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## Local officials split on state budget fix

BY TONY BRUSCATO AND  
KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITERS

Freshman Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) said despite all the 11th-hour wrangling by state lawmakers and criticisms from businesses and residents throughout the state, erasing the \$1.75 billion budget deficit with an income tax increase and a tax on a handful of services "was an historic moment."

"Considering the alternative, I don't think this was a

failure," said Corriveau, whose 35th District represents the Plymouths, Northvilles and a slice of Canton. "This is a solution that continues to move us forward, getting us back on the right track."

While noting none of the budget proposals the past few weeks was perfect, Corriveau said avoiding the shutdown of state government was paramount.

"I knew that shutdown was not an option I could ever live with because the ramifications would be there long after I'm

gone," Corriveau said. "The amount Michigan would lose financially would have been devastating. I saw numbers as high as \$500 million a day to the school aid fund, alone, due to the inability to have casinos and the lottery open."

The Legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm agreed to raise the state income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent, as well as institute a tax on nearly two dozen services.

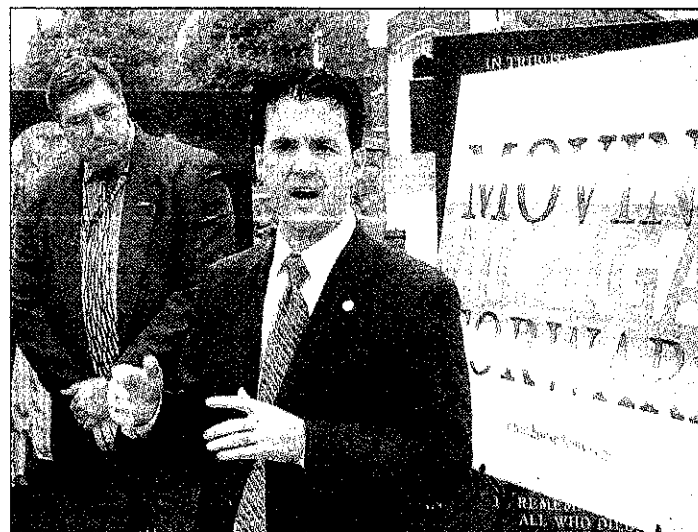
While state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) is relieved a government shutdown was

avoided, he isn't satisfied with the way it was done. He voted against the new services tax.

"I don't necessarily think we did the right thing," he said. "Reform isn't something you can do at 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 30. It's not the taxpayers' fault that we're in the situation we're in. I think it's a shame."

Corriveau said the services that will now be taxed — such as skiing, personal fitness training, investment advice and palm reading — were

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State Rep. Marc Corriveau speaks at a gathering in Plymouth on Tuesday, while Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan listens.

## Patterson is Business Person of the Year

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Chamber of Commerce honored three township businessmen at its annual business recognition luncheon Wednesday.

Bart Patterson of Re/Max Classic was chosen as Business Person of the Year, while Dan Schwartz of Ladies Workout Express and Commercial Underwriters Risk Management was selected as the organization's Ambassador of the Year.

A stunned Bob Boyer, the man behind Boyer's Meat Processing and the savior of the Cady Barn, was presented with the Chamber Excellence Award.

"I never knew nothing about this," Boyer told the audience after he was given a standing ovation.

During the event, which took place at Summit on the Park, Schwartz appeared speechless after he was called to the podium.

"This is quite overwhelming," he said. "It's really gratifying." As a chamber member,



Dan Schwartz, of Ladies Workout Express and Commercial Underwriters Risk Management, steps forward to receive the Ambassador Award.

Schwartz has attended dozens of ribbon cuttings and special events in the township.

"This chamber excels all the others," he said.

Upon accepting his award, Patterson recognized his colleagues, the chamber and the two other nominees for the Business Person of the Year award, Karyl Niemi of Canton Creative Marketing and Martha Snow of Xuereb Snow PC.

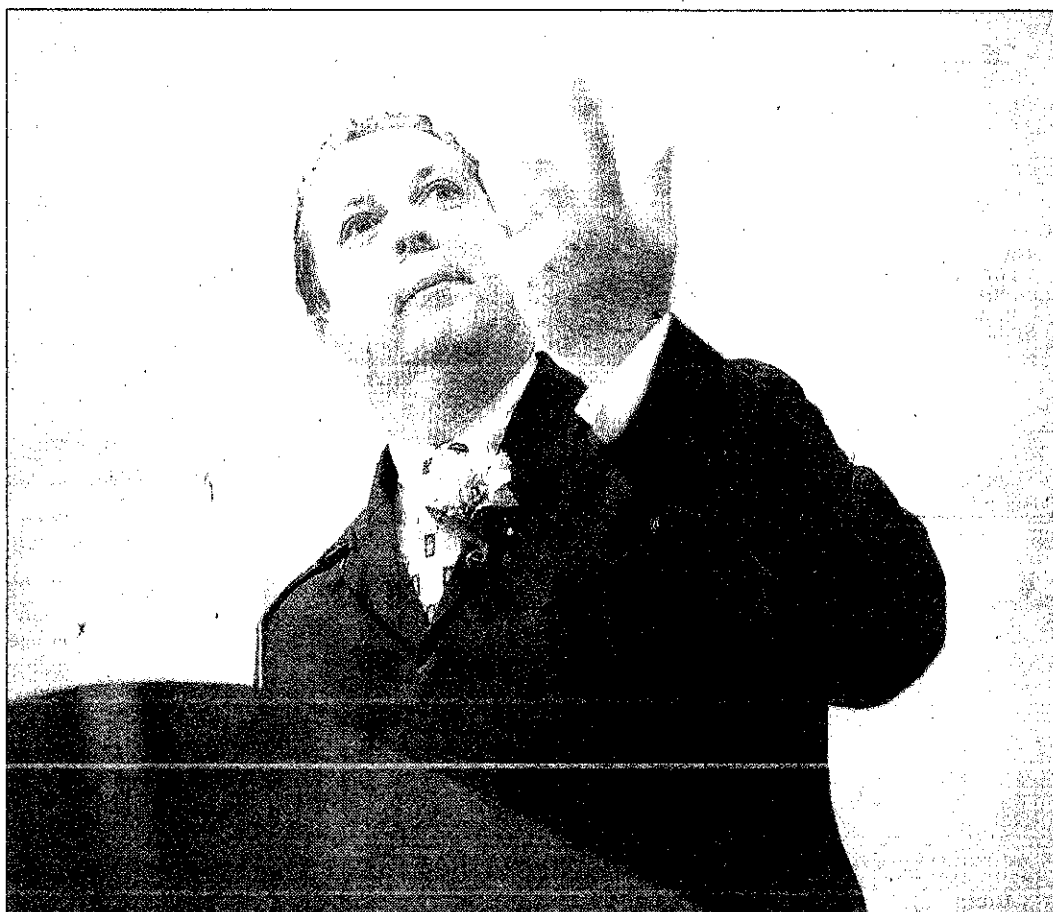
When Patterson, a longtime resident of the township, started to thank his wife and his

two children for their support, his voice began to crack and he became emotional.

"I made it through two paragraphs (of my acceptance speech)," he joked and then thanked his parents.

After offering his appreciation for the Chamber Excellence Award, Boyer asked those in attendance to help him host a meal for needy families the day before Thanksgiving at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

"I'm starting something new and I'm expecting all of your help," he said to a round of



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An emotional Bart Patterson accepts the Canton Chamber of Commerce award.

applause.  
For more information on the chamber, log on to www.

CantonChamber.com.  
For more information on Boyer's pre-Thanksgiving meal,

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## Little Stars brighten up the day for nursing home residents

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

At one moment, 6-year-old Elbert Yi and his 5-year-old buddy, Anna Sun, are jumping up and down, smiling and laughing uncontrollably. Two seconds later, the both of them are nearly stone-faced with their small violins tucked underneath their tiny chins.

As they finish playing a classical tune, the two kids look at each other, grin and start hopping around again.

"I like playing the violin," Elbert says in between laughter while



Members of the Little Stars Foundation are (from left) Elbert Yi, 6, Paul Shen, 13, Ann Zhang, 9, co-founder Amy Sun, 13, Alan Sun, 8, (Amy's brother and co-founder), Bob Zhu, 12, Anna Sun, 5, (Amy's sister and co-founder). The Four Seasons Nursing Center in Westland is just one of the nursing homes where the group has played.

Anna chimes in, "I do, too."

The children are members of the Little Stars Foundation, which was created by Anna's older sister, Amy Sun, 13. The Canton-based group began performing at area nursing homes and senior centers last year around Thanksgiving.

"Playing (for the seniors) makes me feel good," said Amy, an eighth-grader at East Middle School.

The group, whose other members include Alan Sun, 8, Ann Zhang, 9, Bob Zhu, 12 and Paul Shen, 13,

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## Trial set to begin for man who killed popular biker

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

William Floyd Craner will be in court Friday for a final conference before he stands trial for the death of Tony Quasarano.

Craner, 45, of Van Buren Township has been accused of ramming his car into Quasarano's motorcycle while attempting to outrun police July 15.

He has been charged with second-degree murder, first-degree fleeing and eluding police, manslaughter with a motor vehicle and operating a vehicle while intoxicated and causing a death. His trial is scheduled to begin Oct. 11 before Judge Diane Hathaway in Detroit.

Craner struck Quasarano, a popular biker and married father, on Michigan Avenue near Haggerty Road. Moments before, he had hit another vehicle and was trying to evade police.



Craner

His two-mile run ended when he struck the 46-year-old Romulus man who was riding alongside three other bikers, including his wife, Cindy. Quasarano, known to friends as "Tony Q", was thrown from his Harley and died.

According to police, Craner, who was not seriously injured, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.19 — more than double the legal state limit of 0.08.

If convicted of the second-degree murder charge, Craner could get life in prison.

Craner has two previous misdemeanors for drunken driving that happened more than 10 years ago.

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# Hometown marchers sweep band regionals

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

Saturday was picture-perfect for watching gridiron activities at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium – in this case the Bands of America Regional Championships where the Plymouth-Canton Education Park Marching Band swept a bevy of first-place trophies in a field of 12 top high school bands from five states.

"I thought they were fantastic," said a beaming Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park. "We, as staff, challenged the students to step up to the occasion and perform their hearts out tonight and they did just that. It was a really outstanding job on their part of performing from the heart."

The 200-member band performed in preliminary competition in the afternoon, marching off with



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Trumpeters raise their horns high and move quickly across EMU's gridiron while tuba players Matt Davison (left), and Lori Wand kneel during P-CMB's preliminary performance Saturday at the BOA Regional Championships.

the Class AAA first-place trophy and all three caption awards for Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect for their show, "Out of the Shadows."

All 12 bands performed in the finals evening competition with the hometown marchers capturing the regional championship trophy along with all three finals captions with a score of 81.5. Second place went to Lincoln Way East, Ill., with a score of 78.3 and Muskegon's Reeths-Puffer High School was third, 75.9. This was the second year



Saxophonists (front, from left) Nick Cicotte, Andrew Lacy, and Andy Poskie, baritone saxophonist Ricky Beckett (back left) and flutist Alexandra Rodriguez kneel as part of the choreographed moves during P-CMB's preliminary performance of their show, "Out of the Shadows," at the Bands of America Regional Championships at Eastern Michigan University Saturday.

Plymouth-Canton swept the BOA Regionals, last year top-

ping a field of 26 marching bands.

"I thought our band did great," said a pleased Bradford Ragland, a Salem senior and P-CMB drum major. "They gave us everything we were asking for. They gave us the performance of their lives."

Flutist Jenine Rowe, a Salem senior and fifth year marcher with the band – starting as an eighth grader, felt the band gave a very strong performance.

"I think we all played really smart and we all felt each other's vibes," she said. "It was

a great feeling. I thought it was fabulous."

Several thousand spectators cheered the musical marching prowess of the talented teens from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia and Illinois Saturday.

"For the 32 years Bands of America has been doing regional championships, they have always been a celebration," said Eric Martin, BOA executive vice president.

"This is really an assembly of the best of the best – of teachers, parents and kids."

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## Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle

"It takes more than an apple a day" will be the subject of a talk by Rosanna DeGrood, MD, medical director of St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Women's Health Program at the annual meeting of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth.

All women in the Plymouth and Canton communities are welcome to attend. Ticket price is \$10 and can be paid at the door. A reception and short business meeting will precede DeGrood's talk.

Giving Hope is a new philanthropic organization of local women who believe that together they can make a meaningful impact on the lives of women and families in need through pooling their charitable dollars for grants.

For more information about the giving circle or the annual meeting, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail lwadington@cantonfoundation.org.

## Giant sale at Pheasant Run

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the Pheasant Run Golf Club's Pro Shop sale on Saturday, Oct. 6. From 3-8 p.m., everything in the pro shop will be 25 percent off. In addition, you'll also get the chance to get an extra 5-50 percent off at the end of the season Balloon Sale. One balloon will even have a free ticket inside. All sales are final.

Pheasant Run Golf Course is located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information on the Pheasant Run Golf Club, visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 397-6460.

## Fall bug hunt

The Friends of the Rouge Fall Bug Hunt will be held

on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

The Fall Bug Hunt is an excellent way to help Friends of the Rouge assess the health of the Rouge River by joining a team of volunteers to search for critters in the streambed. Twice a year, teams of volunteers visit sites throughout the headwaters of the watershed and search for mayflies, stoneflies and other aquatic invertebrates. The presence or absence of these streambed creatures reflects the quality of the water and habitat.

No prior experience is necessary, but pre-registration is a must in order to be assigned to a team. Children must be at least six years old and accompanied by a responsible adult. To register or for more information call (313) 792-9621 or

information about the Toronto All-Star Big Band, log onto [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater/](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater/) or call (734) 394-5460.

## Farmer's market

The weekly farmer's market will run 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays through Oct. 21 at the Bartlett-Travis House in Cherry Hill Village. This weekly market will include flowers, produce, local canned and baked goods, as well as juried crafters and artists. Interested farmers may contact the Market Master at (734) 394-5323.

## Canton to salute local soldiers

On Sunday, Nov. 11, Canton will host a "Salute to Service" ceremony at the Village Theater, located 50400 Cherry Hill Road, from 2-4

p.m., which will recognize area residents currently in active duty.

Photos of these Canton residents who are currently serving in our Armed Forces will be on display. Residents are encouraged to submit 8 x 10

scanned copies of photos (no originals photos please). Be sure to label the back of each photo with the name of the service person, the branch of his or her service, and contact information.

Copies of these photos can either be mailed to Pat VanDusen at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188 or e-mailed to [pvandusen@canton-mi.org](mailto: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](http://www.canton-mi.org).

## 'Make a Difference' day

The Canton Goodfellows

will kick off the 2007 holiday season with a "Million Pennies for Canton Kids" collection. The group is asking everyone in Canton to become involved by cleaning out their purses, pockets and couch cushions and bringing their pennies to Make a Difference Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 27, at Summit on the Park the summit.

Of course, silver coins and paper money are also welcome.

They will also once again sponsor the "Be an Angel" program, where Canton residents can "adopt" a child and buy their holiday gifts. Names will be available after Nov. 1 by calling Nancy at (734) 397-8975. Sorting, packing and wrapping will take place this year at township hall, in the lower level, during the week of Dec. 10.

More information on Goodfellow programs is always available by calling (734) 397-8975. Pat Van Dusen, Canton volunteer coordinator, at (734) 394-5193, will take calls from folks who would like to volunteer to help the Goodfellows.

Help the Goodfellows help Canton's neediest children at holiday time. Our client families are chosen without regard to race, creed or religious preference.

## PCEP 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 at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the Salem High School auditorium. The choirs 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 choirs 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



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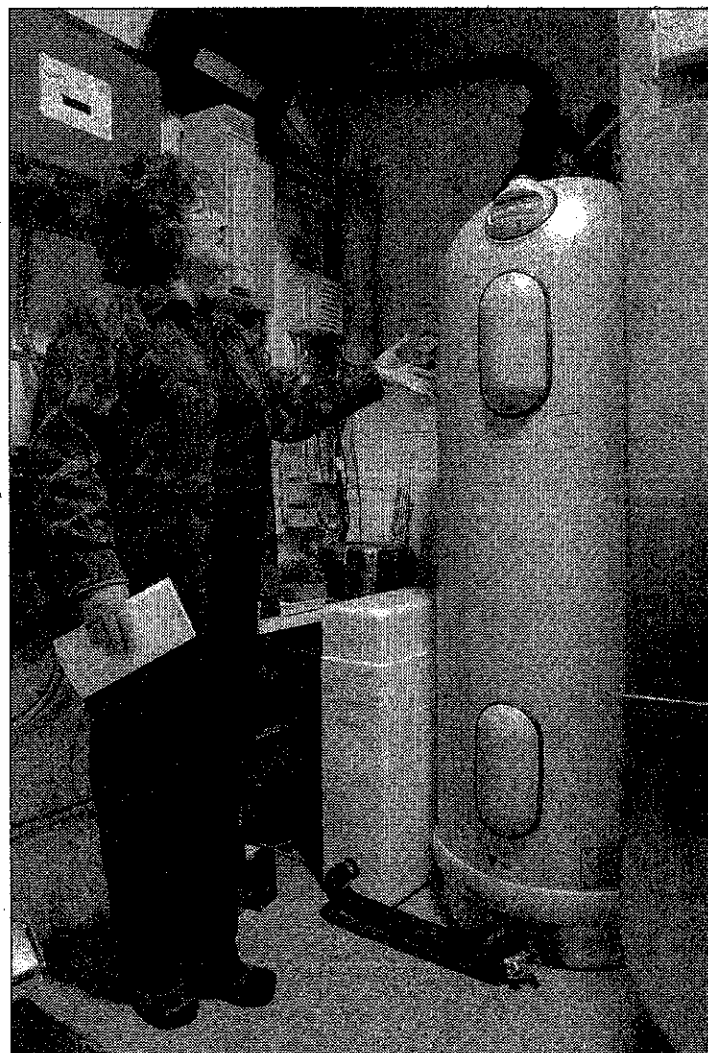
For more information on the Fall Bug Hunt visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

## Toronto All-Star Big Band

The Toronto All-Star Big Band will perform on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. This 17-piece ensemble band will play hits from the 1930's and 1940's.

This vibrant group has earned many standing ovations and rave reviews to sell-out crowds throughout Ontario and the U.S. This dynamic big band show will feature the Tabb Five Singers.

Tickets are just \$20 for all seats. For tickets and more



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## Going solar

Donna Napolitano, owner of Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, shows off a hot water tank that uses solar power. The business, which provides solar and alternative energy products and services, will be participating in the American Solar Energy Society's National Solar Tour with an open house on Oct. 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Participants can tour the MES facility featuring a working demonstration center where they can "see, touch and feel solar." The ASES National Solar Tour is the largest sustainable energy event in the U.S., offers a first-hand look at the successful uses of renewable energy and energy efficiency in buildings, both residential and commercial throughout the country. MES will offer guided tours where participants can learn about solar hot water, solar space heating, solar daylighting systems, solar attic fans and much more. Wind and Photovoltaic (PV) systems are also in use at the MES facility. "Michigan has the potential to be a leading force in the production of renewable energy," Napolitano said. For more about Mechanical Energy Systems, visit their Web site at [www.by-solar.com](http://www.by-solar.com), or call (734) 453-6746. For more information on the ASES National Solar Tour, visit [www.ases.org/tour](http://www.ases.org/tour).

the special guest conductor for an arrangement of the traditional Shaker tune "Simple Gifts," featuring the combined talents of the more than 300 students in the PCEP choirs and orchestras. Tickets are on sale now for \$4 (prior to concert) and will be available

at the door on the night of the concert for \$5 each. Tickets are available from PCEP choir and orchestra students as well as from Room 1603 at Salem. For more information please contact the PCEP choir Office at (734) 416-7765 or visit [www.pcepchoirs.org](http://www.pcepchoirs.org).

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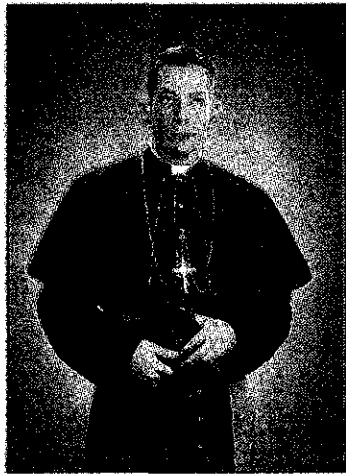
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Bishop Daniel Flores

# Hispanic bishop to speak on immigration issues

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Immigration has been a hot topic in America for the last couple years. It will also be the topic of discussion Tuesday when Detroit Bishop Daniel E. Flores visits St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

The church's social justice

committee invited Flores to speak on the issue of immigration, because it is something they've been discussing at recent meetings. According to the committee's chairperson, Nancy Blasch, there are many myths out there about immigration, and the hope is that Flores can shed some light on these myths.

She said the public is invited

to attend, because the topic should be of general interest.

"It's a chance to give everyone a look at one side of an issue a lot of people are talking about," said Blasch, a former Canton resident who now resides in Superior Township. "Bishop Flores is a third generation Hispanic-American. He grew up in Texas, so he's very familiar with this issue."

## BISHOP DANIEL FLORES

**Born:** 1961, Palacios, Texas  
**Ordained a priest:** January, 1988  
**Named monsignor:** September, 1995  
**Ordained a bishop:** Nov. 29, 2006  
**What:** Flores will speak at 8 p.m., Oct. 9 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 981-1333.

Flores, the Archdiocese of Detroit's newest bishop, brings experience as a pastor, seminary professor and diocesan official from his work as a priest of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas. In October 2006, he was named an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit and was ordained

to the episcopate by Cardinal Adam Maida on Nov. 29 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Detroit.

Flores is scheduled to begin speaking at 8 p.m. after a mass that begins at 7 p.m. Blasch said he will speak for about a half hour and then answer questions.

## Forums will give district input during search

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools stakeholders will have an opportunity to give their opinions on the qualifications for a new superintendent during community forums scheduled for Oct. 24-25.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education set a timeline Tuesday it hopes will result in a contract being offered to one finalist in March to replace Jim Ryan, who is retiring Feb. 28.

Trustee Steven Sneiderman said two consultants will hold all-day sessions at a location yet to be determined, which will include forums with specific community groups and meetings for the community at-large.

"While the board makes the final decision, we're looking for someone the community can

really get behind," Sneiderman said. "Their input is invaluable."

Sneiderman said those who can't attend one of the forums will still be able to express opinions by filling out a Leadership Profile Assessment form. Board members will be interviewed individually for their input.

Last week, trustees voted to hire Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Ill., to conduct a nationwide search, which could cost up to \$33,000.

The position is expected to be posted at the end of this month, with the first round of interviews scheduled for January. Several finalists are expected to be interviewed by the board in February, with the new superintendent to begin July 1.

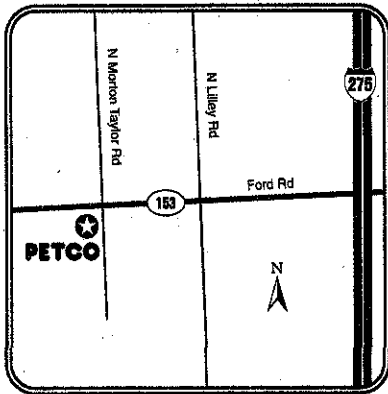
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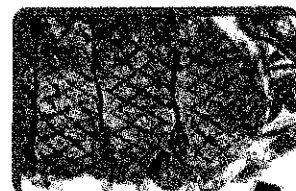
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# Agency looks to serve youth, make a difference

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Founders of a new agency designed to help young people avoid trouble is hoping some of the kids who will one day use the building will help paint it.

Marie May, president and CEO of A New Day Agency, and Charie Springfield, vice president and COO, recently visited a South Redford school board meeting to ask for help in getting kids involved.

The walls of the building on Schoolcraft Road at Inkster need painting, the carpet is ripped from the floor and room partitions are going up and coming down. Getting kids involved in painting the inside walls might inspire them to visit when the doors open, sometime in November.

"If they have an opportunity to do things in the center they'll say, 'Look that's the wall I did.' I think it will help them feel more comfortable," Springfield says.

The agency is a brand new non-profit organization helping young people in grades 6-12 with counseling, discussion sessions, workshops, advocacy and tutoring programs that are free

for clients.

May and Springfield plan to approach all western Wayne County school officials to make district social workers and teachers aware of A New Day Agency services so they can pass along the information to students.

## MANY IN TURMOIL

May and Springfield have been building on this idea for two years and recently found the building on Schoolcraft. They say it's centrally located for all western county communities, including Redford, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Romulus and Inkster.

"A lot of people think people in the suburbs don't need help," May says. "Unfortunately everyone needs help."

The funding will come from donations, state and federal grant money, as well as adult workshops that will include a fee.

"There's so much turmoil right now with the youth," Springfield says.

Currently May works as a subcontractor with the Wayne County Juvenile Assessment

Center, which is separate from A New Day Agency. She sees young people who are already involved in the juvenile court system. May is a licensed professional counselor and Springfield's degree is in human services.

"Pretty much we plan to talk about drugs, violence, peer pressure, eating disorders and everything that is going on around them," May says. "The idea behind the agency is that we are a prevention center. We would like to get the kids before they get in trouble and get into the juvenile system and get themselves in a negative situation. We can show them a different alternative and we're hoping to be a provider and bring out a positive influence."

The idea came about when both were studying psychology and they were brainstorming about what to do with the degrees.

"I knew that the need was so great and the kids need so much guidance," May says. "That age group has the greatest need. I had the house where people came," says May, a mother of two — an 18-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter. She also

worked as a mentor for foster children, volunteered at shelters and worked as a certified day care provider.

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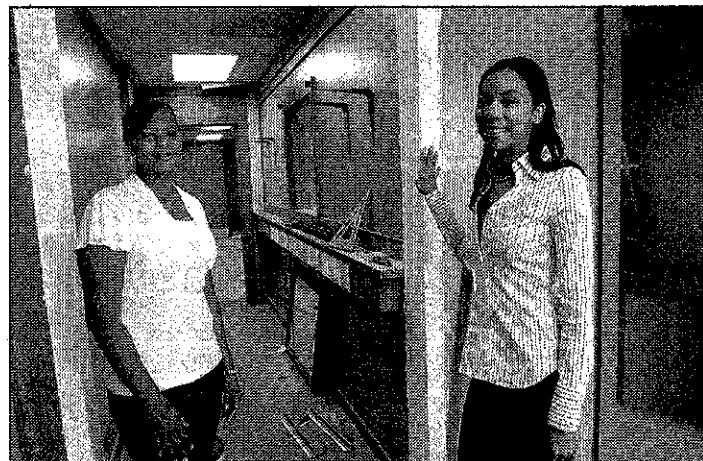
Both women live in Canton and once lived in Redford. In fact, Springfield graduated from Thurston High School in 2002 and attended Jane Addams Elementary and Pierce Middle School in Redford.

May brings the wisdom and experience to the operation and Springfield offers youth.

"I'm older and have more of a hands on experience being a mother," May says. Springfield has an educational background with children and she's not that far from their clientele's age. She says she readily remembers some of the issues that youth are facing and the kids will likely be receptive to talk to her.

"I'm a firm believer that it takes a village to raise a child and we would like to extend our services as part of that village," May says. "We would like to be a provider that makes a difference in the community."

Plans are that A New Day Agency will become a hangout for kids where they take part



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marie May (left) and Charie Springfield will be opening A New Day Agency Inc. a counseling/drop-in agency. The hallway above will be a hall of fame wall of the involvement in the community.

in programs, watch television, work on computers, do their homework or just do nothing. Springfield and May also plan to host parent forums and workshops to invite parents to learn about what's going on in the center and the assistance that's available.

The shell of the building is rough and the inside is bare. But, May and Springfield hope donations that will take care of their needs. Their wish list includes four desktop computers; office equipment, including a fax machines, a copier and printers; a projector and screen

that will adapt to their laptops; a laminator; folding and office chairs; six or eight foot tables; desks; a podium; desk lamps; an extra large area rug; a digital camera and just about anything else an office might need.

Most of all they want to make the office inviting to the youth they will serve.

"We're trying not to be an intervention and they are forced to come here," May says. "We want them to want to come here."

For more information go to [www.anewdayonline.org](http://www.anewdayonline.org) or call (734) 891-0649.



Last month, members of The Little Stars Foundation performed a special violin concert for seniors at the Four Season Nursing Center in Westland.

## STARS

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has a dozen songs in its line up, including a little Beethoven and Bach.

"Some of the seniors have little chance to see children, so they really seem to like (the performances)," said Yihong Tong, the mother of Amy, Alan and Anna. "Some of them said they couldn't hold their tears back."

While the entire group plays the violin, Paul and Amy also dabble on the piano.

"I enjoy seeing the seniors enjoy what we do," Alan said. Bob agreed.

"I joined the group because I thought it would be a good experience and I think it's fun when we perform in front of people," he said.

Matt Young, activity director at Four Season Nursing Center in Westland, where the group recently performed, said the center's residents really appreciated the performance.

## THE LITTLE STARS FOUNDATION

**Purpose:** The nonprofit and charitable organization is designed to provide an outlet for children who love music and care about senior citizens.

**Phone:** (734) 981-1947

**Web site:** [TheLittleStars.org](http://TheLittleStars.org)

"They really enjoyed it. It brightens their day. It's something for them to look forward to and talk about amongst themselves," Young said.

As the group practiced two songs in Tong's living room, she looked at the group and grinned.

"They get to feel like they are helping others so that makes them happy," she said, adding that the group is trying to raise money so that they can buy gifts for senior citizens this holiday season.

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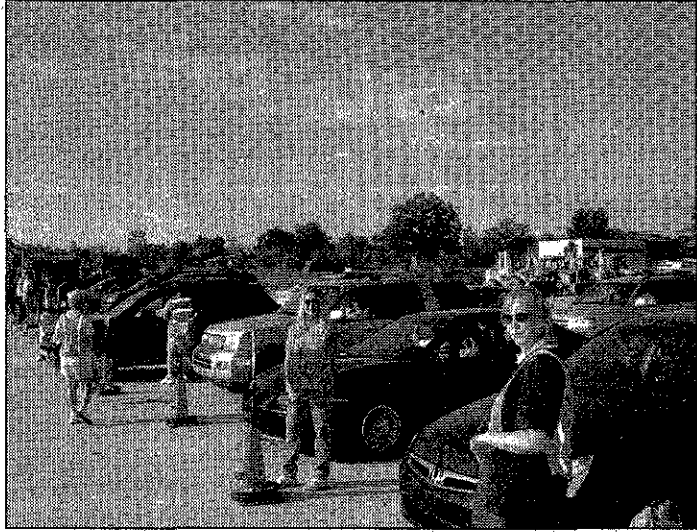


# Canton collects nearly 180,000 pounds of hazardous waste

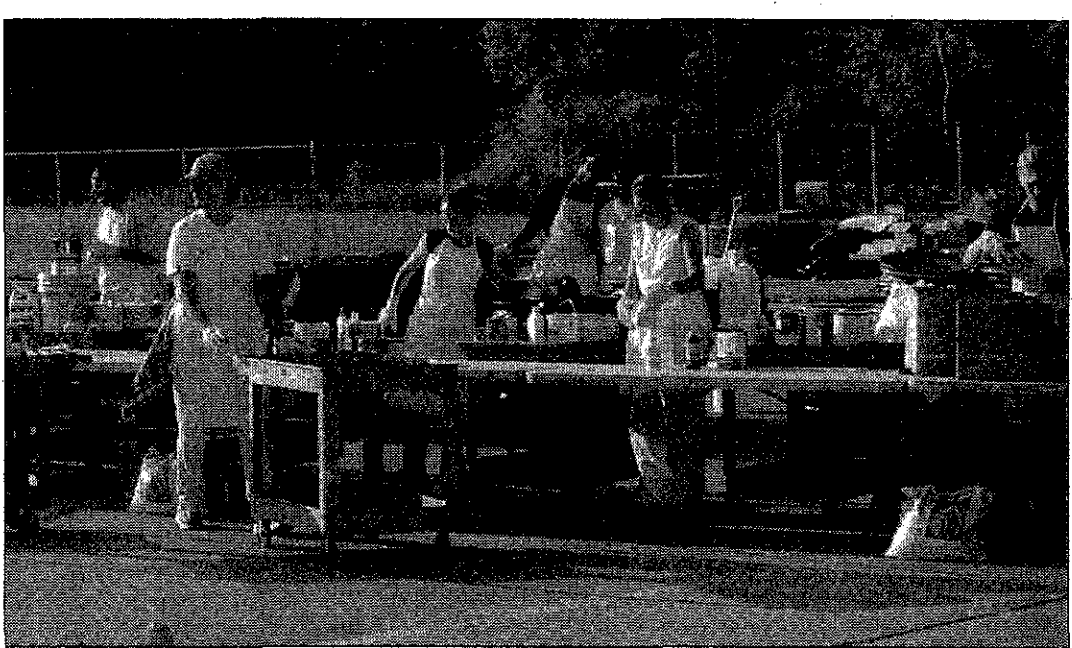
Nearly 180,000 pounds of hazardous waste was collected at Canton's annual Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up, held Sept. 8 at the Division of Public Works Building on Sheldon Road.

This year, Environmental Quality Company (EQ) staff processed a total of 1,231 cars, with no one waiting longer than 10 minutes. Once again EQ handled all disposal activities for the event and as in years past, residents were asked to remain in their vehicles while EQ workers removed and disposed of their hazardous materials.

Totals collected at this year's event included 16,500 gallons of latex paint and non-regulated materials, two pails of mercury, five cubic yards of aerosol, 1,000 gallons of bulk motor oil, 2,100 gallons of flammable liquids, 180 gallons of pesticide, 100 gallons of corrosive material, 8,600 pounds of batteries, 40 gallons of oxidizers and four pallets of propane. In all, 179,442 pounds of materials were collected for an average of 146 pounds per vehicle.



Canton employees Melanie Sherwood and Kathy Milne usher in the residents who showed up for the township's annual household hazardous waste day on Sept. 8. A total of 1,231 vehicles were processed.



Environmental Quality staff handled all disposal activities for the event, collecting a total of 179,442 pounds of hazardous materials.

Canton's Household Hazardous Waste Day is held every year on the second Saturday in September. For year-round disposal, Canton Waste Recycling (CWR), located at 42020 Van Born Road, will accept limited items on scheduled Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Items accepted for

drop off at CWR include, batteries, oil, antifreeze and paint (limited to five one-gallon containers). CWR clean-up dates can be found in your monthly Focus Newsletter under the community calendar or by calling CWR at (734) 397-5801.

In case you missed Canton's event, the Wayne County Department of Environment will be offering a free e-waste collection on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Livonia City Hall, located at 33000 Civic Center Drive. This event is open to all Wayne

County residents and is an excellent opportunity to properly dispose of outdated electronic equipment, including computers, monitors, printers, key boards, mouse, cell phones, and fax machines. Items not being accepted include televisions and VCR/Cable boxes, manuals or software.

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Everyone can do their part to keep our homes and environment safe by properly disposing of household hazardous waste.

If you observe anyone dumping any material into storm drains, please call Canton's Public Works Division at (734) 394-5150 or Wayne County's 24-Hour Environmental Hotline at (888) 223-2363.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes of September 5, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes for September 11, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S "MOPS" SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Calvary Baptist Church's MOPS "Mothers of Preschoolers" Sale Saturday, October 6, 2007, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road in the Plymouth Christian Academy Activity Center. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF 60' X 120' TENT FOR IKEA "LEARNED LEADERSHIP LESSONS" WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2007. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and installation of a 60' X 120' tent for IKEA Canton, 41640 Ford Road to host "Learned Leadership Lessons", Women's Leadership Conference to be held on October 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF "RECEIVING BOARDS" IN OPTICAL SCAN JURISDICTIONS. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution establishing the use of one or more "Receiving Boards" to administer any upcoming elections scheduled in the jurisdiction. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** Item 1. WTUA BUDGET APPROVAL. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for budget approval for WTUA. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. SET DECEMBER 1, 2007 MILLAGE RATES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the December 1, 2007 Millage Rates for the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. ADOPT FY 2008 BUDGETS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the FY 2008 Budgets. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDER WAIVING RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS AND INCREASING P.O. #66500 TO NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PRELIMINARY STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO MARLOWE STREET SAD 2006-2. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive receipt of proposals and increase purchase order number 66500 to Northwest Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$4,900.00 to provide professional engineering services for preliminary street design and construction cost estimate for a total not to exceed amount of \$8,700, for the Marlowe Street SAD 2006-2. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES FOR LOWER ROUGE RIVER TRAIL HEAD AND ASSOCIATED TRAILS PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to waive the Township's formal bid process and approve the purchase of supplies for the Lower Rouge River Trailhead and Associated Trails Project (Account No. 246-750-970-0000, Item #13) based upon the quotations received, as follows: (1.) Approve Aggregate Industries to supply 9960 tons of 21AA for the price of \$102,297.20 (2.) Approve Edward C. Levy to supply 34R GR stone for the price of \$743.00 (3.) Approve Edward C. Levy to supply 36" x 12" stone for the price of \$1,791.18 (4.) Approve Lesco to supply 14,410 sq. yd. of geotextile fabric and 590 sq. yd. of erosion mat for the price of \$9,263.62. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE 2008 IAC PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the agreement(s) necessary to purchase the right of way and grading easements for the 2008 IAC intersection projects including Sheldon Center/Sheldon Road, Canton Center/Sheldon Center and Sheldon Road/Joy Road for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 (Capital Projects Road Paving Fund Account Number 403-506-969-1000) which includes a \$14,000 real estate commission to be paid to Dearborn Real Estate. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A WACHS POW-R-DRIVE II VALVE OPERATOR. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the bid from Jack Doheny Supplies and to approve a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$8,744.00 and to authorize the Public Works Department to purchase a Wachs Power Valve Operator during the 2007 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2007, Acct. # 592-000-154-0000, Line Item #2. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT MAILING SYSTEM. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of the Neopost mailing system, model number 1J80 in the amount of \$11,298.00 including an annual postage meter rental amount of \$1,200.00 and yearly maintenance agreement amount of \$1,420.00 for a total amount of \$13,918.00. I further move to approve the General Fund budget amendment for this purchase. This budget amendment increases the General Government Division budget from \$1,700,039 to \$1,713,957, and the General Fund budget from \$27,378,520 to \$27,392,438. Motion carried unanimously. — Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor — Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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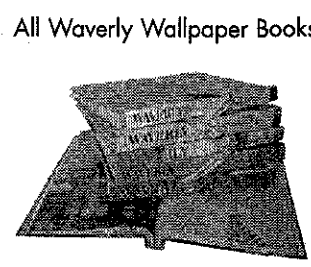
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# Canton man dies from accident involving street sweeper

A 62-year-old Canton man who was involved in an accident in Rochester Hills Aug. 30 has died.

Jayabalan Kunjunnidied at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital Sept. 30. He was a passenger in a 2004 Porsche that crashed into the rear of a street sweeper

on Livernois south of Walton. He had been in the hospital ever since. The driver of the Porsche, Ajay Murthy, 38, of Oakland Township, was also killed.

The crash remains under investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.



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Bidders may also obtain, upon request, a copy of the RFP at the MERGEFIELD "Building Name" E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. RFP's will be received in the Technology Department until 2:00P.M., October 15, 2007. All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to James Casteel at 734.416.2708. The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education reserves the right to reject or decline any/all Bids received.

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**Address Inquiries To:** Daniel Phillips - Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 or by phone at (734) 416-2746.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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## CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Borders grand opening

Borders will celebrate the grand opening of its 23,500 square-foot store in Canton, located at the intersection of Morton Taylor and Ford roads— from Friday, Oct. 5 through Sunday, Oct. 7. Throughout the weekend special events are planned including a Seattle's Best Coffee® First Pour ceremony, author signings, family activities and live music.

During the grand opening celebration, Borders will give away prizes including two \$100 Borders gift cards, a selection of 20 Borders Classics books, a Sony® Noise Canceling Headphones, Seattle's Best Coffee mugs and six Nickelodeon Cuddle Pillows® for the kids. In addition, customers can enter to win a gift basket filled with a collection of books, music and movies, Paperchase® stationery and cafe items from the new store. Grand opening events include the following:

Friday, Oct. 5:  
 ■ 4 p.m. - Performance by guitar and flute duo Helene Rottenberg and Susan Lazar  
 ■ 7 p.m. - Hot Club of Detroit kicks off the Grand Opening Weekend with an electrifying performance.  
 Saturday, Oct. 6:  
 ■ 9 a.m. - Cider and donuts with Winnie the Pooh. Bring

your camera and get your photo taken with this loveable little bear.

■ 10 a.m. - Reading and book signing with Carol McCloud, author of the children's book *Have You Filled A Bucket Today?*

■ 11 a.m. - Reading and book signing by Jennifer Ruprecht, author of *The Crayon Kids' Art Adventure*.

■ 11 a.m. - Book signing by Peggy Heiney, author of *Lonely Teddy*.

■ 11:30 a.m. - Magic tricks by Fred the Magician

■ Noon- Nickelodeon® Story & Game Time- Kids are invited to stay after Storytime to play some fun Nickelodeon games, and try their hand at some fun word puzzles and coloring activities.

■ 1 p.m.- Sheila Landis Trio Performs

■ 2 p.m.- Seattle's Best Coffee® First Pour Ceremony

■ 2:30 p.m.- Sheila Landis Trio back for another performance of great jazz

■ 4 p.m.- DISNEY® - Pigeon Storytime which includes a book giveaway.

■ 5 p.m. - Reading and book signing with expert psychic Denise Iwaniw. Enter for a chance to win one of two 30 minutes of free psychic readings by Iwaniw herself.

■ 7 p.m. - Windever Saxophone Quartet performs. Sunday, Oct. 7:

■ All day - Enter to win a Borders gift basket.

■ 10 a.m. - Meet and greet with PAWS, the mascot of the Detroit Tigers

■ 10 a.m. - Bilingual storytime with Jennifer Manriquez, owner of The Bilingual Fun Company

■ Noon - Face Painting and airbrush tattooing for kids of all ages

■ 2 p.m. - Kirk Lignell reads and signs his new children's book *Listen to the Raindrops*.

■ 2 p.m.- Fiction author Derek Vitatoo signs his book *With These Hands*, a thriller that takes place right here in metro Detroit

■ 2 p.m. - Reading, book signing and illustrator workshop with Karen Bell-Brege and Darrin Brege, creators of the *Mick Morris Myth Solver Series*.

■ 3 p.m.- Karen Tintori reads and signs her latest novel *Unto the Daughter*.

■ 4 p.m. - Raffle winners for various prizes are picked. Winners need not be present to win.

■ 4:30 p.m. - Performance by MandoJazz, easy listening tunes. Everything from Louis Armstrong to Duke Ellington.

For more information about Borders, visit [www.borders-groupinc.com](http://www.borders-groupinc.com).

## Local group joys of

## Legislature.

LaJoy, who said the commission will be formed within 50 days, believes there is too much duplicate work being done in Lansing. For example, each of the state's 17 agencies has its own purchasing and human resources personnel. He said one group could do it for all the agencies.

"Down the road, this could be huge. It could save us hundreds of millions of dollars," LaJoy said. "If we don't structurally change the way we do business, we will be right back in the same position."

The new budget gives a 1-percent increase in the state foundation allowance for public schools, which is a welcome sight to Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan.

"There's going to be short-term benefit to Plymouth-

Canton Community Schools, and there's going to be long-term benefit, and that was very important to us," Ryan said. "I thought it was a courageous vote to support the tax increase because there's so much more to this budget than just that increase."

Corriveau said he understands no one wants to pay more taxes, but in this case there wasn't an alternative choice. "Asking people to pay more when times are difficult is counter intuitive," Corriveau said. "But in order to maintain what we felt is important for Michigan — that we live in safe communities, we have good schools and fund higher education — that's where I had to make my call."

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## balloon art

On Thursday, October 11, balloon artists from around the Detroit area will be taking part in the 8th Annual Balloons Around the World. It's an event that allows people to both showcase a fun art as well as to give back to their communities.

Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley Rd., will be hosting this year's event as balloon artists gather to demonstrate their talent. The balloon artists are part of a local group, Michigan Twisters Group, who get together regularly to network and share ideas. For more information on MTG, go to their Web site at [www.geocities.com/michigantwistersgroup](http://www.geocities.com/michigantwistersgroup).

There's no registration fee, and the first 36 participating artists will get a free "Official Artist" button. "It's amazing and inspiring to see the ways balloon artists around the world have taken part," said organizer Jeff Brown of Juneau, Alaska. "It's a way of changing the world - a little bit at a time."

Close to 700 balloon artists participated during the 2006 event - in schools, libraries, and hospitals.

For more information, visit the official web site: [www.BalloonsAroundTheWorld.com](http://www.BalloonsAroundTheWorld.com).

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■ MS Word II: Oct. 9, at 9:30 a.m. Add tables, header and footer to your Word documents, insert symbols and other commands. Registration required.

■ Teen Animanga Club: Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. Drop in and discuss everything anime and manga related.

■ Job Help Series-Michigan Works!: Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. Learn about job resources from the Western Wayne County Employment and Resource Centers. Registration required.

■ MS Word Graphics II: Oct.

11, at 9:30 a.m. Use Word Art to add graphics to your documents. Registration required.

■ Lunch and a Book: Oct. 11, at noon. *The Ha-Ha* by Dave King.

■ Tween Movie Night: Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. *Night at the Museum*, rated PG. Registration required.

■ Contemporary Book Discussion: Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill.

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■ *The Teen Whisperer: How to Break Through the Silence and Secrecy of Teenage Life* by Mike Linderman

## BUDGET

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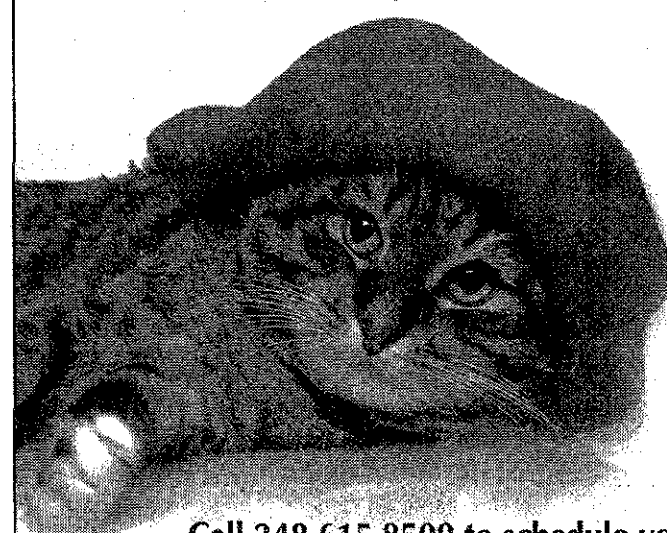
"There were interest groups very, very involved in making that list," said Corriveau, who also voted against the service tax. "I didn't like it."

The one thing LaJoy is happy about is the fact that his idea about forming a government efficiency commission is part of the budget deal. The nine-member board, which will be made up of non-elected officials, will examine ways to reorganize state government and cut out wasteful positions. Members would be appointed by Democrats and Republicans. They would make recommendations to the state

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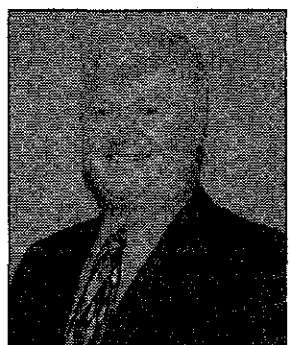
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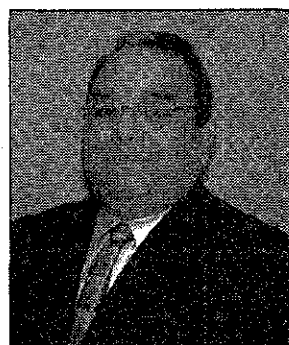
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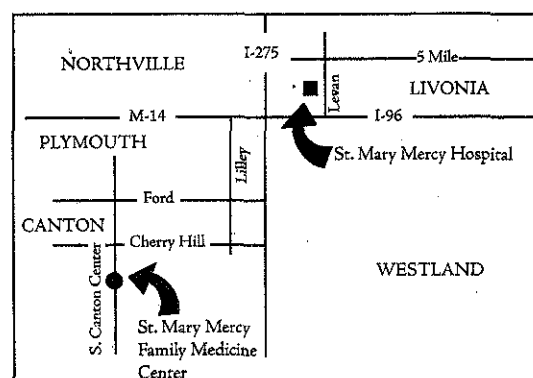
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# Madonna breaks ground for 'green' building

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

What will be Livonia's first "green" building took root Tuesday on the campus of Madonna University.

The ground where the new Science and Media Center will stand was blessed — and broken — in a ceremony in front of the St. Francis pond.

Detroit's archbishop Cardinal Adam Maida, university President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, deans, trustees, students, donors and dignitaries were among the 500 people who attended.

Maida offered a prayer for the workers who will construct the 60,000-square-foot, \$20 million project. The first building to be constructed on campus

in 40 years will include nine specialized laboratories for astronomy, quantum physics, microbiology and more; a high-definition television and radio studio, plus editing suites; videoconferencing capabilities and a lecture hall.

Motion detecting lights and use of natural lighting, waterless urinals and low-flush toilets and the use of recycled

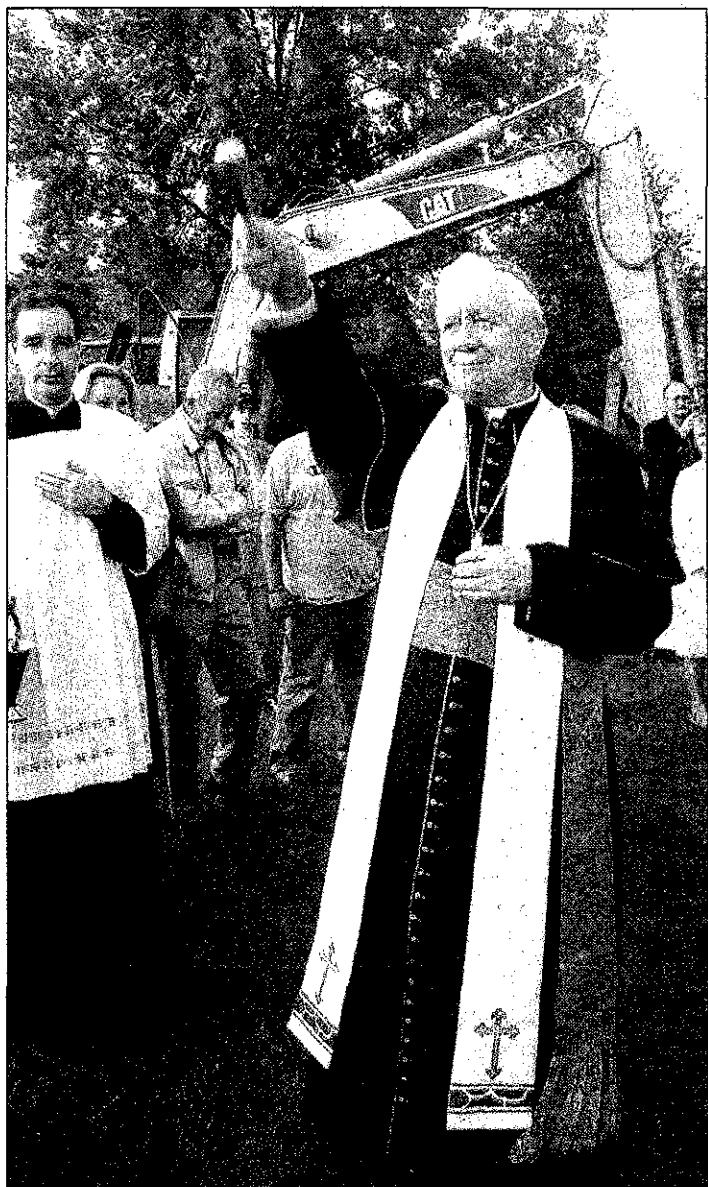
materials will make the building environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The design is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council, so as to become Livonia's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified structure.

These qualities testify to the Franciscan value of reverence for creation, Kujawa said. Madonna, in its 75th year, is "vibrant, visionary and growing," she said. "In order to guarantee a future, we need to be able to house these programs."

Science is required for every major, but especially for popular programs like forensic science, nursing and teaching. The media studies field is expanding.

Sophomore Robert Beal of Canton was one of many TV and video majors recording the ground-breaking. Like others, he was excited about using new cameras and high-tech editing equipment when the building opens.

"I've heard that it is going to be a special facility," he said, adding that it will fit in with its surroundings. Beal pointed to the pond and plant life on campus. "It's definitely going to stay a place for green life."



Archbishop of Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida blesses the ground where Madonna University's new Science and Media building will be constructed.

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## YWCA names its Woman of Year

The YWCA of Western Wayne County has selected Carolyn Clifford as its Woman of the Year. Clifford will be honored at the YWCA's Women of Achievement Awards on Nov. 16.

Clifford is known for her work for WXYZ-TV 7. Her passion for "getting to the root of the issue" when covering health related issues, human-interest specials and women's issues makes her outstanding in her field, according to Karen Murphy, YWCA CEO.

"Carolyn is an excellent role model for all women," said Murphy. "The YWCA is proud to honor Carolyn's achievements and commitment to empowering women."

The YWCA annually recognizes women who reside or work in Western Wayne County and have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both their professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of their community. The categories are:

- **Arts/communication** - A woman who has excelled in the arts, media or public relations. Such fields include visual, literary and performing arts, journalism, television/radio.
- **Business/industry** - A woman who has exhibited outstanding abilities and accomplishments as an entrepreneur, or at the technical/professional, management or executive level.
- **Government/law** - A woman who has provided exceptional leadership in government or the legal profession, either in an elected or career capacity.
- **Professions** - A woman who has demonstrated excellence and commitment as a professional in the field of education, health, human service, religion or research.
- **Volunteer service** - A woman who has made significant contributions to her community through her volunteer efforts.
- **Young woman** - A young woman of today (age 16-23) who has demonstrated leadership qualities, service to the community and a positive glimpse of tomorrows woman.

Nominees will be honored at the awards luncheon which will be held at The Dearborn Inn. The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction. The awards presentation begins at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$400 for tables of 10.

The YWCA will also be unveiling an exclusive Women of Achievement sterling silver charm bracelet and omega necklace created by Solstice Designs to commemorate the event.

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

Want to feel like a millionaire? If so, make sure you're at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896 on Friday, Oct. 19, or Saturday, Oct. 20, for a Millionaire Party hosted by the Foundation for American Veterans. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Friday and at 1 p.m. Saturday for the party that will feature a variety of poker and blackjack tournaments as well as craps, roulette and Big Wheel games.

Players have their choice of no limit Hold 'Em poker tournaments at 7 p.m. Friday and 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday. Each tournament is limited to 100 players. There's a \$50 entry fee and a \$20 charity add-on. Each player will receive \$4,000 in chips for entering and \$2,000 in chips for the add-on. Seventy-five percent of the prize money will be paid out to 10 percent of the field and blind levels will be 20 minutes long.

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- **Seven-player blackjack tables** on Friday and Saturday - \$25 buy-in for \$3,000 in starting chips, \$100 for first place and \$25 for second place.

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Players can pre-register at the VFW and receive an additional \$1,000 in chips. The Millionaire's Party is sponsored by the Romanowski VFW Post, with proceeds earmarked for the renovation of rooms at the John Dingell VA Hospital in Detroit. For more information, call the post at (734) 525-9454 or visit the [www.charitablegaming.info](http://www.charitablegaming.info) on line.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Search process must be public

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education are on record saying the selection of a replacement for Superintendent Jim Ryan is, aside from solving its budget problems, the No. 1 issue on its agenda as the school year begins.

Last week, the board took the first step toward that goal, hiring Hazard, Young, Altea & Associates, a Glenview, Ill., search firm, to orchestrate the process.

Roger Garvelink, the former Birmingham superintendent who is heading HYA's effort, has promised to meet with board members, community groups, administration and faculty "to get input and ask questions about their attributes of the district, to help us sell the position and attract candidates we would like."

Here's something else the board must do: Make the entire process as public as possible.

The board hired an out-of-state firm for what could end up being nearly twice as much money in an effort to get the right superintendent for the job. Not only are board members going to have to convince its residents they got the right person for the job, they're going to have to explain to them why a cash-starved district didn't go for the lowest bidder.

Former board President Barry Simescu wanted Michigan Leadership Institute of Old Mission, Mich., whose bid was some \$17,000. But new President Judy Mardigian (and the other five trustees) were sold on HYA, despite a price tag that could reach \$33,000. Mardigian said the board "owes 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."

We're not saying Mardigian is wrong; time will settle that question. But she does need to convince residents growing weary of hearing "We don't have the money" she's right.

That means putting Garvelink and board members in front of as many people as possible. It means recording every moment spent in meetings, even workshops, and airing those meetings on cable TV. The board should have learned in its failed bond proposals that not communicating effectively with their residents can cost them dearly.

This is a huge decision, one they got wrong the last time they did a search and wound up with the short-lived Booher administration. With the issues facing this district, it's imperative they not only get this one right, but that they convince their voters they got it right, as well.

# Breast Cancer Month: You're aware — now act

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. You'd have to be a recluse not to know. That little pink ribbon reminder is everywhere — on products in stores, in newspapers and magazines and on people's lapels. Even M&M's produces pink candies to raise awareness of the second leading cause of cancer death in women.

The media has done a good job of educating women about their risks (one in eight will have an invasive form of breast cancer during her lifetime) and the importance of early detection by way of mammograms, and clinical and self breast exams.

Yet all the awareness and knowledge doesn't do women any good if they don't take action.

Women tend to be the caregivers in their families, putting their needs behind those of their children, husbands, parents and friends. They'll spend several hours a day doing things for others, yet not take five minutes a month to check their breasts for irregularities or a couple of hours a year to get a mammogram or visit their gynecologist.

But, unless they do, they may wind up cutting their time short with their families and not being there for them in the future.

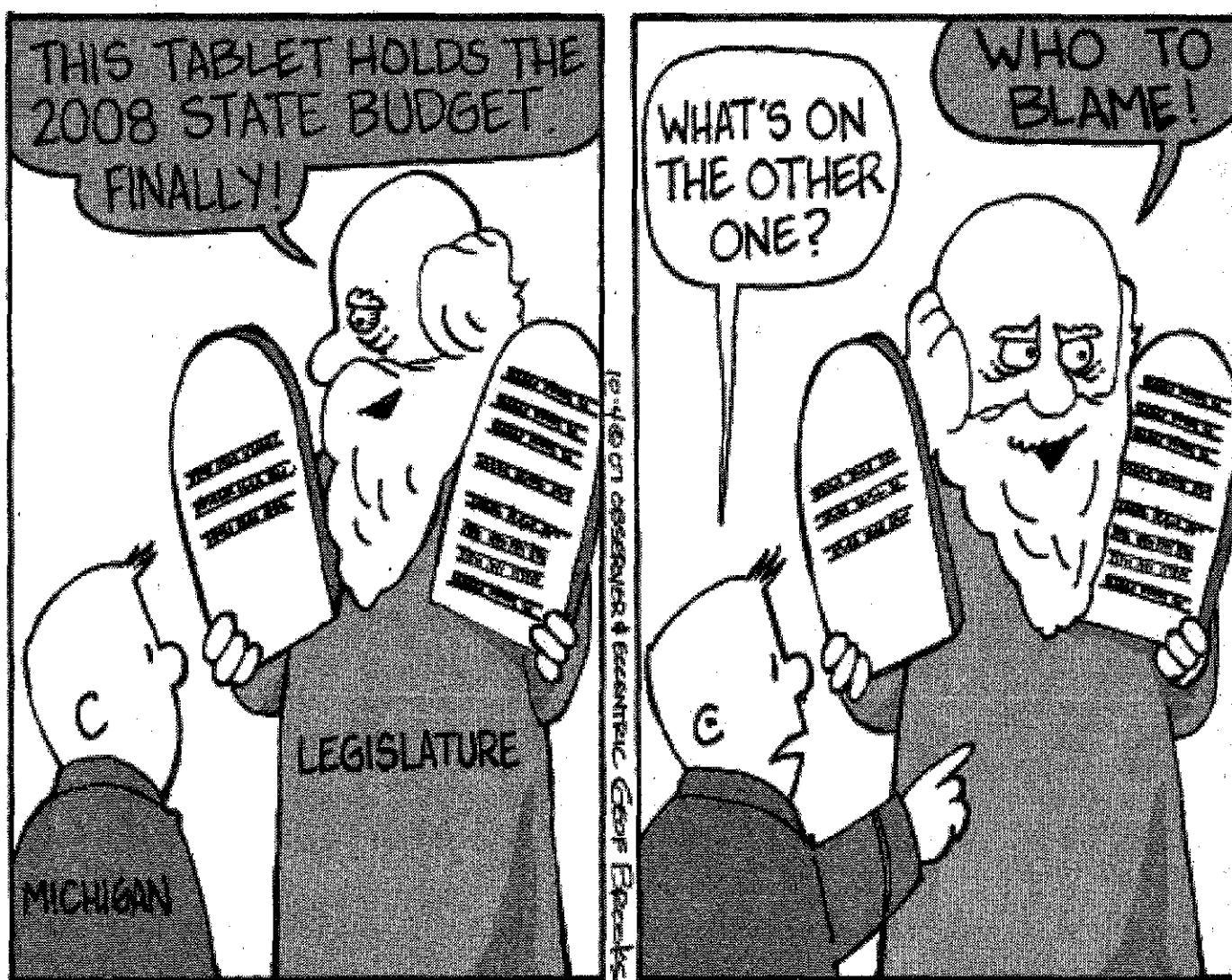
If you haven't scheduled your checkup yet this year, do it right now. Make the call and set up an appointment. Just getting it on the calendar can be the hardest step. Then commit to following through — don't let anything interfere, just as you wouldn't back out of going to an important doctor's appointment with a loved one.

In the meantime, ask your sister, mother, daughter, aunt, friend, etc. when she last had a mammogram or clinical exam.

If she doesn't have insurance or can't afford to pay for it, offer to cover the average \$100 fee for her or do a quick search on the Internet to find a place that offers free or reduced-cost mammograms.

Many facilities provide such services during October, particularly on National Mammography Day, the third Friday of the month.

Women need to take care of themselves. Because if they don't, they can't take care of anyone else.



## LETTERS

### Less money in your pocket

I thought it was very interesting in what was not reported relative to the new teacher contract with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. With the situation here in Michigan as it is — companies moving away and filing for bankruptcy, the dismal housing market, people fleeing for greener pastures elsewhere, the state on the verge of insolvency. Am I forgetting anything? Yet the teachers pen yet another rather sweet deal.

Remember the UAW just settled, after striking, for a settlement that held wages flat and in fact instituted a lower new hire rate scale. This reflects exactly the environment we have here in Michigan. This is reality. Is it any wonder our teachers' pay, health care and benefits are way above national averages. With leadership that refuses to say enough is enough, that refuses to accept the challenge to stand up and fight the teachers union, all I have to say is hold onto your wallets, people. Let's all solve this equation: Granholm + money (tax) hungry Democrats in Lansing + spineless P-CCS board = Less Money In Your Pocket.

G. Gordio  
Canton

### Congress condemns free speech

The spineless Congress spent days debating an ad that MoveOn.org published. In doing so, they once again undermined our constitutional right of free speech.

This effort, led by the Republicans, completely demonstrates the tragedy of these members of Congress. Why did they waste valuable time condemning free speech of MoveOn.org? Once again the Republicans are misusing our Constitution.

They didn't condemn Vice President Cheney when he falsely connected Al Qaeda to Saddam Hussein. They didn't condemn Colin Powell when he lied about WMDs to the United Nations. They didn't condemn President Bush when he started eavesdropping on American citizens without a warrant. They still haven't done anything to change President Bush's war policy. But they led days of debate to vote to condemn a newspaper ad.

They need to stop voting on useless resolutions and focus on forcing an end to the war. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, once again, supported a day of waste in Congress.

Hadley Hudak  
Canton

### Send Granholm packing

With our state teetering on the brink of bankruptcy, all our governor and Democrats in Lansing can suggest is to bring in more revenue in the way of tax increases in one form or another. This is exactly why I voted for Dick DeVos. Does anybody out there truly believe Mr. DeVos would be proposing a tax increase on us if he sat in the governor's seat instead of Granholm?

Thank you very much to you 2,139,839 voters who put the incompetent one — Granholm — in office. Are you now ready to join me in starting recall?

impeachment proceedings to send her Highness packing back to Canada?

John Waffer  
Canton

### Arts enrich community

I've been meaning to send the *Observer* a note to thank you for the coverage of the dedication of the Joyful Dancer sculpture at the Village Theater. I really appreciate your coverage of the arts in Canton — I think we're making a lot of progress on enriching our community. And, you making people aware of that is a big help. Thanks again.

Nancy Richter  
Canton

### Let McCotter hear us

As the Congress is asked again for billions of dollars (\$190 billion this time) to fund the four-plus-year-old Iraq war, it is important that citizens in Michigan's 11th Congressional district let Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, hear our voice.

Since the first vote to authorize military action, McCotter has consistently supported this ill-advised and poorly planned invasion of a sovereign nation. He has voted to give this administration a blank check, with no accountability. Now it is time for Mr. McCotter to hear how we feel about:

- The nearly 4,000 U.S. service members who have lost their lives.
- The hundreds of thousands of Iraqi citizens killed.
- The nearly \$500 billion already spent on this war.
- The tremendous increase in the federal deficit from borrowing that \$500 billion.

Before the next vote in Congress, I urge all constituents to contact Mr. McCotter. Let him know how you feel about the Iraq war.

While you are at it, ask Mr. McCotter why he voted against the renewal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) on Sept. 25, 2007. This is a program that allows states to provide health insurance for poor children across the country. I would find it hard to believe that it is the cost, \$35 billion over five years, since he consistently votes to spend about \$10 billion a MONTH on the Iraq war.

Perhaps he is against providing health insurance to 10 million poor children; I would hate to think he is that callous. Interestingly, I've not received any mailings from Mr. McCotter explaining his position on the CHIP bill, or his position on the increased funding of the Iraq war. I checked his Web site — mccotter.house.gov/HoR/MI11/Home/ — and found no information there. You would think that on these critical issues that face the U.S., and where he has a direct voice, he would be eager to state and defend his positions on these and other important issues. I guess not.

Mr. McCotter likes to say he "works for us." We need to let him prove it!

Unfortunately, Mr. McCotter does not list an e-mail address, but you can contact Mr. McCotter in the following ways:

■ Washington, D.C. — 1632 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; telephone (202)

225-8171 and fax (202) 225-2667.

■ Livonia District Office — 17197 N. Laurel Park Drive, Suite 216, Livonia, MI 48152; telephone (734) 632-0314 and fax (734) 632-0373.

John Zajechowski  
Garden City

### College costs

Michigan's colleges raised tuition across the board this year. In the wake of those cost increases, it's a big help that Congress passed a law to make college more affordable.

The College Cost Reduction Act will cut the student loan interest rate in half, while also increasing funding for Pell Grants.

With higher education more important — and more expensive — than ever, it's good news that our representatives in Congress are working to make college more accessible.

Carol Poirier  
Farmington Hills

### The green buck

Green is the hip and current trend, but don't tell Starbucks. Recent news reports state that the cups they use are not recyclable and there are no plans to change these cups to green-friendly products.

Think about the lack of concern and recourse this action has had on the earth. Does Starbucks only care about the buck? They only way to ensure this company complies with the environmental standards is to boycott these coffee hangouts until they comply.

I enjoy a sip of java like the next guy but if you consider the number of people who drink coffee from earth-unfriendly containers we have a serious environmental challenge that is occurring right under our so-called green noses. Boycotts seem extreme but they work and even if this boycott is for one day it will send a message. The green movement has come to us with great zeal for the survival of our green spaces, but even one company that refuses to comply can jeopardize this movement and make it nothing more than a hip trend that will pass as all trends do.

Get mad and address your local Starbucks and become an activist for change. Green is good for all and especially for corporate America.

Ron Austin  
Franklin

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## QUOTABLE

"She said she probably shouldn't do it."

- The 15-year-old former Plymouth Christian Academy student testifying in 35th District Court last week that he pursued Stephanie Ann Stein, his former teacher who has been charged with criminal sexual conduct, and had to convince her to have sex with him



## It's time citizens do something about the mess in Lansing

Want to know why our political system in Lansing is so broken that the lawmakers can't even decide how to pass a basic budget?

Then consider these two anecdotes, which capture the astonishing combination of incompetence, isolation, irresponsibility and rank partisanship that perfectly capture Lansing these days:

A conversation with a Republican state representative as he emerged from a rare Sunday night session of the House:

"What are you going to do about the budget crisis? Increase taxes?" "Absolutely not! Republican principles are totally against increasing taxes!" "So can you get it done entirely with cuts?"

"No, God forbid. That would tear things to shreds." "OK, so what do you propose to do?" "I'm in the minority. It's not my problem."

A Democratic state senator, talking about the gridlock: "If most people in Michigan knew what's going on up here, there'd be hell to pay. Fortunately, they don't."

The editorial pages in Michigan's newspapers are uniformly and savagely contemptuous of our political leaders. Longtime Lansing hands and business leaders say things have never been this bad in living memory. Poll results published in Bill Ballenger's *Inside Michigan Politics* agree that "normal" people are disgusted, too: Gov. Jennifer Granholm has a 54 percent negative job rating.

But that looks good next to the Legislature, which comes in at a rock-bottom 16 percent positive.

Yet ... where is the outrage?

What may seem oddest of all is that there is relatively little public protest and outcry at a time when the deepest interests of 10 million Michigan citizens are being held hostage.

Hostage, that is, to the narrow partisanship of both political parties and their respective office holders. Why aren't people up in arms? Sure, they are sore when they're talking about it over a beer in the bar or at the dinner table. But with the situation as serious as it has been, you'd expect daily marches on the Capitol.

So why hasn't that been happening?

My guess is that, sadly, it's because most folks think there's little they can do to improve the situation. That it's all in the hands of the politicians and, hence, out of reach for ordinary people.

Some may believe that things are so bad there's essentially nothing they can do. So perhaps the worst aspect of all this mess is that the

average citizen has lost the informed hope that something — anything — can be done. That people think that their views simply don't count. If that's indeed the case, it suggests there is something terribly wrong with the workings of our democracy.

That's intolerable. And it's time to do something about it.

Starting next month, ordinary citizens in communities all over Michigan will sit down for an hour and a half in small groups to have community conversations. First questions: "What's your vision for Michigan? What kind of Michigan would bring your kids back from Chicago or keep your grandchildren from moving to the West Coast?"

Second question, naturally enough: "If that's the kind of Michigan we all want, how best can we get there?"

Sponsored by the Michigan's Defining Moment public engagement campaign, these community conversations offer a way for folks to get involved and make their voices heard in Lansing.

Trained scribes will take notes at each of the 80 conversations; they'll be put together in a summary report that will be released publicly late this year. That, in turn, will be the basis for further discussion and refinement in a second set of community conversations next spring. The idea is to bring Michigan's citizens together to develop a representative vision of the kind of Michigan we all want and a tightly focused agenda for transforming our state to get through our current crisis and lay the foundation for future prosperity.

It should be clear that Michigan's political, budget and public policy systems are broken, held hostage to the partisan interests of both political parties. The only way to repair them is through the direct input of Michigan citizens. It's too important a task to be left to the politicians who got us into this mess in the first place.

Readers of this column have two ways to get involved in this process. You can go to [www.thecenterformichigan.net](http://www.thecenterformichigan.net) to reserve a seat at the community conversation near you. Or you can go to the same Web site, click on "community conversations" and add your voice to the conversation online.

Either way, you'll be able to spend a little time on the future of our state. It might just be the best 90 minutes you'll ever spend.

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Phil Power

## Broad-brush painting does nothing for productive dialogue

Freedom of speech is one of the basic tenets upon which this country was founded.

But in the increasingly polarized, bitter and divisive world of politics, people at opposite ends of the political spectrum seem to believe that right belongs only to them and those who agree with them.



Brad Kadrich

That's OK, I guess; perhaps it's human nature to have that much faith in your own opinion, and I think most people see the blow-hardiness in it.

The bigger danger, I think, to genuine political discourse is the idea of lumping everyone on one side or the other into the same pot, painting them with the same broad brush.

You see it in the media all the time. To Sean Hannity, every Democrat is a left-wing nut job; to Al Franken, every Republican is a right-wing menace. You know they're extreme when they make Bill O'Reilly look like a centrist.

The broad brush was used locally last week when a staunch Republican dropped off a copy of *Investor's Business Daily*, a conservative business publication.

The paper contained an editorial blasting the support financier George Soros gives to a variety of groups, including MoveOn.org, the left-wing group in the news most recently for its ad calling Gen. David Petraeus "General Betray Us." At the top Potter wrote, "Do your homework before giving front page press to these (expletive)."

The staunch Republican was apparently angered by a front-page story this newspaper did a couple of weeks ago on a small protest sponsored by the local chapter of MoveOn.org. It was a quiet protest, with some 80 people or so, who want the U.S. to get out of Iraq.

Given the way the war has been misman-

aged and poll results on the administration's handling of it, that's hardly an unpopular position these days among either party.

My problem isn't with the characterization of Soros. I don't know enough about the man, though I think very few people deserve to be called by an expletive. A friend described him as "a rich liberal, who puts his money where his mouth is, and they can't stand it. The man is a Holocaust survivor, and he knows a petty dictator when he sees one — which is the other thing they can't stand."

I don't know which is the proper characterization, and I don't really care. George Soros isn't the story here, and that's the point. George Soros wasn't in Kellogg Park, and neither was any of his money, and neither were any of the people running the national organization.

I don't agree with the group's portrayal of Petraeus. I don't know if it rises to the level of slander or libel, but it's certainly low-brow politics.

But none of the people in Kellogg Park that night had anything to do with any of that, and painting them with the same broad brush isn't fair to them. I didn't know all of the people involved with the protest, but I know some of them, and they're simply caring people who want what they believe is best for their sons, daughters and country.

I have a lot of respect the gentleman who brought the paper in, who is a man with strong opinions who sticks to his guns. But it would be interesting to see his reaction, and the response of other Republicans, if the Christian Coalition or (fill in the right-wing group here) held a similar demonstration and we *didn't* cover it.

How much broad-brush painting would be going on *then*?

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## Bonde finalist for Stand on a Better World Award grand prize

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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Twenty-three years ago, Debra Bonde was volunteering as a braille transcriber when she noticed how few books in braille there were for children. The books that were available were expensive. A Hardy Boys mystery would cost \$100.

She decided to do something about it. She started Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia.

"My girls were sighted and loved to read and it just seemed wrong to me that blind children didn't have that same opportunity," she said.

Bonde's dedication is being recognized as she is one of three women receiving the national Stand on a Better World Award, sponsored by Mannington Mills. The awards honor "women who make a difference in the world."

Six judges, including tennis star Billie Jean King and ABC newswoman Deborah Roberts, selected the women in three categories. Barbara Drennen of Kent, Wash., was recognized for the local award for

**That first year, Seedlings distributed 200 books from 12 titles. They now distribute 24,000 books with about 800 titles. Bonde said they create three kinds of books.**

forming the Pediatric Interim Care Center and Nancy Press of Portland, Ore., is the Global Award winner for launching Child Aid which helps families in Latin America.

In addition to receiving the National Award from the judges, Bonde was the first recipient of a new Your Better World Award, where the public voted online for their favorite candidate. More than 26,000 people participated. Each award recipient received \$10,000 for their charity. Bonde received \$20,000 for winning in two categories.

The three winners will attend a ceremony on Nov. 15 in Wilmington, Del., where a Grand Prize winner will be named. That award is \$25,000.

"They contacted us," Bonde said. "They had seen our Web site and thought that we should apply."

Bonde credited her win in the popular online vote to a "huge group of supporters all over the country."

Seedlings began as humbly as its name implies.

"In the basement of my house and a printer that my dad made for me, I started to make braille books and it mushroomed from there thanks to all kinds of people along the way that have helped," she said.

That first year, Seedlings distributed 200 books from 12 titles. They now distribute 24,000 books with about 800 titles.

Bonde said they create three kinds of books. Books for toddlers, such as *Good Night Moon*, introduce them to braille and to other kinds of touch. Books for beginning readers, such as the Dr. Seuss books, are done in braille and print, so that sighted readers can assist the young readers. Finally, for older children, Seedlings transcribes popular titles such as the Nancy Drew



Debra Bonde

and the Hardy Boys mysteries.

"We do a variety, fiction, nonfiction, poetry, biography," she said.

A new law passed during the Clinton administration provides a blanket copyright permission for nonprofits that transcribe for the blind.

The response from parents with blind children has been "ecstatic," Bonde said.

"We make books available for half the cost of making it," she said.

Bonde said she's looking forward to the ceremony though she's unsure what to expect.

"I'm excited to go," she said. "I get to meet Billie Jean King and Deborah Roberts and the other winners."

Mannington Mills, based in Salem, N.J., is a leading manufacturer of fine flooring.

## Vagnozzi: We need earlier budget deadline

State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills, announced a new plan to move the deadlines up on presenting certain state budgets to the governor.

"When it comes to the state budget, as lawmakers, we have a duty to the people we represent to put the politics aside and do what's right to move Michigan forward," said Vagnozzi, who is serving his final term, due to term limits. "As the end of the fiscal year fast approaches, a possible government shutdown is a very real threat. A state shutdown would have dire consequences for Michigan, putting both our residents and our communities at risk."

Currently, the fiscal year for Michigan runs from Oct. 1 - Sept. 30, with an annual state budget deadline of Sept. 30. Vagnozzi's proposal calls for the Legislature to present all general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period to the governor on or before July 1 of each fiscal year.

Vagnozzi's legislation would be in line with local governments, school boards and colleges, whose fiscal year begins July 1. At the present time, they have to wait three



Vagnozzi

months before they know how much state funding they will be getting.

Last year, New Jersey shut down, affecting the Department of Education,

parts of the state Judiciary, state beaches and parks, historic sites, and more than 45,000 state employees. Their casinos were closed, causing a ripple effect that cost the state \$1.3 million in revenue every day the shutdown lasted. The state lottery also was closed down.

"The people of Michigan should not have to live in fear each year wondering if their elected leaders will turn their backs on them if they cannot negotiate a budget," Vagnozzi said. "This plan will ensure that the political posturing and last minute budget agreements are done in a timely and efficient manner that won't force Michigan into a shutdown, negating the state's ability to deliver essential services to our citizens."

## Madonna hosts human rights film series

The Human Rights Friday Fall Film Series hosted by Madonna University and the Citizens for Peace begins Oct. 5 with the documentary film *Why We Fight*.

The film is the first of four films being shown weekly at Madonna University's Kresge Hall or Science Hall beginning at 7 p.m. Each film will be facilitated by a local speaker who will field questions from the audience. *Why We Fight* by Edward Jarecki provides an unflinching look at the anatomy of the American war machine. The film, shown by the Detroit Institute of Arts last year, provides a bipartisan inquiry into the military/industrial complex and the rise of the American empire.

*Who Shot My Brother*, Oct. 12. As filmmaker German Gutierrez searches for the gunmen who tried kill his brother, he exposes the root cause of the violence in his native Colombia. (Science Hall)

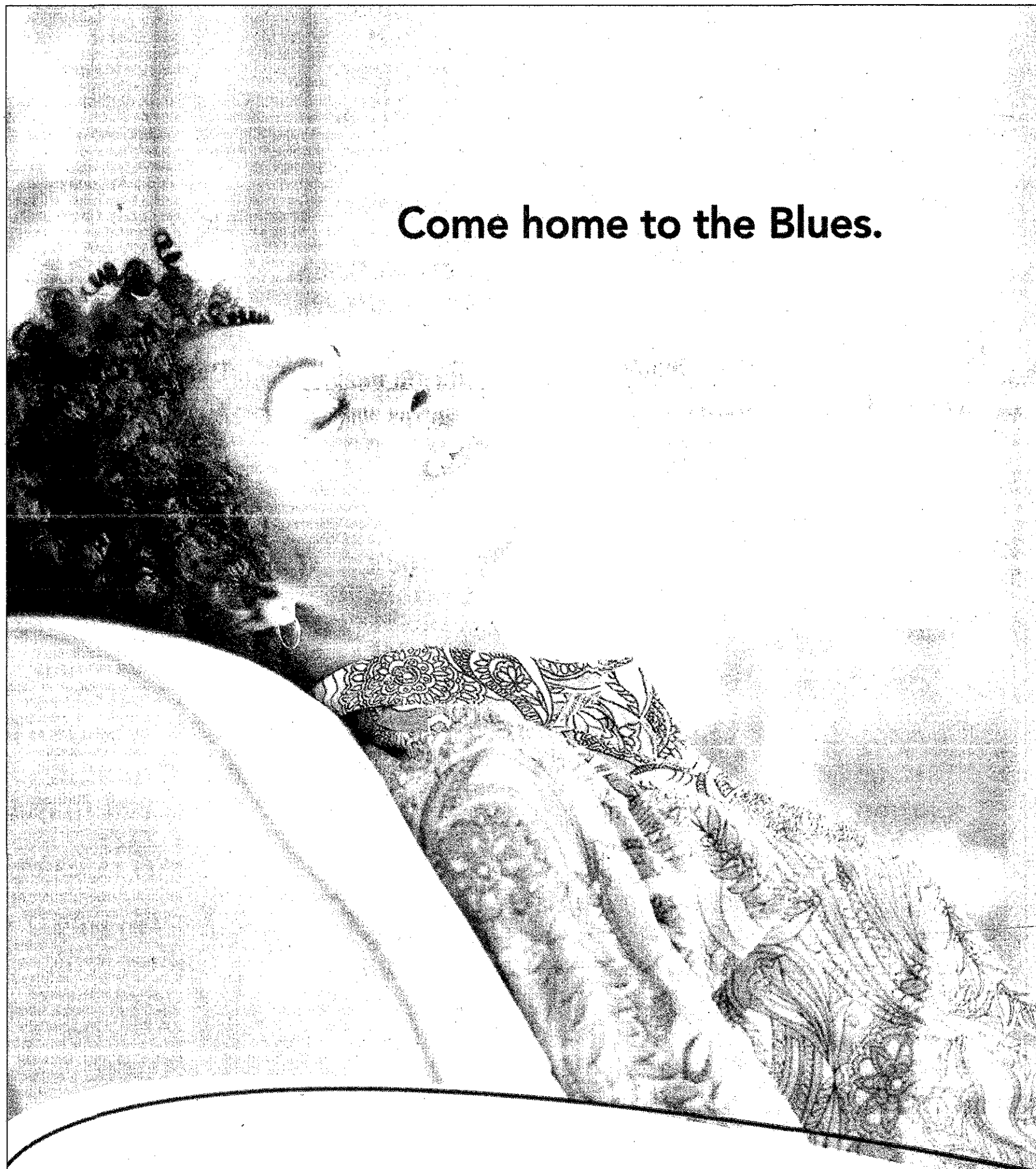
*China Blue*, Oct. 19. A powerful and poignant journey into the harsh world of sweatshop workers. Shot clandestinely, this is a deep-access account of what both China and international retailers don't want us to see, how the clothes we buy are actually made. (Science Hall)

*Independent Interventions*, Oct. 26. Focusing on the human cost of war, this film contrasts corporate controlled media coverage of the invasion of Iraq with independent media reports of the brutal realities on the ground. (Kresge Hall)

Madonna University if at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. Free, ample parking is available in a well-lighted lot. The Citizens for Peace is asking for a \$5 donation per person, per film.

Films for the Spring and Fall Human Rights Film Festival are provided by the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights.

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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.

OCTOBER

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, S.C., will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or visit [www.westminsterconfession.org](http://www.westminsterconfession.org), or phone the church at (703) 359-0192.

Parish mission

The Rev. Hugh Burns, a Dominican preacher, will be conducting a Parish Mission Saturday-Wednesday, Oct. 6-10, at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, between Warren and Joy roads, Westland. Entitled Like a Kid Again: A Spirituality of Childhood for Adult Sized Living, the Mission talks will be given at Masses 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, and 9 a.m. Monday-Wednesdays. Burns is known to use humor and laughter in his preaching offering practical and contemporary talks based on Scripture and church teaching. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

Anointing Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The Mass incorporates the rituals of the Sacrament of the Sick which Catholic doctrine teaches offers spiritual strength and healing to those who are aged, or seriously or chronically ill, be that physical, emotional, or spiritual. All area Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, so that the church will be able to prepare for the number of people attending.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, 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.

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 "Ball 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 sellout crowd is expected. Tickets are \$5 and may be reserved by calling (734) 422-0494 or Marilyn Hirtzel at (734) 422-0841.

Worship change

Beginning Sunday, October 7, the early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia will be at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 Service Drive.

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.firstpresnville.org](http://www.firstpresnville.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

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 1-2:30 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.

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 Pathetique: a Chamber Music Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$10 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.

Discernment training

Learn how to tell the truth from lies when looking for a church or listening to Bible teachers. Will meet 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Carl Sandburg Library meeting room to discuss what would be the best days and time for those interested in going through the training. A six-week course by Sandy Simpson, [www.deceptioninthechurch.com](http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com). To register, call (734) 425-1675.

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.

Training class-Level I

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

Celebration

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

Conference

Sunday School & Church Ministries Conference Saturday, Oct. 13, at First Nazarene, Eight Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Non-denominational, 30 workshops to update your skills, scores of publisher exhibits to show you the latest materials. General sessions. Free to the public. All-day free Kids Korner. Lunch included in registration fee. For more information, call the International Christian Education Association at (248) 557-5526 or visit [www.iceaonline.org](http://www.iceaonline.org).

Singers wanted

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

Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, Oct. 13, at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren, Westland. There will be more than 100 items to auction off all of which have been donated by congregation members or organizations in the Westland community. Tickets \$8 for adults, \$6 for children under age 10. You do not need to come to dinner to attend the auction. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the Silent Auction to begin at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Youth & Children's Ministries. For information or tickets, call pastor Rick Jewett at (734) 458-7301.

Concert

Dave Wagner is the featured organ soloist with the Birmingham Concert Band 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at Christ Church Cranbrook, corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. **Breast cancer awareness event** Luncheon and card party 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets available at the door or call (734) 722-1343. All proceeds go to breast cancer awareness.

Fall craft show

Get a start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6

p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Craft show

And bake sale presented by Women's Guild of St. Michael the Archangel Parish 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, Livonia. All table space has been rented and crafters are ready to display their finest wares for early holiday shopping. For details, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Contemporary Christian music

The free concert takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, two blocks west of downtown Farmington between Grand River and Freedom roads, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

Many voices/one song

The season continues with St. Nicolas by Benjamin Britten 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, Britten's music magically illustrates the adventures of Saint Nicolas from birth to death, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. No charge, but a free-will offering will be collected. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

Rummage Sale

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday.

Rummage/Bake sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities. For more information, call (734) 355-0497.

Catholic women's conference

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

Cantata Academy Chorale

This & That Amen concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 seniors/students, and can be purchased in advance or at the door (if available). Call (248) 358-9868 or visit [www.cantataacademychorale.bravehost.com](http://www.cantataacademychorale.bravehost.com), or send e-mail to [CantataAcademyChorale@msn.com](mailto:CantataAcademyChorale@msn.com).

Women of the word

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

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 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.

Bible study

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Study the Gospel of Luke through November, then move on to Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

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 Leverage, 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 began 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 years 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.funmnorthville.org](http://www.funmnorthville.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

Benefit

Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night Of Card Games & Mahjongg 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25, 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family, Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007, Julie Horn, (248) 914-7533, or Allison Berlin, (248) 770-4890.

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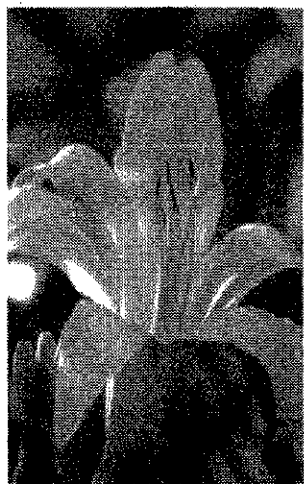
Ladies Bible study

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

Registration

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

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MILL C. DETTORE

October 2, 2007, age 86, of Livonia. Husband of the late Grace. Loving father of Susan (Ray) Tyle, Thomas M. (Lani) and Joseph D. (Agnes). Grandfather of eleven and great grandfather of one. Brother of Mary Azar. Former owner of Tunneling Company of United Construction. Visitation Wednesday 5-9pm and Thursday 2-9pm with a Scripture Service at 7pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. In state Friday 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass 10 am at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia.

FREDERICK GUEZEN

Of Livonia, died September 30, 2007, age 71. Beloved husband of Marjorie, dear father of Robert (Judith), Deborah (Kenneth) Wutka, and Katherine Purkiss. Grandfather of Rebecca, Jennifer, and Brendon. Brother of Norma Cutler. Services were held on October 4th. Arrangements by Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 734-425-1800. Memorial Donations are preferred to: Henry Ford Health System, Neurology Research, 2799 W. Grand Blvd. W1103, K-11, Detroit, MI 48202-2689

KATHLEEN ANNE OCKERMAN

Of Novi, Michigan passed away September 28th, 2007. Arrangements are being held by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, (1 blk W. of Farmington Rd.).

WILLIAM FRANK PESCHEL

Age 83, passed away on September 28, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Dee. Dear father of Bob (Renee) and Kim Conner (Joe). Loving grandfather of Bryan (Kara), Meghan, Seth, John, and Patrick. Memorial Service Saturday, 10 A.M., at Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Memorial Tributes to the Church or Oakland County Meals on Wheels/Emerald Food Service, 3179 Livernois, Suite 100, Troy, MI 48083. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

ROBERT B WATERS

September 24, 2007 age 60 of Westland. Beloved husband of Kayrl Dean Zagers Waters. Dear step-son of Mae Waters. Brother of Donald Waters. Brother-in-law of Barbara (the late Thomas) Blacklock, Paul (the late Marjorie) Zagers, Marilyn Mellinger, Alice Fugere, Gloria (James) LaBar, Sue (Kenneth) Turner, Lynda (Nels) Nichols and Beverly Zagers. Nephew of Mary Helen (Kirk) O'Keefe. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Robert was a retired Guidance Counselor with Plymouth-Canton Community schools. Cremation rites have been accorded and were arranged by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)



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Deadlines:

Friday 4:15 PM for Sunday  
Wednesday 9:45 AM for Thursday

Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.



# CALENDAR

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## GriefShare recovery seminar

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

## Religious education

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

## Morning prayers

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

## Explore the Catholic faith

We are constantly confronted with competing faith claims. What to

make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, started Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-9330.

## J.O.Y. meeting

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

## Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information,

call (734) 722-3660 or visit [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com).

## Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. An open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

## Worship service

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

## Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of the regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For

details, call (734) 464-0990.

## A healthy you

Join with others as you discover ways to keep minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

## Sunday worship

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

## Sunday services

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

## Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m.

service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

## Bible study

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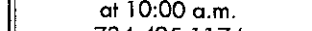
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# Lawyer Fieger the latest 'Dining With Stars' guest

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger.

Fieger is one of the most successful and controversial trial attorneys in the country. According to his Web site, Fieger has won more multimillion-dollar awards than any other attorney in the country. A few of his most well-known



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for murder as an adult in the state of Michigan. Fieger has won record

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awards in Michigan, Florida, Pennsylvania and Indiana, and many of his trials have generated national attention and set legal precedents.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you'd like to have lunch or dinner with Geoffrey Fieger at Buddy's Pizza.

Send your fan letter to [BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com](mailto:BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com) and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail

address.

Deadline to enter the contest is **5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15.**

A photograph of you and Fieger will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* and online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of

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Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" will feature Florine Mark of Weight

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## Reid resigns as WSU president

Irvin D. Reid has announced his resignation as president of Wayne State University. Reid, the university's ninth president, will soon celebrate his 10th anniversary as WSU president. His resignation will be effective at a date to be named in 2008.

According to WSU Board of Governor's Chair Eugene Driker, "President Reid will leave us with a great deal of positive momentum, and his impact is evident throughout our campus, the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan."

Driker cited among Reid's accomplishments: a significant growth in student enrollment — more than doubling the number of residential students; the strengthening of both our teaching and research missions; establishment of the Perinatology Research Branch of the National Institutes of Health; expansion of our Honors Program; the launch of TechTown, home to dozens of high-tech businesses that are bringing new jobs and investments to the city; major improvements in the university's technological infrastructure; and the addition of many new buildings to the campus, making it the linchpin for the remarkable revitalization of Midtown Detroit.

Of great importance to the university was the establishment of Wayne State University's first capital campaign.

"This campaign has far exceeded our ambitious original goal of \$500 million," Driker said. "A recent capstone of this campaign has been Wayne State University's selection as a PACE (Partnership for the Advancement of Collaborative Engineering Education) institution, one of an elite group of universities worldwide. Announced just last week, this achievement resulted in an in-kind gift of nearly \$408 million, which is the third largest such contribution in the world, the second largest in the U.S. and the largest to a public university."

Reid earned master's and doctoral degrees in business and applied economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and bachelor's and master's degrees in general/experimental psychology from Howard University. He also holds a certificate in educational administration from Harvard University.

Reid began the most significant years of his academic career at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He also has held positions at Howard University, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Drexel University, the Philadelphia College of Art and St. Joseph's University.

Prior to assuming the Wayne State University presidency, Reid was president of Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J.

He is married to Pamela Trotman Reid, provost and executive vice president of Roosevelt University in Chicago.

"I have enjoyed a wonderful career so far, and am extremely proud of my time at Wayne State," Reid said.

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## Metro Airport expands cell phone waiting area

Motorists picking up an arriving passenger at Detroit Metro Airport's Smith Terminal now have a new, expanded cell phone waiting area. The new, 37-space lot replaces the current waiting area along the curb of Rogell Drive as that roadway will be re-routed as part of the next phase of development for the airport's new North Terminal.

Cell phone waiting lots, which have become popular at airports across the country, were first introduced at Detroit Metro Airport in 2006. These waiting areas help alleviate vehicle congestion at the arrivals curb by providing a safe and free spot for motorists to await a call from their arriving party indicating that they are at the curb with their luggage and ready for pickup.

"Our cell phone waiting areas have been very popular

since day one," said Wayne County Airport CEO Lester Robinson. The new cell phone waiting lot is located adjacent to the on-airport rental car facilities off East Service Drive near the intersection with Lucas Drive. To access the new lot, drivers approaching the airport from I-94 should follow signs to 'Rental Car Return', exiting at Middlebelt Road (exit 199) and then turning right onto Lucas Drive. Follow Lucas Drive until it ends at East Service Drive, and turn left - the lot entrance will then be on the right.

Customers approaching the airport from the South (I-275/Eureka Road), or who have already made one pass at the arrivals curb, should proceed north through the airport on Dingell Drive and follow signs to "Rental Car Return" and "North Cell Phone Lot."

## End of quarter good time to study portfolio

It's hard to believe, but another quarter has come and gone. It's been a good quarter for investors, however, there's no doubt the roller coaster ride was pretty steep. This quarter, the Dow - for the first time in history - broke the 14,000 mark and almost immediately fell below 13,000. Here we are at the end of the quarter and once again the market is near record highs.

I believe what happens to the market on a quarter-to-quarter basis is relatively immaterial. Investors should not restructure a portfolio or adjust their game plan based upon quarterly results alone. However, I do believe there are things investor need to do at the end of a quarter to protect their investments.

First, review the quarterly statements for accuracy. At



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you've been credited with any new contributions made during the quarter.

If there is a discrepancy, don't assume the company is right and you are wrong. Also look at all the positions that you held in your previous statement to make sure they're included in this statement. If you sold a position during the quarter, that too should be reflected on the

statement.

For investors in a 401(k) and other types of retirement accounts, it's an excellent time to review investment options.

Companies have become much more aggressive in changing investment options and you should be up to date as to what alternatives are offered.

In addition, it's important for a husband and wife to coordinate plans. This allows you to select the best investment options from each plan.

The end of the quarter is also an excellent time to update your personal financial balance sheet and to review expenses.

A personal financial balance sheet is nothing more than a listing of assets and liabilities.

One issue is how you value your home. Obviously, real

estate in the metro area has dropped dramatically over the last few years. It's important to value this asset realistically on a personal balance sheet.

One last note, it's a good idea to also redo your cash-flow statement, a listing of what came in vs. what went out. By doing a cash-flow statement, you can determine whether your cost of living is going up. This is extremely important in helping to make a decision such as whether you can afford to retire or not.

In this ever changing world, it's more important than ever to get hold of financial affairs.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

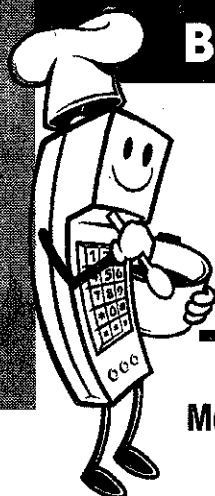
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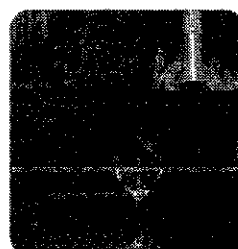
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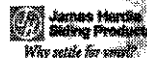
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## Business, labor support key to Habitat mission

BY JULIE BROWN  
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The folks at Soils & Materials Engineers in Plymouth wanted a way to get involved in their community, and Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County had the answer.

"They are great," Habitat executive director Alice Dent said of the company. "This has been one of the easiest companies to work with." Dent, a Canton resident, noted that Soils & Materials Engineers employees have been flexible with scheduling of their volunteer hours at the house on Dunning in Inkster, which was dedicated last week. Employees did a build last year at a neighboring house in Inkster, and provided financial support this year, along with donated services for Habitat townhouses in Ypsilanti through the Washtenaw affiliate.

The Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County affiliate, based in Plymouth, depends heavily on business support. The four homes on Dunning in Inkster were wrapped up last week with the Sept. 27 dedication that completed that block.

Employees said after Hurricane Katrina hit that they wanted to do something to help, said Mark Kramer of Canton, Soils & Materials Engineers president. "When we looked at it, we decided we were going to do something local," due to great need.

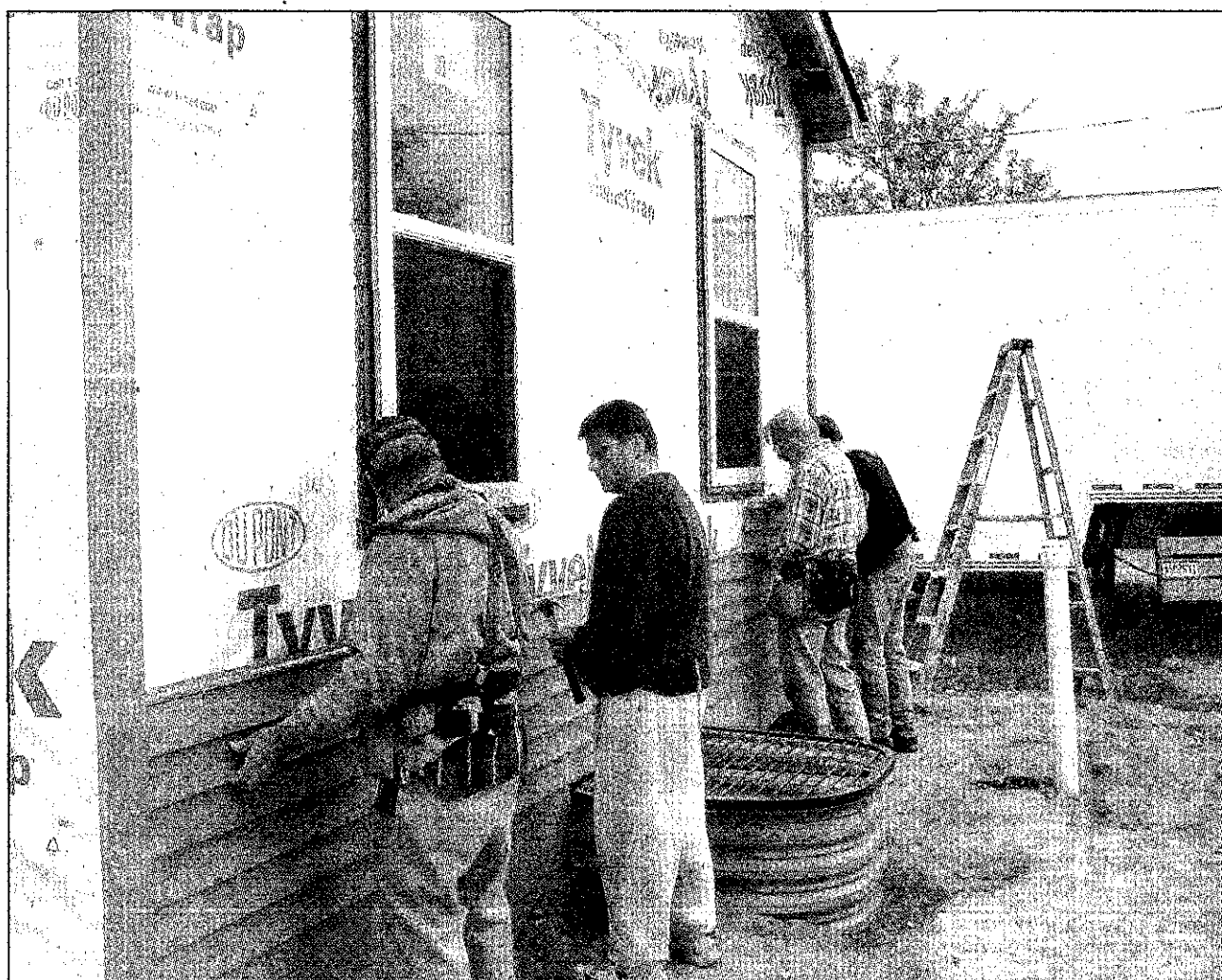
The company has provided a lot of in kind services, with its offices all around Michigan. Employees might, for example, help gratis with foundation evaluation. Company staffers have wielded hammers and saws on their own, Kramer said.

He and others at the Plymouth company had advocated greater involvement with Habitat, including initial involvement with a house on Dunning in Inkster. Company clients have also offered a helping hand with money and services, Kramer, a professional engineer, said.

"I think it's always good," he said of the firm's two years or so of involvement. "We have a lot of specialized skills and talents." Meeting families who receive Habitat homes is rewarding, Kramer said, and "being able to provide housing for people" in need.

His staffers have had some surprise at the need in the suburbs. "Until you meet a family that's in that situation, you don't really know," Kramer said. "It doesn't hit home until you're standing there talking to them."

The Pontiac-based Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County also depends heavily on volunteers and businesses for its homes, which are concentrated in Pontiac. The Oakland affiliate can be reached at (248) 338-1843, Ext. 23, or on the Web at [www.habitatoakland.org](http://www.habitatoakland.org). "The people in Oakland County are incredibly generous," said Sally LePla of Rochester Hills, Oakland affiliate executive director. There's a lot of church and



Church volunteers work on a Habitat home on Dunning in Inkster that was dedicated last week.

business support, she noted.

"I'd say we couldn't do our work without the business community and the labor unions," LePla said. "We simply are blessed to have so many people."

Other businesses and unions are among the many who supplement the support offered by churches in western Wayne, according to Dent.

In Romulus, Northwest Airlines, General Motors and UAW Local 163 have been key partners in the building of a home for a low-income family, which is Habitat's mission. "It's huge," Dent said of the importance of business/labor support. Ford Motor Co. sent in employees Sept. 21 to lay sod at a local site.

"Without their support, I don't know what we would have done," she said.

She's seen business support dwindle in this tough economy, but is grateful for those who've hung in there. Dent appreciates Northwest Airlines, noting it's been in the news with labor woes and other problems.

"Despite that, they've all stepped up and said 'We want to help the community.'" Northwest provided half the funds for the Romulus home, "as well as their employees are volunteering on their site."

The airline employees, unlike some others from large businesses, don't receive company pay for their Habitat workdays, and must use vacation or

other time off. Pilots, flight attendants and office workers, some 20-25 in all, have worked on the Romulus home, Dent said.

Saturday, Nov. 3, will be the Western Wayne affiliate's fifth annual gala, a time to celebrate those successes and thank those who've made it possible. For more information, or if you'd like to support the Western Wayne affiliate as a business or volunteer, call (734) 459-7744. Its Web site is [www.habitatwwc.org](http://www.habitatwwc.org).

LePla has found with economic times tougher "individual hearts have grown deeper and larger. We know that people in southeastern Michigan care about each other."

LePla urges neighborhoods, church groups and others to challenge each other on Habitat builds; she'd like to see an all-lawyers guild or all-pipefitters guild. She added that residents in neighboring homes are fixing up properties adjacent to Habitat homes, and private builders are following into Pontiac for the first time in years.

Some larger businesses are reorganizing or facing other challenges, LePla said, "which means that small businesses can band together." If your company can't build an entire home, there are options like doing windows or doors. She likes to see those "that may not have had such an opportunity before" getting together on build sites.

Dent noted the cost of a Habitat

home varies, depending on where it's built, how much help comes in and such donations in kind as excavating, which greatly reduce costs. The families who will live in the homes must invest at least 250 hours of "sweat equity" as well as a nominal fee. The Oakland affiliate requires 300 hours and a \$1,000 down payment, among other requirements, and must be first-time owners.

The Oakland affiliate joined with an affiliate in the Gulf Coast region after the hurricanes to build Mississippi homes, a commitment of 10 years or as long as it takes. They're also tied to home building in other countries like Honduras.

Thrivent Financial is a major Habitat sponsor, and the Oakland affiliate the national site for a celebration noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, of the 500th home built nationally with Thrivent help. The 500th and 501st homes are in Pontiac, LePla said, at 112 and 118 Henderson St.

In addition to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans/Thrivent Builds Homes, other key Oakland supporters for this year as the last of 14 homes are finished are: Nissan, GM/GMAC, Chrysler Financial, Barton Malow, Bridgestone Firestone, Handleman Corporation, Kirk in the Hills Church, Huntington Bank, Altair Engineering, Brasscraft, WCSX and Hall & Hunter.

## Raleigh is on the go in real estate

Q. I have heard that things are really booming in North Carolina, particularly in the Raleigh area. Do you have any information?



Robert Meisner

A. North Carolina, as a whole, is doing well, but the market in Raleigh and its environs is particularly hot. Moreover, in a visit to downtown Raleigh,

I observed that there is substantial commercial activity, including the building of a new hotel and convention center. A number of Michigan builders seem to be flocking to North Carolina and in particular the Triangle area, which refers to Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh. Naturally, you should consult with a local realtor and/or consultant before making any investments.

Q. I have heard of the Outer Banks as being an interesting place to visit and/or invest. Do you have any information?

A. By the Outer Banks, I presume you refer to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, which offer, in my opinion, an excellent opportunity for investment and/or vacationing. There is not a great deal of high rise hotels, as most of the property on the beach is either comprised of older and smaller motels and/or new large homes for purchase and/or rental. The beaches are beautiful and offer a great opportunity for vacationing for all ages, based upon my experience. The prices seem to be fairly reasonable given the nature of beachfront property, but you are advised to consult with a local Realtor before making any investment. The prices seem to be more reasonable than other beachfront areas around the country, although the rental opportunities are seasonal.

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### HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 4-8, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton			Livonia			Novi			Plymouth			Redford			South Lyon			Westland		
2394 Arcadia Dr	\$171,000		29435 Barton St	\$129,000		22640 Arden Glen Ct	\$470,000		1091 Ann Arbor	\$185,000		11652 Berwyn	\$130,000		245 Brookwood Dr	\$116,000		304 Brookfield Dr	\$135,000	
45343 Brunswick Dr	\$218,000		29444 Barton St	\$146,000		42978 Ashbury Dr	\$400,000		11732 Priscilla Ln	\$238,000		20479 Dalby	\$135,000					316 Brookfield Dr	\$154,000	
41441 Conner Creek Dr	\$255,000		29535 Barton St	\$154,000		45180 Bartlett Dr	\$151,000					26780 Joy Rd	\$63,000					378 Brookfield Dr	\$168,000	
47033 Fieldview Ct	\$300,000		30923 Rock St	\$78,000		50938 Drakes Bay Dr	\$1,226,000					11408 Norborne	\$135,000					30805 Cherry Hill Rd	\$105,000	
1730 Glenshire Dr	\$210,000		31024 Florence St	\$125,000		41030 Fenmore	\$195,000					14151 Royal Grand	\$125,000					423 Forest St	\$130,000	
45937 Graystone Ln	\$220,000		29644 Marquette St	\$128,000		27889 Hopkins Dr	\$164,000					11375 Seminole	\$131,000					32341 Grandview Ave	\$119,000	
6851 Kings Mill Dr	\$415,000		31304 Rosslyn Ave	\$138,000		25618 Portico Ln	\$189,000											1771 Leslie St	\$130,000	
48305 Manhattan Cir	\$410,000					30986 Seneca Ln	\$200,000											32224 Mackenzie Dr	\$141,000	
132 N Village Way	\$40,000		28422 Danvers Ct	\$270,000		24404 Simmons Dr	\$174,000													
2140 N Woods Ct	\$350,000		22943 Glenmoor Hts	\$140,000		40562 Village Oaks	\$250,000													
1995 Preserve Cir E	\$200,000		21890 Glenwild Dr	\$268,000																
41531 Simcoe Dr	\$225,000		29216 Greening St	\$140,000		35164 Banbury Rd	\$344,000													
			33133 Tall Oaks St	\$210,000		17550 Doris St	\$186,000													
			38074 Halsted Road	\$578,000		15326 Foch St	\$167,000													
			22116 Haynes Ave	\$129,000		33345 Kentucky Ct	\$167,000													
			22555 Karen Ct	\$147,000		16810 Mayfield St	\$199,000													
			30790 Misty Pines Dr	\$160,000		29525 Nottingham Ct	\$120,000													
			31990 Nottingham St	\$212,000		35818 Richland St	\$194,000													
			29675 Olympia Ct	\$136,000		16105 Jupiter Hills Dr	\$140,000													
			31950 Rocky Crst	\$228,000		15949 Morningside	\$154,000													
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			32222 W 12 Mile Rd	\$138,000																
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			35081 White Pine Trl	\$215,000		928 Annie Lang Dr	\$275,000													
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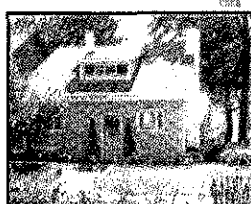
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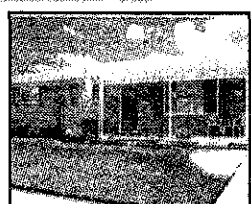
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**CANTON COUNTRY RANCH** Beautifully updated home tucked away yet close to freeways & shopping. No expense spared! Spacious floor plan, cherry kit w/ granite & stain steel appls, 1st fl laun, finished bsmt, & so much more. **\$365,000 (P-757BE)**



**DON'T MISS THIS ONE!** Completely updated 3 bd home w/ake frontage. Gourmet kit w/pergo, doorwall leading to relaxing tiered Deck, Liv Rm w/warmable hearth frpl, finished walkout bsmt, paver walkway, & updated driveway & windows. **\$225,000 (P-084BR)**



**GOLF COURSE LIVING** It doesn't get better than this! 4 bd, 1 full & 2 half baths, completely updated, newer cement, oak kitchen w/roan, hwd flrs, newer roof, furnace, C/A, & windows. **\$194,900 (P-603CA)**



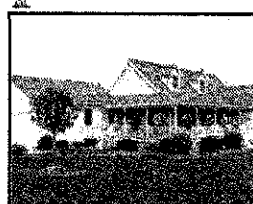
**ALL THE BELLS & WHISTLES** Beautiful 2 bd, 2 bath condo located in elite complex. Upper unit w/balcony, gas fireplace, updated baths & kitchen w/granite, open floor plan, & laundry room. 1-2 yr lease w/option to purchase. **\$1,200/mo (P-153EV)**



**BEAUTIFUL HOME** Beautiful brick home on a n oversized lot. 5 bd, 2 baths, updated kitchen, huge Deck in backyard, bsmt w/frpl & bath, new A/C, & attached Garage. **\$209,900 (P-716FL)**



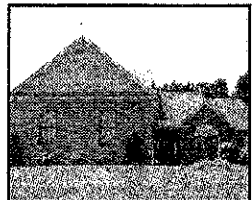
**WELL MAINTAINED** Maintenance free exterior w/updated roof, windows, paver walkway, & Patio. Interior features vaulted ceilings, neutral decor, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated kit, Bath, furnace, C/A, hwh, finished bsmt & more. **\$149,900 (P-007MA)**



**CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE** Newer custom built ranch featuring 4 bd, 3 baths, on 2 acres. Excellent storage in the 3 car Garage & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/vaulted ceilings, finished w/bsmt, w/bsmt ceilings. Additional 5 acres available. **\$350,000 (C-449RA)**



**BEAUTIFUL WINDSOR MODEL** Much sought after Fox Run sub offers this fabulous home w/2 story Foyer, Library, island Kitchen, Butler's Pantry, nook, custom Deck overlooking pond, & prof landscaping. **\$335,000 (C-142RE)**



**STUNNING COLONIAL** Gorgeous Windsor farms offers this 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/granite island Kitchen, Liv Rm w/frpl, formal Dining w/crown, 1st fl Master w/bath, Patio, Deck, & on almost an acre! **\$340,000 (P-588WI)**



**A MUST SEE!** Fabulous 4 bd, 1.5 bath home featuring a gourmet Kitchen w/oak cab's, appliances stay, Living & Family Rm w/pergo, doorwall to Patio, partially finished bsmt, & prime Canton location. **\$175,000 (P-709YO)**



**COMPLETELY UPDATED RANCH** Great 3 bd offering gourmet Kitchen w/pergo floors, Master w/doorwall to Patio, glamour bath w/jetted tub, new paint, carpet, C/A, fenced yard, & newer 2.5 car mechanic's dream Garage! **\$130,000 (P-460BE)**



**METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED!** Open floor plan, gourmet Kitchen w/all appl's, doorwall to balcony w/view of pond, neutral decor, tons of storage space, lots of windows, Garage, clubhouse w/pool & more. **\$135,000 (P-978BE)**



**MOVE IN READY!** This home is fully updated - roof, walls, windows, furnace, ducts, hwh, siding, hwd floors, maple cabinets, doors, & carpet. Utica schools & great neighborhood. **\$169,900 (C-404BU)**



**AWESOME RAISED RANCH** This beautiful raised ranch was built in 2003 & almost 1500 sq ft. 2 full baths, master suite with walk-in closet. Home located by a golf course. Home also has a pool & a club house. **\$158,900 (C-980CE)**



**GORGEIOUS CONDO** Updated galore in this 4 bd, 3 bath Cape Cod condo! Maple Kitchen, vaulted Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master, formal Dining, Library, 1st fl laund, & too much more to list. **\$259,900 (C-352CH)**



**WAITING FOR THE RIGHT CONDO?** 2 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, 1st fl laundry, basement, & attached garage. Move in condition. Perfect in every way - move right in! **\$144,900 (P-620DE)**



**LIVONIA RANCH** This 3 bd brick ranch offers a spacious Liv Rm, remodeled bath, hwd floors in all bedrooms, finished bsmt, updated plumbing, elec, hwh, windows, & roof. **\$127,000 (P-654EL)**



**GREAT STARTER HOME** 4 bd brick bungalow w/many updates. 2 car Garage, partially finished bsmt, & close to everything. Lease w/option avail - call for details. **\$159,000 (P-207FO)**



**AMAZING VALUE** Perfect starter home offering an open floor plan, Kitchen w/pergo flrs, Fam Rm w/hwd floors, part finished bsmt w/glass block, Ply-Can Schools, & just steps from downtown Plymouth. **\$135,000 (C-942IF)**



**WELL MAINTAINED** 3 bd brick ranch in lovely area featuring spacious rooms, hwd under carpet, extra insulation, finished bsmt w/glass block & 1/2 bath, lots of closets, & appliances stay. **\$120,000 (P-130JA)**



**MOVE IN READY!** Enjoy this totally remodeled end unit condo. Updates include all fixtures, windows, & hwd floors. Add to this an attached Garage, fireplace, & great location. **\$124,900 (P-324KI)**



**THIS IS THE ONE!** You'll stop looking when you see this 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Livonia. Large Kitchen, huge Florida Room, part finished bsmt, private fenced yard, Garage, Central Air, & close to everything. **\$150,000 (P-904LI)**



**NEW CANTON CONDO** 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo featuring a loft area, Master Suite w/jetted tub, gourmet Kitchen w/builders finest cab's & c-tops, partially finished bsmt, & 2 car att Garage. **\$227,500 (P-131MA)**



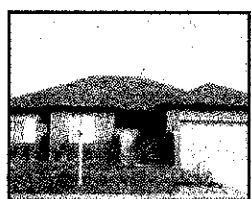
**ABSOLUTELY STUNNING** Beautiful 4000 sq ft home on 1 acre. Seller leaving all furniture! Lots of built-ins, granite, hwd floors, large Master w/32x26 bath, finished bsmt, 4 car Garage, & 2 story marble Foyer. **\$550,000 (P-456NO)**



**INVESTORS SPECIAL** Roomy ranch in Westland featuring thermal windows & doors, Family Room, country Kitchen, appliances stay, generous Garage, fenced yard w/tall maple trees, & home warranty. **\$104,900 (C-621PA)**



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**CUSTOM RANCH** Unique 3 bd, 2 bath ranch on gorgeous lot w/1.5 acres of trees & streams. Open floor plan, custom Kitchen, finished bsmt, hwd floors, & great location. **\$289,900 (P-461BR)**



**THIS HOME HAS IT ALL** Located close to x-ways, this 4 bd brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appl's, & a huge Deck. **\$250,000 (P-700CA)**



**BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION** Great new construction condo featuring a Great Room w/soaring ceiling, 2.5 baths, wonderful Master w/sitting area, gorgeous Kitchen, private entry, private basement, & great location. More units avail, call for details. **\$212,400 (C-750CO)**



**MOVE RIGHT IN!** Freshly painted 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a large Deck off Family Room, Patio, 1/3 acre lot, convenient location, & home warranty included. **\$225,500 (P-934FA)**



**SPRAWLING RANCH** Enjoy the space in this sprawling ranch featuring 3 bds, 1 full & 2 half baths, huge Great Rm w/frpl & wetbar, remod Kitchen w/nook, Garage w/loft space, & nestled on an oversized lot. **\$159,450 (P-919JO)**



**LOVELY COLONIAL** 4 bd, 2.5 bath in the heart of Livonia's nicest sub. Updated Kitchen, private backyard, Family Room w/frpl, covered deck, & close to everything. **\$199,900 (C-407LA)**



**PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME** Upper end unit condo in popular Lilley Pointe in Canton. Cathedral ceilings, open floor plan, large laundry room, 2 baths, Great Rm w/balcony, Kitchen w/appl's, & priced right! **\$100,000 (P-672LI)**



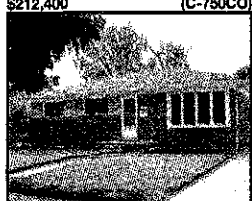
**UNIQUE IN PLYMOUTH** This 1924 Craftsman style, 2 story home is loaded w/well cared for original features. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, in-laws area, Library, sunroom, leaded glass, 3' wide oak moldings, & more. Also for lease at \$2,000/mo. **\$338,000 (C-647MA)**



**ALMOST NEW!** Freshly painted 2 bd condo w/quality berber carpet, huge Great Room w/soaring ceiling, balcony w/nice view, oak Kitchen w/upgraded appl's, Master w/bath, & 1 yr warranty! **\$129,750 (C-359MA)**



**LIVONIA RANCH** Outstanding 3 bd brick ranch in prime Livonia location. Offering an updated roof, furnace, neutral decor, updated bath, oak Kitchen w/appl, huge bsmt w/bath, fenced yard w/2 car Garage, & more. **\$159,900 (P-019MA)**



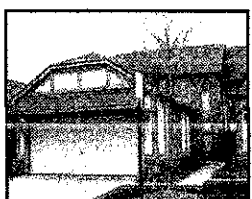
**LOTS OF UPDATES** Awesome open Kitchen is updated w/new oaks, corian, & new flooring. Main bath has new tub surround & flooring, new furnace, hwh, great yard, & great neighborhood. **\$142,500 (C-417MI)**



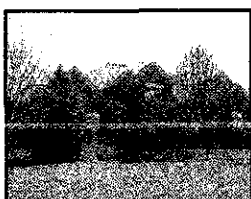
**TURN KEY BEAUTY** Rare find on this charming 3 bd, 1.5 bath, tastefully decorated home. Fresh neutral paint, hwd floors, newly added Family Room & Deck, & finished bsmt w/extra Kitch. A must see! **\$199,900 (C-548MO)**



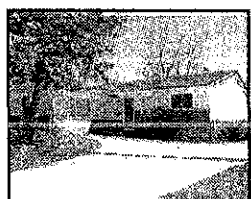
**EXCELLENT LOCATION** Live in fabulous The Village of Eagle Gardens in Whitmore Lake. End unit ranch condo offers hwd floors, Master w/bath & WIC, Great Rm w/frpl, doorwall leads to covered Deck, & finished bsmt. **\$169,900 (C-024PI)**



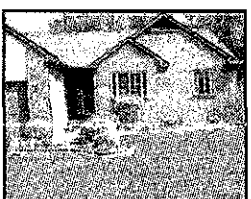
**SWEET CANTON CONDO** One of the last condos built in Canton Forest. 2 car attached Garage, full bsmt, 1st fl laundry, Kitchen w/nook, Liv Rm w/gas frpl, formal Dining, & Master w/high ceiling & private bath. **\$177,900 (C-705SA)**



**PREMIUM LOCATION** Executive colonial located on the 6th green in Tanglewood. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st fl bsmt, 1st fl laundry, Kitchen w/nook, Great Rm w/frpl & towering windows, walkout bsmt, & Deck w/spectacular views. **\$519,900 (P-646SP)**



**SUPER CLEAN RANCH** Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch featuring an open floor plan, Fam Rm w/vaulted ceiling, updated windows & roof, oak Kitchen w/ceramic, finished bsmt, & Patio w/hot tub. **\$149,900 (C-429TR)**



**CUSTOM BRICK RANCH** 1800 sq ft of WOW best describes this 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/Livonia Schools. Gourmet Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl, double doorwall to Deck w/view of nature preserve, finished bsmt, & Garage. **\$259,500 (C-530WA)**



**LIVONIA SCHOOLS** Very cute & clean condo offering updates t/o. Neutral decor, new carpet, windows, appliances included, association pays water, great view of pond, & convenient location. **\$68,000 (C-335WO)**



**TOTALLY RENOVATED** Great floor plan offering lots of space. Beautiful addition makes this close to 1400 Sq ft. Also available for lease. **\$117,990 (C-985BA)**



**A LOT TO OFFER** 2 bd, 1 bath home offering a new furnace, C/A, hwh, immediate occupancy, & convenient location. **\$59,900 (C-518BA)**



**CANTON COLONIAL** 3 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring an island Kitchen w/tons of cabinets, Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral decor, brick paver patio, electric awning, & short walk to pool & playground. **\$219,900 (C-932BR)**



**GREAT HOME W/POOL!** 1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/frpl, great Kitchen, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, & inground pool - just in time for summer! **\$138,500 (C-046CA)**



**VERY BEAUTIFUL** This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial offers 2550 sq ft, Fam Rm w/frpl, open Kitchen w/nook, Din Rm, Foyer w/hwd floors, 1st fl laundry, & so much more. **\$220,000 (C-229CH)**



**A BEAUTIFUL START** 3 bd, 1.5 bath home in nice neighborhood. Full bsmt, Garage, natural fireplace, large Dining Room, & immediate occupancy. **\$115,000 (C-644CH)**



**COUNTRY IN THE CITY** Updated home w/3 bd, 2 full & 2 half baths, 2 Garages, 18x14 workshop w/hear & half bath, oak Kitchen, sprinkler system, Fam Rm w/frpl, & situated on over an acre. **\$299,000 (C-025CH)**



**NEWER COLONIAL** This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/cathedral ceiling & gas frpl, island Kitchen w/pantry, 1st fl laundry, 3 car side entry Garage, & much more. **\$244,900 (C-075CL)**



**WELL MAINTAINED DUPLEX** Great opportunity! Each unit has 900 sq ft w/2 bds, 1 bath, large Kitchen w/quality cabinets, new roof, windows, & private lake access to Whitmore Lake. **\$169,900 (C-322FA)**



**BRICK BEAUTY** This 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch offering a new furnace, C/A, hwh, finished bsmt, Garage, beautiful landscaping, & great location. **\$159,900 (C-039FL)**



**GREAT PRICE!** Move in quality! Neutral decor t/o this wonderful home offering open floor plan, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated baths, Fam Rm w/frpl & cath ceiling, updated roof, fenced yard, & great location in sub. **\$194,900 (C-534FO)**



**ELEGANCE AND CLASS!** This 3 bd, 3.5bth with over 3000 sq ft of living space has a finished walk out basement with a full bth. Home also offers a library, deck & patio that backs up to a nice wooded area. **\$285,000 (C-194FO)**



**AWESOME RANCH** 3 bd, 2 bath home w/Livonia Schools. Good sized Kitchen w/eating area, finished bsmt w/4th bed, great yard w/extra large Garage & shed, & nice landscaping. **\$139,500 (C-400GI)**



**NORTHVILLE-ON THE LAKE!** Live on Crystal Lake in this pristine condo that is beautifully updated & maintained. 2 bd, 1.5 baths, area pool, tennis, & clubhouse, & Northville Schools. **\$125,000 (C-830IR)**



**GREAT CONDO!** Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, fresh paint, newer windows, & nice open floor plan. **\$49,895 (C-720JO)**



**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH** Cozy 3 bd bungalow within walking distance to downtown shopping & events. Covered front porch, updated Kitchen w/sub zero. Part finished bsmt w/Den, jetted tub, & sauna. Don't wait on this one! **\$169,900 (P-764AD)**



**BRAND SPANKING NEW!** Completely remodeled 4 bd home! All new 2 car Garage, vinyl siding & trim, roof, carpet, beautiful new Kit w/stain steel appl's, & fresh landscaping. A Must see! **\$166,500 (C-061BA)**



**WELL MAINTAINED** Fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a Fam Rm w/frpl, office area, formal Liv & Din Rm, prof finished bsmt w/plenty of storage, large fenced yard, & great Patio. **\$249,900 (P-787CH)**



**WESTLAND DUPLEX** Great opportunity to own this multi family home w/2 units. Each side has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Garage, ample parking, & more. **\$69,900 (C-339DE)**



**POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE** Inspired on a tour of this bright & spacious Canton colonial. Great floor plan w/ large entrance, 1st fl laund, must see Master Suite, private fenced lot, & too much more to list. **\$239,900 (C-790EL)**



**BETTER THAN NEW** Recently renovated colonial w/Ply Can schools. Shows like a model w/ear off roof, granite counters, newer furnace, C/A, carpet, & much more. Close to pool & clubhouse w/tennis. **\$294,900 (P-955GA)**



**MOVE RIGHT IN!** Lovely 4 bd colonial w/full finished bsmt plumbed for a bath. Maple Kitchen w/granite, Liv Rm w/frpl, 3 car Garage w/side entry, prof landscaping, & convenient location. **\$359,000 (P-276KI)**



**EXCELLENCE AWAITS YOU!** Awesome Northville colonial offers you a gourmet Kitchen w/granite & double oven, Butler's Pantry, 1st fl Master w/jetted tub & 2 WIC's, Jack & Jill bath w/granite, & so much more. **\$615,000 (P-997ME)**



**WESTLAND BRICK RANCH** Charming 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring updated Kitchen, furnace, A/C, hwh, covered brick Patio, finished bsmt w/pool table, all appl's stay, fenced yard, & great location. **\$169,900 (P-237MQ)**



**EXCELLENT CITY LIVING** Move in right away! 3 bd, 1 bath, full basement, Garage, built in 2004, & minutes from schools & shopping. **\$130,000 (C-084NI)**



**CAN'T BE DUPLICATED FOR THIS PRICE!** Fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/2 story Great Rm w/gas stove frpl, gourmet Kitchen w/granite, nook w/doorwall to Trex Deck, Master w/sit area & glamour bath. A must see! **\$500,000 (P-958SC)**



**PARK-LIKE SETTING** Completely remodeled 3 bd ranch w/finished bsmt, open floor plan, stunning hwd floors, large Pole Barn on over an acre, great country setting, & close to x-ways. **\$299,999 (P-678SH)**



**WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY?** Charming, clean 2 bd home. Freshly painted, large fenced yard, wonderful neighborhood, neutral decor w/o immediate occupancy & more. Great starter home! **\$93,500 (P-830WI)**



**GREAT LOCATION** Ready to move in to, located on a quiet cul de sac lot. Over 30K in upgrades, beautiful 4 bd home, 3 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal Liv & Din Rm, bsmt, & motivated Seller! **\$279,000 (P-331WO)**



**STUNNING HILLTOP ESTATE** Nestled on over 10 acres backing to woods. Open floor plan, 3 bd, 3 baths, walkout lower level, new roof, brand new wall, huge Pole Barn, Horse Barn, fenced pastures/paddock, & more. **\$315,000 (C-930DE)**



**VALUE PACKED COLONIAL** This home offers a large private backyard, open floor plan, freshly painted, 3 spacious bds, part finished bsmt, 3 car Garage, immed occupancy, & more. **\$179,900 (P-261GL)**

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A Real Estate Buyer Seminar will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Remerica Hometown One, 4475 Five Mile, Plymouth, west of Sheldon. Topics to be covered: mortgage options; selecting a buyer's agent; tax benefits. Presenters: Larry Frankiewicz, Charter Home Loans, Ruth Martin, associate broker, Remerica Hometown One Hank, Salla, CPA. For details, call (734) 414-3202.

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## BIA

■ 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 Remodelors 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. Fees are \$155 for Remodelors 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

registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ 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.

The course will focus on answers to these questions: What are we selling? Where can we market it? What is outreach and where do I begin? What is partnership marketing? How can I fit this into my existing schedule?

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.

The course will be a hands-on HVAC training program for your professional maintenance staff and will cover all of the gas and electric heater components and functions, trouble shooting and preventative maintenance.

Registration fees are \$40 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present a "How to Make the Parade of Homes Work for You" seminar as part of its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the La Salle Bank Headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy.

Attendees will learn how to take advantage of Parade of Homes as a comprehensive marketing program. Reservations are required to attend, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and new home sales representatives. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ The Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents its Master Certified New Home Sales Professional course (MCSP) "Essential Closing Strategies" on Wednesday, Nov. 14. In addition to MCSP credit, the course gives the students 2 units of credit toward a Council of Residential Specialists (CRS), Certified New Home Marketing Professional (CMP) or Member, Institute of Residential Marketing (MIRM) designation.

The course provides participants with an opportunity to practice and rehearse the key words and phrases appropriate in a range of sales situations. Through realistic simulations, future sales leaders learn how to minimize common objections and win the confidence of prospective buyers. The class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. Registration fees are \$159 for SMC members, \$179 for BIA members and \$199 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelors Council will present a scheduling seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 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), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will present methods to keep your projects running smoothly by learning how to set workable schedules. Participants will become comfortable with the latest tools for information and time management. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Are You Giving

Away Your Asset? Leasing 101" seminar on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

## 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.

## Aiding charities

Weir Manuel Realtors participated in charity activities at the Woodward Dream Cruise, by donating parking lot proceeds from a prime location. Charities participating are Camp Casey (www.camp-casey.org) a horseback riding camp for children with cancer; Cornerstone Schools, providing excellence

in education for urban Detroit youth; Greyhound Expressions, a rescue for Greyhound dogs and Guardians for Animals, devoted to helping rescue all animals.

"We strongly believe in supporting our community," said Kelly Sweeney, president and CEO of Weir Manuel. "The Dream Cruise provides us with a great opportunity to get the word out, and we're happy to allocate space to these great charities."

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in southeast Michigan, with more than 150 employees in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its award-winning Web site, which includes "real-time" live assistance, is at www.weirmanuel.com.

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**LIVONIA** - Great location for this 3 bdrm 2.5 bath condo offering open floor plan w/ high ceilings, lovely maple ktchn, hardwd flooring in ktchn, liv rm & 3 bedrms, master w/ 2 walk-in closets, lg att'd 2 car garage, etc! \$164,900 (L92Far) [www.qualitygmac.com/msl=27122890](http://www.qualitygmac.com/msl=27122890)

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**BACKS TO SILVER SPRING LAKE! NORTHVILLE**  
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rm., spacious great  
rm, gourmet kitchen  
w/stainless steel appli-  
cances, a master bdrm  
suite, & 2nd flr. laundry.  
2250 sq. ft. Builder dis-  
count pricing, reduced  
to \$539,900. Located  
btwn 10 & 11 Mile Rd.  
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**LIVONIA - OPEN SUN 1-4PM**  
31818 Haldane,  
N/7 Mile, W/Merriman.  
Price is perfect! Bargain priced  
updated brick ranch in popular  
sub. \$159,900. (271) 13360.  
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Cape Cod, Remodeled Kitchen,  
3 bdrm, 2 baths, finished  
bsmt, spa & sauna, \$199,900.  
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734-717-7851  
Coldwell Banker  
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OPEN SUN. 1-3 CONDO  
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Kings Cove, end unit, neutral  
paint. Pool, tennis, clubhouse,  
sidewalks, trail, \$139,900.  
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Prudential Cranbrook  
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New kitchen, windows, hot  
water tank 3 bdrm, c/a, hard-  
wood, privacy fence. \$2500 for  
closing, 2 mos. no payment.  
\$159,000. 248-225-8625

**Canton** **3080**

**NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
home, 4 bdrm, 2 full & 2 half  
baths, 3,300 sq. ft., beautiful-  
ly decorated Builder's Model,  
completely landscaped.  
\$475,000  
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Singh Homes LLC

**NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
home, 4 bdrm, 2.5 baths,  
2,710 sq. ft., beautiful wood-  
ed lot, \$334,900  
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Singh Homes LLC

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home, 4 bdrm, 3 full & 2 half  
baths, 3,507 sq. ft., beautiful-  
ly decorated Builder's Model,  
completely landscaped, fin-  
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2.5 bath in newer Scotland  
Vard sub. Natural fireplace  
in living room, hardwoods  
in foyer, hall, lav. \$259,900  
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**EXECUTIVE CUSTOM**  
built w/quality details. Wood  
floors, soaring ceilings  
thru-out entry level. Granite  
kitchen, 2-way fireplace to  
great room. \$474,900  
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**Detroit** **3120**

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**GRAND HISTORICAL**  
**HOME 4 SALE**  
Originality maintained.  
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**Farmington Hills** **3145**

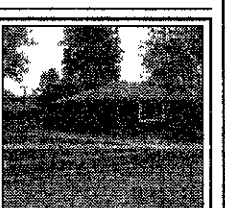
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
Updated Colonial, 1,800 sq.  
ft., 4 bdrm., 1.5 bath,  
attached garage, finished  
bsmt., lg. lot, 11 Mi. & Inkster  
area. \$229,000.  
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9 Mi./Hilton. Charming, lg. 3  
bdrm colonial, c/a, bsmt. Best  
Over \$119,900. 248-399-1233

**Garden City** **3170**

**CREDIT PROBLEMS OKAY**  
Seller financing available. 3  
bdrm, finished bsmt, new  
windows, new kitchen, com-  
pletely renovated. No Money  
Down. 248-709-2244



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brick ranch. 2.5 garage.  
double corner lot. All  
remodel, new roof, all  
new kitchen & bath, full  
bsmt. \$134,900 broker  
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3 Bedrooms, remodeled  
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garage, \$113,900.  
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Middlebelt to Meadowlark, E.  
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convenient to shopping,  
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home, 4 bdrm, 3.5 baths,  
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**NEAR DOWNTOWN- 3 bdrm**  
Ranch, 2 baths. Priced to sell:  
\$175,000.  
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**OLD VILLAGE**  
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Hines Park), Built in  
1800s. 2 bdrm, 1 bath,  
updated kitchen & bath.  
Wood plank floors,  
almost 1/2 acre.  
\$144,900. Agent  
owner: 734-834-5822

**Plymouth** **3360**

**PLYMOUTH**  
3 Bedroom, 1 bath on double  
lot with updated kitchen and  
bath. \$214,900. #2707084  
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**ROCHESTER HILLS**  
Exceptional value! 3 mag-  
nificent levels of luxury liv-  
ing. Master crafted, private  
gated setting, 1.25 acres  
w/panoramic views.  
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**ROCHESTER**  
Updated downtown, 3  
bdrm, 2 bath, 1900 sq. ft.,  
family room w/fireplace, \$0  
down/ \$0 closing financing  
avail. 550 minimum credit  
score. Additional info. req.  
\$219,900. 586-405-3288

**Southfield/Lathrup** **3390**

**SOUTHFIELD**  
Shows like a model home.  
Updated 3 bdrm. Cape Cod  
1st floor master suite, 2,200  
sq. ft., 2 full & 2 half baths,  
finished lower level.  
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**COMPLETELY REMODELED**  
2400 Sq. ft. beautiful  
home on 10.6 acres. 2  
story block gambrel roof  
barn, mature trees & private  
lake. All new land-  
scaping and irrigation  
system. Immed. occup.  
\$690,000. Adjoining 7.8  
acres, perk park on  
same private lake.  
\$190,000.  
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**Westland** **3445**

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3,246 sq. ft., fully landscaped,  
convenient to shopping,  
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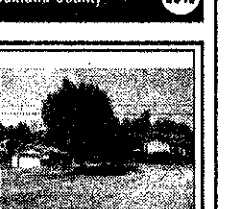
**Westland** **3445**



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**GREAT CURB APPEAL**  
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underground sprinklers, 1st  
floor laundry. Under 10  
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appliances. Livonia schools.  
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**Oakland County** **3540**



**LYON**  
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acre+. Living room w/gas  
fireplace open to dining  
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laminated counters. \$269,900  
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bdrm, 2.5 baths, 2,908 sq. ft.,  
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for first 6 months.  
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- 5 Battery word
- 9 Chicken piece
- 12 Met highlight
- 13 Done with
- 14 Emma in "The Avengers"
- 15 Split
- 16 Hooray for me! (hyp)
- 17 Struck a match
- 18 Bastille Day season
- 20 Toughen up
- 22 Command
- 25 Comet - Bopp
- 27 Smolder
- 28 Our sun
- 29 Pack member
- 33 Mountain overlooking Troy
- 34 Gradation of color
- 35 Catch a bug

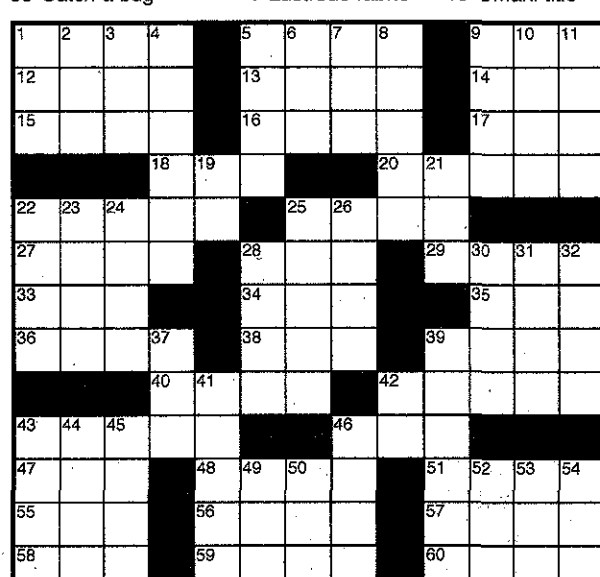
### DOWN

- 36 Gels
- 38 Avail oneself of
- 39 NY ballpark
- 40 Cleveland's waters
- 42 Scrawny
- 43 Cowboy show
- 46 Hired cat
- 47 Rowboat need
- 48 Restaurant
- 51 Times around the track
- 55 Tackle a slope
- 56 Philosopher - Marx
- 57 Fictional governess
- 58 Cleopatra's snake
- 59 Down the tubes
- 60 Blizzard maker

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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AURA ADAM ORA  
REEL CEREBRAL  
ALPACAS RA  
VOW UGANDA  
CITED ATE OUI  
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7	8						5	
6				5	9	1	8	
		4	6				2	
9				2	5			
2			8	1	4			9
4			9			3		8
3	2			1				
8	1	5			4	7		

Level: Beginner

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9	9	6	1	8	7	2	7	8
8	1	8	2	7	6	9	9	4
6	8	9	7	1	8	7	9	2
9	4	2	9	2	8	8	1	6
1	2	8	7	6	9	7	8	9
7	8	1	6	9	2	8	7	9
8	9	2	9	4	1	6	8	7
4	6	9	8	3	7	5	2	1

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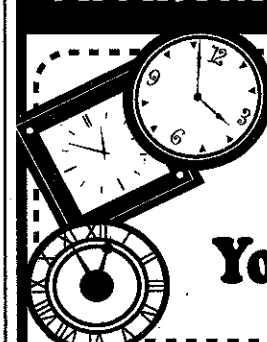
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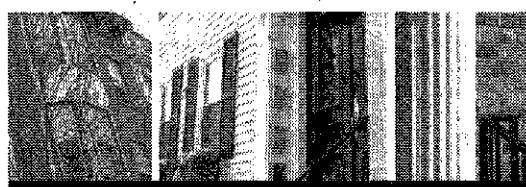
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# MAKE LOSS LEADERS IN SERVICE BUSINESSES NEWSWORTHY



**WORKWISE**  
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Printing Inc., thinks of them as tangible objects -- premiums -- to "be kept in view. They're typically under two dollars or three dollars, often used in the food industry and by accountants and lawyers." They're also used frequently throughout retail.

Mary Adams, president of Event Consulting Group L.L.C., in the same city, a conference management and marketing communications firm, calls loss leaders in service businesses "activities/products/services in which a company allocates resources that may lose money in the short-term, but in the long run essentially reap more benefits than the initial investment. The investment can be made in different forms, such as labor, money and time. "When she uses a sponsorship as a loss leader, she reduces the rate substantially when she knows that promoting that company's endorsement will create interest, attracting a great deal of paid attendance, which more than makes up for the reduction, thus increasing profit.

The big news comes with the use of loss leaders in service businesses, where the giveaways may be intangible. "The big news needs to be just that... something newsworthy!" exclaims Tom Underhill, managing partner of Identity Crisis L.L.C., a marketing and advertising agency in Anaheim. "If it's just another 'me-too' giveaway or 'so-what' promotion, the

potential client won't care." He says that good loss leaders:

- "differentiate your business;
- "upsell future services; and/or
- "answer a real need the client can peg a real value to."

## CONNECTIVITY

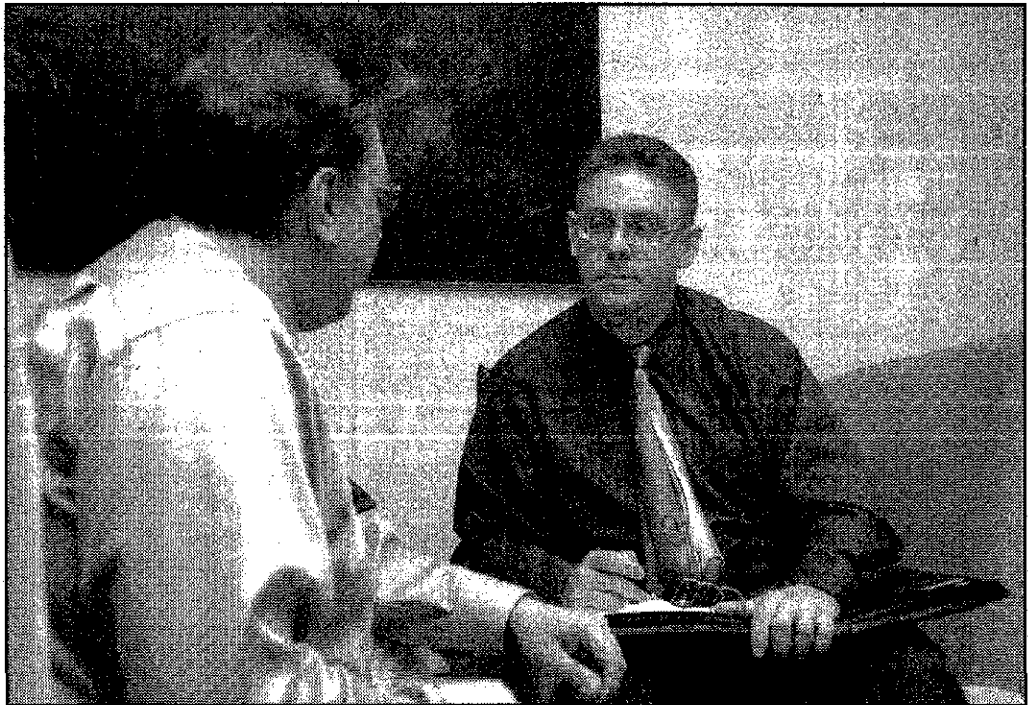
Biderman-Gross develops loss leaders as part of her company's campaigns "to help companies get noticed." She indicates that their real purpose is to enhance branding by "achieving an emotional connectivity while being clever. It's not about giving something away. It's about achieving brand growth for the current client and, in the long run, brand identity, which will increase sales."

Adams agrees with the connectivity, making the business-to-business or general consumer of the service feel connected to whatever service it's in. The buzz and energy it creates has an impact, even when a swap deal is involved.

Using loss leaders "starts a conversation, helping position you above the competition," Underhill points out, particularly in a saturated market where differentiation is critical, but he advises you to "shift from a price-based conversation to the advantages of using you." That's the connectivity. Adams says that "get(ing) attention where you need it builds relationships that will eventually negate the loss."

## DON'T CONNECT

But loss leaders don't always serve businesses well. In fact, Underhill doesn't exactly recommend them in today's economy. He notes that you must determine whether using one "is just an opportunity to lose money." If the client or market won't buy an upgraded service or another service, it's not feasible. "If you don't have to give up margins," he adds, "why should you? If I have



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Identity Crisis partners Andy Pomeroy and Tom Underhill, of Anaheim, Calif., discuss a loss leader campaign for a client

a well-positioned industry leader and that's selling well, is it worth damaging my product or service's reputation by giving it as a loss leader?"

Biderman-Gross says that without emotional connectivity and without purpose, a loss leader, such as the overused pen, is a waste. "But if there's something new on it, like the more expensive pen, people want to hold onto them," she says. Adams comments that "gossipy" industries aren't loss-leader-friendly: "You'll really lose credibility when your product isn't worth what you say it is." The bottom line is the bottom line.

"Because cost of goods for a service company are often primarily based on time," Underhill observes, "this sector especially needs to keep costs in check. If 10 percent of the orders for a loss leader result in purchases of additional services, the loss leader probably isn't a good idea. If, however, 90 percent of loss-leader orders lead to purchases of higher-margin good or services, then it could be a good idea. "Use loss leaders in the service industry responsibly," he recommends.

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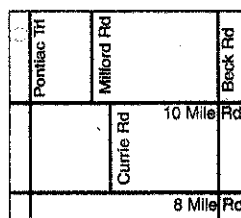
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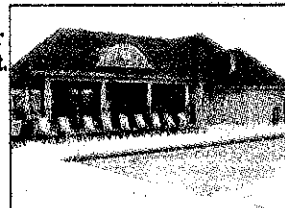
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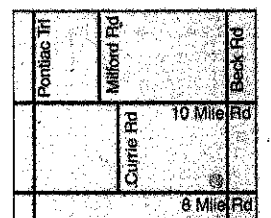
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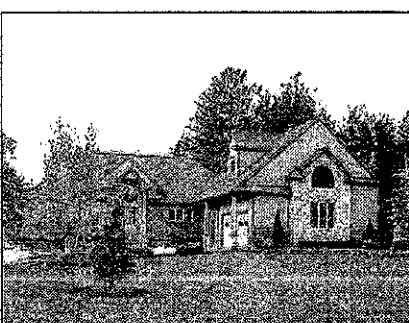
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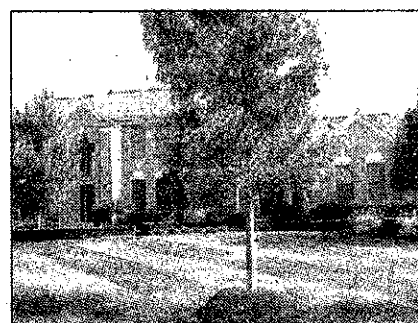
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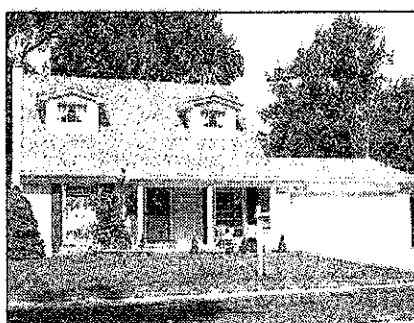
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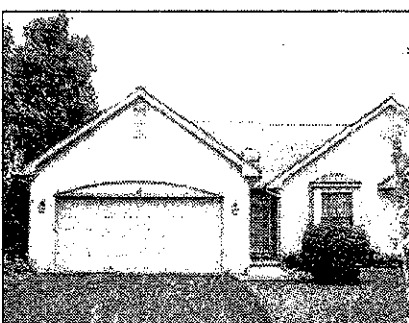
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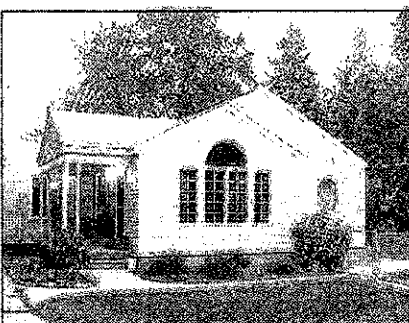
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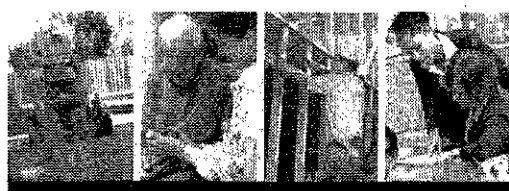


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## Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7080

**Bethel Community Church**  
Oct 5 & 6, Fri-5, Sat 9-3.  
8900 Middlebelt, Livonia, Joy & Middlebelt Rd. Estate sale remnants: Red Hat, Holiday assorted and lots of toys.

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

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**WESTLAND** - Huron Valley Lutheran, 33740 Cowan Rd. (N. of Warren, E. of Wayne). Oct. 4 & 5th. 8am-5pm & Oct. 6th. 9am-noon (\$3 Bag).

## 7100 Estate Sales 7100

**ABSOLUTE ESTATE SALE**  
Sat., Oct. 6, 10-5 Sun., Oct. 7, 11-3.  
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Newer 5 BR 3 BA Cape Cod. First floor master bedroom. Awesome kitchen with 42" maple cabinets. Great finished bsmt w/wet bar & in-law suite. Extra deep yard. 26x20 gar. MLS 27146637 Lori Dubach 248-320-2727



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Fabulous 2 bedroom 2 bath detached condo. 1,450 square feet. First floor laundry. Finished basement. Very quiet and clean. 21548 Sunset @ Fairways, South of 21, West of Card. MLS 27154204 Jack Dudenhofer 248-217-8651



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Gorgeous updated 4,524 sq. ft., 4 BR, 3 BA contemporary. 1st & 2nd flr master ste. Panoramic views from Great & LRS. Formal DR, kitchen w/look. Very private. Bloomfield Schls. MLS 27168077 Janet Guardiano 248-202-1399



**FARMINGTON \$179,000**  
Updated beauty, 3 BRs, 2 BAs, 1,800 sq. ft. New kitchen, DR, both baths. Family room w/fireplace. New carpet & paint. Library, could be 4th BR. Vinyl windows, lg yd, att gar. MLS 27177196 Janet Guardiano 248-202-1399



**REDFORD \$114,900**  
Three BR brick beauty! Updated kitchen. New roof, plumbing, electrical and hot water heater. Fin basement w/ bar. Lg master ste w/WIC. LR w/frpl. 16x12 deck. 2 car gar. MLS 27173257 Janet Guardiano 248-202-1399



**LIVONIA \$165,900**  
Almost new 2 bedroom, 2 bath first floor ranch condo with attached garage. All appliances included. Walk to shopping and dining. MLS 27172452 Karen Allerton 734-718-8185



**LIVONIA \$195,000**  
Very clean and open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement, all appliances included, attached 2 car garage, nice lot. MLS 27097036 Karen Allerton 734-718-8185



**REDFORD \$99,500**  
1500+ square foot 3 BR brick bungalow has family room, gas fireplace, professionally finished basement, garage. Newer roof, carpet, some vinyl windows, c/a. South Redford schls. MLS 27160331 JorJan Allen 313-522-1106



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Lovely vinyl ranch located on fenced double lot has attached 2.5 car garage, family room, professionally finished basement. Newer roof, furnace, C/A, all appliances included. MLS 27150780 JorJan Allen 313-522-1106



**BEVERLY HILLS \$477,500**  
Classic 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial offers gourmet kitchen, walk-out basement, beautiful wood floors in large living room and family room. Backs to nature preserve. Updated. MLS 27165185 Ronald J. Miller 248-420-9816



**WEST BLOOMFIELD CONDO \$269,900**  
Over 2,200 sq. ft. contemporary ranch condo offers large great room with cathedral ceiling overlooking pond, sharp kitchen, full bsmt & 2 car garage. Great master suite. Wow! MLS 27148134 Ronald J. Miller 248-420-9816



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$154,900**  
Sharp 3 BR ranch w/extra deep lot. Kitchen w/large dining area & doorwall to deck. Full bsmt. 2 car garage. Many updates including Wallside windows, roof & BAs. Reduced. MLS 27161661 Barbara Quinn 248-231-4711



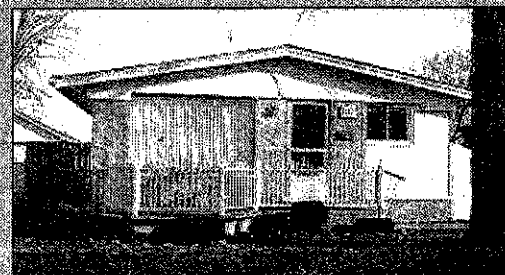
**PLYMOUTH \$90,000**  
Great investment property. In need of a little TLC. 1,052 sq. ft. 2 BR ranch. Updated BA, dining room, living room & kitchen. Hdwd flrs, large utility / laundry rm, beautiful lot. MLS 27164754 Virginia Vartanian 734-748-3224



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**FARMINGTON HILLS \$299,900**  
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Bright & airy 3 bed ranch. Offers open kitchen, vaulted ceilings, c/a, and large living room. Partially fin bsmt w/block windows, nice shed in fenced yd & beautiful frt porch / deck. MLS 27002351 Virginia Vartanian 734-748-3224



**PONTIAC \$69,900**  
Clean 3 BR ranch w/new carpet t/o. New kitchen cabinets & wood flr. All flooring replaced, updated furnace & HWH, freshly painted, gar, move right in! Home warranty included. MLS 27112142 Faye Moran 248-673-2211



**DETROIT \$242,800**  
Gem w/some paint & kitchen updates. Many updates, including Anderson windows. 2 w/l closets in mstr BR, bsmt office, French drs, ornate ceiling, 3rd level, home warranty. MLS 27144694 Denise Young 248-835-5157



**WIXOM \$290,000**  
2500 sq ft w/vaulted ceilings, GR w/frplc. Gourmet white kit w/bay windows, fresh neutral paint, 1st flr mstr ste w/jet tub, incredible closets. Spacious BRs, Prof Ldscp, fin heated gar. MLS 27158210 Debra Collins 248-360-9100



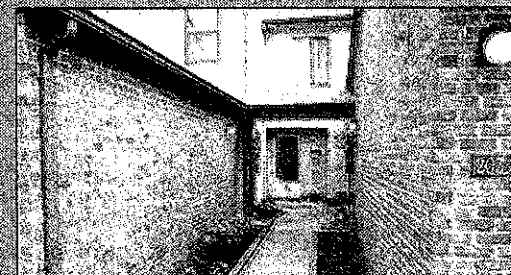
**WATERFORD \$184,900**  
Three BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch. Designer Kit w/island & ss appl's, overlooks Golf Course. Granite counters, ceramic & hdwd t/o. Nat FP, soaking tub. Part fin bsmt. Tons of updates! MLS 27176469 Barb Castello 248-566-3395



**WHITE LAKE \$309,900**  
4 BR, 2.5 BAs in Brentwood Golf Community. 2,500 sq ft, 1.25 acres w/pond, gorgeous views, w/o LL, tons of cabinets in kit. Brkfst nook w/door wall, FP in FR, cul-de-sac location. MLS 27153753 Karen Holland 248-330-5904



**WEST BLOOMFIELD CONDO \$325,000**  
Totally updated 3 bedroom first floor master suite condo. All redone w/hardwood floors, granite kitchen, finished lower level w/ bath. This is an 11! Must see to appreciate. MLS 27080832 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



**WEST BLOOMFIELD CONDO \$135,000**  
2 bedroom, 2 bath ground floor ranch unit. New kitchen and foyer floors. Lovely neutral decor. Complex has tennis court and pool. Walk to Henry Ford Hospital. MLS 27149253 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



**FARMINGTON HILLS CONDO \$120,000**  
Immaculate 2 Br, 2 Bath ranch condo located on the second level. Spacious rooms, complex has pool and tennis court, excellent location, in unit laundry. MLS 27163465 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



**SOUTHFIELD CONDO \$158,000**  
Beautiful 2 br, 2.5 bath townhouse condo with finished family room with fireplace in LL. Excellent condition, freshly painted, private brick patio. MLS 27140958 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



**ROCHESTER HILLS CONDO \$160,000**  
2 BR plus bonus room carriage unit has 2 full baths and in unit laundry. Living room w/fireplace and balcony. Neutral decor. Open kitchen with wet bar. MLS 27132614 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



**WEST BLOOMFIELD BEAUTY \$315,900**  
Beautiful home with 1st floor master suite has gorgeous yard with maintenance free deck and hot tub. Two story great room with fireplace. Large windows throughout. MLS 27170576 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$600,000**  
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**ORCHARD LAKE \$499,000**  
Updated executive home on cul de sac. New maple and granite kitchen. Spacious rooms throughout. Many quality updates including marble and granite baths. MLS 27112834 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$710,000**  
Magnificent 4400 sq. ft. home shows like a model w/ quality amenities and features throughout including gym in master suite. Hardwood, granite, high ceilings and more! MLS 27104387 Jolie Warpool 248-855-2000



**LIVONIA \$275,000**  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$325,000**  
Immaculate detached 2 bedroom, 2 Bath ranch condo with treed yard. High ceilings and spacious rooms throughout. Living room and library. Attractive decor! MLS 27084560 Jolie Warpool 248-212-9080



**SOUTHFIELD \$159,900**  
Great Deal - Brick colonial includes: FR w/frpl, open kitchen w/oak cab, 2 doorwalls to patio, pan ceiling over dining area, hrwd flrs & vinyl windows. 1,836 sq ft. Home warranty. MLS 27109186 Leonard Jenkins 248-283-2232



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$239,900**  
Lovely 4 bedroom colonial. Family room with fireplace and doorwall to deck, plus another first floor living area. Kitchen opens to dining room. Finished basement with office. MLS 27151487 CENTURY 21 Today 248-855-2000



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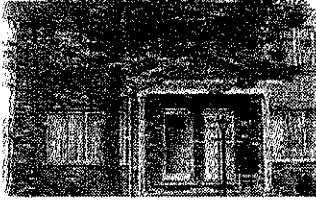
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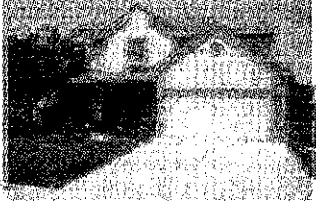
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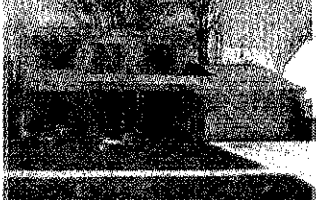
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PRICED TO SELL! 4BR/2.5BA colonial. New Pergo-style flooring in kitchen/nook/hall/family rm & half BA. New roof '05, sprinkler sys '06. All appl. stay. Newer insulated gar door.

(27107442) \$239,900



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
FLORIDA ROOM W/HOT TUB! 3BR/1.1BA Colonial. Open floor plan w/large family rm and natural fireplace. Formal living/dining rms. Finished bsmt. Great Opportunity! \$1,000 closing credit.

(27099813) \$209,000



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
CANTON BEAUTY! 3BR/2BA Quad updt to perfection. FR w/FP, den, din/liv rms. All new: driveway/garage cement, kit w/Corian, roof, 2-tier deck, wndws, carpet. Brick pavers.

(27171730) \$199,900



**Canton** 248-348-6430  
TASTEFULLY REMODELED CONDO IN CANTON. Cozy 3 br, 1.5 ba end-unit home backs and sides to commons/park. Eat-in kit w/oak cab. Dr has doorwall to year. Master has 1 full wall of closets. Full Basement.

(27063451) \$125,000



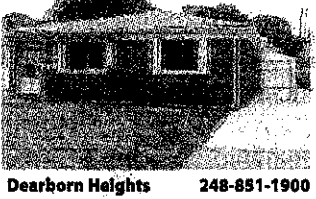
**Commerce** 248-684-1065  
You'll love the kitchen w/ 3 pantries. All new oak cabinets, granite sink. 6 panel doors throughout. New sump pump, pressure tank, & well. New paint inside/out.

(27044629) \$219,900



**Dearborn Heights** 248-851-1900  
CLEAN BRICK RANCH PRICED TO SELL FAST! In one of Dearborn Heights most desirable areas. New roof, new cement patio & hardwood flrs under carpet. Fenced & private wooded backyard. Great home-great value!

(27091398) \$198,000



**Dearborn Heights** 248-851-1900  
TOTALLY REDONE RANCH Updated roof & windows, huge brand new oak kitchen w/new appliances. New pergola floors throughout. Freshly painted, new H2O heater. All brick w/1.75 car garage.

(27127975) \$114,900



**Detroit** 248-348-6430  
Loads of Potential! LR w/ bay, DR and eat-in kit. Large mstr upstairs w/ bath, convert as a walk-in closet. Fin'd bsmt, separate laundry & bath. One car garage. Immediate occupancy.

(27133297) \$69,900



**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430  
Move-In Ready! Lovely newer home w/o the new home price! Great open floor plan, huge backyard, upgraded kit cabinets. All appliances stay. Newly finished bsmt. Neutral decor.

(27142633) \$189,900



**Garden City** 734-326-2000  
GREAT STARTER AT A GREAT PRICE Three bedrooms, newer carpeting, roof shingles in 1996. Central air, newer white kitchen cabinets, bath with tub enclosure, large lot with attached garage.

(27045578) \$104,900



**Garden City** 734-326-2000  
WELCOM TO THIS CHARMING HOME 2 bedrooms, 2-car garage, 1st floor laundry, newer windows, newer hot water heater, updated bath, newer furnace, great kitchen with newer cabinets, newer roof.

(27057069) \$103,000



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
On Murray Lake, Highland. 2,366 sq ft, 4 br, 2.5 ba, 1,000 sq ft in W/O LL. GR, DR, kit, bktm, FR, office, Fla rm, 2 car gar, plus 2nd gar in LL.

(27051669) \$325,000



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
All sports lakefront. Stunning lake views. White kit w/ eat-in & DR. Fully finished Fla rm, 1,000 sq ft home w/ 2 br & 1 ba. Huge LR. Quiet neighborhood.

(27081685) \$199,000



**Inkster** 734-455-7000  
AFFORDABLE RANCH! 3BR ranch on treed, corner lot! Lots of updates, finished basement w/bar, and detached 2.5 car garage. Wayne/Westland schools.

(27087530) \$89,900



**Livonia** 248-348-6430  
COMPLETELY UPDATED COLONIAL! The inside story: New kit incl cabs, granite cnts, tile bkspch & floor plus all new appl. All new paint, new carpet, new main bath. Updtd FR, Power rm & LR.

(27121077) \$259,900



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
3 Bath Colonial 2-story, living room w/stairway to master suite. Country kit fin BSMT, brick FR. Lg deck & deep lot.

(27164829) \$234,900



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful addition includes Fam RM w/FP, MBR w/full ceramic BA 1st flr Indry rm or 4th BR. Updtd maple kit, main BA, wtrs, roof, furnace, carept, paint & more. Fin BSmt w/full BA & office.

(27101411) \$199,900



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
A beautiful house in a quiet neighborhood Beautiful 3BR/2BA (Possible 4th in Finished Basement) Ranch w/ att 2 1/2 side entry gar. Hardwood flrs, two full baths. Fp in FR. Gorgeous deck in an enclosed bklyrd.

(27107215) \$141,900



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
Affordable Country Living In The City. Updated And Looking Good. This Is The One For You. Nice Quiet Street. Generous Room Sizes. Open Floor Plan. 1.5 Car Garage To Hold Your Car And Yard Tools.

(27144766) \$132,900



**Livonia** 734-326-2000  
AS GOOD AS IT GETS Absolutely Meticulous 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Contemporary Condo With upgrades throughout. Vaulted Ceilings, Walk-in Closets, Deck & Attached Garage.

(27023077) \$116,900



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
Cute Brick Ranch! 1700+ Sq. Ft. Brick Ranch, 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 2 Car Garage On A Half Acre Lot.

(27103600) \$112,500



**Livonia** 248-684-1065  
The Crossings of Milford. 21 wooded, walkout sites. 2-4+ acres. Come see the spec home, which is near completion. A subdivision worthy of your attention.

(26039607) \$650,000



**Milford** 248-851-1900  
5 ACRES OF BEAUTY & PRIVACY Upgraded 4 BR 2.5 bath colonial 5 stall horse barn plus 2 outbuildings. Oak floors, newer kitchen, custom moldings and a pool.

(27166089) \$347,000



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Great location-walk to downtown. Cathedral ceilings, open kitchen w/ ceramic floor & snack bar. All appl. stay. Deck. Carpeted Bsmt. Lots of storage.

(27147273) \$149,900



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Close to the village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the country life. Split from a 20 acre farm.

(27033498) \$149,900



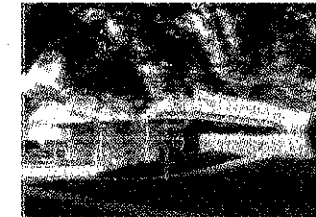
**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Great starter home. Nice 2 br ranch in village. Fenced back yard & oversized 2 car gar w/ lots of storage. Full-length attic.

(27074221) \$139,500



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Welcoming Northville Colonial 2885 SF on lg treed lot w/gardens. Spacious granite kit w/hardwood flrs opens to FR w/FP. Roomy BD sizes, form LR & DR, den, 3+ car-side entry gar. Fin'd bsmt.

(27150775) \$400,000



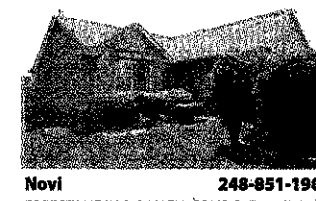
**Northville** 248-348-6430  
BRIGHT AND AIRY RANCH IN FAMILY SUB Updtd 3 br, 2 ba. Kit w/hickory cab & Corian cnts. LR has cathedral ceiling & built-ins. 1st flr laundry, Trex deck & paver patio. Garage has heat & AC.

(27117914) \$265,000



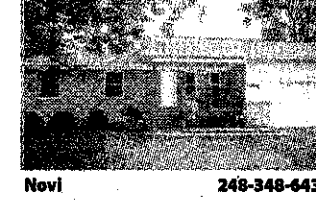
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
FABULOUS FRENCH PROVINCIAL HOME Huge lot w/ing heated pool. 2 stry winding staircase. Gour kit. 4 lg bns, 4 full baths, 2 lavs, beautiful 1st flr mstr, FR, lib, DR, LR, 4 frpl w/custom surround.

(26210929) \$1,875,000



**Novi** 248-851-1900  
FREESTANDING RANCH CONDO Easy living 2 BR, 2 BA det ranch condo. Bkfst nook, doorwall to deck. Huge family rm. W/O LL-prepped to finish. Golf, tennis, pool. Seller to pay up to 3 mo's assoc fees!

(27086507) \$200,000



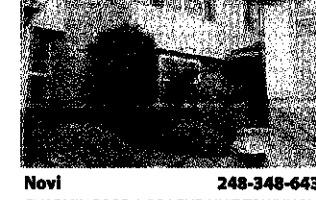
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
LOVELY RANCH NESTLED ON A TREE LINED ST Complete maintenance free exterior. Nice kitchen, comfortable FR, LR, mstr w/private bath w/jet tub. Hi E Furnace, a/c, roomy 3 car garage. Deep Crawl space.

(27115914) \$199,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
UNPACK AND MOVE IN! Spotless 2 br, 3 ba condo deep in complex, new ceramic tile, most rooms freshly painted, new carpet and roof. Seller to pay 1st year assoc fee.

(27167461) \$163,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
CHARMING 3 BR, 2.5 BA END UNIT TOWNHOUSE Great finished basement. 1 car garage. Updated baths, new roof, A/C & exterior paint in 2005. Master bedroom w/2 wic's & full bath.

(26164408) \$139,900



**Plymouth** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful & Comfortable Ranch Economical starter home. Great find! bsmt, lovely kit, nice FR, LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BA, patio, porch, fenced yard. Newer furn, A/C, roof, driveway, sidewalks & sub.

(27166790) \$198,500



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
SERENITY ABOUNDS -- BACKING TO HINES! Private, private condo backing to Hines Park -- best location in complex. 2BR/2BA, corner FP, detached garage, basement storage, in-unit laundry.

(27168239) \$134,900



**Redford** 248-348-6430  
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING! Totally renovated top to bottom. Features: new kit, baths, windows, roof, furnace, skylights, berber carpet, jacuzzi tub & more!

(27168696) \$140,000



**Redford** 248-348-6430  
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR 1.5 BA BUNGALOW W/ UPDATES! Newer appliances, basement w/ lots of living & storage space.

(27135738) \$115,000



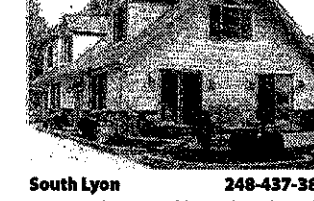
**Redford** 248-851-1900  
NICE BRICK RANCH READY FOR A NEW OWNER! Freshly painted, large front window for lots of light. Full basement. All appliances stay. W/F in bedrooms & under carpet in LR. Close to x-ways, parks & shopping.

(27147256) \$109,900



**Royal Oak** 248-348-6430  
Spotless and Updated Colonial! Spotless, 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Fin'd lower level w/full bath, 2 car insulated/heated garage. Updated kitchen and bath, leaded glass windows, art deco F.P.

(27166673) \$289,000



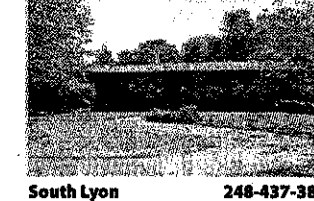
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Gorgeous home on Silver Lake! What a buy! First floor master w 3 large BR and 2.5 baths. Stunning interior with granite counters and ceramic tile. Immaculate condition!

(27092538) \$538,900



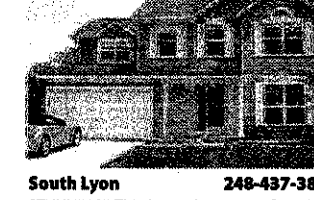
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Secluded ranch on 2.5 Acre! Home completely renovated. New kitchen w/maple cabinets & island with bar. New hardwood floors and carpeting. Freshly painted. New master bath. Walkout LL.

(27159044) \$283,112



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Ranch On 6 Serene Wooded Acres! Private drive takes you to this Fully remodeled home with a spring fed pond on property. Oversized 3+ car garage offers plenty of storage.

(27002304) \$262,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
STUNNING! This home has a very functional floor plan, finished basement, enormous room sizes and feels like it was just built. Don't let this one get by.

(27028337) \$239,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Cozy 3 bedroom colonial! Home has finished basement with dry cedar sauna. Very peaceful yard backs to wooded area. Enjoy bonfires in the evening and vegetable from your garden.

(27135663) \$208,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Condo close to town! Backs to open area - very private. Sharp entry level ranch style home - best location in complex. 2BR/2BA, corner FP, detached garage, basement storage, in-unit laundry.

(27022908) \$94,900



**Unadilla** 248-437-3800  
Canal frontage with docks! Spacious yr round home waiting for some TLC. New windows, FR, w/wood floor in Liv Room. Fenced yard, a/c.

(27039619) \$230,000



**Walled Lake** 248-684-1065  
Open flr plan, LR w/elec fp, cat cells & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted cell fans. Mstr w/ WIC & cat cell.

(27071342) \$145,000



**Waterford** 248-684-1065  
Open & airy ranch w/ carport. Huge fenced yard. Pergo flr in LR & hallway. Full ba w/ ceramic flr & tub, eat-in kit w/ recessed light & brkfst bar. 1st flr laun.

(27109991) \$104,900



**Waterford** 248-684-1065  
Partly wooded lot on canal to Pleasant Lake. Five lots to choose from. Use your builder or mine. Paved streets & all utilities.

(27067268) \$74,754



**Waterford** 248-684-1065  
Partly wooded lot on canal to Pleasant Lake. Five lots to choose from. Use your builder or mine. Paved streets-all utilities.

(27067264) \$69,754



**Wayna** 734-455-7000  
CAPE COD LOADED WITH UPDATES! 4BR/2BA, handicap ramp & shower, newer kitchen, A/C, furnace, electric, appliances, etc. Totally fenced & low, low traffic pattern area.

(27157926) \$179,900



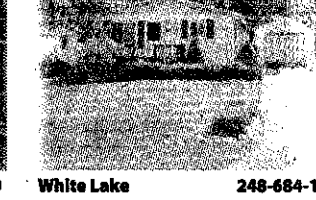
**Westland** 734-326-2000  
BONUS BUY CITY LIVING COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE! This 3 or 4 bedroom bungalow w/ remodeled kitchen, & 1.5 baths, both remodeled, FR, new roof, huge master ste w/WIC and 1/2 bath. All on a 107 ft lot.

(27107774) \$119,900



**Westland** 734-591-9200  
WOW! Clean Open Flr Plan in Priv Entry 2 bdr's Condo W/ Att Garage! Newer Windws, Roof, Furn, Grt Rm Open To Din Rm, Kit W/all Appls Stay, Huge Mstr Ste W/w-1 Cst, Lindry Rm W/ Full Washer & Dryer.

(27152276) \$107,900



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

(27090276) \$138,900



**Whitmore Lake** 248-437-3800  
Charming 3 Bedroom ranch! Perfect for the first time home buyer. 3 bedroom ranch with great curb appeal. Doorwall from breakfast nook to deck. Convenient location!

(27111186) \$166,900



**Wixom** 248-348-6430  
ADORABLE RANCH ON BEAUTIFUL LOT! Adorable 3 BR ranch on lg lot w/mature trees. 2 car att gar & shed, vaulted ceiling & skylight in kit. New vinyl siding & wndws. Brand new washer/dryer included.

(27093034) \$172,900



**Wixom** 248-437-3800  
Sharp starter ranch! Fully updated and decorated. Updates include: kitchen, bathroom, copper plumbing and roof. Top that off with your new 21 x 35 garage.



## SPORTS



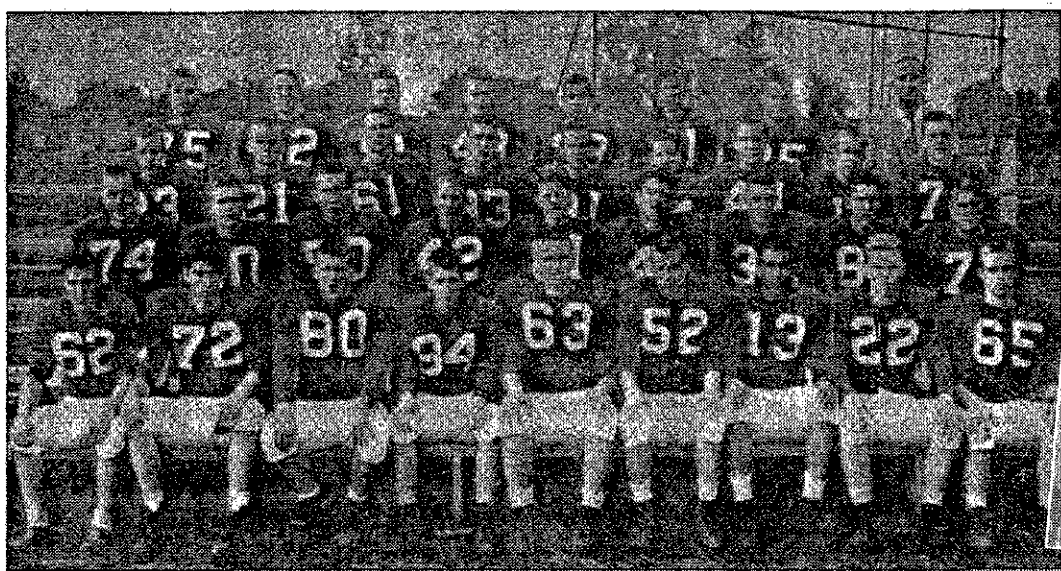
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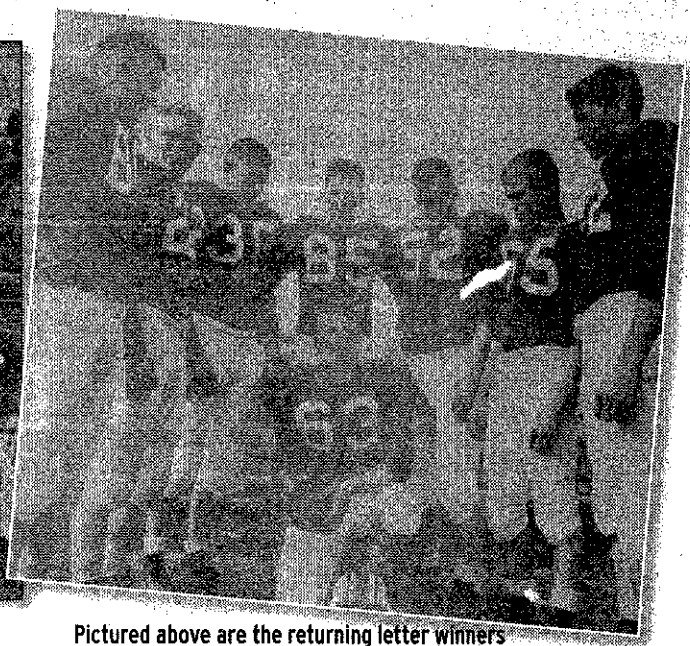
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Pictured is the 1957 Plymouth High School football team, which tied for first in the Suburban Six Conference with a 6-0 record. Pictured (front row from left) are Jerry Kliensmith, Harvey Wells, Don Alsbro, Al Spigarelli, Dick Paulger, Wayne Jordahl, Ken Knipschild, Dave Walaskay, Dick Anderson, (second row from left) Ron Turkett, Wade Schultheiss, Harold Smith, John Walker, Tom Pfister, Joe Bushaw, Ed LaRoche, Myron Hopper, Wilson Lusk, (third row from left) Dave Green, Paul Woodard, Dick Weirmiller, Larry Wells, Al Runge, John Salan, Randy Egloff, Bill Rhuer, John McLennan, (top row from left) Scott Soth, Jim Thompson, Jason White, Wayne Sparkman, David Hauk, Dan Bushaw, Jerry Sprouse and Coach Mike Hoben.



Pictured above are the returning letter winners who played for the 1957 unbeaten Plymouth High School football team. Pictured (from left standing around captain Dick Paulger) are Don Alsbro, Dave Walaskay, Ed LaRoche, Myron Hopper, Wayne Jordahl, Dick Anderson and Harvey Wells.

## Sidelines

### Baseball academy

Velocity Sports Performance in Canton has announced the opening of the Velocity Baseball Academy. Among the instructors are Bruce Fields, who is currently a manager in the Cleveland Indians organization, and Kenny Howell, a former pitcher with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Instructional coaches who would like to join the staff should contact Mo at (734) 485-2561; or visit [www.velocitysp.com/canton](http://www.velocitysp.com/canton).

### Canton lacrosse

The Canton High School boys lacrosse team will hold its monthly booster meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Canton high school media center. Parents of all players are encouraged to attend.

### Ignition news

■ The Detroit Ignition will be in Milwaukee Friday and Saturday to participate in the Milwaukee Wave's Preseason Classic, which will mark the first appearance of the Major Indoor Soccer League's newest team, the Orlando Sharks.

The Ignition will take on the Milwaukee Wave on Friday at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Detroit will square off against Orlando in a 3 p.m. contest.

■ The Ignition recently signed nine players for its 2007-08 roster: Mike Apple, Droe Callahan, Matt Johnson, Hewerton Moreira, Doug Rice, Josh Rife, Worth Sampson, Kyt Selaidopoulos and Danny Waltman.

They will join four other returnees who signed earlier — reigning league MVP Jamar Beasley, Nate Craft, Ricardinho and Ryan Mack.

Per club policy, the financial terms of the agreements were not disclosed.

## THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

### Memories still fresh for '57 Plymouth gridders

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The old Plymouth High School gymnasium was pitch black and so quiet you could hear a feather drop on the afternoon of Nov. 8, 1957.

The gym was far from empty though as every member of the school's undefeated football team was lying on his back, contemplating the showdown with state-ranked Ypsilanti that would unfold a few hours later.

"Before every game," All-Conference receiver Don Alsbro remembered, "we'd get our uniforms on, go to the gym, shut the lights off and lay there and think about what we had to do to win that day. It got to where we were almost meditating."

Alsbro's thought process was interrupted by one of the team's coaches, who

tapped him on the shoulder and motioned for him to follow.

"When we got outside the gym, the coach told me, in so many words, 'We have confidence in everybody on this team, but we're a little concerned about whether you can do your job today.'"

"When I heard that, I thought to myself, 'Not confident in me? Well, I'll show them.'"

Did he ever — as did all 33 of his teammates — as the Rocks dominated the Braves, 34-6, to put the icing on a 6-0 season.

"Our head coach, Mike Hoben, was a master psychologist, and it turns out he and the other coaches told each one of us independently before that game that they lacked confidence in us," said Alsbro, chuckling. "Everybody thought they

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Several members of old Plymouth High School's undefeated 1957 team attended last Friday night's new Plymouth High School's homecoming game against Northville. Pictured (from left) are Wayne Jordahl, Ed LaRoche, John Salan, Myron Hipper, Don Alsbro, Hal 'Dick' Anderson and John Walker.

#### THEY RAN THE TABLE

Members of Plymouth's 1957 football team observed its 50th anniversary last week during homecoming festivities at the new Plymouth High School. The Rocks went 6-0 in that golden autumn of '57. Here are the results of their games:

- Plymouth 13, Northville 12;

- Plymouth 34, Redford Union 6;
- Plymouth 32, Belleville 12;
- Plymouth 38, Bentley 0;
- Plymouth 19, Trenton 6; and
- Plymouth 34, Ypsilanti 6.

The Rocks' Week 3 game against Allen Park was cancelled because several members of the team were suffering from the effects of the Asian flu.

### Rock, Chief netters are all tied up, 4-4

The Canton and Salem tennis teams battled to a 4-4 draw Tuesday afternoon on the PCEP courts.

The tie left the Chiefs with a 7-3-1 mark while Salem will head into Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet with a 10-1-1 record.

"Some of our guys had great matches and others had tough matches," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann, summing up her team's afternoon. "Our two and three singles players played outstanding. There was no question from the start that they were in control of their matches."

Salem's Lawrence Washington, one of the top players in the metropolitan Detroit area, got Salem off to a rousing start by upending Canton's David Kang, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 1 singles. The Chiefs earned victories at No. 2 and 3 singles from Mike Darouie, who defeated Brett Foster, 6-2, 6-2; and from Justin Liedel, who downed Dion Walker, 6-2, 6-3.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior captain Jeremy Stoychoff leads the young Salem soccer team from his mid-field position.

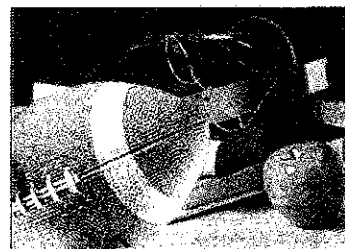
### Things are looking up for Salem's Stoychoff

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

A high school soccer team is a lot like an Oreo cookie — it's nothing without a strong middle.

That said, Salem's hopes for a long run in the upcoming Division 1 state tournament wouldn't be nearly as sweet without junior mid-fielder Jeremy Stoychoff, a two-year starter who Rock coach Ed McCarthy relies on for everything from sideline-to-sideline defense to pinpoint passing.

"Jeremy is the key connector for our attack," said McCarthy. "Just about everything we run goes through him. He does a great job for us defending and he helps build our attack with



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his passing and ball control."

#### Unique distinction

Although junior captains at Salem are about as commonplace as soft-spoken politicians, McCarthy didn't hesitate to hand the crucial leadership position to Stoychoff prior to

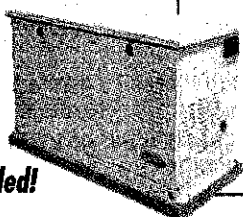
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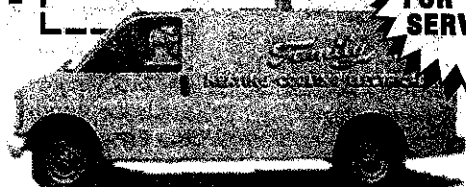
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## SWIM RESULTS

**ROCK MAURER INVITATIONAL**  
**SATURDAY AT SALEM**  
**FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 319; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 298; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 197; 4. Northville, 124; 5. Canton, 121; 6. Salem, 105.

**200-yard medley relay (Heat 1):** 1. Pioneer (Ashley Cohagen, Valerie Barthelemy, Cara Clites, Carleigh Schwartz), 1:53.95; 2. Stevenson, 1:54.73; 3. Mercy, 1:55.76.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Mercy (Kelsey Edson, Alex Swies, Megan Gegesky, Sarah Baumann), 1:55.86; 2. Pioneer, 2:01.19; 3. Stevenson, 2:04.50.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Pioneer (Mari Isa, Riley Yamamoto, Molly Shanley, Laura Cameron), 1:59.54; 2. Mercy, 2:00.55.

**200 freestyle (Heat 1):** Allison Schmitt (C), 1:50.48; 2. Liz Koselka (AAP), 1:52.30; 3. Megan Craig (FM), 1:58.03.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Kristyne Cole (AAP), 1:53.41; 2. Megan Gegesky (FM), 2:00.52; 3. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:03.32.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Virginia Page (FM), 2:00.89; 2. Molly Shanley (AAP), 2:07.61; 3. Emilee Montini (LS), 2:09.46.

**(Heat 4):** 1. Emma Craig (FM), 2:01.34; 2. Rachel Taub (AAP), 2:06.62; 3. Emily Cauzillo (LS), 2:14.82.

**200 IM (Heat 1):** Brynn Marecki (LS), 2:11.72; 2. Lauren Shanley (AAP), 2:17.20; 3. Natasha Mason (FM), 2:17.28.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Carleigh Schwartz (AAP), 2:13.33; 2. Ashley Gordon (LS), 2:14.08; 3. Maria Bargardi (FM), 2:18.50.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Valerie Barthelemy (AAP), 2:13.50; 2. Laura Timson (LS), 2:13.75; 3. Anna Schena (FM), 2:19.99.

**(Heat 4):** 1. Shelby Legel (FM), 2:17.76; 2. Riley Yamamoto (AAP), 2:25.48.

**50 freestyle (Heat 1):** 1. Ashley Cohagen (AAP), 25.45; 2. Jessica Weber (NV), 25.53; 3. Taylor Steff (FM), 26.05.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Kaitlyn Jefferson (FM), 25.38; 2. Laura Cameron (AAP), 26.97; 3. Kayla Eyster (C), 28.04.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Kaitlyn Jefferson (FM), 26.04; 2. Michaela Belts (AAP), 27.66; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 27.86.

**(Heat 4):** 1. Kaitlyn Myszkowski (FM), 26.31; 2. Melissa Lang (AAP), 27.84; 3. Courtney Saward (NV), 28.42.

**1-meter diving (Heat 1):** 1. Caitlin Noonan (AAP), 333.90; 2. Carley Sayvald (FM), 326.75; 3. Katrina Koetting (S), 307.55.

**(Heat 2):** Megan Novak (FM), 294.00; 2. Mackenzie Gerhart (AAP), 290.35; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 255.40.

**(Heat 3):** Emily Stalmack (AAP), 313.65; 2. Chandler Foster (FM), 262.00.

**(Heat 4):** 1. Maeve Daly (AAP), 274.45; 2. Lauren Smith (FM), 258.20.

**100 butterfly (Heat 1):** 1. Maria Bargardi (FM), 1:01.98; 2. Emily Hopcin (NV), 1:03.35; 3. Molly Shanley (AAP), 1:05.30.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Megan Gegesky (FM), 1:02.11; 2. Meghan Kanya (NV), 1:04.53; 3. Melissa Lang (AAP), 1:05.47.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Cara Clites (AAP), 1:04.62; 2. Caley Shimskey (FM), 1:05.51; 3. Rachel Englert (NV), 1:07.12.

**(Heat 4):** 1. Hisami Kakiara (FM), 1:04.74; 2. Rachel Muscott (AAP), 1:08.51; 3. Sandy Nahra (S), 1:12.28.

**100 freestyle (Heat 1):** Liz Koselka (AAP), 53.28; 2. Nikki Barczok (FM), 54.24; 3. Jessica Weber (NV), 55.71.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Carleigh Schwartz (AAP), 55.12; 2. Kaitlyn Myszkowski (FM), 55.80; 3. Laura Holtz (LS), 59.24.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Kelsey Edson (FM), 55.88; 2. Kristina Jaeger (AAP), 58.25; 3. Allison Kellahan (LS), 1:00.39.

**(Heat 4):** 1. Kaitlyn Jefferson (FM), 56.26; 2. Laura Cameron (AAP), 57.71; 3. Kristin Turbiak (LS), 1:03.95.

**500 freestyle (Heat 1):** 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 4:57.85; 2. Kristyne Cole (AAP), 4:59.07; 3. Megan Craig (FM), 5:13.92.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Lauren Shanley (AAP), 5:16.99; 2. Virginia Page (FM), 5:19.24; 3. Savannah Hatt (LS), 5:20.89.

**(Heat 3):** Emma Craig (FM), 5:20.98; 2. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 5:21.70; 3. Riley Yamamoto (AAP), 5:32.63.

**(Heat 4):** 1. Anna Schena (FM), 5:32.02; 2. Diana Steele (AAP), 5:43.89; 3. Emily Cauzillo (LS), 5:57.44.

**200 freestyle relay (Heat 1):** Pioneer (Liz Koselka, Cara Clites, Carleigh Schwartz, Kristyne Cole), 1:41.75; 2. Mercy, 1:43.07; 3. Stevenson, 1:46.15.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Mercy (Hisami Kakiara, Anna Vandecaveye, Anna Schena, Emma Craig), 1:46.03; 2. Stevenson, 1:52.95; 3. Northville, 1:53.44.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Mercy (Gabi Crowley, Geri Michaluk, Natasha Mason, Megan Gegesky), 1:46.94; 2. Pioneer, 1:50.22; 3. Northville, 1:56.61.

**100 backstroke (Heat 1):** Ashley Cohagen (AAP), 1:00.43; 2. Kelsey Edson (FM), 1:01.92; 3. Ashley Gordon (LS), 1:02.37.

**(Heat 2):** Taylor Steff (FM), 1:03.15; 2. Emily Nelson (S), 1:04.29; 3. Kristina Jaeger (AAP), 1:04.67.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Mari Isa (AAP), 1:04.06; 2. Emily Reamer (FM), 1:05.95; 3. Charlotte Buckley (LS), 1:08.44.

**(Heat 4):** 1. Eileen Fredendall (FM), 1:04.72; 2. Paige Kostishak (AAP), 1:07.94; 3. Catherine Moeller (LS), 1:10.58.

**100 breaststroke (Heat 1):** 1. Brynn Marecki (LS), 1:08.31; 2. Valerie Barthelemy (AAP), 1:10.72; 3. Alex Swies (FM), 1:12.41.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Mo Nicholson (FM), 1:13.21; 2. Anne Warren (AAP), 1:14.11; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 1:17.35.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Shelby Legel (FM), 1:10.89; 2. Claire Martin (AAP), 1:16.75; 3. Kayla Perchall (LS), 1:19.10.

**(Heat 4):** 1. Caley Shimskey (FM), 1:14.07; 2. Aurora Hennigar (AAP), 1:20.42; 3. Jessica Buczkowski (NV), 1:21.97.

**400 freestyle relay (Heat 1):** 1. Pioneer (Liz Koselka, Lauren Shanley, Ashley Cohagen, Kristyne Cole), 3:38.44; 2. Mercy, 3:40.12; 3. Stevenson, 3:46.99.

**(Heat 2):** 1. Mercy (Sarah Baumann, Kaitlyn Jefferson, Emma Craig, Taylor Steff), 3:47.84; 2. Pioneer, 3:54.94; 3. Stevenson, 4:05.93.

**(Heat 3):** 1. Mercy (Anna Vandecaveye, Gillian Staudt, Geri Michaluk, Hisami Kakiara), 3:51.37; 2. Pioneer, 4:01.41; 3. Stevenson, 4:12.67.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP FOOTBALL

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

### PREP VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

Salem at W.L. Central JV Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
Plymouth at UMD Invitational, 9 a.m.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

Plymouth, Canton & Salem at Wayne County Championship at Willow Metro Park, 10 a.m.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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### BOYS SOCCER

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.

### BOYS TENNIS

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

WCAA Conference Championship, TBA at Plymouth High School

### GIRLS SWIMMING

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

Dexter 9/10 Invitational, 9 a.m.



The Canton girls cross country program enjoyed a phenomenal day Saturday at the Ypsilanti Cross Country Invitational. The Chiefs' varsity and junior varsity squads both earned second-place finishes at the talent-rich event.

## Hahn breaks record for 3rd-place 'Cats

Plymouth sophomore Kelly Hahn had a day to remember Saturday when she set a school record of 19:12 at the Haslett Invitational, which was held at Haslett High School, just outside of Lansing. Hahn's performance spearheaded a big day for the Wildcats, who placed third in the 20-team field with "We finished third in this invitational last year as well, but we are a better team than last year," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "It shows how competitive this race has gotten."

"The entire team came up big and turned in seasonal and lifetime personal-best times. We need to keep the momentum going for the big races ahead and I know that we can

if we stay focused."

Ann Arbor Huron captured the top spot at the meet with 57 points followed by Walled Lake Western (100), Plymouth (128), Walled Lake Northern (137) and Howell (146).

Hahn placed fourth overall, 24 seconds ahead of teammate Beth Heldmeyer, who was 10th in 19:36. Also shining for the Wildcats were: Molly Slanes (20:33), Paula Green (28th in 20:42), Brianna Hessler (33rd in 20:57), Pam Bhullar (21:03), Elise Chagas (53rd in 21:16), Sarah Brown (21:16), Adrienne White (21:23) and Julie Forster (21:45).

### Salem shines

The Rocks placed seventh in Saturday's 20-team Haslett

Invitational with 189 points. Two Salem runners medaled: Jordyn Moore (20th in 20:16.2) and Kelley Determan (21st in 20:17.4).

"I thought we competed well this week," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "Our biggest problem this year with an inexperienced team is consistency. We are like a Cedar Point roller coaster: One week we are up and the next we are down. We are hoping to get on a roll starting this week at the Wayne County Championship."

Other Rocks who turned in strong efforts were: Kara Booms (43rd place in 21:08.4), Sabrina Burcroff (59th place in 21:25.2), Lauren Olson (64th place in 21:36.0) and Kortney Marsh (97th place in 22:39.6).



## Victorious Rocks

Salem's tennis team earned top honors at the eight-team Woodhaven Warrior Classic on Saturday. The Rocks compiled 19 points, one more than runner-up Warren DeLaSalle and six more than third-place Trenton. Salem captured first in three flights: Brett Foster went 3-0 at No. 2 singles, Brock Foster and Eduardo Diaz took top honors at No. 1 doubles and Jake Burnstein and Tyler Jeleniewski surged to a 3-0 record at No. 2 doubles. Pictured are (laying down) Dion Walker, (kneeling from left) Josh Perrin, Parth Patel, Jake Burnstein, Ryan Aubert, (standing from left) Coach Lin Ware, Tyler Jeleniewski, Brock Foster, Dave Benson, Eduardo Diaz, Coach Bill Nelson, Yuvi Rajeev, Brett Foster and John Kang.

## TENNIS

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Salem evened things up in singles when its No. 4 player, Dave Benson, knocked off Canton's Ryan Hansz, 6-2, 6-2.

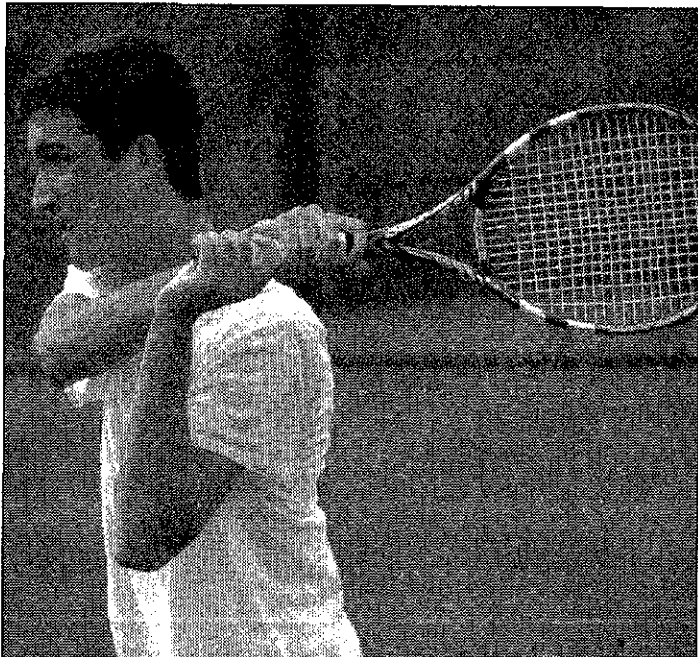
The four doubles matches were also split. Salem received wins from its No. 1 duo of Brock Foster and Eduardo Diaz, who won 6-1, 6-1, over Canton's Ryan Hollingsworth and Rob Milus; and it's No. 2 team of Tyler Jeleniewski and Ryan Aubert, who cruised past Jeremy Lindlbauer and Santosh Shanmuga, 6-1, 6-0.

Canton won the final two doubles contests: The No. 3 team of David Ding and Ryan Evans defeated Parth Patel and Yuvi Rajeen, 6-3, 6-4; while the No. 4 twosome of Cory Hurst and Adam Payne edged John Kang and Josh Perrin, 7-5, 6-3.

Windsor is now 4-0-0-0; Plymouth is 0-2-1-0. Besides Snetsinger's goals, Jordan Nolan, Michal Jordan, Greg Nemisz and Taylor Hall added single goals for Windsor. Carolina-draftee Chris Terry led the Plymouth attack with two goals and two assists and was named the game's first star. Kaine Geldart added a goal and two assists, while Andrew Fournier scored his first goal of the season for the Whalers.

Referees Ryan Carroll and T.J. Luxmore whistled 24 power plays in the game, with Windsor going 3-for-13 and Plymouth 3-for-11. Windsor outshot Plymouth, 47-39.

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Canton's No. 2 singles player Mike Darouie, pictured above in a match earlier this season, defeated Salem's Brett Foster, 6-2, 6-2, Tuesday afternoon. The cross-campus rivals tied, 4-4.

# Wildcat spikers outhit Warriors

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth's volleyball team bounced back from its lackluster performance against Canton last week with an outstanding performance against visiting Walled Lake Western Monday night in the Plymouth gymnasium.

The Wildcats ousted the Warriors, 27-25, 20-25, 25-17, 25-21, to improve their record to 9-4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Western slipped to 10-7-1 and 2-1, respectively.

"Our chemistry was a lot better than it was against Canton," emphasized Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "The girls came out and played together as a team and they battled the entire match. Against Canton, they fell behind then kind of rolled over."

"Western has a great team, too. They have outstanding hitters and they were digging up just about every ball."

Several Wildcats compiled stellar statistics, led by Briana Beyer, who was credited with 34 digs. Also shining for the winners were Rachel Heaton (13 kills and 19 digs), Mandi McManus (13 kills) and Kate Spangler (17 assists, 21 digs).

Carly Zeitlin helped keep the Warriors competitive by racking up nine kills and 21 digs, both team highs.

### Salem sweeps Vikes

On Monday at Walled Lake Central, the Rocks were running on all cylinders in their 25-9, 25-19, 25-20 triumph over the Vikings.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 16-9-3 overall and 2-1 in the WLAAs Lakes Division. Central slipped to 0-3 in the division.

"It was a good night for us and everybody got to play," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We served well and attacked well. We didn't have a lot of kills because Central had a lot of problems with their serve-receive against us."

Jill Slabey paced the winners with 11 kills and eight digs. Also shining for the

Rocks were Jansan Falcusan (28 assists and two aces) and Annie Zhang (five digs and two aces).

### Chiefs roll

On Monday, Canton's volleyball team recorded a convincing 25-5, 25-15, 25-13 victory over Wayne Memorial. The triumph improved the Chiefs' record to 13-7-1 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"We were able to get everyone playing time," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "Lauren McPartlin and Jordan Kieley really stayed aggressive at the net. They both had good nights."

McPartlin led Canton with 10 kills while Kieley chipped in with eight kills and six aces. Hannah Mills chipped in with eight digs.

### Rocks to semis

Salem advanced to the semi-final round of the Bedford Invitational Saturday before falling to Dearborn Divine Child, 25-22, 22-25, 15-4.

In pool play, the Rocks swept Southgate Anderson (25-12, 25-10) and Holt (25-23, 25-17) before falling to the Falcons, 26-24, 25-16.

They rebounded to knock off Walled Lake Northern, 25-22, 25-19, in the final pool-play match before eliminating Tecumseh in two games in the quarterfinals.

One of the highlights of the day for coach Amanda Suder was her team's come-from-behind victory over Holt.

"We were down 19-9 in the first game and came back to win," she said.

Jansan Falcusan paced the Rocks with 105 assists, eight aces, 20 digs and eight blocks. Also making major contributions were Kelly MacDonald (42 kills, eight aces, 39 digs), Jill Slabey (34 kills, 23 digs), Alyssa Matchette (43 digs, five aces) and Kerry MacDonald (28 kills and 29 digs).

## STOYCHOFF

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the 2007 campaign.

"It's very, very rare to have a junior captain at Salem, but Jeremy earned it just like our other captain — junior Kevin Cope — did," said McCarthy. "Jeremy is more of a leader-by-example kind of guy. He's a hard worker who is committed to the sport and he provides the team with positive results. He's also a good decision-maker — especially when the game gets tense."

Stoychoff was destined to be a soccer star — his older sister, Ashley, would not have had it any other way. Ashley Stoychoff is currently a standout player on the Madonna University women's team.

"She's the one who kind of pushed me into it," Stoychoff said. "When I was really young, Ashley showed me how to play and what I needed to work on to get better."

### Stoychoff vs. Stoychoff

The Stoychoff siblings have squared off in some classic games of one-on-one in the family's back yard, which is flanked by a pair of soccer nets, one of which is "official size," according to Jeremy.

"She used to beat me pretty bad when I was younger," he said. "Now, though — I hate to say it — but she taught me too well, so I think I'd

beat her if we played today," Jeremy said, smiling.

Salem's season has been one of the strangest in the school's long and storied soccer history thanks to an astronomically high eight ties (the Rocks are 5-4-8 overall).

"Playing in all these ties has been very frustrating," said Stoychoff. "We just can't seem to finish games. Then when we give the other team just one opportunity, they've been punishing us for it and scoring. Hopefully, we can turn it around once the state tournament starts."

### Stellar student

Stoychoff is a leader in the classroom as well as on the soccer pitch. He's earned a 3.8 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) and has his sights set on playing collegiate soccer at a big-time school, preferably the University of Michigan.

"That's my goal," he said. "If I can't play at Michigan, I'd like to play at another big school, like Michigan State or Indiana."

If the talented Stoychoff defies the odds and plays for an elite collegiate team, it would be the frosting on the cake of a stellar soccer career.

Or, more accurately, the creme filling in the middle of an OreO.

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# Windsor Spitfires shoot down Whalers, 6-4

Veteran Brad Snetsinger scored a pair of goals in the third period to snap a 4-4 tie and the Windsor Spitfires defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 6-4, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

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period when he scored on a scramble of the right side of the Plymouth goal past Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth.

Snetsinger's game-winner came at 1:19 of the third period on a 5-on-4 power play when he played the carom of a shot off the end boards in the Plymouth zone to beat Neuvirth in tight on the right side of the goal. Snetsinger's insurance marker came at 14:35 of the period when he deflected Ryan Ellis' point shot past Neuvirth.

The Whalers' next home game is Saturday when they host John Tavares and the Oshawa Generals at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena.



## MEMORIES

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were the only one that had been told that. Well, it worked."

As did just about everything else that season for the Rocks, who held an informal 50-year reunion last Friday before and during the new Plymouth High School's homecoming game against Northville.

## Low expectations

Among the doubters was the local newspaper's sports editor, who picked the '57 Rocks to finish last in the Suburban Six Activities Association.

"We were small, but we were extremely quick and aggressive," recalled Hal "Dick" Anderson, a two-way line-man for Plymouth during that magical season. "Maybe it was because of our size, but we knew we had to give 100 percent on every play because we were outweighed by everybody."

"Our first game of the year was against Northville. I was playing middle guard on defense at 5-foot-9, 155 pounds. Lining up across from me was Jeff Goodrich, who was 6-8 and 240 — and he wasn't even the tallest guy on their team."

"Well, they were ranked No. 5 in Class B and we weren't ranked at all. But so much for rankings — we beat them (13-12)."

## T-mendous offense

The ground work for the incredible success the '57 Rocks would experience was laid the previous summer when Hoben attended a football clinic that taught the Wing-T offense.

"We were the first team in the entire area that ran the Wing-T, so it took our opponents a while to adjust to it," said Bill Brown, a just-out-of-college assistant coach on that team. "It was a good offense for us because we weren't real big, but we had some fast guards who were asked to pull on just about every play."

"There were between 200 and 300 plays that could be run out of that offense, but the linemen only had to remember 10 rules," said Alsbro. "It clicked right away."

Following the one-point victory over Northville, Plymouth flattened Redford Union, 34-6, in Week 2.

Then misfortune struck. "We had to cancel our third game against Allen Park because most of the team had come down with the Asian Flu," Alsbro reflected. "It never got made up so we ended up co-champions along with Allen Park."

## Weakened bodies, strong wills

With several players still feeling the effects of the flu, the Rocks sprinted past Belleville, 32-12, in Week 4. Lopsided triumphs over Bentley (38-0) and Trenton (19-6) set up a final-game showdown with a powerful Ypsilanti squad.

"We had a bye the week before the Ypsilanti game, so we all went over to Ann Arbor to watch Ypsilanti play Pioneer," said Brown, who would later become the first principal at Plymouth Salem High School. "Ypsilanti was ranked No. 2 and Pioneer was No. 5, and they played to a 12-12 tie, so we knew we were going to have our hands full the following week."

"I remember walking around town the week before the Ypsilanti game and people in the community would come up to me and ask, 'How many points is Ypsilanti going to beat you by on Friday?'" Alsbro said. "They had beaten us something like 35-6 the year before, so people weren't expecting much from us."

The small but speedy Rocks dominated from the opening kick-off and walked off with a stunning 28-point victory over the No. 2-ranked team in the state.

"We still weren't ranked, even after that win," said Alsbro, who moved on to sculpt a successful career in the military and as a health and physical education teacher at a community college. "But we didn't care because we were unbeaten and we had exceeded every expectation anybody had set for us before the season started."

"Everything came together that year. I'll never forget it."

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## Observerland football teams face a pivotal week

## GRID PICKS

in its last three games to seal a bid.

Just one Observerland team — 6-0 Livonia Stevenson — has secured a spot in the playoffs heading into this week's games.

Good luck to all of the local teams this week!

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons still leads the "Grid Picks" standings with a 48-20 record even though he went a shaky 7-5 last week. I've moved up to second with a 46-22 mark after going 10-2 last week, while Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith is still in the hunt at 44-24 following an 8-4 week.

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL START AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)  
Walled Lake Central (2-4, 2-2) at Livonia Stevenson (6-0, 4-0): The Spartans, who are averaging 44.5 points per game, have one of the state's most

electrifying offenses, which crosstown rival Livonia Churchill found out in last week's 37-3 blowout. The Vikings are still licking their wounds from last week's loss to John Glenn. PICKS: Wright (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

Livonia Churchill (5-1, 3-1) at Walled Lake Northern (0-6, 0-4): Playing the winless Knights should help the Chargers put last week's tough loss to Livonia Stevenson in the rear-view mirror. PICKS: Wright (Churchill); Emons (Churchill); Smith (Churchill).

Salem (1-5, 1-3) at Westland John Glenn (3-3, 2-2): The Rocks will come into this one with some much-needed momentum courtesy of Saturday's 7-6 win over Walled Lake Northern. The Rockets are looking for a perfect finish to secure a playoff berth. PICKS: Wright (Salem); Emons (Glenn); Smith (Glenn).

Wayne Memorial (3-3, 2-2) at Canton (3-3, 2-2): This game promises to go down to the wire as the Zebras' high-octane offense is led by quarterback D.J. Freeman while senior signal-caller Adam Powers has proven more-than-efficient at engineering the Chiefs' full-house-T attack. PICKS: Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton); Smith (Wayne).

Livonia Franklin (2-4, 2-2) at Northville (0-6, 0-4): The Patriots had better beware the winless Mustangs, who gave Plymouth a scare last week. It's homecoming at Northville, so the Mustangs will be fired up. PICKS: Wright (Franklin); Emons (Franklin); Smith (Franklin).

Plymouth (4-2, 2-2) at Walled Lake Western (5-1, 4-0): The Warriors have already clinched first place in the WLAA's Western Division. Plymouth's defense has yielded just 12.6 points per game so far. PICKS: Wright (Plymouth); Emons (Western); Smith (Western).

Livonia Clarenceville (1-5, 1-5) at Pontiac Notre Dame (5-1, 4-0): One week after registering their first win of the season, the Trojans will face the daunting task of trying to stop the Fighting Irish, which is averaging over 30 points game. PICKS: Wright (Notre Dame); Emons (Notre Dame); Smith (Notre Dame).

Macomb Lutheran North (5-1, 5-0) at Lutheran Westland (3-3, 2-2), 7:30 p.m.: LW needs to win out to advance to the post-season. Judging by the way Lutheran North has played so far this season, that's going to be a tough task. PICKS: Wright (Lutheran North); Emons (Lutheran North); Smith (Lutheran North).

Redford Covenant (5-1, 4-0) at Parkway Christian (6-0, 3-0): This game will go a long way in determining the champion of the Southern Michigan Conference. PICKS: Wright (Parkway); Emons (Parkway); Smith (Covenant).

Melvindale (5-1, 3-1) at Redford Thurston (1-5, 1-3): On paper, the Cardinals should be way too strong for the Eagles. The same will probably hold true on grass as well. PICKS: Wright (Melvindale); Emons (Melvindale); Smith (Melvindale).

D.H. Annapolis (3-3, 2-3) at Garden City (1-5, 1-4): Just a few years after nearly shutting down its football program due to lack of interest, Annapolis is in the hunt for a playoff spot. Garden City is playing for pride, which can be a powerful motivator. PICKS: Wright (Garden City); Emons (Garden City); Smith (Garden City).

Redford Union (2-4, 1-3) at Taylor Kennedy (3-3, 2-2): RU will be looking to bounce back from a tough loss against Trenton. PICKS: Wright (Kennedy); Emons (Kennedy); Smith (Kennedy).

## Salem gridders snap 20-game losing streak, 7-6

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Salem's football team clinched its first victory since September of 2005 on Saturday afternoon with a play as wild as its 20-game losing streak was frustrating.

With the Rocks clinging to a 7-6 lead, just over two minutes left and Walled Lake Northern on the Salem 43, linebacker Jim Dexter tipped a Northern pass into the hands of Knight running back Garret Harper, who took two steps before getting rocked by Salem's Justin Bader. The ball popped straight into the hands of Salem's Russell Brown, who secured the fumble and the eventual 7-6 victory.

"I've never been this happy after a football game in my life," said Brown, a junior, who earlier in the game tipped away a fourth-down pass by Northern. "This team is good, even though a lot of people don't think so. We keep battling every week and we've never given up. I can't put into words how happy I am right now."

The setback dropped Northern to 0-6.

The Knights jumped ahead, 6-0, with 8:34 left in the first quarter when quarterback

## PREP FOOTBALL

Gavin Sheridan hit Harper in stride for a 43-yard scoring strike. The ensuing missed extra point — which went wide left — would come back to haunt Northern.

Early in the second quarter, Salem mounted a 13-play drive that started at its 11 and eventually stalled at the Northern 47.

Both team's defenses took over from there.

Salem hadn't scored a point in 13 straight quarters before junior quarterback Heath Parling connected with senior Jesse Pointer on a 10-yard scoring strike on a fourth-down play with 1:46 left in the third quarter. Brian Hattie's extra point proved to be the winning play.

The winning drive was set up five plays earlier when Brandt Thomas's crunching hit forced Northern's Colin Colgrove to cough up the football at the Salem 22. Rob Olson scooped up the loose pigskin and returned it to the Rock 49.

On Salem's first play of the ensuing drive, Anthony Mullins lofted a perfect half-back pass to Pointer, who got knocked out of bounds at the Northern 10. Four plays later,

Parling scrambled right before threading a perfect pass to Pointer on a crossing pattern.

"I'm very proud of the way the team hung together during this entire losing streak," said Salem coach Parker Salowich. "There was never any finger-pointing. They came to work every practice ready to go. Getting through something like this is what's going to make them good men down the road."

Marvin Thomas proved to be the Rocks' most-potent weapon on an afternoon that was dominated by defense. Thomas picked up 36 yards on seven carries. Mullins accounted for 42 yards on 24 carries while Parling went 5-for-13 for 52 yards.

Sheridan completed 14-of-28 passes for 150 yards. Harper was his favorite target, catching three aeriels for 61 yards. The Knights managed just 40 yards on the ground on 16 attempts.

Northern picked up eight first downs to Salem's six.

Several Rocks turned in excellent efforts on the defensive side of the ball, including Thomas, Jeremy Epley, Bader, Olson, Corey Needham, Justin Burke and Brown.

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## Canton Lions devour Meteors

The Canton Lions varsity football team improved its record to 4-0 Sunday with an exciting 35-21 victory over the Westland Meteors. After Westland scored first to grab a 7-0 lead, the Lions countered with 19 unanswered points to take a 19-7 advantage. The Meteors cut their deficit to 19-14 early in the third quarter, but Canton scored two more TDs to run away with the victory.

Marcus Houston was a touchdown machine for the winners as he found the end zone four times. Kevin Buford was also a standout, notching a TD and a pair of interceptions. William Askew kicked two extra points, caused a fumble and had four tackles in the Meteor backfield. Also turning in strong efforts were Michael Boes, Clay Behrman and Nick Weber.

The Lions junior varsity squad overpowered the Meteors, 35-0, behind a balanced rushing attack that featured Malcolm Hollingsworth, Jamari Eiland, Collin Hall and Tyler Searls. The Lions also struck through the air on a TD pass from quarterback Devin Slominski to tight end Scott Gring.

Lucas Bunting added two extra-point kicks. Defensive standouts were Westen Price, Nathan Emminger (sack) Evan Thomas (interception), Daniel Tidwell and Daniel Jopping (forced fumble).

The Lions freshmen contingent ran its record to 4-0 with a 39-13 thumping of the Meteors.

The Lions defense forced five fumbles and recovered three, including one for a

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touchdown by Chuckie Turfe. The offense was paced by strong blocking from Daniel Kilgore, Allante Wheeler, Cordell Gibson and Damarcus Kaigler. Shane Raymond Austin Fisher, Forrest Hill and Jake Stropes led the winners' defense.

The Lions junior freshmen unit turned in a strong defensive effort against the Meteors led by Jacob Miller, Steven Thomas, Kyle Amick, Ethan Balogh and Connor Danaher. The offense had a strong effort led by the blocking of Mason Koppchia, Jeffrey Johnson and Noah Brown.

## Steelers prevail

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity football team crushed Garden City, 39-0, on Sunday. The Steelers' offense was led by Kadeen Hemphill, who scored on a 90-yard reverse; Trenton Shelby, who added a 53-yard TD run, and Jarred Sexton, who had a key offensive catch for a first down. Jacob Perkins was tough on both sides of the line, making a key second-half catch. The defense was led by Chris Mattel.

The Steelers freshmen squad defeated the Chargers, 25-6. The offense was led by Braden Abundis, who had a long run on a reverse; Zach Rhodes with two TD runs; and Jack Pardington, who worked hard on the offensive line. Both Bradley Deeg and Thomas Nelson led the defense with strong plays.

The games marked the Steelers' "Homecoming" festivities.

## Canton clinches WLAA western division title

## PREP SOCCER

Canton's boys soccer team clinched the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title Monday night with a convincing 6-0 white-washing of visiting Livonia Franklin.

The triumph improved the Chiefs' record to 11-2-3 overall and 8-1-1 in the division. The Patriots slipped to 3-11 and 2-8, respectively.

Canton will take on Lakes Division champion Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday, Oct. 10, for the WLAA title. The opening kick is set for 7 p.m. at Stevenson.

Junior forward Sherif Hassanien had a night to remember for Canton as he netted two goals and an assist — all in the first half when the Chiefs stormed to a 4-0 lead.

Hassanien's scored the match's opening goal unassisted before assisting Tim Belcher on the Chiefs' second net-finder. A short time later,

Hassanien made it 3-0 after securing a pass from Pat Nolan.

Canton's final first-half tally came from Mark Edwards, who was assisted by Nolan.

Kyle Breitmeyer (from Belcher) and Belcher (unassisted) close out the scoring.

Kevin Krause (first half) and Nick Turnbull (second) combined for the shutout in net for the Chiefs.

SALEM 4, JOHN GLENN 3: On Monday at Glenn, the Rocks overcame a 2-1 halftime deficit to post the victory in both teams' final WLAA Lakes Division contest of the season.

Salem improved to 6-4-8 overall and 5-3-1 in the Lakes Division.

Alex Tramel opened the scoring for the winners off an assist from Jeremy Stoychoff.

The Rocks got rolling in the

second half thanks to a quick goal from Josh Pascarella, who was assisted by Stoychoff. Pascarella scored a short time later after handling a pass from Tramel.

Rafael Vinenzio scored the eventual game-winner, which was unassisted.

AGAPE 6, PARKWAY 1: On Tuesday, the Wolverines improved to 13-1 overall and 8-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division with a dominating effort against Parkway. Agape led 3-1 at the half and never looked back thanks to the strong goal-keeping of Joel Ruffin, who stopped all five shots he faced.

Offensively, the Wolves were sparked by Ty Majeski (two goals, one assist), Donald Mullett (two goals), Mark Mullett (one goal), Jared Miller (one goal, one assist) and Brandon Pierson (two assists).

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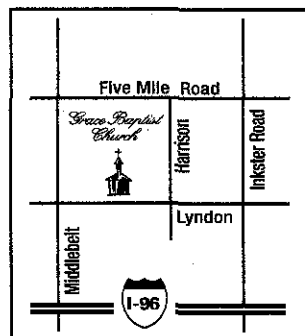
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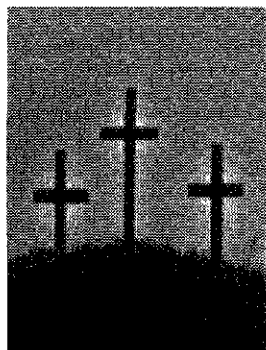


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## NISSAN ALTIMA DESERVES TO STAND ON SALES PEDESTAL

Advertising Feature

### CAReport



By Dale Buss

New and exciting products had to be a big part of the solution to Nissan's woes when Carlos Ghosn moved into position as new CEO to rescue the company in 1999, and one of the first scintillating new vehicles that he came up with was the 2002 Altima. It was a larger vehicle and a more stylish one than its predecessor, and Ghosn's aim was nothing less than sharing the sales-volume pedestal in the U.S. market with the likes of Toyota's iconic Camry and the equally venerable Honda Accord.

It worked for awhile. The car quickly became a bestseller in America, surpassing its targets to sell a record 255,000 units in 2005 and helping to pace the much-vaunted turnaround of Nissan that also benefited from a styling revolution at its Infiniti luxury brand.

Well, given the hypercompetitive nature of the auto business these days, and Nissan's notable slippage during the last couple of years, it was no surprise that the company decided to overhaul its flagship Altima once again. And what they ended up with, fortunately, is a car that deserves heavy consideration by any consumer who's looking in the heart of the market: a worthy vehicle for around \$20,000 or so.

For the 2007 Altima glides along the road without ever making you feel that you're not in control. It vrooms nicely for a car in this price range. It is rendered in a to-kill-for design, not exactly surprising considering what Nissan and Infiniti designers have been fielding lately. And on the inside, there are many refinements that make the new version of Altima an overall much better package than the earlier rendition that it replaced.

Start with the car's design. It's a sleek wedge shape with a rising window line that reduces the car's rear windows to tiny little triangles. Not great for the rear passengers, perhaps, but it sure is nice to look at from the outside. Nissan's designs by nature can't be as radical or chic as Infiniti's have become, because Nissan is still pursuing the mainstream of the U.S. car market. But stack up the Altima next to a new Camry or Accord and you'll see in a glance one major reason why Altima has become such a worthy competitor.

Under the hood, the 2007 Altima has stepped up its



Based on style alone,  
the new Altima is worth  
purchase consideration.

The climate controls inside  
the new Altima are a picture  
of logic and ease.



game as well. Nissan's ubiquitous 3.5-liter, six-cylinder engine has been massaged to deliver 20 more horsepower – now, up to 270 – than before as well as 258 lb.-ft. of torque. This version of Altima responds powerfully to everything a driver requires, whether it's stomping on the acceleration to make a pass or easing along the interstate at a cruising speed.

Greatly contributing to this happy circumstance is a continuously variable transmission that handles all the necessary shifting with aplomb. Nissan is a global leader in this technology and has been for more than a decade. It believes that the improved efficiency and smoothness offered by this transmission design represents the wave of the future, and the company expects to sell one million CVTs globally every year, by next year. Meanwhile, Altima stands as a great exponent of what Nissan's CVT can do.

Altima's interior is sleek and stylish. At the request of women in focus groups, Nissan actually reduced the wheelbase of Altima by an inch or two, which squeezes legroom by the same dimension in the front. Curiously, however, legroom in the rear is just a tad improved. Still,

rear passengers don't have a lot of room to stretch out, and their seats are deep, deep into the vehicle; I hope their rides are short.

Many reviewers made much of lower-priced, shoddy plastics in some parts of the interior of the 2002 version, and by all appearances Nissan has significantly upgraded in that department.

There also are some interesting and unique refinements in interior features. Climate controls can be overlooked by even the best car designers, but in Altima, there's one of the best layouts I've found. All the controls are logically grouped together; there's even a digital temperature read-out inside the control knob of both the driver's and passenger's sides, an innovation I haven't seen anywhere else.

Sensibly, Nissan also has furnished the Altima with plenty of good sized compartments, including one under the dashboard under a sliding panel that is huge enough for cell phones, wallets, keys, maybe even a small purse. Not enough vehicle designers are this sensible!

### 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 \$269 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.**

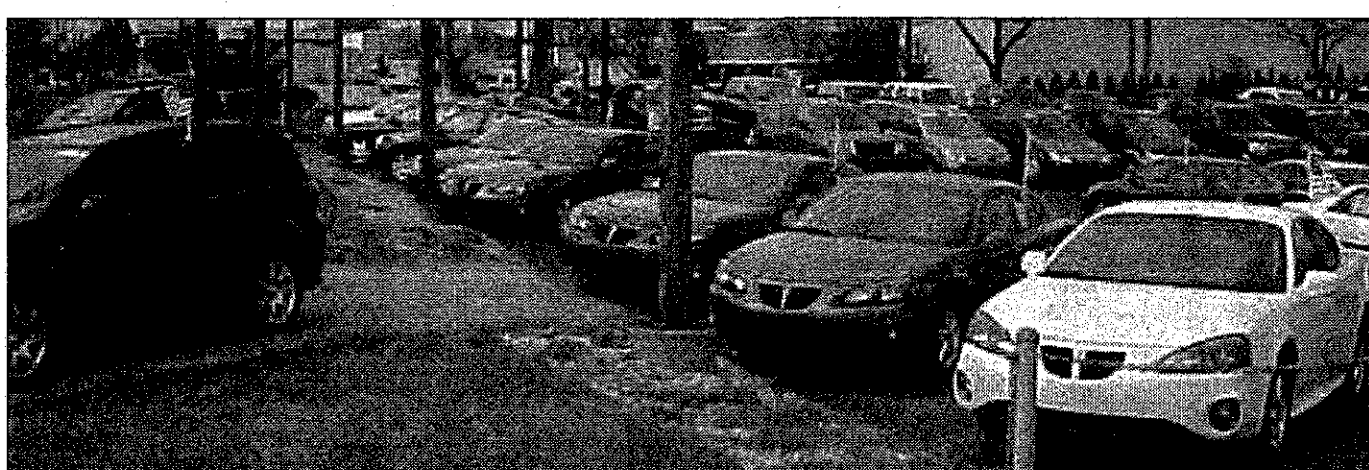
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private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

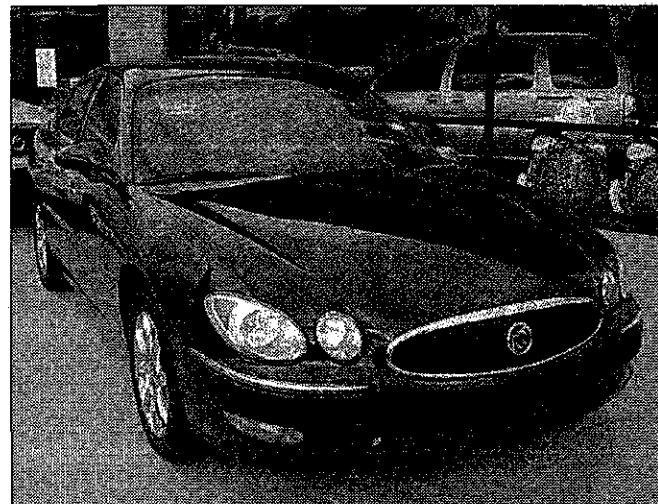
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

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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## Seasons of change

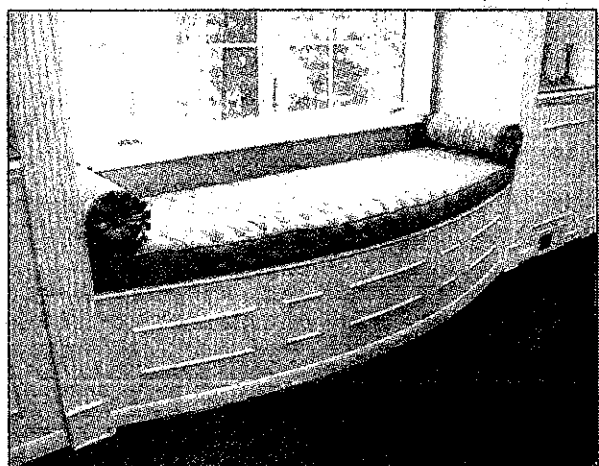


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A window seat provides a great spot to linger over coffee and dessert or after-dinner drinks. For family gatherings, window seats offer the perfect retreat for kids who are no longer content to sit at the table, according to Barbi Krass of Colorworks Studio in West Bloomfield.

## Take a new look at old space

BY JEANINE MATLOW  
CORRESPONDENT

## GETTING STARTED

Change can be a good thing for you and your home. Here are some tips on getting started:

Take a good look around your rooms to see what works and what could use some improvement. Take note of what you'd like to add or modify and begin shopping around for new products and ideas.

Tear out pages of interest from magazines for styles that appeal to you. Keep them in a folder for reference when updating your home. Consider multiple uses for your rooms, such as a reading corner, entertaining area and workspace in your living room.

Get creative and have fun with the process. The better you feel about your surroundings, the more likely you are to enjoy them.

**H**ave you ever felt like you were stuck in a decorating rut? If so, it might be time for some new furniture and a refreshing new way to look at those rarely used rooms in your home.

As our needs change over the years — with growing families, household pets and even the eventual empty nest syndrome — so should our homes. You may find that your tastes have evolved and you're ready to spruce up that tired home décor. Or a dedicated home office may be on the horizon.

We often become too attached to the original purpose of a room, despite the fact that it no longer suits our needs. So, if you can't remember the last time you actually

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## Accents



Former Red Wing Igor Larionov will promote his newest wines at several upcoming events.

## LARIONOV PROMOTES WINES

Igor Larionov will be circling the Motor City this weekend like he once skated around the Colorado defense.

The former Detroit Red Wing will be promoting his newest California wines at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham, WineStyles in Livonia and Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Rochester.

La Salla, the gourmet banquet and catering center at Gourmettrion, and Tom's Oyster Bar will be hosting a meet-and-greet dinner with Larionov 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5. All six wines from the Larionov California portfolio will be offered with one dish from Papa Joe's and one from Tom's Oyster Bar. Tickets are \$150 per couple, \$80 per person or \$1,000 for a 10-person corporate table.

On Saturday, Oct. 6, Larionov will be at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. to celebrate his newest wines, then again between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Gourmettrion in Rochester Hills. Guests can purchase Larionov wines and have their own personal message written from Larionov.

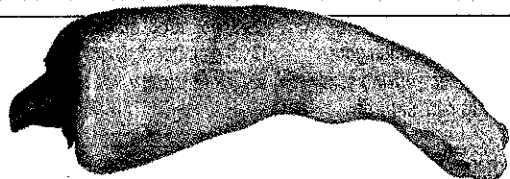
Papa Joe's Gourmet Market is located at 34244 Woodward Ave. in Birmingham (phone (248) 723-9400). Papa Joe's Gourmet Market is located at 6900 Rochester Rd. in Rochester Hills (phone (248) 853-6263).

Larionov also will appear at Wine Styles Livonia 3:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 for a bottle signing event. This event begins with a private VIP party and wine tasting 3:30-5 p.m. for WineStyles Wine Club members only. Guests can sample selections from Larionov's Triple Overtime portfolio. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Fleming's Steakhouse. Guests can interact with Larionov, including an opportunity to enjoy a bottle signing and photographs.

After the private event, Larionov will be available for the general public for bottle signing and photographs.

There will be a one bottle minimum purchase of Larionov's wine for admission. (Please, no hockey sticks, jerseys or other paraphernalia.)

WineStyles is located at 17386 Haggerty Rd., in Livonia. Call (734) 464-9600.



## Cookoff winners chosen

Thousands of motorcycle and chili lovers descended on Plymouth Sunday, to the tune of about 25,000 people.

Among those were 66 chili cooks who simmered up tomato, chili and beef mixes, 19 cooks of verde chili and 21 salsa chefs, all with hopes of winning the 12th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition.

And after the judges tasted the heat, they decided on the winners who will attend the 2008 International Chili Society's World Championship in October 2008 with hopes of winning a \$25,000 grand prize.

Wes Carlson, of Loves Park, Ill., won the red chili category. Second place went to Jim Stoddard of Coppell, Texas, and third place was awarded to Chuck Hoff of Columbus, Ohio. Jim Weller, formerly of West Bloomfield and now of Rockton, Ill., won the chili verde category and Gail Kyle of Dearborn won first place for her salsa.

The Omelette & Waffle Cafe in downtown Plymouth ran away with both the Best Judged restaurant chili and the People's Choice restaurant chili, repeating the same awards the restaurant received in 2005.

— Ken Abramczyk

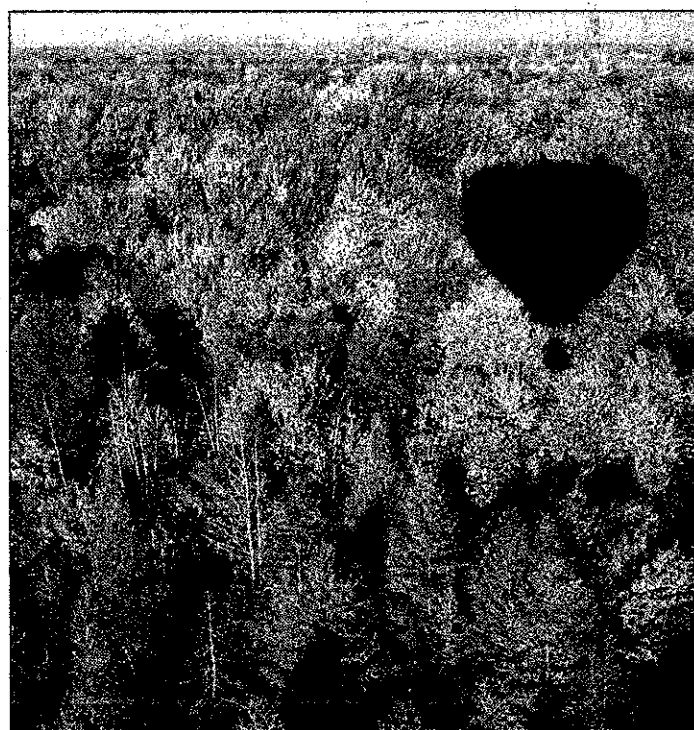
## Indulge in Michigan's rich color change

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Autumn is perhaps the most charming time of year in Michigan as nature showers our surroundings with gold, amber and red.

Fall color change tours on foot, by car, kayak, rail or hot air balloon are offered throughout the Mitten. Here is your guide to get the most out of this precious season. The colors of Michigan's 150 tree species peak at different times in September and October. Color changes start in the UP and move south — weather permitting, of course.

For driving tours with specific routes, visit Michigan's travel site, [www.michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org), where you can sign up to receive e-mail updates on color changes in your favorite city. If you want to drive western Michigan on your own, it's easily

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Leaves glow with color throughout October.



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# Amazon MP3 store gives iTunes some serious competition

For the past few hours I've been quietly humming bars of the Hallelujah Chorus, and that's only because of the strange looks I got for belting it out.

Why the unbridled joy? Because DRM is dead. Digital Rights Management, you'll recall, is the widely reviled copy-protection scheme employed by Apple's iTunes Store, RealNetworks' Rhapsody, Microsoft's Zune Marketplace, and most other music-download services.

Songs purchased from these stores arrive on your PC saddled with restrictions, like how many PCs and which portable devices you can play them on. It's like having a pizza delivered and being told that you have

to eat it at the kitchen table, you can't share it with anyone else, and any leftovers have to be reheated every 30 minutes or the pizza becomes inedible.

So who killed DRM? Surprisingly, not Apple. The company tested the DRM-free waters earlier this year with higher-priced tracks from record label EMI, but the iTunes Store made them difficult to find. Plus, who's going to pay \$1.29 per song after years of paying 99 cents?

Interestingly, the company standing over DRM's limp, rotting corpse, gleaming sword held high, is none other than Amazon.

The new Amazon MP3 store (<http://tinyurl.com/2gdkkn>) sells DRM-free songs in MP3 format. That means they can be played on any virtually any music-capable portable device in the world: iPod, iPhone, Microsoft Zune, Verizon Chocolate, Palm Treo, SanDisk Sansa, Creative Zen Vision, BlackBerry 8300, and so on.

You can also burn the songs to as many CDs as you like, and share them with family members. What you can't do, of course, is trade them publicly on the Internet, post them on your blog, or do anything else that violates basic copyright laws. In other words, the restrictions are logical and completely fair.

Now for the icing on the cake: Amazon charges 99 cents per track, but all "top 100" songs are priced at just 89 cents apiece. What's more, album prices tend to be even lower: Lily Allen's Brit-pop confection *Alright, Still*, for instance, costs \$7.99, which works out to about 61 cents per song.

So, to recap, Amazon MP3 has lower prices than iTunes and none of the copy restrictions. The only software you need to install is a tiny downloader program that can automatically route newly purchased songs to your iTunes or

Windows Media Player library. Also noteworthy: Amazon MP3's catalog exceeds two million songs. I found everything from Amy Winehouse to Thelonus Monk to The Rolling Stones. Granted, iTunes carries over three million songs, but I'm positive Amazon will catch up as sales catch fire — which they invariably will. This, folks, is how music was meant to be purchased online. Amazon makes it easy, affordable and hassle-free. I see no reason to shop anywhere else.

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## A level appliance is of utmost importance

Most households have a store bought level, or you can use a clear water glass with a line created with a felt marker. Either way, it's a good practice to check out the level of your major appliances every once in a while.

Most critical these days are the clothes washer, which has a much greater spin speed than our older machines. The vibration factor of a washing machine today is one of the biggest

complaints lodged by consumers and too many times it is nothing but a leveling problem. When a new washer is delivered and installed, make sure the installer locks down the leveling legs so the legs don't vibrate loose three years from now. All of this also applies to

your clothes dryer. The dishwasher will have one big leak around the bottom of the door if it's not level. You can pretty well tell how level it is if you let it fill with water, shut it off and open the door. You can observe the water line all the way around the bottom of the interior. The dishwasher also has leveling legs that need adjustment to the point where you can easily attach the screws into the underside of the kitchen counter. A mistake made much too often occurs when a new floor is installed in the kitchen and a new sub floor is laid. Down the road when service is needed and the dishwasher has to be pulled out from under the counter, it can't be moved. Always create an access so the dishwasher can slide out. It's pretty tough cutting off the leveling legs with a hacksaw blade in such a tight fitting area.

The kitchen range becomes critical in the sense of the desire for a fine cooking per-

formance. There is nothing worse than cooking eggs that continually slide to one side of the frying pan. There are also lock down mechanisms provided with many kitchen ranges today, which prevent a stove from tipping should a person accidentally fall against it or trip on an open door. In the history of our modern kitchen, the cooking appliance can be classified as the most dangerous of all appliances. Thousands of people suffer severe burns every year and most of these cases could have been prevented.

The refrigerator is the biggest guzzler of your home energy provided by the utility company. The level of this product can cause a door not to seal properly thereby increasing the operating time of the refrigerator. I have recommended that a refrigerator level should be perfect from side to side but that the front of the product should be a half-inch higher from front to rear. This increases the

weight of the doors against the frame of the box and assures a better sealing door. It also helps the doors close more easily, especially when someone forgets to make sure the doors are closed tight.

For those of you with hardwood floors, use caution when moving the refrigerator. Those leveling legs or rollers will most certainly scratch the surface of the floor unless you place a throw rug or heavy piece of material under the front legs. It happens all the time. Stay tuned.

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## CHANGE

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dined in your dining room, rethink the space for another purpose. If a home office is at the top of your wish list, the dining room may offer the perfect solution. The table can double as a desk and a buffet will come in handy for extra surface space and storage.

Or maybe a craft room that provides plenty of elbow room for projects and gift wrapping is what you're after. Once again, your dining room table and buffet can work in a number of scenarios.

Besides, trying something new in your home is better than living with wasted space, especially when space is at a premium. Experimenting with your rooms also gives you a good excuse to treat yourself to something special like a stylish office chair.

And what about that guest room where no one ever stays and the clothes are piling up on the bed that takes up half

the space in the middle of the floor? Invest in a futon or daybed which can be placed along the wall. This plan provides a place to steal an afternoon nap, while opening up the rest of the room to endless possibilities such as a media room for movies and music.

Another factor to consider when updating your home is storage. While media equipment, such as flat screen TVs, tends to free up more space than the previous models, the same cannot be said about the gadgets and accessories that go with them. Make sure you plan to include enough storage space in every room of your home. Keep an eye out for pieces that offer both open and hidden storage, allowing you to display your favorite collections while concealing everything else.

Interior designer and owner of Colorworks Studio in West Bloomfield, Barbi Krass, shares some ideas about today's lifestyle trends. Backed by 30 years of experience in the business, this sea-

soned designer takes her cues from the needs of her clients. Now you can take some cues from her tips for the place you call home.

Whether it's the living room, family room or dining room, Krass suggests you take a good look at function before tackling any space.

"Today's family room is definitely multi-purpose," the designer says, "with media applications, computer applications, and family hang-out time." Built-in furniture is ideal for viewing TVs, DVDs and video games and those designed with an open niche work well for computer applications.

Today's homeowners are opting for comfort in a big way. Krass says her clients are looking for the opportunity to put their feet up, whether on a chaise, an ottoman, or an extra deep sectional. With assortment of styles available for lounging, selecting this type of furniture has never been easier.

Krass says the concept of

the formal living room has decreased in popularity over the last 10 years because people want to make all of the rooms in their home more user-friendly. "Although still designated as more of an entertaining space, living rooms have evolved into cozier, more intimate spaces," she says. Built-in bars and serving areas are in high demand for the newly defined living room of today.

"Dining rooms are growing in size with room for large gatherings, as we see tremendous interest in entertaining at home," Krass says. Additional niches, such as a window seat flanked by display or serving cabinets, cut down the scale in what is often a long narrow room. A window seat also provides a great spot to linger over coffee and dessert or after-dinner drinks.

For family gatherings, Krass says, window seats offer the perfect retreat for kids who are no longer content to sit at the table.

## 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.

### Colossal Garage Sale

Find treasures of every description as the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club hosts its annual Colossal Indoor Garage Sale. Antiques, china, art, rugs, household goods, small appliances, sporting goods, toys, books, baked goods, raffle tickets and more will be on sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18-19, at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University, admission, \$1. A Preview Night & Silent Auction will be held 7-9 p.m. Oct. 17, admission, \$10. There will also be a Brown Bag Sale 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 20, admission, \$3. Proceeds benefit Meadow Brook Hall Gardens. Call: (248) 608-0485.

### Water Conservation

Find out "How Your Selections Impact the Environment" as the Michigan Design Center hosts a Water Conservation program 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86. The course will cover LEED standards and how to specify water-saving plumbing solutions. Wine and hors d'oeuvres immediately following. Call (248) 643-3393 by Friday, October 12.

### Decorative Art of Mosaics

The Michigan Design Center will host Meredith Dwyer-Lewis, account executive for New Ravenna, as she presents current and future trends in mosaic tile and stone 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. In addition, she will be discussing the latest designs from Sara Baldwin for New Ravenna. Continental breakfast will be provided prior to the presentation in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86. Call (248) 649-4422 by Friday, Oct. 12.

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Detroit Zoo Events

The Detroit Zoo offers one of the best fall color displays in southeast Michigan.

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, Steven Nikkila will lead a garden walk and offer insights on the trees, shrubs and other plants that star in the natural production, \$42. Learn to build your own garden masterpiece during seminars 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 3. Take an in-depth look at the elements of garden and landscape design—site analysis, making a base plan, texture, color, shape, line, focal point, harmony, contrast and repetition, \$140. Visit [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).

### Draw the Curtain

The Royal Oak Garden Club will host "Drawing the Curtain on Another Garden Season" by Robin of Bloomz in Ferndale at 7 p.m. Oct. 8, at the Royal Oak Library. Call (313) 861-6579.

**The Community House**  
Dos and Don'ts of Fall Cleanup, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 9; Staging Your Garden for

All Seasons, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23; \$24, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham (248) 644-5832, [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Good Earth Landscaping

Mimicking Mother Nature, 7 p.m. Oct. 11, \$34, continuing education class at Waterford Kettering High School, (248) 682-1088; also Beautiful Bulbs, 12:30 p.m. Oct. 8, Oxford Garden Club, at Oxford Library, [www.goodearth-landscapellc.co](http://www.goodearth-landscapellc.co).

### Michigan Orchid Society


Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn, in Bloomington, Ill., on the growing and care of the Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper Orchid), 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21, First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St., free (248) 528-1453.

### Lily Bulb Sale

The Michigan Regional Lily Society will host a sale at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, 9-4 p.m. Oct. 26 & 27. Find hundreds of colorful, high quality hybrid lily bulbs (Orientals, Asiatics, Species, Martagons and more) for reasonable prices. Visit [www.mrls.org](http://www.mrls.org).

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# Taltarni forges a different wine path

One difference between most Australian and U.S. wine producers is that the Aussies, in general, prefer blending grapes from different regions, believing that a sum is greater than any individual region or vineyard site.

Burgundy and Bordeaux producers and many in the United States will disagree. Their belief is that particular regions and vineyards have exceptional properties that can be discovered in the wine and blending dilutes these characteristics. Australia's Taltarni Vineyards and its associated brands, Clover Hill and Lalla Gully, are in the "let's showcase regional characteristics" camp.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Today, the winery has about 300 vine acres planted there.

Taltarni also has vineyards in Victoria's Heathcote region and in the Clover Hill and Lalla Gully region of northeast Tasmania. To highlight them, these wines are marketed as separate brands. Vineyards in four uniquely different sites create what Taltarni believes is a diversity of wine styles.

Warm days and cool nights mean Pyrenees vineyard land has rare climatic conditions enabling production of unique sparkling wines, using the traditional grape varieties (chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier) and production methods of France's Champagne region. Showcasing this is Taltarni Brut Taché

(Tah-SHAY), a non-vintage sparkler with an attractive salmon-pink color and forward fresh fruit. At \$21, it's an affordable bubbly. Color comes from the addition of shiraz to the dosage to "stain" the wine, which in French is taché.

Clover Hill 2001 sparkling wine hails from vineyards in northeast Tasmania, a cool region, primed for the three classic grapes for sparkling wine. This bubbly at \$32 is a step up with the components of selected chardonnay reserve wines, aged in French oak in the blend. Brioche and biscuit characters are evident in this elegant pour.

## TALTARNI REDS

Four reds dominate the Taltarni portfolio.

Taltarni 2004 Three Monks Cabernet Merlot (\$17), a 70/30 blend from Victoria vineyards, over delivers at this price. With nice mouth weight and dark red fruit, it's structured yet lush and an immediate charmer.

Also from the Pyrenees region of Victoria, Taltarni 2002 Shiraz (\$24) is nicely spicy, mellow, rich, layered and complex. To us, many shiraz bottlings from Down Under are now over-extracted in the winemaking process. They don't pair well with food and often have a bitter finish. Gentle extraction of this Taltarni version is appealing and delicious.

Again, from Victoria's Pyrenees, 2002 Taltarni Cephas (\$39), a blend of 70 percent shiraz and 30 percent cabernet sauvignon, highlights blueberry and blackberry fruitiness with gentle spice hints. Smooth and elegant, full, rich and generous are the best words to describe it. From Heathcote in Victoria, comes 2004 Taltarni Heathcote Shiraz (\$32) that is 100 percent varietal. Ripe black raspberry fruit introduces a well-structured wine that finishes silky smooth and elegant.

## WINE PICKS

Autumn leaf colors and the smell of the first fireplace lighting suggest it's also time for the bigger style and flavors of cabernet sauvignon.

**Pick of the pack:** 2004 Robert Craig Howell Mountain \$70. From exotic aromas to supple tannins, this wine showcases everything that's great about the Howell Mountain district as a location for growing Bordeaux varieties.

### Also very good:

2004 Leaping Lizard Napa Valley \$12, good buy if you like a lighter style.

2004 Dry Creek Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley \$22, well priced for its quality.

2004 Burgess Napa Valley \$30

2004 Estancia Paso Robles Meritage \$33

2004 Kenwood Jack London Vineyard \$35

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2004 Michel-Schlumberger Deux Terres \$75

2004 J. Davies Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon \$75

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

Taltarni knows how to craft shiraz in a likeable and delicious style.

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done with a map called *26 Fall Scenic Driving Tours*, available online at [www.wmta.org](http://www.wmta.org).

### BY THE GLASS

Fall is also the season of the grape harvesting, when Michigan vineyards prepare for Chardonnays and Pinot Grigios. Wineries are beautiful in October.

For example, Bel Lago Winery's family-owned vineyard overlooks Lake Leelanau and Lake Michigan. Surrounded by a Pinot Grigio vineyard and situated up

on a hill above the shore is a tasteful room with a panoramic view. Visit [www.bellago.com](http://www.bellago.com), (231) 228-4800. In Grand Traverse, the views from the guest house are stunning at Grand Traverse Chateau Vineyards/Vineyard and Inn. Six guest rooms are perched on a hill overlooking the orchards and Grand Traverse Bay. Visit [www.cgtwines.com](http://www.cgtwines.com).

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### BY TRAIN

Train tours take place every weekend in October in Cadillac that move through the surrounding hills and forests.

A nice time to visit is the weekend of Oct. 13 for the annual Chestnut festival set at City Park on Lake Street.

Each train departs at 11:30 a.m.

(except on Oct. 28 where the ride begins at 2 p.m.) Make reservations online at: [www.lcrt.hometstead.com](http://www.lcrt.hometstead.com).

### BY BALLOON

Head west on I-96 from downtown Brighton and visit the Island Lake Recreation Area. There in Livingston County is a 4,000-acre park that has an "up north" feel in southeast Michigan. Why not see the color change via hot air balloon? Renaissance Balloons, (517) 552-1900 or [www.renaissanceballoons.com](http://www.renaissanceballoons.com), offers one-hour rides at \$225 per person.

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## FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail [kabramcz@hometownlife.com](mailto:kabramcz@hometownlife.com), or fax (248) 644-1314.

### 2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the fall, including Pure Food, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14 (\$55); Fabulous Holiday Party Plan, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1 (\$55); Cookie Exchange, 3-7 p.m. Nov. 18 and 5-9 p.m. Nov. 23 (\$75); 4303 Delemere Court (south of 14 Mile, two blocks east of Coolidge), Royal Oak, (248) 549-5242, [www.twounique.com](http://www.twounique.com).

### Pronto! Cooking Classes

Brush up your culinary skills at these classes: Family Recipes: Eastern Europe, Oct. 10; Brunch: The Best of Breakfast and Dinner, Oct. 17; Appetizers, Hors D'oeuvres & Starters, Oct. 24; The Dinner Party, Oct. 30; Quick Fix: 25-Minute Meals, Nov. 7; Holiday Magic, Nov. 13 and 14, 4343 Normandy Court, Royal Oak, \$30-\$40, (248) 549-1519.

### Wine Exploration Series

Sessions include Wines of France, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 10; Italian Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 24; South of the Equator: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 31 (\$162 for seven-sessions, \$26 for single session, except for introduction and California session, \$28); Champagne and Sparkling Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 14, instructors are Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### The Community House

More classes are offered at The Community House, including Delectable Apples and Pears, 7 p.m. Oct. 8; Soups to Warm Your Soul, 7 p.m. Oct. 16; Verdure Per Tutti I Gusti: Italian Passion for Vegetables! 7 p.m. Oct. 22; Hearty Squashes and Pumpkins, 7 p.m. Nov. 5; Italian Holiday Sweets, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5; to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

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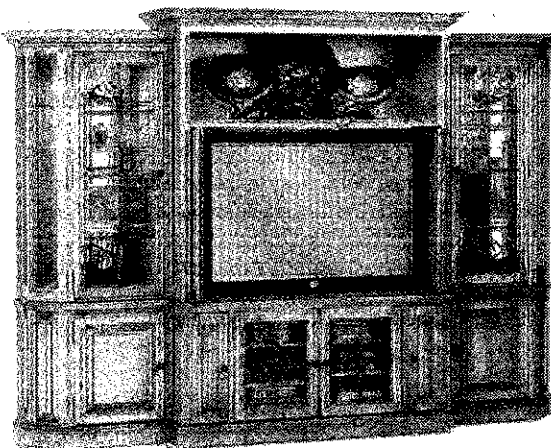
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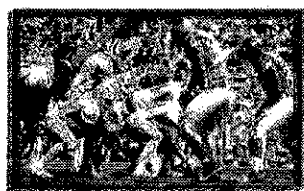
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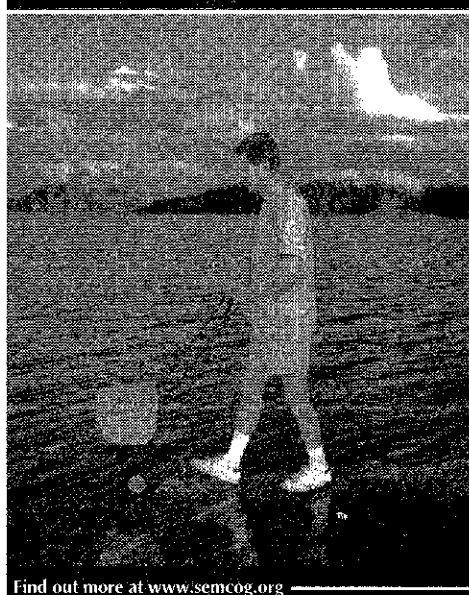
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Attendees switch back and forth between the first and second floors browsing the store during the Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala Wednesday night at the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.



Attendees browse the selection of gourmet food during the Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala.



Models pause at the end of the runway during the fall fashion show of the Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala.



## Nordstrom gala

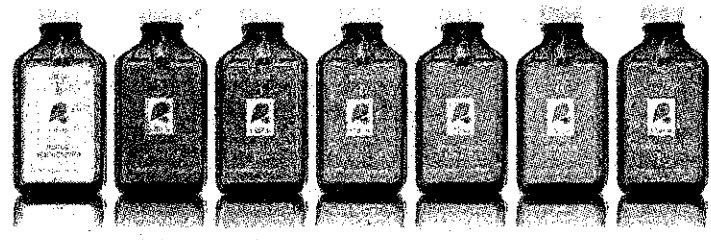


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Models make a dramatic entrance during the fall fashions show of the Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala at the Twelve Oaks Mall Wednesday night.

Nordstrom's arrived at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi with a splash of glamour. The fashion-forward set got a sneak preview during a Grand Opening Gala on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The event offered guests first pick of merchandise, makeovers, and a chance to meet members of the Nordstrom family, along with executives who flew in from Seattle to attend. Nordstrom spared no expense and made an impressive entrance with delicious food, flowing drinks, informal modeling and spectacular runway shows held on an elegantly-appointed tented catwalk. The parting gift, a beautiful pink and black teapot designed by Nordstrom's signature illustrator, Ruben Toledo, promised wonderful tastes in store for new and longtime Nordstrom fans alike. Here's a glimpse into the evening. For the complete photo gallery, visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

## Reader 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!**  
INC International Concepts at Macy's  
Isabelle Lindberg, Farmington Hills



**Mane It!**  
Yarok scalp massage oil  
Suzanne Dickson, Westland

**Face It!**  
Clinique Quickliner in Roast Coffee  
Kaitlynn Schock, Garden City

**Tivo It!**  
The Office  
Tara Von Mach, Birmingham

**Don't Wear It!**  
Trucker baseball caps  
Tanya Chisholm, Troy

**DVD It!**  
Night at the Museum  
Angela Powers, Redford

**Tote It!**  
A bag from Lorla's in downtown Northville  
Claire Kenney, Livonia

**Read It!**  
Smitten by Janet Evanovich  
Deanna Foster, Plymouth

**Kick It!**  
Saucony Jazz running shoes  
Amiee Szabo, Wayne

**Use It!**  
O.P.I. nail polish in Italian Love Affair  
Kaitlynn Schock, Garden City

**Smell It!**  
Personalized perfumes  
Patricia Stacey, Canton

**Hear It!**  
Killer Flamingos  
Karen Cioma-James, Livonia



## PINK mommy

Great shoes for every age and stage

It's fall, Moms, and you know what that means. It's time to retire the kid's summer Crocs and go shopping for new school shoes. But wait... this just in, Crocs has launched a back-to-school line! The adorable new selection includes a Mary Jane for girls, an all terrain shoe for boys and the first ever Crocs boot! Go to [www.crocs.com](http://www.crocs.com) to see all the new styles. Now, let's see what else is new in shoes.



The Pediped Giselle (\$30) is available at HulaBalloo in Royal Oak.

### NEWBORNS, CRAWLERS AND EARLY WALKERS

Even though it is not totally necessary for a newborn to wear them, it is hard for moms to resist tiny little baby shoes. Soft-soled leather slip-on shoes like Robeez or Jack & Lily are easy to get on and not so easy for baby to get off. They are machine washable with skid resistant suede soles and elasticized ankles, and come in so many irresistible designs you will have a hard time choosing. Baby will love discovering her feet and you'll love them because they are so darn cute! Prices range from \$26-\$30. To find Robeez and Jack & Lily shoes visit [www.babystyle.com](http://www.babystyle.com).

### BEGINNING WALKERS

Our parents were taught that children needed stiff, hard-soled shoes for support when learning to walk. Pediatricians now recommend that children wear lightweight, flexible footwear allowing feet to grow and develop muscle strength naturally. HullaBalloo (210a West Sixth Street, Royal Oak) supports this by carrying a great selection of Pediped and See Kai Run footwear. Both brands are made with soft premium grade leather and have flexible soles, allowing feet and toes to grasp the ground beneath. Prices range from \$30-\$36. Call (248) 398-8890 or visit [www.hbmatercity.com](http://www.hbmatercity.com) for more information. Another great line for beginning walkers is Preschoolians. Visit [www.preschoolians.com](http://www.preschoolians.com) to see the entire collection.

### ADVANCED WALKERS

As your child grows older and his arches and muscles start to develop, it is important to have his shoe size checked every few months. Perkos Shoes (33426 W. Five Mile Rd. Livonia) has been selling quality shoes for over 50 years. The store carries different widths and specializes in finding the best fit for your child's foot. Older kids want cool shoes too and it's important to find shoes that provide good fit and function as well as the style they will feel good about. Perkos carries Ecco, Stride Rite, Merrell, Van's and many more brands with sizes ranging from early walker to size 7. Call (734) 427-3477.

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Enter to win the PINK Bag, Borrow or Steal Giveaway by telling us your dream handbag for Fall, and why you simply must have it, in 50 words or less. Your entry may be published in an upcoming edition of PINK regardless of whether you win. Don't forget to include your name, address, e-mail and phone number. E-mail [PINK@hometownlife.com](mailto:PINK@hometownlife.com) by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.

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