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Teachers, district reach pact

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 1,100 Plymouth-Canton school teachers will get their first look at a tentative two-year contract agreement Friday.

While district officials and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association declined comment on details of the agreement, the deal reportedly includes a settlement on a wage re-opener for the 2007-08 school year — which is the final year of the current four-year agreement — as well as a one-year pact for the 2008-09 school year.

"We were pleased with the interest-based bargaining process and the results," P-CEA President Chuck Portelli said. "I think it was beneficial for both the district and the association."

Portelli said he expected the union's executive board to receive copies of the agreement — which was reached last week — today (Thursday), with the membership to get details Friday.

Portelli said there will be a P-CEA membership meeting Wednesday, with voting to take place on Friday, Sept. 21, and Monday, Sept. 24.

Supt. Jim Ryan said if the union ratifies the agreement, the Board of Education will vote on the pact at its Sept. 25 meeting.

"We found a very civil forum for us to talk about the challenges the district faces financially, with enrollment and other areas, and they have found a way to discuss their concerns with us," Ryan said. "No matter what the state comes up with (for funding), we have a structural deficit that we need to work on, and we have major concerns with health care and retirement costs."

While the sides negotiated largely about wages, other issues on the table included collaboration time, professional development time for teachers at the elementary level, and how a transition to electronic report cards will affect teachers.

Ryan said the two sides were able to come to terms on a contract, despite the fact the state isn't close to a budget that will ultimately determine if school districts will get a foundation grant increase or decrease.

"I think we had a lot to talk about, even though we're very frustrated the state can't seem to get it together," said Ryan, who believes there will be a state shutdown of services before a budget compromise is reached.

"I'm very disappointed they can't get it together and sit down and do what we just did, which was talk out the problems and try to have both sides compromise and reach a solution that's good for people."



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Canton's Nancy Richter unveils the sculpture "Joyful Dancer" in front of the Village Theater during the intermission of Saturday's Orchestra Canton concert. Richter purchased the piece and donated it to the township.

Curtain call

Village Theater, Orchestra Canton
open new season in style

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER



Orchestra Canton tuba player Matt Landry warms up before the concert begins.

As opening nights go, Saturday's big show at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill wasn't too bad.

About 300 people, including a number of township officials, attended Orchestra Canton's season opening show. The program, which also featured performances by the Canton Concert Band and Spotlight Players, also marked the beginning of a new season for the Village Theater.

To add to the night's festivities, township officials unveiled the *Joyful Dancer* sculpture outside of the theater near the corner of Cherry

Hill and Ridge roads.

"It was a fantastic night," said Jennifer Tobin, director of the Village Theater. "We had three of our really strong groups on stage during the same show. People were really impressed."

Orchestra Canton, kicking off its fourth season, performed *Movie Music Magic!*, which featured the theme music of many popular movies, including Chicago, Jurassic Park, and Star Wars. The orchestra was joined on stage by performers from local theater group Spotlight Players on a rendition of *Carousel*. The Canton Concert Band squeezed on

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The Roman Forum's lions will give way to the Geek Squad. Best Buy is coming to Canton.

Best Buy gets approval to build store on Ford

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

After casting one of the unanimous votes to bring Best Buy to Ford Road, Karl Zarbo jokingly congratulated the national retailer for having "overnight success" in Canton.

"(Best Buy) should win some kind of award for perseverance," Zarbo said, noting the four years it took to get the proposed plan before the township board on Tuesday night. The Minnesota-based company is slated to build a 45,000-square-foot store on Ford Road across from IKEA. Representatives from the company are expected to give the project their final stamp of approval within the next couple of months.

As he has in the past, Best Buy Spokesman Justin Barber declined to divulge any specific plans for Canton, citing company policy that requires an executed lease before offering official comments.

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Board ponders transfer of millage funds to fix roads

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

He heard the facts and he recognizes the need, but a proposed decrease in Canton's public safety millage still doesn't sit right with Anthony Cauchi.

Cauchi, a 33-year township resident, voiced his disapproval of the proposed decrease at Tuesday's township board meeting.

"It doesn't strike me that well," he said. "I still feel strongly that the department may need that money. I'm not naive enough to believe we may never have an emergency in Canton where we need (those funds)."

The township board is mulling whether it will decrease the public safety millage by 0.25 mills for 2008.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro said the department has a surplus and believes that money could be better spent in other areas.

What do you think about the township's proposal to reduce the public safety millage by 0.25 mills, and instead move the money into the general fund budget where it can be used in other areas, including for road projects? Please e-mail your thoughts to kkuban@hometownlife.com, or via mail to The Canton Observer, 1100 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. You can also post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.



"We are not in the banking business," he said. "We are in excellent shape."

Cauchi asked Santomauro if he could foresee any instance where public safety would need the money that the township board may cut from the department.

"The answer is no," Santomauro said, adding that all of public safety's financial needs have been met.

After listening to Santomauro, Cauchi said the public safety director raised valid points, but he still wasn't

convinced the millage decrease is a good move.

"I still feel strongly that we should not have any direct impact to public safety," he said.

The board, which is expected to vote on the millage rates before the end of the month, is looking at the possibility of decreasing the public safety millage by 0.25 mills and increasing the general fund by 0.25 mills. The increase to the general fund could help pay for road improvements.

The decrease to public safety would

take place whether or not 0.25 mills was added to the general fund.

Although Wayne County, not Canton, is responsible for maintaining the bulk of township roads, some board members have said that waiting for the county to fund the area's road repairs is unacceptable.

As an alternative to the proposal to add 0.25 mills to the general fund, the board may put a special road improvement millage before voters.

The board previously decreased public safety's millage by 0.336 mills in 2005.

That same year, the general fund was increased by 0.336 mills and provided financing for the renovated intersections at Cherry Hill and Sheldon, Geddes and Canton Center and Saltz and Sheldon.

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A 'rip-roaring' good time

Summit offers seniors plenty of fun, but also important services

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

In addition to a good time, June Reed walked away from the Fifth Annual Senior Summit with a decorative, goody-filled, gift basket from Back Home Bakery.

"I won a door prize," Reed beamed. "This was great." The Summit, which is hosted by State Rep. Phil LaJoy, brought in 100 people its first year and has now ballooned to a crowd of nearly 350.

During the event, participants dined on a continental breakfast and boxed lunch, had free health screenings, enjoyed live entertainment and stretched their limbs dur-



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Ruth Fairbanks (from left), Dick Koch, Diane Koch, Lee Jordan and Gloria Cifaldi are inspired by the musical entertainment.

ing an exercise presentation. They also dove into yellow gift bags that included lip balms, thermometer, vitamins, recipes, a book and a medical card.

"I came here just to get away and ended up having a great time," said Betty Letellier, 73. "I'll be back next year."

Letellier lives in a senior housing community in Belleville and encouraged seven of her friends to accompany her to the senior expo. "I'm so glad we came," she said.

Werner Plachetzki, 83, attended the event with Letellier and gave LaJoy two thumbs up for hosting the

event. "At first I didn't think too much about this, but I'm so glad I came," he said. "We got to have a laugh."

As people approached LaJoy after the event, they shook his hand and offered their gratitude.

"I've been here for every one," one woman excitedly told him, while another simply grabbed his hand and said, "Thank you, Phil."

"This was a pretty good, rip-roaring success," said LaJoy, who closed the events with a spirited round of Bingo where participants yelled, cheered and urged him to call out their letter/number com-



June Jones claps along to the entertainment during the Senior Summit.

ination.

"Do you want me to do this again next year," he quipped and the crowd screamed "yes" in unison.

Since the creation of the event, LaJoy said many seniors have told him they've found the right avenues to handle legal problems or deal with housing concerns.

"Those that have been able to resolve problems will come back and say thank you," he said. "We are providing a service to people."

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Correction

The location and contact information for the new Friends Bakery & Subs restaurant in Canton should have run with the story "Trust, friendship are key ingredients in new bakery" that ran in Sunday's Canton Observer. The new eatery, owned by Wissam Nahli and Hussein Rachidi, is located at 42126 Ford Road, between Haggerty and Lilley. Hours are 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 8 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. A Middle Eastern bakery and sub shop, Friends offers a variety of soups, entrees, sandwiches and deli items. For more information, call (734) 844-0880.

Geddes clean-up

A Geddes Road litter pickup effort needs volunteers on Saturday, Sept. 15 beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers will pick up litter in the road right of way. Trash bags are supplied and may be picked up from four stations along Geddes, the corner at Beck Road, the east entrances of River Meadow and Kimberly Meadow subdivisions and at the corner of Sheldon and Geddes (at Michigan Avenue). Volunteers must be 13 or older.

For more information, contact Greg Greene at (734) 462-7831.

Marching band raffle

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band are hosting a fund-raising raffle to help raise enough funds to purchase a new semi-trailer. The raffle, appropriately titled "Music & Motion", is being co-sponsored by the Plymouth-based multi-product powersports dealer Plymouth Motorsports. The money raised by the raffle will be used to purchase a new trailer to replace the aging 50-foot trailer currently used by the nationally acclaimed band to carry all the large, front-ensemble instruments and equipment to each competition or performance.

Raffle tickets are \$10 and will be sold for the next four weeks to win your choice of a way runner, motorcycle, snowmobile, or four-wheeler. The tickets will be on sale at many P-CEP Friday night varsity football games at

the Varsity Field at Canton High School and at Plymouth Motorsports located at 110 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The tickets will be sold up until mid-October, with the final winner announced at the Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters at Canton High School on Saturday, Oct. 13. All proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Canton band programs. For more information, visit www.pcmb.net.

All Saints craft show

All Saints Catholic School (48735 Warren Road in Canton) will host Vendor Extravaganza, from 4-9 p.m., Friday Sept. 21. The event will feature 20-plus crafters and vendors. There will also be door prizes.

There is a \$3 admission. All proceeds benefit the All Saints Catholic School Auction. For more information, contact Leigh-Anne Valdes at (734) 459-5653.

Parenting seminar

The Canton Police Department and Canton Leisure Services are partnering together to present their third Positive Parenting seminar on Monday, Sept. 17, from 6-7:30 p.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park.

This is the third in a series of informative parenting seminars and will focus on bullying and cyberbullying. Guest speaker Robert Hayes, Director of Student Services for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will provide information to help parents of children and teens deal with this negative behavior. The criminal elements of bullying and cyberbullying will also be discussed by Canton Police Department's Community Relations Coordinator Sergeant Deb Newsome.

"We've had an outstanding turnout for the first two seminars and hope to continue," says Newsome. "The parents have been very interested in the topics, and had a lot of questions."

Parents attending the presentation are also invited to bring their children to enjoy activities and Summit facilities free of charge. Child care will be provided in the follow-

ing manner: Ages 3 and under will be supervised in the Kids Motorsports located at 110 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. (otherwise, an alternative activity will be provided) and ages 7 and up are welcome to swim. Ages and activity intentions will be asked upon registration. Parents are invited to join their kids afterward.

The seminar is free of charge, but seating is limited. Canton residents interested in attending should stop by or call the Summit front desk at (734) 394-5460, by Sept. 13, for reservations.

Coffee meetings

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority and Leisure Services will host a Coffee Meeting to provide information about marketing opportunities in Canton's downtown district. The meeting will take place from 8-9:30 a.m., Sept. 14 at T.G.I. Fridays Restaurant, 44250 Ford Road.

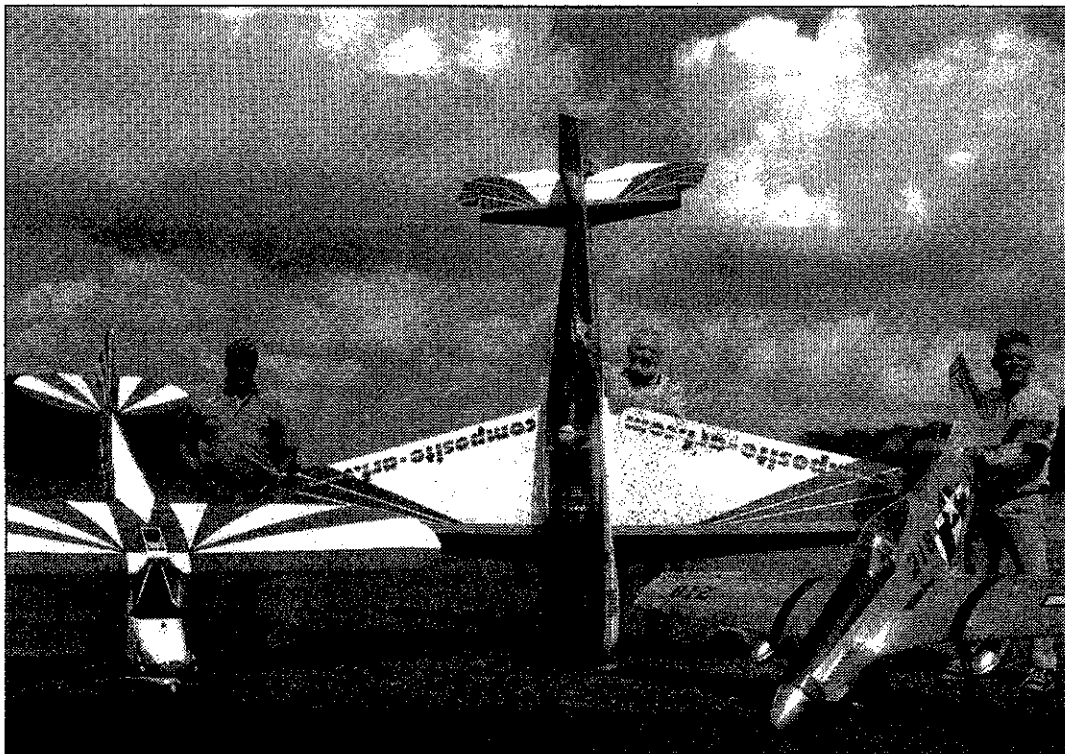
Topics will include ShopCanton for the Holidays, the 2nd Annual Holiday Fest on Ford Road, holiday window murals, 2008 Women's Bowling Championship, updates on Ford Road construction project and more. Reservations are required. Call the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

Historical hike/farmers market

The Canton Historical Society will offer a narrated historical hike through Cherry Hill Village from noon-3 p.m., Sept. 16. The hike will start at the historic Bartlett-Travis House. Walking tours will leave every half hour from 12-3 p.m., weather permitting. A Farmers Market will be held on the grounds of the Bartlett-Travis House from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., so people will be able to shop for the fall produce before or after the historical walk. Please wear suitable walking shoes.

Special Olympics walkers needed

The Special Olympics needs Canton area residents to walk in the Miles for Medals event at 2 p.m., Sept. 30 at Heritage Park in Canton. There will be food and beverages on site and



Taking to the skies

Canton's Jim Repp (from left) and his Piper Cub, Bruce Sobby and his YAK 54, and Jim Smith and his P 51 will all be part of the Flying Pilgrims Radio Control Club's demonstration show 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sept. 15 and 16 in a field at the northwest corner of Geddes and Ridge roads in Superior Township (just west of Canton). This is the 24th year the club has held the event to demonstrate the radio controlled airplane hobby to the general public. The intention of the family-oriented event is to generate new interest in the hobby, as well as providing entertainment for the casual visitor. The Flying Pilgrims are part of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, a nation organization with about 160,000 members. Admission for the event is a \$5 vehicle parking donation (requested).

prize opportunities for participants. All proceeds will support the life-changing programs of Special Olympics Michigan.

This cross-generational community awareness walk will include area residents, who raise funds for SOMI by collecting donations for their participation.

Proceeds from the walk go to support the year-round sports training and competition for the more than 5,000 SOMI athletes with intellectual disabilities who live in the southeast region of Michigan.

People may participate by walking as an individual or on a team made up of people from their place of employment, senior center, religious organization, neighborhood, family or friends.

The 2007 Miles for Medals walk at Heritage Park is one of 20 Miles for Medals events in Michigan slated for September and October. SOMI is accepting registrants for all Miles for Medals Walks through the day of the event. Individuals

or teams that are interested in walking can register at www.somi.org or by calling (800) 664-6404.

Holiday art project

During the Christmas holiday season, the Canton Marketing Partners group has asked high school student artists from the Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland school districts to paint a holiday theme on windows along Ford Road in the Canton DDA corridor.

If you are a business in the DDA corridor that would like to donate one of your windows for painting, mail a check for \$35 (to cover the cost of art supplies) for each window to Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

If you are not a business in the DDA corridor, you may purchase a window (\$35) in the Canton Corners Shopping Center, your name will be listed as the donor of that window.

For more information and a registration form, contact the

chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

Gubernatorial appointment

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm recently announced the appointment Shanna J. Mueller of Canton to Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. Mueller, who is director of Powerhouse Gyms International Public Relations & Foundation, is appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring April 16, 2009.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports is charged with coordinating and developing a statewide physical fitness and health program. The council has undertaken a number of initiatives and partnered with several organizations to carry out their goals.

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Read. Recycle. Repeat. These simple steps help you go green and save time, thanks to the Canton Public Library's new paper recycling program.

The library has partnered with Abitibi Paper Retriever to offer a recycling collection point for newspapers, magazines, catalogs, school and office paper and mail. Green-minded Canton residents can now check out books and recycle paper in one stop when they visit the library.

"It is another valuable service that the library can offer as a hub of the community," says Kim Brandow, adult librarian. "Plus, as the library becomes greener we want to share what we learn and do with our patrons. We all live and work in the same community, let's come together and do some good."

The bright green and yellow Paper Retriever bin is located in the back parking lot of the library and is accessible 24 hours a day. Abitibi pays the

Canton Public Library based on the tonnage of paper collected, so this program is a way for the library to increase revenue, provide additional community service and help the environment.

According to Abitibi-Consolidated, North America's leading recycler of newspapers and magazines, one ton of recycled paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 4100 kw hours of electricity, enough to heat a home for 6 months or run a television for 41 hours.

Canton residents are encouraged to participate in the community-based recycling program by dropping papers in the bin on their next library visit.

Acceptable items include: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, school and office paper, shredded paper (in bags), and mail. No phonebooks, glass, metal, plastic or trash.

For more information, contact the Canton Public Library at 734-397-0999.

Board considers search proposals

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will interview representatives of three firms which are bidding to conduct a nationwide search for a successor to replace retiring Superintendent Jim Ryan.

The board solicited proposals from five companies, received proposals from four of them, and whittled the list to three at Tuesday's workshop meeting. The board will interview representatives from the Michigan Leadership Institute of Old Mission, Mich.; Hazard,

Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd., of Glenview, Ill.; and Proact Search of Milwaukee, Wisc.

A majority of the board decided not to engage the help of the Michigan Association of School Boards in Lansing, believing the group didn't have enough expertise and contacts outside the state.

"I want to know the firms we are interviewing have done enough searches in districts of our size range, ability to recruit from a national pool, and that the person they assign to our search will be very key in working with community

members in helping to define what we are looking for in a superintendent," said Board of Education President Judy Mardigian.

Board Secretary Tom Wysocki agreed, noting the search company that's eventually selected will need to work closely with the board.

"They need to be dedicated to us, and there will be somebody on the ground here to help guide us," Wysocki said. "We need a superintendent who is educationally sound, someone who is cognizant of the differences we have among the communities we serve, and

is strong in labor relations to continue with the good relations we have with our employees."

Mardigian is the only current board member with experience in searching for a superintendent. She was on the search committee that hired Chuck Little in July 1994 and was a member of the school board that selected Kathleen Booher in July 2000.

"It's easier for me because I know what's coming in the process," Mardigian said. "For those experiencing it the first time, there's a lot of learning the process."

BEST BUY

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The project, which will include a coffee shop, will sit on more than seven acres and calls for the demolition of the vacant, two-story building that used to house Carousel Crafts and Antiques, the Rose Shores office building and the Roman

Forum restaurant.

The retail center's entrance will align with IKEA's Ford Road driveway.

"This validates what we did with IKEA," said Best Buy Attorney Bryan Amann, who also worked on bringing IKEA to the township.

Roman Forum, marked by a wooden sign and two, weathered lions at its street entrance, has been at its location for

more than 30 years. The owner, Gregory Gatto, and his family wrestled with making the decision to sell the land.

"It's bittersweet," his son, Anthony Gatto has said.

The family did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

Rose Shores, anchored by a closed Nextel store, has a medical center, chiropractic office and dental center.

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Jeff Goulet said land deals between the property owners slowed down the progression of the project and added that the purchase of Cracker Barrel Party Center was originally included in Best Buy's plans.

A date hasn't been set to demolish the three buildings. Best Buy is expected to open before the 2008 holiday season.

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CURTAIN

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stage with orchestra members to play the theme from Star Wars and 76 Trombones.

"It was phenomenal playing with the Concert Band," said Jennifer Philpot-Munson, executive director of Orchestra Canton. "There were about 100 people on stage at once, so it was quite a squeeze, but it was a lot of fun. When they played 'Star Wars' together, they just blew the audience away."

The night was a special one for Nancy Richter — the Canton resident who donated the *Joyful Dancer* sculpture to the township. The piece was the most popular one in the temporary art exhibit along Ford Road last summer. Her Richter Foundation purchased the piece and donated it, so it could be displayed in front of the theater's entrance.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack gave a toast at the dedication, and Richter pulled the cover off the sculpture, displaying it to the public for the first time in its new, permanent location.

"I am really happy with its placement. It's just perfect," Richter said. "It really does enhance the beauty of the theater, which is a beautiful facility itself."



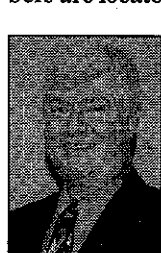
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Champagne was toasted for "Joyful Dancer" dedication.

New medical center opens

The new St. Mary Mercy Family Medicine Center in Canton is now open at 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Suite 220.

Two new St. Mary Mercy Hospital medical staff members are located in the Center:



Grimm

Kenneth Grimm and Sunil S. Menawat, MD, of Canton, is board certified in family medicine. He received his medical degree from University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed residency at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a fellowship at Michigan State University. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Society for Teachers of Family Medicine, and the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians.



Menawat

Menawat, MD, of Canton, is board certified in family medicine. He received his medical degree from West Virginia University. He completed residencies at the University of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, and Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He completed his fellowship at Mayo Clinic

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and Foundation. Menawat is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and Michigan Academy of Family Physicians.

For more information about the new medical center, call (734) 398-8790.

Vintner's Cellar event

Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery is offering customers the opportunity to create their own quality vintage wines for Christmas. Under the direction of owners Kathy and Darryl Nowacki, customers can create either 25 or 30 bottles of a wide selection of wine styles to enjoy with friends during the upcoming holiday season or for holiday giving. The winery also offers custom Christmas wine labels.

Because wine takes from 5-8 weeks to ferment depending on the type of wine, Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery has traditionally offered Christmas in September as an opportunity for customers to begin their Christmas shopping in September and receive 10-percent off Christmas batches of wine.

Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery, the winner of eight medals from WineMaker Magazine, is located at 8515 N. Lilley Road in Canton. Winery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11-8 p.m., and Saturday, 11-5 p.m.

The Winery is always available for free private wine tasting parties by appointment. For more information, call (734) 354-9463 or e-mail the winery at vintnerscanton@att.net.

net. You can also visit Vintner's Cellar's Web site at www.vintnerscanton.com for further details.

Studio earns 'gold medallion'

The Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio located at 3100 N. Lilley Road in Canton has received the "Gold Medallion" award for meeting Merle Norman's standards of excellence for customer service.

The "Gold Medallion" program addresses consumer demands by identifying studios that meet their expectations of personal service, knowledgeable beauty consultants and pleasing atmosphere. These award-winning studios set the standard of service and quality among the 2,000 independently owned, retail outlets nationwide.

"Our Gold Medallion Program distinguishes studios that meet the highest standards of excellence Merle Norman represents," said Art Armstrong, chief executive officer of Merle Norman Cosmetic.

"As the owners and proud recipients of this award, we are honored to be recognized as the Gold Medallion Studio. Being customer-oriented is the best way to compete in business and we are excited that Merle Norman Cosmetics recognizes our Studio as one that meets the expectations of our customers," Wanda and Cara Pichler, owners of the Canton studio, said in a press release.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids for the following:

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and
Planning Consultant Services

Bids will be accept until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2007 for Prosecuting Attorney Services and until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2007 for Planning Consultant Services. The bid opening will take place at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2007 for Prosecuting Attorney Services and until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2007 for Planning Consultant Services, respectively, at Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth Michigan

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

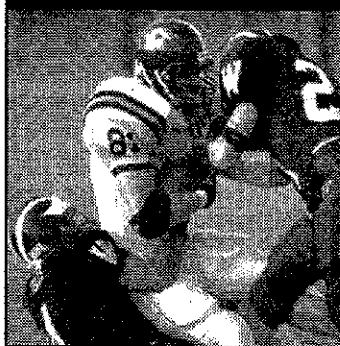
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1059 - Angela Miller - 50 Boxes, Dresser, Speakers
2035 - Julie Sethavarangura - Clothing, 10 Boxes, Trunk
2057 - John Neumann Jr - TV, Stereo, Ladder
2066 - Venessa Smith - Fax Machine, Love Seat, Misc Items
3052 - Kenneth Berrie - Aquarium, Telescope, Dresser
9269 - Derrick McDonald - TV, VCR, Dresser

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EXTRA SPACE STORAGE
Notice is hereby given that on Monday, September 17, 2007, Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, 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. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: **EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 P.M.**
Morque E164, 10x20 - Roaster, Propane Grill, Twin Mattress/Box spring/frame, 2 OSB, 1 Amp, 2-3 Misc. Household Goods.
Wayne Kurtycz, 10x20 - Nordic Track, Down Hill Ski Set, 7+ items of Baby and small Child Stuff, 14 Plastic Totes, 1 Card Table, 1 Golf Bag, 30+ Boxes of Misc. Household Goods.

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"Our purpose is to be part of the solution which helps people move forward in their lives", said Dr. John Restum, Psy. D. clinic director and mental health administrator with the Wayne County Jail.

"We are offering the chance to obtain high quality professional help, psychological testing, and participation in healing-based groups without the worry of how much it costs."

Located at 41550 E. Ann Arbor Trail, between Lilley and Haggerty Roads in Plymouth,

the clinic is staffed by graduates and graduate students of the Counseling and Psychology program at MTS. The clinic's clients may be seen by graduate student interns or professional licensed clinicians.

Restum said the prospective client's needs are a top consideration before the first therapy session is scheduled.

"As part of the pre-intake process, we want our callers to feel as comfortable and safe as possible. Whether the caller has a five year old who needs to be screened for ADD or ADHD ... or is someone who just lost their job after 29 years of service ... we are here to assist in the healing, change, and growth process."

"Opening this clinic represents a true labor of love", said Kathryn Bailey, partner at Bailey & Shamoun Interiors of Northville. "We believe in this cause and know it's a great one for people who need help and

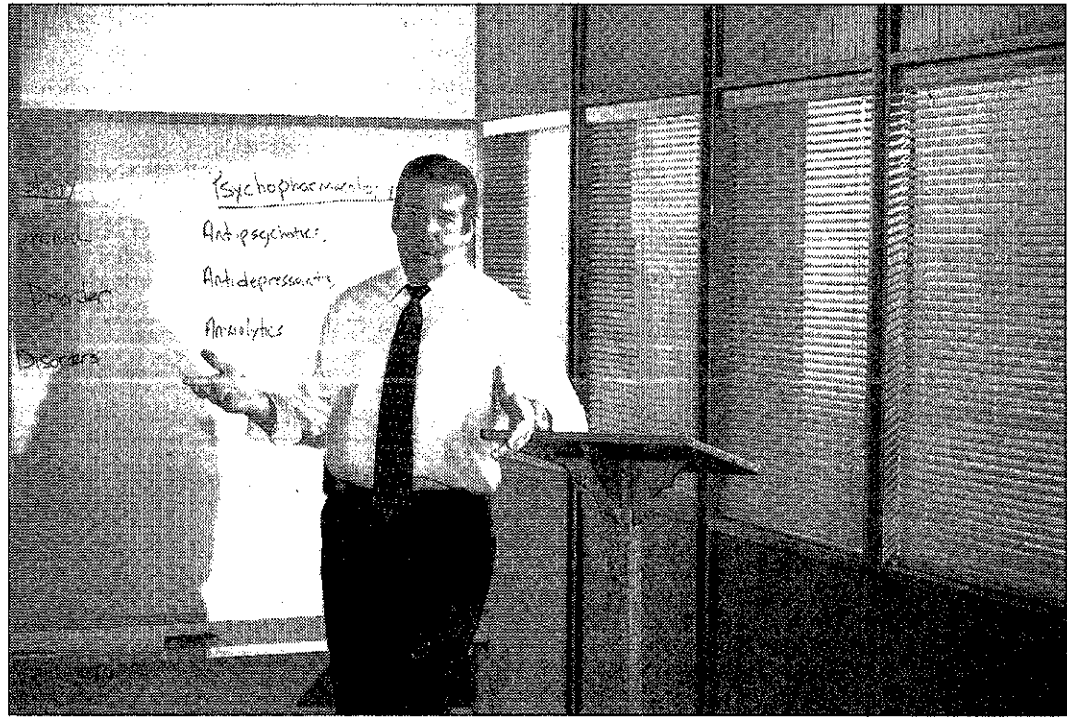
didn't believe they could afford it."

Bailey and her partner, Besma Shamoun, have coordinated the donations of furniture and accessories for the clinic site over the past several months.

"It's amazing to see how everything came together from so many different donors ... as if we just walked into a furniture showroom and selected everything on the same day," said Bailey.

"You know it's a special cause when one day you realize the clinic needs a refrigerator for the kitchen and that same week a refrigerator becomes available", added Shamoun.

The clinic is open by appointment six days a week and is housed in a separate building from the main MTS campus. Individuals from age 4 and up are eligible for treatment as well as couples and families. Psychological testing involves a battery of tests which assess intelligence, personality, cognitive abilities and/or deficits and other specific mental



Dr. John Restum is the director of the new Psychological Services Clinic at the Michigan Theological Seminary.

health issues (depression, anxiety disorders, ADD/ADHD, etc.).

Handicap access is also available for individuals and/or

group therapy on the ground level.

"Our groups generally involve between six to eight participants with one or two facilitators", explained Lavern Kimbrough, M.A. and MACP program graduate. Kimbrough will be facilitating "Growing Through Grief" beginning the week of Sept. 17 for six weeks 6:30-8:30 p.m. Additional

groups include "From Panic to Peace," and "Past Hurts and Present Problems."

For more information about these groups, readers may call the clinic at (734) 207-9581, Ext. 328 or 329.

"Every journey begins with a single step," said Restum, "and we hope people will recognize us as representing that first step in our community."

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5057 - Angela Sumpter - Washer, Dryer, 7 Totes
4018 - Joan Wright - 20 Boxes, 1 tote, trunk
3034 - Peggy Farrell - 20 Totes, Snow Board, Misc Items
2036 - Frederick Wurtsmith - 50 Boxes, Dresser, Trunk

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-
September 5, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Faas, Tom Casari

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Funding of Future Road Improvements in Canton** Road funding: Federal, State, County and local. Categories of Funding: Federal Funds (TEA-LU), Wayne County (FAC) Intersection Improvement Program. Intersections completed to date. Intersections scheduled for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010. Private Funding, PASER, PASER Scores, Road Lifecycle. Historical spending on roads. Gravel Road Paving, Patching and Replacement. Mill and Resurface. Reconstruction. Rehab Candidates. Wayne County DPS offer. Gravel Road Paving Project Costs/ Benefits of the Program. Proposed solution, Recap of the Problem and Three Options. Other The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. Adjourn Motion by Zarbo, supported by LaJoy at 8:58 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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4108 - Celeste Hubbard Bulger - 5 Totes, 3 Mirrors, Microwave
4120 - Grant Young - Mirror, Dresser, Headboard
4133 - Celeste Hubbard - 2 Bikes, Big Screen TV, Entertainment Center
4208 - Vandella Hubbard - Couch, 3 Totes, 5 Bags
5036 - Mark Williams - Big Screen TV, 3 Bikes, Dresser
5150 - Angelik Lancaster - Lawn Mower, 20 Boxes, 2 Printers
5245 - Erin Morley - Dresser, Headboard, 20 Boxes

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6244 - Brenda Owens - 5 Boxes, 2 Bags, Misc Items
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Voters will be asked for photo IDs beginning Nov. 6

Beginning with the Nov. 6 election, voters will be asked to show a photo ID, or sign a form stating that they don't have one, before receiving a ballot. The requirements are the result of a 1996 law recently determined to be enforceable by the Michigan Supreme Court.

On Sept. 5, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land released instructional materials to Michigan's elected officials designed to aid them with implementation of the requirement.

"We are working closely with local election officials to ensure they have the tools and information they need to effectively communicate the requirements to their election day workers so they can properly serve the voters," said Land, Michigan's chief election officer.

"The law recognizes that people have different circumstances. Those who have no ID, or simply forgot to bring it to the polls, can still vote. By working together to understand the voter ID law, we can look forward to a smooth, orderly experience on election day."

Election workers will ask voters to show a photo ID as part of the usual ballot application process at the polls. Voters can satisfy the requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or Michigan personal identification card.

Voters who do not possess either document can show any of the following forms of picture ID as long as the documents are current.

■ Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID can still vote. They merely sign a brief form stating they are not in possession of identification. Their ballots are included with all others and are counted on Election Day.

■ Federal or state government-issued photo identification

■ U.S. passport

■ Military ID with photo

■ Student identification with photo from high school or accredited institution of higher learning

■ Tribal identification card with photo

The ID must include the person's photo and name. It does not have to include a residential address.

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Land emphasized that voters can not be challenged by an election inspector or poll challenger just because they sign the form. Any challenge to a voter who signs the form, as is the case with all voters, must be because the inspector or challenger has "good reason to believe" that the person is not qualified to vote in the precinct.

The state Bureau of Elections is conducting comprehensive training on the voter ID law for local election officials statewide.

"We must not only exercise our sacred right to vote but protect it as well," said Land. "Michigan's voter ID law adds another layer of security that ensures the integrity of our elections."

Think before becoming a landlord

After a seminar on investing last week at the Baldwin Library in Birmingham, I was asked if it makes sense to buy homes as rental properties. The other question was whether I thought real estate prices have bottomed out and was it a good time to buy.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Unfortunately, I don't believe we've hit bottom in the Detroit metropolitan real estate market. I believe the market will continue to weaken until the Michigan economy has stabilized.

This doesn't mean people should not buy homes. After all, people buy homes for many different reasons, not all of them financial. In fact, the best reason to buy a home is for quality-of-life issues and not financial issues. That being said, I do believe residential home prices in this area will continue to decline in the near future.

When you decide to purchase property and to become a landlord, you are not making an investment, but rather starting a business.

In most situations when you become a landlord, you can't

take a passive view like you do with a stock or mutual fund investment. There is much more involvement.

As a landlord, you have the responsibility to make sure you select the right home to purchase.

As a landlord, your work is not over when you find a tenant — it just begins. You have ongoing responsibilities to monitor the property as well as the tenants. Many people are under the mistaken belief that being a landlord is an easy job — it's not.

Ask anyone who is a landlord and I think they will agree that entering the real estate rental business, although it can be profitable, is hard work and mistakes can be costly.

Even though foreclosures in Michigan are increasing dramatically, people should not rush out and buy rental real estate. Just like the stock market, it is hard to make a quick buck when it comes to real estate.

Do your homework before purchasing rental real estate. Prior to purchasing a piece of property, you should look at rents for similar pieces of property. If, after factoring in costs such as repairs, maintenance, insurance and taxes, you have a positive cash flow, then it may be a viable investment.

My view is that there has to be a positive cash flow. Do not invest because you think you will get great tax benefits, because you won't.

Despite the recent downturns in the real estate market, real estate has been and will continue to provide opportunities for many individuals. The key is to determine if you're the type of individual that can succeed.

One question I always ask an individual thinking about becoming a landlord is would you evict your tenant for non-payment of rent. If you can't say yes, it's probably a signal that becoming a landlord is not something you should pursue.

I asked this question to the individual I was talking with at the Baldwin Library in Birmingham. When he said he could never evict a tenant, I told him he should not consider purchasing rental real estate.

Being honest with yourself and understanding the type of investor you are makes you a better investor.

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WSU law professors discuss Supreme Court

Wayne State University Law School will host a discussion titled *The Supreme Court's Term in Review* 12:15-1:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, in Room 1545 of the Law School Classroom Building.

Wayne State University Law School faculty will discuss some of the most controversial cases from the U.S. Supreme Court's 2006-2007 term, including decisions on: school integration; campaign finance reform; student free speech; and search and seizure.

The discussion will be presented by Assistant Professor Jocelyn Benson, Professor Stephen Calkins, Professor Peter Henning, Visiting Professor Margaret Leibowitz, Associate Dean David Moran, Associate Professor C.J. Peters, Distinguished Professor Robert Sedler, Professor Jonathan Weinberg, and Professor and Chair in Constitutional Law Steven Winter. A question and answer session will follow discussion.

This event will be held as a brown bag lunch, the Law School will provide beverages. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Robin Dortenzio, Special Events coordinator, at robind@wayne.edu or at (313) 577-3934.

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OUR VIEWS

Sunday letters provide forum

Residents in Canton have always wielded an important voice in the affairs of their community, and they frequently take advantage of the *Observer's* "Letters to the Editor" section to use that voice.

With Sunday's debut of the *Observer's* weekend editorial page, readers now have twice as many opportunities to shape local opinions as before.

In a recent survey and in focus groups conducted in our communities, readers told us time and again they like the editorial positions we take in our Thursday editions, but they'd like to see even more.

That's why we've added a Sunday opinion page. Each Sunday, we'll deliver our opinion on the issues facing the community, and we invite you to either agree or take us to task.

If we're wrong (in your opinion), tell us. If we're right, tell us that, too. If we're not hitting issues you care about, hit them for us.

That's why the letters section is so important. It gives you an open forum to not only get your opinion out there, but to help shape the issues of the day in your community.

There are a few rules (naturally). Try to keep the letters as close to 400 words as possible. Keep them clean and on point, and stay away from personal attacks. Not sure what constitutes a personal attack? Here's an example: "Sen. Joe Blow's position on that issue makes absolutely no sense and shows how out of touch he is" is fine. "Sen. Joe Blow is the biggest windbag ever elected" is a personal attack.

Any issue is up for grabs. Don't like what your government is doing? Write us. Don't like something we wrote? Write us. Love the service at your favorite local restaurant? Write us.

Good or bad, happy or sad, glad or mad — we want to hear from you. A letter to the editor can be a powerful weapon.

Use it wisely.

Parties need to reform presidential primaries

Michigan has taken a prominent role in the presidential primary leap-frog game. Last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill moving Michigan's primary to Jan. 15, in defiance of Republican and Democratic party threats to not seat delegates selected before Feb. 5 and a pledge by leading Democratic candidates to not campaign in the state.

For many years, the presidential chase for delegates has begun with caucuses in Iowa and a primary in New Hampshire. Leaders in big, industrial, urban states like Michigan have long complained that small, rural Iowa and New Hampshire do not reflect the majority of American voters. They have argued that by the time more representative states actually vote, a decision has already been made.

The Democrats tried a mild reform by adding Nevada and South Carolina into the mix. But New Hampshire was miffed that the Nevada caucus was scheduled to precede the New Hampshire primary and vowed to move its date back to retain its traditional role.

The two major parties need to take the reins and work toward creating a primary system that gives more voters input and truly reflects our diverse population.

Michigan U.S. Sen. Carl Levin sent a letter last week to Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean criticizing the party for punishing Florida for scheduling a primary Jan.

29 while letting New Hampshire do what it pleased. Levin says New Hampshire has been holding a "gun" to the heads of candidates and "someone has to take on New Hampshire's transparent effort to violate DNC rules and to maintain its privileged position."

While it was often fun to watch the election roll out slowly through the late spring and early summer as some candidates gained momentum and others faded, those days seem to be gone in the days of yearlong campaigns and national strategies. The two major parties need to take the reins and work toward creating a primary system that gives more voters input and truly reflects our diverse population.

Two plans have been making the rounds. One, the American Plan, would begin with small but diverse states and roll out slowly. The other, the Rotating Primary Plan, would divide the nation into four sections and rotate which section votes first every four years. Both plans deserve a serious consideration. We definitely need to move past this Iowa-New Hampshire fixation.



LETTERS

Surge isn't sustainable

It may be true that the troop surge in Iraq is working, but it's well-documented that it is unsustainable past spring 2008. Just when things are under control in one region, another will "flare up" because there simply are not enough troops to control the situation in Iraq.

It's time the Bush administration and Congressional Republicans understood that whatever chance this misguided war had for "succeeding" is long gone. It was botched from the beginning, and we simply don't have the ability to make it work at this point. Our troops didn't fail us. Our leadership failed us — by twisting facts in the march to war, by not sending enough troops to do the job and by attempting to deceive us now that it will be a success, whatever that means in their ever-changing definition.

Citizens of all political stripes need to hold these leaders accountable for their decisions and pressure them to end this debacle.

Matthew E. Haran
Canton

Stop garage sale sign police

I would like to comment about the article "Garage sales, they're a popular pastime for shoppers" (Aug. 12). I couldn't help but notice the total absence of any reference to garage sales in Canton, although Plymouth, Livonia and Farmington Hills were covered.

Could it be because Canton is the only community where an "ordinance officer" removes garage sale signs placed by unsuspecting residents? How utterly ridiculous!

Barb Schmid
Canton

Choice is issue

As one of the groups named in the editorial ("Michigan should join those going smoke-free") that has successfully fought against this legislation, we must respond to shed more light on the issue.

The Michigan Restaurant Association continues to support the freedom that restaurant and tavern operators — and their guests — currently enjoy, which is to make decisions on dining choices for themselves. There is no doubt that more and more Michigan citizens have become nonsmokers, and that more and more diners indicate they prefer a dining environment free of smoke.

And Michigan's restaurant and tavern operators — who are in the business of providing their guests with what they want — have responded. Since 1998, the number of restaurants and taverns in Michigan that offer 100 percent smoke-free dining has more than doubled — 103 percent — all without a government-knows-best mandate. It should be noted that these are not our numbers. Rather, these statistics come from the Michigan Citizens for Smoke-free Air, a group supporting a prohibition on choice.

This figure does not include those establishments that choose to take significant steps to alter the physical structure of their establishments to suc-

cessfully accommodate smoking and nonsmoking guests.

This issue has always been about choice for our industry. And according to the respected Lansing-based public polling firm EPIC-MRA, Michigan diners clearly feel there are enough choices available to them when asked about whether there are enough restaurant options in their communities that meet their smoking preference needs. In fact, 64 percent feel they have enough options available to them, according to their poll conducted in March of this year.

Despite those who insist that they know what is best for Michigan restaurant owners and for their guests, the people of Michigan continue to be able to make this decision for themselves.

Andy Deloney
director, Public Affairs
Michigan Restaurant Association

Unions are the problem

Read your article ("This is a day to reflect on tales of tough laboring," Sept. 2) and have to say that unions are (and were) a major problem with American industry and have been for the last 30 years.

Were they necessary? Yes, they were back in the '20s, '30s and '40s, but they got out of control and they are coming close to destroying American industry along with the "good ol'" boy network of CEOs who sit on each other's boards of directors at public corporations and give one another these asinine compensation packages.

We must keep value added manufacturing in this country, for this is how wealth is created. Whether it's from farming or industry, we must keep the ability to produce products instead of depending on the "service economy," which will just turn us into a debtor nation.

So while Gettlefinger and the rest of the labor leaders tell everyone what a great guy Walter Reuther was (gag me, I have no respect for communists) while they continue to blame management for all problems in industry, I have one question for them:

When will the UAW, or any other union, buy Delphi or any of the companies on the brink and show us all how to run a manufacturing operation with the contracts they negotiated in place and make a profit? Their combined silence on this subject speaks volumes to those of us who know what is really going on in this country's industries.

Jeffrey Scott
president/owner
Allan Tool & Machine
Troy

Media missed target

Among the many things that make our country great is the fact that we have a free press. However, just because the press is free and independent does not always make it right. As far as I'm concerned, the free press, broadcast and print media have missed the target in the Michael Vick story.

To listen to and read our free press,

one would think that Vick was training Fido and Lassie to fight in a dog pit. I am certainly not approving of anything that Vick did; the dogs in question were not Fido and Lassie, but were born and bred to fight their own breed. They would not attack humans or dogs of a different breed. Pound for pound, they are the most efficient and effective fighting machine on the planet. This type of dog should be prohibited. These dogs have no reason to be except to fight.

The way we raise calves for veal is far crueler than anything Vick did to his dogs. The surgery that made a normal horse into a Tennessee racing horse was finally outlawed a few years ago. That surgery was crueler than anything Vick did. The NBA official who bet on games he officiated at did far more damage to the sports world than anything Vick did, but he is now yesterday's news.

I think the free press should take a hard look at the nature of the dogs involved. Thank you for your time and consideration of my views on this subject.

Gerald McNally
Clarkston

I support impeachment

I write to offer my greatest thanks to the 20 members of the House of Representatives who have signed on to impeach Vice President Cheney, and to the 28 members of the House of Representatives who have signed on to impeach Attorney General Gonzales. Bravo.

But incredibly, the news of these impeachment movements is not being prominently or seriously reported by the mainstream media — do you suppose anyone could guess why?

Among my family and friends some of them are amazed to learn that anyone in Washington is pursuing impeachment because, by getting their news only from Republican-owned sources, they have no idea that anyone is doing anything to put an end to this corrupt regime.

I have asked and I continue to ask my representatives in the House and Senate to support full investigations and impeachment procedures immediately. This country and the world cannot afford to let this corrupt regime remain in power any longer.

Gwen Foss
Farmington

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Graphic novels often tell good story, and keep kids reading

I finished a good book the other night — complete with pictures.

The book was *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi, her story of growing up in Iran during the time of the shah's being forced to flee and the Islamic revolution that followed. The book was notable for me in that it was the first graphic novel I'd read.

Sue Patterson, the adult services librarian who leads our Contemporary Books discussion group at the Plymouth District Library, urged us to give it a try. We'd read Thomas Friedman's *The World Is Flat* for the August discussion, so this seemed like a good change of pace from that weighty tome focused on globaliza-

I was skeptical about a graphic novel, which she assured us has nothing to do with spicy content despite the name. The illustrated books are particularly popular with teens and younger readers, filling library and bookstore shelves.

I gave it a go, and was glad I did. The distant news story from the 1970s and '80s came to life under Satrapi's excellent work, giving the perspective of a girl from ages 6 to 14 growing up in that country and time. It's certainly timely for today's news as well.

It got me to thinking about my own preteen days, when Nancy Drew's spunky girl detective, and later the mysteries of Agatha Christie, kept me reading into the night. The Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys books at that time were criticized by some educators as lacking literary merit, but they kept many a young person reading on during a time when other distractions, notably television, called.

Cathy Lichtman, teen services librarian for the Plymouth library, noted, "Graphic novels are extremely popular." Plymouth's collection had superhero-type books to start, and librarians bought more of the Japanese-type in recent years. Within the last five years, the collection has grown. Manga is the term for Japanese graphic novels or those of that style. "They're translated into English," Lichtman said. "That's a huge, huge market."

Those titles are often tied into television and movie series, known as anime.

Manga titles appeal mostly to those age 12 and up, although the Plymouth library has some for younger children. Writer Mark Crilley from Michigan has a series that's popular, Lichtman said: "It's a very broad field. You really can't say it's one kind of thing."

The books are often in series, she said, so young readers get hooked: "You can't wait for the next one to come out." There's the graphic element, too, with kids growing up on mixed media.

"I think because their friends are reading them," Lichtman said of the books' popularity, noting not all choose graphic novels. "There's some really good literature in graphic novel format, and some that's just more fun."

Blankets, a coming-of-age story by Michigan author Craig Thompson, is 600 pages and is suitable for older kids. "The graphics are beautiful," she said. "Actually, that one reads really fast."

Lichtman finds the books can be hard to read for her,

with older readers used to the printed word: "I think it's those of us who didn't grow up reading comic books that have a harder time." Kids have had graphics from *Sesame Street* on.

"I don't think it matters as much what they're reading, especially for leisure," Lichtman said. Adults don't read *War and Peace* all the time. "I think that helps them develop as readers when they're engaged by the story." Young people can read what they like.

Almost 2,000 per month of the graphic novels circulate in Plymouth. "And it goes up every month. I try to have a mix so everybody can have something," Lichtman said.

Westland's William P. Faust Public Library has an Anime and Manga book discussion group for teens eighth grade through high school, meeting 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month, alternating between the two. Andrea Perez, reference librarian, said, "I think it's because it's grown, as far as respect as a genre." The books have a more legitimate storyline in many cases, she's found.

Younger kids find Manga popular, Perez said, "even though they read backward, kids seem to pick up on that easily." Older kids and adults find deeper insights in books, with some libraries looking to have separate adult sections down the road, while others already do. "I think as it grows in popularity, more libraries will do that," Perez said, noting having a separate section for adults is appropriate as some content is questionable for teens.

Perez, who also subs as a librarian in Plymouth, agreed the books benefit readers: "Definitely, because I think it's going to reach out to the reluctant readers." Some series go up to 20 volumes, and keep readers hooked.

"It's been around for a while," Perez said of the genre. "In the '90s, it was pretty new. I think it's starting to turn because they are being taught in college courses. Some of the stories have just gotten so much better. They're not just simple comic books." There are the movies that also draw people in.

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang won the Printz Award for top teen book in 2007. "It was the first graphic novel to win it, so it was pretty notable," Perez said. "It was pretty big at the time."

It seems to me that these books, and leisure reading in general, have a lot to contribute to today's busy young people. A colleague of mine chimed in that *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns* got things going in 1986, and that some titles are meant for adults — and clearly described as such. The stories are often well-told, and leisure reading helps kids become better students.

School has started, so there's less time for leisure reading among kids now. Still, it seems the popularity of graphic novels tells us young people enjoy reading, and good stories.

The hope is that they'll carry the reading habit with them into adulthood, as books are still thriving and have so much to offer. Predictions of the demise of the book were premature, and people still read with enthusiasm. Graphic novels are but another form of literature that can keep young people reading for now and their futures.

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Take a break, it's good for our state

Vacations aren't just a means to play away summer days — in Michigan they're big business.

Tourism ranks among our state's top industries. So it was with some measure of alarm that I noted the vacancy signs in hotels and inns along Grand Traverse Bay, one of Michigan's top vacation destinations, in the run-up to this year's Labor Day holiday.

Privately, inn and resort keepers will tell you this summer wasn't one of their best.

There are reasons for this. For starters, Clinch Beach, one of Traverse City's most widely used beaches, was closed for a good portion of this summer due to an e coli outbreak. The locals papers were filled with letters from residents wondering just why the outbreak occurred — they wondered whether it was caused by lawn run-off from new developments, from too lax restrictions on boaters jettisoning their waste, by industrial users, or by the area's low rainfall, which hindered waterways from cleaning themselves.

Decreases in vacation days and vacation travel show us that manufacturing isn't the only segment of the economy under pressure from changing economic and cultural conditions.

Even without the pollution problem, this was a tourism season under siege.

And you don't have to live in northern Michigan or even travel there to realize that's another blow to Michigan's already staggering economy.

Tourism is our third biggest industry, according to some estimates, and no one needs reminding of what is happening to number one — manufacturing.

Several factors are keeping folks at home — chief among them is Michigan's

high unemployment rate. This year's dizzying rise in the price of gasoline didn't help.

But the biggest culprit could be the lack of vacation time that even those with jobs, and in other states, now take.

Some surveys indicate that American workers now use less than two weeks of vacation time annually, compared with the full month many European workers enjoy.

That may be good for business, but it's bad for Michigan.

Slumping vacation rentals mean slumping tax revenue in a state already struggling to make ends meet.


It might not be a crisis, at least not yet. But any threat to our nation's tourism industry is certainly a major challenge.

The e coli outbreak shows us that the environment is important, not just for our health, but for our state's economic health.

Decreases in vacation days and vacation travel show us that manufacturing isn't the only segment of the economy under pressure from changing economic and cultural conditions.

With that in mind, taking a week away from work could be one of the best things you could do to boost Michigan business.

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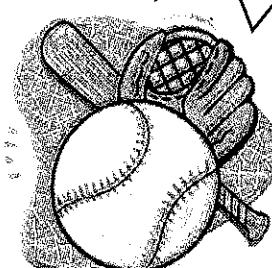
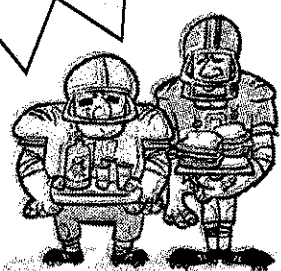






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Large or small, puffballs filled with flavor

There is nothing like a rib-eye steak sizzling on the barbecue on a breezy autumn day to the music of cicadas still buzzing away. But nature is preparing treats too — filling the woods, fields and meadows with early September edibles. And some of these go well with rib-eye. Well done, of course.

Gusts of winds send black walnuts plummeting to earth. I'll be drying those for later use. Acorns pelt the woodlands like summer hailstorms. You can be sure that deer and wild turkey will delight in the acorn crop. Trivia: Those falling nuts are known as "mast" and my biologists friends agree — it's a great mast crop this year.

Apple trees gone wild are producing beautiful well-formed apples in the state recreation areas. Tasty and tart, slightly speckled autumn olive berries are everywhere. And although this is an invasive species, researchers, some from the USDA, have found a silver lining with the discovery this plant is rich in lycopene, a possibly potent cancer and cardiovascular disease fighter.

But the best treat, the one I enjoy most having underfoot as I continue my post Labor Day wild foods free shopping spree, is the giant puffball. And giant puffballs are best before they become giant. Like now. Good for breakfast, too.

My highly citified niece was in from Chicago. She was



Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

my chickens. Mr. Coyote ate my chickens last winter.) But what's a good omelet without mushrooms and why go to the store when Mother Nature's fungi pantry is having a special on fall fungi?

Now a word of caution before I type another word. Never eat fungi based on some nature's guy's ramblings or a picture or a guidebook alone — *never*. Eat the wrong fungi and it can make you sick, or kill you. And you are just wrong if you think poisonous mushrooms are not found in this area. One of the most beautiful and deadly mushrooms I ever found was along the fire-spawned environment of the Wet Prairie section of Oakland Township's Paint Creek Trail.

This little diversion of common sense is necessary, for to the untrained, inexperienced eye, the Amanita — also known as Death Angel — when it first emerges from the earth bears

taken aback a bit back when I went to the meadow to get the rest of our menu to go with the feta cheese tomato and garlic omelet. (Garlic was wild, tomatoes from garden. Could not use eggs from



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

A giant puffball is headed for the frying pan.

a resemblance to young tasty puffballs, which according to mycologists in the know is rich in selenium, iron, riboflavin and, surprisingly, Vitamin C. I guess I expect Vitamin C from orange and green things — not white mushrooms.

The puffball we harvested was small — just about the size of a large grapefruit. Some are basketball big and bigger. I did the quick "gotta be safe and sure test" and sliced a knife through the middle. The marshmallow-like texture and lack of gills (Amanitas have gills) told me it was a puffball, but the test was mostly to reassure my niece. Then it was time

to slice and sprinkle with lemon-pepper, and sautéed in olive oil. Another way is to first dip into a batter of whipped egg and bread crumbs then sauté.

And the day after she left, I sliced up another puffball and soaked the slices for about 20 minutes in a secret barbecue sauce — partial sauce ingredients included cherry salsa — and threw them on the grill next to the rib-eye for a palate pleasing dinner. Juicy wild grapes and healthful autumn olive berries for dessert. Living is good in nature's way.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way.

Here's your chance to dine with Chuck Gaidica

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

Gaidica, director of meteorology at Channel 4, is a familiar face in the metro area. As part of the Local4Casters, he's on Channel 4 weekdays at 5, 6 and 11 p.m.

A two-time Emmy Award winner, Gaidica recently helped launch a professional theatre — Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of Chuck Gaidica and would like to have lunch or dinner with him at Buddy's Pizza.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the contest is **Saturday, Sept. 15**.

A photograph of you and Chuck will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* and online at www.hometownlife.com.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars



Gaidica

and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy

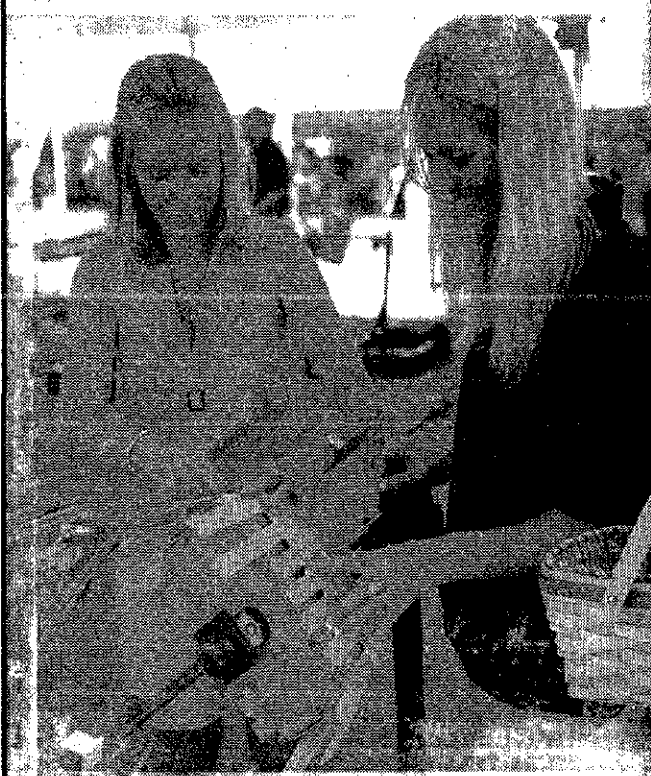
of All Class Transportation and & Limousine Services; a makeover from Beauty Salon by J.Lyle Ltd.; featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick; a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield; and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" will feature attorney Geoffrey Fieger (October), Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and *O&E* columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

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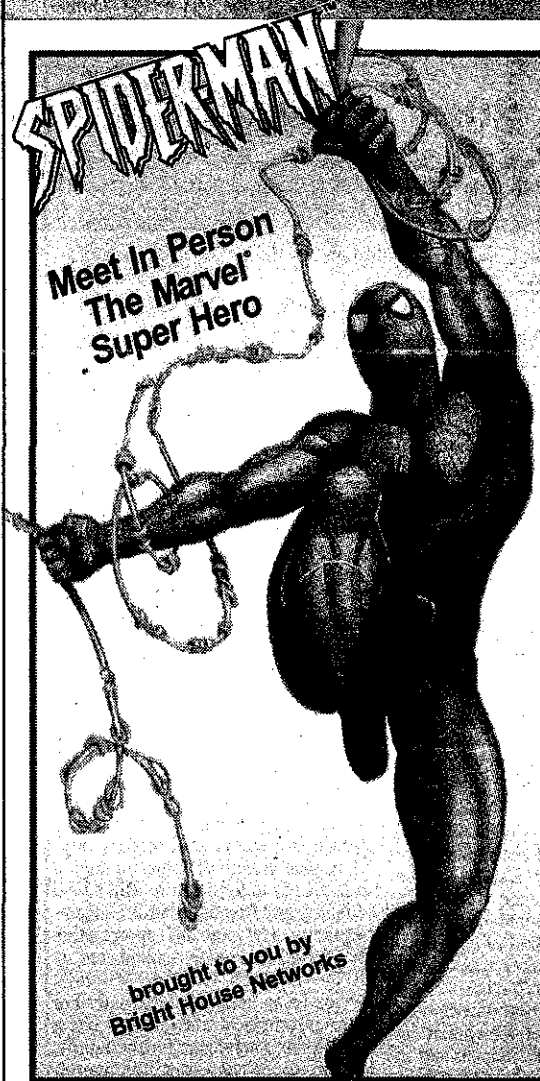


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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio, will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

Taste of Greece

Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and

noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace). Indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek doughnuts). Inflatible fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (two adults, up to three children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to church. Please use Bosch Corp. Haggerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

Neighborhood picnic

Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Everyone is invited. Food, games and live music. Call (313) 255-6330.

Victorian fashion show/tea

Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins in for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue

their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month beginning Sunday, Sept. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Lay caregiver series

Workshop is designed to talk about chronic physical illnesses and how they can lead to depression 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. Register by Sept. 13, at (248) 474-4701.

Catholic marriage

The facts—things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but did, and a couple of new things to ponder 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter is Deacon William Meahan, no need to register. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

LOGOS Youth Club

Registration days are 10:30 a.m. and noon Sunday, Sept. 16, at Northville First United Methodist Church. Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at the church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more information or registration forms, visit www.funmorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

Ladies Bible study

Women of the Word Ladies Bible Study began focusing on the Book of James Tuesday, Sept. 11, and continues 9:30-11:10 a.m. Tuesdays to Nov. 13, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study material. Child care will be available for children through age 5 in the morning. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group begins meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. The first session is 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Global village night

Liberia, West Africa, Global Village Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, near Lahser, Southfield. Speaker is the Rev. Charles Boayue Jr., senior pastor, Second Grace United Methodist Church, Detroit. Liberia history, culture, customs, folk storytelling, Liberia art and dancing, music, thoughts about PEACE, sign up for Liberia Pen Pals (ages 12-17). Bring donated items for 2008 February, Liberia Mission Trip. Open to the public. Refreshments. For more information, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137.

Alpha - Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, nonthreatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@ward-church.org.

St. Michael's parish picnic

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia will hold its second annual Parish Picnic 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Rotary Park. The order of the day will be great food, fellowship, and fun for everyone, with food being served from 1-4 p.m. Highlights include softball, volleyball, games, horseshoes, Moonwalks, face painting, tattoos, and much more all at affordable family pricing. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, for advance ticket sales. All food, beverages and paper goods are once again being provided courtesy of Larry Lokuta of Larry's Foodland on Plymouth Road.

Heart to heart mission

St. Raphael's Catholic Church of Garden City holds the Parish Renewal Mission. Heart to Heart, Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 23-26, with the Rev. Hugh Burns, a well-known Dominican preacher not only in this area but throughout the country. Burns speaks at 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept. 22, and at the 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon Masses Sunday, Sept. 23. The evening missions take place at 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 23-26. Burns will also be speaking 8:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday,

Sept. 24-26. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call (734) 427-1533.

Allens sing

Riverside Park Church of God is pleased to present The Allens 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the church, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. The Allens sing of One who brings us back to reality. Listen to their music, hear the message. Their music is their mirror.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching, series of sessions explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women while enjoying a prayerful, relaxed atmosphere of faith, friendship and fellowship, runs Thursdays, Sept. 27 to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

Mom to Mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3855 Sheldon in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Felician Sisters Marian Rally

Join the Felician Sisters of Livonia as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally Sunday, Sept. 30. The rally begins at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) in the Motherhouse Chapel, followed by praying of the rosary at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima shrine and crowning of Mary by students from Ladywood High School. Refreshments will be available after Mass. Wheelchair participants are welcome. Parking is available at the Montessori Center of Our Lady at the Newburgh entrance. The Felician Sisters Motherhouse is at 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 591-1730.

Organ concert

International concert organist David Briggs plays a recital 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students, and available by calling (248) 626-2515, Ext. 109, or at the door.

Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

GriefShare recovery seminar

And support group began 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive. No charge. For more information, call (734) 941-1511 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Religious education

Children's Religious Education began 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333.

UPCOMING

Smart Discipline seminar

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. To register, visit www.christsaviors.org. For more information, call (734) 522-6830. If unable to attend the seminar, the DVD and 4 workbooks are available for \$89. Call (800) 208-0807 or purchase online at www.smartdiscipline.com.

Islam: A primer

Join us for an introductory exploration of Islam: a 14-century old religious, geo-political, and social system 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Presenter is David J. Conrad. Please register as this will allow for the accurate preparation of handouts, seating and hospitality. Call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

Rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia, will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6 (admission free). Saturday everything is half price.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes, and more... when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the

first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Next breakfast is Saturday, Oct. 6. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Church Women United

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring one salad for every three persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Avenue, Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Rental cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$27 for 8-foot table, \$3 for a rack with table rental. Call (734) 532-7818 for information.

CROP walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and developments as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township. There will be two-mile and four-mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

Singers wanted

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. Choir practice meets once a month on Saturday and sings the following Sunday at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth road, Livonia. Upcoming practices are scheduled 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

Fall craft show

Get a jump start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia. A few spaces are still available for any handmade craft items. Call (734) 464-0990 for an application.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Catholic women's conference

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Cruise

St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space limited.

ONGOING

Morning prayers

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

Explore the Catholic faith

We are constantly confronted with competing faith claims. What to make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, started Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Please see **CALENDAR, A15**



FLORENCE P. BURKE

Age 90, September 9, 2007. Devoted wife of the late Wallace Sloan and the late Bernard Burke. Caring mother of Patricia Tinney and the late Warren Sloan. Stepmother of Charles (Jane) Burke, Barbara Harrison, and the late Valerie Trudell. Survived by grandchildren Marlo Tinney, Janelle Grimes, Joanne Gutowsky, Tamara Rittner, Tom Trudell, Tracy Simons, Taryn Trudell, Lisa Handyside, David Harrison and Michael Harrison and great-grandchildren Savannah, Colby, Delaney, Bianca, Danielle, Charlie, Mike, Janie, John, Joshua, Matthew, Katherine, Madison, Jacob, and Claire. Florence led the campaign that established a tornado siren alert program for the Township of Redford as she served as a dedicated member of the Kenwood Women's Club. Visitation Thursday 1-8 pm Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Dalry (Btw. 6-7 Mile) 313-531-1888. Funeral Mass Friday 10 am at Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church 610 N. Beech Dalry with visitation beginning at 9:30 am. Memorial may be made to The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation or Meals on Wheels.

HARRY E. YUSCHAK

Age 75, of Farmington Hills, MI. Loving father of Harry Jr., Betty Ann (Paul) Bolyard, Judith (David) Shaw, Michele Yuschak, Katherine Yuschak & the late Mark. Dear brother of Helen (Don) Meyers & Al (Evelyn) Yuschak. Ten grandchildren & two great-grandchildren. Visitation Thursday, 6-9pm, Friday 1-9pm at the Buhay Funeral Chapel, 3103 Common, Hamtramck. Parish Prayers Friday 7pm. Funeral Saturday 9am from the Chapel to the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church for 9:30 Mass.

ISABELL NEUSIUS

Age: 86, Garden City, passed 9-9-2007. Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

IZIDORS LEITANS

Age 91, September 11, 2007. Beloved husband of Zenija. Loving father of Valda (Donald) Vandersloot, Edvins (Bonnie) Kaulens and the late Andris Leitans. Dear grandfather of Caitlin, Clover, Garth, Irene, Charlene and Andris. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday from 5 PM until Funeral Service at 7 PM. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48033.

JANE EVELYN DUTCHER

Age 85, September 6, 2007. Beloved wife of Eugene W. Dutcher for 61 years. Loving mother of Cary A. Dutcher, Rebecca L. Sleeper, Julie A. Dutcher, Steven F. Dutcher. Loving and Proud Grandmother of Terri, Michael, Thomas, Erin, Robert, Patrick, Trevor, Emily, Roger, Barbara, Steven. Great-grandmother of Jeffrey, Michael, Grace, Derek. Memorial services will be held at 11:00am September 17, 2007 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., at Gottfredson.

PHYLLIS C. CARNOCHAN

September 4, 2007. Age 93, longtime resident of Birmingham. Mrs. Carnochan resided for the past few years at the Baldwin House in Birmingham where she made many new friends and will be missed. She attended the Arts and Crafts Center in Detroit and had a profound interest in Fiber Weaving. Her beloved husband William preceded her in death in 2000. She is survived by her sister-in-law Daphne Carnochan of Medford, OR. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.

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WALTER J. SMITH

Loving husband of the late Pauline M. Smith of Livonia, MI. Father of Abbey-jo (Michael) Rehling and Dorothy J. (Henry) Avendt. Grandfather to Joseph (Sarah) Rehling, Paul Avendt, Benjamin (Kelli) Rehling, Scott (Sarah) Avendt and John (Kim) Avendt. Loving Great-grandfather to Rachal Rehling, Alexa Avendt, Jacob Avendt, Sierra Avendt, Anna Bell Avendt and Christopher Avendt. Retired LT. From the United States Navy and veteran of World War II. Retired from Wayne State University as Director of Parking Authority. Private Memorial Service. Memorials to be sent to Christ Lutheran School, 620 GM Road, Milford, Michigan in memory of Pauline and Walter Smith. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734) 422-6720 in charge of the arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rggharris.com

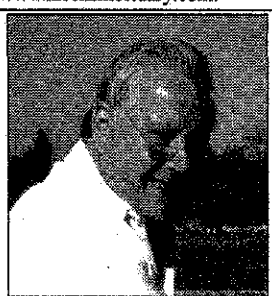


JAMES MACK TENNEY

Died on Friday, September 7, 2007 at the age of 89 in Knoxville. He was born on January 27, 1918 in Tallmansville, West Virginia, the son of the late Fred and Julia Bell Tenney. He graduated from Buckhannon Upshur High School, attended Glenville State Teachers College and taught elementary school in Upshur County and Vocational Education at Buckhannon Upshur High School. He served as scout master of troop 138 in Buckhannon West Virginia. After service in the Marine Corp in World War II he joined the Ford Motor Company in Detroit Michigan as an instructor in their training school and a marketing division analyst. He graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit with a Bachelors of Science in 1946, a Masters in Education in 1946, and a Masters of Business Administration in 1948. He joined American Motors in Detroit Michigan rising to General Sales Manager of the Kelvinator Appliance Division. While General Sales Manager of Kelvinator they won the National Product Design of the Year for new appliance design. In addition, he was a board member of the National Association of Appliance Manufacturers, National Association of Furniture Manufacturers and National Retail Furniture Association. Following the sale of Kelvinator he moved to Knoxville, Tennessee in 1967 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Sterchi Brothers, Inc. a New York Exchange Company of fifty-five (55) furniture stores in the Southeast. Following the sale of Sterchi Brothers, he purchased eight (8) furniture manufacturing companies and in 1970 formed Dorset Corporation of Louisville, Kentucky where he was President and Chairman of the Board. He sold Dorset in 1986 and retired. In Knoxville, he had been a director of The Church Street Methodist Church and the Webb School and was a member of Cherokee Country Club. He was preceded in death by wives, Lalah Shockey Tenney and Patricia Fleming Tenney; sons, Bert Barton Tenney of Detroit, MI and Terry F. Tenney of Warren, OH; and daughter, Sally Tenney of Buckhannon, WV; and four sisters, Eva Grace Campbell of Buckhannon, WV, Virginia Hirsch of Meyersdale, PA, Madge Riggs of Tallmansville, WV, and Vonda W. King of Cleveland, OH. He is survived by wife, Barbara Kirk Tenney of Knoxville; son and daughter-in-law, James and Debbie Tenney of Atlanta GA; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Donnie DiBacco of Warren, OH; sister, Verma Campbell of Buckhannon, WV; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral service 7:00 P.M. Sunday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel with Rev. William J. Fowler and Rev. Cabel W. Trent officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Wayne County, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 4708 Papermill Rd., Knoxville, TN 37909. The family will receive friends 6-7:00 P.M. Sunday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. The Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Funeral Directors, 226 Crocker Blvd., Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043

OTTO C. PODLAHA

Passed away September 10, 2007 at Munice Health and Rehabilitation Center following a brief illness. He was born January 13, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois. He was formerly of West Bloomfield, MI. Otto was a former WWII Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Glenna; four children, Dana Meuret (Jim), Fulton, MO; Mark Podlaha, Boise, ID. Glenn Podlaha (Colleen), Plymouth, MI. Gail Sandlin (Tony), Fishers, IN; and five grandsons, Taylon, Mitchell, Nicholas, Bailey and William. Memorial services will be held at the Meeks Mortuary and Crematory at 6:00pm on Friday, September 14, 2007. Friends can call Meeks Mortuary on Friday before 6:00 at: 765-288-6669. Memorials may be directed to the Cruetzfeld-Jakob Disease (CJD) Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 5312 Akron, OH 44334. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.



WILLARD D. DEN HOUTER, MD

Age 76 of Plymouth, September 7, 2007. Dear husband of the late Katherine. Beloved father of Bill (Elizabeth) of Dixboro MI and John (Marlene) of Edwardsville IL. Proud grandfather of Kate, Claire, Gwen, Greer, Ben and Jack. Dear brother of David, Daniel (Elaine) and Mary (Duane) Clark. Family practice physician in the Plymouth area for 35 years. Bill received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan. As an "M" man in baseball, he maintained a lifelong passion for the "Maize and Blue" and all things Michigan. He was a naturalist and sportsman at heart pursuing fishing, swimming, gardening, and bird watching. He also was an avid reader enjoying a wide variety of subjects ranging from history to horticulture. Bill's love of family and friends, humble and gentle nature, and zest and appreciation for life will be forever remembered by all the lives he touched. Memorial service to be held at a later date. For more information and/or to leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Dialysis Unit, 5305 East Huron River Drive, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor MI 48106-9736.

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10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

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10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-08 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville Township. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

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small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by the Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

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Kristin Haydon fills a bag for a customer at the thrift store. Donations include everything from clothing and furniture to collectable figurines, plates and glassware.

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Store provides 'better wages' for disabled

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A pile of clothes lays at Megan Turner's feet. She checks them one by one, putting some on hangers and putting others in a different pile.

"I'm looking for spots and tears," the Wayne resident said. "I put the rips in the bad pile. We don't want them to go to waste, so we give them to poor people who don't have clothes."

Welcome to the Tried and True Thrift Store. Owned by the Services to Enhance Potential, or STEP, the thrift store provides employment for disabled adults.

"We provide a skill building service, job placement, job development and support coordinator service," said David Bourque, a STEP resource center director. "Our main focus is to help them enter the work

force. It's not a sheltered workshop, we want them to earn a decent wage."

Bourque admits that finding a job, let alone a job for a disabled person, is a "tall order in this dreadful economy." So STEP decided to take the bull by the horns and buy the thrift shop, giving 12 individuals a chance to "earn better wages and expand job opportunities."

The store is located in a storefront that was once an SS Kresge store on Michigan Avenue in Wayne. Painted in a retro green and orange colors, it's filled with clothing, household items, small appliances, furniture, children's toys and books.

All the money raised goes to pay wages and support the store.

Client Terry Zentz is glad he's working there and earning money. It lets him pay for karate classes, something he has wanted to do.

"This job keeps me busy," added the Westland resident.

According to manager Leah Cooley, STEP was familiar with the store before buying it. It was one of the places clients went and did volunteer work.

"They came as a volunteer group and sorted donations. Now STEP owns it and they do the sorting, learn customer relations, merchandising and marketing," she said.

Organization is a big deal at the store and all of the employees learn everything. Items are color-coded, making it easy to place them on the floor.

The focus is on the employees finding their niche. Once they do, then they'll train another employee. Plus having a job is an esteem builder, Cooley said.

"Getting their first paycheck makes a big difference in their lives. It makes them feel like they're contributing," she said.

Working at the thrift store is Aubrey Uhl's first time in retail. She found out on a Friday that

she was working at the store starting the next Monday.

"I don't know if I like it all, but I have to say the one thing I like best is pricing and tagging," the Livonia resident said. "I don't know why, maybe because it's the easiest thing to do."

MaryAnn Mijal of Canton loves working at the store. Like Uhl, her favorite job is pricing and hanging clothes on the sales floor.

"I've been working with STEP for 22 years and my favorite job is here because I get more money," she said. "I save my money for clothes. I even bought something here."

In the back room, Kaytee Bellows of Garden City is Turner's job coach.

"She's a good worker, a great worker," Bellows said. "She's my sorting lady, my go-to gal. She sorted eight bags of clothes yesterday."

This is the second summer Bellows has worked for STEP. During the school year, she's a substitute at the Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City, but may stick with STEP.

"It's hard to say you love your job, but I do love my job. This is the best crew," Bellows said. "This place when it started was a debacle, but they've been working so hard. They did a great job."

The store had its grand opening July 20 and has a steady stream of customers.

"Every day it gets better and better," Bourque said. "People see the changes. We've had a lot of comments about them."

The Tried and True Thrift Store is located at 35004 Michigan Ave., just east of Wayne Road, in Wayne. It's open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (734) 728-9777.

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STEP job coach Kaytee Bellows of Garden City works with Megan Turner of Wayne in the back room of the thrift store sorting clothing. Bellows describes Turner as "my go-to girl."

Military Moms to host benefit walk

Michigan Military Moms is sponsoring its first annual walk - the 2007 MMM Walk - to support the troops.

The walk takes place on 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Dearborn's Ford Field, off of South Brady Street. Check-in tables open at 9 a.m. Total walking distance is just under two miles.

The Michigan Military Moms is a non-political support group of mothers who have sons and/or daughters serving in the U.S. military. The 2007 MMM Walk is an effort by the group to host an activity for those who wish they could do more to show their support for the men and women who are serving in the military during a time of war. MMM also hopes it will

serve as a gentle reminder of what their sons and daughters do on behalf of all Americans every day.

There is no need to collect pledges; participants who pay the registration fee can walk. A registration form for the 2007 MMM Walk is available at the organizations' Web site at www.michiganmilitarymoms.org or by calling (313) 274-1877. Participants are encouraged to register in advance.

The participation fee is \$30 for adults; \$20 for youths and senior citizens. The price includes a complimentary 2007 MMM Walk T-shirt, which will be handed out on the day of the Walk. Children age 9 and under can walk for free. They will not receive a T-shirt, but they also registered.

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McCotter defends his record in D.C. on Iraq, economy

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The lunch crowd at Westland Rotary wasn't hostile to Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, but they had some tough questions about the war in Iraq.

"If they cannot win, then we bring them home," the Livonia Republican lawmaker said Thursday, Aug. 30, in response to a question from club President Lou Toarmina of Westland.

"They tried to create Washington in Baghdad," McCotter said of the Bush administration's Iraq plan. "Our democracy evolved from the grassroots up."

McCotter defended his record on the war, urging the listeners to be patient "and let it (democracy) take its own native form. Unless the people you represent want something, it's not going to happen."

McCotter, speaking at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army to Rotarians and guests, believes the Iraqis are feeling the effects of Saddam Hussein being deposed. Kim Shunkwiler of Wayne, a Westland chiropractor and Vietnam vet-



McCotter

eran, asked about troops leaving Iraq.

McCotter replied by urging listeners to heed broadcasts on the CBC from Canada. In that country, you hear anti-war arguments about Afghanistan like those heard here on Iraq.

The congressman believes if the U.S. leaves Iraq now, Taliban-type extremists in Pakistan who have nuclear capabilities will dominate. He foresees two nuclear fault lines, Pakistan/India and Iran/Israel, and an ideological struggle like the Cold War. He envisions further problems in the Middle East.

"Now what you're going to see in Washington is this new 'blame the victim,'" McCotter said. Former servicemen from the U.S. who return to North Vietnam receive a warmer welcome than those in the South, he said, who believe they were lied to about American support.

McCotter gave credit to former U.S.

President Bill Clinton for his criticism of Chinese who killed students in Tiananmen Square in that country. He praised the U.S. tradition of respect among those who disagree: "There's a certain commonality of agreement on the system of government we have."

Toarmina, who owns a pizza business, welcomed the congressman, noting "With us we have one of the most influential men in the country. We're happy and proud to have him."

McCotter also faced tough questioning on the home front, with Michigan's economy the major concern and small business needs specifically. The congressman cited our state's population loss, including young college graduates leaving.

"This is at a time when the rest of the country isn't going through this," McCotter said. Either Michigan will catch up to the U.S. — or the national economy will come down.

"If the national economy lands on us, it's going to be a very long time." He said he and his colleagues work to bring more tax dollars back to Michigan: "We've

been very good on a bipartisan basis on doing that."

He said both the GOP and Democratic parties have members who don't understand the needs of manufacturers, including auto companies. He'd like to see alternative energy sources which equate to less reliance on foreign oil.

"We have great community colleges, we have great universities," Michigan's skilled workforce is another asset, McCotter said.

"The state has to be competitive with other states." Massachusetts adjusted to loss of the textile industry, a good analogy for our state, he said. "How did they make change?"

Michigan's representation in the U.S. House of Representatives is dropping, he said. "That means fewer people there to fight to bring our money back."

"My No. 1 job is to make sure the national economy doesn't crash down on us," McCotter said. "The greatest thing Michigan can do for itself is to start generating wealth."

SINGLES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

The American Singles' Golf Association will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Maples Club at 31260 Wakefield Road in Novi (off of 14 Mile Road between M-5 and Novi Road.)

Cocktails and mingling will be at 6 p.m. with announcements at 7 p.m. Dinner is optional and is off the menu. To preview our upcoming events, visit the Web site at www.southeastmichigan.singlesgolf.com. This is a great way to meet single golfers in our area and golf some of Michigan's nicest courses both locally and statewide. Since the association is a national club, you also have the option of golfing with other ASGA (American Singles' Golf Association) groups around the country.

For more information about the club, contact Diane at (248) 347-0379.

Attorney General Cox launches cyber safety program for children

Attorney General Mike Cox last week unveiled an Internet predator education program for school children. The program, titled the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (Michigan CSI), proactively combats the problem of Internet predators by educating students, teachers, and parents about how to avoid dangers on the Internet.

"Our Criminal Division is a national leader in the arrest of Internet predators," Cox said. "Now, with Michigan CSI, we will be a national leader in proactively protecting children through education and prevention."

The program is being offered to all Michigan schools, public and private, as well as the home school community.

Demand for the program is so high that already more than 70 school districts from 44 counties, representing more than 210,000 kindergarten through eighth-grade students, have already registered. Additional seminars are also available to provide parents and community leaders with practical tools for keeping children safe online.

The President of the Internet Keep Safe Coalition, Marsali Hancock, said, "Attorney General Cox's outstanding S@fetyNet campaign makes it easy to report Internet crimes against children and will help families better understand how they can provide the safest possible Web experience for their children."

The Attorney General's office is also partnering with the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association and the Michigan

Association of Broadcasters to promote Michigan CSI.

"Cable television companies are committed to keeping kids safe in a wired world, so we are proud to join Attorney General Cox in the Cyber-Safety Initiative," said Colleen McNamara, executive director of the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association. "The program we will televise throughout Michigan during this campaign will help educate parents and teachers about the risks our kids face online and how to protect them from the dangers that exist on the Internet."

"The Michigan Association of Broadcasters and its 389 member stations, both radio and television, are pleased to be working with Attorney General Cox on the important issue of Internet predators," said Karole White, President and CEO of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. "Our members have already been active with this issue and welcome the opportunity to localize the message to benefit the families and young people of Michigan."

The Michigan CSI program was developed drawing on resources from nationally recognized Internet safety programs and in consultation with Michigan teachers and parents. The program was piloted to more than 8,500 students in three school districts and is recommended by all three pilot district superintendents. Michigan CSI consists of four different age-appropriate seminars: K-third grades; fourth-fifth grades; sixth-eighth grades; and a community seminar. A portion of the program

also deals with the nation's fastest growing form of bullying — cyberbullying.

"Michigan CSI is more powerful than the strongest software filter, because this program will arm children and parents with the knowledge they need to protect themselves," Cox said. "For the past 18 months, our office has been designing this project to provide an intersection between law enforcement and education to protect our children."

Area school districts already participating in Michigan CSI include Detroit Public Schools, Royal Oak, Warren Consolidated, Wyandotte, Monroe, Clarkston, Chelsea, Dexter, Redford Union, Oakland ISD, Wayne RESA, St. Mary's of Redford, and St. Edith of Livonia.

Material from the Michigan CSI presentations can be accessed on the Attorney General's Web site, www.michigan.gov/ag, under the Key Initiatives heading. The Michigan CSI home page provides a wealth of material, including a summary explanation of the program, handouts from the presentations, and an online registration form. Portions of the presentation to sixth- through eighth-grade students may also be viewed on YouTube via a link at this site.

Parents and community members can also report suspicious or dangerous contact on the Internet by accessing the Attorney General's Web site, clicking on the Michigan CSI homepage, then clicking on the button marked, "Report Internet Abuses Against A Child."

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Realtor of the Year's a 'whirlwind' of involvement

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Gary J. Reggish of Livonia has been named the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors (WWOCAR) Realtor of the Year. Reggish is the broker/owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi.

"I was completely blindsided. I didn't see it coming. I was very touched," Reggish said. "There's just no greater honor than to be honored by your peers."

This year, five candidates were nominated for the prestigious honor. Each was reviewed in the categories of Realtor spirit, activity in civic affairs, WWOCAR involvement, service at the Michigan and National Associations, business and educational experience and support of WWOCAR initiatives.

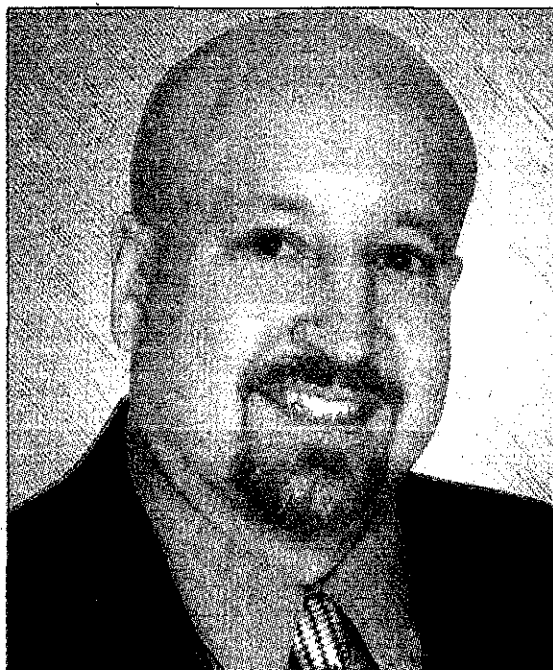
Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR, noted, "We have so many people that are active out in the community. This year, it was difficult to make a selection. Gary's a good representation of that (community involvement). He's very active in our association."

Smith added that Reggish, 41, "is very active in children's activities and trying to make the community better. He kind of represents all the volunteers." With a tendency to focus on the negative, it's good to hear about what real estate pros do well, he said.

"Gary himself is just kind of a whirlwind," Smith said, noting Reggish does "really significant things for people. He very much deserves the award. He's a good representative for those other people as well."

"We're seeing things pick up a little bit," Smith said of the local real estate market. "We're seeing some signs that things are beginning to turn around." Better responses from Realtors are what Smith's hearing, true at all price levels.

Reggish is still overwhelmed by his award — "In these times today to be honored with something like this, it's a real honor." He agreed with Smith the real estate market's picking up



Gary J. Reggish

locally.

"Absolutely. Sellers are definitely being very realistic about market value. It's worth what the public is willing to pay for the property," Reggish said. The challenge is to get sellers to recognize that, and he credits the media with those educational efforts.

"We need to get the true facts out there to the public, and the media's done a good job," Reggish said.

In making the selection, the ROTY Committee noted Reggish's involvement in community events and programming, lending his efforts to several local charities. He has also been involved in community service, having served in leadership roles at the Northville Central Business Association, Northville Rotary Club, and Northville Chamber of Commerce. He participated in the Gibbs Group Study

Commission that established the tenets for the future growth of the community.

His role in raising funds for charities doesn't stop at the local level.

Reggish and his sales associates have raised money for national and international relief efforts. He has also been involved in several areas in the school council at St. Edith School in Livonia, including serving as president of that group in 2005 and 2006. All four of his children attend St. Edith School.

At WWOCAR, he has served on several committees and task forces. Reggish currently is WWOCAR's 2007 president-elect. His key interests are centered on community, education and governmental initiatives, and establishing value to members within the various organizations he serves.

Recently, Reggish has stepped up his volunteer activities to include the Michigan and National Associations of Realtors. He is a WWOCAR Elite Member and an RPAC Sterling R contributor.

In his free time, Reggish facilitates a multiple mastermind group on goal setting and goal achievement. Plans are under way to have him set up a similar program at WWOCAR.

Reggish is married to Lynne. They have four children (ages 8, 9, 11 and 12), a dog, a cat and a bird.

"Do we have a lot on our plate coming down the plate," he said of the coming year at WWOCAR. Value to members and the general public of WWOCAR, such as homeowner rights/issues, is the focus, he said, citing the service tax in Michigan as a recent example.

"Our real commitment is to step up our value and just make it better," said the president-elect, who earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan with a double major in biology and physiological psychology (mental illnesses with a physical basis).

He has about 60 agents at his Remerica United Realty office. "We just expanded recently. We're looking to grow about another 20 agents." The office has about 9,000 square feet on Grand River at Beck in a shopping center.

Hammer out employment plan for business

Q. We have a family real estate business which I want to give to my children to handle. However, only one of three is able to do so and I want to avoid any problems in the future, particularly with respect to compensation. Do you have any recommendations?



Robert Meisner

A. Obviously, there should be an employment agreement between the corporation and the child that will be performing services for the corporation so

that there is no question down the road as to the right of that person to receive compensation. Also, there should be a shareholder agreement between the shareholders, including any intended beneficiaries with respect to their rights to the family business. You may also wish to consult with your estate planning lawyer as it is important to have everything in writing to the extent possible to avoid future problems down the road.

Q. I have heard of something called the "Communications Decency Act" and am wondering if it protects Internet roommate matching services from claims under the Fair Housing Act.

A. The Communications Decency Act does not protect an Internet roommate matching service from claims under the Fair Housing Act to the extent that the service is functioning as a "content provider" based upon a Ninth Federal Circuit Court ruling. If the Web service passively publishes information provided by others, the Communications Decency Act protects it from liability, but if the Web site is responsible, in whole or in part, for creating or developing the information, it becomes a "content provider" and is not entitled to CDA protection. The court suggested that by categorizing, channeling and limiting the distribution of users' profiles, the Web site provides an additional layer of information that it is responsible, at least in part, for creating or developing, and so the Web site should be concerned about whether it is providing nonprotected content under the Fair Housing Act.

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MCAR 'Realtor of Year' has seen changes in field

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Nanci J. Rands of SKBK Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham is this year's "Realtor of the Year" for the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, of which she's a past president. The Bloomfield Hills resident has long been active in MCAR, which has over 5,000 Realtors in Oakland and Macomb.

"I thought that it was a very wonderful recognition by my peers," she said. "Even though it is an individual honor, it is really true many years of teamwork and collegiality with other professionals that this achievement was made possible."

Rands, in the field over 30 years, is an associate broker at SKBK Sotheby's International Realty on Maple in downtown Birmingham. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in political science.

"I see additional activity in the market," Rands said recently.

Rands' community involvement is extensive and includes: Project Interchange - National Board, vice chair, chairman-elect (2007) (organizes and supports educational seminars to Israel for current and emerging U.S. and international leaders, enhancing understanding and perspective with the objective of peace in the Middle East); Temple Beth El - member, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, chair of major fund-raising events; Orchards Children's Services - (a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian child and family service agency), Board of Directors, Executive Committee; Franklin Hills Country Club - member - Board of Directors and officer - first woman in club's 75-year history, Committee chair - Strategic Planning, Best Practice, House, Food & Beverage, Women's Golf; Men's Golf Tournament Event Eye Research Institute of the Retina Foundation - chair of Funds Mobilization - Michigan Metropolitan Detroit Jewish Federation - Women's Division, Board of Directors; chair, Major Gifts Campaign Metropolitan Detroit Jewish Foundation - Real Estate Committee; Jewish Women's Foundation - trustee; National Council of Jewish Women -



Nanci J. Rands

board member, vice president for Political Affairs; American Jewish Committee - board member, liaison to National AJC National Board ex-officio 2007-II; Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America - board member, executive committee Development - co-chair 2007 major benefit.

She was 2006 president of MCAR, and will assume the chairmanship of the state next year for the Realtors Political Action Committee.

"The thing I like best about it is the people I get to meet," she said, including other real estate professionals and those in allied fields. "There's always something new and interesting." Rands likes helping people find "a house that they then make their home; working with them through the process is very, very rewarding."

She's a residential broker, which includes houses, and vacant land either buildable or developable. "I

do a lot of consulting with builders and developers."

"In the last 10 years, there's been a tremendous amount of technologic advancement." Real estate pros used to need many people to do their work, and now carry small computers/PDAs, and rely heavily on e-mails. "Things are done much more quickly, but there's also an expectation of much more detailed information. The paperwork, of course, has become mountainous whenever we close transactions," Rands said.

Early on in her career, a dozen papers was a lot at a closing. "Today, it is just unbelievable."

Rands praised "a significant rise in the level of professionalism among Realtors, a commitment to ongoing education, a commitment to improving the kinds of services we provide to the public and our clients in particular."

"Business models have changed significantly over the years. I believe they're going to continue to evolve." The typical company when she began was a comparatively small office, locally owned, sometimes family-run, with probably 20 agents or even less.

"Now we have many, many more large firms, some of which are national franchises or sometimes even international." Some operate statewide.

"Real estate for a long time has been a real pillar of our economy," Rands noted, citing \$42,000 of ripple effect in the economy in the U.S. for each real estate transaction. She works with daughter Meredith Rands Colburn as her business partner and likes that arrangement.

Walt Baczkowski Jr., chief executive officer of MCAR, said, "I was very pleased with Nanci's selection. Nanci is just a high class individual. She provides tremendous customer service. She's involved in so many things and so many projects."

Baczkowski described the honoree's frequent flying around the country as an advocate for homeowners. She's "honest, forthright," and well-connected with Washington and the industry, he added.

"She is a great example of a true professional, and somebody who gives back." He noted Rands gives her free time to help others, and offers great customer service professionally.



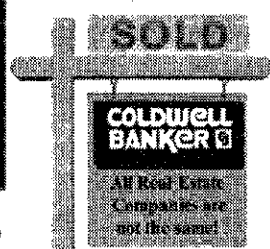
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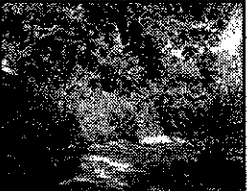
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\$349,900 (P-573CR)



WALLED LAKE RANCH
Beautiful ranch condo offering fresh paint, new carpet, attached Garage, private bsmt, & more. Great location & price!!
\$115,999 (P-488DO)



UNBEATABLE LOCATION
You'll love how close this 2 bd, 2 story condo is to fine shops, restaurants, & parks. Quality built, full basement, view of park from the front & privacy in the back.
\$149,900 (P-533ET)



EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD
Great home surrounded by larger, higher priced homes. Crestwood schools, very clean & neutral t/o, too many nice updates to list, fenced yard, & close to everything.
\$58,500 (P-418FE)



EXECUTIVE CONDO LIVING
Plymouth's prestigious Milled Pond! Beautiful 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo w/1st floor mstr, gourmet island kit, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, brick paver walkway, & large patio. Tastefully decorated t/o.
\$355,900 (P-411HI)



WELCOME HOME
Elegant home featuring a formal LR & DR, Family Room, Home Theater area, 4 bd, 3 full & 3 half baths, extensive landscaping, 3 car Garage, & much more.
\$446,900 (C-874LI)



UNBELIEVABLE LOW PRICE
Great Westland condo w/Livonia Schools. Open floor plan, Liv Rm w/patio door to balcony, new water heater, in-unit laundry, assoc dues includes water, area pool, & good location.
\$74,900 (P-590MA)



CLASSIC RANCH HOME
Gorgeous ranch situated on 1 acre featuring a beautiful Master w/Jacuzzi tub & custom shower, hwd floors, loft area, skylights, Liv Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, & prof landscaped.
\$249,900 (C-711ME)



MOVE-IN CONDITION
Decorated w/designer colors t/o. Hwd floors, attached Garage, open area upstairs could be library or study. Great Room wired for surround sound, & Patio area planted w/beautiful perennials.
\$144,900 (P-110NE)



CHARMING STONE HOME
4.65 Acres embraces this charming 4 bedroom home. Fireplace, hwd & ceramic floors welcomes you home. 48X30 pole barn. Swimming pool. Great craftsmanship. Built in 1930 w/numerous updates.
\$324,900 (P-291NO)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE
Spacious colonial w/over 2300 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, new lead glass entry door, updated maple kit w/Corian, nook w/new doorwall, updated powder room, formal dining, FR w/frpl, & 1st fl laundry.
\$254,900 (P-556OA)



FANTASTIC PRICE
3 bd farmhouse w/updated windows, doors, hwh, coved ceilings, hwd floors, Pottery Barn colors, large fenced yard, & close to parks & library.
\$139,900 (P-824PA)



ALL SPORTS LAKE!
Gorgeous home on private School Lake. Offering 3 bd, 2 baths, island kit, LR w/cath ceiling & doorwall to Deck w/frt tub. Prof landscaped, invisible fence, seawall, firepit, dock, & Pontoon Boat included!
\$359,900 (P-629PA)



CAPE COD CONDO
Enjoy the comforts of a free standing home w/the convenience of a condo. Many upgrades t/o including granite, gas frpl in Great Rm, 1st fl Master w/WIC & bath, 2 car Garage & more.
\$358,000 (C-021SA)



EXECUTIVE RETREAT
Acreage, privacy, w/out bsmt, wine cellar, maple & granite kitchen, custom tile work, vaulted bonus room, pool room, home theater, & situated on 4+ acres.
\$524,900 (C-0158A)



QUALITY RANCH
Birmingham Farms sub in Bloomfield Twp offers this fabulous home featuring 3 bd, Family Room w/2 way fireplace, 1st fl laundry, & priced right!!
\$350,000 (C-532TI)



BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEWS
Access to all sports Tioga Lake. 2500 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath ranch w/ wide open floor plan, large kitchen, Master w/bath & doorwall to Deck spanning the rear of the home. A must see!!
\$200,000 (C-600UN)



COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY
Wide buildable lot in an area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Treed rear & western boundary, great location just a few steps away from Lawson Field & playground.
\$29,900 (C-574VA)



STOP RENTING NOW!
You could own this clean Westland condo in a quiet location. New carpet, appliances stay, gas fireplace, patio, & move in ready.
\$74,999 (C-380WO)



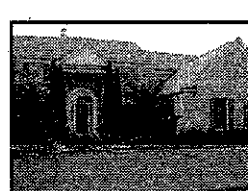
ELEGANT CANTON CONDO
Get ready to move into your new home. Immaculate condo featuring Great Room w/frpl, 1st fl laun, Master w/bath & WIC, large storage room could be used as office, & garage.
\$149,900 (C-895BE)



BACKS TO THE WOODS
On an extra deep lot with a sunny family room, formal living room, new roof, vinyl windows, finished bsmt, updated bath, 2 car garage & a big open kitchen. 3 bds, 2 full baths. Nice.
\$174,800 (C-728AL)



PREPARE TO BE OVERWHELMED
2001 built, 4400 sq ft Novi colonial boasting 4 bd, 4.2 baths, & additional 2100 sq ft in finished walkout bsmt. Peaceful wooded setting on quiet cul de sac. Uncompromised quality t/o, & too many extensive amenities to list.
\$775,000 (C-984AN)



YOU'LL BE PROUD
Situated in desirable area of Canton, this exquisite home is tastefully appointed & in move in condition. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, & prof finished lower level w/guest suite & entertainment area.
\$419,900 (C-675AS)



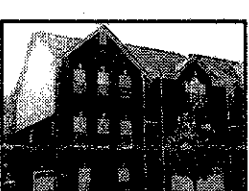
GREAT RANCH
Sharp 2 bd ranch sitting on a large lot in a great sub. Updated kitchen, huge Great Room, nice sized bedrooms, 2.5 car Garage, freshly painted t/o, & more.
\$79,900 (C-745BE)



PRICED TO SELL!!
New deck, open floor plan, gas fireplace, daylight windows in bsmt, Community pool & tennis courts. Large kitchen, huge Master w/bath. Private wooded back yard w/hic deck & Immed occupancy!!
\$370,000 (C-118BO)



GREAT INVESTMENT
This multi family unit is priced to sell! Separate entrances, furnaces, hwh's, & more. Updated bedrooms, newer roof, & can be converted back to a single family home.
\$49,900 (C-132CH)



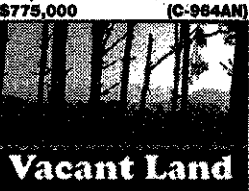
MOVE IN READY
2 bd, 2 bath Canton condo features an open floor plan, large island kitchen, finished walkout w/ possible 3rd bd, oversized Master w/sitting area & WIC, & great location.
\$232,400 (C-796CH)



LOCATION! LOCATION!
Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/pergo floors, vaulted ceilings, Master w/bath, professionally finished bsmt w/wetbar & bath, new roof, huge Deck, & 2 car Garage.
\$185,000 (P-309CO)



PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP
Traditional Plymouth colonial w/2 story foyer w/hwd, formal LR & DR, spacious kit overlooking FR, 4 season room, Pella windows, Hardie siding, Hunter Douglas shades, & over 85k in updates.
\$409,850 (C-732DE)



BUILDABLE LOT
Large lot for a home of your choice. City allows modular or manufactured home. Seller will consider land contract.
\$53,000 (C-009EC)



CUL DE SAC SETTING
Canton ranch featuring lovely landscaping, great yard w/room for boat or RV, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, dual frpl, formal LR & DR, newer kitchen, neutral carpet t/o, & more.
\$234,900 (C-038PE)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN
Charming Plymouth contemporary home w/an inground pool, finished bsmt, large Liv Rm, formal Dining, Fam Rm w/doorwall, 4 bds, 2 full & 2 half baths, & unbeatable location.
\$480,000 (C-670EV)



RANCH W/LAKE ACCESS
Nicely updated ranch w/private access to Whitmore Lake. Updates include furnace, A/C, well, bathroom, plumbing, kitchen counters, water softener, & neutral decor.
\$100,000 (C-142FO)



UPDATED COLONIAL
Ready to move in to! Remodeled in 2003, brick & vinyl exterior, updated windows, 4 bd, 2.5 updated baths, oak kitchen w/appl's, 3 car Garage, extra large covered Deck, & private yard.
\$239,900 (C-800HA)



BEYOND FABULOUS
Completely updated 3 bd, 2 bath ranch. Huge 1/2 acre lot, updated kit w/appliances, newly refinished hwd floors, updated bath, fireplace, finished bsmt w/bath, new paint, updated carpet, doors, & windows.
\$150,000 (C-394MA)



BACKS TO THE PARK
1800 sq ft brick ranch backing to nature park, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, open floor plan, Great Room w/frpl, large Deck, skylights, 1st fl laun, bsmt, & Livonia Schools.
\$259,800 (C-277PA)



THIS HOME HAS IT ALL!
Awesome home features an open Foyer, large Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, Flex Room, spacious Master w/bath & large WIC, neutral t/o, & beautiful pond views. A must see!
\$250,000 (P-163SH)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY
Brick ranch home in Westland w/ Livonia Schools. 3 bd, 2 baths, part finished bsmt, hwd floors, newer roof, 1 car Garage, & appliances stay.
\$125,000 (P-570AL)



LAVISH COLONIAL
Your search is over, this home will take your breath away. Relocation forces sale of this fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring big rooms, 2 story Great Rm, hwd floors, jetted tub, & new landscaping.
\$289,000 (C-560ANN)



TICKLE YOUR FANCY
Northville condo w/all the extras! 3 season sun room, open kitchen w/hwd floors, prof finished lower level w/2nd kitchen, formal Liv & Din Rms,

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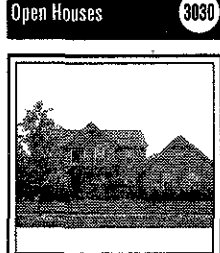


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CANTON
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM
2055 Hendrie
Dramatic & inviting open floor plan w/2 story foyer & family room. Wood floors; foyer, lav, hall, kitchen & nook. \$327,000 (EC20HE-27160818)
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On 13 acre Sub Park.
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48017 Basswood Ct., Gorgeous 4 bdrm Colonial in Colony Farms. Formal dining rm, family rm w/fireplace & first flr. laundry. Updates incl. hardwood on lower level, newer roof, gutters, siding, windows, furnace & A/C. Beautiful landscaping incl. mature trees & perennials. Spacious rms & large new deck make this the perfect home for entertaining. \$368,000
Coldwell Banker Preferred 734-459-6000

REDFORD - OPEN SUN. 1-4
8330 BRADY
S. of Joy, E. of Beech. Spacious brick ranch, 3 bdrm, finished bsmt, 2 car garage, many updates, neutral decor. Only \$129,900.
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Beverly Hills 3049

By Owner
2,400 sq. ft. Colonial. Spacious kitchen, 4 bdrm., 4 baths, 3 room master suite, finished lower level, Birmingham schools. Move in condition. Private deck/gardens. \$348,000 very negotiable.
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WEST BEVERLY HILLS
19360 Beverly Rd., Builder's home built in '04, 3,885 sq. ft. home, 4 lg. bdrms, 4 full baths w/granite, gourmet kitchen w/granite counter-tops, custom throughout, master suite w/fireplace, 2 laundry rooms, wrap around cedar deck. \$839,000.
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NEWLY LISTED

3 Bedroom brick ranch, finished bsmt., updates galore, \$112,900.
FABULOUS
3 Bedroom brick ranch, finished bsmt, family room, 2 car garage. \$139,900.
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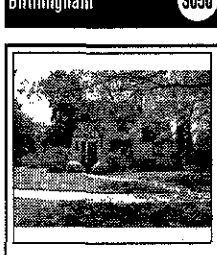
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Birmingham 3050



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w/open floor plan. Great room great for entertaining w/47" TV built-ins & open to deck. Fireplace in living room & library. \$379,000 (EC25YO-27047560)
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Bloomfield 3055

BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS AND MAILING.
Great one owner home, 4,000 sq. ft. Built in 1964, 5 bdrm, 3.5 bath, 30x20 studio, sun-room w/ spa, finished bsmt, air cond. Great park like lot w/ pool, solar heat, owner will sacrifice. Ill health. Please call if qualified, \$695,000. Mr or Mrs. Balogh, (248) 646-6102

Brighton 3060



GREAT LOCALE CLOSE
to charming downtown, on 1+ acre professional landscaped wooded lot. Exceptional quality custom built & attention to detail. \$419,900 (EC81HE-27151128)
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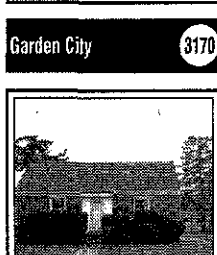


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PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP!
You must see inside this gorgeous updated colonial w/park-like yard! Hardwoods in 2-story foyer, oak kitchen & powder room. \$249,900 (EC06ST-27134696)
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Garden City 3170



GARDEN CITY
31499 RUSH
Nearly new everything, including priced Glistening hardwood floors, finished rec room. Garage. \$119,900. ML2616745.
Sue Gagin, Surovell Realtors 734-645-3225/971-3333

By Owner

GARDEN CITY
Move-in ready, quiet neighborhood, brick bungalow, 31913 Sheridan. Hardwood floors, 2 bdrm, up, 1 down, new kitchen cupboards, living room bay window, fenced yard, 80 x 136 lot. \$117,500. 313-410-3932

Westland 3445

LIVONIA SCHOOLS
Huge lot, 3 bdrm, 2 Bath Quad. Updated kitchen. Deck. \$199,900. Call John Hosko @ 734-718-7648, 734-459-6222
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Oakland County 3540

OAKLAND TWP
Desirable Oakland Knolls! Premium lot. Rear & front facing commons. Finest luxury. Elegant colonial. Gourmet dream granite & maple kitchen. \$530,000 (EC16LO-27127335)
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Livonia 3250

CAPE COD
3 bedroom, 2 bath - VERY NICE! Screened-in Porch. \$184,777. (11CA)
LOVELY RANCH
Open floor plan - many updates - fresh paint. \$164,900. (35CD).
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N.W. Livonia EXECUTIVE HOME

4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, pool. \$35,000 BELOW MARKET First offer @ \$254,900 gets it! (248) 255-3075

Hillford 3260

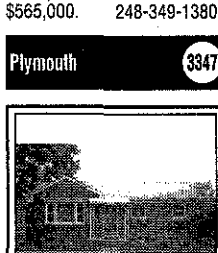


SECLUDED 1.51 ACRE
wooded area adds to the appeal of this 2-story Tudor home. Cherry hardwood & laminate flooring abound. Cherry wood moldings. \$269,900 (EC78GL-27128465)
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Northville 3280

IMMACULATE RANCH
3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, lg. living room, family room, stone fireplace, 12'x22' deck, finished garage, full bsmt, priced to sell \$243,900. 248-664-5002
WOODED PRIVATE LOT
Downtown, New Victorian, wrap around porch. "Green No Maintenance Construction". 3500+ sq.ft. 3-5 bdrms, 3.5+ baths, land contract avail. \$565,000. 248-349-1380

Plymouth 3347



BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH
Plymouth, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, lg. lot, new landscape, deck, sprinklers, hardwood floors, cove ceilings, finished bsmt, new windows, copper plumbing, roof, A/C, 2 car. Money magazine's 37th best pick. Plymouth/Canton schools. Call Nate: (734) 620-4752

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Troy 3410

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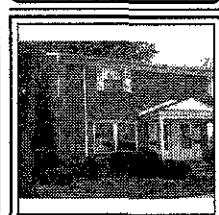
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Condos 3720

By Owner
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End unit condo features hardwoods, 1.5 baths & 2 bdrm. Lots of oversized closet space. All appliances. Professionally finished bsmt. \$82,000 (EC70FO-27151734)
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By Owner

FARMINGTON HILLS
2 bdrm, 2 full bath brick ranch, 1350 sq.ft., walkout bsmt, 2 car garage. All new carpet, paint/neutral tones. New appliances. 1st floor laundry. 35570 River Pine Ct. \$179,500. Land Contract available. 248-348-0365

By Owner

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Unique Ranch condo end unit. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2car. living room, dining room, lg. laundry room, finished bsmt w/1 bdrm, 1 bath, family room, den. Large deck on pond. Lg lawn vista. \$290,000. 734-671-2093

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Business Opportunities 3900

By Owner
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Canton		
2285 Arcadia Dr	\$133,000	
2303 Arcadia Dr	\$166,000	
2357 Arcadia Dr	\$132,000	
2412 Arcadia Dr	\$135,000	
43860 Arlington Rd	\$204,000	
674 Brookmill Ct	\$355,000	
50335 Colonial St	\$252,000	
46866 Creeks Bnd	\$237,000	
7046 Fox Path	\$253,000	
45197 Horseshoe Cir	\$145,000	
45680 Larchmont Dr	\$318,000	
42715 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$95,000	
1717 Mantion Blvd	\$216,000	
45459 N Stonewood Rd	\$185,000	
338 N Willard Rd	\$208,000	
48977 Northampton Ct	\$405,000	
43432 Nowland Dr	\$335,000	
39742 Peters Dr	\$175,000	
1886 Pincroft Dr	\$149,000	
49788 Potomac Rd	\$248,000	
1920 Preserve Cir	\$210,000	
40555 Ramblewood Ct	\$242,000	
44671 Ridgefield Rd	\$195,000	
2542 River Woods Dr N	\$320,000	
3391 Riverside Dr	\$218,000	
42053 Saratoga Cir	\$156,000	
41591 Simcoe Dr	\$200,000	
41293 Southwind Dr	\$125,000	
2136 Stanton St	\$310,000	
2071 Vine Way Dr	\$120,000	
7552 Wheaton Dr	\$223,000	
44280 Windmill Dr	\$185,000	
2449 Woodmont Dr E	\$212,000	

Farmington		
32435 Cloverdale St	\$200,000	
Farmington Hills		
29203 Autumn Rdg	\$227,000	
27900 Berrywood Ln	\$82,000	
19448 Breezeview	\$160,000	
25395 Crown Point Ct	\$265,000	
29812 Deer Run	\$341,000	
29520 Eldon St	\$256,000	
29576 Geraldine Rd	\$188,000	
21516 Jacksonville St	\$137,000	
21729 Jefferson St	\$215,000	
29334 Morningview	\$371,000	
21310 Orchard Lake Rd	\$425,000	
28632 Petersburg St	\$230,000	
37903 Sunderland Ct	\$336,000	
Garden City		
33354 Alvin St	\$144,000	
30415 Barton St	\$135,000	
31130 Black St	\$119,000	
32731 Maplewood St	\$122,000	
30915 Marquette St	\$118,000	
Livonia		
34001 Ann Arbor Trl	\$175,000	
8871 Beatrice St	\$178,000	
13938 Beatrice St	\$130,000	
29526 Bobrick St	\$102,000	
16112 Burton Ct	\$215,000	
14851 Country Club Dr	\$185,000	
18221 Deering St	\$114,000	
38912 Donald St	\$201,000	
9358 Eastwind Dr	\$190,000	
18609 Gillman St	\$145,000	
18889 Gillman St	\$136,000	
38583 Grenada St	\$214,000	
31800 Joy Rd	\$136,000	
27933 Long St	\$31,000	
9092 Louise St	\$110,000	
17160 Loveland St	\$212,000	
32396 Maria Ct	\$150,000	
29634 Mason St	\$190,000	
32940 Northgate Ave	\$265,000	
29575 Nottingham Cir	\$120,000	
8875 Oporto St	\$152,000	

29832 Orangelawn St		
18546 Parklane St		
20191 Pollyanna Dr		
34417 Richmond Ct		
28815 W Chicago St		
30414 Wentworth St		
32247 Wisconsin St		
31724 Wyoming St		
Millford		
840 Annie Lang Dr		
Northville		
18415 Clairmont Cir E		
40683 Coachwood Cir		
15989 Johnson Creek Dr		
41312 Lehigh Ln		
932 McDonald Dr		
39776 Mulfield Ln		
42164 N Waterwheel Ct		
39752 Rockcrest Cir		
19261 Surrey Ln		
50325 Teton Ridge Rd		
44255 Verona Ln		
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23460 Argyle St		
45173 Bartlett Dr		
45615 Galway Dr		
31911 Livingston Dr		
24548 Old Orchard St		
25514 Portico Ln		
25031 Portsmouth Ave		
22433 Southwyck Ct		
45087 Tiverton		
21730 Wheaton Ln		
Plymouth		
50455 Beechwood Ct		
46777 Bettyhill		
799 Deer Ct		
770 Deer St		
13053 Havenhill Dr		
43808 Joy Rd		
297 N Harvey St		
40370 Newport Dr		
51955 Northview		
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12457 Woodgate Dr	\$196,000
Redford	
25301 Five Mile Rd	\$44,000
10036 Arnold	\$195,000
25320 Cathedral	\$137,000
14133 Crosley	\$210,000
8262 Dale	\$113,000
16522 Delaware Ave	\$145,000
14122 Farley	\$190,000
12841 Homingway	\$113,000
19493 Indian	\$75,000
14020 Lucerne	\$110,000
9422 Marion Cres	\$144,000
24645 Plymouth Rd	\$562,000
8845 Salem	\$142,000
11683 San Jose	\$163,000
12822 Sarasota	\$144,000
19401 Woodworth	\$87,000
20450 Woodworth	\$100,000
South Lyon	
345 Cambridge Ave	\$148,000
61447 Dean Dr	\$181,000
26283 Great Plains Dr	\$285,000
23815 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$513,000
Westland	
1324 Berkshire St	\$145,000
34549 Blackfoot St	\$125,000
33430 Bordeaux Ct	\$177,000
35670 Castewood Ct	\$90,000
7346 Central St # 7	\$63,000
38531 Emerald Ln N	\$214,000
8137 Gary Ave	\$137,000
32630 Grandview Ave	\$125,000
6124 Herbert St	\$115,000
32009 Joy Rd	\$100,000
37625 Laramie St	\$251,000
32689 Lone Pine Dr	\$146,000
422 Loruss Ct	\$165,000
36311 Manilla St	\$109,000
5681 N Globe Dr	\$103,000
8035 Randy Dr	\$136,000
33955 Sandwood Dr	\$196,000
34627 School St	\$156,000
36245 Somerset St	\$160,000
8219 St Johns Dr	\$280,000
2301 Stockmeyer Blvd	\$149,000
8561 Terri Dr	\$140,000
5946 Wilmer St	\$125,000

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BIA

■ BIA Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents Real Estate Continuing Education course on Monday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education. Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ BIA Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Hotel Baronette in Novi. Joe Colletti of Joe Colletti and Associates, L.L.C. will show on-site sales professionals how they can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success. Registration fees are \$35 for SMC members, \$55 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ The Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) of the BIA presents its Master Certified New Home Sales Professional course (MCSP) "Housing Construction as a Selling Tool" on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 3 and 4.

This is a two-day program. The class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Registration fees

are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for Building Industry Association members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present Real Advice for Builders, Part III: "Closing the Sales: Innovative Ways To Succeed In Today's Economy" on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Marriott Detroit Pontiac at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. The roundtable discussion will give participants an opportunity to network and exchange ideas on how to survive the current economic conditions. A brief panel presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session between audience members and experts.

BIA First Vice President Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. will serve as moderator. Speakers include Wende Boerema of Boerema Chaben & Co., Barbara Gates of MJC Companies, Anita Blender of Bluerock Management, and Denise Contreras and Linda Spencer of New Home Resource.

Registration fees, including hors d'oeuvres and beverages, are \$50 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate Continuing Education course on Monday, Oct. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education.

Registration fees

are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for Building Industry Association members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market, Part II" on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at LaSalle Bank Headquarters, 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Conference Rooms C & D.

Anita Blender of Bluerock Management will be joined by a local economist and a mortgage expert from LaSalle Bank to discuss how on-site sales professionals can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success.

Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$20 for BIA or AAM members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelers Council present an Off-Site Project Management seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will review the role of the off-site project manager on a construction project. The seminar also will cover project planning, scheduling, reporting and documenting for record keeping and control purposes. Registration fees are \$155

for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan residential license examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strate-

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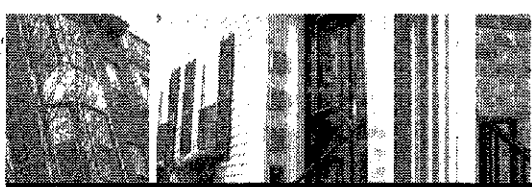
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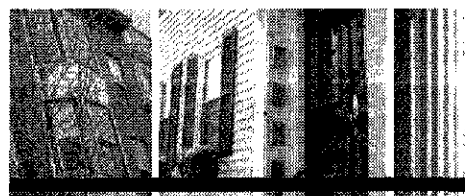
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THE INS AND OUTS OF ASSESSING CONFIDENTIALITY



WORKWISE
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Culp

There's no magic formula for determining whether a person will keep confidences, although gossipers are clearly suspect.

This column will cover suggestions from three perspectives -- legal, marketing and business consulting -- about how to assess confidentiality.

Philip Gordon, chair of the Privacy and Data Protection Practice Group at the Littler Mendelson P.C., law firm in Denver, advises clients on information management, from HIPAA to trade secrets. His position is clear-cut: "Personal information that is just not necessary to release is best left out of the workplace. A cancer diagnosis, chemotherapy treatment and their impact upon the employee have no value to the business and the business has an obligation to maintain the privacy of that information," he states.

Sociologist Emerson Smith of Metromark Market Research Inc., headquartered in Columbia, S.C., comes to the topic of confidentiality by handling market and company data. "We don't want that information fed to the competition or the media," he says. "We discuss with management and employees some of the necessary reasons for confidentiality."

"MAJOR PROBLEM"
Francie Dalton, president of Dalton Alliances Inc., in Columbia, Md., finds the issue of confidentiality "a major problem, external and internal." Smith considers breaches "fairly common, because employees have private information that's very valuable and releasing it, for some people, makes them seem very powerful." He refers to people who are underperformers and others, such as those with family or job problems, seeking approval. Dalton adds that some employees "blur the lines between their reporting relationship and friendship, while others inappropriately confide upward, trashing

people when they think they're implying loyalty to their own manager." She also observes that confidentiality may be broken in HR, when a staff member must listen to an employee complaint but also protect the company from litigation.

Dalton details some circumstances under which confidences are at risk, such as when a person:
-- "needs an objective third party to bounce an idea off;
-- "has a severe problem involving non-collaborative behavior and needs advice;
-- "is not emotionally mature and needs place to vent; and
-- "has a problem with a direct report."

WHAT TO DO
Diligent, thorough background checks are becoming the norm for dealing with this issue, Gordon maintains. Smith says, "We've found that one of the best ways to assess confidentiality among co-workers is to listen to them talk about other people in the company and, among vendors, to talk about their other customers. Those who talk about fellow employees or, for vendors, about other employees in the company or about their other customers are very likely to be confidentiality risks to individuals and to the company. In general, vendors should never volunteer information about other customers or respond to questions about what other customers -- who may or may not be competitors -- are doing or planning on doing."

"We don't like to entrap employees or vendors by asking them to reveal personal or competitive information about employees or customers," Smith adds. "We sometimes ask employees, 'What do you think about the employees here at XYZ Company?' We ask vendors, 'What do you feel is the direction the market is going?' No one should get personal in their descriptions or, for vendors, reveal individual information about companies -- unless it is already information released in the media."

Douglas Bender, president of Paladin Consulting Services Inc., in Pasadena, suggests "sharing (mis)information and waiting for a week or two to see if it surfaces in the organization."

Gordon recommends researching whether the company "creates a culture of respecting their customers' confidences." Ray O'Hara, senior vice president of Vance, a division of Garda World Security Corp., headquartered in Centerville, Va., says to beware of "a company awash in rumors and nasty hearsay about people," he states, "because the culture probably doesn't value confidentiality." Selecting a vendor has become serious business, Gordon remarks: "I'm seeing increasingly that businesses relying on vendors are requiring that any vendor or employee on their account has undergone a background check, drug test and credit check for them."
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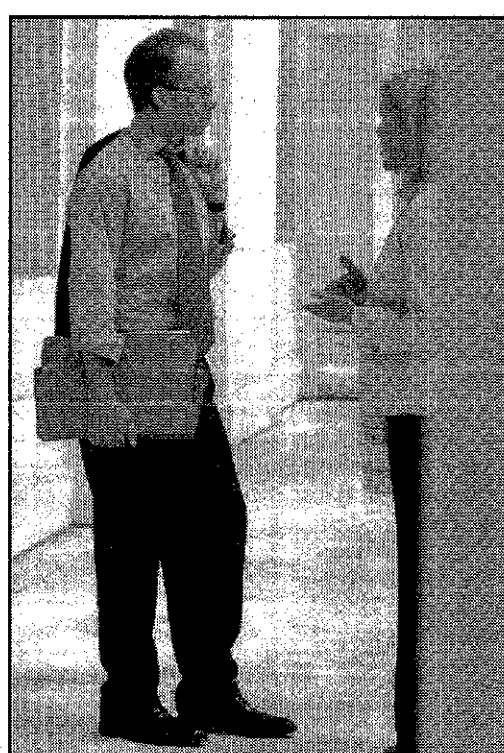
LEGAL TIPS FOR VENDOR SEARCHES (SIDEBAR)

As part of due diligence, Gordon recommends reference-checking and discussions with people in your industry. "Get a sense of others who've had a positive experience with the vendor," he states, but concedes that you still might be vulnerable to a later hire who doesn't keep confidences.

Vendor agreements need to be more robust than they've been in the past if you want to protect your organization. He says to define confidential information as you understand it. Further, he explains, "Require that they:
-- "provide physical, technical and administrative safeguards for confidential information they provide or create on your behalf.
-- "get your consent before hiring a subcontractor.
-- "give immediate notice of any security breach, within 24 to 48 hours."

"Include the types of information they're required to provide, and an indemnification provision for any losses you'll suffer as a result of employee misconduct," he continues. Stipulate that any litigation will be done in your court system, not theirs.

Gordon also indicates that you could insert "a provision which permits you to audit the vendor's



Credit: Richard Gates

Philip Gordon speaks with Nancy Plant, Au.D., of Cochlear Americans outside of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Denver. Gordon, an attorney at the Denver Littler Mendelson P.C., chairs the Privacy & Data Protection Practice Group.

information security procedures." Find out if there is any. Do employees receive confidentiality training? Does the handbook discuss the importance of keeping the customer's information confidential? What evidence do you see that the company assures customer confidentiality is part of its culture? (Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)



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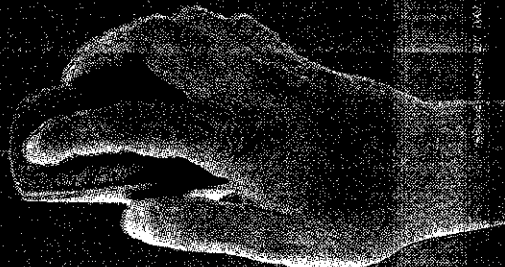
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UPGRADED BRICK COLONIAL BACKS TO PARK 45 acre neighborhood park w/playgrounds, paths, tennis & elem. school! 2 story FR w/ balcony, gas FP & sliding door to patio. 2001 kit. Granite MBR bath. Finished bsmt.
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Lakefront ranch w/ fin W/O. 22x10 screened porch. Mstr ste w/ WIC & full ba w/ tub. Kit open to brkfst rm w/ all appls. 2 car gar. FR, kit area & 1/2 ba in W/O.
(27090846) \$329,900



Northville 248-348-6430
Outstanding Design & Quality Beautiful built home w/ gour kit & brkfst rm w/ granite counters, comfortable elegant LR & DR, nice den, great mstr ste, walkout & two story deck.
(27138650) \$459,900



Redford 734-326-2000
VERY NICE UPDATED BRICK RANCH 3 BDRMS, 1.5 BA, w/ finished basement on wide lot. Updates incl: wndws, elect, roof, copper plumb, C/A. Quiet low traffic ST w/ school within walking distance.
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Waterford 248-684-1065
Open & airy ranch w/ carport. Huge fenced yard. Pergo flr in LR & hallway. Full ba w/ ceramic flr & tub. eat-in kit w/ recessed light & brkfst bar. 1st flr laun.
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Canton 734-455-7000
TERRIFIC VALUE IN A GREAT SUB! Col w/open flr plan, 4BRs, kit w/island, appl incl., frml DR, LR & GR w/FP. New carpet t/o. Invisible fence for pets. Decorating allowance offered!
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Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Move-in Ready Lovely newer home w/o the new home price! Great open floor plan, huge backyard, upgraded kit cabinets. All appliances stay. Newly finished bsmt. Neutral decor.
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Inkster 734-326-2000
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Northville 248-348-6430
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South Lyon 248-684-1065
Unique custom dream home. Gar w/ prof BB court & heated. 2 story foyer opens to hearth rm w/ double sided fp. Open kit & nook. Airy sunrm. Upstairs loft rm.
(27056227) \$650,000



Waterford 248-684-1065
Partly wooded lot on canal to Pleasant Lake. Five lots to choose from. Use your builder or mine. Paved streets-all utilities.
(27067264) \$69,754



Canton 734-455-7000
UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! 46 upscale brownstone condos coming soon w/ 5 flr plans, 2-3 bedrms, 2-car garage, fireplace, balcony, and GeoThermal heating & cooling. Call for a reservation!
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Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
UPDTD & READY TO MOVE-IN 3 br, 2.1 ba brick ranch w/ 12.5 sq. ft. Updtd kit w/ white cabinets. Updtd baths. Mstr br w/priv bat. Hrdwd flr/carpet. Huge fin bsmt. 2.1 car det gar. All appl stay.
(27085851) \$174,900



Livonia 248-851-1900
3 BR RANCH FEATURES UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN Large living rm w/cathedral ceilings. Beautiful addition at the rear of home w/4 doorwalls. Large master BR. Oversized 2.5 car garage. Full bsmt partially finished.
(27144553) \$179,900



Northville 248-348-6430
SPACIOUS NORTHVILLE CONDO This lovely brickwood flr plan offers cathedral ceilings in GR & DR & mstr suite. GR w/central fr & doorwall to deck. Convenient to pool, clubhouse & fitness center.
(27060995) \$154,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Exquisite Cape Cod! On cul-de-sac. Loads of upgrades! Kitchen w/breakfast bar and dining area. Loft overlooks 2 story great room! 1st floor master w/bath.
(27138507) \$299,900



West Bloomfield 734-591-9200
Spacious West Bloomfield Twp home over 2300 Sq Ft. +/- 0.5 acre corner lot! Prof. landscaped w/brk pvers, hrdwd in foyer, kit & 1/2 bath, HI End appls, FR Berber in FR. 6 months NO payments!
(27128937) \$360,000



Canton 734-455-7000
CANTON OPPORTUNITY! Awesome price for location and Ply/Canton schools. 3BR/1.1BA, fin bsmt & 2car att gar. Eat-in kit overlooks FR which features nat FP and doorwall to patio.
(27152933) \$174,900



Garden City 248-851-1900
LIKE HITTING THE JACKPOT! Totally remod ranch! New white cab. Kit w/doorwall leading to gar & backyd. New cement driveway/carpet/paint. Newer roof. Refin hrdwd flr in BRs. Possible 4th BR in bsmt.
(27070414) \$139,900



Livonia 248-851-1900
UPDATED HOME WITH LARGE FENCED YARD Features kitchen w/granite counters, spacious liv rm, fam rm w/frplc. Fin bsmt w/full bath. Updates include roof, furnace, windows and doorwall to patio.
(27159843) \$179,900



Novi 248-348-6430
ISLAND LAKE ELEGANT COLONIAL Located close to lake/clubhouse. Gourmet gran kit, frml LR & DR, 2 stry GR, 2 FP, huge mstr suite w/sitting room. Dressing area, 4 WIC, 3 full bath includes Jack/Jill.
(27059589) \$799,900



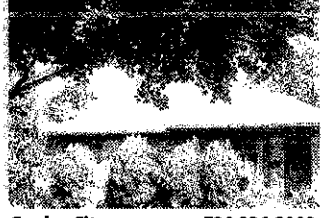
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Tastefully decorated home! Open kitchen with rich granite counters, soaring ceilings with custom stone fireplace and mantel. Upper loft offers a private retreat and much more!
(27093343) \$298,900



Westland 734-326-2000
CHECK OUT THIS 5 BEDROOM COLONIAL newer plumbing, furnace, floors, kitchen, & paint. Wood flrs thruout. Steel entry doors & deck. Fireplace in LR. Seller to make your 1st 3 payments up to \$1000.
(27088293) \$159,000



Canton 734-455-7000
BEAUTIFUL & WELL LOCATED! Spacious like-new condo with attached garage facing treed common area. Open flowing floor plan with 2BR/2BA, all appliances + priced to sell!
(27162285) \$144,900



Garden City 734-326-2000
GREAT OPPORTUNITY! DON'T MISS OUT! on this bargain priced 3 bedroom custom brick ranch w/ large kitchen w/ oak cabinets, 1.5 BA on main floor, full basement, family room w/ FP & 2 1/2 garage.
(27137674) \$139,900



Livonia 248-348-6430
Rosedale Gardens Beauty The inside story: New kit incl cabs, granite cnts, tile bkspsh & floor plus all new appl. All new paint, new carpet, new main bath. Updtd FR, Power rm & LR.
(27155122) \$1,700



Novi 248-348-6430
Graceful Living on Walled Lake Enjoy entertaining or just relaxing on beautiful Walled Lk. Kit w/cherry cabinets, granite counters, GR w/vaulted clg, hrdwd fls t/o. Mstr w/huge glamour bedroom.
(27103358) \$675,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Newer quality built colonial! Home has loads of up-grades! Living room has gas fireplace, kitchen with breakfast nook, 1st floor laundry and master w/2 walk-in closets. Bonus room and more.
(27140023) \$289,900



Westland 734-591-9200
Wow! Clean Open Flr Plan in Priv Entry 2 Bdr's Condo W/ Att Garage! Newer Windws, Roof, Furn, Gar Rm Open To Din Rm, Kit W/ Wall Appl's Stay, Huge Mstr Ste W/W-I Clst, Lindry Rm W/ Full Washer & Dryer.
(27152276) \$107,900



Canton 248-851-1900
CONDO W/ PRIVATE BSMT Fantastic value & location for 2BR end-unit. Brick ranch w/ full, partially finished basement. Updated kitchen. Neutral. Patio.
(27047510) \$114,900



Green Oak 248-348-6430
RESORT LIVING ON ALL SPORTS HIDDEN LAKE 5 br, 3.1 ba cape cod. Maple/granite kit. Open floor plan. Amazing LL w/huge FR. Fieldstone frplc. 2 lg br, full bath, full service bar. Upstairs loft w/2 br & bath.
(27107037) \$700,000



Lyon Township 734-591-9200
Exquisite Colonial In Northville, 4 Bdrms, 3.2 Baths, Dual Stairs, Coffered Ceiling in Grt Rm, 2 Stry FP Mantle, Kit W Granite Cntr Tps, Cstm Cabs, 1st Fl Mstr Ste W Blncy, Wic, Sits On 2.05 Ac.
(27121942) \$1,599,999



Novi 248-348-6430
CHASE FARMS-BEAUTIFUL HOME/PREMIUM LOT Largest home for sale in sub. Dramatic marble foyer w/curved staircase. Huge rooms throughout home. Upgrades galore. Nearly half acre. Seller highly motivated.
(27047169) \$600,000



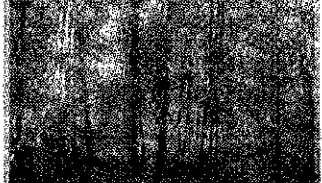
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Secluded ranch on 2.5 Acres! Home completely renovated. New kitchen w/maple cabinets & island with bar. New hardwood floors and carpeting. Freshly painted. New master bath. Walkout LL.
(27159044) \$283,112



White Lake 248-348-6430
Meticulous White Lake Ranch Nearly 1,500 sf 3 BR brick ranch in wooded/rolling sub. GR w/FP, kit w/ bfst rm, 1st fl Indry rm & beautiful fin walkout bsmt. Huge gar & lg lot! Move right in!
(27145583) \$259,900



Commerce 248-684-1065
Great home on double lot. Walk to Union Lake. Updates galore. LR, FR, lib/sun rm. Plenty of cab/counterspace. 2 decks w/ fully fenced yard.
(27046891) \$159,900



Green Oak 248-684-1065
Private cul-de-sac. Quiet, tree-lined road. Gorgeous 2.5 acre lot. Privs on Hamburg Lake. Peaceful & serene.
(27067288) \$94,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Custom built home on 3+ acres. 4 car gar + add'l 4-6 car gar w/ H2O & elec. Huge 1st flr mstr ste w/ 2 WIC, jet tub & dr to yard. GR w/ flr to cell fp. Fin LL.
(27065841) \$589,900



Novi 248-348-6430
ELEGANT NOVI COLONIAL IN CHASE FARMS Maple kitchen w/granite, island & all hi-end appliances. Hrdwd flrs, Butlers pantry w/wine fridge, Foyer/GR w/ 2-stry ceilings. Crown molding t/o. Open flr plan.
(27065714) \$550,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Immaculate End Unit! This condo has 3 spacious bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths, with a first floor master suite. Also large relaxing jacuzzi in the finished basement.
(27090780) \$214,900



White Lake 248-684-1065
Fresh paint. Skylights in LR. Hrdwd flrs. Fin bsmt w/ office nook & sep laun rm. Updated ba w/ jet tub. Lg deck off DR. Lots of storage.
(27084842) \$135,900



Dearborn Heights 734-455-7000
GREAT LOCATION! 3BR bungalow with fenced yard & 2 car gar. Many updates. Appliances included. Deep yard w/above-ground pool. Generous room sizes. Owner will entertain all offers!
(27146016) \$132,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Custom built lfrt home: 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 kits & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st flr mstr w/ ba & 2 WICs. Fin W/O; prof landscping.
(27049598) \$649,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Don't miss out on this beautiful retreat on secluded 1.75 acre lot backing up to Camp Dearborn. Island kitchen open to great room with fireplace. 5 br, 4ba.
(27153029) \$385,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
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(27148009) \$379,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
55+ Community Well kept unit w/walkout to wooded area - Close to lake. Finished lower level with gas fireplace. Spacious living room, central air. One car garage.
(27153149) \$139,000



Whitmore Lake 248-437-3800
Charming 3 Bedroom ranch! Perfect for the first time home buyer. 3 bedroom ranch with grt curb appeal. Doorwall from breakfast nook to deck. Convenient location!
(27111186) \$166,900



Dearborn Heights 734-455-7000
BRICK RANCH WITH GREAT CURB APPEAL! Great location! 3BR, gorgeous interior, updated kitchen. Separate utility room, new roof (tear-off), new windows t/o. Copper plumbing and 2.5 car garage.
(27148263) \$125,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Enjoy 80' of frontage on lake w/ full boardwalk & seawall. Waterside hot tub. Extensive deck. Family rm w/ wet bar. Newer roof, furnace & C/A.
(27119664) \$264,800



Milford 248-684-6430
Only minutes to Downtown Milford Home w/ many updates! Hrdwd flrs, natural fp in GR. 3 dw off kit, GR and DR lead to brick patio and huge deck. New roof 07. Neut decor t/o. Must see!
(27138112) \$289,900



Redford 734-591-9200
A Great House! Nicely Updated and colorful. 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, full bsmt and a 2-car garage. New Windows, Furn, C/A, HWH, copper plum, glass blk wind in bsmt. Updtd elec, hrdwd flrs, new opt 2nd flr.
(26204071) \$139,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
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(27155883) \$77,900



Wixom 248-437-3800
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Canton digs out Madonna spike title

Canton's volleyball team racked up its first tournament title in quite some time Saturday when it captured the Madonna University Invitational at Plymouth High School.

But judging by the way the Chiefs are playing early on, it won't be their last championship this season.

Canton went 6-0 and defeated cross-campus foe Salem in the finals to improve its season record to 9-1-1.

"The girls played as a team, everyone did their job and we really clicked," said Canton coach Jen Barnes, summarizing her squad's gold medal-winning performance. "They accomplished two team goals this weekend: winning a tournament and beating Salem. Many teams played us tough, but we eliminated the mistakes and played consistent."

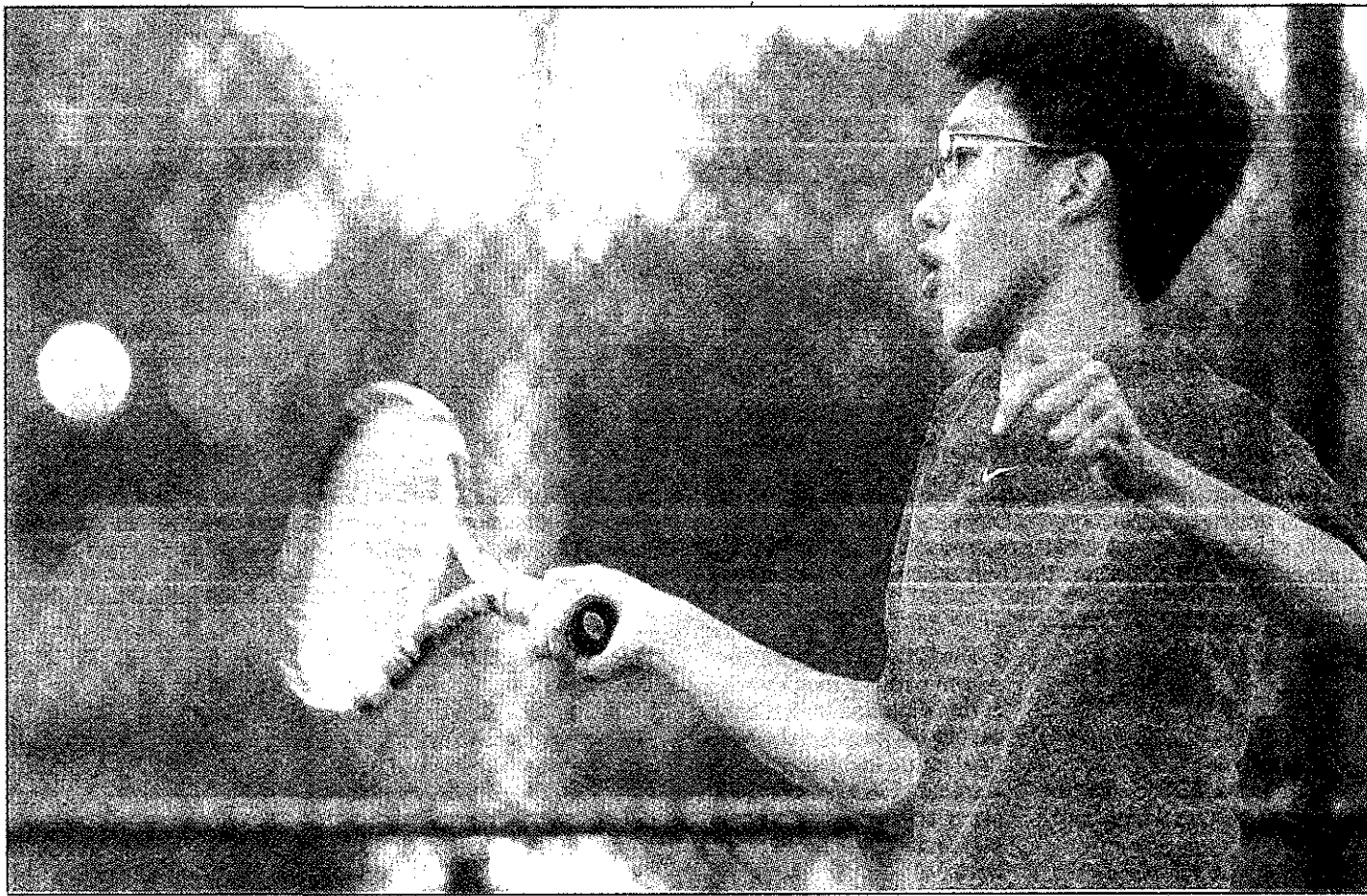
"Plymouth and Salem were both tough, so I think there be some very good matches throughout this season."

The Chiefs rolled through pool play with victories over Redford Union (25-17, 25-15), Romulus (25-15, 25-14), North Farmington (25-7, 25-10) and Warren Woods Tower (25-20, 25-15).

After earning a bye in the quarterfinal round, Barnes' spikers ousted Plymouth, 25-18, 25-15, in the semis before grounding the Rocks, 18-25, 25-17, 15-11 in a dramatic finals match.

"The only game we lost against Salem we started out strong but then began having some communication problems," said Barnes. "We started out slow in the second game, but we rallied seven points to get back into the game."

Senior Marie Martin and soph-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

David Kang, Canton's No. 1 singles player, is pictured returning a serve during a scrimmage against Salem Monday afternoon. On Tuesday, Kang dropped a hard-fought decision to Walled Lake Central's Eric Hamann, but the Chiefs prevailed, 6-2.

Outstanding opener

Chief netters debut with convincing 6-2 triumph over Vikings

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The only "love" Canton's boys tennis team showed visiting Walled Lake Central Tuesday afternoon was in No. 3 singles player Justin Liedel's 6-love, 6-love sweep over James Botmeo.

The Chiefs opened the 2007 schedule with a convincing 6-2 triumph over the Vikings, who dropped to 0-2.

"The boys played great," said Canton coach Barb Lehman. "Central has always played well against us. I know they lost a couple players because of the switch of seasons, but it was still a good match. It was a good way to start the season for us."

Central's No. 1 player, Eric Hamann, prevented a Canton sweep in singles when he downed the Chiefs' top player, David Kang, 6-3, 6-3. Canton's Mike Darouie ousted Derek Mitchell, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 2 singles while teammate Ryan Hanz was making short work of Hiro Yamamishi, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 4.

In doubles action, Canton captured victories in all but the No. 3 match

where Kyle Smiley and Vinnie Voushard nipped David Ding and Ryan Evans, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 in a three-set thriller.

Notching doubles triumphs for Canton were the No. 1 duo of Ryan Hollingsworth and Riley Hoernschemeyer, who downed Ryan Halteen and Kyle Yanagunas, 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1; the No. 2 team of Jeremy Lindlbauer and Santosh Shanmuga, who edged Jake Paulser and Matt Mueller, 7-6 (4), 6-3; and the No. 4 tandem of Cory Hurst and Adam Payne, who rebounded to top Jared Goltz and Karl Bodecker, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

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Sidelines

'Cat golfers win

Plymouth's girls golf team evened its record at 1-1 Monday at Hickory Creek Golf Course with a 227-247 victory over Salem.

Patricia Burns led the Wildcats with a nine-hole total of 53. Also scoring for the winners were Missy Gosbee (56), Liz Cizek (58) and Megan Haggerty (60). Maggie Kelly (61) and Chloe Marentic (67) played, but did not score for Plymouth.

Salem (0-1) was led by Natalie Barnett's 55.

Name change

Compuware Arena President and Plymouth Whalers General Manager Michael Vellucci announced that effective today Compuware Sports Arena will now be known as Compuware Arena.

"Compuware Arena has always hosted a wide range of events: drive-in movies, tradeshow, concerts, graduation ceremonies, and corporate meetings" said Vellucci. "Even though the Whalers, youth hockey, figure skating and Professional Indoor Soccer are very important to our business, we feel that the new name more accurately reflects what we bring to our community and the over 1.2 Million guests we serve each year."

Compuware Arena, located on Beck Road just north of M-14 in Plymouth Township, was originally built in 1996 as a venue for the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and the Compuware Youth Hockey Program.

Pom Pon clinic

The Plymouth Saberette Pom Pon team will be hosting a kids clinic on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. All girls kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to attend and learn a pom routine.

The cost of the clinic is \$35, which includes the clinic, a pom T-shirt, pom poms and a snack. All participants will be invited to perform in the Saberettes Variety Show and at



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Jace Bearden (right), pictured above during a game earlier this season, headed in the game-winning goal Monday in the Rocks' 1-0 victory over Walled Lake Northern.

Late goal snaps Rocks' winless streak

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Heading into Monday night's home game against Walled Lake Northern, the 2007 season had been comparable to a forgettable Father's Day for Salem's soccer team — tie, after tie, after tie, after tie.

Seven ties in 10 games, to be exact.

But a picture-perfect goal resembling something you'd see on a training video by junior defenseman Jace Bearden with eight minutes left gave the Rocks a 1-0 victory and ended their longest beginning-of-the-season winless streak in head coach Ed McCarthy's long and successful tenure.

"Since I've been here, we've never had our first win come in the 10th game of the season," said McCarthy, whose squad improved to 1-2-7 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. "Before the game, we talked about putting the first nine games behind us and focusing on the next nine, which will take us through divisional play. That's our next target — to see if we can find a way to win our division."

"Our strength of schedule has been pretty strong. Our only two losses were to (Livonia) Stevenson, who's outstanding, and (Warren) DeLaSalle, who's also outstanding. Both are legitimate top 10 teams, so the losses were nothing to be ashamed of, but it was still frustrating not being able to get a win."

The game-winning net-finder was set up by junior Josh Pascarella, who threaded a high, laser-like free kick into the heart of the 18-yard box. Bearden used his extraordinary jumping

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ED MCCARTHY, Salem head coach

ability and 6-foot-1 height to out-sky the Knights' defenders and head the ball with force into the back of the net.

"Jace is an All-Area high jumper on the track team and he does a great job in the air," said McCarthy. "Josh did a good job of getting the ball to him and I was impressed with how much Jace was able to get on the shot. There was no way their keeper was going to be able to react quick enough to make the save. It was a textbook play."

The setback was the first blemish on the Lakes record of Northern, which dropped to 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the division.

"We knew coming in that getting a win tonight would be a problem because the motivation was there for Salem to get their first win of the season," said Northern coach Chris Stevanovic. "This was a big game for us, but Salem just out-worked us. They won pretty much every 50-50. They deserved to win tonight. They were the better team."

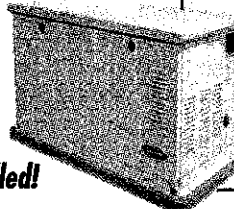
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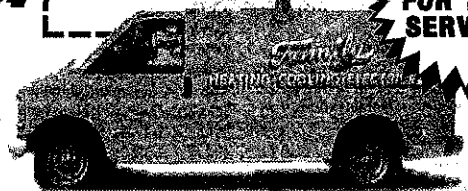
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PREP FOOTBALL

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15
Plymouth at UMD Invite, 9 a.m.
Salem at W.L. Central Invite, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13
PCEP City Meet at
Cass-Benton, 4:40 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

Plymouth at Holly Invite, 1 p.m.
Canton at Ludington Invite, TBA
Salem at New Boston Huron
Invitational at Cass-Benton, 10 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13
PCEP City Meet at
Cass-Benton, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

Canton at Ludington Invite, TBA
Salem at Holly Invite at
Springfield Oaks Park, 11 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14
Livonia Churchill at Plymouth
at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 3 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem at
St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14
John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.

Wildcat netters blank WLC

Plymouth's boys tennis team couldn't have played much better than it did Monday during the Wildcats' 8-0 sweep of visiting Walled Lake Central.

The Wildcats dropped just one set on the way to their convincing triumph.

No. 1 singles player Dan Jeong led the way by upending Eric Hamann, 7-6, 6-2. Other singles winners for the 'Cats were No. 2 player Pat Onoro, who defeated Derek Mitchell, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; No. 3 player Steve Ostrowski, who rocked Ryan Hutteen, 6-2, 7-5; and No. 4 player Andy Mitchell, who edged Kyle Yanalunas, 7-6, 6-4.

In doubles play, the No. 1 duo of Anoop Gopal and Matt Dwan slammed Jake Paulson and Matt Mueller, 6-3, 6-3, while the No. 2 tandem of Pat Bailey and Max Korpalski aced Karl Boedecker and Kyle Smiley, 6-4, 6-2. Closing out the sweep were the No. 3 doubles team of Max Ryan and Ryan Kolesar, who beat Vinnie Vuchar and Jared Goltz, 6-4, 6-4; and the No. 4 combo of Wen Ning and Tom Eggleston, who proved to be too much for James Bitner and Kevin Walker, 6-1, 7-5.

Paciorek returns for encore this fall

Native Detroit, Tom Paciorek returns to Plymouth for an encore performance this fall. His major league career has included All-Star recognition and 18 seasons as an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Chicago White Sox and others. As his playing days came to an end, his broadcasting days began as a color commentator for the White Sox and the Atlanta Braves. He served as a broadcaster for the Detroit Tigers from 2001-03. He most recently called games for the Washington Nationals.

The Paciorek name is synonymous with baseball in Detroit, as all five brothers played - John, Cy, Tom, Michael and Jim. The legacy continues as Jim's son, Joe recently signed with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Tom is now a motivational speaker all over the United States for audiences of young, old, women and men. Emcee Raymond Rolak and Tom Paciorek will deliver a lively afternoon of hijinks, motivation and tales of perseverance.

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Canton's volleyball team captured the championship at Saturday's Madonna University Invitational, which was held in the Plymouth High School gym. The Chiefs defeated cross-campus rival Salem in the title match.

VOLLEYBALL

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omore Jordan Kielty keyed the triumph in Game 3 with clutch plays.

Leading the stat parade for the Chiefs were junior setter Kacy Moran (24 kills, 10 aces, 30 digs, 83 assists), Kielty (32 kills), Martin (16 kills, 16 blocks), Lauren McPartlin (26 kills, seven blocks), Ellie Kenny (25 kills, seven aces), Janelle Burdiss (14 kills), Hannah Mills (52 digs), Laura Daniels (22 digs), Gina Waite (21 digs) and Rachel Kain (16 digs).

'Cats advance to semis

Plymouth's volleyball team

The Wildcats opened their season with a strong showing at the Madonna Invitational as they advanced to the semi-final round before getting eliminated by eventual champion Canton. Led by Mandy McManus's 29 kills, Plymouth went 3-1-2 on the day.

"Overall, I am very pleased with our first tournament performance," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "The chemistry amongst this team has been the best I have seen so far at Plymouth. We only have two girls who play all the way around, so there are constantly new people in the lineup, and all of the girls seem to adjust very well to the changes."

"We are looking forward to getting back to full strength for this coming weekend's

tournament at U of M Dearborn."

During pool play, the Wildcats defeated Taylor Truman (25-6, 25-11) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (25-6, 25-8) before splitting with Gibraltar Carlson (25-22, 19-25) and Harper Woods Regina (25-13, 17-25).

They defeated Redford Union (25-19, 25-15) in the quarterfinal round before getting knocked off the Chiefs in two games.

Leading the charge were McManus, Megan Quinlan (15 kills, 22 digs), Ashley Besczko (14 kills, 47-for-52 serving), Briana Beyer (51 digs), 25-for-26 serving), Lindsay Jewett (26 digs), Kate Spangler (32 set assists) and Katie Salo (34 set assists).

Same old story: Stevenson nips Northville in WLAA swim relays

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson retained its Western Lakes Activities Association Girls Swim Relays title by a razor-thin margin Saturday at the Salem High pool.

The Spartans captured three of 10 events and overcame a disqualification in the 200-yard breaststroke relay to edge Northville for the crown, 231-230. The host Rocks placed third with 201 and Canton, minus state champion Allison Schmitt, added a fourth with 162. Plymouth placed

The outcome wasn't determined until the meet's final event, the 200 freestyle relay. Walled Lake Northern and Livonia Franklin finished one-two with times of 1:49.45 and 1:49.67, respectively, while Stevenson held off Northville for third with a clocking of 1:52.57 to the Mustangs' 1:53.1.

"It's a good meet, it always is, and Chuck Olson (Salem's coach) does a good job with it," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "I'm not a huge relay meet person, but coming off our meet Thursday (with Grosse Pointe North), the kids swam well. A loss would have been hard to take, but we're there mainly to have fun and we did."

The three P-CEP teams failed to win an event, but Salem managed three seconds while Plymouth placed runner-up in one race. The Rocks' two medley relay four-somes of Emily Nelson, Sara Spala, Emily Bair and Whitney Aumiller; and Caitlin Heaney, Bair, Nelson and Aumiller earned second-place points as did its diving contingent, which was led by defending WLAA champion Katie Koetting.

The Wildcats' 200 breaststroke quartet of Elle Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Michelle Chang and Sijia Hao touched second in their event.

SWIM RESULTS

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GIRLS SWIM RELAYS

Sept. 8 at Salem
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 231 points; 2. Northville, 230; 3. Salem, 201; 4. Canton, 162; 5. W.L. Northern, 156; 6. Westland John Glenn, 149; 7. Plymouth, 133; 8. W.L. Western, 129; 9. W.L. Central, 120; 10. Livonia Churchill, 103; 11. Livonia Franklin, 80; 12. Wayne Memorial, 48.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400-yard medley: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Megan Holycross, Blake Holtz), 4:14.16; 2. Salem (Emily Nelson, Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Whitney Aumiller), 4:17.82; 3. W.L. Western (Lexi Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr, Christine Johnson), 4:21.52; 4. John Glenn, 4:25.18; 5. W.L. Northern, 4:40.54; 6. Northville, 4:42.47; 7. Churchill, 4:54.19; 8. Canton, 4:56.21; 9. Franklin, 5:10.03; 10. Plymouth, 5:11.97; 11. W.L. Central, 6:28.61; 12. Wayne, 7:04.72.

400 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (Laura Timson, Savannah Hatt, Emily Cuzzillo, Kaylee Dolinski), 3:51.34; 2. Northville (Michaela Keady, Alley Davidson, Sam Curry, Jessica Weber), 3:56.38; 3. Canton (Kayla Eyster, Maddy McDuff, Jessica Bielak, Katie Kubacki), 4:10.44; 4. W.L. Central, 4:10.89; 5. Salem, 4:11.13; 6. W.L. Northern, 4:14.79; 7. Franklin, 4:03.00; 8. John Glenn, 4:26.67; 9. W.L. Western, 4:36.66; 10. Plymouth, 4:41.03; 11. Churchill, 5:34.41; 12. Wayne, 5:23.20.

200 breaststroke: 1. W.L. Central (Callie Zahul, Jessica Johnson, Becca Lee, Madi Sewell), 2:22.18; 2. Plymouth (Elle Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Michelle Chang, Sijia Hao), 2:23.02; 3. Northville (Adrienne Cohen, Nicole Mitts, Megan Trotter, Kelly Burford), 2:25.16; 4. Canton, 2:27.90; 5. John Glenn, 2:31.58; 6. W.L. Western, 2:44.68; 7. Salem, 2:44.81; 8. Wayne, 2:46.33; 9. W.L. Northern, 2:49.43; 10. Churchill, 2:49.95.

1-meter diving: 1. W.L. Northern, 325.35; 2. Salem, 301.10; 3. Northville, 282.90; 4. W.L. Western, 279.75; 5. W.L. Central, 267.50; 6. Churchill, 255.60; 7. Stevenson, 244.05; 8. John Glenn, 212.95; 9. Canton, 205.60; 10. Plymouth, 188.10.

400 medley: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Laura Holtz, Charlotte Buckley, Savannah Hatt), 4:31.19; 2. Salem (Caitlin Heaney, Emily Bair, Emily Nelson, Whitney Aumiller), 4:36.52; 3. John Glenn (Jennie Humbach, Khiry Sparks, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells), 4:40.84; 4. Canton, 4:42.12; 5. Northville, 4:55.89; 6. (tie) Churchill and Wayne, 5:00.56; 8. Plymouth, 5:14.52; 9. W.L. Western, 5:19.99; 10. W.L. Northern, 5:41.04.

500 freestyle: 1. Northville (Meghan Kanya, Emily Hopcan, Rachel Englert, Jessica Weber), 4:57.20; 2. Stevenson (Blake Holtz, Laura Timson, Emilee Montini, Kaylee Dolinski), 5:00.16; 3. Canton (Hannah Maxam, Kari Schmitt, Maddy McDuff, Monica Blaesser), 5:16.70; 4. John Glenn, 5:28.72; 5. Salem, 5:35.40; 6. W.L. Western, 5:39.52; 7. W.L. Northern, 5:44.16; 8. Churchill, 5:53.34; 9. W.L. Central, 6:08.07; 10. Plymouth, 6:14.94; 11. Franklin, 6:56.55; 12. Wayne, 7:29.68.

200 medley: 1. W.L. Central (Jordan Daykin, Becca Lee, Madi Sewell, Jessica Varana), 2:00.78; 2. W.L. Western (Lexi Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr, Stephanie Standriff), 2:02.24; 3. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Elle Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Michelle Chang), 2:04.48; 4. Salem, 2:06.67; 5. Stevenson, 2:07.18; 6. Northville, 2:10.23; 7. W.L. Northern, 2:14.87; 8. Canton, 2:22.91; 9. John Glenn, 2:24.20; 10. Churchill, 2:29.29; 11. Franklin, 2:46.76.

1-meter diving: 1. Samantha Scheytt (T), 179.05; 2. Morgan Baker (T), 140.95; 3. Kristin Music, 115.05.

100 butterfly: 1. Allie Merritt (T), 1:05.10; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:08.79; 3. Amelia Hissong (T), 1:11.42.

100 freestyle: 1. Leah Corby (T), 59.27; 2. Kirsten Clark (T), 59.88; 3. Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:01.87.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Leah Corby, Chelsea Shartie, Diana Brown, Tori Merritt), 1:49.26; 2. Tecumseh, 2:01.30; 3. Plymouth, 2:01.61.

100 breaststroke: 1. Gretchen Seidel (T), 1:15.20; 2. Elle Palczynski (P), 1:15.93; 3. Megan Heath (T), 1:20.29.

Young Lions blitz Cougars; P-C Steelers take 2-of-3

The Canton Lions varsity contingent opened its 2007 season Saturday with a 42-12 victory over the Belleville Cougars. Scoring touchdowns for the Lions were Kevin Buford, Marcus Houston and Blake Owens. Clay Behrman, Paul Baumgart and Eric Jipping opened holes with their blocking while the winners' defense was paced by Matt Harris, who was credited with several solo tackles. First-year players Ian Green, Nick Weber and Austin Banfield played well on both sides of the ball for Canton.

The Lions junior-varsity squad defeated the Cougars, 41-7, thanks to touchdowns from Malcolm Hollingsworth (two), Jamarl Eiland, Nathan Emminger, Brandon Lee and Kyle Durham. The Lions' strong defensive effort was led by Luke Denzer, Danny Stropes and Lucas Bunting.

The Lions freshmen unit whitewashed the Cougars, 18-0. Fullback Chuckie Turfe opened the game with an 18-yard TD run in the first quarter. Quarterback Antonio Dumas found the end zone twice with runs of 1 and 42 yards. The Lions' defense was led by Jake Stropes and Forrest Hall, both of whom recovered fumbles; and Dante Pruitt and Daniel Kilgore, who led the team in tackles.

The Lions junior freshmen team, which is made up of 7- and 8-year-olds, outplayed Garden City and Farmington in a controlled scrimmage. Kyle Burnette and Jacob McCall both provided solid play at quarterback while Jeffrey Johnson and Steven Thomas contributed strong blocking for running backs Connor Danaher, Ray Bunting and

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Jason Arnold, all of whom added several long runs. Enjoying strong debuts on the defensive side of the ball were Ethan Balogh and Noah Brown.

Steelers edge Redskins

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad opened its season Sunday with a 25-13 victory over the Rochester Redskins. Sam Pierce, Tyler Goble and Dillon Rahill sparked the winners' offense while Lucas McKinney and Zachary Marsh (interception) paced the defense.

The Steelers junior varsity contingent dropped a hard-fought 44-31 setback to the Redskins. Josh Dennard and Joshua Mayberry (50-yard run) found the end zone for the Steelers while Matthew McKoy made several key receptions. Alec Breckenridge and Kendall Scott made pivotal plays on the defensive side of the ball for the Steelers.

The Steelers freshmen, who won the 2006 title, nipped the Redskins, 20-19. The offense was led by Devin Cameron, who scored three touchdowns, and Nick Lanava, who caught the game-deciding extra-point pass with no time left on the clock. Phillip Avramoski and Vincent Crespi played key roles in the Steelers' strong defensive effort.

The Steelers junior freshmen squad gave an all-out effort in their debut in a controlled scrimmage against Rochester. The offensive line was led by Vinny Convertino and Isaac Emminger, who scored twice. Lucas Boka and Lou Baechler led the defensive line for the Steelers, who held the Redskins without a TD.

SPORTS SHORTS

Dodgeball tourney

High Velocity Sports, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton, will be hosting a 2007 Duck N' Dodge Detroit National Dodgeball Tour event on Saturday, Sept. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. There will be two divisions offered: college (participants 18 years old and older who are currently enrolled in college) and adult (all other participants 18 and older).

The early-registration fee (before Sept. 15) is \$125 per team. The cost

is \$150 per team after Sept. 15. Each registered team member will receive an official "Duck N' Dodge" T-shirt. Teams are required to have between six and 10 players on their roster.

A post-event party will be held immediately following the tournament at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. Bowling and a buffet will be free to all participants.

To register, visit www.detroit-sports.org; send an e-mail to info@detroit-sports.org; or call (313) 202-1982.

Who's going to win? Don't ask Spartans sprint past Rock gridders

The most bizarre thing happened to me while I was standing in line at 7-11 the other day. Some guy came up to me, said he recognized me from the Observer's "Grid Picks" column and asked if I'd give him some prognosticating advice for the pro football pool he was in at work.

The fact that a perfect stranger would approach me at 7-11 wasn't the bizarre part. To tell you the truth, I was kind of flattered that he recognized me.

No, the strangest part of the encounter was that a perfectly sane person would seek football game-picking advice from someone with the incredibly horrible record I've compiled in 2007 — 19-16 through last weekend's games.

That's like asking a homeless person for tips on the stock market, or asking Matt Millen to fill in for you at your Fantasy Football Draft.

Based on last weekend's performances, I should have given the guy Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons' cellphone num-

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ber. Emons, the defending "Grid Picks" champion, went 10-2 to earn a first-place tie with Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith, who went 9-3 to improve to 24-11 overall. I'm five games back and sinking faster than the Tigers.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)
HIGHLAND PARK (2-1, 2-0) AT GARDEN CITY (1-2, 1-1): The Polar Bears have a way of making their opponents feel cold. The Cougars will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak following an opening-week victory. **PICKS:** Wright (Highland Park); Smith (Garden City); Emons (Highland Park).
DEARBORN FORSDON (3-0, 2-0) AT REDFORD UNION (1-2, 0-2) AT KRAFT FIELD: Forsdon has resembled the dominating teams of its past early in '07 as the Tractors have outscored their first three foes by a combined score of 108-29. This is not good news for RU, which is trying to recover from a 27-13 setback to Woodhaven. **PICKS:** Wright (Forsdon); Smith (RU); Emons (Forsdon).
REDFORD THURSTON (0-3, 0-2) AT DEARBORN EDEL FORD (1-2, 0-2): The Eagles are struggling, having been outscored 103-18 in their first three contests. Edsel Ford will be looking to improve its record to .500. **PICKS:** Wright (Edsel Ford); Smith (Edsel Ford); Emons (Edsel Ford).
HARPER WOODS (3-0, 2-0) AT LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (0-3, 0-3): This game probably won't change the momentum for either of these teams that are heading in opposite directions. Harper Woods has yet to yield a point this season while the Trojans are averaging just 14.0 points per game. **PICKS:** Wright (Harper Woods); Smith (Harper Woods); Emons (Harper Woods).
REDFORD COVENANT (2-1, 1-0) AT ROMULUS SUMMIT (2-1, 0-0): This is a pivotal showdown in the early race for supremacy in the Southeast Michigan Football Conference. A victory would go a long way toward the

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Spartans' bid for a league title just two years after reviving its football program. **PICKS:** Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (Summit).
PLYMOUTH (2-1, 0-1) AT CANTON (2-1, 1-0): PCEP campus bragging rights will be at stake when this two teams clash Friday night. The Chiefs' offensive line consists of all first-year starters, but you wouldn't know it by the positive results they've generated. The Wildcats will rely on a strong running game led by junior Terrance Guthridge. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Canton).
SALEM (0-3, 0-2) AT LIVONIA CHURCHILL (3-0, 2-0): The Rocks showed spurts of brilliance during their first two games before getting whitewashed by Stevenson last week. Churchill has been consistently strong from the opening kickoff. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill).
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (2-1, 1-0) AT LIVONIA STEVENSON (3-0, 1-0): It's still early, but the winner of this game will probably end up in the WIAA championship game later next month. The opportunity to watch both quarterbacks — Glenn's Keyshawn Martin and Stevenson's Mitchell White — in one game is worth the price of admission. **PICKS:** Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Glenn); Emons (Stevenson).
LIVONIA FRANKLIN (0-3, 0-1) AT WAYNE MEMORIAL (2-1, 1-0): The injury-ravaged Patriots may be winless, but they've been in all three games they lost. The Zebras' offensive line is big and mobile. **PICKS:** Wright (Wayne); Smith (Wayne); Emons (Wayne).
LUTHERAN WESTLAND (1-2, 1-1) AT RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD (0-1, 0-3): Gabriel Richard has yet to score a point in its first three games. Enough said. **PICKS:** Wright (LW); Smith (LW); Emons (Gabriel Richard).

A one-hour delay couldn't stop the inevitable.

Host Salem took the opening kickoff and ran one play before the game was suspended due to lightning.

When it resumed, Livonia Stevenson put four quick first-quarter touchdowns on the scoreboard en route to a 49-0 football victory over the Rocks at P-CEP Park.

Stevenson, now 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, piled up 351 yards on the ground, 89 more via the air and had 18 first downs.

Salem, battling to break a 18-game losing streak dating back to the 2005 season, had just 49 yards rushing on 22 attempts and was 3-of-13 passing for minus-4 yards with only four first downs.

Wade Stahl, who led the Spartans with 80 yards rushing on three carries, opened the scoring when he returned a punt 52 yards for a score followed by the first of seven straight extra points by Jonny Myshock.

On the ensuing possession, Stevenson lineman Trent Judis intercepted a Heath Farling pass

leading to Austin White's 25-yard TD run.

Salem (0-3, 0-1) fumbled the ensuing kickoff — recovered by Wyatt Stahl — and capitalized on Emanuel Onwuemene's 1-yard scoring run.

After Salem went three-and-out, Stevenson quarterback Mitchell White connected with Wade Stahl on a 36-yard scoring pass to make it 28-0 with 3:30 remaining in the first period.

Salem showed some life when Al Covington recovered a Stevenson fumble at the Spartans' 40, but the Rocks could not cash in.

Stevenson then drove the ball 95 yards in six plays, capped by Onwuemene's 1-yard TD run with 9:25 left in the second quarter to make it 35-0.

Stevenson's Dan Plagany added a pair of third-quarter scores on runs on 5 and 4 yards to complete the scoring and invoke the running clock.

Quarterbacks Mitchell White and Jacob Gudeman combined for 6-of-6 passing. Myles White added three receptions for 32 yards and Steve Eideh had a fumble recovery for the Spartans.

Salem harriers 13th at Brother Rice event

Salem's girls cross country team placed 13th at Saturday's 19-team Brother Rice Invitational, which was held at Kensington Metropark.

"I was pleased with the way we raced today," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "We are a young, inexperienced team who is going to improve each week and we took a step forward today. We have a lot of potential and I am looking forward to see how we progress throughout the season."

Livonia Churchill won the meet with 106 points, 12 fewer than runner-up Rochester Adams. Grand Ledge (125), Ann Arbor Pioneer (132) and Rochester (145) capped the top five. The Rocks netted 283 points.

Junior Kelley Determan (21:34) and sophomore Jordan Moore (21:34) earned medals with their respective 27th- and 28th-place showings. Also running varsity for Salem were Kara Booms (65th in 22:32), Mackenzie Rogers (72nd in 22:38), Freyal Shah (91st in 23:34) and Kortney Marsh (98th in 23:45).

Salem returns to action today when it squares off against Plymouth and Canton in the annual City Meet, which is set for 4 p.m. at Cass-Benton Park in Northville.

'Cats 6th

The Plymouth girls cross country team placed sixth at Saturday's Bath Invitational, which was held just outside Lansing.

"We placed sixth overall, which is better than last year," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "There were a bunch of heavy hitters at this meet as all of the teams that beat us

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went to the state meet last year.

"We were very competitive and I was pleased with our results. I told the girls that if we prepare properly, our opportunity will come and success will follow. We're looking forward to the City Meet."

Leading the charge for the Wildcats was sophomore Kelly Hahn, who crossed the line 10th in 19:42. Also scoring for Plymouth were Beth Heldmeyer (20th in 20:25), Lauren Ahearn (34th in 21:19), Paula Green (37th in 21:24) and Julie Forster (42nd in 21:37). Also competing for the Wildcats were Pam Bhullar (21:59) and Brianna Hessler (22:14).

Chiefs 6th

Canton's girls cross country team placed sixth in the 13-team Dexter Invitational on Saturday. Northville won the event with 73 points, 11 fewer than runner-up Brighton. The host Dreadnaughts were third with 90. Canton finished with 160 points.

"Overall, I thought we ran pretty strong," said Canton coach Eric Pahl. "The girls are getting faster. It was extremely nice to see some of our underclassmen making contributions, too."

Freshman Rachel Rohrbach paced the Chiefs with a fifth-place effort in 19:55. Also scoring were Sarah Thomas (14th in 20:45), Katherine Raymond (36th in 21:38), Katherine Galm (50th in 22:11) and Melanie Kulczyki (55th in 22:32). Also running for Canton were Margaret Murphy (57th in 22:49) and Rachel Brunk (58th in 22:52).

Chiefs are fourth at Dexter Invite

Some of the best teams in the state brought out the best in the Canton boys cross country team Saturday.

The Chiefs placed fourth — behind only state powers Dexter, Saline and Northville — in the Dexter invitational.

Canton chalked up 111 points, just 11 more than the Mustangs.

The Dreadnaughts nipped the Hornets, 43-46.

"I'm really excited to see how we're running so early in the season," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "Of our top seven runners, four had all-time bests while the three others had season bests. Our top four runners ran with Northville's top four

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kids, which is encouraging. I also like the fact that we beat the two Grosse Pointe teams because they both made it to the state meet last year."

Junior Duncan Spitz paced the Chiefs with an 11th-place showing in 16:46.

Teammate Kyle Clinton wasn't far behind, crossing in 13th place in 16:54. Also scoring for Canton were Zach Spreitzer (20th in 17:08), Derek Hoernan (22nd in 17:15) and Josh Osinski (45th in 18:10). Jon Peck (49th in 18:15) and Dave Catalan (58th in 18:37) also competed for the Chiefs.

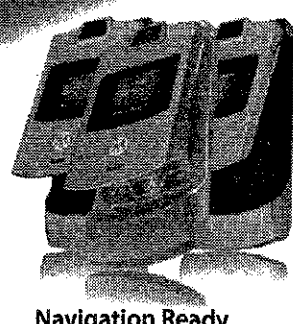
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AUTOMAKERS FINALLY 'GET' ETHNIC CONSUMERS

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By Dale Buss

The auto industry finally seems to be constructing something it can stand on as it begins a determined outreach to ethnic audiences: a three-legged stool built on culturally relevant advertising, community-oriented marketing, and an appeal to minority groups' burgeoning upper-middle classes.

"The auto industry finally gets it and are putting things in place," said Randi Payton, an African-American entrepreneur and publisher of magazines that are tailored to Asian-Americans, Hispanics and African-Americans. A critic of automakers' ham-handed past efforts to appeal to ethnic consumers, he added: "They're beginning to understand the business side of reaching the growing multicultural market."

Industry analyst Mark Pauze agreed that the industry's "awareness is growing, and the realization that they need to do something is growing." But, added the solutions consultant for R.L. Polk, a Southfield-based automotive-research concern: "Some companies are further along than others. It's a matter of how quickly and effectively they can begin to put some attention and focus on it."

Until lately, carmakers' advertising toward ethnic minorities could come up embarrassingly short. "They would literally take a commercial that was aimed at mainstream America and simply do a voiceover in Chinese or Korean or whatever language," said George Kang, senior analyst for Edmunds.com. "But minorities identify with the racial 'uniform,' the face - and if they see a Caucasian guy driving a car with just a Chinese voiceover, it doesn't resonate."

Nowadays, attracted by growth in ethnic sales and the opportunity to create brand loyalty among young minority buyers, carmakers have leapt into action. They're hiring ad agencies that specialize in minority audiences and investing resources in very tailored campaigns that may never be seen by the mainstream market.

In marketing its new Sebring sedan last year, for example, Chrysler decided to tailor a campaign specifically for Asian-Americans, a strong market for that group - and one where Japanese and Korean brands predominate. So for the Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York markets, Chrysler produced



Ford is using a marketing relationship with FunkMaster Flex to appeal to African-American consumers

TV and print ads in both Chinese and Korean, and decided that it could rely on English to reach Asian Indians, said Christine MacKenzie, executive director of multi-brand marketing. Attempting to tie the capabilities of the car's MyGig hard drive to the importance of family to Asian communities, the three versions of the TV spot depicted new Sebring owners assembling a "photo album" with the device.

Automakers' most effective new ethnic-marketing efforts, dollar for dollar, are based on sponsorships and appearances at big-city events that focus on a few hundred or a few thousand minority consumers on whom they count to spread the good word about the brand to others.

Ford, for instance, has begun ramping up its efforts to reach African-American consumers in large part via a number of local initiatives. They have included hosting "tailgate parties" and test drives in connection with Saturday-afternoon football games at several historically African-American colleges and universities as well as "Lincoln Lounge" events in Atlanta and Chicago, in tie-ins with rhythm-and-blues artists.

Those efforts are on the tail of Ford's two-year-old partnership with FunkMaster Flex, the "evangelist" of hip hop's urban car culture, which has included Ford trucking out its F-150 truck and Fusion and incorporating them into FunkMaster's nationally touring Celebrity Car Show.

"We know that African-Americans tend to be early adopters in this market, and of course they have an impact on vernacular and fashion," said Marc Perry, multicultural marketing manager for Ford brands. "So these things help spread buzz through the grassroots and to the trendsetters in key high-density markets. We don't want to put off white consumers with these

efforts - but we find that they get the 'joke' as well."

Another factor compelling automakers' greater interest in ethnic consumers is the fact that more individuals in all three broad groups are moving into the upper middle class, where they can afford higher-margin vehicles.

"The luxury segment is the new frontier," said Cynthia McFarlane, executive vice president of Nazca, a Saatchi & Saatchi ad agency that specializes in Hispanic audiences. "It's a tremendous opportunity for growth for the entire industry."

Lexus, for instance, in 2006 worked with Nazca to target Hispanics in South Florida regarding the launch of the 2007 IS sedan. There were TV and print advertisements in Hispanic media. But more than that, Lexus wanted to pursue a particular "avant garde" subset of Hispanic consumers "who believe that experience is the defining factor of luxury," said Debra Senior, Lexus's corporate manager for advertising, brand and product strategy. "That would be consistent with our general-market approach."

So, Lexus staged events including a test drive for more than 500 "young Hispanic intenders" at the Skybar in famous Shore Club Hotel on South Miami Beach. A couple months later, there was Lexus IS again - this time, at the Sagamore Hotel down the beach, hosting an exclusive concert by Venezuelan crooner Franco De Vita for 1,200 of the brand's invitees.

Results? Lexus's overall market share increased to 21% from 12% in South Florida after these soirees, an overall level four times higher than its market share in another Hispanic stronghold, Los Angeles. "We saw that having a regional focus is key as we try to become more personal in marketing and relationships," Strong said.

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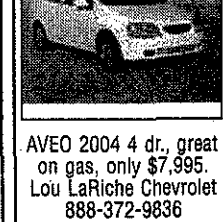
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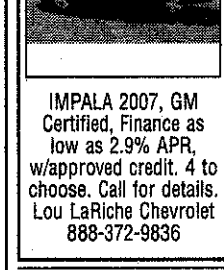
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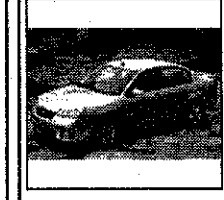
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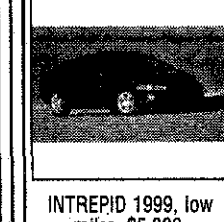


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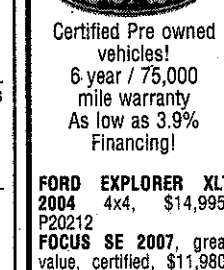
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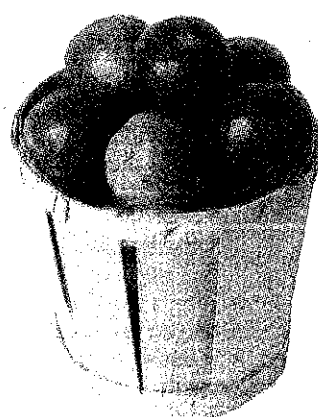
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Milling around



Franklin Cider Mill is just one of several mills serving up cider this fall in southeastern Michigan.

Seek out fresh-pressed cider, a fall treasure

Fall never officially begins in Michigan until the area Cider Mills open to welcome annual crowds.

Growing up in Rochester Hills, that quickly became a fact of life. I can't pinpoint



Stephanie Casola

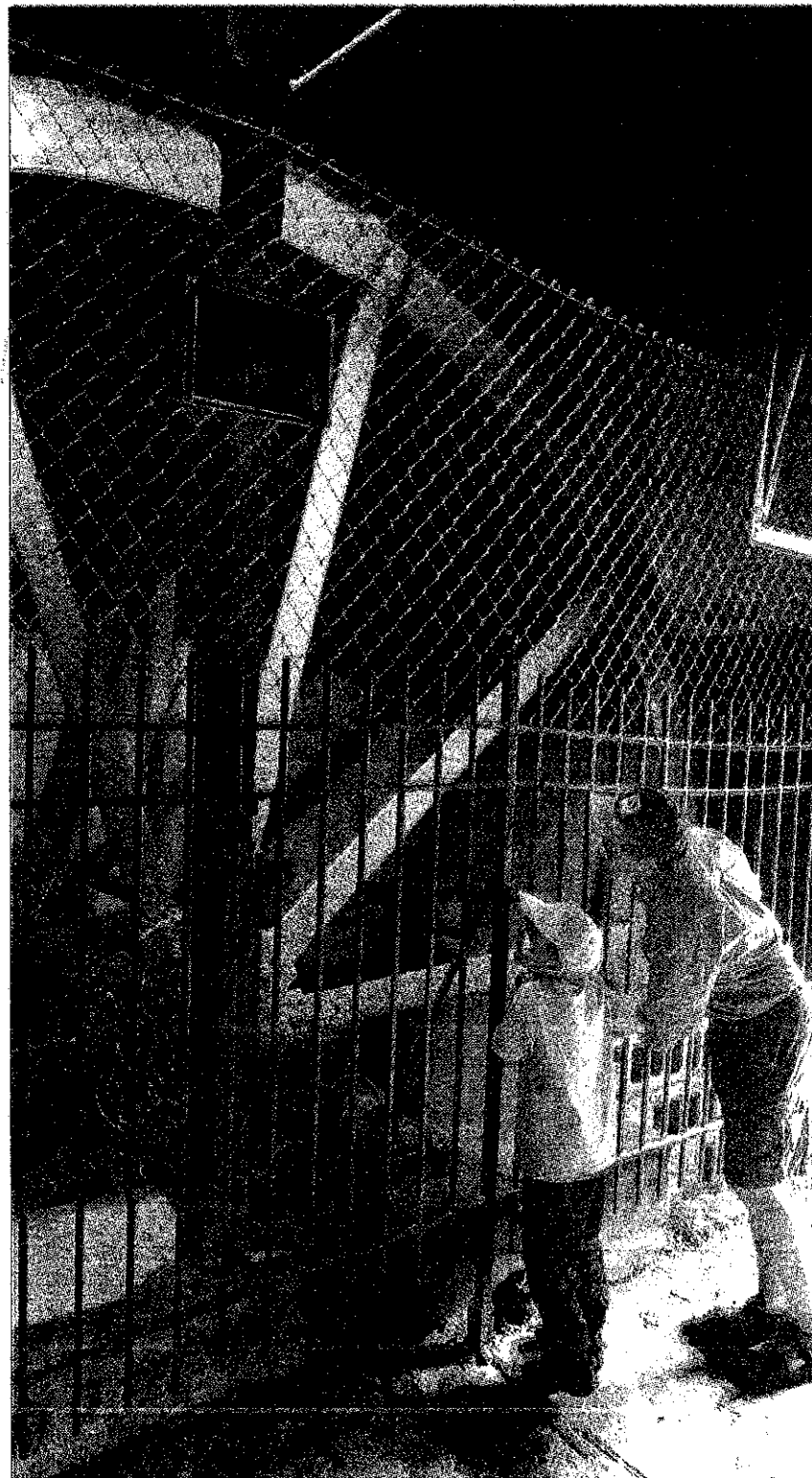
my age, or whether the area around Yates Cider Mill looked much different in the 1980s but I'll never forget the feeling of my parents pulling onto that never-paved

property and parking our car at the old red barn. I'd listen for the sound of water rushing through the wheel, walk along the bridge over the river and literally through the woods, and of course relish the sweet smell of pressed apples all around. We'd hurry to our place in line and start the debate.

How much cider should we buy?

Which kind of donuts do you like best?

I could barely wait to crack open those cold plastic containers for that first gulp of cider. Something about it just



A trip to the cider mill brings back fond childhood memories for many.

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This cheese board with erasable menu is part of the Martha Stewart Collection, new to Macy's.

MARTHA STEWART AT MACY'S

Macy's is inviting shoppers to celebrate the debut of its exclusive Martha Stewart Collection by staging two Martha-inspired contests. Customers can enter to win a trip for four to see Martha Stewart light the Great Tree, featuring Martha Stewart Collection holiday trim, at Macy's on State Street. In addition to attending the tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 10, winners will receive a night's stay in Chicago, a free gift, and more. Enter at any Macy's location. Macy's also is hosting the Martha & Macy's VIP Sweepstakes. Enter online to win a trip to New York City to see The Martha Stewart Show live, be a special guest at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and receive a \$1,000 Macy's Gift Card.

Visit www.macys.com/marthastewartcollection for details. The Martha Stewart Collection is the largest brand rollout in Macy's history, and includes a broad assortment of bed, bath, entertaining and cooking products inspired by Martha's personal collections and favorite things.

Macy's stores will also carry Martha Stewart Collection home furnishing products, Special Occasions merchandise, bridal registry items, Martha Stewart books and holiday-specific food preparation pieces like cookie cutters, cake stencils and decorating kits.

Martha Stewart Collection "shops" will be prominently positioned within each department, with merchandise displayed in ways that replicate Martha's home and television studio set.



MICHIGAN APPLE COMMITTEE

Try this Five-Step Michigan Apple Pie for a taste of fall.

These recipes are all about apples

Apple cider can't be beat at this time of year, but you can enjoy the fall harvest with these recipes.

THE FIVE-STEP MICHIGAN APPLE PIE

1 package (9 ounces) Jiffy pie crust mix
 7 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples*
 1 cup sugar

2 tablespoons cornstarch
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1 tablespoon butter, cut into small pieces
 1 (12 ounces) container T. Marzetti's Caramel

Apple Dip

Prepare pie crust according to pack-

age directions for two-crust pie. Place bottom crust in 9-inch pie dish.

Combine apples, sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg in large bowl. Toss gently to evenly coat apple slices. Spread filling evenly over bottom crust. Dot with pieces of butter. Moisten edge of lower crust lightly

Please see **RECIPES, D3**

Sample fine foods at Schoolcraft Extravaganza

See list of participating restaurants, D3

Samples of culinary delicacies and the chance to win a trip to Paris await those who attend the Schoolcraft College Foundation's annual Culinary Extravaganza fund-raiser.

The event is set for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 inside the VisTaTech Center, located on the main campus in Livonia on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads.

The Culinary Extravaganza is a celebration of food that brings together students, food professionals and the southeastern Michigan community. From Andiamo to Zingerman's, more than 50 restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors are participating.

It is also a premier fund-raiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. Since its inception in 1991, the event has raised more than \$1.4 million. Proceeds benefit the college's Culinary Arts Department and the college's scholarship fund.

In addition to enjoying fine cuisine, patrons can tour Schoolcraft's culinary arts instructional kitchens, sample wines and coffee, and bid on silent auction items.

Tickets for the Extravaganza are \$50 per person, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution.

Tickets can be ordered by phone at (734) 462-4518 or online at www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events. Credit cards and checks are accepted.

The City of Light awaits the winner of

the event raffle.

Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

First prize is a trip for two to Paris, including roundtrip airfare and hotel accommodations for 6 days/5 nights; second prize is \$1,000 cash; and third prize is dinner for six at the American Harvest Restaurant, which is operated by Schoolcraft's award-winning chefs and culinary arts students. Tickets will be drawn between 4 and 5 p.m. although ticket holders do not need to be present to win.



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Resurrect your old VCR tapes

It seems like the VCR turned relic overnight. Thanks to DVD players, DVRs, and even iTunes



Tech Savvy

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(where you can purchase TV shows to download to your PC and iPod), there's little reason to own a VCR anymore.

In fact, most people hang onto them just so they can watch old tapes. Wouldn't it be great, then, if you could copy those tapes to DVDs and put the VCR out to pasture?

You can, and it's easier than you might think.

I got the job done using Pinnacle Systems' Dazzle DVD Recorder (pinnacle.com), a \$50 kit that includes the hardware and software needed to copy video from your VCR to your Windows PC, then burn it to a DVD.

You will, of course, need a DVD burner and some blank discs. If your drive supports double-layer media (look for something that reads "DL" on the front of the drive tray), you can use double-layer discs, which hold a little over two hours' worth of video.

Otherwise, you'll have to stick with single-layer discs, which top out at about 70 minutes. The Dazzle software can compress your video to fit the available space, but you should avoid that whenever possible. Remember, VHS-quality video doesn't look too hot to begin with; compression will degrade it even further.

As for your PC, you'll need a decent amount of horsepower



The \$50 Dazzle DVD Recorder kit makes it easy to copy old tapes from your VCR to DVDs.

Whichever Dazzle kit you buy, the setup works like this: You plug your VCR into the Dazzle analog-to-digital converter (a small gizmo that also accepts other video sources, like older camcorders), then plug the converter into one of your PC's USB ports.

for this kind of operation. That means Windows XP, at least 512 megabytes of RAM (1 gigabyte would be better), and a reasonably speedy processor (no Celerons, Semprons, or other cheapie CPUs).

If your machine doesn't meet those specs, all is not lost: the Dazzle Video Creator Platinum (\$90) handles some of the heavy lifting with its own hardware, so you can get by with a slower machine. It also includes a basic version of Pinnacle Studio, which allows you to edit your video before burning it to DVD. See Pinnacle's Web site for more details on the two packages.

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You'll need to supply the composite audio-video cable

that connects your VCR to the Dazzle; it's not included in the package. Fortunately, you can pick one up just about anywhere for under \$10.

From there, the software walks you through the four-step process of selecting a video source, choosing a menu design for your DVD (the software offers numerous attractive choices), tweaking the recording settings, and capturing your video.

It's a blissfully easy operation, one that even novice users should have no trouble completing.

It is, however, a time-consuming process. The software captures your video in real-time, so if it's an hour-long tape, plan on an hour for that step. Then there's the process of burning the DVD, which takes about 30 minutes on average (it might be less or more depending on the speed of your drive, PC, and other variables).

When you're done, you'll have a DVD that should play in any PC or set-top DVD player. This is a great way to preserve old VHS and camcorder tapes.

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Window treatments that won't block the view

Mark of Canton writes: "My wife and I have just built a cottage on a lake. We have large windows



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

across the back of the house, facing the water, to maximize the lake view. This is great, except when the sun comes in. It becomes blinding light. I need something on the windows to shield us from the bright sun, but I don't want heavy draperies or fabric to cover up the view. I don't like blinds or shutters. Any suggestions?"

I understand your desire to avoid blocking the view that attracted you to this property in the first place. You do have some options here.

For the first layer of your window treatments, install quality window film. Bill Kish, owner of Solar Reflective Films (248.626.1130) carries the Vista line of window film (www.vista-films.com). Vista window film is a wonderful product that can greatly reduce glare, heat, and 99.9 percent of ultraviolet rays that can fade your interior fabrics and finishes. This will not hinder your view of the lake at all.

As a second layer of defense and light control when the sun is at its most intense, you may want to also consider open weave solar shades. There are many companies that make these types of shadings. I carry a line that comes in wonderful nature-inspired shades from bamboo to bark and when they are fully retracted, you will barely notice the head rail concealed behind the matching fascia panel. Typically, this type of shading blocks out 90-

95 percent of all UV rays and yes, you can still see through them. At night, the solar shades will give you some privacy, but they are not recommended for bedrooms or other areas where privacy and black out shades are needed.

You may want to consider adding a valance or cornice after you take care of the sun issues, but wait and see. Sometimes the simplest approach is best when highlighting a dynamite view. With the subtle effect of window film and solar shades, the window treatments will take a backseat and the lake view becomes nature's artistic focal point of the room.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Seasonal Gardens

English Gardens will host free in-store seminars at 7 p.m. Wednesdays through September. The public is welcome to attend Planting Spring-Flowering Bulbs, Sept. 19; and Caring for Indoor Plants, Sept. 26. English Gardens has six locations including West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900. For more information, call the stores or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Fall Roses

The Michigan School of Gardening will present Roses in the Fall, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Detroit Zoo. Cost is \$42. For registration and other information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

Dahlia Show

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will have its 55th annual Dahlia Show noon-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. For information, call (248) 373-6275.

Orchid History

The Michigan Orchid Society will feature the program 50 Years of Orchid Growing Changes at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St., Birmingham. Speaker Hermann Pigor of Oak Hill Orchids in Dundee, Illinois has been growing orchids since 1973. The public is welcome to the free program, which will include a Q&A, and plants on display. Call (586) 416-1496.

Medicinal Plants

Wild Roots and Fall Foliage: Michigan's Medicinal Plants will take place 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford. Herbalist Jim McDonald will lead participants around the fields and woods surrounding the center to explore the medicinal virtues, identification, folklore and preparation of many of the common "weeds" we pass by every day. Plants to be covered include burdock, yellow dock, Solomon's seal and wild yam. The Living Free Foundation is sponsoring the event. Cost is \$50, \$40 in advance. Advance registration is highly recommended. E-mail info@uheac.org or call (248) 693-1021.

Beautiful Bulbs
Good Earth Landscape Institute will present Beautiful Bulbs, 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18 at The Community House in Birmingham. The cost is \$24. Register at (248) 644-5832 or www.communityhouse.com.

Mixed Borders

The Community House Garden Club will host Using Mixed Borders in the Fall at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 at The Community House, 380 South Bates St., Birmingham. Janet Macunovich, co-founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and Practical Gardening Institute, will present a slide presentation with steps to make your fall garden border look spectacular for Fall. The public is invited. Reservations are not necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. Call (248) 644-5832.

Monarch Migration

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will present The Monarch Butterfly Migration at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Cost, \$3. Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.semabutterfly.com.

Master Conference

Volunteers of the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County will host Growing with Master Gardeners,

its 19th Annual Community Outreach Conference 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. Open to environmentalists and gardeners of all levels, the day includes two keynote speakers, three classes, a garden market and plant sale. The event will be held at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road. Cost, \$40, includes a box lunch. Reserve your spot by Sept. 13. Call (734) 786-6860 or visit www.mgawc.org for a class list and details.

It's Bedtime

Michigan State University will present Fall Gardening: Putting Your Garden to Bed 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 22. Advanced Master Gardener Monica Milla will share tips for late season gardening including planting bulbs and shrubs, protecting tender and potted plants through winter, what to do with all those leaves, how to preserve color late into the season and how to clean and store tools. Cost, \$16. The program will be held at Hidden Lake Gardens, 6280 W. Munger Rd. in Tipton. Pre-register at (517) 431-2060.

Love Your Lawn

The Southfield Public Library in connection with the City of Southfield's Green Committee will host Love Your Lawn, Love Your Lake at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 in the meeting room. The Sierra Club will offer tips on keeping your lawn green without affecting waterways. Southfield Public Library is located in the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road. Visit www.southfieldlibrary.org or call (248) 796-4224.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI, 48150; e-mail wvnb@hometownlife.com; fax (734) 953-2058.

HOME CALENDAR

Rochester Homes Tour

Walk through six stunning houses 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 during the Rochester Historic Homes Tour, sponsored by the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm and the Rochester Historical Commission. Sites were selected due to preservation by their owners. Unique renovations make them comfortable for today's families while maintaining historic charm. All sites are within walking distance of each other. Advance tickets, \$10; \$8 for museum members, are available by calling (248) 656-4663. Tickets the day of the event are \$12, at Rochester Hills Museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Rd. Visit www.rochesterhills.org.

Birmingham Homes Tour

The Community House will host a Birmingham House Tour Tuesday, Sept. 18. The seven-home tour will be conducted 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and costs \$25. For \$60, guests also will be invited to a brunch and lecture with HGTV host Frank Fontana at 8:30 a.m. An afternoon tea will be held at The Community House 3-4:30 p.m., which is included in the \$25 ticket. Proceeds benefit community outreach programs. For tickets and information, contact The Community House at (248) 594-6403.

Home Trends

Trend consultant Mariana Keros will present the latest industry trends and decor ideas for the home 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Drexel Heritage,

2125 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. Admission is free. Reservations are requested; call (248) 454-0900. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation, and a wine reception will be featured.

Fall for Fabric

The Michigan Design Center will display Fall fabric collections 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86. Stop by throughout the day and enjoy informal presentations from our fabric showrooms. The day also includes a noon lunch and the special presentations Ralph Lauren: Timeless Style at 11 a.m. and Getting on Top of Trends: Colors, Fabrics and Interiors at 1:30 p.m. Call the Michigan Design Center at (248) 649-4772 or visit www.michigandesign.com.

FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the summer and fall, including Go Fish, 3-6 p.m. Sept. 16 (\$45); Fresh Dinner Express 6-9 p.m. Sept. 27 (\$45); Pure Food, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14 (\$55); Fabulous Holiday Party Plan, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1 (\$55); Cookie Exchange, 3-7 p.m. Nov. 18 and 5-9 p.m. Nov. 23 (\$75); 4303 Delemere Court (south of 44 Mile, two blocks east of Coolidge), Royal Oak,

(248) 549-5242, www.twounique.com.

Rochester Farmers Market

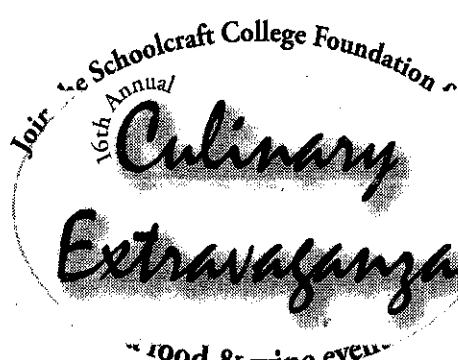
Whole Foods Market cooking demonstrations, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, stop by to enjoy samples, get coupons, Third and Water in downtown Rochester.

Prontol Cooking Classes

Brush up your culinary skills at these classes: Simple Sauce for Pasta, Sept. 19; A Tour of Italy-The Sicilian Kitchen, Sept. 20; Soup's On, Oct. 3; Family Recipes: Eastern Europe, Oct. 10; Brunch: The Best of Breakfast and Dinner, Oct. 17; Appetizers, Hors D'oeuvres & Starters, Oct. 24; The Dinner Party, Oct. 30; Quick Fix: 25-Minute Meals, Nov. 7; Holiday Magic, Nov. 13 and 14, 4343 Normandy Court, Royal Oak, \$30-\$40, (248) 549-1519.

Wine Exploration Series

Seven sessions start with An Introduction to Wine, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sept. 19, including California and the Pacific Northwest, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sept. 26; Wines of France (two parts, each considered one session), 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 3 and 10; Italian Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 24; South of the Equator: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 31, (\$162 for seven sessions, \$26 for single session, except for introduction and California session, \$28); Champagne and Sparkling Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 14, instructors are Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna, to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.



**Sunday, September 23, 2007
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Ciao Amici's, Brighton
Elite Brands, Southfield
The Farm Restaurant, Port Austin
Fiamma Grille & Compari's on the Park, Plymouth
Five Lakes Grill, Milford
Sive Restaurant, Plymouth
Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Livonia
Henry A. Fox Sales Co.—Midwest Wine Exchange, Grand Rapids
Gala—A New American Bistro, Farmington
Galaxy Wine Distributors, Commerce Township
Great Oaks Country Club, Rochester
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Personality and harmony exemplify St. Clement wines

Winemaker Danielle Cyrot (sea-ROW) relates the winery's history dating back to 1878 as though she lived it. She didn't, but definitely keeps Napa Valley's St. Clement Vineyards alive with her talented wine-making.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Cyrot was the assistant winemaker at Stags' Leap Winery, working with head winemaker Rob Brittan, as well as being co-winemaker for Two Tone Farm when she got an offer she

couldn't refuse.

"I really wanted to make wine at a place I could call my own," admits Cyrot, "so when I was given the chance to be winemaker at St. Clement Vineyards, I jumped at it."

MORE THAN-VICTORIAN STYLE

St. Clement Vineyards is located at 2867 Highway 29, north of St. Helena in Napa Valley. The white Victorian-style house that sits in front of the winery facility and also appears on the wine label, was built in 1878 by Fritz Rosenbaum.

Ownership of the house and winery has taken many twists and turns during its long history. It has been owned by Sapporo of Japan, Beringer Wine Estates and, since 2002, by Fosters Group of Australia.

Cyrot was pleased with the wine-style created by previous winemaker Aaron Pott (now winemaker at Quintessa) and does not intend to make revolutionary changes in that approach. "However," she adds, "I'm making an impact gradually."

Cyrot is a well qualified winemaker having graduated with a degree in enology and viticulture from the University of California Davis. Prior to settling back in her home state of California, Cyrot's winemaking career has taken her to Alsace, France and Australia.

A music lover who considers making wine and writing music to be artistic endeavors, Cyrot suggests that, "like music, wine-

making requires solid training and good instruments, but also a good dose of harmony and personality to set it apart."

After tasting the wines of St. Clement, we think you will appreciate the skill of the winemaker and notice the harmony and personality that come through in the body of the wine.

WHAT TO BUY FROM ST. CLEMENT

St. Clement 2006 Bale Lane Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, St. Helena \$20. Only 800 cases of this tank-fermented wine were made. Approximately six percent was then aged in new Hungarian oak barrels and blended back. The wine boasts a crisp green apple character with notes of lime, grapefruit, minerals and honeydew melon. Bright and delicious.

St. Clement 2006 Chardonnay, Los Carneros \$18 is a fruit-first style with a balanced touch of oak since 20 percent was barrel fermented in new French oak and 85 percent completed malolactic fermentation. The wine is rich on the palate with aromas of honeysuckle and rose petals, followed by flavors of melon, citrus and Granny Smith apple with a crisp finish.

St. Clement 2004 Merlot, Napa Valley \$28 entices with aromas of plums, dark cherries and cassis, flavors of berries, spice and anise, ending with hints of fine tobacco and cocoa with balanced tannins.

St. Clement 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$36 is blended with 20 percent merlot and three percent cabernet franc. Blackberries, cassis, dark cherries and plums introduce mirrored flavors with hints of coffee and chocolate. A value Napa cab at this price.

St. Clement 2004 Oropas, Napa Valley \$55 is a meritage blend of cabernet sauvignon with 15 percent merlot. The fruit was grown in several renowned mountain vineyards such as Diamond Mountain, Howell Mountain, and Mount Veeder. Aromas include coffee, mocha, black cherry and black raspberry. Dark chocolate, brown spices, blueberry and dark cherry flavors are explo-

WINE PICKS

With cooler weather, wine selections turn from light, crisp, unoaked and quaffable to wines with greater body and more oak influence. Chardonnay fits that bill, so we recommend:

2005 Buena Vista Carneros \$19
2005 Frei Brothers Russian River Valley \$20
2005 Gainey Santa Rita Hills, Evan's Ranch \$20
2005 Terlato Russian River Valley \$25 -- solid oak imprint
2005 Wattle Creek Mendocino \$26

2004 Gallo Family Laguna Ranch \$28
2005 Arrowood Sonoma County \$30

2005 Buena Vista Carneros Ramal Vineyard \$32
2005 Marimar Estate Don Miguel Vineyard Russian River Valley \$32

2005 Argyle Nuthouse, Willamette Valley, Oregon \$32
2005 Patz & Hall Dutton Ranch Russian River Valley \$39
2005 Patz & Hall Zio Tony Ranch Russian River Valley \$55

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

Win a wine trip to Europe

Until Oct. 29, enter to win one of three grand prizes for roundtrip airfare and deluxe hotel accommodations to either the Champagne, Port or Sherry region. You only need to answer three easy questions about these wine areas. Enter at www.wineoriginsweepstakes.com.

sive in a lovely rendition with a long, balanced and accessible finish.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the "Quarterly Review of Wines" and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers." Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.



After a trip to the cider mill this Fall Harvest Smoothie is a great way to relax.

MICHIGAN APPLE COMMITTEE

RECIPES

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with water. Cover with top crust, trim and flute edges. Cut three slits in top crust for venting.

Bake in preheated 400 degrees F oven 40 to 45 minutes or until crust is golden and apples are tender when pierced with a fork. (To prevent over browning, cover edge of pie crust with foil. Remove during last 20 minutes of baking.)

Serve warm pieces of apple pie drizzled with T. Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip just before serving. Heat dip to drizzle easily. Yield: 8 servings.

*Best Pie Apples: Ida Red, Rome, Empire, Gala, Jonagold, Jonathan, McIntosh.

FALL HARVEST SMOOTHIE

2 containers (8 ounces each) vanilla lowfat yogurt
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup honey
1 cup thawed, frozen Michigan apple juice, concentrate, undiluted
3 cups milk

Thoroughly combine yogurt, sugar, honey and apple juice concentrate. Refrigerate about 1 hour or until thoroughly chilled.

Add milk to chilled yogurt mixture and serve cold. Yield: 6 servings.

GRILLED CHICKEN WITH APPLES AND FETA

4 skinless boneless chicken breasts (about 5 ounces each)
2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons butter
2 apples, peeled and thinly sliced
4 ounces feta cheese
Salt and pepper
1 teaspoon fresh thyme

Prepare hot fire in charcoal or gas grill. Brush chicken with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill chicken until juices run clear, 3-4 minutes per side. Remove from grill to platter and tent with foil to keep warm.

Melt butter in sauté pan over medium high heat. Add apples and sauté 2-3 minutes, until they begin to brown and become tender.

Spoon apples over chicken and top with feta and thyme. Serves 4.

Recipes courtesy of Michiganapples.com.

CIDER

FROM PAGE D1

tastes like Fall - even in 70 degree weather with pesky bees swarming about.

When I went away to college I knew I'd miss out on the Cider Mill Ritual - which had dwindled down to something I shared with my mom and dad.

On their first visit to see me, then a dorm-residing freshman at Michigan State, they surprised me with a half-gallon of the good stuff, and a half-dozen cinnamon sugar donuts to share. Truth

is, I might have squirrelled those away for myself.

My love of Michigan's cider mills hasn't changed much over the years. I get giddy with anticipation of wandering around the grounds - where now you can find everything from fresh-baked apple pies, barrels of apples to choose from, even home-made fudge. Some - like Uncle John's Cider Mill in St. John - even have a nature trail and pumpkin patch to peruse.

I keep a photograph in my living room that says it all. My sisters and I had gathered just outside the mill on

a Sunday afternoon. We're holding my first-born niece who couldn't have been more than 7 months old back then, and smiling away. Angela, who's 7 years old now, was wearing the blue hoodie I bought her and we're all in sweaters - a clue of the crisp autumn air. It's a great reminder of that day - the one I look forward to each year.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola prefers her cider ice-cold and her cinnamon donuts dunking-sized. She writes about pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

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Zingermans Bakehouse, Ann Arbor (List is subject to change.)

HELP US UNDERSTAND THE EFFECTS OF PREGABALIN ON BRAIN ACTIVITY IN FIBROMYALGIA (FM)

Research Volunteers are needed to take part in a study (IRB # HU0009334) looking at the brain activity of women who have FM. You may be eligible to participate in this study, if you:

- have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia for at least 3 months, are postmenopausal and under the age of 70,
- are willing to take a study drug, pregabalin. (Pregabalin is FDA-approved for fibromyalgia),
- are willing to undergo brain scans (MRI), and heat and pressure sensitivity testing,
- do not currently take narcotic medications, sedatives or tranquilizers
- have not, at any time, taken pregabalin (brand name: Lyrica)

For more information, please contact:



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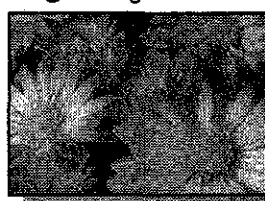
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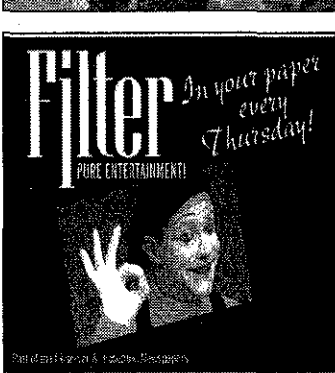
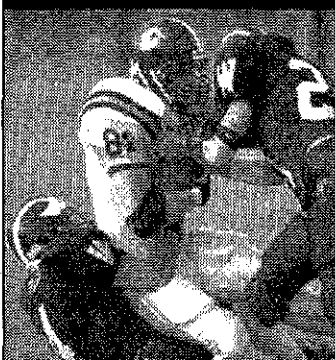
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Mommy Millionaire

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Kim Lavine believes women are leading the next revolution. They are taking advantage of new technology and launching businesses that allow them to balance fulfilling work and family lives. "It's not a political revolution, it's an economic revolution. Women are taking control of their own financial destiny on their terms," Lavine said. The Grand

Haven resident and mother of two is the founder of Green Daisy, Inc. and author of "Mommy Millionaire: How I Turned My Kitchen Table Idea Into a Million Dollars and How You Can Too." The book outlines her journey from selling hand-sewn spa pillows to running an expanding global business. She will share her story at Ladies Who Launch LIVE, set for

Thursday, Sept. 20 at The Community House, but here, she offers insight to PINK:

What's been the biggest challenge in starting your business?

I think the biggest challenge in my experience, and judging from all the hundreds if not thousands of women who have written me, is how do they successfully balance being entrepreneurs with being moms, and that's what I speak to.

What is your message?

My message is that the technology of the new millennium is transforming our world — our family world and our work world — in significant and meaningful ways every day. Cell phones, laptops and the Internet have allowed us to work where and when we want. We don't have to go to brick and mortar offices anymore. There's never been as distinct an opportunity for women to have it all. It's an historic opportunity.

Do you still work from home?

Yes. I have three full-time jobs. I am a writer, but that's secondary to running our business. We are a lifestyle brand that's launching a vast array of products including home decor, inspirational paper products, pajamas. I still work out of my house. I tell everybody work out of your home for as long as you can. I can sit at my kitchen table and help my kids with their homework, make a peanut butter sandwich and e-mail my production specs to China at the same time.

You have 8- and 10-year-old boys. How do you balance work and family?

This morning I got up at 3. I get up early and

LADIES WHO LAUNCH LIVE

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20

Where: The Community House in Birmingham

What: Ladies Who Launch founders Victoria Colligan and Beth Schöenfeldt, along with LWL Detroit Leader Kate Richard, will bring a host of entrepreneurial women together for a day of networking, shopping and break-out sessions with experts.

Who: Featured speakers include Kim Lavine, author of "Mommy Millionaire;" Fara Warner, author of "Power of the Purse;" Former WNBA player Kym Hampton; and Tara Kachaturoff, founder of michiganentrepreneurtv.com.

Cost: \$125 by Sept. 20 and \$130 at the door. Lunch and gift bags included.

RSVP: www.ladieswholaunch.com or 866-411-5234



Kim Lavine

Mommy Millionaire Rules for Doing Business

1. Don't apologize for being a mom.
2. When dealing with someone in business, always ask yourself 'what's in it for them?'
3. Pay your attorney for advice only. Most of the paperwork you can do yourself, including setting up your corporation, registering for your trade mark, and even writing your own patent.
4. Find a mentor. Having someone who's "been there and done that" can really help you get through tough times and understand it's part of the territory.
5. Nobody ever got rich spending money. Know overcapitalization and how to avoid it.
6. Have a story. Everybody loves a good story.
7. Create a pitch and cold-call.
8. Everything happens for a reason. Accept challenge, conquer it, and learn from it.
9. The "\$20,000 rule." What it really takes to fund even the smallest start-up.
10. Believe in yourself.

For more, visit mommymillionaire.com.

work a couple hours before my kids even get up. I work a couple hours after they go to bed and in between there I get the rest of my eight hours in. As a mother at the end of the day it's not how clean my house is, but how happy my kids are so I don't stress out anymore about house cleaning. I think I had a good day at work. I got a lot done at my kitchen table, the kids had a lot of fun, they got outside and got some exercise. After that I'll throw a load of wash in.

You go so far as to call this a 'women's revolution.'

Yes, women are leading this revolution to change work and family life. The whole question of whether you're a working mom or stay-at-home mom, that whole war is moot now. You can do both. Oprah recently reported the results of a survey that two-thirds of stay-at-home moms wished they worked, and two-

thirds of working moms wished they could stay home. Every woman I know is in search of the perfect 'part-time job' that gives them career fulfillment but doesn't compromise their need to be a great mom, and that's what I'm saying every woman can have now. There's never been a better opportunity.

Are men in on this revolution?

My husband was one of these guys that traveled all the time for a job he made good money at, and he hated it. I think it's a family revolution, not just a woman's revolution. My husband loves being a stay-at-home dad. We both run the business together. He loves the freedom of spending as much time with the kids as he wants. It's almost like corporate America demands that you put less of a priority on your family to get ahead and I think men and women both are saying enough's enough. I'm not going to work 80 hours at the office and get home just as my kids are going to bed.

In your book, you make it clear nobody should quit their job today and expect to start a business overnight.

I don't sugarcoat anything. I tell people it's not easy, but at the end of the day I am a very fortunate person. I have a lot of challenges but they don't have anything to do with nannies or day care, or guilt and pain over not being with my kids. The challenges I have are connected to me creating the life I really want.

Can any woman do this?

You don't have to be me. The beauty is whatever you make, whatever service you deliver, through the Internet these days you have the opportunity to deliver it directly to any individual in the world. That's what's exciting.

Your book 'Mommy Millionaire' isn't really about money...

In my experience, people don't start businesses for the money. They start because they have hopes, dreams or aspirations. Hopes for a better life, dreams for their children, aspirations to escape a divorce or bad childhood. That's ultimately what motivates successful people. I haven't met one truly successful person who was motivated just by money. For most women, it's primarily about finding a way to express themselves beyond their role as a mom, and bring extra income into their house to help their husband who is slaving away at a job he hates. That's what I find almost always motivates women.

MUSLIM FASHION SHOWCASED

La Maison Saouli celebrated its entrance into U.S. markets by staging a fashion show and sale at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn on Sunday. La Maison Saouli is devoted to producing stylish garments for Muslim women seeking a modest appearance. Based in Brussels, Belgium, La Maison Saouli was founded in 2000 by Karima Saouli, who comes from a family of tailors. Saouli could not find clothing in stores that expressed her identity as a Western Muslim woman. Her designs are manufactured in Paris, and sold in European boutiques. La Maison Saouli produces three lines — Saouli

Trend, aimed at women ages 15-25 seeking a modern, urban look; Saouli Classic, for women over 25 who desire a classic look in muted tones, appropriate for professionals; and Saouli Haute Couture, featuring hand-sewn evening dresses that blend Western and Oriental styling. Special collections are issued for each Muslim holiday as well. Saouli suits, jackets, dresses, skirts, trousers and related pieces range in price from \$30-\$150.



Style and modesty combine in clothing by La Maison Saouli.

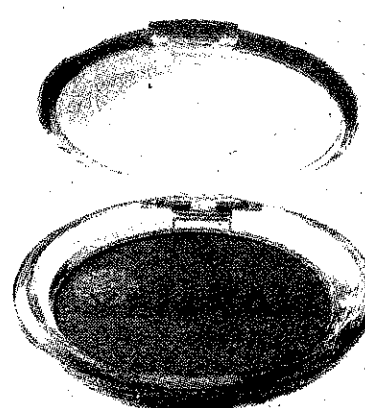
pink picks

by Chelsea Von Mach



Chelsea Von Mach

Chelsea Von Mach's picks rose to the top of our 3rd Annual Reader PINK Picks contest for a reason. The 20-year-old is so fabulous,



she'll soon be leaving Birmingham to attend the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. Von Mach hopes to become a fashion stylist and do wardrobe for movies. While we wait to see Von Mach's work on the silver screen, we can enjoy her winning picks:

Wear It!

Lamé Late Night Mini Skirt from American Apparel

COUNT Wear It!

There's no such thing!



Tote It!

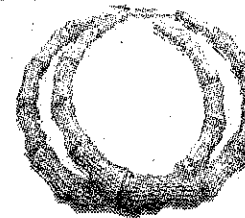
Prada textured clutch

Kick It!

Sneakers at Revive in Birmingham

Accessorize It!

Ghetto gold jewelry (door knocker earrings)



See It!

Broken English

Hear It!

Almost Lover by A Fine Frenzy

Drink It!

Green Tea at Spot O Tea in Birmingham

Eat It!

Breakfast at Bart's in Ferndale

A final congratulations to the winners of our 3rd Annual PINK Picks Contest. Amanda Pier of Redford received a \$300 gift card to Westland Shopping Center. Runners-up Chelsea Von Mach of Birmingham; Karen Viado of Canton and Jennifer Boris of Westland all won \$100 gift cards. Thanks to Westland Shopping Center, and all the readers who entered! Stay tuned for Honorable Mention picks in upcoming editions of PINK!

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Parisian Trendezvous

Make a date with savings as Parisian Laurel Park Place joins with Ford Motor Co. to present Trendezvous 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. Customers will be treated to 20 percent off regular and sale price apparel, accessories and fine jewelry, along with 15 percent off cosmetics and fragrances. The evening also includes a light refreshments and a runway show featuring the hottest trends in beauty and fashion. The cost is \$10 per person, with 10 percent benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. For more information or to reserve your spot, call (734) 953-7500.

Detroit Fashion Week

Celebrate the city's style with a week's worth of activities during Detroit Fashion Week. Events kick off 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham with a press party, sneak preview fashion show and Dior Diva Charity Makeover with Saks Fifth Avenue. Fabulous festivities continue at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit with industry workshops Sept. 24-25; a Student Designer Show, and design and makeup competitions at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27; and Couture Shows 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28-29. Participating designers include Vaughn Terry, Katerina Bocci, Eugenia Paul, Beulah Cooley and Fotoula Lambros. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brian Heath at (313) 516-6774 or visit

Fashionista Shopping Party

Macy's Somerset will host a Fashionista Shopping Party 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 in the IMPULSE Department. Find out what you need in your closet this fall during a fashion-packed night of shopping, mingling, music, trend shows, savings and fabulous fare. Reservations are required. Call 800-329-8667 by Sept. 18.

Mom2Mom Sale

Get ready for a Mom2Mom Sale 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 East Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Moms who would like to sell clothing, toys and miscellaneous items can rent tables now by calling (248) 334-1266. Shoppers can look forward to bargains on such things as name brand clothing, videos, video games and much more. Visit www.gbgn-umc.org/paul/

Marry Me Happy Hours

The Wedding Resource Network will Present "Marry Me" Happy Hours 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Northville Hills Golf Club. Brides and grooms are invited to meet the area's leading wedding vendors including facilities, photographers, DJ/entertainment, attire, bakeries, decorators, florists, invitations, jewelry, transportation, honeymoon travel, videography and more. To receive your invitation, call (734) 667-3651 or visit www.TheWRN.net.

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