Center 2500 Whispering Pines Drive. Pinckney. Cost \$30 per person (cash bar/dj/pizza buffet) 6:30 p.m. Casual dress. Contact, Denise Delereee (248)224-9263.
Class of 1981
Garden City West Class of 1981
A 25th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Summit on the Parkway in Canton. For more informa-

tion, please e-mail: gcwestclassof1981@yahoo.com.
Grosse Pointe North
Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-reunions.com or e-mail: info@taylor-reunions.com.
Livonia Bentley
Class of 1966
The Bentley High School Class of 1966 will host a reunion from 6 p.m. to mid-night on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, 53503 W. 10 Mile. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact Bob Mundy at (248) 427-0320.
Livonia Franklin
Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynillu@aol.com.
Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem
Class of 1986
Twenty-year class reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Italian American Club, Livonia. \$65 per person, \$115 couple, dinner, open bar, DJ, band, dancing. Contact canton-salem@yahoo.com.
Class of 1996
Ten-year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets, go online to www.pcepi1996.myevent.com.

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James Fausone, Board Chairman
1200 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
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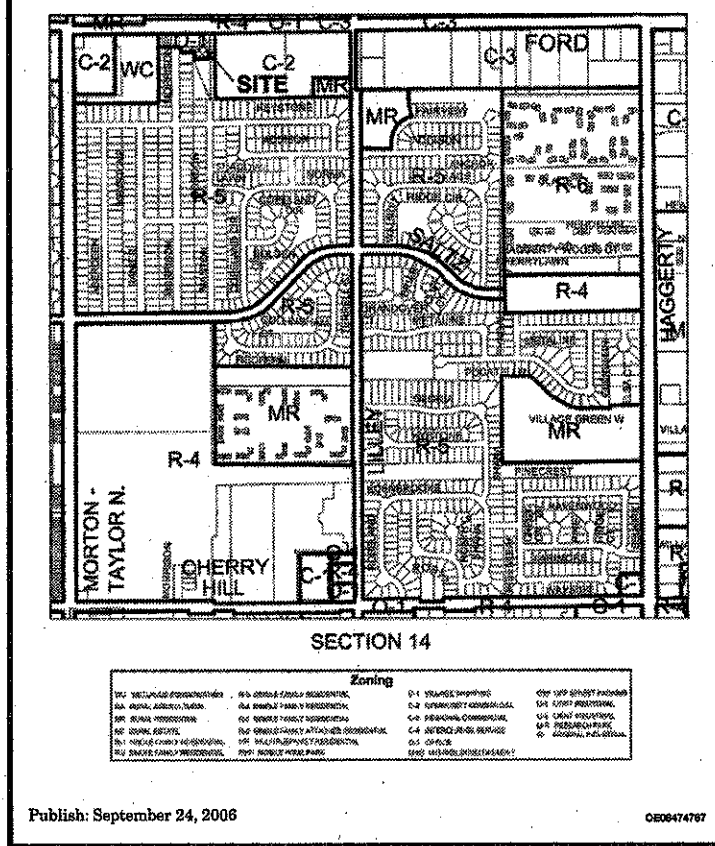
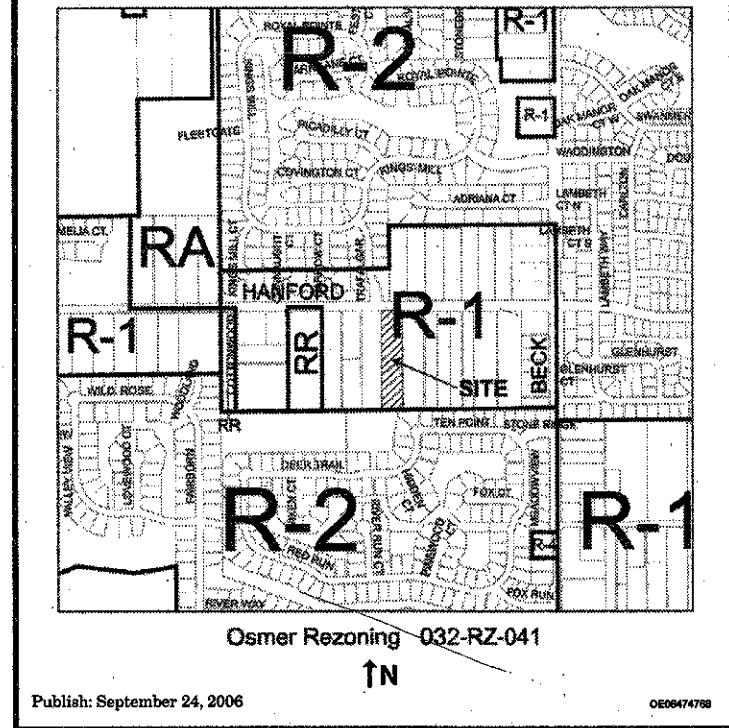
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Plymouth District Library
2007 PROPOSED BUDGET
A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on the following proposed 2007 budget:
General Fund \$5,513,900
Debt Service Fund 739,069
TOTAL \$6,252,969
THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING:
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General
Operating Total 1.4656
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Debt Total 0.333
Grand Total 1.7986
The proposed 2007 budget documents are available for public examination at the Plymouth District Library on the lower level at the Reference Desk during regular library hours.
PATRICIA A. THOMAS, Director
Plymouth District Library
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Barbara Kraft, Secretary, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 at 734-453-0750 X 217.
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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234
A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:
Z 06-12 1404 Penniman Non-Use Variance Requested
Living Space above 2nd Floor
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Reom Construction
Z 06-13 1049 S. Main Non-Use Variance Requested
Outdoor Display of Merchandise
Zoned: B-1, Local Business
Applicant: Jon & Marianne Trennepohl
Z 06-14 968 Penniman Non-Use Variance Requested
Accessory Building Height
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Paul Chamberlain
Z 06-15 190 Plymouth Rd Non-Use Variance Requested
Alteration of Non-conforming Sign
Zoned: B-3, General Business
Applicant: Dr. Richard C. Scott
All interested persons are invited to attend.
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth 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/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION REPORT
(FY 2005 CDBG "CAPER")
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Community Services Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5194, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2005—June 30, 2006. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 30 days, beginning September 24, 2006. Comments received during the public comment period or during a public hearing to be scheduled at a later date will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.
Terry Bennett, Clerk
Publish: September 24, 2006

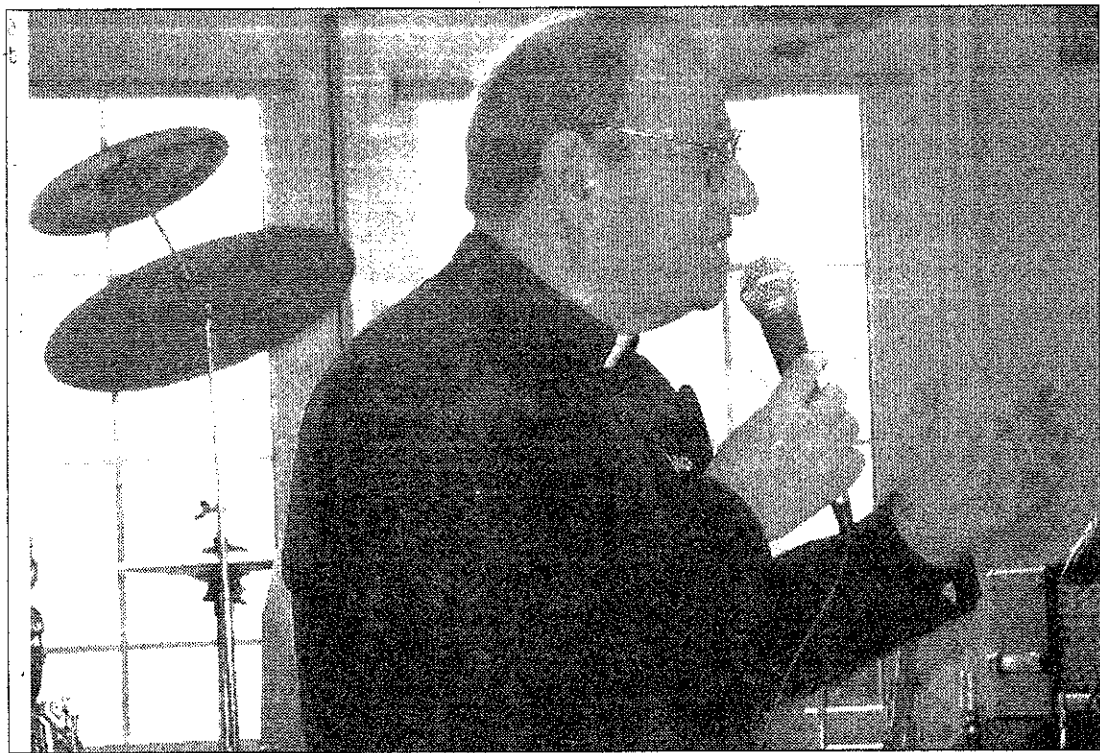
PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and 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, October 9, 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 amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:
ALSAGER CONDITIONING REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 054 01 0045 300, 054 01 0165 002 FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-2 COMMUNITY SHOPPING. Property is located south of Ford between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads.
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 5, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.
SEE ATTACHED MAP Vic Gustafson, Chairman

PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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OSMER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 032 99 0007 001 (47865 HANFORD) FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Hanford Road and west of Beck Road.
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 5, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.
SEE ATTACHED MAP Vic Gustafson, Chairman



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
OCTOBER 12, 2006
Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:
Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.
Acceptance of Agenda
1. Swadad Carremm, 238 Nassau Ct., Canton, MI 48187 for residential property located at same address, north side of Palisades Dr. between Brittany St. and Corrine Avenue, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Chapter 78, Article 5, Section 78-131, (4), a, fence variance. Zone R-5
Parcel 060-03-0083-000
(Building) (TABLED FROM AUGUST 10, 2006)
2. Toru Hashinoguchi of Shimizu America Corporation, 24760 Verdant Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 representing Mr. Shigeya Yamaguchi of Takao America Corporation, 48985 Wixom Tech Road, Unit 8, Wixom, MI 48398-3557 for industrial property located at 7075 Commerce Road, west side of Commerce Blvd. between Haggerty and Koppernick Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), a, requesting to install two ground mounted business identification signs on same parcel. Zone LI-1
Parcel 046-99-0008-730
(Building) (TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2006)
3. Pastor David Washington Jr. of Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Dr. Canton, MI 48187 representing Canton Christian Fellowship of Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Dr., Canton, MI 48187 for commercial property located at 8775 Ronda Dr, west side of Ronda Drive between Haggerty and Lilley Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.13 lighting, to eliminate one of two required pole lights at the drive entrance. Zone LI-2
Parcel 005-99-0002-711
(Planning)
Approval of the September 14, 2006 Minutes
Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.
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Italian Americans to celebrate heritage on Columbus Day



The Rev. Joseph Rinaldo will be recognized as the 2006 Outstanding Italian of the Year by the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation. He is pictured here giving the invocation at last year's gala.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The observance of Columbus Day connects Angela Centi with her past. In March of 1954, Centi, at the age of 6, left Italy with only the possessions she could fit into a suitcase and sailed with her father and two sisters on the Andrea Doria to the United States.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, the Livonia woman celebrates her culture and heritage at the 29th annual Columbus Day dinner dance at the Italian American Club of Livonia. The gala is presented by the club's cultural committee and charitable foundation. It begins at 4 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. A family style dinner follows at 5 p.m. and entertainment by Intrigue at 7 p.m. in the club's Banquet Center,

39200 Five Mile.

The cost is \$60 and includes wine, beer, soda, cappuccino, and espresso. For more information and tickets, call (734) 420-4481 or (248) 477-9693.

An Italian flag raising ceremony with Livonia Mayor Jack Engbretson proclaiming Oct. 2-8 as Italian Week takes place at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at city hall.

"When I think of Columbus Day, all kinds of emotions come into my head," said Centi, co-chair of the dinner dance with Georgia Scappaticci. "Columbus Day is synonymous with Italian-Americans and allows us to remember that immigration experience when we came to this country to find something better for ourselves. There were struggles and hardship. Language, customs and traditions were different.

Because we brought hope, a strong work ethic, for the most part we were able to succeed."


This year, the Rev. Joseph Rinaldo has been selected as the 2006 Outstanding Italian of the Year.

"Father Rinaldo is administrator of the Chelsea facility, which helps children and adults who are developmentally disabled," Centi said. "He has always been available to us at the Italian American Club to hear confessions in Italian, perform weddings for members. He sometimes joins us for Wednesday night rosary at the club. The Columbus Day event he usually does the invocation for us. He's spiritually a part of the club. When called upon he is always there for us."

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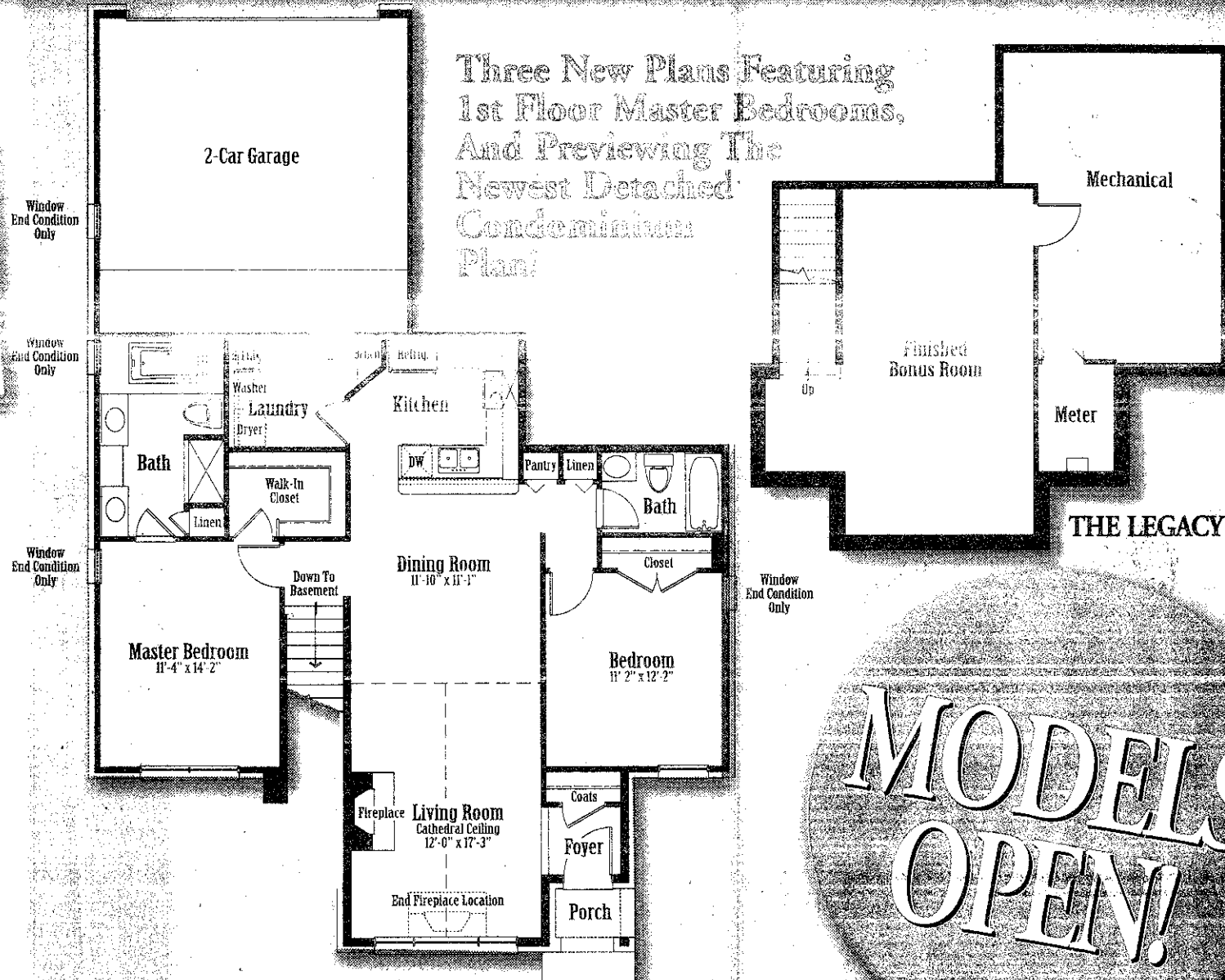
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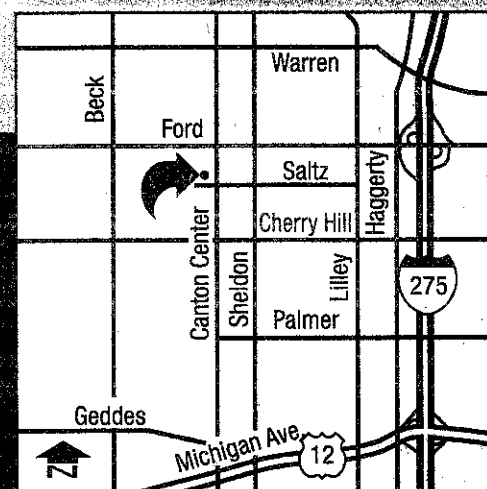
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Librarians handle information explosion with aplomb

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Carol Champagne, youth coordinator at the Plymouth District Library, likes the variety of her job.

"You think you'd see the same thing over and over again, but you don't," the Ypsilanti resident said. "Every day is different."

Champagne's been in the field for some 20 years and at the Plymouth library since 1999. She earned a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Michigan after earning a B.A. in English literature from U-M.

The metro area has two programs for those wishing to become librarians, U-M and Wayne State University. "We're really lucky because there aren't that many in the country," Champagne said.

She and colleagues find the information explosion a challenge, but it's also rewarding to help library patrons sort through information to find what they need. "You have to pick and choose. Things come and go so fast now," Champagne said, adding librarians have regular training to help them keep up.

Younger patrons are often adept with technology, but they're not the only ones. "Some of the older patrons surprise you how savvy they are," said Champagne, who hopes to be that way in her 80s.

"Everybody thought libraries would die out because of the Internet," she

said. Instead, the challenge has been to organize information and make it accessible.

"You really have to like people," said Champagne, who like other librarians doesn't have time to read on the job. "There's so much interaction with people. You have to be outgoing."

"It's a great job, a lot of potential for the future. You can work in business, you can work in colleges," Champagne noted that Yahoo and Google are hiring librarians. "What we are trained to do is organize information, and that's what they're looking for."

Marilyn Kwik, department head for adult services at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, didn't start out as a librarian. She earned a bachelor of science degree in agronomy from Michigan State University and worked in the meat and grain industries, both for the government and privately.

As a quality control manager, Kwik liked disseminating information; she was also influenced by a librarian she knew growing up. She earned a master's in library science from Wayne State and has worked in public and academic libraries since 1993.

"Excellent. I love it," Kwik said of her second career choice. "People come to you because they have questions." She likes identifying their needs and providing what they seek.

"It's challenging because there is so much information," Hamtramck resident Kwik said. "Information literacy is a big topic of discussion." Librarians

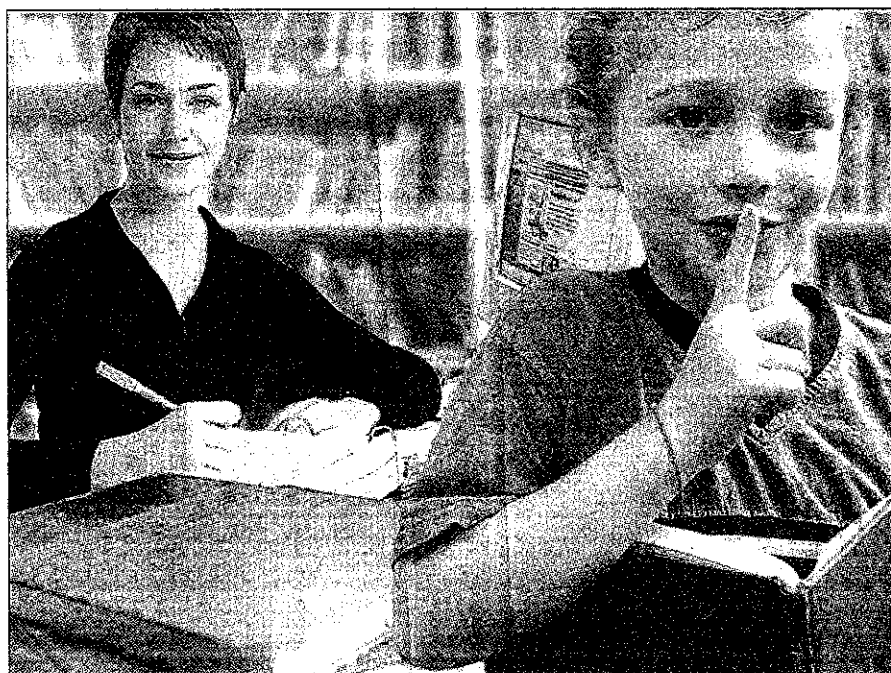
help to identify information of value, filtering out less useful information.

She sees more men going into the field, including those from such professions as law and accounting making a career change. Larger libraries like Detroit's have specialized collections where those librarians can use their expertise, she said.

Kwik lists a sense of community, patience and being a good listener as key traits for a good librarian, along with having a giving spirit. She cites with pride the diverse backgrounds of her colleagues at the Westland library.

The American Library Association Web site (ala.org) has information on library careers. According to the site, the requirements for a librarian position can span the range below:

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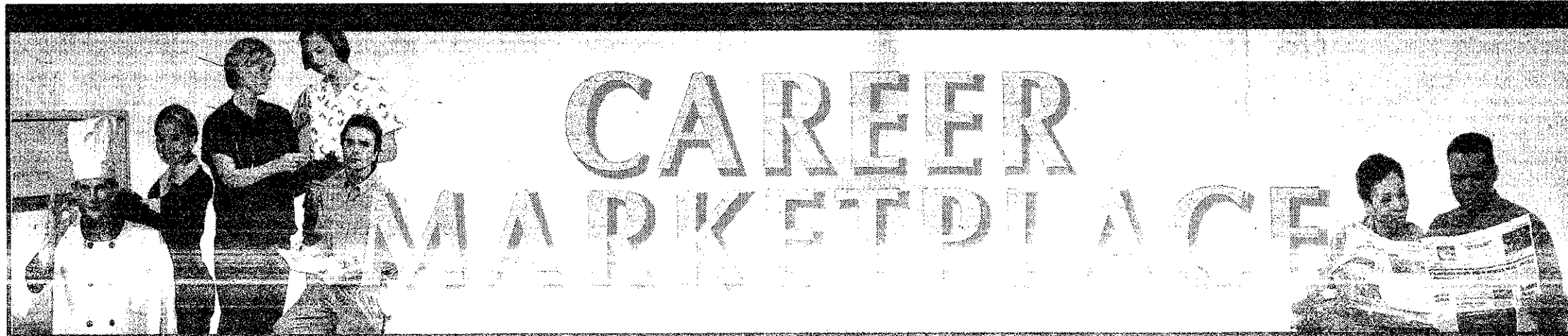


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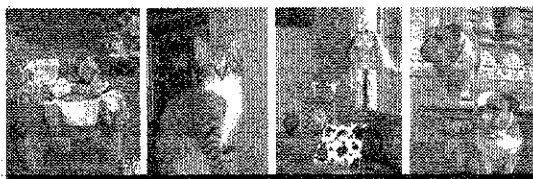
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Buyer's market: More than 250 homes hit auction block

PRNewswire — Michigan's sagging economy is causing pain for many homeowners struggling to pay their mortgages, but is creating a buying bonanza for others.

Never has there been a better time to take advantage of the buyer's real estate market. More than 250 single family homes, condominiums, and duplexes will hit the auction block at multiple sites throughout the state from Sept. 25-Oct.1

About 130 properties are located in the tri-county area. Valued from \$15,000-\$450,000, these properties are bargains for first time home buyers and investors alike. Buyers will also have the unique opportunity to participate in the auction online.

Rising interest rates and the rapid climb in variable rate mortgages have led to a softening real estate market and a surge in foreclosures. Several of the country's largest lending institutions hired Hudson & Marshall, based in Dallas, Texas, to auction the properties to recover unpaid loans. Sellers will pay for and provide title insurance for every property, ensuring titles are clear with no back taxes, liens, or encumbrances.

"For both investors and owner occupants, this real estate auction is a win, win proposition. Buyers get the opportunity to purchase great value properties at reduced prices without the hassles of the seller negotiation process,



said Dave Webb, principal, Hudson & Marshall Inc. "Having auctioned over 30,000 homes in the past seven years, Hudson & Marshall has the experience to make the process simple and easy for buyers. We allow time for buyers to preview properties prior to auction and help them through the entire closing process."

Hudson & Marshall, one of America's largest auction

firms, will hold a weeklong auction of the homes at sales sites in Dearborn, Saginaw, Lansing, Battle Creek, and Grand Rapids. Some auctions also will be held at the properties themselves. Buyers also can conveniently bid for homes online, through the "Bid Now" program at <http://www.hudsonandmarshall.com>

Winning bidders will be required to place a percent

down on properties, which can be paid with a personal check. The seller must approve all offers and sales will close in 30 days. Typically, in large "caravan" auctions like this, the sellers accept a majority of offers. For more information, buyers can call (800) 441-9401 or visit <http://www.hudsonandmarshall.com>.

According to the Realtytrac(TM) July 2006 Foreclosure Market Report, 92,845 properties nationwide entered some form of foreclosure during July, an 18 percent increase from the same time last year. Michigan along with Texas, Florida, California, Ohio and Illinois had the most foreclosures in July, accounting for 54 percent of the nation's total.

This is truly a buyer's market and real estate auctions allow buyers to stretch their investment dollars even further. Investors or first time home buyers can often purchase properties for below list price and in troubled areas like Michigan the savings could be significant. Auctions are gaining popularity with sellers as a quick, delay free way to sell a home.

Auctions also draw a captive audience of interested buyers rather than casual "lookers" further increasing the likelihood of a sale. Another advantage is the competitive bidding process allows a property's true market value to emerge, giving buyers and sellers a good return on their investment.

Buying a house vs. purchasing a condo

I am looking for a new home. Should I buy a house or a condo?

Buying a home can seem like a daunting task. In the beginning, you need to decide what kind of home you want. Here are the advantages and disadvantages of buying a house versus purchasing a condo:

■ A house. The good thing about a house is that once you buy it, you can do almost anything you want with it. That said you still have to maintain local ordinances that govern improvements, zoning, etc.

However, if you want to build a bigger garage for the most part you can.

The disadvantage of having maximum freedom regarding the exterior is that it's a lot more work.

You need to maintain your lawn. If neighbors see that you don't keep your lawn properly, they may call the city inspector's office, which may issue you a citation. The same is true in the winter time. You must shovel snow.

Not only do you have to clear snow for your own benefit, but you need to keep sidewalks clear in front of your house. If you don't, you may get a ticket.

You are also responsible for the exterior of the house. If you have damage to your house, it is your responsibility and expense to fix it. No one else is going to do it for you, unless you have some insurance that covers it.

■ A condo. An advantage that you would have if you bought a condo is that you are not responsible for the exterior of a condo. If a big tree falls on your roof, it's up to the condo management to fix it.

It's up to the association, as well, to cut the grass and shovel the snow. In light of how much



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snow we get in the winter time, this could make life a little easier. Sometimes the association has a pool that you can use. This is great if you like to swim and don't want to incur the cost of having and maintaining a pool. You need to share the pool with other association members though.

Condos are ideal for some older folks who may not be physically capable any more of doing the physical chores of keeping the exterior of a house.

Of course, there is nothing for nothing. In order for the association to take care of these chores and expenses for you, you must pay a monthly association fee. The amount you need to pay can vary widely. Also, included in the fee may be water and/or gas.

Condos also have rules that you must abide by. These rules can sometimes be restrictive. An example of this is that there are condo associations which have rules that you must keep your garage door closed, because they believe it makes the area look unattractive if the doors are left open. If you own a house, you may resent these rules. On the other hand, you may like them.

It's important to realize what the rules are before buying a condo reading the association by-laws.

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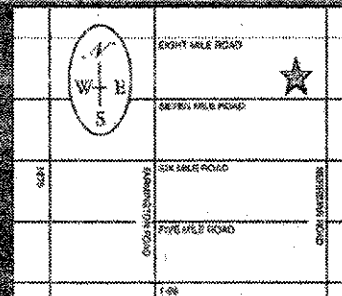
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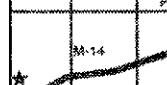
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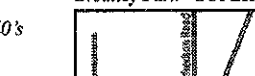


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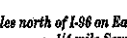


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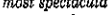


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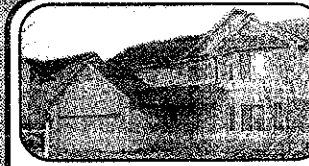
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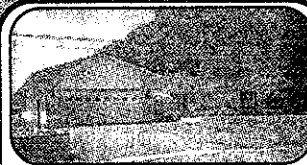
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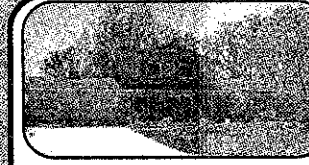
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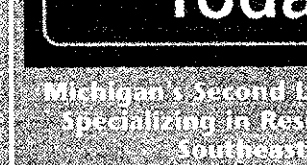
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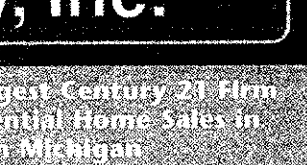
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Quality construction all brick ranch, 1900 sq. ft. Hrdwd flrs, covered ceilings, 3 br, 2.5 ba, and finished bsmt. Berkley schools. \$209,000
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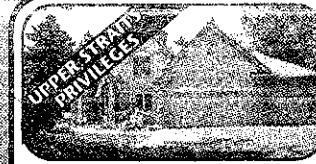
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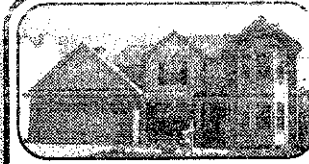
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1st floor ranch condo with new carpet, freshly painted throughout, 2 br, 2 full baths, open flr plan along with spacious rooms. \$149,888
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SBCF, 44, 5'1", 120lbs, bright, warm-hearted, creative, musician, 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

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBF, 48, D/D-free, attractive, mature, brown complexion, black/dark, 5'6", 125lbs, with many interests, sports, music, plays, concerts, etc. Seeking companionship with loving, sincere gentleman. ☎127626

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Easygoing SWF, 57, CNA, N/S, N/D, enjoys talks, togetherness, day trips, soft rock. ISO loving Christian man, N/S, N/D, w/children ok to share talks, dates, simple times, then who knows? ☎126925

READY FOR NEW ADVENTURES
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

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

JERSEY TRANSPLANT
SWF, 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎865454

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

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

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, possible romance. ☎959193

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

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

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

FEMALE SPORTS FANATIC
DWF, 44, 5'1", redhead, N/S, very outgoing, romantic, likes college football, hockey, quiet nights at home. Seeking active WM, 38-48, SOH, kids ok, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎124056

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, 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

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

SOULMATE SEARCH
Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589676

FRIENDS FIRST
SBF, 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 SBF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎950732

SINGLE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN
SWPF, 45, 5'9", average build, educated, Capricorn, N/S, loves golf, reading, gardening, dining out, movies, seeks SWFM, 38-55, N/S, similar interests, for LTR. ☎83176

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

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 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

LOOKING FOR LIFE PARTNER
Female, young 45, N/kids, loves animals, nature, gardening, old cars, new music, and quiet nights. Seeking a man, 40-50, with a positive attitude and good SOH. Friends first, possible LTR. ☎113552

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
Female, 51, 138lbs, seeks independent, respectful male, 45-52, D/D free, who likes outdoors, walks, movies, for LTR. ☎987475

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

SHALL WE DANCE?
I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWFM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

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

NATURAL BSW
SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM 18-30 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 SWF, 50-55, who loves movies, dining out, long walks. Must be employed. ☎969547

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. ☎890004

POSSIBLE LTR
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

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'6", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 45-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, Caucasian gentleman, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

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, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

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. ☎639272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

SEEKING SOMETHING REAL
DWCM, 49, 5'10", 180lbs, marriage and commitment-minded, looking for a caring, compassionate, happy S/DCF, N/S, N/D, under 5'8" and 150lbs, healthy and happy, with a big heart and warm smile. ☎126804

HARD MAN TO FIND
Fit, affectionate SM, 5'10", 180lbs. Seeking attractive female, 35-55. Enjoys outdoor activities, movies, cooking, camping. Looking for same qualities, and interests, for LTR. Sharon, please call back. ☎972650

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

A NICE GUY
SM, 24, black/blue, 5'7", 120lbs, looking for a nice, non-judgmental SF, loving and fun, to share the good times in life. Friendship first, possibly more later on. ☎127134

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
SWM, 24, 5'11", 155lbs, slim build, smoker, shy, enjoys poetry, music, seeks WF, 20-29, for friendship, possible romance. ☎119719

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SM, 54, 6', 175lbs, dark brown hair, N/D, intelligent, fun, enjoys laughter, romance, quiet times in, occasional nights out, ISO SF, 35-55, who enjoys the same, for friendship, possibly more. ☎127186

MY OWN
Caring, loving, respectful SBM, 38, N/S, 5'8", 215lbs, handsome, independent, seeks independent, down to earth BF, 25-40, for possible LTR. ☎125779

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SBM, 25, 5'8", 190lbs, dark complexion, long hair, no kids, looking for fun, energetic lady affectionate and real, who knows how to have fun in life. ☎122384

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. ☎117687

THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS
SBM, 48, N/S, 5'7", 168lbs, enjoys camping, bowling, seeks WF, 30-55, with kids, for friendship, possible romance. ☎124463

GIVE ME A CALL
SBM, 21, average build, N/S, 5'9", 170lbs, handsome, seeks woman, 18-40, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎112458

LIFE IS WONDERFUL
SBM, 43, N/S, enjoys gospel music, seeks BF, 38-45, N/S, for dinner dates, romance, for friendship, possibly more. ☎124492

LOOKING FOR LOVE
SBM, 49, 6', 180lbs, caramel complexion, self-employed, homeowner, enjoys travel, dining out, good company movies, plays, much more. ISO special lady beautiful inside/outside, to share life and all its pleasures. ☎124623

CHRISTIAN MAN SEEKS...
Christian woman, SM, 43, down-to-earth, understanding, compassionate and affectionate, seeks similar, commitment-minded lady, race open to share life and all its little pleasures. ☎123205

HELLO LADIES
SBM, 21, light complexion, 140lbs, 5'8", hazel eyes, employed, easygoing, honest, independent, likes movies, friends, shows me. Looking for a nice lady into the same. ☎126082

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SM, 31, 6'3", 285lbs, black/brown, N/S, Leo, looking for SF, 21-42, to get out, share fun and see where it goes from there. I enjoys sports, movies, walks, much more. ☎126493

LOOKING FOR YOU
Affectionate, honest, trustworthy SBM, 28, looking for playful, outgoing, down-to-earth SF to share talks, good times, romance and much more. ☎126752

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

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

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. ☎928139

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, NS, D/D-free. ☎956910

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. ☎692418

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

CUT TO THE CHASE
SBCM, 51, 6'3", 250lbs, N/S, enjoys plays, concerts, country drives. ISO SWF, for friendship and much, much more. Age open. ☎121414

HOPE TO 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 times in life. ☎855207

FANTASY OR REALITY?
SBM, 50, 5'8", medium-build, N/S, fun-loving personality, likes dancing, jazz/blues, quality time, traveling. Seeking passionate and sexy SF, 20-50, slim-to-medium build, race open, kids ok, for sharing time and romance. ☎946417

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. ☎89189

WILL IT BE YOU?
Honest, genuine, loving SM, 25, enjoys rap, hip hop, chilling with friends, dancing, drawing, romance. Seeking a special lady I can treat like a princess. ☎127776

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

LOOKING FOR YOU
SBM, 25, good looking, handsome, seeks down to earth female, 18-20, for friendship, possibly more. ☎120413

THE REAL DEAL
SWM, 5'10", average build, N/S, blond/blue, fun, outgoing, likes movies, dining out, sports, auto racing, camping, seeks WF, 25-45, for friendship, possible romance. ☎120995

SEARCHING...
SBM, 29, 5'11", athletic build, N/S, sexy, business owner, seeks woman, 18-40, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎121345

YOUNG MAN
SBM, 19, Scorpio, N/S, likes reading, writing, video games, seeks attractive SF, 18-22, N/S, with same interests. ☎124483

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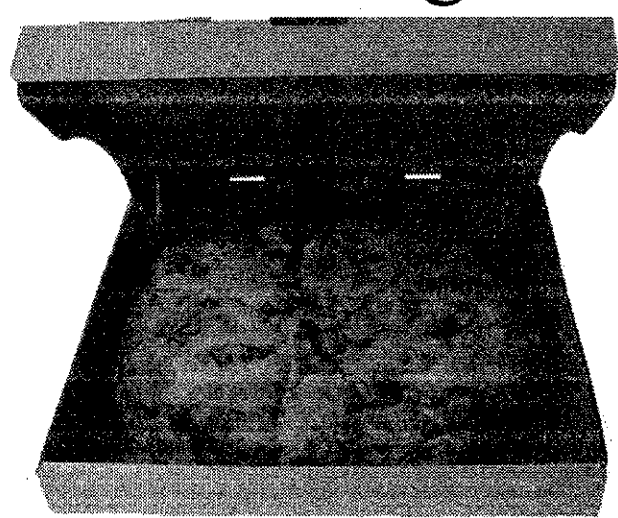
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- Sales & Marketing Council will present a "High Heels, Starbucks and Carpool: Selling & Marketing to Multi-Tasking Women" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive in Troy. Meredith Oliver of Meredith Communications and Melinda Brody of Melinda Brody and Company will discuss the importance of women as a target market. Fee is \$59 for SMC members and \$79 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.
- Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council will sponsor an "Extreme Makeover Marketing" seminar 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 27, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite

100 in Farmington Hills. Attendees will learn about technology, curb appeal, competition, traffic analysis, closing and retention. Fee is \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or BIA members, \$99 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

- Effective Business Management Seminar on "Employment 101" 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Lawrence Stawiarski of Foley, Baron & Metzger PLLC will discuss recognizing "red flags" of potential employment law liability in the workplace and preventing employment litigation. Fee includes continental breakfast and is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.
- Apartment Association of Michigan will sponsor a "Loss Control" seminar 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 29, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Participants will learn how to protect themselves from hazards associated with a methamphetamine lab on their property. The seminar is free for Apartment Building Management Worker's Compensation Self-Insured Fund insured companies. To register, call (248) 862-1044.
- A "Finance Banking" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Builder series. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will discuss extensive changes in banking regulations and practices as well as their impact on construction and development lending. Fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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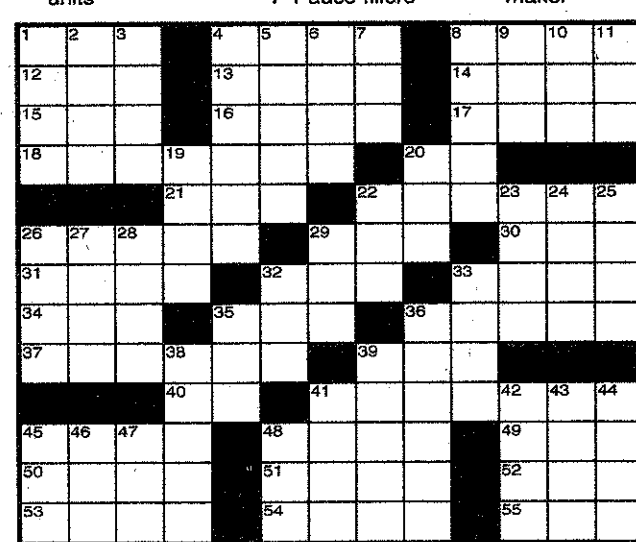
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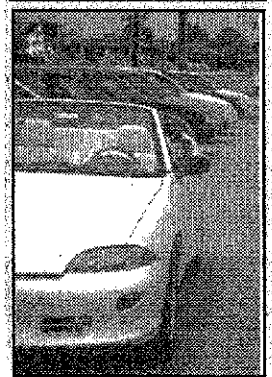
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Take a ride in the 2006 Buick Lucerne and it's automatically clear: This is not your grandfather's Buick.

In fact, the Lucerne is probably nothing like your grandfather has driven in a long time. For starters, the Lucerne is the first Buick car with an 8-cylinder engine since the Roadmaster in 1996.

It replaces the Park Avenue and LeSabre. Available in three trims, the CX, CXL and CXS, the Lucerne comes with a 197-horsepower, 3.8-liter V-6 and a 275-horsepower, 4.6-liter V-8 that is identical to the Northstar V-8 in the Cadillac DTS. The V-8 is standard on the CXS and is optional on the CXL.

As if that's not enough, the Lucerne is mated to an electronically controlled Hydra-Matic 4T80-E four-speed automatic transmission.

We tested the CXL, and the sheer speed of it shocked us. This is no putt-putt. Nudge the pedal and the Lucerne roars with the speed and agility of a lion in the forest before swallowing its prey.

No struggling to accelerate. No engine revving when climbing over hilly terrain. The Lucerne snugly grasped winding roads, while roaring down straightaways. The Lucerne's handling was as smooth as butter and the ride was oh, so quiet, thanks to QuietTuning. It muffles and tunes out noise; it was nice not to hear the staccato of freeway traffic.

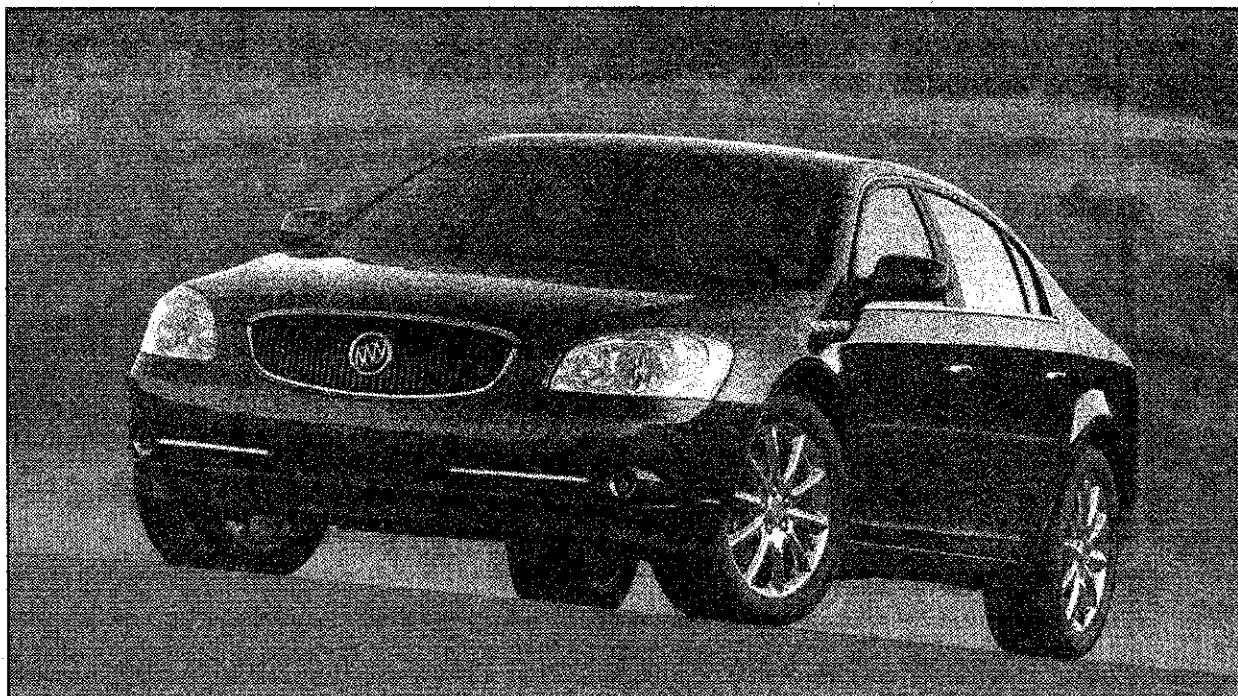
There were times when we asked ourselves: Is this really a Buick?

The Lucerne's design is so different, so edgy. Add to that unique driving features and we're sold.

We couldn't help but notice the turning heads when we approached; the Lucerne's design is, dare we say, eye-catching nothing like Buick has produced in recent memory. The Lucerne is sleekly outfitted with a waterfall grille and surrounded by jeweled, chrome headlights. It's a Buick you'd be proud to flaunt, even if you're not a Baby Boomer.

There are chrome portholes in the fender, and a 60-degree windshield bumps up the Lucerne in our stylebook. Inside, the comforts that Buick is known for envelop passengers, with elegance, comfort and spaciousness.

Wood and chrome finishes, accented by a trimmer design than other Buick sedans, prove that this is new, yet conquered territory for Buick, putting the Park Avenue to shame. The



2006 Buick Lucerne CXL Vehicle class: Luxury sedan. Power: 4.6-liter, V-8 engines. Mileage: 17 city/25 highway Where built: Hamtramck, Mich. Price as tested: \$36,585.

Lucerne's wheelbase is nearly two inches longer than the Park Avenue, but its body is 3.5 inches shorter. The 17-inch trunk was roomy enough to fit \$150 worth of groceries in with extra breathing room.

Inside is spacious, too, with 41 inches of rear legroom so much that our kids' feet didn't once brush up against the front passenger seats and seats six passengers.

What really grabbed us about the Lucerne is that had the feel of a luxury car, with all the bells and whistles that you'd expect. There are heated and cooled front seats, a Buick first Ultrasonic Rear Parking Assist, a Harmon Kardon sound system, side mounted thorax and roof-rail mounted curtain air bags, a DVD navigation system and heated windshield washer application.

The Lucerne is the first Buick to offer Corvette's Magnetic Ride Control that, when combined with StabiliTrak, uses magnetically charged particles to adjust viscosity to different road surfaces and driving conditions. As a result, the Lucerne has quicker response time than traditional valve dampeners, while giving the driver more control.

We suspect that the Lucerne's nimble and agile handling has a lot to do with the four suspension packages that come with it: a standard package with 16-inch wheels; a slightly firmer calibration with 17-inch wheels; an even firmer suspension with magnetic assist steering; and a top-of-the-line model with 18-inch wheels and Magnetic Ride Control.

With a vehicle that is so well designed, safety features are

expected, no, demanded. The Lucerne doesn't disappoint. Six airbags are standard, but even those have unique technology.

The Lucerne has dual depth air bags that can deploy in two different shapes and pressures technology first debuted on the 2006 Chrysler DTS sedan according to the weight of the passenger. Six airbags come standard.

New this year is a feature called turn-by-turn navigation.

While the Lucerne offers the traditional OnStar navigation system, turn-by-turn works by pushing the OnStar button. We told the operator our destination and the directions were displayed on the dashboard, along with a voice and a chime to guide. It eliminates a map and the need to push navigation buttons.

The downside: you've got to give an address, which can be difficult at times. And changing the route renders turn-by-turn useless.

The upside: Turn-by-turn is \$34.95 a month, a small price to pay for the convenience of not having to deal with a map and navigation buttons. Turn-by-Turn is available on Lucerne and Cadillac DTS and STS models.

If this is GM's attempt to capture some of the higher-end luxury market, it's a job well done. Buick still appeals to older buyers, but the Lucerne has a more contemporary, upbeat feel. Write to Tenisha Mercer at tenishamercer@yahoo.com. She covers the automotive beat from Atlanta as managing editor of the Mercer Media Group and as a columnist for Avanti NewsFeatures. © 2006, Princeton Communications.

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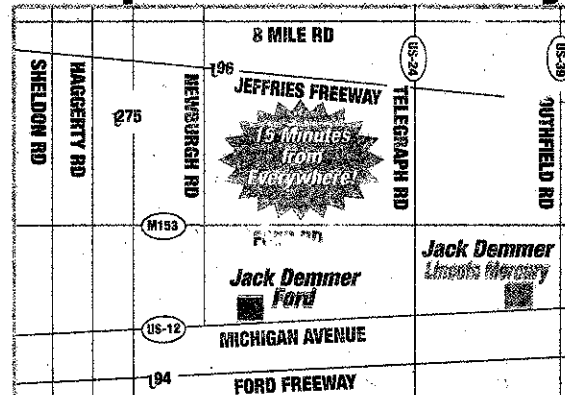
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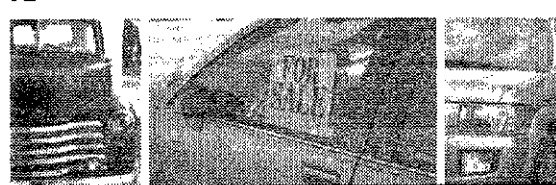
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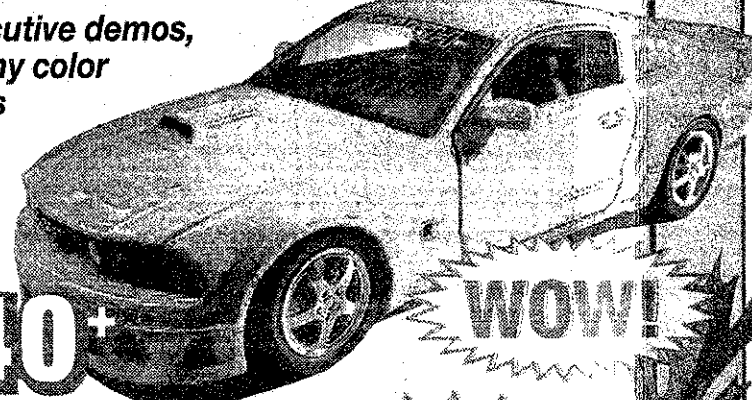
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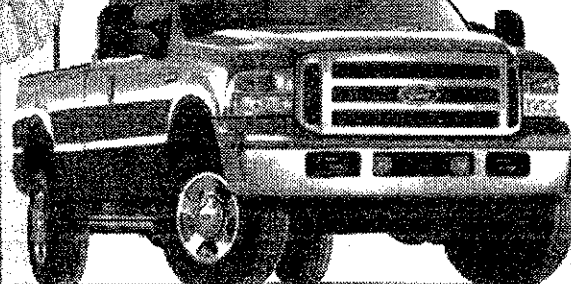
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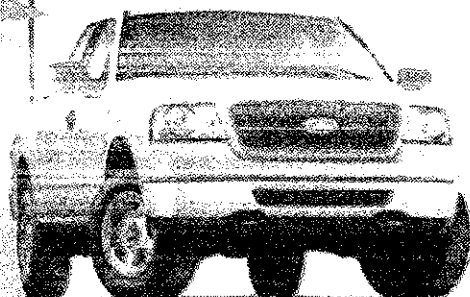


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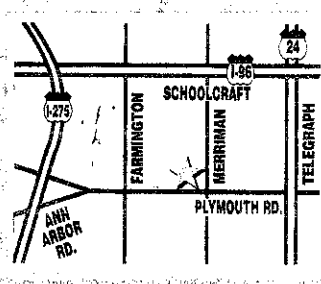
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