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Foster mom charged with felony murder

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Carol Poole looked like the perfect mother. But Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said that appearances can be deceiving. Poole was charged Monday with felony murder, child abuse and involuntary manslaughter, following the death of Poole's 2-year-old foster daughter, Allison Newman.

"Children are most precious. This is true no matter the geographic, socioeconomic or ethnic identity. Once the full facts are known, it will be clear that this is a felony murder," Worthy said.

Poole was charged with felony murder, an offense that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison without parole; first degree child abuse, an offense that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; and involuntary manslaughter, a 15-year felony.

Poole was arraigned Monday afternoon at the 35th District Court in Plymouth. Judge John Mac Donald denied bail. Poole's preliminary examination is scheduled Nov. 8 at the district court.

Poole called 911 at 2:11 a.m. Sept. 22, stating that the little girl had hit her head earlier in the day, and was unresponsive and not breathing.

She was rushed to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, then was flown to University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital, where she died later that day.

The cause of death has been determined by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office to be head trauma.

Allison had been in Poole's care since January. Poole, 40, was working with Lutheran Family Services in fostering the girl, and Worthy said it was her understanding that Poole and her husband were hoping to adopt Allison, as well as a 3-month-old baby boy whom they had cared for since June. The day

Allison was rushed to the hospital, Lutheran Family Services removed the baby boy from the Poole home, pending completion of the investigation into Allison's death.

Though Poole has been cooperative with police, she has also given them statements in which the details are inconsistent, Worthy said.

"We're talking about four completely different stories," Worthy said. "She has been cooperative. That's different than being truthful."

And no one has disputed she did not report the injury immediately,



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Murder suspect Carol Ann Poole is led out of the 35th District Court by a detective after her arraignment.

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Police believe April slaying was hate crime

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton police have located a suspect in an April homicide case that from the beginning has been bizarre. Police now believe the victim may have been the target of a hate crime.

Robert Lee Armstrong, 46, was discovered by his 10-year-old daughter dead in his bed April 16. He died of blunt force trauma to the back of his head. The apparent murder weapon was a flashlight, found covered in blood in Armstrong's bedroom.

At the time of Armstrong's homicide, he had no known enemies and there were no witnesses to the circumstances leading up to his death. Police now believe Armstrong may have been the victim of a hate crime, as the suspect has a long history of criminal activity and violence, the most recent of his nine convictions being felonious assault and felony firearms.

The suspect, a 33-year-old Ypsilanti man, was also charged with misdemeanor assault and battery in February, following an incident at a Livonia hotel in which he beat a man he believed to be a homosexual. The suspect pleaded guilty, and spent 11 days in jail, according to Livonia court records. At the time he

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Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance, was named Canton Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year at a Wednesday luncheon.

Jewelry store owner named Business Person of the Year

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Success doesn't come easy. Ask Linda Robin.

Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance, was presented Wednesday with the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year Award. But the road to success has had plenty of bumps along the way.

Robin opened the jewelry store six years ago, and just months after the store's opening, a Canton Center Road construction project put a dent in the

fledgling business' sales. No sooner had the store recovered, the economy took a steep turn for the worse following Sept. 11, 2001, and luxury items went to the bottom of shopping lists nationwide. Then two years ago, a break-in right before Christmas set it back again.

Robin credits the relationships she's built as vital to growing her business.

"Getting out and volunteering and donating to causes, networking and listening to what our customers want — that's why we've done well," Robin said. "Building those relation-



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Mark Voight of Super Bowl (from left), Johnathan Johnston of the Rusty Nail Lounge, and Tom Sklut of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools were honored Wednesday as being 30 year members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

ships has kept us going." The chamber recognized Robin not just for her successful business career, but also for her involvement in the community.

She's been active in the chamber's Ambassador Club and regularly donates to chamber

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Ready to roll

Tommy Chapman of Canton rides a chopper of the non-motorized variety Sunday at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off in downtown Plymouth. An estimated 20,000 people attended the chili competition. For the story and more photographs, please see page A4.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Women's Center fixes broken hearts.

Homeowners Advisory Council to meet

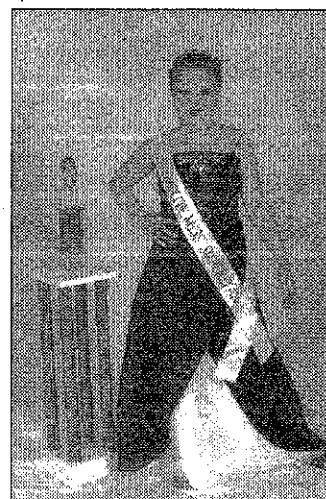
The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council presents "Ask the Attorney" at its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 9 in the Freedom Room located in the lower level of the Canton Administration Building on Canton Center Road. The group will have a local attorney on hand to provide a short presentation and then be available to answer homeowner association-related questions.

For more information, please call (734) 397-5495.

Fire prevention poster contest

To celebrate National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8-14, the Canton Fire Department in conjunction with the Canton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a fire prevention poster contest for elementary school-age children. Children will be asked to draw, paint or color a 12- by 18-inch picture relating to this year's National Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch what you heat." Information will be sent home through the Canton elementary schools detailing the poster requirements, or you can obtain detailed information on Canton's newly created Web page on fire prevention specifically for children at www.canton-mi.org/fire/kids.asp.

Posters will be judged in two groups by age, with prizes being given out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each group. Prizes include \$50 savings bonds and free passes to Glo Golf and Zap



An award-winning performance

Katie Meyerhoff, 8, of Garden City recently won the title of "Petite Miss Superstar" at the Starsystems National Dance Competition in Nashville, Tenn. Katie, who dances at Planetdance in Canton, won the regional title back in May in Kalamazoo. Katie studies jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical, hip hop and musical theatre at Planetdance.

Zone. First place winners will also receive lunch for their classmates along with a couple of surprises. Contest deadline is Oct. 18. For more information, contact Fire Inspector Nichole Hamilton at (734) 394-5459.

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 anniversary 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 assistance.

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) 981-8820.

Intersection construction

Construction to improve the intersection of Canton Center and Geddes Road began earlier this week and is anticipated to last until mid-November. Improvements being done at this intersection include widening to provide exclusive right

turn lanes and installing mast arms with illuminated street signs and pedestrian signals.

As part of this construction, Canton Center Road is currently down to one lane in each direction between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue. The traffic signal at the intersection is also timed to only allow one quadrant of the interaction through at a time. Motorists are advised to seek alternative routes to avoid anticipated backups.

For more information on road projects going on in Canton visit www.canton-mi.org.

Quilt show

The "Timeless Treasures" quilt show will be held from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Oct. 14 and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the Belleville High School Cafeteria (555 W. Columbia in Belleville). The featured quilter is Tina Roth, who will be showing 32 of her quilts. There will be an additional 200-250 quilts and antique decorations on display, as well as vendors, quilt raffle, silent auction, demonstrations, and door prizes.

Admission is \$4, and children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. All proceeds go to charity. For more information, contact Judy Bell at (734) 699-6698.

Eriksson Elementary hosts fair

Eriksson Elementary, 1275 Haggerty Road (between Ford and Cherry Hill), is hosting its Fall Fun Fair on Friday, Oct. 6, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The

event, which is free to attend, will feature games, face painting and tattoos, crafts, balloons, a cake walk, inflatable bouncers, and prizes for the kids. Adults will be able to take part in a number of \$5 raffles. Prizes include a laptop computer, an iPod, and a digital camera. The \$1 basket-drop raffle will include numerous gift baskets filled with generous donations from Eriksson families and local businesses. Special donations, including sports memorabilia and tickets, will also be part of a silent auction. Food will be served.

Raffle tickets, food and game tickets, as well as game bracelets are now available for purchase. For more information, please contact the school office at (734) 981-5560 or visit the school Web site @ <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/eriksson>.

Historical book signing

The Canton Historical Society is sponsoring a book signing with Gerald Van Dusen, author of *Canton Township*, at Cherry Hill School (northwest corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads) 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11. Shortly after 6 p.m., Van Dusen will briefly discuss his experiences writing the book and offer stories about Canton's agricultural past. He will then be available to sign books until 8 p.m. The books will be available for \$19.99 from the Canton Historical Society. The event is free and open to the public. Van Dusen's book contains many unique photographs drawn from Canton families and the museum archives. Light refreshments will also be served.

A toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting event to benefit the Canton Historical Society, Canton Christmas in Action and the

Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27, from 7-9 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill. There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests.

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

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

New cardiologist

Canton resident Mohamad Kabbani, M.D., has joined the medical staff at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Kabbani is board certified in cardiovascular disease, internal medicine and interventional cardiology. Kabbani practices at Cardiovascular Clinical Associates

located at 23822 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights. The office number is (313) 359-0200.

Kabbani received his medical education from Aleppo University in Syria. He completed his internal medicine residency at the Detroit Medical Center. He also completed both a cardiovascular fellowship and an interventional cardiology fellowship at the Detroit Medical Center.

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While numerous studies involving runners show that arthritis is more often than non-runners, being injured during exercise does significantly increase the risk of developing arthritis. In fact, according to one study of medical students who suffered a serious knee injury before age 22, they more than doubled their risk of developing knee osteoarthritis by age 65. In another study, more than half of the young people in their teens and twenties who tear their anterior cruciate ligaments show signs of degenerative arthritis within a mere five years. These findings point to the need for injury prevention that comes with proper training. Flexibility training and strength training are necessary to withstand the rigors of sport. When you require the care of a physical therapist, call us at 455-8370 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.

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Program is for the birds

Canton seniors will help track bird numbers for national study

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes it's the smallest creatures that are the first to alert us to big change. This fall and winter, Canton residents will participate in a program that tracks bird patterns for a national study, FeederWatch, through Cornell University.

"If certain birds suddenly start or stop showing up it could be a sign of climate changes, bird disease or a food shortage," said Larry French, Canton resident who has helped make the Senior Center at the Summit one of the participating locations in FeederWatch. "There can be all kinds of things that affect the bird migration patterns - global warming, environmental issues, and disease."

French, who has with his wife Cynthia watched birds for some 40 years, hopes that other bird watchers - experienced and otherwise - will join him in the project.

FeederWatch works with people around the country, who agree to watch bird feeders, collect and transmit data to the university, and watch for unusual illness or feeding habits in the birds.

"Birds are just so interesting. They're pretty and they're all different with different flight patterns. And they don't argue with you," French said. But the FeederWatch project will also add a sense of purpose to one of his favorite pastimes, he added.

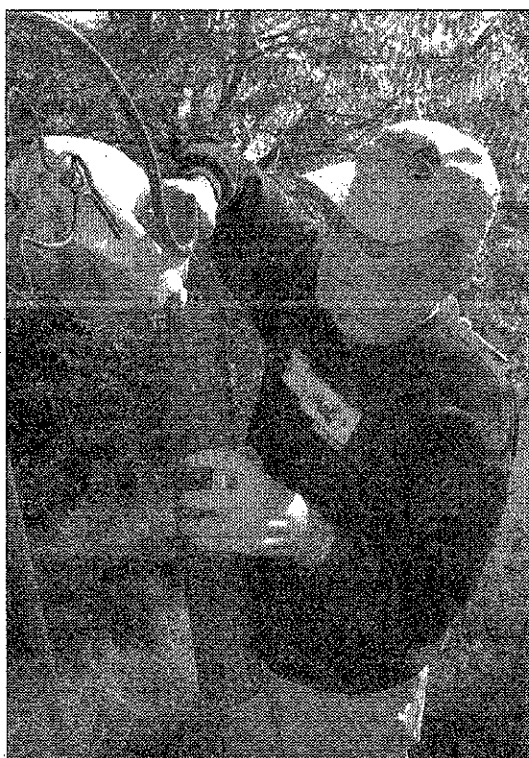
This will be the first time Canton has been a site in the project, said Dianne Neihengen, of Canton senior programs.

With some advice and a great price on supplies from Backyard Birds of Plymouth, the program will cost very little - just birdseed, Neihengen said.

A trial and training period will begin in October, and the official FeederWatch season will be November-April.

Six feeders that are outside a large window at the township's senior center will be moved closer to the building for easier viewing.

"But don't put those six feeders all in one



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Larry French fills a finch feeder with thistle seed outside of the Canton Senior Center. French and other volunteers will be tracking bird numbers for a national study.

row," French advised Leisure Services Programs Supervisor Greg King. "If you do that, you'll have a hawk feeder. Whenever you have a lot of birds all in one area like that you'll attract hawks, and that can be a bad thing for the birds."

The program will not only take advantage of the view from the senior center, it will also offer several types of recreation, Neihengen said.

"It will be a different kind of recreation," said Neihengen. "Some participants will be more passive. For others, it will be a very exciting adventure."

Some participants will watch and count the birds, while others compile the statistics and transmit data, and still others will fill the feeders, she added.

The program is open to everyone, of all ages. There is no fee to participate.

"We hope to attract everyone from students to seniors, from the experienced bird watcher to brand new bird watchers," Neihengen said. "You definitely don't have to be a professional bird watcher to do this."

Participants will be trained in identifying various types of birds and on collecting and transmitting the data to the database.

Bird watching will be at the Senior Center in the Summit, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The project will begin the first Saturday in November and will run for 21 weeks.

For more information call the Senior Center at (734) 394-5485. Volunteers may call Larry French at (734) 397-1816.

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Shootings add perspective to school security drills

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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With the recent spate of shootings in school buildings across the country - in which a total of six students and a high school principal were shot to death by intruders - a Plymouth-Canton school board trustee is suggesting improvements to security at the high school park.

"I'm concerned about the events of the past week and the concern for safety in our high schools," Treasurer Judy Mardigan said at Tuesday's board meeting. "We have a unique campus, and I've asked (Supt.) Dr. (Jim) Ryan for anything we might need, whether it be cameras or anything else, that would improve safety at the park. I think it's a very timely and important issue."

"The fact we're having this discussion (on the next bond issue) right now, it makes sense for the administration to take a look and see if they can identify any security equipment needs," she added.

Coincidentally, the next day (Wednesday), students, teachers and administrators were engaged in a lockdown drill at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Canton High School senior Bernadette Suchy-Mabrouk, 17, of Plymouth Township said Wednesday morning's drill lasted about 15 minutes.

"We sit away from the windows and they turn off all the lights and lock the doors," Suchy-Mabrouk said. "And then someone will come around and jiggle the handle to make sure the door is locked, just in case a real person were to come and try to

open the door.

"Then, they tell us when it's all clear and we go back to doing what we were doing," she added.

Suchy-Mabrouk said she believes the drills are important for school safety.

"Definitely, especially because we walk from building to building," she said. "Just knowing there is somebody there to make sure all the doors are locked, because I don't want somebody pointing a gun at me."

For security reasons, school officials declined to discuss specifics of the lockdown drill.

"In the past, we have used different scenarios to practice different situations," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education. "It's a state requirement that we do lockdowns with our tornado and severe weather drills."

"We're very attentive to student safety, that's our number one priority," he added. "We're always reviewing our plans, and we continue to be very diligent with our security and do our best to keep anything serious from happening."

Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said there are 18 security personnel assigned to the park, with 10 on duty during hours students are on campus. He said security costs are about 1 percent of the entire school budget, totaling more than \$760,000.

"The last two years we received a homeland security grant, which allowed us to hire a private security company to come in and take a look at where we are the most vulnerable in our buildings ...

and we've made adjustments," Ruggirello said. "We have table-top disaster drills, and we've created manuals on safety that are in each one of our classrooms in the district. It's a handbook for teachers to look at if there's a problem, with information on who to call and how to handle the situation."

Seventeen-year-old Nicole Sensoli, a Salem senior, said security is visible throughout the day.

"I feel perfectly safe. We have security going around campus all the time and we run into them all the time," Sensoli said. "You just have to know that anyone can walk in at anytime."

A parent waiting for her child at Salem after school Wednesday, who only identified herself as Teri, said she's complained several times about security at the school.

"I've called a number of times about their safety issues. Look at the doors wide open over there," she said, pointing to open exterior doors at Salem. "I do worry about my child, just like any other parent."

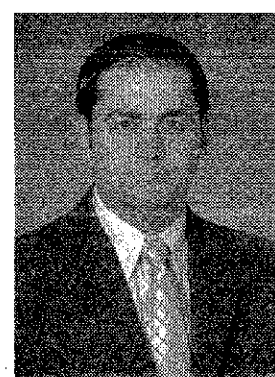
"I think they're doing what they can with security with the money they have," she added.

"They probably need more security guards."

Teri said if the district were to add money in the next bond for additional security, voters would be in favor of it.

"I think parents would vote for it," Teri said. "School security is just as important as curriculum."

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Festival return brings heat to the streets



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Chili fest, bike ride draw fans 'in droves'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff — along with the Great Lakes Regional Chili Bike Show — made a memorable return Sunday to Plymouth, as an estimated 20,000 people were on hand with 5,000 bikes parked in downtown Plymouth.

"The weather was perfect, and when that happens people will come out in droves, and they did," said Annette Horn, organizer of the 11th annual event. "It was a terrific day."



Wherever you looked Sunday, there were motorcycles. This group coming west on Ann Arbor Trail stretched from Union Street at Kellogg Park to the railroad tracks.

Last year, Horn's event was held in Washtenaw County because of the high cost of Plymouth city services, mostly the result of increased police presence because of safety concerns expressed by Police Chief Wayne Carroll. However, this year Horn provided much of her own security, which received praise from Carroll.

"We had plenty of police presence, and I think the security members brought in by the chili festival committee did a nice job of taking care of the problem we previously had," Carroll said. "It went a long way in showing this event can happen with relatively minor problems. Overall, they did a fine job of organizing the event."

Carroll said there were no arrests or tickets, and only two bikers were escorted out of town after squealing tires in the chili festival area.

Horn said this year's chili cookoff was the largest she's sponsored.

"It is the largest event of the 11 we've done, in both the number of people attending and proceeds that will be given," Horn said. "We're hoping to raise about \$12,000 from the cookoff, which will go to Habitat for Humanity."

Horn said the first-ever Motor City Chili Ride from Farmington Hills to Plymouth drew 326 bikes.

Horn, a Plymouth retailer who owns Native West, said it was also a good day for downtown business owners.

"From the few I talked to, it was a good day for business, including my own," she said.

"I'm sure the restaurant and bar owners thought so, too."

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Canton Police Deputy Chief Alex Wilson said. "From the time Newman sustained the injury until Poole called police was at least four hours," Wilson said. "She said the injury occurred at about 10 p.m."

But how the injury occurred is a little fuzzy.

Wilson said Poole offered four vastly different stories about how Allison was injured. Some of the locations were inside the house, and one involved a fall outside the house, Wilson said.

Poole's attorney, Mark Sakawa, called the charges "outrageous and disturbing."

"They're saying she with malice and contempt caused the death of Allison," Sakawa said. "It's completely irresponsible to charge her with that. As her advocate, I can tell you it was a tragic accident."

Newman had been trained and licensed to provide foster care, Worthy said. Allison and the baby boy were the Pooles' first foster children.

Worthy said that once the details of the crime are presented, there will be no question that the crime was felony murder, which does not have to be premeditated.

"There's only one person who knows exactly what happened, and unfortunately that's Carol Poole," Wilson said.

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Carol Ann Poole, 40 of Canton, was arraigned at 35th District Court Monday on charges stemming from the death of her two-year old foster child.

Family of boy killed by bus awarded \$4m

A Wayne County jury last week awarded the family of former Van Buren Schools student Mikel Maurice Mills \$4.05 million, as a result of an accident that killed the five-year-old in 2004. In March of 2004, Mikel was struck by a Van Buren Public Schools bus.

The actions of a former bus driver of the Van Buren Public School District were at issue in

the case of the kindergartner's death.

The jury did not find there was a problem with the Van Buren Public Schools District policies and procedures, according to a statement released Thursday by the district.

The fault was placed on the former employee's actions as well as a portion of fault on a

member of the family, according to the district.

The verdict amount is within the insured policy coverage limits of the district and did not involve payment of any general fund money.

"Our thoughts and sympathies continue to be with the family as they have always been," said Van Buren Supt. Pete L. Lazaroff.

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- *My Island* by Starflyer 59

AWARDS

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events and fund-raisers. She's been a member of the Canton Goodfellows, the Wedding Referral Network, a supporter of local charities and a strong supporter of local and state police and firefighters, said Jason Lewkut, last year's Business Person of the Year.

Also recognized at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards were the Chamber Ambassador of the Year, which went to Stan Daniels, and Chamber Excellence Award winner Karl Zarbo.

The Chamber Excellence Award recognizes a person or

business that makes a real difference to the community, said Tom Cassidy, chairman of the chamber's business awards. Zarbo serves on the Canton Township Board of Trustees, after serving 12 years on the planning commission.

He was recognized for his involvement in a long list of charitable works, and for being the driving force behind bringing IKEA to Canton. He's served on Canton's marketing committee, on the sign ordinance review committee, on the Canton Liberty Fest Committee and on the Ford Road Task Force.

It all started for him 20 years ago, when he moved to Canton from Buffalo, N.Y., and immediately got involved in his

homeowners association. He said Canton's environment of inclusiveness in government and in business is what makes the community special, and invited chamber members to reach out to "bring others into the fold." Like the Ambassador of the Year, Stan Daniels, who oddly enough joined the Canton chamber after he retired.

"I used to work for AT&T and was involved in the Dearborn chamber," he said. But after he moved to Canton in 1984, he joined the Canton chamber as a way to be involved in the community and meet people.

"I guess I do sort of do it for the fun of it," he said.

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POLICE

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had multiple warrants for his arrest in Washtenaw and Kent counties.

"We believe that this was a hate crime," Canton Police Deputy Chief Alex Wilson said, adding that Armstrong's homicide was committed under circumstances similar to the Livonia case.

The suspect disappeared from southeast Michigan immediately after Armstrong's murder, and is believed to be living on the lam in Indiana,

Wilson said. Canton detectives went to Indiana this week and were able to locate the suspect's relatives and friends, but not the suspect.

"He knows we're looking for him," Wilson said.

The suspect first landed himself in the Michigan prison system following convictions for crimes he committed when he was just 17. He's spent some 13 of the last 16 years in prison, and was last released in November 2004.

Police would not have linked the suspect to the Canton slaying if they had not found a bloody fingerprint on a flashlight in Armstrong's bedroom.

The flashlight is believed to be the homicide weapon, Wilson said.

Police entered the fingerprint into a database, and identified the suspect. Canton police obtained an arrest warrant Monday morning.

"We tracked him down to Indianapolis, where we believe he's been staying ever since this happened," Wilson said.

"Basically any information we're going to get from him, we'll get as soon as he's arrested. If he has an opportunity to wait for even an hour, we don't think we'll get anything out of him."

At the time of the murder

Armstrong lived with his two children - his daughter and an 8-year-old son - in a mobile home on Mott Road.

The suspect was first convicted of firearms, property destruction and assault in 1989. He'd only been out of prison for three months before being arrested again, and convicted on four counts of larceny from a motor vehicle. He was released from prison again in 1998, and six months later he was arrested and convicted of felonious assault, according to Michigan Department of Corrections records.

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DEATHS

- B**
- Sara L. Brodhun
Brodhun, 64, of Northville, died Oct. 3.
- C**
- John J. Colaianne
Colaianne, 79, died Oct. 1.
- G**
- George E. Griscom
Griscom, 91, of Milford, N.H., died Sept. 29.
- H**
- Joanie Heaton
Heaton, 45, died Oct. 2.
- Dorothy Hofstar Hollingsworth
Hollingsworth, 83, formerly of Garden City, died Sept. 29.
- K**

- Virginia H. Kadlec
Kadlec, 82, of Bloomfield Hills, died Sept. 29.
- O**
- Irene Ontko (nee Strauch)
Ontko, 80, died Sept. 29.
- R**
- Florence M. (Moore) Rudlaff
Rudlaff, 81, formerly of Plymouth, died Sept. 28.
- S**
- Douglas G. Sennett
Sennett, 57, of Plymouth, died Oct. 3.

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New programs help increase enrollment in Wayne-Westland

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A pilot all-day kindergarten program and intra-district schools of choice has helped boost enrollment in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools after several years of decline.

"We're pleased and we're surprised that we did better than expected," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Maybe it's a good thing."

The district counted 13,679 students in the classroom on the state's official count day last Wednesday, up 33 students from the 2005 fall count of 13,646.

The number is unofficial until its checked by the intermediate school district and audited by the state. Once that's completed, 75 percent of the fall count will be blended with 25 percent of the winter count done in February to come up with the district's official enrollment figure.

It will be that blended number that will be used to determine how much Wayne-Westland will receive in state

school aid.

The increase reverses several years of declining enrollment. Last school year it lost more than 200 students, and this year's budget was based on a projected blended enrollment of 13,557 students, down 109 from the 2005-06.

This is the first year the district offered intra-district schools of choice at the elementary level and attracted more than 80 students, about one-third of the new enrollment at the elementary level. The remainder are students who live in the district.

At the elementary level, kindergarten enrollment was up 91 students over last year. The increase, Baracy believes, was due in large part to the pilot all-day kindergarten program offered at four elementary schools this year.

"We suspect they were going to charter schools with all-day kindergarten or private or parochial schools with all-day kindergarten," said Baracy. "We listened to parents and offered them what they wanted and they came

back to the district.

"That's really important because once you've enrolled them, generally you keep them the subsequent years of their schooling," said Baracy.

Wayne-Westland also picked up 11 students at the first-grade level, and 41 at the fourth-grade level. The numbers for second and third-graders are "on the bubble," Baracy said.

More than 300 new students were enrolled in classes after the Sept. 5 start of school. More than 100 enrolled last week, including 50 on count day. It's been a pattern in the district Baracy said.

As it stands - and barring any executive orders from the state - the enrollment numbers bode well for the district.

"If the state doesn't do something crazy, we should be OK," Baracy said.

"We're excited about this. Hopefully, the economy can get back on track."

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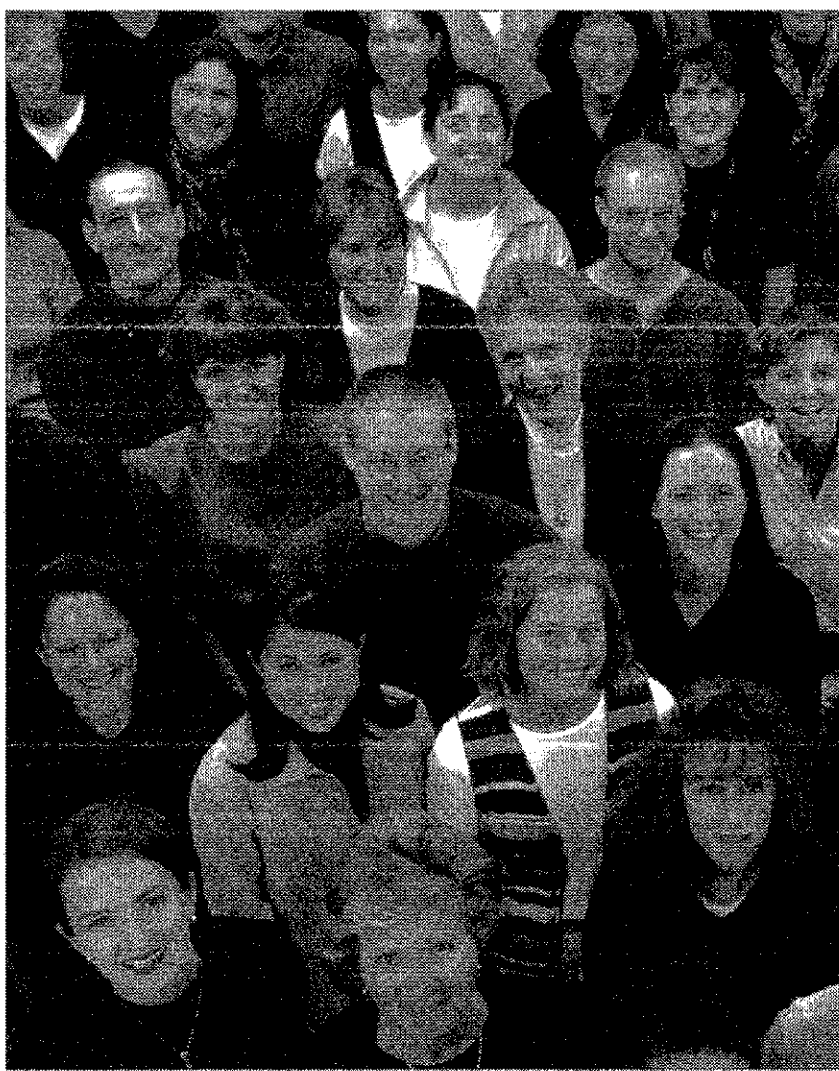
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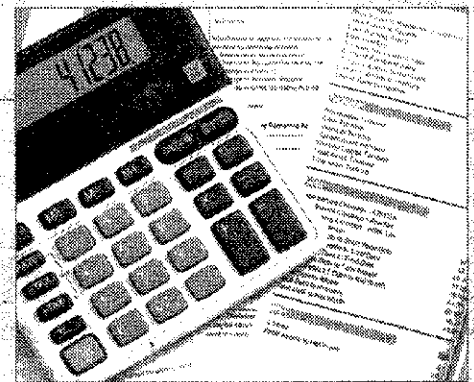
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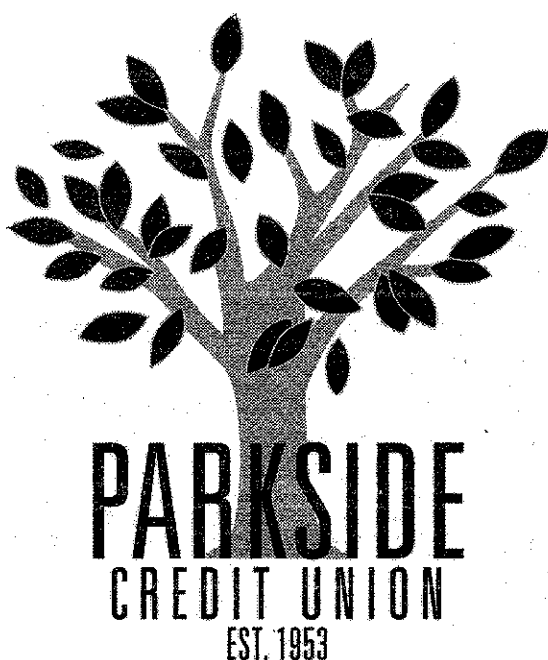
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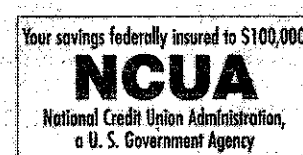
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The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th-annual All Media Exhibition Oct. 13-Nov. 11, with an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 13. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery2, located on the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

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

Hospice 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.

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

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

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

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

small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

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

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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

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.

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

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Finding the alternatives

Canton business will be one of dozens in state featured in national solar tour

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

With energy prices soaring during the last couple years, there is a growing movement that is stressing the importance of investing in alternative energies. The issue has been a hot topic during this political season, as everyone from Gov. Jennifer Granholm down to candidates at the local level have been saying Michigan must be a future leader in the production of non-traditional energy sources.

But for consumers looking for relief from the skyrocketing cost of heating and powering their homes and businesses, the future is now, according to the organizers of the National Solar Tour, which will show off homes and businesses across the country that are already using alternative energies.

The National Solar Tour, sponsored mainly by the American Solar Energy Society, is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. There will be dozens of stops in Michigan, including a number in the Metro Detroit area. One of those stops is Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton. Not only does the company sell solar powered devices to consumers, it is also housed in a building that utilizes solar and other forms of alternative, renewable energies.

Alexis King, an energy consultant at Mechanical Energy Systems, said most people know little or nothing about the ways they can utilize solar power in their homes, which is why she thinks the National Solar Tour is such a great opportunity for people who are curious about alternative energies.

"Alternative energy is a big thing these days. People need to know how to find out about them," King said. "Visitors will be able to walk through our building and see how solar works and understand the practical need for it."

The National Solar Tour is a free, self-guided tour, though there will be people at each stop to explain how they have utilized alternative energies.

Mechanical Energy Systems is one of the few retailers that will be on the tour. King said not only will they show off their products, including solar powered hot water tanks and other devices, they will also offer advice on how people can do simple things at home to reduce energy costs. They will also discuss how people can take advantage of federal tax



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Donna Napolitano's business, Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, will be part of the National Solar Tour on Oct. 7. Here she discusses some of the solar-powered products sold by the business.



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credits to heat and power their homes.

"Educating the public is the main emphasis of our company," King said.

Mechanical Energy Systems is located at 8130 Canton Center Road (south of Joy Road) in Canton. For more information about the company, call (734) 453-6746 or visit its Web site at www.by-solar.com.

For more information about the National Solar Tour and the featured locations in the Metro Detroit area, please visit the Web site www.glrea.org.

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Expo offers Technology Center and Virtual Job Fair

Public and private stakeholders from across southeast Michigan are working together to put on what may be the largest employment and resource expo in the region.

The Southeast Michigan Partnership will hold the second Working Together: Southeast Michigan Employment, Training & Family Resource Expo, on 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds & Exposition Center. The event and parking are free.

One of the many services available to jobseekers at the Oct. 11 Expo will be the Technology Center - a bank of 75 computers with Internet access and several printers that will allow attendees to work on their resume, search for jobs online and apply for jobs through the Web. Although the Oct. 11 Expo will officially close at 3 p.m., the Technology Center will remain open until 5 p.m. to accommodate attendees who wish to utilize the computer services. Volunteers will be on hand to assist people.

This year's event will also include a Virtual Job Expo through the Michigan Talent Bank. This service will be active Oct. 9-13, 24 hours a day, and provide anyone the opportunity to go to www.uwsem.org/expo

and preview the numerous jobs available through more than 100 employers. The Expo's Technology Center and virtual job fair are made possible through the combined

resources of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth and the Michigan Department of Information Technology, which are among the several partners hosting this year's event.

In addition to the virtual jobs, the Expo will include job opportunities from more than 130 on-site employers. It will also offer training and career development opportunities, as well as provide information and resources to help individuals and families break down some of the barriers that prevent gaining and retain-

ing employment, such as child care, transportation, and other issues. These opportunities and resources will help provide pathways to success.

The partners involved in this year's Expo include the Detroit Workforce Development Department, the Governor's Office for Southeastern Michigan, the Michigan Department of Human Services in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, the Michigan Department of Information Technology, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (Michigan Talent Bank), Michigan Works! in Oakland and Macomb counties, the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, and United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

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OUR VIEWS

Corriveau gets 20th House nod

When voters cast their ballots in the Nov. 7 general election, we think they'll have a choice between candidates — Democrat Marc Corriveau and Republican Mark Abbo — with distinct differences in the race for the 20th state House seat being vacated by the term-limited John Stewart.

We believe the nod should go to Corriveau.

We believe Corriveau, a Northville attorney who lost to Stewart two years ago in his first run for public office, is ready to take on the challenges facing the district, which includes Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton.

The Democrat is a staunch supporter of public schools. He supports the idea of equitable school funding, but would rewrite the K-16 initiative to force Lansing to fund public schools, making it less restrictive on legislators. He has also said he'd be willing to tweak Proposal A to level out the funding problems, if that's what constituents wanted.

Abbo likewise does not support the K-16 initiative, but also supports charter schools and would like to see tax money go to parents who decide to home-school their children.

Corriveau supports making prescription drugs more affordable, particularly to seniors. Though he supported the elimination of the Single Business Tax, now scheduled to be cut in September 2007, he thinks a mistake was made by cutting the SBT without having a plan in place to replace the \$1.8 billion in revenue it generated.

Corriveau has looked at a variety of ideas for replacing that revenue, including extending the state sales tax beyond just goods to services, as well.

We think Corriveau would be less myopic on issues facing the state, more likely to seek solutions outside party lines, less wedded necessarily to straight party lines. We believe he'd be better-suited to building the kinds of coalitions it'll take to solve 21st century problems.

We think he's a more moderate politician, which we believe makes him better-suited to work with others in what can at times be a partisan atmosphere.

We believe Democrat Marc Corriveau is more representative of the district as a whole than his opponent, and we think voters should cast their ballots for him Nov. 7.

Good service earns Land a second term

When Republican Terri Lynn Land ran for Secretary of State four years ago, she campaigned on a promise to improve customer service.

Since taking office, she's streamlined and automated the state's most visible department, building on the excellent record of her Republican predecessor, Candice Miller. Land successfully consolidated redundant offices; implemented the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, making it easier for everyone to vote and assuring the integrity of their vote; and introduced new technology to every aspect of the state's licensing procedures.

We believe Terri Lynn Land has earned another term as Secretary of State and we enthusiastically endorse her re-election.

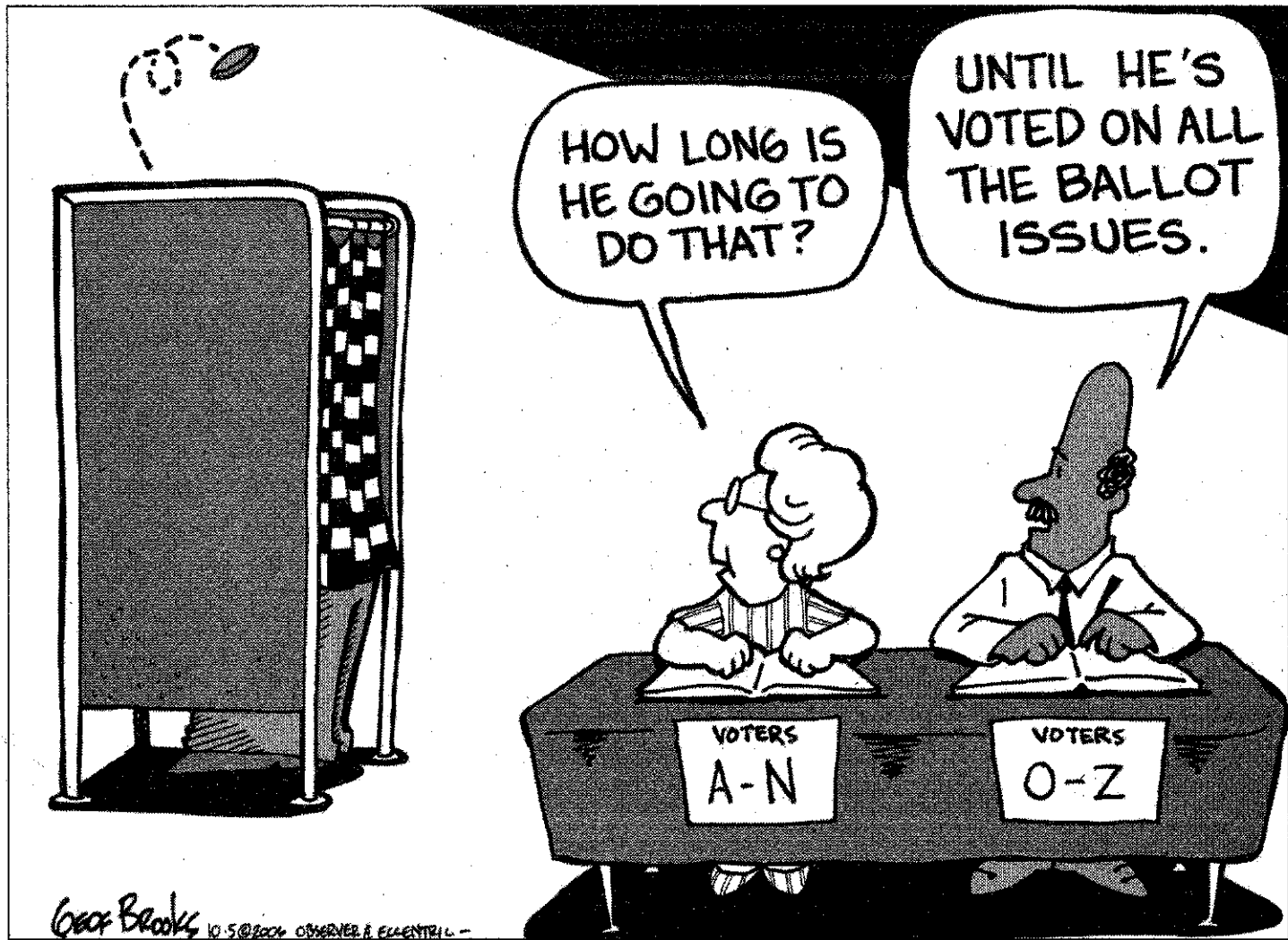
Land is being challenged by Democratic Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh, who raises good questions about Land's co-chairing George W. Bush's 2004 re-election campaign in Michigan. We agree that the person who oversees the state's elections should not be chairing a campaign, but we also note that no irregularities were reported in Michigan's election.

We also acknowledge Sabaugh's concerns that requiring voter photo ID may inhibit voters. But we also believe that protection of the ballot is an equally compelling concern. Unlike Southern states, Michigan doesn't have a recent history of denying the vote to minorities. And Land has proposed a trial method that would use a driver's license or its equivalent on a voluntary basis, combined with an instantly accessible computer database of all voters.

This is just one of the many intriguing ideas that Land is proposing to encourage greater voting participation, expand on technological advances in access to data and improve campaign finance reporting.

Anyone who has had to visit the Secretary of State's office in recent years knows that lines move more quickly and business is handled more professionally and politely. Even better, with online and kiosk services, there is considerably less need to stand in line at all.

We believe **Terri Lynn Land** has earned a second term.



Lowe is good judge

I am a practicing attorney with offices in Northville and a home in Canton. As a litigator with substantial experience litigating cases in the 35th District Court, I found both the article and comments made by Judge MacDonald ("Chief judge snubs incumbent in court race, Sept. 17") both inaccurate and misplaced. While I do not necessarily take a position as to the propriety of a sitting jurist openly taking a political position in a newspaper, I do take significant issue with the substance of some of the comments made by Judge MacDonald regarding Judge Lowe.

I have tried over 400 cases in the last 20 years which likely makes me one of the most experienced trial lawyers in Michigan. I have tried several cases in front of all three judges in the 35th District Court. Unlike Judge MacDonald who, as a sitting judge, by definition cannot possibly have had the experience of appearing before Judge Lowe as a practicing attorney, I have, many times. My consistent experience with Judge Lowe, which I might add is the very same experience of every attorney with 35th District experience I have ever spoken with, is that Judge Lowe is an exceptional jurist. When you appear before Judge Lowe you can be assured he knows the case, has thoroughly reviewed all the pleadings that have been filed by both sides, and is ready to fully, competently, and appropriately adjudicate the matter. This, unfortunately, is not the case with many sitting judges in Michigan in my experience. Has Judge Lowe always ruled in my favor? Of course not. But you know what, I can be assured that he will carefully listen to both sides, will fully and fairly consider every issue, will do his very best to correctly apply the law with fairness and reason, and will do ultimately what he believes is just and right.

I cannot address the allegations regarding discord with court staff. However, my experience in frequently interacting with the court's clerks, bailiffs and administrative staff would suggest otherwise. I do know that Judge Lowe is an individual that holds people accountable for their actions, which I would suggest is a very appropriate character trait for any good judge.

The taxpayers of Michigan pay hefty salaries to the judges they elect. For my tax dollars, I cannot think of a harder working, more competent, or better qualified sitting judge than Ron Lowe. If he does not return to the bench following this election, I believe it will be an exceptionally grave loss for the citizens of Canton and the other communities the 35th District Court services.

Ronald Thompson
Canton

Let the voters decide

I am writing in response to the column, "Dove hunting issue has been hijacked by out of state groups," written by Kurt Kuban in the Oct. 1 Observer & Eccentric. There are two groups working in the state of Michigan on Proposal 3 (an act to allow the establishment of a

hunting season for mourning doves). The group that is against hunting mourning doves is the Committee to Stop Shooting Doves, sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). The group that is for hunting mourning doves is the Citizens for Wildlife Conservation, sponsored by the National Rifle Association (NRA). The Dove Hunting proposal is only about dove hunting in Michigan. The NRA and the HSUS have both supplied money to fight for/against dove hunting. Whatever hidden agenda the NRA or the HSUS have, is not the issue. It's the Michigan volunteers in the Stop Shooting Doves and the Citizens for Wildlife Conservation committees who are the opponents and proponents for Proposal 3. Now, it's up to the voters in Michigan to vote. Vote yes for dove hunting in Michigan. Vote no against dove hunting in Michigan. Period.

Linda Whiteaker
Canton

Quit being used

It has become obvious to me your newspaper is being used to smear the good name of our congressman, Thaddeus McCotter. I have had many dealings with the congressman and his staff over the past couple years and have found both to be extremely responsive and helpful. Quite a different picture than the one being painted by previous letter writers, which begs the question: Are these dissenters willing to go to any length to win an election?

I used to think letters to the editor were good because they spurred healthy debate. It's sad to see you've gone away from that.

Mike Laginess
Canton

Letters were biased

It has become obvious to me that the Observer newspapers have become a tool to smear the good name of my Congressman, Thaddeus McCotter. I have had many dealings with the congressman and his staff over the past couple years and I have found them both to be extremely helpful, especially in my application process to become an officer in the U.S. Navy.

I believe quite the opposite of what has been painted by previous letter writers, who obviously have never had any interaction with Congressman McCotter or his staff. They are likely just supporters of his opponent, and I am disappointed to see such a bias projected from my hometown newspaper.

Anthony Sandoval
Westland

No comparisons

I read the recent opinion editorial by Terry Ahwal and I agree with much of its logic. However, I am confused by the statement: "Let us look at our former enemies. Japan, Russia and Germany. The former 'evil empires' are now our good allies. If we knew then what we know now about our former enemies, we could have spared their families and ours the agony of pain."

I can assure you, as a Jew, knowing more about Adolf Hitler or Hirohito would not have saved Jews from being burned alive in Nazi death camps. It also would not have spared millions of Christians who died at Hitler's pleasure. We also must not forget that America's military involvement in World War II was preceded by an unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor.

We are always well-advised to embrace peace over war, but misguided and reckless comparisons of the past will not expedite this goal. The Nazis, Mussolini and Hirohito are not our "allies" today. We clearly understood the goals of Hitler and his allies during World War II. Defeating their ideology, which allowed new, friendly governments to be born was the only appropriate response. To spin it differently decades after the fact is inaccurate and disrespectful to those who lost their lives as a result of these madmen's plans to dominate mankind.

Margaret Lourdes
Canton

Stop bashing Canton

I am responding to the column Kurt Kuban wrote ("District needs a fair policy when dealing with troubled athletes," Observer, Sept. 14), as well as several of the folks who wrote letters to the editor Sept. 28.

Enough! The column and the letters to the editor are just plain wrong. I have been coaching on the Canton football staff for five years, I have never seen anything but the utmost integrity and professionalism displayed by Sue Heinzman and Tim Baechler and the entire Canton family.

The Canton administration is fair and even-handed and they put the student athletes first in every decision. The information Mr. Kuban used in his column is dead wrong. The information that the folks submitted in their letters to the editors is equally wrong. Enough! The Canton program has been built on hard work and discipline. The staff and the players are a family. Unfortunately there are others at the park that feel they can somehow make themselves look better by bashing another program. Enough with the Canton bashing.

Jeff Powers
Plymouth

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"In the '50, '60s, and '70s we walked the picket lines, fighting for what we thought was right and gaining the little things to benefit our membership in the plants. The thing that bothers me now is it's starting to deteriorate..."

Bob Harper, chairman for the 1,000 retired Ford workers from Local 845, which is at Joy and Canton Center Roads

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MHSAA should give up court fight on girls sports

Enough is enough. After eight long years and not one win, the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) should practice the good sportsmanship it preaches and give girls the equal opportunities they deserve.

On Aug. 16, just after the Sixth Circuit ruled for the second time that the MHSAA discriminates against young women and violates the U.S. Constitution by scheduling girls sports in off-seasons, the MHSAA stubbornly vowed to ask the full court to rehear the case.

It's now several weeks later, and the MHSAA is expected to move forward and ask the Sixth Circuit to rehear the case on a technical legal question that does not relate to whether the scheduling of girls sports in nontraditional seasons is discriminatory.

Even though the law and the facts are solidly against the MHSAA, it refuses to end its discrimination and do what is best for the girls of Michigan.

The MHSAA's prolonging of this battle is bad for girls and Michigan schools. Following are some of the facts:

■ There is no question that the MHSAA is discriminating against girls and violating the Constitution, Title IX and state law. The district court and the Sixth Circuit (twice) ruled against the MHSAA, holding that scheduling only girls sports in nontraditional seasons harms them, and the court ordered the MHSAA to end this discrimination. The association now is simply stalling.

■ Educational institutions are required by law to provide equal educational opportunities for boys and girls. Yet the MHSAA schedules only girls sports in nontraditional seasons to accommodate the boys seasons, most of which were already in place when girls sports were added. As a result of this scheduling, Michigan girls lose opportunities to be recruited for college scholarships, and they miss the chance to be named to All-America teams.

Further, their schools aren't in the national rankings because of scheduling. Relegating girls to nontraditional or disadvantageous seasons sends a message that they are worth less than boys and

that their participation and achievement are valued less. They carry this message into adulthood.

■ Michigan is the last state in the country where the major girls sports (basketball and volleyball) are played in nontraditional seasons. At one time, several states around the country scheduled girls sports in off-seasons. All have settled cases or voluntarily decided to treat girls the same way they treat boys and allow them to play sports in the appropriate seasons.

This case began in 1998, when Communities for Equity sued the MHSAA for scheduling six girls sports — and no boys sports — in nontraditional seasons, resulting in significant harm to girls. For example, because they are scheduled to play volleyball in the winter, Michigan girls can't play club volleyball due to MHSAA-imposed restrictions on dual participation. As a result, girls lose out on valuable skill-building opportunities, as well as opportunities to be recruited by college coaches at club events.

After trial in 2001, the district court held that the MHSAA's scheduling of girls seasons violated Title IX, the U.S. Constitution and Michigan state law. The Sixth Circuit in 2004 upheld the district court's decision on the constitutional claim, finding it unnecessary to rule on the Title IX or state law issues. The MHSAA appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which last year remanded the case to the Sixth Circuit and asked the court to consider whether girls can sue under the Constitution in addition to Title IX. After holding that girls can sue under both the Constitution and Title IX, the Sixth Circuit's most recent decision went further than its previous one and also held that the MHSAA's scheduling of girls seasons violates Title IX and state law.

Even after repeated decisions in the girls' favor, the MHSAA has continued to appeal, which has denied countless numbers of Michigan girls the opportunities they deserve.

It's high time for the MHSAA to stop stalling and ensure equity for all students in its athletics programs.

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Marcia Greenberger

Pets delight, exasperate as the burrow their way into our hearts

unlocked the door of my friend's Redford home and stepped inside.

"Come here, Ginger," I called. A dainty calico cat cautiously poked her head from behind a chair.

While Ginger's "mommy" was vacationing in California, I was one of several people who took turns making sure her pet cat had fresh food, water and a clean litter box. I snuggled with her and tossed ping pong balls into the tub for her to swat, a kitty version of handball.

"I never thought I would become such a cat person, but she's such a sweetie," said my friend, Marilyn Grable, who adopted Ginger from the Michigan Humane Society a few months ago. She had never owned a cat before, but Ginger captured her heart. Pets, especially cats and dogs, have a way of doing that. Large and small, young or old, these four-legged friends enrich our lives with affection and companionship.

In my career as a reporter, I've done both light-hearted and serious pieces about animals. Stories about pet blessings. Stories about service dogs that assist blind people, and crime-busting police dogs. Once I went to a pet cemetery and saw headstones containing photos or favorite toys of beloved, deceased pets.

So, I was excited recently when my Observer colleague Linda Chomin and her sister, Gwen Dietrich, invited me to a birthday party for Clancy, their year-old, 120-pound Irish Wolfhound.

The party was held at the Pet Supplies "Plus" store in Canton, to kick off the chain's new Pet Birthday Club and support the Critter Connection rescue group, which was holding a pet adoption event at the location. Pet Supplies "Plus," with more than 270 stores nationwide, started in Redford Township in 1988.

It was a doggone fun time. I had my picture taken with Clancy, who wore a colorful party hat and barked

excitedly as friends arrived for the festivities. Clancy's size and blond coloring always attract a lot of attention.

"Clancy! You're getting so big!" exclaimed Linda's friend, Brother Vincent Reyes, pastoral director at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

There were a few cats and many breeds of dogs available for adoption. Many people were on hand checking out the animals. I met Dave Dumont and his daughter Hailey of Canton, who adopted a cuddly German shepherd and beagle mix puppy for Hailey, who turned 5 in July.

The Funke family supports pet adoption. That's how we became cat lovers.

First came Wheatabix, a muted calico, from family friend, Ruth Sable of Redford. Wheatabix came to us in 2003, a few months after the death of my husband, Doug. She sat on my lap for hours, providing great comfort to me at a difficult time. Who could resist her?

A little over a year ago, my daughter Louise asked me to temporarily care for two terrified orphan kittens she had found in the garage at her Detroit home. My plans to find adoptive homes for the kitties fizzled when I started becoming attached.

The caring staff at the Plymouth Beech Animal Hospital in Redford treated some minor health problems. The kittens relaxed, lost their fear and settled in. Spunky, a coal black with white tufts, and Domino, a black-and-white sweetheart, were here to stay.

The cats both delight and exasperate, so my son Scott and I have to be on our toes. They spend hours at the window, watching the passing scene. They tussle and poke their noses into everything. Their sharp claws have shredded the living room curtains. They jump into our laps, demanding to be petted.

Sadly, a few months ago, Wheatabix became very ill and had to be euthanized. Spunky and Domino remain. How we love these frisky felines!

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Arlene Funke

LETTERS

Where does the money go?

I thought your article ("Board throws support to funding bill," *Observer*, Sept. 28) fairly well represented the issue from the board's point of view.

The problem I have is we are addressing the wrong issue — "we need funding." I would like to see responsible news analysis that would look and tell everyone about what I feel is the real important issue — How much money does the Plymouth-Canton school district actually get from all sources and, most importantly, where is it spent? No one seems to think this is important. If you looked at the details of the budget, you would see significant revenues (higher than most would even imagine) going to fund full-coverage health care and pensions for retired teachers. This will only contin-

ue to escalate in coming years, and continue to divert precious tax dollars needed to fund education of children. The last time I looked, over 40 percent of all funds goes to retirement and health care for retired teachers, school administration employees and school workers. I think this issue is far more critical and important than continued bonding issues and demands from state agencies. It must be addressed before we spend over half of our tax dollars for retirees.

It is no different than GM/Ford/Chrysler — and you fail to address the public with these facts, which I would think responsible journalism was supposed to do.

C.T. Parrott

Plymouth Township

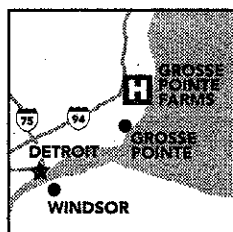
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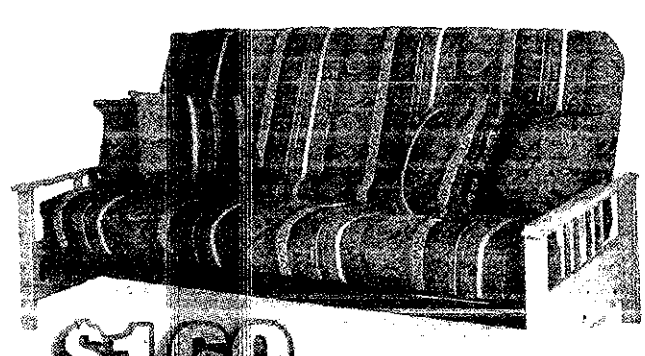
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Challenger touts law enforcement experience in battle with Cox

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Amos Williams wants to be the next attorney general for the state of Michigan.

And that's not all. Amos also wants Michigan residents to know what the position entails: Top cop, top law enforcement officer and the state's No. 1 legal counselor.

A decorated soldier, former police officer and practicing attorney, Williams is running as a Democrat against Republican incumbent Mike Cox.

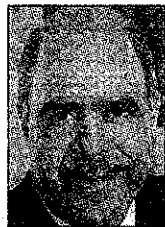
Williams said the decision to run for office was made in much the same way he's made other plans in his life: it seemed to be a natural progression. That's not to say it didn't take him a while to warm to the idea.

"There were some other lawyers discussing it and asked if I were interested," he said. "I wondered why I would want to do that, but then thought about it."

While it's a state office, he said the state of the nation today requires more of the person who is "the top cop, top law enforcement officer and chief legal counsel to the legislator and governor."

He said the administration

AMOS WILLIAMS



two children

Job: Attorney
Age: 59
Hometown: Grosse Pointe
Personal: Married,

in Washington D.C. is taking the American people into uncharted waters and Michiganians need their attorney general to stand up for them.

"The kind of malignancy coming from the top these days will infect everything," Williams said. "I believe the best way to protect the civil rights of people in Michigan is from the attorney general level."

He said he'd use the position to expand crimefighting efforts in the realms of drugs, Internet predators and corporate crime, as well as use the office to protect Michiganians' civil rights. People should get more from their No. 1 police officer.

"The attorney general's office is a public service office," he said. "(Attorney General) Cox just hasn't

done a good job."

Williams said crime has risen in the state since the beginning of Cox's tenure in state office, something Williams attributes to inexperience with law enforcement.

"He's shown no aptitude for fighting crime, he's never been a law enforcement officer," Williams said. "The choice is between a candidate with law enforcement experience and one that doesn't, which are you going to choose?"

For all of the power he says there is in the attorney general's office, Williams said not only are most people not aware of the functions of the position, a good portion of them aren't even thinking about the election in general.

With the fight going on between Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her Republican challenger businessman Dick DeVos, you can't hear much else.

"The television coverage is on the high-profile races now," he said. "It's the governor against a man with infinitely deep pockets. They're spending millions each, so that's who people are going to see."

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Clerk faces uphill battle to unseat Land

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh said she signed on to run against incumbent Secretary of State Republican Terri Lynn Land because the state Democratic Party asked her.

Sabaugh is currently in her fourth term as the Macomb County clerk. Before that, she was alternately an employee of the city of Warren, its clerk and a member of the city council.

Citing a quarter-century of experience in elections and more than 30 years in public life, she said she wants to work to expand voters' rights and serve the citizens of Michigan as its next secretary of state.

Sabaugh said Michigan is ahead of the national curve on elections, citing former Secretary of State Richard Austin's advocacy of motor voter initiatives, and should stay that way.

"We need to have same-day voter registration," she said. "A

CARMELLA SABAUGH



Job: Macomb County clerk
Age: 64
Hometown: Warren
Personal: Married, five children

lot of people don't think about an election until 10 days before they go to vote. We should also give out absentee ballots to whoever wants them."

She said the idea of requiring a driver's license or other photo identification to vote sounds OK, but on closer analysis doesn't further the cause of residents voting.

"There is a constitutional right to vote, it's not a privilege," Sabaugh said. "Why make it harder? We should be making it easier to vote."

What the state needs, she said, is a database of Social Security

numbers that local clerks can check at polling stations.

What Michigan voters don't need, she said, is a chief election officer who is beholden to a race in progress. Sabaugh said it was wrong for Land to be the co-chair of the Michigan effort to re-elect President George W. Bush in 2004. She doesn't allege any misconduct, but said there should be no perception that the secretary of state has a dog in the fight when votes are tallied.

With the November general election closing in, she knows she's got an uphill battle.

"It's going to take a lot of money and I'm the underdog," Sabaugh said. "Land has a lot of money."

She said she's working with the state Democratic Party to put together a grass-roots, door-to-door campaign to get her name into people's heads when they go to vote next month.

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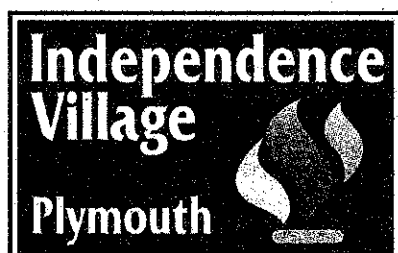
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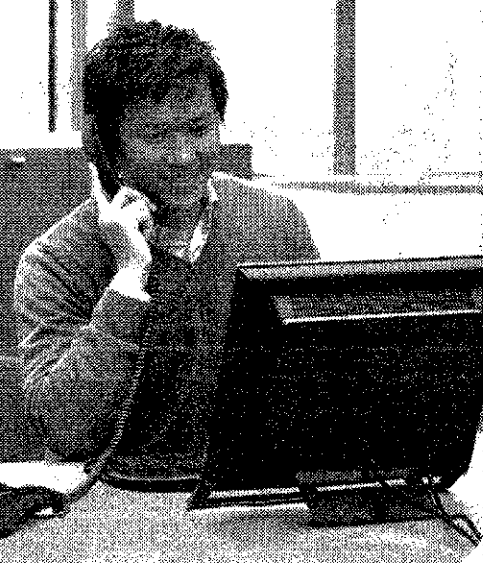
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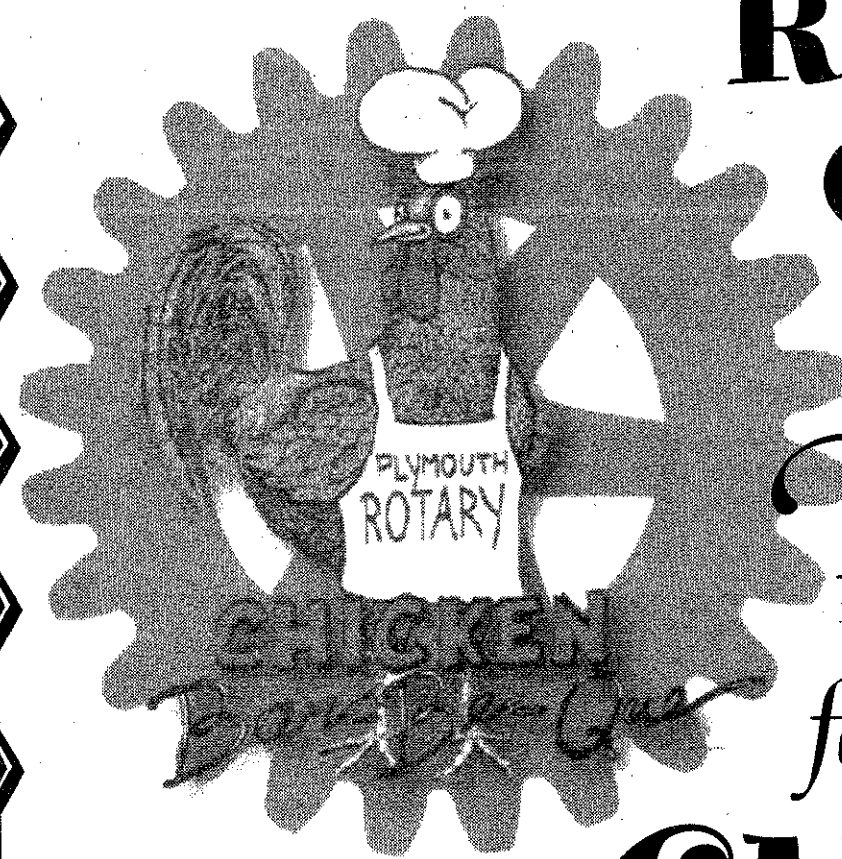
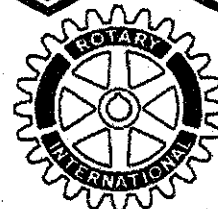


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McCotter splits with Bush on war progress and trade

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) says he isn't surprised by a *New York Times*/CBS poll that shows only 25 percent of Americans approve of the job that Congress is doing.

"I expect it in a turbulent time, when Congress or the administration don't particularly lay out the times in which we live or seem to be addressing them," he said in a meeting Sept. 25 with *Observer* editors. "We've seen this at other times in the nation's history. In the final analysis, you have to be sure that you don't add to that perception and try to work within the Congress to do what it's supposed to do."

The low rating comes at a time when McCotter is seeking his third term to the U.S. House of Representatives. He is facing a strong challenge from Democrat and former radio talk show host Tony Trupiano to represent Michigan's 11th District. Also on the ballot are Libertarian candidate John J. Tatar of Livonia and U.S. Taxpayers candidate Charles Tackett of Belleville.

The ongoing war in Iraq and Michigan's economic problems are at the top of voter concerns. McCotter has been a supporter of the war in Iraq, but has been highly critical of the Bush administration's prosecution of the war. He says he's frustrated.

"For three years I've continued to say that the reconstruction phase was flawed, fatally flawed with a top-down approach," he said.

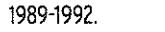
McCotter said the Bush administration instituted a strong central government rather than working up from local groups.

"What the Iraqis are doing now is breaking down the process because they don't trust a strong central government," he said. "They favor a

PERSONAL INFO

Candidate: Thaddeus McCotter, 41, incumbent Republican, 11th Congressional District.

Political experience: House of Representatives, 2002-present; Michigan State Senate, 1998-2002; Wayne County Commission, 1992-1998; Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees, 1989-1992.



Education: Law degree, University of Detroit; bachelor's degree, University of Detroit

Family: wife, Rita; three children. Lives in Livonia.

decentralized, weak government because it can't kill them or oppress them."

He said the real base of the country is in the town councils, tribal elders and religious organizations. He said Bush should have learned from America's history, which had its democratic roots in town hall meetings and local and state governments before the Constitution was written.

"The irony is you'll hear people say that the federalized system will lead to civil war. I would argue that it will go in the opposite direction. I would argue they are going back to where they should have been in the first place," he said.

McCotter is skeptical of a conclusion in the National Intelligence Estimate, first reported Sunday, Sept. 24, that the war in Iraq has fueled international terrorism rather than lessened it. He said he hadn't read the report and would need to study it, but he said he has heard the argument before. He said he couldn't see how bringing down the secular Iraq government of Saddam Hussein could incite more Islamic jihadist terrorism than going to

war against the Taliban in Afghanistan following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

McCotter has been criticized by Trupiano for voting "present" on a resolution on the global war on terror.

McCotter said he couldn't in good conscience vote yes on the resolution.

"I've never believed we should just stay the course in Iraq," he said. "I believe we should win in Iraq and it is my responsibility to the men and women over there serving not to take the easy way out and sign on a resolution that doesn't call al-Qaeda and the insurgents our enemy and does not put forward to the American people the plan we have for winning once it comes to the floor."

HANDLING DETAINEES

On Sept. 27, McCotter joined the Republican House majority in approving new rules for handling detainees suspected of terrorist activities that would give the president greater authority to work outside the rules of war prescribed by the Geneva Conventions. Congressional action was taken in response to a Supreme Court decision against Bush administration programs. McCotter said the Supreme Court erred in applying the

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Democrat Trupiano says it's time for 'dynamic change'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In a year when support for a Republican-dominated Congress and a Republican administration are at a historic low, Democrat Tony Trupiano believes he has a fighting chance of beating 11th District GOP incumbent U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

"I believe it's time for dynamic change in this country," he said in a meeting Sept. 27 with *Observer* editors. "I'm more convinced than ever after being at this for a year. I've knocked on doors, called a lot of people. We find ourselves in a difficult position globally and now we see how that's had an effect on our local economy."

Trupiano said recent polling shows that the district is a "swing" district with a nearly equal number of potential voters identifying themselves as Democrats or Republicans.

"Our strategy has been to come in contact with soft Republicans and independents. I've spent 98 percent of my time on soft Republicans and independents and we find he is vulnerable," Trupiano said. "In areas he thought he was safe, like Livonia, he isn't that safe."

Trupiano brings a varied background to his campaign.

PERSONAL INFO

Candidate: Tony Trupiano, 45, Democratic challenger.

Professional experience: Radio talk show host; owned public relations consulting firm; motivational speaker; teacher; former restaurant owner.



Education: Attended Alma College.

Family: wife, Anne; three children. Lives in Dearborn Heights.

He's been a restaurant owner, public relations consultant, high school teacher, motivational speaker, book author and, most prominently, a nationally syndicated radio talk show host. The Dearborn Heights resident has not held public office.

"There is so much double speak going on right now," he said. "I believe we've abandoned our domestic agenda and that concerns me a great deal as a father and a grandfather. I don't believe that Thad McCotter has the kind of vision, the kind of leadership ability, that it takes to lead this district. I'm running because it's time for real change, real and definitive change."

IRAQ TOP ISSUE

At the top of the agenda, and a major campaign issue for Democrats, is the war in Iraq and its impact on global security. Trupiano said he has always opposed the war in Iraq.

"My plan is to continue to protect the troops that are there, but we need to have a phased withdrawal through 2007, though I'm not tied to 2007. But I think we need a plan to start bringing our troops home," he said.

Trupiano said it was important to honor the sacrifice of American troops, but it was also important to begin getting the United Nations more involved in Iraq.

"The UN can act in a police, security capacity. We need to have security," he said. "As we look at what we've already tried to do, the money we've paid to Halliburton and Brown and Root (private contractors working on reconstruction), the billions of dollars we've spent only to abandon these projects because it's not safe to be there. I can't honestly say we can put a timeline on it."

He said it was time for the Iraqi government to handle its own security and affairs.

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Geneva Conventions to detainees. The Senate also approved the legislation last week.

"In taking the Geneva Convention and applying it to terrorists from abroad you are undermining the deterrent factor of the Geneva Conventions," he said. "The deterrent effect of the Geneva Conventions is that if you play by these rules you get these protections."

He said the rules were for military personnel, not civilians committing acts of terror.

Last year, McCotter voted with the majority in the House on an immigration bill that emphasized security. The Senate approved a bill that would provide a method for long-term illegal aliens to earn citizenship. The two sides have not been able to work out a compromise.

"Whether there is a compromise or not, I will oppose an amnesty which means people who come here illegally get to stay here legally," McCotter said.

He said he favors reducing social services to illegal aliens, cracking down on employers who provide jobs for aliens, strengthening border security and letting aliens know there will be no "amnesty."

"We can't compromise on the principle that someone who comes here illegally should not be allowed to legally stay," he said.

He added that the United States should provide immigration for political refugees, not economic refugees, and that allowing people to come for economic reasons will only

create greater economic problems in their native lands.

ECONOMIC CONCERNS

On Michigan's economic problems, McCotter has taken a position against the Bush administration on trade agreements.

"Our problem with Bush is that he believes in competition," he said. "We believe in competition, too, but fair competition."

He said he has voted with the Michigan delegation, Republicans and Democrats, against what he sees as unfair

trade agreements such as CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement) and trade agreements with Thailand and China.

"We need to apply human rights to China," McCotter said. "His (Bush) attitude is any competition is good, our position is that unfair competition is bad. It's very difficult to convince him otherwise, but we continue to try."

McCotter said that energy was a major concern in bringing Michigan up to the national economic level.

"I support a two-track

approach to get off foreign oil — increase domestic output while aggressively moving to alternative energy, high tech," he said. "Anything we can do to diminish reliance on foreign oil."

McCotter said the current partisan polarization in the Congress is a "destructive environment rather than creative."

"The way you collect money is being extreme," he said. "Club for Growth, MoveOn.org. One on the right, one on the left. Moderates, the middle ground, ends up being cut out from under you."

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to figure out what the Iraqi government wants to be. We may find the Iraqi government wants to be something the we don't want them to be," he said.

Trupiano said the release of part of the National Intelligence Estimate last week showed that we have been lied to and "at some level we should all be offended."

"We don't have a plan to get out and this stay the course mentality, whether it's not taking a position on supporting the troops by voting present on a resolution, or it's this president who can't seem to grasp the reality that people are dying all over the world now. Now we see that terrorism has been lifted to some jihadist problem that we don't seem to be able to identify with and we created it. At what point do we accept culpability for what we do?" he said.

DISREGARD FOR LAW

Trupiano said a bill passed last week to give the president more authority in dealing detainees suspected of terrorist activity is a "clear and blatant disregard for the law by this administration."

Trupiano said he is concerned about free trade agreements that put the United States at a disadvantage.

"Free trade has been a disaster," he said. "Free trade agreements were supposed to lift the economies of other countries and it's not done that. Other countries are not playing by the rules."

He said the key to improving Michigan's economy is education. He said more needs to be done to educate young people in the biosciences and health fields.

Trupiano was critical of No Child Left Behind. He said it has some merit, but it hasn't been fully funded and has punished some schools that are still viable.

"I don't think the federal government should have any say in education except to provide funds. I think state and local governments should decide how to educate in their communities," he said.

AGAINST 'AMNESTY'

Immigration has become a major campaign issue over the last year and Trupiano said his position may have changed over time. He said he doesn't support "amnesty" and believes that immigration is a real problem.

"I've spent time with families that are hurting and the immigration issue is real and we need reform," he said. "I don't believe we can kick every illegal out of the country. We just couldn't afford to do that."

He said he would favor some kind of "work visa" to begin funneling some illegal aliens into the system.

"Why are people coming here? They can get free health care and free education. If you are ever in San Diego, you see the devastation that illegals do," he said.

He added that the National Guard needs to be patrolling our borders instead of fighting in Iraq.

"I take national security very seriously," he said.

Trupiano said he is a "fiscal conservative" and actually favors tax cuts.

"First thing, get rid of the alternative minimum tax," he said. "Get rid of the employee paid part of Social Security. Return to the Clinton tax scheme. Lower taxes for those making less than \$200,000 and let those who can bear the burden they should."

He said elimination of the employee contribution to Social Security could be replaced by raising the amount of taxable income for Social Security from \$90,000 to \$150,000.

He said it was also important to cut spending, such as Congressional earmarks for local projects.



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Seminar delves into effects of job loss

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Job loss. You'll never know how tough it is, until you've experienced it, said Bob Tubek, who has been out of work since July 1.

The Farmington Hills husband and father of two boys is struggling to make ends meet. His is an all-too-common story of survival, stemming from the vulnerable automotive manufacturing industry.

"It's affected our family, our children," said Tubek, who was laid off from a contractor service for General Motors at the Willow Run plant. "You get to the point where you have to start making decisions on which bills to pay and how much you'll be able to eat."

Tubek, who was a senior HVAC maintenance supervisor, said he may get a job out of state and leave his family in Farmington Hills until his son, ages 12 and 17 graduate from high school.

"I've talked to recruiters and they said if things continue the way they are, you will not be able to buy a job in southeast Michigan," he said.

Tubek has 25 years experience in the manufacturing industry and is a manufacturing manager by trade. As a hobby, and a side job, he is a videographer.

"But, because of the economy, I haven't had any work in two months," he said. "It just comes at you from every direction and you have to make decisions that affect every member of your family and it's very hard."

Tubek's wife works at Michael's craft store, but she can't get a full-time schedule there. Tubek collects unemployment, but it will run out in a few months. With no health insurance, they knew they had to do something to get their boys covered. They applied, and were accepted into, the MiChild health insurance program through the State of Michigan and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

There are income restrictions and requirements for this program, which covers children up to age 19 for \$5 per month. Applications are available on-line at www.michigan.gov, search the site for "MiChild" or call (888) 988-6300.

Tubek is working with recruiters, but he's realistic about his prospects in Michigan.

"If the jobs aren't there, you're not going to get one," he said.

He has some advice for those who have lost their job.

"Don't continue to be mad," he said. "And, take immediate action."

He was one of 800 employees who were laid off with no notice three months ago. So, he also suggests that people save their money and build up a savings, in the event this happens to them.

JOB LOSS SEMINAR

The Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills, along with the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, Botsford General Hospital, the Commission on Children, Youth and Families, Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Farmington Hills Police Department, Farmington Hills Youth & Family Services and Farmington Public Schools, will offer a seminar, "Turning Job Loss into Opportunity," 6:30-9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Costick Activities Center, 26800 W. 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

A panel of professionals will be on hand to address unemployment issues that are affecting the community. Topics will include decision-making perspectives; preventing ill effects of stress; resiliency; family impact; money matters; career development and résumé

building and networking.

Admission is free and free baby-sitting is available by calling (248) 473-1894.

The project was initiated by faculty and administration at the Michigan School, which is a graduate school based in humanistic psychology.

"It was obvious to us that on the front line is the employment crisis in our area, with all

of the hardships in the auto industry," said Dr. Donna Rockwell, professor and community outreach public relations coordinator at the school. "Humanistic psychology is about reaching out, so it only made sense for us to 'walk the talk' and do what we could to help people."

Dr. Kerry Moustakas, president of the Michigan School,

said they were involved in a number of community outreach programs while located in Detroit, near the Wayne State University campus on Ferry and Woodward.

"We have really wanted to find ways to be much more present in the community," she said.

A community outreach committee was formed by the

school and involves all of the entities that are co-sponsoring the seminar.

"Everyone comes together when they want to or when they need to come together to get something done," said Ara Topouzian, president/CEO of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Rockwell said there is an emotional component that

needs to be nurtured during job loss and that will be a large focus of the seminar.

Tubek, like many others, agrees, but he said it's a matter of being practical, too.

"I've met a lot of people in the same boat, doing the same thing I'm doing — just trying to survive," said Tubek.

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OCTOBER

Film

An Inconvenient Truth - Spotlight on Global Warming will be presented 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584. For more information, visit www.the-generationproject.org/convenient.htm

Church sales

Rummage and bake sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 (\$2 admission for adults). Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7 (free admission), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149. Proceeds to pay for parking lot resurfacing.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 6-7, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and Hellenic Cultural center, 36375 Joy, Westland. Call (734) 525-3550. No items will be accepted during the sale.

Concert

Grammy Award winning musical group NewSong performs 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. \$5 tickets must be purchased in advance. Call (248) 374-5920.

Culture shock workshop

Basic training in cross-cultural sensi-

tivity for the mission field, presented by Larry Merino, executive director of Harvest Mission International 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Registration fee is \$25, includes lunch and materials. Call (734) 522-6830 or visit www.christoursavior.org. Come learn how to recognize the 4 Jolts of Culture Shock - Tension about Time, Risky Relationships, Conquering Communication, Vaulting Vulnerability.

Open house

At Victory Ranch, a new ministry of JCW Ministry, features 38-acres of fun and blessing noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at 58191 Eight Mile, Northville. Entry is \$5 per family. Shuttle pickup and parking at north end of Kroger's parking lot, Pontiac Trail and Eight Mile.

The ranch has a cider press, maple syrup tour, indoor and outdoor riding arena. There are donkeys, reindeer, buffalos, camel and a herd of elk near a beautiful pavilion. We welcome ministries for outreach programs. Our plan is to provide a place for seminars, workshops and overnight retreats. For more information, call (313) 794-5147 or send e-mail to www.victoryranch.com.

Monthly dance

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. For information, call (734) 261-5716.

Blood drive

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. Walk-ins 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.holyspirit-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) 937-9690.

Anniversary celebration

The American Friends of the Vatican Library, a fund-raising organization begun in Detroit, celebrates its 25th anniversary with a Mass, reception and dinner 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit. Keynote speaker is Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, librarian-archivist of the Roman Catholic Church and former foreign minister of the Holy See. Tickets are \$125. For information, call (248) 683-0311.

Mercy concert

Coming Up to Breathe Tour with Audio Adrenaline and introducing Phil Wickham 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at Northridge Church, 49555 North

Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are \$35 artist circle, \$25 advance. Call (800) 585-3737.

Mom 2 Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. \$2 entry fee from 9-9:30 a.m., \$1 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Table renters wanted. Call Donna at (734) 266-0831.

Day of reflection

Seminar noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, hosted by Bethany Suburban East, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. Seminar covers divorce and beyond and the annulment process. It will also feature a speaker on Internet dating. For more information, call (586) 264-0284.

CrossChords concert

A celebration of Christian contemporary music 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 (doors open at 3:30 p.m.), at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill off of Grand River, between Drake and Farmington roads, Farmington Hills. For information, visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com or call (248) 474-0584.

Salad/boutique luncheon

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at New Beginnings United Methodist Women, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Tickets are \$6. Call (313) 255-6330.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 21, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 8601 27 Mile Road, Washington. Call (586) 781-5567.

Dinner theater

Schoolcraft College presents Moon Over Buffalo Friday, Oct. 20, dinner is at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center on campus. Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, is organizing a group to attend the evening of culture. There will be a limited number of tickets for call. For reservations, call (734) 513-9479.

Vegas Night

St. Bernardine Parish at 31463 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman, Westland, is having a Las Vegas Party 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 20. No smoking rooms will be available available and hot dogs, potato salad, snacks and pop are included in \$7 admission. Games include Black Jack, Roulette and Beat the Dealer, and there also will be hourly 50/50 drawings and a raffle. Beer will be available at \$1 a glass.

Quilt show

Christian Union Church at 1046 Wayne Road will hold its second annual juried Quilt Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. There will be quilts on display, quilting demonstrations, vendors, a bake sale, and hourly door prizes. A \$3 donation is requested for admission. For more information, call Mary Surbrook at (734) 721-6871.

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 Malda. 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.aadonline.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.

Monthly breakfast meeting

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden city. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For information, call (734) 513-9479.

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.

Matt Haimovitz concert

The classical cellist performs 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or visit www.vivace-series.org.

Trunk or treat

6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. Dinner at 6 p.m., games in Fellowship Hall followed by 7 p.m. Trunk or treat. Costumes - kids of all ages. Questions, call (734) 421-8628.

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.

Conference

International Christian Education Association presents the 60th Sunday School and Church Workers' Conference Oct. 27-28, in Northville. Non-denominational. Four general sessions free to public. Register now for more than 50 workshops and seminars, Exhibit City, Kids Korner, Make and Take Puppetry, lunches. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaOnline.org.

Crafters wanted

Deadline to register is Oct. 28. Craft show is 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Table rental is \$20. \$20 registration fee must be paid by Oct. 28 to hold your spot (and will go toward table rental). Remaining balance for additional tables must be paid at time of set up. Mail registration fee by check or money order to Community Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 85139, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call Marge at (734) 729-2578 or Jean at (734) 421-0733.

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

UPCOMING

Vegetarian holiday testing

11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist School Gymnasium on Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Reserved tickets at \$14 adults, \$5 ages 6-12. Call (734) 459-0472. Make checks payable to Metro SDA School and send to Holiday Tasting, 695 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48187-4635.

Bagpipe entertainment

During St. Andrew's Day Dinner Sunday, Nov. 12. The St. Andrew's Bagpipe Band will also perform during the worship service, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults, \$5 children. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations.

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.

ONGOING

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.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the

month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

Prayer group

Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

New modern-style worship

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96, presents a modern-style worship service. The multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830.

Adat Shalom

Synagogue services 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

Self-help groups

Local church provides space for self-help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol-related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church, 300 Wilfitts, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

Wednesday Evening Prayer

7 p.m. Wednesday. This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

Single Point Walking Club

Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. All fitness levels welcome. Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship and PACs (People Active in Christian Prayers) Bible study group. Call (248) 374-5920.

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Sunday Worship service

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church Congregational Praise Team leads the 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service featuring contemporary style liturgy and music, 1150 Walloon, Rochester Hills. No charge. For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

Worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration. The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 453-5534.

Contemporary worship service

A contemporary worship service is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.



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DOROTHY HOFSTAR HOLLINGSWORTH

Age 83, of Hendersonville, NC died Friday, September 29, 2006 at her home. She was a daughter of the late Jay William Hofstar and Rolena Hofstar. Born in Loma Linda, California, she was a longtime resident of Garden City, Michigan before returning to Hendersonville over three years ago. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister Jeannette Bliss and brother Harold and William Hofstar. Surviving is her loving husband of 64 years, Clifford Hollingsworth; a daughter Dale Yvonne Levin and husband Don of Laurel Park; two sons Robert Jay Hollingsworth and wife Anne of Edmond, Oklahoma and Greg Hollingsworth and fiancée Anna of Flat Rock; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five nieces; a sister Rolena Hofstar Hill of Tacoma Park, MD; and devoted friends Corrie Capps, Ellen Thompson and Sarah Shirak. Services were held in Hendersonville, NC. Memorials may be made to Four Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, 571 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731. An online register book is available at www.thoshepherd.com

DOUGLAS G. SENNETT

age 57, of Plymouth, died October 3, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 28 years; Margaret; his children, Shane (Jenny) Sennett, Jason Iding, and Matthew (Carie) Sennett; his grandchildren, Jeran, Makenna, Brandon, and Parker; and his brothers and sisters, Larry (Joyce), Jim (Nancy), Mike (Carrie), Kathy (Dave) Heuwegan, and Liz (Wayne) Hintzman. Funeral service Saturday, October 7, 10am at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 4-9pm and Friday 1-9pm.

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FLORENCE M. (MOORE) RUDLAFF

age 81 of Cape Coral, Florida, passed away September 28, 2006. Beloved wife for 62 years to her husband John and wonderful mother to four children, her great soul, gentle humor, and quick smile will be greatly missed by all. Born September 20, 1919 in Pontiac, MI she graduated from Pontiac High School and moved to Plymouth, MI to raise her family. Relocating with her husband to Cape Coral in 1987, Florence was employed at Shell Point Village until her retirement in 2000. She is survived by her husband John Rudlaff; daughters Karen Sciba and Margaret Visser; sons Jack Rudlaff and Bruck Rudlaff; sisters Marcell Raymer, Irene LaManes, and Major Doris Moore; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Viewing Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m. in the Harvey-Engelhardt Chapel, 1600 Colonial Boulevard, Ft Myers. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in Florence's name to Hope Hospice North, 2430 Diplomat Parkway E., Cape Coral, FL 33909.

GEORGE E. GRISCOM

Loving husband of Doris Cail Griscom of Milford, NH, died at home September 29, 2006. Born in Trenton, NJ, in 1915. Graduate of George School, Newtown, PA and Duke University, 1936. Lived with his late wife, Louise Brown Griscom in Arlington, NJ and Birmingham, MI before moving to Milford, NH. Enjoyed 70 summers on Bear Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. Will be remembered for his love of family, sense of humor, sharp wit, and community service. Served in the Navy-WWII and had a lifelong career in life insurance. He was President of Newark, NJ and Detroit Chartered Life Underwriters. Civic engagements included being a founding member of the Detroit Friends School, officer of the Bear Island Conservation Association and board member of Great Brook Condo Association. Survived by his sister Elma Mack and his four daughters, three step-sons and their families - Elma and Madhu Vaidya, Virginia and Donald Nuttall, Marion Griscom, Barbara and Joseph Pugeasa, Jerry and Anne Cail, David and Janis Cail, Roddy and Karen Cail; 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

IRENE ONTKO

(nee Strauch), age 80, September 29, 2006. Beloved wife of Thomas. Dear mother of Tommy, Gary, Cindy and Renee (Thomas) McCall. Grand-mother of Karri, Holly, Thomas, Ryan and Daniel. Sister of John, Bobbie and the late Steve, Bill and Emil. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. In state Thursday 10:00am at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church until 10:30am Divine Liturgy, 29125 W. 6 Mile Rd. (just east of Middlebelt Rd.). Arrangement by Santeu & Son.



JOANIE HEATON

Age 45, October 2, 2006. Beloved daughter of Bill and Helene. Dear sister of Cindy (Mark) Riddell, Jeanette Vaughn and Christopher (Raj) Heaton. Niece of Joe Burns and Aunt of Hannah and Bridge Riddell and Amber Hubbard. Joanie is predeceased by her mother, Ruth French and brother, Joel Heaton. Funeral service was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 422-6720. Memorial contributions may be directed to Community Opportunity Center. Please sign the online guestbook at rgrharris.com

SARA L. BRODHUN

October 3, 2006, Age 64, of Northville. Beloved wife of Andrew. Loving mother of John (Gina) and Anne (Rick) Watson. Grandmother of McKenzie, Megan, and Max. Twin sister of Susan (Fred) Molner. Aunt of Michael (Jeni) and Kristin Molner. Sister-in-law of John C. (Sharon) Brodhun. Services Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitation Thursday, 1-9pm. In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials to Andrew and Sara Brodhun Scholarship Fund, payable to Madonna University.

JOHN J. COLAIANNE

Age 79, passed away October 1, 2006. He was born on October 30, 1926 to the late John and Marie (Boker) Colaianne in Denora, Pennsylvania. John was married to his loving wife Elizabeth on September 10, 1955. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth. His children: J. Michael (Melonie), Robert (Donna), Marie (William) Wolfer, Steve (Teresa), Joseph (Mary Kay). His adored grandchildren: James, Michael, Brent, Patrick Wolfer, Scott, Meghan, Matthew, Nicholas, Anthony, Autumn, Billy, Bob Wolfer. His great grandchildren: Anna, Addison. His sisters: Grace, Rita, Ruth, Dorothy. He was preceded in death by his two brothers James and Ralph. Funeral Mass was held Oct 4th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

VIRGINIA H. KADLEC

Age 82, September 29, 2006, of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of the late Richard H. Dear mother of Gary (Marie), Charles (Deborah), and the late Robert (Linda) Kadlec. Loving grandmother of Nicole, Ryan, Jay, Kyle, Molly, and Trevor. Sister of Rita Awe, Donald Kijewski, and the late Delores Dornatt. Aunt and dear friend to many. Visitation was held Sunday, 3-

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Ladies Who Launch LIVE it Up!

Reporting & Photos • By Ellen Pligian



Redford gal
Siobhan Strickland
caught PINK's eye with her
40s- and 50s-inspired style,
including a vintage Mexican
skirt she found in Santa
Monica, Calif., a purse from
Target and shoes from
Belgium.

The rooms were full of girl power as more than 120 women gathered for Ladies Who Launch LIVE at The Reserve in Birmingham on Sept. 7. LWL is a national organization that fosters relationships between women who dream of launching a business, and those who have made those dreams come true. Entrepreneur Kate Richard, who owns miss kate and Shoe La-La in Birmingham, has been leading Metro Detroit women through Ladies Who Launch "Incubators" for more than a year. This is the first time the group has staged a LIVE event in the area, and by all accounts it was an inspiring day of speakers, vendors, workshops and above all — networking! Watch for another LWL LIVE next year, and meanwhile, check out some of the stylish and successful ladies PINK spotted at The Reserve:



LWL
Detroit leader Kate
Richard (center), poses with
her successful sisters Meg
Farron, owner of The Fuschia Frog
in Birmingham, and Mitzi Martin,
owner of Clever Transformations
Interior Arrangements and
Real Estate Staging.



Ladies Who
Launch co-founders
Victoria Colligan, of Cleveland,
and Beth Schoenfeldt, of New
York City, flew in to host Detroit's
LIVE event. Their goal is to provide
tools and resources for women
interested in starting their
own businesses.



Kristi
Valentini of Northville
knows exactly what gals
crave. This recent California
transplant is owner of Crave party
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Terri Orbuch,
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ArtServe honors Anna Sui and Tracy Reese

LANSING — PINK has long coveted the styles of Anna Sui and Tracy Reese, and now the Michigan natives are being honored by the ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture.

Both fashion designers will be named International Achievement Award recipients, and are slated to attend the ArtServe awards banquet Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Detroit Opera House.

Anna Sui, formerly of Dearborn, is considered fashion's rebellious rocker chick. Sui taps into all decades and motifs equally. In the early nineties editors fell for Sui's charming and cheery designs.

After her debut on the runway in 1991,

her business boomed and the following year she opened a flagship on Greene Street and then launched a successful beauty line.

Tracy Reese, formerly of Detroit, has found great success with her namesake label Tracy Reese along with another line, Plenty by Tracy Reese.

The Tracy Reese look has been described as ultra-feminine and vintage-inspired. Recently she combined her lavish clothing lines and home design with the opening of her flagship boutique in Manhattan.

Both designers currently live in New York, and are scheduled to fly in and

accept their awards in person.

The ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture are the oldest and most prestigious honors that recognize statewide and international leaders in arts and culture in the state.

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Get Glam at the Opera Ball
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Spend a day celebrating style at CRAVE's "French Market" getaway. The Inn at St. John's of Plymouth will be transformed into a crave-worthy shopping and spa party 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Tickets, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, include boutique shopping, a Parisian-style breakfast, live beauty makeovers, fashion shows and a goody bag stuffed with a subscription to Spa Magazine. Spa services can be purchased a la carte. Visit www.craveparty.com or call (734) 277-7785.

The Real Big Hair Ball
Get ready for the annual hair show that's as eccentric as its name. Salons across Metro Detroit will gather once again to present the latest and wildest hair, makeup, choreography and style during performance art skits at this popular event set for Sunday, Oct. 15. More than 1,800 people are expected to attend. Doors open at the Royal Oak Music Theatre at 7 p.m., and the show starts promptly at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at participating salons (including 6 Salon in Royal Oak, Macy's Premier Salon at Oakland Mall and Urban Roots in Plymouth) or \$25 at the door, and benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Visit www.HairBallShow.com.



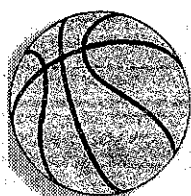
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Plymouth man set to conquer the Sahara

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

You name it, Jim Dawson has done it — ultra runs, marathons, ironman triathlons and adventure races.

Yet, the 39-year-old from Plymouth, who trains out of the Livonia Family Y, hasn't completely fulfilled all his dreams.

Dawson, along with his girlfriend Dorene Hoffman of Grosse Pointe Park, will race across the western Sahara Desert in Egypt. They will fly out Oct. 25 with the race starting on Oct. 27.

The Sahara Race, which will be televised on NBC, is part of the Racing the Planet Series. It's a self-supported race across 150 miles (250 kilometers) consisting of six stages, lasting seven days, with distances ranging from 10 to 50 miles (20 to 80 kilometers) per stage.

There will be checkpoints conveniently positioned along the course every seven or eight miles (10 to 12 kilometers).

Competitors are required to be fully self-supported throughout the event and must carry all their own food, gear and clothing,

which they will need to complete the 150 miles.

Water and a place in a tent will be provided daily. Generous cut-off times will be established daily so that anyone walking the course can complete it.

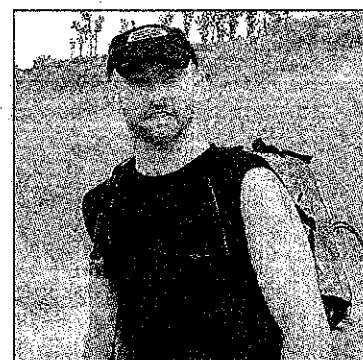
"Because of the elements, it's the biggest," said Dawson. "It will be an extreme challenge. The heat is brutal. It's the hottest place in the world. With the sand, gravel, rocks and salt flats, it's very challenging."

"It's definitely a big thing to put on your endurance sport resume." In between his job as a produc-

tion manager at Jacobson Industries, Dawson can be found many nights and mornings at the Livonia Family Y, wearing a backpack while running and walking on a simulated 15-degree grade on a treadmill.

Although he cross-trains all year-round, Dawson is in the midst of back-to-back weeks running approximately from 80-to-100 miles.

"I'm going to hit it hard for the two weeks," he said. "If I stay on schedule, and get close to my goal



Plymouth resident Jim Dawson faces six stages and 150 miles in an upcoming Racing the Planet Series event across the Western Sahara Desert.

PLEASE SEE SAHARA, B8

Sidelines

Ignition starts

The Detroit Ignition officially opened training camp on Tuesday at High Velocity Sports in Canton Township. The team will train Monday through Friday from 10:15 a.m. to noon. The camp is open to the public. The Ignition will open the regular season on Nov. 4 when it hosts the Baltimore Blast at the Compuware Sports Arena. The opening kick is set for 7:30 p.m.

For tickets, call (888) 436-4625; or visit the team's Web site at www.detroitignition.com.

Schedule changes

■ The Canton football team's WLAA championship game against the winner of Friday night's Walled Lake Central-Livonia Churchill game will be played at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the PCEP varsity football stadium.

■ The Plymouth football team's homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 13, will kick off at 7 p.m., not 7:30 p.m. as listed on some schedules.

Monster golf

The Fox Hills Classic Golf Course in Plymouth Township will be hosting a Monster Mash Nite Lite Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 28. The shotgun start will commence at 7:30 p.m.

The \$35 per-person entry fee includes dinner, nine holes of golf, a glow-ball, glow necklace and prizes. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight. Costumes are optional.

For reservations call (734) 453-7272.

Pride tourney

The PC Pride's 10U, 12U and 14U girls fastpitch softball teams hosted the 3rd Annual PC Pride Fall Classic at Plymouth Township Park.

The Pride 10U Stars, coached by Dave Senkbell, finished third; the 12U Pride Stars, coached by Mike Gerou, and the 14U team, coached by Mike Burnard, were tournament runners-up in their respective age groups and both teams came up just one run short in their respective title games.

Both Pride 12U and 14U teams have now qualified for next summer's USSSA World Series.

Girls high school basketball

Hollowell's big night quiets WLW

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Baylee Hollowell made sure it was all quiet on the Western front Tuesday night.

Walled Lake Western, that is.

Hollowell had a career-best night, scoring 19 points while grabbing 12 rebounds in the Chiefs' 53-44 victory over the visiting Warriors. The win boosted Canton's record to 8-2 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Warriors slipped to 6-4 and 1-2, respectively.

The triumph allowed the Chiefs to stay one game ahead of Plymouth and Northville in the division race. The Wildcats and Mustangs both own 2-1 division marks.

"Baylee did a great job for us tonight," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, referring to his talented junior center. "She's working hard at both ends and she's doing a nice job of getting her hands above her shoulders and calling for the ball inside."

"Baylee did a nice job of finishing tonight, and when she didn't make her first shot, she went after the rebound."

The Warriors gave the Chiefs all they could handle for three quarters and trailed just 36-33 with eight minutes to play. Western finally succumbed to Canton's balance and experience in the fourth quarter, but not before earning Samulski's



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Canton senior guard Becci Houdek takes aim at two of her 14 points in Tuesday night's 53-44 victory over visiting Walled Lake Western.

respect.

"Western is a small, feisty team that really gets after it," said Samulski. "They made us play faster than we would have liked to early on. But to our girls' credit, they settled down, hung in there and made adjustments late in the game."

"This was a good test for us to be in a dogfight like this. We were up big in our last four games, so it was nice to be in a game in which we had to make some plays down the stretch."

One way Canton offset the Warriors' smaller, quicker lineup was by giving guard Leslie Weisz additional playing time. She delivered, especially at the defensive end of the court.

"Defensively, I thought we played OK tonight," Samulski said. "Transition-wise, I thought we could have done a better job, but as the game went on, we did a decent job defending a good team."



Canton's Baylee Hollowell scores two of her game-high 19 points Tuesday night over Walled Lake Western's Chelsea Hunter (left) and Lauren Williams. The Chiefs won, 53-44.

Roeper outruns Eagles

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Bloomfield Hills Roeper proved to be a little too quick, a little too tall, a little too accurate and a little too tenacious for Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday night.

As a result, the Rough Riders walked out of the PCA gymnasium a little happier than the Eagles following a 50-22 victory.

The loss dropped PCA to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the talent-rich Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Roeper improved to 7-3 and 1-2, respectively.

"Roeper is a very athletic and well-coached team," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "They run the court well and they play very good defense."

"I thought we defended well. We made them work for what they got. We just need to improve on the offensive end."

Roeper's 0-2 MIAC record entering the contest was deceiving considering one of its losses was a one-point setback to Oakland Christian, the third-ranked team in Class D as of Monday.

The Rough Riders' scrappy, man-to-man defense gave the Eagles fits as the hosts managed to connect on just 7-of-40 shots (17.5 percent) while turning the

PLEASE SEE EAGLES, B3



Salem's Tom Bennett (right) defends Canton's Tim Belcher during Monday night's "Senior Night" showdown between the two P-CEP powerhouses. Canton won 1-0.

Canton kickers edge Rocks, 1-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On 10 occasions this season, the number on the back of Canton senior goalkeeper Parker Laabs' uniform — zero — has matched the number on the Chiefs' opponents' side of the scoreboard.

The shutout Laabs posted Monday night in Canton's 1-0 victory over Salem was more significant than usual for two reasons: because it came against the rival Rocks and because it came on "Senior Night."

"Getting a shutout on 'Senior Night' is huge," said Laabs, whose six saves helped the Chiefs improve to 12-2-3

overall. "My defense played great in front of me. Our whole team is tight and, like we always say, we're 22 deep. We play team defense all the time, which makes my job easier."

The game's lone goal came off the foot of Chief junior forward Eric Piwowar, who controlled a pass from fellow junior Tim Belcher about 20 yards in front of the net and ripped a sizzling shot beyond the outstretched arms of Rock net-minder Brian Field.

"Eric made a run to the channel, then he had to recycle his run," said Canton coach George Tomasso, recalling the

PLEASE SEE KICKERS, B2

FITTING FINALE

Monday night's "Senior Night" Canton-Salem soccer match was the final regular season showdown against their archrivals for 11 Rocks and 10 Chiefs. Listed below are both squads' seniors:

■ **SALEM** — Jon Gibson (capt.), Brooks Belhart (capt.), Brian Field, Bobby Towne, Dan McLaughlin, Tom Bennett, Aaron Florn, Baze Efremov, Adam Brown, Kyle Freeman and Matt Smokovitz.

■ **CANTON** — Keith Campbell (capt.), Ryan Dugan (capt.), Kyle Gring (capt.), Parker Laabs (capt.), Eric Zech (capt.), Mark Davis, Matt Epelman, Andy Huang, Willie Noetzel and Austin Poirier.

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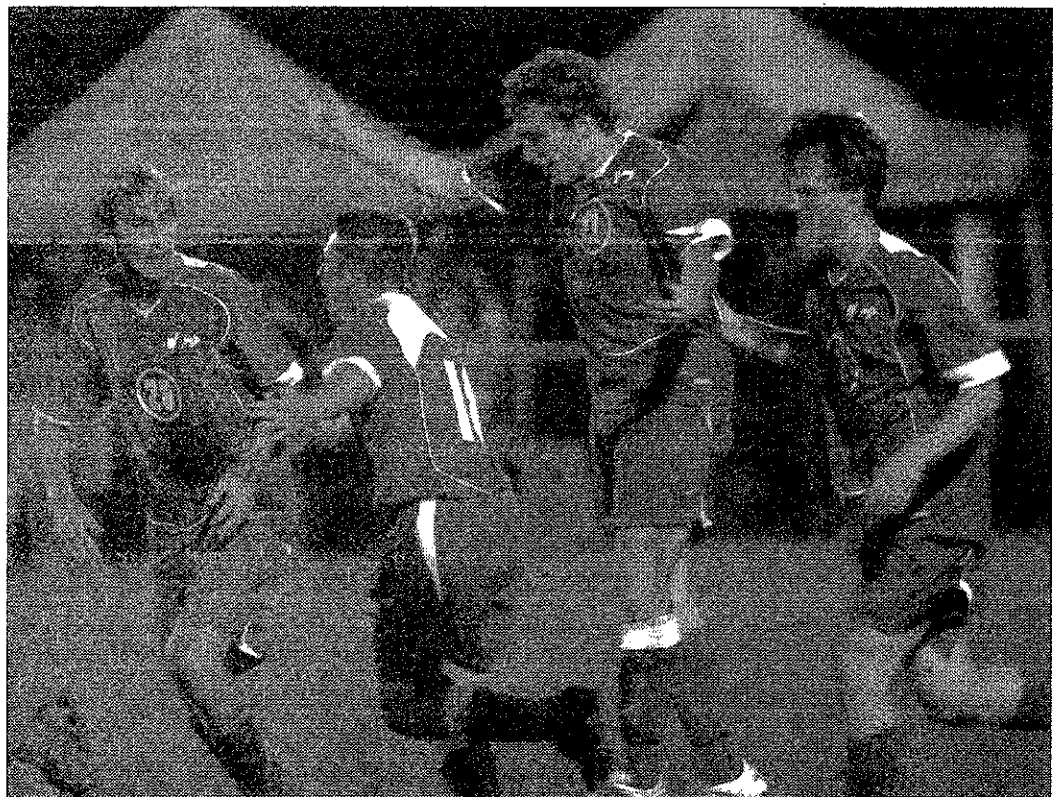
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Canton's Eric Piwowar (second from right) celebrates his game-winning goal in the Chiefs' 1-0 victory over Salem Monday night along with teammates (left to right) Willy Noetzel, Austin Poirier and Scott Zech.

KICKERS

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game's lone goal that came at 6:30 of the first half. When he recycled his run he got the ball and set up to shoot. I think he surprised a lot of people — and I think he surprised himself — with how well he struck it. It was a nice bending ball to the corner and it bent around the goalie, who it looked like was screened. In my opinion, the goalie did everything he could on that shot."

Salem played the match without arguably its top offensive and defensive players — seniors Brooks Belhart and Jon Gibson, respectively. But Rock coach Ed McCarthy did not use their absence as an excuse for the setback.

"I thought Canton had an outstanding effort tonight," said McCarthy, whose state-ranked team slipped to 13-4-2. "They deserved to win. That was a great goal that they scored on."

"In the first half, we didn't get a lot of chances. Before

the second half we made adjustments and I thought they allowed us to get a number of quality scoring opportunities. Unfortunately, we weren't able to finish."

Both teams' defenses shined Monday night. Canton's back line was paced by the Zech brothers — Scott and Eric — Mark Davis, Willie Noetzel and Matt Epelman. Making life difficult for the Chiefs' forwards were sophomore defenders Kevin Cope, Jeremy Stoychoff and Jace Bearden, and Field, the Rocks' senior keeper.

Canton senior Andy Huang generated a pair of near-miss scoring chances when he drove a shot just wide with 2:19 left in the opening half and when his hard shot from 20 yards out at the 30:30 mark of the second half was re-directed by a diving Matt Smokovitz, who manned the net for the Rocks in the second half.

Salem nearly struck gold with 14:12 to play, but senior Tom Bennett's missile-like effort sailed just high of the crossbar.

"It was a high intensity game," said Tomasso. "When you have two good teams at the Park playing each other like this, whichever team battles the hardest usually comes out on top."

Tomasso said his team was affected by the fact that the game against Salem was less than 24 hours away from a WLAA Western Division title showdown with Northville.

"Right now we have good control of our mental game as far as taking it one game at a time," Tomasso said. "This team doesn't worry about the next one until the next one gets here."

AGAPE 5, MACOMB 3: The Wolverines improved their record to 7-7-1 thanks to strong offensive showings from Tyler Majeski (three goals and one assist) and Mark Mullett (two goals and one assist).

Goal-keeper Jared Miller (six saves) and Daniel Walker spearheaded the Wolverines' strong defensive effort.

Macomb slipped to 5-7-3 with the setback.

Wildcats work overtime to take down Mustangs

Megan Davis, Chelsea Quinlan and Stacey Klonowski all scored in overtime to lead Plymouth to a thrilling 50-47 victory over Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division foe Northville Tuesday night in a game played in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

The Mustangs extended the game by four minutes when they hit 1-of-2 free throws with 12 seconds left. The Wildcats then misfired on their final shot to win the contest.

The win improved Plymouth's record to 4-5 overall and 2-1 in the Western Division. Northville dropped to 7-3 and 2-1, respectively.

"It was a back-and-forth game all the way," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "Northville is a good team, a very well-coached team, but we kept battling all the way. It was a great win for us."

Sophomore center Shaakira Haywood paced the winners with 15 points. Davis and Klonowski both contributed 12.

Chelsea Atzinger led the Mustangs with 16 points. Sarah Stern chipped in with 15.

Plymouth got out of the gate quickly and grabbed a 13-6 first-quarter lead. The Mustangs chipped away and trailed just 19-17 at the half. The Wildcats led 34-28 with eight minutes to play before Northville outscored its hosts, 17-11, to force the OT.

SALEM 31, W.L. NORTHERN 20:

PREP BASKETBALL

Senior forward Teresa Coppiellie netted 10 points and nine rebounds to lead the Rocks to a WLAA Lakes Division road victory on Tuesday night.

Six of Coppiellie's points came in the pivotal fourth quarter when Salem outscored their hosts 10-3.

Seniors Lauren Kurtz (eight points and six rebounds) and Tayler Langham (seven points) also played well for Salem, which improved to 9-2 overall and 3-0 in the Lakes. Northern, which received nine points from Ashley Jollé, slipped to 1-9 and 1-2, respectively.

"It was a long trip out there and it was our third game in the past six days, but the girls did a good job of fighting through it," said Salem coach Fred Thomann.

Salem led 11-8 after one quarter and 21-17 with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks drained 5-of-6 free throws while Northern sank 7-of-12 shots from the charity stripe.

SALEM 48, A.A. HURON 35: Junior guard Alaya Mitchell scored 14 points to lead the Rocks to an impressive non-conference victory Saturday afternoon in the River Rats' gym. Teresa Coppiellie also turned in a stellar effort, chalking up 13 points and 20

rebounds. Tayler Langham gave Huron fits as well, scoring 11 points.

Tyler Hardy, who entered the game averaging close to 16 points a contest, was limited to 10 points by Rock defenders Langham and junior guard Megan Ward.

"Our overall team defense was as good as it's been all season," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We did a good job of containing their fastbreak and of slowing down Tyler Hardy."

Led by Mitchell, Coppiellie and Langham, Salem staked itself to a 25-16 halftime lead against Huron, which fell to 6-5 overall.

CANTON AGAPE 33, FRANKLIN RD. 22: On Tuesday night in Novi, the Wolverines relied on strong performances from Brianna Chrenko (12 points, 11 rebounds and five assists) and Katie Lambert (11 points, five steals and three assists) to knock off Franklin Road in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference contest.

The defense-dominated game was knotted at 7-7 at the half before Agape pulled away by outscoring their hosts, 17-7, in the third stanza.

Agape hit 11-of-21 free throws; Franklin Road buried just 4-of-12 attempts from the charity stripe.

Lauren Iovan led Franklin Road with 10 points.

"It was a tough game with a lot of banging," said Agape coach Rob Stockman.

Whalers corral Greyhounds in thrilling shootout, 5-4

Some of the new rules employed last season by the Ontario Hockey League agree with the Plymouth Whalers this year.

The Whalers won their fourth straight game — and third shootout of the season — in a 5-4 victory over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds in an OHL game played Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

James Neal scored the only goal needed for Plymouth (now 4-1-0-0, first place OHL West) in the shootout as Whaler goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped all three Sault Ste. Marie shootout attempts.

In all, Neuvirth and fellow Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown) have stopped all eight shootout attempts they have faced this season.

Before the shootout, Steve Ward (first goal of the season), Chris Terry (2nd), Dan Collins (3rd) and Tom Sestito (first) all scored for Plymouth.

A.J. Jenks (Wolverine Lake) added two assists for Plymouth. Dustin Jeffrey scored twice for Sault Ste. Marie (now 2-1-0-1) and has four goals this season; Tyler Cuthbert (1) and Matt Lyall (2) added single goals for the Greyhounds.

Sault Ste. Marie outshot Plymouth, 49-34. Neuvirth picked up his second straight win after losing in Sarnia, 7-3, on Sept. 22.

With the game tied at 3-3, Sestito gave Plymouth a 4-3 lead at 1:49 of the third period after he beat Sault Ste. Marie goaltender Matt Hache with a shot from the left wing after accepting a pass from Collins. But Lyall tied the game at 4-4 with 2:06 in regulation when he scored on a wraparound from behind the Plymouth net to the left wing side of the goal.

After a scoreless overtime, Plymouth won the game on Neal's only goal of the shootout. On the play, he faked a backhand shot in front of the Soo goal and stuffed the puck on his forehand by Hache at the left wing doorstep.



WALT DEMOCHE

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth makes a save while teammate Wes Cunningham holds off Sault Ste. Marie forward Andrew Desjardins during the Whalers' 5-4 victory Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Sault Ste. Marie outshot Plymouth, 49-34.

On Friday night, Plymouth won another shootout, 3-2, in Guelph to hand the Storm their first defeat of the season. Neal and linemate Evan Brophrey scored shootout goals, while Smith — the game's first star — stopped all three Guelph shots. Earlier, Frank Grzeszczak scored his first OHL goal for Plymouth and Neal added his seventh.

Plymouth now plays three straight games on the road — Saturday in Owen Sound, Sunday in Mississauga and Friday, Oct. 13, in Erie — before returning home on Saturday, Oct. 14, against London.

Tickets for all Whalers games are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena Box office at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

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SWIMMING RESULTS

Rock Maurer Invitational
Girls Swim Meet
Saturday at Salem

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 366; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 221; 3. Northville, 194; 4. Canton, 160; 5. Salem, 147.

200-yard medley relay (A): 1. Pioneer (Diana Steele, Valerie Barthelemy, Nikki Unbehau, Claire Martin), 2:00.72; 2. Stevenson, 2:08.47; 3. Canton, 2:23.12.

200 medley relay (B): 1. Pioneer (Mari Isa, Melissa Spahlinger, Anne Stern, Riley Yamamoto), 2:00.09; 2. Stevenson, 2:04.41; 3. Northville, 2:09.23.

200 medley relay (C): 1. Pioneer (Ashley Cohagen, Carlye Ellis, Allison Graziano, Carleigh Schwartz), 1:53.74; 2. Stevenson, 1:56.78; 3. Canton, 1:57.78.

200 freestyle (A): 1. Rachel Taub (P), 2:06.48; 2. Erin Shea (N), 2:12.00; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 2:16.04.

200 freestyle (B): 1. Devan Ragg (P), 2:02.82; 2. Laura Landis (C), 2:09.80; 3. Michaela Keady (N), 2:10.45.

200 freestyle (C): 1. Liz Koselka (P), 1:52.77; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:05.44; 3. Rachel Englert (N), 2:08.66.

200 freestyle (D): 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:52.64; 2. Kristyne Cole (P), 1:54.12; 3. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 2:04.40.

200 IM (A): 1. Valerie Barthelemy (P), 2:17.21; 2. Laura Holtz (LS), 2:37.50; 3. Camellia Das (N), 2:40.63.

200 IM (B): 1. Andrea Gregorka (P), 2:18.04; 2. Stephanie Buckley (LS), 2:24.78; 3. Kelly Burford (N), 2:38.62.

200 IM (C): 1. Lauren Shanley (P), 2:15.36; 2. Ashley Gordon (LS), 2:20.52; 3. Emily Bair (S), 2:29.49.

200 IM (D): 1. Carlye Ellis (P), 2:13.34; 2. Laura Timson (LS), 2:18.93; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:21.99.

50 freestyle (A): 1. Rachel Nissley (P), 26.94; 2. Allison Davidson (N), 27.76; 3. Kristin Turbiak (LS), 29.56.

50 freestyle (B): 1. Emily Cox (P), 27.64; 2. Brittany Eilers (LS), 28.03; 3. Rena Clark (S), 28.67.

50 freestyle (C): 1. Carleigh Schwartz (P), 26.08; 2. Chelsea Miller (N), 26.56; 3. Blake Holtz (LS), 26.78.

50 freestyle (D): 1. Jessica Weber (N), 25.18; 2. Ashley Cohagen (P), 25.51; 3. Anna Polkowski (LS), 26.87.

1-meter diving (A): 1. Stephanie Garris (P), 257.50 pts.

1-meter diving (B): 1. Maeve Daly (P), 278.50; 2. Michelle Harlow (LS), 116.75.

1-meter diving (C): 1. Mackenzie Gerhart (P), 284.15; 2. Emily Vogewede (S), 191.95; 3. Megan Shawcross (LS), 156.80.

1-meter diving (D): 1. Caitlin Noonan (P), 374.95; 2. Chelsea Selden (C), 333.90; 3. Katie Koetting (S), 321.40.

100 butterfly (A): 1. Melissa Lang (P), 1:04.16; 2. Nadia El-Sabeh (LS), 1:11.60; 3. Rebecca Myers (N), 1:13.09.

100 butterfly (B): 1. Nikki Unbehau (P), 1:02.31; 2. Katie Kress (LS), 1:07.20; 3. Elisabeth Morris (N), 1:10.71.

100 butterfly (C): 1. Meghan Kanya (N), 1:02.54; 2. Allison Graziano (P), 1:03.15; 3. Megan Holycross (LS), 1:06.67.

100 butterfly (D): 1. Anne Stern (P), 1:02.22;

2. Emily Hopcin (N), 1:02.44; 3. Anna Polkowski (LS), 1:04.32.

100 freestyle (A): 1. Alyssa Myers (P), 1:00.30; 2. Allison Davidson (N), 1:00.94; 3. Brittany Eilers (LS), 1:01.69.

100 freestyle (B): 1. Blake Holtz (LS), 58.19; 2. Emily Cox (P), 58.69; 3. Chelsea Miller (N), 58.82.

100 freestyle (C): 1. Carleigh Schwartz (P), 55.53; 2. Laura Timson (LS), 56.74; 3. Rachel Englert (N), 1:00.07.

100 freestyle (D): 1. Liz Koselka (P), 52.86; 2. Jessica Weber (N), 54.40; 3. Brynn Marecki (LS), 55.09.

500 freestyle (A): 1. Maggie Honeyman (5:28.27); 2. Laura Hurn (LS), 6:02.63; 3. Camellia Das (N), 6:26.61.

500 freestyle (B): 1. Riley Yamamoto (P), 5:26.24; 2. Megan McManimon (S), 6:03.58; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 6:05.44.

500 freestyle (C): 1. Lauren Shanley (P), 5:13.04; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:35.02; 3. Erin Shea (N), 5:48.24.

500 freestyle (D): 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 5:01.05; 2. Kristyne Cole (P), 5:02.90; 3. Michaela Keady (N), 5:45.54.

200 freestyle relay (A): 1. Pioneer (Melissa Spahlinger, Melissa Lang, Rachel Taub, Claire Martin), 1:50.00; 2. Stevenson, 1:56.10; 3. Salem, 2:00.36.

200 freestyle relay (B): 1. Pioneer (Andrea Gregorka, Rachel Nissley, Emily Cox, Lauren Shanley), 1:46.84; 2. Northville, 1:50.61; 3. Stevenson, 1:54.66.

200 freestyle relay (C): 1. Pioneer (Carlye Ellis, Carleigh Schwartz, Liz Koselka, Kristyne Cole), 1:42.38; 2. Northville, 1:46.35; 3. Salem, 1:50.91.

100 backstroke (A): 1. Cara Clites (P), 1:08.37; 2. Kieran Dolin (LS), 1:11.04; 3. Kara Folas (N), 1:12.96.

100 backstroke (B): 1. Kristina Jaeger (P), 1:06.16; 2. Katie Kress (LS), 1:10.16; 3. Ashley Filipowicz (N), 1:11.38.

100 backstroke (C): 1. Meghan Kanya (N), 1:06.58; 2. Mari Isa (P), 1:07.17; 3. Megan Holycross (LS), 1:09.90.

100 backstroke (D): 1. Ashley Cohagen (P), 59.25; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 1:03.30; 3. Ashley Gordon (LS), 1:04.62.

100 breaststroke: 1. Anne Warren (P), 1:16.92; 2. Laura Holtz (LS), 1:21.58; 3. Caitlin Heaney (S), 1:24.77.

100 breaststroke (B): 1. Valerie Barthelemy (P), 1:11.81; 2. Allison Kellahan (LS), 1:20.01; 3. Ashley McClellan (C), 1:21.32.

100 breaststroke (C): 1. Melissa Spahlinger (P), 1:12.17; 2. Stephanie Buckley (LS), 1:15.43; 3. Kelly Burford (N), 1:17.62.

100 breaststroke (D): 1. Carlye Ellis (P), 1:07.96; 2. Brynn Marecki (LS), 1:09.37; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:16.55.

400 freestyle relay (A): 1. Pioneer (Diana Steele, Alyssa Myers, Maggie Honeyman, Rachel Muscott), 4:03.27; 2. Northville, 4:10.64; 3. Stevenson, 4:15.02.

400 freestyle relay (B): 1. Pioneer (Allison Graziano, Devan Ragg, Emily Cox, Andrea Gregorka), 3:54.16; 2. Northville, 4:05.19; 3. Canton, 4:13.54.

400 freestyle relay (C): 1. Pioneer (Lauren Shanley, Liz Koselka, Ashley Cohagen, Kristyne Cole), 3:40.48; 2. Northville, 3:47.49; 3. Stevenson, 3:48.05.

BEST SWIM TIMES

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GIRLS SWIM TIMES

(as of Oct. 2)

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

50 freestyle

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 24.32
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 25.51
Mandy Nemeth (Ladywood) 26.26
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 26.56
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 26.69
Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 26.76
Monica Blaesser (Canton) 27.04
Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 27.21
Samantha Reid (Churchill) 27.41
Rachel Elery (Churchill) 27.50

100 freestyle
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 52.01
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 55.03
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 56.37
Monica Blaesser (Canton) 58.14
Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 58.19
Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 58.82
Maggie Carlson (Canton) 59.37
Laura Landis (Canton) 59.70
Samantha Reid (Churchill) 59.99
Brittany Eilers (Stevenson) 1:00.52

200 freestyle
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:52.45
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:00.66
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:01.41
Monica Blaesser (Canton) 2:05.85
Maggie Carlson (Canton) 2:07.57
Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 2:08.09
Kelly Hodges (Ladywood) 2:09.90
Laura Landis (Canton) 2:10.43
Emily Cauzillo (Stevenson) 2:13.49
Katie Kubacki (Canton) 2:13.98

500 freestyle
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 5:02.66
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 5:17.14
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 5:20.64
Monica Blaesser (Canton) 5:26.21
Mikayla Armbruster (Ladywood) 5:34.21
Amanda Timson (Churchill) 5:34.97
Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 5:39.97
Maggie Carlson (Canton) 5:43.64
Samantha Reid (Churchill) 5:49.08
Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 5:53.31
Emily Cauzillo (Stevenson) 5:54.30

100 backstroke
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:00.91
Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 1:04.30
Alyssa Johnson (Canton) 1:05.89
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:06.44
Monica Blaesser (Canton) 1:07.50
Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:08.58
Samantha Reid (Churchill) 1:09.58

Katie Kress (Stevenson) 1:09.56
Kieran Dolin (Stevenson) 1:09.89
Emily Hiser (Churchill) 1:09.97

100 breaststroke
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 1:09.31
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:11.88
Maggie Carlson (Canton) 1:12.99
Mandy Nemeth (Ladywood) 1:15.05
Amanda Foulds (Churchill) 1:15.16
Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 1:15.59
Alyssa Johnson (Canton) 1:16.74
Laura Hurn (Stevenson) 1:19.64
Samantha Reid (Churchill) 1:20.18
Addie Turlo (Stevenson) 1:20.76

100 butterfly
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 57.93
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:04.40
Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:04.61
Monica Blaesser (Canton) 1:05.52
Emily Hiser (Churchill) 1:06.64
Katie Kress (Stevenson) 1:07.01
Kelly Hodges (Ladywood) 1:07.96
Sarah Opdyke (Stevenson) 1:10.12
Amanda Timson (Churchill) 1:10.40
Nien Avenessian (Churchill) 1:10.57

200 IM
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 2:10.29
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:14.38
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:16.09
Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 2:18.96
Maggie Carlson (Canton) 2:21.65
Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 2:23.92
Samantha Reid (Churchill) 2:26.75
Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 2:28.47
Amanda Foulds (Churchill) 2:29.23
Kelly Hodges (Ladywood) 2:30.49

1-meter diving
Carla McNamara (Stevenson) 197.40 points
Chelsea Selden (Canton) 181.55
Amanda Keedle (Stevenson) 172.57
Kallie Stancer (Canton) 158.98
Mikayla Armbruster (Ladywood) 145.60
Julie Kwasnik (Stevenson) 145.12
Catherine Musatics (Churchill) 138.50
Carolyn Musatics (Churchill) 137.45
Mallory Hudak (Canton) 111.00

RELAYS
200 medley relay
Livonia Stevenson 1:56.77
Livonia Ladywood 2:06.13

200 freestyle
Livonia Stevenson 1:46.88
Livonia Ladywood 1:50.19

400 freestyle
Livonia Stevenson 3:47.57
Livonia Ladywood 4:04.58

EAGLES

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ball over 28 times.

Sophomore forward Peggy Abraham paced the Eagles' offense with six points. Senior guard Melissa Rich added four. Senior forward Lauren Beckett pulled down a game-high eight rebounds for PCA.

Sophomore forward Stephanie Holloman led the Rough Riders' offense with 14 points. Bianca Barton and Ashli Pearson both added eight while freshman guard Lauren Reilly chipped in with seven.

Barton contributed mightily in other areas as well, netting nine steals and six boards. Brittany Pearson chalked up eight rebounds and six points for Roeper.

Sparked by a potent fast-

break, the Rough Riders raced to a 14-5 first-quarter lead and 20-9 halftime advantage. Twelve of the winners' first-half points were the result of its lightning-quick transition game.

PCA enjoyed a brief flurry mid-way through the third quarter when it whittled a 28-9 deficit down to 28-16 thanks to a short bankshot from Abraham, and a three-point play from Brooke Williams and an 18-foot jumper from Rich, however, Roeper countered with a 7-0 run to put the game away.

While the Eagles struggled in the shooting department, Roeper thrived, hitting 24-of-53 field goals (45.2 percent).

PCA hit 8-of-16 free throws while the Rough Riders canned just 1-of-5 from the charity stripe.

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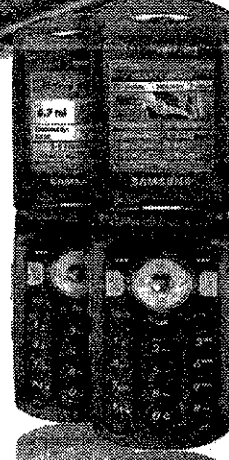
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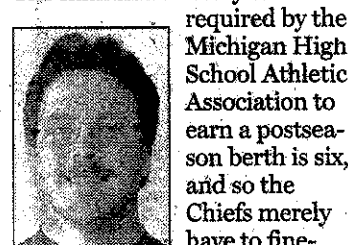
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Upcoming games pivotal for area grid teams Local runners shine at Haslett Invitational

The pivotal seventh week of the high school football season is upon us, believe it or not. And for several Observerland football teams, it could prove to be the launching pad toward a berth in the state playoffs.

Canton's powerhouse Chiefs already are in, earning their sixth win in six tries last week. The minimum victory total



Grid Picks

Tim Smith

really begin the push into contention with wins this week.

Two of those squads, Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Western, hook up for what promises to be perhaps Friday's top matchup. The winner has a clear path to six wins, but the team that falls short will need to quickly pick itself off the turf and win the season's final two games to qualify for the playoffs.

Also with a leg up entering Week 7 are Redford Union, Walled Lake Central, Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Clarenceville.

But those teams need to win to keep going strong toward playoff spots.

Only two Observerland teams take a 3-3 record into Friday, Livonia Churchill and Westland John Glenn. Churchill has a tough task, needing to knock off

Central to stay alive. The Rockets will need to run the table beginning Friday against Walled Lake Northern in order to reach six victories.

The crystal ball about which teams have an excellent shot at postseason success should undoubtedly get much clearer after this weekend's slate is concluded.

For those teams with legitimate cracks at the playoffs, this and the final two weeks should provide plenty of excitement because of the lure of making a late-November junket to Ford Field (where the state finals will be played).

Other teams will begin playing out the string, looking to find some positives wherever they can.

Meanwhile, it looks like I am playing out the string in the prognostication race with Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons and Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright. Last week for me (6-6) was about as good a week as the Tigers endured.

Except for a missed extra point in overtime of Thurston's 42-41 loss to Melvindale, Emons would have a perfect ledger. As it is, his 11-1 mark gives him the office lead with a total of 51-18.

That puts him two up on Wright. His 9-3 week gives him an overall mark of 49-21.

With my .500 week, which sank my cumulative record to 43-27, it will take a practical meltdown from my colleagues to have any chance of climbing back into the race.

Here's a glimpse at what's on tap for Week 7 of this ever-intensifying prep grid season.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)
W.L. Central (4-2, 4-0) at

Churchill (3-3, 3-1): These two teams will be knocking helmets after each scoring lopsided victories last week. Central blanked Livonia Stevenson, 33-0, and shows no sign of slowing down. The host Chargers, meanwhile, are looking to build on a 33-7 spanking of Walled Lake Northern. **PICKS:** Emons (Central); Smith (Central); Wright (Central).

Franklin (4-2, 3-1) at W.L. Western (4-2, 3-1): These WLAA Western Division rivals will hook up in one of the best matchups of the night. The Patriots and Warriors both posted impressive wins last week, and will be geared up to stay close to division leader Canton. **PICKS:** Emons (Western); Smith (Western); Wright (Franklin).

Salem (0-6, 0-4) at Stevenson (4-2, 2-2): Things have been tough enough already for the Rocks, including last week's 41-0 loss to Westland John Glenn. Now, they have to deal with an angry Spartan team, which wants to quickly erase the memory of the Central debacle. **PICKS:** Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson).

John Glenn (3-3, 2-2) at W.L. Northern (2-4, 1-3): The Rockets are flying, thanks to a 41-0 victory over Plymouth Salem. The Knights will certainly be fired up to at least catch John Glenn in the Lakes Division standings. **PICKS:** Emons (Glenn); Smith (Glenn); Wright (Glenn).

Plymouth (2-4, 1-3) at Wayne (2-4, 1-3): Any playoff hopes are gone for the Wildcats and Zebras. But these teams will play for pride and to avoid the Western Division basement. Even though Plymouth is struggling in the win-loss column, the Wildcats have only given up 17 more points than they've scored. **PICKS:** Emons (Wayne); Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth).

Northville (1-5, 0-4) at Canton (6-0, 4-0): This is a complete mismatch. The division-leading Chiefs have steamrolled over everybody this season, outscoring opponents 210-58. Northville's defense has allowed 205 points. Do the math. **PICKS:** Emons (Canton); Smith (Canton); Wright (Canton).

Redford Thurston (0-6, 0-4) at Garden City (0-6, 0-4): Something has to give

— and somebody has to win — as two winless Mega Blue teams meet in Garden City's Homecoming Night contest. Thurston showed big-play potential in an overtime loss to Dearborn Heights Crestwood, while the Cougars started strong before fading against Melvindale. **PICKS:** Emons (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Wright (Thurston).

Lincoln Park (1-5, 1-3) at Redford Union (4-2, 3-2): It's Homecoming Night at Redford Union, too, and the struggling Railsplitters should make it a good one for the home team. The Panthers will be looking to rebound from a 42-0 shellacking suffered at the hands of Wyandotte Roosevelt. **PICKS:** Emons (Lincoln Park); Smith (Redford Union); Wright (Redford Union).

Redford Covenant (2-4, 1-2) at Star International (0-6, 0-4): Two Southern Michigan Football Conference teams that got smoked by a combined 89-0 last week will get together for what will be a bounce-back game for one of these opponents. **PICKS:** Emons (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Wright (Covenant).

Luth. North (5-1, 5-0) at Luth. Westland (2-4, 1-3), 7:30 p.m.: The Warriors will try to put a blemish on the Mustangs' league record in a homecoming tilt, but it won't be an easy task. The Macomb team owns the Metro Conference, with a points differential of 136. **PICKS:** Emons (North); Smith (North); Wright (North).

SATURDAY'S GAME

Livonia Clarenceville (4-2-0, 4-2-0) at Detroit Country Day (5-1-0), 1 p.m.: The Trojans look to avoid getting stung by the independent Yellowjackets, coming off a 23-22 win over Grand Rapids Catholic Central. Clarenceville brings some offensive momentum into the contest, thanks to Friday's 49-0 rout of Hamtramck. **PICKS:** Emons (Country Day); Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Country Day).

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All three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls cross country teams fared well at Saturday's 20-team Haslett Invitational, which was held just outside Lansing.

Plymouth led the local squads with a third-place showing followed by Canton (fifth) and Salem (seventh).

Ann Arbor Huron earned the title by accumulating just 79 points. The top five was rounded out by Walled Lake Northern (87), Plymouth (147), Jackson Parma Western (153) and Canton (172). Salem finished with 210 points.

The Wildcats were paced by senior Pam Bhullar, who crossed the line in 15th place with a time of 20:25. Also contributing to the Wildcats' cause were Beth Heldmeyer (16th in 20:26), Molly Slavens (19th in 20:27), Lauren Ahearn (38th in 21:17), Sarah Balgooyen (59th in 21:49), Paula Green (74th in 22:09) and Elise Chagas (117th in 24:18).

"We arrived at the race at 9:05 a.m. and the race started at 9:30, so we didn't have much time to warm up," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "I told the girls not to use (the late arrival) as an excuse not to run well, and they didn't. Sometimes the less time you have to think about the race, the better you do."

"Our fourth and fifth runners really showed up for us."

Salem was paced by senior Hannah Cavicchio, who continued her stellar season with a second-place showing (19:16). Also earning points for the Rocks were Kelley Determan (25th in 20:43), Lauren Olson (47th in 21:29), Kortney Marsh (50th in 21:31), Sabrina Burcroff (87th in 22:33), Megan Grady (95th in 22:51) and Emily Rossman (97th in 22:59).

All three teams will be competing Saturday in the Wayne County Championship meet at Willow Metropark.

Chief harriers enjoy solid week

The Canton boys cross country team enjoyed a productive four-day period earlier this week.

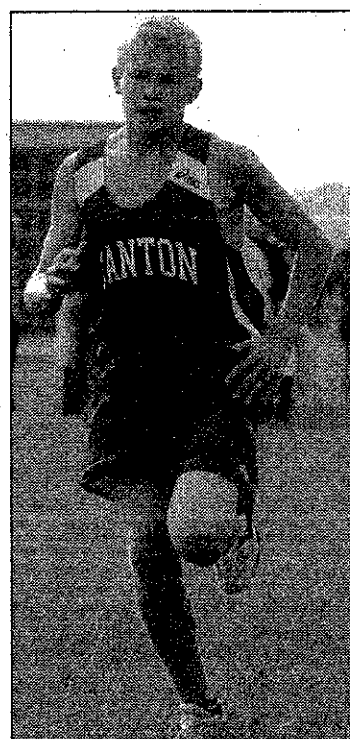
On Saturday, the Chiefs placed third at the 20-team Haslett Invitational, racking up more points than just two other squads.

"It was a great meet for us," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "Four runners ran their personal bests and three others turned in season bests."

Junior captain Derek Hoerman paced the Chiefs with a 17:05 effort. Also scoring for Canton were Duncan Spitz (17:11), Kyle Clinton (17:15), Zack Spreitzer (17:25), Mike Eimers (17:44), Aaron McClellan (17:56) and Greg Reed (18:10).

On Tuesday, a group of Canton underclassmen successfully defended their crown at the Westland John Glenn Freshmen/Sophomores Meet, which was held at Central City Park in Westland.

Led by race champion Spitz (17:17) and runner-up Spreitzer (17:28), Canton's top seven runners all earned medals. Other strong performances



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Canton's Mike Eimers earned a medal with his 10th-place finish in the John Glenn Freshmen/Sophomores Meet earlier this week. The Chiefs successfully defended their title at the annual event.

were turned in by Clinton (fourth in 17:45), Reed (6th in 17:59), Eimers (10th in 18:25), John Peck (16th) and Josh Osinski (18th).

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Web site: www.plymouthtwp.org.

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AMENDMENT OF APPENDIX A, ZONING CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

A zoning ordinance amendment which includes the adoption of new sign regulations has been adopted by the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan. The amendment to Appendix A, Zoning Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton effects the 36 square miles that make up Canton Township. This amendment to the code; Appendix A will become effective on October 12, 2006. A full text copy of the ordinance may be reviewed or purchased at the Planning Services Division of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 South Canton Center Rd., Canton, Michigan 48188.

Sign Regulations Ordinance Summary
Article 6A.00

An amendment to Appendix A - Zoning, Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township, Michigan, creating a new article 6A.00 - Signs.

Article 6A.00 provides for definitions; purpose; compliance; interpretation and conflicts with other ordinances; violations and issuance of appearance tickets; non-conforming signs; applicability of the state construction code; requirements for sign permits; exemptions from permit requirements; rezoning signs; prohibited signs; signs permitted in all single-family residential districts; signs permitted in single-family attached residential, multiple-family residential and mobile home park districts; signs permitted in office, mid-rise development, and high rise development districts; signs permitted in all commercial and industrial districts; signs permitted in agricultural, rural residential and rural estate districts; maximum permitted wall sign area; portable signs; gasoline service station signs; theater signs; directional signs; master sign plans and multiple tenant sign requirements; sign area bonuses; billboards, political signs, legibility and design requirements; ground sign; permit approval requirements; Zoning Board of Appeals review, Planning Commission review, and Historic District Commission review.

And to amend the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance Section 27.00 (Application and Notification Procedures), Section 4 (Parking Regulations for Commercial Vehicles)

TERRY G. BENNETT
CANTON CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

At the Meeting of September 25, 2006, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2007:

January 8, January 22, February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, August 6, August 20, September 10, September 24, October 8, October 22, November 5, November 19, December 3, and December 17.

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

Vic Gustafson
Chairman

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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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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LAWN MAINTENANCE AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals for lawn maintenance and snow removal services for its Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge facilities. This work includes maintenance of grassed areas, flower beds, bushes, trees and plants along with the clearing of snow and ice from both facilities' roads and parking lots. This Contract could possibly be awarded in separate segments for summer maintenance and winter maintenance.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by October 19, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road.

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Monday, October 16th, 2006), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC REZONING OF PROPERTY JANKOWSKI REQUEST AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ZONING CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

A zoning ordinance amendment which includes the adoption of a rezoning request for property identified as 3.24 acres located on the west side of Lilley Road and north of Ford Road, has been adopted by the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan and will become effective October 12, 2006. The full text resolution is published below. A copy of the amended zoning map can be obtained from the Planning Services Division of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 South Canton Center Rd., Canton, Michigan 48188.

RESOLUTION OF
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
Jankowski Rezoning Request

WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 3.24 acres located on the west side of Lilley Road and north of Ford Road be rezoned from O-1, office to District to C-2, Community Commercial District.

WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos. 043-99-0004-000 and 043-99-0017-000 from O-1, Office District to C-2, Community Commercial.

TERRY G. BENNETT
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Sunday, January 28	vs. Philadelphia Kixx	4:35pm
Saturday, February 17	vs. Chicago Storm	7:35pm
Sunday, February 25	vs. Philadelphia Kixx	4:35pm
Friday, March 2	vs. Milwaukee Wave	7:35pm
Friday, March 16	vs. Baltimore Blast	7:35pm
Friday, March 23	vs. California Cougars	7:35pm
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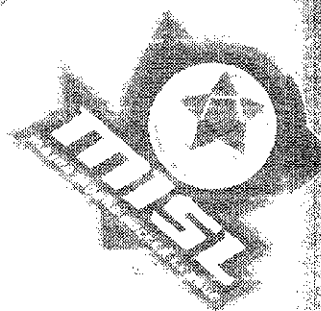
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Lions need a solid performance on both sides

The question is simple: When will the Lions finally win a game in the Rod Marinelli era? The answer is even easier. They will win a game when they finally put a good 60 minutes together on both sides of the football.

In Week 1, the defense shined against Seattle. They stopped a team that played in the Super Bowl back in February. Final score: Seahawks 9, Lions 6.

In Week 2, neither the defense nor the offense looked like it belonged on the field in Chicago. The Bears had a field day and whipped the Lions into submission. Final score: Bears 34, Lions 7.

In Week 3, the newfangled Mike Martz offense showed big signs of life against an inferior Green Bay defense. The Lions just couldn't stop Brett Favre. Heck, they couldn't have stopped Brett Carver that day. Don't know Brett



Mark Wilson

Carver? I went to high school with him. Final score: Packers 31, Lions 24.

Last Sunday, it was Martz's former team that ran roughshod over Detroit. Marc Bulger showed why he belongs as one of the elite quarterbacks in the NFL. Bulger blistered the Lions' defense for three touchdown passes and a stellar 110 QB rating. Despite a great game from Jon Kitna, Roy Williams, Mike Furrey and Kevin Jones, it was just another loss. Final score: Rams 41, Lions 34. Welcome to the sad world of 0-4.

"Our offense did a heck of a job," Marinelli said to reporters following the game in St. Louis. "We weren't good enough on defense and our three turnovers didn't help."

Minnesota is next on the docket. As good as the offense has been the last two games, there is no indication that this is the week the Lions break through. History says otherwise. The Lions have lost the last eight times the two have met. Twelve of the last 13 games in the series have gone the way of the Vikings.

This is a different Minnesota team. Quarterback Daunte Culpepper, who never lost to the Lions, is now in Miami. Brad Childress is the new coach and he is struggling to get his offense moving. The Vikings have yet to score 20 points in any of their four games. Still, they have two wins.

"The self-inflicted wounds are tough. That's my responsibility and I need to get that corrected," Childress said following their stunning loss at Buffalo last Sunday.

Sure sounds an awful lot like Marinelli.

Childress takes the blame for Minnesota's problems and he is the guy with the two wins. Childress is in his first head coaching gig, like the Lions' mentor. The two wins are the major difference. Marinelli is salivating over the idea of just one win. This is only the third Lions team since 1974 that opened a season with four losses.

"I feel like we are right there. Just a few plays and we would have a couple of victories," cornerback Dré Bly said.

Bly told me on our Thursday radio meeting that he can sense something cooking, especially with Martz's offense.

"Guys really believe in what's happening here. It wasn't like that in the past. We are so close now and we just need to put it all together," Bly said.

Ah yes, back to the "all together" bit. It's not

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always that easy in the NFL. Everyone is trying to put it all together as well and many teams do. Those teams are the good ones in the league. Right now, the Lions are struggling to be good.

"We have to keep working. There are no excuses. Whether this takes time or not, we have to find ways to finish games and win," Kitna said last week.

"It would seem that a carbon copy of the offense from the Rams game would be good enough to beat the Vikings. The game is in Minnesota and, of course, there is a baseball consideration. If the Twins play Game 5 of the A.L. Divisional Series against Oakland in the playoffs, the game is moved to Monday night. The Lions simply can't worry about things they have no control over.

They have won only one game in Minnesota in the last 13 years. That came in 1997, when

Scott Mitchell found Herman Moore in the end zone with seconds remaining. In fact, the Vikings have always had the Lions' number it seems. There have been 89 games in the series that dates back to 1961. Detroit has won only 29 of those.

Yikes!
"We have to be able to take care of our own business. If we do, it shouldn't matter who we play or where we play them," Bly said.

The Vikes feature Brad Johnson at quarterback. He won a Super Bowl with Tampa Bay in January 2003. The defensive line coach of that team was Marinelli. It's another "old-home week" game. Chester Taylor is now Minnesota's starter at running back. He is from River Rouge and played his college ball at Toledo. Vikings line coach Pat Morris was on Steve Mariucci's staff with the Lions and also was part of

Michigan State's 1987 Rose Bowl team in the same capacity.

More importantly, it's another division game. The Lions can't afford one more NFC North Division loss. It would be No. 3 and just about send this season to an early grave. As it is, you can count the number of teams that made the playoffs after a 0-4 start on one hand. Actually, it's more like one finger. Don't laugh. There were some that actually thought Marinelli could have a playoff team on his hands when he took over.

"This is Lions football. We'll win as a team and we'll lose as a team. That's what it is," Marinelli said.

The first-year coach is obviously frustrated. He wouldn't be human if he wasn't. He didn't take this job to lose close. He has already taken "moral victories" out of the mix. Donnie Henderson's defense has to be of major concern

because Marinelli is a defensive guy. Henderson is doing what he can as defensive coordinator, but there is still an injury and talent issue. To his credit, Marinelli refuses to make it a topic.

"We've got to stop them. We've got to stop them," he said.

Marinelli said it repeatedly after the loss in St. Louis. It's not a complicated game in that fashion. The offense looks like it has some bite, but if you can't get stops, you can't get wins. The Lions will probably blitz even more against the Vikes. If that doesn't work, then we will ask the same question again next week.

When will the Lions win a game?

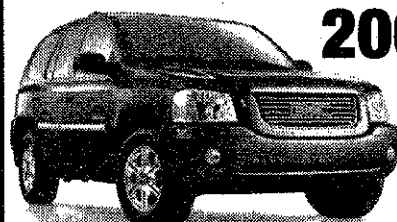
Mark Wilson is host of the Lions pre- and postgame shows on WKRK-FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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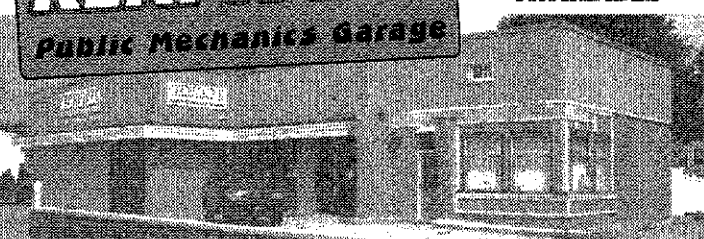
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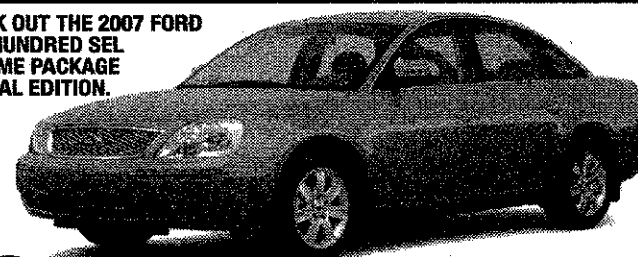
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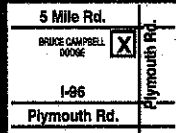
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mileage, I should be OK."

The 5-foot-8, 155-pound Dawson doesn't worry about his feet blistering, but he has been plagued by a common runner's injury, inflammation of the plantar fascia, an area on the bottom of the foot.

Last month, Dawson completed the 50-mile Dances with Dirt in Pinckney, a trail race where he finished in an even 10 hours – ninth overall – while taking first place in his age-group.

"I was fairly pleased," he said. "Except for the five

miles I got lost, I felt good. It was colder than usual, but I recovered in two days."

In high school, Dawson ran track and played football at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. He played a number of different positions in football including linebacker, nose guard, running back and defensive back as the Lakers reached two straight state semifinals.

Despite being undersized, Dawson also played football at Northern Michigan University before discovering adventure racing and triathlons.

"I'm big into the outdoors," he said. "I wish this opportunity was presented to me and others at a

younger age, especially in the Midwest states and Michigan more than baseball, football and track.

"You just need a pair of shoes. It's too bad more attention is not paid to endurance sports."

Dawson's resume is quite impressive.

He's done Ironmans – 2-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile run – in Panama and most recently in Coeur d'Alene Idaho.

He's also gone to the Yukon Territories for the Raid the North, a multi-day race of mountain biking and trekking. He's also completed an Adventure Odyssey race in the Eastern States called "The Beast of the East," and gone coast-to-

coast in an adventure race sponsored by Infittera Sports.

"It's an amazing sport and it's amazing what it brings out of you," Dawson said.

Dawson doesn't have any sponsors. He will incur all the costs himself.

"The people at Jacobson (Industries) have been very understanding and supportive," he said. "After doing triathlons and ultra running, you just need a change of pace and it's adventure racing."

"They come from all walks of life. They race as teams, and there's the serious competitors. But in reality, you're racing against yourself."

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- September 26, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 26, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present:

Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo(On Military Leave) Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Eva, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Paas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended, moving Consent Calendar Item 8. Second Reading Of Repeal Of The Sign Ordinance to the General Calendar, Item 20. Second Reading of Repeal of the Sign Ordinance. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of September 12, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments:** Pat Conely, 8578 Sandpiper Street, stated he attended the Hazardous Waste Canton Cleanup Day and disposed of his pick-up vehicles contents. Mr. Conely returned with his father-in-law (Canton Resident) with his hazardous waste and was told he had been there before and couldn't dump a second time. Supervisor Yack apologized and indicated his complaint would be communicated to Canton Waste Recycling. Hussien Fawaz, 47969 Inverary, Financial Planning Association, stated he would like the support of the Board of Trustees for the Resolution Proclaiming October 2 – 8, 2006 "Financial Planning Week in Canton". **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for September 26, 2006

General Fund	101	\$ 586,770.63
Fire Fund	206	71,090.09
Police Fund	207	79,753.76
Summit Operating	208	25,607.98
Cable TV Fund	230	11,644.46
Public Improvement	245	300.00
Twp Improvement	246	4,364.00
E-911 Utility	261	3,133.01
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	16,723.9
Federal Grants Fund	274	17,748.00
Auto Theft Grant	289	44,955.35
Downtown Dev Authority	294	55,164.61
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	6,956.08
Golf Fund	584	30,357.23
Water & Sewer Fund	592	493,269.37
Constructions Escrows	702	9,058.24
Post Employ. Benefits	736	41,928.82
Total - All Funds		1,498,725.54

PRESENTATION: CITIZEN CITATION. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2 – OCTOBER 8 AS FINANCIAL PLANNING WEEK IN CANTON. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution proclaiming October 2-8, 2006 "Financial Planning Week in Canton". Motion carried by all members present. Item 2.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY: ORDINANCE CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70-1 ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, R 28.1212, RULE 212. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to, effective immediately, allow enforcement at Raminder Court, for traffic enforcement on private property, in response to their application and in compliance with Local Ordinance Chapter 70, Section 70-1 Adoption of the Uniform Traffic Code, R28.1212, Rule 212. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. APPROVE AMENDED FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to amend the food service contract with Continental Services as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUDGET. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following Community Center budget adjustments as follows: Increase (Decrease) Revenues:

Food/Beverage	#208-000-654-0000	\$ (810,000)
Contribution from General Fund	208-000-676-1010	<u>103,785</u>
Total		\$ 706,215
Decrease Appropriations:		
Salaries-Full-time	#208-757-705-0000	\$ (59,600)
Fringe Benefits	208-757-720-0000	(23,840)
Operating supplies	208-757-740-0000	(1,450)
Food/beverage	208-757-741-0000	(600,225)
Program supplies	208-757-742-6000	(2,400)
Contracted services	208-757-818-6000	(1,800)
Printing & publishing	208-757-900-6000	(3,600)
Equipment rental	208-757-940-6000	(3,000)
Bank credit card fees	208-757-964-1000	(10,300)
Total		\$ (706,215)

This budget amendment decreases the Summit Community Center Fund budget from \$3,273,247 to \$2,567,032. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S "MOM-2-MOM" SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event on Saturday, October 7, 2006 status and placement of signs for Calvary Baptist (43065 Joy Road) Church's MOPS "Mothers of Preschoolers" Sale. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S COMMUNITY RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Grace Lutheran (46001 Warren Road) Church's Rummage & Bake Sale on October 28, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. BUDGET AMENDMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR IKEA GRAND OPENING. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Funds Increase Revenues

Police Refunds & Rebates	207 000 687 0000	\$134,027
Increase Appropriations		
Police Overtime	207 301 708 0000	\$ 97,725
PSO Overtime	207 301 709 0000	\$ 3,955
Contracted Services	207 301 818 0000	\$ 30,351
Operating Expenses	207 301 740 0000	\$ 1,996

This budget amendment increases the Police Fund Budget from \$14,041,538 to \$14,175,565. Further I move to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund: Increase Revenues

Fire Refunds & Rebates	206 000 687 0000	\$17,395
Increase Appropriations		
Fire Overtime	206 336 708 0000	\$17,395

This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund Budget from \$10,247,377 to \$10,264,772. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. SET DECEMBER 1, 2006 MILLAGE RATES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution to set December 1, 2006 millage rates. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLVED**, By the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that there be levied on the taxable property of said Township for the year 2006, for general Township purposes, a tax of 2.3660 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$3,664,553,375 Real Property and \$188,787,437 Personal Property, totaling \$3,853,340,812, and the tax amounting to \$9,117,004.36. Be it further resolved, by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that pursuant to Public Act 33 of 1951 there be levied on the taxable real property

of said Township for the year 2006, for Fire Protection purposes, a Special Assessment of 2.3580 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$3,664,553,375 Real Property, and the tax amounting to \$8,641,016.86. Be it further resolved, by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that pursuant to Public Act 181 of 1951 there be levied on the taxable real property of said Township for the year 2006, for Police Protection purposes, a Special Assessment of 3.9260 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$3,664,553,375 Real Property, and the tax amounting to \$14,387,036.55. **Item 2. WTUA ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for WTUA's annual budget approval. Motion carried by all members present. **Resolution of the Charter Township of Canton** **WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2006 the Board of Commissioners of the Western Township Utilities Authority adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007; and **WHEREAS**, the Authority is required to present its budget to each of its member Townships for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget for the Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, in the amounts presented, is hereby approved. **Item 3. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR SUMMIT COMMERCE CENTER PHASE I, CVS STORE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Summit Commerce Center, Phase I, CVS Store. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

Site Plan for Summit Commerce Center, Phase I, CVS Store **WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has requested site plan approval for Phase I of the Summit Commerce Center, the CVS Store, to be located at the northeast corner of Cherry Hill and Canton Center Roads, identified as tax EDP # 059-99-0004-710, 059-99-0005-701 and part of 059-99-0003-704; and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Bryan Amann, to approve the site plan for the proposed Summit Commerce Center, Phase I, CVS Store subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 4. CONSIDER JANKOWSKI REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for Jankowski Rezoning Request. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

Jankowski Rezoning Request **WHEREAS**, the petitioner has requested approximately 3.24 acres located on the west side of Lilley Road and north of Ford Road be rezoned from O-1, office to District to C-2, Community Commercial District. **WHEREAS**, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and **WHEREAS**, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos. 043-99-0004-000 and 043-99-0017-000 from O-1, Office District to C-2, Community Commercial. **Item 5. CONSIDER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS (SIGN REGULATIONS). (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for zoning ordinance text amendments (2006-2). Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments (2006-02)** **WHEREAS**, the Township has proposed amendments to Appendix A- Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton, which include adoption of new sign regulations; and **WHEREAS**, the requested changes would be in conformity with the State Zoning Enabling Act and the general development objectives of the community; and **WHEREAS**, the Canton Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 11, 2006, an voted to recommend APPROVAL of the proposed additions and amendments to the zoning regulations; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the amendments to Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as follows: Sign Regulations Ordinance Summary Article 6A.00 An amendment to Appendix A – Zoning, Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township, Michigan, creating a new article 6A.00 – Signs. Article 6A.00 provides for definitions; purpose; compliance; interpretation and conflicts with other ordinances; violations and issuance of appearance tickets; non-conforming signs; applicability of the state construction code; requirements for sign permits; exemptions from permit requirements; rezoning signs; prohibited signs; signs permitted in all single-family residential districts; signs permitted in single-family attached residential, multiple-family residential and mobile home park districts; signs permitted in office, mid-rise development, and high rise development districts; signs permitted in all commercial and industrial districts; signs permitted in agricultural, rural residential and rural estate districts; maximum permitted wall sign area; portable signs; gasoline service station signs; theater signs; directional signs; master sign plans and multiple tenant sign requirements; sign area bonuses; billboards, political signs, legibility and design requirements; ground sign; permit approval requirements; Zoning Board of Appeals review, Planning Commission review, and Historic District Commission review. And to amend the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance Section 27.00 (Application and Notification Procedures), Section 4 (Parking Regulations for Commercial Vehicles) A complete copy of the ordinance is available at the Charter Township of Canton, Planning Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188. the ordinance will serve the 36 square miles of Canton Township and become effective October 12, 2006. **Item 6. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) HYDRAULIC QUICK COUPLER, ONE (1) HYDRAULIC LINES KIT, AND ONE (1) 24" GENERAL PURPOSE BUCKET, PLUS LABOR TO INSTALL ALL PARTS ON CATERPILLAR EXCAVATOR MODEL #312B. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the bid from Michigan CAT and to approve a purchase order not to exceed \$11,966.80 and authorize the Public Works Department to purchase a hydraulic quick coupler, hydraulic lines kit, 24" general purpose bucket and labor to install all during the 2006 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2006, Act. # 592-000-142-0000, Line Item #1. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE FOR THE AZTECA CITYWORKS GIS-CENTRIC COMPUTERIZED MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMMS). (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of the Azteca Cityworks GIS-centric computerized maintenance management system software at a cost of \$7,995 (water and sewer account number 592-000-144-0000) and further approve the purchase of 30 hours of implementation support services at a cost for \$5,250 (charged to water and sewer account number 592-441-803-0000); for a total not-to exceed \$13,245 to be funded from the water and sewer budget; and further, that in accordance with Finance and Budget Policy F:15 that the Board waive the requirement to solicit bids for this project given the sole source nature of the software provided by the vendor. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE DWSD EASEMENT ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the Easement Encroachment Permit allowing the Township to use the DWSD easement for purposes of connecting to the DWSD 60" diameter water transmission main. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANTON CENTER AND GEDDES INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD)** Motion

by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the Township Attorney to prepare a purchase agreement in accordance with the appraisal for \$29,507 for the purchase of 27 feet of right-of-way along Canton Center and Geddes involving parcels 71-112-99-0002-000 and 71-112-0003-000, and to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute it. I further move that should the purchase of the subject property be unsuccessful, the Township Attorney at the direction of the Township Supervisor be authorized to initiate a condemnation action to acquire the property. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. CONSIDER AWARDED THE CANTON CENTER/GEDDES INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT TO JOHN CARLO, INCORPORATED. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the Intersection Improvement Project Canton Center Road at Geddes Road to John Carlo, Incorporated in the amount of \$555,481.05 plus a 10% contingency of \$55,548 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$611,029.05 (Road Construction 403-506-969-0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A WACHS POWER-DRIVE II VALVE OPERATOR. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the bid from Jack Doheny Supplies and to approve a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$8,744.00, and to authorize the Public Works Division to purchase a Wachs Power Valve Operator during the 2006 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2006, Act. # 592-000-142-0000, Line Item #2. Further to waive the Finance and Budget Policy F:15 requirement to solicit bids for this product given the sole source nature of the product supply. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTIONS AND BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS FOR THE PROPOSED DDA AND RECREATION BOND ISSUES. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Reimbursement Resolutions for the Recreational Capital Improvement bonds, Downtown Development Authority Capital Improvement bonds and Water and Sewer Capital Improvement bonds. I further move to approve the Bond Authorizing Resolutions for the \$10,000,000 Recreational Capital Improvement project (\$1,500,000) and Downtown Development Authority Capital Improvement project (\$8,500,000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB IMPROVEMENTS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the following bids for Fellows Creek Golf Club with all expenses charged to Account # 469-900-975-2110: Clubhouse painting to Ponds Painting, 47175 Bartlett, Canton, MI 48187, in the amount of \$13,200. Roof top unit replacement to Tech Mechanical, Inc., 1490 East Highwood, Pontiac, MI 48340, in the amount of \$42,161. Clubhouse siding replacement to Professional Commercial Services, Inc., P.O. Box 87413, Canton, MI 48187, in the amount of \$3,450. Clubhouse flooring replacement to A. R. Kramer Floorcovering, 15986 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, MI 48154, in the amount of \$31,540. Pump house renovations to Ponds Painting, 47175 Bartlett, Canton, MI 48187, in the amount of \$9,010. Asphalt path repair to S & J Asphalt Paving Company, 39571 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI 48188, in the amount of \$23,595. Thorguard Lightening Prediction System from the Guardian Equipment Company located at 44375 Grand River Avenue, Novi, Michigan 48375, in the amount of \$22,950. I further move to re-title fund #469 from Capital Projects Building Authority Construction to Capital Projects Golf Course and approve the following budget amendment for 2006 activity in this fund: Increase Revenues:

Interest income	#469-000-664-0000	\$ 5,000
Proceeds from sale of bonds	469-000-695-0000	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total		\$1,505,000
Increase Appropriations:		
Bond issuance costs	#469-900-900-0000	\$ 45,000
Site improvements-Golf Course	469-900-971-2110	25,000
Buildings-Golf Course	469-900-975-2110	140,000
Transfer to fund balance	469-900-999-0000	<u>1,295,000</u>
Total		\$1,505,000

This budget amendment establishes the 2006 budget for the Capital Projects Golf Course Fund. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 14. AUTHORIZE ASPHALT CRACK FILLING. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid to do the Asphalt Crack Filling to S and J Asphalt whose address is, 39571 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI 48188 in the amount of \$37,900.00 to be paid from Account # 246-750-970-000 Item # 8 (Paved Surfaces on Township Properties). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. PURCHASE OF AUDIO EQUIPMENT ACCESSORIES. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of Audio Equipment Accessories from Signature Audio located at 127 N. Wixom Rd, Wixom MI, 48393 in the amount of \$3,345.23. I further move to transfer \$3,345.23 from line item # 101-760-818-0000 Contracted Services to line item # 101-760-977-0000 Capital Outlay and allow the reprogramming of these dollars for the capital purchase of audio equipment accessories. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 16. APPROVE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT CERTIFICATION CLASSES FOR FIREFIGHTERS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the expenditure of \$8140 to Advanced Cardiac Education for ACLS re-certification of 44-firefighters. FY 2006 Fire Fund Budget 206 336 952 0000 Training. Cost Center P00055 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 17. CONSIDER WAIVING THE BID FOR FIRE NOZZLE UPGRADES. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive the bidding procedure to upgrade and refurbish the department's Task Force Tip nozzles and approve Time Emergency Equipment, 2541 South Avon Industrial Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 to perform the upgrade and refurbishing of the fire department's nozzles for an amount of \$13,785.00. FY2006 Fire Budget Capital Outlay 206 336 977 0000 (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 18. PURCHASE-911/PHONE RECORDING SYSTEM. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase the 40-Channel Nice Call Focus 911/Phone Recording Equipment for the Dispatch Center from Van Belkum, 535 Cascade West Parkway, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, in the amount of \$32,130.00; and the purchase of an additional phone line from Allied Communications for an amount of \$1,120.00. (Cost Center P00049 0000 0000) Further, I move to approve the following budget transfer to fund the cost of the 911/Phone Recording System.

Transfer to Fund Balance	#261 346 999 0000	(\$33,250)
Capital Outlay Account	#261 346 977 2070	\$33,250

This budget transfer will neither increase nor decrease the FY2006 911-Emergency Services Fund. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 19. AWARD BID FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINE EQUIPMENT. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to award the bid for fire engine equipment to Time Emergency Equipment, 2415 W. Sunset, Roscommon, MI 48653 in the amount of \$64,380.80 FY2006 Fire Budget Capital Outlay 206 336 977 0000. (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000) Motion carried by all members present. **Item 20. SECOND READING OF REPEAL OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the repeal of Chapter 102, Sign Ordinance, Section 102-01 through 102-63. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated the study session for October 3, 2006 has been cancelled. The next Board meeting will be on October 10, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48039. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. – Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor –Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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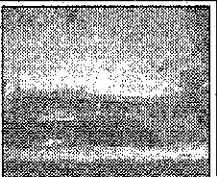
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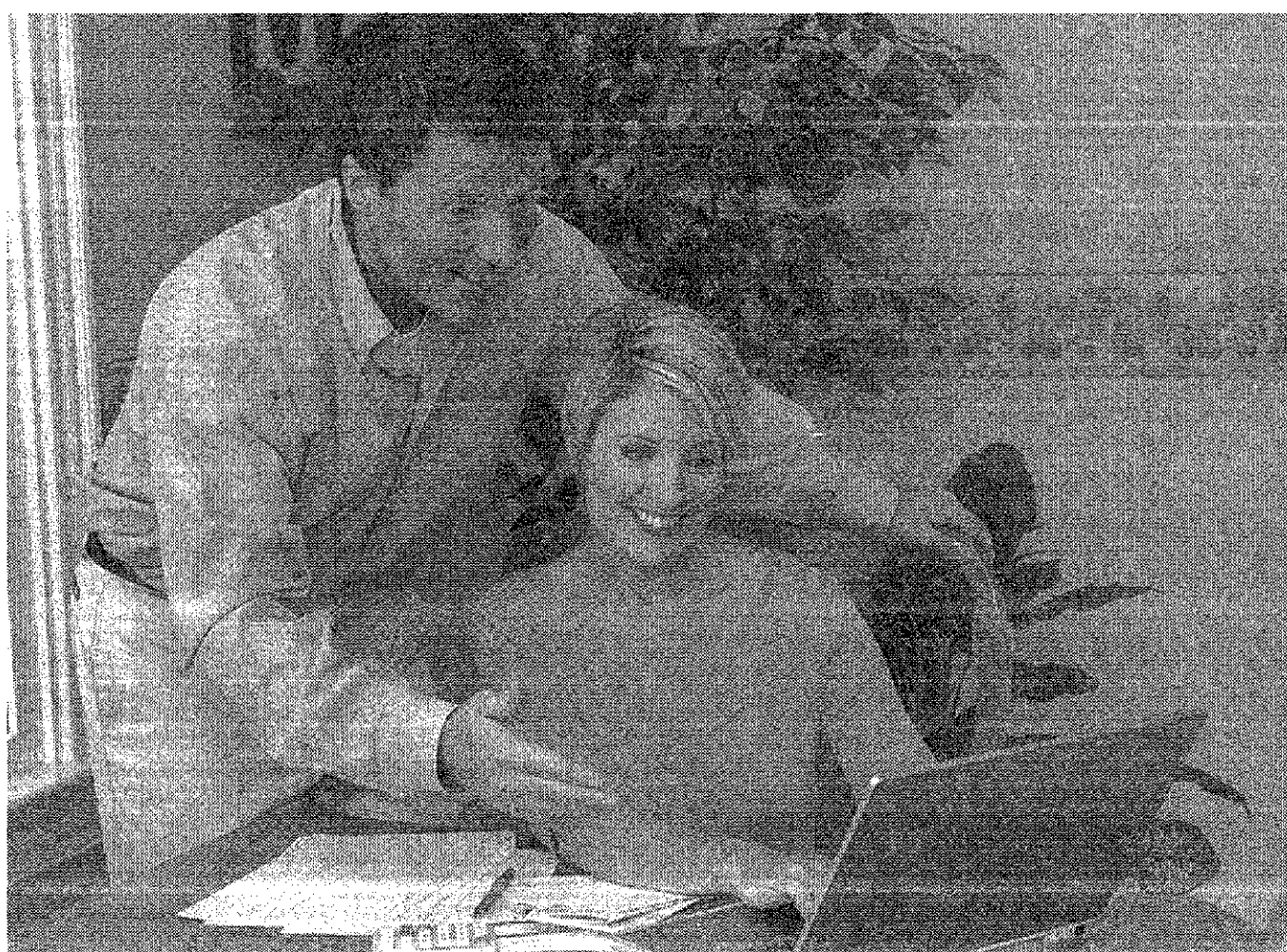
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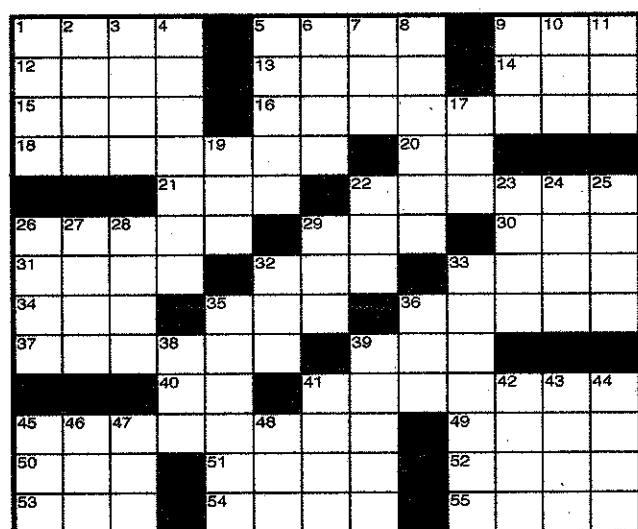
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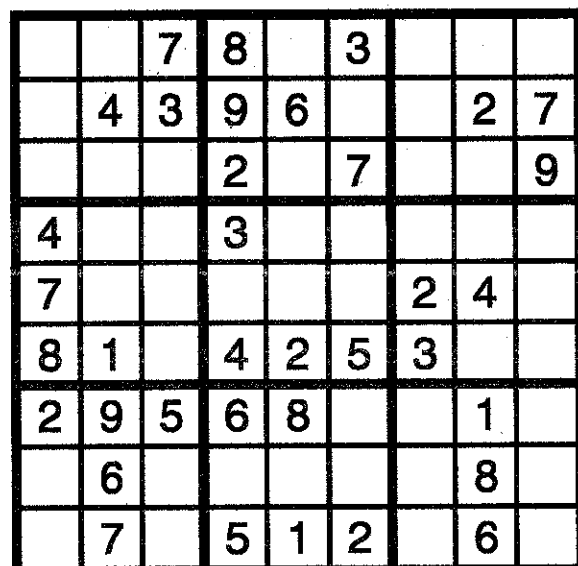
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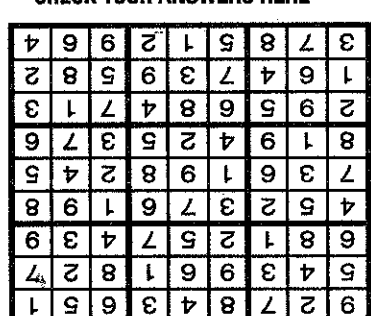
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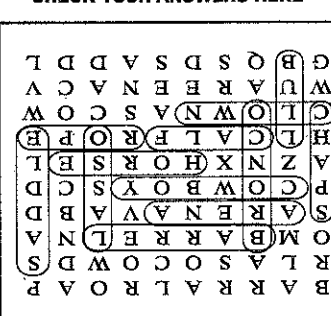
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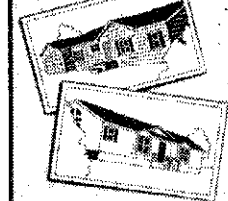
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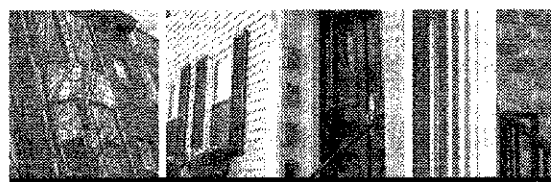
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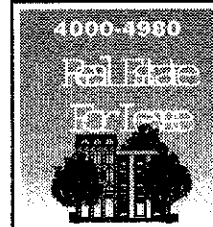
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WORKWISE
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What do you do when the sky seems to be falling -- retreat to a corner and hide, or walk around feeling absolutely

overwhelmed?

An associate handed me a problem like this, but I had no solutions. He'd been chugging along, getting his work done. Suddenly, he discovered that he was at the mercy of two key vendors who don't work as effectively as he does. Because of their mediocrity, projects were interrupted, taking longer and longer to complete. Sometimes they were even shut down for a period of time. A simple change of vendors wasn't so simple -- although he tried it -- because developing resources takes time. He felt (and acted) overwhelmed.

Being overwhelmed (because of problems with a vendor) is a feeling, a subjective experience that you're not able to complete what's in front of you, which may or may not be true, says Carol Kaufman, assistant clinical professor at Harvard Medical School and founder of Positive Psychology Coaches in the Boston area. Many people think that it's a predictor, a reality, that if they feel overwhelmed, they can't do it. She directs you to be certain that you really can't do something, that it's impossible.

Public speaker Bill Bartmann of Tulsa's Bill Bartmann Enterprises Inc., cautions you to retain perspective (in vendor situations and others), not to fall into the trap of exaggerating the

consequences into the darkest, deepest corners. Michelle Y. Drake, president of The Cove Group, a management consulting firm in Mystic, Conn., states, "Remember that you're not the victim. Don't whine. Think about what you need to do to be a survivor. Drake's weekly radio program, The Time is Now! Business Solutions with Michelle Y. Drake, is featured on WXCT Talk Radio 990 in Hartford, Conn.

Kaufman advises you to ask yourself whether you can reasonably expect to meet a challenge that's causing you to feel overwhelmed. Can you break it down into pieces? If so, determine whether your time and resources can accommodate it. Get help from a second party, if necessary. (Her prescription is to make use of all available resources, including your boss, HR or a coach.)

WORKING IT OUT

To get back on track, start by assessing the vendor or contractor's motivations. Drake remarks that it's important to identify what's in it for them to be able to give you what you need. Knowing this gives you power.

How important is this account to this vendor? she asks. How important is the vendor's reputation to their overall business? Be articulate and creatively move forward, avoiding alienating and bullying behaviors.

Scott Eblin, executive coach at The Eblin Group in Herndon, Va., recommends meeting with the vendor and resetting the objectives. Be clear about the desired outcomes. Clarify the roles and responsibilities of both parties. What are the deadlines? What are the consequences

for not meeting those deadlines? He says that you should provide a range, from the light to the extreme (replacement).

Meanwhile, Bartmann suggests that you communicate with everyone affected by the situation, especially your boss, so that no one is surprised upon discovering that the project is off-track or off-schedule. Eblin mentions that you may be requesting advice from these same people in the future. Bartmann advocates being better prepared the next time by doing proper diligence, making sure you understand capacities and capabilities. If changing isn't the best opportunity, get into a program of communication, concurrence, compliance. Have very good communication. Make certain the vendor knows what is to be accomplished, by when and in compliance.

In other words, get a firm grasp of your objectives and clearly communicate them to your vendors and subcontractors

so that they understand what you want.

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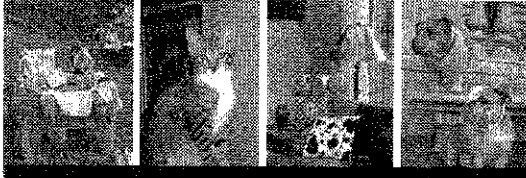
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FARMINGTON HILLS Holy Cross Church, & Bake Sale. 25225 Middlebelt Rd., btwn 10 & 11 Mile Rd., Oct. 5-6, 9-5pm. Oct 7th, Bag Day, 9-1pm.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON 33112 Grand River at Warner Thru., Oct. 12, 9am-8pm. Fri., Oct. 13, 9am-2pm

LIVONIA CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE Pre-Sale (Adults \$2) Thurs. Oct. 5, 5-8pm. Free admission Fri., Oct. 6, 9am-4pm; Sat. Oct. 7, 9am-noon, (half-off sale). Newburgh United Methodist, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

WESTLAND - Huron Valley Lutheran, 33740 Cowan Rd (N of Warren, E off Wayne). Oct 5 & 6, 9-5pm. Oct. 7th 9am-noon (\$3 Bag).

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Another CLEANSWEEP Estate Sale By Top Hat Antiques Fri-Sat, Oct 6-7 (10-4) 340 Gutley, Dearborn Hgts, W/ Telegraph, S/Cherry Hill, 40yr Accumulation, home filled with antiques/collectibles, Lighting, crystal chandelier, slag glass lamp, cone w/ the wind lamp, Oak, sideboard, 2 round claw foot tables, Victorian, chest's, marble top table, wash stand, Glass, Imperial, Fenton, colored, pressed, cut, carnival. Many Collections, oil paintings, toy steam wagon, Victoria, jewelry, books, tools, fishing. Great Sale 248-761-6166

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE Sat & Sun, 9-4pm, 391 N. Glenhurst, (Birmingham), Maple hutch & dining table, Spode Blue China, mahogany 4 post bed & dresser, piano and more!

CHELY & CO. ESTATE SALE 840 W. Huron River Dr., Belleville, Furniture, two small sailboats & two trailers, inflatable boat (registered), misc. auto & house tools, player piano w/rolls, lots of exercise equip., gun safe, gas furnaces, apt-size freezer, old American Flyer train, boys' toys, patio set. Home is also for sale. Oct 6-7th 10am-4pm. (734) 753-5083

PRESTIGE ESTATE SALE Fri. & Sat., Oct. 6-7, 10-4 777 ROBINHOOD ROAD Bloomfield Twp., W. off Adams Rd., 3/4 mile N. of Big Beaver. Leather sofas, lamps, tables, partners desk, planters, bdrm sets, art, china, Satsuma, books, tools, garden, more! 248-723-9511

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ESTATE SALE - OAK PARK Sat. Oct. 7, 10am-4pm 13660 Kingston, 1 blk S. of 11 Mile, W. of Coolidge. Furniture, appliances, tools, misc collectibles.

ESTATE SALE BY JUDITH 2306 BUCKINGHAM Off Coolidge or Eton, btwn Big Beaver & Maple, Birmingham. Oct. 6, 9-6pm, Oct. 7, 9-3pm. 58 years accumulation of silver, crystal, furniture, paintings, jewelry, oriental rugs, 1950's toys, outdoor furniture, men's, women's, tools, too much to list! Street is honored.

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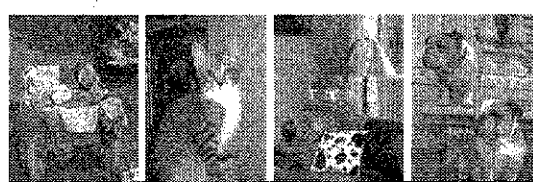
FARMINGTON HILLS Fri., 10am-7pm; 25308 Witherspoon, off Drake, S of 11. Info & Photos, www.classicestate.net

GARDEN CITY ESTATE SALE BY NANCY Fri-Sun, 10-4, 28978 Leona, N of Cherry Hill. E of Middlebelt, enter off Garden St. Home & contents. Furniture, appliances, Grandmother clock, collectibles, china - Royal Doulton, Spode, doll collection, household misc. (734) 525-4603

MILFORD - Antique & Vintage Sale Oct. 6 & 7, 9-5. 4018 Kingswood Ct. I-96, Exit 155, Milford Rd/Maple. Questions? gscholfer@comcast.net

PLEASANT RIDGE 24 Maywood, Fri., 8am-4pm, Sat., 9am-3pm. Dining room set, some antiques, knick-knacks, tools, household goods, 1964 Triumph, 1993 Caravan cargo van, True treadmill. Too much to list! Street numbers honored. Rain or shine!

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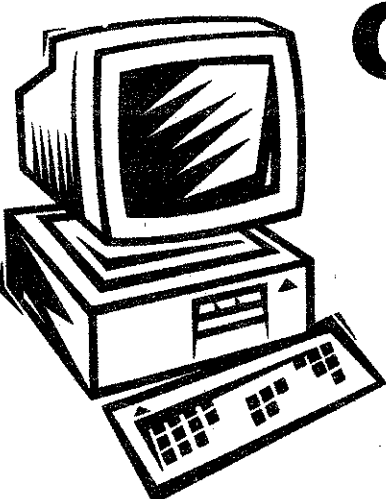
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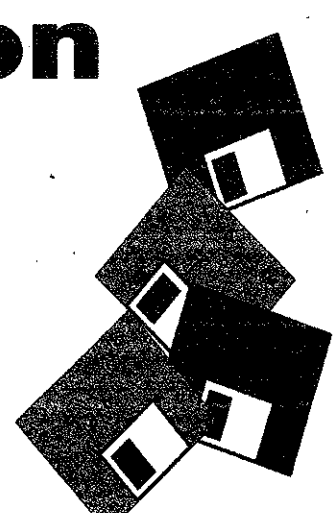
Garage Sales (7110) BERKLEY - Large 2 Family Garage Sale. Furniture, clothing, misc. household goods & baby items. Fri-Sat, 9-5pm, Sun, 9-3pm. 3125 Catalpa, btwn Coolidge & Greenfield. BIRMINGHAM 419 Sutherland, N. of Maple, E. of Southfield Rd., Oct 5-6th, 9-3pm. Baby, kids, housewares, furniture, clothing, and much more! BIRMINGHAM 1213 Dorchester, North of 15 Mile, E. of Adams. Oct. 5-6th, 9-3pm. Oct 7th 9-1pm. Barely used plus-size women's clothing, etc... BIRMINGHAM 1213 Dorchester, North of 15 Mile, E. of Adams. Oct. 5-6th, 9-3pm. Oct 7th 9-1pm. Books on tape, clothing (men & women), jewelry, furniture, Christmas, & much more! BIRMINGHAM ANTIQUE/HOME DECOR SALE Oct. 7! 1930's bedroom set, antiques from Paris, England & Georgia, teen/nursery chairs, brass lamps, silk trees, more! 984 Rivenock (off Adams). BIRMINGHAM 659 Ann St., btwn. Frank & Lincoln., Oct. 6-7th, 9-5pm. French Provincial chaise, miscellaneous, other collectibles BIRMINGHAM 615 Oakland, N. of Maple, E. of Woodward, Sat., Oct. 7, 9am-4pm. Kid/adult books, movies, home decor, new items. Antiques. BIRMINGHAM Big Yard Sale - Kid's, Family, Home: Good & Pretty Good Stuff! Thurs. 10-3, Fri. 9-3, Sat. 9-12 Oct. 5, 6, 7 1563 Stanley Blvd. BIRMINGHAM - Oct. 7th, 9-4. No early birds! Artists desk, Barbies, toys, books, clothes, housewares, furniture, holiday decorations, more. Rain Date: Oct. 14th. 524 Blvd. 14/Pierce. BIRMINGHAM - Gigantic Garage Sale. Multiple house sale has 100's of items! Must see to believe! Art, jewelry, clothes, records, Schwinn Air Dyne. 100s of misc. items - must see, must sell! Fri., Oct. 6, 10am-5pm, 1188 Davis (14 Mile W of Woodward). BIRMINGHAM - 5 family sale, lots of everything. 9-5, Oct. 5-7, 666 Frank, E/Southfield, S/ Maple.	Garage Sales (7110) BIRMINGHAM , at. & Sun., 9am-3pm. \$15 Ridgedale, W/Maple, E/Adams. Premium leather sofa, floral sleeper w/ matching chaise, girl's full bedroom set, carved wood coffee table. Great condition, will go fast! LAMPPOST HILLS 931 Lamppost Lane, off Eastways, Oct. 6-7th, 8-4pm. Baby & toddler items, some furniture, & household items. BLOOMFIELD HILLS Upscale garage sale. Collectibles, frames, framed art. Fri., Oct. 6, 8am-2pm. 6256 Lahser, N/ Maple, w/ on Lahser. BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE 268 Yarmouth, 1 blk. N. of Maple just E. of Cranbrook. Oct. 6-7th, 9-4pm. Furniture, area rug, china, baby/kids, household, leaded glass door/wind, electronics, computer items, LOTS more! CANTON OCT. 5-7, 10-6pm. 1622 Marlowe, btwn Ford Rd. & Saltz, off Sheldon. CANTON - 1 Day Only! Sat., Oct. 7, 9am-3pm. Multiple family sale. 6040 Willow Creek Drive, btwn Morton Taylor & Lilley, off Ford. Lots of furniture, rugs, clothes, household items, etc. CANTON 6844 Woodmere, off Hanford btwn Beck & Canton Center, Oct 5-6th, 9-4pm. Baby items, exercise equipment, and miscellaneous items. CANTON GARAGE SALE Thurs.-Fri., Sat., 9-2pm. 1760 Crowndale Lane, E. of Beck, btwn Cherry Hill & Geddes. CANTON Windermere Subdivision Sale Oct. 5, 6, 7, 9am-2. S. of Warren, E. of Canton Center COMMERCE 2 HOUSE/ 5 FAMILY. Thurs-Sat., Oct. 5-7, 9am-5pm. Lake Oaks Drive, N. off Richardson btwn Union Lake & Newton. 2 patio sets. DEARBORN HEIGHTS Thurs., Fri., Sat., Oct. 5, 6, 9am-3pm, 6254 N. Evangeline, Beech Daly & Haas area. DETROIT Sat. & Sun., Oct. 7 & 8 from 9am-5pm. 14800 Hubbard St. between Fennell & Grand River. Everything has to go! Something for everyone!	Garage Sales (7110) DETROIT - Garage/Estate Sale. Thurs-Sat., Oct. 5-7, 12 noon-6pm. Furniture, clothing, household, misc. 12687 Chatham, E/Telegraph, S/96 FARMINGTON - Household items, jewelry, vintage clothing, furniture, specialty items, etc. 22721 Mayfield, corner of Cloverdale. Oct. 7-8th 9-5pm. FARMINGTON HILLS Yard Sale - 30501 Orchard Lake Rd., between 13 & 14 Mile. Oct. 5th-7th, 9am-4pm. Lots of things! FARMINGTON HILLS Tools, furniture, Duncan Phyfe dining room table/4 chairs/ buffet, twin beds, more. Household, clothes, furnishings. Oct. 5, 6, 7, 9am-5pm. 20927 Whitlock, E. of Farmington Rd, N of 8 Mile. 248-760-8051 FARMINGTON HILLS GARAGE/MOVING SALE Household/outdoor items, holiday decorations. Thurs., Fri. Oct. 5-6, 9-6pm. Sat. 9-12noon. 30325 Lamar, S. of 10 Mile, E. off Orchard Lake. FARMINGTON HILLS - household, power/hand tools, baseball cards, misc. Oct. 4-6, 10-5pm. 26064 Steele, N/off 11 Mile, 1 blk W/Drake. FARMINGTON HILLS: 2 FAMILY Fri-Sat., Oct. 6-7th, 9-4pm, 31202 Westwood, S of 14 Mile, E. off Drake. Washer/dryer, clothing, misc. HUNTINGTON WOODS 3108 Wates, 1 blk. N. of 10 Mile & 1 blk. E. of Coolidge Rd., Oct. 6-7th, 9-4pm. Antiques, sofas, shabby chic, white elephants, glassware, & china. FRANKLIN - Oct. 5-7, 9-5, 30133 Cheviot Hills Ct., S/off 13 Mi. Franklin/Telegraph. Ladies designer 6-12, '98 Jeep, antiques, baby, misc. GARDEN CITY 28615 Hennepin, East of Middlebelt Rd. & S. of Ford Rd. Oct. 6-7th 9-5pm. Multi-Family Sale. TOO MUCH STUFF TO LIST! FERNDALE MULTI-FAMILY Garage Sale - Oct. 5-6, 9am-5pm. 321 W. Oakridge (S of 696, W of Woodward). Furniture, clothing, toys, etc. LAKE ORION Multi Family Garage Sale - Sat., Oct. 7. Corner of Avon Glen Lane & Scripps Rd., 1 block west of Lapeer Rd.	Garage Sales (7110) LIVONIA Fri & Sat., Oct. 5 & 6, 9am-5pm. 35180 & 35185 Bennett, btwn 6 & 7 Mile, E off Wayne Rd. LIVONIA Oct 6 & 7, 9am-4pm. 33671 Michele St. CRAFTERS DREAM: lots of wicker & holiday baskets, fabric, crafts, mason jars, and scarves. Also furniture, kitchen items, bedding, books, Beanie Babies, and much more! Priced to sell! LIVONIA Thurs., Oct. 5 - Sun., Oct. 8, 35828 Pinetree, Levant & Plymouth Rd., across from front of Garfield School. 720-629-3344 "It's All About Results" Observer & Eccentric 1-800-579-SELL LIVONIA Multi-Family Sale. 31570 Vargo, 1 blk. N/6 Mile, 1 blk. W/Merriman. Oct 4-8th, 9-5pm. Southwestern decor, Golf & baby. LIVONIA 32635 Hees, Joy Rd. & Hubbard, Fri., Oct. 6th, 9-4pm. Oct 7th, 9-5pm. Oct. 8th 8-4pm. 25 years of stuff! NO EARLY BIRDS!!! LIVONIA 39175 Grenada - Three Family. West of Newburgh, South of Five Mile. Thurs. Oct. 5 thru Sat., Oct. 7 (9am - 4pm) LIVONIA 9120 Gillman, W. Chicago & Harrison, Oct. 6-8th, 9-5pm. Miscellaneous household, winter clothes, teen stuff, new baby crib. LIVONIA Oct. 6 & 7, 9am-5pm. ANNUAL SALE. MULTI-FAMILY. 35963 Dover, W. of Wayne, S. of Ann Arbor Trail. Lots of misc. LIVONIA - Thurs., Sat., 9-5pm. 11030 Arden, 1 blk W. of Merriman, 2 blocks S. of Plymouth Rd. Household, furniture, kid/baby items. LIVONIA Moving/ Garage, 36344 Fairway, Golf Ridge Sub. 8 Mile & Newburgh. Thurs.-Sat., 9-4, 30 Years! Furniture, household, auto parts LIVONIA 28632 Dover, Joy Rd. & Harrison, Oct. 6-8th, 9-5pm. HUGE Sale! Household items, tools, sporting goods, collectibles, and antiques. LIVONIA 14743 Ronnie Ln. 10/5-8, 9-5pm. S/on Yale from 5 Mile. 3-family. Women's men's clothes, household, tools, kids' toys/clothes, etc...	Garage Sales (7110) LIVONIA "SAT & SUN" 7/8th, 8am-5pm. Bunk Beds, Trampoline, Couch (folds to bed), End Tables, Teen Clothes, Computer Monitors, and More 35615 Levan - S. of Plymouth E. of Levan LIVONIA - 2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Sat.-Sun., 9am-6pm. 27522 West Chicago, Lot's of items to be sold. CDs, movies & misc. items. LIVONIA - Fri-Sat. Oct. 6 & 7, 10-5, 9009 Lionei, S/Ann Arbor Trail, Enter off Grandon. Years of collecting antiques & collectibles. LIVONIA - Oct. 5 & 6, 9-4. 35875 Richland, S/Plymouth, W/Wayne, off W. Chicago. Furniture, lift chair, lawn mower, ice skates, books. LIVONIA - Girls & lots of stuff (nice girls clothes, too). Oct. 5-7, 9:30am-5pm, 14196 Hix, N. of Schoolcraft, W. of Newburgh. NORTHVILLE SUB. SALE Sample Water Sub. Salesman Stamps/Jackets, Hats, Toys, Housewares, and much more! Fri.-Sun. 9-4 7 Mile W. of Beck. NORTHVILLE Oct. 6, 7, 9am to 5pm. HALF OFF sample gifts, crafts, variety. Also antiques. 49680 8 Mile, across from Mayberry State Park. NOVI - Huge Multi-family Garage Sale. Housewares, furniture, clothes. Fri. 8-5pm, Sat. 9-5pm, 47810 Aberdeen, Beck Rd. btwn. 9 & 10 Mile Rd, Cheltenham Sub. PLYMOUTH - Oct. 5-6, 9-4pm. Thurs at: 12315 Glenview & Fri. at: 46522 Southview Lane, off Ann Arbor Trail, btwn Sheldon & Beck. PLYMOUTH Big Sale! Antiques, toys, decoys, old guns, collectibles, misc. Fri. & Sat. Oct. 6 & 7, 9am-5pm, 8885 Ball St., Ann Arbor Rd/Main St. PLYMOUTH 6200 Weed Rd., 6 miles W. of Sheldon, off N. Territory, btwn. Gottfredson & Curtis. Oct. 6-7th, 9am-5pm. Antiques & Household items. PLYMOUTH - Fri., Sat., Oct. 6-7, 9-3pm. 12260 Deer Creek Circle, Beck & Powell. Furniture, clothes, toys, antiques & more! PLYMOUTH - 51354 Plymouth Valley Drive, Ann Arbor Road, N. on Napier. Oct 6-7, 10-4pm. Furniture, desk, patio, wheel chair & household items.	Garage Sales (7110) REDFORD - 3 Family Sale. Thurs-Sat. Oct 5-7, 10-6pm. 13981 Centralia, Beech Daly & 96. Clothes, collectibles, books, tools. No early birds. REDFORD BIG 1 DAY GARAGE SALE - Household items, men's and women's clothes, shoes. Sat., Oct. 7th, from 9am-4pm. 16688 Garfield, Redford, 48240. REDFORD 17365 Fox, Inkster & 6 Mile Rd., Oct. 5-6th, 9-4pm. Tires, jewelry, double stroller, antiques, books, candles & skincare items, women & children's clothing. WESTLAND RUMMAGE SALE - October 6-7, doors open 9AM-4PM. Free admission! Location: Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland. Hall phone: 734-525-3550. No items accepted during the sale. 734-484-4451 REDFORD 15596 Norborne, N/5, W/Beech. Oct. 6 & 7, 9am-5pm. 2 lg dog travel kennels, boys clothes, toys, mens & womens clothes, household. REDFORD GARAGE SALE 13100 Tecumseh, (S. side of Hwy 96, btwn Inkster & Beech Daly, follow the signs). Oct. 5-6-7, 8am-5pm. REDFORD - Oct. 5-8, 10-6. 26805 W. Chicago, btwn Inkster/Beech. Years of accumulation: collectibles, holiday decor, sports cards, etc REDFORD - Oct. 5-7, 9am-6pm. 27137 Howell, Inkster/5 Mi. Designer clothes, stuff for men, household items & lots of great stuff. No Early Birds ROCHESTER - Huge Home Renovation Garage Sale. 876 Northgate Rd., follow Orion Road, N. of Dutton. Thurs-Sat., 9am. Some antiques. Rochester Garage Sale Oct. 5 & 6, 7, 9am-5pm. 5744 Kirkridge (W of Adams, N of Dutton). Furniture, home decor, pet supplies, misc. ROCHESTER HILLS GOMOMS M2M Sale - October 7, 12:30-3pm. Strollers after 1:30. Lutheran High School Northwest. 1000 Bagley. www.gomoms.org ROCHESTER HILLS Oct. 7, 9-4. 1809 Northumberland, Off Crooks. Deer mower, Singer mons crib/dresser, imported wooden playpen, kids clothes, playhouse, misc. Furniture.	Garage Sales (7110) ROYAL OAK - Antiques, furniture, clothing, household, toys, misc. Oct. 5-7, 9am-4pm. 817 Gainsborough Ave., near 11 1/2 Mile, Btwn Main/Campbell SOUTHFIELD - Estate/Garage Sale. Fri-Sat., 9-3pm. Beds, old books, chairs, household, much more. ALL MUST GO! 21594 Poinciana, btwn Inkster & Beech, N. of 8 Mile. SOUTHFIELD 25790 Code, N. of 10 Mile, W. of Lahser. Fri. & Sat., 9am-5pm. A bunch of stuff! TROY Westwood Park Sub Sale! Oct. 6 & 7, 10am-4pm. Off Livernois, btwn 16 & 17. TROY 3405 Newgate Dr., just N. of Big Beaver, E. of Adams. Oct. 7th 9-3pm. Women & boys' clothing (great cond.), and miscellaneous items. TROY ESTATE SALE 4265 Rochester Rd., N. of Wattles, 10-6 & 10-7, 8am-5pm. Huge household 50 yrs. accumulation. Vintage, collectibles, antiques. Furniture, Hummels, much more. Shop for Christmas! WATERFORD 1282 Otter Ave., off Cass Lake Rd., btwn. Orchard Lake & Cass Elizabeth Lake Rd. Oct. 5-7th, 9-4pm. Furniture, household, etc... WAYNE Rummage/Bake Sale Open House - Saturday, October 7th, 10am-3pm. Wayne Tower Apts, 35200 Sims, 1/2 block N. of Mich. Ave, off Wayne Rd. WEST BLOOMFIELD 2 Garage Estate Sales - 2830 Pine Lake Road & 2880 Lakewood Ct., North of Long Lake Road, off both Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Rd. Oct. 5-7, Thurs-Sat., 9am-4pm. Chic new clothing & accessories, Furniture, Household, Dolls, Antiques, Collectibles. WEST BLOOMFIELD Thurs-Sat., 9am-5pm, 5149 Village Commons Dr. W. of Farmington, N. of 14. Antiques, toys, clothes, decor WEST BLOOMFIELD 7257 Muirdale, off Drake btwn 14 & 15 Mile Rd. Oct 7-8th, 10-5pm. Tools, furniture, home goods, clothing, much more. WEST BLOOMFIELD Yard Sale. Oct. 6-7, 9a-7p, 6048 Dunmore, Orchard Lake & Walnut. Toys, antique furniture, Halloween costumes, etc.	Garage Sales (7110) WEST BLOOMFIELD Brand name, like new, kids & adult clothing. Toys, books, coats, many items to sell. Everything must go! 530 Peaceful Court, off Hackert & McClellans. REDFORD Crib & table, some toys, kids clothes (womens size 12), 14780 Fox, btwn Schoolcraft & 5 Mile off Beech, take Graham to Kinloch to Beech, left on Kinloch. Fri. & Sat., 9am-5pm WESTLAND - Huge Garage Sale. Tables, lamps, household items, Sr. medical equip, books, computer programs. Check it out on Wed-Thurs-Fri., (maybe Sat.). Oct 4-6, 9-5pm. 38168 North Jean, btwn Palmer & Cherry Hill & Newburgh & John Hix. WESTLAND 1991 Ford Explorer, bikes, toys, baby/toddler/boys clothes. Thurs & Sat., 9am-5pm; Fri., 9am-2pm. 8184 Parkside Dr., S. of Joy, W. of Hix. WESTLAND Rain or snow, this stuff has got to go! Thurs-Sat. 37156 Vincent, W. of Wayne Rd. Off Newburgh btwn Palmer & Glenwood WESTLAND: MULTI-FAMILY HUGE 1 DAY SALE! Clothes, household, holiday decor, gardening, baseball cards. 31107 & 30949 Avondale, S. of Cherry Hill, E. of Merriman, Sat., Oct. 7, 9am-4pm. Moving Sales (7130) AUBURN HILLS 25 Oakmont, off Auburn Rd., btwn Squirrel & Adams. Oct 5-8th, 12-7pm. MOVING. Furniture, kid's elect. jeep, & much more! BLOOMFIELD HILLS Entire contents: Thomasville furniture, ornate footbal, antiques, china, kitchenware, designer rugs, art, office furniture, computer, electronics, gas stove, washer/dryer, & more! Thurs-Sat. 9-5pm. 2072 Kemp, in Hammond Lake Estates, off Orchard Lake, Square Lake & Middlebelt. BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE European family moving out of state. Antiques, china, rugs, furniture, clothes, linens, etc. Cash only. No Early Birds! 9am-4pm, Thurs, Fri., (possibly) Sat., 2520 Indian Mound	Moving Sales (7130) BRIGHTON - MOVING SALE Thurs.-Sat., Oct. 5-7, 9am-6pm. Furniture, some tools, many items to sell. Everything must go! 530 Peaceful Court, off Hackert & McClellans. CANTON MOVING SALE Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 5-8, 8am-5pm. 1984 Brookfield, Palmer & Sheldon. Hobert commercial meat slicer, soup warmers, other restaurant items. (313) 949-1898 CANTON - Oct. 6 & 7, 9-4. 1465 Crowndale Lane, btwn Cherryhill/Michigan, off Beck. Beautiful furniture, exc. cond. 3 sofas, chairs, tables, lamps, dining room set, artwork, wood-traditional office furniture, incl desk, hutch, sideboard & chairs, brass bed, chest. Some projection TV, HP computer, wedding dress, fur coat, loads of men's & women's clothing, exercise bench & weights, loads of misc. Furniture, come & dig for goodies. 248-425-7577 LIVONIA - household, toys, yard tools, children's clothes, craft, desk, table/chairs, collectibles, grill. 10/5-7, 9-5. 28771 Minton, S/Plymouth, Wolff Harrison. NORTHVILLE 17090 Abby Circle, 6 Mile & Haggerty. Oct. 5-7th, 9-4pm. Antiques, furniture, clothes, household, and much, much more! PLYMOUTH - GIANT SALE 50+ YEARS of stuff, quilts, Depression glass, china, sewing, silver, linens, new & vintage books, furniture, roll-top desk, kids games, baskets, supplies, kitchen, old chairs. Great vintage stuff. BRING A TRUCK! Fri., Oct. 6, 10am-6pm, & Sat., Oct. 7, 10am-4pm, 1754 Old Salem, W. of Sheldon, N. of N. Territorial. REDFORD Oct. 5, 6, 7, 9am-4pm. 14953 Aubrey, 5 Mile & Beech. Refrigerator, loaded, 2 yrs old; stove, freezer, furniture, home furnishings, clothes, drum set. ROCHESTER HILLS Games, furniture, small appliances, LPs, books. 744 Lake Forest, Campus Rd. off Old Perch. Fri. & Sat. only, 9am-4pm. TROY One Day Only Moving Sale. Rain or shine! October 7th 9am to 3pm. 285 Eckford. Too many items to list!
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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. ☎980301

TAKE A CHANCE

SBF, 39, N/S, 5' 4", likes movies, walks, seeks hard-working, honest, faithful BM, 35-40, N/S, for friendship, fun, and more. ☎119742

FEMALE SPORTS FANATIC

DWF, 44, 5'11", redhead, N/S, very outgoing, romantic, likes college football, hockey, quiet nights at home. Seeking active WM, 39-48, SOH, kids ok, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎124056

SOULMATE SEARCH

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

JERSEY TRANSPLANT

SWF, 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎885454

LOOKING FOR YOU

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

SEEKING SOMETHING NEW

Down to earth, attractive SBF, 36, N/S, 5' 7", professional, enjoys movies, dining out, shopping, traveling, seeks WM, 35-55, N/S, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎123659

FIND ME

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

HOPE TO FIND YOU

SBF, 48, D/D-free, attractive, mature, brown complexion, black/dark, 5'6", 125lbs, with many interests, sports, music, plays, concerts, etc. Seeking companion-ship with loving, sincere gentleman. ☎127526

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

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

MADE TO ORDER

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

FORMER MODEL

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

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

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

ONE GOOD WOMAN

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

SEE FOR YOURSELF

SBF, 41, N/S, 5' 4", enjoys music, long walks, time at home, seeks PM, 40-49, N/S, who knows how to treat a lady. ☎126108

WHY NOT TRY?

SWPF, 49, 5'2", full-figured, working in medical field, enjoys nature walks, camp fires, movies, travel, adventures. ISO SWM, 49-58, with similar interests to connect with. ☎126613

FRIENDS FIRST

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

WHERE ARE YOU?

Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBW, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎950732

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

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

SINGLE

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

ISO CHIVALROUS MAN

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

TAKE A CHANCE

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

LOOKING FOR ME?

Hard-working, affectionate SAF, 47, 5'11", 95lbs, very clean, N/S, N/D, loving and fun, seeks independent, responsible, respectful, secure man, 45-60, to share the special times in life. ☎113534

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

LOOKING FOR LIFE PARTNER

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

FABOLOUS FIT FUN

Petite, 50s, young at heart, female, looking for one good guy, with SOH. Enjoys biking, water, working out, and life. ☎970277

GREAT COMPANION

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

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎12098

PETITE & SEXY...

SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'11", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBW, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. ☎912553

NATURAL BBW

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

ARE YOU THE ONE?

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

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

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

LOVES BOATING

SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. ☎990004

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN

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

POSSIBLE LTR

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

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

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

MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE?

SWF, 56, 5' - HWP, easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 48-56, for friendship, and more. ☎112612

SEEKING A LADY?

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

FAMILY-ORIENTED

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

TAKE ME GOLFING

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

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

OLDER WOMAN DESIRED

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

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC

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

THE LONG RUN

SWM, 74, N/S, widowed, seeks WF, 65-75, N/S, who likes the outdoors, country drives, for friendship, possible romance. ☎121037

LOOKING FOR YOU

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

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

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

LOOKING FOR YOU

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

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 185lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎982943

SEEKING SOMETHING REAL

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

GIVE ME A CALL

SWM, 37, smoker, 5' 10", brown/blue, loves sports, traveling, seeks WF, 21-35, for friendship, possibly more. ☎121538

JOIN ME?

Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9", 200lbs, N/S, homeowner, enjoys karaoke, oldies music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new people. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere lady to share the special moments in life. ☎962481

A SPECIAL GUY

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

A NICE GUY

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

LET'S TALK

Laid-back SWM, 52, smoker, brown/brown, likes riding Harley's, the country, seeks open, honest WF, 35-54, for possible LTR. ☎124193

HELLO LADIES

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

THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS

SBM, 48, N/S, 5' 7", 168lbs, enjoys camping, bowling, seeks WF, 30-55, with kids, for friendship, possible romance. ☎124483

LOOKING FOR LOVE

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

CHRISTIAN MAN SEEKS...

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

MY OWN

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

WILL IT BE YOU?

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

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

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

LOOKING FOR ME?

SBM, 38, marriage-minded, N/S, 5' 11", 300lbs+, likes cooking, playing darts, seeks WF, 24-42, medium to full-figured, good sense of humor, who likes boating, movies, playing pool. ☎125716

SECURE

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

WORTH A CALL

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

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SBM, 25, 5'8", 190lbs, dark complexion, long hair, no kids, looking for fun, energetic lady affectionate and real, who knows how to have fun in life. ☎122364

CUT TO THE CHASE

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

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER

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

ENJOYING LIFE

SWM, 47, hard-working, smoker, likes water, camping, nascar, football, baseball, concerts, dining out, bike rides, seeks WM, 25-55, for quality time. ☎127729

FANTASY OR REALITY?

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

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With gas prices hovering between \$2 and \$3 a gallon for a while now, it's no secret that truck and SUV sales have taken a hit compared with years past. However, lots of people still need—or just want—a truck, and Chrysler's Dodge division has always been a major player with the Ram series of pickups. There is good news for fans of the Dodge Ram series looking for a new truck; the 2006 Ram 1500 Sport gets a lot of new features, and one of those should give you better gas mileage compared to previous versions.

The Ram 1500 Sport is a new trim level for this year, and comes as either a 4x2 or 4x4, and you can choose a regular cab or Quad Cab, with a 6-foot bed. The test truck is a 4x2 regular cab, and, like all 1500 Sport versions, it gets a 5.7-liter HEMI V-8 engine, featuring a fully functioning cylinder deactivation system called Multi-displacement system.

With MDS, the engine can transition from 8 cylinders to 4 cylinders in 40 milliseconds. Shutting down half the cylinders when not needed (like at cruising speeds), obviously saves you some gas—Chrysler says up to 20 percent. In driving the 1500, I really didn't notice the system coming on- or off-line. There was no noticeable lurch or noise, the difference is really imperceptible. The EPA rating on the 5.7 HEMI is 15/19, so any little extra helps. Mid-grade gas (89 octane) is recommended, but regular (87) is acceptable.

There are plenty of horses, too: 345 horsepower and 375 lb.-ft. of torque for speed and towing capacity. The 1500 Sport lists a maximum trailer weight of 8,000 pounds and a payload of 1,370 pounds. The engine is mated to a five-speed automatic transmission that features a reverse gear ratio equal to the first gear ratio to help with reversing while towing. Overall, the powertrain is fairly smooth.

The Ram 1500 comes with a new suspension and a frame that provides a bit more stiffness than previous versions. The front suspension of the 4x2 Sport features upper and lower A-arms, coil springs, gas-charged shocks and stabilizer bar. In the rear, it features longitudinal leaf springs, and gas-charged



2006 Dodge Ram 1500 Sport 4x2. Vehicle class: Standard pickup truck. Power: V8 engine. Mileage: 15 city / 19 highway. Where built: Fenton, Mo. Base price: \$29,500. Price as tested: \$35,195.

shocks. If you opt for the 4x4 version, the front suspension is a little different—a coil-over-shock, double wishbone system. The ride is pretty good for a full-sized truck; there's some jouncing on bad roads, but in normal driving situations it performs very well. The cabin is pretty quiet, too.

Power rack-and-pinion steering is standard and it performs very well. For a full-size truck it's actually fairly easy to maneuver, and the optional four-wheel anti-lock brakes are excellent.

The 1500 Sport, as mentioned earlier, is a new trim line for 2006. It's actually a dolled-up SLT; the Sport comes with 20-inch chrome-clad aluminum wheels, fog lamps, and Sport badging, plus some other interior features we'll touch on in a moment. The front fascia has been redesigned for the whole Ram line, and it's a pretty powerful-looking truck. The headlamps have also been redesigned, and there's a new rear spoiler on the rear liftgate. The Sport, by the way, only comes with a 6-foot bed.

Inside, the cabin is roomy, with lots of storage areas. The center console features a nice open, square storage area (which my wife was delighted to find fit her purse perfectly). You can fit a laptop, if you need to, and things like cell phones and mp3 players fit nicely in the storage slots under the audio system and in front of the center console, where you'll also find two cup holders that hold a variety of different sizes. The right armrest opens for more storage and there are map pockets in the doors. There is a flat storage area behind the seats.

The optional leather trimmed seats are comfortable and provide good support. They are

power-adjustable, but the seatbacks have to be adjusted manually. There's plenty of room for both driver and passenger. The instrument cluster is new and includes a tachometer. Air conditioning, tilt steering column, remote keyless entry, power windows and locks, leather-wrapped steering wheel, and overhead console with trip computer are standard on the Sport.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with four speakers and a year of satellite radio included. You can get an AM/FM/cassette/CD system with a six-disc changer and seven speakers, and it sounds pretty good. A hands-free communication system is an option, as are power adjustable pedals, rear sliding window, engine block heater and security alarm. The optional GPS navigation system wasn't on the test truck, so I can't tell you how intuitive it might be, but other Chrysler systems I've used suggest that it's probably pretty easy. A rear seat DVD entertainment system is also available, if you opt for the Quad Cab.

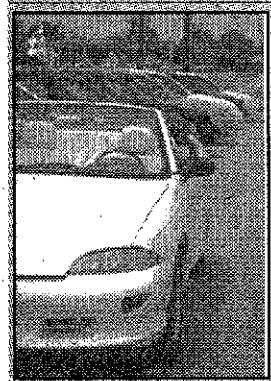
The Ram 1500 features standard multi-stage driver and passenger air bags, and you can turn off the one on the passenger's side to accommodate a child seat.

The 2006 Dodge Ram 1500 Sport starts at about \$29,500. Add the leather-trimmed seats, four-wheel anti-lock brakes, upgraded audio system, and some other odds and ends, and you're at about \$35,000. You do get a powerful-looking truck with plenty of horses, a nice interior and a pretty good ride. All you have to do is put the gas in it.

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Furnishings for children's
rooms are growing up

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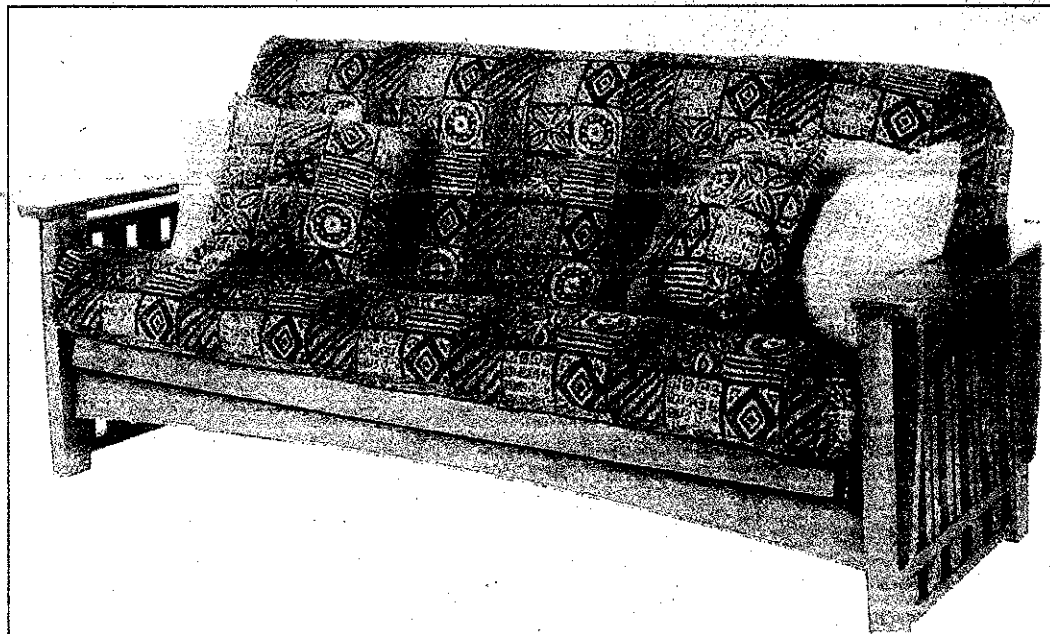
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New styles in furniture



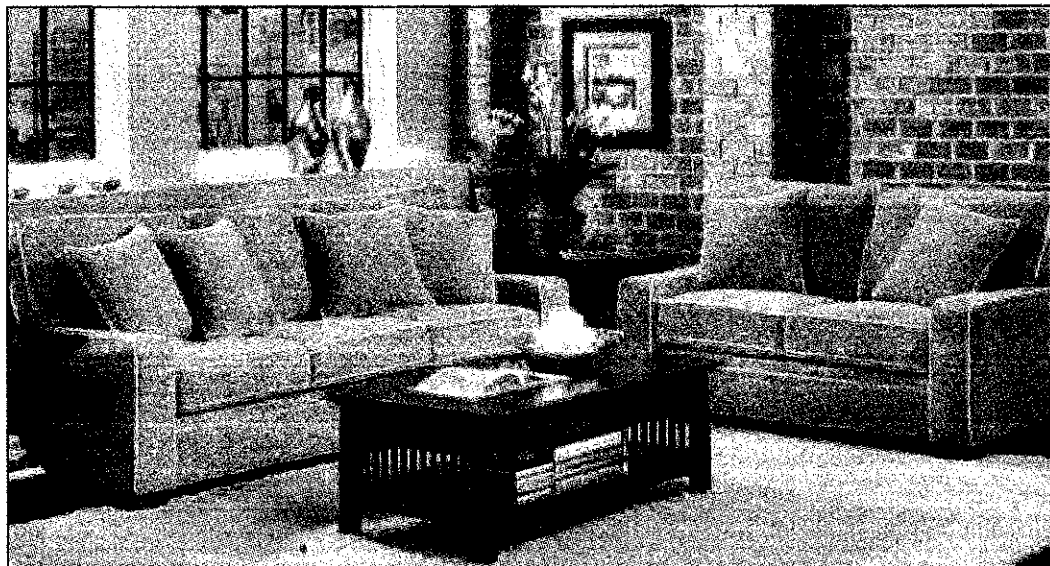
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This Serpentine Trestle Table features dual ratchet gear slides, allowing one person to open and close the table with ease.



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Add to your comfort level with recliners

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

If Tim Allen, creator of *Home Improvement*, the hit TV show of the late 1990s, were to describe trends in recliner chairs today, he might say, "More power!"

Remote-controlled recliners, sectionals and sofas are hitting the marketplace with the force of a soothing back massage.

"There's a lot of power-operated mechanisms," said Paul Opfermann, president and CEO of La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries, with six Michigan locations, including Canton.

"The power-operated chairs are popular in Europe, and they're becoming more and more popular here.

"It's not just the reclining features, it is the footrests, heat and vibrating massage that are popular trends."

And don't think for a minute that feature is restricted to the elderly customer. Users of all ages enjoy that comfort and convenience, Opfermann said.

"We're seeing a big spike (in sales) in the iJoy chairs," said Jim Draper, district manager of Value City Furniture. (The iJoy models are massage chairs.)

"The prices are a little more aggressive, the styles are more fitting and there's a little more sleeker look."

Leather continues to be popular and increasing in popularity over fabrics.

"There's more offerings, textures and colors," Opfermann said.

It isn't just in recliners, either. Sectionals and sofas in leather also sell well because leather is more affordable and there are more options, Opfermann said.

One strong seller is the blend of bi-cast and microfibers.

"It's material that resembles leather, but it is not leather and it's not vinyl," Draper said.

"Microfibers are very popular. Leather is popular across the board in entire living room sets, and is even being incorporated in bedroom furniture."

Sectional pieces also incorporate leather into the home entertainment/theater rooms.

"Sectionals have grown significantly in the home theater rooms," Draper said.

PLEASE SEE RECLINERS, D5

**RECLINERS
2006**

Tune into podcasts for home decorating help



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Here's something you probably wouldn't have guessed about me: I dig home-decorating shows.

It started with *Trading Spaces*, which led to *While You Were Out* and then *Design on a Dime*. Of course, I rarely have time to watch them these days, which is why I've started "tuning in" to home-improvement podcasts.

A podcast is an audio program (like a radio show) that's recorded

and distributed as an MP3 file.

These files can be played on any MP3 player, iPods included, as well as most PDAs and smartphones.

Heck, you can even burn them to CDs if you want an easy way to listen in your car.

So while my busy schedule doesn't often allow me to plunk down in front of the TV for an hour, I can play a podcast while driving,

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The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and area merchants are teaming up to send six lucky winners on a home shopping spree.

You could be one of the winners who will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate to shop at Pine Tree Lighting, 1447 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion; Mason Family Furniture, 32104 Plymouth Road, Livonia; World of Floors, 43711 Ford, Canton and 29321 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; Value City Furniture (Westland — 37001 Warren Road; Dearborn — 5701 Mercury Drive; Warren — 29134 Van Dyke Avenue; Novi — 43620 West Oaks Drive; Taylor — 23859 Eureka Road; and Utica — 45350 Utica Park Blvd.); Four Season Sunrooms, 5245 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor; and Mattress & Futon Shoppe (32767 Woodward, Birmingham; 42489 Ford, Canton; 31629 Plymouth

Road, Livonia; Novi Towne Center, Novi; and 33536 Rochester Road, Troy).

Each participating merchant will have official Fabulous Living 2006 entry forms available beginning Oct. 5. You may enter one time at each store so you'll want to visit each store (several merchants have multiple locations) and increase your chances of winning.

You must be at least 18 years old to enter. All entries have an equal chance of being drawn. Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Look for the entry form in your Thursday and Sunday editions of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* or online at www.hometownlife.com.

When you visit participating merchants, be sure to look for the Fabulous Living 2006 in-store display and entry forms.

Complete contest rules are available at participating merchants.

BROIDA

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cleaning the house, waiting for a flight, or whatever.

Admittedly, audio isn't the best medium for learning about home decorating and improvement. Hearing a description of, say, a floral pattern or crown molding can't compare to actually seeing it.

But just as you can learn a foreign language by listening to spoken-word guides, so can you get some valuable advice from these podcasts.

There are several to choose from; I recommend sampling them all to see which one(s) you like best.

On the House (onthehouse.com) comes from the Carey Brothers, authors of *Home Maintenance for Dummies* and familiar faces to any readers of *Family Handyman* magazine.

The dynamic home-repair duo also hosts a weekly radio show; the 40-minute podcast contains highlights from each week's broadcast.

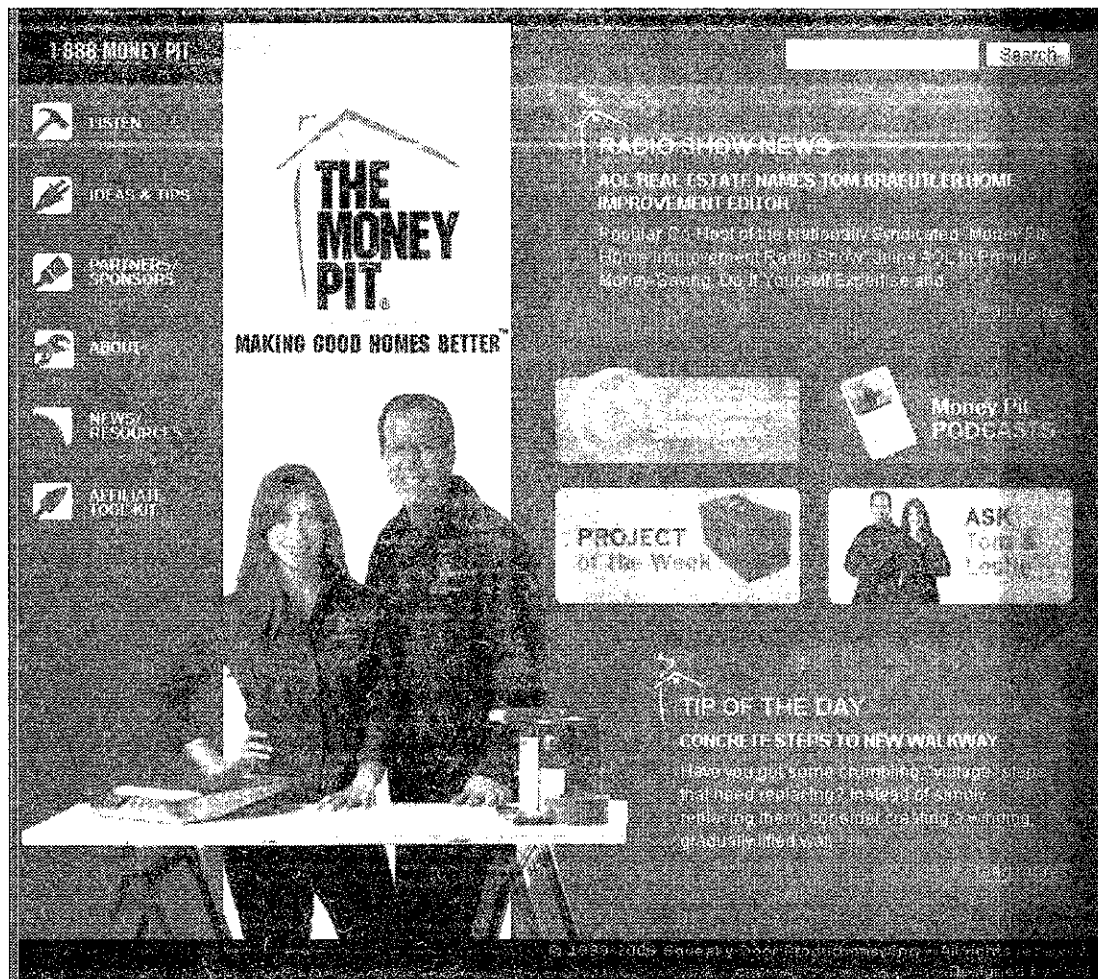
Next up is Runaway Design (tinyurl.com/h59jt), a new show hosted by three interior designers. This one may not be around too long, as its Web site is decidedly low-rent, but it's worth checking out.

The nationally syndicated Money Pit Home Improvement Radio Show (moneypit.com) is also available in podcast form. Hosts Tom Kraeutler and Leslie Segrete take calls and cover the full spectrum of home repair, improvement and design problems.

The Discovery Channel's Norma Vally brings her popular *Toolbelt Diva* show to the podcast world (discovery.com/radio/podcasts.html), offering home how-to's tailored toward women.

Finally, there's the WBT Home Improvement Show (wbt.com/home), hosted by do-it-yourself specialists John Gordon and David Dovell.

Although you can down-



You can listen to the popular Money Pit Home Improvement Radio Show as a podcast on your MP3 player.

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Middle: The futons in Frank Lloyd Wright style are available at the Mattress & Futon Shoppe.

Bottom: The Arts & Crafts collection of sofas and loveseats is available at Value City Furniture stores.

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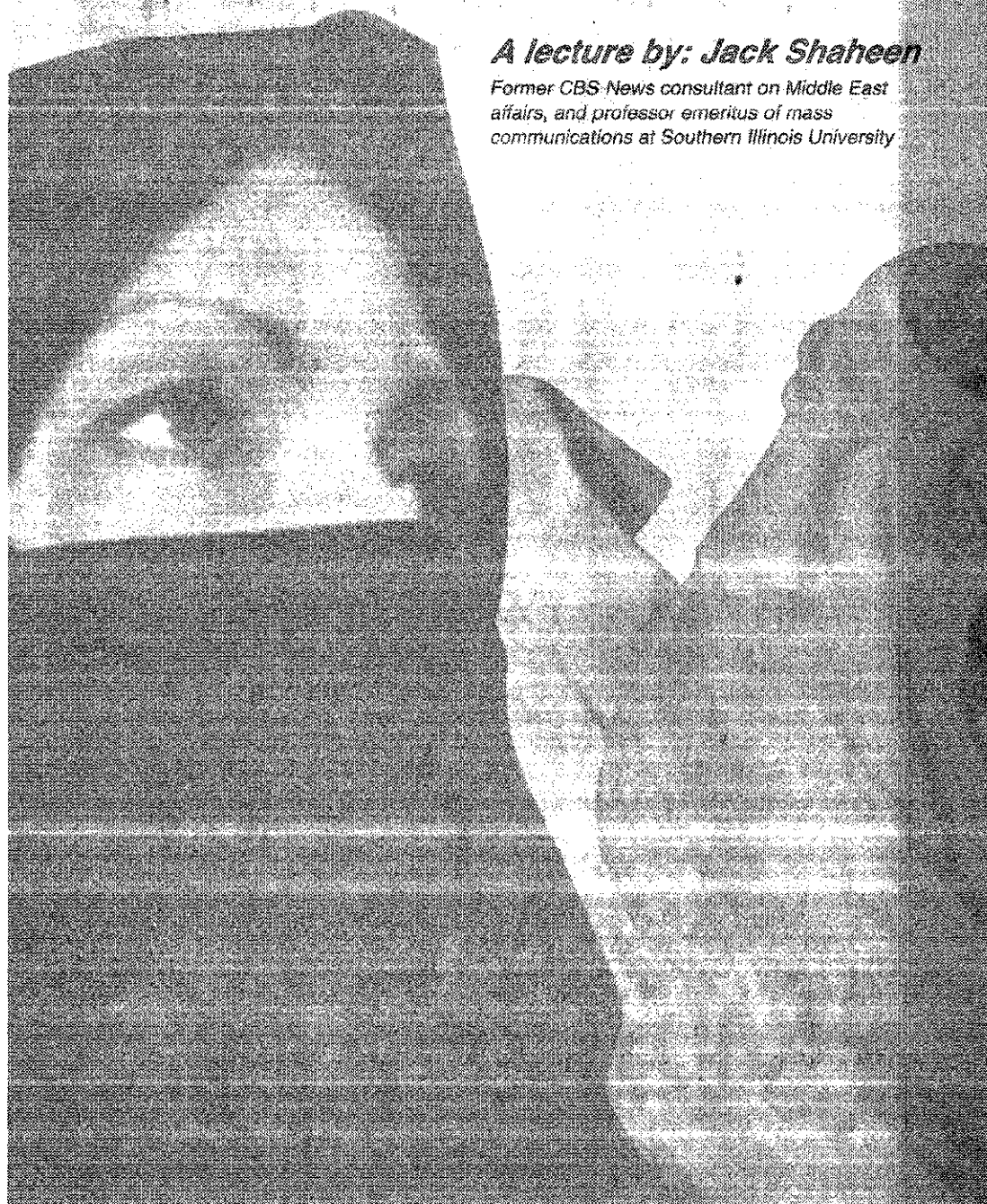


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A professional interior designer with an ongoing wealth of knowledge helps you create a beautiful, comfortable home that fits your lifestyle. Shown here is the work of Kim Turner of KTP Designs Inc. at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

Find interior designer who's right for you

MICHIGAN DESIGN CENTER

Finding an interior designer who's right for you is the ideal beginning to any design project.

Your home is probably the most important investment you'll ever make in your lifetime, and it's an investment that will pay off more when you seek the guidance of a professional interior designer.

The first question that usually occurs when considering design help is: "If I have good taste and a flair for color, why can't I do it myself? Why do I need a designer?"

Well, you can do it yourself, but keep in mind that good design is more than a matter of "good taste."

A professional interior designer knows that quality design isn't just about a room's appearance, but is a blend of aesthetics, function and durability.

A trained designer wears many hats - part artist, part psychologist and part team leader.

He or she will be able to suggest design that lasts, based on proper space planning, lighting, your lifestyle and the needs of your family and your budget, and will have the skills necessary to see your design project through to completion.

Consider this: We dress ourselves every day, and we get pretty good at knowing what styles and colors look best on us for any given season, but we may redesign our homes only two or three times in a lifetime.

ADVANTAGES

A professional interior designer brings an ongoing wealth of knowledge to the table. Their years of experience in space planning, furniture placement, material selection and sources make them the ideal partner.

Interior designers can save you hours of research time by leading you to all the best sources to meet your needs, from custom sizing of cabinetry and furniture to custom manufacturing of window treatments and flooring.

Your designer also has a vast array of quality technicians such as painters, floor refinishers, wallpaper hangers and electricians. This technical expertise can save you an abundance of time (and headaches) and will help you avoid costly mistakes.

All the while you'll be creating a beautiful home that's also efficient, comfortable, safe and designed to fit your lifestyle.

CHOOSING

You'll want to be sure to get your designer involved early in your project, especially new construction or remodeling.

If you aren't currently working with a designer, there are a number of ways you can choose one: personal referral from

DETERMINE YOUR DESIGN NEEDS

First determine your needs. Before you begin interviewing designers, you should have a clear understanding of the scope of your design project.

The following is intended for use only as a guide. You'll undoubtedly develop questions that apply to your own distinctive needs and ideas.

- List the room or rooms (in order of priority) that will be the focus of your design project.
- Do you want a floor plan that can adapt to your growing family?
- Are you moving to a smaller home or condo and need help scaling down?
- Would you like to incorporate any of your current furnishings in your new plan? If so, which ones?
- Who will use the space and for what activities?
- How many people and how often? (Children? Guests?)
- Will the room have more than one function, such as a bedroom that doubles as a home office?
- If it's for entertaining, will it be formal or informal?
- Who will make the decisions about this project?
- Who else in the family has to be consulted?
- What is your budget? (Is it realistic?)
- Have you allowed for unexpected expenses?
- How will you pay for the project?
- What is the time frame for the project?
- When should it start and when must it be finished?
- What are your expectations for the completed project?

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friends and relatives, local magazines and newspapers, work you have seen at designer showhouses, model homes or events at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

If you prefer, you may also view bios and work samples of several of this area's top design professionals on their Web site at www.michigandesign.com.

We recommend you interview the designer to ensure you are comfortable with them before hiring.

Review their portfolios, tour one of their installations, check their references, and ask if they're affiliated with a professional design organization such as ASID or IFDA.

Talk frankly with them about their design philosophy and their fees, and be candid about the scope of your project and your budget.

Do you need to have everything completed by a deadline or for a special occasion? Or would you like to work with the designer step by step over a longer time period?

DESIGNER FEES

Designers charge in a variety of ways. A flat fee is generally used for consultation on new construction while helping to select finishes and materials.

Many designers also use an hourly fee and cost plus pricing, which is the designer's net cost plus a set percentage for profit and services, or designers may charge a percentage of the retail cost of the goods.

A retainer is generally required at the beginning of a project and it's important for both of you to sign a contract that outlines the scope of the project, time frame and payment schedule.

Once you've chosen a designer, the process will begin by reviewing your personal needs.

What is your taste? What col-

ors do you enjoy? How many people and what kind of activities do you need your home to accommodate? Do you have special requirements such as children or pets, or a desire to make your home amenable to "aging in place"?

Be sure to show your designer pictures of furnishings or rooms you like, or have your designer bring you to Michigan Design Center, where you can see the finest and largest selection of fine home furnishings in the state, all in one location.

After compiling all of this information and determining your project needs and lifestyle, your designer will develop a plan and make a presentation, complete with floor plans, furniture selections, colors and fabrics.

FINISHING TOUCHES

After finalizing all of your selections and approving the budget, your designer will move forward with ordering all of the items for you, checking back on delivery and installation dates, and working with the technicians, installers and delivery personnel to make sure the entire process runs as efficiently and smoothly as possible.

We hope that this has helped you to see there isn't anything "mysterious" about the design process or working with a professional interior designer.

Above all else, a good designer wants you to have a living environment you're happy with, composed of all the elements that make your home individual and distinctly yours.

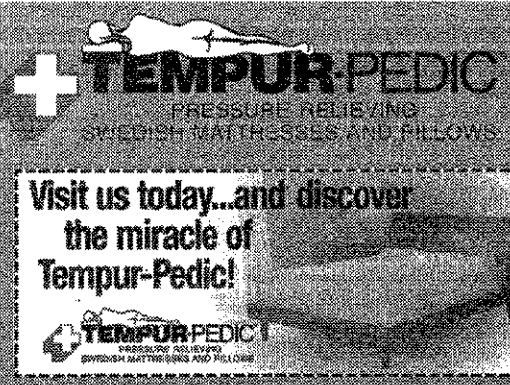
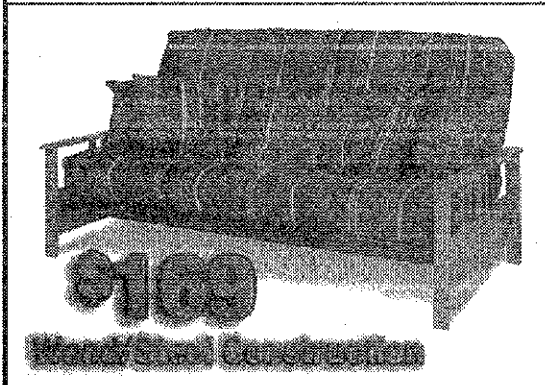
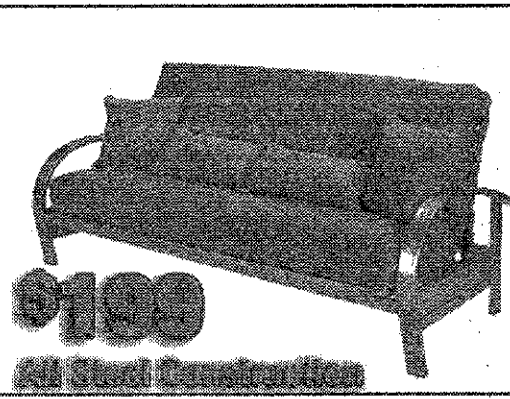
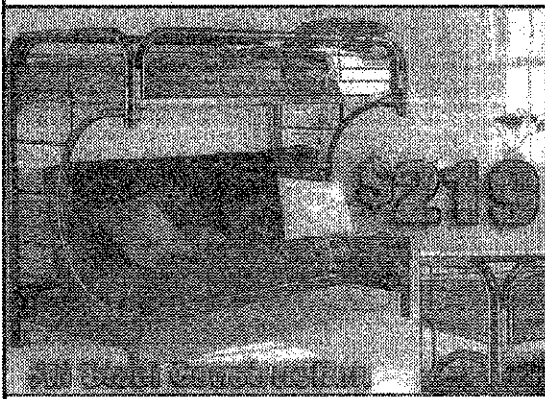
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Find your hidden storage space

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Looking for extra places to put things? Your home has all sorts of hidden storage space. Behind your drywall and paneling lie countless hidden spaces nestled between the two-by-four studs. While some are filled with pipes, wiring and sheet metal duct work, others are wide open and ready to be put to use. The best time to note which are which is when a home or new room is under construction. Take photos or make diagrams of empty spaces that you can open up and later develop into various types of storage. However, this is only for inside walls, as outer walls use this inner space for insulation. If your rooms are already done and the walls are finished, it's still not too late. It just takes a bit more investigation to determine which areas are storage-ready.



Tweaking keeps you on top of furniture trends for 2007

Even though the summer has just come to a close, the High Point Furniture Market is already geared up for the 2007 furniture introductions. What can we expect for the upcoming year in furniture trends?

According to the Home & Garden Network, the upcoming season will be showing hand-crafted furniture, leather with fabrics, more back to nature design, ethnic trends, simple elegance, and counter-height dining.



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

As we go through each of these, be forewarned that it isn't necessary to toss everything you own to be fresh and current in 2007. By adding a little something here and there, you can stay right on top of the trends.

HAND-CRAFTED FURNITURE

When the Arts and Crafts movement began in the late 1800s, it was a reactionary movement to counter the machine-made furniture being produced at the time.

True Arts and Crafts style furniture shows the integrity of design along with the skill of the craftsman through the details of the piece of furniture.

Whether it was hand-carved legs or hand-woven finishes, the furniture revealed the skill of the craftsman and time spent creating the piece.

There is a nod to this in 2007. Hand-crafted furniture is making a comeback and even a small accent piece can fit into most any decor.

LEATHER WITH FABRICS

We have seen this done before. This combination of leather and fabric has returned because it works.

Leather will retain its popularity as an upholstery fabric, but we will see it making even more of a statement as it intermingles with various fabrics.

This combination blends sophistication and casual design nicely.

BACK TO NATURE DESIGN

In years past, the "back to nature" theme usually meant bringing in colors from the outdoors.

For 2007, it doesn't stop there. We are bringing in the materials from the outdoors, too. Stone, bamboo, grass cloths and branch themes are all finding a place in the new style.

The new palettes will incorporate more relaxed tones, incorporating earthy hues with an emphasis on shades of brown, green and blue. Furniture will naturally pick up on these shades.

Blue will be a refreshing change for 2007.

ETHNIC TRENDS

Never before has the furniture and accessories market been so influenced by so many ethnic trends.

The two ethnic styles making the biggest splash are African and Asian. These imported



Thomasville's Dalai Meditation Chest is an example of ethnic-inspired furniture trends for 2007.

pieces have the hand-crafted look we discussed earlier; however, there is an element of fine Asian accessories that can look very high end and blend nicely with most styles of decor.

This ethnic look isn't just relegated to accessories and accent pieces. Beautiful African and Asian textiles are popping up, too, and the look is refreshing and worldly.

Feel free to mix these ethnic items with your contemporary or traditional designs, or you can incorporate a mix of items from a variety of cultures. You will be surprised how easily they work together.

SIMPLE ELEGANCE

This seems to be the overriding mantra for 2007. The emphasis

in furniture design will be on what styles make consumers feel the most comfortable and relaxed in their own homes.

The idea of the home as a stylish, but simplistic, haven will be at the forefront of home decor and design.

When working with design clients, I always remind them that they don't want a "model" home. What they really want is a beautiful home that they can live in. Really live in. That means with kids, dogs, pizza parties and movie nights.

If your room ends up being too precious to use, then you've made a terrible mistake. An expensive one, too.

Start with how you want to use the room, its function. Then select stylish and practi-

cal fabrics and designs. You will be glad you did.

COUNTER-HEIGHT DINING

With many people moving away from formal dining, stylish but casual dining has taken its place.

Take note of the taller, counter-height dining tables. They are a lot of fun in a relaxed setting. A little of the bistro-cafe feeling, brought right into your own kitchen. This may be too trendy for some, but this one isn't going away any time soon.

The general style of this new, counter-height dining tends to lean towards the coffee shop look, but not entirely.

There are many styles that are very similar to traditional dining sets, but just a little taller. Try one on for size.

Now that we know where the trends are heading, how do we incorporate them into our own homes?

The newest trends are a little like the big fashion shows in Milan and Paris. You aren't really going to wear those outfits exactly as shown, but you may take a cue here and there to update your current wardrobe.

That's just the way it works in the furniture industry, too.

Try one of the new blues or greens for your wall color if you are painting soon. Consider brown or cream as an accent color. Incorporate Asian or African accessories on your coffee table or mantel.

With just a little tweaking, your rooms can be brought up to date.

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RECLINERS

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"We really haven't seen much change in the recliner segment with customers. There's not much of a change in their buying habits."

MORE THAN RECLINERS

There's a power sectional, a power sofa, as a lot of the furniture is power-operated to assist anyone who has difficulty with mobility.

"In certain cases, it comes in handy and it becomes a factor for them, but a large part of it is preference," Opfermann said.

"There's a lot of changes in scale and design with lower backs and smaller scale. They look like stylish casual chairs, and they have footrest features."

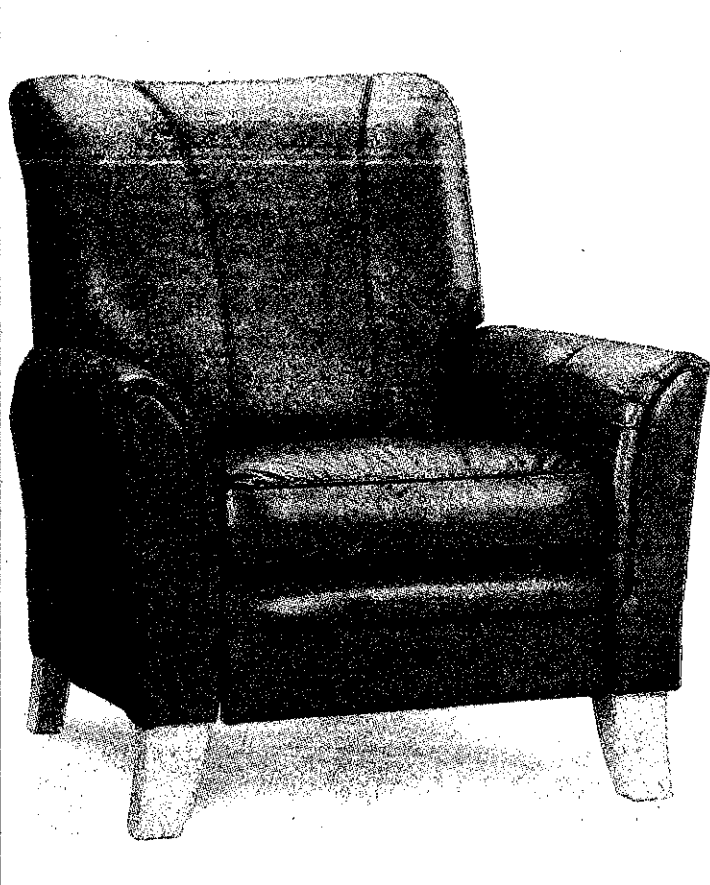
Styles have changed in family rooms and entertainment pieces to look more natural, Draper said.

"And the designs in many of the pieces, you don't know it's a reclining piece."

Opfermann expects recliners will become more stylish. As furniture purchases move to the next generation, he expects the pieces will be of smaller scale, more contemporary styles.

"I think it will move away from the more traditional or bulky furniture."

Consumers also are using more design services, offered by furniture stores and outlets,



LA-Z-BOY

The stylish Riley leather chair looks elegant with merlot leather.

including La-Z-Boy.

"Buying furniture is not an easy decision. You have to get the piece to match everything else," Opfermann said.

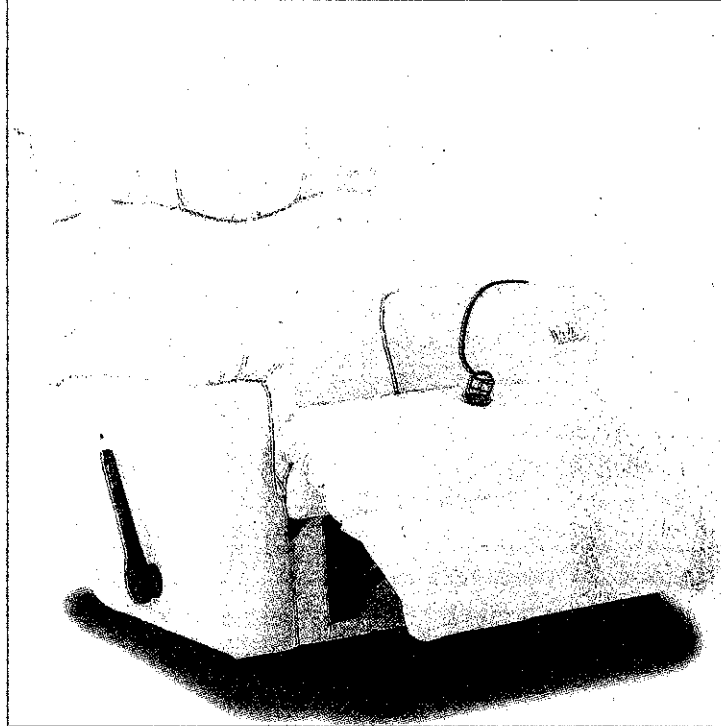
"Not many people are buying furniture for a new house, so you have to look at the room to get furniture that fits."

Design services can help the consumer with dimensions and

a piece that fits with wall treatments, carpet and other furniture.

"A lot of people still perceive us almost exclusively with recliners, kind of like Kleenex is to tissues," Opfermann said. "We try to educate people with our different product lines."

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Need to unwind? Whether you need a massage or just to sit back in this recliner, the Lancer features an array of power features.

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Moldings add architectural appeal

(MS) - One way to make small, yet noticeable changes to your home is by installing moldings throughout.

Used primarily around doors and windows, moldings are narrow strips of wood designed to add to a room's decor.

Moldings offer a variety of looks, as the following types suggest.

■ Cavetto - This is the curved semi-circle molding where the top edge juts out over the bottom.

■ Ovolo - This is the curved, quarter elliptical molding, where the part you'll be able to feel once it's installed will be rounded.

■ Cyma reversa - This is an almost wavy molding that features kind of a rippling effect, with the top of the slightly rounded molding jutting out more than the bottom.

■ Cyma recta - The same pattern as the cyma reversa, except the bottom juts out more than the top.

■ Torus - Perhaps the most in-your-face type of molding, it juts out from top to bottom, creating a semi-circular look where the top and bottom ridges are the closest parts to the wall or window.

■ Scotia - This is considerably more reserved than the torus, with the center receding as opposed to jutting out. The bottom ridge juts out in front of the upper, but not considerably so.

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Children's furnishings have sophistication

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Furnishings for children's rooms are growing up. Still young at heart, the pieces have a special sophistication today.

To the question, "Can a young person's room be both fun and stylish?", Stephanie Keathley, manager at The Baby's Room in Novi, has an enthusiastic response:

"Oh yeah!" The store, which had its "grand reopening" in April, also features a ChildSpace section for children beyond the baby years and for teenagers.

Beds, dressers, armoires and office furniture are among the items carried in ChildSpace.

Best Chairs offers children's gliders "that look like grownups' chairs," Keathley said.

Collections from Muniré Furniture include waist-high changing stations, and cribs that convert to beds for toddlers and older children, she said.

Cribs have become more versatile, with more sophisticated styles and finishes, said Robert Omansky, Muniré Furniture director of sales.

For example, each crib in Muniré's Nursery Collections converts to a toddler/daybed and then to a full-size bed. (A conversion kit is needed.)

Color options now include rubbed black, bisque and classic chestnut - stained mahogany wood with real rattan inserts, a change from the old plain white, natural or maple finishes, Omansky said.

Popular furnishing colors for both babies and teens are chocolate, oranges and purple, Keathley said.

For teens, hutches, desks, armoires as a place for TVs, and trundle beds are popular pieces, Keathley said.

Some furniture collections

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for young people could go to a college dorm or even a first apartment.

For example, the Stanley Furniture Company's Teen Bungalow College Loft System at Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design features two bunk beds, and a desk with a drawer, a pullout keyboard tray, an organizer and built-in electrical outlets.

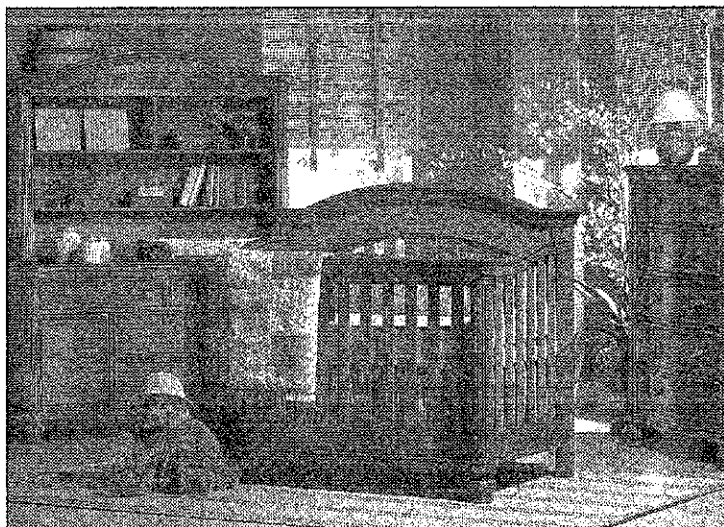
Collections by the University Loft Company at Art Van Furniture have sections with one or two beds, dressers, storage units and office pieces.

When buying furnishings for young people, get items they feel comfortable with, Keathley said.

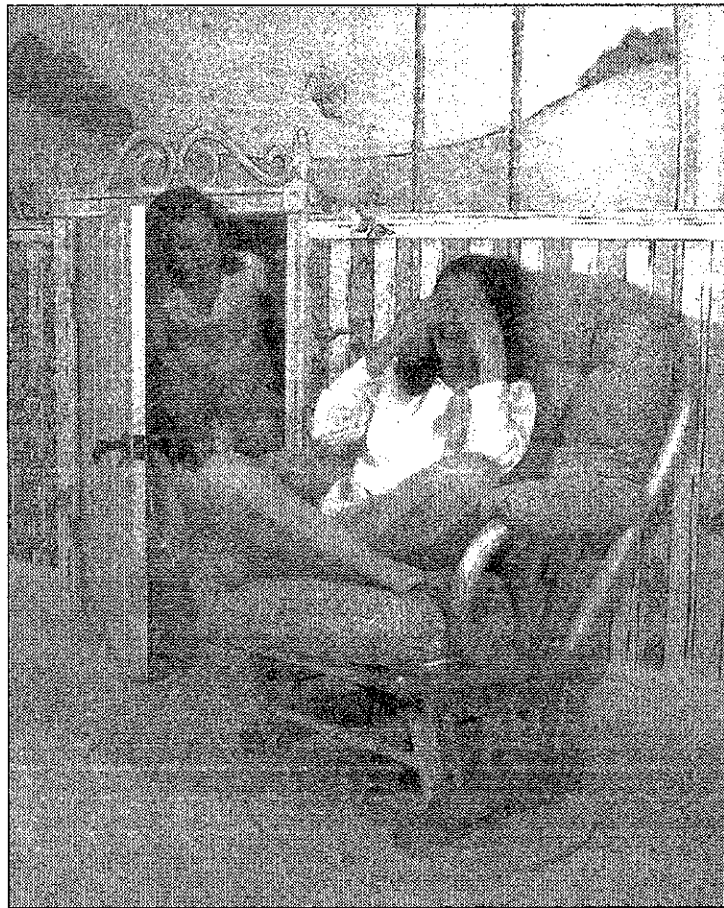
Selecting furniture for babies and children should be a fun time for the family, she said.

"They (youngsters) should feel involved in picking out the furniture."

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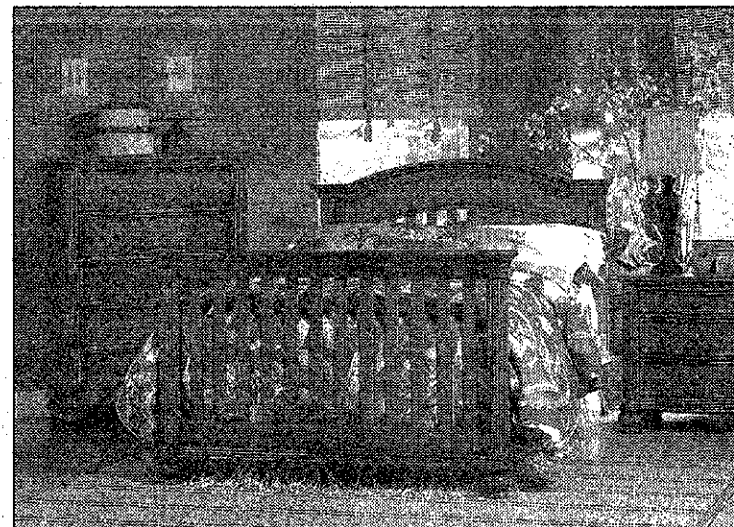


The crib in the Antigua line by Muniré (shown here in chestnut) converts to a full bed.



BEST CHAIRS

Best Chairs offers children's gliders that resemble furniture for grownups. Shown here is a glider from its Storytime Series.



MUNIRÉ FURNITURE

Be creative with children's spaces

(MS) - There is an interesting trend occurring these days: Homes are getting larger while families are getting smaller.

According to U.S. Census reports, the size of the average family is on a steady decline, from 3.58 members in 1970 to 3.21 in 2000. A number of people are choosing not to have children, and those who do are stopping after the average one or two.

The added space around the home means homeowners can devote entire rooms to kids' play spaces or areas apart from their children's bedroom. There are ways to personalize these spaces and make them kid-friendly.

■ Think color - If ever there was a place that can be infused with bold color, it is a child's play area.

This room offers the perfect chance to play with primary colors, color blocking or any color combination that suits the fancy.

The bright colors will also engage younger children who

are often stimulated by strong color and pattern.

■ Impart whimsy - There are all sorts of products geared toward embellishing a child's room or play space. From wall-sized murals to themed decorative accents, the possibilities for creativity are virtually endless, depending upon budget.

For an easy way to dress up a play area, consider this tip: Visit a local teacher-supply center, which stocks visual and educational signs, pictures and bulletin board decorating materials. These items can be used to add a personal touch to a play space in a short amount of time.

Plus, since they're relatively inexpensive, they can be taken down and switched as the children grow older or their interests change.

■ Remember scale and space - Don't fill the room to the brim with large pieces of furniture and toys galore. Proportion the scale of play area furnishings to the child who will be using them.

Sofas, futons offer variety and comfort

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

If you think there are only two sizes of sofas - love seat or large - think again.

And think again if you consider a futon to be an unwieldy furnishing with an uncomfortable bar across the middle.

Sofas come in a variety of sizes and styles, such as gliders. And futons are not only more comfortable and easier to manage today, they come in an almost limitless number of covers and colors.

"Sofas glide, sofas have motion," said Greg Mason of Mason Family Furniture in Livonia.

The store specializes in apartment size sofas, a popular style around 74 inches long that fits three people comfortably, Mason said.

Right now, the hot fabric is

microfiber, combining cotton and manmade material, he said. The popular color resembles paprika; another popular shade is bright red, Mason said.

Sectionals and sofas in leather sell well, according to Paul Opfermann, president and CEO of La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries, with six Michigan locations, including Canton.

"The pricing of leather is more affordable," he said. "There's more options in leather, more finishes, textures and colors."

Sectionals let you make any seating arrangement you desire. For example, you can have a chaise lounge section up against a sofa, or remove the chaise and put an arm on the sofa, Mason said.

Mason Family Furniture carries 70 fabrics, helping customize a sofa further.

Futons have come a long way.

"(Futons) are a lot more comfortable to sleep on," said Earl Eiber, co-owner, Mattress & Futon Shoppes, with 13 stores including locations in Canton, Livonia and Troy.

Adonis futons offer dual seat positions (full upright and relaxed), and matching tables and drawers are available.

Simmons Beauty Rest has made full-size mattress futon covers, available at Mattress & Futon Shoppes.

The Talesian or Tallwood futon by Adonis, carried by Mattress & Futon Shoppes, features a pattern similar to the style of Frank Lloyd Wright.

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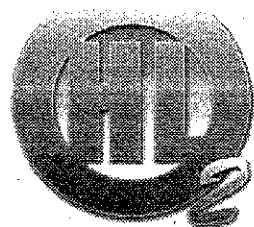
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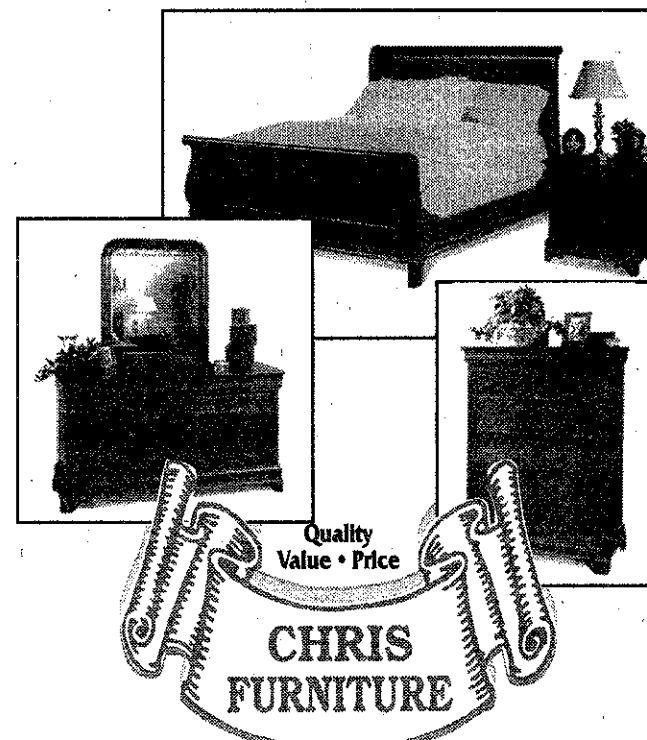
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Pianos: Entertaining decor

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

If Bartolomeo Cristofori of Padua, Italy, were alive today, he most likely would be pleased that his 1770 invention is not only a musical addition, but an important decorating focus in many homes.

The piano has become the "wow factor" in homes, according to David Monaghan, assistant manager, Evola Music, Bloomfield Hills.

Monaghan said that although a piano's main purpose in the home is for entertainment, with the number of types, styles and finishes available, it is, and always has been, an important "decorating piece."

And, according to him, homeowners put it in just about any room in the house, with the living room/great room being the most popular location.

"We've even had requests to put pianos in kitchens and bedrooms," Monaghan said.

"It's all up to the customer's preference, although we're available to assist them with the best placement, in terms of the piano's performance, as well as decorating impact."

Martha Gordon, vice president and general manager, Hammell Music, Commerce Township, said that these days some customers are building a music room onto their home or designating a particular room for this specific purpose.

No matter what room is chosen for a piano, according to Gordon, placement is important to retain the quality of the piano's cabinet and good maintenance of the 12,000 parts to this instrument - 5,000 of which are moveable.

"Prior to the purchase of a piano, we offer to visit the customer's home with a

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paper template of the piano's style to help access the best location," Gordon said.

"Heat from fireplaces and the sun can damage the piano's finish. Also an ideal humidity between 35-50 percent must be maintained so that the piano's mechanics aren't affected."

An evaluation of the room's acoustics is also important to assure the best tone.

"We consider such things as ceiling height, type of flooring and whether or not the windows have coverings."

VARIETIES

With the number of styles and varieties available, there are pianos that can fit into just about any space and decor.

Grand and baby (smaller) grand pianos, which have the frame and strings placed horizontally, have always been popular for their dramatic look.

Uprights, or verticals, so called because the frame and strings are placed vertically, are selected because they take up less space.

Since the 1980s digital pianos have been available. These pianos use digital/computer technology to reproduce the sound of each piano note.

"Player pianos are also popular because they can

provide entertainment without the need for someone to play the piano," said Monaghan.

Instead of the old player pianos that required someone to pump the pedals, today's versions are created by placing the digital box underneath the keyboard of a regular piano.

"The cost to turn a piano into a player version is approximately \$5,000. This is because it takes up to 30 hours of manual labor to make all the connections."

And, Monaghan added, this doesn't include the price of the piano.

New pianos can be a major financial investment. Prices range from \$2,500 and up for a vertical to many thousands of dollars for a grand piano, according to Monaghan.

Evola Music carries pianos made by Bosendorfer - "an Austrian company which makes the world's finest piano," he said - Schimmel, Estonia, Kawai, Pearl River and Yamaha.

"Yamaha was first known as a musical instrument manufacturer, which is why its logo is three tuning forks," Monaghan said.

Hammell Music is the authorized dealer for Steinway & Sons in Michigan, northern Indiana and Ohio, and also carries Boston, Essex, Knabe and Kohler & Campbell pianos.

It has verticals for \$16,000 to \$35,000 and grands averaging \$40,000. Currently in stock is a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted Steinway grand ("High Society") for \$180,000.

In addition to the style and the piano's manufacturer, price is determined by wood finish and design.

"There are so many options available that customers can find the perfect match to their decor," said Gordon.

Clos du Bois Marlstone reaches a milestone

Frank Woods invented the no-pest strip, developed Breckenridge ski resort in Colorado and in 1974 started a winery in Sonoma County's Alexander Valley.

He wanted to name it Woods Vineyard, but got overruled by his children, who told him a French name would be cool. They suggested Clos du Bois.

In 1978, Woods produced the first Sonoma County red wine containing a blend of Bordeaux grape varieties and named it

Marlstone, after the Alexander Valley vineyard where the grapes were grown.

The first Marlstone contained 54 percent cabernet sauvignon and 46 percent merlot, a grape that was virtually unknown among wine drinkers of the time.

Having a proprietary name meant that the wine's grape composition could change from vintage to vintage. Today, Marlstone frequently contains all five Bordeaux varieties, and since the first release, they're listed on the label.

ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE

The 2003 Clos du Bois Marlstone (\$50) represents the 25th anniversary vintage. Although the anniversary vintage is important, significant changes made by winemaker Erik Olsen keep Marlstone at the top of its game.

Olsen joined Clos du Bois as winemaker in spring 2003. The 2001 and 2002 wines were in barrel and Olsen made the final blends.

With the 2003 vintage, he changed Marlstone from a vineyard-designate to one of three handcrafted wines in Clos du Bois' Proprietary

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Series. (The other two are Briarcrest Cabernet Sauvignon and Calcaire Chardonnay.)

Proprietary labeling allowed Olsen to change the source of Marlstone fruit, taking advantage of some great hillside and benchland vineyards available to him.

Since hillside and benchland vineyards are generally well drained with low vigor, vines produce grapes with small berries, greater ratios of skin to juice and intense color and flavor so desirable in great red wines.

MARLSTONE TODAY

Thus Marlstone is now produced as a best barrels blend, not restricted to the fruit of a single vineyard.

"What remains constant," Olsen said, "is that Marlstone represents the very best that we can produce, in one of the world's best growing areas for these grapes."

The 2003 Marlstone is a blend of 60 percent cabernet sauvignon, 28 percent merlot with lesser amounts of cabernet franc, malbec and petit verdot.

The original idea on which Marlstone is based - that a blended wine can produce a better wine, year in and year

out, and that this wine represents the absolute best possible wine we can make - is exactly why I chose to look beyond the original Marlstone vineyard.

"Frank Woods, and the wine-makers who came before me, John Hawley and Margaret Davenport, and all those who have been involved with Clos du Bois and Marlstone over the years, built something special. I'm grateful for the opportunity to add my own contribution to that legacy."

The 2003 Marlstone supports Woods' conviction that consumers want wines that are easy to drink, are fruit-forward and don't require five years of cellar age to be at optimum.

It's generous and concentrated, with ripe blackberry and black cherry aromas and flavors with notes of spice and vanilla oak.

It's approachable now, but cellar worthy for those who prefer more mature characteristics.

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Fabulous furniture for Fido

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Patty Livernois is particular about her West Bloomfield home.

The style is Renaissance eccentric, she said. She keeps her theme strong, even down to the necessities for Truffles, her small white bichon frise.

She had sage-colored steps made so Truffles can easily climb into Livernois' high bed. The bed is so high, Livernois uses Truffles' stairs too.

She has an ornate food stand for Truffles made with Grecian style columns and cherubs.

"I like to switch off his dinnerware," Livernois said. "Plus, dogs should eat from raised surfaces, it's healthier for their digestive systems."

Livernois knows a lot about animal health, animal behavior and interior design.

That's one of the reasons she and business partner Kim O'Brien, of Royal Oak, opened the Uppity Puppy dog boutique in Royal Oak five years ago.

There, they sell high-end pet strollers, car seats, slipper beds, crystal treat jars and designer dog beds.

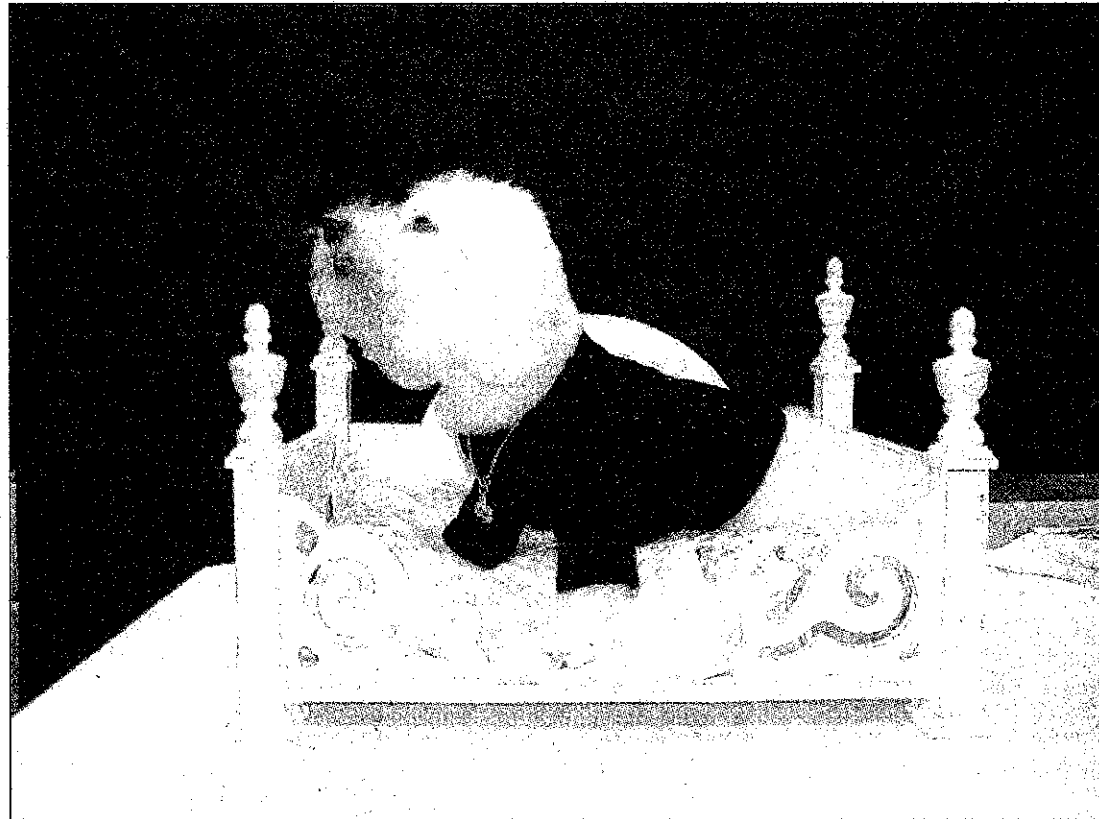
"We have a few wrought-iron beds, but those are becoming a dime a dozen," Livernois said.

That's right: Wrought-iron beds for animals are so popular they are a bit, well, old.

So instead, Uppity Puppy carries more wooden-framed beds. Prices begin at about \$300 for a custom piece. On the lower-priced end are the custom-made stairs (about \$140) and custom pet-food stands of varying prices.

And forget about a boring beanbag style bed, that's so 1970s — unless it's made with a lush fabric.

O'Brien has an Irish



Truffles in his custom-made bed from Uppity Puppy.

SOURCES

■ The Uppity Puppy: 706 S. Washington, Royal Oak (248) 336-2380, www.uppitypuppy.com
■ www.catsplay.com

Wolfhound named Larry.

"He has his own \$1,600 green leather sofa and his own queen-size bed."

As humans begin to realize more that dogs and cats are companion animals, not just "pets," the desire to keep them comfortable increases.

Plus, decorating the home for the animal who is part of the family is fun, Livernois said.

Uppity Puppy specializes in custom-made beds for dogs

and cats.

"That's why I prefer the custom beds," Livernois said. "This way they can match the homes. Fabrics can match dining room chairs, or sofas or bedspreads."

She has a sofa for Truffles that matches her home decor. Dog sofas can come in lush fabrics of velvet for easy hair removal, and elaborate details with beading or wood carvings.

Chaise lounges, sofas, real beds are made with removable slip covers for easy cleaning. Dog beds aren't just a wicker frame anymore.

Uppity Puppy also sells fashionable dog playpens.

"As more people are bringing their animals to the workplace, they want playpens so the dog can have a safe haven and not cause a disruption."

'We have a few wrought-iron beds, but those are becoming a dime a dozen.'

Patty Livernois
partner, Uppity Puppy

And the playpens can match the office.

At www.catsplay.com, the beds are whimsical or sophisticated.

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