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# Police still seeking answers in death of girl in foster care

STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office has determined that 2-year-old Allison Newman died as the result of severe trauma to the head. What is still unknown is how it happened.

"The manner of death is considered open," Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said. "That means that the investigation contin-

Canton Police received the preliminary results of an autopsy Monday afternoon for Newman, who died Friday after emergency workers transported her from her Canton foster care home in the 2600 block of Emily Court. Her foster mother, who had been caring for Newman since January, called 9-1-1 when she found the little girl unconscious at about 2 a.m.

She was rushed to Annapolis Hospital, then airlifted to the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Friday afternoon, police were able to find the girl's birth father and bring him to Canton from the state prison in Jackson. The hospital was able to find the girl's birth mother, and both biological parents were at the hospital to give consent to disconnect life support. She died that afternoon, Pomorski said.

According to Pomorski, the girl sustained trauma on the back of her head.

"The (foster) mother's explanation is that her daughter is an active child, and often arches her back and throws her head back. She said she'll stand on her bed and fall down," Pomorski said. "Even though the mother said she didn't see her do it on that day, she'd seen her do it before. She said she thinks the girl hit her head on a bedpost."

The 40-year-old foster mother who had been caring for Newman has been cooperative in the investigation and police are working to corroborate her statements.

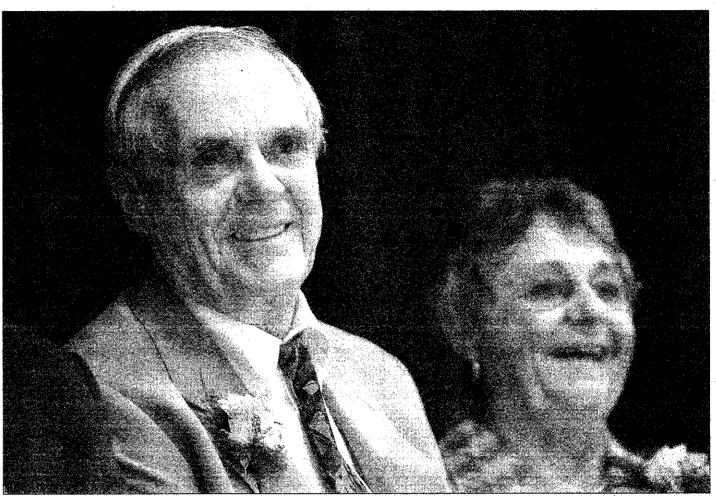
"We're in direct contact with the medical examiner's office. pediatric neurologists, as well as other investigators," Pomorski said. "We're checking all leads, all information and all possibili-

And that takes time.

"I can't allow for us to rush and make an uneducated decision," Pomorski said.

The foster mother's husband was out of town on business at the time of the incident. The family also had in their care a 3month-old boy, also placed in the home through foster care. The baby boy was removed from the home until the investigation is complete, which is a standard practice, Pomorski said.

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Tom and Mary Jo Workman react to appliause at the Workman Elementary dedication ceremony.

## 'Proud ... humble feeling'

District dedicates newest elementary school to long-time educator

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Tom Workman said ever since he was notified last year Plymouth-Canton Schools' 16th elementary school would be named for him, he's had "a proud feeling, a strange feeling and a humble feeling."

Workman told nearly 400 people at dedication ceremonies for the school in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village those are feel-

ings he's never experienced before. 'It is just a great honor to have a school in this community that's built, and staffed and filled with children have my name associated with that," he said. "I've never had a feeling like this before in my life."

The 68-year-old Plymouth resident retired in 1995 with 35 years in the Plymouth-Canton school district as a teacher and principal.

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daughter Ella applaud for everyone involved in the creation of the new Thomas Workman Elementary School. They are the daughter and granddaughter of Tom Workman, for whom the school was

Kirsten Workman

and 3-year-old

## Fall 'tis the season of family-oriented events

Canton Leisure Services has combined two fall events in hopes of making one event twice the fun. The Fall Family Festival this weekend, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, will be at Heritage Park.

The autumn events were at

one time two festivals - the harvest celebration and the annual October Fest Halloween Spectacular. There will be elements of each in the Fall Family Festival. Activities include the Kids Art Workshop, where participants get to make and take a special craft project, and inflatable attractions. There will also be stage, strolling entertainment and hay rides.

Alicia & Her Live Talking Donkey will perform two shows for the children at the Heritage Park Amphitheater at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Musical entertainment, 1:30-3:30 p.m., will include The Jill Jack Band

Early next month, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will present its Monster Mash Halloween Kid's Concert on Oct. 7. The show starts at 2 p.m., with preshow activities beginning at 1 p.m.

The program will feature Dave King & Motion's highenergy family concert full of musical Halloween favorites. The musicians will be fully costumed, and guests are encouraged to wear theirs as

A large haunted castle onstage will rock with tunes like Phantom of the Opera, Ghostbusters and Thriller. The program is recommended for children age 4 and older.

If a spookier time is your cup of tea, Stories from the Shadows will be presented at Cherry Hill School 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 18. The historic school will play backdrop to an evening of spooky stories from a local professional

story-teller who is ready to frighten and delight with stories of the spirit world. Stories at the beginning of the evening will target younger age groups with "not-sosuper-scary" stories.

Later stories will feature scarier legends and lore more appropriate for older audiences. Admission price includes cocoa, cider and doughnuts. Registration is required. Then, at the end of the

month, the Trick or Treat Parade will be 3:30-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at the Summit on the Park.

Kids are encouraged to attend in costume and follow the path from room to room. each filled with surprises and goodies. The "parade" will begin at the recreation and facilities entrance at the west end of the Summit. This event is limited to Canton residents



Jill Jack will be one of the performers at this weekend's Fall Family Festival at Heritage Park in Canton.

For more information on all leisure services events, call (734) 394-5460.

For information about the Fall Family Fest entertainers, visit online at www.aliciadacoba.com and www.jilljack.com.

## **Board throws support** to funding bill

STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education on Tuesday night unanimously gave its support to Proposal 5 on the Nov. 7 general election ballot, which would guarantee an annual increase in per-pupil funding for public school districts.

The K-16 Coalition — mainly composed of educators, school board members and parents — forced the issue on the ballot by collecting more than 254,000 petition signatures. If passed, the initiative would also give the Legislature five years to increase the minimum state grant to schools from \$6,700 per student to \$7,000. It also would force the state to pay more into the school employee retirement system.

Plymouth-Canton school board Treasurer Judy Mardigian, who testified earlier this year on proposed changes to Proposal A before the House Education Committee, said the K-16 Coalition proposal would benefit Plymouth-Canton, which receives less funding than neighboring school districts.

"Part of me recognizes this is such a fundamental difference in the way we allow and guarantee funding, but our district would really benefit," Mardigian said. "I just hope

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#### **Coming Sunday** in Health

Experts talk about the latest treatments for breast



#### 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.

#### Blood drive

St. Thomas a' Becket (555 S. Lilley Road in Canton) will host a blood drive Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Walk ins are welcome. The church is hosting the event because of a blood supply shortage in southeast Michigan. All blood types are scarce and there is now no reserve of blood types O and B. The need for blood continues to significantly exceed the number of blood donations and more donors are urgently needed.

To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

In addition to the blood drive, on Sunday, Oct. 1, St. Thomas a' Becket and St. John Neumann will sponsor a bone marrow donor registration. Many people are diagnosed with leukemia and inherited diseases that can be cured with a bone marrow transplant but they need matching donors. The normal fee is \$65 but we have received a grant for \$40 for each participant, which means each participant only has to pay a tax deductible fee of \$25.

If you join the registry it means you may be asked to donate to any person not just

someone you know personally. Volunteers should be willing to donate if they are found to be a possible match.

Volunteers must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and in general good health. Once you register you remain on the list until you reach the age of 61. The new method is a buccal swab instead of a blood sample. The donor will swab the inside of their cheek for about 10 seconds.

For more information about the events, call Marion Rozum at (734) 397-7770.

#### Police suspend CCW fingerprinting

Effective Oct. 1, the Canton Public Safety Records Bureau will temporarily suspend all CCW applicant fingerprinting. This temporary suspension of service is due to new state regulations requiring all CCW applicants to be fingerprinted on an electronic fingerprinting system. Canton's records bureau currently uses a paper fingerprint card system. The department has budgeted to purchase an electronic fingerprinting system in 2007, and will resume full-service fingerprinting shortly after Jan. 1.

In the interim, Canton residents who need to be fingerprinted for a CCW license can contact the Wayne County Sheriff's office located at 3100 Henry Ruff in Westland. Residents are encouraged to contact the sheriff's office at (734) 721-5125 for requirements prior to being fingerprinted.

For further information contact Canton Public Safety Records Bureau at (734) 394-

#### Food drive

United Home Health Services, a home care agency in Canton, is sponsoring a food drive for Michigan Harvest Gathering, which is a food and fund-raising program of the

Food Bank Council of Michigan and sponsored by the Michigan Health & Hospital Association. This year marks the 16th anniversarv of the Michigan Harvest Gathering campaign.

Since 1991, Michigan Harvest Gathering has raised more than \$4.6 million and 7.1 million pounds of food for hungry people throughout Michigan. The need for emergency food is increasing. Some regions of the state are reporting a 25 percent increase in the number of people needing food

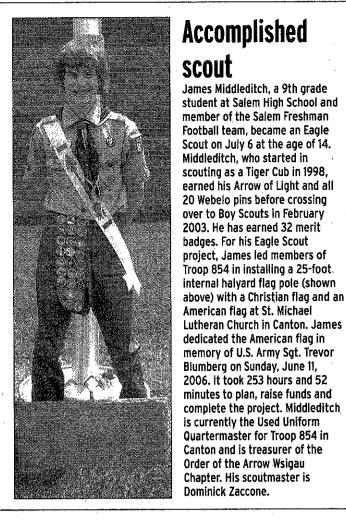
United's food drive will be held Oct. 2-Oct. 12. The community is invited to participate in United's effort to help feed local senior citizens, children, and families in need. Food may be dropped at their office at 2200 Canton Center Road, suite 250 between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Most requested items include canned tuna, canned stew, and peanut butter. However all non-perishable, boxed or canned food items are needed and welcome. For more information, please call (734) 981-

#### Consumer expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 5 -7:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park in Canton. The expo provides an opportunity for Canton businesses to connect with potential customers, promote their products and/or services, make contacts and sales opportunities, and learn more about other chamber businesses.

Applications to reserve booth space are due by Friday, Sept. 29 and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis due to limited space. The event is open to the general public and door prizes and a cash bar will be provided.

For more information please



call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (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.

For more information, contact Kellie Arnold at (313) 938-7795.

#### Vegas night

The Knights of Columbus Clement H. Kern Council is hosting Vegas Night from Oct. 20-21 2006 6 p.m.-12 a.m. 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 on Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. and Sept. 29 from 12:30 p.m. approximately 3 p.m. For more information, please contact Toni Shepherd by e-mail at tonisalem@aol.com.

#### Calling all alumni

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is gathering 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, email Tom Sklut, P-CCS chief development officer, at Sklutt@pccs.k12.mi.us.

#### **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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JENNIFER MADDOCK AT (9734) 981-1715 OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT CANTONNEWCOMERS.ORG.

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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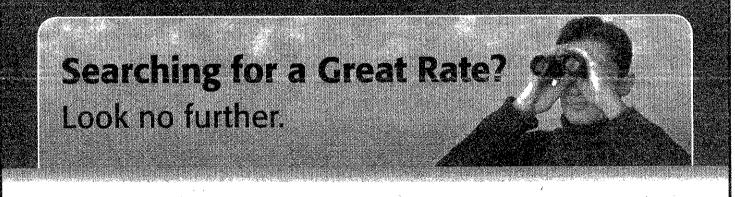
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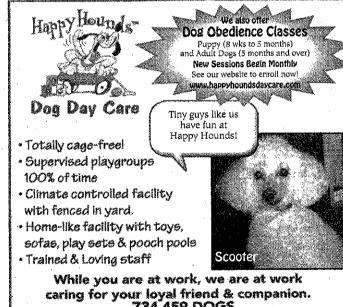
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# He keeps on running

## Inspired Canton boy runs a mile every day

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Not rain, nor shine, nor stomach viruses or holidays can keep Justin Heck from his daily run.

The Canton 13-year-old has for nearly a year now run a mile every single day, in hopes of being able to join an online club and forum, Mile A Day

"My dad (Manfred Heck) saw something about the club in Runner's World magazine," Justin said. "I wanted to try it, but then I found out you need to do it for a whole year before you can even join."

That commitment was at first enough to make him lose interest. Known in his family for having a short attention span when it comes to his interests and hobbies. Justin couldn't see himself doing anything every single day, let alone an activity that he used to think was hard work "and a

waste of time," he said. But then he saw a television movie, "Four Minutes," about the life of minute mile record breaker Roger Bannister, who ran the first four-minute mile in 1954, and he felt inspired. That day he ran two miles, still dressed in his blue jeans.

"I've been doing it every day since then," Justin said.

Sometimes he still runs wearing his jeans. Sometimes he doesn't bother putting on shoes before he runs his mile. He's run his mile when he's sick, and when he was on vacation. And in October, he'll hit his year anniversary mark and

join the Mile A Day club.

The 6-foot-2 East Middle School student has for years been interested in sports. He plays soccer year-round and last year was on his school track team. But he never much cared for non-competitive running as a sport.

However during this past year, he's been focused on his goal, even on a family vacation to Florida.

Part-way down to Florida, it became evident that the family would not make it to their vacation destination before nightfall.

Justin got out of the car, and ran alongside a road in Georgia, while his father drove beside him, watching the odometer.

"People must have thought we had kicked him out of the car," said his mother, Debbie Heck.

For the most part, running a mile a day hasn't been difficult for Justin. In the summer months, he would wake early to run before the weather was too warm.

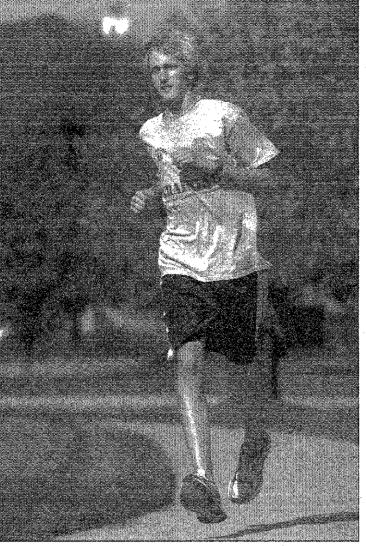
But there's nothing a guy can do about cold weather.

"Running in the winter is the worst," he said. "You're cold and wet, and it's just not fun."

"And people don't shovel, which makes it difficult," added his mother.

The toughest days were days he had soccer and basketball practice, and would run his mile between practices.

"My mom would just drop me off a mile from the house, and I'd run home, have dinner and go off to the next practice,"



Justin Heck often runs the streets of his Canton subdivision. He has run a mile every day in an effort to join the Mile A Day Club.

Justin said.

His family is proud, Justin's mother said, adding that Justin may be the youngest member of the club when he joins next month.

"I'm really proud of him. It was totally self-motivated and we didn't pressure him at all," she said.

Not that pressuring Justin would have worked anyway. A long-running family joke centers around Justin and his diverse, though short-lived hobbies and interests.

"We make fun of me a lot," Justin said, laughing.

Like when he wanted to learn to whittle. And when he wanted to learn to play lacrosse. And then he wanted

to be a "dessertarian" (someone who eats only desserts) last year - for about a week.

"I made brownies about every day for a week," Justin recalled.

His mother added that some of the recipes and designs were rather elaborate and he would photograph them, and file away the photographs. At least until he got bored with it.

But running is different. "I do really like it now. I like being outside and everything," Justin said. "And it's helped me a lot with my other sports. I will definitely keep doing it even after my anniversary."

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# Board approves borrowing \$10m

STAFF WRITER

A long list of long-awaited projects will finally be underway, after the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved borrowing some \$10 million to complete them.

The board voted 6-0 to

issue the 10-year bonds to pay for \$1.5 million worth of improvements to Fellows Creek municipal golf course. The Canton Downtown Development Authority also issued \$8.5 million in bonds to pay for some road improvements, mastarms, completing the lighting through the entire district along Ford Road, burying overhead utility lines, garden walls, signage and landscap-

The projects are the last large capital expenditures for the DDA for a while, according to Kathleen Salla, DDA director.

"This will complete the streetscape, which is what creates the identity for our non-traditional commercial community. The other part of what we do is maintaining the streetscape, which is not a small thing," she said. The 2006 DDA budget was \$6 million, and included some of the projects to be completed with the bond money. The 2005 budget, which included no bond money, was \$2 mil-

The DDA will receive official notice soon about a federal transportation enhancement grant, administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation, that will help pay for as much as \$500,000 worth of the improvements, said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Further, private interests may also pick up part of the tab on the improvements.

Where there's new development, that will diminish how much the DDA spends," Yack said, adding that Best Buy is in the process of submitting plans for a location in Canton, as are several notable restaurants. When developers build within the DDA, they are expected to include in their plans DDA elements such as garden walls, landscaping and lights.

Issuing the bonds and completing the projects all at once has two benefits, Salla said. First, it is less expensive because the DDA will get more attractive bids for larger projects than it would if elements such as lighting and garden walls were completed piecemeal. Second, the DDA will have a less cluttered and more uniform look, with the burying of the utilities and the completion of the landscaping, she said.

The landscaping project between Lotz and Lilley is expected to cost some \$3.7 million, including irrigation systems. Already in progress is the burying of utility lines between Canton Center and Sheldon, at a cost of \$644,000. Burying the rest of the lines, from Morton Taylor to the Westland boundary, will cost approximately \$5

Next year, the township will issue water and sewer capital improvement bonds in the amount of \$40 million.

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#### DEATHS

Rose Mary Ashlee Ashlee, 80, of Plymouth, died Sept. 17.

Robert F. Berry Berry, 68, formerly of Redford, died Sept. 22.

Katherine Marie Buechler Buechler, 78, of West Bloomfield, Sept.

**Ernst Manfred Schneider** Schneider, 82, of Rochester, died Sept. Judy M. Schwartz

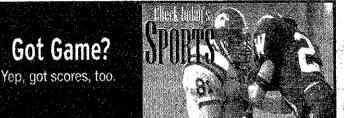
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Schwartz, 65, of Birmingham, died **Gregory Stock** 

Virginia H. Vernon Vernon, of Livonia, died.

Stock, 47, died Sept. 22.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A15.



#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Takao America Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their new facility located at 7075 Commerce Blvd, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as

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And, when he's called upon, still fills in at schools throughout the district.

One of Workman's longest stints included 19 years as Allen Elementary principal. It was 20 years ago this fall that Workman Principal Jim Burt succeeded Workman as principal at Allen. After 8 years as an administrator, Burt's first opportunity to run his own building was at a school where the expectations were already

"It was a great honor for me to have been selected as Tom's successor, but also one I quickly found was full of challenges, following someone who was much loved and respected," Burt said. "Children, parents and staff had strong ties to that building, mostly because they had strong ties to Tom.

"I was secretly hoping during my first months there someone would say 'Thank goodness you're here," added Burt. "But, instead I heard so many times

I stopped counting, 'You've got big shoes to fill."

Burt said he thought about taking down the sign in the principal's left by Workman, which read "kids are first, and don't forget it." However, he Burt decided to leave it, and live by the same philosophy as Workman.

"I got the impression he knew where every kid lived, knew their siblings and moms and dads, who they played with, and — this is only a slight exaggeration — the names of their cats and dogs," Burt said. "Following that wasn't easy."

State Rep. Phil Lajoy, R-Canton Township, presented an American flag flown above the state Capitol to Workman. And, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack gave praise to the building namesake, noting his belief that schools should be named after those who served education.

"His service was punctuated with passion for elementary education, and he often served as an individual that others would look for guidance and counsel," said Yack. ""He was strong, compassionate and caring, and dedicated as an edu-



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Lori Moore and kids Brandon, 8, and Britney, 5, check out the computers in the library. Brandon and Britney attend Fiegel School.

cator. He was well-respected by other administrators, staff, parents and students."

Among those at the celebration was Joanne Hulce of Plymouth Township, whose four children attended schools where Workman left his mark.

"He's a good example for all

our children because he's such a fine person," Hulce said. "He's very human, has a sincerity and very down-to-earth philosophy of life that is wonderful for our children to experience."

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the state has a way of paying for it. I fully support this."

Vice President Mark Slavens, who founded Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding in the late 1990s, said the state Legislature has no one to blame for the ballot proposal but itself.

"It is very unfortunate this has to happen," Slavens said. "The only reason this is happening is because the Legislature has failed to adequately fund school districts.

"Their lack of leadership has left nothing else to do," he added. "We're at a crucial point where we've got to invest in education."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced earlier this year school districts will receive a \$210 per pupil foundation allowance increase, which will give Plymouth-Canton \$7,410 per student. Supt. Jim Ryan said there's always a concern about funding from the state, and the K-16 Coalition proposal would be one way to alleviate uncertainties in the foundation grant.

"We've had three years of freezes and two of those had mid-year cutbacks," Ryan said. "It's hard to budget when you don't know when the Legislature is going to make a decision (on the funding).

"We receive 95 percent of our funding from the state," he added, "so we've got to find some mechanism that will

keep it consistent."

Some, like Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, have criticized the K-16 initiative as being the Michigan Education Association's way of guaranteeing funding, and future pay increases, for its members.

"This has nothing to do with the quality of education, it's not going to do anything to raise MEAP scores," Patterson said.

"They want to take a minimum of \$500 million out of the general fund and that's going to reduce the state's ability to fund other programs. This is an unseemly money grab."

MEA representative Jim Angell of Plymouth has heard the criticisms, but puts the blame on the state for mandating programs such as No Child Left Behind and special education programs, without providing additional funding to implement them.

The state talks about mandates, but they're not willing to fund them," Angell said. "When you cut funding, you increase class size, and that's not a good environment for our workers and students."

Angell also noted the coalition is K-16, to include colleges, universities and community colleges.

"If you look at the state of Michigan, the cost of our universities and community colleges have gone up dramatically because of funding cuts by the state legislature," he said.

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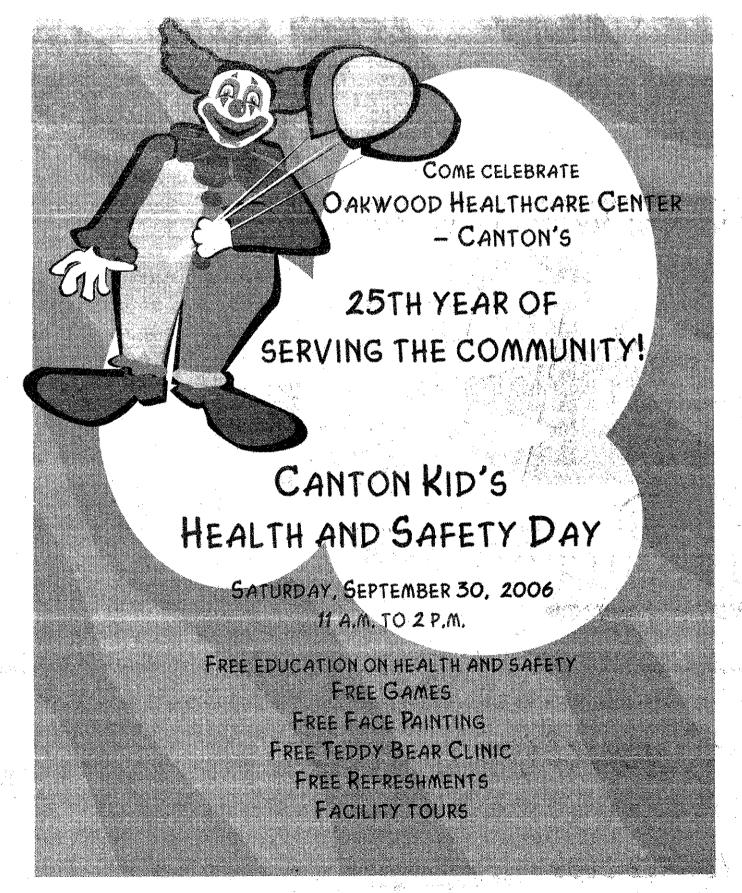
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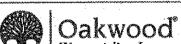
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# Marchers get out the brooms

Band sweeps awards at Woodhaven competition

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

In spite of a drenching downpour that washed out a Plymouth-Canton Marching Band practice session Saturday, the 187 marchers captured trophies for Flight I first place, captions for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect as well as achieving the highest score, 78.3, of all 11 competing bands at the Woodhaven Invitational in Brownstown Township.

P-CEP director of bands, Marc Whitlock, was pleased.

"I thought they took a strong step forward because a lot of the information we worked on during the week showed up in application during the performance," he said. "Even though our show preparations were under adverse conditions, they were focused and did a much better job than last week."

That's something Whitlock's students were keenly aware of, along with the complexity of this year's competition piece, "The Passion Within."

"This show is very different from last year: it's a lot harder," said Salem senior and drumline section leader Sarah



Saxophonists Ricky Beckett (left), Charles Vink, Elle Arnz and Paul Krutty play music from their show, "The Passion Within," during Plymouth-Canton's award-winning competition performance at Woodhaven High School on Saturday.

Jung. "I think we did really well today. We've improved from our last competition."

Noted Plymouth junior trumpeter Steven Hensel, "Our last competition wasn't exactly what we wanted it to be. Mr. Whitlock and all the staff have been pushing us and we've been pushing it as far as we possibly can. We got what we wanted tonight, but we still have a lot to do. This show is about 10 times as difficult as last year's."

But it's not even a completed show yet. P-C's philosophy for achieving excellence requires perfecting each section before adding another to the show.

We have about 65 percent

of the show on the field," said Whitlock. "The completed show will be about 10 minutes long."

Other area bands at the competition included Livonia Stevenson, second in Flight I; and Livonia Franklin, second, and Farmington, third, in Flight II.

The next competition for



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Baritone-sax player Nick Hendzell concentrates on his music as the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band performs their competition program, "The Passion Within," on Saturday at the Woodhaven Invitational.

the hometown marchers is the Bands of America Regional Championships at EMU's Rynearson Stadium in

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## Judge should have stayed out of court race

In his long career on the bench at the 35th District Court, Chief Judge John MacDonald has shown himself to be a man of great integrity, intelligence and character.

We therefore realize he must feel very strongly the court needs a change when he publicly endorsed Northville lawyer James Plakas in his race against incumbent Ron Lowe, with whom MacDonald has worked for

But we believe MacDonald, as well-respected as he is, erred when he broke his silence and publicly lambasted Lowe, airing considerable dirty laundry in the process.

MacDonald pointed out there have been "a number of issues at the court, among lawyers and employees" - not news to courthouse insiders — with incidents of employees screaming and hollering at (Lowe), "and there's always a negative attitude on his part, questioning what we're doing without any real solutions. I feel an obligation to the communities to set the tone for the future."

No judge in the court's history has publicly entered the fray, and we don't believe this was the time for it. Had MacDonald wanted to, he could certainly have worked behind the scenes for Plakas. His word carries considerable weight in all five communities served by the court; a quiet word to leaders in those communities would have effectively helped Plakas.

Instead, MacDonald's public complaints about Lowe, founded or not, serve only to lower the district court race to the same level as other sordid political campaigns, most recently the Republican primary for the 20th state House seat.

Their disdain for each other has been a matter of private knowledge around the courthouse for years.  $\bar{\text{Now}}$ that it's out in the open, it puts undue pressure on the folks on the periphery, lawyers who have to argue cases before either judge and employees who might favor one or the other.

MacDonald's opinion must carry weight and, if Lowe is re-elected, the two should continue to work to resolve their differences. At worst, they'll need to peacefully coexist until MacDonald retires in two years.

We think that would have been easier, and more seemly, before MacDonald broke his silence.

## Tigers roar lifts ball happy city

In the grand scheme of things, 19 years isn't that long a time period. The 1987 season was the last one the Detroi Tigers made it into the Major League Baseball playoffs. It's only been 22 years since the roar of the 1984 Tigers sent a chill through every baseball fan as the team marched triumphantly to a World Series championship,

That's a short time compared to the long stretches endured by last year's champion Chicago White Sox, who had last won a World Series in 1917, or the 2004 champion Boston Red Sox, who last won in 1918. And the north side of Chicago has waited since 1908 to see their beloved and bedeviled Cubs ascend to the pinnacle of baseball.

in first place from beginning to end.

But what a long and sorry 19 years it has been since the homer hankies of the wildcard Minnesota Twins waved good-bye to the Bengals in a first-round playoff exit.

Year after year, the Tigers have struggled to even be in the game. Manager after manager failed to bring glory back to the Motor City. Hope always springs eternal. When Alan Trammell, the quiet, effective, level-headed shortstop of that magical 1984 team, took over as manager, it seemed like a perfect match. But in 2003, the Tigers plunged to a new low with 119 losses and prospects for the future looking dim.

A new manager, a new mix of players and a better pitching staff have made the Tigers the surprise team of 2006 and their success has been a boon to the city and all of Michigan. Wherever you go, people are talking about the Tigers, watching the Tigers or listening to the Tigers on the radio.

We've had professional championships recently in basketball and hockey. Those sports have intense followings. But the Tigers have always drawn a wider audience and their success seems to reach beyond the realm of sports into a shared communal experience.

As they prepare to enter the playoffs against either Oakland or New York, we wish Jim Leyland, Pudge Rodriquez and all the Detroit Tigers a long October of baseball toward another World Series championship.



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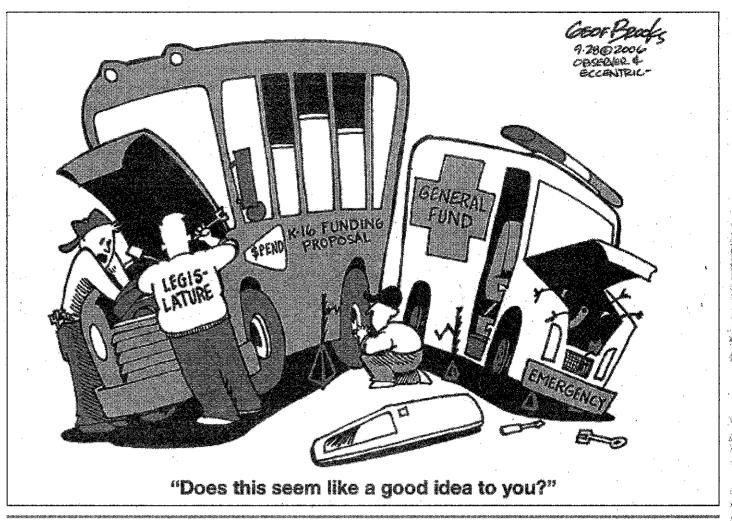
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#### **LETTERS**

#### Change strategy in Iraq

Opposition by loyal Americans to any war, policy or injustice, provides a constructive forum for citizens to express their views. It is no coincidence that the framers of our constitution chose freedom of speech to be our first amendment. Our founders fully understood how repression of dissent led to monarchies, dictatorships and theocracies throughout the rest of the

We have a rich history of dissent in the United States and that includes anti-war dissent. Our soldiers fight to preserve that right for us.

It is our patriotic duty as American citizens to become the checks and balances for our government when it chooses to justify a war policy in opposition to the true facts on the ground. Yes, we should always stand united as Americans but when major facts are ignored, buried in classified documents or misrepresented to the American people, all knowing American citizens should trumpet the truth so that the policies of our great country remain as a shining examples for the rest of the world.

All too often we hear that dissent undermines policy. Policy can only be undermined when it cannot pass the test of criticism and scrutiny.

If the Iraqi war was so laudable, why were \$9 million squandered by L. Paul Bremer's authority? Why does the present Shia government align itself closely with the president of Iran? Why is there so much sectarian violence there today? Is this what President Bush, Vice President Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld intended when they planned out this war?

Finally, it is not conservative or liberal to support justice and intelligent policy decisions. We must change both the strategy and the tactics of the United States military in Iraq, so we can make our soldiers proud of their accomplishments. We owe these brave and loyal men and women a winning strategy that quickly and efficiently rewards their efforts and provides the Iraqi people with a blueprint for peace.

> Ken Spitz Canton

#### Judge did right thing

Judge Garber believes the flap over Judge John MacDonald and Judge Ron Lowe is not good for the court. I firmly disagree. It is the best thing that can happen. Judge MacDonald's openness (re: all the rumors of the last several years) were not rumors. For an elected official to finally come out and share with the electorate what is going on behind the scenes is

In Judge MacDonald voicing his concerns at this time allows for the electorate to bring in a breath of fresh air to the 35th District Court. This allows Judge MacDonald to retire with a good conscience. He did his best for all of us in his jurisdiction.

There is nothing unethical in Judge MacDonald coming forward. Should Judge Lowe be re-elected, Judge MacDonald is a professional, who can and will "work" with Judge Ron Lowe. Thank you for your openness.

Fil Ponzi

Canton Hold athletes accountable

I have never written an e-mail or comment on any opinion piece appearing in the Observer before. However, I must say I agree wholeheartedly with Kurt Kuban's views on the matter of fairness and consistent treatment of all athletes at the Park ("District needs a fair policy when dealing with troubled athletes," Sept. 14). In fact, most all the parents in the stands at the Plymouth vs. Canton football game were talking a great deal about this situation. Most asked the same questions Mr. Kuban has asked.

It is hard to bring up kids in today's society and instill in them the character and values they will need to become productive citizens. My wife and I have been raising three boys, ages 18, 15 and 12, and they all play football. Our oldest son graduated from Plymouth after four years as a Wildcat player under coach Jay Blaylock. He now attends the U.S. Air Force Academy, and has always appreciated the fine mentors and leadership lessons learned as a Plymouth football player. Coach Blaylock and his staff have always held the boys accountable for their actions — on and off the team. Principal Mike Bee and Athletics Director Terry Sawchuk have instilled a team concept where "character counts."

Sometimes, it really does "take a village." I am proud of the principles the Plymouth teachers, coaches and administrators have instilled in our children. Sometimes, a star football player does not need a free pass. He should take his lumps like the rest of us, so he can learn the appropriate lessons in life. My 15-year-old plays J.V. Wildcat football and my 12-yearold plays for the Steelers organization and will be a future Wildcat. I trust the Plymouth Wildcat organization will continue to teach our sons not only about the game of football, but about the game of

'life" and doing things the right way. Thank you for your contribution to our community with your editorial efforts. You hit the nail on the head with this one.

Blaine P. McKinney

#### Playing sports is a privilege

Thank you for having the courage to expose the situation about how athletes have been treated at the Park. I have seen first-hand how athletes are treated at Plymouth High School. Three years ago, in the midst of an undefeated football season (with his then J.V. team), Coach Blaylock (my younger brother) took playing time away from several star players over a relatively minor incident. This resulted in a tie game for Plymouth that night and the only blemish on their record that year. But an important message of personal accountability was sent to all athletes at Plymouth. Playing high school sports is a privilege, not a right, and that is how it is approached at Plymouth - star player or not.

Sue Heinzman says that the school cannot discipline the student in this case because the incident happened during the summer. I find it ridiculous that Coach Baechler, Principal Smith and A.D. Heinzman can contact a crime victim (even though it happened in the summer), but cannot discipline the student? Undoubtedly over the years, numerous P-CEP students have had brushes with the law. How many of those students had the principal and A.D. talk their victim out of pressing charges? This is as clear cut of an

example of favoritism toward an athlete as there could be and it damages the credibility of all sports at the Park. Hopefully the board office will look seriously into this important issue. I do not think school administrators (paid in part by my tax dollars) should be using their influence in those capacities. They need to stick to running our schools.

Again, thank you for exposing a situation I believe many hoped would be quietly swept under the rug.

Randy Blaylock

#### Do what is right

I am a Plymouth/Canton resident, a big fan of high school/college sports, a former scholarship college athlete, and a former high school coach. I applaud Terry Sawchuck for making the tough but correct decision.

Shame on the Canton High School Principal and the AD for letting any of the coaches get involved in the decision-making process regarding the student. Shame on all of them for their actions - they are not educators, that is for sure.

Sounds like Ms. Heinzman and Ms. Smith do not have the mental toughness to hand out correct punishment. The excuse that it did not happen during the school year is very lame, since the athletes use the school's weight room, field and track for training during the summer and were probably covered by some type of allencompassing insurance policy the district has on their facilities.

The student in this situation learned only one thing — he can get away with anything because he is an athlete, and a very good one at that. Tough discipline brings about behavioral change. It is that straightforward. It is not easy, but doing the right thing is never easy.

> **Matthew Mulcahy** Canton

#### No more money

I just read the article on the school bond issue. I will vote no and so will my friends. I wish I could make the kind of money Jim Ryan makes and the same as the police officers and firemen do. I just took a 25 percent pay cut and also a 25 percent health insurance cut also. I'm 53 years old. I have 23 years at my job and nowhere else to go. They want more money for schools. Sorry, no way.

> **Ed Stumps** Canton

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Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, who worked on the township's new sign ordinance.

# Affordable higher education is key to Michigan's future

here now can be absolutely no serious doubt that the key to Michigan's economic survival is preparing more young people for the new global economy

as fast as this state possibly can.
 But so far, it's not happening.

A report released this month by the Center for Public Policy and Higher Education reveals that the chances of any Michigan ninth-grader enrolling in college by age 19 is only 38 percent. That's down from 41 percent in 1991, back before the computer revolution.

Why is this? One big factor: The affordability of college in our state, according to the center, a nonprofit research outfit concerned with improving access to

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Michigan, in fact, received a big fat "F" on the center's recent report card. And no wonder: Over the past five years, state support for colleges and universities has declined by more than 20 percent.

Reduced state support leads inevitably to increased college costs.

Even after financial aid is factored in, the share of an average Michigan family's income needed to cover costs at a state university has gone from 28

percent to 36 percent over the past few years.

This isn't a one-dimensional problem, to be sure.

Over the past five years, inflation-adjusted tuition has gone up by nearly 40 percent at our state universities.

Over that same time, family median incomes have

declined by double digits.

Michigan's report card didn't carry all bad news. We ranked A-minus in the benefits citizens derived from a college degree — one more proof how essential higher

We showed improvement in the number of adults 18-24 who were enrolled in some kind of post-high school education. That was up to 42 percent compared with 35 percent in 1992.

But ominously, enrollment of adults 25-49 in college or retraining programs dropped slightly, to 4.4 percent. In coming years, this figure is going to need to go way, way up.

Certainly, there are lots of reasons other than money that young people don't go to college. Some want to go into a trade without getting a degree. Others come from an unstable or impoverished family background, which makes doing anything serious very tough.

And some family cultures simply don't value higher education — something that now has to change, if their children are to survive.

But preliminary findings from the Kalamazoo Promise, a program that provides graduates from Kalamazoo public schools with free college tuition, suggest the high cost of college truly is a big barrier. Some (including yours truly) want to look carefully at the components of the Promise to see if it could be retooled into a "Michigan Promise," a kind of GI Bill for Michigan residents.

or Michigan residents.

Sure, that would cost a lot. But what kind of return

do we get from the billions we spend warehousing tens of thousands of felons at \$40,000 a year each? Do you think our money is better spent subsidizing countless special-interest claims from the past?

If Michigan is going to succeed in an increasingly competitive global economy, we're going to have to hugely increase the percentage of high school graduates who get a college degree - and then decide to stay in Michigan. What about the popular perception that there's a "brain drain," with highly educated Michiganders leaving the state in droves? That's somewhat overblown, Jim Rogers, manager of data for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, told the Detroit Free Press. In fact, Michigan's population is increasing, although at a relatively slow rate. Most of the increase is due to new births and an influx of foreign immigrants. And Michigan's population of college graduates is, in fact, increasing, not declining. Between 2001 and 2004, Michigan had a net increase of 35,700 people with a bachelor's degree or more, according to the U.S. Census.

But most of that came from overseas immigrants with college degrees. During those same three years, 61,800 college-educated foreigners arrived here from places like Canada, India and China.

Unfortunately, simple math shows that means something like a net 26,000 degree-winners left the state during the same period.

There's some truth in the popular perception of young college grads migrating to places like Chicago. Most likely to leave — young graduates who come to Michigan universities from out of state. Barely one in 10 of them end up settling here, while more than 70 percent of in-state college graduates remain in Michigan.

Conclusions? First, we need drastically to increase the percentage of Michiganders who go to college and get degrees.

If affordability is a problem, we'd better figure out how to support state universities so they don't have to charge such high tuition.

Second, we should be active in recruiting college graduates from around the world. Before you snarl at this, consider what happened in Vancouver, Canada, in the 1960s, when word that China was going to take over Hong Kong caused panic there.

Vancouver offered any family with \$1 million in liquid assets automatic citizenship and a permission to work in Canada. Today, Vancouver is one of the most thriving and prosperous cities in North America. Maybe we might learn something by talking with our thousands of college-educated, energetic and ambitious immigrants.

"Why did you come? How's it going?" we should ask, and then pop the big question: "What can we do to get more people like you?"

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#### LETTERS

#### **Still questions**

I thought the article ("Ryan offers ideas for next bond," *Observer*, Sept. 10) was quite informative. The reporter did a good job of presenting Ryan's ideas and comments.

I do think the reporter should be a little more inquisitive, however. If you research past school bond requests, I think you will find that Central Middle School received money for remodeling a couple years ago on a \$120 million or \$200 million bond request. Why then does it need more money, since it was supposed to get \$22 million for remodeling? That would be a good question to ask Mr. Ryan.

Secondly, your reporter should be asking why the school board keeps needing money for building upkeep and repairs. Why isn't any money budgeted for this on an annual basis from existing school revenues? How much of the yearly budget is set aside for building expansion, remodeling and repairs?

Answers to those questions will give your readers a better understanding of the entire school funding issue.

**Clyde Parrott**Plymouth Township

#### McCotter's tough on terrorists

When it comes to winning the war on terror, the Republican Party is head-and-shoulders above the Democratic Party. Locally, our congressman, Thaddeus McCotter, has been to Iraq twice in the past year (four times since being elected to Congress almost four years ago) and has met with our troops as well as elected representatives from Iraq and Afghanistan.

He has introduced legislation to provide more funding for body armor for our troops; legislation that prohibits lobbyists from being employed by governments sponsoring terrorists; legislation that creates a select committee to investigate the money spent in Iraq and Afghanistan; and legislation that funds our first responders.

Congressman McCotter's motto has always been "I work for you." I, for one, believe him.

Michael Brackney
Canton

#### Insulted by McCotter

On Saturday, Sept. 9, I was pleased to attend a forum at Livonia's St. Edith's Catholic Church to discuss the Citizens for Peace call for a Department of Peace and Nonviolence, with Congressman Thad McCotter (from Michigan's 11th District).

The forum was scheduled for one hour to begin at 6:15 p.m.; it began a bit late at 6:30 p.m. I would estimate the crowd at approximately 100 people. The discussion began when a very well-informed member from St. Edith's spoke about what the Department of Peace was and why it's needed, especially in this time of war.

The first person to ask Congressman McCotter a question asked if he would support a resolution already signed by 100 Democrats (but not one Republican), in support of a cabinet-level Department of Peace. Congressman McCotter strongly

replied "No," he would not support it.

It became clear at that moment that the majority of the crowd did support the Department of Peace, and the meeting became a bit tense. Many people wanted to ask the congressman questions about why he would not support this resolution.

I will admit there was some amount of cat-calling from the audience, but not enough to make the meeting out of control. It was something I would expect Congressman McCotter would be able to handle — if he had spoken to people other than his staunch supporters in the past. The majority of the attendees were his constituents, and one would think he would be willing to speak with them even if he disagreed.

Those who wanted to ask questions were asked to line up and politely ask their questions and stay on the topic of the Department of Peace. Most every person stayed within that framework.

I have to say that I found Congressman McCotter to be more than adversarial. I found his answers to be stock talking points and where those were not appropriate, I found him rude, sanctimonious, dismissive and snarky. Now the congressman knew what this forum was and should have known there would be people present who disagreed with him. I feel Congressman McCotter showed great disrespect to those constituents.

After approximately 30 minutes of answering hard questions from people standing in line, it was announced that the congressman must stick with his one-hour time commitment — ending promptly at 7:15 even though he began about 15 minutes late. This caused the forum to end with about five or six people who had stood in line for about 30 minutes to not be allowed to ask their questions.

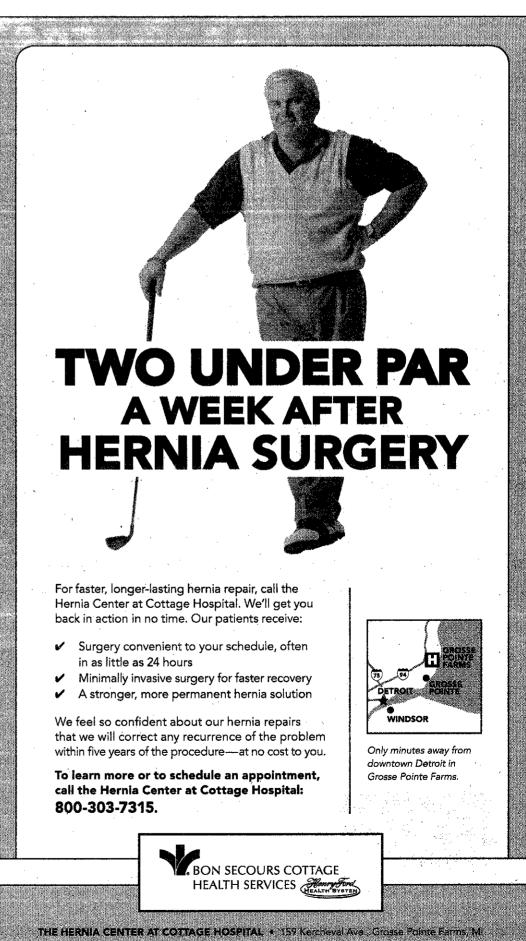
Could Congressman McCotter truly not spare 15 more minutes for his constituents? He then abruptly left without any kind words thanking people for coming out to see him.

I have to say that as a lifelong politician, I would have expected much better manners from the congressman. I honestly found his behavior surprising and quite insulting.

Susan Melke

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Siemens announced Tuesday it was awarded a \$19.1 million design and build contract from

Walbridge/Barton Malow LLC for an inline baggage handling system as a part of the new Detroit North Terminal redevelopment project.

The \$418 million North Terminal project includes the razing of the older Davey Terminal and the construction of a new, two-level terminal with 26 gates and approximately 685,000 square feet of space. The new terminal is expected to open in 2008 and will accommodate the airlines currently operating out of the Smith and Berry terminals.

Siemens will design, build and integrate the baggage handling system, which includes 9,577 feet of conveyor and 23 patented highspeed diverters to route all checked baggage through explosive detection systems before loading onto departing aircraft. The system will provide automatic and unobtrusive 100 percent screening of checked baggage. Siemens will also supply six baggage. claim units. Additionally, the

contract includes Siemens' integrated software solution that will monitor, control and report on all system activity.

"With Siemens design/build and total lifecycle cost approach, we hope to recognize the great potential for cost savings and a smooth, on-time opening of the new North Terminal," said Lester Robinson, CEO of Wayne County Airport Authority.

"Siemens is committed to providing world class technology and performance to Detroit Metro Airport," said Art Kostaras, vice president, Airport Logistics Division, Siemens Energy & Automation Inc. "The new system will make check-in noticeably easier on passengers and enable the airport to maintain a comfortable flow of traffic throughout the terminal's public spaces."

The Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport served more than 36 million passengers in 2005, representing a 3.2 percent increase from 2004. The airport handles approximately 1,320 arriving and departing flights per day.

## Ficano appoints Land Bank board members

Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano recently appointed three board members to the Wayne County Land Bank Corporation. The board consists of five members including County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz and County Commissioner Keith Williams. The executive's appointees are: Phillip Cavanagh, George Barnes and Bella Marshall.

Cavanagh has been a member of the Wayne County Commission since January 2001. Cavanagh represents the communities of Redford Township, Dearborn Heights and Garden City.

George Barnes has a long history of owning and operating businesses within the City of Detroit. Most notably, Barnes

opened Heritage Optical in the City of Detroit in 1975 when it became Michigan's first African-American-owned full service optometric dispensary. Barnes also owns the Traverse Group, a highly successful environmental engineering firm in Southeast Michigan. In addition to Mr. Barnes' success in business, he has been a very active member of the Detroit community.

Bella Marshall currently serves as the chief operating officer for Wayne County. Prior to this assignment, Marshall held numerous public sector positions in Michigan including chief financial officer for both Wayne County and the City of Detroit, and director of the Detroit Area Office for MSHDA. Forget the flowers ...

# Edible Arrangements are a fresh alternative

Brian Dougherty was looking for a way to thank a client who sent business his way.

After looking on-line for suggestions, Dougherty, manager of an Extended Stay America Hotel, located in Southfield, came to Edible Arrangements, a new store located in the Village Commons Mall in downtown Farmington.

The store is at 32730 Grand River between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road.

"I wanted to thank the lady who sent us the business," Dougherty said.

He ordered an edible bouquet. It was a fresh fruit design overflowing with juicy strawberries, pineapple, grapes, cantaloupe, honeydew and oranges - some specially cut in unique shapes.

"All of the arrangements are made the same day," said

owner Vikki Hardy Brown. Brown owns the independent franchise with her husband, Jason. The Troy couple plans to move into the Farmington area.

Brown, who worked as a senior vice president in advertising for BBDO Detroit, focused on business for DaimlerChrysler for 10 years before she decided that it was time for a change. She also wanted to spend more time with Jason, their son, who is 18 months. Her husband, Jason, works in medical device sales.

"I was always on the plane because it is a global company," she said. "We started looking around for something we could put our hearts and souls in but still have family time."

Edible Arrangements, which is headquartered in Connecticut, started in 1999. The first franchises began in 2001.

"Inc. Magazine has ranked it number four in its top 500 companies as a company which had the largest growth," to start their business.



Vikki Hardy Brown, owner of Edible Arrangements in Farmington, stands with a Berry Chocolate Bouquet.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

Name: Edible Arrangements Address: 32730 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336

Phone: (248) 888-9676 Web address: www.ediblearrangements.com

Franchise date established: Aug. 28, 2006 Number of employees: 8 Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

through Friday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Closed on Sunday. Edible arrangements are edible bouquets. They are made from a fresh fruit design overflowing with juicy strawberries, pineapple,

grapes, cantaloupe, honeydew and oranges - some specially cut in unique shapes. "You probably have not seen anything like it," said owner Vikki Hardy Brown. "It is healthy and

good for you."

Because the first franchise in Michigan was already located in Troy, their hometown, the Browns decided to look further

Submission deadline: October 15, 2006.

ed@therouge.org to obtain a copy.

"We were looking for a community that was strong, stable and had good people," Brown said. "We have a lot of friends who live in this area."

The Farmington franchise, which opened Aug. 28, is located in what Brown calls "a delightfully modest 1.200 square foot space."

Edible Arrangements offers a unique collection of fresh fruit bouquets that can be presented for any holiday, celebration or business occasion.

It's an alternative to flowers. "This is a beautifully designed arrangement that you can eat," Brown said. "It's made fresh every day. Nobody gets it the day before and we don't

recommend that." No preservatives are used. "Our fruits are all natural." she said. "They last as long as a strawberry lasts. If it has chocolate on it, probably not

longer than two days." If you are picking up an arrangement but you are not going home right away, a

reusable cooler can be pur-

Environmental Non-Profit Seeks Request for Proposals

Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit, 501c3, environmental education organization is seeking candidates to submit proposals detailing a plan to develop and implement an all-inclusive database for the organization.

For a complete copy of the RFP go to www.therouge.org and click on FOTR Database RFP. Or you can contact Carolyne McCaughey at 313-792-9627 or

chased to store the arrangement for about four hours, she

Because the arrangements are so fresh and handmade every day, Brown appreciates about a couple hours notice to prepare the product.

For more information about the Farmington store, call (248) 888-9676.

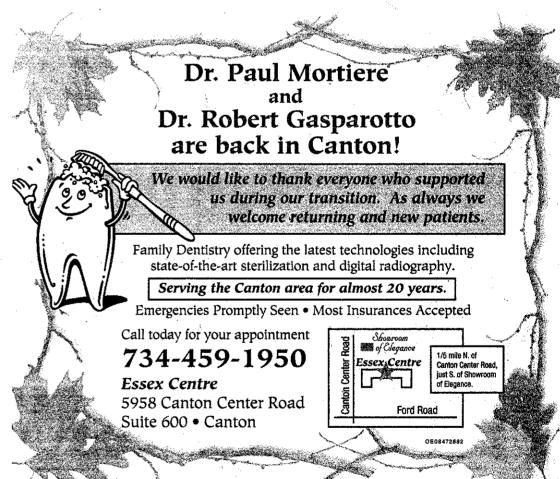


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# Church's 60th anniversary kickoff a runaway hit

When Bonnie Danic suggested her Redford Township church hold a fun run to mark its 60th anniversary, then volunteered fellow parishioner Jim Soter to help organize it, the longtime runner, well, took it in stride.

"She put an elbow into my side and said, 'Jim could help me," said Soter, of Plymouth, remembering a meeting of St. Valentine Catholic Church's anniversary committee.

Excited about doing something different, the committee adopted the idea, and codirectors Danic and Soter, their spouses and other volunteers spent weeks planning the event. A spaghetti dinner for about 300 people, cooked by John Cubba, a parish member and Redford's finance director, followed the run/walk.

Sunday's 5-kilometer (3.1 miles) fun run and walk brought about 170 people to the tree-lined streets around the church and attracted veteran racers, fitness walkers and runners and those out for fellowship and an afternoon stroll.

"That was the idea, just to keep it in the neighborhood," said Danic, a Plymouth resident and secretary in the parish's faith formation department. "It just made the nice community feel for



Gathering at the starting line before Sunday's St. Valentine 5-kilometer Fun Run and Walk are (from left) Abby Pawl, Hallea Garcia, Devon Ruczko and Angela Nicola. The event drew about 170 participants and was followed by a spagnetti dinner for about 300 people.

St. Valentine."

Participants included students from the parish school, their parents, school graduates and longtime church members. "We ran the whole gamut of age groups, so that was wonderful," Danic said.

Soter, who is planning to run his 28th Detroit Free Press Marathon next month, said the event allowed him

to see a race from an organizer's perspective.

"It also gave me a better respect for race directors and all the stuff they have to go through," he said. The event's sponsors included Runner's World magazine, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, plus FamilyMeds Pharmacy and other local businesses.

The run/walk was the first in a series of events planned

to mark the parish's 60th anniversary, which is next year.

The winners in the men's category were Neal Martinuzzi, 20 minutes, 20 seconds; the Rev. Tim Laboe, St. Valentine's pastor, 21 minutes, 15 seconds; and 13-year-old Mike Ryan, 22 minutes 8 seconds. All are from Redford.

In the women's category,



St. Valentine parishioners Stephanie and Larry Toth dressed up to work the fun run's pirate-themed aid station at about the 1.5-mile mark.

the winners were Lindsay Parsell of Troy, 21 minutes, 34 seconds; Marybeth Dillon of Livonia, 22 minutes, 33 seconds; and 15-year-old Clare Meernick of Redford, 25 minutes, 19 seconds.

Soter said it was gratifying to see so many people enjoying the event. "That was more pleasing to me than anything else," he said.

- By Matt Jachman



Runners, including (from left) Marie Graham, Ashlei Garcia and Bob Neaton, head onto Fox Drive, near Western Golf & Country Club, during the first mile of Sunday's St. Valentine 5-kilometer Fun Run and Walk in Redford.





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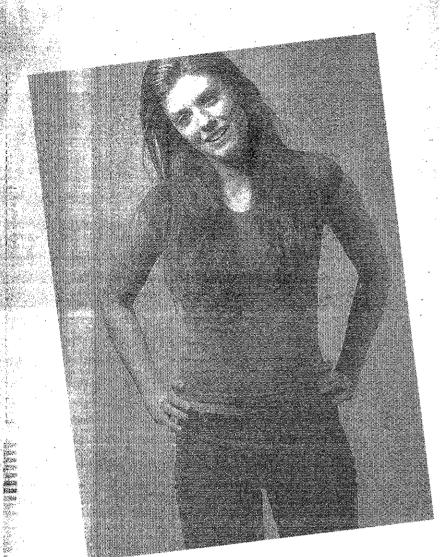
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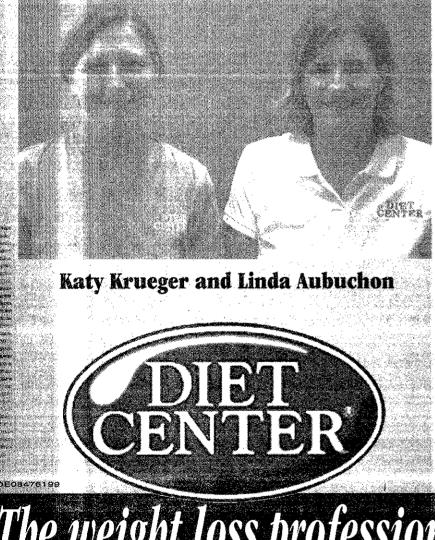
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## Two businesses cited for selling tobacco to a minor

The Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted alcohol and tobacco sales checks during the month of September. According to records, decoy minors attempted to purchase either alcohol or tobacco at 14 businesses in Canton. Two businesses sold to the minor decoy, while 12 refused the sale.

A complete list of the locations checked is shown below:

- Oakview Party Store, 42256 Palmer, did not sell tobacco
- Marathon Gas, 41479 Michigan, did not sell tobacco.
- Marathon Gas, 40401
- Michigan, did not sell tobacco. ■ Shell Gas, 40400
- Michigan, did not sell tobacco. ■ 7-11, 45490 Michigan, did
- not sell tobacco. Citgo Gas, 40200 Michigan, sold tobacco to minor.
- BP Gas, 41345 Ford, sold tobacco to minor
- 7-11, 7171 N. Canton
- Center, did not sell alcohol. ■ Rite Aide, 2249 N. Canton Center, did not sell alcohol.
- Grapevine Party Store, 44285 Ford, did not sell alcohol.
- Texas Coral, 43750 Ford,
- did not sell alcohol. ■ Pinetree Market, 42444

Ford, did not sell alcohol.

Country Deli, 7349 N. Lilley, did not sell alcohol. ■ Maria's Bakery, 115 N.

Haggerty, did not sell alcohol. The Special Enforcement Unit has performed tobacco and alcohol compliance checks at local businesses for the past several years. The SEU has a "zero tolerance" enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of tobacco and alcohol

sales to minors.

Establishments selling alcohol to a minor receive a misdemeanor citation. Alcohol violations are also reported to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

## Police look for suspects in 2 home invasions

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Westland police believe the same suspects may be involved in two home invasions at gunpoint that occurred within six days on the city's northwest

The latest incident occurred about 2:15 a.m. Monday at Fountain Park Apartments, on Newburgh south of Joy. It followed a similar home invasion five days earlier at Westwood Village Apartments at Joy and Hix roads.

"They're very similar," police Lt. James Ridener said.

In the Fountain Park incident, a 72-year-old man told police he was awakened about 2:15 a.m. Monday and found four men in his bedroom. One suspect armed with a handgun forced the victim to stand up and face a wall.

The intruders ransacked the apartment and took the vic-

tim's money and other personal property. They also took his car keys and fled in his 2005 Saturn, which was later found at nearby Scotsdale Apartments, according to police reports.

The victim told police that he believes the intruders entered his apartment through a sliding door that he admitted leaving unlocked.

He described the intruders as black males, 5-foot-9 to 6 feet tall, their weight proportionate to their height. He said they wore scarves or bandanas over their faces and wore dark clothing.

The earlier incident happened about 2 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Westwood Village Apartments, where a 46-year-old tenant said a black male armed with a semiautomatic handgun came through the doorwall.

The intruder ordered the victim to the floor at gunpoint,

put the gun to the back of his head and ordered him not to move, according to reports. The victim told police that at least two other suspects accompanied the gunman.

As he lay face down on the floor with a gun to his head, the victim told police that he could hear the other intruders rustling through papers, drawers and cupboards.

The victim reported that he was robbed of several guns, his wallet and other personal items. The intruders also took his car keys and fled in his 2005 Monte Carlo, according to police reports.

Canton police found the car a short time later near Joy and Haggerty roads.

Anyone who has information about the incidents is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-

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use online registration so get yours today. Adult programs will still use phone registration. Call the library at (734) 397-0999 for

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■ Tween Movie: Sept. 30, at 1 p.m. Watch Aquamarine (rated PG), based on the popular book by Alice Hoffman. Registration required.

Teen Tuesday: Oct. 3, at 3

p.m. Drop in and join other teens for snacks, games and

■ All About College Night: Oct. 3. at 7 p.m. Learn about entrance exams and essays, financial aid and more from University of Michigan-Dearborn staff. Open to all Plymouth-Canton students and parents are welcome. Register required.

PowerPoint I: Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m. Create a multimedia presentation with this Microsoft program. Registration required.

Teen Chess Club: Oct. 5, at 4 p.m. Drop in for open chess play. All levels welcome.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from ZSI, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their new facility located at 42550 Executive Drive, within the Singh Executive Park District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -September 19, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, September 16, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (On Military leave) Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Faas, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Santomauro, John Spencer, Anna Stump Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Budget Hearings Annual Budgets for Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, Finance, Administrative Services, Municipal Services, Leisure Services and Public Safety for 2007 were discussed. There is copies of the entire budget available in the Clerk's office for review. Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 10:30 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett.

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

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# **Affirmative action** ballot proposal debate on tap

**BY ALEX LUNDBERG** STAFF WRITER

Activists on both sides of the debate over civil rights in Michigan will gather in Bloomfield Hills next week to lay out their cases for and against Proposal 2.

The Women Officials' Network, a group founded to help women develop leadership skills, will host a debate on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 6 at the Radisson-Bloomfield Hills, 39475 Woodward.

Proposal 2 is the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative which would amend the Michigan Constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes.

MCRI Media Relations Director Max McPhail said the issue before Michigan voters is simple: to reaffirm residents' commitment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

There should be no discrimination based on race or gender," he said. "The Grand Rapids schools give their contracts out 90 percent based on price and merit and 10 percent on race. I don't think the voters of Michigan are going to move toward a colorblind society when they base their decisions on race."

McPhail, however, won't be the one to defend the MCRI at the Radisson. That duty will fall to MCRI Executive Director Jennifer Gratz, who sued the University of Michigan after being denied enrollment. The Supreme Court struck down the school's admissions policy in 2003.

Former state Rep. Maxine Berman, the governor's director of special projects, said she's been working with One

United Michigan to defeat the MCRI. The people with the most to lose if Proposal 2 passes, she said, are women.

"I remember what it was like before affirmative action, I don't want to roll back the clock," Berman said. "When I went to the University of Michigan in the '60s I had two choices - teacher or nurse."

She said the jobs of the future are going to be sciencebased and women are already underrepresented in those fields by a margin of four to one. In the corporate world, the numbers are even more stark.

"There is a minute level of women and minorities in corporate America. They represent 50 percent of middle management and 3 percent of upper management," Berman said. "By not providing a level playing field, we'll deny the country brain power and opportunity."

**WON** Administrator Barbara Moorhouse said the organization has always had guest speakers, but lately has tried to add contemporary politics to the discussion.

"We wanted to do something on a ballot proposal," she said. "We're not taking a position on the MCRI, but we'd like to hear how the MCRI would affect women."

In the past few years, the organization has dipped its feet into the political waters by hosting a candidates night in the Secretary of State race two years ago. It's always looking for a speaker or topic that will draw a crowd, but it's also interested in discussing topics it considers underreported in regular channels.

Reservations for the event are being taken through Oct. 3. Tickets are \$25 and checks can be sent to the WON, P.O. Box 404, Birmingham, MI 48012.

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## Plymouth man is Wayne State vice president of development

David W. Ripple has been named associate vice president of development and alumni affairs for Wayne State University.

A Certified Fund Raising Executive, Ripple has more than a decade of broad fund-raising experience. Most recently, he served as executive director for Community Counselling Service, directing nonprofit clients on multi-million dollar campaigns, including Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Earlier in his career, Ripple served on the fundraising staffs of Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, the American Red Cross Southeastern Chapter and Angela Hospice in Livonia. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Detroit Chapter and has served on numerous AFP committees. Ripple is also

an adjunct assistant professor in the English and Communications Arts departments at Madonna University in Livonia.

"David Ripple's extensive fund-raising experience will be of significant assistance to the university as we work to complete the Wayne State Capital Campaign on schedule," said Susan Burns, vice president for Development and Alumni Affairs. "The Campaign is of critical importance to the urban mission of the university and we are fortunate to have someone of David Ripple's caliber in this key position."

Ripple earned a bachelor's degree from Madonna University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He resides in Plymouth with his wife and two daughters.

Wayne State University is a premier institution of higher education offering more than 350 academic programs through 11 schools and colleges to more than 33,000 students.

## Teen journalists: The Observer is looking for you

The Observer Newspapers is looking for students (ages 13-18) who are interested in producing local newspaper pages and online material for teens by teens.

Teens will report, write, edit and take photographs for the hometownLIFE.com print and online sections which will appear periodically in Sunday editions of the Observer.

The first pages and online stories are scheduled to appear in November.

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We want teens to take ownership of the section both in print and online,"said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the Observer ℧ Eccentric Newspapers.

"Teens will decide what to cover, what to write about what's important to them. They'll be mentored by reporters, editors and photographers at the OSE," added Rosiek.

Deadline to apply is Wednesday, Oct. 4.

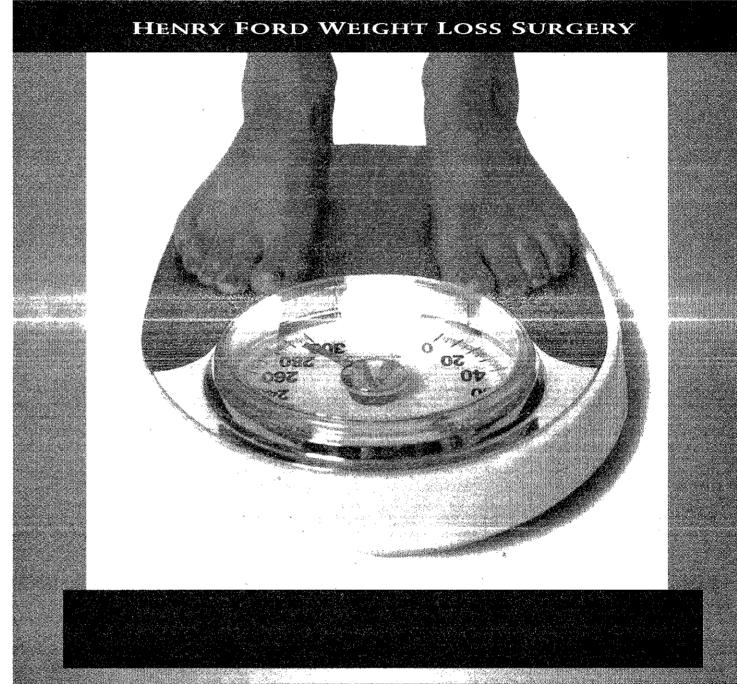




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#### sions@olivetcollege.edu Mélanoma walk

Join the 1st Annual KDB Melanoma Walk to be held Saturday, Oct. 14 at Kensington Metropark (East Boat Launch). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. \$30 for adults, \$20 for 10-17 year olds and seniors. Registration forms and more information can be found online at www.melanomawalk.org **Ann Arbor Art Center** 

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th-annual All Media Exhibition Oct. 13-Nov. 11, with an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 13. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as 'Gallery2, located on the Art Center's second floor. For more information, contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborantcenter.org or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

Lupus walk

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The Lupus Alliance of America Michigan-Indiana Affiliate sponsors the 12th-annual Metro Beach Walk for Lupus 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Metro Beach Metro Park, 31330 Metro Parkway in Harrison Township. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Walkers who raise \$75 will receive a free T-shirt. Lunch provided. Raffle tickets available. Contact the Lunus. Alliance, (800) 705-6677, e-mail info@milupus.org or visit the Alliance Web site at www.milupus.org

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.

#### Genealogical meeting

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

#### Sally Ride festival

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

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 email pennyhomalley@aol.com

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC

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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 informa-

#### tion.

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.newhopecenter.net.

#### CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

**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

robertplusjanet@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 smallgroup 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@iuno.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.

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 ancesters who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further informa-

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 informa-

American Legion

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

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through

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

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 informa-

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projects.

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

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 12,

HOUSING REHABILITATIONS - MOBILE HOMES FALL

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, from our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that OCTOBER 10, 2006, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerks Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by

October 10, 2006.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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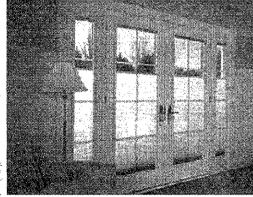
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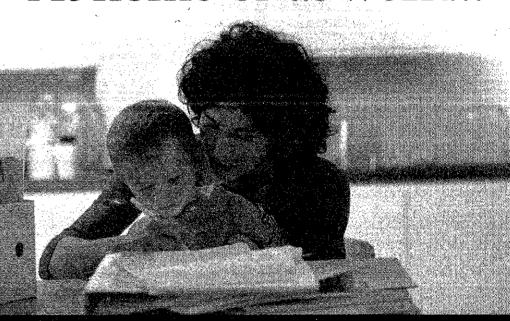
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## Focus: HOPE walk stresses diversity, unity

Focus: HOPE's annual WALK for Diversity, which for 32 years has been bringing together people of all races and religions from the city and suburbs, will head in a new direction on Sunday, Oct. 8, with a shorter walk route and extensive on-campus festivities designed to encourage camaraderie.

Thousands of people who are committed to Focus: HOPE's civil rights mission are expected to walk together for three miles starting at 1 p.m. The route will pass a senior housing site under construction and travel through an established, historic neighborhood. Leading the WALK will be the Calico Troop of the Buffalo Soldiers, a group that raises awareness of the contribution of black soldiers to peacekeeping in the United States.

"Our WALK reminds our supporters of what we can accomplish when we work together in a spirit of respect and harmony," said Eleanor Josaitis, who cofounded Focus: HOPE with the late Rev. William Cunningham in 1968. "Father Cunningham loved to look around the crowd to see thousands of people of all ages, races and backgrounds coming together in support of civil rights. Each year we do this, we are reminded of the importance of our mission and the work that still needs to be done."

The WALK theme of "Unite, Educate, Elevate" emphasizes the importance of education in opening career opportunities, in particular for minorities and the economically-disadvantaged. Proceeds from the event will be used for scholarships for students who have serious financial chal-

"Focus: HOPE's education and training programs were created to help people overcome poverty," said Keith Cooley, Focus: HOPE CEO. "We have thousands of grad-

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Focus: HOPE seeking a better life. They are now successful professionals providing a comfortable living for themselves and their families. Our WALK celebrates those successes and the impact Focus: HOPE has had on our community."

Before and after the WALK, there will be entertainment, tours of Focus: HOPE's education and training programs, and extensive children's activities, including a moonwalk, magician, pony rides and a petting farm. The Arts & Scraps mobile will work with children on a special art project.

WALK emcee Foolish, a WLJB-FM morning radio personality and award-winning comedian, will begin introducing special guests at 12:30 p.m. The WALK starts at 1 p.m. and then walkers will return to the Focus: HOPE campus on Oakman Boulevard to enjoy freshly grilled foods and music provided by the Jerry Ross Band.

Another new aspect of this year's event is an emphasis on teams. More than 40 teams have registered to date. Awards will be presented to the team that raises the most money, and those that demonstrate the most team spirit. A Samaritan Award will be presented to the individual who raises the most money.

Miscellaneous activities include the Henry Ford Health Screening Mobile Unit which will offer blood pressure checks and information on health issues. Microsoft will provide a futuristic technology demonstration and Ford Motor, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler will have automobiles on display.

Major sponsors for WALK 2006 are LaSalle Bank, Dow Automotive, DENSO International America, Inc., DTE Energy, and DaimlerChrysler Corp., and Microsoft.

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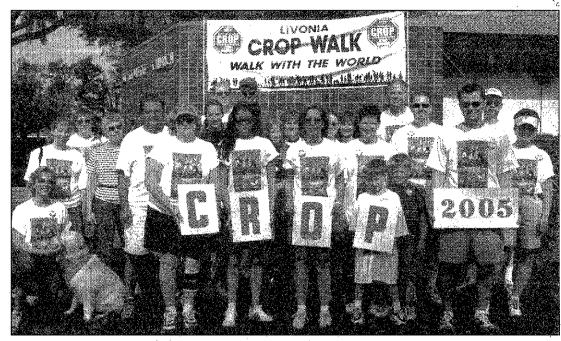


With football season and beautiful fall weather beckoning many area residents are gearing up to join in the Livonia Area Crop Walk which will begin 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh.

Crop Walk co-chairperson John Hirtzel states that a goal of \$25,000 has been set to help stop hunger here in our community and around the world. Funds are also used for self-help initiative and disaster relief. A portion of funds raised will go locally to Metropolitan Christian Council (meals for shut-ins in the Cass Corridor), Redford Interfaith Relief (food bank), St. Christine Parish (food bank in old Redford, and St. Edith Parish (food bank for Livonia area).

Last year more than 250 walkers from 20 Livonia and Garden City churches raised \$19,308. Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia, led all churches with more than 75 walkers.

This year Livonia and some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide are joining together in interfaith community Crop Walks to combat hunger. This year Livonia Area Crop Walkers will be wearing bold maroon T-



Last year's Livonia area Crop Walk raised more than \$19,000. This year's walk begins and ends at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia on Oct. 1.

shirts that state, We Walk Because We Care, proclaiming our solidarity with millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live.

As well as food relief, Church World Service assists many communities especially in

Africa to develop clean water and sanitation. Crop Walks are also making a big difference along the U.S. Gulf Coast as communities continue their recovery from Hurricane Katrina, in northern Pakistan where recovery efforts continue

in quake-effected areas, and in our response to the developing humanitarian crisis in Lebanon.

Churches of all faiths and organizations are invited to join in the event. For more information, call John Hirtzel at (734) 422-0841.



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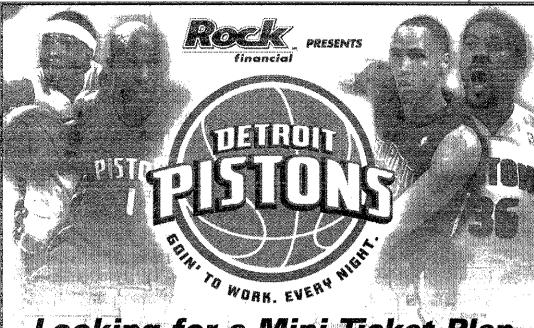




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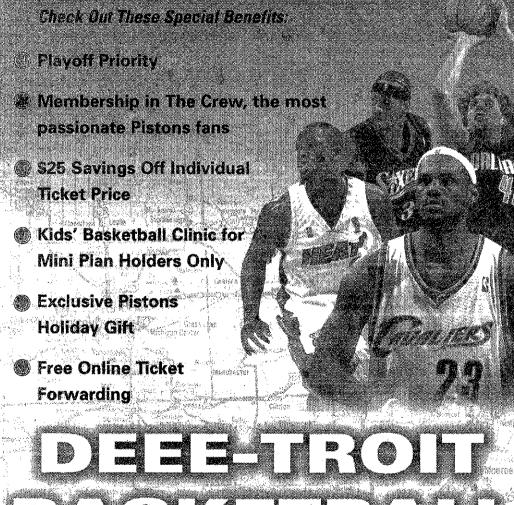
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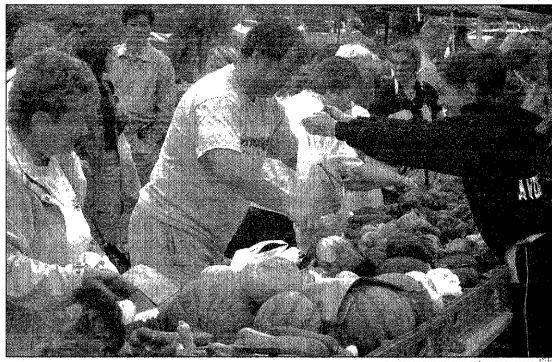
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## It's harvest time in Farmington

Farmers & Artisan Market beams with season's glory

Autumn harvest has arrived at the Walter E. Sundquist pavilion in downtown Farmington.

A special two-day Harvest Moon Weekend Celebration is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

The market will continue every Saturday through October.

Special activities for all ages include a scarecrow contest in Riley Park, a Harvest Breakfast Café by Penny White from the Breakfast Club restaurant, chef demonstrations, games, face painting and a minstrel story-

The farmers and artisans are

regular attractions at the market. A Harvest Moon Dance will be held 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the pavilion located on Grand River, east of Farmington, for adults 21 and over. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance at Farmington City Hall, John Cowley & Sons, the Downtown Development Authority office at 33314 Grand River or the Farmers Market Information booth from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

The Farmington Downtown Development Authority and Farmington Farmers & Artisans market committee once again will host a scarecrow building ompetition with cash prizes a way to welcome the harvest season and decorate the town in a unique and fun way.

Entry forms can be found at the Saturday Farmers Market information booth, the DDA office and online at www.DowntownFarmington.or g. Judging will take place at noon Oct. 7. Winners will be announced at noon Sunday,

Official categories include 9 year's and younger; ages 10-17 and 18 years and above. Winners in each category will receive \$150 for first place, \$50 for second place; and a Civic Theatre Movie Basket for third place. Additional non-cash awards will go to "Mayor's Choice," "Best Merchant Entry," "Best Group Entry" and "Harvest Mooner's Choice," as voted on during the Harvest Moon Dance event.

The scarecrows will be mounted in Riley Park and throughout the downtown for public viewing for the remainder of October. The winning scarecrows will be displayed Oct. 10 during "Hay Days" at Heritage Park. For more infor-mation, call the DDA at (248) 473-7276 or contact Mary Burck, scarecrow chairwoman, at (248) 471-0144.

A horse-drawn Harvest History Tour to the historic Governor Warner Mansion includes carriage rides, a mansion tour and cider and dough-. nuts. The \$3 round trip will be narrated by Brian Golden of Pastways Inc. Boarding begins at the pavilion.

The tours will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during festivities Sunday, Oct. 8.

Strolling minstrel and storyteller Genot Picor will again bring his talents to the market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. Last year, Picor delighted children and parents alike with his stories and songs about nature and Native Americans, American exploration and the great frontier.

The Farmers Market is sponsored by the Williams Family Sports & Medical Center of Farmington.



peppers at the Farmington Farmers Market on a recent Saturday.

#### HARVEST MONTH EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 7

- Harvest Cafe by the Breakfast Club, 8-11 a.m.
- Musician Joy Sparks, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Farmers Market, 9 a.m. 3 p.m.
- Chef Demo by Five Restaurant, 10 a.m. Face Painting by Jannie Annie, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
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- Musician Billy Brandt, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Hay Bale Races, Noon, 1 and 2 p.m.
- Harvest Moon Dance: Music by The Hummingbirds, 5:30 9:30 p.m.,
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#### Sunday, Oct. 8

- Harvest Cafe by the Breakfast Club, 8-11 a.m.
- Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-3 p.m
- Genot Picor, minstrel storyteller, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Et Chef demonstration, 10 a.m.
- Face painting by Jannie Annie, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Harvest games, Sack Races, Egg-in-Spoon Relay, Gourd Toss, 11 a.m.-1
- Musician Mark Reitenga, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. ■ Horsedrawn Harvest History tour, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Board at the pavilion for narrated tour to Governor Warner Mansion;
- \$3 includes roundtrip, mansion tour, cider and donuts

#### Scarecrow winners announced at noon Hay bale races, Noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

- Saturday, Oct. 14 Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Chef demonstration by Tribute, 10 a.m.
- Arts 'n Scraps hatmaking for kids, 11 a.m. 2 p.m. Music by John D. Lamb Acoustic/vocals 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Scarecrow Dress-up
- Polaroid booth, Noon-2 p.m.

#### Hay bale races, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

- Saturday, Oct. 21
- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Chef demonstration, 10 a.m. by John Cowley & Sons
- Musician Bob Monteleone, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Straw scramble, 11 a.m.
- Pumpkin painting, 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Pavilion birthday celebration, noon Straw scramble, 12:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, Oct. 28

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Iron Chef Pumpkin Carve off, 10 a.m.-noon
- Musician John D. Lamb, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Trick or Treating throughout the downtown business district, 3-5 p.m.
- Costume contest, 5 p.m. The Spoonman, an entertainer, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- For more information, visit www.DowntownFarmington.org or call (248)

473-7276.

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

#### SEPTEMBER

Seniors group All senior citizens are invited to First Baptist Church of Detroit to join with the Leisur-Aires group and hear Denise Holmes, a registered dietitian and exercise therapist at Botsford Hospital, talk about how to stay healthy as seniors 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the church, 21100 Southfield Road, Southfield, For more information, call (248) 569-2972.

Revival Friday-Sunday, Sept. 29, to Oct. 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Workshops Friday-Saturday, Call (734) 464-0990.

#### Western barn dance

6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Lazy J Ranch in Milford. Pizza, square dancing and lots of laughs presented by Single Point ministry at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Car pooling available. Cost is \$23. Meet in Ward church parking lot F at 5:30 p.m. For tickets or information, call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Nankin Mills administration office parking lot, Westland, presented by Single Point ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville, Call (248) 374-5920. All riders welcome but must wear a helmet.

#### Mom2Mom sale

Table renters wanted for sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood, \$1 admission. Bake sale. Cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$30 for 8-foot table. Call Rhonda Harris for rental reservations or more information, (734) 532-7818, or send e-mail to Harrisar@aol.com.

#### Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Call (734) 421-8628.

#### Mom to Mom Sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 30, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. If you are interested in renting a table at the sale, call (734) 422-0149. Infant to preteen clothes, maternity clothes, furniture, toys and more. \$2 admission. Strollers

#### Unity coffee house

Presents Bill Staines 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Suggested donation is \$15. Call (734) 421-1760. Staines has traveled all over the world, averaging 200 concerts a year. As a songwriter and performer he uses a magical blend of humor and wit.

#### Religious education

Registration now being accepted for children's religious education on Sundays, sessions began Sept. 24, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Attend 9:30 a.m. Mass as a family on Sunday followed by separate education sessions for children and adults that run until noon.

#### Bible study

St. Michael Catholic Church at Plymouth and Hubbard began its new series of fall Bible Study programs. Groups meet from 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesdays of each month; the other from 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays. All are invited. Register at (734) 261-1445.

### MOPS

All mothers of infants through kindergartners are invited to join MOPS. Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford, MI 48239. The group provides support, presentations, discussion, creative projects and refreshments. Child care provided. For more information or to register, call (313) 937-2424.

#### Fall/winter worship services

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 9:30 a.m. adult Christian education, and 10:15 a.m. youth Christian education, Sundays at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. Catholic programs

You've been coming to Catholic liturgies for years with your spouse, but just haven't taken the plunge to become Catholic yourself. The opportunity has arrived at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Sept. 5 saw the start of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those who would like to become Catholic, Call David Conrad, director of Faith Formation, at (734) 425-5950 to discuss your conversion journey and begin formal entrance into the Catholic Church.

#### Remarried workshop

Continues 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church. 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. It can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for one session or all 13.

#### Prosperity program Stretton Smith's 4 T Prosperity Program

continues 8 p.m. Wednesdays to Nov. 22, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Signup fee including book is \$35. Call (734) 421-1760.

#### Bible study

Explore the Gospel of Mark, 8:22 to 16:8, Thursdays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

#### Divorce recovery program

Continues 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays to Sept. 28, and Oct. 19 to Dec. 4 (no workshop Thanksgiving Day), presented by Single Place Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. For information, call (248) 349-0911.

#### Sunday worship

10:30 a.m. Sundays, lessons from I Peter, teen/adult Bible study at 9 a.m. focuses on the complete text of Matthew, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. For information, call (313) 255-6330.

#### Sunday schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages preschool to adult, family friendly worship at 10:30 a.m., nursery care available for both session for infant to 2 years old, children's choir, Jammin for Jesus follows the children's story in service (for third-to sixth-grade students), Celebration Station is for age 3 to second grade, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia, Call (734) 422-6038, All are welcome.

#### **UPCOMING**

#### 50th celebration

St. John Bosco Church celebrates its 50th anniversary with a 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Oct. 1, with Adam Cardinal Maida presiding, reception follows the Mass in Sheltreau Hall, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. For more information, call (313) 937-9690.

#### Healing service

Service of Healing and Wholeness 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, in the Sanctuary at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. A celebration of Communion will be observed. This service affirms God's healing presence in our lives. Childcare provided up to age 4. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

#### Organ concert

Music by American composers 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at the cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge, Detroit. Freewill offering will be taken. Call (313) 865-6300, Ext. 227, or send e-mail to CathedralConcerts@vahoo.com.

#### **Jewish New Year**

Secular/cultural observances, with music, singing and readings, will take place at the Jewish Community Center's Prentis Social Hall, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park, The Yorn Kippur observance will be 10

a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, with music by renowned violinist Jannina Barefield who will perform Kol Nidre and more. Reservations and contributions appreciated. For more information, contact Workmen's Circle at (248) 545-0985 or micirclel@aol.com. The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring is dedicated to Jewish community, Jewish and Yiddish culture, and social justice.

#### Living rosary

As part of its continuing 75th anniversary celebration, St. Michael the Archangel Parish will pray a Living Rosary 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 in the church at 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. In this traditional experience a person or small group of people represent each bead of the rosary and lead the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony is open to all area Catholics. For more information, call (734) 261-1455. October is dedicated to the devotion of the rosary.

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walkins are welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

#### Blessing of the animals

5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. All pets are welcome. Hot dogs will be provided. For more information, call (734) 591-0211 or visit www.holyspirt-livonia.org.

#### Parish mission

7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 8-12, at St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. Refreshments follow in Social Hall. The Rev. Richard Hart presents Sharing the Good News. Sunday evenings topic is What is the Treasure We Share?, Monday - Too Good a Secret to be Kept, Tuesday - Do You Love Me?, Wednesday - Are we a Forgiving Community? (Reconciliation service), and Thursday - A Work That Cannot Fail. for more information, call (313) 937-

#### Women's conference

The fourth annual Women's Conference, (for women of all ages, and young adults age 14 and above) sponsored by The Archdiocese of Detroit, Department of Parish Life & Services, Office of Evangelization 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. This year's conference, A Woman's Journey to the Heart of Christ, will conclude

#### with Mass celebrated by His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida.

Pre-registration required. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 full-time college or high school students, includes conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge, but must register. More information on the conference (including a downloadable registration form) can be found at www.aodonline.org. If you would like to receive a registration form or for more information, send e-mail to dignityofwoman@aol.com, or call (734) 459-9558.

#### Crafters needed

Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

#### Divorce recovery workshop

7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 26, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$35, \$15 for previous participants who wish to repeat the workshop. Free child care, Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555. S. Lilley, Canton. The church is accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

#### **CNGOING**

#### Ladies Bible studies

Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville, Call (248) 348-7600.

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration feed includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care).

#### Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

#### **Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

#### Bible and playtime

For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

#### Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

#### TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly. the group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday evening 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. Learner's Bible study

7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

## Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

#### **Bible study**

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia, The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

#### Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

#### **Church activities**

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### **Eucharistic adoration**

The monthly program of Parish Praver and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction serv-

#### ice. For information, call (734) 261-5331. Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470. Unity of Livonia

#### Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays

at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760. Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan, Call (248) 477-8974.

#### Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit

#### www.betchaverim.com. Detroit World Outreach

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services

are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call

#### (313) 255-2222. Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

#### Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org.

#### **English classes**

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

#### Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering chil-

dren, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

#### Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

#### Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

#### Bible talks 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship

Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157. Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.



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## ERNST MANFRED SCHNEIDER

age 82 of Rochester and Freital. Germany, Germany, September 21, 2006. Loving husband of Ella Schneider. Dear father of Claudia (Stefan) Wieditz. Grandfather of Roman and Verena Wieditz. Funeral service Saturday, September 30, 2006 11 a.m. at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester The family will receive friends Friday 5-9 p.m. Interment at Guardian Angel Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society. Online

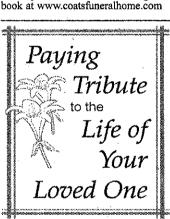
www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

#### GREGORY STOCK

Age 47, September 22, 2006. Beloved husband of Jean. Dear brother of Pam (Gregg) Miller. Brother-in-law of Teri (Conrad) Madaleno, Sue (Bill) Nebe, and Jill (Roger) Ivey. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Services have taken place. Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorials may be made to the

American Diabetes Association. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

Of West Bloomfield. September 24, 2006 at 78 years of age. Beloved wife of William Buechler. Dear mother of Stephen and Robert Buechler, Linda Daly, Janis Waltermire and Christine Neal. Sister of Thomas Kennedy. Also survived by eight grandchildren. Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 29, 2006 at The Church of St. Colman (32500 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills). Memorial Donations may be made to Our Lady of Providence League. To send a private condolence select guest-



### RICHARD B. "Dick" SCHLOSSER

Age 82, Of Gladstone, September 26, 2006. Husband of Betty for 58 years. Father of Richard A. "Rick" (Bonfie) Schlosser, James H. (Becky) Schlosser, and Lois Taylor. Brother of Gretchen Bennett and Unafern Williams. Also survived by 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, Jay E. and Alena Schlosser, brothers Maynard and Bernard Schlosser, and sisters Geraldine Adams and Zelda Titus. Dick was a local building inspector Commerce Township. Birmingham, and Berkley before

moving up north. He also was a state building inspector for the UP from 1976 to 1994. Funeral service will be held Saturday, September 30, 5pm, at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. The family will receive friends Saturday, 2-5pm. To send a private message of condolence for the family, please select "Guestbook" at

www.coatsfuneralhome.com

#### ROBERT F. BERRY

Age 68, of Belleville, MI (formerly of Redford), September 22, 2006. Mr. Berry is survived by his wife Roberta (Schmidt), daughter Denise Heppner, also son Kurt (Julie). The funeral was held on September 27, 2006, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

# JUDY M. SCHWARTZ

1964, their first child Gregory J

Schwartz, Jr. was born. He was fol-

lowed by brothers Walter, Joseph,

Edward and Peter. Each son would

marry and return to work with their

father in the investment firm he had founded in 1976 with Judy's support

and guidance. With a loving, caring

and humorous personality, she became

like a second mother to "her girls."

However, she was quick to point out to each (Chris, Molly, Nancy and Stephanie) that "you only have one

mom." In 1991, she and Greg became

grandparents for the first time. Alexandra, the first grandbaby, was then followed by ten more; Mimi,

Greg III, William (J), Tatum, Joe Jr.,

T.J., Tommy, Sam, Patrick and Mia.

Perhaps her greatest accomplishment, though, was the ability to counsel,

humor and teach all who came in con-

tact with her. In 1976, she found the

strength to quit drinking and entered

an Alcoholics Anonymous program in order to save herself and her family.

After conquering her addiction, she

went on to counsel hundreds of people

that she would meet from every walk

of life. Her ability to meet someone

once and have that person think she

was Judy's best friend was uncanny.

She treated the waitress at her favorite

restaurant the same as she treated the presidents of GM, Ford or Chrysler. It

seemed that she truly knew everyone.

In 1998, she was diagnosed with

breast cancer that had spread to twen-ty four lymph nodes. With a huge out-

pouring of support, she rallied against the disease like one of Knute

Rockne's underdog football teams.

Despite the odds, she lasted eight

more years. In those years, she con-

tinued to give strength and love to her

family and friends who seemed to

always need it more then her. Funeral

Mass was Monday, Sept. 25, at St. Regis Catholic Church, Bloomfield

Hills, with Reverend Joseph Grimaldi

officiating. For information call A. J.

Desmond & Sons (248-362-2500). In

lieu of flowers, donations can be made

in her memory to: Loyola High

chool in Detroit (one of only two

Catholic High Schools that remain open in the city), 15325 Pinehurst, Detroit, MI 48238 -- 313-861-2407.

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VIRGINIA H. VERNON (July 4, 1941 - September 21, 2006). Beloved wife of Arthur Vernon of 58 Judy (Young) Schwartz was the eldest years. Dearest mother of Gloria (Ken) child of Emmet and Catherine Young. Trierweiler and David Vernon. Dear She passed away on September 2 grandmother of Sarah Trierweiler. Visitation Saturday, 10am at the Ziomek Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne 2006 after an eight year battle with breast cancer. On the Fourth of July, 1941, John McHale, future general Rd. at Joy, Livonia until 1pm Funeral manager of the Detroit Tigers and an active player on the 1943 World Series Service. Mrs. Vernon was an Employee Benefit Claims Clerk with Burroughs (Unisys) Company of Plymouth. Resident of the city of team, was told during a game that he had just become an uncle for the first Upon hearing the news, he Livonia for 45 years. stepped up to the plate and hit a home-run on his next at bat. So with fireworks and a homerun, Judy (Young) Schwartz was born a true Yankee Doodle Dandy, Judy, along with her siblings Jack, Joe and Jane, grew up in Detroit in a duplex her family shared others with her beloved Grandma and Grandpa McHale. Her family later moved to Birmingham where she attended Holy Name for grade school know... (the same school that several of her grandchildren would later attend) and Shrine High School. She loved to cruise Woodward with her friends and When you've lost visit her favorite hangouts like Ted's and the Totem Pole. She next attended a loved one, place Marygrove for college and received a degree in Spanish. She earned all A's but always joked that she never knew your notice on our a word of the language. Greg and Judy website and in Schwartz were married in 1963. In

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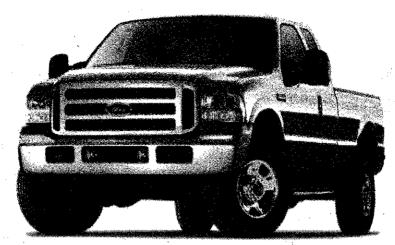


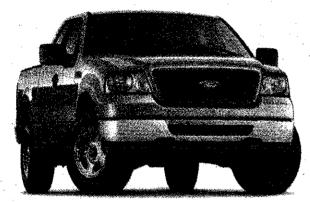
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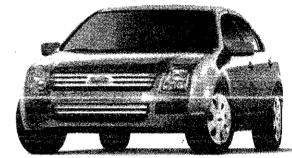
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# The best medicine

## Watching football-playing sons energizes Phillips as he battles esophageal cancer

few minutes before last Friday night's Livonia Franklin-Canton football game kicked off — a little more than 24 hours after his body was infused with its latest dose of energy-sapping, nauseaproducing, make-you-feel-like-crap

chemotherapy drugs -Jeff Phillips slowly ascended the stairs on the home side of the P-CEP football stadium.

As a light mist fell from the darkening sky and a steady wind blew out of the south, Phillips, with his wife Sheryl at his side, climbed about two-thirds of the way up the stands until he

reached his usual seat not far from the

The purpose of the powerful infusion of chemo Phillips had endured the day before was to hold off the relentless esophageal cancer that doctors at St. Joseph's Hospital diagnosed last October.

But the game that was about to unfold on the field below was by far the most potent and soothing medicine Phillips would soak in last week.

#### TWO HOURS OF JOY

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Phillips' oldest son — 17-year-old Jeff - is the Chiefs' starting center and, for the 44-year-old Phillips, watching his sons play football is more therapeutic than any drug known to man.

"Whenever I go through the chemo, I'm a wreck for a while," admitted Phillips, who also watched his middle son, Brett, play for the Chiefs' junior varsity squad the previous night. "I wasn't feeling real good before the game. Let's just say I wasn't 100 percent. But there was no way I was going to miss that game just because I wasn't feeling good.

"By going to the game, I knew I would probably get sick (from the effects of the treatment) when I got home that night, but for me it's a worthwhile trade-off. All through this thing, I've tried to do everything I can. I want my kids to remember that whenever dad could be there, he was there.

#### **EVER-PRESENT PARENT**

For the four Phillips kids — daughter

Heidi; and sons Jeff, Brett and Ben dad has always been there. He turned down travel-heavy job promotions that would have brought with them significantly higher salaries, but far less time with his wife and kids.

And Phillips didn't just sign up his children to participate in sports — he signed up to coach them, too, in everything from roller hockey to recreation basketball.

And now, as he faces the most demanding challenge of his life, Phillips cherishes every layup drill, every windsprint, every win, every loss - every moment of elation and adversity that he was able to coach his kids through.

"I love watching my kids compete," he said. "You learn so much from sports that you can't learn anywhere else: how to accept defeat graciously, how to win graciously. You learn about leadership and competitiveness. I've loved watching my kids compete in sports for those reasons.

"I coached everything I could because I wanted to be there with them when they experienced these things. Every minute I've coached has been a hoot.

"All the coaching I did means more to me now because I don't know what my future holds," said Phillips. "It's really cool looking back now at all the time I spent coaching them. It's like that extra time is going to be more meaningful to them if I don't make it through this because it will be like, Yeah, I remember when dad did this or that."

#### **LIFE-ALTERING VISIT**

A few days before Halloween last year, Phillips visited his doctor after experiencing persistent pain in his throat and chest. Following an endoscopy the following day, doctors delivered the sobering

"They came into the room after they scoped me out and said, You have a cancer in there," Phillips reflected. "In so many words, they told me that esophageal cancer is not good. The doctor said that on a 1-to-10 scale of badness, this one is a 9-and-a-half. It doesn't do well with treatment and it doesn't respond well to chemotherapy.

The news didn't get any better when he visited the Mayo Clinic a few weeks later.

PLEASE SEE PHILLIPS, B2



Jeff Phillips, who is battling cancer, spends as much time as he can with sons Brett, Jeff and Ben.



The three Phillips boys — (from top to bottom) Jeff, Brett and Ben - are pictured during Jeff and Brett's Plymouth-Canton Steelers career.

#### **ABOUT ESOPHAGEAL CANCER**

- Esophageal cancer is cancer of the esophagus, the hollow muscular tube that carries food and liquid from the throat to the stomach in order to be digested. About 13,000 people in the United
- States are diagnosed with esophageal cancer each year.
- The incidence of esophageal cancer is rising in the United States, particularly in the form of the disease called adenocarci-

Source: www.MSKCC.org.

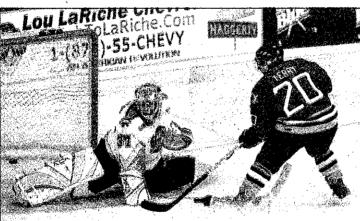
# Whalers nip Otters in shootout

The 2,963 fans who attended the Plymouth Whalers' home opener Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena got their money's worth in excitement. The Whalers rallied from deficits of 4-2 and 6-4 to tie the game in regulation before winning, 7-6, over the Erie Otters in a shootout for their first victory of the season. Plymouth is now 1-1-0-0 on

the season; Erie is 1-0-0-1. Plymouth center Chris Terry

- who won three games for the Whalers last season in shootouts - did it again Saturday as he beat Erie goaltender Ryan Ludzik with a shot that went five-hole. "I came down with a pre-set

move wanting to fake backhand and then go to my forehand," Terry said. "He (Ludzik) fell for the backhand fake, but took away blocker and poke checked, so the five-hole



Plymouth Whaler Chris Terry flips the game-winning goal into the back of the net during a shootout in Saturday's 7-6 victory over Erie. The game was the 2006-07 home opener for the Whalers.

opened up. So I slid the puck between his legs."

There were plenty of offensive fireworks before Terry's game-winner. James Neal scored twice for Plymouth and

now has three goals in two games. Whalers rookie Kaine Geldart scored his first OHL goal, while Jared Boll, Dan

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B2

# Fast-starting Chiefs sprint past Wildcats

STAFF WRITER

It took Canton's girls basketball team approximately 15 seconds to set the tone for Tuesday night's 50-21 victory over Plymouth.

That's how many ticks of the clock expired between the time the Chiefs won the opening jump, sent an outlet pass downcourt to Ja'nee Morton and for Morton to lay the ball into the basket for a quick 2-0 lead.

Canton went on to make 14 of their first 18 shots - many of which came off the transition game — and defeat their cross-campus foes handily in a game played in the Wildcats'



Delapaz

Chiefs to 6-2 overall and 1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. The Wildcats

slipped to 2-5

and 0-1 respectively. "I thought the team came out and played hard from the getgo," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We talked about getting good shots versus getting great shots and we got great shots early on.

"Plymouth made a couple of runs in the second half, but our

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2

The victory

improved the

#### **Hall of Fame** awaits coaches

Former longtime Canton and Salem basketball coach Bob Blohm, who retired following the 2004 season, will be inducted into the **Basketball Coaches** Association of Michigan along with three other coaches, including Canton resident and former Belleville coach Mike Krogel.

The induction ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Holiday Inn South **Convention Center in** Lansing. Ceremonies will be held in conjunction with the BCAM Basketball Clinic Oct. 7-9.

Tickets for the induction ceremony are \$25 each and can be purchased until Oct. 4 from Ed Dutcher, 2108 Bollman, Lansing, MI 48917. Dutcher can be reached by phone at (517) 321-4137.

Tickets can be picked up at the door the night of the event. Checks should be made payable to BCAM.

Also being inducted will be Don Palmer of Milford and Craig Morris of Stevenson.

#### OLGC awarded The Our Lady of Good

Counsel vouth football program earned a \$500 award recently for being one of two national top sellers for the Little Caesars Fund-raising Program during the month of August.

In addition to raising money for the overall program, OLGC football raised money to pay for personalized football jackets for all of its players. The program also donated 36 pizza kits with a value of \$630 - to the St. Al's Community Center in Detroit.

#### MU runner 12th

Madonna University sophomore Joe Horka (Livonia Churchill) took 12th overall in Friday's **Bulldog Invitational cross** country meet hosted by Ferris State.

Horka ran the 8-kilometer race in 26 minutes. 33 seconds. Charles Wolfe (Canton) was 29th in 27:47.

MU's Kirstian Tyler (Livonia Franklin) finished 37th in the women's 5K in 20:49. Kaitiyn Carbary was 42nd (21:12), while Amanda Weaver (Livonia) was 74th (26:01).



"Going to the Mayo Clinic actually paid off because they found out that my cancer was further along than St. Joe's thought it was," he said. "They said I needed to start chemo right away, but that was pretty much all they could do.

"They also told me I had about 10 months to live, so I'd better check into hospice care. Well, it's been over 10 months and I'm still in pretty good shape. The drugs I'm on now don't shrink the cancer, but they keep it at bay."

#### LIKE FATHER, LIKE SONS

Inspiration is a two-way street in the Phillips household. While the family's boys inject an incredible feeling of wellness into their dad while he's watching them compete in sports, at the same time he's inspiring them with the way he is fighting his cancer with a combination of positivity and humor.

With a philosophy that normalcy is a good thing, Phillips still works 40-hour weeks as a controls engineer at Bosch in Farmington Hills.

And he never, ever misses his sons' games.

"It's amazing how he's been to every one of my games and every one of my brothers' games," Jeff Phillips said about his dad. "His attitude is incredible. He's taught me a lot by the way he never sits around pouting about it. He's always up and doing stuff, even though he doesn't always feel very good.

"Basically, when I'm out there on the football field, I want to play well for the team, but I want to play well for him, too."

#### LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

After I interviewed Phillips for about 45 minutes Monday night, I walked away amazed at

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'All through this thing, I've tried to do everything I can. I want my kids to remember that whenever dad could be there, he was there."

Jeff Phillips

the incredible way he's handled the unfair blow life has dealt him. I would only hope that if I were dealt a similar fate, I'd deal with it half as well as Jeff has.

Instead of feeling sorry for himself, Phillips is holding off his aggressive, oversized opponent much like his 200-pound son neutralizes 280-pound-plus noseguards on Friday nights with true grit and an unwavering, unyielding attitude that we all can learn from.

While Phillips' long-term future is uncertain, you can rest assured that he will never quit in his battle with esophageal can-

After all, there are way too many games left to watch, way too many teams left to coach, and way too much life left to

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# Prognosticator starting to lose his head

trange things happen after midnight, especially on football Fridays.

Things get a little hectic in the newsroom and sometimes your mind gets a little foggy taking score after score on deadline.

It used to be just football, but now the mind gets even more cloudy with the advent of Friday soccer and a few selected girls basketball games, along with the usual tennis, golf and college sports happenings.

And before you know it, it's 3 in the morning and you're wondering: "Will I ever go home?"

If it gets past 4 a.m., and you're still in the office, you start thinking "Denny's."

One e-mailer pointed out to me that my mind apparently became warped after reading his Sunday Livonia-Westland Observer sports section.

The headline read: "Warriors roll to homecoming win.'

Well, the Warriors rolled, but it wasn't homecoming. In fact, Lutheran Westland's 34-6 Metro Conference win was last Friday afternoon at Hamtramck's Keyworth Stadium, not under the portable lights on the Warriors' home field.

Apparently I got my homecomings mixed up.

Lutheran Westland's homecoming game is 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6 against Macomb Lutheran North. And for the record, Livonia Clarenceville's homecoming is this Friday, 7 p.m. against that same Hamtramck squad. The e-mailer also pointed

out he'd like "to see the articles handled correctly, not guesswork like this."



**Grid Picks** 

Brad. **Emons** 

to say: "I expect a higher expectation from you and your staff."

I can't agree more with the e-mailer because I am the staff. I can't blame anybody else but me. Hopefully

this error won't find the pages the Columbia Journalism Review like a headline my old boss once wrote on the front page of the West Bloomfield Eccentric: "Suicide victim in

serious condition." Now try and explain that one.

I can't explain either my continued futility of my prep pigskin prognostications.

Despite going a mediocre 9-3 last week, I still hold my overall lead by a game at 41-17 over Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright, who finished 10-2. Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith lost ground, going 8-4 and now sits 37-21 overall.

Here is a look at this weekend's action.

FRIDAY'S GAMES (all at 7 p.m. unless noted) W.L. Western (3-2, 2-1) at Plymouth (2-3, 1-2), 4:30 p.m. at CEP: Western got Montel Nix-Fleming back in the lineup at quarterback, while Matt Wozny ran circles around Wayne last week in a 34-7 win. Plymouth, which sat out three starters for disciplinary reasons,

racked up 452 yards rushing in a 43-32 shootout against Northville with a healthy Nate Gholston getting 228. PICKS: Emons (Western): Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth).

2): The Chiefs stayed unbeaten despite limping off the field as both quarterback Steve Paye and running back Deshon McClendon got hurt in last week's 23-19 win over Livonia Franklin. The perplexing question about Wayne is which Zebras' team will show up? PICKS: Emons (Canton); Smith (Canton);

Wright (Canton).

Emons

Northville (1-4, 0-3) at Liv. Franklin (3-2, 2-1): The Patriots had their chances against WLAA favorite Canton last week, but two missed extra points, two more missed field goals, a couple key drops and a safety resulted in a 23-19 loss. Northville, meanwhile, has given up a total of 170 points. PICKS:

(Franklin):

Smith

(Franklin): Wright (Franklin). Liv. Stevenson (4-1, 2-1) at W.L. Central (4-1, 3-0): The Spartans could redeem themselves after last week's surprising 14-13 loss to rival Livonia Churchill and throw a huge monkey wrench into the WLAA's Lakes Division race with a win over the Vikings. Central is state-ranked and on a roll right now. PICKS: Emons (Central); Smith (Central); Wright (Central).

W.L. Northern (2-3, 1-2) at Liv. Churchill (2-3, 2-1): The Chargers hope to maintain their momentum from last week's 14-13 win over Stevenson and stay in the Lakes Division race. Northern, fresh from a 31-13 win over Salem, has been outscored 100-44 this season. The team with the best offense will win. PICKS: Emons (Churchill): Smith (Northern); Wright (Churchill).

Westland Glenn (2-3, 1-2) at Salem (0-5, 0-3): The Rockets can keep their faint playoff hopes afloat by beating Salem, a team that has yielded the most points of any in the WLAA (191). PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Smith (Salem); Wright

Hamtramck (0-5, 0-4) at Liv. Ciarenceville (3-2, 3-2): The Trojans are trying to snap a two-game losing streak. It's homecoming at Clarenceville, which celebrates the anniversary of its undefeated 1955 squad. Hamtramck has been outscored 235-20 this season.

Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville)

Luth. Westland (2-3, 1-2) at Clawson (3-2, 2-1): The Warriors appear to be getting healthy again and that's good news, especially for lead running back Mike Schatz. Clawson is coming off a 26-6 win over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. PICKS: Emons (Clawson); Smith (Lutheran Westland); Wright (Clawson).

Redford Union (4-1, 3-1) at Wyandotte (3-2, 3-1): The Panthers are tied for first in the Mega Conference's White Division after a 28-26 win over Trenton thanks to Dezmond Latham's 222 yards rushing. Wyandotte is coming off a 34-21 win over Dearborn Edsel Ford and has aspirations of winning the Mega-White. PICKS: Emons (Wyandotte); Smith (RU); Wright

Garden City (0-5, 0-4) at Melvindale (3-1, 3-2): Melvindale, a member of the Mega-Gold, is coming off a 24-7 setback to highly-regarded Inkster. The Cougars, members of the Mega-Blue, are still searching for their first victory after falling last week to Romulus, 30-14. PICKS: Emons (Melvindale); Smith (Melvindale); Wright (Melvindale).

D.H. Crestwood (2-3, 1-2) at Red. Thurston (0-5, 0-3): The winless Eagles made a respectable showing last week, losing to Mega-Blue. leader Gibraltar Carlson, 28-7. Crestwood has put 173 points on the board this season, but has given up 187 after beating River Rouge in a shootout, 43-36. PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Wright (Crestwood)

Red. Covenant (2-3, 1-1) at S.H. Parkway Christian (5-0, 2-0): Parkway has become a force in the Southern Michigan Football Conference after Warren Zoe Christian and Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian merged into one. Parkway stayed unbeaten last week with a 19-6 win over Warren Connor Creek Academy West, while Covenant fell to previously winless Riverview Gabriel Richard, 34-6. PICKS: Emons (Parkway); Smith (Parkway); Wright (Parkway).

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kids hung in there and kept playing hard. It was a great

Canton senior guard Becci Houdek shined from the outset, hitting three of her first four shots before finishing with 17 points, seven steals and three rebounds. Other standouts for the winners included Ja'nee Morton (10 points, three rebounds and three steals), Marie Martin (eight points and three rebounds) and Baylee Hollowell, who netted five points and a game-high eight rebounds.

Sophomore center Shaakira

Collins (second of the year)

and Terry all scored single

First star Evan Brophey

added five assists for the

Josh Vatri and Derrick

Bagshaw scored singles.

Whalers. Andrew Hotham

scored twice for Erie, while

Sean O'Connor, Mitch Gaulton,

The Whalers fought from

behind in another way as they

went 14-for-17 on the penalty

kill. Referee Shaun Davis sent

a constant parade of skaters to

both penalty boxes all night

of the power play.

long. Plymouth went 2-for-11

With the game tied at 2-2

after one period, Erie opened

up a 4-2 lead in the second

frame on goals by Hotham (9:43) and Bagshaw (11:37).

But Neal scored his second

goal of the game at 12:06 of the

second period and Boll batted

home a rebound at 15:51 and

Plymouth tied the game at 4-4.

Hotham scored again at 19:04

of the second period and Erie

were shorthanded 17 times and

goals in regulation.

Haywood paced the host Wildcats with seven points and four boards. Freshman forward Stacey Klonowski was the next-highest scoring Plymouth player with six points. Canton led 20-7 after one

quarter, 31-13 at the intermission and 48-21 with eight minutes to play.

The lone basket by either team in the defense-dominated fourth quarter came when freshman Kaylie Martin buried a 17-foot jumper mid-way through the period.

The Chiefs shot a torrid 61.5 percent from the field (24-of-39) while the Wildcats connected on just 7-of-47 attempts (14.8 percent).

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Gaulton scored his first OHL

goal at 11:35 of the third period

led 5-4 after 40 minutes.

to give Erie a 6-4 lead. but

Plymouth came back in the

period to tie the game on

Collins' goal at 14:26 and

right dot at 16:32.

Terry's one-timer from the

After a scoreless overtime,

Hodgman appeared to score

for Erie in the shootout, but

the video replay showed the

puck went over the goal line

ings. That set the stage for

goaltender Jeremy Smith

(Brownstown) stopped Hotham on the final shot of the

28, through 65 minutes. The Whalers are off until

shootout.

after the net was off its moor-

Terry's shootout winner, which

was preserved when Plymouth

Plymouth outshot Erie, 34-

next Wednesday night when

they play in Saginaw against the Spirit (7 p.m., www.ply-

mouthwhalers.com) and Friday

night when they play in Guelph

Plymouth's next home game

is next Saturday night at 7:05

p.m. against the Sault Ste.

Marie Greyhounds.

(7:20 p.m., www.plymouth-

whalers.com).

## Cavicchio leads pack for 2nd straight week The prep cross country season is

still young, but Salem senior runner Hannah Cavicchio has already worn out a path to the medal stand. On Saturday, Cavicchio earned a

gold medal - her second in as many weeks - at the Jackson Invitational, which was held at Sharp Park in Jackson. She also won the Holly Invitational held Cavicchio's 18:42.8 effort helped

the Rocks finish in 10th place at the 20-team field. Their 243 points were 202 more than first-place Livonia Churchill. Saline (84), Clarkston (101), Grand Blanc (141) and East Kentwood (190) rounded out the top five spots.

Other Salem runners who earned points for coach Dave Gerlach's team were Kelley Determan (48th in 21:29), Kristen Dondzila (56th in 21:29), Sarah Kosteva (64th in 21:37), Kortney Marsh (78th in 21:49) and Sabrina Burcroff (98th in 22:42).

The Rocks' varsity "B" team competed in the Monroe Jefferson Invitational at Sterling State Park. Earning points for Salem were Megan Grady (36th in 23:44), Freyal Shah (43rd in 24.10), Emily Rossman (44th in 24:10), Alli York (45th in 24:14), Caitlyn Elliott (46th in 24:20), Amanda Barnett (57th in 24:50) and Rachel Morrison (63rd in 25:06).

#### **CANTON BOYS 10TH**

Led by junior Derek Hoerman's 40th-place finish, the Canton boys cross country team placed 10th at Saturday's Jackson Invitational, which was held at Sharp Park.

The Salem girls basketball

Division schedule off to a rous-

ing start Tuesday night when it

team got its WLAA Lakes

dismantled visiting Livonia

Stevenson, 45-33 in the divi-

sion opener for both squads.

Rocks' overall record to 5-2

The victory improved the

while the Spartans slipped to 1-

"We started kind of slow, but

quarter," said Salem coach Fred

we had a nice second quarter

and a very, very good third

Thomann. "Taylor Langham

Langham finished with a

steals to spark the winners.

guard Alaya Mitchell (10

Also making major contribu-

tions to the victory were junior

game-high 12 points and seven

played a great game for us

#### PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Hoerman's time of 17:21 was seven seconds faster than the Chiefs' next finisher, Duncan Spitz. who was 47th in 17:28. Canton's other competitors were Kyle Clinton (54th in 17:36), Zack Spreitzer (59th in 17:41) and Aaron McClellan (18:04).

"We showed a lot of improvement over our previous best times, Canton coach Bill Boyd.

Canton returns to action this afternoon when it competes in the WLAA Western Division meet, which will be hosted by Walled Lake Western.

#### **'CAT GIRLS RUN IN OLD SKOOL CLASSIC**

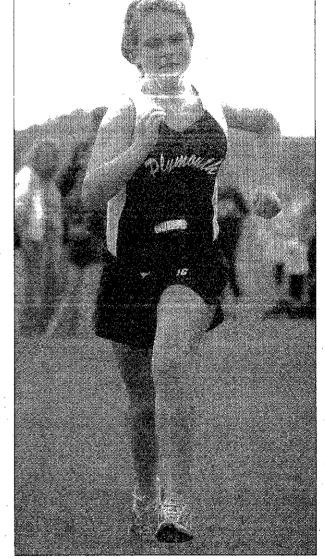
The Plymouth girls cross country team competed in the Old Skool Classic Saturday in Romeo. The unique course offered obstacles that high school runners aren't used to seeing, said Plymouth coach Mary

Kerwin. "It was a fun, true cross country course with hay bales to jump and a two-foot stream to cross in two places," said Kerwin, describing the course. "Our times were about 90 seconds slower than normal, but it was a lot of fun.

"I told the girls after the race, 'Now we get down to business.'

Competing for the Wildcats were Molly Slavens (22:00), Beth Heldmeyer (22:22), Pam Bhullar (22:27), Sarah Balgooyen (23:15), Paula Green (23:48), Elise Chagas (24:52) and Julie Forster (25:09).

Rock cagers win WLAA Lakes Division opener



Plymouth's Beth Heldmeyer, pictured above at a race earlier this year, was the second Wildcat to cross the finish line at Saturday's Old Skool Classic in Romeo.

### **GOLF RESULTS**

Snidebush, 49.

Salem, 3-2 WLAA.

**SALEM 173\*** W.L. WESTERN 173 Monday at St. John's G.C. \*Won tie-breaker Salem scorers: Tyler Jeleniewski, 40; Quinton Higgason, 44; Joel Cheesman, 45; Eddie Mazorwiez, Adam Powers and Sam Ott, 46. Salem's WLAA dual-meet record: 4-2. LIVONIA STEVENSON 164

Sept. 22 at Fox Creek Stevenson scorers: Shayne Giordano, 38 (medalist); Richard Wyman, Mike Niesyto and Drew Mossoian, 42 each: Drew Herron, 43; Andy Jones, 47.

Salem scorers: Joel Cheesman, 40; Eddie Mazorwiez, 41; Tyler Jeleniewski, 42; Adam

Powers, 44; Quinton Higgason, 45; Matt

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 3-4 WLAA;

CANTON 170 **WAYNE MEMORIAL 206** Sept. 22 at Hilltop Canton scorers: Zach Conrad, 41 (medalist); Jeremy Lindibauer, 42; Clark Albers, 43; Derek Trosper and Brendan Muir, 44 each; Andrew

Rickerman, 45. Wayne scorers: Jacob Smlth, 47; Kevin Sample. 50: Kevin Froman, 54: Brent Patterson, 55: Andrew Morton, 58: Jack Zimmerman, 59. Dual meet records: Canton, 2-3 WLAA; Wayne,

#### PREP HOOP

points and eight assists), sophomore forward Chelsea Davis (eight points and seven rebounds) and senior forward Lauren Kurtz, who pulled down seven boards.

Allison Smith twined 12 points and Janice Hollandsworth contributed 10 for the Spartans.

Stevenson led 7-6 after one quarter, but it was short-lived after the Rocks stormed back to take a 20-13 halftime advantage and 37-24 lead after three quarters.

Salem made 14-of-25 free throws while the Spartans were 4-of-8 from charity stripe.

The Rocks host Walled Lake

Central tonight before traveling to Ann Arbor Huron on Saturday for a 12:30 p.m. nonconference showdown with the River Rats. **BAPTIST PARK 39, AGAPE 37:** 

The visiting Wildcats scored on a putback with one second left to hand the Wolverines a heart-breaking setback Tuesday night. The lost dropped Agape to 4-4 overall and 1-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic

hand, improved to 3-4 and 1-1, respectively. We were up nine in the fourth quarter until both of our senior leaders (Brianna Chrenko and Katie Lambert)

fouled out," said Agape coach

Rob Stockman. "I was very

Conference's Blue Division.

Baptist Park, on the other

proud of the five girls we had out there on the floor at the end, but we couldn't quite hold them off." Despite her foul troubles,

Chrenko finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Kaitlin Foreman also had a strong game, scoring 11. Katie Arndt paced the win-

ners with 14.

Agape's Caroline Jungquist hit 1-of-2 free throws with 10 seconds remaining to knot the score at 37 before the Wildcats' last-second heroics.

The Wolverines led 13-10 after one quarter before Baptist Park rebounded to grab a 20-19 halftime advantage. Agape secured a 28-23 lead with eight minutes to play.

Agape connected on just 10of-24 free throws.

# Rolfe and Jeong lead Plymouth to victory

Juniors Colin Rolfe and Dan Jeong both scored two goals a piece to lead the Wildcats to a convincing 6-0 triumph over the Walled Lake Western in a WLAA Western Division showdown played Monday on the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

The Wildcats led 4-0 at the half and never looked back. The victory improved Plymouth's record to 8-4-3 overall and 4-2-2 in the Western Division.

"It wasn't one of those highpressure games that we've been playing in the past couple of weeks," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "The kids took care of business and it was nice to get a shutout."

Senior net-minder Mike Baretta whitewashed Western by stopping all five shots that came his way.

Robert Matar and Steve Schaeffler scored single goals for Plymouth.

On Friday, the Wildcats upended Livonia Franklin, 7-2, in a make-up game that was highlighted by the play of Rolfe, who recorded two goals and three assists.

CANTON 9, WAYNE 1: On Monday, Junior forward Eric Piwowar scored five goals to lead the Chiefs to a lop-sided victory over the visiting Zebras in a WLAA Western Division match-up played at the P-CEP varsity stadium. The game was halted with 10:30 left in the second half due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's eight-goal mercy

The victory improved Canton's record to 10-2-3 overall, 8-0-2 in the WLAA and 6-

The Chiefs secured command of the contest early as they led 5-0 at the intermis-

Also scoring goals for the winners were senior Austin Poirier and junior Tim Belcher, who netted two a piece. One of Poirier's net-finders was off a penalty kick.

Kyle Gring (three), Keith Campbell (two) and Andy Huang (two) all registered assists for the Chiefs.

Junior Kevin Krause earned the victory in goal for the

The Zebras' lone goal came approximately 15 minutes into the second half. AGAPE 2, FRANKLIN RD. 1: On

Tuesday, the Wolverines won thanks to goals from Donald Mullett and Tyler Majeski and strong goal-keeping from junior Jared Miller, who stopped five shots.

Brandon Pierson and Mark Mullett notched assists for the winners, who improved to 4-6-1 overall and 4-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division, Franklin Road slipped to 2-7-1 and 1-4-1, respectively.

**WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 5,** AGAPE 3: On Monday at Canton's Independence Park, Mason Duling recorded a hattrick for the winners, who never trailed after earning a 3-I halftime advantage.

Tyler Majeski, Donald Mullett and Timi Olojo scored single goals for Agape. Junior goal-keeper Jared Miller smothered seven shots for the Wolverines.

Jesse Pipe and Micah Goss both had net-finders for Washtenaw.

**SALEM 1, WARREN DELASALLE 1:** In a battle of two of the topranked teams in the state, the Rocks earned a draw when Bobby Towne found the back of the net with less than three minutes to play.

Salem entered the game against the top-ranked Pilots with a No. 4 ranking in Division 1.

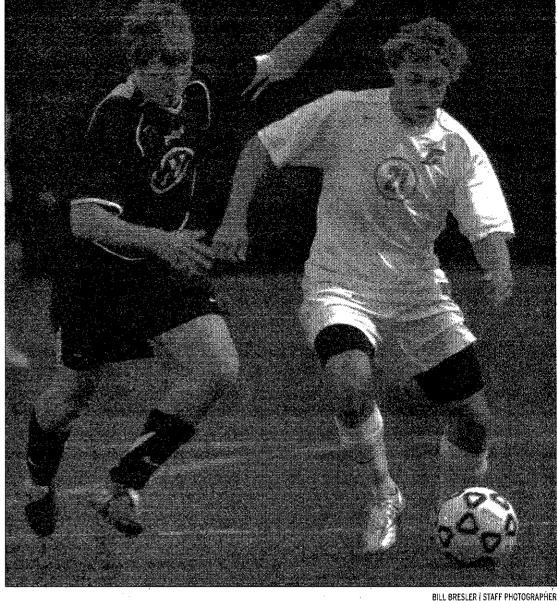
The hard-fought, physical game - which was played in soggy conditions - was scoreless at the half. DeLaSalle's Spencer Thompson finally broke the scoring ice with a goal early in the second half. Towne's game-tying goal was unassisted.

CANTON 4, W.L. WESTERN 0: The Chiefs stayed alive in the race for the Western Lakes **Activities Association Western** Division title on Sept. 20 with a convincing shutout victory over the host Warriors.

The win improved the Chiefs' record to 9-1-3 overall, 7-0-2 in the WLAA and 5-0-2 in the Western Division. Northville and Canton are tied for the top spot after the Mustangs' narrow 4-3 victory over Plymouth on Sept. 20.

The two teams will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 4, in a game that may decide the division champion.

The Chiefs received a pair of second-half goals from Willie Noetzel and single net-finders from Kyle Gring and Scott Zech. Eric Zech, Keith Campbell and Kyle Biega all notched assists for the win-



Canton's Eric Piwowar (right), pictured in a game earlier this season, tallied five goals in the Chiefs' 9-1 victory over Wayne Memorial Monday night.

Parker Laabs recorded the shutout for the Chiefs, knocking away four shots.

A.A. PIONEER 2, CANTON 1: On Friday night, the Pioneers scored on a Canton own goal late in the second half to notch the non-conference victory. The setback dropped Canton to 9-2-3 while Pioneer

improved to 8-1-2. "Pioneer has a very good

team - I don't know why they're not in the top 10," said Canton coach George Tomasso. The Chiefs' lone goal came

on senior mid-fielder Keith Campbell's penalty kick mid-way through the second half.

**BAPTIST PARK 3, CANTON AGAPE** 1: In a Michigan Independent Athletic conference match (1983) played Friday, Brandon Pierson scored for the Wolverines, who received an assist from Mark Mullett. Jared Miller stopped eight shots between the pipes for

#### **SWIM RESULTS**

#### **OBSERVERLAND GIRLS SWIM BESTS** 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY Ladywood 2:06.13 200 FREESTYLE

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:01.41 Kelley Hodges (Ladywood) 2:09.90 Emily Cauzillo (Stevenson) 2:13.49 Laura Hurn (Stevenson) 2:14.47 Addy Turio (Stevenson) 2:14.94 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:14.38 Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 2:18.96

Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 2:23.92

Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 2:28.47

Megan Hodges (Ladywood) 2:30.49 **50 FREESTYLE** Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 25.51 Mandy Nameth (Ladywood) 26.26 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 26,56 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 26.69

Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 26.76 Samantha Santeiu (Ladywood) 174.70 Amanda Keedle (Stevenson) 172.57 Carla McNamara (Stevenson) 161.10 Mikayla Armbruster (Ladywood) 145.60

100 BUTTERFLY Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:04.40 Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:04.6 Katie Kress (Stevenson) 1:07.01 Kelley Hodges (Ladywood) 1:07.96 Sarah Opdyke (Stevenson) 1:10.33

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Ladywood 4:04.58

Area coaches are urged to report their swim bests via e-mail by 3 p.m. each Sunday to Livonia Stevenson coach Greg Phill at gregphill@sbcglobat.net.

## Ignition to open at home against Blast

**SPORTS BRIEFS** 

The Detroit Ignition will open its inaugural Major Indoor Soccer League season against the defending MISL champion Baltimore Blast on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Compuware Sports Arena, the team announced on Monday.

Game-time is scheduled to begin at 7:35 p.m. with the gates opening to the public an hour earlier. Immediately following the game, fans attending the home opener will have the opportunity to participate in an Inaugural Game Jersey

Auction, which will feature special-edition, game-worn Ignition jerseys with inaugurai game insignia.

The 2006-07 regular season will feature 30 contests consisting of 15-home and 15road dates beginning with the Nov. 4 match and ending at home on Sunday, April 1, versus the Chicago Storm. All Ignition home games will take place on weekend dates with six games on Friday, three on Saturday, and six on Sunday. A month-by-month break-

down of the club's schedule has the Ignition beginning the season with four contests in ivovember and seven in the month of December.

Once 2007 rolls around, the first-year squad faces eight matchups in January, three in February, seven in March before the season home finale on April 1.

The Ignition competes in seven back-to-back matches, three of which include an away contest in the first game of the set with a home game

to follow. The remaining four series consist of a home outing followed by a road game. Detroit Ignition season tick-

ets, birthday packages, fivegame mini-plans and family four packs are available by calling the Ignition box office at (888) 436-4625. Single-game tickets will be

available through the Ignition box office and at all TicketMaster outlets beginning Oct. 2. Tickets will also be available at www.ticketmaster.com.

#### **TENNIS RESULTS**

#### SALEM 8 LIVONIA CHURCHILL O

Tuesday at Salem No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) defeated Katiyn Foster, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Ashley McDermott, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Allie Carpenter (S) def. Niki Fata, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Dana Anderson (S) def. Kelly Houghan, 6-2, 6-

No. 1 doubles: Claire Madilf-Linda Ling (S) def. Jenna Zuccarini-Kelly Felner, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley (S) def. Ruchi Shah-Lauren Vella, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-4; No. 3; Stephanie Simowski-Raluca Bugescu (S) def. Danielle Vasko-Brianna Devlin, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; No. 3: Taz Mohammad-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Stephanie Mozurkewich-Kendall Gilbert, 6-1, 6

Dual meet records: Salem, 5-1 Western Lakes Activities Association; Churchill, 3-8-1 overall, **SALEM 7** 

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1 Monday at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) defeated Kelsey Judd, 7-5, 6-2; No. 2: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Pam Richardson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Emily Wisniewski (F) def. Allie Carpenter, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Dana Anderson (S) def. Angela Vicini, 6-2, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Claire Madill-Linda Ling (S) def. Mariel Meyers-Michele Thompson, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley (S) def. Emily Schwartz-Jessica Stchur, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Stephanie Simowski-Raluca Bugescu (S) def. Jennifer Neamtu-Lauren Osiwala, 7-6(5), 6-1; No. 4: Taz Mohammed-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Linda Comini-Angela Tomassini, 6-0, 6-2. Salem's WLAA record: 4-1. PLYMOUTH 6

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2 Sept. 22 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Sarah Hillegonds (P) defeated Kelsey Judd, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3; No. 2: Natalie Maurer (P) def. Pam Richardson, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Kelly Armbruster (P) def. Emily Wisniewski, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Emily Sinnott (P) def. Angela Vicini, 6-0, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Mariel Meyers-Michelle

Thompson (LF) def. Amanda Hastings-Kylie MacKenzie, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Ellen Mitchell-Lauren Strahm (P) def. Emily Schwartz-Jessica Stchur, 6-7 (7-9), 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Whitney Askew-Chelsea Craig (P) def. Lauren Osiwala-Jennifer Neamtu, 7-5, 6-2; No. 4: Linda Comini-Angela Tomassini (P) def. Elise Humphries-Lauren Thiele, 6-2, 7-5.

Franklin's dual meet record: 1-8 overall, 1-6

## SALEM 7

W.L. WESTERN 1 No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) def. Erin Goldman 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Rhianon Todoroff, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Allie Carpenter (S) def. Dilla Muthukuda, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4; Dana Anderson (S) def. Radhey Raval, 6-1, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Claire Madill-Linda Ling (\$) def. Kelly Doherty-Danielle Weeratunga, 6-4, 7-5; No. 2. Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley (S), def. Jessica Gilbert-Lindsay Haves, 6-2, -1: No. 3: Stephanie Simowski-Raluca Bugescu (S) def. Michele Cha-Amanda Robertson, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; No. 4: Kendra Colbert-Sarah Kean (WLW) def. Ariel Rojo-Tazneem Mohammad, 7-6(3), 5-7, 2-

Salem's record: 3-1 in WLAA. **LIVONIA STEVENSON 8** SALEM O Sept. 20 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Ashley Moccia (LS) def. Alex Ware, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Corinne Pasley (LS) def. Tracy Lytle, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Lindsey Hostetter (LS) def. Allie Carpenter, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Paige McNamara (LS) def. Dana Anderson, 6-7(1), 6-

No. doubles: Julie Francisco-Larua Sims (LS) def. Claire Madilf-Linda Ling, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Amelia Lepping-Courtney Bunna (LS) def. Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley, 6-4, 6-7(3), 6-3; No. 3: Laura Dilude-Rachel Simari (LS) def. Stephanie Simowski-Raluca Bugescu, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; No. 4: Kate Roberts-Katherine Morse (LS) def. Jaclyn Hoover-Alex Lamb, 6-4, 7-6(4).

#### **CANTON 7** LIVONIA CHURCHILL 1 Sept. 19 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Emily Hoernschemeyer (Canton) defeated Lucy Klinko, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Ashley Madau (Canton) def. Katlyn Foster, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Ashley McDermott (LC) def. Janell Karinemi 6-2, 7-5; No. 4: Emily Misko (Canton) def. Nik

No. 1 doubles: Johanna Alexander-Gungan Malhotra (Canton) def. Ruchi Shah-Kelly Felner 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Katie Schwenn-Janelle Burdiss (Canton) def. Jenna Zuccarini-Lauren Vella, 6-4. 6-1: No. 3: Kathleen Marcinkowski-Amy Provost (Canton) def. Brianna Devlin-Kelly Houghan, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Sara Raheem-Megan Staub (Canton) def. Cortney Bennett-Kendall

Gilbert, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

Churchill's dual meet record: 2-5-1 overall, 1-4

#### **LIONS VICTORIOUS**

The Canton Lions varsity football team improved its record to 2-1 this past weekend with a 38-13 landslide over the Lincoln Railsplitters. Devin Burke booted four twopoint conversion kicks for the winners, who received strong offensive line play from Austin Jatczak, Corey Felts and Anthony Abro. Defensively, the Lions were led by Maximilian Chiang, Brock Wickens, Matt Schultz and Brandon Ciciotti.

The Lions JV squad improved to 3-0 with a 51-0 triumph over Lincoln. Scoring touchdowns for the winners were Josh Peterson, Kevin Buford, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Josh Nolan, Matt Harris, Kyle Durham and Nathan Emminger. Lucas Bunting and Jordan Smith added extra points to round out the scoring.

The Lions' defense yielded just 40 total yards thanks to

the fine efforts of Brandon Congdon, Kyle Dexter, Zach Salvaggio, Alex Smith and Daniel Zugaj.

The Lions freshmen squad upped its record to 2-1 with a convincing 20-0 win. The Railsplitters were shutout on the scoreboard and in the first-down department thanks in part to the stellar play of safety Robert Guajardo, who defended two passes and intercepted a third. Offensively, Westen Price scored on a punt return and a short run while Kenny Arnold closed the scoring with a goalline plunge in the fourth quar-

#### STEELERS TAKE 2-OF-3

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team defeated the Ypsilanti Braves, 30-6, on Sunday. Ben Poirier and Tyler Goble made significant contributions to the winners' defense while Denis Dinella starred for the team's offensive line. Steeler kicker

Anthony LeMerise was good on all four of his extra-point attempts. The Steelers juniorvarsity contingent dropped a 39-18 decision despite strong offensive efforts from Kyle Cameron, Joshua Mayberry and Dillan Rahill, all of whom scored TD's. The defense was paced by Lucas McKinney.

The Steelers' freshmen improved to 3-0 with a 25-12 victory. Jalen Hemphill and Trenton Shelby sparked the offense while Thomas Jones anchored the defensive unit. Dakota Lynn recovered a fumble for the winners.

#### PC PRIDE ELECTIONS

The PC Pride girls fastpitch softball organization will be holding Board of Director elections Nov. 15, 2006. Anyone who is a member in good standing with the organization is eligible to run for a seat on the Board of Directors.

The offices of president, secretary and four at-large positions will be up for election.

Those interested in serving on the the board should send a letter to Scott Ampe, the current Pride vice president, indicating which office they are interested in and a paragraph about their qualifications for the position. Letters must be received by Oct. 15. Send the letters to: PC

Pride, c/o Scott Ampe, 46409 Aarons Way, Canton, MI 48188.

#### T-BIRDS NEED PLAYERS

The Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball association is looking for players for the 2007 season for its 10u, 12u and 14u teams. Tryouts will be held Oct. 7 at Griffin Park in Canton. The 10u tryouts will begin at 10:30 a.m.; the 12u will start at 11:30 a.m. and the 14u will commence at 12:30 p.m. For more information or to schedule an individual tryout during practice, send an email to playfastpitch@hotmail.com; or call Ray at (734) 417-1421.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 29 W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4:30 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday, Sept. 28 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m Inter-City at PCA, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 Salem at A.A. Huron, 12:30 p.m **BOYS SOCCER** Friday, Sept. 29

A.A. Huron at Plymouth, 5:30 p.m. Lutheran Westland at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 Troy at Canton, 12:30 p.m **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** 

Thursday, Sept. 28

Canton and Plymouth at

WLAA Western Division Meet, 4 p.m. Salem at Lakes Division Jamboree at Cass Benton Park, 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** Thursday, Sept. 28

Canton and Plymouth at WLAA Western Division Meet, 4 p.m. Salem at WLAA Lakes Division Jamboree at Cass-Benton Park, 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 Canton at Haslett Invite, 9 a.m Salem at Divine Child Invite, 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29

Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at Northville, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 Salem at Garber Invite, 8:30 a.m. BOYS GOLF Friday, Sept. 29

Wayne Memorial at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. Northville at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. PCA at MIAC Tourney, TBA

**GIRLS SWIMMING** Thursday, Sept. 28 at Canton pool, 7 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 Canton and Salem at Rock-Maurer Invitational **WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL** Thursday, Sept. 28 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29.

Madonna at Georgetown (Ky.), 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30

S'craft at San Diego City Coll. Tourney, TBA.

(at Georgetown College, Ky.)

Madonna vs. King (Tenn.) College, 2 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Sept. 29 Madonna at Lakeland (Ohio), 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 Madonna at Davenport, 2 p.m. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER** Friday, Sept. 29 Schoolcraft at Elgin (III.), 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 S'craft at Lake County (III.), 11 a.m. Madonna at Davenport, noon MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF Thursday, Sept. 28 WHAC Jamboree (No. 6) at Davenport (Thornapple Pt.), 11 a.m. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF** Thursday-Friday, Sept. 28-29 Madonna at IMI Tournament

Madonna vs. IU-Southeast, 10 a.m.

at Coffin G.C. (Indianapolis), 1 p.m. TBA - time to be announced

# Offensive coordinator Martz returns to

his week, it's not about Rod Marinelli. The new Lions coach takes a back seat to his offensive coordinator. Mike Martz created "The Greatest Show on Turf" when he led the St. Louis Rams to the Super Bowl in 2001. He already had a Super Bowl ring from coordinating Dick Vermeil's offense in St. Louis in 1999.

The Lions are in the Edward Jones Dome this Sunday and all eyes will be on Martz. Last season was a nightmare for the man who was the toast of the town along the Mississippi just a few years ago. He missed the last 11 games in 2005 with a heart ailment. When all was said and done, Martz was out of a gig and his future was murkier than the river mentioned two sentences ago.

"I think the most compelling reason (for Martz's firing in St. Louis) was the direction of the team," Rams President John Shaw said the



Wilson

day Martz was canned in January. "It's a direction we think we need to change right

Martz was 56-36, including the postseason, in his five-plus seasons with the Rams. In most places, he would get a contract extension and a parade. In Missouri, his name was mud. There was even a Web site dedi-

cated to his firing. They wanted him gone, even though only five head coaches in NFL history recorded 50 wins faster than the native of South Dakota.

His innovative offense that produced all sorts of records is exactly why Marinelli wanted him as offensive coordinator in Detroit. Despite initially turning down the Lions' offer, Martz relented and took the gig.

"That man has won and he knows how to move the football," Marinelli said when Martz was hired here Feb 8.

"I look forward to the challenge of helping Rod turn this thing around," Martz said his first day in Allen Park.

So far, it has been a slow go through three games. Martz's offense started to bust out a little in the loss to the Packers. Jon Kitna threw for 342 yards and two touchdowns. The 342 represented the second highest total in his

10-year NFL career. "We got it going in spurts and you saw glimpses of what's coming. Still, we left a lot of points on the field," Kitna said to reporters following the Lions' third loss of 2006.

There is still reason to believe that Martz can get this done despite some major talent issues. Roy Williams looked terrific last Sunday and Kevin Jones finally started to run the football like we know he can. Getting the offensive line healthy and on the same page will be the key deal for Martz as the season

This will be a big week for the ex-Rams coach. He knows he will be a subplot to Week 4 in the NFL. When the game was first announced on the schedule. Martz really didn't want to address it. There are still plenty of open wounds left from his exit.

"I've got nothing but love for coach Martz," Rams All-Pro running back Marshall Faulk said to reporters on the day Martz was dumped in St. Louis.

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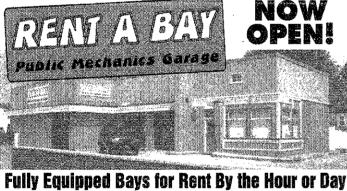
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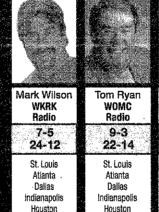
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onflict between Martz and the front office.

'I don't even know where to begin, so I'll ist say we need to get rid of the worst coach I ave ever seen!" one disgruntled Rams blogger rote on the Internet site FireMartz.com. How quickly they forgot. Gone were all the ig games and the yards and the records and ose two Super Bowl appearances. Don't even

years or the four 10-win seasons. St. Louis freaks saw 2005 and that was good enough for

Their biggest complaint about Martz? He wouldn't run the football, even though Kurt Warner was setting new marks by throwing like crazy. It was true that under Martz, the Rams had no thousand-yard rusher in his final three seasons. Last year, Steven Jackson did go over 1,000 yards, but that was with Martz away from the sidelines.

Marinelli needs to keep the Lions focused this week. This is no time to get caught up in childish hype from St. Louis people who didn't appreciate what Martz did for them. The Rams were a franchise that hadn't won a league championship since 1951. Then again, who's counting?

At least there were no guarantees last week.

Lions players kept their mouths shut. The only one to guarantee anything happened to be me. I was prompted by a certain Lions captain. Thanks Dré.

'Why don't you go and guarantee a win over Green Bay. Are you willing to do that?" asked cornerback Dré Bly on his radio show, which I host every Thursday. "C'mon Mark; guarantee a victory!

After getting his wish, Bly was happy but it mattered not in the outcome against Brett Favre and the Packers. Favre was amazing as he eclipsed the 400 mark in career touchdown passes. He joins only Dan Marino with that many career TD tosses.

"I go right back to work and make sure we see where we need to improve and go from there," Marinelli said.

St. Louis won ugly at Arizona last Sunday.

QB Marc Bulger threw for over 300 yards, while Warner, the former Rams signal caller, was picked off three times by an improved Rams defense. Scott Linehan is in his first head coaching assignment, just like Marinelli. Linehan has two wins already. Rams receiver Tory Holt had 120 yards against the Cardinals. His brother Terrence will play against him this weekend. It's just another subplot to a game that needs no more subplots. This will be the Lions' first trip to the Edward Jones Dome. In fact, it's their first trip to St. Louis since the Rams' moved from Los Angeles in 1995. Welcome home, Mike Martz.

Mark Wilson is host of the Lions pre- and postgame shows on WKRK-FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.







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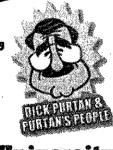




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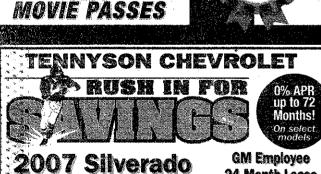
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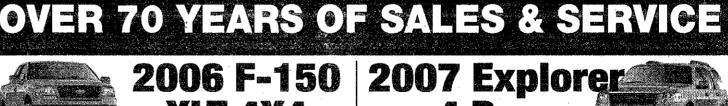
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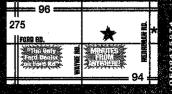
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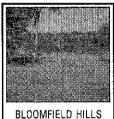
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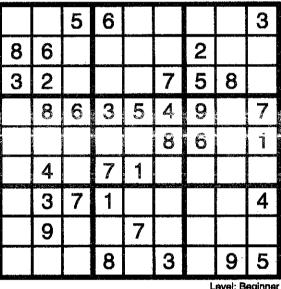
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customer and salesperson never meet. David Parks, Sales and Marketing vice president at Bluepoint Leadership Development in San Francisco, spends approximately 70 percent of his time selling leadership training and consulting virtually. Telephone and e-mail are my critical tools to make contact, nurture prospects and actively close sales, he says. Over 50 percent of the time I m selling, I close the sale before even meeting the prospect.

This is not a one-phone call deal, he continues, but a series of calls and e-mails over time that steadily advance the sale, build trust and establish credibility." Representatives in home offices in New York and Mexico also sell the packages, beginning at \$10,000. Parks describes his office, located in a Victorian house, as a war room with every conceivable strategic resource laid out at my fingertips when he s closing a

Laura Betterly is president and CEO of In Touch Media Group Inc., in Clearwater, Fla. Her online PR marketing and in-game advertising firm sells services beginning at \$50. More than 60 percent of online sales are preceded by an Internet search. she says. By next year, she maintains.

Internet advertising, including search engine advertising and banners, will reach seven billion dollars.

Some companies combine virtual with face-to-face (traditional) selling. For example, Herb Davis, CEO of Virtual Management Inc. (VM), in St. George, Utah, prospects virtually to sell his electronic virtual assistant, EVA. It sa support system for individual salespeople that tracks, converts and manages data, he says. We capture it all by voice. This isn't voice recognition, but live transcribers. The system, which begins at \$49.95 per month, enables users to report on meetings and other events while they re driving. Reports subsequently appear in their in-boxes. The company schedules go-to meetings with decision-makers on computer and by telephone. After the virtual demonstration, which introduces the concept of residual income, VM schedules an in-person meeting.

THE GOOD, THE BAD Overhead for virtual selling is much lower than that of traditional selling because of scaled-down need. Gone is the impressive, opulent office with all of the accourrements. At the same time, Betterly notes, location isn't critical: You can have a small location in a small town (and still have a big image). But you can t have a virtual restaurant and the store is open 24 hours per day.

You may not be effective if you aren t an extremely good communicator, according to David Fields, managing director of Ascendant Consulting L.L.C., in Ridgefield, Conn. Without that skill, remote sales techniques, such as

telemarketing and virtual selling, can have low success rate, according to his white paper called In Sales, Nothing You Say Matters. He also writes that a buyer with little imagination may present a roadblock.

Parks mentions how frustrating it can be when a person skips a telephone appointment. He also mentions the challenge to your credibility when you re on a conference call, where one person is missing. You're working virtually; so, there s only you. So, do you kick the desk? he asks. Some (no-shows) never apologize. Managing

that frustration and keeping the optimism can be tough, he points out. But, he concedes, virtual salespeople lose a lot less time and money than if they fly to another city and are stood up. To minimize the problem, he reminds via email.

The other frustration, he adds, is that you don't get to build the relationship. It's a download of facts and the telephone line.

Although Betterly extols the fact that search engines and word-of-mouth marketing replace cold calls, she states that the existence of six million Web



David Parks, Bluepoint Leadership Development's vice president of Sales and Marketing, in his "war room" just before a sale.

sites makes finding you the biggest barrier for entry. You have to adjust your site until it starts to sell for you.

You also have to pay much greater attention to customer feedback than in traditional selling and your Web site must reflect friendliness. If you don t answer someone s question, she remarks, the person will walk out of vour store and (rhetorically speaking) you can t say, Oh, wait a minute. Can I help you?

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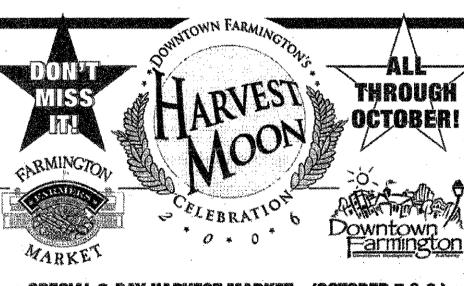
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Berkley- 1862 Princeton 1 block N. of 11 Mile Rd., blocks W. of Woodward, 9/28-9/30, 9-4pm. Multi household extravaganza! BIRMINGHAM 477 Fairfax, N.

of Maple, W. of Southfield Rd., Sept 29-30th, 9-4pm. Huge sale! Furniture, fridge antiques, many smalls. BIRMINGHAM Annual Abbey Terraces Condo Sale - Sat., Sept 30, 10am-4pm. N Adams, between Maple/Big

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Briar, Old Woodward & Maple Rd. By Booth Park. Sept 30-Oct 1st, 9-4pm. Furniture toys (Rokenbok, K'nex), kids clothes (Garnet Hill), etc.. BIRMINGHAM 1530 Pilgrim, 9/28-29, 9am-5pm. 3 streets W of Woodward, S of Quarton

Furniture, clothes (adults & girls), collectibles, toys, etc. BIRMINGHAM 883 Ridgedale Ave, N. of Maple, W. of Adams Rd. Sept 29th, 8-4pm. Furniture, yard & household items, holiday, & much more! BIRMINGHAM - 5 FAMILIES 1490 Fairfax, S. of 16 Mile, W. of Woodward. Sept. 28 & 29,

Household goods, antiques, rugs BIRMINGHAM CT. CONDOS Fri. & Sat. 8:30-4. N. of Oak, W. of Woodward. Antiques, furniture, clothes, dishwasher,

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BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE All Antique & Collectibles. Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 28 & 29, 9am-5pm. 610 Half Moon, Maple/ Lanser area. BLOOMFIELD HILLS

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CANTON- 41602 Strawberry Ct., Haggerty/Palmer. Micro-wave, desk, kitch-en items, scrapbook items, air cond.,

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5291 Glenwood Creek Waldon Creek Sub, Waldon Rd & Sashabaw. Thurs .-Sat., Sept. 28-30 9am-4pm

3 Family Garage Sale - 6153 Lake Waldon Dr., off Waldon Rd. Fri. & Sat., 9am-4pm.

COMMERCE TWP.- Fri & Sat. Sept: 29 & 30, 9-4, 355 Cherry Grove Ln, N/14, E/Decker. Toys, kids clothes, weight machine & misc.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS TWP** Stillmeadow Garage Sale. Fri-Sat. Sept. 29-30, 9-4pm.

28-30, Oct. 1. 9-3. 4807 Tully Rd., E/Franklin, N/Lone Pine Furniture, household

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3pm 7308 Provincial, Sheldon

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misc. Sept. 30th, 9-2.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 27353 Lawrence, btwn. Ford & Cherry Hill off Inkster Rd., Sept 29-30th, 10-5pm. What

the heirs did not want garage sale! Books, tools, and smalls.

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collectibles & antiques. Outdoor furniture. 317 Pineknoll Ct., Sept 29 & 30,

between Warren & Joy. Fur-niture, household goods, clothing, games, bikes & more

yard sale! Toys, tools, furni-ture, clothing, Fri & Sat. Sept. 29 & 30, 8am-4pm Masefield Dr., N of Long Lake btwn Squirrel & Eastways.

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S of Joy, E of Beck. CLARKSTON ESTATE SALE:

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22803 Manning, 9 Mile Rd. & Farmington Rd., Sept 30th, 8-3:30pm. Living/dining/patio 3:30pm. Living/dining/patio furniture, household items. FARMINGTON HILLS MULTI FAMILY THORNDYKE CT. Canterbury Commons, 13 Mile & Farmington Rd. Sept.

accessuries, bikes sporting coods antiques collectibles exercise equip., books FARMINGTON HILLS- Huge Salet Independence Hills Sub. Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 9-4. 25404 Rutledge Crossing, 11 Mile/ Drake. Baby equip., toys, fur-niture housewerse. 8 more

30 Furniture, home

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FARMINGTON HILLS: 2 FAM-ILY Thurs-Sat., Sept. 28-30, 8:30-4, 31202 West-wood, S of 14 Mile, E off Drake. Washer/dryer, clothing, misc FERNDALE HUGE Estate Sale

- 494 E Cambourne St., N. of 9 Mile, off Woodward, Fri.; 9 Mile, Off Woodward, Frt., 9am-5pm, Sat.-Sun., 10am-5pm. HUGE DISNEY, Antiques; Art, Plano, China, Collectibles (Fenton, McCoy), Tools & Auto, Vintage Doils. ACTION Estate 586-489-0925 FERNDALE 9/29-30, 9-6pm. 344 East Hazel-hurst. Reloca-

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GARDEN CITY 6928 Burnly btwn Windsor & Warren, W of Middlebelt. Sept. 30th, 9am-5pm, Books, dishes, and a variety of items.

6757 Sunset St., off Warren, E of Merriman

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& 30, 9-5, 14601 Melvin St., btwn Lyndon & 5 Mile &

Middlebelt & Merriman, Furn

iture, StairMaster, videos, etc.

LIVONIA Fri-Sun., 10am-4pm

32351 Oakley, 1 blk N of Lyndon, S of 5 Mile.

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LIVONIA 14400 Stonehouse,

7110 7110 Garage Sales LIVONIA Assorted household, books, movies, misc. Thurs., Fri., Sat., 9am-5pm, 15454 Doris, N off 5 Mile btwn Middlebelt & Merriman.

> LIVONIA 16777 Ryan Rd., E. of Merriman, S. of 6 Mile Rd. For St. Edith Youth Group 28-Oct 1st. Everything from A to Zi LIVONIA -Multi-family.

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dolls, jewelry, Star Wars, toys

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Fri & Sat., 9/29 & 30, 9am-5pm, 9210 Northern, S/Ann Arbor Rd., W/Main. Tools, baby items, household, misc. PLYMOUTH GARAGE SALE Thurs.-Sat., Sept 28-30, 8am-4pm, 191 East Ann Arbor Trail, Kid's items, toys, & household.

PLYMOUTH TWP. Fri., Sept. 29, 12:00-5:00 pm, Sat., Sept. 30, 9:00am-12:30 pm, Sun., Oct. 1, 11:00-5:00 pm. Household Items, tools, outdoor Items, lawn mower, 2 room tent, misc. 9671 Russell / Ann Arbor Rd. & Haggerty. Rain date 10/7-10/8

REDFORD 9/30 & 10/1, 10am-5pm. 13406 Arnold. Furniture, household, toys, nursery items. REDFORD 17365 Fox Multi-Family Sale - Antiques, jew-elry, high-end makeup/skin

care, adult & children's clothing, books, bric-a-

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9/30 (Fri & Sat) only.

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ROCHESTER MOVING SALE LAST CHANCE! Everything goes today! China, antiques, household, books. Fri., Sept. 29, 9am-3pm, 485 Charlesina ROYAL OAK 903 Lockwood Dr., E. of Woodward, S. of Catalpa. Sept 30-Oct 1st, 9-4pm. Household, yard items, rolltop desk, rugs, bed-spreads, snowblower, books

& much more! ROYAL OAK MASONIC CHAR-TY YARD SALE, Sat. 9/30, Sun. 10/1, 10 am -4 pm. 2422 Yale, 2 blocks, N. of Lincoln, turn off S. Stephenson Hwy. Something for everyone!

ROYAL OAK HUGE SALES 2735 Windemere, N of 15

btwn Coolidge & Eton, Sept. 28- Oct. 1, 10am. Ottoman, exercise, furniture, misc.

Garage Sales ROYAL OAK- "Big Sale", First

United Methodist Church Seventh St. at Washington, Thurs. 9/28, 5-8pm; Fri. 9/29, 9-1pm; Sat. 9/30, 9-12pm. 5611 Firwood Drive, 10am-5pm, Sept 29 - 30. Antiques, furniture, car parts 1964 Olds 345 engine, home

memorabilia, no baby stuff. TROY - ESTATE/ RESALE Sept. 29, 30, & Oct. 1 10am-4pm, 3330 Adams.

goods, appliances, movie

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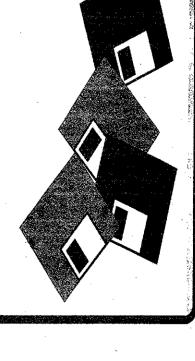
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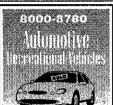
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Which brings us to the 2006 Hyundai Azera. Hyundai has a proven track record, thanks to the success of its small vehicles, sedans, sport utility vehicles and minivans.

But it lacked a premium luxury flagship sedan until now. With the 2006 Hyundai Azera, this automaker has a solid flagship and much more. With agile handling, a wellcrafted interior and impressive exterior design, the Azera successfully brings together an affordable sedan with premium features.

The Azera replaces the Hyundai XG350, but is much more polished and luxurious.

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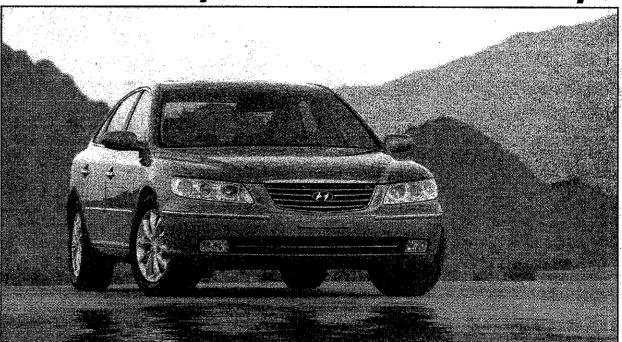
Its an impressive value that s chock full of standard items: Electronic Stability Control, 16-inch alloy wheels, side curtain airbags and a 3.8-liter, V-6 are standard. The only thing optional on the Azera SE model we tested were the \$85 floor mats.

Can you really merge affordability and impressive details? Hyundai proves it can with the Azera. Available in two

trims, the SE and Limited, Hyundai bills it as its most luxurious car ever, and we can see why. Taking its cue from competitors like Honda and Toyota, Hyundai produces a well-crafted, stylish vehicle for a lot less. In fact, the Azera beats some luxury vehicles that cost thousands more. Dual front automatic climate controls are standard. So are

leather seats in the Limited model, as well as a power rear sunshade and electroluminescent instrument panel. Our model was \$24,420 and we were amazed at the

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2006 Hyundai Azera SE. Vehicle class: luxury sedan. Power: 3.8-liter V-6 engine. Mileage: 19 city / 28 highway. Where built: Korea. Price as tested: \$24.420.

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Our only beef? The woodlike accents, bordered by a gray trim, on the dashboard and front passenger doors, looked

With so many standard features, some things are optional. A power sunroof, 10-speaker Infinity€ audio system with an in-dash CD changer, and heated front seats are additional.

There are numerous safety features There are eight airbags, including rear-seat mounted-side impact bags and roof-mounted side curtain airbags, electronic stability control with traction control that uses a microprocessor to analyze speed, steering and throttle to help maintain control.

There s also project headlights and fog lamps, bright LED taillamps and anti-lock brakes.

But all those standard features wouldn't mean much if the Azera wasn t a pleasure to drive. On the road, the Azera was a strong performer. Powered by a new, 3.8-liter V6 engine with 263 horsepower and 255-lb-ft of torque, the Azera is no slouch when it comes to performance.

Hyundai calls the Azera one of the guickest cars it has

ever built. You definitely notice how fast it goes, reaching speeds of 0 to 60 mph in 6.5 seconds, faster than the Toyota

It expertly handled country roads and expressways. For even more power, the engine uses continuously variable valve timing and a variable inake system that helps both cylinders breathe at high and low RPM.

The Azera blows out the competition. The Azera s 3.8liter engine has more standard horsepower than the Ford Five Hundred and the Buick Lacrosse. And gives more torque than the Ford Five Hundred and the Toyota Avalon. Mated with a five-speed automatic transmission with

Shiftronic control it smoothly shifts the transmission over a wider radio allow for quiet driving. A double wishbone suspension system, combined with reinforced steel in critical areas, a multi-link rear

suspension and twin-tube gas-charged dampers, give the Azera precise steering and handling. Seventeen-inch wheels, leather --trimmed, heated seats and bumper molding with chrome inserts are standard on

the Limited. Power foot pedals and rain sensing wipers are Write to Tenisha Mercer at tenishamercer@yahoo.com. She covers the automotive beat from Atlanta as managing

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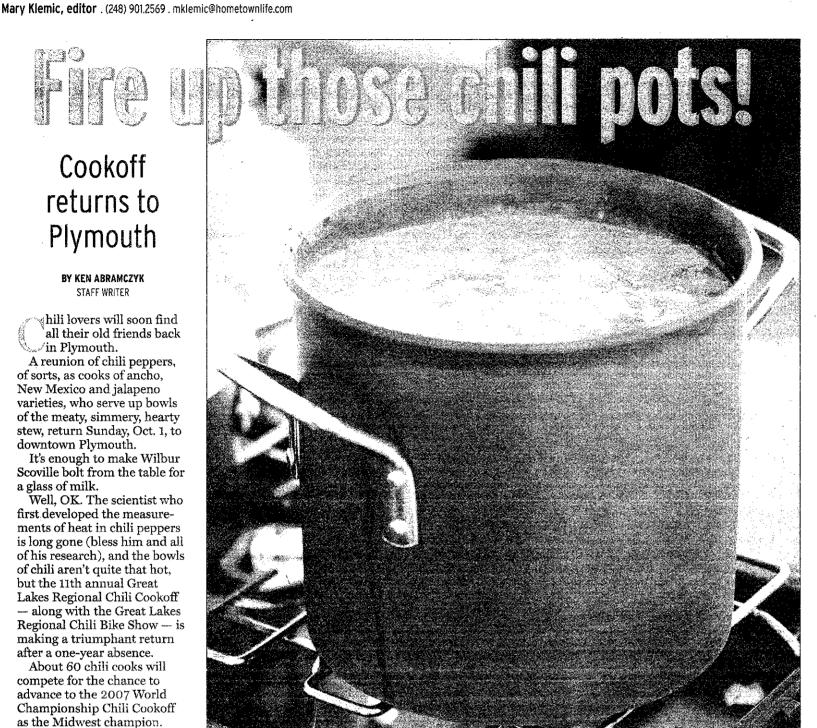
hili lovers will soon find all their old friends back ∕in Plymouth.

A reunion of chili peppers, of sorts, as cooks of ancho, New Mexico and jalapeno varieties, who serve up bowls of the meaty, simmery, hearty stew, return Sunday, Oct. 1, to

downtown Plymouth.
It's enough to make Wilbur
Scoville bolt from the table for a glass of milk.

Well, OK. The scientist who first developed the measurements of heat in chili peppers is long gone (bless him and all of his research), and the bowls of chili aren't quite that hot, but the 11th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff
— along with the Great Lakes Regional Chili Bike Show — is making a triumphant return after a one-year absence.

About 60 chili cooks will compete for the chance to advance to the 2007 World Championship Chili Cookoff as the Midwest champion. Other competitions that day



PLEASE SEE CHILL, D4

This pot of chill simmers, awaiting the moment when judges will taste its contents.

TITH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CHILI COOKOFF

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. Where: Downtown Plymouth (Main Street).

What: Cookoff in red chili, green chili and salsa categories. Winner advances to the World Championship Chili Cookoff in 2007. Restaurant chili will be available for \$4 a bowl, while competition chili from home cooks can be bought for \$1 a sample after 3 p.m. Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity.

Information: Call (734) 455-8838.



GREAT LANES REGIONAL CHILI BINE SHOW

When: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1.

Where: Downtown Plymouth.

Note: Motor City Chili Ride begins at 11:30 a.m. at MotorCity Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

For \$10, motorcyclists will ride from there to Plymouth, and receive five 50/50 raffle tickets and parking at event.

Call (248) 473-7433 for information.

## Britney Spears leads a 'fairy tale' life

s the name of the column suggests, this weekly missive is a joint production of myself and the rest of the gang on the show – affectionately dubbed Purtan's People.



**Purtan** 

This week I turn the reins of the column over to one of my "people," Big Al.

He has put together another edition of his by-now-famous One Man's Opinion. A topic so compelling, so riveting, so lipsmacking good that it demands to be heard - and read.

Besides, it means I can take the week off.

What follows is a transcript

from our morning radio show. "Thank you, Mr. Purtan. Well, I'll admit it. I'm as giddy as a schoolgirl and have been ever since I heard that Britney Spears-Federline gave birth to her second child.

"While we haven't gotten a glimpse of the bun-

#### OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

dle of joy yet, we do know that it is human unlike the alleged offspring of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes.

Uh, Al, I don't think we need to go there. "Aww, come on, Dick. You've seen the pictures. That so-called infant has more hair on her head than I have on my back - and that is a known scientific impossibility!

"Anyway - so Britney is a mother again. We should rejoice in this. After all, every birth is a miracle. And, let's face it, Britney's relationships read like a fairy tale.

"First, girl meets boy, then marries him in a drunken stupor in a Las Vegas wedding chapel only to turn around and have the whole thing annulled a mere 56 hours later. I've had longer relationships with a bag of spinach!

"Then the girl falls in love with a guy with no visible means of support who already has one child with another woman who is expecting his second child.

"So, boy leaves pregnant girl and marries other girl. They have a beautiful boy named Sean Preston who they accidentally drop from a high

chair (it's a good thing babies bounce). "The boy goes on to launch a hideous rap career, which is followed by reports that the marriage is in serious trouble. So, the girl drinks, smokes and, naturally, gets pregnant again, which leads to another addition to the classic

American family: Little Sutton Pierce Federline. "And they all live happily ever after – until the paparazzi hunt them down for incriminating photos of Britney smoking a cigarette with her baby on her lap in the front seat while pulling into a bar.

"I'm Big Al Muskovito and that's my opinion." Hear Dick Purtan & Purtan's People 5-10 every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

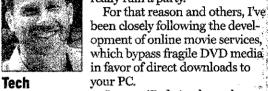
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## Movie downloads are not ready for prime time

he problem with DVDs, as I discovered during a recent outdoor screening of Chicken Little attended by more than a dozen neighborhood kids, is scratches.

A scratched disc can make a movie skip, freeze, or just fail to play altogether — symptoms I've experienced in roughly half the

DVDs I've rented lately. And let me tell you, that can really ruin a party.



Savvy

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Broida

Or your iPod. Apple made headlines a couple of weeks ago by finally adding movies to its iTunes Store, having enjoyed huge success selling TV shows in that same venue.

For once, Apple wasn't the pioneer: Amazon beat it to the movie-store punch by a few weeks, and lesser-known services like CinemaNow and Movielink have been around for years. So what's the verdict on movie downloads?

Should you box up your DVD player for eBay? How do the various services stack up? Are you locked into viewing these flicks on your PC or

Online movie stores work much the same way as online music stores: You browse the catalog, you pay your money, you download your media.

Needless to say, the key component in this equation is a PC, which is precisely why movie downloads don't make sense for everyone. Most of us like to stretch out on our sofas in front of our big TVs, not sit upright at our desks for two hours.

upcoming iTV gizmo, a small box that plugs into your TV and wirelessly links to your PC. In other words, you'll be able to watch movie downloads (from iTunes, natch) in your living

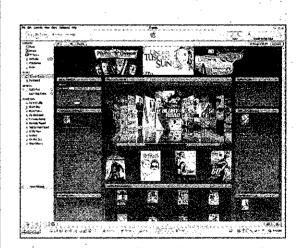
That's the major motivation behind Apple's

This isn't a first, either, but Apple's awesome interface and impossibly simple remote promise to make the experience much more accessible than

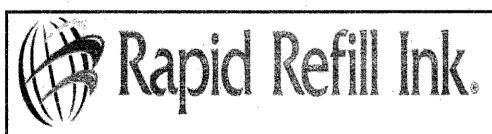
PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2



Vongo lets you download and watch all the movies you want for \$10 per month, but the selections are limited.



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# Spinach isn't only food safety scare

opeye would say, "Eat hearty, me boys, and make sure you eat all your spinach, after you make sure it's safe like me Olive

What a shakeup the spinach scare has

caused in the

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As I feel just

like evervone else, I thought

it might be a

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Appliance

Joe 🖫

good time to write about the Doctor food poisoning caused by the lack of proper Gagnön food preparation in the American kitchen.

Add to that a refrigerator that doesn't maintain temperatures cold enough to preserve food properly, and we have a serious problem.

The following comes to you from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

When it comes to food safety,

consumers have higher expectations of other food handlers than they do of themselves.

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, September 28, 2006

According to a survey conducted across the country in late 1997, when people prepared meals in their own kitchens, they failed to follow food safety and sanitation practices more than 99 percent of the time.

These practices included hand washing, preparing and storing ingredients at proper temperatures, and avoiding cross-contamination.

Of the 106 households surveyed in 81 cities, cross-contamination occurred in 76 percent of kitchens, neglected hand washing occurred in 57 percent, and improper cooling of leftovers occurred in 29 percent all critical violations.

At least one critical violation was found in 96 percent of households, with an average of almost three per home.

Major violations such as storing foods without covers, improper thawing, and smoking, eating, drinking or chewing gum while preparing food also

were observed.

In the end, only one house received an acceptable rating. None rated excellent.

Richard Daniels, Ph.D., who is an expert in food safety, said the survey results are significant when compared with institutions with professional food safety systems in place.

He said that restaurants with far more complicated kitchens than those in most homes consistently receive acceptable, even excellent ratings.

The estimated number of cases of food-borne illness in the United States ranges upward from 6 million annually, including more than 9,000 deaths.

In a column way back I wrote about a meeting I attended where the head of the U.S. Department of Health said, "More people suffer food poisoning from their own homes than they do from restaurants."

I have stood in front of many groups and asked, "How long can you store leftovers in your refrigerator before you should either eat them or throw them

in the trash?"

The typical answer is "one week," and that is totally INCORRECT. The correct

answer is three to four days. It used to be a safe practice to keep leftovers for a week, but that was in the days when the temperature inside a refrigerator was anywhere from 33 to 38 degrees.

Not any more. Allowable temperatures in refrigerators are now in the range of 38 to 44 degrees. Whatever happened to the refrigerator that it can't maintain temperatures as cold as they should be? What is the temperature in

your refrigerator? Please let me know. Stay tuned. Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.



English Gardens is conducting a contest this fall to name a new variety of tulip. The tulip bulbs will be available for retail in fall 2007. They bloom early to mid spring with a double pink flower, and grow 12 to 16 inches tall. The contest is free and open to the public. The top five name suggestions will be submitted to the hybridizer for consideration. These five winners will each receive 100 bulbs of this variety. The person who provides the selected winning name will also receive a \$100 English Gardens gift card. Entry forms are available at all six English Gardens retail stores, or can be e-mailed. More details are available at www.englishgardens.com, or contact one of the English Gardens locations (including West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/ Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900). Find the nearest English Gardens by calling (800) 335-GROW.

## **BROIDA**

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current video-streaming prod-

In the meantime, if you're a notebook-toting traveler or the owner of a media-center PC, you may want to look into movie downloads.

Then again, you may not. Nearly every experience I've had with these services has been awkward, complicated, unsatisfying, or all of the above.

#### **UNWILD ABOUT UNBOX**

Let's start with Amazon's new Unbox service, which deserves a beating based solely on its ridiculous name.

Unbox does offer an impressive selection of movies and TV shows — better than you'll find anywhere else, in fact.

As with iTunes, most TV shows are priced at \$1.99, while movies range from \$10 to \$20. That's if you buy them outright.

You can also rent movies for anywhere from \$2 to \$4.

Those prices seem competitive until you start discovering the staggering number of restrictions imposed on when, where and how often you can watch.

For instance, when you rent a movie, you usually have 30 days in which to start watching it. After that, the rental "expires,"

meaning it will no longer play. Once you do start watching, you have 24 hours to finish. If you get interrupted in the middle and can't return to the movie within that period, it expires and you're outta luck.

You have a bit more flexibility with movies you buy — but only a bit. Although there are no time restrictions or expiration dates, you're limited to viewing the downloads on two PCs.

Each of those can transfer movies to one portable device, but lots of luck figuring out which ones are compatible (iPods definitely aren't). I searched the Amazon Unbox site high and low and couldn't find a list of supported players.

What if you want to burn your own DVD? Go right ahead – but the resulting disc won't play in any set-top players. It requires a PC and Amazon's Unbox software.

The terms are pretty similar at CinemaNow and Movielink (where you'll find movies only no TV shows), though both services recently started offering a "burn to DVD" option for selected (e.g., low-grade) titles in their libraries.

For a mere \$9.99, for instance, you can buy the Eddie Murphy/Owen Wilson disaster I Spy and burn your own DVD complete with menus and extras, just like the store-bought version. Plus, it'll work on most settop players.

That's encouraging, but why go to all the trouble when I can pick up the DVD from Wal-Mart for \$10.88?

iTunes, meanwhile, charges \$9.99 for "library" (e.g., older)

titles, \$12.99 for new releases preordered or bought in their first week of release, and \$14.99 for new releases after the first week. Got all that?

DVD burning isn't an option, and the movies are provided at a slightly lower resolution than you get from the competition.

Another movie service, Vongo, takes a different approach, charging you a flat monthly rate (\$9.99) for unlimited down-

As an added bonus, you can watch movies on up to three different PCs (or one of a select few portable media players).

An offshoot of the Starz cable channel, Vongo stocks roughly 300 movies in its library, with many of the selections changing from month to month.

Unfortunately, those selections consist mostly of C-grade movies, with only a smattering of quality titles. What's more, I had trouble

getting Vongo downloads to play on my Windows Media Center Edition PC: I don't know if the

company has corrected that problem yet.

In the meantime, Vongo could be a good choice for frequent travelers who want to stock their notebooks with lots of movie

#### **BACK TO BLOCKBUSTER**

Needless to say, movie downloads have a long way to go.

They offer no price advantage to speak of, and the convenience of "instant" access (in my experience, movies take anywhere from 30 to 90 minutes to download) is thwarted by countless confusing and unfair restric-

Suddenly, DVDs aren't looking so bad. They're easy to use, compatible with all players and PCs, relatively unrestricted and competitively priced.

So what about those movie night-ruining scratches? First, I'm going to start complaining more often to the store manager. Next, I'm going to spend 10 bucks on one of those scratch-

repair kits. It's a hassle, sure, but

as I'm learning more and more these days, technology always is.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please join me at the West Bloomfield Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road, from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17.

I'll be speaking on new technologies like blogs, podcasts, flash drives and digital audiobooks. Fun stuff!

One month later, on Tuesday, Nov. 14, I'll return to the library for a presentation on Internet safety and security.

This one is not to be missed, as you'll learn how to avoid spyware, viruses, phishing scams and other online dangers.

Hope to see you there! Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer &

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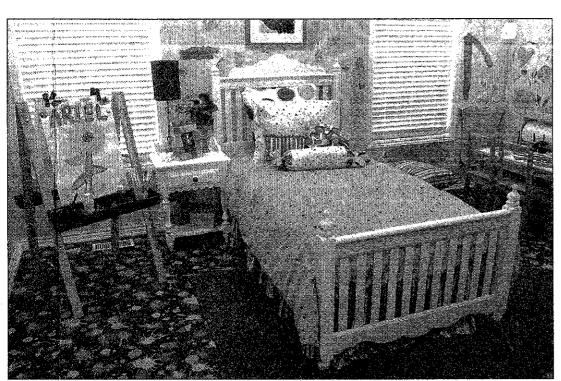
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**COURTESY ART VAN FURNITURE** 

Furnishings in the bedroom of 4-year-old artist Ariel are from the Spring Garden Collection by La-Z-Boy Kids. Shown here are a twin slat headboard and footboard (\$349.99) and one-drawer nightstand (\$239.99).

## **Businesses go 'Extreme' for project**

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

In and behind the scenes, local businesses contributed in a variety of ways to the ABC-TV program Extreme Makeover: Home Edition for Sunday, Oct. 1.

That episode of Extreme Makeove will feature the Gilliam family in Armada Township

A local program will air at 7 p.m. Sunday on WXYZ-TV featuring all the area people who helped with the new home for the Gilliams. Extreme Makeover: Home Edition will follow at 8 p.m.

A small sampling of local businesses participating in the project indicates the different ways they helped.

"It was very exciting and gratifying to do something and to be in lomething like this," said Bob Kupfer, partner with Tim Robinson of Tiffany Florist of Birmingham.

"It's a good feeling." Tiffany Florist donated the floral arrangements throughout the house, delivering about 50 arrangements and plants.

Kupfer said the program's designers wanted a contemporary look for the arrangements. They gave the florists a floor plan, and information about the fabrics and colors that would be used in the house.

For the contemporary look, Tiffany Florist used glass cubes instead of vases.

Ficus rees and summer flowers including zinnias, dahlias and iris are among the plants and flowers Tiffany Florist featured in the arrangements.

#### **FURNISHINGS**

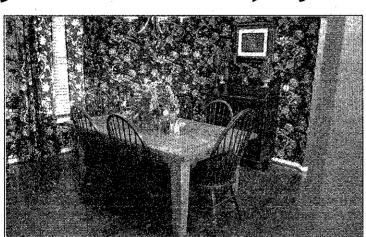
Art Var Furniture provided furniture for the new home. Examples are the American Country tyle dining room pieces, furnishings for a girl's bedroom and home entertainment system.

"We were thrilled," said Chris Morrisroe, Art Van communications director.

The designers visited Art Van stores in Warren and Lakeside and selected the furnishings that would fit their plans.

West Bloomfield-based Crypton Super Fabrics supplied upholstered furniture and jewel-tone fabrics for the home.

The Gilliams will be the first family in the country to have a new line of Crypton Super



In the dining room, the designers mixed a Broyhill table and chest with Lifen

chairs to create this American Country look. The chairs are \$59.99 each; the chest is \$799.99 and the table, \$999.99.

Furniture, manufactured by Hiatt Furniture.

"It was very exciting," said Julia Gillespie, Crypton Super Fabrics.

The fabrics are resistant to stain, moisture, bacteria and odors, yet soft. The company's patented moisture barrier is integrated into the fabric, so viruses and bacteria can't grow on the surface or penetrate into the cushion

Crypton Super Fabrics is also involved in an Extreme Makeover project in Iowa that will air in November, Gillespie said.

Awecomm Web Strategies (AWS), based in Troy, provided Web design, marketing, blogging and hosting services for the project.

The Web site by AWS. http://www.ExtremeHomeDet roit.com, allows visitors to make donations and get information about the show.

AWS also facilitated the donation of seven college scholarships by the University of Phoenix.

"To anyone who's ever seen the show, no explanation is necessary about how exciting it is to be involved," said Chris

Spiek, AWS vice president. "I never would have imagined that our team would be presented with the opportunity to use our Web marketing expertise for such a great

cause." The businesses came to be contacted through various routes. Art Van had helped with the program for a Royal Oak home in 2004.

"They (the producers) also said that when they asked around where to go for furniture, everyone said (Art Van)," Morrisroe said.

"Someone recommended us, we don't know who, and they (the producers) really liked our Web site," Kupfer said.

The producers heard about Crypton Super Fabrics, and the company sent them samples, Gillespie said.

Lombardo Homes of Washington, Mich., one of the builders in the project, had a "successful, long-standing relationship with Awecomm," said Bob Moesta, vice president of sales and marketing at Lombardo.

The company also has a proven ability to quickly turn around quality . . . projects under pressure," he said.

#### THE FAMILY

American Heartland Homebuilder of Macomb and Lombardo Homes built the new home for the Gilliam family in just over 53 hours (setting a new record for the TV

show). The family consists of Maryann Gilliam, 32, and six children ranging in age from 8 months to 12 years.

The new house replaces the Gilliams' 120-year-old farmhouse, which had fallen into disrepair. David Gilliam, Maryann's husband, was renovating the farmhouse when he died last Christmas Eve at the age of 41.

Since his death, Maryann learned that the basement of the old house was contaminated with dangerous levels of

that these toxins may have caused David's death, and advised Maryann to move out.

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## toxic spores. The family's doctor theorized

## Design center hosts 'Color Courage' talk

Michigan Design Center (MDC) in Troy will present Color Courage, an open house and illustrated lecture with Krissa Rossbund, interior design and tabletop editor for Traditional Home magazine, Tuesday, Oct. 10.

The public may attend. Tickets are \$10 per person and include the lecture, the open house and a copy of Traditional Home magazine.

MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive, which is north off Maple, between Crooks and Coolidge.

Advance reservations are required by sending a check, made payable to Michigan Design Center, to Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive, Suite 25, Troy 48084.

Include a listing of all attendees along with their addresses,

phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Receipt confirmations will be sent via e-mail.

For more information, call (248) 649-4772.

At the event, MDC showrooms will host an open house 5-6:30 p.m. This will give the public an opportunity to browse the finest names in home furnishings and to meet with some of this area's top design professionals, who will be on hand to provide complimentary, 20minute design consultations.

Rossbund will take center stage at 6:45 p.m., as she presents a visual tour highlighting residences that have abandoned "safe shades" and leapt into a world of palettes that pop with

vibrant sophistication. Rossbund will share examples of homeowners who have taken

the color plunge by splashing the brightest and boldest across their rooms.

Attendees will also be treated to a sneak preview of projects that will be appearing in the magazine, including the New York penthouse of Laura Day of Trading Spaces and the Nantucket cottage of designer Nancy Searfini.

Rossbund will also present the country's most colorful showhouse rooms and a couple of delights sure to inspire the

holiday decorating season. Rossbund has been with Traditional Home since 1996. She has received national recognition for her conceptual product features and recently won the 2006 HOME award, given by the International Home Furnishings Alliance.



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include green chili and salsa. The cookoff returns following a one-year hiatus in which it moved to Saline, after concerns were raised about the cost of policing the event because of the large crowds of people in attendance.

Annette Horn, chili cookoff organizer, said she met with Plymouth officials to discuss logistics, the organizational infrastructure of the event and setting up a command center with block captains, all of which were resolved.

The event also has more than 100 volunteers involved this year, including Habitat for Humanity, MotorCity Harley Davidson and a Christian motorcycle club, along with the usual local volunteers who assist with the event.

Horn said she received numerous complaints after the event moved from Plymouth.

"People were upset it left," she said. "We lost the park, town square, all the cool things around the city."

#### 'GREAT EVENT'

Carl Berry, a volunteer for the event, said it "is good for the community, it's good for business and it's good for downtown. It's a great event."

Money raised from the chili cookoff and the bike event will go to the western Wayne County branch of Habitat for Humanity, to help that organization build affordable housing for people in need.

'This event gives us a lot of exposure and helps recruit vol-



**FILE PHOTOS** 

In the spirit of heated competition, chili and salsa cooks often display several of their favorite condiments.

unteers," said Michael Sage, president of the Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity. "Not everyone who wants to get involved with us is a builder and this event is an opportunity for them to get involved."

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Mike Shelton, director of operations for MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills, was pleased to hear the bike and chili shows were returning to Plymouth.

"We share the same attitude it's a great place to have it," Shelton said. "It's a great place for the motorcycles to ride, too. It's a community that is surrounded by so many other communities, and everyone is familiar with Plymouth with the ice sculptures."

Riding into Plymouth is the "highlight of the bike ride. The

city opens its arms to us," said Shelton, a Livonia resident. The show is exciting, too.

"It's a Harley event, it's a Honda event, it's just basically a motorcycle event," Shelton said. "It's fun to see all the different styles, varieties and riding. Street after street, it's just black and chrome. It brings everybody together."

And chili has a universal appeal, judging from the thousands who attend the event.

'Everybody likes chili," Horn said. "I think I have the best chili, he thinks he has the best chili (pointing to a cook from a local restaurant), everybody thinks they have the best chili and they want to show the world how great it is. They'll compete, and maybe they can win and advance to the World Championship.

"It's one of the great

American foods."

#### **OTHER FEATURES**

Entertainment includes Men in Black, and four dance teams - from the Center Stage Dance Co. in Northville, Piazza Dance Co. in Northville, the Children's Dance Theater in Plymouth and the Toll Gate Cloggers from Clarkston.

Raffle tickets also can be bought for \$20 to win a Harley Davidson Sportster.

Other events include the MotorCity Chili Ride, which begins at MotorCity Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

The Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring a Hottest Dog in the Coolest City competition. Awards will be given to the best dressed dog, shortest tail and longest tail. kabramcz@hometownlife.com | (248) 901-2591

#### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

Perennial gardening

Learn how to design a perennial garden for year-round enjoyment and color, and about pest control and what to look for when buying plants, in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional

Development. The three-week class, Basic Perennial Gardening, will begin 9-11:40 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30. It will take place at the Schoolcraft campus on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$71 (senior cost, \$56.80), book included. Plan to bring some of your perennials for the plant exchange during the last session. For more information, call (734) 462-

4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu. Regional Lily Society

The Michigan Regional Lily Society will have its fall meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Dick Bayerl, first place photography contest winner at the 2006 national lily show, will present his slides about lilies and "lily people," including well-known hybridizer Robert Griesbach, and a tour of his gardens.

Visit www.mrls.org for pictures and information, and for information about the lily bulb sale scheduled in October at the church.

African violet sale

The Michigan State African Violet Society will have its annual Fall Display and Plant Sale Saturday and Sunday. Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

A great variety of African violets will be featured. Many gesneriads and supplies will be available. Best selections are on the first day.

An added attraction this year is a huge art festival, with many booths and tables filled with art objects. Admission to the art festival is also free.

#### Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will have its monthly meeting at noon Monday, Oct. 2, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 The topic will be Arranging: What's Old,

What's New. Sally Quellette, a member of the Greater Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild, will present a demonstration and lead a workshop. Membership is open to all interested

parties. For more information, call Dianne at

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Livonia

(248) 626-6322.

Livonia Garden Club The Livonia Garden Club will meet at Senior Center at Five Mile and Farmington roads. Advanced master gardener Mary Pulick will present an artistic design program. Visitors are welcome.

**Naturescaping** 

A free symposium, Naturescapino: Restoring the Ecology of Our Home Landscapes, will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7, at Franklin Community Church, on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile. Advance registration is required. Call Franklin Village at (248) 626-9666 or email Hansenpj@comcast.net. Speakers will be Nichols Arboretum director Bob Grese and Mary Wilson, Oakland County Michigan State University Extension. Topics will be home landscape design:

biodiversity and native plants; tree and shrub selection to minimize pests and diseases; invasive plant removal; and local gardener experiences. The program is sponsored by the Franklin Historical Society, Franklin Village, and the Southeast Oakland

County Water Authority. **Downriver Rose Society** 

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph between Sibley and West Road.

Harlan Schumaker, a top national rose exhibitor, will speak on Favorite Roses and How to Grow Them. He will show colorful slides of his favorite roses, and share tips on how to grow and groom award-winning blooms. Admission is free. The public may

For more information, call Mike at (734) 246-3635 or Nancy at (734) 461-230. Schumaker has won many national, regional and local awards. He and his wife, Patricia Kay, grow several hundred rose bushes at their home in Kentwood, near Grand Rapids.

They are especially well known for their miniature roses, but have won awards in other rose categories, too. Hill & Dale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a

general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 12, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Past club president Sally Quellette will

present Flower Arranging. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Sclawy at (248)

333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net. Chrysanthemum show

The Greater Detroit Chrysantherbum Society will have its 45th annual show Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 14-15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Oct. 14, 1-4 p.m. Oct. 15.

#### JIM WELLER'S MACKTOWN CHILI 3 pounds tri-tip beef, cubed Brown meat, drain and add to 1 14-ounce can beef broth

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1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

sauce

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2 tablespoons hot New Mexico chili powder 3 tablespoons cumin i tablespoon garlic granules

1 tablespoon onion granules

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chili pot with broths and tomato sauce. Add 75 percent of spice mix, bring to a boil, then simmer for two hours. Add Tabasco and remaining spices. Thin gravy with water, if necessary. Cook an additional half hour or until meat is tender. Add salt to taste. Makes approximately 3 quarts.

Recipe from Jim Weller of West Bloomfield, who won the International Chili Society's World Championship in

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2 large garlic cloves 4 cup cilantro leaves and stems

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1 small orange bell pepper

1 Anaheim pepper 1 Pasilla pepper (or 1 dried ancho chili pepper)

1 medium white onion 3 jalapeno peppers 4 small tomatoes

Mix the puree with the diced items and add one 8-ounce can of Hunt's tomato sauce and let marinade overnight. Check for "heat" (spice), salt and sweet-

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## **HOME CALENDAR**

#### Simple curtains

Learn how to sew a custom curtain reflecting your distinct home decorating personality in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.

The three-week class, Simple Curtains: Dynamic Possibilities, will begin 6-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2.

Cost is \$94 (senior cost, \$75.20). Bring your own sewing machine to each session. Prerequisite is Sewing 101: For Home Decorating or previous sewing experience.

Students will make a simple rod-pocket curtain that can be used in many ways - as a versatile window treatment, shower curtain, or valance accent piece to enhance decor. For more information, call (734) 462-

4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu. Appraisal fair

Are you curious about how much your family heirlooms or treasured antiques are worth? Three professionals from the

International Society of Appraisers will give a verbal appraisal of approximate value at the Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold (at the corner of 10 Mile and Griswold) in South Lyon.

Carry-in items for evaluation may include furniture, jewelry, glass, porcelain, pottery, silver, dolls, toys and other memorabilia.

Entry fee is \$2 at the door. Appraisal fee is \$6 per item, or two items for \$10. Appointments are available. Walk-ins are welcome.

For an appointment or more information, call Chris at (248) 437-8810.

#### **Estates Sale**

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County and Hall & Hunter Realtors have joined together for the second annual Estates Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The event will take place in the north parking lot at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham. Proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Donations of gently used antiques, furniture, collectibles and other items (no clothing or bed linens) can be dropped off in the Hall & Hunter Realtors lobby through Friday. Hours for drop-off are

provided upon request. For more information, call Dennis Wolf or Christine John at (248) 644-3500. Eames film festival

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tax deduction forms

Design Within Reach, 168 W. Maple in Birmingnam (phone (248) 593-9640), will present a screening of seven short films by Ray and Charles Eames 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4. Admission is free. The event will also include a presentation from Eames Demetrios, grandson of Charles Eames,

director of the Eames Office and author of An Eames Primer. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. RSVP to Birmingham@dwr.com soon.

#### Get organized

Learn how to become focused, organized and productive in your business or personally, at a seminar 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 5-12, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. To register and for more information, visit www.communityhouse.com. The workshop will be presented by Karen Cynowa of Productivity Pros of Auburn Hills.

#### Ceramic exhibit

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts. 407 Pine in Rochester, will present an exhibit by a group of ceramic artists who have been working together at the Auburn Hills campus of Oakland Community College under instructor Henry Tanaka.

The exhibit, Collective: Ceramic Works from a Collaborative Studio, will run Oct. 6 to Nov. 11. An opening reception will take place 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and a gallery talk 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

Featured artists will include James Adair, a creative design sculptor for General Motors; Larry Elliott, who has worked in automotive design and historic home reconstruction; and Dee Woods, who has a background in interior design.

Visit www.pccart.org. Call (248) 651-4110.

#### Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Simple Curtain, Mondays, Oct. 2-16 (cost is \$60); and Bolster and Triangle Pillows, Tuesdays, Oct. 3-17 (\$60).

In Simple Curtain, beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Students will make a simple rod-pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades.

In Bolster and Triangle Pillows, students will make the pillows while learning the techniques of shirred welting and tufted buttons. These pillows add the punch needed to make a room spectacular.

## Colossal Indoor Garage Sale is set at OU

The second annual Colossal Indoor Garage Sale will take place Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 18-21, in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the campus of Oakland University.

To donate sale items, bring them to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 16-17.

No clothing will be accepted. Tax-deduction forms for donations will be provided upon request. For more information,

call (248) 608-0485.

Sponsored by the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club, all proceeds from the sale will benefit the 16 gardens at Meadow Brook Hall, a 110-room mansion on the OU campus.

Garden club volunteers plant and maintain the gardens. This is their major fund-raiser of the

Bargains will include furniture, china, antiques, sporting goods, garden items and toys.

A bake sale will also be featured.

Preview sale hours are 7-9 p.m. Oct. 18, Admission is \$10. Garage sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 19-20 and 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 21. Admission is

The preview sale will feature a silent auction.

Auction items will include a basket of garden tools with four hours of gardening service by two experienced garden profes-

sionals; two old rose arbor columns from Meadow Brook Gardens: an original oil painting; two separate golf outings for a foursome, one at OU Katke-Cousins Golf Course and one at Great Oaks County Club; a hand-knit fashion ensemble of hat, handbag and shawl; and tickets for a performance at Meadow Brook Theatre, a Meadow Brook Hall tour, and the Meadow Brook Hall

Holiday Walk.

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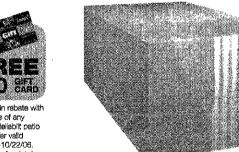




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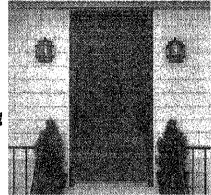
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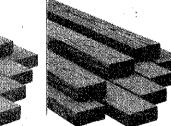


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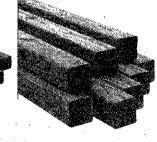


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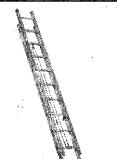
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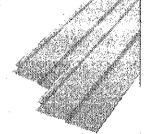
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## Perfect pairings made by mother-son team

he best wine is the wine you like best," is true sometimes.

It is, when you drink wine without food. But truth is, that a wine you like without food may not pair well with it.

The recently published book Perfect Pairings (University of California Press, 2006, \$29.95) by master sommelier Evan Goldstein with recipes by his mother, internationally renowned chef and cookbook author Joyce Goldstein, offers the most practical advice to date on partnering wine with food.

#### **FOCUS**

A major difficulty with many wine and food pairing books is that they focus too heavily on the recipes without emphasizing what makes the suggested wine pairing (or pairings) work.

Wine books on their own help you learn more about wines from a particular area with little regard to food compatibility.

Generally, cookbooks are filled with recipes with little attention given to wine pairings.

Perfect Pairings dedicates 15 pages to first, the six keys to understanding wine: acidity, sweetness, saltiness, tannin, oak and alcohol. The explanation extends to the keys to understanding food: Ingredients,



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cooking methods, sauces and condiments, rounded out by "devilish" side dishes.

Strategically placed breakout boxes outline this information

#### for future, easy reference. **PAIRINGS AND PITFALLS**

Drawing on his many years as a wine educator, Evan Goldstein devotes 14 chapters to 12 core grape varieties and the major wine categories sparkling and dessert, offering pairing pointers and major pitfalls for each.

Then "mom" Joyce Goldstein supports this with recipes, most of which are easy to accomplish. Evan returns to close out the recipe with suggested wines from recommended producers, priced in categories of everyday, premium and splurge.

Evan's knowledge of producer style in making his wine recommendations is far more useful than suggesting a specific wine, which by the time a book gets published after it's written, is no longer available and only adds

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Since all wines of a given variety are not created equal, Evan discusses style and food pairing. Thus, he categorizes earthy, minerally chardonnays (Burgundy style) as different from opulent, fruit-forward chardonnays (New World style) or rich, oaky, buttery chardonnays as different from developed, mature chardonnays. He makes similar distinctions for potentially tricky sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon and other varietal wines.

In "The Hall of Fame" chapter, Evan identifies wineries excelling at producing specific varietals. He writes: "I provide a list for those of you who want to have a few names of other reliable producers at hand when you are unable to find a specific producer that I have recommended." Excellent idea!

Last but not least, abundant helpful hints scattered among the pages aid home cooks who like to develop their own recipes.

Perfect Pairings is a book that anyone interested in wine and food will find extremely useful. Its friendly, conversational tone is not the least bit intimidating. If you're planning an autumn

dinner party, don't plan without this book. The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly

Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

# **Rustic chefs** compete Saturday

Enjoy a cooking competition noon-2 p.m. Sept. 30, when four teams of cooks go head to head to be the winner of the Golden Skillet award at the Maybury Farm in Northville.

The cookoff consists of four teams, both amateurs and professionals. They are Chris McCormick and Dave Anger, Team 1; Chef Wil Armstead, of Bonfire Bistro & Brewery in Northville, Team 2; Robert Costanza from Station 885 (Plymouth), Team 3, and Bill Schlander and Ray Quatrochi, Team 4.

Each 'chef' has a unique history. Team 1 is Chris McCormick, who spent his career as an art director, and partner Dave Anger who worked for Ford Motor Co. in the prototype area. Team 2's Robert Costanza is owner and chef at Station 885 in Plymouth and, thanks to his dad Jerry Costanza, has been in the restaurant business his entire life.

Team 4's Bill Schlander began cooking when he was just 13, his partner Ray

has always loved cooking.

Chef Frank Agostini of E.G. Nicks in Plymouth will once again compile the mystery. ingredients for the chefs. At 11 a.m. contestants will learn what these ingredients are and what they will be shopping for. The ingredients dictate the menu they will create.

Contestants will shop at Meijer (the event sponsor) for one hour; return to Maybury Farm and prep from noon to 1 p.m. and cook from 1 to 2 p.m. They must have their food plated by 2 p.m. for the judges. When the bell sounds, the competition is over and the panel of judges will taste the finished dishes and decide the winner. The award is sponsored by Lasalle Bank.

Admission is \$4 per person. Complimentary parking for this event is provided in the Maybury Farm parking lot (the entrance is off of 8 Mile about 1 mile west of Beck Road and past the park entrance).

For information, call (248) 374-0200.

#### **FOOD CALENDAR**

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

#### Wine exploration series

The Community House in Birmingham is offering a series of wine classes. The classes include French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 4, \$26; More About French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 11, \$26; Italian Wines, Oct. 25, \$26. The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Wednesday, Nov. 8, \$26; Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Wednesday, Nov. 15. All classes begin

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#### Indian cooking

Suvir Saran, master chef and author of Indian Home Cooking, presents four cooking classes highlighting the world of Indian cooking, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 22-25, at the culinary arts instructional kitchens at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Each

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#### **Grapevine School of Wine**

Learn about wine at one or more of the following classes: France: The Mother of Modern Wine, 7 p.m. Sept. 28, Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, \$45. Register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com, Call (248) 990-4613.

## Papa Joe's in Birmingham hosts organic festival

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham will be adding a larger line of organic products, marking the move with an Organic Taste Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 through Sunday, Oct. 15.

Many different foods and beverages will be offered to sample and purchase. Local and regional growers will talk with customers on how their produce is grown and why they believe organic products are a better choice for consumers.

Papa Joe's chefs will prepare great new fall dishes. Organic foods are plants grown and animals raised in a natural state without the use of pesticides, antibiotics, artificial fertilizers or genetically modified organisms. Owners of the organic farms where these iruits, vegetables, grains and animals are grown and raised say their products are more sustainable and environmentally sound. They say organically grown products are better for the consumer, the producers, and the environment by eliminating risks associated with exposure to artificial

chemicals and unsustainable growing and rearing practices.

William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's, grew up "in farm country," he says, "with a very natural way of raising food that eliminated unnecessary chemi-

"Not everything looks 'perfect,' but the taste is honest and flavorful," Hall said.

Hall will be featuring dishes for sampling, including roasted organic chicken breast with honey chili; organic double baked potatoes, organic pasta chicken salad and an assortment of seasonal organic vegetables.

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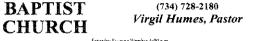
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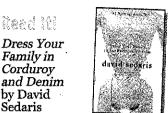
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## The Novi Show is "Sew" Cool!

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

ot a notion to sew?
The sewing arts are 'serging' in popularity, and seamstresses across the country are threading their way to Novi for the American Sewing Expo this weekend. Staged for 13 years by Janet Pray of Highland, the event is the largest independently-owned sewing expo in the country.

According to spokesperson Barbara Gash, the event encompasses all the sewing arts, including quilting, interior decorating, fiber arts, doll-making and more. But fashion will be the draw for many attendees.

Gash, an expert seamstress who wrote a weekly sewing column in the Detroit Free Press for 22 years, said fashion sewing is cinching up a whole new generation of fans.

"The sewing industry is appealing to younger people, as well as older, experienced ones, by means of not only trendy fashions but computerized equipment," she said. "They can

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use their sewing machines creatively by taking advantage of all the technological advances. Where sewing used to be a utilitarian thing, almost a necessity to save money, that is not where it is now. It is now a creative outlet. People are doing it to be

www.AmericanSewingExpo.com.

nobody else has."
Embellished designer garments remain out of most people's price range, so sewing is a way to recreate expensive looks

unique, to have something that

for less

"Any couture, anything well-made is still expensive," Gash said. "The discount stores offer more trendy, more disposable kinds of things, but that is not necessarily what we want to be sewing. We can buy that stuff. When you sew, you can invest in high-quality fabric, put your own imprint on it and have a really high-quality garment."

People also sew because they can 'make to measure.'

"Fit is one of the main reasons why women of any age turn to sewing, because they're not finding things in the stores that fit well." she said.

Gash acknowledges that sewing is getting a big boost from the hit show "Project Runway."

"I'm a big fan of Project Runway. I'm hooked on it," she said. "I think that program has certainly been inspirational for those who want to get into the field of design, or just appreciate the idea of draping and sewing and going down the runway."

The American Sewing Expowill include some "Project Runway"-style fashion challenges. "Inspired by Threads" will feature clothing designed for a contest in Threads magazine. "Innovation Generation," emceed by Gash, will showcase designs by young people ages 8-18.

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