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Life goes on at PCA after ex-teacher faces sex charges

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Three days after the news broke of a scandal that could've rocked the close-knit hub at Plymouth Christian Academy, school officials were expecting hesitancy and reservation — instead they got the usual smiles and anticipation that accompanies their annual picture day.

"The response of our school family has been extremely encouraging," PCA Supt. Tony Beckett said. "We expected caution but instead it's been warm and encouraging."

The Joy Road academy, which is run by Calvary Baptist



Stein

Church, has been thrust in the media spotlight after one of its former teachers, Stephanie Ann Stein, 31, of Canton was arraigned Monday on charges that she had a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old boy that she befriended at the Christian school.

The married mother of two, who resigned from her part-time PCA position in June, has been charged with two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, each a 15-year felony;

one count of using the Internet to communicate with a minor to commit a crime, a four-year felony; and one count of distributing obscene material of a sexual nature to a minor, a two-year felony.

The alleged relationship between the former teacher and the teen, who is no longer a student at PCA, was discovered after the boy's mother caught Stein in her home during the summer.

"Mom was suspicious and she contacted police," Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said, adding that when the teen and Stein were questioned they "corroborated each other."

Pomorski said it's believed the relationship between the two became physical after Stein left PCA.

"Nothing shows anything went on during the school year," he said.

Beckett said for their "own peace of mind," the school has contacted an outside agency to perform an internal investigation.

"We are fully cooperating with authorities and we want to be ready if we are asked questions later," he said. "We are gathering information while it's fresh."

On Monday, the school sent out a letter to parents informing

them of the situation.

"We feel it's important to have good, open communication and the response has been amazing," he said. "We had one parent bring us a cake that said 'We Love you PCA' and another parent brought flowers. We just want to assure parents that we are committed to our core values."

After her arraignment, Stein was issued a \$50,000 personal bond and ordered to stay away from the victim. Her preliminary exam is scheduled for Sept. 28 in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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EXCERPT FROM PCA'S STATEMENT TO PARENTS

"All of the proper hiring procedures were followed when this part-time faculty member was hired as was the school's protocol for background checks and performance reviews ... her resignation was not the result of feedback from administrators or others regarding her teaching ability, conduct or relationships with others."

Business picks back up with completion of Ford work

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The orange barrels are out of the way and for Calvin Soong, it was a sweet sight Monday morning.

"I didn't know they were moving them today," he said. "I am so happy the construction is finally over."

Soong, the manager of Sze-Chuan Restaurant on Ford Road, said the resumed reconstruction of the Fellows Creek Bridge had put an unexpected dent in the eatery's business since June.

"We were disappointed when (the work) wasn't finished before Labor Day," he said, noting that about 30 percent of their lunchtime crowd stayed away during the reconstruction.

The bridge is located near the entrance of Meijer. The \$1.3 million project, which included landscaping, sidewalks and decorative lighting, was suspended last fall and resumed in the summer. The Michigan Department of Transportation project was expected to be complete by the end of September.

During the bulk of the roadwork, a stretch of Ford Road traffic was shifted to the eastbound lanes and left turns weren't allowed.

"Our loyal customers still came but they were complaining about getting in here because you couldn't make a left turn," Soong said. "We're just glad it's done."

On Monday, clumps of construction barrels lined the curbs on Ford and Sze-Chuan, which has been open for 27 years, had a steady stream of customers in the afternoon.

After Kevin Birdsong pulled

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Cheri and Robert Taylor, shown here with some of their writing students, were honored this week as 'Everyday Heroes' for their work with The Blushing Sky Writer's Playground and other nonprofit work.

'Ink heals all wounds'

Canton couple uses poetry to inspire teens

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Cheri Taylor wouldn't bat an eye if you called her and her husband, Robert, a pair of writers, poets, teachers or even giddy newlyweds.

What does make her pause is their newest designation: "Everyday Heroes."

"It's very strange to be called a hero," said Taylor, 43. "It's a hard thing to accept."

For their work with The Blushing Sky Writer's Playground and other nonprofit organizations, the Canton couple has been chosen as two of the RARE Foundation's "Everyday Heroes" for 2007.

The Troy-based organization, which aims to inspire young adults through ordinary people, honored the Taylors and seven others at its annual recognition dinner on Tuesday.

"The kids we encounter have to do heroic things

ROBERT AND CHERI TAYLOR

Ages: Robert, 61; Cheri, 43

Children: Two sons, Randy and Jonathon; daughter, Valerie

Projects: Blushing Sky Writer's Playground, Projection of Soul poetry program

Careers: Robert, retired Ford pipe fitter; Cheri, Inside Out Literary Arts Project senior writer

In the Works: Robert, "The Tarnished Star," his Vietnam memoirs; Cheri, "Wolf Maiden Moon," a book of poetry

everyday so we don't think of ourselves as heroes, but we love the concept," Taylor said. "RARE believes in the same things that we do and they feel everyone can make a difference."

Taylor founded Blushing Sky, which specializes in poetry workshops, six years ago. When she met her hus-

band, a Vietnam veteran and retired Ford employee, at a poetry reading he immediately jumped on board with her efforts and together they created the Projection of Soul poetry program for Holy Cross Children's Services in Clinton Township. The couple married in May 2006.

Between Blushing Sky and the Projection of Soul, the Taylors have instructed nearly 400 people.

"Our mantra is ink heals all wounds," said Cheri Taylor, who says the first time she began jotting down her feelings was at age 9 when her father walked out. "I realized that if I had a pencil and some paper, I could be anywhere I wanted to be."

Robert Taylor, 61, says his love affair with poetry began suddenly because one day he was "dreading high school English" and the next, words were flowing from him with

Please see **INK, A4**

Vacant church razed; national retailer may take its place

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The township wanted it razed and several congregations wanted to call it home. In the end, its owners chose the latter option.

The small, vacant church located near the southwest corner of Ford and Canton Center has been demolished.

"You wouldn't believe how many calls we got from churches that wanted to buy the building and move in," said Darren Frankel of the Stuart Frankel Development Company. "We had at least 10 inquiries but we had to say 'No, thank you.'"

The Troy-based SFDC owns the parcel where the unassuming church sat and wants to develop the property with a big box retailer. Frankel said Canton officials had contacted their offices about leveling the empty building. "The (township) wanted it removed," he said, adding that he didn't know the age of the church, which had been blocked

off from cars with a metal chain.

According to Canton Planner Jeff Goulet, the township felt the vacant building had become a danger to the public.

"This was a code enforcement issue. From what I understand, the building had been broken into. It was becoming a public nuisance," he said.

The church, which has been vacant for a while, had been used by the Crosswinds Church, which is currently moving into its own facility on Cherry Hill Road at Beck.

SFDC also owns the Centre Village plaza, which sits just south of the parcel where the church used to sit. The 15-tenant strip mall, which is anchored by a Kroger, opened in 1999.

Frankel said he believes the vacant property, which has direct frontage on Ford, could be a good fit for a national retailer.

"We still own the property and we still want to develop the property, but we have to wait," he said.



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Battle of the titans

Canton's Joey Krizanek (right) and Northville's Cameron Burdette go shoulder to shoulder for a ball Monday night in a huge battle between the soccer powers. Canton, ranked second in the state, and visiting Northville, ranked fifth in the state, played to a 1-1 tie. For more about the game, please see C1.

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Marchers strike up band with Novi win



Lori Wand hits the low notes on her tuba during the P-CMB's practice Saturday morning.

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

An early fall season chill, along with a few other challenging conditions, couldn't put a damper on the 200-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band as they took the field for their first competition of the year at Novi High School's Fanfare Saturday.

Capturing the Flight I first-place trophy, all three caption awards for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect along with the highest score, 72.1, of all 13 competing bands, the hometown marchers started off pretty much the same as last year — on top.

"These kids are impressing me this year," said Marc Whitlock, beginning his fifth season as director of bands.

"They were working aggressively through problems that were not their fault. Their training really kicked in and I'm very proud of them."

Canton senior Sarah Hallinen, a fourth-year clarinetist with the band, agreed.

"I thought we had a lot of energy, even though the conditions weren't the best," she said. "We didn't give up and we pushed through. I thought it was a really good performance."

Some of those less-than-perfect conditions included a wet and slick natural turf, yard lines that were difficult to see and a non-functioning synthesizer.

"I think we were able to stay together because we were closely watching the drum majors," Hallinen added. "That

is one of the most important things."

Second-year drum major Dave Brooks, a Plymouth senior, couldn't agree more. He and senior Bradford Ragland share the conducting responsibilities this year.

"I was very proud of them," Brooks said of his fellow band members at their inaugural performance. "Our band has a lot of energy and it looks like they will go far."

He has special kudos for this year's 65 new marchers.

"This year we have outstanding freshmen," he noted. "They have been sticking with it and they are doing a great job."

The 2007 competition show, "Out of the Shadows," moves visually and musically from darkness to light.

"Everything is in a minor



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Flutists (front, from left) Robin Tramel, Kaitlyn Tracy and Jessica Brashears keep in step during their practice session at the P-CEP stadium. The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band went on to take the highest score of the Fanfare competition at Novi High School in the evening.

key, so there is a certain amount of melancholy," explained Whitlock. "But the color scheme gets lighter and brighter as the performers come out of the shadows."

After a summer of practice including at-home and away band camps, the band has nearly 70 percent of their nine-minute show completed.

"I think we're in a good

place," said Whitlock, who has personal goals in mind for his students that involve more than just the musical, marching basics.

"I want the kids to reach within themselves through performance to know themselves better through this year's show," he explained. "I hope that we are able to perform with more confidence."

CORRECTIONS

The game-clinching tackle in Plymouth's 22-20 victory over Canton Friday night was made by Aaron Uller, not Ronnie Goble as was originally reported in Sunday's *Observer*.

A photo of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps. that ran in the *Observer* on Sunday indicated there will be an informational meeting about the group on Oct. 29 at Canton High School. The meeting will actually take place at Salem High School. For more information about the group and the meeting, visit the group's Web site at www.pfdc.us.

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Auditions

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will host auditions for *A Perfectly Normal Boy* from noon to 5 p.m., Oct. 27. This project is a developmental workshop that will mark the Detroit area premiere of a show that was originally performed Off-Broadway at the Sanford Meisner Theater. Several small changes are being made to the show to prepare it for production in Chicago in late 2008. To learn more about the production, please visit the Myspace site at www.myspace.com/APerfectlyNormalBoy.

The production company is looking for six men - all ages, ethnicities, and physical types. Please be prepared for the following at auditions: Bring one song (with sheet music) in your key (accompanist provided); dress comfortably for dance. Walk-ins only, no appointments. Callbacks will be Sunday, Oct. 28 at noon.

Rehearsals will begin in October and run through December. Performance dates (all performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill) will be Dec. 28, 29; and Jan. 4, 5, 19, 25, 26. Each performer will receive a \$100 stipend.

Computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a Power Point Part 2 course from 6-9 p.m., Sept. 26 at Canton Computers, which is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford roads. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2007. These classes are open to Chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Friday,

Sept. 21.

YWCA seeks outstanding women

Do you know a woman who deserves to be recognized? Is there a woman that changed your life? Celebrate the success of an outstanding woman

you know by nominating them for the YWCA of Western Wayne County 2007 Women of Achievement Awards.

The Women of Achievement Awards recognize outstanding women throughout Western Wayne County who represent the following categories: communications/the arts, business leadership, government/law, dedicated volunteer, young professional, leadership award and young woman.

Nominees will be honored at the Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction Nov. 16 at The Dearborn Inn. The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction and the awards presentation begins at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$400 for tables of 10.

Contact the YWCA at (313) 561-4110 to receive Women of Achievement nomination forms. The deadline to nominate is Oct. 19.

Canton to salute local soldiers

On Sunday, Nov. 11, Canton will host a "Salute to Service" ceremony at the Village Theater, located 50400 Cherry Hill Road, from 2-4 p.m., which will recognize area residents currently in active duty.

Photos of these Canton residents who are currently serving in our Armed Forces will be on display. Residents are encouraged to submit 8 x 10 scanned copies of photos (no originals photos please). Be sure to label the back of each photo with the name of the service person, the branch of his or her service, and contact information.

Copies of these photos can either be mailed to Pat VanDusen at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188 or e-mailed to pvandusen@canton-mi.org.

The public is welcome to attend this free event. For more information on the Salute to Service ceremony scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 11 from 2-4 p.m. at the Village Theater, please call (734) 394-5193 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Miller open house

Come see Plymouth-Canton's new Miller School during a community open house on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 6:30-

8 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m.

Miller Elementary School is located at 43721 Hanford Road in Canton.

Chieftettes variety show

The Canton High School Chieftettes pom pon teams will present their annual variety show at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sept. 22 in Logan Auditorium at Salem High School. This event will showcase a variety of entertainment appearances by Plymouth-Canton Community School students and community members, as well as performances by the Chieftettes.

Tickets: Advance ticket purchases are available for \$5 from Chieftettes members and at lunch breaks on Sept. 20 and Sept. 21 in front of the Canton High School cafeteria. Show day tickets are available for \$6 at the door.

For more information contact Britt Julien at bbfm@sbcglobal.net.

Craft show

Attention Crafters. Tri-City Christian Center is currently accepting applications for its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 1. Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road (just north of Michigan Avenue) in Canton. For more information contact Sharon Chefan at (734) 397-1777 or e-mail her at sharonchefan@tricitychristian.org.

Clothing bank help

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank, which is located at Salem High School, provides free clothing to families in need. It accepts fashionable, gently-used clothing donations Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Clothing Bank entrance is on the northwest side of the building. Take the drive just west of Salem (where the buses enter) and follow it straight toward the school. Look for the signs.

The goal is for students who receive clothing do not look out-of-place at school. Please ask yourself this question before you donate: Would my children wear this?

The bank is in particular need of teen and children's clothing; women's extra-large sizes, shoes and boots.

The bank is also in need of



Unlikely friends

Tonda Elementary third-grader Adriana Green (bottom) poses with (top from left) Valerie Green, Shirley Haynes, (seated from left) Robert Kuzava, Emma Hall, and Timothy Franzen. The 8-year-old Canton resident nominated Hall, Haynes, Kuzava, and Franzen to receive a recognition award during the Friends of Community Living Services annual fund-raiser that was held Sept. 13 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The four were among 13 winners during the event. Franzen, Hall and Kuzava all have mild disabilities and are supported by CLS, a nonprofit organization that provides services to Wayne County residents with disabilities. Haynes works for them in their Woodhaven apartments. Valerie Green, Adriana's mother, is a nurse for the three, which is how Adriana was introduced to them. She refers to them as her "uncles and aunts." To show how much she cares about them, she wrote a book as a school project, for which she received an A, and then sent it in to nominate them for an award. "She is my travel buddy. We go to fun places all the time. I just love that little 8-year-old," said Franzen. "She is just like family to all of us." For more information about CLS, please log on to their Web site at www.comilivserv.com.

a few volunteers. Please call (734) 416-6179 and leave a message.

For more information, contact Karen Palgut via e-mail at k_palgut@wideopenwest.com.

Dance classes

Plymouth-Canton Community Education sponsors dance classes for seniors (50 and older), and for teens wanting to learn basic dance steps.

Seniors can enjoy dancing in a comfortable and supportive environment and gain health benefits as well. Build on what you already know and learn the fun, easy steps of the Foxtrot, music you remember from the "Big Band" era for four weeks. In the remaining four weeks seniors will learn the slow, rhythmic Rumba, one of the most popular and easy to learn dances.

Class starts Tuesday, Sept. 25 from 6-7 p.m. at the Tonda Elementary School gym.

Meanwhile, teens can learn to dance with a partner, while spending four weeks learning the very popular Swing, then moving into salsa.

This class also starts Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 7-8 p.m. at the Tonda gym.

For more information and to register for either class, call (734) 416-2940.

Newcomers to meet

The public is invited to a discussion on living a healthy lifestyle, as the Canton Newcomers hosts the Summit on the Park's personal trainer Tom Arbaugh. This social, civic and charitable group's monthly general meeting will be held Oct. 3 at 7:15 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center, set back off the road).

If you would like to receive a handout detailing the 20-plus monthly activities hosted by the group (book club, Bunko, playgroups, ladies

day out, scrapbooking to name a few) and would enjoy refreshments from Aji Ten Restaurant and Back Home Bakery, and want to spend the evening socializing with your "neighbors", plan to attend. There will also be a raffle that will benefit a local charity.

For a complimentary October newsletter of this 2006 Community Supporter award-winning club, visit cantonnewcomers.org or call (734) 398-6487 before the meeting. Just a reminder, you don't have to be "new" to Canton to be a Newcomer.

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 crafts 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.

Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice.

The group is held 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 N. Lilley Road, Canton.

The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss.

This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge. For information, contact Ann Christensen, toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

School supply drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is collecting school supplies to provide to needy families in its Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville service area.

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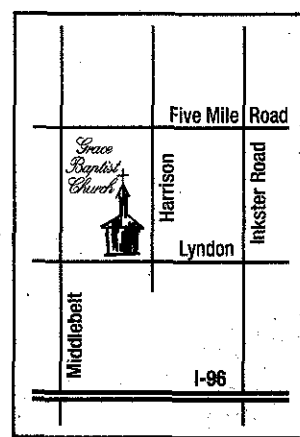
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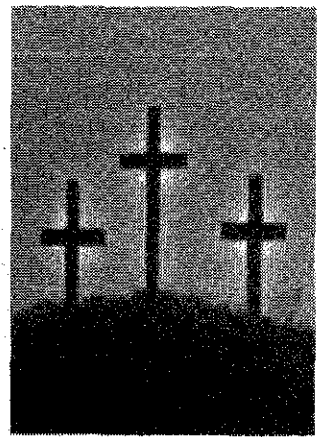
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School board closer to picking firm for supt. search

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will spend the next few days checking references of two search firms who are seeking the contract to conduct a nationwide search for a new superintendent, before making a decision next Monday on which to hire.

In separate one-hour interviews Tuesday night, trustees asked 22 questions to representatives of Michigan Leadership Institute of Old Mission, Mich., and Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Ill.

At the end, it didn't appear there was a clear choice as to which firm the board will hire to help find a replacement for Jim Ryan, who will retire in March.

"We'll have to compare their answers, see where they are different or similar, and make

a decision," said Vice President Barry Simescu. "Neither one of them lost today, and neither one of them knocked us over. Both are very good, I don't think we would make a mistake hiring either one."

In somewhat similar proposals, both search firms plan to meet with trustees and community groups to build criteria for the new superintendent, find four-six qualified candidates and help the board through the process of signing the new CEO to a contract. The base fee for Hazard is \$20,000, with additional charges for advertising plus consultant and candidate expenses, which could increase the total to \$33,000. MLI's proposal was mainly all-inclusive, with a price tag of \$17,500.

The representatives of each firm, who will lead the search, are familiar with Plymouth-Canton. Michael Wilmot,

regional president of Michigan Leadership Institute, served as superintendent of Garden City Schools for 18 years. Meanwhile, Roger Garvelink, a senior consultant with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, was superintendent in Birmingham for 12 years.

"There are subtle differences between the two firms in terms of their approach, so we have to find which one we think will bring us the best pool of candidates and represent the needs of our district," said Judy Mardigian, Plymouth-Canton school board president.

"Everything you read indicates there is a diminishing number of people who want to be superintendent now, so it's very critical we get the best pool of candidates possible."

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Teen journalists - Observer wants you!

The *Canton Observer* is looking for sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in producing local newspaper pages and online material for teens by teens.

This marks the second year of the *Observer's* Student Voices project in which area teens write about issues important to them.

Last year nearly 100 students participated in the school-year program.

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

in Sunday editions of the *Observer*.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to apply.

In addition, students must commit to serving as a student journalist for the entire 2007-08 school year and be prepared to attend a 90-minute orientation session on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the *Observer's* offices, 36251 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. Students must also be prepared to attend planning meetings as determined by the student group.

The first pages and online stories are scheduled to

appear in November.

"We want teens to take ownership of the section in print and online," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. "Teens will decide what to cover, what to write about — what's important to them. They'll be mentored by reporters, editors and photographers at the *O&E*."

To apply, go to www.hometownlife.com and click on the Students Voices logo for an application.

Deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 24.

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case.

"We had (an assignment) to write a poem and it opened a valve," he said, adding that his experiences with the youngsters at Holy Cross have been poignant. "Everyone can write but with some people, they have never been given an opportunity."

By chance, the couple met a RARE representative a while back and were surprised when he later contacted them and suggested they participate in the foundation's selection process to choose its 2007 honorees.

According to its Web site, RARE, which stands for Recognizing Achievement and Rewarding Excellence, was founded in 1998. RARE firmly believes in the importance of honoring local leaders: "At a time when society has lost sight of its real heroes and material things have replaced character as the currency for measuring success, RARE

celebrates the lives of everyday people in the workplace who, through extraordinary commitment are changing lives and inspiring others."

As recipients of the "Everyday Hero" award, the Taylors will receive \$1,000 to support their cause.

"How rare can that get," Robert chuckled, while Cheri chimed in that the money will be used to pay some of Blushing Sky's expenses as well as to purchase books for the teens involved with Projection of Soul.

"We are going to let them choose their own book from Amazon," Cheri Taylor said. "If you're a person who loves words, there is nothing like owning your own book. It's remarkable that RARE is doing this for us."

For more information on Blushing Sky, log on to www.BlushingSkyWriters.com. To learn more about RARE, access www.rarefoundation.com.

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into Sze-Chuan's parking lot, he grinned at his wife, Mary, and told her he can now stop avoiding Ford.

"I can't believe it's over," he said. "It took them forever."

Birdsong of Howell said he usually travels the township's busiest corridor several times a week, but had recently begun taking other routes.

"We still came to Sze-Chuan, though," he said with a chuckle.

At the Ford Road Pizza Hut, business had considerably

picked up Monday afternoon, said Eric Godin, operations manager.

"We can definitely tell the difference already and it hasn't even been a full day yet," he said.

"We were losing about \$2,000 in sales every week."

As a handful of customers eyed the offerings of the restaurant's daily pizza buffet, manager Cara Caudill said there were days during the reconstruction when the spread was barely touched.

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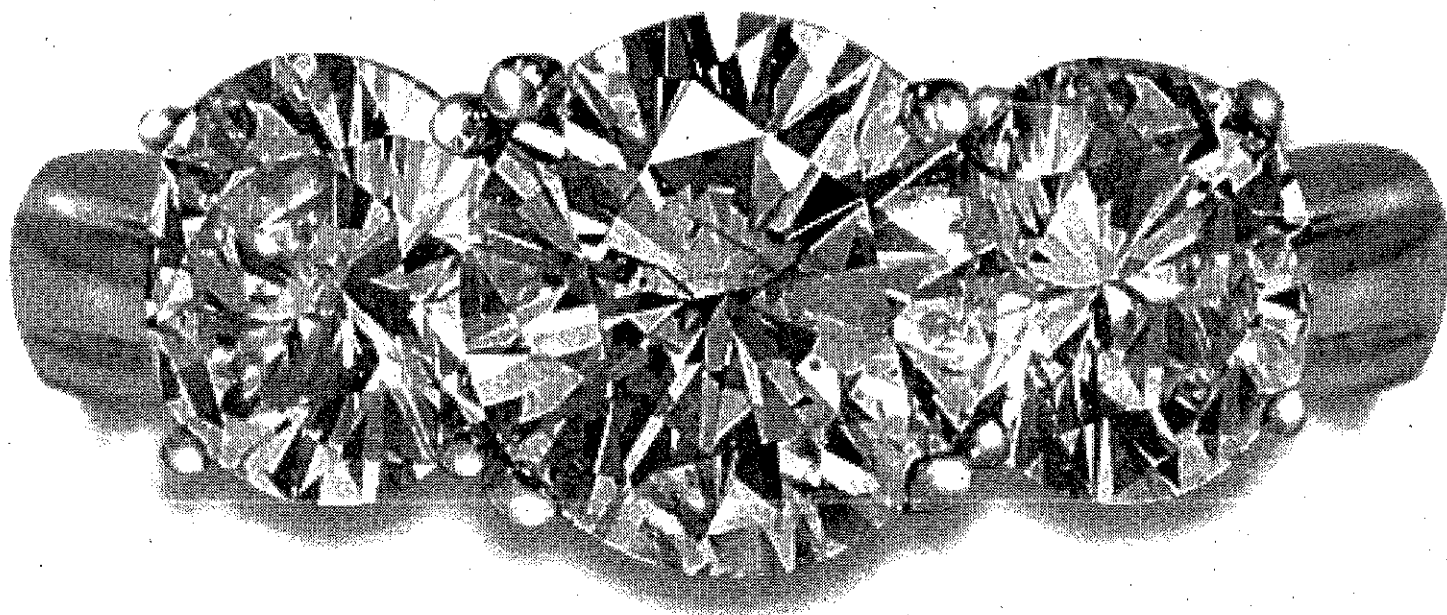
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Borders opens today

After years of planning, the Borders bookstore in Canton is scheduled to open today. The store, which is located at 43425 Ford Road (southwest corner of Ford and Morton Taylor), will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The store will host a grand opening celebration beginning Oct. 3 with a special performance by national artist Ryan Shaw. The other festivities begin on Oct. 5 and go through the entire weekend, ending Oct. 7.

For more information about Borders, visit the company's Web site at www.bordersstores.com. To reach the Canton store, call (734) 844-2090.

Pediatrician joins Botsford staff

Fatima Hassan, M.D., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Dr. Hassan, a Canton resident, is a member of the American Academy of



Hassan

Pediatrics and the American Medical Association. She speaks English, Urdu and Hindi. Hassan practices at Botsford Pediatric Associates located at 23133 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 100 in Farmington. The office number is (248) 477-0100.

Hassan received her medical education from Allama Iqbal Medical College in Pakistan. She completed a Pediatrics residency at Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center in Brooklyn, New York.

Fit Zone open house

Fit Zone for Women - Canton, located at 7225 N. Canton Center Road (at Warren), will be hosting a Fall Open House from noon to 3 p.m., Sept. 22. Members, their friends and women of the community are invited to the event, which will include chair massages and nutritional informa-

tion by Plymouth Chiropractic Wellness Center, health screenings by Oakwood Hospital, demonstrations by Clearly You of Plymouth, body fat analysis, training demonstrations, and group fitness class samplers.

There will also be a drawing for a free 90-day membership. Light refreshments will be served and a prize raffle will be held.

For more information, call FitZone for Women - Canton at (734) 927-9991.

Stroller Strides promotes health

In recognition of National Women's Health and Fitness Day on Sept. 26, Stroller Strides of Canton is stressing the importance for moms to make time for regular physical activity and make smart health choices.

"One of the of the things that makes Stroller Strides so special is that it enables women to take control of their health, while allowing them to be a mom at the same time. We want moms to embrace healthy lifestyles by incorporating fitness into their routines," said Jennifer Garrow, owner of Stroller Strides of Canton.

Garrow says Women's Health

and Fitness Day is a great opportunity for Canton-area moms to take a step back and evaluate their lifestyles. According to the American Heart Association, one in two women suffer from heart disease or stroke - both risks can be reduced with regular physical activity.

Stroller Strides is a total fitness program for new moms they can do with their babies. It includes power walking and intervals of body toning using exercise tubing and the stroller, and is taught by nationally certified instructors.

For more information on Stroller Strides of Canton, please contact Garrow at (888) 669-4994, or visit www.strollerstrides.com.

'Go Green' at Cartridge World

Cartridge World - Canton, which is part of the world's largest printer ink cartridge refilling and remanufacturing retailer, has partnered with the Go Green Initiative, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a culture of environmental responsibility, for its "Students & Teachers Unite" September promotion.

The promotion will give

students, teachers and PTA members, who present valid K-12 identifications, a 20 percent discount on refilled or remanufactured printer cartridges, when they exchange an empty cartridge. Cartridge World North America also announced it is donating \$10,000 to the Go Green Initiative, and will distribute its educational materials to schools around the nation.

"We are really looking forward to getting started on this 'green' partnership," said Dhara Patel of Cartridge World - Canton. "Our local team is glad to join in on the company's continuous efforts to help people become more eco-friendly aware."

If your company or group is interested in establishing a printer cartridge recycle program contact Patel of Cartridge World - Canton at (734) 254-0544.

Home care company receives accreditation

United Home Health Services, a Medicare-certified, not-for-profit home care company located in Canton, has been granted continued accreditation with deemed status for the second


time for quality home care by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP). This is a voluntary evaluation process that assures health care professionals and patients that United meets the home care industry's highest nationally recognized standards of excellence. CHAP accredited agencies meet standards which exceed those set by the federal government and which are above the industry norm.

"According to the CHAP surveyor, this level of compliance and quality is rare, so we are extremely proud of all our staff and congratulate them on a job well-done," said UHHS President Penny Rhein.

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PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2007 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1444, 39559 Winesap, Plymouth Twp: The applicant is proposing an eight (8) foot high privacy fence along the rear lot line of the property; the required maximum height is four (4) feet. With the proposed variance, the applicant is requesting a variance of four (4) feet in fence height.
- Application 1445, located at 9353 Ridge RD, Plymouth Twp: The applicant is requesting a variance in the lot depth to width ratio of 4:1 to allow the purchase of the 1 acre parcel directly behind their home. With the proposed variance the applicant is requesting a variance of .95 depth to width ratio.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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Ford employees help stock food depot shelves

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The shelves at the John Bolde Memorial Food Depot were looking a bit like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard until two Ford Expeditions pulled into the parking lot last Wednesday morning.

The SUVs were filled with boxed and canned food, donations from the employees at Ford Motor Company's Michigan Truck Plant.

"We wheeled the vehicles into the plant and opened up the tailgates and asked the employees to bring donations," said Darryl Nolan, UAW plant chairman. "Our workforce is generally very responsive to charities like this."

"This food drive couldn't come at a better time," said Shelli Jump, director of the St. Mary Outreach Center which houses the food depot. "The donations are generally down during the warmer months, however, the need for assistance is growing at an alarming rate." The outreach center is spon-



Shelli Jump talks about the demand for food that has emptied shelves at the food bank.

sored by St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. Housed in a former credit union building at Sims and Second Street in Wayne, it provides clothing and food to needy families in Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and other surrounding communities.

According to Jump, 110-120 people come to the clothing bank daily, while the depot provides food to 500 families each month. She estimates 27,000 pounds of food was given out in August.

"That's a low number, we can easily give out 30,000 pounds a month," she said. "Obviously,

the more we give, the more we need."

Helping at the depot is nothing new for the plant's employees. In the past, they provided assistance at the Christmas holidays. It's one of many charitable events staged at the Wayne plant. Employees have shown their support for United Way, March of Dimes and juvenile diabetes, according to Sue Sharp, the plant's employee resource coordinator.

"This is a very giving workforce," she said. "They see a need and open their hearts. In the spirit of what the company is going through, they see a need and they give."

"It's wonderful what Ford and Local 900 has done," said the Rev. Jack Baker, pastor of St. Mary's. "People remember us around Christmas, but the need doesn't go away. And the need is growing, the demand is going through the roof. We had 100 families come for back to school."

The food bank has been open for five years and Jump estimates that it has distributed



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Ford employees Pam Swoke (from left) and Brian Hinton and UAW plant coordinator Darryl Nolan unload supplies for the John Bolde Memorial Food Depot.

more than 1.25 millions pounds of food. To handle demand, the depot has 10 freezers to keep bread and meat and food rescued by Forgotten Harvest from restaurants, that it receives twice a week. It also accepts donations of fresh produce from home gardeners who don't know what to do with those extra zucchinis or tomatoes, Jump said.

To get the biggest bang for the buck, Jump buys food from the same wholesalers used by Gleaners, allowing her to put the per case fee she would have

had to pay the agency to buying more food.

The depot always accepts donations and is willing to work around people's schedules to get the food and clothing. People can call Jump at (734) 326-2234 for more information.

Looking around the depot as the food was being loaded on the shelves, the empty shelves are obvious.

"We literally have no canned vegetables on the shelves," she said. "It's not from a lack of giving, the need is increasing."

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Different worlds

Educators find Chinese students are 'driven to succeed'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

For the first time ever, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer students a Chinese language course through the online Virtual University.

For the first time, Wayne Memorial High School will have an international partner - Changzhou Tianjiabing Experimental Middle School in Jiangsu Province, China.

Both have come about as the result of a nine-day educational trade mission that included Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy and school board Trustee Frederick Weaver.

"It was an amazing experience," said Weaver. "I found there's a big difference in what they do and what we do."

"There's an educational revolution taking place in China and the government, it's supporting a huge transition from the old to the new China," said Baracy. "Along with that goes the belief of getting a quality education and through quality education attaining a better life similar to the American way."

Baracy and Weaver were recommended by former state Superintendent Tom Watkins, and selected for the educational trade mission by Dr. Yui Ming of Wayne State University and the Chinese Language Council International, or Hanban.

Thirty-eight Michigan educators from districts like Troy, Ann Arbor, the Grosse Pointes,

Lansing and Rochester participated in the Chinese Bridge for American and Korean Schools that took place June 24-July 2. They visited several schools and spoke to students and educators in a carefully orchestrated visit that included brief stops at the Forbidden City and the Great Wall.

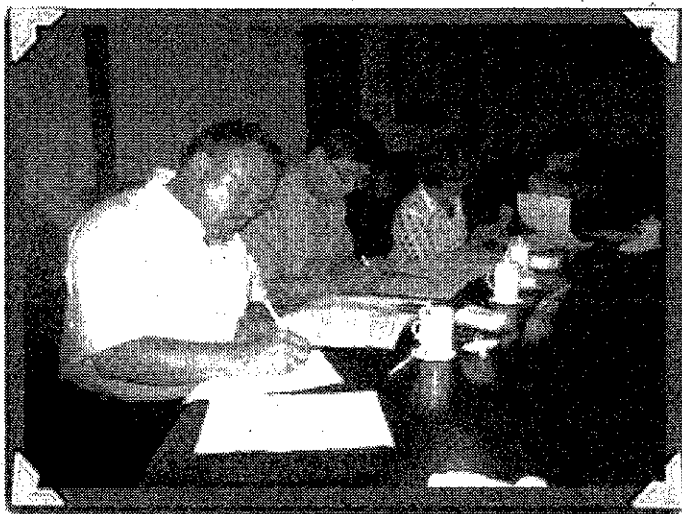
From the opening ceremonies at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing to their visits to schools in Beijing, Changzhou and Suzhou, "it was a grueling trip," Baracy said.

"Hanban arranged the itinerary, 7 a.m. to 10 at night was a typical day," he said.

The Michigan educators talked to their Chinese counterparts about "teaching practices, curriculum, governance of the schools," and saw an educational process far different than the American system in which schools educate everyone who walks through the door.

DIFFERENT SYSTEM

In China, all students are educated through the ninth grade and then test to attend high school, Baracy said. The "cream of the crop" is selected for the schools which are more like mini college campuses, housing students from around the province. Those students who don't make the cut for high school go on to vocational school or into the labor force. Once students complete high school, they test again to attend college. The goal is to attend the University of Beijing or such Ivy League colleges as Yale and Harvard. "What we got most from talking to students



Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy and Yan Yulin, principal of the Changzhou Tian Jiabing Experimental Middle School, sign a memorandum of understanding making the middle school and Wayne Memorial High School international partners.

was their professed and inherent appreciation and value of getting a solid education," said Baracy. "It's difficult to express how passionate and compelling that notion was in these young adults."

"The goal of many Chinese students is to study in the United States one year and the Chinese government encourages that."

He added that education is fashionable and honorable among Chinese youth. To do poorly dishonors the student and his or her family.

"It's not whether they're going to college, it's which college they're going to attend," Baracy said. "Are they going to get in the most prestigious college and/or one of the Ivy League schools in the United States."

"They're driven to succeed, I don't know any other way to say it."

"Students over there care about education, it's everything to them," added Weaver. "That's

Students to share cultures online

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

For 17 days this summer, Autumn Askew was immersed in Chinese culture. As a People to People ambassador, she visited different Chinese cities and stayed with a Chinese family.

It was, she said, "the best experience."

So it's no wonder the Wayne Memorial High School senior is serving as the student representative for an educational exchange program with students at Changzhou Tian Jiabing Experimental Middle School in China.

"I'm really excited about being a part of the program," Askew said. "It gives me a chance to lead the students in learning tolerance and acceptance of other cultures. I can take some of what I learned and share it with others."

Assistant Principal Sandra Morante is working with teacher Woo Xuyu and Principal Yan Yulin in setting up the online exchange between students in the two schools as well as developing an exchange between teachers.

The educators have been exchanging e-mails for about three weeks.

"What we thought we'd do is have the students e-mail each other back and forth with cultural questions," Morante said. "I think they'll see a lot of similarities in terms of pop culture, but I'll think there'll be a lot of differences, especially with the types of government and education. I don't think our youth can imagine having a 4.2 average and not advancing past eighth grade."

The exchange was the offshoot of an educational mis-

sion Supt. Greg Baracy and school board Trustee Frederick Weaver took to China in late June.

Its goal is to foster curriculum enrichment in language learning, expand use of electronic communication and share best practices among teachers.

Seven Wayne High students are participating in the group, with Askew serving as the student representative. The first thing she plans to tell other members of the group is the need to embrace other cultures.

"The main reason I went to China and the reason for foreign travel is to accept foreign cultures," she said. "The people in China are very friendly, they love our culture. Hong Kong reminded me of New York and the teenagers there want to be just like American teenagers."

While the exchange is starting out with e-mails, Morante would like to see it evolve into exchange trips with a teacher and several students visiting China and a Chinese teacher and students coming to Michigan.

"Even though people travel abroad, Asia is still consider the Far East," she said. "This will give students a good perspective of the area."

For now, Morante is waiting to hear back from Xuyu. She has sent her Chinese counterpart her blueprint of what she would like the program to be.

"This is an opportunity for the students to learn first hand about communism and about only the brightest of the bright going on in school," she said. "It'll give them a good idea of the difference between communism and democracy."

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OUR VIEWS

Let voters decide to fund road projects

Most residents will tell you that the quality of life in Canton is pretty good. There are nice neighborhoods and parks, great schools, and plenty of available shopping. But ask residents what's their biggest gripe about life in Canton, and many will probably say something about traffic congestion and the condition of the roads — two things that in many cases go hand in hand.

The condition of Canton's roads has been an issue for years. Many roads in the township are in pretty poor shape. Driving down certain sections of Lilley and Sheldon, just to name a few, can be a teeth-rattling experience. This can cause car damage and be a safety factor. Plus, some of the roads have not kept up with the population growth the township has experienced in recent years, meaning more congestion.

Unfortunately, because Canton is a township, the majority of its roads are owned and maintained by Wayne County, which means township officials have been pretty much powerless to do anything about the problem. It is a frustrating situation.

So Canton officials should be commended for trying to come up with a local solution to an issue that is impacting the quality of life of Canton residents. The township board is currently debating how to dedicate some township funds to begin fixing or improving some of these county roads. The board is debating two ideas:

1. Reducing the public safety taxes by 0.25 mills, and then raising the general fund millage by 0.25, so there would be no net tax increase. According to officials, this would generate about \$1 million annually and allow Canton to use the money to fix some of the worst paved roads and pave one or more of the high traffic gravel roads.

2. Seeking voter approval for a road funding millage. This option would take the decision out of the board's hands and allow voters to decide if they want to fund the needed road projects.

Of course, there is a third option, which is doing nothing at all and wait for the county to get to the projects on its own timeline, which could take years.

In our opinion, the second option is the way to go. The board should go ahead and reduce the public safety millage rate as proposed, especially considering Public Safety Director John Santomauro has already said his department can live without the money. But instead of increasing the general fund budget, give the residents the power to decide if they want to pay to fix county-owned roads.

Township officials should be able to make a compelling case for voters to approve such a millage. It's an issue most Canton residents know all too well.

The board is expected to approve a 2008 budget at the Sept. 25 regular board meeting.

Leadership lags on budget

In the latest state budget tango, the Republican-controlled Senate approved a temporary 30-day budget extension Monday to avoid a shutdown of government services when the new budget year begins Oct. 1.

We're not optimistic that the Legislature and the governor will take the steps needed to resolve their partisan differences.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm said she would veto the extension. No Democrats in the Senate voted for it. At a news conference, Granholm said, "It will just kick it down the road." It will also mean that the state has one month less to resolve the state's \$1.75 billion deficit.

Over in the House, Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, says he has a deal that would include an income tax increase, but Republicans quickly countered that there is no deal.

Ten Democrats, including Marc Corriveau of Northville, didn't vote, apparently to avoid riling voters in their swing districts and protecting their seats from recall efforts. So much for political courage.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, says he would be willing to look at some form of tax increase, but only after deeper cuts in state spending. Democrats counter that they have already supported deep cuts, but that some proposed cuts would be harmful to state services and fall on those most vulnerable.

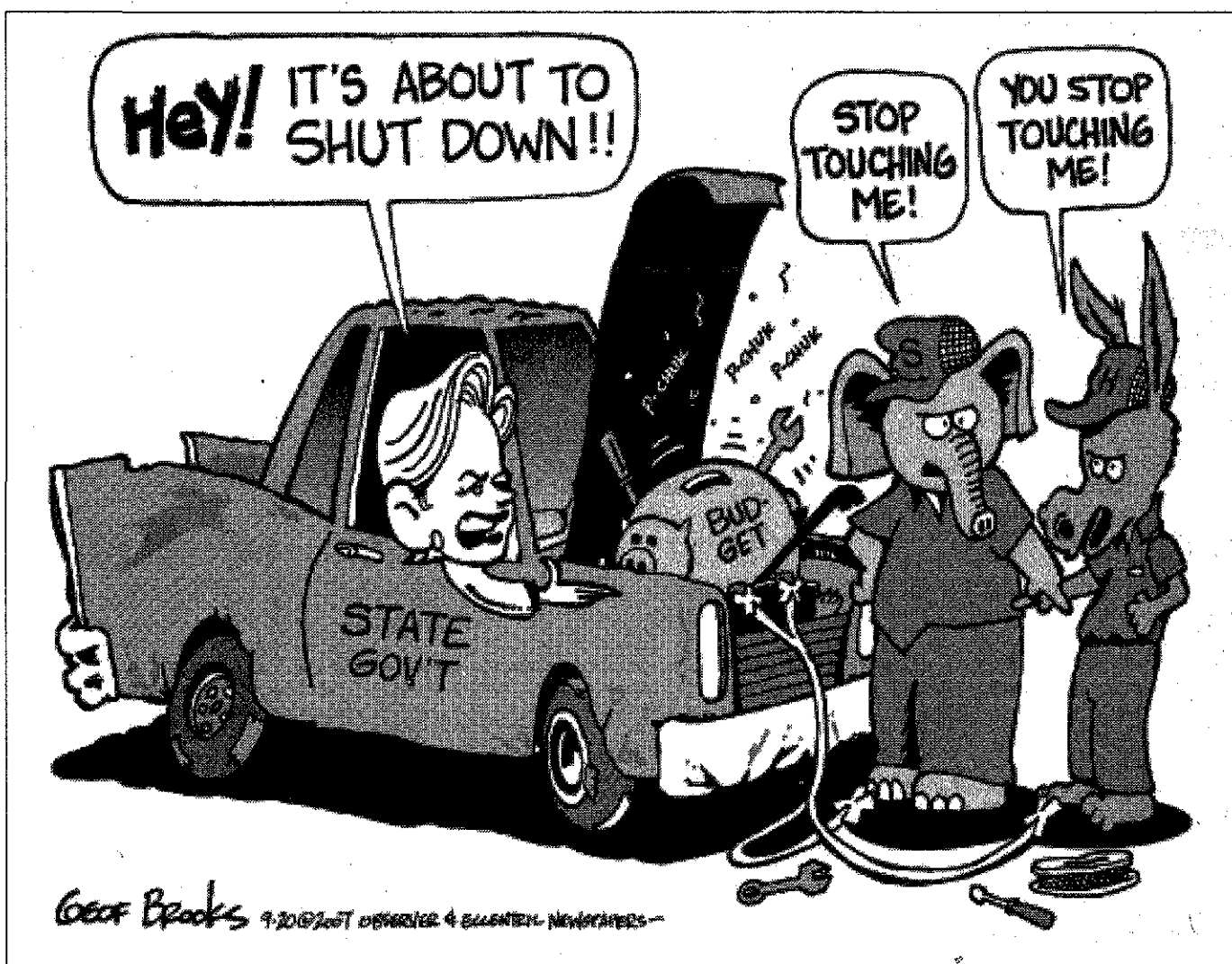
After the vote to extend the budget, Bishop said, "It's about getting the job done."

He's wrong. It's about *not* getting the job done, just as last year's long partisan squabble prevented a budget resolution until the end of the budget year. Then the Legislature voted to delay payments, juggle accounts and put off making hard decisions.

It also took a long struggle to approve the new business tax to replace the old Single Business Tax.

The leaders in both parties need to look beyond their partisan concerns toward serious long-term resolution of the state's financial situation that includes structural reforms, appropriate rather than across-the-board spending cuts and new taxes that do not unduly burden those less able to pay.

Based on past performance, we're not optimistic.



LETTERS

Let county fix roads

If the public safety director feels his department is funded adequately through 2008, then the 0.25 mills should be returned to the people of Canton, not the general fund to increase funding for county road improvements. The roads in Canton that belong under the jurisdiction of Wayne County should stay just that. These are County roads, not township roads. While the pace of road improvements may seem inadequate to some, my feelings are that our roads are actually much better now that they were when the township rejected a special road millage some years ago.

While we are talking millage rates for our township, I hope the board does not raise any millages for the year 2008. The economy is still not well in our area and with Lansing's budget problems looming, I am sure residents are going to be hard pressed to pay additional taxes. Are there any other departments that are funded well? Could we cut elsewhere in our township? While 0.25 mills may seem small to some, our local taxes have done nothing but go up while property values are going down. Lansing is tightening their belts — we should do the same.

Khalil S. Kandah
Canton

Smoking ... yuck!

I read the most recent editorials about smoking. First let me say, I do not smoke. I tried it when I was about 13-15 years old. Oooh, I was so cool. Ha-ha, I know it was strictly peer pressure, but I have to say, that is some nasty stuff. I hated the smell, I hated how I smelled after, so I stopped.

I am married to a smoker. We celebrated our 20th anniversary Sept. 12. It does not bother me when she smokes, however, once in a while, when I get that mouthful of smoke when I am eating, then it bugs me. And the thing I dislike the most is being woke up when someone walks into the bedroom with a lit one. Oh, do I hate that. I am up after that.

When we go to a restaurant and they say how many, smoking or non, she says smoking and I say non. Then I say it's OK, I am used to it, I'll sit with the smokers. It seems like all my relatives smoke.

I always hear how hard it is to quit. Well, I tell them my grandfather smoked for almost 60 years and one day just stopped cold turkey. Never had another one after that, and he lived until he was 90. What a tough old guy he was, said it was a waste of time, said at one point he had figured out how many days he had smoked up until the point of quitting and said he had smoked 25 years of his life away.

I love all the members of my family. I have begged my wife to quit, pleaded, told her I did not want to be alone when she dies of cancer. Her brother Jim died of cancer, he was 26. He did not smoke, but on his deathbed he begged them all to please quit. His two kids are now adults — they were ages 3 and 1 when he passed. They both smoke.

My dad was a smoker, he could have stopped whenever he wanted. He could go months without one, and then all of a sudden, he would light one up. My mom just passed recently from emphysema. At the funeral, I was totally amazed. Here she

was laying in her casket, and everyone is out taking a "cigarette break."

I don't like smoking, never have. I love my wife more than anything, and it scares me everyday, but here are some famous words: "She is a big girl." And that is right. Do I wish she would quit? You bet I do. Do I wish other family members would? Absolutely. Does it bother me to go into a restaurant or a bar where people are smoking? No, it does not. Oh, and when I mention bar, I don't drink either. I have been the designated driver since I turned 18 years old. We won't give my age now, but it has been for many years.

When I went to California, I was laughing at all my brothers and sisters because they had to go outside. My younger brother does not smoke either.

The way I look at it, if you want to smoke in a public place go ahead and light up, but what does make me really upset is when I go to a school event, where the signs clearly say, "No smoking on school property." I guess maybe someone should teach people how to read.

Bud Somerville
Westland

Letter writer off-base

This letter is in response to the absolute garbage kind of letter to the editor titled "Unions are the problem" by some character from Troy.

That was one of the most totally false, misleading and mean-spirited attacks upon organized labor I have witnessed in a long time from the pages of the *Observer & Eccentric*. Freedom of the press, indeed. That writer is, simply put, totally ignorant of the truth about workers and their unions, the epitome of arch-conservative, right-wing, unpatriotic nonsense and possibly an outright danger to the forces of democracy, common decency and the American middle class ideals that portray and completely justify the growth and strength of the American labor movement.

I knew Walter Phillip Reuther. More than any other single person in the 20th century, Reuther created the middle class. I know. I was there.

From 1940 until 1985 — and beyond — I was active in the UAW. I remember starting work in a GM plant before World War II at 55 cents per hour, including a newly UAW-won 5-cent, third-shift premium, to more than \$20 per hour less than 20 years later.

I remember Walter, who fought against and defeated communism and did more to create the greatest most effective union bargainers in the world — the UAW — than any single person in America in the 20th century.

Hey there, character from Troy, what did you ever do to help create our middle class? What kind of positive contribution did you ever make to ever help anyone who works in America? America is only as strong as its middle class. The middle class is only as strong as its labor unions. Destroy America's labor movement and the destruction of America cannot be far behind. No democratic nation can exist without a strong, growing labor movement. The UAW and its officers and members are numbered among the finest of citizens, workers and patriotic Americans in our nation today. I know this to be true. I worked with them side by side for more than 45 years.

Troy letter writer, can you say the same? I don't think so. If you did, you would not have written such a venomous letter about the splendid life of Walter Reuther and the UAW and its great membership. Shame on you!

L.B. Kingery
Rochester Hills

Residents taxed out

The old rural adage "you can't get blood from a turnip" aptly applies here in Michigan.

Most low- to middle-income Michigan families are just about "taxed out." We agree with conservative views that state government has grown excessively and now seeks to "feed itself" primarily on the backs of low- to middle-income families. In addition, we are skeptical that a \$1.8 billion budget deficit is actually necessary.

With our dire employment environment coupled with raging fuel prices, there is just not enough left for most Michigan families to live on any longer. So why are state officials and legislators continuing to primarily address our budget issues with so-called temporary increased taxes? We believe it's because it may appear easier in the short term than downsizing and restructuring state government — the more appropriate solution.

Our state government infrastructure with its overburdening social services agencies and courts could substantially shrink themselves. New laws restoring parenting responsibilities to fit parents equitably would not only reduce the demands upon the Department of Human Services, but also dramatically reduce the burdens upon the Michigan state courts.

Analyses indicate that reforming Michigan business and personal tax codes to a single, equitable tax rate for all of us based solely upon gross/net incomes with deductions ostensibly for donations to state charitable organizations would generate enough revenues to run a much smaller state government infrastructure.

In addition, with these increased donations, private social services organizations could then afford to assist those who are truly in need and the "It takes a village" phenomenon might return to its true African meaning which excludes government and involves citizens.

We believe this would be an all around win for Michigan and a model for the nation!

Murray Davis
Southfield

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Ramadan sparks memories of happy days in Palestine

The holy month of Ramadan and its fasting are once again upon us. Muslims will fast from sun up 'til sundown, abstaining from food, water and intimate relationships.

Each year around this time, my memories are rekindled of Ramadan in our small village of Beit



Mike Odettalla

Hanina, a suburb of Jerusalem still without electricity, where people carried lanterns to light their way in the darkness as they went first to the mosque and then to visit friends and family.

Beit Hanina had a drummer, charged with the pre-dawn task of awakening the village to sahoor, the light meal whose end marked the beginning of each day's fast.

Closing my eyes and thinking real hard, still brings back the sound of Beit Hanina's drummer banging away, and the delightful memories of joining the other children, carrying our decorated fanoosia lanterns with candles burning brightly inside them, as we ran along behind the drummer, singing, laughing and shouting to help awaken the sleeping adults and start them on sahoor and their new day.

How I admired the drummer. How I wanted his job and to share in his fun.

During Ramadan in 1979, when I made my first visit back to Palestine since the 1967 expulsion, my cousin and I, both 18 and living in the U.S., finally became the Ramadan drummers of Beit Hanina. The Israeli invasion of 1967 and the subsequent occupation made the drummers' job very high risk and today they are scarce. Ramadan drummers were often stopped, even beaten, and some have been killed by the Israeli occupying army.

By 1979, the village had not enjoyed a drummer in five years, so my cousin and I delighted in our job of walking through the village each morning banging away on large tin cans. It must have been a very humorous sight. The elderly were happy to hear us, while the younger people thought we were a great joke and made fun of the "bored Americans."

But everyone agreed that we had renewed some "life" that had been lost as we broke through the dark still nights of Ramadan. For me, however briefly, I was transported back to a happy childhood whose memories had never left me for a moment.

I still remember sitting by the family's transistor radio with my siblings listening to the special programs as we awaited the "cannon" to go off, signaling that it was time to break our fast. The "cannon" was a World War I-era English relic and merely made a loud bang, which was all that it was good for.

Ever since my own children were very small, I had regaled them with the many stories of my childhood in Palestine, enjoying the look of fascination on their faces as they implored me to tell them yet "another story of when you were young in Palestine."

This past summer, I took my children to visit

the grave of my grandmother, which is located on a hillside cemetery off of Salah Eddin Street in the Old City. The cemetery is actually located inside the boundaries of the Palestinian village of Lifta, which was ethnically cleansed of its Palestinian inhabitants, including my wife's family, by the Zionists in 1948. Many people, including my grandmother and her family members, are buried there, although now it is considered part of Jerusalem.

As we made our way through the cemetery gates and up the hill so that we could read Al-Fatiha, which is the opening verse of the Quran, at her graveside, I noticed an old rusty cannon sitting on the top of the hill, virtually buried beneath the overgrown weeds. I decided to head up the hill and take a closer look. Much to my surprise, the cannon was an exact copy of the very same cannon that I had remembered as a youth. I called my children up the hill and showed them the cannon, surmising that the cannon was used to alert the residents of Jerusalem when to break their fast before the city fell under Zionist control.

During Ramadan, my mother would always invite friends and relatives to our home to break the fast with us. As Muslims, we are obligated to share breaking our fast with others, especially those less fortunate than us. It is considered a blessing to do so. It is something that we continue to do here in America as we invite friends and loved ones to share in our blessing on this holy month — the essence of which are a time of prayer, fasting and charity.

Some of the best memories that I carry with me are connected to the month of Ramadan in Palestine when I was a child. The closeness and feeling of "community" that I felt during those times is something that is almost beyond description. The sound of the drummer, the Muezzin call to prayer, the static emanating from the transistor radio, the "boom" of the cannon, the enticing aroma of the special foods that we only ate during Ramadan, the sight of families huddled together on a mat-covered floor around the evening meals, illuminated by the flickering light of a kerosene lantern, enjoying their meals, as humble as it may have been, in the company of family and loved ones.

These are my memories of Ramadan before the Israeli invasion and subsequent brutal and inhumane occupation, which has destroyed many families and communities and is now in the process of causing further havoc as Israel continues to erect its apartheid walls, checkpoints and roadblocks that have reduced many Palestinian villages and cities to nothing more than walled off ghettos and open-air prisons.

Unfortunately, these will constitute the next generation of Palestinian children's memories and experiences.

Mike Odettalla, a 30-year Canton resident, emigrated from the Middle East in 1969 when he was 8 years old, following the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. For more on Ramadan, an Islamic religious observance that takes place during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, visit www.holidays.net/ramadan.

Let's hear it for the team — Shock pros send good message

As we left The Palace Sunday evening, my husband tuned the radio into the Lions game in time to hear of their victory over the Minnesota Vikings.



Julie Brown

That game was a nail-biter, but my mind was on the Detroit Shock-Mercury Phoenix pro basketball championship game we'd just seen, in which the Shock lost 108-92 in the final championship matchup. The Shock had to hand over the trophy to the Phoenix women's team, but they're all still champs in my book.

It's been 10 years since the WNBA came along to dominate women's sports, and things haven't been the same since. Women stars from college teams now have a pro league to aspire to; more importantly, girls and young women in this country have role models to look up to and emulate.

At The Palace Sunday, there were lots of moms and daughters, as well as other family combinations. Coach Bill Laimbeer of the Shock got plenty of applause. I hear comments often of surprise from people that the former "Bad Boy" Piston could do so well coaching a women's team to trophies.

Deanna Nolan, who scored 27 points Sunday, and other Shock players also got lots of applause. The parking lot of The Palace included church vans from Detroit; many tickets for Sunday were given away and our \$17 seats, good ones, certainly provided a great view of the action.

Pro sports in Detroit have gotten expensive, and it's good to have a family-friendly option that's affordable, which the Shock team provides. I like to see the players and others from the Shock so involved in community projects.

Laimbeer received the Michigan Women's Studies Association/Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Philip A. Hart Award a while back, given to recognize a male Michigander who has advanced women's rights. I remember being at the awards dinner, when two Shock players accepted the award — and joked about Laimbeer sending women to do the work.

Certainly, members of the Shock have been visible in our community, not just conducting basketball clinics for kids but also participating in a variety of service projects, even leading up to the championship games.

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So far, they've been a model of civility on and off the court, without the high-profile antics of some male athletes. Let's be honest, some of the guys aren't the greatest role models for youngsters.

The Shock have also encouraged young people, and adults, to take care of their health by being active, a good lesson to teach in a notably overweight state of Michigan.

This is a sports-mad town, with fans of the Red Wings, Tigers, Pistons and even Lions following their teams with eager anticipation each year. I like all those sports, too, especially baseball on a nice sunny day, but am glad to see there's room as well for women's basketball.

The Detroit Shock may have lost the three out of five series that culminated Sunday at The Palace, but I'm glad I spent the money and time to go to see them play. Here's to hoping for many more years of playing and, hopefully, winning.

Setting a good example for girls and young women, and letting them know they can reach for the stars when it comes to their futures, means a lot in this day and age, too. We have the Shock and other members of WNBA teams to thank for that — no matter what the scoreboard says.

I'm reminded of the coach in *A League of Their Own*, who's at first highly skeptical about women playing baseball in the wartime 1940s. By the end, he's on their side, telling them, "It's OK, you played a good game."

The Shock played a good game, too, and I'm glad I was there to see it.

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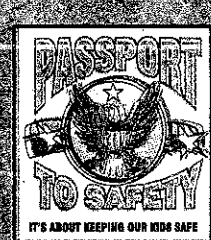
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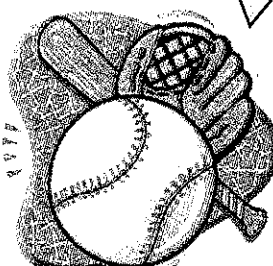
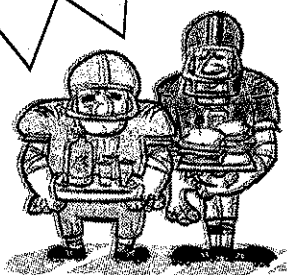
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Humane Society holds Best Friend event

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The event will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. There is no charge for admission to the adoption event or for parking.

Hundreds of adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for immediate adoption both days. Because puppies are often in high demand, "puppy passes" will be given each morning to the first 15 adoption event guests who are looking specifically to adopt a puppy. Those will puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m., with the remainder of guests allowed to enter at 10 a.m. Preventing a "puppy rush" during general admittance to the event will ensure

that all adopters – and the adoptable animals – will have a wonderful experience. A "get acquainted" area will be available to give guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting.

The participating organizations, in addition to the Michigan Humane Society, include: Adopt-a-Pet, Animal Rescue Connection, Animal Welfare Society, AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, Battle Creek Animal Shelter, Detroit Animal Control, Faerie Tales Cat/Maine Coon Rescue, Feline Friends, Great Lakes Weiwaner Rescue, Greater Hillsdale Humane Society, Home Fur-Ever, K-9 Stray Rescue, Kitty Haven Rescue, Last Chance for Animals, Metro Area Animal Adoption Association, Michigan Greyhound Connection, Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, No Place Like Home, Oakland Animal Care Center, REGAP, Roscommon County Animal Shelter, Sanilac County Humane Society, Southern Star MinPin Rescue and

WAG Animal Rescue.

Last year, the fall Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo event found homes for more than 550 animals. Since the event's inception in 1993, more than 13,400 dogs, cats and rabbits have been placed into new homes.

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo is held outdoors under tents in the Detroit Zoo parking lot at 8450 W. 10 Mile Road.

Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group. Adopters must present a driver's license or state ID card. All dogs and cats will have received a medical checkup and age appropriate vaccinations. For health and safety reasons, leave current companion animals at home.

For more information or to donate to the welfare of homeless animals, call the Michigan Humane Society at 1(866)-MHUMANE (648-6263), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.michiganhumane.com.

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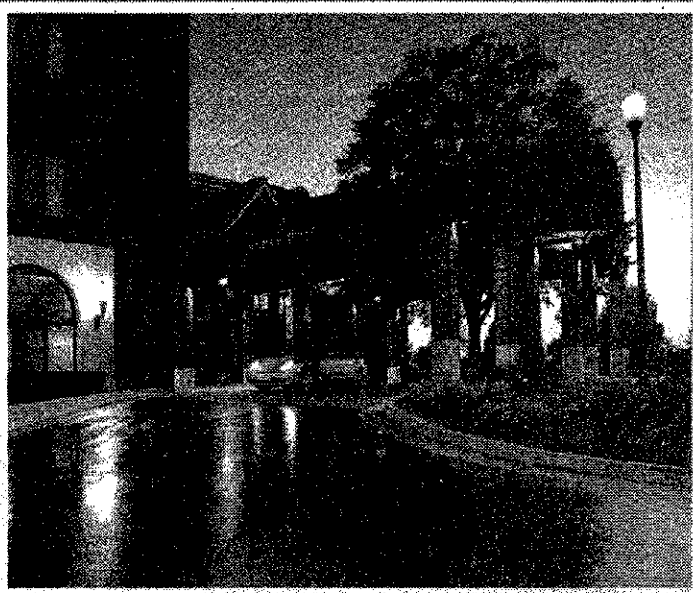
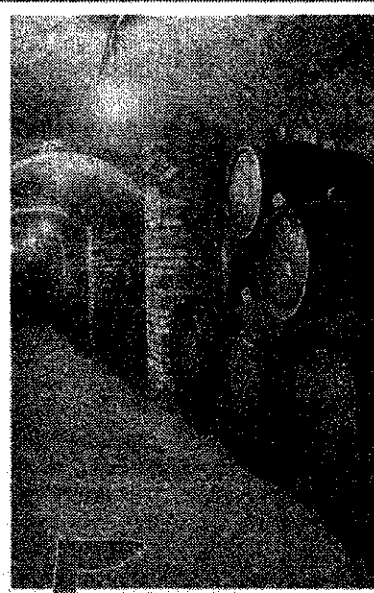
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SEPTEMBER

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 Levee, 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.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program begins 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. The group will be undertaking an in-

depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans, the longest and often considered the most systematic presentation of the disciple's thoughts on salvation. Informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

Weekend celebration

St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church is holding a three-day celebration honoring St. Matthew the Apostle. The festivities kick off with an Ethnic Taste Fest 4-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, followed by a dinner dance 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 (tickets \$45 per person, \$80 per couple), and a jazz Mass featuring Kenn Cox 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the church, 8850 Woodward, between Holbrook and King streets, Detroit. Call (313) 871-4750 for more information.

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. MOPS recognizes the year from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and filled with unique need. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

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. 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.

Rummage sale

Huge variety of household goods, clothing, jewelry, books, toys and items too numerous to mention at Plymouth United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, between Sheldon and Beck, Plymouth. Sale begins Tuesday Sept. 25 at noon through 7 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a \$4 per bag sale 3-5 p.m. Fund-raiser for United Methodist Women with all proceeds to benefit those in need here and around the world.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist 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.funorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

Heartcry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Rummage sale

Orchard United Methodist Women present the annual Fall Rummage sale 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, and the bag sale 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 29, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For directions or information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

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. \$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.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia is hosting a showing of the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 29-30, to celebrate the feast day of its patron in a special way. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit uses an extensive assortment of historical photographs, descriptions, and scientific data to present 126 church-sanctioned miracles which have taken place throughout the world from the 2nd century through 2001. The exhibition will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in the school gymnasium at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Guides will be available to assist visitors through the exhibit and answer questions. Nationally-known Catholic apologist and St. Michael's parishioner, Gary Michuta, will also speak about the Eucharistic Miracles during the exhibition.

During the hours of the exhibition, there will be a concurrent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and immediately following the noon Mass until 5 p.m. Sunday. The exhibition is open to all. For details, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Holy Grounds coffee house

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills is hosting its first Holy Grounds coffee house in The MAC 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Local musicians will be featured and the styles will be eclectic. \$3 at the door, beverages and snacks available for purchase as well as the entertainers' CD's. For more information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Animal blessing

Blessing of the animals at 11 a.m. worship Sunday, Sept. 30, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Bring your domestic animals to the fellowship hall to be blessed during this special service. Call (734) 464-0211.

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.

Father Solanus concert

Remembering Father Solanus - A Simple Man concert 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit (48207). Featuring the Rev. William Cunningham Memorial Choir, The Metro Catholic Gospel Choir, and John R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy. Tickets are \$15. (313) 579-2100.

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.

Fall schedule

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

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. 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.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2007-08 for 3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

UPCOMING

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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.christsavior.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. For those of you wondering, the main difference between Love and Logic and Smart Discipline is Smart Discipline addresses and is extremely effective with a wider range of behaviors.

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 to allow 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.

Reformed Protestant Service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are welcome to attend. Rev. Robert McCurley of Greenville, South Carolina will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or phone the church at (703) 359-0192.

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.

South Pacific

The Chancel Choir of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia will present "South Pacific" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 in the fellowship hall of the church located on W. Chicago, between Merriman and Farmington roads, Livonia. "South Pacific," featuring classic musical selections such as "Some Enchanted Evening," "There's Nothin' Like a Dame," and "Bali Hai," earned Rodgers and Hammerstein extraordinary reviews and a Tony Award for best musical. It was the second musical to ever receive the Pulitzer Prize for drama. A sell-out crowd is expected. Tickets are \$5 and may be reserved by calling (734) 422-0494, or Marilyn Hirtzel at (734) 422-0841.

Celebration of Life Mass

In honor of Respect Life Sunday, St. Aidan's Parish will host a Celebration of Life Mass with Monsignor John Kasza as celebrant and our contemporary choir will perform 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at St. Aidan's, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Light refreshments and fellowship to follow. For more information, call (734)

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ANN C. CAMP (nee Cooper)

Suddenly September 16, 2007, age 43. Beloved wife of Hans. Dear mother of Sean and John Evans and Halle Camp. Daughter of Harold and Joan Cooper. Sister of James (Sandra) Cooper. Services have been held. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

DANIEL WOZNY

Age 55 of Westland passed away at Hospice of Northwest Ohio on September 18, 2007. Mr. Wozny was born in Dearborn on November 29, 1951 to Stanley and Helen (Sucharski) Wozny. Daniel was employed for 30 years with TRW and a member of the Sober Rider's Motorcycle Club. He is survived by his children: Justice Steven (Tonya) Wozny of Brooklyn and Honesty Lynn (Dr. Kenny) Harless of Onsted and their mother: Mary Wozny of Manitow Beach; brother: Robert Wozny of Westland. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Envelopes will be available at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Braun Chapel where family will receive friends on Thursday, September 20, 2007 from 4 p.m. until the time of service at 6 p.m. Please sign Mr. Wozny's guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com.

ELIZABETH RENARD

Died September 17, 2007 at the age of 83. Beloved wife of the late Willard "Bob". Dear mother of Gary (Ann), Linda (Jim) Morgan, Jan (Paul) Snyder, and Mark (Marilee). Grandmother of Lauren, Kristen, Michael, David, Vincent, and the late Erin. Great-grandmother of Irie. Sister of Woodrow "Bud" Pickering. The family suggests memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by: Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 734-425-1800.

JACK PERRY McLEAN

Age 82, of Brighton, September 15, 2007. Beloved husband of Kathy. Loving father of Larry (Dara), Brad (Denise), Jay (Terry), Nancy (Rick) Reno, Katie (Lance) Greane and Karrie (Bill) Martin. Dear grandfather of Bryan, Amy, Jessica, Chelsea, Danielle, Sarah, Kevin, Mead, Isaac, Adam and the late Lisa. Also many loving extended family and dear friends. Mr. McLean was a teacher, athletic director and a dedicated coach with Dondero High School for 39 years. He was a proud member of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame. Jack served as a Marine in WWII and was a Purple Heart recipient. Funeral was held at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, Novi, Sept. 18th. Father George Charney officiated. Burial Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Jack McLean Athletic Scholarship Fund, Royal Oak High School Athletic Dept., 1500 Lexington, Royal Oak, MI 48073 Attn: Sam Lynch. For further information please call Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors, Milford 248-684-6645.

JULIA E. SARGEANT

Age 92, of Rochester, died September 17, 2007. A long time Rochester resident, residing in Rochester for over 67 years. Beloved wife of the late George Loving Mother of Judy (David) de Steiger. Proud Grandmother of Joe (Ashlee), Rachel and Jaclyn de Steiger. Sister of Lucy Bando and Hugh Preston. Julia was an active member of St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Rochester for over 60 years. She served in various capacities at church including President of the ECW and Altar Guild. She twice received the Distinguished Philippians Award. She and her husband, George, started Sargeant's Cider Mill (currently Rochester Cider Mill) back in the early 1950's. Funeral Service Friday, 1:00pm at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Rochester, 1130 Romeo Rd. Visitation Friday 11:30 am until the time of service. Memorial Contributions may be made to the church and envelopes will be available. Visit www.mem.com. Arrangements entrusted to: Pixley Funeral Home in Rochester 248-651-9641.

LORAIN E. LOGUE

9.17.07, age 71. Beloved Mother of Karen Hook (Steven), Kevin Bourque (Laurie), Charles Bourque (Debbie), Danny Bourque Dearest Friend of Larry Alexander and John Wiper. Loving Grandmother of eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Loyal and loving pet Baby. Please make donations to Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements were through the Voran Funeral Home (Taylor Chapel). Please visit our OnLine Guestbook at: www.voranfuneralhome.com

ROBERT H. LASKEY

Age 74, Westland, 9-13-2007. Burial Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Westland. Uht Funeral Home



THADDEUS (Ted) OPALINSKI

Age 85, of Livonia, September 13, 2007. Ted was the beloved husband for 62 years of the late Mary Ann (Wolnick), dearest and best dad to Carol (Steve) Lawrence, Kenneth (Diane) Opalinski, and Robert (Darlene) Opalinski, proudest grandpa of Jill and Matthew (Jacque) Lawrence, Jeffrey, Ryan, and Brian Opalinski, and a special great-grandpa to Austin and Kaitlynn. Ted was the youngest of six "Opalinski boys" and was preceded in death by all his brothers. He served in World War II as a specialist radar technician in the Pacific. He founded and operated Northwest Electronics for 50 years in metro Detroit. A Livonia resident for 50 years, he served on various boards and committees, ran for city councilman, and served 17 years as a traffic commissioner. He served as president of the Livonia Lions Club, commander of the Polish Legion of American Veterans and was a member of the Livonia Elks. Donations may be sent to the Alzheimers Association of Michigan, Livonia Lions High Nooners, or Angela Hospice. Family and friends will gather Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 10 AM until an 11 AM Memorial Mass at St. Maurice Catholic Church, 32765 Lyndon Avenue, Livonia MI. Please share memories with the family at: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

Sister Mary Bernice Pohl, RSM

Sister of Mercy, Nursing Educator and Supervisor

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Bernice Pohl, RSM died at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills on September 15, 2007, the eve of her 84th birthday. She was born to Louis and Catherine (Thelen) Pohl in Westphalia, Michigan on September 16, 1923 and named Adeline Catherine at her baptism. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1944. There she received the name, Sister Mary Bernice, and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1950. Sister Mary Bernice earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mercy College of Detroit in 1951 and a master's in nursing from Catholic University of America in 1960. During her 43 years as a nurse she served as supervisor at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, Mercy Hospital in Jackson and St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. The majority of her professional years, however, were devoted to nursing education. She was director of St. Lawrence Hospital School of Nursing and Mercy School of Nursing in Dubuque, Iowa, and effectively transitioned the latter to a collaborative program with the local community college. Sister Mary Bernice later became assistant to the dean of the nursing education program at Mercy College of Detroit where she worked with faculty and students for 18 years. She joined the support staff at McAuley Center in 1994 and retired there two years later. Sister Mary Bernice was entrusted with varied responsibilities throughout her life but always handled them gracefully. As she cared for patients and worked with young women who chose nursing as a career, her compassionate heart, attention to professional standards and non-assuming manner endeared her to all. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, praying and sharing life with the members of her religious community and family. Sister Mary Bernice is survived by her sisters, Rosaline (Delbert) Smith of Lansing; Sisters Dorothy Pohl, Mary Ann Pohl and Bernadine Pohl, all of whom are Dominican Sisters from Racine, Wisconsin; brothers Rev. Father Leon Pohl of Coldwater; Norbert (Marian) Pohl of Fowler; Gerald (Joan) Pohl of Fowler and Joseph (Marie) Pohl of Holt; many nieces and nephews; friends; and Sisters of Mercy. A welcoming service will take place on September 18, 2007 at 3 pm at McAuley Center, 28750 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, followed by a remembrance service at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on September 19, 2007 at 10:30 am, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

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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 information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

Animal blessing

Blessing of the Animals Service 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. All pets are welcome. Treats will be provided. For more information, call (734) 591-0211 or visit www.holyspirit-livonia.org

World Communion Day

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills celebrates World Communion Day Oct. 7. Everyone is invited to join in celebrating at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. For more information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Interfaith dialogue

The Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church will present an Interfaith Dialogue with the Rev. Dr. Carlyle F. Stewart, III, senior pastor, Hope United Methodist Church, Southfield, and Rabbi Joshua Bennett, Temple Israel, West Bloomfield to discuss dif-

ferences and similarities of Christian and Judaic Religions. They will speak from the same text with different perspectives and engage in dialogue with audience questions and answers, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern, near Lasher, Southfield. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call Barbara Talley at (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137.

Training class-Level I

Six-week training in conflict, peace-making and reconciling begins Oct. 9, and continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the West District Peace Center, Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern, Southfield. Open to the public. The program covers resolving conflict, personal, family, church, and workplace using Christian biblical principles. Registration fee \$15, includes Peacemaker Book by Ken Sande. To register, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137, or e-mail Barbara Talley at peacecenter@sbcglobal.net.

Celebration

Minister Mary Edwards is celebrating 65-years of life, 33-years of ministry, 25-years full-time ministry 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3837 W. Seven Mile, Detroit. Please RSVP by Oct. 4, by calling (313) 347-0726.

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 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

Fall craft show

Get a 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 available 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 being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

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. 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.

Benefit

Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night Of Card Games & Mahjongg 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25, 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family. Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007.

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A Passion for Healing

And then there was Hope

Abused, and abandoned, puppy gets a new life, a new home

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

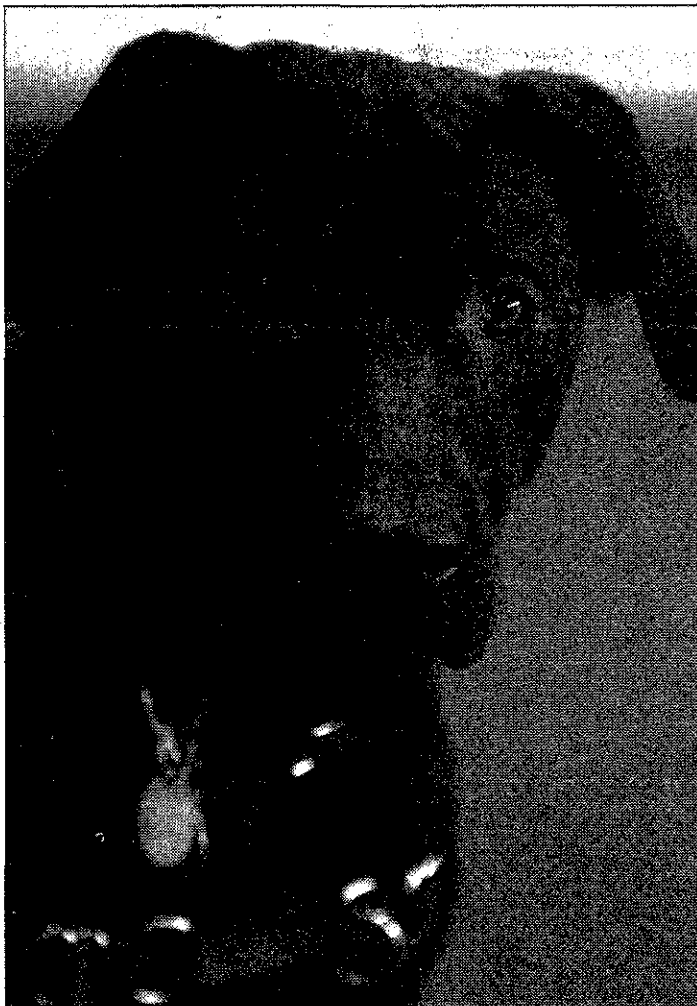
In June, she was the poster pooch for neglected animals with a large portion of her head and neck inflamed from a severe ear infection. Today, it's hard to believe black Labrador mixed-breed dog is the same puppy that had been left in a too-small crate behind a Blockbuster store on Middlebelt in Livonia.

The infection is gone, her wounds are healed. She has a new home and a new family. All is well for a dog called Hope. "I think she chose the right family," said Stephanie Baron, public and media relations coordinator for the Michigan Humane Society. "I think she knows that."

At the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland for a checkup last week, Hope nibbled on treats, chased balls and barked at people who walked passed the windows of the center's training room.

"Her puppyhood is finally coming out," said Cathy Flowers. "She's put a lot of fun in our lives, she's a really character."

Flowers and her husband, Dennis, were among 25 people who had expressed interest in adopting Hope. They decided to call after seeing a story about her.



Antibiotics cleared up the ear infection that was so severe doctors thought they might have to amputate Hope's ear.

According to Baron, Hope's foster mom determined that, based on what Hope had been through, she needed to be the sole dog in the house. Of those who called, many had other pets, but not the Walled Lake couple. They had lost their dog, Kuana, who died in March from complications of kidney failure brought on by eating tainted dog food.

"They fit what we were looking

for," said Baron.

The first time the couple met Hope, she didn't want to be separated from her foster mom.

"She wouldn't come near us, and I thought, 'OK, what are we getting ourselves into?'" said Cathy Flowers. "But when my husband and daughter came to get her, she was like a different dog."

Hope is now firmly attached to their daughter, Amy, a second-grade teacher in the Walled Lake schools. According to Cathy Flowers, Hope cries when Amy leaves the house, but is excited when she comes home.

"She'll wake me up so I'll get Amy up to take her outside," she added. "She still has some anxiety when we leave, but now she realizes we'll be coming home."

It did take awhile for Hope to get close to Dennis Flowers. He lay on the floor in a nonthreatening position and let her come to him. Within a couple of weeks, she was coming to him for treats and lying in his lap.

Her fear of men may be reflective of what the dog had been through before being left in the crate. According to Baron, Hope had puncture wounds on her neck and hind legs, wounds consistent with dog fighting.

"She may have been a bait dog, the bait dog has to be calm," Baron said. "She's been through a lot for the first six months of her life, but to see her now..."

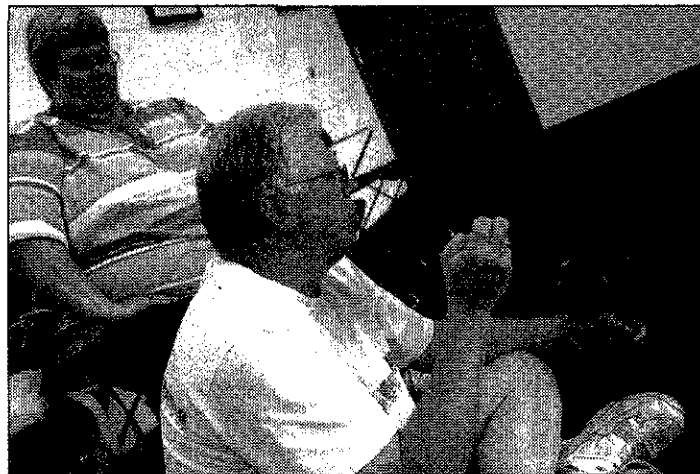
Hope has her own pillow and blanket as well as blanket in a crate that she sometimes goes in. If she doesn't get enough attention, she'll drag a shoe around the house.

She spent last weekend with the Flowers at Big Manistique Lake in the Upper Peninsula, and "had a wonderful time" swimming and playing with a German Shorthair.

"She's doing really well," said Cathy Flowers. "I know we'll do things she doesn't like and she'll do things we don't like, but we'll get along."

"It's amazing that with all she's been through, she's very gentle," added Dennis Flowers. "She's definitely not an Alpha dog."

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Cathy and Dennis Flowers spend a little time spoiling their dog Hope with treats of cut-up chicken during a checkup at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animals in Westland. The Flowers adopted Hope after they had seen a story in June about the puppy found abandoned in a crate behind a Livonia business.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-September 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call; Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of August 28, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments:** None. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC HEARING ON MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2008 BUDGETS:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. on Millage Rates and FY 2008 Budgets. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. on Millage Rates and FY 2008 Budgets. Motion carried unanimously. The proposed December 1, 2007 millage rates are as follows:

	2006 Millage Rate	Proposed 2007 Millage Rate	Increase (Decrease)
Charter millage	2.3660	2.6160	0.2500
Fire Special			
Assessment Millage	2.1580	2.3580	0.0000
Police Special			
Assessment Millage	4.1260	3.8760	(0.2500)
Total	8.6500	8.6500	(0.0000)

The actual December 1, 2007 millage rates will be set at the Board's September 25, 2007 meeting. **PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR MAPCO MANUFACTURING.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to open the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Mapco Manufacturing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Mapco Manufacturing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution approving application of Mapco Manufacturing Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT-FEDERAL GRANTS FUND 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant program: Increase Revenues :\$374,160, Increase Appropriations :\$374,160 This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$298,206.14 to \$672,366.14. **Item 2. REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS FOR ADULT DAY SERVICES.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to cancel the FY 2007 Teen Parenting Program because of the lack of a service provider, and to reprogram budgeted funds (\$1,499) to FY 2007 Adult Day Services (Account #274-666-847-2007, Adult Day Services); and further to designate Revival Outreach Center the new service provider for Adult Day Services. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR BEST BUY RETAIL CENTER.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for site plan for Best Buy Retail Center. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. POLICE BUDGET TRANSFER - CONTRIBUTIONS TO POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget transfer in police fund budget: Decrease Appropriations Fringe Benefits : (\$200,000), Increase Appropriations: Post Employment Benefits : \$200,000 This budget transfer neither increases nor decreases the FY 2007 Police Fund Budget. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF RADIOS - POLICE DRUG FORFEITURES.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of 17 EX800 XLS prep radios and microphone pacs from ComSource Inc, 2130 Austin Dr, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 in the amount of \$14,219.50, funds to come from police drug forfeitures account # 207 301 744 0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SERVER STORAGE SPACE.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the reprogramming of capital in order to create a capital line item for the purchase of additional server storage and remote set up support from L3 Communications, 90 Fanny Road, Boonton, NJ 07005 in the amount of \$8822: Police Capital Outlay Reprogramming, Vehicle Replacements - Line Item #10, (\$8822), Additional Server Storage - Line Item# \$8822. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB IRRIGATION SYSTEM.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a purchase order for irrigation control system and irrigation replacement to Spartan Distributors Inc., 1050 N. Opdyke Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48236 in the amount of \$316,683.28. Expenses charged to account #469-900-971-2110. I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the Capital Projects Golf Course Fund to increase the line item for additional 2007 project items: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #469-000-699-0000, \$316,684, Increase Appropriations: Site Improvements-Golf Course #469-900-971-2110, \$316,684. This budget amendment increases the 2007 budget for the Capital Projects Golf Course Fund from \$588,593 to \$905,277. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. Award Bid for Pheasant Run Golf Club Pond Bank Stabilization.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for the Pheasant Run Golf Club pond bank stabilization to Reliable Landscaping, 8285 Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$8,145 to be taken from Account No. 246-750-970-0000, Line Item #4. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. AUTHORIZE BUDGET INCREASE FOR PART-TIME WAGES AND OVERTIME FOR VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the increase in Village Theater Part-Time Wages account # 101-760-706-0000 in the amount of \$74,200 for a total of \$184,200 and Overtime account # 101-760-708-0000 in the amount of \$7,000 for a total of \$10,500. I further move to increase Village Theater Revenue Performing Arts Center Program Revenue Account # 101-000-652-7600 by \$4,000 for a total of \$64,000, and increase account Performing Arts Center Facility Rental Revenue # 101-000-689-7600 by \$124,600 for a total of \$264,600. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. PROPERTY SALE EXTENSION.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to that the Canton Township Board of Trustees approve the First Amendment to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between Canton Township and Mr. Frank Powelson (April 10, 2007) to extend the closing date for the sale of 62.71 acres to on, or before, October 31, 2007. Further, that the Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the amendment. Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Additional public comment related to concern of the traffic issues at the intersection of Canton Center and Geddes Road. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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35th District Court NOTICE

The 35th District Court is accepting bids for its Assigned Counsel Program (Public Defender's Program). The contract will be awarded from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. Bidders must not be single practitioners and must have offices in, or reside in the Court's jurisdiction: Cities of Plymouth or Northville, and Townships of Canton, Plymouth, or Northville. Sealed bids must be received by 4:00pm, Oct. 15, 2007. Please clearly mark envelope with "CAA BID" and address to: Debra Kubitskey, Court Administrator, 660 Plymouth Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170. Interested parties are invited to contact Ms. Kubitskey for further information at (734) 781-0123 or dkubitskey@35thdistrictcourt.org.

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 41889 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)254-0243 on 9/28/07 at 11:00 am.** Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
1018 - Gary Butler - Portable Stereo, TV, End Table
1059 - Angela Miller - 50 Boxes, Dresser, Speakers
2035 - Julie Sethavarangura - Clothing, 10 Boxes, Trunk
2057 - John Neumann Jr - TV, Stereo, Ladder
2066 - Vanessa Smith - Fax Machine, Love Seat, Misc Items
3052 - Kenneth Berrie - Aquarium, Telescope, Dresser
9269 - Derrick McDonald - TV, VCR, Dresser

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MAYFLOWER TOWING 1179 STARKWEATHER PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (734) 459-0053 NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to F.S. 713.78 On September 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

VEHICLE	V.I.N.
1991 Dodge	1B7KM26Z6M5251999
1994 Ford	1FALP5348RG244767
1996 GMC	1GKDT13W0T2573198
1995 Buick	1G4HR52L8SH476204
1997 Chevrolet	2G1WW12M4V9142498
1995 Chrysler	1C3EJ56H2SN596428
1994 Mercury	2MELM74W1RX677676
1994 Mitsubishi	4A3AJ46G3RE047310
1998 Saturn	1G8ZK5271WZ133597
1998 Chevrolet	2G1FP22K7W2139672
2000 Ford	1FAPP4049YF246530

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
4076 - James Peters - TV, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
4253 - Kevin Diaz - 10 Boxes, Stereo, Portable TV
4294 - Diane Jacobs - 5 Boxes, 10 Totes, Misc Items
5229 - Harold Greene - Sofa, Ladder, Child's Bike
5266 - Thomas Nakamoto - 2 Tool Boxes, 40 Boxes, Trunk
6221 - Clare Pratt - 20 Boxes, Misc Items
6244 - Brenda Owens - 5 Boxes, 2 Bags, Misc Items
6256 - Thomas Nakamoto - 8 Golf Clubs, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
6048 - Nadeem Ahmed - Ice machine, 20 chairs, grill
5007 - Colleen Schramme - Bike, 30 Boxes, Sofa
3016 - Constance Burnett - Sofa, Loveseat, Gas Grill

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 4, 2007 for the following:

PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SERVICE BODY

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
6006 - Bernice Holman - 5 Bags, 4 Boxes, Misc Items
6001 - Marcia Washington - China Cabinet, Dryer, Freezer
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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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction September 25, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1982	DODGE	CHALLENGER	2-DR	JB3BD4377CY410833
1996	DODGE	CARAVAN	S-W	2B4FP25B4TR800223
1999	CHEVY	CAVALIER	2-DR	1G1JC1241X7276893
1991	DODGE	SPIRIT	4-DR	1B3XA46K2MF516375
1994	FORD	F-150	P/U	2FTDF15Y1ECA92207
1988	HONDA	CIVIC	4-DR	1HGED3549JA003483
1998	LINCOLN	CONT	4-DR	1LNFM97V7WY647442
1994	FORD	TAURUS	4-DR	1FALP52UXRA121900
1993	PONTIAC	GR. AM	2-DR	1G2NE1432PM584149
1995	FORD	WINDSTAR	S/W	2FMDA5148SB58148
1993	FORD	ESCORT	4-DR	3FAPP13J8PR159269

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., Local Standard Time, Tuesday, October 9, 2007. The bid opening will take place at 10:00 a.m., Local Standard Time, Tuesday, October 9, 2007 for the following:

SECURITY CAMERAS - DOWNTOWN/PARKING DECK

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.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk - City of Plymouth

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Clutter a detriment to home sale chances

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Some local homes are taking longer to sell these days and frequently command less than the asking price, if and when they do. First impressions are more important than ever so Realtors want their clients' home hotel-bare, according to Tom Todoroff, owner of the Farmington franchise of 1 800 GOT-JUNK.

This ensures potential buyers can envision themselves in the space and often allows homes to sell faster and for higher value.

The folks at 1 800 GOT-JUNK have come up with a simple three-step strategy to make a house market-ready.

Visualize: Homeowners want to sell, but deciding what to keep and what to let go of is the hardest task. By deciding on an overall theme or style (most Realtors agree less is more) they have a measuring point.

Assess: Once the vision for the room is set, items can be assessed according to whether or not they fit into the decided theme for each room. Other questions to ask are: When did I use it last? Is this a duplicate? Does it hold sentimental value?

Action: Once the decision has been made about what stays and what goes items are categorized into piles: items for donation; items for recycle; items for re-sell; items for the landfill.

Todoroff, a Wolverine Lake resident, acknowledges that even he can be lax on clearing out stuff he no longer needs.

"You don't even notice that you acquire them," he said of possessions. "We are a society of buyers." His kids play with things he's bought and don't pick them up again.

"If you purchase something, you don't want to throw it away. We just keep putting things off to the side, we don't make a decision on it.

"It has become very important,"



Todoroff said of making a home spacious to help it sell. Driving that is part of the effort to sell and move on. "We help people declutter. We help people get their space back." Some rooms are unusable when 1 800 GOT-JUNK staffers arrive to do their work.

"If you're going to sell your home, every Realtor and every staging company will tell you less is more. They want to see their personal things there, or be able to imagine them there," Todoroff said of potential buyers.

He's worked with staging companies to make homes more attractive for sale. "When you're on the opposite side of the fence that's not what you see," he said of Grandma's knickknacks, which a potential buyer most likely will see as clutter.

His business is doing more and

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TOM TODOROFF, 1 800 GOT-JUNK franchise owner

more work in that area of preparing for home sale, gathering items for donation and recycling. "There's definitely a trend toward those types of jobs." There are some sellers who need to move rather than just going to a bigger house out of choice.

He bought the franchise in November 2005, and it existed before that. "It's across the country," with 1 800 GOT-JUNK franchises in the U.S. and Canada, along with Australia and the United Kingdom.

"I talk to other partners. We have regional meetings and national meetings. It is definitely something they find," he said of the trend.

"Farmington's a relatively wealthy community. They're trying to protect their investment," he said of those on the move.

Todoroff's found people look at his service, and how much it costs. After they go, the reaction is "I can't believe how much room there is. They don't realize what they've acquired and don't need. Our job is to try to help them. We try and help them out."

Tax credits complex, boon to developer

Q. I am a new real estate developer and I am wondering what types of federal tax credits I might be able to obtain for my "disadvantaged properties"?

A. While this column cannot provide you with all of the potential benefits through federal tax credits, the Internal Revenue Code provides a federal tax credit of either 10 or 20 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred in connection with the rehabilitation of a qualified building. To be eligible for the 20 percent credit, the building must



Robert Meisner

be individually listed in the National Registry of Historic Places or contribute to an historic district that is listed in the National Register, and the rehabilitation must comply with the design and construction principles of the Secretary of Interior's standards for rehabilitation.

Nonresidential, non-historic buildings that were originally placed in service prior to 1936 are also eligible for a 10 percent federal credit. The 10 percent credit can also be applied to a mixed use project (e.g., first floor retail and upper floor loft apartments) as long as the rent revenue generated by the residential portion of each building is less than 80 percent of each building's total annual gross rental revenue. In addition, there are some general restrictions that apply to both credits. To claim a 20 percent credit, the rehabilitation must be certified by the National Park Service.

You are best advised to consult with your accountant or other tax adviser. Ask him or her about the "new markets tax credit" which results in a federal tax credit equal to 39 percent of the amount invested or loaned to the qualified business where the investment is through a community development entity that has directly or indirectly received an allocation of NMTCs from the CDFI Fund of the Department of Treasury.

Q. We have standard subdivision documents that require a dwelling unit that has to be used for residential purposes only by a single family and a basement may not be used as a temporary or permanent residence. One of our owners has a 9-year-old retarded child that needs full-time attention and she's using the basement to house a caretaker for the child. Does the association have a basis to pursue her?

A. It is certainly within the spirit and intent of the 1988 Fair Housing Act Amendments to accommodate the homeowner's request. It may also be a wake-up call to the older owners in the association that they too may need a live-in caretaker during the time they are owners. I would recommend that the Board not take any action in this regard, after discussing it with their attorney.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Realtors applauded for fair housing work

The Michigan Association of Realtors is being awarded the 2007 Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit's Fair Housing Leadership Award, following the creation of a "self-testing" fair housing program. The plan is designed to help its members evaluate their real estate practices in terms of fair housing guidelines and determine if each client is being treated equally.

This program is the first of its kind, as MAR is the nation's original state Realtor association to implement such a program. MAR's Chief Executive Officer Bill Martin and President Furhad Waquad spearheaded the program's creation. Both were honored by FHC for their progressive efforts at the 10th annual

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Fair Housing Leadership Awards Reception, held Sept. 19, as well as in the September issue

of Fair Housing News. MAR hopes the project will thrive and encourage similar associations to follow with their own fair housing programs.

For updated information on fair housing, please visit MAR's web site at www.mirealtors.com or www.fairhousinginmichigan.org.

The Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR) is a 30,000-plus member trade association which protects the rights of private property owners while serving as the primary source for Michigan housing and real estate data. MAR is comprised of 45 Local REALTOR® Associations, which adhere to a strict Code of Ethics, established by the National Association of Realtors.

Birmingham and Troy make the grade for schools

Birmingham and Troy have been named among the Top 25 places to live and go to school. Relocate-America.com, a Web site that provides relocating consumers access to resources for their upcoming relocation has released its 2007 list of "America's Top 25 Places to Live To Go to School."

"Over the past 12 months we received nominations for thousands of great schools across the country, all vying to be part of the annual list,"

said Steve Nickerson, president and CEO. "This year's main nomination and selection process factors ranged from school spirit to the number of students going on to higher education and the involvement of teachers in the lives of their students."

In order to make the list, a school must first be nominated by someone familiar with the community's benefits. Relocate-America's editorial team reviews the nominations for compelling

reasons that make the community stand out for schools. The top 25 towns were chosen because they offered specialized programs, unique offerings and nontraditional curriculum. Other considerations included communities with strong public schools, private institutions, charter schools and other specialized training schools.

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BUILDERS DREAM! Multiple lots w/access to all sports Horsehoe Lake. 13 lots available, survey available.
\$159,900 (P-000ID)



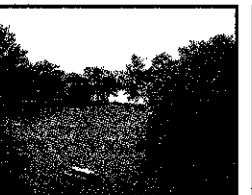
INVESTORS DREAM! Well maintained 2 bd brick condo w/ long term tenants. Separate bsmt's & fenced yards, front & side door entrances, newer roof, C/A, etc., & seller can help w/closing costs.
\$96,000 (P-233SC)



DUPLEX OR SINGLE FAMILY HOME Whitmore Lake 1800 sq. ft., 4 bd, 2 bath home is currently set up as a duplex but could easily be converted to a lg. single family home. Each level w/2 beds, 1 bath, living room & kitchen.
\$159,900 (C-315FA)



NEAT & CLEAN Big updates in this 3 bd Redford home. New furnace & C/A in '06, updated roof & windows, new garage in '04, neutral décor, spacious Master, neutral décor. Liv Rm w/new carpet, & good location.
\$106,990 (P-956AR)



FORD LAKEFRONT LIVING Cliffs Landing unit ranch, condo offers 3 bd, great lake views, huge Master, spacious Liv Rm w/frpl, updated windows, balcony, fresh paint, new carpet, & neighborhood pool.
\$139,900 (P-655CL)



BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION Great new construction condo featuring a Great Rm w/soaring ceiling, 2.5 baths, Master w/sitting area, gorgeous Kitchen, private bsmt, & great location. More units avail, call for details.
\$229,900 (P-756CO)



MOVE RIGHT IN! Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 car Garage, nice landscaped yard w/shed, close to schools & shopping, good floor plan, & a privacy fence.
\$210,000 (P-815DO)



UPDATED RANCH Brick ranch w/ updated windows, roof, furnace, & C/A. Large eat-in Kitchen w/light wood cabinets, Liv Rm & Bedrooms w/hwd floors, part finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, & fenced yard.
\$119,900 (P-101HA)



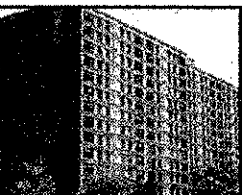
SPACIOUS HOME Ready for you to move in! Freshly painted, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet & flooring, 1st fl laundry, Library, Family Rm w/crown & frpl, paver Patio, island Kitchen w/pantry & all appl's, & side entry Garage.
\$309,000 (P-958HE)



CUSTOM HOME ON WOODED LOT Popular Huron Hills sub w/ custom features like circular round top windows, 2 decks, oversized garage, paver walkways. Premium location. Great Cape Cod floor plan w/3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths.
\$299,900 (P-630HU)



PRIVATE RANCH CONDO Maintenance free end unit condo. Assoc fees include taxes, gas, water, & maintenance. Clubhouse w/heated pool, & great Northville location.
\$60,000 (P-281JA)



GREAT CHANCE TO OWN! Lovely Dearborn high rise condo on the 9th floor w/view of the city & Ambassador Bridge from balcony. Freshly painted, new carpet, spacious rooms, immediate occupancy & very motivated seller.
\$60,000 (P-900MO)



CURB APPEAL++ You'll love this 3 bd home w/fresh paint, newer flooring, vinyl windows, C/A, partially finished bsmt, appliances included, & large fenced yard lot w/ newer Patio & shed. Don't wait on this one!
\$134,900 (P-396NE)



SERENE SETTING Stunning cape cod situated on 7+ acres in Salem Twp offering a 1st fl Master w/bath & WIC, stunning Kitchen w/butler's pantry, 72x62 Pole Barn, 1st fl laundry, walkout bsmt, & on a private road.
\$1,399,900 (P-610PR)



SHARP & CLEAN CONDO This 2 bd, 1 bath Ikea decorated condo is ready for you. Remodeled Kitchen, bath, newer windows, hwd floors, nice backyard, newer landscaping, full bsmt, & appliances stay.
\$69,900 (P-022ST)



COUNTRY SETTING 4 bd, 2 bath ranch situated on 2 acres & features 2 Garages, finished bsmt, new roof shingles, new carpet, 4 doorways, gazebo off Master, & large island Kitchen.
\$299,900 (C-660TU)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY Canton condo featuring a large Family Rm w/frpl, Kitchen w/hwd, finished lower level, large Master w/WIC, & convenient location.
\$119,000 (P-101VI)



DRESSED IN IT'S SUNDAY BEST Fabulous home featuring formal Liv & Din Rm, Den, Family Rm, maple kitchen w/granite, Master Suite w/ his & her WIC's, & prof finished lower level.
\$449,900 (P-308WE)



UPDATED COLONIAL 4 bd, 2.5 bath home backing to lovely common area. Newer Kitchen w/ lots of storage, newer windows, remod bath, newer C/A, neutral carpet, fresh paint, newer vinyl & roof. A must see!
\$230,000 (P-601BO)



ULTRA CLEAN CONDO Nice condo in popular Carolan Village. Living Rm w/bay window, freshly painted, updated white Kitchen, newer mace & A/C, Master w/ WIC, updated baths, & very usable floor plan.
\$89,900 (C-081CA)



IN A CLASS BY ITSELF! Stately home backing to woods in desirable Green Oak Twp sub. 2 story Foyer, gourmet cherry Kit, formal Dining, crown molding, French doors leading to Deck, & too much more to list.
\$335,000 (P-460CL)



OUTSTANDING Stunning 4 bd, 3.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 story Great rm w/frpl, Kitchen w/granite & butler's pantry, Master w/2 WIC's & glamour bath, 3 car Garage, brick Patio, & Trex Deck.
\$375,000 (P-335CO)



PRIDE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD This home stands above the rest w/ remodeled oak Kitchen w/ceramic, remod baths w/spa shower, & skylight finished bsmt, new roof & windows. Backs to beautiful treed commons.
\$239,900 (C-695FO)



NOVI CAPE COD Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan, spacious island Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, 1st floor Master, 1st floor laundry, Study, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete Patio.
\$318,500 (P-291HO)



SHARP LIVONIA RANCH Fantastic curb appeal on this 3 bd, 2.5 bath home set in a sub. Kitchen & Baths updated, neutral paint, hwd floors, new roof, doors, siding, & seamless gutters. Basement w/bath, 2 car Garage, & more.
\$169,500 (P-255IO)



SUPER STARTER Turn key home w/super open floor plan, remod Kit w/3 bdrms, beautifully finished bsmt, hwd in Liv Rm, updated furnace, C/A, hwh, windows, roof, large Deck overlooking yard, & oversized double lot.
\$124,500 (C-688JA)



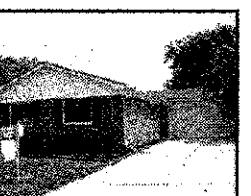
GREAT DEAL IN CANTON Great quad-level home priced below 200k w/over 1600 sq ft of living space, 3 bd, 2 baths, stain steel appl's, oak Kitchen, new furnace in '05, exterior freshly painted, & much more.
\$189,900 (P-348LO)



INCOME PROPERTY Earn income while living in your home! This 2 family home was completely remodeled in 2004. Each unit has its own entry, parking, & Kitchens w/appl. Perfect for investors!
\$135,000 (C-380MA)



LARGE LOT IN PLYMOUTH Great price on this home that offers 3 bd, 2 baths, Family Room w/frpl, Florida Room, extra storage space, ceramic baths, tear off roof, & attached Garage. Great lot on a dead end street.
\$169,900 (C-151MI)



COME FALL IN LOVE! Totally updated brick ranch within walking distance to Fiddin Park. Ceramic Foyer, updated Kitchen, Liv Rm w/ frpl, Master w/glamour bath, new roof & landscaping, & Deck.
\$200,000 (P-388MO)



CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY Absolutely stunning home backing to the 16th hole on Honor's Course & access to Crooked Lake. Features include a walk-in Sauna, central vacuum, elegant Master Ste, fin walkout, & inground pool.
\$499,500 (C-369MU)



GORGEOUS SETTING This great home is situated on a large lot w/ hwd floors, updated oak Kitchen, walk in pantry, finished bsmt, 1st fl laundry, beautiful Sun Room, & great Farmington Hills location.
\$274,900 (C-570NE)



CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL Fabulous home on .5 acre lot, 3200 sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st fl Master w/Jacuzzi, 1st floor to ceiling windows, granite, marble, hwd floors, cherry Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, & convenient location.
\$550,000 (C-362NO)



WOW! Best describes this colonial located in Northville w/hwd floors, gourmet Kitchen w/stain steel w/frpl, beautiful Master retreat, princess suite, jack n jill bath, huge finished bsmt, 2 story Great Rm, & so much more.
\$449,900 (C-904PA)



AWESOME LOCATION Charming 2 bd Plymouth condo just .1 mile from downtown. Private Entrance, Anderson windows, & doorwell, carpet, low traffic location, appliances stay, newer hwh, & low assoc dues include water.
\$112,900 (C-252PI)



CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE Newer custom built ranch featuring 4 bd, 3 baths, on 7 acres. Plenty of room for storage in the 3 car Garage & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/vaulted ceilings, finished walkout w/8ft ceilings.
\$439,900 (C-449RA)



TRANSFER FORCES SALE Sad seller has to part with this fabulous 3 bd West Dearborn home. Newer Pelles windows, Master w/walk in, 2 updated bdrms, updated furnace & C/A, glass block windows, finished bsmt, & Deck.
\$138,999 (C-644RO)



SHOWS LIKE A MODEL Former builders model still looks like one! Upgrades galore, soaring ceilings, gourmet granite Kitchen w/stain steel appl, crown molding t/o, prof fin bsmt w/bar & frpl, & excellent location in Island Lake of Novi sub.
\$579,900 (C-962SA)



UNEXPECTED FIND Nestled deep in the sub on low traffic cul de sac you'll find this Princeton model colonial w/traditional floor plan. Features include a walk-in Sauna, central vacuum, elegant Master Ste, fin walkout, & inground pool.
\$299,000 (C-745SH)



IMMACULATE RANCH 3 bd, 2.5 bath brick ranch within walking distance to Laurel Park. Large fenced yard w/Patio, updated furn, purn C/A, new drive, neutral décor, open fr plan, fin bsmt w/rec room & bath, & 2 car Garage.
\$269,900 (P-643VA)



COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT Opportunity knocks! Own a commercial building in Plymouth's Old Village! Great income possibilities for a great price w/ing units plus storage. Large lot. Call for details.
\$299,000 (C-446ST)



STOP, LOOK, BUY! This gorgeous 3 bd, 2 bath ranch is located in a great neighborhood. Gourmet Kitchen, new carpet, windows, roof, siding, insulation, 2 fireplaces, bath in bsmt, 2 car Garage, & newly landscaped!
\$119,900 (C-905WA)



LIKE NEW! Impeccably clean & well maintained home. Family Rm w/frpl, French doors lead to Deck, vinyl insulated windows, new Anderson windows, & doorwell, carpet, low traffic location, appliances stay, newer hwh, & low assoc dues include water.
\$204,900 (C-811WH)



LUXURY CONDO Gorgeous executive ranch w/3 large bd, 2 custom baths w/jetted tub, open floor plan, gourmet Kitchen, Great Room w/frpl & large windows, great Deck overlooking wooded area, & 2 car garage.
\$264,000 (C-880BE)



BEAUTIFUL END UNIT CONDO Freshly painted 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo w/new wood floors, Master w/oath ceiling & bath, Liv Rm w/frpl, neutral décor, maple Kitchen w/all appl's, clubhouse w/pool & great Northville location.
\$174,900 (C-791CA)



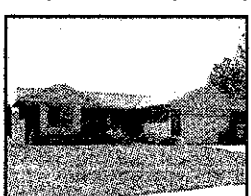
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY 2 bd condo on beautiful Colonial Estates. Full bsmt, large Living Room, Dining Area, 2 car att Garage w/opener, C/A, & ceiling fans. Appliances stay!
\$118,500 (C-613CO)



LOVELY GARDEN CITY RANCH This 3bd ranch offers nice neutral décor thru-out, vinyl windows, roof (tear off in 2004), Ceramic bath & huge insulated 2 car garage. One year home warranty. Perfect starter home!
\$126,900 (C-814DO)



CAPTIVATING CAPE! Situated on almost an acre, this fabulous home features hwd floors, french doors, coved ceilings, updated ceramic Kitchen, updated shingles, huge Garage, 3 season porch, & 23 x 17 Barn.
\$164,750 (C-550GE)



NEW ON MARKET! Always popular "colonial" ranch featuring fresh paint, new carpet, updated Kitchen, windows, Pargo Floors, huge bsmt, fenced yard, & close to shopping & schools.
\$169,900 (C-131HA)



BETTER THAN NEW! Absolutely gorgeous bungalow in a great sub. Home was remodeled in 2007 w/ addition, 2 possible Master Suites, 2 baths, fresh paint, brand new Kit, carpet, furnace, C/A, windows, roof, & the list goes on.
\$169,900 (C-304HA)



BETTER THAN NEW! Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial has everything you desire. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet, hwd floors, freshly painted, finished walkout bsmt, & more. Don't miss this one!
\$199,000 (C-185HU)



A PERFECT GEM Great Canton condo features a cozy Living Room w/frpl, efficient Kitchen w/plenty of cab's & all appl, 1st floor laundry, private bsmt, & 1 car attached Garage. Also for lease.
\$142,900 (C-484HU)



PLYMOUTH Gorgeous home in downtown Plymouth for under 200k! Cleaning hwd floors, updated Kitchen w/eating area, updated windows, appliances stay, Garage, & home warranty included.
\$189,000 (C-725IR)



CANTON'S BEST CHOICE All your dreams at a great price! Experience the best of condo living w/vaulted ceilings, huge master suite, 3 full baths, extended deck, & finished bsmt. Neutral t/o. Call today!
\$239,800 (C-491KI)



MOVE RIGHT IN! Cute house in Garden City featuring 4 bd, Living Rm w/wet plaster ceiling, large Kitchen, Family Rm could be used as formal Dining, 2 car Garage, nice Patio, & on a double lot.
\$110,000 (C-642LA)



YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS HOUSE Great curb appeal & amazing interior! Beautiful oak Kitchen w/all appliances, large bathroom, fresh paint, updated carpet, roof, furnace, C/A, & great yard.
\$119,999 (C-217LI)



SUPER CANTON COLONIAL Popular Brookside Village offers this home w/spacious fr plan, Fam Rm w/frpl, updated Kit w/nook, Master w/WIC, updated furnace, C/A, windows, & some carpet. Ply-Canton schools. Great value!
\$174,000 (C-228ME)



HUGE HOME FOR SMALL PRICE 2730 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 ba Cape Cod w/walkout bsmt, dramatic 2 story Foyer, oak Kitchen, 1st fl laundry, Fam Rm w/built-ins, .5 acre fenced lot w/pool & Gazebo, & full length covered porch.
\$189,900 (C-160MI)



TOP SHELF! This ultimate condo is waiting for you! Brand new vinyl windows, prof decorated, finished bsmt, vaulted ceilings, impressive Master Suite, & great location.
\$189,799 (C-409PL)



ADORABLE BUNGALOW Great Southfield sub offers this fabulous home on a low traffic street. 1st fl Master, updated roof, siding, furnace, driveway, windows, Garage, fenced yard, & private Patio area.
\$90,000 (C-086PO)



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS is the only way to describe this 3 bd, 2 colonial! Contemporary colors t/o, open floor plan, formal Dining, Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt, nice Deck & sprinklers.
\$244,800 (C-232WI)



GARDENER'S & GOLFER'S DREAM! This 3 bd, 2 bath, 2 car, great yard. Either garden or relax & enjoy the view of the golf course. Great interior features cath ceilings, recessed lights, oak island Kitchen, Pella Windows, over 1900 sq ft, & super Deck.
\$269,900 (P-001BE)



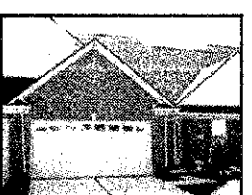
BRICK BUNGALOW Charming old brick home on beautiful street. Updated Kitchen, new Deck, hwd floors, lovely Master Suite w/lots of storage, appliances stay, & so much more.
\$160,000 (P-837BE)



FABULOUS FARMINGTON HILLS Gorgeous home featuring 3 bd, 2.5 baths, gourmet Kitchen w/all appl's, Nook w/downdraft leading to 3 tiered Deck, Fam Rm w/frpl & french doors to Deck, & Master w/WIC.
\$315,000 (P-700BL)



BRICK RANCH W/FLORIDA ROOM Sweet little ranch needs some help to make it special. Already has 3 bds, bsmt is ready to be finished, Garage, & large Florida Rm. Just bring some ideas & make it yours.
\$85,000 (P-136BR)



IMMACULATE TOWNHOUSE Upgrades galore w/hwd floors, contemporary colors, brushed nickel fixtures, 2 Master Suites w/WIC, gas frpl, open floor plan, bsmt w/glass block, & in extremely good move in condition.
\$169,900 (P-394DO)



STYLISH LIVING Enjoy the comforts of main free living in this lovely upper ranch end unit condo in Livonia. Close to shopping, 2 bd, 2 ba, Great Rm w/frpl, Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, many upgrades, built in 2004.
\$164,900 (P-682PA)



GORGEOUS 5 BEDROOM CAPE Custom designed secluded home w/5 baths, 3 bay windows, granite & marble flrs, vaulted ceilings, white Kit w/granite tops & double oven, w/o bsmt, oversized Deck, & too much more to list.
\$448,000 (P-900FA)



HOMES & GARDENS SPECIAL Magnificent home w/finished walkout overlooking nature preserve. Top of the line upgrades include granite Kit, Corian Baths, brick paver Patio & walk, lg Deck off Kit, crown moldings, & 3 car Garage.
\$985,000 (P-749HI)



BUILDER CLOSEOUT! Rare opportunity to build your dream home! Live in this prestigious Ashbury park. Lots could accommodate walkout or daylight basements. Call for further details.
\$199,000 (P-271MA)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON Gorgeous home feat extensive hwd frpl, neutral décor, fin bsmt, jack & jill bath, 4 rms, Anderson Windows, Deck off Kit w/private backyard & wooded setting, close to sch's & shopping.
\$269,916 (P-049ME)



ROOM FOR EVERYONE! 4 bd colonial w/lots of space. Large Kitchen, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/2 walk-ins & whirlpool tub, formal Liv Rm w/bay window, lg Dining Rm, FF laund, fresh paint, newer carpet, & Ply-Can Schools.
\$309,900 (P-325MI)



LIVONIA BRICK RANCH Lovely area w/sark, shopping, & schools nearby. Solid home w/3 bd, 1.5 baths, hwd floors under neutral carpet, finished bsmt w/half bath, & immediate occupancy.
\$159,900 (P-699RI)



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TAYLOR 3 bdrm, ranch, finished bsmt., 2 car garage. Land contract terms avail. 734-451-2404

Open Houses 3030



DETROIT OPEN HOUSE SUN 9/23 1-4 2405 Chicago Blvd 4b1k W of Lodge freeway Boston Edison Historic Dist. 4,300 sqft., 1,900 sqft bsmt, 5 bdrm, 4.2 bath, 3 fireplace, Living rm w/ 8ft fireplace, Wet bar, rec room, library. \$279,000 Thomas: 313-743-4429 or twill@kw.com Keller Williams Realty 36642 Five Mile Rd.

GARDEN CITY OPEN SUN 1-2:30PM 31499 RUSH Nearly new everything, including price! Gleaming hardwood floors, finished rec room, Garage \$119,900. ML2616745 Sue Cagwin, Sunovell Realtors 734-645-3225/971-3333

LINDEN LODGE LAKE Open Sun 1-3 16553 Angle, South of Silver Lake Road, East of Seymour. Pristine home with 75' Sandy beach offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Andersen windows. Large deck w/great lake view. Beautiful landscaping w/sprinklers, plus extra garage. Private setting. Priced at 399,900. CarolRaySells.com Prudential Great Lakes Realty 610-629-9612

Westland Open Sun 1-4 34876 Linden Lane Detached 2 bdrm condo with walk-in closets, 2.5 baths, finished bsmt, w/sauna, attached 2 car garage, deck, 1300 sq. ft. \$205,000. (734) 718-9127

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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/garage. \$348,000 very negotiable. 248-721-1212

By Owner

WEST BEVERLY HILLS 19360 Beverly Rd, Builder's home built in 04', 3,685 sq. ft. home, 4 lg. bdrms, 4 full baths w/granite, gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, custom throughout, master suite w/fireplace, 2 laundry rooms, wrap around cedar deck. \$639,000. Bill 248-396-6933

Canton 3080

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Dearborn Hgts 3115

BEAUTIFUL 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath Ranch, new windows & doors. Finished bsmt. \$139,000. 313-320-4791

Farmington 3140

FARMINGTON Walk to downtown, remodeled home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, full bsmt, all appliances incl. New 2 car garage. \$185,000. (586) 506-4182

Farmington Hills 3145

BY OWNER 2-3 bdrm, kitchen dining room, \$165,000 or best offer. Inspection Sat & Sun, Sept 22-23, 10-3pm. Will be sold Sun to HIGHEST bidder. Call: (248) 787-1061

Ferndale 3155

INVESTOR SPECIAL! 9 Mi/Hilton, Charming, lg. 3 bdrm colonial, c/a, bsmt, Best Over \$119,900. 248-399-1233

Garden City 3170

FINISHED BASEMENT 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, remodeled kitchen, 2.5 car garage. \$139,900.

SIX BEDROOMS

2 Baths, Family room, updates galore, \$158,800. Century 21 Castelli 734-525-7900

By Owner

GARDEN CITY Move-in ready, quiet neighborhood, brick bungalow, 31513 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

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3 bdrm ranch, garage, all appliances, 6816 Belton. \$132,000. 313-274-0450

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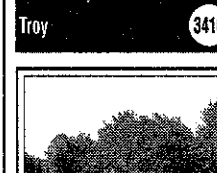
28641 Florence, \$109,000. 3 bdrm, brick ranch, hardwood floors, bsmt, lg kitchen, fenced yard. No creepy vibes or bad odors! (248) 672-1649

Southfield/Lathrup 3390



SOUTHFIELD Great locale for start-up business w/office & living space. Totally refurbished home has new tear-off roof '06, windows, doors, siding, furnace. \$79,900 (EC20MA-27004218) Weir Manuel Realtors (248) 851-5500

Troy 3410



UPDATED RANCH w/open floor plan. Foyer opens to large kitchen & dining area. 42 cabinets, all appliances, step down to spacious great room. \$277,900 (EC045T-27095519) Weir Manuel Realtors (248) 851-5500

PLYMOUTH

For Sale By Owner Two bdrm, larger sunny end unit. New carpet, paint. Appliances incl. Some furniture. Close to shop. \$70,000. By Appt. 734-459-7547

Westland 3445

FOR SALE BY OWNER We pay for 6 mo! 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, owner financing possible \$154,900. 734-231-0499

Lapeer County 3515

NEWER COLONIAL ON scenic 49 acre court lot in popular golf community. Home shines thru-out. 2-story foyer w/hardwood floors & oak. \$309,900 (EC270A-27160839) Weir Manuel Realtors (248) 851-5500

Livonia 3250

ABOVE THE CROWD! Lovely 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch with Costly Updating! Family room with fireplace. Remodeled spacious kitchen. Finished bsmt, 2 car garage. Bring offers! \$199,900. SUSAN & RACHEL RION 734-522-2429 Remax Alliance 734-482-3800

BY OWNER

3 bdrm ranch, wheelchair accessible. 2.5 bath, hardwood floors, finished bsmt, attached garage, family room w/fireplace, fenced backyard, 3 season room. \$289,900. 734-432-2584

Macomb County 3550

WARREN Move in ready & freshly painted. 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath home on double lot. Fenced yard. Generous sized upstairs suite. Enclosed front porch. Newer roof \$79,900 (EC11HU-27129754) Weir Manuel Realtors (248) 851-5500

Oakland County 3540

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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 Manton Blvd \$216,000
45459 N Stonewood Rd \$185,000

338 N Willard Rd \$208,000
48977 Northampton Ct \$405,000
43432 Nowland Dr \$235,000
39742 Peters Dr \$175,000
1886 Pinecroft 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 \$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
44280 Windmill Dr \$185,000
2449 Woodmont Dr E \$212,000
Farmington
35815 Smithfield St \$236,000
Farmington Hills
31644 Alameda St \$240,000
28760 Alycekey St \$309,000

22349 Atlantic Pointe \$122,000
22169 Averhill St \$171,000
34925 Bunker Hill Dr \$235,000
38855 Horton Dr \$400,000
24175 Locust St \$190,000
35384 Muer Cv \$343,000
23465 N Stockton Ave \$165,000
35220 Northmont Dr \$256,000
38823 Parkwood Ct \$237,000
35091 Pennington Dr \$237,000
29625 Ravenscroft St \$267,000
32055 Red Clover Rd \$255,000
32191 Stamen Cir \$570,000
30475 W 14 Mile Rd \$97,000
36057 W 14 Mile Rd \$540,000
27850 Weymouth Dr \$1,000,000
28505 Wildwood Trl \$225,000

Garden City
33354 Alvin St \$144,000
30415 Barton St \$135,000
31130 Block 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 Bobrich St \$102,000
16112 Burton Ct \$215,000
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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 \$139,000
18546 Parklane St \$212,000
20191 Pollyanna Dr \$280,000
34417 Richland Ct \$249,000
28815 W Chicago St \$158,000
30414 Wentworth St \$158,000

32247 Wisconsin St \$152,000
31724 Wyoming St \$168,000
Northville
47910 Bellagio Ct \$1,695,000
18415 Clairmont Cir E \$417,000
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15989 Johnson Creek \$244,000
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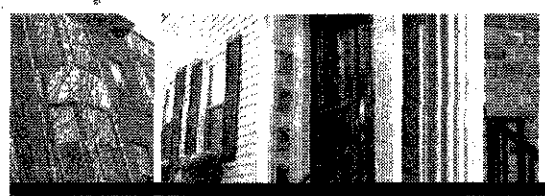
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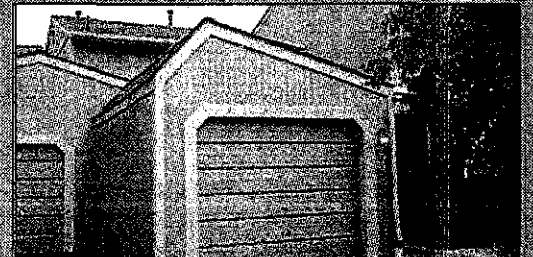
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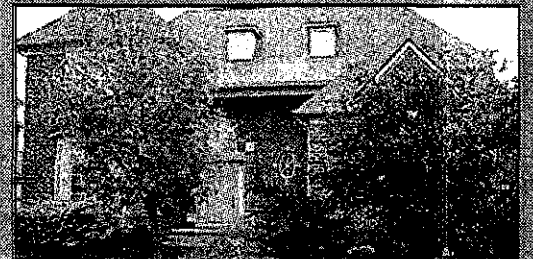
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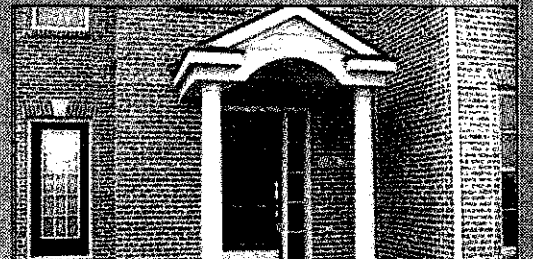
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WEST BLOOMFIELD **\$206,000**
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ROYAL OAK **\$250,000**
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SECRETS TO SUCCESS IN OWNING MULTIPLE BUSINESSES



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Some people can't imagine owning a business, because they prefer more specialized work or can't stomach selling

and marketing. Then there are other people, for whom a single business isn't enough. Imagine having three or more. How do owners keep everything together?

Ronald Park, managing partner at midsize accounting firm Park Fowler & Co. P.L.L.C., in Corpus Christi, owned four businesses in 1993 and today owns nine, all incorporated. Those he owns outright span his C.P.A. firm, a payroll outsourcer and two staffing companies. He owns half of another C.P.A. firm, a construction company, two equipment leasing companies and a private subprime mortgage provider.

"I meet every week with the manager of each business to make sure they're doing their job," he says, "to see if the company is off-budget or out of kilter. I've tried very hard to let my managers handle the responsibilities they're supposed to handle, instead of micromanaging." He spends about 90 percent of his time at Park Fowler, surviving some 12-hour days during tax season.

Stacey Koerner-Roney, founder and president of Beauty on Call Inc., a staffing agency in Chicago, has two other businesses, also incorporated. One is a nonprofit, providing beauty and spa services on location for women with cancer. Her third is a pay-for-placement public

relations firm. "Luckily," she comments, "I found the right people to work with me; so it hasn't been overwhelming. They're entrepreneurial and have common sense; so they're able to manage while I step back and work on the bigger picture." She's owned all three operations for a year.

Echoing Park, she observes, "I'm not a micromanager. If I were, I'd have driven myself insane. I let go of the little details and always keep in mind the larger picture. I let my team make decisions. I let them make mistakes. My business isn't going to go under from a mistake. Every week we have individual and departmental meetings on how to build a business."

The enterprising Paul Pasha, president of Massage Concepts Inc., in New York City, has, for four years, owned three incorporated businesses -- a lender and equipment leaser, a waiting-room massage chair business and a wholesale medical equipment business. He states that the three of these enable him to do business consulting for start-ups and continue with clients as they grow. His secret? "As long as you are professional and organized, and you respect time, you can do multiple tasks," he notes.

PERFECT CHOICE

Park and Koerner-Roney kept adding businesses because clients kept bringing needs to them to fill. Pasha opened three simultaneously for the tax advantage. "It gives me an opportunity to keep my overhead low," he states. "If all three were under one corporation, my tax bracket would jump high. Cross-selling and cross-referencing keep me in a lower tax bracket."

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Stacey Koerner-Roney (l.) president of Beauty on Call, and vice president Rachel Caliendo are scheduling an appointment. Koerner-Roney owns three businesses in Chicago.

Koerner-Roney. The family's businesses occupy much of a 5,200-sq. ft. house. Her businesses span one and one-half levels. His is on another level. "I have found it almost easier than the 14 years I worked for a large company," she comments, "where I had no control over my schedule or life." A full-time nanny watches their four month-old five feet from the office.

All three cross-sell, although Koerner-Roney does it the least. She and Park consider their multiple businesses spin-

offs, targeting specific needs. "If you have an entrepreneurial spirit and a client has a need," Park comments, "you try to fill it." Koerner-Roney concurs, noting, "Whenever there's a need, we've expanded. It's almost felt like it fell into my lap."

Park could be speaking for each of the 15 businesses discussed here: "All of the businesses are growing and running on all cylinders." So are their owners. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

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OFFICE HELP
For self storage facility in Westland, part-time. Must be computer literate, able to work Saturday's.
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Super clean, spacious colonial in a prime dearborn Heights area. Kingswood Estates-4 BR-2.5 bath colonial. Updated kit, counter & table space-family rm w/nati F/P-newer baywindow in living rm.
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Custom colonial on 6+ Acres. The grand foyer and curved staircase will make you say WOW! Hardwood floors, huge first floor master extra-large custom shower. Custom kitchen w/granite.
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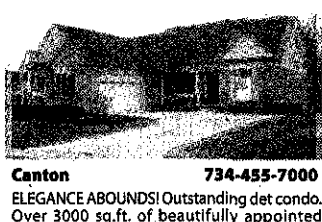
New Hudson 248-437-3800
Ranch on one acre! Great location, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, Jacuzzi room could be 4th bedroom w/walk-in closet. Two car attached garage plus 2 car detached garage. Private lot.
(27140602) \$175,875



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Desirable Plymouth Location Quality ranch home w/ covered ceilings. LR w/natural FP kit & DR. 3 BR w/big closets. Fin. bsmt w/tile. Fenced yard, det 2 car gar; new carpet, fresh paint.
(27152693) \$190,230



West Bloomfield 248-348-6430
Wonderful Wellington Woods Colonial Tastefully decorated t/o. Updated kit w/new cab, sink & floor. Huge mtr suite w/new carpet. Double new sinks, WIC, & new tile floor. Warm Wood floors.
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Canton 734-455-7000
ELEGANCE ABOUND! Outstanding det condo. Over 3000 sq. ft. of beautifully appointed living space shared w/nature's own protected woodlands. Huge kit, expansive GR. Spectacular LL.
(27068735) \$425,000



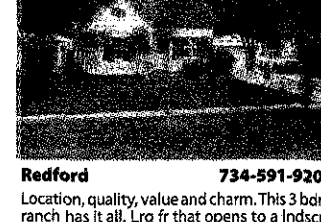
Northville 248-348-6430
GREAT NORTHVILLE RANCH CONDO. Move right into this ranch condo in popular country club village. Newer carpet throughout. 1st flr laundry, 2 car direct access garage. 1g. bsmt, deck.
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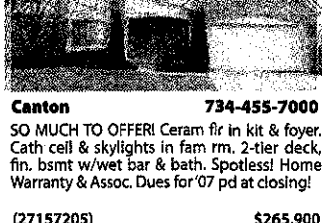
Northville 248-348-6430
CHARMING RANCH Wonderful location. Lovely views. Attractive end unit. Amenities include bay wndws, cathedral ceilings, mstr br & balconated for privacy. Priced to sell.
(27035402) \$254,900



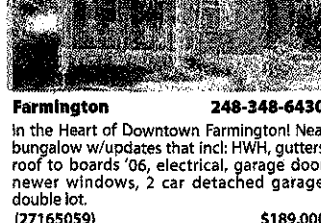
Redford 734-591-9200
Location, quality, value and charm. This 3 bdrm ranch has it all. Lrg fr that opens to a landscaped fenced bk yd. Updates incl: new wndws, new kit, bath. Appl stay. 2 1/2 car att gar Insul & heated.
(26207486) \$105,900



West Bloomfield 248-348-6430
Rare Four Bedroom Condo! W. Bloomfield Open plan w/1900+ sq. ft. Freshly painted interior, new HDWD Flr in KIT, new roof add to the appeal. MBR w/BA, newly finished LL are some of homes great features.
(2715754) \$219,000



Canton 734-455-7000
SO MUCH TO OFFER! Ceram fir in kit & foyer. Cath cell & skylights in fam rm. 2-tier deck, fin. bsmt w/wet bar & bath. Spotless! Home Warranty & Assoc. Dues for '07 pd at closing!
(27157205) \$265,900



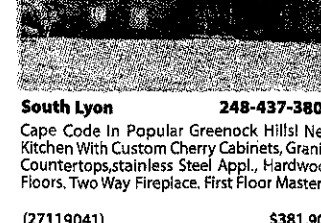
Farmington 248-348-6430
In the Heart of Downtown Farmington! Neat bungalow w/updates that incl: HWH, gutters, roof to boards '06, electrical, garage door, newer windows, 2 car detached garage, double LL.
(27165059) \$189,000



Livonia 248-348-6430
Wonderful Neighborhood! 4 BD colonial has upds galore including vinyl siding, roof, furn & AC, windows, carpeting, driveway, gar fr + remodeled kit. Swim club in sub (membership req)
(27152594) \$259,900



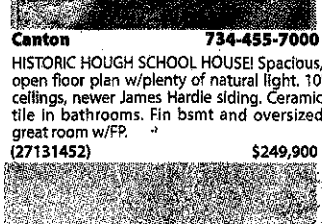
Novi 248-851-1900
INCREDIBLE HOME ON WALLED LAKE Only one year old. Floor to ceiling windows on all 3 levels on lakeside. 3 bedrooms, 3.1 baths. Granite Kitchen w/all the bells & whistles. Incredible master BR.
(27133583) \$989,000



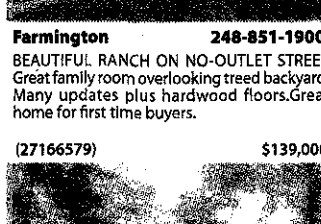
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Cape Code In Popular Greenock Hills! New Kitchen With Custom Cherry Cabinets, Granite Countertops, stainless Steel Appl., Hardwood Floors, Two Way Fireplace. First Floor Master.
(27119041) \$381,900



Westland 734-326-2000
GREAT LOCATION Cape Cod backs to the woods. Maple Hardwood flrs. w/ Brazilian Cherry Accents thru-out. 3 way stone fireplace, huge master ste w/ ceramic BA w/ jetted tub.
(27115756) \$237,500



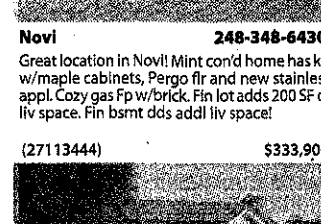
Canton 734-455-7000
HISTORIC HOUGH SCHOOL HOUSE! Spacious, open floor plan w/plenty of natural light. 10' ceilings, newer James Hardie siding. Ceramic tile in bathrooms. Fin bsmt and oversized great room w/FP.
(27131452) \$249,900



Farmington 248-851-1900
BEAUTIFUL RANCH ON NO-OUTLET STREET Great family room overlooking treed backyard. Many updates plus hardwood floors. Great home for first time buyers.
(27166579) \$139,000



Livonia 248-851-1900
LOOKING FOR THE BEST? Pottery Barn perfect! Newer 3 BR, 2 BA ranch. Nicely landscaped. GR w/natural fp. Dual doorways lead to deck. Kitchen w/pantry, nook, bay window. Fresh paint & carpet.
(27056208) \$219,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Great location in Novi! Mint cond home has kit w/maple cabinets, Pergo flr and new stainless appl. Cozy gas Fp w/brick. Fin lot adds 2003 sq ft liv space. Fin bsmt dds addl liv space!
(27113444) \$333,900



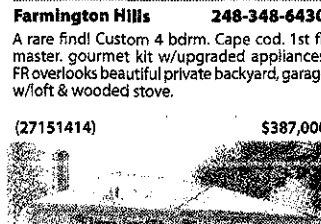
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Newer colonial on 1+ Acres! Large living room w/gas fireplace. Formal dining room w/bay window, country kitchen. Bonus room, master suite, first floor laundry and full basement.
(27155807) \$299,900



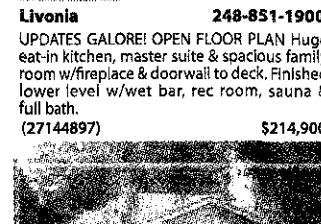
Westland 734-326-2000
WELCOME TO THIS BEAUTIFUL BI-LEVEL All the space you need in this 3-4 BDRM home w/ hardwood flrs. Updated kitchen w/ granite countertops. Brick pavers & decorative tile. 2 car det garage.
(27163262) \$168,500



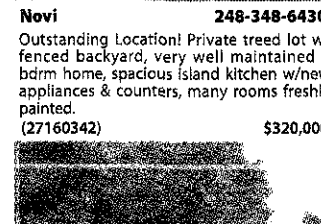
Canton 734-455-7000
GORGEOUS HOME! Beautifully maintained 3BR/2BA ranch in convenient Canton location. Remodeled kitchen and bathrooms. New windows. Full basement and 2 car garage.
(27067372) \$199,999



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
A rare find! Custom 4 bdrm. Cape cod. 1st flr master, gourmet kit w/upgraded appliances. FR overlooks beautiful private backyard, garage w/loft & wooded stove.
(27151414) \$387,000



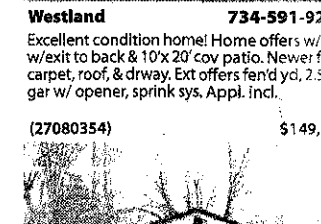
Livonia 248-851-1900
UPDATES GALORE! OPEN FLOOR PLAN Huge eat-in kitchen, master suite & spacious family room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck. Finished lower level w/wet bar, rec room, sauna & full bath.
(27144897) \$214,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Outstanding Location! Private treed lot w/ fenced backyard, very well maintained 4 bdrm home, spacious island kitchen w/new appliances & counters, many rooms freshly painted.
(27160342) \$320,000



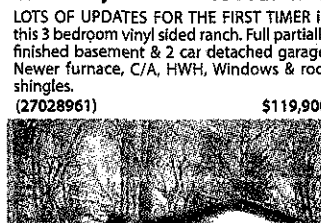
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Country Living On 4+ Acres! Creek Running On Property. Ranch Home Features Living Room, country Kitchen W/snack Bar, 3 Br, 2 Full Baths And First Floor Laundry. Walk-out Basement.
(27125463) \$279,900



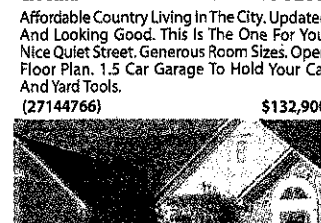
Westland 734-591-9200
Excellent condition home! Home offers w/kit, w/exit to back & 10'x20' cov patio. Newer furn, carpet, roof, & driveway. Ext offers fen'd yd, 2.5 car gar w/ opener, sprink sys. Appl. incl.
(27080354) \$149,500



Canton 734-455-7000
FIRST-TIME BUYER ALERT! Lovely 3BR/2.1BA colonial. Spacious kitchen w/lots of storage. Family rm w/wood burning stove, finished bsmt. Full fenced yard with patio and goldfish pond.
(27092478) \$177,000



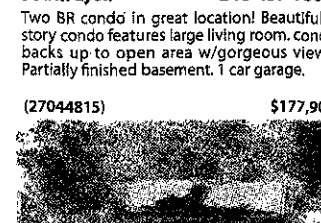
Garden City 734-326-2000
LOTS OF UPDATES FOR THE FIRST TIMER in this 3 bedroom vinyl sided ranch. Full partially finished basement & 2 car detached garage. Newer furnace, C/A, HWH, Windows & roof shingles.
(27028961) \$119,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Affordable Country Living in The City. Updated And Looking Good. This is The One For You. Nice Quiet Street. Generous Room Sizes. Open Floor Plan. 1.5 Car Garage To Hold Your Car And Yard Tools.
(27144766) \$132,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Beautifully Landscaped Lot Mature trees dot the beautiful lot. W/ walking distance to schools. Formal LR & DR, den, spacious FR, nice fin'd rec room & wonderful deck for your enjoyment.
(27148522) \$310,000



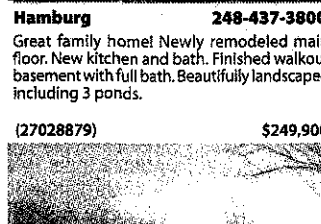
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Two BR condo in great location! Beautiful 2 story condo features large living room, condo backs up to open area w/gorgeous views. Partially finished basement. 1 car garage.
(27044815) \$177,900



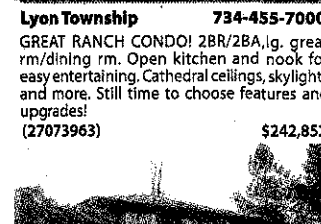
Westland 734-326-2000
NICELY UPDATED RANCH w/newer windows & entry doors. Updated eat-in kitchen w/ s.s. sink, newer cabinets & counter. 6 panel door, updated bathroom, & fenced lot w/privacy fence.
(27032544) \$99,900



Canton 248-348-6430
RARE 3 BDRM W/BASEMENT & GARAGE Rare 3 bdrm condo with basement & garage. Updated & freshly painted. Neutral thruout. Lots of room. Great location clubhouse & pool.
(27165193) \$134,900



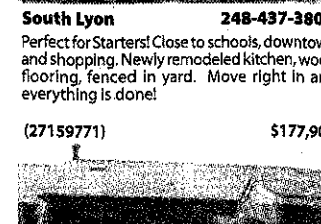
Hamburg 248-437-3800
Great family home! Newly remodeled main floor. New kitchen and bath. Finished walkout basement with full bath. Beautifully landscaped including 3 ponds.
(27028879) \$249,900



Lyon Township 734-455-7000
GREAT RANCH CONDO! 2BR/2BA, lrg. great rm/dining rm. Open kitchen and nook for easy entertaining. Cathedral ceilings, skylights and more. Still time to choose features and upgrades!
(27073963) \$242,852



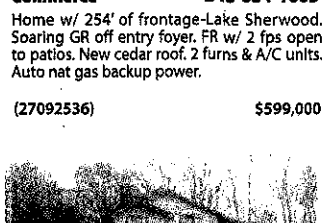
Novi 248-437-3800
Detached Condo/End Unit! Everything you could want and more in a desirable community. Cozy kitchen, first floor laundry, fireplace in fully finished basement with wet bar.
(27118421) \$294,500



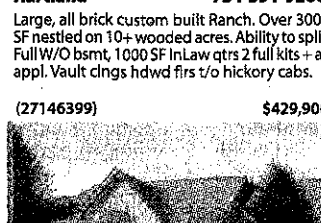
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Perfect for Starters! Close to schools, downtown and shopping. Newly remodeled kitchen, wood flooring, fenced in yard. Move right in and everything is done!
(27159771) \$177,900



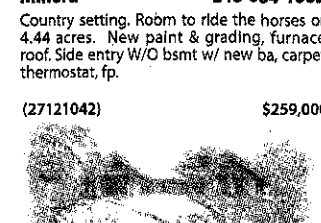
White Lake 248-684-1065
Gorgeous home on cul-de-sac. Beautiful hvd flrs, new paint, pump, fin bsmt & Indscp. Huge private yard w/ fire pit, deck & patio. Natural brick fp in FR.
(27089418) \$199,000



Commerce 248-684-1065
Home w/ 254' of frontage-Lake Sherwood. Soaring GR off entry foyer. FR w/ 2 fps open to patios. New cedar roof. 2 furns & A/C units. Auto nat gas backup power.
(27092536) \$599,000



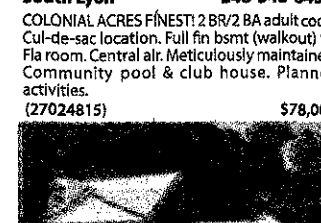
Hartland 734-591-9200
Large, all brick custom built Ranch. Over 3000 SF nestled on 10+ wooded acres. Ability to split. Full W/O bsmt, 1000 SF inlaw qtrs 2 full kits + all appl. Vault clngs hwdw flrs t/o hickory cabinets.
(27146399) \$429,900



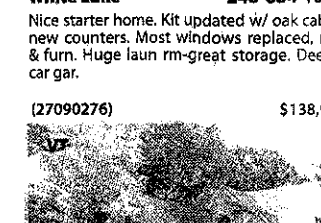
Milford 248-684-1065
Country setting. Room to ride the horses on 4.44 acres. New paint & grading, furnace, roof. Side entry W/O bsmt w/ new ba, carpet, thermostat, fp.
(27121042) \$259,000



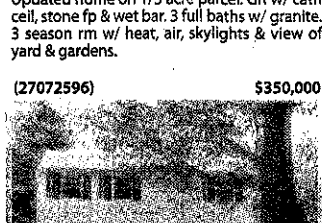
Novi 248-348-6430
LOVELY CONDO, WELL MAINTAINED Condo living at its best! Delightful kl, lovely LR, cozy FR, 2 nice size bdrs, 1.5 baths, both updated. Full fin bsmt, pool, clubhouse & tennis court in complex.
(27116561) \$138,900



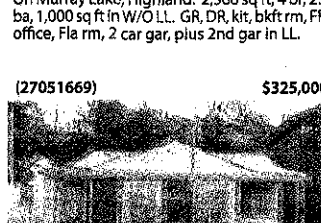
South Lyon 248-348-6430
COLONIAL ACRES FINEST! 2 BR/2 BA adult coop. Cul-de-sac location. Full fin bsmt (walkout) w/ Flr room. Central air. Meticulously maintained. Community pool & club house. Planned activities.
(27024815) \$78,000



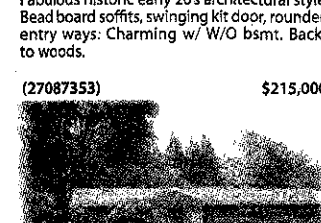
White Lake 248-684-1065
Nice starter home. Kit updated w/ oak cabs & new counters. Most windows replaced, roof & furn. Huge laun rm-great storage. Deep 1 car gar.
(27090276) \$138,900



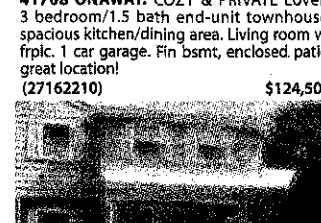
Commerce 248-684-1065
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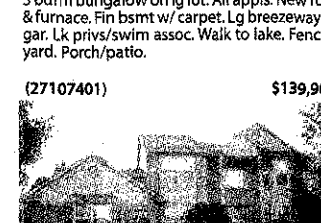
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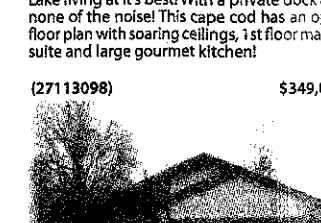
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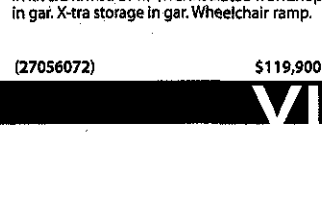
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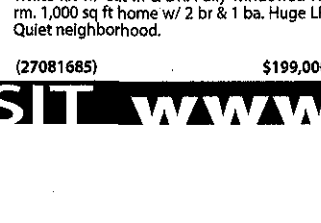
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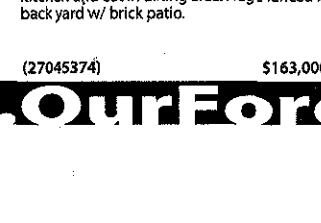
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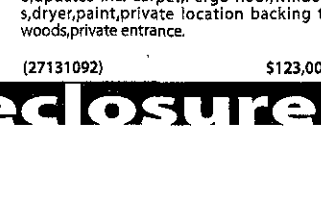
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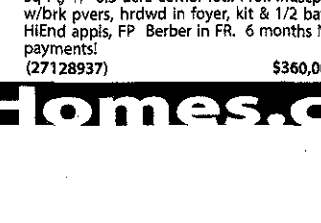
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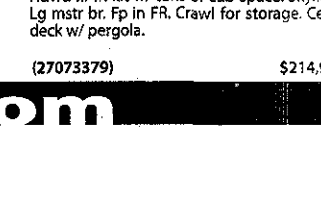
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Hard-working Whalers set to defend OHL title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth Whalers hit the ice Saturday night for the 2007 season opener against Erie, their helmets and visors won't be replaced by hard hats and safety goggles.

But the defending Ontario Hockey League champions will be equipped with a blue-collar mentality, head coach Mike Vellucci assured.

"We want to be the hardest-working team in the league

this year," said Vellucci, who lost several key players — including high-scoring Tom Sestito and hard-hitting Jared Boll — to the NHL during the off-season. "We're going to be a very young team, so our young guys are going to be seeing a lot of ice time. We're going to have to make up for the inexperience with hard work."

Vellucci said the nucleus of returning players will be driven by a desire to repeat what they accomplished during the 2006-07 campaign when the

Whalers bulldozed through their regular-season schedule before ultimately upending Sudbury in six games in the OHL Finals.

"Without a doubt, that will be the case," the reigning OHL Coach of the Year said. "This is a big year for guys like A.J. Jenks because it's his draft year and other guys like Chris Terry, who is ready to step up and be a leader for us."

"We have a couple of guys — Brett Bellemore and Zach Shepley — out with injuries, so other players are going to

have to step up until they get back."

Terry (a Carolina draftee), Jenks, Andrew Fournier and Vern Cooper will give the Whalers a formidable scoring punch.

At the other end of the ice, Plymouth is stocked with world-class goalies — that is, if their respective NHL teams don't stock them on their season-opening rosters.

As of Tuesday, last year's dynamic goal-tending duo of

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IN SEARCH OF A REPEAT

Who: Defending Ontario Hockey League champion Plymouth Whalers;

What: Season-opening game against the Erie Otters;

When: Opening face-off is set for Saturday at 7:05; OHL championship banner-raising ceremony will commence at 7 p.m.;

Where: Compuware Arena, Beck Rd., Plymouth Township;

Tickets: Were still available as of Tuesday; contact the Whalers' box office at (734) 453-8400 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Sidelines

Ignition news

■ The Detroit Ignition will kick off its Major Indoor Soccer League preseason schedule Saturday, Oct. 20, when it hosts the Cincinnati Excite at High Velocity Sports in Canton. The opening kick is set for noon.

Admission to the match is free with at least one canned food item or a donation to the Gleaners Food Bank.

Tickets to the Ignition's home opener at Compuware Sports Arena on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 7:35 p.m. are available at HVS at discounted prices. The regularly priced \$22 tickets may be purchased for \$17 a piece.

For more information, call (734) HV-SPORT or visit www.hvsports.com.

■ The Ignition has asked approximately 30 players to participate in the club's invitation-only combine this weekend. The combine marks the next step for players competing for a spot on the 2007-08 Ignition roster.

The event will take place on Friday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and on Saturday from 9-11 a.m. Last season's combine featured current Ignition players Dru Callahan, Ryan Mack, Doug Rice and Worth Sampson.

McClendon lauded

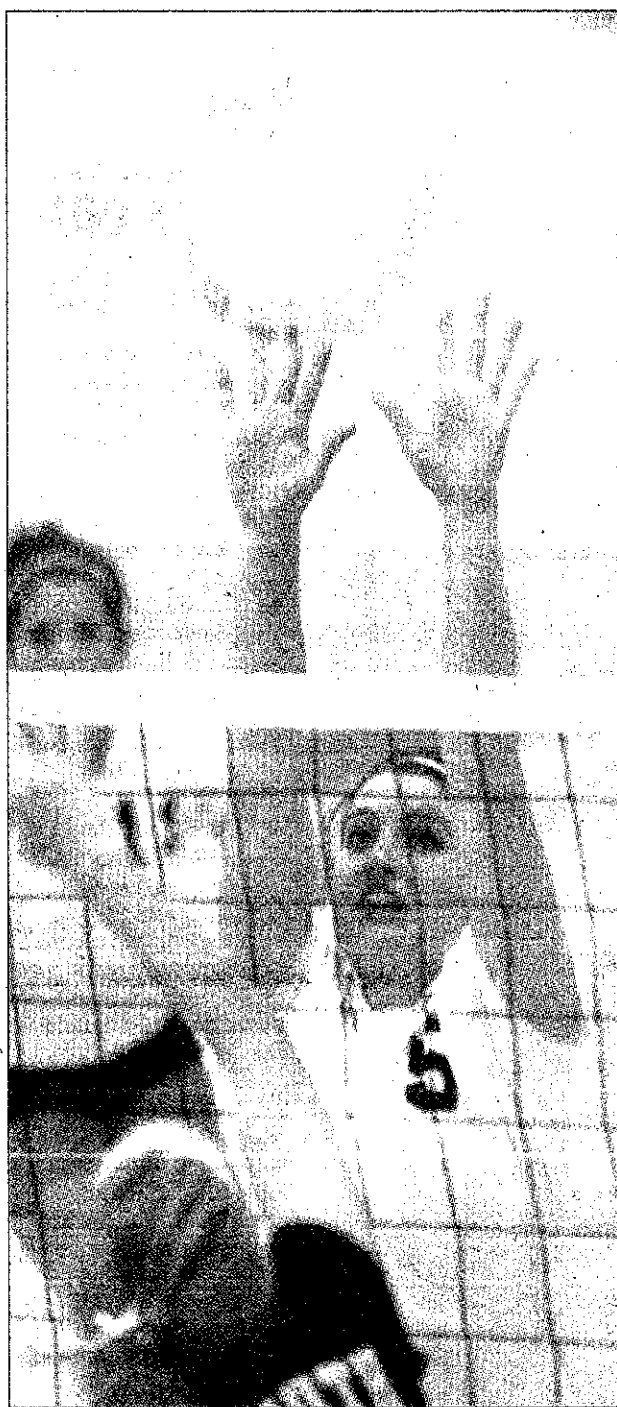
Former Canton football standout and current Saint Joseph's (Ind.) College freshman Deshon McClendon was named the Great Lakes Football Conference's Defensive Player of the Week for Sept. 15.

McClendon received the award on the strength of his performance in Saturday's 11-8 loss at Butler University. The first-year defensive back recorded six tackles, a forced fumble, an interception, tackle for a loss, and a pass deflection.

McClendon's efforts helped the Pumas hold the Bulldogs to 158 yards of total offense.

Penguins hockey

With conditioning workouts fast approaching, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls high school hockey team is looking for players for the upcoming season. For more information, contact Penguins coach Eric Mink at emink12@yahoo.com.



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Salem's Kelly MacDonald skies high for a block during Monday's match against Plymouth. The Rocks rebounded from a Game 1 loss to defeat the Wildcats in four games.



Plymouth's Briana Beyer hits the floor for one of her many digs during Monday's match against Salem.

Salem edges Wildcats in thriller

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When the chips were down, their backs were against the wall and the pressure was on, the Salem volleyball team turned to its difference-maker Monday night against crosstown rival Plymouth.

And what a difference Jansan Falcusan made.

The three-year starter responded to the challenge with flying colors as she led the Rocks to a dramatic four-game triumph over the Wildcats: 24-26, 25-21, 27-25 and 25-12. The excruciatingly close outcome left the Rocks with a 9-6-3 match record; Plymouth slipped to 6-3-2.

Falcusan did everything except sing the National Anthem before the match and take down the net when it was over as she registered 31 set assists, 10 digs, seven blocks, five kills and three service aces.

"Jansan was absolutely phenomenal tonight," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "There's not much more that can be said about her. By far, she's one of the top setters in the state and one of the best to ever play for Salem. We have a very young team, but she stepped up and brought them together tonight with her leadership and athletic ability."

Both the Wildcats and Rocks were just 48 hours removed from grueling weekend tournaments in which they came up just short.

"Since both teams had disappointing ends to their Saturday tournaments, Amanda and I were concerned that it would carry into Monday night's match," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "I think I can speak for both of us when I say that each team came out to play competitive volleyball. Any time you face a cross-campus rival, you always would like to come away with a win, but, unfortunately, it was not us tonight."

Salem built an early 20-15 advantage in Game 1 before the Wildcats clawed back behind the back-court play of Briana Beyer and the front-row heroics of Rachel Heaton and Mandy

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Chiefs retain 1st with 1-1 draw

Plymouth's Rolfe scores 6 goals. Please see Page C2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's boys soccer team may not have locked up a WLAA Western Division title Monday night, but the Chiefs took a huge step toward tying one up.

Senior captain Pat Nolan's goal off a restart with 31:10 left gave the Chiefs a 1-1 tie with visiting Northville, which entered the match one game behind Canton in the Western standings.

The game-tying restart was created when Northville's Latif

Alashe tripped up Canton's Mark Edwards as he cut through the heart of the Northville mid-field.

Canton is now 8-0-3 overall and 5-0-1 in the division while the Mustangs are 4-1-1 in the Western. Northville's lone loss this season came Aug. 28 when the Chiefs handed it a 4-2 setback at home.

The least Nolan wanted when he lined up his free kick approximately 35 yards from the Northville goal was to create a scoring opportunity for his teammates.

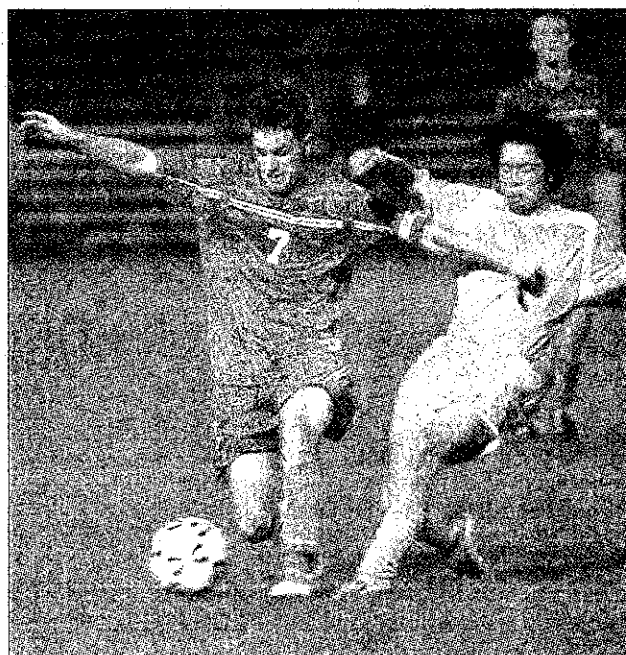
He got so much more when his laser of a shot soared over the outstretched hand of Northville

keeper Jarrod Daul and into the back of the net to erase a 1-0 deficit — amazingly, the only deficit the Chiefs have faced this season.

"I was trying to get it on net so that it would have a chance to either go in or come off for a rebound," said Nolan, explaining his pre-kick mind set. "I figured if I just served it in there, they were probably going to win it out, so I might as well go for the net."

"It would have been nice to win tonight, but a tie is OK as long as we play out well."

Nolan said the secret to his team's success can be traced back

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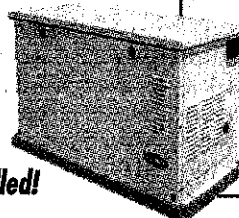
Canton's Mark Edwards (left) beats Northville's Masato Morioka to a ball during Monday's key WLAA Western Division showdown at Canton. The Chiefs and Mustangs battled to a 1-all draw.

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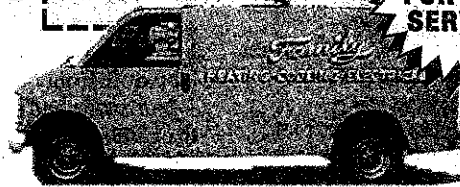
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Winless teams should follow Michigan's lead

It worked for Lloyd Carr, so why not for Ryan Irish, Parker Salowich and Bob Snell?

The Michigan coach was looking for his first football win of the season Saturday so he brings in his good



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luck charm, the Cinderella Man, none other than Aussie actor Russell Crowe. Crowe, who owns a rugby team Down Under, gave the Wolverines a pregame pep talk and bam!!

Down goes the Fighting Irish, 38-0.

So who can Ryan Irish, the Livonia Clarenceville coach, bring in to change the fortunes for the Trojans, who stand 0-4 overall and 0-4 in the Metro Conference?

If you're talking actors, why not Braveheart, none other than another Aussie, Mel Gibson.

But with Macomb Lutheran North (3-1, 3-0) coming to town on Friday, I have another suggestion.

Former Trojan great and Penn State linebacker Tim Shaw

GRID PICKS

might make a cameo appearance in lieu of the fact that he has yet to be activated as a member of the NFL Carolina Panthers' 53-man roster.

Things get a trickier for Salowich, who still searching for his first win in 13 games as varsity coach of the Salem Rocks (0-4, 0-2), who take on Walled Lake Central (1-3, 1-1) Friday at home.

Personally, I'd call "The Duece," Rich Hewlett, the former U-M quarterback and Rocks' standout to come out of retirement and take a sabbatical from his law career. Let him run the wishbone attack and perform some of that old "Salem Witchcraft" on those Central defenders.

As for Snell, his Thurston Eagles (0-4, 0-2) have a golden opportunity to snap out of their doldrums this week in a Mega-Conference Blue Division date Friday at home against Garden City (1-3, 1-2).

I've got the perfect pregame guest.

He did that 1968 movie, *Where Eagles Dare*, - none other than the former Mayor of

Carmel, Calif., Clint Eastwood.

The Enforcer can provide *Sudden Impact* and turn opponents *Every Which Way But Loose*.

So there you have it. Just a suggestion. Maybe something can be worked out.

As for your prep prognosticators, I'm in the lead with a 30-15 overall record despite going 6-4 last week.

Former leader Tim Smith, the Redford-Garden City Sports Editor, got criticized by the public at-large for his two Mega-Conference picks last week - Thurston over state-ranked Highland Park and Redford Union over unbeaten Dearborn Fordson - came back down to earth going 5-5 and now stands one game off the pace at 29-16 overall.

(But give Smith some credit; he was the only one to correctly pick Plymouth over Canton in that PCEP matchup.)

Ironically, Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright finally got it right, going 8-2 to close the gap to three games. He is 27-18 overall.

Here is a look at this week-end's action:

THURSDAY'S GAMES

W.L. NORTHERN (0-4, 0-2) AT LIV. STEVENSON (4-0, 2-0), 7 P.M.: The Spartans' offensive attack may be the best the Western Lakes has seen since the Drew Stanton-Marcus Woods-Agim Shabaj Harrison juggernaut of Farmington Hills Harrison in 2001. Stevenson is averaging 45 points per game, while Northern gave up 55 points in last weekend to rival Walled Lake Central.

PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson).

CANTON (2-2, 1-1) AT W.L. WESTERN (3-1, 2-0): Any hopes of Canton defending its WLAA-Western Division and WLAA crown rest on this matchup against the host Warriors, who sit in the catbird's seat with a victory. The big question is: Can Canton get over its 22-20 loss against Plymouth?

PICKS: Emons (Western); Smith (Canton); Wright (Canton).

W.L. CENTRAL (1-3, 1-1) AT SALEM (0-4, 0-2): The Rocks will be looking to snap a 19-game winning streak against a Central contingent that roughed up Walled Lake Northern, 55-7, last week. PICKS: Emons (Central); Smith (Central); Wright (Central).

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

LIV. CHURCHILL (4-0, 2-0) AT WESTLAND GLENN (2-2, 1-1): The Chargers, off to their best start since 1978, will get their biggest test of the season to date against the Rockets, who are coming off a humbling 45-15 setback to Stevenson. It will be test for Churchill's defense to contain Glenn's speedy tandem of Keshawn Martin

and C.J. Woodford.

PICKS: Emons (Churchill); Smith (Churchill); Wright (Churchill).

PLYMOUTH (3-1, 1-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (1-3, 1-1): The loser will more than likely be out of the WLAA-Western Division race. Injury-plagued Franklin got a last-second win over Wayne Memorial, while the Wildcats broke new ground with a win over rival Canton.

PICKS: Emons (Franklin); Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Franklin).

WAYNE (2-2, 1-1) AT NORTHVILLE (0-4, 0-2): It's been a roller coaster ride so far for the Zebras, who might be 4-0 right now had it not been for fourth-quarter collapses in losses to Jackson and Franklin. Northville has yet to prove it can escape the cellar of the WLAA's Western Division.

PICKS: Emons (Wayne); Smith (Wayne); Wright (Wayne).

GIB. CARLSON (1-2, 0-2) AT REDFORD UNION (1-3, 0-2): This is unfamiliar territory for Miles Tomasaitis and his RU Panthers, who are off to an 0-2 start in the Mega-White. Carlson is coming off a 29-21 setback to Taylor Kennedy, while RU was no match for unbeaten Dearborn Fordson, 36-8.

PICKS: Emons (RU); Smith (RU); Wright (Carlson).

GARDEN CITY (1-3, 1-2) AT RED. THURSTON (0-4, 0-2): In this Mega-Blue matchup, Garden City is licking its wounds following a 50-6 loss last week to state-ranked Highland Park. Thurston, meanwhile, has only scored a total of 25 points thus far and needs to get its offense untracked.

PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Smith (Garden City); Wright (Thurston).

LUTHERAN NORTH (3-1, 3-0) AT CLARENCEVILLE (0-4, 0-4): The Trojans lost to the best team in the Metro Conference last week (45-6 to Harper Woods) after suffering three close losses to start the season. North, one of the conference favorites, is coming off a 37-6 breather against winless Hamtramck.

PICKS: Emons (Lutheran North); Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Lutheran North).

HAMTRAMCK (0-4, 0-3) AT LUTH. WESTLAND (2-2, 1-1), 7:30 p.m.: It's homecoming under the portable lights in Warrior-land this week and it should be a festive affair against the Cosmos, who haven't won since Oct. 14 of 2005 against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

PICKS: Emons (Lutheran Westland); Smith (Lutheran Westland); Wright (Lutheran Westland).

RED. COVENANT (3-1, 2-0) AT D.H. HEIGHTS STAR INTERNATIONAL (0-4, 0-4): The winless Falcons have scored a total of six points all season and are coming off a 41-0 setback to Southfield Christian. Covenant, sitting atop the Southern Michigan Football Conference, won a wild one last week against Romulus Summit Academy, 46-39.

PICKS: Emons (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Wright (Covenant).

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SALEM

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McManus. Leading 25-24, Plymouth won the game on

After Salem bounced back to even the match with a four-point victory in Game 2, the Rocks captured a pivotal Game 3, 27-25.

"In my opinion, it all came down to the third game," said McCausland. "The girls on both sides of the net played aggressive offensively and defensively, but ultimately a few crucial calls late in the game and a game-point missed serve on our part gave Salem the edge going into the fourth game.

"Not to take anything away from Salem, but if we would have squeaked by with a win in that game, I believe the final outcome in the match would have been different. It mentally and emotionally drained our girls and I think that going into the fourth game we became timid offensively."

The Rocks' 13-point win in the clinching Game 4 seemed to prove McCausland's point.

"It was a very tight match tonight, especially the first three games when it could have went either way," said Suder. "I was proud of the way the girls stepped up, jelled as the match went along and improved every game."

Several Rocks excelled along with Falcusan, including Alyssa Matchette (14 digs), Jill Slabey (21 digs, 14 kills, six blocks), Kelly MacDonald (16 digs, six kills, three aces) and Kerry MacDonald (12 digs, five kills, two aces).

Plymouth was led by Kate Spangler (45 set assists), Beyer (28 digs), Heaton (15 kills, 12 digs), McManus (21 kills) and Lindsay Jewett (23 digs).

'Cats to quarters at UMD

On Saturday, Plymouth advanced to the quarterfinal round of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational before falling to Northville, 25-18, 25-15.

The Wildcats swept through pool play, spiking Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 25-15, 25-8; Allen Park Cabrini, 27-25, 25-21; and Howell, 25-21, 25-19.

"The girls played out of their minds

during pool play," said McCausland. "They were consistent, both offensively and defensively with some amazing comebacks against Cabrini and Howell. Unfortunately, when we played Northville in the quarters, the team completely lost their focus and intensity that they had all day."

Pacing the Plymouth attack were Heaton (36 kills, 26 digs), McManus (18 kills), Ashley Besczelko (15 kills), Beyer (53 digs), Lauren Scott (30 digs) and Spangler (78 assists).

Rocks to semis
Salem advanced all the way to the semifinal round of Saturday's Walled Lake Central Invitational before getting derailed by Novi, 25-22, 25-23.

"Overall, it was an up-and-down day," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "Our passing was inconsistent. We split against a lot of games in pool play and then things just got away from us against Novi."

The Rocks split all three of their two-game pool-play matches against Brighton, Farmington Hills Mercy and Livonia Franklin.

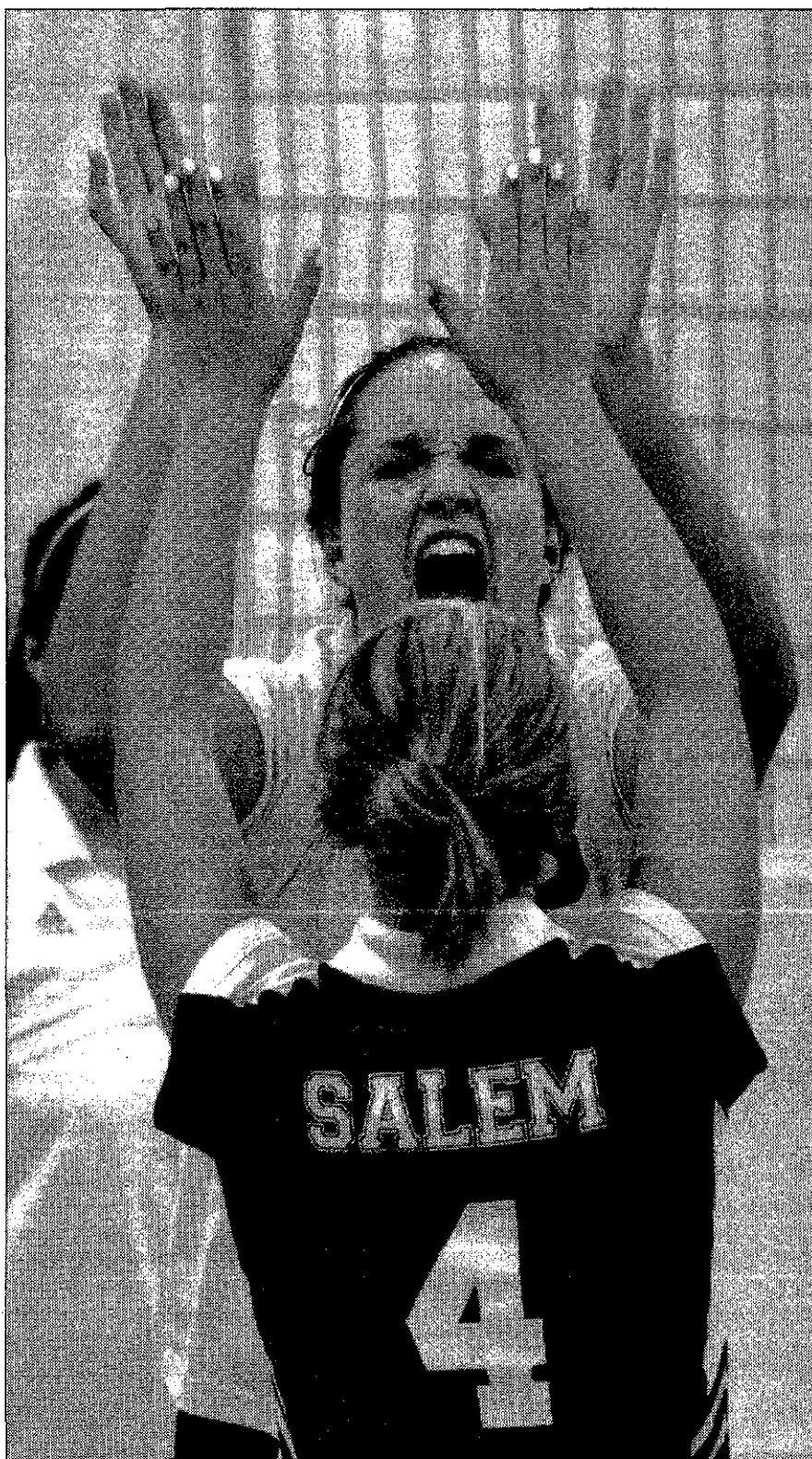
Falcusan registered 75 set assists, eight aces, 25 digs and six blocks. Also shining for the Rocks were Slabey (23 kills, 12 digs, eight aces), Kelley MacDonald (36 digs, 23 kills, three aces) and Nicole Merget (12 blocks, 18 kills).

Chiefs to quarters

Canton (11-4-1) advanced to the quarterfinal round of the Walled Lake Central Invitational Saturday before falling to Lakeland, 25-15, 25-17. The Chiefs qualified for the playoffs by defeating the host Vikings, 25-10, 25-16; and Farmington, 25-13, 25-17, in pool play.

"We used a different line-up most of the day because we were missing three players for ACT testing, but we did well in the new rotation," said Canton coach Jen Barnes.

Excelling for the Chiefs were Kacy Moran (32 digs, 72 assists, 18 kills, nine aces), Ellie Kenny (26 kills), Jordan Kietly (22 digs, 25 kills and eight aces). Moran and Kietly were voted onto the All-Tournament team, which was voted upon by all of the tournament's coaches.



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Salem's Jill Slabey and Alyssa Matchette (No. 4) celebrate a pivotal point during the Rocks four-game victory over Plymouth Monday night.

Chiefs earn Dexter title

Canton's boys tennis team dominated Saturday's Dexter Invitational as the champion Chiefs earned eight first-place finishes and one second.

Turning in gold-medal efforts were singles players David Kang (No. 1), Mike Darouie (No. 2), Justin Liedel (No. 3) and Ryan Hanz (No. 4).

The doubles combinations of Ryan Hollingsworth and Riley Hoernschemeyer; David Ding and Ryan Evans; and

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Cory Hurst and Adam Payne all won their flights while the No. 2 doubles duo of Jeremy Lindlbauer and Santosh Shanmuga placed second.

"The guys are really coming together as a team," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "They're playing very focused."

Rocks second

Salem's boys tennis team placed second in Saturday's Saline Classic Tennis Invitational, which was won by the host Hornets (18 points). The runner-up Rocks racked up 16 points, five more than third-place Ann Arbor Greenhills and 13 more than fourth-place Chelsea.

The following Rocks went unbeaten at the invite: Lawrence Washington (No. 1 singles), Dave Benson (No. 4 singles) and Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (No. 1 doubles).

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MONDAY AT W.L. CENTRAL

No. 1 singles: Dan Jeong (P) defeated David Criss, 6-4, 6-0;

No. 2: Pat Onoro (P) def. Nick Majie, 7-5, 6-4;

No. 3: Steve Ostrowski (P) def. Alex Gaucher, 7-5, 6-4;

No. 4: Andy Mitchell (WLN) def. Matt Roncoff, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Bobby Bell-Steven Olson def. Anoop Gopal-Matt Dwan, 6-3, 6-3;

No. 2: Pat Bailey-Max Korpalski def. Mitch Kelley-Matt Ranck, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3;

No. 3: John Andrew-Cole Davis def. Max Ryan-Ryan Kolesar, 6-7, 6-3, 6-1;

No. 4: Wen Ning-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Nate Pavison-Niraj Wagn, 6-4, 6-2.

PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 3-2.

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MONDAY AT JOHN GLENN

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Tim Smolen, 6-0, 6-0;

No. 2: Brett Foster (S) def. Rob Fraiser, 6-0, 6-0;

No. 3: Dion Walker (S) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-0, 6-3;

No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Gordie German, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (S) def. Zach Emtat-Jack Frowner, 6-0, 6-0;

No. 2: Tyler Jeleniewski-Ryan Aubert def. Jeremy Proffitt-Shahid Hussain, 6-0, 6-1;

No. 3: Alex Porambo-Parth Patel (S) def. Khano Stargell-Nick Hubbard, 6-1, 6-1;

No. 4: Bohdan Pelek-Amy Reyes (S) def. Matt Starkey-Zach Edwards, 6-1, 6-1.

SALEM'S RECORD: 4-1.

CANTON 8

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MONDAY AT CANTON

No. 1 singles: David Kang (C) defeated Steve Trapp, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2;

No. 2: Mike Darouie (C) def. Walter Woods, 6-3, 6-2;

No. 3: Justin Liedel (C) def. Tony Semonick, 6-3, 6-1;

No. 4: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Dan Cauiliuari, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Ryan Hollingsworth-Riley Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Chad Dorton-Garrett Gumm, 6-0, 6-1;

No. 2: Jeremy Lindlbauer-Santosh Shanmuga (C) def. Ryan Henderson-Nate Warrick, 6-2, 6-1;

No. 3: David Ding-Ryan Evans (C) def. Nate Spease-Nick Wegela, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5;

No. 4: Cory Hurst-Adam Payne (C) def. Steve Milne-Walter Alfonso, 3-6, 6-1.

CANTON'S RECORD: 3-1.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Canton 9 invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Salem, Canton at Jackson Invite, TBA

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Salem, Canton at Jackson Invite, TBA

GIRLS GOLF

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

Livonia Churchill at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Northern, 3 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

FRIDAY SEPT. 21

Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPT. 22

Canton at Novi Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Plymouth at Salem H.S. pool, 7 p.m.

CHIEFS

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to how well the players mesh — both on and off the field. "We have ridiculously good team chemistry," he said. "We've all bonded very well. We joke around a lot and everybody gets along."

The Chiefs found themselves in a hole for the first time this season when Alashe scored off a pass from Doug Beason with just over three minutes left in the first half.

"It was the first time we've faced adversity this season — it was the first time we've been down a goal — and the boys fought back hard and stayed positive," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "It was the high-intensity pressure that earned us our goal. We had a 10-minute spurt in the second half when we had eight or nine set pieces and every one of them was dangerous."

"At halftime, we talked about challenging their goal. When we did challenge him, he came up with four or five incredible saves. We had a lot of senior leadership out there to calm the boys down. Our adjustments at halftime proved to be effective."

Canton's final third excelled throughout the night. Senior keeper Matt Revers came up with one solid save after another, the most notable a deflection of a Mustang shot from the doorstep with 2:26 to go. Middle defender Joel Langdon also continued his stellar play in front of Revers.

Northville had one final golden opportunity to win the game in the closing seconds, however, Jeff Cheslik's kick off a restart with eight ticks left sailed wide right.

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Rolfe nets 6 in Wildcats' rout

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Colin Rolfe had a pretty nice week Monday night.

The Wildcats' returning first team All-State forward set a school record with six goals in his team's 8-2 rout of Livonia Franklin in a match played on the Patriots' turf.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 3-6-3 overall and 2-2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's

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Western Division. The Patriots slipped to 2-7 and 1-5, respectively.

"He just cut 'em up," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, referring to the way Rolfe sliced through the Franklin defense. "Colin was on his game tonight and his teammates did a good job of getting him the ball."

Tyler Floyd was the most proficient distributor for the winners, dishing out four assists.

The Wildcats jumped to a commanding 5-2 halftime lead thanks largely to four goals from Rolfe.

Daniel Jasewicz and Thomas Madigan tallied the Wildcats' other two goals.

Defensively, Evan Yoder and Austin

Kaczanowski made life tough for Franklin, Neschich said. The Wildcats received solid goal-keeping from sophomore Josh Hill, who yielded two first-half goals and freshman Kyle Brindza, who shut out the Patriots in the second half.

CHURCHILL 2, SALEM 1: What a difference five days makes.

After falling flat and playing listlessly last Thursday in a 3-0 loss to Salem, host Livonia Churchill (6-5, 3-3) rebounded Monday night at home to edge the Rocks (3-3-8, 3-2).

All the scoring occurred in the first half as Josh Pascarella, who had all three goals in last Thursday's match, put Salem on top again 1-0.

Churchill, however, answered on Matt Regan's two goals — the first assisted by Vinny Carozza and the second off a rebound headed into the goal area by Etienne Lussiez.

"It was a good statement game for us," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "The kids responded so well. It was not about them (Salem), it was more about the way we played. It was about character and putting pride back into the program."

"We had two starters out sick, but we had kids come off the bench and play well. Pat Beier, a senior, came in the second half and that's the best game he's ever had at Churchill."

Canton harriers claim Ludington Invite crown Wildcats add more hardware to their collection of trophies

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How was your weekend? Probably not as good as the one the Canton boys cross country team experienced at the Ludington Invitational.

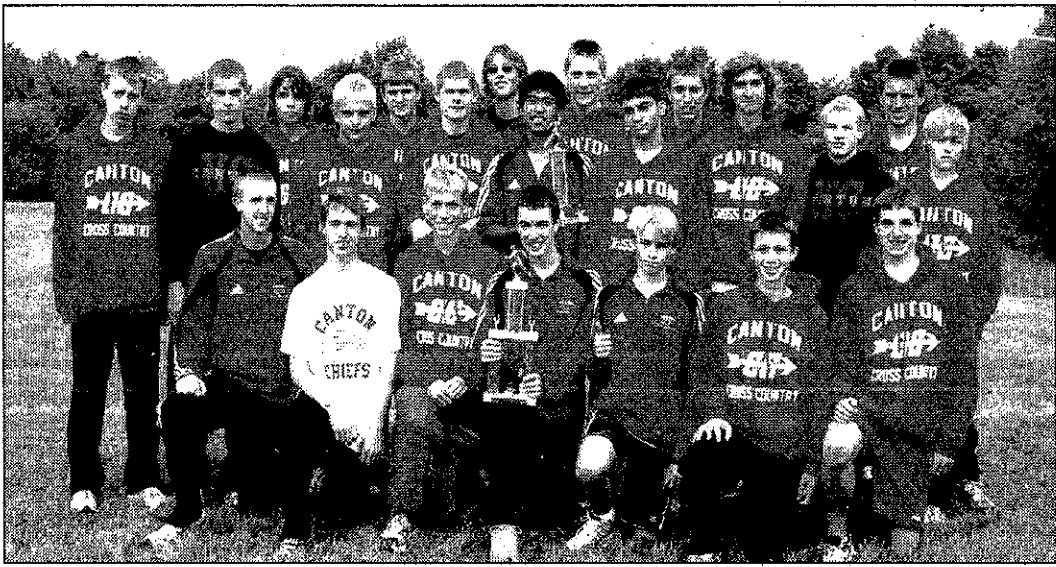
The Chiefs not only won the talent-rich varsity meet for the first time in almost a decade, but they also grabbed first in the junior-varsity competition. Icing on the cake came when the younger brother of a Chief runner won the gold medal in the middle-school race.

"Saturday was as good of a day as we could have had," said Canton coach Bill Boyd, whose varsity contingent outran 21 other Division 1 and 2 teams by accumulating 52 points, 25 less than runner-up Petoskey. "It was especially nice to win up there because it's the toughest course we'll run on all year. Plus, to beat a team as good as Petoskey is exciting."

Petoskey twins Blaise and Derek Henning finished 1-2 with times of 16:40 and 16:51, respectively. Isaiah Stone of Orchard View placed third with a clocking of 17:10.

Canton's top finisher was junior Duncan Spitz, who turned in time of 17:26 on the hilly course. Also earning medals for the Chiefs were Kyle Clinton (eighth in 17:29), Derek Hoerman (13th in 17:42) and Zach Spreitzer (16th in 17:45). Josh Osinski (36th in 18:30), Jon Peck (39th in 18:35) and Greg Reed (44th in 18:47) also turned in fine showings for the champion Chiefs.

"We've been going up to Ludington since I took over nine years ago and had never finished



The Canton cross country team took first-place honors at Saturday's Ludington invitational. Pictured are (front row from left) Derek Hoerman, Jon Peck, Zach Spreitzer, Duncan Spitz, Kyle Clinton, Josh Osinski, Greg Reed, (back row from left) Anton Schauerte, Alex Watts, Dan Kieliszewski, David Austin, Sam Galizia, Steve Watts, Aaron McClellan, David Catalan, Matt Western, Matt Cipolla, Paul Rakovitis, Jay Jasinski, Mike Eimers, Martin Sisolak and Keegan Sullivan.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

first before," said Boyd, putting the title in perspective. Mitchell Clinton, the eighth-grade brother of Kyle, captured the middle-school title.

Salem rocks

Salem, which is ranked No. 12 in Division 1, took first in the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational on Saturday at Willow Metro Park. The Rocks finished with 42 points, two fewer than the runner-up River Rats and 60 fewer than third-place Livonia Stevenson. "It's not a huge invitational, but the whole team ran well and we beat a good Huron team and

a Stevenson team that looked strong," said Salem coach Geoff Baker.

Kevin deBear and Rob Curtis paced the Rocks by finishing third and fourth, respectively, in 16:15 and 16:34. Also excelling for the winners were Craig Cowing (eighth in 17:06), Eric Volstromer (12th in 17:13), Jason Smith (15th in 17:17), Alex Volstromer (16th in 17:20) and Justin Kane, who placed 18th in 17:36. Monroe's Justin Heck was the overall winner in 15:34.

Plymouth 10th

The Wildcats turned in a top-10 performance at Saturday's Holly Invitational, which was won by Ann Arbor Pioneer (45 points). Lake Orion was second with 75

points. "The boys ran OK and a lot better than they did at Thursday's City Meet," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "We're showing improvement, but it seems like all the other teams are as well."

Derek Lax was the pace-setter for the Wildcats, placing 26th in 16:50. Other varsity scorers for Plymouth included Justin Huey (41st in 17:15), Alex Noble (66th in 17:45), Matt Neumann (69th in 17:55) and Steve Schultz (91st in 18:19).

Warren Buzzard (106th in 18:37) and Jimmy Eiden (107th in 18:38) turned in good efforts for Plymouth.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Rocks excel

Salem placed sixth in Saturday's Holly Invitational held at Springfield Oaks County Park. The Rocks finished with 170 points, 85 behind champion Clarkston. Grand Blanc (99), Lake Orion (133), Waterford Mott (158) and Lakeland (164) were the only teams that finished ahead of Salem.

"It was nice to see the kids rebound after our outing on Thursday with a great day competitively," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "We definitely took a step forward and ran with a little more passion and determination today. We were six points out of the awards and had six out of our seven varsity athletes run a personal-best time. We are keying on the meets at the end and trying to improve each week, and we did that today."

Pacing the Rocks' fine showing was junior Kelley Determan, who placed 16th in 20:18.

Also medaling for Salem were Jordyn Moore (20th in 20:26), Kara Booms (38th in 21:13) and Shannon Griffiths (40th in 21:15). Also shining for the Rocks were Sabrina Burcroff (56th in 21:46), Lauren Olson (68th in 22:05) and Linda Ling (80th in 22:15).

Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity thumps Ypsilanti Braves

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team defeated the Ypsilanti Braves, 21-14, on Sunday at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Jason Jackary provided strong blocking from his tackle position while Ryan Jankowski (interception) was strong on both sides of the line for the winners. On defense, Michael Kennedy played well at cornerback and Jonathan Malone did a nice job breaking up the Braves' passing attack.

The Steelers' junior-varsity squad dropped a hard-fought 19-6 decision to Ypsi. Quarterback Brent Pilligian made several strong plays while Gabe Vaughn excelled in the blocking department,

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paving the way for Trenton Shelby's 32-yard TD run. Mitchell Lewiston hit hard on defense and twins Jalen and Kadeen Hemphill covered well from their defensive-backfield positions.

The Steelers' freshmen unit suffered a tough 18-14 setback to the Braves despite the strong play of halfback Cameron Stella and offensive lineman Mitchell Gross. Defensively, Nick Boka and Jacob Mallad turned in solid efforts.

The Steelers' junior freshman contingent shined against the Braves. Dante Collins found the end zone three times while Ethan Pierce included a 40-yard

TD run. Luke Walkley and Ryan Young excelled from their defensive end positions.

Lions sweep Hawks

The Canton Lions varsity clipped the Lake Area Hawks, 31-14, on Sunday to improve its record to 2-0. The Lions received strong blocking from Ian Green and Josh Peterson, allowing the team move the ball on the ground and through the air. Kyle Dexter connected with Paul Baumgart for the first TD. Kevin Buford, Clay Behrman and Marcus Houston also scored for the Lions. Defensively, the Lions were led by D.J. McMillan, Blake Owens, Corey

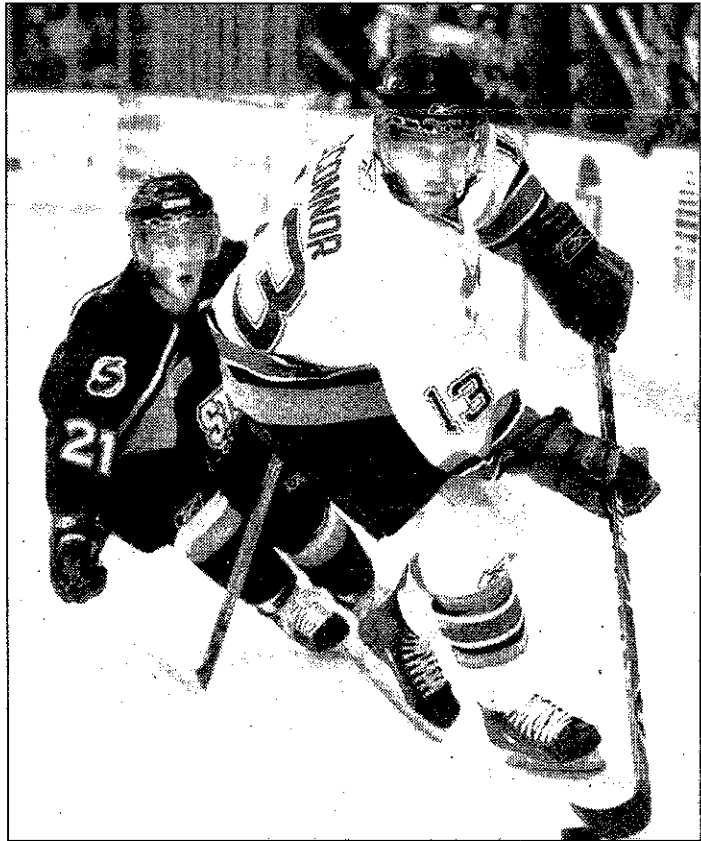
Watkins and Eric Jipping.

The Lions' junior-varsity squad knocked off the Hawks, 37-19. All 37 points came in the first half as Malcolm Hollingsworth (three TDs) and Jamari Eiland scored. Quarterback Brandon Lee connected with tight end Lucas Bunting for a score. Bunting also nailed three of four extra points. Defensively, key tackles were made by Luke Denzer, Jordan Ciciotti, Collin Hall, Nathan Emminger, Kenneth Arnold (forced a fumble) and Darwin Slominski, who recovered a fumble.

The Lions freshmen unit improved to 2-0 with an impressive 22-7 victory over the Hawks. The offense was paced by the

strong running of Daniel Kilgore, Luke Edwards, Allante Wheeler and Cordell Gibson. The Lions' defense was able to keep the Hawks under control thanks to strong play from Shane Raymond, Shaw Lyall and Jake Stropes.

The Lions' junior freshmen turned in a hard-hitting performance against the Hawks. The offense was sparked by solid blocking from Mason Kopchia, Jake Miller, Guido Constantino and Carter Kahl. Strong defensive play was registered by Kyle Amick, Spencer Brown, Mitchell McKenzie and Sean Lee. Hard-hitting, two-way player Brian Victor was sorely missed as he's out for the year with an arm injury.



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The Plymouth Whalers will be counting on forward Sean O'Connor's offensive talents this season when they defend their Ontario Hockey League title.

WHALERS

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Michal Neuvirth and Jeremy Smith were still battling for spots on the Washington and Nashville rosters. If they're not back by Saturday, Kyle Jendra will get the starting call in net.

"From what I hear, Michal and Jeremy are doing well in their camps," said Vellucci, who added that he expects Smith to be back for at least one more season with the Whalers.

Neuvirth's return is a little less clear, considering he's more seasoned than the younger Smith.

Vellucci said it was too early to put a finger on what his team's strengths will be this season.

"It's tough to say right now," he said. "We should be pretty good defensively once we get everybody back. A lot will depend on who can put the

puck in the net for us. We have some young guys who have a lot of potential."

Among the high-impact newcomers Vellucci has high expectations for are center Taylor Carnevale and defenseman Josh Bemis.

Vellucci gave a nod to Sault Saint Marie and Sarnia as two of the teams to beat in the OHL this season.

"The Soo has a lot of players coming back and Sarnia has the No. 1 prospect back — Steven Stamkos," said Vellucci.

The Whalers' coaching staff has undergone some reconstruction during the off-season as Joe Stefan has replaced Todd Watson as Vellucci's top assistant.

"The transition has gone very well," said Vellucci. "Joe is very familiar with how we operate and I've known him for a long time. He's going to be a great addition to our staff."

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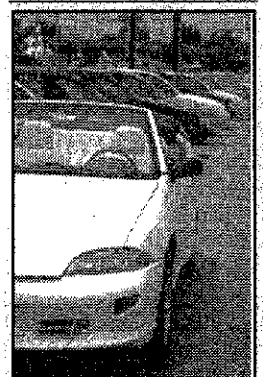
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Transitions from one season to another are always good times to try out the capabilities of pickup trucks. And I'm happy to report - after testing three heavy-duty pickups over the last few weeks, in tasks ranging from hauling trash to taking the kids back to college - that the Nissan Titan, GMC Sierra 1500 and Chevrolet Silverado 1500 each is more than up to the challenge.

As a segment, pickup trucks are really interesting these days. The Big Three rely on them heavily for the profits that have been missing lately as high gasoline prices have forced consumers to consider less capacious - and more fuel-friendly - rides. Yet at the same time, competing Japanese makes have been flooding into the category, typified by the entry of Titan into the full-size market a couple of years ago and followed up by this year's launch of the much-ballyhooed Toyota Tundra.

For consumers, that's all great news: more worthy pickups than ever to choose from, with historically tough price competition.

It's difficult to pick one of these three as the standout. Titan, Sierra 1500 and Silverado 1500 each are helping set the standard for the modern pickup: a highly capable, durable and big vehicle that at the same time offers interior amenities that formerly were the province only of the car, along with ride and handling that are much improved over earlier generations. And, of course, rotten fuel economy - that much hasn't changed enough.

I will say that driving the Titan provided me with the most interesting interactive experience, anyway - with a human. I had just loaded some bushes into the bed of the truck at a nursery and was wheeling the cart back to the yard when a 70-ish woman who was parked next to me approached me and said, "Don't tell me you bought a Nissan!" She was driving about a ten-year-old large, domestic-make sedan.

Talk about the attitude of a dinosaur! Not to mention the rudeness of her remark. If I were Jerry Seinfeld, I could have come back with the zinger for



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all time. On my feet, the cleverest thoughts I could muster were to ask her if she realized that Titan is built in America, only by workers who don't happen to be unionized. But fortunately, I had a polite out: I really hadn't bought the Titan, of course, only "borrowed" it for this review. So that's what I told her with a smile and walked away.

But if that exchange at least hints at the importance of the pickup-truck market to Detroit, it was instructive. And Nissan has given plenty of reason for concern with Titan. Whether I was slinging garbage or hauling greenery, Titan allowed me to do so with power and style. Its 5.6-liter V8 engine provided 317 horsepower and 385 pound-feet of torque, more than enough for the relatively light jobs I was performing - and certainly adequate even for much more demanding tasks. At 12 mpg in the city and 17 mpg in the country, fuel economy for the 2008 Titan 4x4 Pro-4X model I drove also wasn't dreadful.

For my biggest tonnage - hauling my kids' stuff back to college - I relied on the 2007 Sierra 1500 4WD Crew Cab SLE1. Because I had to strap a whole

lot of furniture and other dormitory stuff into that bed, I needed the cargo area to be versatile. And it was: The railings surrounding the bed were ideally designed for using ropes, bungee cords and winches to secure things (although I'm still waiting for someone to invent a reasonably sized pickup where the wheel wells someone don't intrude on the bed space!).

Over the three-hour ride, despite the hulking load I had in the back of the Sierra, I never experienced anything that would shake my total confidence in the size and scale of the vehicle to get me and the stuff safely where we needed to go. The four-wheel-drive, heavy-duty drive train and suspension were more than up to the task, as was the Vortec, 4.8-liter V8 engine. With that heavy a load we probably didn't get the listed 15mpg in the city or 19mpg on the highway.

Driving the 2007 Silverado 1500 4WD Extended Cab LTZ, however, I also discovered the benefit of having more interior room and a bigger bed in a larger overall truck. The extra foot and a half of bed, compared with the Sierra I drove, makes a huge difference in hauling capacity and convenience.

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If you don't know what to put in your child's lunch box, look to the wide variety of lunch boxes out there for inspiration.

Insulated bags and boxes often come with separate compartments to keep food at different temperatures, and everything in its place. And there's plenty of room for individual tiny containers, so kids can have fun "making" their own food.

"I've had four kids, and if the lunches are fun, parents aren't going to get resistance," says Kit Bennett, founder of the family advice site AmazingMoms.com. "It's worth a little bit of extra effort the night before if you know you are providing healthy food."

For example, in an insulated, multi-compartment lunch box, pack a "make your own taco" kit, complete with lettuce, shredded cheese, meat and salsa your child can use to assemble a have-it-your-way healthy Mexican meal. Or instead of assembling a sandwich yourself, pack the ingredients separately and let your child put it all together at lunch (or eat it in deconstructed fashion).

Of course, you'll need to make sure you're packing foods your child likes in the first place.

"Get kids involved so they are more likely to eat it," suggests Deanna Cook, director of creative development for FamilyFun magazine. "I often talk with my kids about how lunch went that day. I ask them if there was something someone else had that looked good."

Several times a year Cook even joins her daughters, ages 6 and 10, for lunch at school to see what their peers are eating.

Many parents are inclined to

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EASY LUNCH IDEAS

By The Associated Press

Some simple suggestions for packing lunches your child won't want to trade.

■ Take your child grocery shopping. Even preschoolers can give you some idea of what they do and don't like.

■ Keep a master list of your child's favorites, categorized by main courses and sides, and include them in your weekly menu planning.

■ Don't forget that peer pressure occurs in the cafeteria, too. Keeping your children involved in the selection and packing of their lunches will help them be more comfortable eating it, especially if it's different from what their friends are eating.

■ If you have a garden, encourage your child to incorporate some of the harvest into lunch. That's worked for Deanna Cook, director of creative development for FamilyFun magazine, whose daughters choose their own lunch box sides from the family garden. A grocer's produce section can stand in if you lack a yard or green thumb.

■ Don't hesitate to resort to humor. Cut a comic strip out of the morning newspaper and slip it into your child's lunch. Or write a knock-knock joke on the outside of her lunch bag. Write the punch line on the dessert bag.

■ Freeze juice boxes and water bottles. It keeps the drink cold (but will thaw by lunch) and doubles as a chill pack.

Accents

SCHOOLCRAFT CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

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.

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 round trip 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.

SOUTHERN MENUS, COOKBOOKS SOUGHT

The Southern Food and Beverage Museum, a nonprofit institution dedicated to the discovery, understanding and celebration of the culture of food and drink in the South, is soliciting donations of restaurant menus and cookbooks to add to its collection.

"Our goal is to serve as a regional resource focusing on the history of Southern food and beverage," says Elizabeth Williams, executive director of the museum. "We have a unique culinary history and experience and we want to document what we have for future generations."

Menus will be catalogued and archived at the University of New Orleans and will be made available to researchers and historians. Donated cookbooks will become part of the museum's library and also will be made available to visiting scholars and historians.

"We are looking for all kinds of menus and cookbooks," says Williams. "Menus can be from fine food establishments to diners and barbecue joints, and they can be old or new. Any menu from a restaurant in the South will do. We are also looking for menus that purport to be southern — located anywhere else. It would be wonderful to find a Cajun restaurant in Tokyo. Cookbooks can be hard-bound books or small spiral-bound publications to benefit churches or schools. Our goal is to document it all."

Donations should be sent to: The Southern Food and Beverage Museum, 1435 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130.

Visit www.southernfood.org.

Internet phone services offer excellent value to mixed reviews

It's been nearly two months since Internet phone company SunRocket went belly-up, leaving me and hundreds of thousands of others without service.

After testing five potential replacements

— Packet8, ViaTalk, Verizon VoiceWing, VoicePulse, and Vonage (what is it with these services and the letter V?) — I've finally settled on one.

Obviously I'm concerned that my new provider will pull a SunRocket and skip town with my money, but I'm willing to risk it given the potential savings.

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

For about \$200 per year, I

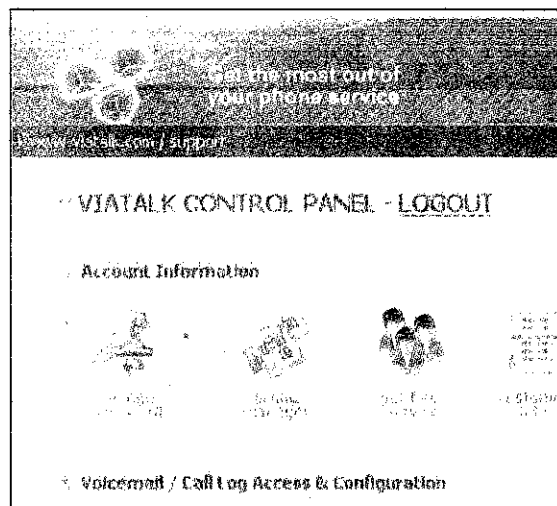
get unlimited local and long-distance calling, cheap international rates, and just about every bell and whistle you can imagine. The same is true of all five services, though a couple of them cost a bit more.

VoicePulse and Verizon VoiceWing, for example, each charge \$25 per month. Same goes for Packet8 and Vonage, but those two offer price breaks if you pay for a year in advance: \$200 and \$240, respectively.

ViaTalk also charges \$200 per year, or you can pay the monthly rate of \$23.

If you make a lot of international calls, you'll love Packet8 and Vonage: Both offer free, unlimited calls to select countries (includ-

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Indoor Plants

English Gardens will host Caring for Indoor Plants at 7 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 26. The public is welcome to attend the free, in-store seminar at all English Garden 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.

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 at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road. Open to gardeners of all levels; includes two keynote speakers, three classes, a garden market and plant sale. Cost, \$40, includes box lunch. Call (734) 786-6860 or visit www.mgawc.org for 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, 6214 W. Monroe, in Tipton. Pre-register at (517) 431-2060.

Tree and Shrub Bowl

Join Goldner Walsh Nursery for the fun-filled Autumn All-Star Tree and Shrub Bowl, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 at 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Nursery Manager Joel Miller (a.k.a.

Quarterback) and Senior Landscape Designer Jim Stiezinski (a.k.a. Wide Receiver) will present their favorite All-Star Plants. The event includes refreshments, a drawing for a Hydrangea Collection, and sale prices. Cost, \$10, is redeemable in Goldner Walsh purchases that day. Call (248) 332-6430 or visit www.goldnerwalsh.com.

Love Your Lawn

The Southfield Public Library and 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.

Meadow Brook Garden Club

The public is welcome to the Meadow Brook Hall garden club meeting 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28 in the Coach House behind Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University. Master Gardener Mike Saint will discuss "Beautiful Bulbs," concentrating on bulbs that tolerate mid-western climate. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. Non-member donation \$5. Call (248) 608-0485.

Fall Fairy Houses

Join Hidden Lake Gardens' staff building a fairy house in the woods 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. The afternoon will be filled with discovery and imagination, collecting objects in the woods to create enchanted houses. Program designed for children 5 and up with adult. Dress for building in the woods. Pre-registration required. Cost \$12. Hidden Lake Gardens is located at 6214 W. Monroe, in Tipton. Pre-register at (517) 431-2060.

HOME CALENDAR

Decor Seminar

Local author and realtor Kathi Jones-Cutler will host a Cashing in on Design seminar 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Century 21 Town & Country, 294 E. Brown St. in Birmingham. Jones-Cutler will offer tips on real estate and decorating. The seminar is free with purchase of her book, "Cashing in on Design" (\$19.95), which will be used as a guide. For information, call (313) 218-3956 or visit www.cashinginnondesign.com.

Update on Design

Steve Piersall, CEO of Huntington House, and Michael Kirby, director of merchandising for Huntington House, will visit Art Van Furniture locations to give an overview of how to update a single room or entire house. The seminars will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the Novi store, and Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the Shelby Township store. Refreshments will be served at this complimentary event, and the Art Van's Kids Castle at each location will be open, offering a free supervised play area for children.

Reservations are requested. Call (888) 619-2199.

Water Conservation

Find out "How Your Selections Impact the Environment" as the Michigan Design Center hosts a Water Conservation program 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86. The course will cover LEED standards and how to specify water-saving plumbing solutions. Wine and hors d'oeuvres immediately following. Call (248) 643-3393 by Friday, Oct. 12.

Decorative Art of Mosaics

The Michigan Design Center will host Meredith Dwyer-Lewis, account executive for New Ravenna, as she presents current and future trends in mosaic tile and stone 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. In addition, she will be discussing the latest designs from Sara Baldwin for New Ravenna. Continental breakfast will be provided prior to the presentation in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86. Call (248) 649-4422 by Friday, Oct. 12.

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.

Back to School the Organic Way

Sample products, learn how to pack a nutritious lunch, get tips on an all-around healthy education, noon-3 p.m., Sept. 23, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills (248) 652-2100.

2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the summer and fall, including 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 14 Mile, two blocks east of Coolidge), Royal Oak, (248) 549-5242, www.twounique.com.

Cap off gas lines to avoid tragedy

A recent explosion of a home in the area caused life-threatening burns to three people living in the dwelling at the time. Fortunately they did not lose their lives but will carry the scars for many years ahead.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

Homeowners need to be aware at all times if they smell gas. The utility provider mixes into the supply lines a product that I think they get from skunks — or at least smells just as bad. You know when a gas line is leaking and should immediately call the

gas company. If you enter into a dwelling and the gas smell is prevalent, don't even turn on a light switch. The simple arc inside of a light bulb is enough to cause ignition and explosion.

The homeowner caused the explosion I've mentioned, but there is more serious blame to spread around.

Let's first go to the homeowner who had some plumbing work done upstairs and went downstairs to turn the water back on. She saw a valve and turned it, saw another valve and also turned it without knowing that yes, she had turned the water back on but had also turned the valve on a gas line which was not in use today but had been connected to a gas clothes dryer in years past. What she didn't know was how to identify a gas line and most importantly, that the gas line had never been capped off. In other words, raw natural gas was not just leaking from

the uncapped gas line, it was pouring out.

Some people might say that she should have known better but I don't think this homeowner is any different than most women in America. How many ladies install gas lines? They have better things to do with their time.

The real fault of this homeowner is that she smelled gas all day and omitted calling the utility company. That quick phone call could have prevented this tragedy.

The bigger blame in this event goes to the dummy that removed the gas dryer some time back.

All they had to do was cap off the gas line. Just a simple screwing of a cap that goes on the gas line.

This is the person that is truly responsible for the home exploding and all the hurt that has been suffered.

In the last few days I have

contacted appliance repair companies and asked what their policy is on gas lines and each one told me they would cap it off. A repair company has an obligation to a consumer to ensure that when they leave a home, it's a safe place to live in. As a reader of this column, you also have an obligation. Find out what and where the gas lines are in your house, how to shut them off and make sure they are capped off.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays and on WDTW-AM 1310 at 6 a.m. Sundays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

Time to get home and garden ready for fall

Well it's that time again. Summer is quickly dwindling away and my favorite time of year, fall, is just about here. Of course with autumn arriving, winter is not too far behind. With



Ask Dad
Harry Jachym

n Clean your gutters, and keep them clean throughout the fall. Leaves and other debris can easily clog them. This can cause many problems including wood rot, damp basements and other foundation problems. Clogged gutters can also contribute to ice dams during the winter. While cleaning the gutters check to be certain that all of

the gutter support brackets are secure. It is also a good idea to look for potential roof problems.

■ Remove window air-conditioners or put an insulating cover on them.

■ Check the weather seals on all windows and doors. Replace as necessary. If at all possible take a piece of the old weather stripping to the hardware or home improvement store with you. This will aid in getting the proper replacement match. If you have a steel door with magnetic weather stripping that is not sealing properly, warm the weather stripping with a hair dryer and gently pull it toward the magnet side. This trick will usually help improve the seal.

■ Clean and lubricate hinges, rollers and tracks on your garage door. If it appears that there are signs of wear, deterioration or adjustment problems on the door, have these serviced by a qualified person. Garage doors are heavy and under great tension. These can

be very dangerous.

■ In the attic, look for insulation covering vents particularly those in soffits and overhangs. Also look for debris in ridge and other vents. Improper attic ventilation can lead to ice dams and mold problems.

■ Fall is a good time to paint the interior of the home. It is cool enough to be comfortable but still warm enough outside to leave the windows open for ventilation of the paint fumes. This is also true for the use of household cleaning products such as rug shampoos, oven cleaners and degreasers.

■ Have your heating system checked, cleaned and serviced, if necessary, by a qualified and reputable HVAC (Heating Ventilating Air-Conditioning) specialist. This cleaning and servicing now can save you money later.

■ Clean and remove dust from the covers of your thermostats, smoke alarms and

carbon monoxide alarms. Remember to change the batteries in the alarms twice a year.

■ If your home has an emergency generator test it and have it serviced by a qualified person if necessary.

■ Grass roots begin to grow deeper in preparation for winter. Fall is actually one of the best times to fertilize.

■ Snow and ice can easily break tree limbs. Have any tree branches that are dangerously close to your house or power lines trimmed.

If you have any questions or some more fall preparations you would like to share, feel free to contact me.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805

BROIDA

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ing England and France). But international rates vary widely from one company to another, so be sure to do a little research. Packet8, for example, has the lowest rates for calls to India (10 cents per minute), while VoicePulse has the highest (30 cents).

All five services provide a wealth of calling features, such as caller ID, call forwarding, call waiting, voice mail and the all-important service-outage forwarding (which automatically directs calls to another number — like your cell phone — if the power goes out or there's a service interruption).

ViaTalk offers a couple features I really like, including call recording and call broadcasting, which automatically dials up to 20 people and plays a pre-recorded custom mes-

sage when they answer.

ViaTalk's package also includes a kind of poor-man's second line: If you plug another phone into the adapter that connects to your router, you can make or receive calls even if someone else is using the main line. You still have just one phone number, but two available lines.

Based on extras like these, I chose ViaTalk to replace SunRocket. Time will tell if that was the right move, because I sure got off to a shaky start.

It took over a week for ViaTalk to process my order, and over a month to get my old phone number ported over. In the interim, I tried calling technical support several times, always with the same disastrous results.

The first time, I waited for three hours before getting disconnected. On subsequent occasions, I waited over an

hour and then gave up. And while waiting, I frequently got bumped back in the queue: One minute I was caller 21, the next I was caller 23. Talk about aggravating!

I also submitted several "support tickets" via the ViaTalk Web site, and to this day not one of them has been answered. I've literally been waiting weeks on a couple of them.

You might think I'm kicking myself, but not just yet. I've spoken to company reps who assure me they're hiring more staff to accommodate the huge influx of SunRocket customers, who are the main cause of the overloaded, unresponsive support department.

What's more, I'm completely satisfied with ViaTalk's phone service.

Calls sound much clearer than they did with SunRocket, and in 30 days I haven't experienced a single glitch or outage.

That said, I just can't recommend it yet — not until the support situation improves.

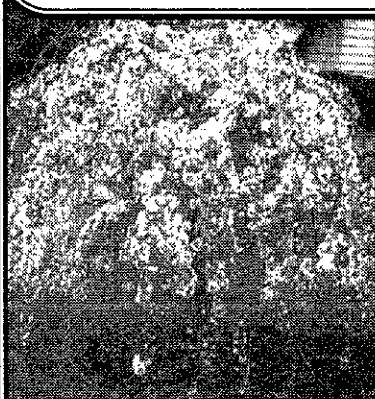
I'm also a bit hesitant to endorse Vonage, which has an iffy future owing to protracted legal battles.

Packet8 offers a well-rounded package for a great price (if you pay by the year, that is), while Verizon VoiceWing gets the nod as the most novice-friendly service in the group. VoicePulse delivers solid service as well, but watch out for its international rates.

My only regret is that I didn't get a chance to try Quantumvoice, an Internet phone service based in Ann Arbor. It's on the pricier side at \$30 per month, but definitely worth checking out if you want to support an in-state company.

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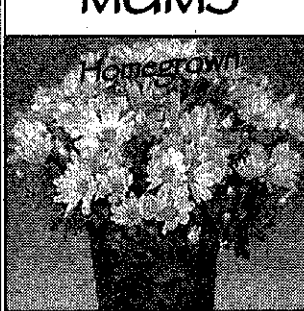


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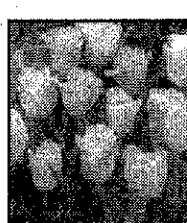
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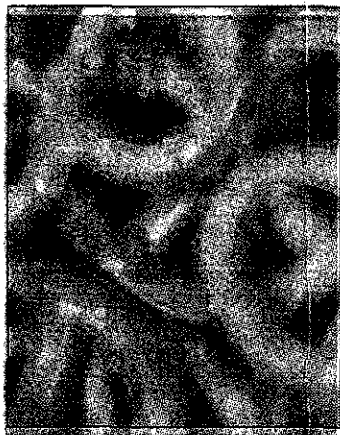
underestimate how adventurous their children's palates are. But if your family is like many today who eat out more, often at ethnic restaurants, your child already may have expanded tastes. So don't be afraid to borrow some ideas.

Bennett said her kids enjoy Asian and Mediterranean foods, so she has packed sushi, falafel and Greek salads. And the once-exotic hummus is now so mainstream many children enjoy it as a dip for vegetables.

Once you've sussed out what the little ones want, put as much energy into finding appealing and functional ways of packing it.

Let your children help select their lunch boxes. Many lunch box companies now sell models intended to be customized, either with craft supplies or professional monogramming done when they are ordered.

The food itself can be fun, too. Bennett likes to pack lunches with themes. For "zoo-logy," cut your child's sandwich with a lion or bear cookie cutter. Add "bugs" on a log



(cream cheese filled celery with raisins on top) and decorate a banana with monkey stickers. If Bennett is going for a circus theme, she'll add sides of popcorn and animal crackers.

She also keeps a stockpile of comic strips, riddles, jokes and Mad Libs and includes one with the lunch.

It sounds like a lot of extra work, but it doesn't have to be. Don't forget the sweet fruits, like peaches, grapes or oranges, either, an easy pack in lunches.

"Get organized. A little bit of effort on the weekend can save you a lot of stress," says Bennett. "Keep everything in one place so you aren't running around in the morning looking for things."

Snacks are OK with the right choices

BY PATRICIA SAMOUR
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weight-conscious adults may be leery of snacking, but for active children a nibble here and a treat there can be vital parts of an overall healthy diet — as long as the snacks themselves are healthy, of course.

"With my kids, snacks are a regular part of their day," says Julie Robarts, a registered dietitian and mother of three.

"They grow so fast and they need the energy, but with their small tummies, they can't possibly get all the calories and nutrients they need in just three meals," she says. "We make frequent use of low-fat granola bars, nuts, pretzels, cheese and crackers, fruits and veggies."

Most school-age children should consume at least one healthy snack a day, which should account for about 20 percent of their calories. Younger children may need two snacks, depending on what else is eaten during the day.

Here are some guidelines and tips to consider as you try.

■ **Make your home a nutritional safe zone,** says Dr. David Ludwig, an obesity specialist at Children's Hospital Boston and author of the recent *Ending the Food Fight*, a book about helping children eat healthy diets.

He says that snacks such as ice cream are fine occasional treats, but keep them out of the house. This limits their availability. Otherwise, healthy snacks have trouble competing with

sugary and fatty treats for children's attention.

■ **Read food labels and look for whole-grain foods,** such as whole-wheat breads, crackers, pasta or corn tortillas with at least 3 grams of fiber per serving. Whole-grain foods aren't just more nutritious than refined grains, they also are more filling.

■ **Model good behavior.** Don't expect your child to nosh celery if you're chomping on cookies and chips. Teach your children moderation, and to balance treats with physical activity. Children need at least an hour of physical activity a day.

"All foods can fit into a healthful eating style if consumed in moderation with appropriate portion size and combined with regular physical activity," says Judith Gilbride, registered dietitian and president of the American Dietetic Association.

■ **Aim for more than five servings of fruits and vegetables a day,** or at least 2½ cups of vegetables and 1½ cups of fruit. For young children, make a game out of counting the servings, perhaps with a wall chart and stickers.

Older children can help select and prepare the food. "Kids love to be part of the process, decision making, preparation, taste-testing, and of course, enjoying eating," says Dr. Christina Economos at Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition.

■ **Variety is the best way to ensure children get the nutrients they need.** Work in as many colors as possible. Again, younger children can

use stickers and a rainbow poster to make a game out of keeping track of all the colors they eat in a day. And snacks are an easy time to add colors that are missing. At snack time, ask your children what colors they've eaten that day and what colors they would like to add to their rainbow. "Teaching school-age children about healthy snacking is imperative as this is the parents' last chance to influence their child's eating habits," says Aida Miles, a registered dietitian and head of the American Dietetic Association's pediatric nutrition practice group.

■ **Teach yourself and your children proper portion control.** Many Americans have adopted restaurant-style portions, which are too big. For easy portion control, use the guidelines on nutrition labels.

■ **Beverages count.** A lot. Juice drinks and sweetened beverages amount to empty sugar calories. Limit 100 percent real juice to ½ cup a day. For the rest of the day, offer water (seltzer water can make it more interesting) or milk. Sports beverages can be as bad as soda. Only highly active children need these.

■ **Timing matters, too.** Snacks should be served at least 1½ to 2 hours before meals, otherwise children won't be hungry for dinner.

■ **Get creative.** Children love interesting finger foods, many of which can be purchased already prepared. Sushi, salsa and chips, precut slices of cheese with crackers, or single-serving bags of baked chips, pretzels or baby carrots make excellent, easy snacks.

Creative ideas for lunches

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some simple recipes for thinking beyond peanut butter and jelly when packing your child's lunch.

CRACKER STACKERS

Start to finish: 10 minutes

Servings: 1
2 slices cheese
2 slices deli-sliced turkey or ham
¼ cup hummus
Whole-grain crackers

Assorted precut vegetables, such as green beans, pea pods, celery sticks and cherry tomatoes

Use small cookie cutters to cut interesting shapes out of the cheese and deli slices.

Place each in small containers or bags. Place the hummus in a small container with a tight-fitting lid. Bag the crackers and

vegetables separately.

Encourage your children to use the ingredients to assemble their own stacks of crackers, meat and cheese. They can spread the hummus on the crackers with the cheese and meat, or use it as a dip for the vegetables.

(Recipe adapted from "FamilyFun Cooking with Kids" by the editors of FamilyFun magazine)

SANDWICH SPIRALS

Start to finish: 10 minutes

Servings: 2
½ cup low-fat cream cheese at room temperature

Chopped fresh herbs (such as several chives, a sprig of dill or 3 to 4 basil leaves) or 1 tablespoon vinaigrette salad dressing

2 large whole-grain flour tortillas
1 cup loosely packed baby spinach leaves

1 tomato, thinly sliced or 2 tablespoons dried cranberries

In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese and the chopped fresh herbs or salad dressing. Mix well.

Spread half of the cream cheese mixture evenly over each tortilla, making sure to spread it all the way to the edge. Scatter half of the spinach leaves over each tortilla, then top that with half of the tomato slices or dried cranberries.

Starting on one side, carefully roll each tortilla, using the cream cheese along the edge to seal it into a tight wrap.

Use a serrated knife to carefully cut each wrap into five or six pieces.

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Hello, Nordstrom

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Shoppers, the wait is almost over! Nordstrom will officially open at Twelve Oaks Mall on Friday, Sept. 28. The grand opening will kick off with a free cosmetic tailgate party at 8:30 a.m. The first 450 shoppers to arrive at "Breakfast, Beauty and SWAG" will get a goody bag filled with cosmetic and fragrance finds. Everyone will be treated to free breakfast throughout Nordstrom beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Food stations will be arranged throughout the store serving frittatas, quiche, yogurt with pick-your-own toppings, fresh fruits, smoothies, made-to-order fruit cocktails, homemade scones and croissants, and cappuccino.

Meanwhile, Nordstrom beauty and fragrance experts will hold court in the lower level of the mall, offering beauty tips, consultations, demonstrations, gifts-with-purchase and the inside scoop on new products and trends.

Shoppers will be invited to raise non-alcoholic mimosas in a toast at 9:40 a.m., featuring Twelve Oaks Mall General Manager Daniel M. Jones; Michigan Senator Nancy Cassis; Novi Mayor David Landry; Interim Novi Public Library Director Mary Ellen Mulcrone; and Robert S. Taubman, chairman, president and CEO of Taubman Centers Inc., which owns and manages Twelve Oaks.

The fun continues the entire weekend with live entertainment in the new Nordstrom wing and throughout the shopping center.

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 155 U.S. stores located in 27 states.

It was founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, Wash., and stores are still known for fabulous footwear selections for men and women.

Nordstrom operates 98 full-line stores, 50 Nordstrom Racks, four Façonnable boutiques, one freestanding shoe store and two clearance stores. Nordstrom also operates 37 Façonnable boutiques in Europe, and serves customers through its online presence at www.nordstrom.com and through its catalogs.

Fashion-philes from throughout Metro Detroit and beyond have made pilgrimages to the Nordstrom at Somerset Collection since it opened in 1996, but the Twelve Oaks store makes shopping more convenient for west-siders.

The Novi location will be managed by Todd Buntin, who began his Nordstrom career in Indianapolis in 1996, and comes to Twelve Oaks from Nordstrom's flagship Façonnable boutique in Manhattan.

Buntin will manage the 165,000-square-foot, two-story Twelve Oaks store, which will feature 30 apparel, shoe and accessory departments for women, men and children. Each department will be merchandised by life-style, including two special size departments to meet the needs of petite and plus-sized women.

An open-sell cosmetics department will carry recognized collections as well as cutting-edge trends.

The store will also house a Cafe Bistro, and grab-and-go Ebar. Other amenities include an on-site alterations and tailor shop, certified shoe fitters, Personal Touch — a complimentary wardrobe and shopping service, a family restroom, mother's lounge, complimentary beauty and skincare consultations, certified bra fitters, prosthesis products for women who have undergone breast surgery, package delivery and a shoeshine stand.

Celebrate grand opening in style



BREAKFAST, BEAUTY AND SWAG

What: Grand opening of Nordstrom and the adjoining wing at Twelve Oaks Mall

When: Friday, Sept. 28

Itinerary: 8:30 a.m. strolling breakfast and cosmetic demonstrations; 9:40 a.m. opening ceremony; 10 a.m. open for business.

Where: Nordstrom and lower level of mall outside Nordstrom, Twelve Oaks Mall, 27500 Novi Rd., Novi

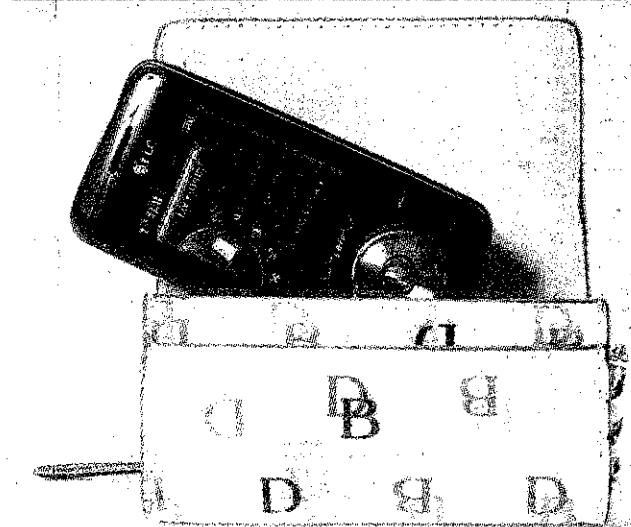
Details: Free and open to all shoppers. Enter through the Valet Entrance at Nordstrom. First 450 people to arrive will receive goody-filled SWAG bags. **Call:** (248) 348-9438 or visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com.



MaxStudio 'Yess' lace-up oxford in black patent leather, \$158.95; Steven by Steve Madden 'Babbett' laced Mary Jane in argyle haircalf, \$138.95; and Michael Michael Kors 'Panama Oxford' in chocolate crinkled patent leather, \$128.95.

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PINK list

A listing of stylish events for women in Metro Detroit.



Dr. Jerri Nielsen made national news when she diagnosed her own breast cancer while trapped at the South Pole.

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTER & FRIENDS

Dr. Jerri Nielsen, author of "Ice Bound: A Doctor's Incredible Battle for Survival at the South Pole," will be featured speaker at the 3rd annual Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends luncheon, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Shenandoah Country Club, West Bloomfield. The event benefits the Francee & Benson Ford, Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Patron tickets begin at \$600, and include boutique shopping, private reception with Dr. Nielsen the night before the event, and admission for a friend. Call (248) 661-7194.

CELEBRITY FASHION SHOW

Don't miss your chance to "Be Bad for a Good Cause" 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Roostertail in Detroit. Charm School's Leilene and FOX 2's Jay Towers will host this fashion event featuring SLEDGE clothing and renowned supermodel Tyson Beckford. Tickets, \$65 in advance; \$85 at the door, include premium open bar, silent auction

valet parking, and benefit the Michael T. Schoenith Family Foundation in support of Make-A-Wish. Call (313) 822-1234 or visit www.BEBAD.org.

NORDSTROM GRAND OPENING GALA

Nordstrom will kick off the opening of its second Detroit-area store with a fashionable fete starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert buffets, cocktails, live entertainment and the opportunity to do some "sneak preview" shopping in the new 165,000-square-foot specialty store. The highlight of the evening will be a runway fashion show featuring fall designer collections. Tickets, \$100, benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the metro Detroit chapter of The Links. Call (313) 576-5590.

AMERICAN SEWING EXPO

If you love sewing, you won't want to miss the American Sewing Expo, coming to Rock Financial Showplace Sept. 28-30. It's the largest independently owned sewing expo in the country, and offers classes, workshops, fashion shows, demonstrations, vendors, exhibits and more. Expo hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$12, with additional fees for classes and special events. Call 800-422-2952, or visit www.americansewingexpo.com.

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

The National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit Chapter will host author Patricia Russell-McCloud 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. Russell-McCloud will discuss her book, "A Is for Attitude," which shows readers how to create fresh approaches to old problems. Tickets, \$40 for members; \$50 for non-members, include networking, book signing and buffet dinner. Call (313) 961-4748 or visit www.nawbogdc.org by Sept. 24.

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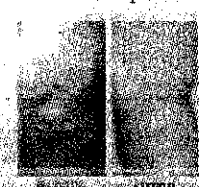


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A Chip Off the Chip & Pepper Block

Denim world darlings Chip & Pepper have teamed up with JC Penney to create a new line of affordable, in-fashion jeans. With the highest-priced item in the collection going for \$55, the C7P offers style at a reasonable price, compared to the \$150-\$180 Chip & Pepper line found in small boutiques and upscale department stores. The C7P line will include jeans, T-shirts, tops and fleece.

Chip & Pepper, by the way, really are Chip and Pepper, twin brothers with the surname Foster. After successfully creating a Canadian sportswear line in 1987, they started their LA-based denim label in 2003 in the midst of the premium denim boom. Their touseled-blond good looks and breezy personalities inform the brand's laid-back chic vibe. "We don't believe fashion should be solely about who has the most money," said Chip, in an e-mail sent from the brothers' fishing vacation in Manitoba, Canada. "We have always wanted to expand our reach and bring our styles to all ages and demographics."

JC Penney has partnered with a number of designer brands in recent years, including Nicole Miller, Bisou Bisou and Liz Claiborne, to mix in glamorous names with their private-label lines. This is the first designer venture aimed for juniors and young men, and it arrives just in time for back-to-school shopping.

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