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## Nothing like on TV

Real-life bounty  
hunter has  
apprehended  
nearly 1,000  
fugitives

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Cresswell used to  
dream of becoming a police  
officer.

As a teenager, he subscribed  
to a slew of law enforcement  
magazines and would pore over  
them while working third shift  
as a security guard at an apart-  
ment complex.

"And then one night, I saw  
an advertisement for becoming  
a bounty hunter in the back of  
one of the magazines," he said.  
"Now, I don't even hunt any-  
more because once you hunt a  
human, there's nothing like it."

Cresswell, who grew up in  
Westland and goes by the nick-  
name "Decaf," became a boun-  
ty hunter just before his 18th  
birthday in 1998 and says he  
has apprehended nearly 1,000  
people since then.

His job takes him all over the  
country, including New York,  
California and Virginia.

And unlike the bounty hunt-  
ing situations shown on televi-  
sion, Cresswell, 27, rarely kicks

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KELLY "DECAF" CRESSWELL

Age: 27

Occupation: bounty hunter

Number of Captures: Between 900-1,000 since 1998

Web Site: [www.decafbountyhunter.com](http://www.decafbountyhunter.com) &

[www.myspace.com/decafbountyhunter](http://www.myspace.com/decafbountyhunter)

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Bounty hunter Kelly "Decaf" Cresswell.

## Woman accused of murdering child to stand trial

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Carol Poole, the Canton  
woman accused of intention-  
ally causing the death of her  
2-year-old foster daughter,  
will stand trial Jan. 7.

Poole, 42, has been  
charged with felony murder,  
first-degree child abuse and  
involuntary manslaughter in  
the September 2006 death of  
Allison Newman.

On Tuesday, Wayne  
County Circuit Court Judge  
Ulysses W. Boykin failed to  
make an immediate ruling  
on defense attorney Mark  
Satawa's request to suppress  
statements that Poole made  
to Canton police in the hours  
after the child was rushed to  
the hospital.

Boykin is expected to issue  
a written decision by Oct.  
12.

Satawa previously called  
in a forensic psychologist  
who testified that Poole  
was so emotionally dis-  
traught at the time of the  
questioning that she was  
unable to give a voluntary  
statement.

"She was under such enor-  
mous strain that she really  
didn't know what she was  
saying," Satawa said.

Wayne County Assistant  
Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV  
countered that Poole, who is  
being held in Wayne County  
Jail, was able to gather her



Poole

thoughts well  
enough to  
offer police  
four different  
stories  
for Allison's  
injuries,  
including that  
she bumped  
her head in  
a bathtub and fell from a van-  
ity.

The last story Poole told,  
which she says is the truth,  
is that she and Allison  
were playing "whirlybird"  
when the child accidentally  
fell over a second-story bal-  
cony.

"Mrs. Poole is a liar,"  
Dorsey said repeatedly in  
court Tuesday.

During the proceedings,  
Poole's eyes filled with tears  
as she glanced at her hus-  
band, Alan, and at one point,  
she buried her face in her  
hands and sobbed.

While Satawa and Dorsey  
waited for Boykin to set a  
trial date, Allison's pater-  
nal grandfather, Kenneth  
Newman, rested his head on  
his knees and cried.

On Monday, Boykin  
rescheduled the hearing to  
Tuesday because Newman  
and Satawa got into a con-  
frontation outside the court-  
room.

"Sometimes emotions run  
high but this is a court of  
law," Boykin said.

## Saga continues for woman accused of attacking spouse

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner was sched-  
uled to face a jury of her peers Monday,  
instead her case has been remanded back to  
35th District Court in Plymouth.

Her next court date has not been sched-  
uled.

A representative for Wayne County  
Circuit Court Judge Carole F. Youngblood  
said Campbell-Baumgartner's file was en  
route to the lower Plymouth court.

The most serious charge against the 46-  
year-old Canton woman, felonious assault,  
was dismissed by Youngblood earlier this  
month.

Campbell-Baumgartner has been accused  
of injuring her husband, 86, with a utensil  
after yelling at him inside of Max & Erma's  
in Canton on April 22.

Maria Miller, Wayne County Prosecutor's  
Office spokeswoman, said the state still  
expects the township woman to stand trial  
for domestic violence, assault and battery  
and drunk and disorderly conduct.

"The case is headed back to district



Campbell-  
Baumgartner

court," she said.

Defense attorney Charles  
S. Anderson of Dearborn  
said all of the charges  
against his client have been  
dismissed.

"There is nothing pend-  
ing," he said. "Put that in a  
headline."

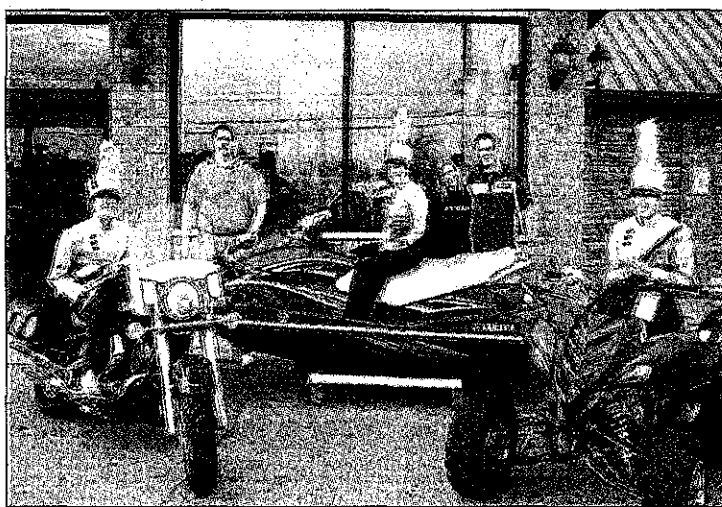
Miller said she's unsure  
why Anderson believes the  
entire case has been dis-  
solved.

"Only the felony count was dismissed," she  
said. "Maybe he's hoping the other charges  
are disposed of in some way."

Campbell-Baumgartner's husband,  
longtime Plymouth resident William  
Baumgartner, has denied that his wife  
injured him at the restaurant, but admitted  
that she struck him earlier that day during  
an argument at their home.

Campbell-Baumgartner pleaded guilty  
last year to stabbing her mother with a fork.

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### Raffle prizes

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and boosters are hosting a "Music  
& Motion" fund-raising raffle, with the winner racing off on an exciting  
recreational vehicle of their choice from Plymouth Motorsports on Ann Arbor  
Road in Plymouth, co-sponsors of the raffle. Sitting aboard three of the four  
vehicles offered are (from left) flutist Katie Hensel on the 2007 Yamaha V Star  
Silverado; flutist Kelcey Cross on the 2007 Yamaha VX Sport WaveRunner; and  
clarinetist Lindsey Johnson on the 2007 Yamaha Raptor 700R. Behind them are  
Rick Sanford, sales manager for Plymouth Motorsports, and sales associates  
Danielle Sarko and Mike Davis. Not pictured is the fourth choice of vehicles, a  
2008 Yamaha Phazer snowmobile with trailer. Tickets are \$10 and are limited.  
The marching band is in particular need this year of a new 50-foot semi  
trailer to replace the aging one used to carry the 200-member band's large  
instruments to competitions and performances. Tickets can be purchased at  
Friday night varsity football games at Canton High School's varsity field and at  
Plymouth Motorsports, 110 W. Ann Arbor Road.

## Teachers, district reach win-win contract

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 1,100 Plymouth-  
Canton teachers have agreed to  
a two-year contract that gives  
teachers raises, but saves the  
district money in both salary  
scale and health care costs.

According to Chuck Portelli,  
president of the Plymouth-  
Canton Education Association,  
the members ratified the con-  
tract with almost 90 percent of

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# Board, consultant to meet to set search blueprint

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools trustees have tentatively scheduled a Tuesday night workshop to set the agenda for a superintendent search with Roger Garvelink, a senior consultant for Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Ill., the firm selected by the board Monday night on a 6-1 vote to conduct a national search to replace Jim Ryan, who will retire in February.

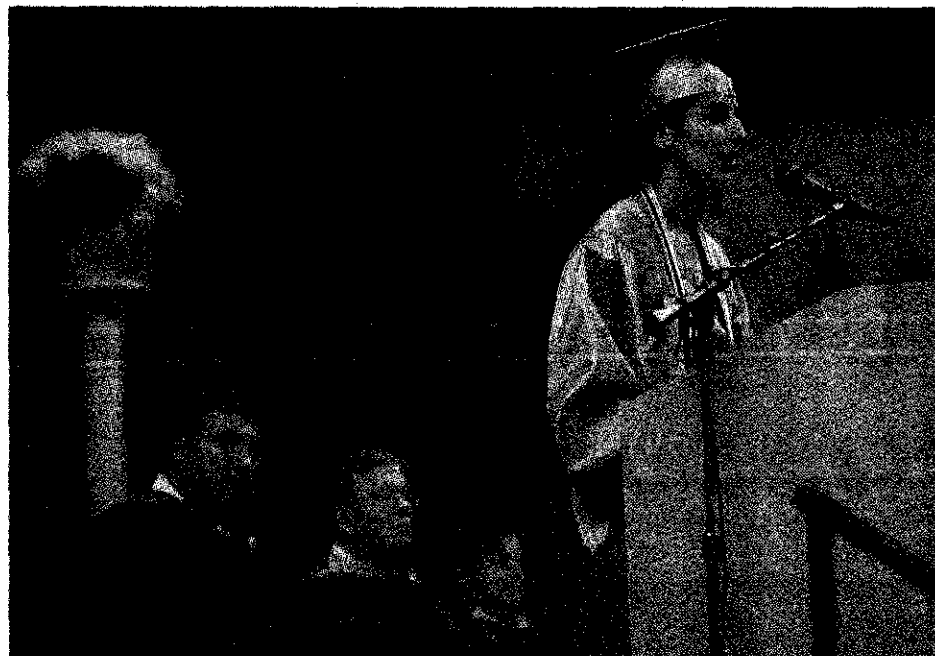
"This is one of the most difficult decisions I've had to make since I've been on the board," said board Secretary Steven Sneedman. "I do believe we need a national search, and they'll do a better job. Hazard is one of the best at the national search, from what I can gain from all of this."

Trustees interviewed two search firms last week, including Michigan Leadership Institute of Old Mission, Mich., which was the choice of Barry Simescu, the lone vote in favor of MLI.

"I was on the fence until I talked to the president of the Utica Board of Education," Simescu said of his reference check concerning MLI. "They got two excellent candidates from out-of-state. As for dollars and cents, I think we would get just as good a job from the MLI proposal, and it's less money."

MLI's price for an all-inclusive search was \$17,500. HYA's bid was for \$20,000, with additional charges for advertising and plus consultant and candidate expenses which could increase the cost to \$33,000.

"We owe it to the community to do it the right way, and not look at the dollars as much as putting together a quality process so we'll be able to attract someone," said board President Judy Mardigian. "I can't see us running all the aspects of a search as an elected board; which would include the community engagement pieces and really finding out what the community is looking for, and then doing all the logistical pieces to it. I think it would send a message (to super-



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Sharan Kaur Shokar was the Senior Class Speaker as Dr. James Ryan (left), former board member Mark Slavens and trustee Judy Mardigian listened during commencement exercises in June. It was Ryan's final graduation as superintendent before he retires in February.

intendent candidates) this board micro-manages."

Garvelink said one of the first steps in the search will be to determine what various groups are looking for in a new superintendent.

"We'll meet with board members, community groups, faculty and administrative staff to get input and ask questions about their attributes of the district, to help us sell the position and attract candidates we would like," Garvelink said. "It will also help us as consultants when we interview potential candidates as to what kind of challenges they will be facing."

Garvelink, who was Birmingham superintendent from 1978-1990 and is consulting in the current Birmingham superintendent

search, said his knowledge of Plymouth-Canton will help him in the search process.

"I can speak with real conviction, I've watched the Plymouth-Canton district grow over the years and I can hopefully give a genuine sales pitch," he said. "Because of the bad publicity Michigan has gotten the past couple of years because of our financial situation, we found in the search for Birmingham that was a deterrent in finding national candidates. But, I try to turn it into a positive, it's a wonderful time to come to Michigan and buy a home. Michigan still has a lot to offer."

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## Ryan eyes 'surreal' process

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Jim Ryan usually sits quietly on the sidelines as the Board of Education discusses its plan to replace him as Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent when he retires in February.

However, Ryan admits it's a bit surreal watching them pick his successor.

"I'm a little melancholy about it because I've enjoyed being the superintendent here," Ryan said shortly after trustees selected a search firm.

"I was never selected through a search process, being deputy superintendent before (Superintendent) Kathleen Booher resigned."

Ryan said he never intended to become interim superintendent when Booher resigned in July 2002 because of the turmoil created during Booher's two years in Plymouth-Canton.

"I told them (trustees) 'no, have you seen what happened here lately?' recalled Ryan. "I've had a decent career."



However, when trustees asked what it would take for Ryan to take the position, it wasn't money or perks he was after.

"You'd have to root like hell for me," Ryan said he told the board. "They said 'We can do it,' and I think they have."

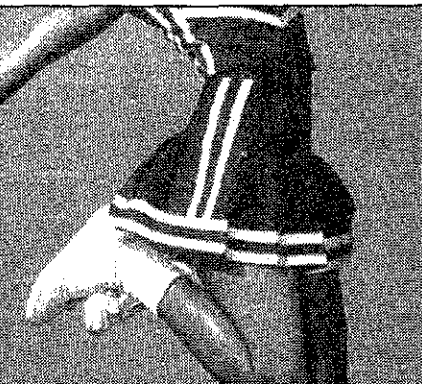
Ryan was appointed superintendent in December 2002.

As for the current search, Ryan said "it should be an exciting time" for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"We should be on fire in this district as we're picking a new leader," he said. "And I only hope that the new leader is embraced not only by the board, but by central office personnel, building people, parents and the community ... like they have me."

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## AROUND CANTON

## PCEP Choirs &amp; Orchestras present a Fall Concert

The award-winning PCEP Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp, will join with the PCEP Orchestra and Symphony Strings, under the direction of Catherine DePentu, for a collaborative Fall Concert on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 7:00pm in the Salem High School Auditorium. The choir will feature a medley of Motown classics, music from the film Dreamgirls, and the musical My Fair Lady, as well as works by Joseph M. Martin, Moses Hogan, John Rutter, and others.

The choir will also debut a new choral arrangement of This Is Halloween from the film A Nightmare Before Christmas arranged by PCEP Choir sophomore, Matthew Dempsey. In addition, Mr. Tim Schoenherr, the Arts Coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will pick up the baton and conclude the concert as the special guest conductor for an arrangement of the traditional Shaker tune Simple Gifts, featuring the combined talents of the over 300 students in the PCEP Choirs and Orchestras.

Tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$4.00 each presale and will be available at the door on the night of the concert for \$5.00 each. Tickets are available from PCEP Choir and Orchestra students as well as from Room 1603 Salem HS. For more information please contact the PCEP Choir Office at 734-416-7765 or visit www.pcepchoirs.org.

## Salem Rocks fund-raiser

The Salem Linebackers are having a bowling fund-raiser to support the Salem Rocks football team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, at Plaza Lanes on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

For just \$10 per person, you can bowl all you want during the fund-raiser. Come a little early, so you'll be ready to go at 2 p.m. The \$10 donation covers both bowling and shoe rental.

Please call Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 if you have

questions.

## St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School, 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton, is hosting an open house on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 6:30-8 p.m. The school offers 3-year-old preschool through fifth grade classes including all day kindergarten and Young Fives. St. Michael Christian School has a Christ centered education using the Holy Bible, the Concordia Publishing House study series, and a weekly chapel service led by the pastoral staff. All the teachers are credentialed.

For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

## Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber will celebrate 35 years of helping businesses network in the local community when they host the Oct. 25 Consumer Expo at Summit on the Park. The chamber is seeking businesses interested in having a booth at the event. To register for a booth, e-mail eventscordinator@cantonchamber.com or call the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Oct. 5.

The event, which will run 5-7:30 p.m., is being sponsored by Boyer Meat Processing, Outdoor Fun Store Co., and Xuereb Snow PC.

## Seniors Safe, Sound &amp; Secure

The Canton Senior Safety Coalition and Canton Public Safety present their annual

Seniors Safe, Sound & Secure seminar from noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. This year a panel of experts will discuss and answer questions about scams, financial exploitation and elder abuse, as well as strategies and useful resources to protect yourself and your assets.

For reservations contact the Canton Senior Desk at (734) 394-5485.

Lunch with dessert will be provided compliments of Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, Waltonwood at Carriage Park & Assisted Moving. Everyone

will receive a free packet from Canton Public Safety.

## Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss

High school senior girls interested in participating in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship. Program please contact Marissa Sarnecky at jmsarnecky@aol.com or (313) 215-3512. There will be an orientation on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Westland Friendship Center located on Newburgh Road (south of Ford Road) in Westland.

## 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.

## Recycle your computer

The Wayne County Department of the Environment and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit will offer a chance for people to recycle their old computers and similar equipment from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the east lot of Livonia

City Hall.

The county and Goodwill Industries, through Dell Computer's RECONNECT Michigan initiative, will refurbish the equipment to help create opportunities for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

The idea is to keep the dangerous items in computer equipment from landfills.

Items that will be accepted include CPUs, monitors, fax/scanners, cell phones, keyboards, copiers, printers and all related peripherals. Boxes, manuals or software are not accepted.

Livonia City Hall is at 33000 Civic Center Drive, south of Five Mile and east of Farmington Road. For more information, call 734-326-3936. To arrange for large quantities, call 313-964-3900, ext. 401.

The next recycling event will be on May 12 at the Canton Township DPW in Canton Township.

## 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 nomi-



## Parks

The residents of the Brookside Village subdivision paid for a one-time assessment in order to fund new play structures for their North and South parks. On Sept. 23, members of the subdivision hosted a "Family Fun Fest" to celebrate the installation. A Canton Police canine unit gave a presentation to the children, a clown was on hand to make balloon animals, and there were a number of games, including spider toss and a gunny-sack race. There was also face painting, a bicycle decorating contest and free refreshments.

nate 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 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.

## 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 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.

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# 'Sad scenario'

## District calls for action after Senate slashes funding

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Sad is the word Wayne-Westland school board President Skip Monit used to describe the budget crisis that has state government facing a partial shutdown.

"It's a sad scenario and it's getting sadder all the time," he said.

His comments came Monday evening as Wayne-Westland school officials once again urged residents to let lawmakers know they need to "fix the budget problem, fix it right and fix it now."

The call came just 24 hours after the state Senate, along party lines, approved two budget bills that would cut almost \$1 billion in expenses, including millions of dollars in funding for school programs.

"I urge all residents, even those not affiliated with schools but who want to see the state survive, to contact lawmakers and tell them there

needs to be cuts, there needs to be restructuring, there needs to be new revenue," Supt. Greg Baracy said.

School board trustees joined Baracy in urging residents to express their displeasure with the budget stalemate.

Trustee Terrance McClain quoted the late Martin Luther King Jr., telling people that "The only thing that allows evil to triumph is good men doing nothing."

"Our children are our most precious thing," he said. "We have to make our legislators understand that the children are our priority."

"Call them, e-mail them, bombard them with letters. Let them know we need the money," Trustee Steve Becher added. "If we want the state to prosper, our students have to prosper."

"It's been very difficult and we have worked diligently to have the best program we can," board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger said. "I encourage anyone involved in any way with our schools to contact our legislators."

The bills passed Sunday evening in the Senate include a \$43 million cut to Michigan's colleges and universities and

elimination of all funding for middle school math grants and declining enrollment funds. They also reduce at-risk funding by \$28 million as well as provide no increase in the per-pupil state school aid payments.

According to Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services, the district could lose "a chunk" of the \$3.9 million in at-risk money it receives, not to mention the \$100,000 budgeted for the math grant and a small amount for declining enrollment, but the biggest bite might come with a flat per-pupil foundation allowance.

The district had anticipated a \$100 per pupil increase when it passed the 2007-08 budget in June. If there is no increase, it would mean a \$1.4 million revenue shortfall.

The district already is using \$5.5 million of its fund equity to cover a revenue shortfall. Martin doesn't think the support will be there to increase that amount to almost \$7 mil-

lion. Drastic cuts would be up to the board, he said.

"That's the worst case. We've heard everything from \$1.5 billion in cuts to cutting no cuts," he said. "A lot depends on the income tax rate or the sales tax and that's difficult to tell with what's going on. We're not sure where it's at right now."

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, whose 6th District includes a large portion of the Wayne-Westland school district, opposed the two budget bills, saying: "These are not 'solutions.' They will only push Michigan further down the road to crisis."

"The results of these cuts would be tragic to Michigan, threatening education, health and public safety," Anderson said in a statement released Monday. "If Michigan is going to be a place where people want to do business and raise their children, we must invest in education. These cuts are short-sighted."

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# Board approves increase in general fund to pay for roads

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

In adopting the proposed Dec. 1, 2007 millage rates Tuesday night, Canton officials have agreed to shoulder even more responsibility for improving some stretches of county-owned roads within the township. The board unanimously voted for the decrease of the police special assessment millage by 0.25 mills and the subsequent increase of the charter millage by 0.25 mills.

The increase to the general fund, which is expected to generate nearly \$1 million in 2008, will be used solely to pay for road improvements, including the rehabilitation of Sheldon from Palmer to Cherry Hill.

Referencing a surplus, Public Safety Director John

R. Santomauro supported the millage decrease for the police department.

Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter said the decision to increase the charter millage makes sense because Wayne County is unable to fund all of Canton's road projects.

"(We) were elected to make tough decisions and this is a tough decision," she said. "I feel this is the right thing to do."

Other rehabilitation projects that the township would like to pay for out of the fund include Lilley from Palmer to Cherry Hill, Warren from Beck to Canton Center and Morton Taylor from Warren to Joy.

The township board, which also approved the 2008 budget on Tuesday, must vote to set aside the money for road improvements annually.

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# Car salesman threatened after fraudulent carjacking

An employee of a Michigan Avenue car dealership reported last week that a man who recently bought a vehicle from him has threatened him.

The salesman, 36, told police that a 28-year-old had come into his dealership with a group of friends recently and made a car purchase. Shortly afterward, the purchaser reported to Detroit police that he had been car-jacked.

The man told officers that he could identify the thief but didn't know him. When Detroit police contacted the car salesman with photographs of the alleged thief, the man identified him as being among the group of men that visited the dealership with the car buyer.

Detroit police then arrested the man for filing a false felony report and upon his release on bond, he contacted the car dealer and threatened the man. Prosecutors have since added witness intimidation to his charges.

## Student, 14, reports rape

After making a confession to one of her teachers, a 14-year-old Canton girl told a township police officer that she had been raped earlier this year by her boyfriend.

The officer, who was on duty at the Plymouth-Canton high school campus, was called into a classroom by a teacher and heard the girl's

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story. The teen said a friend introduced her to a 14-year-old boy in February and that they became friendly and had begun dating.

The teenage couple didn't talk on the phone and rarely saw each other because the boy lived in Detroit.

In March, the girl said they met for a picnic when the boy asked if she wanted to have sex.

She said no and then he forced himself onto her.

The girl said she hadn't told her story before because she was afraid she would get in trouble for dating the boy. She told police she knows very little about the boy and that the girl who introduced her to him now lives in Illinois.

Canton Police contacted the girl's father and he arrived a short while later to speak with his daughter.

## Sex offender fails to report to police

A registered sex offender avoided making contact with Canton Police on Sept. 18 because he "didn't want to go to jail."

The man, 29, had failed to update his address for the state's sex offender registry and when police went to his last-known address on Old Michigan Avenue they spoke with his former roommate, a

31-year-old man.

The man told officers that the 29-year-old had moved out to go live with his girlfriend. The former roommate also advised police that the man's sister still lived with him in the trailer, but wasn't home. He told officers he didn't have the man's contact information.

Police called the man's sister's workplace but she wasn't there. Later, the registered sex offender called Canton dispatch and wanted to know why police were looking for him.

The man, who has a warrant out for his arrest in Wayne, refused a request to meet with Canton officers and said he would talk to his probation officer instead. His warrant in Wayne stems from a criminal sexual conduct allegation.

## Boys ticketed for fight on bus

Police ticketed two teenage boys for fighting on a school bus last week.

The boys, ages 15 and 16, both fingered each other as the instigator of the fight and inadvertently injured a 16-year-old girl's ankle during their scuffle.

After police were called to the scene, the boys were cited and turned over to their parents. They are expected to be issued court dates.

Tiffany L. Parks

## BOUNTY

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in doors, curses at interfering family members or gets into physical confrontations.

But that's not to say the father of five hasn't been in a scuffle or two.

"You see these scars," he says, while touching the middle of his forehead, "I've gotten beaten down."

Cresswell, who nabbed his first criminal by posing as a pastor, said the experience was a thrill.

"I was shaking like a leaf but I loved it," he said.

These days, Cresswell mainly hunts illegal immigrants.

"That's where the money is," he said, while flipping through one of his current files. "I find people on MySpace all the time."

Cresswell, who averages 10-15 cases a month and has a 68-percent recovery rate, is an independent contractor and offers his own training seminars and ride-along programs.

"For the first time, I recently took my dad on a run with me to Virginia and I ended up getting into my first fight in six months," he said. "My dad thought it was amazing and wanted to know how I did this."

Cresswell, who is rarely home more than five days a month, said bounty hunting can wreck havoc on a personal life but said he has a passion for it.

"I absolutely plan on doing this until the day I die," he said.

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## CONTRACT

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the vote.

In the first year, teachers get step increases plus a quarter-percent lump sum raise, which won't be added to the contract pay scale.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education approved the contract Tuesday night.

The top scale of teachers, who don't receive a step increase, will receive a 1.5-percent lump-sum pay increase. The second year of the contract, in 2008-09, gives

annual step increases to teachers, with those at the top of the scale — who don't get a step increase — getting a 2-percent raise.

Entry-level teachers with a bachelor's degree currently start at \$39,954, with the top end of the scale \$66,388 after 10 years. Teachers with master's degrees start at \$43,954 and after 11 years top out at \$77,915.

"This is a market change for us," Portelli said. "We have not turned our backs on the district for the financial problems it has. Our members get a two-year agreement that freezes health care costs and saves them money. It's good for the district because it also saves them money over the two-year period, reducing their costs in health care."

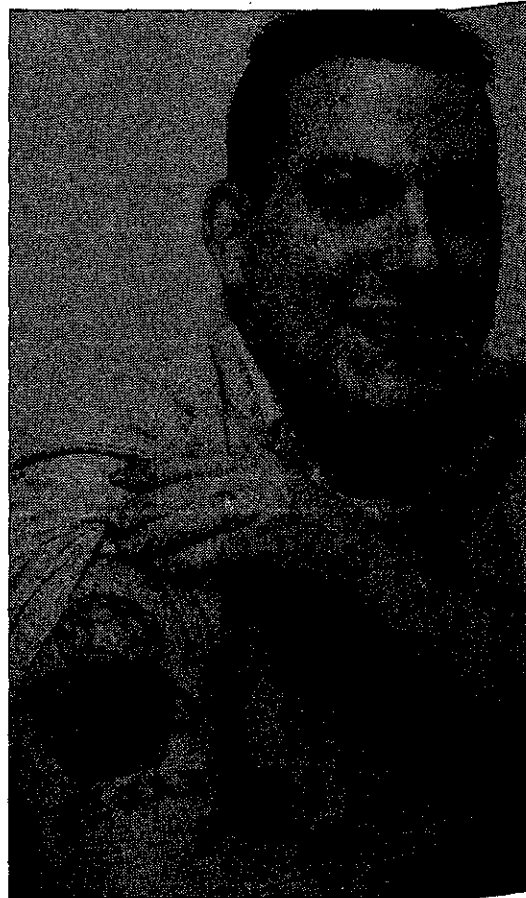
Portelli and Supt. Jim Ryan

said the district will receive bigger discounts in health care costs as all teachers will be enrolled in one Blue Cross Blue Shield plan, instead of the previous three choices of health care.

"We're going to save from \$400,000-\$500,000 in health insurance costs," Ryan said.

"That says the teachers union was reasonable in their negotiations, and understood the economics of our situation."

Ryan said another detail of the contract includes closing schools for the November 2008 election. Teachers and parents had expressed concerns in the past because the school buildings are used for voting, but because of space there is sometimes no separation of those walking into the buildings and students.



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Kelly Cresswell's nickname is "Decaf" forever emblazoned with a tattoo.

### 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 18, 2007 for the following:

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### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- September 18, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Executive Director Santomauro, John Spencer, Mike Ager, Greg Hohenberger, Karen Fox, Abe Vinitski, Brad Sharpe, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Sean Fletcher, Mike Rorabacher, Anna Stump, Laura Golles, Robert Kerr, Dave Medley, Jeff Goulet, Tom Casari, John Weyer **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. 2008 TOWNSHIP BUDGET** Items for Discussion: 1. Overview of Proposed 2008 Budget 2. Administration a. Clerk's Office b. Treasurer's Office c. Supervisor's Office 3. Finance & Budget 4. Municipal Services 5. Public Safety 6. Leisure Services 7. Wrap-Up 8. Other Items Trustee Caccamo requested additional 2007 revenues and expenditures and proposed 2008 revenues and expenditures. Treasurer Kirchgatter stated information on bond for Fellow's Creek Payment Schedule for 2009-2012. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 10:17 p.m. to adjourn. 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](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval. Publish: September 27, 2007

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Registrations will be accepted at the office of the Canton Township Clerk, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerks' Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted if postmarked by **October 9, 2007**.

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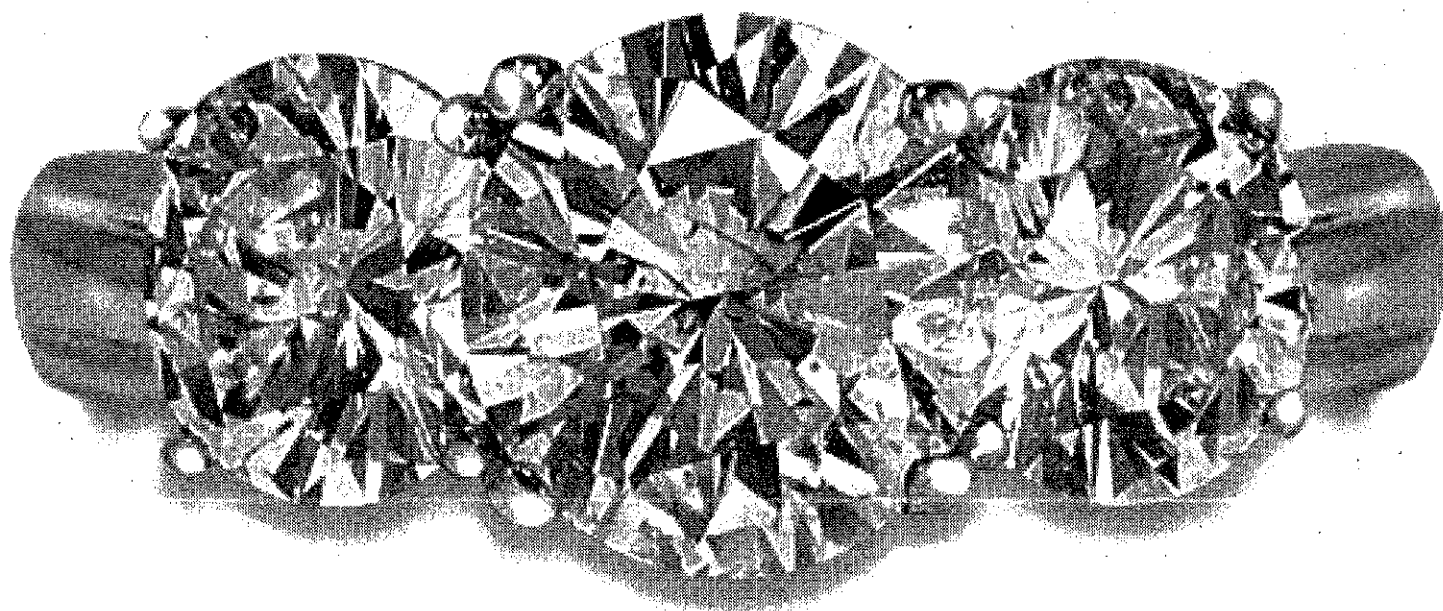


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# Canton man pleads guilty to attacking ex-girlfriend

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER



Blue

Canton resident Charles Blue, Jr., 38, plead guilty Tuesday to charges of criminal sexual conduct first degree and assault with intent to murder his ex-girlfriend. Under his plea agreement, Blue, Jr., will serve a minimum of 15 years and up to 25 years in prison. Third Circuit Court Judge Patricia Frescard accepted the plea

and will hold Blue's sentencing hearing on Oct. 11. Canton Police arrested Blue after a June 11 incident in which he was accused of beating, stabbing and raping his ex-girlfriend, a 46-year-old West Bloomfield woman.

According to police, Blue invited the woman to his Heathmore apartment off of Haggerty to talk. When she arrived, he hit the woman then stabbed her in the arm, neck and eye before raping her. After the attack, the woman convinced Blue to let her leave and seek medical attention. Instead, she contacted Canton Police. She was treated and released from the hospital.

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# Rep. McCotter gets airtime on BBC broadcast

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

As a congressman, Thaddeus McCotter is accustomed to answering reporters' questions. Things were a bit different this past week, however, when the Republican from Livonia was interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corp. on Fred Thompson's run for the presidency and other GOP hopefuls.

The BBC story, heard by local listeners on satellite radio, focused on the presidential hopefuls who were in Michigan for the Republican Mackinac Leadership Conference. McCotter introduced Thompson, a former U.S. senator.

"I'm supporting Fred Thompson," the congressman said Tuesday. "I think he's a proven, common sense conservative. When you've got all the

presidential candidates hanging around, you never know who's going to pop up," he added of the BBC reporter.

McCotter has been interviewed by the BBC in the past on the Iraq situation. He noted his Irish grandfather would have laughed "the BBC talking to me."

The congressman listens to radio broadcasts on his iPod, but hasn't heard a lot about the BBC story. "I don't know

what people listen to. There are so many options out there. You can find out anything you want if you look hard enough."

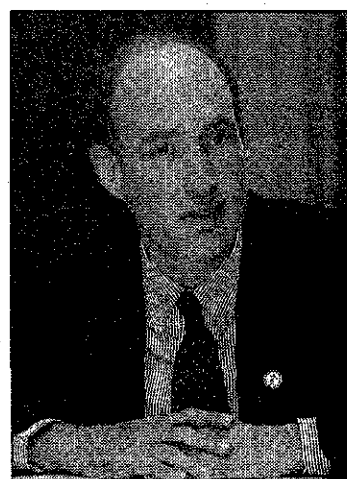
McCotter noted of the BBC: "It's government-run. It's like the CBC." Questions have been raised in the United Kingdom about the BBC's objectivity, he said, but "not being British, I don't have an opinion on it."

He was approached by the BBC after introducing Thompson, who also has an

acting background. "I don't think I was their first choice," McCotter said.

He's interested in how British people view our politics and vice versa, noting our government is based on Britain's going all the way back to the Magna Carta in 1215.

"We're traditional allies," he said. "We like to keep an eye on the British. The War of 1812 isn't that far away."



McCotter

## Archer will speak at WSU

Dickinson Wright Chairman Dennis W. Archer will be a keynote speaker at E2detroit, an entrepreneurial and excellence symposium at Wayne State University Oct. 1 and 2.

E2detroit provides resources to entrepreneurs and small business owners by bringing together the southeast Michigan regional leaders and business community to share ideas about the tools and relationships necessary to launch and grow a successful business. E2detroit also assists entrepreneurs in locating funding sources, qualified management and facilities for company operations. Dickinson Wright is a sponsor of the event.

Archer will speak on small business growth, public office, law firms, and bringing the economy in Michigan and Detroit to great heights.

Archer was Mayor of Detroit from 1994 - 2001. He was the first African American attorney to be elected to the position of president of the American Bar Association and was an associate justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Recognitions in the past several years include being named among the "100 Most Influential Black Americans," by *Ebony* magazine; one of the "25 Most Dynamic Mayors in America" by *Newsweek* magazine; the "Most Respected Judge in Michigan" by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, among the "100 Most Powerful Attorneys in the United States" by the *National Law Journal*, and "Public Official of the Year" by *Governing* magazine.

E2detroit is hosted by the Wayne State University Venture Development Office, which works with faculty, staff, students, and alumni to leverage Wayne State innovations and create early-stage technology companies. Its objective is to provide tools and foster relationships necessary for entrepreneurs to launch successful businesses.

Registration for E2detroit is \$195 for business professionals and \$25 for students. For more information, visit [www.e2detroit.com](http://www.e2detroit.com) or call (248) 275-1130.

## County gets grant to control pollution

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Water Quality Division has been awarded more than \$200,000 from Michigan's Clean Water Fund grant to control polluted water discharges into the Rouge River.

When leveraged with existing federal grants, the total amount to be spent by Wayne County on this effort will be more than \$405,000.

"These funds will allow us to expand our ongoing mission to identify and stop illegal discharges into the Rouge River," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "These discharges can come from sewage pipes improperly connected to the river, building drains that empty into the river, and runoff from failed septic systems."

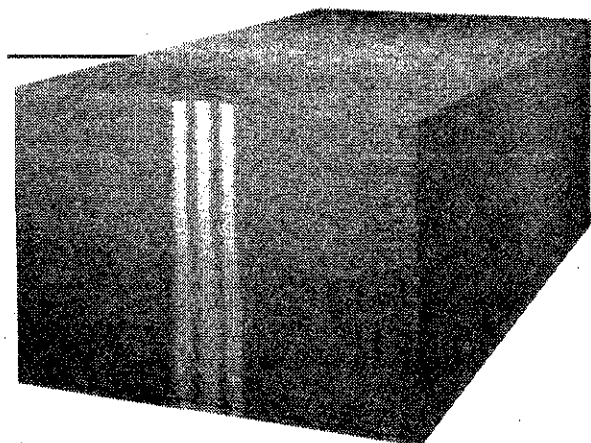
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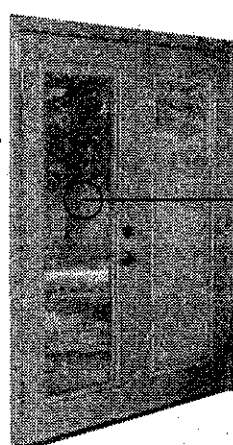


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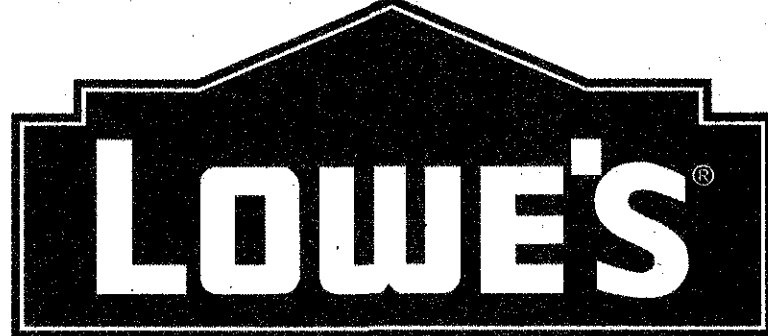


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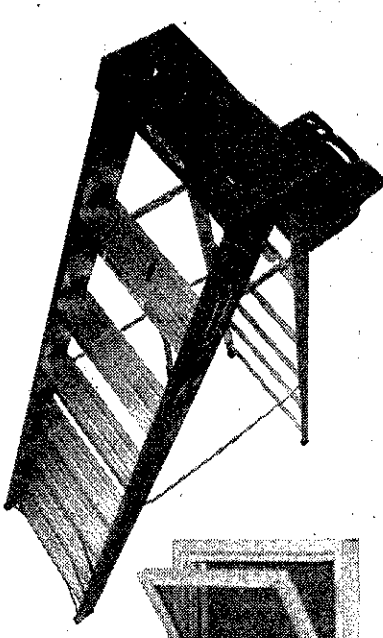
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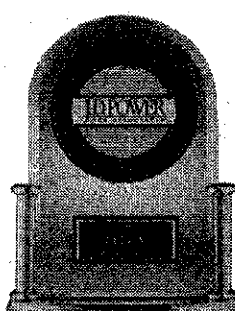
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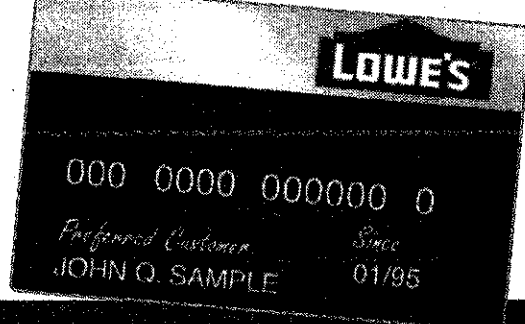
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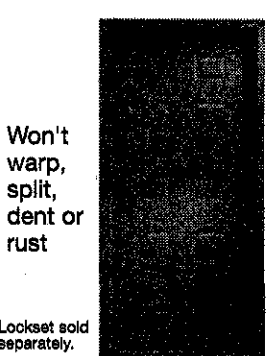
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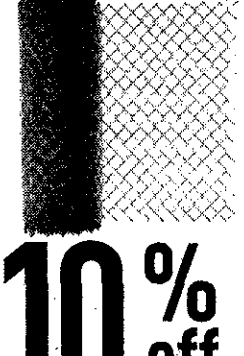
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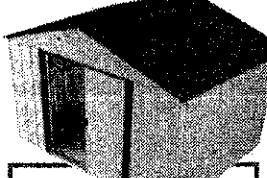
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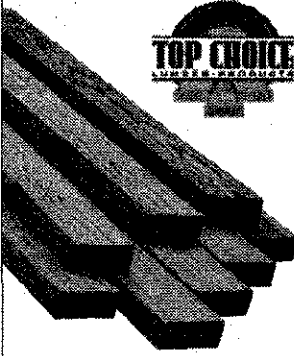


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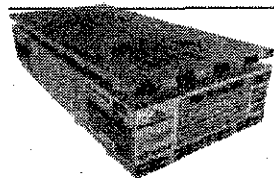


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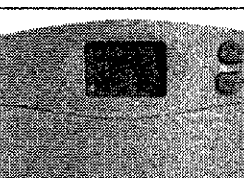
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## OUR VIEWS

# Property owners have right to hunt

Drive along one of the main thoroughfares in Canton, and you will have a tough time finding remnants of the township's rural agricultural past. But if you drive along some of the back roads on the township's western side, you can still catch a glimpse of that past. There are still a few farms here and there, and plenty of woodlots scattered about.

Now that the 2007 hunting season has begun, hunters will take to the field in some of those wooded areas, which township officials aren't too happy about. Earlier this year, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources once again denied Canton's request to ban hunting in the township. Instead, there are now closed areas (everything east of Canton Center) and restricted areas.

Township officials, particularly in the police department, believe this is a safety issue. With the growth of the township's population in recent years, they think it is only a matter of time before there is some kind of accident, more specifically a hunter shooting someone.

The reality is there are typically few hunting accidents, particularly since the state mandated that new hunters take safety courses. In 2006, there were only 36 hunting accidents reported to the DNR's law enforcement division. Of those, only four incidents resulted in fatalities. And in many of the incidents, hunters injured themselves because they carelessly handled a firearm or because they stumbled and fell.

While any accident should be lamented, these numbers indicate that hunting accidents are not very common, especially considering there are nearly a million hunters taking to the field each year. There is a better chance to be killed in an automobile accident than getting shot by a hunter.

Still, Canton officials are right to be concerned — that's their job. But property owners have a right in this state to hunt — as long as they are not hunting within 150 yards of an occupied dwelling, which is state law. This is something the DNR has affirmed time and again.

The fact is many people moved to Canton because they wanted to live in "the country." Subdivisions have been built next to wooded areas where families have been hunting for years. If you live next to one of these wooded areas, be cognizant that it is hunting season and someone might be hunting there. That means make sure you or your children are not trespassing on someone else's property, which is illegal.

Hunters also need to be cognizant that this isn't the Canton of the past, and there are new subdivisions and more people around. Before shooting, you need to not only confirm your target, but also what is beyond your target. These are basic rules that all responsible hunters live by anyway, but they are more important in suburban areas.

If everyone simply follows these rules, Canton police officers won't have to deal with any hunting incidents.

# Short jobs help state in economic slugfest

Michigan's been hit with a one-two punch with the pullout of area corporate headquarters, like Volkswagen of America in Auburn Hills and Comerica. The state may be bloodied; however, it's not down for the count.

In fact, what is less known are the many success stories in the area of economic development in southeastern Michigan. That's is an important story that not only needs telling but promoting.

Success, as the saying goes, breeds success. Just as some out of state companies may be reluctant to locate here, hearing about the growing number of firms making a move to Michigan ought to tell CEOs that Michigan has a lot going for it.

How the state's economic image is portrayed needs to be revised to target a new audience. Forget the corporate office buildings; what's happening here is the growth of smaller, sometimes high tech businesses.

And the Michigan Economic Development Corporation has played a key role in this upswing.

Recently, the MEDC announced nine new projects that received state help to create nearly 3,000 jobs. There's more. Also included in the projects is roughly \$52.3 million in new capital investment in communities, including three tech companies in the Ann Arbor.

In a separate announcement, a British company has said it is establishing three firms in Troy to deal with different segments of the amphibious vehicle market. One of the firms is expected to bring 1,500 jobs to the area.

As good as all this is, what may be equally important is the determination seen at Oakland County's Automation Alley, also in Troy, to fight back.

Six companies are joining Automation Alley's trade mission to India Oct. 10-20. While many companies are outsourcing work to India and elsewhere, those on the trade mission expect that country's growth to produce a demand for products and services that Michigan can supply.

Automation Alley isn't just seeing stars with that goal. A Warren company reportedly got a \$100,000 manufacturing contract on a pre-mission trip to India.



"He says small businesses are going to save the state's economy. I just wish he weren't our CEO."

## LETTERS

### Thanks to trail workers

On behalf of all the nonmotorized path users in southeast Michigan, I'd like to thank the Northville Home Depot for their continued support in cleaning up the I-275 path. They donated not only workers but lunch as well to a small group of volunteers who cleared the phragmites (invasive plants) on the path below Michigan Avenue in Canton a couple of weeks ago. Your continued support of this project is its lifeblood and I'd like to thank you so much for it and hope for your continued support.

Dave Duffield  
Friends of the I-275 Path  
Northville

"A problem for us?" Who is "us"? This country or the Democratic Party? This is what happens when a political party thinks it can win if their country loses a war.

In 1944, you would not have heard the Republican leadership say, "If Eisenhower's report on the surge in Normandy is positive this will be a problem for us in the coming election."

Politics must stop at the water's edge.

Jim McFerran  
Redford

### Media control elections

Reforming presidential primaries according to two plans, as suggested in your editorial ("Parties need to reform primaries," *Observer*, Sept. 13), or moving primaries to some earlier date will most likely be nothing more than an exercise in futility.

It will do nothing worthwhile for the furtherance of election of more representative candidates. It seems that we, the public, have little say as to who the winners will be. This is decided for us backstage by big money and power wielders, but above all by those few individuals who own and otherwise control mainstream news media.

Preferred by them, candidates, no matter how mediocre and undeserving, are given continuous, favorable exposure in the mainstream media, and otherwise support.

The media seem to condition us to vote only for the candidates of their choice, but no other. Just watching TV can be seen how it is done. Most of us just go and vote for them, knowing little about who else is running for the office.

Those other candidates, no matter how worthy some of them may be — deserving, patriotic and truly dedicated to doing what is right for the country, but if not otherwise liked by these news media moguls, are hardly mentioned in their media, or if ever mentioned it is usually unfavorably, or at best are simply ignored.

It is therefore important, before going to vote, if we intend to do so, to be well-informed from independent, truthful, objective sources. Only then we hopefully can make a difference for the better.

There is another, recently introduced undesirable aspect of our electoral system — the unverifiable electronic voting. We can never be sure whether our votes are directed where intended by us. We cannot be sure whether those announced winners are truly elected by us voters.

Some states, including California, in order to dispel such doubts, require their votes be verifiable, subject to recounting, thus minimizing the possibility of being manipulated, which can easily be done electronically. Such should be the requirement in all other states, including Michigan.

Unless at least the above-pointed-out electoral deficiencies are satisfactorily and honestly addressed, going to vote may be a waste of time, energy and money, especially in presidential and congressional elections. Perhaps that is why only about half of the entitled go to the polls on election day.

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth Township

### Thanking Corriveau

I'd like to thank state Rep. Marc Corriveau for looking out for our Michigan workers.

This is not a union or a non-union issue. Times are really tough in Michigan right now. Jobs are scarce and families are suffering because of it. Rep. Corriveau was in the news recently talking about the "Hire Michigan First" plan, which will help our neighbors, family and friends find jobs. Requiring companies that contract with Michigan to hire Michigan workers is the right thing to do. If companies benefit from economic breaks, our workers should benefit as well. I applaud Rep. Corriveau for this commitment to Michigan's workers, and I thank him for the work he is doing.

Also, on a second note to my fellow residents, please before you buy another car, toy or appliance, think about your children and grandchildren, look inside the door, look on the box and see where the product is made.

I've seen your kids and they're not all engineers and Nobel Prize winners. So, if one day you want your kids to leave home and your neighbors to have a good life, buy American. It's your future.

Carlo Castiglione  
Northville

### Ethical, not political

The issue of universal health care is not a political issue or an economic issue, it's an ethical issue. It is patently unethical to profit from the treatment of the sick. Period. And ethics should be a completely nonpartisan issue. As a U.S. and Michigan taxpayer, I would gladly agree to a tax increase in order to fund universal health coverage. By the way, if we weren't paying for a war thousands of miles away, it might be a less taxing proposition. Let's really make this the greatest country in the world and take care of all of our citizens, not just those who can afford it. Please pass H.R. 676. Thank you.

Rachel Kain  
Farmington

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### Stop politics at shores

I was troubled by a statement by Democratic House Whip James Clyburn. He said that a positive report on the Iraq "surge" from General Petraeus would be "a problem for us."

James Aaron  
Canton

## QUOTABLE

"We were driving by when my daughters started screaming, 'It's finally open.' So I pulled in. They were so happy." — Canton resident Jackie Mazzuca, who stopped at the new Borders bookstore on Ford Road at Morton Taylor, which opened Thursday



# Prison reform, worker benefits key parts of budget woes

After another week of watching the same endless shenanigans going on in Lansing, I can only repeat: "Michigan's political, policy and finance systems are broken. Ten million Michigan citizens have been held hostage to the partisan agendas of both political parties and their members who now hold office, not to mention the interest groups that fund their campaigns."



Phil Power

We are in trouble. We're facing the greatest crisis since the Great Depression, and desperately need leaders with a vision for Michigan that will get us through our present turmoil and lay the foundation for a radical transformation of our state.

We're not going to get that by habitual partisan finger pointing or by absurd, face-saving compromises that claim to "solve" the \$1.8 billion state budget deficit. Without a new vision, no matter what they do, a similar deficit will be staring us in the face next year.

Even if we buy into that vision, it won't become reality unless we have state government that is effective, efficient and accountable.

Republican lawmakers say the way to do that is by cutting something like \$1 billion from state spending. But you when ask exactly what they'd cut, mostly what you get back is mumbles about "government waste, inefficiency and bloat." That's not a responsible recipe for crafting a budget. Especially when they've known the dimensions of the problem we're facing for a year.

But if they are serious about cutting spending, here are two big, obvious, long-overdue ways to cut nearly \$800 million, as suggested in The Center for Michigan's most recent newsletter:

■ First, enact \$500 million worth of prison reforms. Michigan's incarceration rate is 40 percent higher than our neighboring states, while our crime rate is just about the same. One-third of our enormous state prison population is there for drug-related or nonviolent crimes. Nearly another third are being held beyond their earliest possible release date. And our prisons cost Michigan taxpayers around \$5,000 more per inmate each year more than neighboring states pay to keep theirs locked up.

Ending expensive jail time for nonviolent offenders and releasing inmates unlikely to be dangerous to society will save hundreds of millions. Gradually bringing pay for Michigan prison guards in line with neighboring states would help. Privatizing some operations like food service could save even more.

People from all over the political spectrum — business conservatives, social liberals, academics and the state's financial advisers — have for years urged cost-conscious prison reform.

Any concrete results? Nah. In part, Republicans fear being accused of being "soft on crime."

■ Second: Bring Michigan state worker benefit costs in line with the national average. How big? Around \$275 million. Both the Small Business Association and The Center for Michigan reached that conclusion in separate studies earlier this year.

Republicans are going to have a harder time swallowing the first of these two suggestions; Democrats, the second — but both are vitally necessary. For a while earlier this summer, both Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Democratic lawmakers talked a good game about reforms in pay and benefits for state employees earlier. But not recently. The story in Lansing is that public

employee labor leaders are holding court in the capital, holding the line against reforms among the troops who want labor campaign contributions later on.

Detroit News columnist Daniel Howes, in a stinging column last Saturday, asked of labor leaders: "Tell us how you explain to recently retired autoworkers fearing for their pension and health benefits that they have to pay higher taxes so their pals in the public sector won't be asked to do the same? Answer: You can't, and sooner or later they'll wake up to the rank hypocrisy and fight back."

And although much of the debate on the revenue side of the budget argument has had to do with the income tax, here's a quick, simple and fair way to bring in an added \$300 million each year:

Tax beverages. States like Texas and California raise more than \$100 million each year by taxing unhealthy, sugar-saturated soft drinks; they're classified as "food" in Michigan and therefore not taxed.

Our tax on beer was last adjusted 41 years ago ... when it was cut to just under two cents per beer. Two cents in 1966, adjusted for inflation, would be about 14 cents a bottle today.

All lawmakers would have to do to raise \$225 million would be to raise beer taxes to keep up with inflation. But they haven't. Why not? Because the beer and wine lobby is among the most powerful in Lansing. And lots of legislators are scared they'd anger off blue collar beer drinkers. So, instead, they're arguing about an income tax increase that would cost a \$50,000-a-year blue collar worker another \$275. That would buy an awful lot of beer.

There you have it; three simple ideas to make our government more efficient and less costly. There are lots of others: Benchmarking public employee pension and health care benefits against public employees elsewhere or (gasp!) private sector workers. Find ways vastly to increase collaboration and service sharing among Michigan's thousands of local government units and school districts.

And if government is indeed to be more accountable and effective, we need more experienced, strategic, competent and decisive leaders — leaders who are willing to set aside traditional party politics to find common ground strategies to move Michigan forward.

Why has this been so hard? Mainly for two reasons: First, the law we passed setting strict and short term limits makes sure that we will be ruled by lawmakers who are relatively inexperienced. Second, the way we redraw legislative district boundaries assures that candidates at each political extreme are mostly the ones elected.

The ideas I'm proposing here are neither new nor particularly complicated. They're common sense ways of finding common ground that most of Michigan's 10 million citizens can agree on.

So how do we get people talking about making common sense the centerpiece of our political discussions? That will be the subject of community conversations taking place throughout Michigan next month as part of the Michigan's Defining Moment campaign.

To learn more or reserve a seat at a conversation near you, go to [www.thecenterformichigan.net](http://www.thecenterformichigan.net).

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## Welcome back to wonderful world of reading real books

The kids at Birmingham Berkshire Middle School are engaged in a novel — and I do mean novel — program. They're reading. They are reading things they can hold in their hands, and I don't mean iPods.

For 15 minutes a day, the kids just sit and read. They can read novels, magazines or anything they want except textbooks.

This is a fabulous idea. I don't think reading is a dying art. Just go to any library or book store like Borders or Barnes & Noble and you will find people sitting and reading. I went to the used book store on Woodward just south of 12 Mile in Royal Oak a few weeks ago.



Greg Kowalski

It was packed with people. And while the prices were substantially lower for the used books, they still carry a hefty price tag. But that didn't seem to stop the steady stream of customers who came by. I go to John King Books in Detroit fairly regularly. This is true heaven for a book lover and, judging by the people I see in there, there are many book lovers.

People are reading. Unfortunately for us in the newspaper business, they don't seem to be reading newspapers as much as they used to. But that's another story.

I used to read novels at a voracious rate, and for the longest time I confined myself only to the great classics. But I've exhausted almost all of them and what's left doesn't really appeal to me. I just don't think I have the stamina anymore to wade through Trollop's *Barchester Towers*, and I refuse to have anything more to do with the vastly over-rated Jane Austen. On the other hand, I think a moratorium should be put on Stephen King — one book every five years. No more.

For the past few years, I have been concentrating on local history books, which is a fascinating area in itself. Everybody should at least thumb through Silas Farmer's mammoth *History of Detroit and Michigan*. What makes this book really amazing is that it is probably still is the best history ever written in Detroit — and it came out in 1884.

Farmer did some other local history books, as did Clarence Burton, who is probably best known for founding the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library. Friend Palmer also did some 19th century contemporary history books that are worth a look. But the number of local history books isn't endless and I'm back to poking around the shelves of the new novels.

I just finished J.M. Coetzee's *Foe*, which was fairly dumb, Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*, which was OK, and am into *See*, by Jose Saramago, which — 100 pages in so far — is enticing, although a bit of a challenge considering there are no paragraphs or quote marks and the sentences tend to run on and on — which, while it can be an effective style, makes for some disjointed reading despite being fairly and surprisingly comprehensible when you finally get to the end and reflect back on what you have just read like a rider on a charging steed. Get the idea?

At any rate, it's good to be back into the world of novels. Reading them has been an experience of a lifetime — literally. I hope the kids at Berkshire pick up the habit. There is a whole world of great, and some not so great, books waiting for them.

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Sheriff Warren C. Evans (right) is joined by rider Burt Farberman, a supporter of the Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Unit.

## Sheriff hosts Mounted Unit benefit

Sheriff Warren C. Evans is planning a benefit.

On Saturday, Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Evans will host his third annual Mounted Unit benefit fund-raiser at Nankin Mills in Hines Park. Tickets are \$25 for horse owners

who wish to participate in a trail ride with the sheriff's team and \$10 for members of the general public. Children ages 12 and younger can attend for free. Refreshments and various displays and activities will be provided. For ticket information, please call (313) 967-6300.

## Metroparks plan autumn hayrides for young and old alike

Autumn's reds, yellows and golds will soon be coloring the trees at the Metroparks. A schedule of hayrides is being planned at the parks.

**Pick Your Pumpkin**  
Hayrides will be held October weekends from noon to 4 p.m. Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center, near Milford/Brighton. Visitors will take a horse-drawn hayride to and from the farm's pumpkin patch where they can pick their favorite Jack-O-Lantern pumpkin. Hayride fees are adults \$3, children and seniors \$2, children 2 and under are free. Pumpkins are prices according to size. Registration is not required. For more information, contact the park office at (800)477-3178 or locally (248)685-1561.

**Group hayrides** are Wednesdays and Thursdays in October from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center. The cost is \$35 per group for a half hour hayride. Tractor-drawn hayrides are available weekends and other selected days after 4 p.m. at \$100 per hour. Hayrides are for groups up to 25 persons per ride. Groups must register at least 10 days in advance for these daytime hayrides by calling the park office at (800)477-3178.

**Cider & Doughnut Wagon Rides** will be held Sundays, Sept. 23 and 30 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Farm Learning Center at Wolcott Mill Metropark in Ray Township. Fee is \$4 per person. For additional information, call the

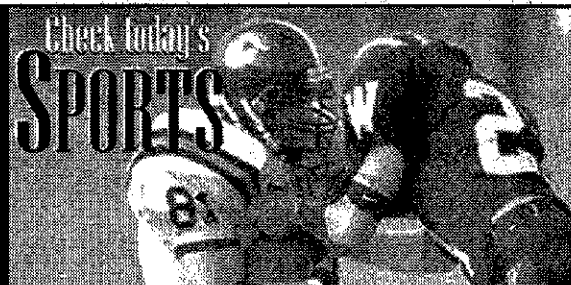
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**Pumpkin & Wagon Rides** are Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 6, 7, 13, 14 and 21 from noon to 3 p.m. at Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Learning Center in Ray Township. Fee is \$4 per person. Pumpkins are priced according to size. For more information, call Wolcott Mill Farm Learning Center at (586)752-5932.

**Moonlight and Hayrides** are Fridays, Oct. 5, 12 and 19, 7:30-9 p.m. at Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center near Rochester. Fee is \$6 per person by appointment. Call the Nature Center at (586)781-9113 to reserve a time.

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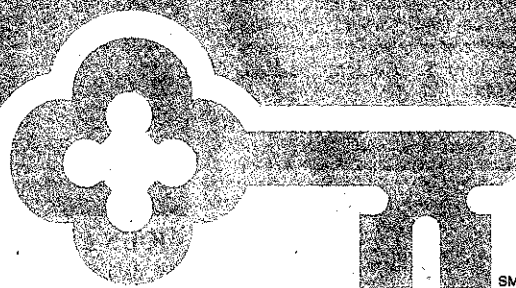


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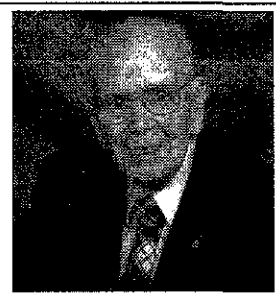


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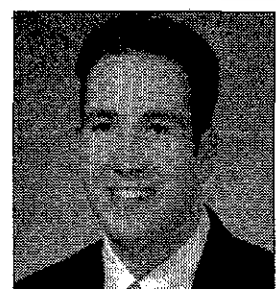


**ALEXANDER CALDER**

Sept. 24, 2007 age 98. Former resident of Livonia for 54 years. Beloved husband of Janet for 74 years. Dear Father of George, Neil (Michele), Gary (Debra) & Kenneth. Loving Grandfather of five & Great-Grandfather of two. Brother of Anne Duthie of CA. Also survived by many nieces & nephews. Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 S. Mile, 1 mile W. of Farmington Rd. Sunday 2:00 - 7:00 pm. In State St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Monday 10:00 am until time of service 11:00 am. Memorials to Angela Hospice or St. Matthew's United Methodist Church preferred.

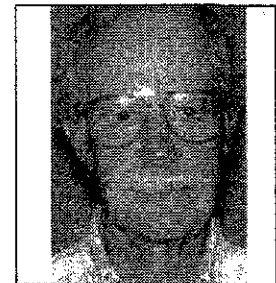
## BEATRICE JANET GREAVES

Age 79 died Sept. 24, 2007. Funeral 9-28-07 at 10am. Uht Funeral Home



**BRIAN DAVID PETTIPREN**

Age 30, of Chicago, IL, formerly of Troy, MI, died Sept. 22, 2007. He was born Jan. 26, 1977, the son of Lynn (England) Pettipren, of Troy, MI & John Pettipren (Sheridan), of Chesterfield Twp., MI. Brian was a graduate of Troy Athens High School in 1995, a graduate of Michigan State University 1999. He loved boating, skiing & traveling. He was currently employed by Met Life in Chicago, IL. He is survived by his parents, sister Ms. Jamie Pettipren, Royal Oak, MI; aunt, Janice (Mark) Tucker of Birmingham & one uncle, Michael Pettipren of Harrison Twp., MI, and his maternal grandmother, Martha England of Troy, MI and paternal grandmother, Mildred Pettipren of Harrison Twp., MI. Visitation will be held Thursday, 3-8pm at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home Friday, 12noon with Pastor Clifford Mayes officiating Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy, MI. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute. Share memories with online register book at [www.pricefuneralhome.net](http://www.pricefuneralhome.net)



**BUD MARTIN**

Passed away September 22, 2007 at the age of 84. He was born in Plymouth and lived here his entire life. He is the beloved husband of Dee. Dear father of David (Cindy) Martin and Scott Martin. Also survived by two sisters Marleeta Walton and Marilyn (Hudson) Scheifele and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Martin retired from Ford Motor Company in 1985. He was a supervisor at the Livonia Transmission Plant. He was a member of the Plymouth Lions Club, Past president of PTA at both Junior High East and Smith School in Plymouth. Mr. Martin was the Mayor of Plymouth in 1980-1981 and served as a commissioner for 10 years. He also served on the Fall Festival Committee. Mr. Martin served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was also very artistic, making bird houses, pottery and paintings. Remarkably he jumped out of an airplane from 13,000 feet at the age of 80 years. Funeral services were held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Thursday, September 27, 2007, 11am. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

## IN MEMORY OF ALLISON MAY NEWMAN

May 7, 2004 - Sept. 22, 2006

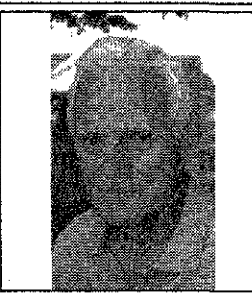
You touched so many lives in such a short time. We are hurting as much today, as we were a year ago when we first learned of the tragic news of how your life was taken away from you by the hands of another. Our hearts are broken. We pray for justice, not only for your sweet spirit, but also for other children who have also lost their lives in a similar way. Love Always and forever, Daddy, Grandma & Papa Newman, sister Chrissy, Aunt Becca, Uncle Bob, cousins Hannah, Zachary, and Great-Granny.

## WINIFRED ELY

Age 92, of Westland, MI, died Sept. 23, 2007. Uht Funeral Home.

## DONALD J. ADAMS

Age 58, of South Lyon, died September 23, 2007. He was born July 12, 1949 in Detroit, MI, to Richard and Fern (McIntosh) Adams. Donald was united in marriage to Maureen Murphy on December 18, 2004. A longtime resident of the area, he was the owner of Country Line Contractors, Inc. based in South Lyon. Donald was a very hard worker, who raised buffalo on his farm. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and liked to travel. Survivors include his loving wife Maureen; his sons, Donald K. (Anna Marie) Adams and Thomas G. (Holly) Adams; his stepsons, Michael Ryan, Jason Ryan and Christopher Ryan; his sisters, Pat (John) Tongusi and Pam Adams; and his grandchildren, Triston, Christopher, Sebastian, Bailey and Preston. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. Visitation will be held today, Sept. 27, from 1-8pm. A Funeral Service will be held Friday, Sept. 28, 11am at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 59255 10 Mile Rd., South Lyon. Pastor James N. McGuire will officiate the service. Mr. Adams will be laid to rest at Washtenaw Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Paws for a Cause, 4646 S. Division, Wayland, MI 49348.



**JAMES M. LAWSON, M.D.**

September 24, 2007. Beloved husband of Wendy. Dear father of Stephanie Maitland, Frances, Henry, Melanie, Devin and Steven Lawson. Private services have been held. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial Tributes ARC of Oakland County, 1641 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48064. A. J. Desmond & Sons 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



**JOHN CARL HILTY**

Age 59, died Monday, September 17, 2007, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. John had many talents and interests. He was an outdoorsman and spent many hours hunting and fishing at a cottage on the Pine River. He was a gourmet chef and caterer, and a lover and caregiver of animals. John was a beloved family man and is survived by his mother, Dorothy Hilty; sister, Susan Hilty; his nephews, Carol and Daniel Zimmering, and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. Preceded in death by his father John Carl Hilty. Inurnment was held at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial Tributes U of M Cancer Center Lymphoma Program or Michigan Humane Society. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500 View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



**MERTON JAY BELL**

September 24, 2007 Age 98 of Birmingham. Retired VP and Treasurer of C.J. Glasgow Co., Detroit. Beloved husband of the late Gladys M. for 50 years. Dear father of Cynthia I. Buckles (Robert), Lawrence D. Bell and Donna S. Zimmer (David). Grandfather of Amy Suzanne Zimmer, Kristen Bell Zimmer, Julie Ann Zimmer and Jennifer Lynn Zimmer Pavlov. Great grandfather of Alexander Pavlov. Loving companion of the late Katherine Healey. Memorial service Thursday 11am at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500 View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

## PAUL THOMAS

Age 73, of Westland, Sept. 21, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Geraldine Thomas. Loving father of Judith (Bruce) Austin. Dear grandfather of Kevin (Marybeth) Naegel. Also leaves five great-grandchildren, Christopher, Nichole, Connor, Cameron and Zachary; four sisters and many nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Tuesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West. Memorial donations to the Arbor Hospice would be appreciated by the family. To leave a message of condolence for the family, log onto [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

## SEPTEMBER

### 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](http://www.orchardumc.org).

### ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese's ENDOW program, the women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. The group based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 5, in the Convent Meeting Room behind the school at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth road, Livonia. The second session meets 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays to Dec. 4 in the same room. Different Times, Abiding Dignity deals with women's inherent dignity at all stages of life. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. Cost is \$60 for materials but no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. To register, call (734) 261-1455. Ext. 200 or visit [www.endowonline.com](http://www.endowonline.com).

### 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](http://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 to 2001. The exhibition will be open to the public 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, 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 exhibition hours 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.livoniamichael.org](http://www.livoniamichael.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](http://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](http://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.

### MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. 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](mailto:nikki.tiernan@gmail.com).

### 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.

### 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](mailto:cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com).

### 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. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more information or registration forms, visit [www.fumc-northville.org](http://www.fumc-northville.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.

## UPCOMING

### Grief recovery

Living with the loss of a spouse series dealing with grief and coping with loneliness and other issues, facilitated by members of Widowed Friends, a peer support group, at St. Columban Parish Center, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge, Birmingham. Six-week series begins 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, call Dorothy at (248) 540-9848 or Gerry at (586) 795-0477 to register by Oct. 1. four week series begins 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, call Pat at (248) 549-1220 or Carol at (248) 853-2268 to register by Oct. 1.

### 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.christoursavior.org](http://www.christoursavior.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](http://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. The Rev. Robert McCurley of Greenville, South Carolina will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldeck at (313) 530-6170 or visit [www.westminsterconfession.org](http://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.

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# CALENDAR

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## Healing service

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, will be hosting a Service of Healing and Wholeness 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, in their Sanctuary. The service affirms God's presence in our lives and is designed to comfort those who desire a healing of body, mind, relationships or other areas. Communion served. No child care provided. Information available Monday-Friday at (248) 374-7400.

## Celebration of the arts

The annual juried art show, Sharing the Gift Within, opens Saturday, Oct. 6, at the historic First Presbyterian Church in downtown Northville. The art gallery is open each day and evening through Oct. 12. Guests can enjoy the displayed artwork, much of which is for sale. The celebration continues with a

concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, by pianist Paul Sullivan. Tickets are \$15 adult, \$10 senior, \$5 student and can be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information, call Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-0911, Ext. 206, or visit [www.firstpresville.org](http://www.firstpresville.org).

## 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 the church's contemporary choir will perform (and a signer will be provided) 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) 425-5950.

## Faith in film series

An Al Gore movie being shown at a church? That's not likely to happen often, but that's exactly what's happening 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford. As part of its Faith-in-Film

series, An Inconvenient Truth will be shown, a discussion follows on the applications of faith, theology, spirituality and religion in the movie.

Future Faith-in-Film movies include Sicko, The Nativity Story, and Amazing Grace. The Faith-in-Film series is free and open to anyone who would like to respectfully share their views. For information about attending this event, call (313) 538-2660.

## Grief recovery

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begins 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, call Pat at (248) 549-1220 or Carol at (248) 853-2268 to register by Oct. 1.

## 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](http://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](http://www.orchardumc.org).

## Concert

Woodward Corridor Musicians present Pathétique: a Chamber Music Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Rd. at Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults; free to students K-12. A reception follows the concert. For more information, visit [www.WoodwardCM.org](http://www.WoodwardCM.org) or call (248) 546-5818.

## Immigration issues

The social justice committee at St. Thomas a Becket Church has invited a speaker to explore the issues of immigration in the United States 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the church, south of the corner of Lilley and Cherry Hill, Canton. The speaker is Bishop Daniel Flores,

Detroit's newest bishop, who is a third-generation Hispanic and was born and raised in Texas. All are Welcome.

## 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 differences 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.

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A sample of in-state schools attending include Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Grand Valley

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College Night will be held in the Physical Education Building of Schoolcraft College's Livonia Campus

on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Typically College Night draws about 3,500 people. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. The colleges are arranged fair-style and in alphabetical order in both gyms so guests can visit as many tables and in the order they wish.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426. Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus, the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online at schoolcraft.edu.

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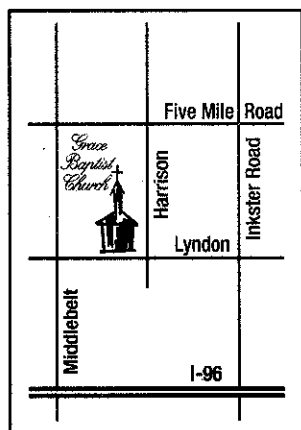
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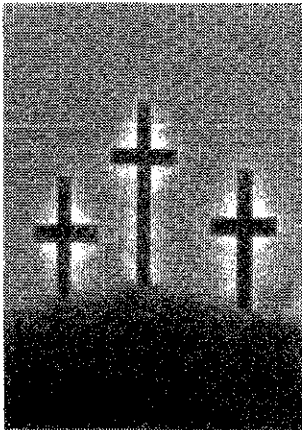
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at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia, and runs from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets went on sale Sept. 4 and can be purchased at the Livonia senior center.

The event is organized by Pastor and Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, a local nonprofit organization for seniors. This year its major sponsor is Angela Hospice

of Livonia. Tickets are \$5 and include a hot meal, door prizes, games, health screenings, exhibitor booths featuring samples, novelties and other information, and a free cloth bag to carry away all the goodies. The event is limited to 600 people and has sold out in the past. For information, call Pastor's office at (517) 373-3920.

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# Fear and greed can lead to bad investment decisions

Greed and fear are harmful to investors.

Fear leads to bad decisions which can cost investors substantial amounts of money. One example is what has happened over the last few months. Back in mid-July the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 Index reached record highs. The Dow Jones Industrial Average broke through the 14,000 mark for the first time and almost immediately thereafter the market began to retreat. Just a month after breaking through the 14,000 mark, the Dow fell below the 13,000 mark.

At that time, the topic du jour was the subprime crisis along with the slowing U.S. economy and, unfortunately, many investors began to bail out of the market. Too many of them let fear dictate their decision as they focused on the day-to-day volatilities of the market as opposed to long-term goals and objectives.

A little over a month from the low point and since that time the market has rallied. In fact, the Dow is up 1,000 points. Investors who rushed out of the market missed the recovery and a substantial amount of money.

No one, including me, likes to see their investments go down. However, that's the reality of the stock market. Successful investors recognize that volatility is part of the process. A well-balanced, diversified portfolio can somewhat reduce the impact of short-term volatility. Don't focus on the day-to-day volatilities of the stock market, but rather on the overall portfolio strategy. Make sure your investments match your goals and objectives and that your portfolio is diversified and balanced.

As we are entering the last quarter of the year, there are some strategies that investors may wish to consider. The first is whether to convert a traditional IRA or a portion of it into a Roth IRA.

The transaction must be completed before Dec. 31. Many brokerage houses and mutual fund companies require at least a few weeks to complete the transaction. If you are considering conversion, don't wait.

I am a fan of converting to Roth IRAs because it allows the individual investor to turn tax-deferred money into tax-free money.

The longer you have until you need your money from your IRA, the greater the benefit of converting.

In order to convert, you must have an adjustable gross income of \$100,000 or less. If you meet this criterion you are

eligible. If you are over 70½, you cannot convert your required minimum distribution, however, you can convert anything above and beyond that amount.

My general rules are: 1) you have the money to pay the tax created by the conversion, without touching the money converted; 2) converting the money will not throw you into a higher tax bracket; 3) you can let the money grow within the Roth IRA for generally at least five to seven years.

Yes, you are incurring a tax liability by converting. However, the long-term benefits of a Roth IRA are substantial. The money you are converting would always have been subject to tax.

By converting, you're just paying that tax earlier.

It's also time for year-end tax planning. Whether it's selling investments to recognize tax losses or accelerating deductions into 2007, the goal is to focus on your increasing net worth. Don't do anything for tax reasons alone. Do tax planning that will result in you having more money in your pocket — exactly where it belongs.

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser.

Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

# There will be plenty to do at Fall Family Fest event

Canton Leisure Services will host the Fall Family Fest on Saturday, Sept. 29, from noon to 4 p.m. at Heritage Park, located east of Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads. The "Wild West"-themed event will include such activities as a bike rodeo with Canton Public Safety, inflatable attractions, stage and strolling entertainment, petting farm and pony rides, and hayrides courtesy of Real Life Farm.

Entertainment will be provided by Greg Sterling, who will perform cowboy music and a lasso trick show at 12:30 p.m.; 2 p.m.; and 3:30 p.m. Food will be available from J&J Concessions and Clix of Canton will offer special souvenir photo packages available for purchase. Most of the day's activities will be free to the public.

Be sure to stop by the "Fall Fest Elementary School." Visit our mini-classrooms and take part in activities from some of your favorite subjects. Complete your Fall Fest Report Card in order to register to win a prize

pack. Have fun with fingerprints, as you analyze your own fingerprints and test your fingerprint expertise. Kids can write and illustrate their own book at the "Leave Room for Reading" area. Express yourself with art, where you can have fun painting at the "Imprints of Fall" section. Take a break from exercising your mind and exercise your body at recess. Get moving with some free play or a different group game every half hour!

The game schedule is as follows:

- 12:30 p.m. - What Time is it Mr. Wolf? (chase/tag)
- 1 p.m. - Steal the Bacon (team game)
- 1:30 p.m. - Centipede (team dodgeball)
- 2 p.m. - Fire in the Jungle (chase/tag)
- 2:30 p.m. - Crazy Relays (obstacle relay)
- 3 p.m. - Flinch (circle game)
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For event information, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

## CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Parthenon grand opening

The new Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant, located at 39910 Ford Road in Canton next to Sam's Club, will hold its grand opening tomorrow from 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

The family-owned business started its first restaurant in 1990 in Redford, and then moved to Warren, Southfield and Dearborn, before opening the Canton store.

The Canton location can fit 130 people in its large dining area. There is a professional staff, whose goal is to serve you quality food with fast, friendly service.

Store hours are Monday-Saturday from 6 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

For more information, contact the Canton store at (734) 981-0200, or visit [www.parthenonconeyisland.com](http://www.parthenonconeyisland.com).

### New account executive

Canton resident Jessica Pondell has been promoted to account executive/assistant producer at BERLINE, an advertising firm located at 70 East Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Pondell began working at BERLINE in June 2007 as a traffic assistant. Prior to joining BERLINE, Pondell worked at WCMU Public Broadcasting as an associate producer and reporter conducting interviews, writing scripts and packaging



Pondell

show segments. She has also worked for HKO Media Inc in Ann Arbor and Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla. She obtained her Master's

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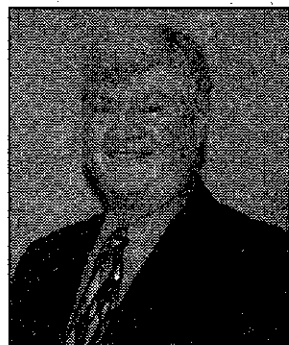
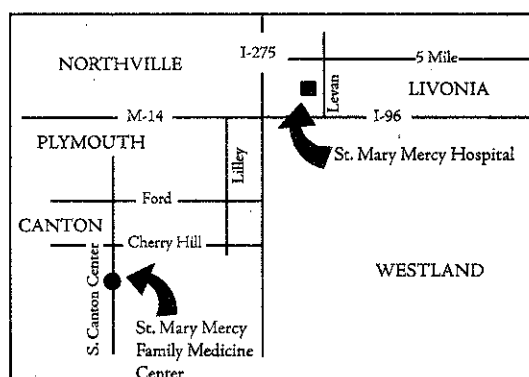
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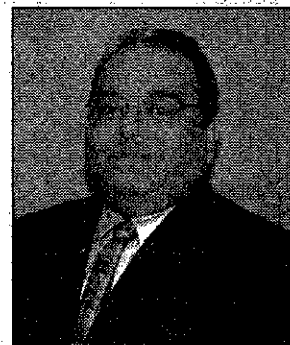
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# Realtors heed safety needs on the job

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard doesn't see a lot of problems with Realtor safety in his area. Even so, he agrees Realtors — and all professionals — need to think about safety on the job.

"Absolutely. Those would be a good starting point," Bouchard said of National Association of Realtors advice to keep a charged cell phone handy at all times, and meet potential clients for the first time at the office. He recommends letting colleagues know the hours you'll be away, and your general schedule.

"If you're uncomfortable, there's always security in numbers," Bouchard said. A Realtor can ask a friend to accompany him or her for an open house.

"Occasionally, you'll find individuals that pick certain m.o.s, what we call methods of operation," he said.

One sex offender he recalled concentrated on getting women alone.

"It's something you have to be knowledgeable of, aware of and take steps to prevent," Bouchard said.

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans agreed real estate pros need to consider safety concerns. "I

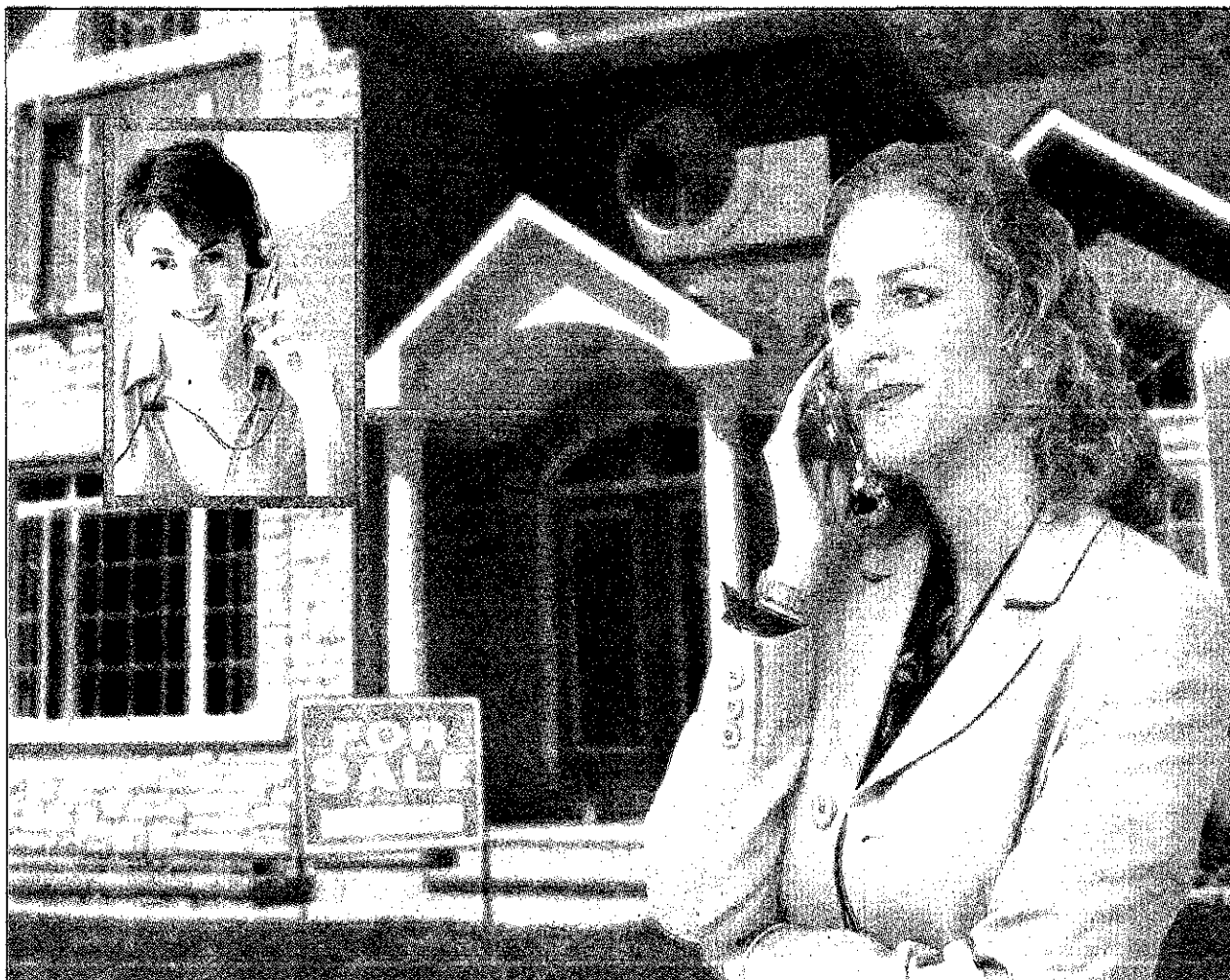
think most of them are savvy on their own," Evans said of real estate pros, noting they deal with all kinds of people.

"I think their instincts are better than the average person," Evans said. He agreed it's best to have a person come into the office prior to a first showing.

"Preventative medicine's always the best," said Evans, noting it's not good to be alone with strangers until you've determined it's safe.

For Realtors and other real estate professionals, it's an everyday occurrence to meet clients for the first time. Every job that requires interaction with the public involves some risk, which is why the NAR is reaching out to its 1.3 million members as part of its fifth annual Realtor Safety Week.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor in its most recent Survey of Workplace Violence Prevention, 2.5 percent of real estate businesses reported an incident of workplace violence in 2005. Although not com-

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mon, real estate professionals across the country have been assaulted, robbed, even killed in the course of doing their jobs.

"Given their dedication to helping families achieve their dreams of homeownership, Realtors believe that their profession's rewards far outweigh the risks," said NAR President Pat V. Combs of Grand Rapids, Mich., and vice president of Coldwell Banker-AJS-Schmidt. "NAR's ongoing commitment to Realtor safety education and awareness helps our members minimize those risks and, in the process, protect their customers and clients, as well. It's one more way Realtors add value to the real estate transaction."

In advance of Realtor Safety Week, NAR distributed an education and awareness kit to all of its more than 1,400 local and state associations, as well as the top 500 brokerages across the country. The Realtor Safety Week Kit includes a video, which has been revised and updated for 2007; support materials for safety presentations and awareness outreach; and a wallet-size card of safety tips, such as:

■ Never advertise a home as "vacant."

■ Don't put your home phone number on your business card.

■ Always take your own car for showings. Wayne County's Evans agreed: "Try to go in separate cars. It's not good to be at the whim of a client."

He recommends getting a license plate number, and leaving that with colleagues back at the office before going out to show a property.

Oakland County's Bouchard agreed it's key not to advertise property as vacant. Potential clients should be known as much as possible to the Realtor, to avoid dangerous situations.

"You should take steps to make sure you're not alone in a bad situation," Bouchard said. "We try to put protocols in place." He's seen crimes in which car salespeople have been carjacked on the job.

It's a good idea for a Realtor to have a "code word" he or she can use

with family or associates if in trouble, Bouchard agreed. You can ask an associate to check in with you regularly while out on the job "and have a duress code if something is not right."

"Realtors are busy, it wouldn't be an unusual thing for the phone to ring," Bouchard said. Evans noted such a code word in a phone call is useful "so that the person standing there doesn't have any idea you're calling for help."

The annual awareness week, held Sept. 9-15, is just one of many ways NAR helps Realtors recognize potential threats and protect themselves throughout their careers. This year for the first time, NAR is offering a scenario-based 3D online safety course through REALTOR University at [www.REALTOR.org/RealtorUniversity](http://www.REALTOR.org/RealtorUniversity). The course provides personal, professional and client safety information that is critical for all Realtors. Brokers can buy course passes at a savings for their entire office to ensure that their agents practice sound safety techniques.

The NAR Web site contributed to this report.

## Paid directors raise liability issues

**Q. What do you think of the advisability of a professional director and/or a board member being paid?**

A. I think that it's a bad idea to pay directors and they give up, among other things, their volunteer status which would otherwise exempt them from certain types of liability if the provisions of the Michigan



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Nonprofit Corporation are incorporated in their Articles of Incorporation. I believe that all directors should be educated and I find, with interest, that the California legislature has been considering SB 948, a bill that would require board members of community associations to complete education coursework. If signed into law, the bill would require every member of the board of directors of an association to take a course on statutory and case law relating to community associations not less than every two years. That would also allow the association to pay or reimburse the co-owner \$25 for course fees, \$100 for travel expenses. Maybe that's a good idea for Michigan.

**Q. Our management company has instructed our attorney to send a Notice of Intent to File a Lien letter well before a lien is placed on the unit. What has been your experience with this practice?**

A. Our experiences representing hundreds of associations over the years has been that while it is sometimes effective, generally speaking sending a Notice of Intent to record a lien is a waste of legal fees which the association may have to incur. We recommend an aggressive and consistent collection policy which results in a lien being placed on a unit for nonpayment of assessments as soon as reasonable notice of the delinquency has been given by the association or its managing agent to the delinquent co owner that the matter is being turned over to legal counsel. This protects the association by placing a lien in the public record earlier and in these difficult economic times, it increases the likelihood of a successful collection for the association at reduced legal fees.

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### HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 28 to June 1, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

1936 Brookfield St	\$185,000
315 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$220,000
445 Constitution St	\$285,000
461 Delaford Ct	\$332,000
1840 Delancy Cir	\$395,000
385 Dunhill Way St	\$385,000
7414 Emerson Dr	\$195,000
45530 Fountain View Dr	\$323,000
41675 Glade Rd	\$250,000
1260 High Ridge Dr	\$211,000
45117 Horseshoe Cir	\$159,000
45233 Horseshoe Cir	\$150,000
6706 Kennesaw Rd	\$370,000
1981 Knollwood Dr	\$142,000
1460 Morrison Blvd	\$195,000
659 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$325,000
44803 Ridgefield Rd	\$175,000
44273 S Umberland Cir	\$238,000
44191 Vassar St	\$210,000
44066 Westminster Way	\$190,000

32050 Grand River Ave \$65,000  
22674 Maple St \$162,000  
22530 Power Rd \$175,000

Farmington Hills

32863 Bldestone Ln \$195,000  
34909 Bunker Hill Dr \$210,000  
26187 Greythorne Trl \$235,000  
29311 Laurel Dr \$168,000  
21829 Manchester Ln \$320,000  
29440 N Meadowridge \$250,000  
37976 River Bend \$382,000

Garden City

29508 Bock St \$175,000  
30868 Pardo St \$105,000

Livonia

32125 Balmoral Dr \$325,000  
33927 Carl Dr \$250,000  
14015 Cranston St \$227,000  
14142 Cranston St \$182,000  
34552 Dover Ave \$236,000  
8988 Farmington Rd \$130,000  
14976 Garden St \$155,000  
14385 Gary Ln \$182,000  
33069 Grenada St \$215,000  
32600 Hees St \$145,000  
28660 Jacquelyn Dr \$165,000  
29651 Jacquelyn Dr \$169,000  
28771 Minton Ct \$140,000  
37764 Northfield Ave \$278,000  
17398 Parklane St \$269,000  
30111 Richland St \$149,000  
20698 Sarah Rd \$450,000

28580 Sunnydale St \$153,000  
14080 Susanna St \$185,000  
17589 Wayne Rd \$225,000  
9429 Westwind Dr \$184,000

Millford

370 Cabinet St \$169,000  
3070 Woodland Ridge Trl \$393,000

Northville

44900 Broadmoor Cir S \$359,000  
40494 Coachwood Cir \$419,000  
17681 Crestbrook Dr \$703,000  
16245 Crystal Downs E \$564,000  
21049 E Glen Haven Cir \$104,000  
46980 Marlon Cir \$639,000  
17481 Oak Hill Dr \$519,000  
49242 Ridge Ct \$90,000  
835 Scott St \$230,000  
39655 Springwater Dr \$200,000  
17442 Williamsburg Ct \$590,000

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24754 Apple Crest Dr \$239,000  
47868 Cheltenham \$165,000  
45326 Jacob Dr \$150,000  
31144 Lagoon Dr \$415,000  
40707 Lenox Park Dr \$249,000  
29750 Martell Ct \$530,000  
51267 Mayfair Ter \$303,000

Plymouth

39542 E Ann Arbor Trl \$175,000  
12396 Pinecrest Dr \$196,000  
49824 Plymouth Way \$170,000  
10273 Red Maple Dr \$309,000

15605 Centralia \$132,000  
18889 Delby \$125,000  
18421 Indian \$57,000  
9216 Nathaline \$143,000  
11332 Riverdale \$125,000  
25425 Southwick \$104,000  
26844 Student \$138,000  
19742 Summer \$146,000

Redford

38278 Carolan Blvd \$367,000  
7698 Cherrywood Dr \$350,000  
7310 Floral St \$293,000  
36712 Glchrist St \$90,000  
23342 Sawgrass Ct S \$347,000

Westland

38278 Carolan Blvd \$98,000  
7698 Cherrywood Dr \$220,000  
7310 Floral St \$156,000  
36712 Glchrist St \$155,000  
27531 Hanover Blvd \$110,000  
2024 Imperial Hwy \$146,000  
38671 Milton St \$135,000  
8622 N Farmington Rd \$137,000  
35558 Pheasant Ln \$121,000  
28337 Powers St \$142,000  
8251 Roselawn St \$140,000  
1706 S John Hix St \$105,000  
6296 Spruce Ln \$170,000  
34312 Tonquish Trl \$154,000



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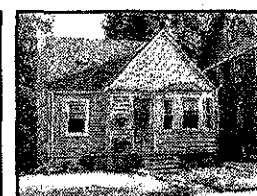
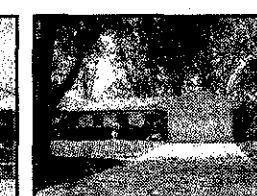
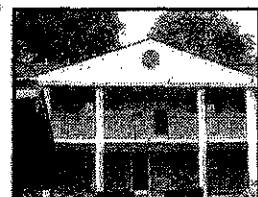
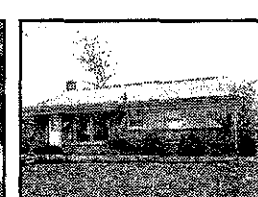
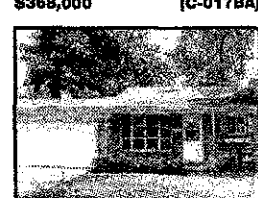
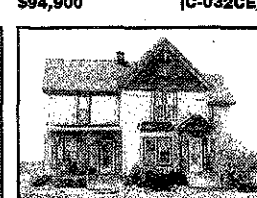
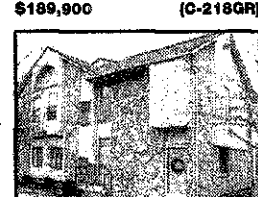
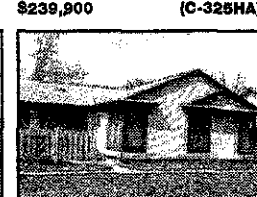
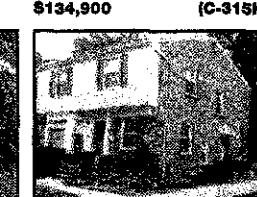
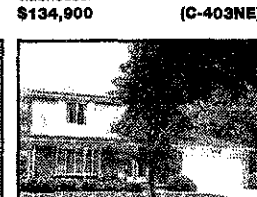
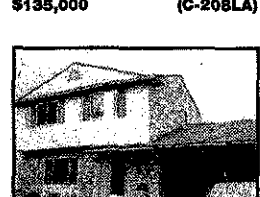
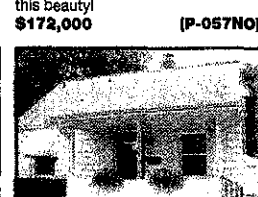
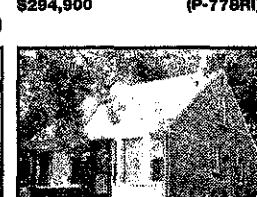


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Spacious floor plan offers 3 bd, Master w/ bath, hwd floors, covered ceilings, Liv Rm w/frpl, updated ba, new windows & carpet, freshly painted, updated elec, & more. **\$99,900 (P-421P)****ELEGANT & AFFORDABLE** 2803 sq ft colonial offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, excellent curb appeal, located deep in sub, luxury Master w/bath & WIC, big Kitchen, extra deep walkout bsmt, & appliances stay. **\$409,900 (P-900H)****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. **\$269,900 (C-660TU)****MOTIVATED SELLER** Lovely 3 bd home on beautifully landscaped acreage. Updated C/A, hwh, roof, Kitchen, baths, & windows. 3.91 acres w/pole barn, 200x70 sand arena/recreation area, garden, berry bushes & more. **\$300,000 (P-419WA)****10+ ACRES** Ready to build! Motivated seller offers this beautiful 10+ acre parcel in Northfield Twp w/utilities & engineered field. Can split into 2 - 5 acre parcels. Call for further details. **\$239,900 (P-003W)****2 YEARS NEW** Builder upgrades 1/2 acre in this end unit condo. Open spacious layout w/ceiling fans, upgraded lighting, carpet, baths, kitchen, & more. Gas frpl, 3rd bd could be used as Den. Good location near clubhouse. **\$169,900 (P-033AR)****CLASSIC COLONIAL** Spacious home w/over 1700 sq ft, formal Dining & Liv Rm, fireplace, huge Fam Rm, hwd floors, remodeled baths, updated Kitchen w/appliances, Garage, & full basement. Nice home. **\$180,000 (P-309AR)****JUST PERFECT** Unpack & relax in this comfortable 2 bd, 1 bath ranch just minutes from downtown Royal Oak. Remodeled Kitchen, fresh paint, new carpet in Family Room, updated bath, extra deep fenced yard, & 2 car Garage. **\$99,900 (P-304BR)****HARD TO FIND** Relax on the paver patio surrounded by mature trees. Spacious island Kitchen w/rook, formal Liv & Din Rm, separate Fam Rm w/bridge overlook, Master Suite w/volume ceiling, WIC, & ceramic bath. **\$249,900 (P-422CH)****COZY END UNIT RANCH** Come check out this fabulous w/dw featuring vaulted ceilings, Master w/bath & WIC, oak Kitchen w/dining area, att Garage, plenty of storage, & area pool & clubhouse w/fitness center. **\$129,900 (P-423CH)****SHOWS LIKE A MODEL** Beautiful finished 4 bd, 3.5 baths, Master w/2 WIC's, amazing island Kitchen, 2 tiered Deck overlooking awesome yard, finished walkout bsmt, & great Plymouth location. **\$349,500 (C-854CH)****A REAL PLEASER!** Terrific, maintenance free brick ranch w/lot of quality updates. Vinyl windows, finished bsmt w/bath, 2.5 car Garage, cedar Deck, oversized lot, remod Kit, updated C/A, & more. **\$149,500 (P-600FL)****TERRIFIC BUY** Nice 3 bd bungalow w/lot of updates including roof, C/A, furnace, windows, doors, & bath. Appliances stay, partly finished bsmt, 1.5 car Garage, & more. **\$84,900 (C-053HA)****TURN KEY HOME** Beautifully decorated home w/hwd floors, remod bath, new windows, furnace, C/A, electric, copper plumb, new oversized 2.5 car Garage w/heat & 220. Nicely finished bsmt, huge Deck, & tucked nicely in sub. **\$144,900 (P-840MA)****PUT THIS AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST!** Lovely home backing to 3.5 acre common area. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, updated roof, siding, windows, furnace, in-house surround system, finished lower level w/rec room & wetbar, 1st fl laundry, & more. **\$300,000 (P-025MU)****A REAL GEM** This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial has it all! 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, Family Room w/hwd, Master w/bath, updated ceramic baths, fresh paint, & special touches t/o. **\$272,900 (P-680PO)****GREAT BERKLEY LOCATION** Over 1000 sq ft in this updated bungalow w/hwd floors, covered ceiling, updated bath, spacious Master w/WIC, 1 car att Garage, fin bsmt, fenced yd, & updated siding, gutters, windows, & paver walkway. **\$179,900 (P-827PR)****OUTSTANDING CONDO** Great location in complex near pool & clubhouse. Private courtyard entrance, newer windows, updated Kitchen, blinds, roof, hwh, & sump pump. Everything is ready for you! **\$127,500 (P-382SO)****3.5 ACRE WOODED LOCATION** Immaculate estate nestled in gated community. Kitchen w/porcelain tile & granite, 1st fl Laundry, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master w/jetted tub, 5 car Garage, & too much more to list. **\$750,000 (P-908TU)****PERFECT! Drop dead gorgeous** condo in golf community, 2 story Great Rm, formal Dining, 1st fl laundry, maple Kitchen w/nook, Master Suite w/his & her WIC's & luxury bath. **\$259,900 (P-880VI)****WOW! Beautiful** 2 bd, 2 bath townhouse in move in condition. All appliances stay, upper balcony, open floor plan, recessed lighting, & 1 car att Garage. 1 yr lease w/option to buy. **\$1,150/mo (P-574WH)****WELCOME TO THE COUNTRY** Well maintained colonial offering over 3000 sq ft, Living & Family Room w/frpl, walkout bsmt w/daylight windows, & spacious Deck. **\$524,999 (P-560AN)****WHY BUILD?** Move right in to this home w/over 50K in upgrades! Formal Dining, Butlers Pantry, Great Rm w/skylights, gourmet Kitchen w/nook, 1st fl laundry, prof finished bsmt, & too much more to list. **\$300,000 (P-244AN)****PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP** Love to entertain? This 3 bd, 2 bath, well maintained ranch offers 2 full kitchens. Enjoy the summer breezes by the pool or in the shade of a covered Patio. Hwd floors, updated baths, 31x11 rec rm, & appl's stay. **\$159,900 (P-364BA)****BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD** Open & spacious! Built in 2003, 1st fl master w/jetted tub, maple Kitchen, formal Dining w/rey ceiling, daylight bsmt, inviting Great Rm w/frpl & 2 story windows, & much more. **\$310,000 (P-868BU)****HOME SWEET HOME** Fantastic 3 bd home offers a nice floor plan, hwd floors, huge Master bed, part finished bsmt, great location, & close to everything. **\$139,900 (P-431CO)****LOCATION LOCATION!** Spectacular home nestled at the end of a court in popular Eagle Gardens. Vaulted gourmet Kit, Great Rm w/frpl, doorwall to Deck w/view of woods, 1st fl Mast w/bath, & finished daylight bsmt. **\$190,000 (P-115CR)****PRICED FOR QUICK SALE** Fantastic curb appeal & great location. Large fenced lot, newer windows, newer doors, over 1800 sq ft, spacious layout, 2 car Garage, & more. **\$102,000 (P-245FO)****CUSTOM RANCH** Totally updated home within walking distance to downtown Northville. Open foyer, granite Kitchen, Fam Rm w/frpl, large Master w/bath, updated windows, sliding doors, & more. **\$285,000 (C-625QA)****SPRAWLING RANCH** Livonia ranch situated on approx. 1 acre lot. Spacious floor plan offering 2 natural fireplaces, updated flooring, roof, A/C, furnaces, front windows, hwh, fenced yard, & 2 car attached garage. **\$183,650 (P-548HI)****PLYMOUTH CHARMING** 2 bd, 1 bath condo featuring Kitchen w/all appl, laundry room w/washer & dryer, large Living Room w/doorwall to Deck, Master w/doorwall to deck, dining area, neutral carpet, & low association dues. **\$109,900 (C-650PL)****PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP** Designer touches t/o make this colonial an exceptional value. Spacious island Kitchen w/hwd floors & all appl's, Flex Room makes a perfect Dining Room or Den, finished lower level & large oil de sac lot. **\$244,900 (C-107PJ)****GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION** Great colonial backs to woods for lots of privacy. Fam Rm w/frpl & hwd floors, finished bsmt w/full bath & possible 4th bed, prof landscaped, & great price. **\$189,900 (C-256TA)****GARDEN CITY RANCH** Located in a great area & priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bsmt w/full bath, stove, fridge, & home warranty included, updated furnace, siding, Kitchen, & more. **\$119,900 (C-753WI)****SPOTLESS & SPACIOUS** Here it is, look no further! You have to see this fabulous home in Canton w/an open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great location, & move in ready. **\$235,000 (C-326WI)****GREAT HOUSE** Beautiful colonial shows like a model. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kitchen, newer carpet, vinyl windows, beautiful finished bsmt w/glass block, & fenced yard close to schools & parks. **\$189,000 (C-569AV)****PRICED RIGHT** This 4 bd home features good sized rooms, newer furnace & hot water tank, almost 1200 sq ft, & is priced to sell. Would make a great starter or investment property. **\$64,900 (C-248BA)****CORNER LOT** Nice 3 bd brick ranch w/full bsmt, 2 car Garage, Dining Room off Kitchen, covered Deck, & more. **\$119,900 (C-208BA)****GORGEOUS COLONIAL** Beautiful Colony Farms offers this 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/numerous updates. Close to schools & parks, beautiful landscaping w/mature trees & perennials, & just a short trip to downtown Plymouth. **\$368,000 (C-017BA)****LARGE WESTLAND RANCH** Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer Garage, Family Room, completely remodeled in 2006, & more. Also for lease. **\$124,900 (C-900CA)****ADORABLE!** Very cute & clean brick ranch located in great neighborhood! This home offers an updated Kit, remod bath, newer carpet, fresh paint, finished bsmt, newer windows, & large landscaped yard. **\$94,900 (C-032CE)****STOP THE CAR!** You'll love this gorgeous brick ranch! 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kitchen & bath, freshly painted, hwd floors, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, & spacious backyard. **\$199,900 (C-343CO)****QUIET SENIOR'S COMMUNITY** Superb layout for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo. 1400 sq ft, Great Room w/frpl, formal Dining, oak island Kitchen, 2 car Garage, Deck, & home warranty offered. **\$152,900 (C-596DE)****DESIRABLE LOCATION** Chase Farms proudly presents this spacious colonial w/traditional layout. Foyer w/hwd, Fam Rm w/oath ceiling & frpl, formal LR & DR, Den, Master w/bath, 1st fl laun, & finished walkout. **\$425,900 (C-053DU)****SPACIOUS COLONIAL** Westland 3 bd home w/Family Room w/frpl, 1.5 baths, bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, great backyard, & large covered Patio. **\$189,500 (C-625FA)****JUST REDUCED!!!** Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd floors, & appliances inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20K under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers. **\$124,900 (C-860FI)****OPPORTUNITY AWAITS** This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakepointe Village. Updated Kitchen, large Fam Rm w/frpl, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appliances stay, & Home Warranty included. **\$189,900 (C-218GR)****COUNTRY RANCH** Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room, & too much more to list. **\$449,900 (C-150HA)****HISTORIC VICTORIAN** Must see 4 bd home nestled on almost 2 acres. Privacy in every direction, Formal Parlor, 2 full baths, large Kitchen, separate living space on 2nd floor w/whitewash, Pole Barn, & many updates. **\$239,900 (C-325HA)****DARLING BUNGALOW** Why rent when you can own this charming home. Totally updated top to bottom, updated roof & windows, move in ready, perfect for 1st time buyers. **\$99,900 (C-172HA)****SUPER SUPER SHARP!** Outstanding home w/fresh paint, new carpet, Pergo flooring, new Garage, updated roof, hwh, & concrete, all appliances stay, home warranty, & immed occupancy. **\$104,000 (C-997HA)****GREAT LOCATION** 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/Northville mailing address. Formal Liv Rm, Din Rm, Fam Rm, walkout bsmt, 3 car Garage, & private commons yard. All offers considered. **\$319,000 (C-200HE)****DEARBORN BUNGALOW** 1 year free housekeeping for buyer! This 3 bd, 1.5 bath home features a new front porch, landscaping, & front entry. Freshly painted, loads of strg, bsmt rec rm w/wetbar & bath. Close to schs, parks, & shopping. **\$134,900 (C-315HO)****RANCH W/GREAT VALUE!** Don't miss a deal on this well kept home w/beautifully updated Bath, Kitchen, windows, furnace, roof, driveway, hwh, great fenced yard w/shed, & much more. **\$129,900 (C-025IV)****A MUST SEE** 2 bd, 2 bath ground floor condo offering a private entrance, new Pergo, fresh paint, new appliances, private laundry room, Patio, & very very clean. **\$129,000 (C-547LI)****TOP SHELF!** This home is impeccable! 5 covered porch, rear lot offering a Flagstone Patio off the great Deck, updated roof & hwh, skylights, 1st fl laundry, & more. **\$249,500 (C-151ME)****IT'S A GEM!** This 2 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in popular Bradbury Park is a must see. Newer carpet, oak Kitchen, Master w/WIC, appliances stay, Carport, C/A, & short walk to area pool & clubhouse. **\$134,900 (C-403NE)****CONTEMPORARY CONDO** Nice Arbor Village condo w/open floor plan, skylights, fireplace, appliances stay, part finished bsmt, private Deck, carport, & pets allowed. **\$126,900 (C-538AR)****GORGEOUS YARD!** This home is in flawless condition w/a yard to die for. 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■ The Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) of the BIA presents its Master Certified New Home Sales Professional course (MCSP) "Housing Construction as a Selling Tool" on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 3 and 4.

This is a two-day program. The class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association offices, 30375

Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$275 for SMC members, \$325 for BIA members and \$375 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present Real Advice for Builders, Part III: "Closing the Sales: Innovative Ways To Succeed In Today's Economy"

on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Marriott Detroit Pontiac at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. The roundtable discussion will give participants an opportunity to network and exchange ideas on how to survive the current economic conditions. A brief panel presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session between audience members and experts.

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

Registration fees, including hors d'oeuvres and beverages, are \$50 for BIA members and

\$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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

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

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

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

Anita Blender of Bluerock Management will be joined by a local economist and a mortgage expert from LaSalle Bank

to discuss how on-site sales professionals can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success.

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

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

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will review the role of the off-site project manager on a construction project. The seminar also will cover project planning, scheduling, reporting and documenting for record keeping and control purposes. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For

registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan residential builder's license examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction."

Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For Please see BRIEFS, B9



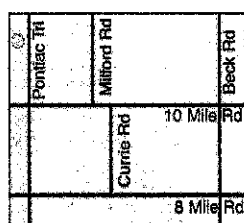
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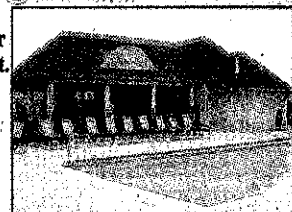
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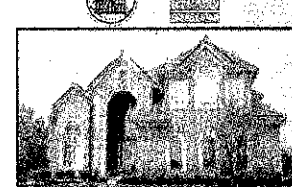
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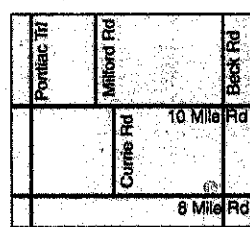


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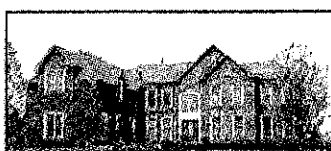


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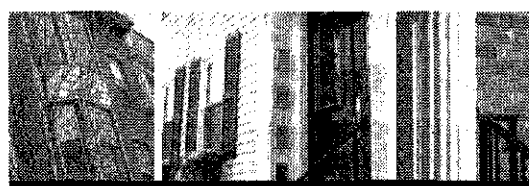


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■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "How To Conduct Outreach" course on Friday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "HVAC Heater Trouble Shooting" course on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive in Farmington Hills.

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## Condominium operation

Attorney Robert Meisner will offer a course on "Condominium Operation: Introduction to the Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 16 through Nov. 6, at the Bingham III Office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Price is \$110 for an attendee. The course is offered through the Oakland Community College Business Technology Center. Continuing education credit available, advance registration needed. For registration details, call (248) 522-3618.

## Training/tour

Broker/owner Ronald LaCasse Jr. and Marcy Novak recently franchised WEICHERT, REALTORS - Cass Realty in Dearborn, have completed an in-depth training/tour of the inner workings of a thriving real estate business—the four-day WEICHERT Management Academy.

Held at Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. corporate headquarters in New Jersey, the Academy is focused on building world-class real estate offices. "This is an important step," said Vice President of Business Development Kirk Miller, who conducts the program. "The Academy provides the tools that give new Weichert franchisees a solid foundation and the confidence to manage their businesses as never before. Some of what we cover is not new to established brokers and managers, but most of it is quite an eye-opener."


LaCasse and Novak participated in a concentrated, accelerated pro-

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A high-achiever may unintentionally inspire laziness and lack of follow-through among co-workers. John Twomey, president of the National Workforce Association in Albany, N.Y., almost wryly characterizes such co-workers as "withdrawing, relying on a champion and being pretty successful at not being willing to step up."

It's a classic stand-off: The more you step in to do, the less your co-workers offer to do. While you may be thinking about how to change their behavior, consider, too, how to change your own.

### 'RUTS'

"Ruts get established over time, creating a great deal of inertia," observes Todd Dewett, associate professor of Management in the Department of Management at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. If you have difficulty understanding why co-workers might not want to change, consider the insights of consultant Steven Feinberg of Steven Feinberg Inc., in Palo Alto. "They have a comfort zone," he states. "That's part of it. They stick within what they believe they can tolerate. They try to be consistent with the image they have of themselves so they're consistent in their behavior. We're motivated to be who we think we are."

The same may be applied to the person who's so competent that it's easier to continue jumping in to save projects when others fall back. Being that competent is comfortable. But being that competent

doesn't always work, particularly when there is too much for one person to do.

### BREAKING THROUGH DYSFUNCTION

What can you do? Twomey says that options include:

- bringing in an outside facilitator;
- "walking away in disgust;"
- convincing the team to become part of the change; or
- "accepting the situation."

Feinberg offers different perspective - developing influence among the group's leaders. "Go to the trusted people leads and get them on board first by doing some new things," he recommends. "Give them evidence to support the need to adapt."

Dewett advocates "informal persuasion" and accountability for change on both sides. "Take your part of the blame so it's not all about pointing fingers," he directs. "Frame it in terms of how (BEGIN ITAL)we (END ITAL) can do this better. Be positive. Don't assume that they understand exactly what you're talking about and don't forget to mention the skills you're working on. Open up the discussion."

"Let people know they can change," he continues. "This should be part of the standard, consistent communication. Identify and recognize those who are (changing) to send the correct signals."

Then what? You don't want people to backslide. Lee Miller, co-founder of Your Career Doctors in Morristown, N.J., maintains that you must determine whether fear of success under the new rules feeds their reluctance or whether experience teaches them that you'll revert to your practiced method of being too competent.

Do you make them look successful when



Credit: Shawn McCarvey

Todd Dewett, speaking with associates at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, shares his perspective on ruts, and strategies for persuading co-workers to get out of them. He is associate professor of Management in the Department of Management there.

you're the one who truly is? "If you want the change to stick," Miller advises you to incorporate "resolve, support and fear".

- Make certain that they understand that you won't continue to pick up the slack, that the change is permanent;
- Get them to buy into the belief that the team and the organization will increase its success this way; and
- Communicate that this is it -- be fully-functioning contributors or become marginalized.

Then, you must keep your side of the bargain. Do not continue to pick up the

slack. Prepare to marginalize yourself. If you find yourself backsliding, go to the team's top influencers and remind them that you don't support backsliding - even your own - and want their help in adjusting your own behavioral patterns. You don't want to make yourself obsolete, which is exactly what will happen as everyone else starts stepping up to the plate. When they do, your job description will change, too.

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

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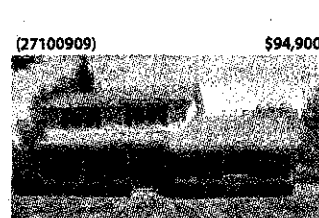
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**Commerce 248-684-1065**  
LG CORNER LOT. Covered entry w/ foyer to lg FR w/ fp & DW to deck. Mstr br w/ sep entry to ba. Lg DR, kit w/ brkft area open to FR. 1st flr laun. Full bsmt.  
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**Commerce 248-684-1065**  
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WALKING DISTANCE TO TOWN! Charming 2 bdrm, brick ranch in a peaceful neighborhood, hwd flrs, newer windows, 14x10 Florida Room, full finished bsmt & an extra 2 car garage!  
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**Garden City 734-326-2000**  
READY FOR ITS NEW OWNER is this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial with full basement, family room with fireplace, inground pool, Florida room and attached 2 car garage.  
(27162631) \$165,000



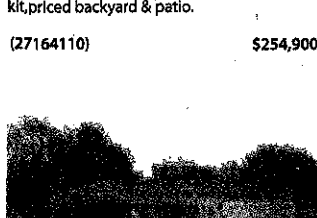
**Garden City 734-326-2000**  
DON'T LET THIS BARGAIN SLIP AWAY!!! A 3 bedroom Cape Cod colonial on a double lot with a remodeled kitchen, formal dining room, first floor laundry, 30 x 20 master bedroom and a 3 car garage.  
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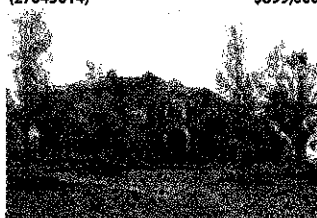
**Livonia 734-591-9200**  
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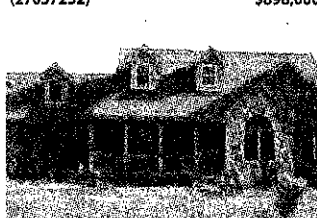
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SPOTLESS 3 BR RANCH WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Home features 2 car att garage with heated work room, large private backyard with custom deck, vinyl windows, newer roof. Appl included and much more. A must!  
(27136451) \$125,000



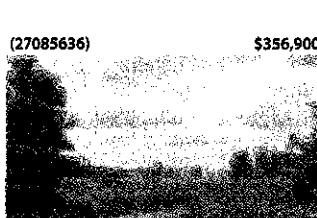
**Milford 248-684-1065**  
ELEGANT, GEORGIAN-STYLE COLONIAL on private cul-de-sac, overlooking natural wooded ravine. Builders own custom residence. 4 br, 4.2 ba. 4 car garage.  
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**Northville 734-455-7000**  
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**Novi 248-348-6430**  
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**Novi 248-348-6430**  
MORGAN LAKE FRONT! Gorgeous Lake front 1.5 acres LL find WO w/FP, FR trapezoid windows, new deck, furnace & C/A. New engineered septic field. Minutes to I-75 Great Lakes Crossing.  
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**Novi 248-348-6430**  
GORGEOUS HOME IN ROYAL CROWN ESTATES! Beautiful home on corner lot in quiet court, spacious kit overlooks FR, lovely sunroom, great Mstr ste, 2nd flr laundry, nicely fin bsmt, deck & lg rear yard.  
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**Pontiac 248-684-1065**  
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(27128999) \$175,000



**Radford 248-348-6430**  
BEAUTIFUL 3' BR 1.5 BA BUNGALOW W/ UPDATES! Newer appliances, basement w/ lots of living & storage space.  
(27135738) \$115,000



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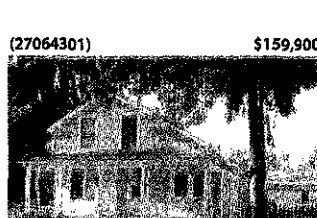
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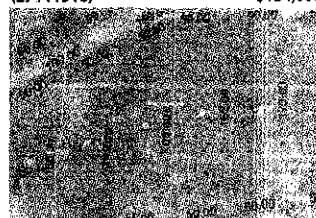
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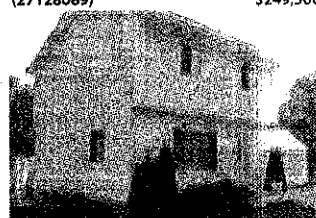
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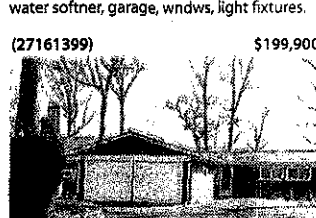
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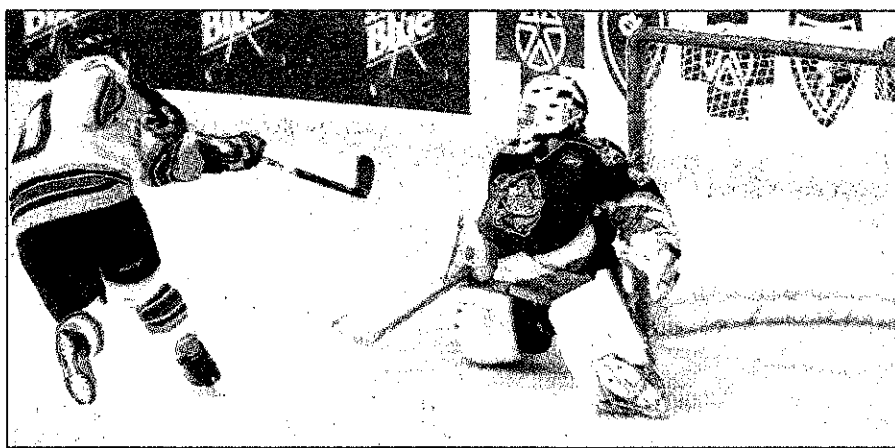
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## Opening weekend in the OHL



Plymouth Whalers left wing A. J. Jenks (No. 22) battles for position in front of the Erie goal during Saturday's season opener at Compuware Arena. Challenging Jenks for the puck are Erie's Robyn Sertic (No. 20) and Mitch Gaulton (No. 4).

Plymouth's Chris Terry converts a penalty shot during the Whalers' season-opening 6-4 loss to Erie Saturday night. The Otters' goalie is ex-Whaler Justin Garay.



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## BANNERS RISE; WHALERS FALL

Defending champs' late rally falls just short

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

On a near-perfect Saturday night for hockey at Compuware Arena — 70 degrees, full house, just enough air conditioning-generated breeze to sway the freshly hung Ontario Hockey League championship banners — the Plymouth Whalers nearly pulled off the perfect comeback.

After falling into a 5-1 abyss two minutes into the third period, the defending OHL titlists fought back to narrow their deficit to 5-4 — and create a man-advantage situation — before falling to Erie, 6-4, in Plymouth's season opener. The Otters evened their ledger at 1-1.

The outcome of the contest wasn't decided until the Otters' Justin Hodgman tallied a short-handed goal with 1:08 left.

With 3,613 vocal fans on hand to witness the pregame raising of the 2006-07 OHL championship banner to the Compuware Arena rafters, the stage was set for a memorable night for the hosts.

However, Luke Gazdic put a damper on the festivities 5:20 in when he lofted a rebound shot past Whaler net-minder Jeremy

Smith. The short-handed power-play goal came just over a minute after Plymouth's Chris Terry was whistled for goaltender interference when he barreled into Erie goalie (and ex-Whaler) Justin Garay on a net-charging rush.

The Whalers tied the game at 1-all three minutes later when Joe McCann knocked in his own rebound past a sprawling Garay, but it was their final goal until early in the third period.

In the meantime, the Otters built a 5-1 lead on goals from Hodgman, Anthony Peluso (two), Jordan Skellett and Detroit Red Wing draftee Zack Torquato.

Plymouth's improbable rally was ignited by Terry, who put a penalty shot top shelf past Garay with 15:55 left to make it 5-2. Three minutes later, McCann tucked his second goal of the night into the back of the net to cut the Whalers' deficit to 5-3. Christian Stinegraber and Josh Bemis assisted on the goal.

Things really got interesting with 5:24 left when A.J. Jenks beat Garay from up close to make it 5-4.

Please see **WHALERS, C2**

## Sidelines

### Fall softball

It's not too late to join a fall softball league thanks to the Canton Sports Center's Adult Softball Fall Mini-League, which is sponsored by Diamonds Bar & Grill. The deadline to register for the abbreviated league is Sept. 30.

The adult softball offerings include: Men's D on Tuesdays; co-ed on Wednesdays; and Men's D on Thursdays. The season is tentatively scheduled to begin Oct. 2-4 and will last for 10 games with no playoffs. Teams typically play double-header games one night a week at the Canton Sports Center, which is located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave.

Space is limited to eight teams per league.

The fee is \$330 per team, plus an additional umpire charge of \$12 per game.

For more information, visit <http://csc.canton-mi.org> or contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

### Baseball camp

The Plymouth Wildcats baseball coaches will be conducting a fall-ball camp on Oct. 4-5, 11-12 (Thursdays and Fridays) from 4-6 p.m.

The camp is designed for baseball players who want to continue to improve their skills before the 2007 outdoor season concludes.

The cost for all four sessions is \$70, which includes a T-shirt for each camper.

For more information, contact Plymouth assistant varsity coach Beau Adams at [adamsb@pccs.k12.mi.us](mailto:adamsb@pccs.k12.mi.us).

### PCS girls hockey

The defending state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team is looking for players for the upcoming season, which will begin soon with conditioning sessions.

For more information, contact head coach Eric Mink at [emink12@yahoo.com](mailto:emink12@yahoo.com).

## Chiefs push Mustangs to brink before falling in 5

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

### PREP VOLLEYBALL

The tension was so thick in the Northville High School gymnasium Monday night you could have cut it with an ace.

Playing in their WLAA Western Division opener, the Canton and Northville volleyball teams exchanged high-drama serves, digs, blocks and kills for over two-and-a-half hours before the Mustangs survived with a five-game triumph: 25-19, 24-26, 26-

24, 19-25, 16-14.

The Chiefs battled back from a 14-11 deficit in the decisive game five to knot the score at 14-all before Northville won it with a Megan Hofmeister kill followed by a Krysta Cicala ace.

The Mustangs improved to 12-9 overall and 1-0 in the division while Canton slipped to 11-7-1 and 0-1, respectively.

"I thought both teams started out

kind of slow, but we both picked it up and played to our level after a while," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We found some stuff that worked, but sometimes we'd go back and resort to the old stuff that wasn't working. We need to eliminate those errors and play more consistently, especially during the pressure points at the end."

Northville coach Laura Lesko said her team's amped-up level of play couldn't have come at a better time.

"We've been struggling a little, so it was nice to see the girls keep it togeth-

er toward the end of the match," said Lesko, who is in her first year as the Mustangs' head coach. "Our blockers really stepped up and made some big plays in the fifth game."

"Canton had some powerful hitters, which I expected. Our girls did a good job of covering so that they couldn't block it straight down. I was very impressed with how well we covered tonight."

The Chiefs were paced by senior mid-

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, C2**

## Rollin' right along

Canton Agape soccer team wins 11 of 12 matches

See how PCEP teams fared on Page C2.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Agape Christian boys soccer team's unranked status in Division 4 won't last too much longer if the Wolverines continue their spirited play.

Agape improved its record to 11-1 overall and 6-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division with a pair of victories earlier this week: 7-0 over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran on

Tuesday, 24 hours after upending cross-town rival Plymouth Christian Academy, 1-0.

"Tuesday's win was a fun game and a lot of kids got to try positions that they don't normally get to play," said Agape coach Dan DeWitt, whose once-beaten team has yet to draw the attention of the pollsters. "Monday's match with PCA was an even match. We were lucky enough to put one in the back of the net and get a big win."

Seven different Wolverines scored in Tuesday's win: Daniel Mullett, Brandon Pierson,

Daniel Walker, Billy Martin, Donald Mullett, Robbie Knight and Kevin Reith. Mark Mullett didn't net a goal, but he did contribute two assists.

Joel Ruffin knocked away nine HVL shots in the first half before getting relieved by Walker, who turned away four shots in the second half.

Agape led 5-0 at the half.

Monday's lone goal was scored by Ty Majeski off an assist from Donald Mullett. Ruffin earned the shutout, stopping five Eagle shots.

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### 'Cats on the prowl

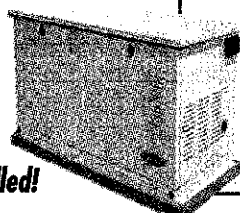
Plymouth's No. 1 singles player Dan Jeong has played a key role in the Wildcats' outstanding 2007 season. Jeong won his flight to help lead the 'Cats to the championship in Saturday's Don Zielinski Memorial Tournament in Dearborn Heights. For more on the tourney, see story on page C2.

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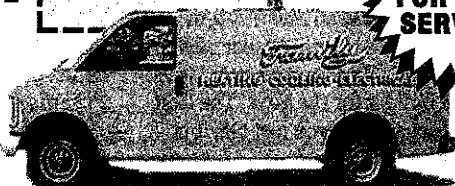
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THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 28**  
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 29**  
W.L. Northern at Salem, 1 p.m.

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**THURSDAY, SEPT. 27**  
W.L.A.A. Western Division  
Jamboree at Cass-Benton, 4 p.m.  
W.L.A.A. Lakes Division  
Jamboree at Cass-Benton, 4:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 29**  
Plymouth at Falcon Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Canton at Ypsilanti Invite, 10 a.m.

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**THURSDAY, SEPT. 27**  
W.L.A.A. Western Division  
Meet at Cass-Benton, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 29**  
Canton at Ypsilanti Invite, 10 a.m.

**GIRLS GOLF**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 28**  
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth

at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin at Salem  
at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.  
Canton at Northville  
at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 28**  
A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 4 p.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 28**  
Northville at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Canton at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 29**  
Salem at Warrior Classic Invite, 8 a.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
**THURSDAY, SEPT. 27**  
Wayne at Plymouth  
at Salem Pool, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 29**  
Rock-Mauer Invitational  
at Salem Pool, noon

SWIMMING RESULTS

**CANTON 119**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 62**  
**SEPT. 25 AT CANTON**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Monica Blasser, Maggie Carlson, Allison Schmitt, Kari Schmitt), 2:02.93; 2. Wayne, 2:21.31; 3. Canton, 2:25.23.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Katie Kubacki (C), 2:13.88; 2. Sara Krebs (C), 2:14.86; 3. Lindsey Kubacki (C), 2:23.10.

**200 IM:** 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:25.45; 2. Kayla Eyster (C), 2:30.89; 3. Maddy McLean (C), 2:48.74.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 24.54; 2. Madelyn Bevil (WM), 27.82; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 28.78.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Robyn Piwowar (C), 165.35; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 150.80; 3. Julie Brewer (C), 102.25.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Catherine Irwin (C), 1:07.78; 2. Saide Earnest (WM), 1:12.64; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 1:16.18.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 58.30; 2. Madelyn Bevil (WM), 1:01.55; 3. Meghan Sears (C), 1:03.00.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Kari Schmitt (C), 5:59.67; 2. Christine O'Keefe (C), 6:00.07; 3. Jessica Bielek (C), 6:26.28.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Wayne Memorial (Kaitlin Durden, Krystle Crandall, Chelsea O'Mara, Kessie Honeycutt), 2:13.89; 2. Wayne Memorial, 2:36.60.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:01.72 (new pool record); 2. Monica Blasser (C), 1:09.23; 3. Paige Goodwin (C), 1:23.80.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Catherine Irwin (C), 1:18.69; 2. Meghan Sears (C), 1:25.56; 3. Krystle Crandall (WM), 1:28.05.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Wayne Memorial (Amanda Fili, Madelyn Bevil, Sadie Earnest, Kara Windsor), 4:28.82; 2. Wayne Memorial, 5:27.27.

**CANTON'S DUAL MEET RECORD:** 3-1 overall, 1-0 in W.L.A.A. Western Division.

**SALEM 103**  
**W.L. WESTERN 83**  
**SEPT. 25 AT WESTERN**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Emily Nelson, Sara Spala, Katie Gorman, Whitney Aumiller), 1:58.50; 2. Western, 2:06.89; 3. Western, 2:19.50.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Adina Bohr (WLW), 2:02.73; 2. Emily Bair (S), 2:06.03; 3. Allison Burke (S), 2:13.70.

**200 IM:** 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:20.62; 2. Emily Nelson (S), 2:23.25; 3. Sarah Krueger (WLW), 2:28.22.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Lexie Fregonara (WLW), 26.14; 2. Katie Gorman (S), 26.39; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 28.12.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Katie Koetting (S), 208.80; 2. Jessica Krueger (WLW), 147.20; 3. Sophie Daughtry (WLW), 144.60.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Lexie Fregonara (WLW), 1:04.49; 2. Katie Gorman (S), 1:07.17; 3. Kirsten Clemans (S), 1:10.4.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Adina Bohr (WLW), 57.20; 2. Emily Nelson (S), 58.82; 3. Christie Johnson (WLW), 1:00.7.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Emily Bair (S), 5:36.18; 2. Allison Burke (S), 5:57.39; 3. Christy Ostach (WLW), 5:57.88.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Western (Adina Bohr, Krys Frane, Stephanie Standriff, Lexie Fregonara), 1:50.31; 2. Salem, 1:50.84; 3. Salem, 1:58.96.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 1:03.04; 2. Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:08.59; 3. Christie Johnson (WLW), 1:19.32.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Sarah Spala (S), 1:17.66; 2. Holly Ferrari (WLW), 1:19.32; 3. Megan Burke (S), 1:22.71.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Western (Sarah Krueger, Lexie Fregonara, Christie Johnson, Adina Bohr), 3:56.48; 2. Salem, 3:57.51; 3. Salem, 4:12.67.

**SALEM'S DUAL MEET RECORD:** 1-0.

**W.L. NORTHERN 94**  
**PLYMOUTH 92**  
**SEPT. 26 AT CANTON H.S.**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Elle Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Michelle Chang), 2:05.79; 2. Northern, 2:06.05; 3. Plymouth, 2:17.15.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Alyssa Liakos (P), 2:11.74; 2. Lauren Cockles (WLN), 2:11.89; 3. Chloe Reuter (WLN), 2:19.16.

**200 IM:** 1. Kayla Knight (WLN), 2:31.82; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 2:34.35; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 2:40.63.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Andrea Wozniak (WLN), 26.71; 2. Michelle Chang (P), 27.58; 3. Lauren Bell (WLN), 27.93.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Hannah Saarinen (WLN), 176.50; 2. Brianna Walde (WLN), 145.00; 3. Kay Borst (P), 121.30.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Sijia Hao (P), 1:06.80; 2. Lauren Cockles (WLN), 1:07.34; 3. Kelsey Slayton (WLN), 1:09.37.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Andrea Wozniak (WLN), 59.55; 2. Michelle Chang (P), 59.81; 3. Lauren Bell (WLN), 1:02.13.

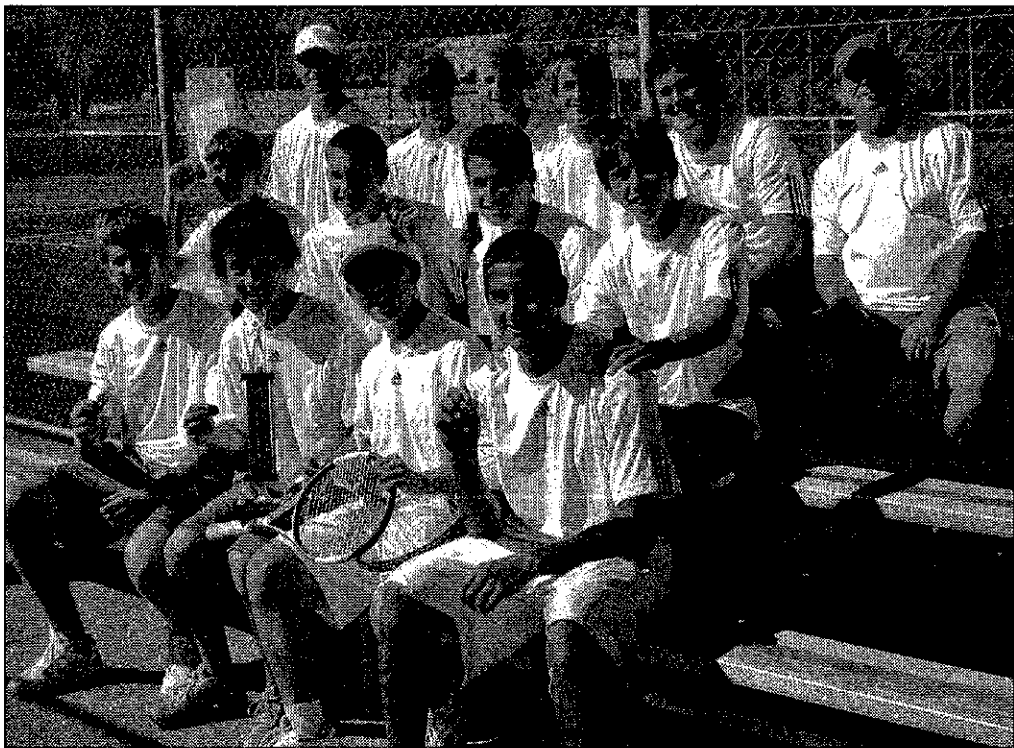
**500 freestyle:** 1. Alyssa Liakos (P), 5:57.83; 2. Kayla Knight (WLN), 6:02.26; 3. Molly McKinstry (P), 6:06.38.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Northern (Lauren Cockles, Lauren Bell, Shannon Pawloski, Andrea Wozniak), 1:49.46; 2. Plymouth, 1:51.96; 3. Northern, 1:56.44.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Sijia Hao (P), 1:09.11; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:12.13; 3. Kelsey Slayton (WLN), 1:14.94.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Elle Palczynski (P), 1:15.65; 2. Shannon Pawloski (WLN), 1:20.46; 3. Micelle Carter (WLN), 1:22.20.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Alyssa Liakos, Sijia Hao, Michelle Chang), 4:01.23; 2. Northern, 4:02.08; 3. Northern, 4:20.57.



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Members of the Plymouth tennis team were all smiles after winning Saturday's Don Zielinski Memorial Tennis Tournament. Pictured (front row from left) are Max Ryan, Wen Ning, Cheng Chen, Anoop Gopal, (middle row from left) Matt Dwan, Steve Ostrowski, Dan Jeong, Ramiro Pinon, (back row from left) coach Tom Kimball, Grant Senkbeil, Ryan Kolesar, Pat Bailey, Pat Onoro and coach Jim Tucker. Not pictured is Andy Mitchell.

'Cat netters earn Zielinski crown

Plymouth's boys tennis team applied a collective overhead slam to its competition in the 2007 Don Zielinski Memorial Tennis Tournament, which was held Saturday in Dearborn Heights.

The Wildcats won seven of eight flights to post 23 points, eight more than co-runners-up Taylor Truman and Dearborn Divine Child.

Host Dearborn Heights Crestwood, the school where Zielinski coached for several years, placed fourth with 10 points.

Plymouth swept all four singles flights led by Dan Jeong's championship performance at No. 1. Jeong downed Truman's Frank Szydlowski in the championship match, 6-0, 6-1.

Other singles titleists for the Wildcats were No. 2 player Steve Ostrowski, who downed Crestwood's Scott Gorgeski, 6-2, 6-0 in the final; No. 3 player Andy Mitchell, who upended Divine Child's Colin Brady, 6-0, 7-5 in the title match; and

No. 4 Pat Bailey, who registered a 7-5, 7-6 triumph over Crestwood's Mo Reslan in the championship match.

The Wildcats' No. 1, 2 and 3 doubles tandems also earned first-place medals. The No. 1 duo of Anoop Gopal and Matt Dwan ousted Truman's Chris Poce and Grant Smith, 6-0, 6-2; the No. 2 team of Ryan Kolesar and Pat Onoro bumped off DC's Mike Sitkauskas and David Matuz, 6-4, 6-3; and the No. 3 unit of Wen Ning and Max Ryan prevailed over Crestwood's Sorel Polocoser and Kassem Tanana, 6-1, 6-0.

**PLYMOUTH 7**  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1**  
**Sept. 24 at Plymouth**  
**No. 1 singles:** Dan Jeong (P) defeated Steve Trapp, 6-1, 6-0.  
**No. 2:** Walter Woods (LF) def. Pat Onoro, 6-2, 6-2.  
**No. 3:** Steve Ostrowski (P) def. Chad Dorton, 6-2, 6-0.  
**No. 4:** Andy Mitchell (P) def. Joe Kosinski, 6-0, 6-1.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Anoop Gopal-Matt Dwan (P) def. Tony Semonick-Dan Camilleri, 6-2, 6-4.  
**No. 2:** Pat Bailey-Max Korpalski (P) def. Ryan Hudie-Nick Wegela, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 3:** Ryan Kolesar-Max Ryan (P) def. Nate Warrick-Erik Robertson, 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1.  
**No. 4:** Wen Ning-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Skene Milne-Walt Afonso, 6-4, 6-1.

**Plymouth's dual meet record:** 5-2-1; Franklin's dual meet record: 2-8 overall, 2-7 W.L.A.A.

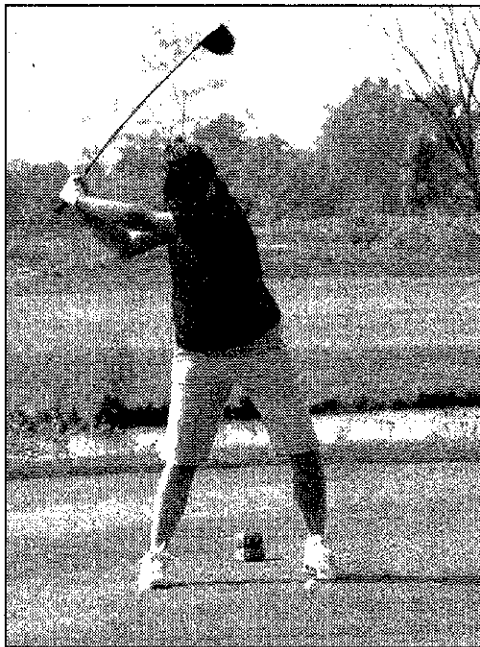
**SALEM 8**  
**W.L. NORTHERN 0**  
**Sept. 24 at Salem**  
**No. 1 singles:** Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Mike Chou, 6-0, 6-0;  
**No. 2:** Brett Foster (S) def. Garek Ng, 6-2, 6-2;  
**No. 3:** Dion Walker (S) def. Brad Stone, 7-6(7), 6-1;  
**No. 4:** Dave Benson (S) def. Lenny Kugel, 6-2, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (S) def. Adam Goldman-Blair Globerman, 6-4, 6-0;  
**No. 2:** Tyler Jeleniewski-Jake Burnstein (S) def. Arjun Mahajan-Dan Wang, 6-0, 6-0;  
**No. 3:** Yuvi Rajeev-Ryan Aubert (S) def. Tom Delphy-Michiro Watanabe, 6-0, 6-2;  
**No. 4:** Josh Perrin-John Kang (S) def. Josh Preston-Andrew Garcia, 6-2, 6-4.  
**Salem's dual meet record:** 8-1.

**CANTON 6**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2**  
**Sept. 24 at John Glenn**  
**No. 1 singles:** Tim Smolen (JG) defeated David Kang, 7-5, 6-2;  
**No. 2:** Mike Darouie (C) def. Rob Fraiser, 6-0, 6-1;  
**No. 3:** Justin Leidel (C) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-0;  
**No. 4:** Gordie German (JG) def. Rob Milus, 6-2, 6-2;  
**No. 1 doubles:** Ryan Hollingsworth-Riley Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Zach Ernst-Jacory Frowner, 6-0, 6-2;  
**No. 2:** Jeremy Lindlbauer-Santosh Shanmuga (C) def. Jeremy Proffitt-Nick Hubbard, 6-1, 6-0;  
**No. 3:** David Ding-Ryan Evans (C) def. Khari Stargell-Zach Edwards, 6-0, 6-1;  
**No. 4:** Cory Hurst-Adam Payne (C) won by default.  
**Canton dual meet record:** 6-2.

GOLF RESULTS

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 186**  
**CANTON 219**  
**Sept. 21 at Hilltop G.C.**  
**Churchill scorers:** Shannon Warner, 35 (medalist); Lexi McFarlane, 47; Amanda Deobis, 51; Danielle Lesniak, 53; Jessica Burdette, 56; Sarah Linder, 68.  
**Canton scorers:** Chelsea Osburn, 47; Kara Gregory, 51; Alex Wee, 57; Erin Lixie, 64; Johanna Alexander, 65; Mary Winther, 66.  
**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 8-0 overall, 8-0 W.L.A.A.; Canton, 2-3 W.L.A.A.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 204**  
**CANTON 220**  
**Sept. 19 at Ivy Wild Franklin scorers:** Paige Scarpace, 41 (medalist); Georgia Patrick and Natalie Polakowski, 54 each; Samantha McAtee, 55; Chelsea Duffy, 66; Becki Keeler, 67.  
**Canton scorers:** Kara Gregory, 45; Chelsea Osburn, 50; Brehanna Hicks, 61; Megan Baugart, 64; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 65; Johanna Alexander, 67.  
**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 4-4 overall, 3-4 W.L.A.A.; Canton, 2-2 W.L.A.A.



MAUREEN ALEXANDER

Canton's Kara Gregory, pictured teeing off during Monday's match against Wayne Memorial, fired a 51 in Friday's match against Livonia Churchill. Monday's results against the Zebras were not available at presstime.

Canton's girls cross country team turned in a solid seventh-place effort at Saturday's Jackson Invitational, which was held at Ella Sharp Park.

"I was very satisfied with the girls' performance," said Canton coach Eric Pahl. "I was especially pleased with Abigail Gorzalski, who has really been stepping it up and closing the gap between our top two runners (Rachel Rohrbach and Sarah Thomas) and the rest of the team."

Saline won the event with 69 points, nine fewer than runner-up Livonia Churchill. Grand Blanc placed third with 118. The Chiefs amassed 199 points.

Rohrbach, a freshman, led the Chiefs with an 11th-place finish in 19:28. She narrowly beat Thomas, who placed 12th in 19:29.

Other point-earners for Canton were Katie Rymond (48th in 21:00), Gorzalski (56th in 21:11) and Melanie Kulczycki (72nd in 21:37).

Rounding out the Canton varsity contingent were Margaret Murphy (99th in 22:21) and Katy Galm (105th in 22:45).

The Chiefs will host today's W.L.A.A. Western Division Jamboree at Cass-Benton Park in Northville.

**Rocks split**

Salem's girls cross country team split into two groups and competed in both the Jackson Invitational and the Monroe Jefferson Invitational, which was held at Sterling State Park.

The Rocks placed 10th in Jackson with 278

points, 209 more than titlist Saline. Jordyn Moore paced the Rocks with a time of 20:43. Other varsity runners for Salem were Kelley Determan (20:59), Linda Ling (21:06), Kara Booms (21:17), Lauren Olson (21:47) and Sabrina Burcroff (21:50).

Salem placed eighth in the 11-team Monroe competition, finishing with 205 points. Woodhaven won with 35 points, followed by Monroe (59) and Saline (95).

Leading the way for the Rocks was Kristina Klusek, who's time of 22:27 was good enough for 33rd place. Also running hard for Salem were Alex McHugh (34th place in 22:28), Jessica Battle (45th in 23:09), Alyssa Calkin (46th in 23:09), Kortney Marsh (47th in 23:10) and Phoebe VanHoof (51st in 23:39).

**'Cats in Romeo**

Plymouth's girls cross country team traveled north to Romeo on Saturday for the Old School Classic.

"It was a true cross country meet complete with hay bales, two water crossings, woods, farm roads, you name it," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "My advice to the girls before the meet was, 'Have fun and don't get hurt.' It was a fun, low-key race before the big races start."

Competing for Plymouth were: Beth Heldmeyer (21:20), Pam Bhullar (22:28), Sarah Brown (22:55), Sarah Balgooyen (23:10), Adrienne White (23:13), Kelsey Reineri (23:30), Elise Chagas (23:30), Paula Green (23:30) and Julie Forster (23:30).

WHALERS

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A few seconds later, Garay was whistled for delay of game when he scooped the puck high up into the crowd. However, the Whalers were unable to keep the momentum going and ultimately fell on Hodgman's late goal.

Smith turned back 29-of-35 Otter shots while Garay stopped 38-of-42 of his ex-teammates' scoring efforts.

The Whalers return to action Friday when they travel to Kitchener to battle the Rangers. They return home Saturday to host rival Windsor at 7:05 at Compuware Arena. Tickets are available by calling Compuware Arena at (734) 435-8400; or by visiting Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Welcome back, Michal

On Monday, Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci announced that the Washington Capitals had returned goaltender Michal Neuvirth to Plymouth.

Neuvirth will rejoin Smith to give the Whalers a potent 1-2 punch in front of the net. The Czech Republic native was selected by the Capitals in the second round (34th overall) of the 2006 NHL Entry Draft. He played in one pre-season game for the Caps — a 4-3 overtime loss to Carolina on Sept. 16.

Neuvirth and Smith teamed up last season to contribute to Plymouth's run to the OHL title as the Whalers won the OHL's Dave Pinkney Award for fewest goals allowed — 173 over 68 regular-season games. Neuvirth won the F.W. "Dinty" Moore Trophy last season after posting a league-best 2.32 goals-against average and .932 save percentage while going 26-8-2 in 41 regular-season games. Neuvirth's strong play continued into the post-season when he posted a 16-5-2 mark in the playoffs.

VOLLEYBALL

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dle-hitter Lauren McPartlin, who racked up 16 kills, five blocks and 15 digs.

"That's the best I've ever seen her play, especially defensively," Barnes said of the 5-foot-8 McPartlin. "She took the initiative tonight and was a great leader on the court. She did everything we asked her to do, she served aggressively and played great defense. You could tell she wanted it real bad."

The Mustangs broke open a tight Game 1 with eight straight mid-game points — seven of which were sparked by senior Lydia Blair serves — to win 25-19. Cicala, who has signed a letter of intent to play for Louisiana Tech University next fall, registered seven kills in the opening game.

Canton rebounded to win a thrilling game two, 26-24. With the score tied at 24-all, Canton won out on a McPartlin kill followed by a deep hit by a Mustang player.

Game 3 was as evenly played as Game 2 as the biggest lead for either team was four (Northville grabbed a 23-19 lead on a Sarah Koupal block). With the score even at 24-all, the hosts seized the pivotal game on Emily Grant's kill and a barely-wide tip by Canton.

The Chiefs fell into an early 11-6 hole in Game 4 before battling back to win 25-19. The game-clinching point game on an Ellie Kenny tip, which was preceded by a sensational, keep-the-point-alive dig by senior Hannah Mills.

The Chiefs surged to a 4-1 lead in Game 5 before eventually falling behind, 14-11. Thanks to clutch serving by junior Gina Waite and solid front-row play from Marie Martin and Jordan Kiely, Canton roared back to tie the game at 14-all. The Mustangs then won it on Hofmeister's kill and Cicala's ace.

Canton setter Kacy Moran played a stellar match, racking up 20 digs and 44 assists. Kiely (13 kills and 12 digs) and Mills (23 digs) also shined for the Chiefs.

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Plymouth kickers tie No. 3 Northville, 3-all

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

As the 2007 boys soccer season heads into the home stretch, there's not a team hitting on all cylinders better than Plymouth.

The Wildcats continued their late-season resurgence on Monday when they earned a 3-3 draw with Northville, the No. 3-ranked team in Division 1. The tie came just a week after Plymouth defeated state-ranked Canton, 1-0.

"We've definitely turned the corner," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose team improved to 5-6-4 overall and 3-2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. "The Canton game was a confidence builder for the guys. The first half of the season we played just OK, but lately we've been able to play right with the top teams in the state.

The setback dropped the Mustangs to 5-

1-2 in the Western Division, one-half game behind first-place Canton.

On Monday, the visiting Mustangs jumped on top 1-0 mid-way through the first half, but Plymouth countered with a goal seconds later when Colin Rolfe assisted Danny Jasewicz for the game-tying net-finder.

"Colin kicked the ball into 'no-man's land on the kick-off after the goal — it went just behind their last defender and in front of the goalie," explained Neschich. "Danny jumped on it, their goalie hesitated and we got one back real quick."

Plymouth took a 2-1 advantage into the halftime break when Rolfe, who has verbally committed to play for the University of Louisville beginning next fall, scored from 25 yards out on a set play.

After Northville netted a pair of goals early in the second half, Rolfe scored the equalizer with 12 minutes left on a breath-taking move.

"It was an outstanding individual effort," said Neschich, of Rolfe's goal. "He torched about three defenders and they're very good. "Colin made some magic happen. I'm glad he's on our team."

The assist went to Trevor Floyd. Rolfe nearly won the game for the Wildcats, but his laser with just over five minutes left rattled off the post, according to Neschich.

Brian Rissman played the majority of the game before leaving after a collision with a Northville player. Sophomore Josh Hill played the final 10 minutes between the pipes for Plymouth.

**CANTON 3, W.L. WESTERN 0:** On Monday at Canton, the Chiefs improved their Western Division record to 9-2-3 overall and 6-1-1 in the Western Division with a convincing triumph over the Warriors.

Senior Kevin Krause recorded the shut-out in goal for Canton, which led 3-0 at the half thanks to goals from Sherif Hassanien,

Tim Belcher and Joey Massel (penalty kick). Hassanien's goal was assisted by Mark Edwards.

"It's only the second time in 12 games we've failed to score," said Western coach Lee Fruman. "We were averaging four goals a game. I'm very disappointed to see we didn't create much of an attack. Their keeper made one very excellent save. Most of the other shots we had were right at the goalkeeper — soft shots that were easy to handle."

"For the last 60 minutes, it was an even game. I just wish we hadn't given away three early."

**SALEM 0, W.L. NORTHERN 0:** On Monday at Northern, Salem senior goalie Sasa Miskovic notched a shutout with five saves.

The draw left the Rocks with a 4-4-8 overall record and 3-2-1 mark in the W.L.A.A.'s Lakes Division.

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# There's a method to my 'Grid Picks' madness

Let me explain the method to my "grid picks" madness. Boy, did I take it in the gut for recently picking Garden City and Redford Union to win games two weeks ago against Mega Conference dynamos Highland Park and Dearborn Fordson. Even one of my colleagues, Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad



Tim Smith

Emons, couldn't resist chirping — in person and in print — about how ridiculous people said those picks were.

Apparently, the masses were ready with their white coats to come and get me. But to quote

Jim Leyland, it is what it is. Yeah, I messed up with those picks, as both the Cougars and Panthers (two teams I cover as Redford-Garden City sports editor) were summarily trounced, tackled and torn to bits, 50-6 and 36-8, respectively. I dutifully swallowed my medicine.

By the way, I didn't follow up with a superior week, going 7-4 in Week 5 to drop in the Observer standings. Pass the medicine again, please.

But I have always had a soft spot for the underdog. My favorite Beale is "dark horse" George Harrison. I like Canada and love hockey. Athletes who others give short shrift, generally ignored because they aren't the flavor of the week, are those I pull for to make it. And so I decided to fly in the face of conventional football wisdom and give Garden City and Redford Union a vote of confidence against teams a cut or more above.

That's because those programs do the best they can with they have, with whoever walks through their doors. Those are not school-of-choice destinations for hot-shot running backs and linebackers from outside district boundaries who are recruited by public high school coaches or booster groups.

Garden City, RU and Redford Thurston simply are not in the business of turning prep athletics into an extension of pro and college, as seems to be the case elsewhere.

If that means they get pounded, so be it. If I get catcalls for making my picks, oh well. Sometimes



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Salem quarterback Heath Parling, pictured above trying to elude a tackle during last week's loss to Walled Lake Central, will lead the Rocks against Walled Lake Northern Saturday at 1 p.m. at the PCEP varsity football stadium.

sticking to principles is the right pick of the week for any sports writer.

Unfortunately, my principles have me looking up in the grid picks standings to Emons, entering this week's slate of games on a major roll. He went 11-0 last week to improve to 41-15 and take a commanding lead over Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright (9-2 last week) and yours truly, both tied at 36-20.

Now, here is a peek into the crystal ball for Week 6:

#### FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

GARDEN CITY (1-4, 1-3) AT EDEL FORD (3-2, 2-2), 4 P.M.: I won't make a "sentimental" pick this week, however. The Cougars are struggling mightily and have managed just 26 points in five games. Their defense hasn't been holding up in recent weeks, and it will be tested by the steamrolling Thunderbirds' attack, which sparked a 44-18 triumph over Romulus last week. PICKS: Smith (Edsel Ford); Emons (Edsel Ford); Wright (Edsel Ford).

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (0-5, 0-5) AT HAMTRAMCK (0-5, 0-4), 4:30 P.M.: If ever there was a chance for the Trojans to bust into the victory column, this is it. Clarenceville hung in there against Metro Conference co-leader Macomb Lutheran North last week, before losing 21-0 while the Cosmos were trounced 37-0 by Lutheran Westland. Hamtramck has managed just

12 points while giving up 200 this season. PICKS: Smith (Clarenceville); Emons (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville).

LIV. STEVENSON (5-0, 3-0) AT LIV. CHURCHILL (5-0, 3-0): This has to be the Game of the Week in Observerland. Both WLAA teams enter this Lakes Division showdown looking to squeeze into the driver's seat. Both also are coming off lopsided victories and should be firing on all cylinders. It should be interesting who wins the battle of the trenches. Although the Spartans have scored more points this season than the Chargers, the home team is stingier overall on defense. This is almost too close to call. PICKS: Smith (Churchill); Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson).

CANTON (2-3, 1-2) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (2-3, 2-1): These WLAA-Western Division rivals will hook up in a game that features teams possibly headed in opposite directions. The 2006 Division 1 state semifinalist Chiefs lost a 24-23 heartbreaker to Walled Lake Western and must win out merely to qualify for the state playoffs. The Patriots defeated Plymouth last week, and would like to stay on the heels of the division-leading Warriors. PICKS: Smith (Canton); Emons (Franklin); Wright (Canton).

W.L. WESTERN (4-1, 3-0) AT WAYNE (3-2, 2-1): The Zebras will enter this WLAA-Western contest with some momentum following a 33-14 victory over winless Northville. But the first-place Warriors provide a much tougher test, as proven by last week's one-point triumph over Canton. PICKS: Smith (Western); Emons (Wayne); Wright (Western).

WESTLAND GLENN (2-3, 1-2) AT W.L. CENTRAL (2-3,

#### GRID PICKS

2-1): After losing Friday to unbeaten Livonia Churchill, all that lies ahead for the Rockets is a WLAA-Lakes matchup against a team that dismantled Plymouth Salem, 40-0. PICKS: Smith (Central); Emons (Central); Wright (Central).

TRENTON (2-3, 1-2) AT REDFORD UNION (2-3, 1-2): Could the Trojans spoil homecoming night for the Panthers and their fans? It's possible, given that both of these Mega White squads have scored and allowed virtually the same number of points. This game could go either way, but the energy of Kraft Field could provide enough of an edge for outstanding RU senior half-back Yourye Wilson, who scored four TDs and rushed for 179 yards last week. PICKS: Smith (RU); Emons (RU); Wright (Trenton).

RED. THURSTON (1-4, 1-2) AT YPSILANTI (4-1, 3-0): Eagles head coach Bob Snell correctly said his team has a "brutal schedule" and any good feelings gained by Friday's 21-0 win over Garden City should get wiped out by the Mega Blue rival Braves, a team that has it figured out in all areas. PICKS: Smith (Ypsilanti); Emons (Ypsilanti); Wright (Ypsilanti).

NORTHVILLE (0-5, 0-5) AT PLYMOUTH (3-2, 1-2): The Wildcats can garner steam toward a playoff spot with a victory. As long as the home team doesn't get too complacent, that should happen against the Mustangs, still without a win. PICKS: Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth).

#### SATURDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 1 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

RED. COVENANT (4-1, 3-0) VS. SFLD. CHRISTIAN (2-3, 1-2) AT BIRMINGHAM GROVES, HOOM: The Spartans, who sit atop the Southern Michigan Football Conference standings with Parkway Christian, will look to keep building momentum toward what could be their first-ever playoff spot. If the chemistry between Covenant quarterback Tony Harrison and wide receiver Anthony Davis (three TD catches last week) stays strong, it could be a long day for the Eagles. PICKS: Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant); Wright (Covenant).

CLAWSON (2-3, 2-1) AT LUTHERAN WESTLAND (3-2, 2-1): These Metro Conference teams are looking to build on Week 5 victories, with the Warriors coming off a 37-0 blitzing of Hamtramck while the Trojans defeated Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. PICKS: Smith (Lutheran Westland); Emons (Clawson); Wright (Lutheran Westland).

W.L. NORTHERN (0-5, 0-5) AT SALEM (0-5, 0-5): There will be some smiling faces, guaranteed, as one of these struggling teams will finally get into the win column. The Rocks are looking to score their first point in WLAA-Lakes play. PICKS: Smith (Salem); Emons (Northern); Wright (Salem).

# P-C Steelers rout Rockets

#### JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team continued its winning ways Sunday afternoon by doubling out Farmington, 39-18. Nick Tata, Jack Vida and John Randle paced the winners' offense while Lowell Wade, Alex Brown and Cameron Dillard helped contain the Rockets' offense from their defensive positions.

The Steelers' junior-varsity contingent defused the Rockets, 31-0, thanks to strong play on both sides of the ball. Michael Saccone led the offense with several key plays, including a 70-yard touchdown run. Brian Schmid and Thomas Jones displayed toughness on both sides of the ball while Justin Broughman led the defense with a pair of quarterback sacks.

The Steelers' freshmen earned a hard-fought 32-12 victory thanks in large part to strong blocking from Adam McKee, Joseph Paz and Christian Mayberry, whose downfield block sprang a TD. Zachary Davenport and Drake Wanshon sparked the defense, while Dakota Lynn grabbed an interception to stymie a late Rockets' drive.

The Steelers' junior freshmen continued their excellent play behind the tough offensive efforts of Andrew Estey, Matthew Lessel and Ben Kandah. Defensively, Joey Ahearn and Matthew Danis, who recovered a fumble, shined for the winners.

#### Lions roar

The Canton Lions varsity football team earned its third victory of the season Sunday by knocking off Westland, 18-0.

Marcus Houston opened the scoring for the winners with a 41-yard TD sprint. D.J. McMillan doubled the Lions lead to 12-0 when he caught a pass, broke three tackles and raced into the

end zone. Clay Behrman capped the scoring with a 2-yard TD run early in the third quarter. William Askew, Zach Smilo, Blake Owens and Matthew Harris helped the Lions earn their first shutout of the season.

The Lions' junior varsity squad trampled the Comets, 45-0, to run its record to 3-0. Malcolm Hollingsworth got things going when he returned the opening kickoff for a TD. The offensive line play of Luke Denzer, Daniel Tidwell, Pat Stropes, Scott Gring and Daniel Jipping opened holes for Jamari Eiland (two TD's), Nathan Emminger (two) Kyle Durham and Kenneth Arnold. Defensively, Collin Hall, Tyler Searls, Western Price, Nathan Emminger and Arnold excelled for the Lions.

The Lions freshmen ran their record to 3-0 by extinguishing the Comets, 26-6. The Lions led 19-0 after one quarter thanks to strong running from Antonio Dumas and Cordell Gibson, both of whom found the end zone. Strong blocking was provided by Alex Petrarca, Eric Daniels and Daniel Paulot while the defensive surge was led by Ty Jasman, Jakob Wickens, Daniel Kilgore, Allante' Wheeler and Luke Edwards.

The Lions' junior freshmen played in a high-scoring game against the Comets. The Lions' running game was fueled by strong blocking from Scottlar Chakarbart, George Jablonski and Jack Underwood, who paved the way for excellent runs by Jason Arnold, Spencer Brown, Kyle Burnette and Ray Bunting. The defense outplayed a bigger Westland team led by Trevor LaPere and Devon Farmer, who forced a key fumble late in the game.

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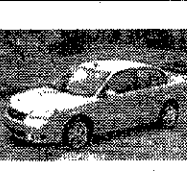
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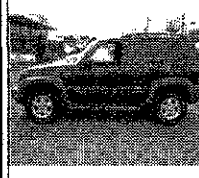
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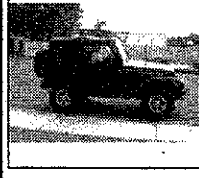
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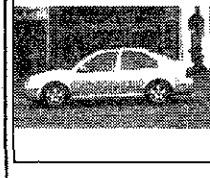
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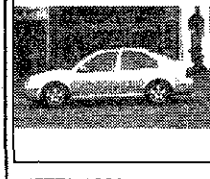
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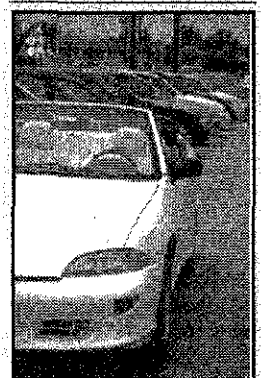
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## VOLVO HAS A 'HOT HATCH' IN NEW C30

Advertising Feature

### CAReport



By Dale Buss

With high gasoline prices now firmly established as a fact of life, automakers are devoting more attention and resources to small cars. As a result, they're finally bringing some meaningful diversity to a category that was stuck in a bland homogeneity for many years.

Volvo's brand-new C30 sporty compact is in the very vanguard of this development. Aiming to appeal to young urbanites and compete with established lookers including the Volkswagen GTI and the Mini Cooper, Volvo has launched the C30 this year behind hot styling, peppy performance, and just enough amenities to make it a credible entry in the high-end small-car derby - what some wag has taken to calling the "hot hatch" segment.

Aiming the car mainly at the narrow streets and tight parking of the European market, Volvo also has graced the United States with the C30, a sporty hatchback that closely follows the design of a concept vehicle from a few years ago. Starting retail prices are around \$22,700, but fully loaded, C30 can set you back around \$30,000.

For that kind of lucre, you want something that impresses - and C30 delivers. Start with looks: C30 boasts a tongue-wagger of a design, both in the overall and in some intriguing details. Not known until lately for its design prowess, Volvo really has pulled out all the stops with the C30. Its dramatic wedge shape and short-clipped rear end suggests a vehicle back on its haunches, ready to rocket.

The chopped-off front grille is a blunt statement by this two-door coupe. So are the huge-looking 18-inch wheels on the Version 2.0 that I drove. Dramatic flares run along the bottom of the C30 from the front to the rear wheels. Parallel to them, the car's shoulders rise and its roof quickly descends to form smart-looking wedge shapes.

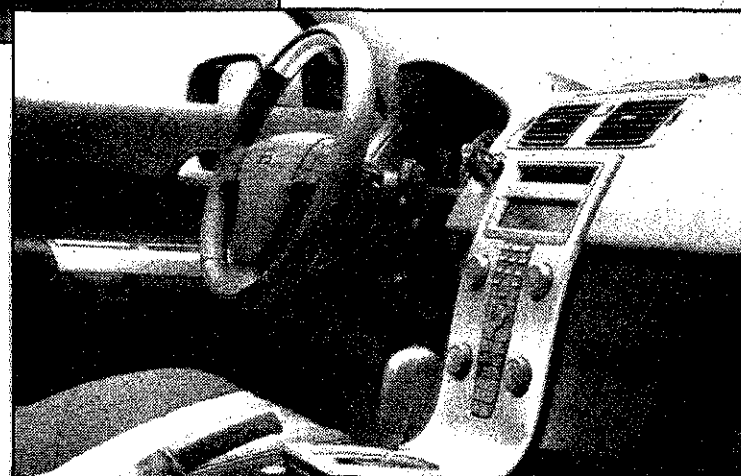
And yet, it isn't until you get to the rear end where Volvo really makes a design statement with the C30: The hatchback is nearly entirely comprised of a huge, squarish back window that extends well below where a traditional design would have it end, creating a dramatic effect. The chrome-tipped dual exhausts help as well.

In the case of the C30 I drove, Volvo also adds to the appeal with a dramatically fresh color scheme. The body color of the vehicle was an extremely light mossy green,



The hatch window of the Volvo C30 provides fantastic rear visibility.

Interior of the C30 features sensible climate control and a "waterfall" center console.



almost a bare tint of a hue, while the trim pieces along the bottom were a very deep mocha. Interesting combination with an esthetically pleasing result.

The only down side to this entire design picture is a strange pair of taillights, in which the brake-light strip extending vertically on the sides of the hatch - reminiscent of Volvo's design in other vehicles - are actually adjacent to the arc of the main taillights, producing weird effects. Of course, all of that is only annoying to the drivers behind you.

For the driver who's actually behind the seat of the C30, it's a big treat. Powered by a turbocharged, 2.5-liter five-cylinder engine, C30 generates 227 horsepower and 236 pound-feet of torque. As a result, toting around a vehicle this small, C30 is able to accomplish remarkable acceleration - about 6.5 seconds zero-to-60 - as well as determined quick moves whatever the driving demands.

Shifting up through the five-speed automatic I drove is extremely smooth as well. At an estimated 19 mpg in the city and 28 mpg on the highway, fuel economy is about where it must be to take advantage of the small dimensions of the car.

Inside, C30 is mostly a treat. The first thing you notice

is the extremely high visibility out the windshield, the front side windows and, especially, the huge hatch, all of which is a real treat. However, C30 displays the same blind-spot problems for the driver that are generic to many coupes. And if you're a rear passenger, the seats are so deep and the windows so shallow that the effect is a bit like sitting in a jail cell looking up at a scant chink of a space to the outside.

The interior design is sleek, highlighted by a signature, thin, "floating" or "waterfall" center console that Volvo first incorporated into the S40 and V50. Not only is the visual effect stunning, but there's a handy compartment behind the waterfall stack where you can stash keys, cell phones and other objects safely without having them clutter up the important space right next to the driver's seat.

And, of course, Volvo has used its uniquely sensible approach to climate controls in the C30 as in its other vehicles. An icon of a human shows you exactly where the air stream will be pointing, and all the necessary climate switches and dials are clustered within a few inches of each other.

And obviously, climate-switch design isn't the only thing that competitors could learn from the C30.

## ADVERTISEMENT

# Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

by J.L. Sims Independent ad features

Livonia, MI - A Livonia dealer is selling 2007 vehicles for about one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2007 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2007 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$289 monthly at 5.9%, for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2007, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

**John Rogin Buick sold over 150 Buick LaCrosse & Pontiac Grand Prix's in the first 30 days of their sale.**

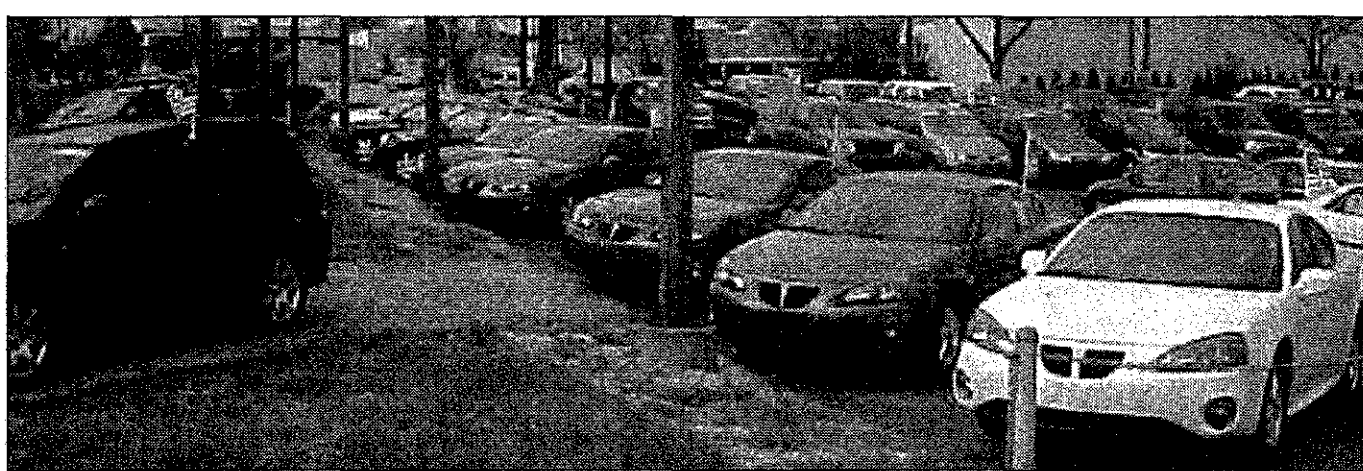
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix's than any

other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2006 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the pre-owned 2007 vehicles. The low financing on new 2007's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows.

So, once again, John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in truckload after truckload from



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2007 program vehicles all with 100,000 mile warranty.

across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they currently stock the largest

inventory of 2007 program cars in Michigan with a 100,000 mile warranty.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2007's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone,

along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2007 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday - Friday during normal business hours.

## A Beautiful Buick

The 2001-2007 Buicks were the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175-horsepower V-6 boasting 20 mpg city and 29 mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need

for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

position tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions. "WOW".



See the 2007 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the pre-owned 2007 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from

throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2007 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of \$24,000 list price new. While they last.

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## Accents

### Green Street Fair announced

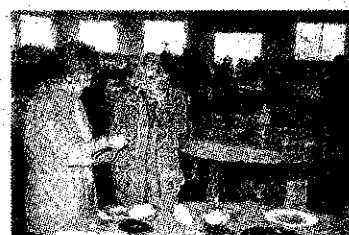
PLYMOUTH — Next summer, metro Detroit will "go green" like never before. The Green Street Fair, presented by Whole Foods Market, will bring a host of eco-friendly foods, goods and services to downtown Plymouth May 3-4.

The fair is a joint venture between owners of Plymouth Art in the Park and Street Marketing in Northville.

Designed to educate people of all ages, and promote global interest and personal well-being, the fair will bring companies, artisans, entertainers, workshops and speakers together in a family-oriented outdoor environment. Highlights include The Whole Foods Market Village, exhibitor displays, film, live music, interactive displays, children's activity centers, fitness demonstrations, organic cuisine, a farmer's market, art installations and more.

Cities across the country, including Chicago and New York City, host annual green fairs, and now Green Street Fair will bring the concept to southeast Michigan.

For Green Street Fair sponsorship opportunities, contact Terri O'Brien at (248) 347-4350 or [terri@greenstreetfair.com](mailto:terri@greenstreetfair.com). For information on becoming an exhibitor, contact Raychel Rork at (734) 259-2983 or [raychel@greenstreetfair.com](mailto:raychel@greenstreetfair.com).



Janice Reichenbach (left) and Carol Woods, Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club members, price merchandise for Third Annual Colossal Indoor Garage Sale.

### Indoor Garage Sale

ROCHESTER — The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will host its third annual Colossal Indoor Garage Sale in the 20,000-square-foot Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the campus of Oakland University Oct. 17-20. Bargains will include fine jewelry, collectibles, furniture, china, antiques, sporting goods, books, garden items and toys, as well as a bake sale of goodies made by garden club members. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the 15 gardens at Meadow Brook Hall. Those who would like to support the gardens by donating sale items (excluding clothing) may bring them to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 15-18. Hours for the sale are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 18-19; and 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 20. Admission is \$1. A preview sale with silent auction (\$10 admission) will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17. Call (248) 608-0485.



Great Lakes Regional heats up Plymouth

## Sunday's forecast: Chili

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Chili cooks always think their chili is the best. Nothing beats a bowl of their concoction, a simmering stew of beef, chili spices and whatever sauce or broth they care to add.

So says Annette Horn, who organizes with husband Ken Horn the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth, set for Sunday at Kellogg Park in Plymouth, along with a MotorCity Chili Ride and BMW Chili Ride, two motorcycle rides that end at the cookoff with a motorcycle bike show.

"We talk about the excitement of competing and in making the chili," Annette says about her conversations with her husband and other chili cooks about the competition. "Chili competitors make a pot every other weekend and have friends over to try it. You want to make chili that's going to win, and everybody thinks that they have a great pot of chili, and they tweak it a little bit."

"You enjoy competing and you like to show it off. Your heart beats a little faster and it's really exciting."

On Sunday, 60 cooks are expected to brown their favorite cuts of beef, then slowly simmer added chili

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### JIM WELLER'S MACKTOWN CHILI

3 pounds tri-tip beef, cubed  
1 1/4 ounces can beef broth  
1 1/4 ounces can chicken broth  
1 8 ounce can Hunt's tomato sauce  
1 teaspoon tabasco sauce  
Water  
Spice Mix  
8 tablespoons mild California chili powder  
2 tablespoons hot California chili powder  
3 tablespoons cumin  
1 tablespoon garlic granules  
1 tablespoon onion granules  
1/2 tablespoon arrowroot

Brown meat. Drain and add to chili pot with broths and tomato sauce. Add 75 percent of spice mix, bring to boil and simmer for 2 hours. Add tabasco and remaining spices. Thin gravy with water, if necessary. Cook additional half hour or until meat is tender. Add salt to taste. This recipe makes approximately 3 quarts.

Jim Weller is the 2000 International Chili Society World Champion.

### SOUTHERN CHILI GEORGIA STYLE

3 teaspoons Wesson oil  
4 1/2 tablespoons California chili powder  
4 tablespoons Gebhardt chili powder  
1/2 tablespoons New Mexico hot chili powder  
1/2 tablespoon chimayo  
1/2 tablespoon pasilla  
3 1/2 tablespoons cumin  
1 tablespoon granulated garlic  
4 teaspoons onion powder  
1/2 tablespoon brown sugar  
1 teaspoon tabasco  
3 pounds beef chuck, cut in chunks  
1 can beef broth  
1 can chicken broth  
1 8 ounce can Hunt's tomato sauce  
1 can green chiles, chopped

Brown meat and add to chili pot along with chicken and beef broth, tomato sauce and green chiles. Add 1/2 of the spices. Cook for 2 hours. Add remaining spices. Cook an additional hour or until meat is tender. Add salt to taste. Serve with Nabisco original Premium Saltine crackers.

Georgia Weller is the 1996 ICS world champion. Recipes courtesy of the International Chili Society Web site at [www.chilicookoff.com](http://www.chilicookoff.com). For more recipes, visit [www.chilicookoff.com](http://www.chilicookoff.com).

## Michigan-made gadget aims to improve your gas mileage

What if you could improve your fuel economy by 20 percent just by plopping a gadget on your dashboard? That's the promise — or the potential, anyway — of the Digital Fuel Miser (digitalfuelmizer.com).



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Manufactured by GI Engineering Company of Grosse Ile, this little blue box could save you a bundle on gas.

Creator Dwayne Esterline devised the device after an EPA report revealed that drivers could achieve fuel savings of 20 percent or more just by changing their driving habits.

"After studying the situation, I decided that there would be a large market for a product that could help drivers to improve their fuel economy without substantial expense or modifying their vehicle," Esterline says. "In developing the technology, we looked for the largest contributors

to poor fuel economy, and the number-one contributor was harsh acceleration and braking. [That's how] the Digital Fuel Miser was born."

The DFM incorporates an accelerometer that's tied to a bank of LEDs on the front. When you accelerate or brake inefficiently, the LEDs light up and beep. The idea is to train you to accelerate more gradually and brake less frequently (meaning planning ahead so you can coast instead of brake).

The less the DFM flashes and beeps, the better your mileage should be. And better mileage, of course, means fewer trips to the pump.

I spent a few weeks with a DFM in the car. As much as I love the idea behind the product, I do have some quibbles with it.

For starters, it quickly gets annoying. There are times when you have no choice but to accelerate quickly (like when merging onto the freeway) or stomp the brakes (because traffic just came to sudden stand-

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The Digital Fuel Miser alerts you when you accelerate or brake too harshly. If you can change your driving habits as a result, it might save you money.

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# Some service calls should be free

I was fishing in Northern Canada a few weeks ago with a good friend from the States who has over 25 years of experience repairing major

home appliances. While sitting one evening in an old cabin enjoying the supreme taste of freshly-caught fish, my friend looked at the refrigerator door and proclaimed, "wow, they even have these in Canada."

What he was referring to was a Frigidaire top mount refrigerator with a door gasket that didn't fully seal against the frame properly. He showed me how he has to repair the problem by adding a third bolt on the bottom door hinge and a shim in order to lift the door to its proper level. So from him to you — if you check the rubber door seal on the refrigerator door and it doesn't meet the frame all across the top of the door, you have a problem. Call your selling dealer and tell them you heard about it in this column.

This is the type of engineering performance at the factory level which never gets to be exposed. In all my years I

have never seen a lower door hinge on a modern refrigerator with only two bolts. They always have three bolts and in this particular case there was a hole already in the hinge to fit the third bolt. I believe somebody decided to try and save a penny, excluded the bolt in doing so and caused a field repair, which should be covered under warranty.

But is it? During the first year of ownership, your refrigerator is covered under the manufacturer's warranty so if you notice this problem it's a free repair. What about the person who doesn't discover this problem until after the first year warranty is over? Shouldn't that person be taken care of at no charge, after all the problem was caused at the factory and it was repaired at no cost for many other homeowners. Common sense dictates that should be the case, but don't expect a free repair to happen.

In the world of major home appliances, many things happen in production that are never told to the purchasing public. Service bulletins abound which describe what a service technician should do to solve a particular problem with a product. These don't come out in the form of a recall, or information that is given to a homeowner, but rather kept secret only for the eyes of some in the appliance repair industry. In the end, the public pays for

the mistakes created at the factory level. This whole concept is wrong and unfair. A gentleman wrote me recently about having to constantly replace a light bulb in his microwave oven. It is only six months old and even though it is under warranty the light bulbs are not covered and the manufacturer has been charging him \$15 for standard light bulbs. He discovered that the light bulbs he was receiving were the wrong voltage and that is why they failed prematurely. He went to the hardware store, purchased a light bulb for \$2.29, and the problem is solved. There are many thousands of stories to tell about problems created by the manufacturers of major home appliances and there was a day and an era when the manufacturers paid for service calls of this caliber. Those days are gone. Stay tuned.

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](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

## Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

## HOME CALENDAR

### Get Treasures Appraised

Three professionals from the International Society of Appraisers will help residents discover how much family heirlooms, treasured antiques and collectibles are worth with a verbal appraisal of approximate value at the Second Annual Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Bring jewelry (old & new), furniture, china, glassware, pottery, silver, dolls, toys, collectibles and memorabilia to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Rd., South Lyon. Entry fee, \$2 at the door; appraisal fee, \$6

per item/two items for \$10. Call (248) 437-8810. **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](http://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.



Leo Buk of Trenton is a regular at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff every year, creating his Nuclear Chili. Buk is expected to compete again this Sunday at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.

## CHILI

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spices with names ranging from Anaheim to New Mexico, habanero to serrano, jumping the Scoville scale with tsunami-like force.

OK, it's not quite THAT hot, but the chili bowls exude a pleasant burn that warms the palate in fall's early chill. (Since it is an official International Chili Society-sanctioned event, there are no beans allowed.)

And if the weather is hot that day, so what? It's still good stuff.

The competition also hosts salsa and green chili (chili verde) competitions. Chili and salsa samples will be available to the public after 1 p.m. for \$1 donation per sample.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity. Last year's event raised \$20,870 for the group.

Last year's winners (Chuck Hoff, Columbus, Ohio, red chili; James Richards, Whitmore Lake, green chili; and Julianna Schopper, Livonia, salsa) are expected to return to defend their titles. With victories in 2006, they are qualified to compete in this year's world competition the following weekend (Oct. 5-7) in Omaha. Whoever wins

this year's regional competition will advance to the 2008 national championship.

Many cooks will bring their whimsical booths to The Gathering, where the chili cooks compete. Leo Buk — complete with his Hazmat warnings and protective gear — will be in attendance, simulating his Nuclear Chili. Lauren and Gary Ray usually set up a booth of Old No. Seven Jack Daniels, and many other cooks set up with props of chili peppers, hot sauce and firefighting, all reflecting the heat or an occupation.

Of course, longtime competitors Jim and Georgia Weller, formerly of West Bloomfield, will be in attendance, fresh from a move to Illinois, Annette Horn said. Jim won the World Championship in 2000, while Georgia won in 1996, one of only two couples who have won world championships.

Ken and Annette Horn will be competing in the world championship after Ken won for red chili and Annette for salsa at the Snowflake Regional in Jackson and Annette for green chili at another competition at a UAW hall.

Restaurants will be competing too for People's Choice and Best Judged chili.

Last year's event was won by Omelet and Waffle Cafe (people's choice) and Station 885 (best judged chili). Other

restaurants in Plymouth competing this year include Compari's on the Park, Sean O'Callaghan's, Doyle Tavern, E.G.Nick's, Boulder's, The Penn Grill, 1999 Tavern, Hilton Garden Inn's Great American Restaurant, Don's Drive-In (Novi), and Rocky's Rotisserie, which just opened in Livonia.

Restaurant samples will be available 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Penniman Avenue in Kellogg Park. Bowls will be available for a \$4 donation, while 2-ounce samples will be available for \$1.

But it isn't all about chili, either. Motorcyclists can ride in either the Chili Ride at MotorCity Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills, or a ride from the BMW dealership on Ford Road in Canton for BMW bikers. The motorcycle bike show is scheduled from noon-4 p.m.

Dog owners can dress up their dogs in a "hottest dog in the coolest city" contest at 2 p.m. at the park's fountain in "hot & spicy" and "biker" categories.

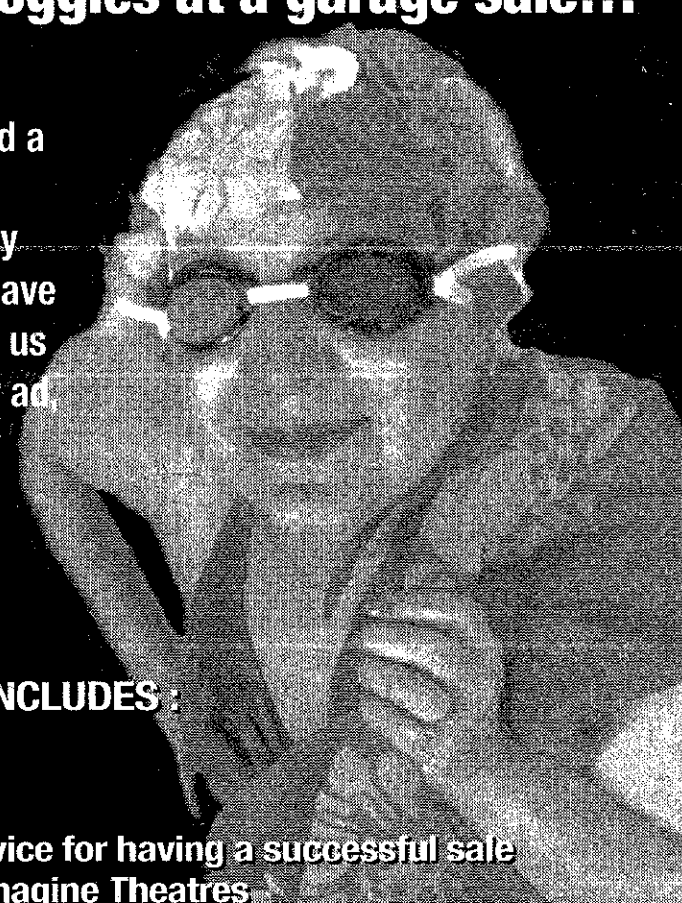
But the highlight of the day is who really makes the best chili. And someone will advance to the 2008 national championship, all in a friendly competition.

"The cooks really like this event," Annette Horn said. "It's really a fun event."

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## MIZER

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still). The DFM doesn't discriminate: It beeps and flashes regardless of the situation.

I found it particularly difficult to placate the DFM when driving around town, where there's a lot of necessary starting and stopping. If a light turns red while I'm approaching it, hey, I gotta hit the brakes. Stop scolding me, DFM!

Indeed, it's the nagging nature of this device that will turn off most users. And I think that lead-footed drivers, the kind who are most likely to benefit from changing their driving habits, are the least likely to buy this product in the first place.

Consider the reaction of a friend I had in the car during my test period. When I explained the function of the curious-looking gizmo on my dash, he looked me square in the eye and said, "You've gotta be kidding."

This is not to say the Digital Fuel Mizer is without value. Quite the opposite: Anyone serious about saving money (and/or helping out the environment) will probably find that

the device does indeed change their driving habits for the better.

And if a fleet manager can get his drivers to use and learn from the DFM, the annual savings could be substantial. There's nothing to install and no training required. You just stick it on the dashboard and flip the on/off switch.

Would the savings be substantial enough to justify the DFM's \$249 price tag? I'm not sure, but I suspect few everyday drivers will be willing to invest that kind of money when they could just as easily train themselves.

Don't stomp the gas pedal. Brake as gradually as you can. Keep your tires inflated to the recommended PSI. Replace your air filter regularly. Ask your boss if you can telecommute.

There. If you have trouble remembering all that, write it on a Post-It note and stick it on your dashboard. You'll save money on gas and forego all the annoying beeping.

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# Natura wines express wine's green movement

One of the more confusing wine terms is organic. More often than not, it's used incorrectly.

Based on the creation of a National Organic Program by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, an organic wine is now defined as "a wine made from organically-grown grapes and without any added sulfites."



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

The vast majority of what wine distributors and retailers have been calling organic wines must now, under this definition, be referred to as "wines made from organically-grown grapes." These wines are allowed to contain up to 100 ppm of added sulfites. Most wines contain far less than this maximum.

There are very few organic wines — those that do not contain added sulfites. The reason? Without addition of sulfites, which act as wine preservatives, the shelf life of a truly organic wine is short. Often, simple shipping of an organic wine causes it to become unstable in the bottle.

As the international wine community has gone green and eco-friendly over the last few years, more grapes are being grown organically.

## ECO-FRIENDLY CHILE

In 1998, Emiliana acquired prime acreage in Chile's Casablanca, Maipo, and Colchagua valleys and transformed it into organic and biodynamic vineyards, thus giving birth to Emiliana Orgánico, a unique project in Chile and a pioneering effort in Latin America.

Some wines from organically-grown grapes carry a hefty price tag. Natura wines produced by Emiliana are wallet friendly.

At \$10 each, the following are value wines for an age that's begun to think "green" seriously.

■ Natura 2006 Carmenere is 87 percent carmenere, the grape that was once mistaken for

merlot in Chile. Grown in Chile's Colchagua Valley and blended with small percentages of syrah, petit verdot, tempranillo and malbec, it expresses ripe cherry and red plum fruits in an easy-drinking, mellow wine.

■ Natura 2006 Chardonnay has intense tropical fruit character and is a perfect accompaniment to seafood and shellfish. Grown in Chile's Casablanca Valley, the wine sports lively acidity that makes it food friendly.

■ Natura 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon hails from Chile's Central Valley, well-recognized for the excellence of Bordeaux varieties. Blackberry fruit is highlighted by notes of cocoa. It takes to grilled meats and stronger cheeses.

## CERTIFICATION

Goals of organic grapegrowing include maintaining earth's natural balance, which is believed to showcase the vineyard terroir, or site personality better. Those grapegrowers dedicated to organic grapegrowing believe that organically-grown grapes express the grape variety more fully. Flavors distinguishing each variety are discernable. We found this to be true in the Natura wines.

Not all vineyards claiming to be organic are certified. We believe certification is important. A number of organizations monitor certification and Natura has been certified as organic by IMO Switzerland.

Switzerland's small size has made it aware of ground water pollution and the need for organic farming practices. Thus, a Swiss certifier can be trusted as strict.

If you've been seeking organically-grown produce, seek out some organically-grown wine. Natura is a good place to start for sensibly-priced wines that taste good.

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## WINE PICKS

It's oysters, mussels and wild-caught salmon season, so here are the wine matches:

### MUSSELS MARINIÈRE:

- 2006 Chateau La Paws Cote de Bone Blanc \$14 (viognier, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, roussanne and marsanne blend)
- 2006 TAZ Santa Barbara County Pinot Gris \$15
- 2006 Tablas Creek Cotes de Tablas Blanc \$20 (viognier, marsanne, grenache blanc and roussanne blend)
- 2006 Michel-Schlumberger Dry Creek Valley Pinot Blanc \$21

### OYSTERS:

- 2006 Redcliffe Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc \$12
- 2006 Simi Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc \$15
- 2006 Beringer Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc \$16
- 2005 Domaine Laroche Chablis Saint Martin \$25 (stainless steel production)
- 2004 Domaine Laroche Chablis Premier Cru Les Vaillons Vieilles Vignes \$37 (half aged 10 months in French oak barrels and casks adding step up in weight and flavors)

**MERLOT for wild-caught salmon.** As price rises so do fuller flavors of the following:

- 2006 Bulletin Place \$8
- 2005 Bogle \$9
- 2005 Cellar No. 8 California \$10
- 2004 Gainey Santa Ynez Valley \$20
- 2005 Beringer Napa Valley \$20
- 2004 Simi Sonoma County \$20
- 2004 Buena Vista Carneros \$21
- 2004 Clos du Val Napa Valley \$26
- 2004 Swanson Oakville \$34
- 2004 Terlato Angels' Peak Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon blend \$50, extraordinarily delicious.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it directly from the winery.

# 'Why' it pays to spay and neuter

Why?

Of all the question words, 'why' tends to be the one we forget most often once we get to adulthood.

We all want to know when and where and who for just about everything. How just seems to follow the other questions naturally.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Why gets ignored for too long much of the time, sometimes until it's too late.

In medicine, veterinary or human, why can often be ignored if the situation yields positive results.

For instance, if you stop smoking because it's expensive, that's great ... you're quitting. Granted, you should be quitting for your health, but what does it matter? You still quit ... it's fine.

But what if you hit the Lotto, and money's no longer an issue?

Knowing the best reasons for something can make a difference. It can show why you should or should not do something, and give you the conviction to follow up.

I've long talked about Bob Barker, the recently retired host of *The Price is Right*. Bob has been an

animal lover for as long as I can remember, and always finished his show by saying "help control the pet population ... have your pet spayed or neutered."

That was great. He was getting people to help stop animal overpopulation.

That's a great reason why that he's giving everyone ... except for people who have only one pet, which will never be in contact with another dog or cat.

They might wonder, why should I get my animal spayed or neutered? Bob told me it was to help control the pet population ... I heard him say so right after the nice young woman won the camper and dinette set! But I will never be adding to the pet population. My critter never leaves my yard.

Spaying and neutering do help control the wildly out-of-control pet population, but the reasons for spaying and neutering go way beyond that.

With females, spaying helps eliminate problems with mammary cancer, as well as diseases like pyometra — a life-threatening uterine infection.

Neutering a male dog helps with prostate problems, as well as decreases the chances that the animal will be hit by a car. (Males tend to catch a scent and get tunnel vision going after it.) Along with eliminating

much of the awful smell from spraying, neutering a male cat usually makes him a better, quieter companion. It also makes him less likely to roam and be exposed to infectious diseases like Feline Leukemia.

So the reason why to have your pet spayed or neutered is to give them a longer and healthier life, which is really giving yourself a healthy pet for a longer time.

By the way, speaking of Bob Barker's message about overpopulation, that really is a problem we shouldn't forget about.

According to the Doris Day Animal Foundation, 8-10 million animals are taken into shelters every year. Stray/feral cats number in the tens of millions.

The foundation also states that 4-5 million animals are euthanized in shelters each year.

When you look at those statistics, there's really only one thing you can ask yourself. Why?

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# High flavor ingredients save time

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
AP FOOD WRITER

Deadline cooking is all about the ingredients. Select the right high-flavor, low-prep ingredients and great meals practically assemble themselves.

But success depends on rethinking your shopping and pantry stocking habits. Convenience is only half the criteria that should influence your buying decisions. Intensity of flavor should get equal weight.

For example, if you're buying bagged shredded cheese to use on salads, pizzas, nachos, maybe even over warm pasta and casserole dishes, opt for one that includes a blend of cheeses, at least one of which should be Parmesan. Its intensely savory flavor adds nuance and complexity.

Here's a list of other high-flavor pantry staples the deadline cook can rely on:

■ Capers. These pickled green flower buds explode with salty, savory flavor. Add them to salads, pasta, chicken stir-fries, or even blend a few into salad dressings. Go easy on them; they can be quite salty. Rinse if you want to tone them down.

■ Sun-dried tomatoes. Stick with those packed in olive oil,

as they are easiest to work with. Cut into thin slivers, they go great with pasta, stuffed into roasted chicken breasts, sprinkled over pizza or even nachos.

■ Spicy refried beans. Microwave for a warm sandwich spread. Fill wonton wrappers with it, then bake or fry them and dip them in salsa or marinara sauce. Spread it on a bagel, top with cheese and heat until meltingly good.

■ Olives. Try some of the stuffed green varieties, such as those with feta, almonds or jalapeno peppers in them. Put them in sauces, puree with olive oil for a sandwich spread or use in place of tomato sauce on pizza, or saute them with onions, mushrooms and peppers to top steak.

■ Prosciutto. Swath figs or asparagus with thin slices of this Italian cured ham in it, then give them a quick sit on the grill.

■ Peanut butter. No, really. Get some of the natural stuff (the one where the oil separates). Blend it with a splash each of water, vinegar, hot sauce and a dusting of black pepper. Toss this with warm noodles or simmer chicken breasts in it.

■ Smoked salmon. Sure, it goes great on bagels with cream cheese. But it's also won-

derful tossed with hot pasta or cut into slivers and sprinkled into a salad with goat cheese, as in the recipe that follows.

## SMOKED SALMON SALAD

START TO FINISH: 15 MINUTES

Servings: 2

- 3 cups mixed salad greens
- 1 ear of fresh corn (raw)
- 4 ounces thinly sliced smoked salmon
- 3 tablespoons toasted pine nuts
- 1/4 cup crumbled goat cheese
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh dill
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Fresh baguette, warmed in a 200 F oven

Divide the greens between two servings plates. Set aside.

Use serrated knife to carefully cut the kernels from the ear of corn. The easiest way to do this is to stand the ear on its wide end and saw down the length of the cob. Divide the kernels between the two plates.

Cut the salmon into thin strips and scatter them over each salad. Top each salad with half of the pine nuts, goat cheese and fresh dill. Set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper, then drizzle over each salad. Serve with baguette.

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### 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 Midwestern 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.

### The Man and His Roses

The Farmington Garden Club will host "The Man and His Roses" noon, Oct. 1 at Spicer House in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Court painter to Empress Josephine of France, and nicknamed

"Raphael of the Rose," Pierre-Joseph created gorgeous, detailed and accurate botanical illustrations — those of roses being among the most loved. Using reproductions of his prints, rose expert Deanna Stephens will present the evolution leading to his famous rose illustrations. Interested parties are welcome. Call (248) 626-6322.

### Livonia Garden Club

Livonia Garden Club will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Livonia Senior Center (Five Mile and Farmington.)

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## pink picks

It's such fun to read the entries each year in our Reader PINK Picks Contest, we just had to share. Here's a snapshot of some honorable mention picks that stood out from the pack:

### Wear It!

Perfect Lingerie Collection at H+M

Joanne Von Mach,  
Birmingham

Don't Wear It!  
Plastic clogs

Wendy Capella,  
Dearborn Heights

### Smell It!

Sonia Kashuk Ginseng Blossom and Tuberose Solid Perfume at Target

Joanne Von Mach,  
Birmingham

### Eat It!

Strawberry Poppyseed Chicken Salad at Panera

Richelle Fales, Canton

### Read It!

Nineteen Minutes  
by Jodi Picoult

Mary Ann Cozad, Plymouth

### Experience It!

Sunset on Lake Michigan

Lisa Tyzo, Livonia

### Do It!

Diamond Jack  
Detroit River Cruise

Angela Powers,  
Redford

### Face It!

NARS powder  
brush

Diane Risner,  
Westland

### Tote It!

Envirosax Flora #5 at Lotus  
Import Co., Royal Oak

Tanya Chisholm, Troy

### Kick It!

Michelle K flats

Suzanne Dickson, Westland

### Wane It!

L'Oreal Paris Studio Tightly  
Wound Curl Booster

Jennifer Zur, Westland

Check out Sunday's pull-out  
edition of PINK for more  
Reader PINK Picks!



Detroit fashion designers Sarah Lapinski (left) and Sarah Lurtz show a Macy's buyer samples from their menswear line Wound last fall.

## Macy's holds local fashion design competition

Aspiring designers will have an opportunity to meet with Macy's buyers and trend managers noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at Macy's Somerset as part of the annual Macy's Distinction in Design Competition.

The competition is a tradition for the department store at its Chicago and Minneapolis locations, and came to Detroit for the first time last fall.

Dozens of local designers lined up for the first-ever event with garment bags, suitcases full of shoes, stacks of children's knitwear, handbags made from cigar boxes and portfolios full of press clippings, sketches and photographs.

Each got five minutes across the table from a buyer.

"I just wanted to get feedback on the line I am creating," said Treas Charow, longtime designer and owner of Shapes Boutique in Royal Oak. Charow carried hangers filled with reversible jackets, embellished skirt suits, flowy

dresses and high waisted skirts with suspenders, all in tapestry prints and pastels. "The buyer said she liked the way all the pieces of my line fit together."

Lynette Gideon of Royal Oak brought samples of unique organic clothing, including a pant with attached wrap-around skirt.

"I just kind of wanted some feedback on my designs," Gideon said. "She said that I had a good idea, there's a market for it, and to move ahead with my dream. I was very encouraged. She was great."

In the end, Macy's awarded \$1,000 to wedding gown designer Kate Abraham, of Rochester Hills, and \$500 to Shaun Williams, of Detroit.

Abraham's custom couture bridal label Kate Bennett has been featured in local magazines, and is sold at Elegant Lady Bridal and Tuxedo in Oak Park.

Williams, a Wayne State University business major, won with sketches of hip-hop hoodies and casual clothes.

## Design contestants compete at Sewing Expo

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
STAFF WRITER

If you're addicted to Project Runway, you'll be able to get your fix at the American Sewing Expo.

The Baby Lock Passion for Fashion Design Challenge will pit 12 designers against each other in a contest cut from the same cloth as the hit reality show on Bravo.

In fact, Chloe Dao, winner of Project Runway Season II, will help judge the competition.

"The grand prize is a trip to New York City during Fashion Week in February, a Baby Lock sewing machine, and a private meeting with Simplicity pattern designers," said Janet Pray, president of the ASE. "If the contestant has any aspirations to design patterns, this could be a great opportunity."

The expo put out a call for entries across the nation for this first-ever contest earlier in the year. To enter, designers were required to send in a garment that they had made. Based on the craftsmanship and creativity of the designs, a panel of judges selected 12 finalists who hail from throughout the United States, and span a range of ages.

Maria Torres, of Farmington Hills, sent in a vintage wedding gown and secured a spot among finalists. Torres, who moved from Argentina just five months ago, started sewing when she was nine years old.

### AMERICAN SEWING EXPO

When: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30.

Where: Rock Financial Showplace, Novi

What: The largest independently-owned sewing expo in America features classes, workshops, fashion shows, demonstrations, vendors, exhibits and more.

Cost: Admission, \$12, with additional fees for classes, events.

Information: Call (800) 422-2952 or visit [www.americansewingexpo.com](http://www.americansewingexpo.com).



Chloe Dao

### Coffee with Chloe

When: 8:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 28, during the American Sewing Expo

Where: Rock Financial Showplace, Novi

What: Project Runway Season II winner Chloe Dao will chat with guests.

Cost: \$12, includes a "Coffee with Chloe" mug and Fashionista Discount Coupon to use in the Haberman Fabrics expo booth.

Information: Visit [www.americansewingexpo.com](http://www.americansewingexpo.com) for online registration.

"My mother gave it to me like a present, a sewing machine from her grandmother, that was my first machine," she said.

Now 26, Torres has studied fashion design, and owned her own boutique in Argentina.

On Friday morning at 8 a.m. she and the other contestants will get instructions for their challenge, which they will complete that day on the expo floor.

Pray said the project is top secret, but she did offer a hint.

"The scenario is directly related to something happening in Michigan, a cultural event a couple weeks from

now, but I can't say what it is," she said.

At 8:30 a.m., each contestant will receive \$100 to shop for their fabric and notions. Simplicity Pattern Co. will provide patterns to contestants, unless, like Torres, they choose to draft their own. Expo attendees will be able to watch the designers rushing to complete their projects on the expo floor.

"Then they have from the time they get done shopping on Friday morning until 7 p.m. that evening to create their garment," Pray said. At 12:15 p.m. Saturday, the finished looks will be unveiled during a free, high-energy runway show.

### FASHION CHALLENGERS

Baby Lock Passion for Fashion Challenge contestants:

Becky Fulgoni, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Valerie Keiser, Hazel Park, Mich.

Virginia McConnell, Richmond, Va.

Erin Miller, Toledo, Ohio

Tracie Perez, Lewisville, Texas

Maxine Ricks, Lubbock, Texas

Cindy Rodack, Shelby Twp., Mich.

Maria Torres, Farmington Hills, Mich.

Katrina Walker, Puyallup, Wash.

Karen Whitehead, Springfield, Ohio

Angie Wolf, St. Joseph, Mich.

Christina Woodman, Fern Park, Fla.

Just as Project Runway is harsh with eliminations, Passion for Fashion judges will immediately say goodbye to six designers.

Then, they'll question remaining contestants and take time to deliberate before announcing the winner.

Aside from Dao, judges include Amber Eden, editor of Threads Magazine; Bonnie Simmons, design director for Simplicity Pattern Co.; and a surprise celebrity judge relating to the challenge.

Torres said she doesn't know what to expect tomorrow, but she's up for the challenge.

"The only thing I know for sure, I'm going to enjoy that, because I really love design. I hope to have a good time that's all," she said.

## Relax at the Sew Experience Café

Sewing shouldn't be daunting.

At least that's according to organizers of the American Sewing Expo, who hope the new Sew Experience Café puts beginners at ease.

The café will be a relaxing retreat during the expo, where visitors can make a hands-on project as they enjoy a lounge environment. There are five projects to choose from, all using ultrasuede fabric, including a handbag, coffee sleeve and wrist bracelet.

"It's a new way of enjoying learning something about sewing so that it's non-intimidating," said Janet Pray, owner of the expo. "You come into an intimate environment, have a cup of coffee, and watch instructional videos as you're waiting for your turn in the project area."

The café will be buzzing with state-of-the-art sewing machines, and guests will learn how to use them to create and personalize their projects with embel-

ishments ranging from embroidery to Swarovski crystals.

Instructors will be on hand to help — or not.

"Some may choose to just work by themselves. Everyone will go at their own pace," Pray said.

The cost is \$5 per project, which includes all materials. The first 25 customers at the Sew Experience Café each day of the expo will get a free copy of the new book, Subversive Seamster.

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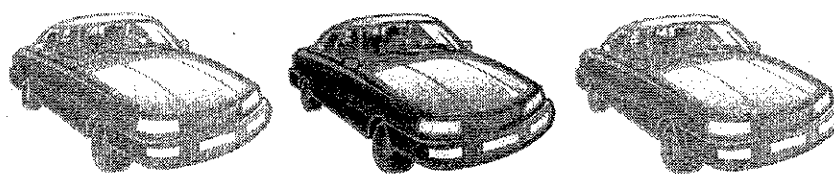
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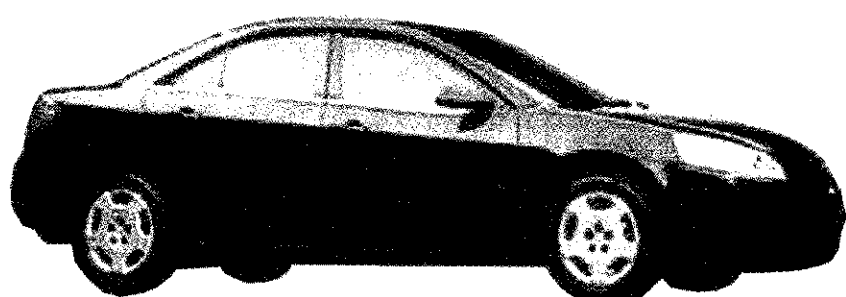




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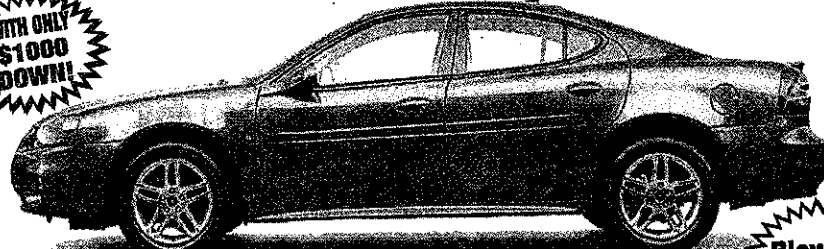
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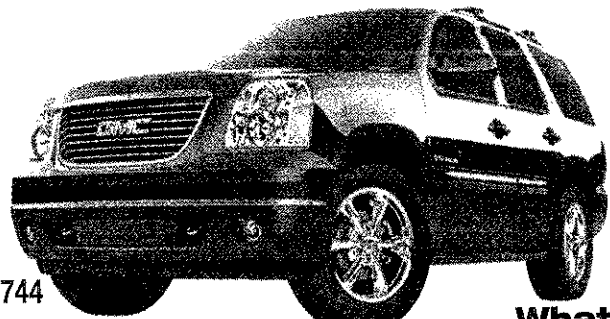
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