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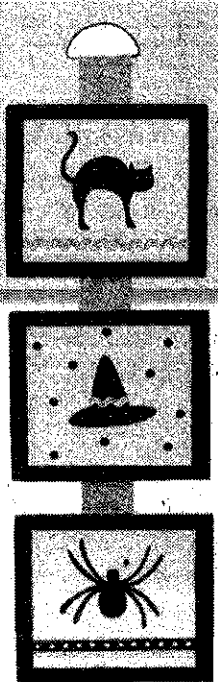
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Head-on crash closes I-275

BY TIFFANY PARKS
STAFF WRITER

At least two people were airlifted to the University of Michigan hospital Wednesday after a head-on collision on I-275 near Ford Road in Canton.

The accident, which occurred at about 2 p.m., forced Michigan State Police to close a stretch

of the interstate. On Ford Road, Wayne County trucks blocked northbound entrances to the highway on both sides of the street.

As southbound I-275 motorists snarled down traffic to a slow crawl, they caught glimpses of a crumpled, dark car positioned just north of a damaged white truck and a smashed white van. Several Canton

police cars, with their lights flashing, surrounded the accident site.

In the hours after the collision, MSP officials were still gathering evidence.

Early reports said a southbound driver crossed the median and crashed head-on into northbound traffic. At least three vehicles were involved in the

crash.

A helicopter was called in to remove the two victims, who were said to be in serious condition at U-M.

As of 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, officials said there were no fatalities. The accident is under investigation.

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Northbound I-275 closed due to an accident between Warren and Koppernick Roads. A medical helicopter leaves the scene.

Opening act

Sisters, partner
hope to build on
1st production

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Alicia Custard always wanted to be in entertainment, Vicki Custard gets a thrill out of being the backbone of a production and Curt Culbreth answered the call for a sales job.

Together, the two Canton Township sisters and the Redford man have combined their talents through an entertainment company called VeeCee. They recently presented their first stage play, *Not Getting Any Younger*, at the Redford Theatre in Detroit.

The play, which has a cast of 10 people, was attended by around 300 people.

"For this to be our first play together, we've had nothing but great feedback," Alicia Custard, 32, beamed. "To see it come to life was like 'whoa!'"

The play, which will be presented again in the spring, was written by Vicki Custard and Culbreth and included touches of comedy and drama. The script focuses on why some women are ready to march down the aisle while some men are content without tying the knot.

"We sat down together and bam, two months later we had a



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Sisters Alicia Custard (left) and Vicki Custard with partner Curt Culbreth.

play," said Culbreth, 42. "Because she's a woman and I'm a man, we felt that the play was complete because it had both perspectives."

Vicki Custard, 37, agreed.

"There were times when we argued but it worked," she said.

The three, who are all single, agree the material flowed because it came from their own experiences.

"We've experienced people pushing us to get married," said Alicia Custard, who edited the play and composed some of its music. "All I can say is that you have to take your time and not rush."

VEECE ENTERTAINMENT

Partners: Alicia Custard and Vicki Custard of Canton and Curt Culbreth of Redford

Production: The stage play, *Not Getting Any Younger*, was presented in late September in Detroit and will run again in the spring.

Web site: www.NotGettingAnyYounger.net

Alicia Custard, who used to thrive off mock performances as a child, previously hosted a local

Detroit talk show, *Grooving With Alicia*, where her sister served as a co-producer. When production on the six-week show wrapped, the two decided to try their hand at theater.

"This is something we've wanted to do for years," Vicki Custard said. "We both want the same things and we work well together."

Culbreth, a father of three, came on board after spotting a newspaper ad requesting a sales representative for Alicia and Vicki's already-formed entertain-

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ACS picks Canton for study

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever wished there was a cure for cancer, the American Cancer Society is giving you a chance to do something about it.

CANCER RESEARCH STUDY

What: Canton is an enrollment site for a cancer prevention study.

When: May 17, 2008

Who: Individuals ages 30-65 with no personal history of cancer

Web site: www.cancer.org/cps3

For more information or to confirm your participation, contact Marion Rozum at mrozumcps3@hotmail.com.

The ACS has chosen Canton, along with three other Michigan communities, as an enrollment site for a new research study that will kick off next year. Township resident Marion Rozum has been chosen as a chair for the study. Rozum, who helped

organize Canton's 2007 Relay for Life, said the ACS took notice of the township after more than 250,000 people participated in the annual event at Heritage Park.

"Even with our economy down, we raised more (money in 2007) than the year before," she said. "People want to find an answer and this is a way they can help."

Enrollment will take place May 17 at Canton's 2008 Relay for Life.

Participation, which will span 20-30 years, is open to men and women ages 30-65 who have no personal history of cancer. Enrollees will be asked to complete a mailed survey every two years.

Rozum said the confidential enrollment process will take around 30 minutes and the mailed surveys may require 45 minutes.

"For anyone that has ever been affected by cancer, I can't see them saying they don't want to do this," she said. "I've never met anyone who said they don't care if we find a cure."

ACS officials want to include 500,000 U.S. citizens in the study. You do not have to live in the township, or

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Pilot program aims at shoring up recycling

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to boost participation in recycling, a pilot program is expected to be launched in a Canton subdivision in November.

Canton Waste Recycling will test an expanded recycling program, Single Stream Recycling, in Windsor Park subdivision.

More than 400 homeowners

in the subdivision, which already has a decent rate of recycling participation, will be invited to participate in the pilot program which will last Nov. 5-30 and Dec. 3-28.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said Tuesday resident participation in the township's recycling program is consistently low.

"It's among the lowest in Wayne County," he said, not-

ing that the pilot program, which has an expanded list of acceptable items, may increase participation. "This is an area we fall short on."

Under current regulations, only plastics marked with the No. 1 or 2 on its bottom are collected. Plastic bags, Styrofoam and cooking oil bottles aren't acceptable. Other banned items include paint cans, cookware and glossy newspaper inserts.

If the township adopts the Single Stream plan, many of the now-unacceptable items, such as phone books, could be collected. Homeowners could also do away with rinsing out their plastic containers.

In making the program more inclusive and user-friendly, township officials are hoping to see an increase in homes that are recycling. Officials have begun

working on a packet, which includes an informational DVD, to deliver to homeowners within Windsor Park urging participation in the pilot program.

"We feel this is the right method to give it a shot," Faas said.

For more information, call Canton Waste Recycling at (734) 397-5801.

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Coming Sunday in Health



West Bloomfield family promotes flu shots to save lives

CORRECTION
An editorial in Sunday's Observer should have said the district represented by 20th District State House Rep. Marc Corriveau includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, part of Canton and the City of Wayne.

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ment company.
"I did not go into this expecting to (co-author) a play," he said with a laugh. "But I sold myself on them and we're having fun."
Alicia Custard said working with Culbreth has been natural.

"He's like my brother now," she said. "We all have a lot of energy together."
In addition to revising *Not Getting Any Younger* for its next showing, the trio wants to pen a movie script and expects to churn out more stage plays.
"This was our opening act," Alicia Custard said. "We look forward to expanding."

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Groups hold rally against hate crimes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Four Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high school clubs, which represent groups of people who aren't strangers to violence, will hold a candlelight vigil Saturday evening for victims of hate crimes.

The Gay-Straight Alliance, in conjunction with the Muslim Student Association, African American Association and the Asian Pacific American Club, will hold its first-ever vigil at the Canton High School flagpole at 7:30 p.m.

"We felt it's important for the groups to come together for a cause, to show the school we're not just individual groups, but that we can become one," said Jennie Rokakis, 17, of Canton Township, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance.

Rokakis said she's been a victim of hate while walking between buildings on the P-CEP campus.

"Last year, two guys would walk behind me and call me a Jewish 'fag,' just because I had buttons on my backpack from the Gay-Straight Alliance," said Rokakis. "Which didn't make much sense, since I'm neither Jewish nor gay."

"I would just keep on walking and ignore them," added Rokakis, who said the issue is close to her heart, as is her aunt, who is a lesbian.

Aisha Malek, president of the Muslim Student Association, said the situation has changed for her since 9/11.

"Definitely hate crimes against Muslims and Arabs have shot way up since Sept. 11," said Malek, 16, of Canton. "Within the community, we get jeered at, I've been called 'terrorist' and people shout things at me."

"We're hoping to show the community we aren't really going to take hate crimes," she said.

Sixteen-year-old Patrick David of Canton, an officer of the Asian Pacific American Club, said much of the abuse for Asian-Pacific Americans has subsided since 9/11, but there are still some forms of abuse.

"Mostly verbal abuse and stereotypical jokes we just can't get away from," said David. "It's there, and sometimes we just have to brush them off."

"In the past there have been hate crimes against Asian-Pacific Americans, such as the Japanese internment (during World War II) and the beating death of Vincent Chin," he said.

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Dragons slay field

Hometown marchers do exhibition tune-up

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of talented teens showcased their musical, marching and maneuvering prowess as 15 high school marching bands from across the state gathered at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium Saturday for the Great Lakes Invitational competition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and boosters.

"This is a labor of love," said John Noss, chairperson of this year's event that is the largest fund-raiser for the marching band as well as the biggest undertaking. "And we all do it for the kids."

Noss had nothing but kudos for the some 200 volunteers that included parent boosters, band alumni and alumni parents, as well as Plymouth assistant principal Julie Kaminski and all the grounds and maintenance staff at the Park.

"They all really helped us so much," he said. "There was just tremendous cooperation."

And all that work made for a spectacular day for band members and some 4,000 spectators alike.

The Lake Orion Band, with a score of 77.25, marched off



Scott Carpenter expertly handles two instruments during P-CMB's exhibition performance on their home field at Saturday's Great Lakes Invitational.

with the Flight I first-place trophy along with the John Lundy trophy presented to the highest-scoring band of the competition. Dee Lundy, John's widow, made the presentation. The Lundy family have been longtime band members, boosters, alumni and supporters.

Other award presenters at the invitational included Kaminski, school board member John Jackson and fine arts coordinator Tim Schoenherr. School board treasurer Tom Wysocki drew the winning tickets for the raffle co-sponsored by Plymouth Motorsports.

Walled Lake took first, 77.10,



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Percussionists Chris Purchase (front) and Ryan Scamp keep their eyes on the drum major for proper timing during Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's exhibition performance, "Out of the Shadows," Saturday as hosts of the Great Lakes Invitational.

in Flight II, and Ferndale was first, 70.55, in Flight III, barely edging out second-place Farmington Harrison, 70.20.

The 200-member Plymouth-Canton Band performed their fast-paced, award-winning show, "Out of the Shadows," in exhibition as hosts of the event.

"I think we did absolutely amazing," said a smiling Lori Wand, tuba player and Plymouth senior. "There was a lot of energy. It was fantastic. The drum majors were smiling and everybody was having a great time."

Director Marc Whitlock was also pleased with his band's performance, although admitting there were a few peaks and valleys after adding considerable material to the end of the program since taking first at the Bands of America Regional Championships two weeks ago.

"The closer is the hardest part of our show, physically,

mentally and emotionally," he explained. "I thought they did very well on that, but when you learn new stuff it sometimes takes away from the review of the old stuff."

Still, they recovered well, Whitlock said, and he is very optimistic about having several weeks left to clean and polish the nearly completed show before the State Championships at Ford Field Nov. 3 and the National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 15-17.

Whitlock noted there was still one little part of the show they have not yet performed.

"There is always a little surprise," he said.

"You have to have a card up your sleeve. But we won't see that for awhile - States will be the earliest."

The hometown marchers are back on the field Saturday at the Clarkston Invitational.

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Linda Solomon collected keys of all shapes and sizes for her new book 'The Key: Celebrated People Unlock Their Secrets to Life.'

day and evening phone numbers. Photographs should be submitted in a jpg format as large as possible.

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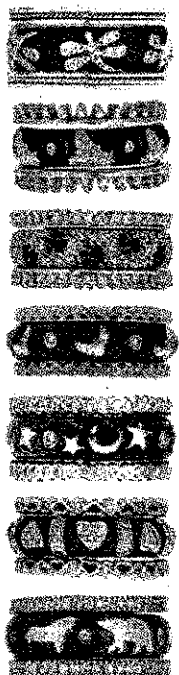
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The public is invited to a discussion on Holiday Travel Tips and 2008 Travel Hotspots as the Canton Newcomers hosts AAA Travel of Canton at its monthly meeting at 7:15 p.m., Nov. 7, at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center -- set back off the road).

In addition, enjoy refreshments from the newest Cherry Hill Village-based business, Honey, What's for Dinner?, and Back Home Bakery, learn about the 20-plus monthly activities the group hosts, and enter a raffle to benefit a local charity.

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

All day Anime

The Canton Public Library and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill invite you to spend a whole day watching Anime on the big screen on Sunday, Oct. 21. A wristband will let you select which episodes/films you would like to watch or you can even stick around and watch them all from 1:30-9 p.m. A dinner break is scheduled from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and concessions will be available in the lobby during the screening. Prizes will also be raffled off

throughout the event.

Although Anime can be described as a style of animation developed in Japan, characterized by stylized colorful art that often includes adult themes, the films in this showing have a PG or PG-13 rating. All day wristbands are \$15 or \$10 if you present your Canton Public Library card when purchasing tickets. This day of Anime is brought to you by the Canton Public Library, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and Canton Leisure Services.

The Oct. 21, Anime schedule includes:

- 1:30-2:30 p.m.: *Bleach* (Episodes 1-3)
- 2:35-4:15 p.m.: *Inuyasha* Movie: *Affections Touching Across Time*
- 4:20-5:20 p.m.: *Prince of Tennis* (Episodes 1-3)
- 5:20-6:30 p.m.: *Dinner Break*
- 6:35-7:15 p.m.: *Full Moon O Sagashite* (Episodes 1-2)
- 7:20-8:55 p.m.: *Naruto the Movie: Ninja Clash in the Land of Snow*

For more information and to order tickets for this special screening at the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, visit www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or call (734) 394-5460.

Basically Bats

Summit on the Park will host Basically Bats on Thursday,

Oct. 18, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. The event will feature bat handlers from the Cranbrook Institute and their program. The fee is \$18 per parent/child resident pair. Children age 3-6 are welcome. Please make childcare arrangements for younger children.

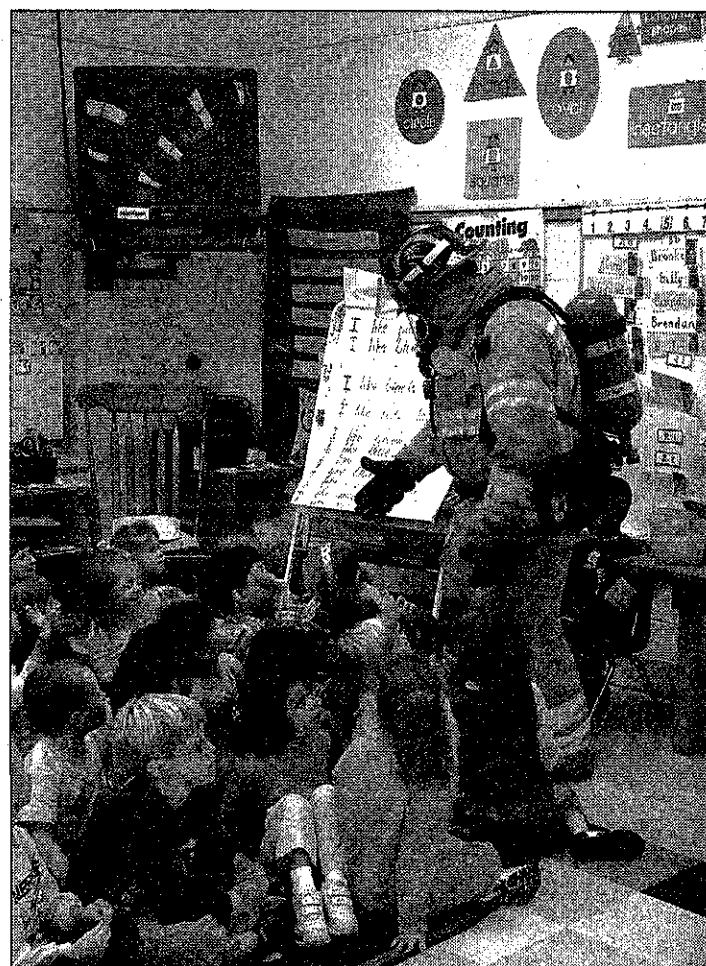
Music at St. Michael's

St. Michael Christian School and the youth ministries present a family event with Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express -- a musical program for all ages, from toddlers to grandparents at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in the Koinonia room. St. Michael Christian School is located at 7000 North Sheldon, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

Adult flu vaccinations

Oakwood Healthcare System is hosting several flu vaccination clinics through the month of October. The clinic dates, times and locations are as follows:

- Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huron Township Seniors, 28245 Mineral Springs, Waltz Road, in Huron Township.
- Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon, Independent Village, 14707 Northville Road, in Plymouth.
- Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, in Belleville.
- Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon, Oakwood Healthcare Center -- Canton, 7300 Canton Center Road, in Canton.
- Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis



Teaching fire safety and awareness

On Thursday, Canton firefighters visited morning kindergarteners in Ms. Miller's and Ms. Benedict's classes at Gallimore Elementary School Canton as part of National Fire Prevention Week. The firefighters discussed the importance of fire awareness and prevention. They have been taking the department's Fire Safety House around to all of the third grade classes in Canton, giving children the opportunity to experience and learn about fire in the home, while in a safe and controlled environment. This year the department's annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest usually held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week has been moved back to November, to better accommodate the schools schedules. The theme of the contest will still be focused around the Fire Prevention Week theme, this year being "Plan and Practice Your Home Escape Plan". For further information on the Canton Fire Prevention Unit or the Fire Poster Contest, call (734) 394-5456. Information may also be found on Canton Public Safety's Web site at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

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- FINAL BEAST (PG)
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- MICHAEL CLAYTON (R)
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- TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13)
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- THE HEARTBREAK KID (R)
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A Toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting to benefit the Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank, First Step and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9, from 7-9 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a

wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests. Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

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

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Megan Kaump has seen enough people suffer with breast cancer in her life that she wanted to do something tangible to help.

Remembering three great-grandmothers, her dad's boss and others who battled the disease, and knowing her father's employer, Caribou Coffee, was doing an October promotion to benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 18-year-old Megan decided to pitch in.

She crafted a quilt that will be raffled off at the Plymouth Township Caribou Coffee as part of the national chain's "Amy's Blend" promotion during October. During the promotion, the store will stock up on "Amy's Blend" regular and decaf coffee, named in honor of former Caribou employee and breast cancer victim Amy Erickson.

"(Megan) had an idea to put together a blanket after seeing some material while we were on another project," said her dad, Don Kaump, the

store manager of the Plymouth store, located at Five Mile and Sheldon. "She thought she could make a blanket and raise funds for the project."

Customers can participate by making monetary donations or purchasing Amy's Blend coffees.

While the chain hopes to donate \$100,000 to Komen for the Cure, Kaump said the local store will turn the donations into gifts of coffee to Angela Hospice.

"At end of the month, we're going to raffle off the blanket," Kaump said.

"We'll take the money from donations, purchase the special blend of coffee and deliver it over to the folks at Angela Hospice."

"We did it earlier in the year and donated 125 pounds of coffee," Kaump added. "This time it's more thought-out, we're going at it a couple of different ways, so we hope to be able to give them a couple of hundred pounds of coffee to help the needs of hospice families."

Caribou Coffee is located at



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Caribou Coffee's Dan Kaump and Kim Kiser display the quilt to be raffled off to raise money for breast cancer research.

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even the state, to sign up on May 17.

"As long as they are a U.S. citizen, they can participate," Rozum said. "It's really historical because this is a one-time thing. We're enrolling for one day and we're done."

ACS's Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance Research are looking to get a mix of adults of various racial and ethnic backgrounds to "better understand the lifestyle, behavioral, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer and to ultimately eliminate cancer as a major health problem for this and future generations."

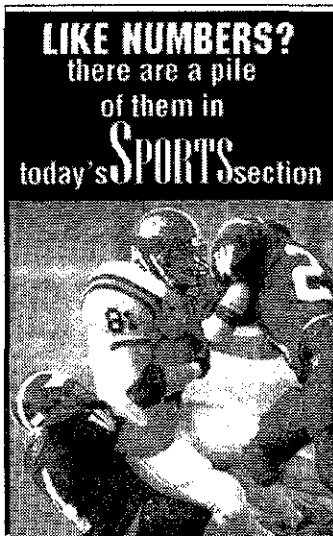
Rozum, who recently lost a friend to cancer, became passionate about cancer research after her mother-in-law died of lung cancer in 1999.

"We need to find a cure," she said. "My mother-in-law never smoked and after she was diagnosed she only lived 45 days. It had to be something she was breathing and since we live here and work here, we need to know if it's something we are doing here."

ACS has been doing long-term studies since the 1950s. Its research has aided in understanding obesity, tobacco, diet and air pollution in relation to cancer.

"I'm envisioning no less than 1,000 people in Canton standing up and saying that they want to be a part of this," Rozum said.

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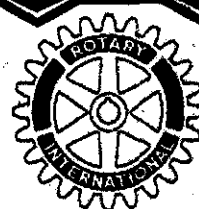
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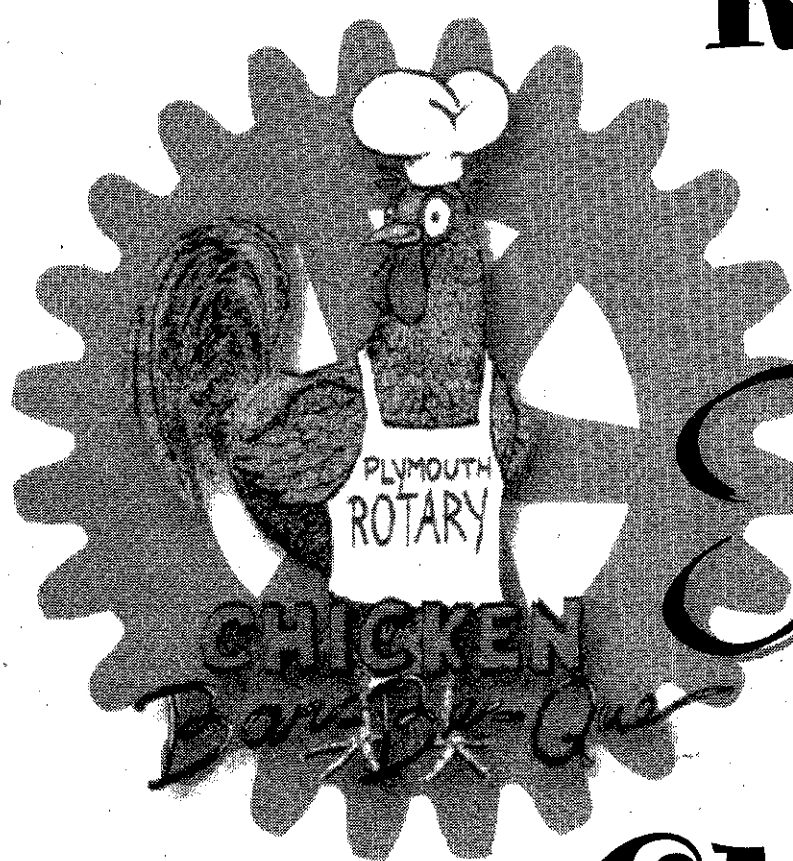
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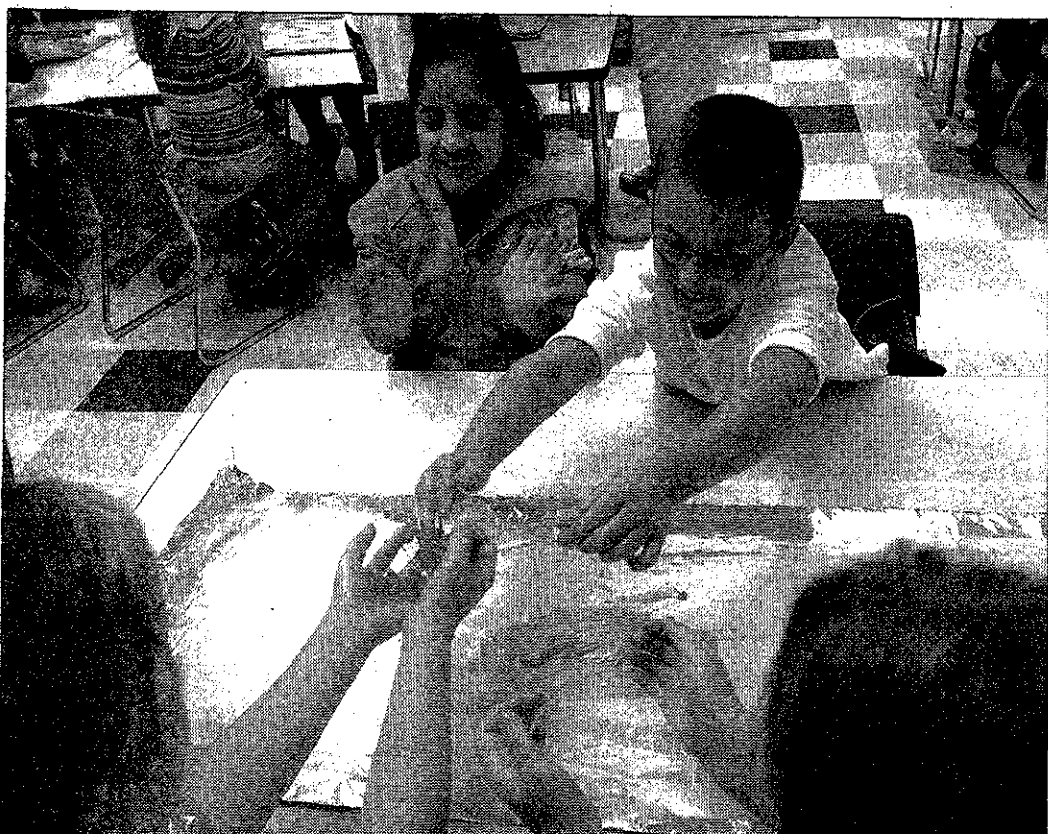
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Amber Sandhu and Matthew McGrehan pass the taffy to classmates Lauren Grendysa and Crystal Raulston.

Pulling taffy

Ageless candy teaches Hulsing students science lessons

Second-graders at Hulsing Elementary in Canton Township used an old-fashioned taffy pull to learn units

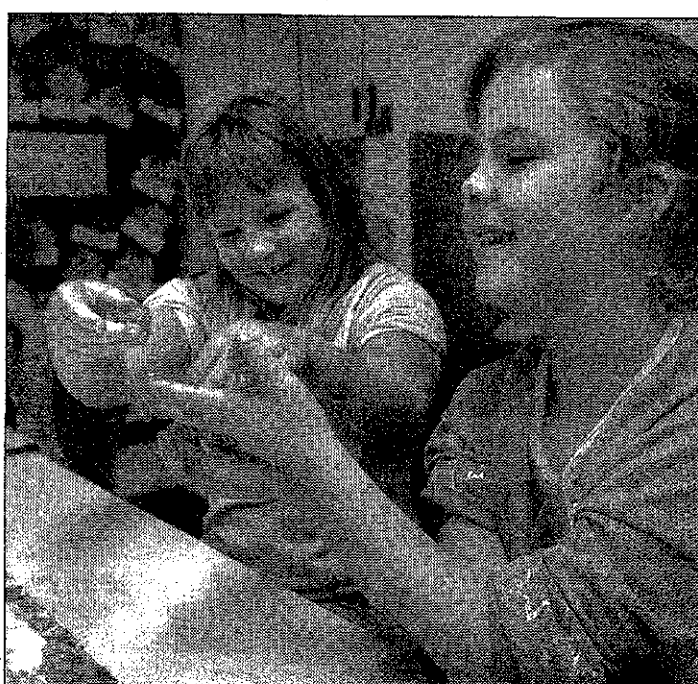
in social studies and science. "Students are studying how kids 200-years ago did things to have fun, as opposed to

how they have fun today," said teacher Joan Blackley. "They're also studying matter in science, and we talked about how when taffy cools down it changes from a liquid to a solid."

There were 67 students in the classes of Blackley, Meg Jenkins and Susan Sourbeck who took part in the fun.



Above, Hulsing teacher Joan Blackley gives a hand to student Denise Jimenez. At right, Crystal Raulston and Lauren Grendysa work on their taffy.



Ceremony unveils historical marker at Eloise property

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Hardly a week goes by that Westland historian Jo Johnson doesn't receive inquiries by phone or e-mail about Eloise, a former poorhouse and asylum that became one of the country's largest public health care facilities.

Eloise sprawled for 902 acres on both sides of Michigan Avenue between Merriman and Henry Ruff roads, and it housed 10,000 patients and employed 2,000 workers in the late 1920s.

Although Eloise closed in the early 1980s, partly due to mental health reforms, anyone who doubts the interest level in the complex need only perform a simple Google search online to find page after page of information — from the historically significant to creepy tales about supposed ghosts of those who died there.

Some fans believe that every

day is Halloween on the Eloise property, so it seems fitting that a new state historic marker will be unveiled Tuesday — just 15 days before that scariest of days.

"It's amazing," Johnson said, referring to the level of interest in Eloise.

The public may attend a small ceremony at 5 p.m. Tuesday next to what is now the Kay Beard Building on the Eloise site, on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Merriman and Henry Ruff. The building was renamed years ago in honor of the longest-serving Wayne County Commission member.

Now reduced to just five buildings — and only two in use for county offices and a homeless shelter — Eloise once had 75 structures and its own farm, cannery, bakery, cemetery, employee housing, police and fire departments, and trolley and train stations.

Even so, few people wanted

to end up there. Depending on the time in history, being sent to Eloise could mean being poor beyond any semblance of self-sufficiency or being declared insane.

Eloise doctors pioneered the use of X-rays for diagnostic purposes, and psychiatric patients underwent such treatment as electroshock.

The \$3,000 needed for the state marker was largely raised by the sale of a book by author Patricia Ibbotson titled *Eloise: Poorhouse, Farm, Asylum and Hospital 1839-1984*. Ibbotson worked in nursing at Eloise.

Tuesday's ceremony will culminate a long process for getting the state marker. Those who attend may go inside the building for cider and doughnuts after the unveiling. Johnson said the museum honoring Eloise will be open.

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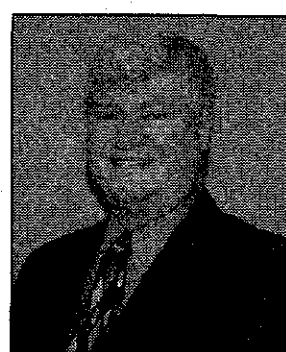
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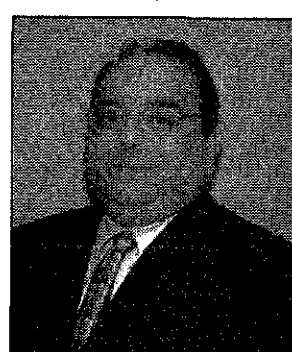
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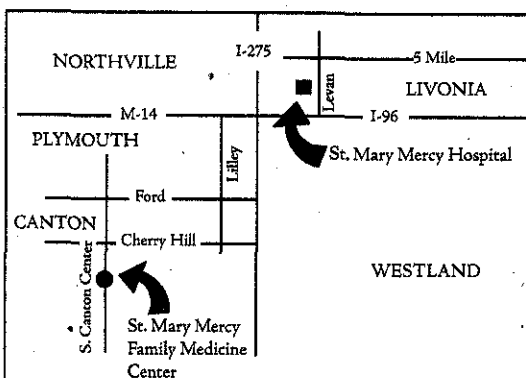
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Fertilizer should be used sparingly in October

In an effort to help protect water resources, Canton officials are urging residents to use fertilizer sparingly and carefully during the month of October.

Excess fertilizer that washes from lawns into storm drains contains chemicals that are harmful to water resources. With 1.5 million homes in southeast Michigan, all residents need to be aware of the cumulative effects of lawn care practices. You can help keep water resources safe by following these simple tips:

■ **Sweep it:** Fertilizer and grass clippings left on sidewalks and driveways wash into storm drains. Sweeping fertilizer and grass clippings back onto the lawn helps protect lakes and streams.

■ **Hire smart:** Select a lawn service that uses organic fertilizers or offers a slow-release nitrogen, low or no phosphorus option. You may also need to

request a soil test to ensure the right amount is applied.

■ **Don't guess, soil test:** A soil test will tell you what, if any, fertilizer is needed in your yard. Contact your Michigan State University Extension county office for more information.

■ **Buy low:** Choose a fertilizer with low or no phosphorus. Most lawns already contain enough phosphorus and excess phosphorus can cause algae blooms in lakes.

■ **Go slow:** Select an organic or slow-release fertilizer. A slow-release fertilizer is one with at least half of the nitrogen in "water insoluble" form. Slow-release fertilizers provide a steady supply of plant nutrients over an extended period of time.

■ **Mow high:** Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high - three inches is the rule. Tall

grass promotes root growth and shades out weeds. Let grass clippings fall back on the lawn.

Clippings recycle nutrients back into the soil, so fertilizer needs can be reduced by 25 percent or more.

■ **Make fertilizer-free zones:** Keep fertilizer applications at least 20 feet away from the edge of lakes, streams, or storm drains.

Additional steps in keeping water resources clean include conserving water, carefully storing and disposing of household cleaners, chemicals and oil, cleaning up after your pet, choosing earth-friendly landscaping, keeping pollution out of storm drains, and practicing good car care. Information on all these steps can be found at www.canton-mi.org/environment.asp or in the information racks located inside Canton's Administration Building.

McCotter won't be swayed by Granholm on children's health care bill

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER



McCotter

U.S. Reps. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, were singled out Monday by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to urge them to override President George Bush's veto of a bill to reauthorize and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

The House is expected to vote today on the bill. McCotter is chair of the Republican House Policy Committee. He voted against the expansion of the SCHIP program and said he will vote to sustain the president's veto.

SCHIP is a federally financed program to provide health care for uninsured children who are ineligible for Medicaid. In Michigan the program is administered under MICHild. Michigan children who do not have insurance are eligible for SCHIP if their families make up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, which is about \$41,000 for a family of four.

The bill increases total funding for the program to \$60 billion over the next five years and provides health insurance for 9 million currently uninsured children. The bill represents a \$7 billion increase. The increase would be paid for by a 61 percent increase in the federal tobacco tax.

In his veto, Bush argued that the expansion would push children already covered by private insurance into publicly financed insurance.

In addition to voting for the expansion, Congress also voted to extend the current SCHIP authorization pending outcome of the vote on the veto.

On Monday McCotter sent a letter to Granholm asking her for clarification on several points.

McCotter's letter asks whether a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services report is true that in 2008 71.6 percent of Michigan SCHIP funding will go to "childless adults." He also asks if 46 per-

cent of Michigan SCHIP enrollees in 2006 were adults.

McCotter writes to Granholm that the Congressional Budget Office projects that "at least 22 million new smokers" will be needed to fund the expansion. The congressman also cites the CBO that SCHIP expansion will allow illegal immigrants to enroll in the program and "by 2012, cost federal and state taxpayers \$6.5 billion."

A PROMISE TO CHILDREN

In a press release last week, Granholm's office says that without MICHild 55,000 children in Michigan would have no way to pay for any type of medical service.

"This legislation represents a promise to every Michigan child who needs a vaccination, insulin and other medical services," Granholm said in the release. "It will ensure that more of our state's neediest kids can be seen by a doctor and have access to medications and medical care. Every member of Congress, especially those from Michigan, should do the right thing and support Michigan's children by voting to override the president's veto."

McCotter said last week he objects to the bill because of the raise in the tobacco tax, the number of adults who will be covered (the bill allows coverage for some adult family members and pregnant women) and that benefits will be available to illegal immigrants.

"I will never raise taxes to pay for people who are here illegally," he said.

McCotter said he supports the existing SCHIP program. "It was a Republican program that was working," he said.

He said the problem isn't with SCHIP but that

Democrats were trying to "plug holes in Medicaid."

"They (Democrats) refused to negotiate with the president, at least they agreed to the extension so that children weren't cut from program," he said.

McCotter said a better way to improve health care benefits for children was to increase "the supply of health care."

"Poor people have to have more control over access to health care, more focus on preventative care, extend tax credits and help them to set up their own medical accounts," he said.

Iuliana Dit of Livonia, a medical student and president of the American Medical Students Association chapter at Wayne State University, said as a future doctor it would be frustrating not to be able to provide care for sick children.

"I am a big advocate of this bill and I'm an advocate for my future patients," she said.

She said she has been to clinics where uninsured children who need care are denied.

She said the expanded program would not add more adults to the program.

"Adults are covered. If kids and adults get health care it's better for families," she said.

Rep. Knollenberg in a letter to the *Observer & Eccentric*, argues that increasing the tobacco tax encourages people to take up smoking to support the bill.

Dit laughed at that argument and said the likely effect of raising the tobacco tax is that 10 percent of current smokers would quit smoking which would be good for public health.

She said the amount raised by the tobacco tax increase has been estimated by the Congressional Budget Office to cover the increase.

"They have calculated they will be able to pay for this. The amount of money to fund this bill will be reevaluated, but the \$7 billion increase is how much we spend on the war in Iraq in 13 days," she said.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-October 9, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 9, 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: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy 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 GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S COMMUNITY RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Grace Lutheran Church's Rummage & Bake Sale to be held October 27, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER CONTRIBUTION FROM YAZAKI NORTH AMERICA, SEP PRODUCTS INC, AND GREAT LAKES COMMISSION TO RIVER DAY ACCOUNT.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to transfer \$3,967.53 from Account #101-000-675-0000 (Contributions from Private Sources) to Account #101-441-880-1000 (River Day Account). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** **Item 1. CONSIDER FAKIH REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Tyla Wells (Fakih Property). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF REMOTE CONFINED SPACE AND VIDEO PIPELINE INSPECTION SYSTEM. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to grant an exception to the September 30th capital purchasing deadline in the Purchasing Policy and to authorize Public Works to purchase a remote confined space and video pipeline inspection system. Further, I move to award the bid to Envirosight, LLC, and approve a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000.00. The funding will come from FY2007 Acct. # 592-000-154-0000, Line Item #3. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GAGLIO P&R CEMENT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the first amendment to the contract with Gaglio P&R Cement, extending their contract with the Township for the sidewalk replacement program through the 2008 budget year in accordance with the extension provision of the existing contract. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER APPROVING HARRY FOX, INC. FOR BRUSH MOWING AND TREE CUTTING ON THE LOWER ROUGE RIVER TRAILS PROJECT. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to accept the quote from Harry Fox, Inc. in the amount of \$19,999.00 (Account No. 246-750-970-0000, Item #13) to mow brush and cut trees for the Lower Rouge River Trails Project. **Informal Quotes** Harry Fox, Inc. \$19,999.00, Owen Tree Service \$20,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CONTROLLABLE TV TUNER, 3-INPUT SWITCHER FOR EOC - UASI. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchasing deadline and approve the purchase of RS-232 Controllable TV Tuner, 3-Input Switcher, Line Doubler for use in the EOC, from ProVideo Systems, Inc. 26471 Southpoint Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551 in the amount of \$7,236. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 1600 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 5-LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR GIS IN EOC- UASI GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchasing deadline and approve the purchase of 5-laptop computers through a State of Michigan bid from EDS, PO Box 848433, Dallas, TX in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 1600 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASING PLOTTER TO ENHANCE GIS MAPPING FOR EOC - UASI. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchasing deadline and approve the purchase of an HP design jet T1100ps - 44" color inkjet printer in the amount of \$6,455 from Reprographics, 36060 Industrial, Livonia, MI 48150. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 1600 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF KIP SCANNER/COPIER TO ENHANCE GIS MAPPING FOR EOC - UASI. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchasing deadline and approve the purchase of the KIP 3002 Scanner/Copier in the amount of \$18,045 from ARD Service Inc., 37680 Hills Tech Dr. Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 1600 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 9. REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to establish a Fire Board of Appeals with the following appointments: David Klim, 1979 Preserve Circle East, Canton MI 48188—1 year term beginning October 10, 2007, Bill Fishback, 26109 Grand River, Redford, MI 48240—1 year term beginning October 10, 2007, John Molnar, 777 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48226-3529—2 year term beginning October 10, 2007, Gale Forbes, AIA, 36400 Woodward Ave, Ste#200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304—2 year term beginning October 10, 2007, Greg Stanley, PE, 25251 Northline Rd, Taylor, MI 48180—3 year term beginning October 10, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 10. APPROVAL FOR CALEA CONFERENCE FOR ACCREDITATION. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve Lt. Robert Kerr to attend the CALEA Conference scheduled for November 14-17, 2007 in Colorado Springs, Colorado in order to participate in the accreditation hearing. The estimated cost for attendance is \$2,153.97, funding to come from Police Training Acct # 207 301 952 0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 11. INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER FOR FUEL. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the transfer of \$11,500 from account # 101-270-930-0000 Maintenance & Repair Grounds to account # 101-270-860-0000 Parks Transportation - Gas & Oil. I move to approve the increase of P.O. #64732 for Oakland Fuel, 3943 Airport Rd., Waterford, MI 48239, by \$11,500 from account #101-270-860-0000 Parks Transportation - Gas & Oil for a total of \$73,500 to cover miscellaneous fuel purchases through the end of 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF "WELCOME TO CANTON" SIGNS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Replacement of "Welcome to Canton" Signs from RS/RE Enterprises LLC, 32125 Block St, Garden City, MI 48135 in the amount of \$ 9,335 to be taken from Account No. 246-170-970-0000. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. **Item 13. APPROVAL OF NORAL NCE-0201 LIGHTING. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the price quote from Service Electric Supply for \$9,221.00 for four (4) light poles and lamps to be installed at the Cherry Hill School parking lot and that the Township Purchasing Policy's deadline of October 1, for Capital purchases be waived for this purchase. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 14. APPROVE INCREASE OF B&R JANITORIAL BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve an increase of \$7,200 for open purchase order #63280 with B&R Janitorial Supplies, thereby increasing the purchase order from \$19,000 to \$26,200. I further move to approve the following budget amendment to increase the line item budget for this purchase order increase and to cover the over budgeted expenditures. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from fund balance #101-000-699-0000 \$ 2,701 Increase Appropriations: Operating Supplies #101-200-740-0000 \$ 7,678, Transfer to fund balance 101-959-999-0000 (4,977) Total Budget Amendment \$ 2,701 This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$1,713,957 to \$1,721,635, decreases the Transfers Out Department budget from \$2,972,104 to \$2,967,127, and increases the General Fund budget from \$27,392,438 to \$27,395,139. Motion carried unanimously. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: October 18, 2007

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Heating up: Salsa biz moves to large building in Westland

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Ron Willis, creator and owner of Sweet Heat Salsa, is excited about moving his growing business to Westland.

He originally located on Five Mile between Beck and Sheldon in Plymouth Township.

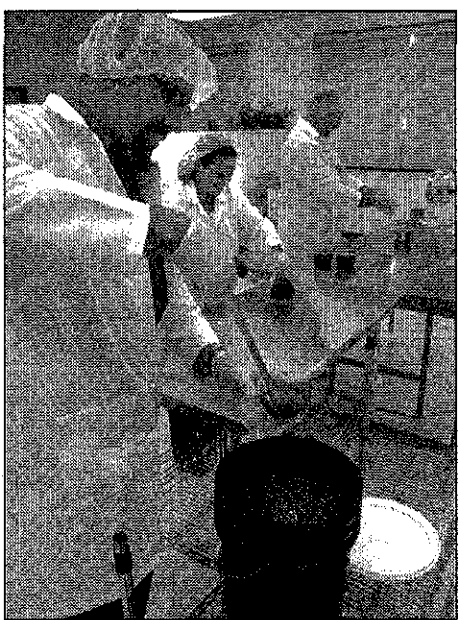
"We've outgrown that space so we're moving to Westland," the Canton resident said while selling salsa and chips at Saturday morning's farmers market in Plymouth.

He'll relocate to a site on Webb Court off Warren between Lotz and Hix.

"We shopped around," said Willis, noting it's a great time to find commercial property for lease. Most of his hourly employees live in Westland, so the move will be convenient for them.

The Plymouth Township site was about 3,000 square feet, the new Westland site 11,000 square feet.

He has six salaried people, three additional full-timers and up to 30 day laborers.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ron Willis, Vivian Shoemaker and Dennis McColom demonstrate the packaging process in the Plymouth Township facility on 5 Mile west of Sheldon. Willis is moving the business to Westland.

"It's made here in Plymouth," he said at the farmers market to encourage shoppers to try mild, medium, medium chunky or hot. Medium is his best seller.

Sweet Heat Salsa — which he filed as a business Jan. 18, 2006, his birthday — is test marketing 10 new varieties now, such as artichoke/garlic, extra

cilantro, extra garlic, garden medley or fruit. Those 10 will be narrowed down to four for production.

After starting up in early 2006, Willis started selling his product at the Plymouth farmers market in May of that same year. He hooked up with the area Busch's grocery stores,

where Sweet Heat Salsa is sold. He's also selling the product under store labels at Holliday Market, Hiller's, Hollywood and VG's.

Willis sells some 150 containers on a Saturday at the Plymouth farmers market, and has begun to do the Canton farmers market as well. He's found business hasn't suffered too much in this tough economy.

"People are scaling back on a lot of bigger items," he said. "The Michigan economy hasn't really affected my sales that much."

One happy customer Saturday in Plymouth was Michele Dottor of Westland, who tried Sweet Heat Salsa and bought some.

"It's very good, very fresh," Dottor said.

Willis is hoping to complete the move to Westland in the next week to two weeks, noting some work was needed to make the Webb Court site ready for producing the salsa.

"It's a big undertaking," he said.



Ron Willis shows three varieties of salsa, which will be available in his new Westland location.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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4018 - Joan Wright - 20 Boxes, 1 Tote, Trunk
5008 - Adel Doks - 2 Boxes, Couch, Misc Items
5029 - HM Trucking LLC - Truck Tires, Tool Box, Misc Items
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (FY 2006 CDBG "CAPER") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Community Services Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5194, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 30 days, beginning October 18, 2007. Comments received during the public comment period or during two public hearings to be scheduled at a later date will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the accuracy testing for the optical scan voting equipment for the General Election, November 6, 2007, on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

This is an open session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Miller Consultations & Elections will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 45229 Michigan Ave Canton MI 48188 (734)397-0082 on 10/30/07 at 12:30 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
2036 - Robert Wilcox - 2 Dressers, Couch, 2 Chairs,
2037 - Shawn Booth - Mattress, 5 totes, bike
3038 - Robert Austin - Meat Slicer, Deep Freezer, Sink
4039 - Paula Williams-Hesterly - Mattress, Desk, Stereo
4047 - Jeffery Ensign - 2 Totes, Misc Items
4053 - Jennifer Gebhardt - Couch, Twin Bed, Dresser
4148 - David Fuller - TV Stand, Misc Items
4155 - Toni Venturella - 8 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
4161 - Joel McDonald - Couch, Dresser, Bed Mattress
4226 - Toni Venturella - Washer, 12 Boxes, Mattress
5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity
5038 - Mark Williams - Big Screen TV, 3 Bikes, Dresser
5107 - Gloria & Lonnie Parham - Floor Buffer, Bike, 30 Boxes
5232 - Robert Jones - 4 Duffle bags, misc items

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1006 - Ray Miller - Air Conditioner, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
3051 - Henry Klann - Air Hockey Table, Bike, Dresser
4001 - Robert Kozak - Tool Box, Shop Vac, Misc Items
4058 - Jeff Johnson - Table, 4 Chairs, Portable TV
5079 - Bruce Hinman - Boat, Trialer, 50 Boxes
9154 - Daphani Dent - 10 Boxes, Couch, Love Seat
9166 - Tina Vanhorn - Dresser, Lamp, Misc Items

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
3042 - Dianne Croskey - Sofa, 10 Boxes, 5 Bags
4064 - Christopher Peters - Dresser, Table, 5 Boxes
4270 - Lisa Young - 10 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
5029 - Cleopatra Peck - 4 Bikes, Lawnmower, Refrigerator
5240 - Debra Charnoske - Keyboard, Air compressor, Toolbox
6212 - Bharti Washington - Kids Bike, Computer, 30 Boxes
6221 - Clare Pratt - 20 Boxes, Misc Items

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.008

TEXT AMENDMENT 003

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XIV ARC ANN ARBOR ROAD CORRIDOR DISTRICT, SECTION 14.10 SIGNS; ARTICLE XXV SIGN REGULATIONS; ARTICLE XX SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS; ARTICLE XXI RESIDENTIAL UNIT DEVELOPMENTS; ARTICLE XXII SINGLE FAMILY CLUSTER HOUSING; ARTICLE XXIII PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OPTION.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Charter Township of Plymouth, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 14.10 ANN ARBOR ROAD CORRIDOR DISTRICT

Section 14.10.1 Purpose: Expand the purpose statement and address animated, electronic changeable message, flashing and moving signs.

Section 14.10.2 Definitions: Add definitions for Animated Sign, Changeable Copy Sign (Electronic), and clarify definitions for Changeable Copy Sign, (Manual), Flashing or Moving Sign, Institutional Bulletin Board, Signable Area, and Time-Temperature Sign.

Section 14.10.3 Modify illustration to clarify how sign area and signable area are measured. Add new subsection (d) "Signable Area" defining how to measure signable area.

Section 14.10.4 Specify that animated signs, LED architectural lighting, awning and marquee signs, are prohibited; and that canopy signs, electronic changeable copy signs and neon (glass tubing) signs are permitted only under specific conditions.

Section 14.10.5(a)(8) Revise to specify manual changeable copy signs and permit gas station fuel price numbers to be up to 9 inches in height.

Section 14.10.5(b) Revise subsection 1) to require a wall sign to be located inside the signable area used to determine the maximum permitted size of that sign. Amend subsection 3) to allow a wall sign on a building wall facing a street, even if the building does not have a public ingress or egress on that wall. Add new subsection 6) regulating manual changeable copy wall signs. Remember former subsection 6) as new subsection 7) and clarify that manual changeable copy wall signs are permitted.

Section 14.10.5. Delete subsection (e) Awning, Canopy and Marquee Signs, and renumber subsequent subsections.

Section 14.10.5. Add new subsection (n) Gas Service Station Signs to allow electronic changeable copy on a limited basis for fuel price numbers only; regulate the size, colors, brightness and placement of changeable copy; identify design standards for the monument sign base; permit one wall sign; permit a maximum of 2 gas canopy signs at the rate of one per street frontage; and regulate the size and placement of gas canopy signs.

Section 14.10.5. Add new subsection (o) Time-Temperature Signs to provide for time-temperature signs as a public service; permit the use of electronic numerals in time-temperature signs; and regulate the frequency that those numerals change.

Article XXV SIGN REGULATIONS

Purpose: Expand the purpose statement to address animated, electronic changeable message, flashing and moving signs.

Section 25.1 DEFINITIONS. Add definitions for Animated Sign, Changeable Copy Sign (Manual), Changeable Copy Sign (Electronic), and clarify definitions for Flashing or Moving Sign, Institutional Bulletin Board, Signable Area, and Time-Temperature Sign.

Section 25.2 Add text and modify illustration to clarify how sign area and signable area are measured.

Section 25.4 Delete current Section 25.4.6 and replace with new Section 25.4.6 regulating signs at gasoline service stations to allow electronic changeable copy on a limited basis for fuel price numbers only; regulate the size, colors, brightness and placement of changeable copy; identify design standards for the monument sign base; permit one wall sign; permit a maximum of 2 gas canopy signs at the rate of one per street frontage, and regulate the size and placement of gas canopy signs.

Section 25.8 Specify that animated signs, LED architectural lighting, awning and marquee signs, are prohibited and that canopy signs, electronic changeable copy signs and neon (glass tubing) signs are permitted only under specific conditions.

Section 25.9.2 Amend subsection (f) to allow a wall sign on a building wall facing a street, even if the building does not have a public ingress or egress on that wall. Add subsection (h) to clarify that the wall sign must be located within the signable area used as the basis for the sign's size.

Delete current Section 25.9.4 and renumber subsequent sections accordingly.

Section 25.9.7 Amend to be the new Section 25.9.6 to provide for manual changeable copy ground signs and manual changeable copy wall signs.

Section 25.9.9 Amend to be the new Section 25.9.7 to provide for Time-Temperature signs as a public service, permit the use of electronic numerals in time-temperature signs and regulate the frequency that those numerals change.

ARTICLE XX SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

Section 20.1 Increase the rear yard setback in the R-2-A District to 50 feet. Add footnote (k) to all setbacks.

Section 20.2 Revise footnote (k) to require a 50 foot building setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines, for all uses other than a single family detached dwelling on a separate lot. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Also add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

ARTICLE XXI RESIDENTIAL UNIT DEVELOPMENTS

Section 21.10.6(a) Add new subsection 3) to require a 50 foot setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

Section 21.10.6(b) Correct typo by adding word "the".

ARTICLE XXII SINGLE FAMILY CLUSTER HOUSING

Section 22.10.8 Add new subsection (d) to require a 50 foot setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

ARTICLE XXIII PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OPTION

Section 23.10.3 Add new subsections (d) and (e) to require a 50 foot building setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

Section 23.11.6 Add new subsections (c) and (d) to require a 50 foot building setback from all perimeter property lines and street setback lines. Based on circumstances, the Planning Commission can reduce the side or rear setback along the perimeter property line or street setback to not less than 35 feet. Add requirement that buildings with a side yard relationship to a road right-of-way must be setback at least equal to the front yard setback required for abutting single family district(s) on the same street, not to be less than 25 feet.

Part II CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on October 21, 2007.

Part IV ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on October 9, 2007, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on October 9, 2007.
Effective Date October 25, 2007.

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OUR VIEWS

More Ford Road work will lead to less headaches

Just when it appeared the seemingly-endless Ford Road construction season had come to an end, out came the orange barrels again last week.

Last week, road crews were back out constructing a new right-turn lane for eastbound Ford onto Canton Center. As expected, the new work has been causing traffic backups at what is becoming one of the town's busiest intersections.

And this was on the heels of another project to rebuild a bridge spanning Fellows Creek just to the east that had traffic snarled for much of the summer. That project wrapped up just last month.

Many business owners have complained that the traffic has hurt business. And clearly motorists have not enjoyed being stuck in traffic or having to alter their routes to get about town.

While it may be frustrating, the work is needed. Canton officials know that Ford Road traffic is one of the biggest complaints from residents. That's why they have initiated a number of projects along Ford Road in recent years, from Lotz west past Canton Center, including this project, which Canton is paying for.

The Canton Downtown Development Authority, which was created to improve the Ford Road business corridor, is spending \$200,000 to pay for the project. The DDA has been criticized for spending tax money on aesthetic improvements like public art, which some people think is a frivolous expenditure. That argument can forever be debated.

What can't be debated is that traffic can be pretty bad on Ford Road at times. Ultimately this project will help traffic flow more smoothly at an increasingly busy intersection. That means less headaches for motorists and residents.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Traffic backups are happening again because of Ford Road construction.

Voters: Be ready to show photo ID

This November's election will be different.

In some communities, school elections will coincide with municipal elections under new election consolidation laws.

In all communities, a new Voter ID law goes into effect.

On July 18, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a provision of the Michigan election law which requires voters to either present picture identification or sign an affidavit if they do not have picture identification with them is constitutional and enforceable.

The new law takes effect with the Nov. 6 election.

The law has been criticized by some as raising an impediment to some prospective voters, especially minorities and the economically disadvantaged. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case involving a similar law in Indiana next spring.

Until a final decision is made in the federal court, Michigan will move forward with its Voter ID program. As of Nov. 6, every Michigan voter must show picture identification or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification. Photo ID can be a driver's license, federal or state-issued photo identification, U.S. passport, military identification, student ID with photo from a high school or accredited institution of higher education or a tribal identification card with photo. The identification does not have to show a voter's address.

A notice will be posted at polling places explaining the new procedure.

Be prepared with your photo ID and expect to take a little longer to get through the voting process.



LETTERS

Thanking Corriveau

I would like to thank Rep. Marc Corriveau of Northville for making the right decision to protect our students, police officers, firefighters, veterans and all Michigan residents by supporting a budget that makes sense for Michigan.

Times are tough for our state, where financial crisis seems to be the norm year after year. No one in power ever seems to want to make the tough choices that are necessary to get Michigan back on track. Thanks to lawmakers like Corriveau who refuse to take the easy way out, we will hopefully see Michigan move out of the red and into the black.

We needed real change to move our state forward, and Corriveau didn't shy away from it. Thank you for doing the job you were sent to Lansing to do.

Maralyn O'Brien
Canton

Right choice

Our state representative, Marc Corriveau, made the right choice to support a budget that invests in Michigan. So what happens next? Will angry activists try to take him out of office? I certainly hope not.

The fact of the matter is that Michigan's deficit was out of control and we needed real change to get moving in the right direction. It takes guts for a person to risk his job to do what's right for an entire state. There are probably some people who agree with the tough choice he made and others who don't.

The one thing I know for sure is that I'd rather have someone representing me in our state capitol who's willing to do what's right rather than to take the easy way out, even when he knows that he might get booted out of office. That takes courage and integrity — two things that too often are sadly lacking in our lawmakers. It's nice to know they are not lacking in Mr. Corriveau.

Gerl Kilsdonk
Plymouth

Mistreated at the court

I am a 71-year-old lady with celiac sprue, a severe bowel disorder. On Sept. 12, I had to go into the 35th District Court in Plymouth to use the restroom. I left my keys in the car, but forgot my cell phone. I knew I couldn't make it back to the car.

The officer at the door, Mr. Frank Wrenn, was so rude he had me in tears (all I wanted to do was use the public restroom). I was handing him the phone and trying to explain my problem. Mr. Wrenn said he didn't care, and that I didn't make the rules, they did. He even went so far to say I should tattoo my problem on my forehead. Other female employees were standing around snickering.

Finally he let me go. When I came out, I was so embarrassed I told him, "Shame on you." Mr. Wrenn then showed me the door and told me to get out. I told him I was going to report him and he told me to make sure I spelled his name correctly.

I did speak to Debra Kubitsky, the court administrator. She stood behind him 100 percent and said he was doing his job.

Mr. Wrenn was so rude and mean. I can't believe this was his first incident. I would just like your readers to know what their public person is really like.

Barbara J. Dugger
Westland

Terrible police behavior

In late August, my friend was involved in an accident in Plymouth. The story she told was deeply disturbing and I want to share it with your readers.

She was riding her bike on the sidewalk, heading north on Main Street coming from Ann Arbor Road. She stopped on Wing Street for a red traffic light. While waiting for the light to change to green, a van traveling on Wing Street was making a right turn onto Main Street. The gentleman driving the van turned far too close to the curb and as a result, he hit my friend's bicycle wheel and began to drag her along side of his van.

The paramedics arrived at the accident scene and attended to my friend's wounds. She had numerous scrapes and cuts on her legs and arms from being dragged on the cement. Plymouth Police Officer Brian Walker also showed up at the scene, but did not witness the collision. Nevertheless, Officer Walker advised my friend that the accident was her fault, however, he did not issue her a ticket. She was shocked at what the officer implied, but she was too shook up at the time to question his statement.

Before the paramedics left the scene, one of them advised my friend that Officer Walker would drive her and the bike home. Officer Walker heard the paramedic offering my friend his assistance and he quickly responded. Unfortunately, Mr. Walker refused to give my friend a ride home and stated her bike did not have much damage and that she was well enough to ride it home. She could hardly believe what she just heard and became very upset. However, she made herself get on the bike and ride it home.

What has happened to our law enforcement officials? Do they make up the laws as they go? When did they become above the law and feel superior? When did they learn disrespecting people is acceptable behavior?

Cindy LaLone
Canton

'Culture of life?'

President Bush's veto and 9th District Congressman Joe Knollenberg's vote against a bipartisan effort to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program show just how far hard-core Republicans will go to prove a point.

Those who oppose the \$35 billion bill say it will lead parents to drop private insurance and belly up to the government trough for health care coverage. They say Democrats are using poor children to push an agenda for national health care. In his veto message, Bush

said the bill would provide government-funded health insurance to families making \$83,000 a year, and he doesn't think that's poor.

He's right — that's not poor. More's the pity. Because even at that income level, profit-driven insurance companies have put adequate health coverage out of reach for millions of American families. The rising cost of health insurance has led many employers to either require high employee premium contributions, or to offer no health insurance at all. According to a study by the nonpartisan Urban Institute, the total number of uninsured children has risen by 12 percent over the past two years, but the number of children in families living at 200 to 400 percent of the poverty rate has increased by double that rate.

More importantly, it appears Mr. Bush doesn't understand the requirements he added to SCHIP, which force new families to wait without insurance for a year before submitting an application and require states to enroll 95 percent of the lowest income children before anyone else.

The bipartisan compromise dropped childless adults from the program, freeing up funds for another two million children. The additional tax on cigarettes was expected to keep thousands of kids from smoking. But our congressman doesn't support it. According to Joe Knollenberg's blog, he wants to just continue the program "as is" — until after the 2008 elections.

Of course. President Bush's proposal would result in an estimated \$7 billion shortfall in SCHIP funding over the next five years. And now, all children covered under SCHIP are without health insurance — because SCHIP funding authorization ran out three days before he vetoed the bill.

But that's not a problem, according to our president. Here's what he told an audience in Cleveland this past July: "People have access to health care in America. After all, you just go to an emergency room."

And this is his "culture of life?"

Joni Hubred-Golden
Farmington

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QUOTABLE

"What did he think, he was going to kindergarten? It's hardball politics. Marc Corriveau has been given all sorts of bills about which he knows nothing; he has gotten public acts because he's in a vulnerable position. Isn't that playing politics?"

— State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, discussing freshman state Rep. Marc Corriveau, a Democrat who represents the 20th House District, who has complained he is being unfairly dogged by Republicans

Commission could be first step to turning state around

In the dark cloud over Lansing these past few weeks, there has been one silver lining in our budget mess — a commission will be created to help streamline government and eliminate waste as part of a plan to reform Michigan and avoid a government shutdown.

I've worked long and hard for the creation of this commission, because this is the first step needed to turn Michigan around, not shutting the government down or raising the burden on taxpayers. I am greatly disappointed in the reactions coming out of Lansing. Instead of finger-pointing and blaming one another, we need a bipartisan approach. Lawmakers were

faced with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reform the structure of Michigan's government into something of which taxpayers can be proud.

Many are arguing that it was a tough vote to raise your taxes. I voted against raising your taxes without hesitation and on many occasions. It was quite an easy decision, actually.

In this tough economy, the money in your wallet should not be a political issue — nor should money out of your wallet. But let me be clear, we do need to improve the way we fund education, provide consistent funding for communities and help those truly in need.

This budget crisis is largely due to govern-

ment waste and overspending. By asking for a tax increase, Lansing is telling taxpayers that a billion-dollar deficit is their problem.

We did not need to raise taxes — we need to cut waste and reform government. There is fat and inefficiency to cut in the budget, but instead of thinking about reform, the immediate response was to place yet another burden on our struggling economy.

This is absolutely the wrong time and place for a tax increase. Lawmakers should be focusing on job and economic growth. The unemployment rate rose to 7.4 percent as lawmakers asked taxpayers to send even more of their hard-earned money to the state.

The commission created is the beacon of hope, but it will take time to implement, uncover waste and then act upon it.

In the long term, this is a bill that could save Michigan more than is being charged in new taxes; in the short term, there are plenty of other reforms that could have a lasting impact.

Michigan's economy is suffering, but it is a great state and we can turn things around. I was born in this state. I married and raised my children here. I believe in our state's future, but the worst action to hurt Michigan is a tax increase, which is why I voted against taking more money from taxpayers.

State Rep. **Phil LaJoy**, R-Canton, represents Michigan's House District 21. He can be reached via e-mail at phil.lajoy@house.mi.gov or by phone at (517) 373-2575 or toll-free at (866) LAJOY21.



Phil LaJoy

Final plan was best one for getting state back on track

Shutting down the state government and plunging Michigan into financial ruin was never an option I was willing to accept. I honestly believe that some of my colleagues were determined to let this happen.

While working to find a solution to Michigan's budget crisis, I learned that our state's economic troubles were structural, serious and made worse by former lawmakers' inaction.

Too many of my predecessors, fearful of making the tough decisions needed to get Michigan back on track, were all too willing to "solve" our budget problems with one-time fixes and gimmicks.

Many times, these decisions were made solely for political reasons. This is one of the major factors that led to Michigan being plagued by a cycle of deficit for so many years, and I couldn't let it continue.

The best way to save our state and our children's future was to make appropriate cuts, enact common-sense reforms and restructure state government to ensure the necessary funding for our most essential services — education, health care and public safety.

I've worked day and night over the past few weeks with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to find a comprehensive solution to Michigan's budget crisis. The bipartisan budget solution that finally emerged from months of negotiations is a solid plan that includes the mix of cuts, reforms and restructuring that Michigan needs to get back on track.

I voted for this final plan because it protects funding for our schools and gives our teachers the resources they will need to prepare our children for the good-paying jobs of the future. As we move further into the 21st century, Michigan will need a highly skilled workforce to attract cutting-edge businesses to our state.

I voted for this plan because it keeps our police and firefighters on the job. We must ensure that our communities have the kinds of neighborhoods that people want to live in. Public safety programs are key to helping our communities grow and thrive. I want our cities and townships to be great places to live, work and raise our families. Keeping police officers and firefighters on the job is a vital component to make this possible.

I voted for it because it protects health care for our seniors and services for the brave veterans who fought for our nation.

Before voting either yes or no on any propos-

al, I needed to determine whether it was good or bad for the people I was sent to Lansing to represent. I refused to blindly follow the party line, choosing instead to act independently. I evaluated all the benefits and possible pitfalls of every plan.

Sometimes that meant voting no. When the Senate proposed cutting \$366.7 million from public education, I voted against the plan. This "fix" was unacceptable to me, especially when I learned that Plymouth-Canton Schools would have lost \$3.5 million in state funding, Wayne-Westland Community Schools would have lost \$2.7 million and Northville Public Schools would have lost \$1.3 million.

Sometimes it meant voting yes. I voted to cut lawmakers' salaries, eliminate free lifetime health care benefits for lawmakers and eliminate double-dipping for retired state workers who come back to work for the state. Cuts and reforms such as these were necessary as we tried to create a leaner and more efficient state government.

For the final plan, I held out for a comprehensive, bipartisan solution that would move Michigan forward and benefit our residents. I voted for the plan that invests in Michigan's future.

When I took office in January, I promised to be an independent voice for our residents, and I have not wavered from that promise. My staff and I have knocked on 16,000 doors to listen to your thoughts and concerns. I've hosted eight town hall meetings, 24 office hours and 16 coffee hours where I sat with residents from all over the district to hear their concerns and consider the solutions they brought to me. I listened to you and I promised that I would try to make the best decision for everyone.

There will be those who do not agree with the decisions I have made. However, please know that my decisions were made only after listening to my constituents and examining every solution carefully and thoughtfully.

I know there is a lot of hard work ahead, and I am optimistic that we will get Michigan back on track. It's now time for my fellow lawmakers and me to get on with the business of rejuvenating Michigan's economy, creating jobs for our workers and building a brighter future for our state and our residents. My commitment to work as hard as I can and to be an independent voice for our residents will not waiver.

State Rep. **Marc Corriveau** represents the 20th House District, which includes Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Wayne and parts of Northville and Canton Township. Contact him at (877) 208-4737 or MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.



Marc Corriveau

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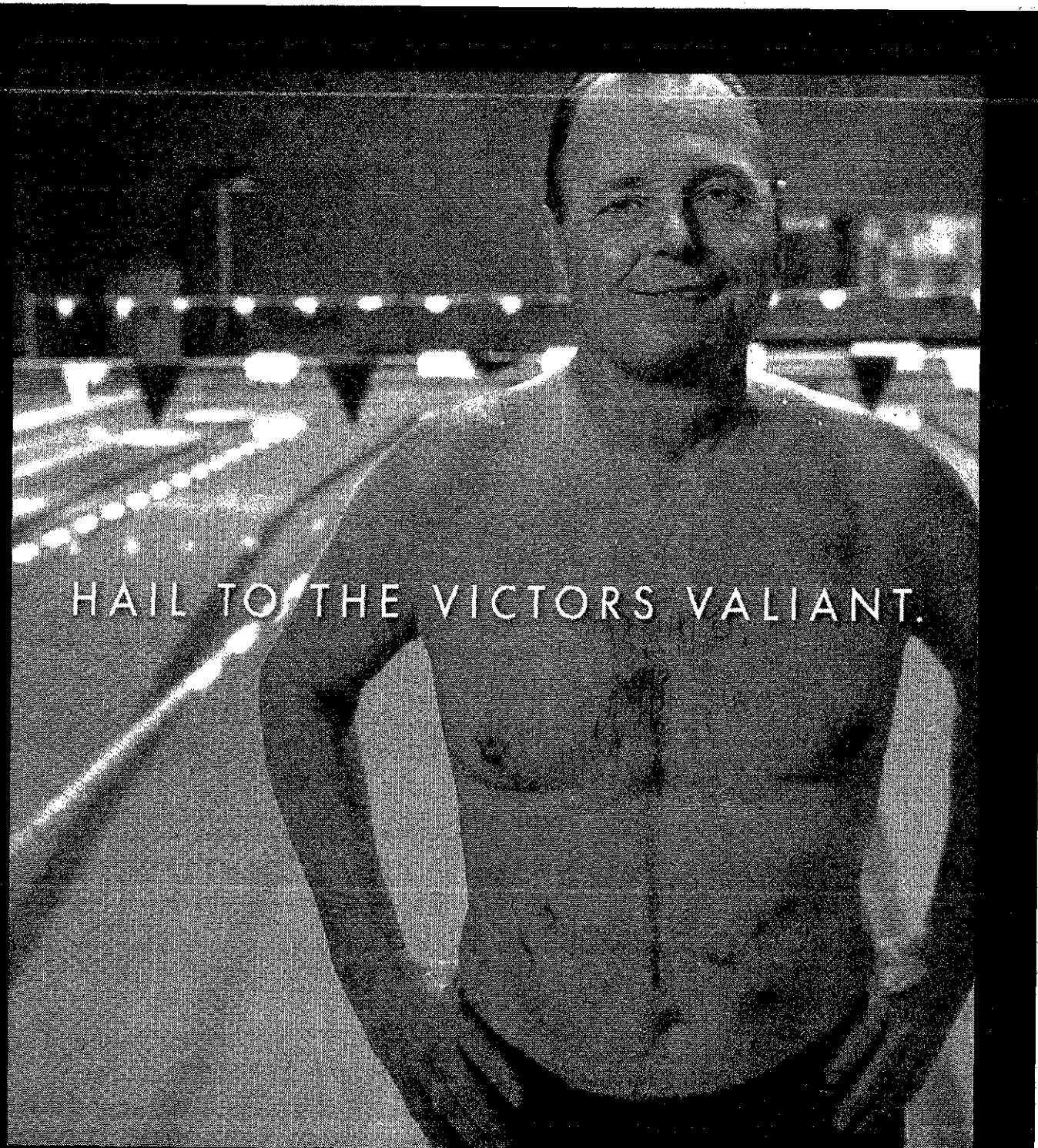
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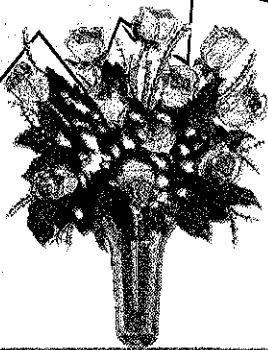
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Caregiving, often a round-the-clock job, can be overwhelming and exhausting, especially for those unsure where to get help and information. The Area Agency on Aging 1-B aims to ease the burden by bringing caregivers, professionals, vendors and more together under one roof.

Its 8th Annual Solutions for Family Caregivers Expo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at The Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi.

This year's free Expo includes 12 expert presentations and more than 100 exhibitors with information on products and services for caregivers.

"Caregivers often find themselves facing enormous responsibilities and are not aware of the services available to assist them or where to turn for help," said Tina Abbate Marzolf, chief executive officer of the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. She said the expo will provide

access to experts, information, and resources. It also will bring caregivers together in a supportive atmosphere.

Parking and morning refreshments will be free. Snacks will be available for purchase in the afternoon.

The expo also offers on-site respite care for those who need to bring their adult loved one with them to the event. The Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter and Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers will provide free professional care, along with refreshments and interactive activities.

"Respite care at the expo means caregivers can check in on loved ones while they are learning about the resources available to them," Abbate Marzolf said.

Reserve respite care by Monday, Oct. 15, by calling (800) 852-7795 or by visiting www.aaalb.com.

Expert presentations from 9:30-10:50 a.m., include:

■ **Taking Care of You: Caring for the Caregiver:** Participants will learn coping strategies and other ways to take good care of themselves, and will review symptoms of caregiver stress and depression.

■ **In-Home Safety Solutions - Minimize Accidents and Maximize Safety:** The session

will focus on safe home environments, the cognitive and physiological changes that often occur as people age, risk factors to look for in a loved one's home, and how to identify potential dangers.

■ **When You Need Help, Where Do You Turn?:** A look at services that help older adults and adults with disabilities remain in their own home.

■ **ElderLaw Answers: Medicare, Medicaid and How to Get the Long Term Care You Deserve:** A look at how eldercare and special needs legal planning can help assure maximum quality for loved ones while preserving and protecting financial resources.

Presentations from 11 a.m. to noon are:

■ **Graceful Aging:** The session will focus on managing illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes and stroke, along with tips on encouraging loved ones to exercise and maintain good eating habits.

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■ **Choosing Home Health Care That's Right For You:** How to select a home care agency and where to find information about agencies, including their success rates in improving patient health.

Presentations from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.:

■ **Alzheimer's Disease: What You Need To Know:** The session includes an overview of facts about Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

■ **Legal Tips for Caregivers: The Q&A session** will cover probate, guardian, and conservatorship, powers of attorney, wills, and trusts, among other topics.

■ **Housing Options:** A panel of experts will explore senior housing choices, such as staying at home and making modifications, low-cost community housing, retirement residences, and assisted living.

■ **Financial Planning for Caregivers and their Loved Ones:** A panel will provide expertise on preparing and managing financial and long-term care needs. Topics include organization, finding an advisory team, inherited IRAs and more.

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15,000 villages throughout Sri Lanka. He has received India's Gandhi Peace Prize and is a Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, and will receive a Certificate of Tribute from Michigan's Governor Jennifer Granholm for his work with the Sarvodaya Sharmadana Movement of Sri Lanka on Saturday Oct. 20. He has worked for over 50 years to successfully mediate intense conflicts, helped build hundreds of homes for the poor,

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Guests can enjoy a meal featuring traditional Romanian dishes, dining in the intimate and elegant American

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At 8 p.m. a free and public performance of the La Follia Romanian Baroque Ensemble will be held in the Presentation Room. Members of La Follia include Codrin Emandi, vio-

lin; Diana Emandi, violin; Valentina Peetz, harpsichord; Adrian Ciuca, cello; and Matthew Ardizzone, classical guitar.

To order tickets for dinner, call (734) 462-4463. For information about the concert or other activities associated with American Romanian Festival, visit www.americanromanianfestival.org.

Marian Tanau, director of the American Romanian Festival organization, arranged for Romanian musicians and artists to visit the area giving lectures and concerts throughout the fall months at Wayne State University, Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, Eastern Michigan University, and the University of Michigan. The American Romanian

Festival is a nonprofit organization founded to promote cultural awareness of, and understanding between, the musicians and audiences of the United States and Romania. The festival supports cultural exchanges with Americans participating in events in Romania and Romanians participating in the events in the U.S.

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A. A credit union is a cooperative financial institution, owned and controlled by the people who use its services. These people are members.

Credit unions serve groups that share something in common, such as where they work, live, or go to church. Credit unions are not-for-profit, and exist to provide a safe, convenient place for members to save money and to get loans at reasonable rates.

Credit unions, like other financial institutions, are closely regulated. And they operate in a very prudent manner. The National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, administered by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), an agency of the federal government, insures deposits of credit union members at more than 11,000 federal and state-chartered credit unions nationwide. Deposits are insured up to \$100,000.

What makes a credit union different from a bank or savings & loan? Like credit unions, these financial institutions accept deposits and make loans—but unlike credit unions, they are in business to make a profit. Banks and savings & loans are owned by groups of stockholders whose interests include earning a healthy return on their investments.

Q. WHY JOIN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Credit unions exist only to serve their member-owners. Consumer surveys repeatedly show members are more satisfied with the service they receive from their credit union than are customers of banks or savings and loans.

Credit unions are democratic organizations directed by their members. Members have the power to direct credit union policy and, if dissatisfied, can even replace the board of directors. Credit unions practice a one-member, one-vote philosophy for all elections, unlike for-profit financial institutions whose stockholders vote according to the number of shares of stock they own. Their nonprofit status enables credit unions to operate at a lower cost than many for-profit institutions and helps them to offer competitive loan and savings rates. For instance, credit unions usually charge lower interest on credit cards than most other providers, and many credit unions charge no annual card fee.

Q. HOW CAN I JOIN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Credit unions are for everyone, but the law places some limits on the people they may serve. A credit union's charter defines its "field of membership," which could be an employer, church, school, or community.

Anyone working for an employer that sponsors a credit union, for

example, is eligible to join that credit union.

If you don't belong, here's how to find a credit union to join:

1. Poll your family. Does your spouse's employer sponsor a credit union? Most credit unions allow credit union members' families to join. Each credit union, however, may define "family" differently. At some credit unions, only members of your immediate family are eligible. At other credit unions, family may include extended family members, such as cousins, uncles, and aunts.
2. Ask your boss. Your company may sponsor a credit union, or may be a select employee group (SEG) that has access to a credit union. Many employers offer direct deposit of payroll to your credit union.
3. Quiz the neighbors. Some credit unions have a "community" field of membership, serving a region defined by geography rather than by employment or some other association. Ask friends in the community if they know of a credit union you may join.
4. Read the yellow pages. Some credit unions rarely advertise, so you might not know about them unless you look them up. A yellow pages display ad may state a credit union's field of membership. If not, at least you'll know what number to call to ask about membership eligibility.
5. Use the online Michigan credit union finder.

Call your state league. In Michigan, you can call (800) 262-6285 x225 and you will speak to someone who can help you. Or, call the Credit Union National Association to help you find a credit union at (800) 358-5710.

You'll hear an electronic message that includes the name and telephone number of a person at the credit union league in your state who can help you find a credit union to join.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A CREDIT UNION?

A. The philosophy of the credit union movement is Not for Profit, Not for Charity, But for Service. Credit unions promote thrift and teach the wise use of credit. Credit unions encourage their members to develop a systematic savings program and they provide a source of low-cost credit. Because credit unions are not-for-profit and have low overhead costs, they are usually able to offer lower interest rates on loans and higher dividends on members' shares (savings). A credit union is also non-profit in the sense that its purpose is to serve the members, not to make money. It needs money to provide services and benefits. But money is the means, not the end itself.

Q. WHO MAY JOIN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Every credit union serves a specific field of membership as defined by

its charter. Anyone who falls within the common bond of the credit union may join and share in its ownership. A common bond can be defined as the employees of a company, members of a civic or church group, residents of a community or numerous groups together. Generally, persons within a member's family, by blood or marriage, may also join.

Q. HOW ARE CREDIT UNIONS OPERATED?

A. Credit unions are democratically controlled by their members. The members, themselves, elect a board of directors from among the membership, which is responsible for setting policy. Day-to-day operations are handled by paid professionals, or in the case of a small sized credit union, by volunteers.

Q. IS MY MONEY SAFE IN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Yes, your money is insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), a federal fund created by Congress in 1970 to insure member's deposits in credit unions up to the \$100,000 federal limit. Administered by the National Credit Union Administration, the NCUSIF is backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. Government.

Q. HOW THE FUND IS FINANCED?

A. The NCUSIF maintains at or near 1.30 percent of federally insured credit union deposits. By law, federally insured credit unions maintain 1 percent of their deposits in the NCUSIF and the NCUA Board can levy a premium if necessary. Credit unions voluntarily capitalized the Fund in 1985 by depositing 1 percent of their deposits into the Fund. Since then, the NCUA Board has charged only one premium, when three large New England credit unions failed in 1992 substantially increasing insurance losses. No federal tax dollars have ever been placed in the credit union financial Fund, and no member has ever lost money insured by the NCUSIF.

Q. WHO GOVERNS CREDIT UNIONS?

A. A credit union receives its authority to operate by obtaining a federal or state charter. Federally chartered credit unions follow the regulations set by the Federal Credit Union Act, and state chartered credit unions follow those under the State Credit Union Act. Annual examinations and oversight is conducted by the supervisory agencies—the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) for the federal credit unions and the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services for credit unions administered under Michigan laws.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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OCTOBER

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.

Heart quest

A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, starting 8

p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Cherry Hill SDA Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City. Topics include how to improve your life, find hope in a shaky world that seems on the verge of collapse, find true meaning for your life and reconciliation through the study of Bible truths.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

Course in Miracles

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20; 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.com@hotmail.com.

Entertainment tonight

Clark and Company presents An Evening of Taste and Sound, Saturday, Oct. 20, at Orchard-United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. Catered dinner at 6 p.m., Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. The evening features Gordon and Carol Bleich (piano and vocal artists), Miguel Cruz (dramatic tenor), Tim Schoenherr (piano and vocals), Linda Freeze (soprano), Don DeGrazia (drums) and Dr. Thomas Clark (organ and master of ceremonies). Tickets can be purchased at the church during normal business hours. Dinner & Concert Combo is \$30 (by Oct. 15). Concert only \$15. For more information, call (248) 626-3620.

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.

Anniversary services

On Sunday, Oct. 21, at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. joyful anniversary worship services with Holy Communion will be celebrated, thanking God for 50 years of faithful ministry at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River, Redford.

The Rev. Dr. Victor Halboth has served Grace Church during his entire ministry. After 38 years as Senior Pastor of Grace Church, Halboth now serves full time as the assistant pastor. The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Klaus, speaker on the International Lutheran Hour will be the guest speakers. Following the worship services a celebration luncheon will be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Everyone is invited and reservations for the luncheon can be made by contacting the Grace Church office at (313) 532-2266.

Sisterhood tea party

It's time to dust off your favorite hat, put on your fancy lace gloves and join us for an afternoon of tea, sandwiches, pastries and the entertainment of Jack Bailey at the Second Annual Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Tea Party, Dressed to a Tea, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information or to RSVP (by Oct. 16), call Phyllis Lewkowicz (248) 474-8676. Please bring the buttons you have been collecting for Lisa Anderson and her Language Arts students at Frost Middle School. We will be presenting the buttons to Anderson and some of her students for their project Buttoning your mouth shut against Stereotyping. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org.

Piano concert

Three Centuries of Piano Classics Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Close your eyes and imagine an afternoon spent listening at the foot of some of the greatest piano masters: Beethoven, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff. Concert pianist Erin Anders takes us back in time through 300 years of piano classics. The concert will also be entwined with various contemporary pieces. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact music director Mark Loymeyer at (734) 522-6830.

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.

Concert

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be hosting a concert featuring Gordon and Carol Bleich, former Michigan residents and Ward members 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in the chapel at the church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The Bleichs musical selections will be a variety of Christian music. They will be joined in concert by Miguel Angel Cruz, a lyric tenor and pastor originally from Cuba. There is no charge for the concert. A free will offering will be taken. Child care provided for children through age 4. A reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Lutheran laymen's convention

The Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Convention takes place Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme for the convention is Let Your Light Shine based on Matthew 5:16. Guest speaker Andrew T. Fitzgerald is Manager of International Volunteer Services in the International Ministries Division of Lutheran Hour Ministries. He is responsible for the ministry's Global Care Packages program (which includes By Kids... For Kids, The Mothers Touch, and Teacher to Teacher) and its Global Work & Witness international mission trips. Registration begins at 8 a.m., worship at 9 a.m. followed by first convention session. An afternoon session follows the 12:15 p.m. luncheon. For more information, call (734) 729-0306.

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.

Pentecostal revival

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 26-28, at the Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area in Livonia. Times are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. Sunday with Evangelist Don McKenzie. The revival includes prayer for the sick and laying on hands to receive the Holy Ghost. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

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.

Women's health fair

Orchard United Methodist Church

(30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills) is sponsoring at Women's Health Fair presented by Farmington Medical Center Saturday, Oct. 27. Focus is on mind, body and spirit taking a stand for optimal health. Presenters include keynote speaker Hellen Greenblatt PhD, Chief Science Officer Legacy for Life, International Speaker Immunologist/Microbiologist. Presenters 9 a.m. to noon, and 12:15-2 p.m. with health booths, live entertainment, appetizers and refreshments available at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15 pre-event, \$20 at door. Seating limited so reserve a space early. RSVP by Oct. 15. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to breast cancer research. For more information, call (248) 330-3001 or e-mail womenshealthfair@yahoo.com.

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.aod-womensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Tatry dancers

The PRCUA Tatry Dancers give their annual Graduate Presentation Dance Saturday, Oct. 27, at Robert Jones K of C Hall, 25160 W. Outer Drive, Lincoln Park. Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$40 per person. Must be purchased by Oct. Call for information, call (313) 274-0183.

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, or send e-mail to CantataAcademyChorale@msn.com.

180th anniversary celebration

First Baptist Church of Detroit is celebrating their 180th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the 11 a.m. worship service. All are welcome to join this festive occasion at the church, 21200 Southfield Road on the northbound service drive north off Eight Mile. Call (248) 569-2972 for more information.

Choir concert

The Contemporary Choir of Second Baptist Church celebrates its 21st anniversary with the theme: We've come this far by faith, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the church, 441 Monroe Ave., Detroit. For information, call (313) 961-0920.

Trunk or treat

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in the parking lot at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. A safe activity where kids go from car trunk to car trunk seeing and hearing a Bible story and receiving candy. Come dressed in costume and bring your friends and neighbors. Adults, if you haven't signed up for a trunk and are interested in helping call the church. Candy is also needed for the trunks.

Jazz vesper service

7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28th in the Chapel at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Childcare will be provided through age 4. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken. A reception follows the concert. The service will feature the Brass Roots Trio and they will be presenting Reflections in Peace. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Pontifical visit

Of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of Catholics of All Armenians Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, at St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Hrshapar Service followed by Armenian Heritage Collection Costume Show and Afterglow Coffee and Dessert in the Cultural Hall (no charge, children are encouraged to attend. Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cultural Hall. Cos is \$55, children under age 18 \$25. Space is limited. For tickets, call (248) 569-3405.

Pumpkin patch

Continues to Oct. 31, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and closes at 8 p.m. both weekend days, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 626-3620. This year marks the 11th anniversary of Orchard's youth sponsored Pumpkin Patch Fund-raiser. Orchard United Methodist Church will once again receive several thousand pumpkins grown by Navajo Native Americans in New Mexico. Proceeds of the sale have traditionally been used to support the youth groups annual mission trip. For more information call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org. On Sunday, Oct. 21 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Everyone

is welcome to join us for Storytime in The Pumpkin Patch with stories, face painting and simple games for children. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (248) 626-3620, Ext. 30.

Pumpkin patch

The pumpkin patch of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church continues until Halloween, Oct. 31, at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Besides Michigan pumpkins, fall decorations will also be available. These include gourds, bales of straw, cornstalks, and decorated 1/4 and 1/2 bales of straw that have been treated to last six months. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Pumpkin fund-raiser

Get your pumpkins for missions 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 27, at Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, west of Newburgh on the north side, Livonia. Also, gourds, etc. for table decorations.

UPCOMING

Church fair

The 61st annual O Christmas Tree church fair 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 1-2, at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square at Michigan Ave. and Wayne Rd. Coffee shop opens at 9 a.m., a la carte luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., dinner served 5-7 p.m. (\$7.50 adults, \$3.50 children). Children activities 6-7:30 p.m. Fair features aprons, attic treasures, books, candy booth, boutiques, Christmas gifts, Country Store, decorations booth, pet shop, specialties booth, raffle and more. For more information, call (734) 729-7550.

Angel baby service

A special remembrance and healing service for parents grieving over the death of a baby takes place on All Saints Day 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Hope Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. All those who remember and grieve are invited to attend. There is no cost and no obligation of any kind. For more information, call (734) 425-7280.

Upper Room Ministries

Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning Nov. 4, in the school chapel at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford. Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. It is a non-denominational contemporary ministry. There will be prayer for the sick and hands laid on to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Music is contemporary in style. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

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.

Alternative Christmas Fair

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission of \$1 will be charged at the door. Call the church at (248) 553-7170 for more information.

Sisterhood luncheon

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. In honor of Veteran's Day, the luncheon will have a Patriot theme from the food to the entertainment. In the spirit of the season, we are asking members to bring new items such as knit hats, gloves, socks, personal care items, and toys to be donated to those in need. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org

ONGOING

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are

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ARTHUR STANLEY TOBIASSEN

March 23, 1926- October 10, 2007. Arthur died, surrounded by his family, at home in Falmouth, Maine, after a valiant 9-year battle with lung and bone cancer. Mr. Tobiasen was born and raised in Portland, Maine. Following his naval service during WW II, he attended the University of Maine, graduating with a BS degree in Agricultural Engineering. After more than 35 years of dedicated service to Ford Tractor operations, Arthur retired from his position as Safety-Environmental Manager, Worldwide and worked independently as a consultant serving the industry as a safety expert. While a resident of Rochester, Mr. Tobiasen was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Oakland University President's club, Society of Automotive Engineers, and The Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, U.S. Advisory Committee to International Standards Organization, Industrial Equipment Manufacturers Council. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Cecelia, their children, Michael Tobiasen of Kingston, MI, Cathy Tobiasen-Dommenick and her husband Joseph of Washington, MI, Pat Naticz and her husband Lee of Auburn, Maine, grandson, Kris Tobiasen and his wife Angela of Auburn Hills, MI, and two great-granddaughters. He will be remembered as a kind, loving husband and father and dearly missed by his family.

CAROLYN JUNE (Potts) SHREVE

Born on Nov. 2, 1929 in Upsher County, WV, and entered into eternal rest on Oct. 9, 2007 in Mount Vernon, WA. She was an avid reader, knitter and loved to travel. She received her RN in Michigan and lived in Akron, OH, Troy, MI, Swance, GA., and most recently Mt. Vernon, WA. At her request her ashes will be released by plane over Washington state. She was preceded in death by her parents LuVernia & Glenville Potts, her brother John Paul Sr. and sister Barbara Ann Medin. She is survived by sons John (Barb) Blake, Bruce (Janet) Blake, Paul (Rachel) Shreve, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Sisters Genevieve Katz, Jane (Manny) Ecker, Sheila Reighard, brothers Sonny (Becky) Potts, David (Shelly) Potts. Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and Aunt Virginia Bolton. Also the family would like to extend their gratitude to her caregiver Laura Ashal. Memorials are to be made to your local hospice.

GLADYS IRENE RUSSELL

Of Leesburg, FL, age 103, died October 13, 2007 at Mayfield Retirement Center, Leesburg, FL. She was born in Southfield, MI. She is survived by her daughter Betty Jane (Kenneth) Shepard, Lady Lake, FL; sons Edward Halsey Russell II, Palantine, IL, Arthur Jack (Janis) Russell, Fowlerville, MI, Calvin Bruce (Marian) Russell, Lady Lake, FL, Dr. Ronald Kieth (Nancy), New Jersey; 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Halsey Russell (1969), daughter-in-law Patricia Russell (2002), grandson Timothy Russell (1952), twin sister Grace Stephens, sister Mattie Nixon, Brothers Clark Nixon, Harry Nixon and Lucius Nixon. Bayers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, FL is in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made to Hospice of Lake & Sumter, 12300 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778-9972.

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WILLIAM "Bill" L. BAUER

Aged 91, of Byron Center, formerly of Farmington Hills, MI, entered into the arms of Jesus and joined his beloved wife, Patricia; and daughters, Terry Pittenger and Sharon Bauer on Saturday, October 13, 2007. He was a warm and caring man with a delightful sense of humor who always had time for people, especially his girls. He had an uncanny ability to break anything mechanical. He is survived by his children, Laura (John) McDowell, Elizabeth (Rudy) Bahnsen, Constance (Dennis) Stachelek, and Faith (Chris) Koltz; son-in-law, Jerry Pittenger; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He served as a major in the U.S. Army during WWII and the Korean War. He worked for Champion Spark Plug Co. for 28 years, and owned and operated the Napa Store in Union Lake, MI. A special thank you to the staff and his many friends at Raiside Assisted Living Center in Byron Center who took excellent care of him; whom he cherished as family. A Memorial Service will be held 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at the Raiside Assisted Living Center, 7955 Byron Center Ave., SW. Burial will be at North Farmington Cemetery in Farmington Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Raiside Assisted Living Center. Arrangements by Stroo Funeral Home, 1095 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

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Age 75, of Garden City, passed October 16, 2007. Beloved husband of 53 years to Blanche. Loving father of Dawn (Wayne) Robertson, Tom (Deb), Frank, Bob (Tracey), Teresa (Chris) Stevens and Ed (Tennille). "Papa" of 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dear brother of Joe (Karen), Eugene (Gail), Carol Jackson and Maryann (Dick) Pruitt. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass from St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City Friday 10am (in state 9:30am). Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Friends may visit John N. Santeiu & Sons Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster, Garden City, Thursday, 2pm to 9pm.

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Fall worship schedule

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Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship

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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.

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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.

Worship change

Began Sunday, October 7, the early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia will be at 7:45 a.m. at

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Tax on insurance cash surrender may be less than you think

Last weekend while broadcasting from the Fall Remodeling Show I was asked about life insurance. A man has a \$100,000 life insurance policy with approximately \$35,000 in cash surrender value. He doesn't need the insurance and wants to get back his cash but he doesn't want to pay tax.

I'm asked this question frequently and the answer surprises many individuals.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Many people believe when they cancel a life insurance policy and withdraw the cash surrender value they are taxed on the entire distribution. That's not the case. In your insurance policy there's a cost basis which is an offset to any distribution. The cost basis in an insurance policy is the premium paid throughout the years. For example, if your premium was \$100 a month and you paid that premium for 10 years then your cost basis in your policy would be (100 x 12 x 10) \$12,000. If the cash surrender value is \$12,100 and you cash out, the amount subject to tax is \$100. The first \$12,000 is principal coming back to you.

Another issue is what happens if you paid into the policy more than the cash surrender value. Unfortunately, since life insurance is not an investment, the losses are not deductible.

Don't treat life insurance as an investment. Life insurance is risk management. The issues dealing with risk are different from those of an investment.

If no one is financially dependent upon you, you typically do not need life insurance. However, if your death would cause financial problems for loved ones and you do not have the resources to protect them, life insurance is something to consider. If you have an existing policy, you need to review it every so often

Bell ringers needed for yule season

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division (TSA) has kicked off its fourth annual online volunteer drive for the nonprofit's Red Kettle bell ringers. The Salvation Army needs to fill over 1,500 two-hour shifts from Nov. 16 through Dec. 24 (Sundays excluded). The Salvation Army is looking for people who want a simple and easy way to give back to their communities by "ringing a bell" during its biggest annual fund-raising campaign.

"Due to the increased need in the suburbs we are looking for a record number of volunteers this year to help the Red Kettle campaign reach our 2007 fund-raising goal," said Maj. Norman Marshall divisional commander. Opportunities throughout southeast Michigan are posted at www.ringbell.org. Anyone can log on, pick a preferred location and a two-hour shift that is convenient. The volunteer will receive a confirmation e-mail just prior to the selected date.

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Some say borrowing from the policy is better than paying the taxes. I say when most people determine their basis they realize the tax consequence of cashing out is minimal at best.

However, there are situations where cashing out a policy would have a tax consequence. So for individuals who want to defer the tax, there is an option. Under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 1035,

one can directly transfer the cash surrender value of a life insurance policy into an annuity. By directly transferring the money there is no tax consequence. I generally recommend an equity-index annuity.

Like mutual funds, there are many types of equity-index annuities and the key is to find one that fits your situation. Like other types of investments, be aware of costs. Beware of policies that

have spreads, another word for commissions.

In an equity-index annuity, also look closely at the surrender period. Every equity-index annuity requires the investor to commit money for a period of time. In most cases, I recommend a time period of five to seven years. Every investor needs flexibility and to lock money up for 15 years in today's environment doesn't make sense to me.

The bottom line with life insurance is the cash surrender value of a policy is your money and you need to understand that to make wise decisions.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money-matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

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Fall blooms boost home's sales appeal

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

You're selling your home — and have heard about the importance of such things as painted shutters and clean windows, especially in this challenging market. Those who own and run area nurseries urge you to put your green thumb to use as well, to make your home stand out.

There were a lot of such customers in early to mid-September, said Randy Kowalski of Holly, general manager for the Bordine Nursery in Rochester Hills. "If they're looking for quick color, we recommend a lot of mums. That's an eye-catcher," Kowalski said. Mums are hardy and will bloom in all likelihood through Thanksgiving.

"It takes a lot to kill a pansy," he noted, also recommending that hardy flower. "Normally, they love the cool weather. We get a lot of those." Pansies will live even with two inches of snow on top, and make a home more attractive to a potential buyer driving by.

Kowalski of Bordine (with additional locations in Grand Blanc, Clarkston and Brighton) also recommends ornamental grasses, which aren't cut back until spring and remain attractive through the winter.

"It's going to make you stop and look at that house," he concluded of landscaping, which you can either do yourself to save some money or hire a professional to accomplish.

At the Rochester Hills Bordine Nursery, spring's the busiest time, April 15 to June 15, he found. "They actually like to push the envelope a little bit. You have to warm them about frost."

Kowalski added that mulching with wood bark colors is beneficial as well,

good for appearance and keeping weeds down.

Over at the English Gardens store in West Bloomfield, Chuck DeBene of Warren, operations manager, and colleagues are seeing their share of home-selling customers.

"They always want a little extra curb appeal," said DeBene, noting that's especially true when multiple homes are up for sale on the same block. "You want to do something special to make yours stand out."

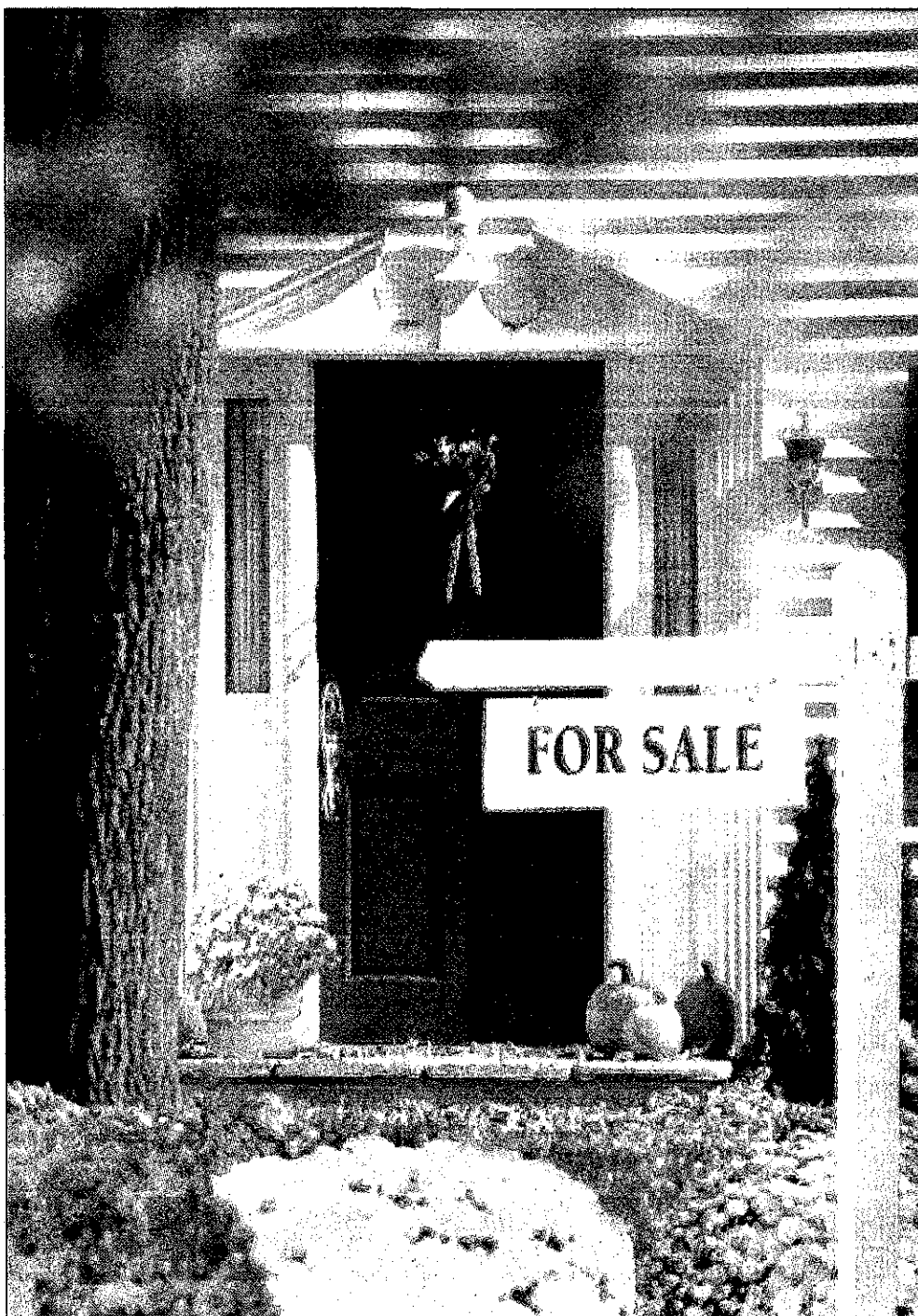
He recommends colorful mums, hardy asters and such fall items as cornstalks, straw bales, gourds and Michigan squash "that give the harvest feel."

"Pansies are a really good thing to put in right now," DeBene added. The pansies can go in bowls and pots; he recommends putting mums in hanging baskets to replace flowers there now past their prime.

English Gardens has six local sites including Ann Arbor, and like other nurseries can help with professional landscaping. DeBene noted spring is their busiest time, followed closely by Christmas. "We are definitely a destination for Christmas," including for "lifelike trees," lights and decorations, which can be customized for your home.

It was hard to think about fall gardening early last week as temperatures soared, but DeBene took a long-term view: "I think it's going to turn in a hurry," he said. "It always seems to even out."

At Plymouth Nursery & Garden Center, Keith Swayze of Commerce, a landscape designer, and his colleagues are having a busy fall, partly helping those with homes for sale. "Certainly with our (real estate) market the way it is anything you can do to help,"



Swayze said.

"The garden mums are a great seasonal option," Swayze agreed. "Pansies certainly are a good option." Ornamental kale and cabbage are good fall color choices as well.

There's a Proven Winners brand at Plymouth Nursery, marketed as "Fall Magic"

and offering hardy annuals to plant right now that can withstand cooler temperatures.

Swayze noted simply mulching garden beds can help. "That's something pretty simple that people don't think about."

His nursery is busy in the spring, but there are

customers in the fall. "It's a good time to plant," Swayze said. "Usually more rain. I think enough people realize that out there and try to take some of those projects" they've put off in summer.

He added that ornamental grasses and blooming asters, a perennial, are good fall choices.

Limit your use of second home

Q. I own a second home, which I use personally but also rent out to others, as well. Can you briefly tell me what the federal tax consequences are?

A. For the best tax treatment, try to keep your personal use of the home down. If you use your vacation home less than the greater of (1) 14 days, or (2) 10 percent of rental days, the home will be considered rental property. If you go over these thresholds, your second home is classified as a residence, and deductions are limited.



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With personal use under 10 percent of rental days, the home can qualify as rental property. This permits you to deduct repairs, maintenance, insurance and depreciation costs. If your expenses exceed your income, you could deduct the loss, subject to the passive loss rules of the IRS. Losses for rental property are passive losses. In most cases, passive losses up to \$25,000 may be deducted if your adjusted gross income is under \$100,000. As your adjusted gross income increases, your ability to deduct passive losses decreases, thereby phasing out at \$150,000 in adjusted gross income. Finally, if you are over the 10 percent limit, you have a residence, the tax rules are stricter. You can only deduct expenses up to the amount of rental income, so no loss deductions are permitted. In addition, expenses for a residence that is rented to others may be treated unfavorably. Before you can deduct any operating expenses or depreciation, you have to use up the property's share of mortgage, interest and property tax, which effectively wastes deductions. You are best advised to consult with your tax advisor for advice on your own situation.

Q. One of our express delivery companies dropped a package outside the association's clubhouse door, on the step, and one of our residents tripped on the package, fell and suffered an injury. The co-owner does not want to sue the association, but is thinking about suing the express delivery company. Do you have any information about that?

A. Based on a recent case out of Indiana, a delivery service was found negligent for placing a package on the steps of a home. The delivery service claimed that the plaintiff's claims were preempted by the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act, but in that case, the Indiana Court of Appeals said that once the package was delivered, the court could not say that subsequent occurrences stemming from the alleged negligence of an employee of the delivery service were covered by federal preemption laws and allowed the case to proceed. You should contact your association attorney and insurance company.

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

Michigan Association of Realtors taps leaders

The Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR) has recently announced its 2008 leadership and filled nine board spots that were voted on by members in those respective congressional districts. Serving as officers for 2008 are President Jeff Young of Grand Haven, President-Elect Dan Coffey

of Union Pier and Treasurer Bob Taylor of Birmingham.

The open seats have been filled by the following members: Beth Foley of Holland; Gene Szeinski of Grand Rapids, Susan Yeotis of Fenton; Fred Hetherwick of Jackson; Carol Griffith of Brighton; Nanci Rands of

Birmingham; David Elya of Shelby Township; Gary Arini of Sterling Heights and Beth Pressler of Grosse Pointe Farms. All directors will serve a two-year term except Nanci Rands, who was elected to a one-year term to fill the spot left vacant by Bob Taylor when he was elected treasurer.

HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 18-22, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.					
Canton		22940 Farmington Rd	\$167,000	30241 Vassar St	\$190,000
155 Morgan Dr	\$168,000	Farmington Hills		8902 W Deborah Ct	\$175,000
1001 Mystic Ct	\$313,000			30960 Wentworth St	\$145,000
3320 Napier Rd	\$210,000				
1655 Northbrook Ct	\$243,000			803 Canal St	\$165,000
42083 Old Bridge Rd	\$180,000			1418 Horseshoe Cir	\$268,000
47516 Ormskirk Dr	\$123,000				
47532 Ormskirk Dr	\$153,000			44664 Broadmoor Cir N	\$482,000
47548 Ormskirk Dr	\$149,000			44464 Larchwood Dr	\$610,000
47580 Ormskirk Dr	\$154,000			41366 Lehigh Ln	\$135,000
3905 Radcliff Dr	\$138,000			15957 Morningside	\$140,000
3985 Radcliff Dr	\$152,000			15999 Morningside	\$152,000
50187 S Wintergarden Ct	\$292,000			49165 Parkshore Ct	\$1160,000
339 Springfield Dr	\$348,000			17654 Parkshore Dr	\$708,000
459 W Canford Park	\$100,000			16135 Thorndyke Ct	\$315,000
1301 W Crystal Cir	\$231,000				
46457 Woodside Dr	\$290,000				
49181 Woodson Way	\$100,000				
Farmington					
		22940 Farmington Rd	\$167,000		
		22251 Abington Dr	\$330,000		
		29192 Brierton St	\$282,000		
		21320 Collingham Ave	\$149,000		
		23766 E Newell Cir	\$215,000		
		37593 Emerald Forest Dr	\$320,000		
		30158 S Stockton Dr	\$197,000		
		30729 Tanglewood Dr	\$258,000		
		30917 Westwood Rd	\$430,000		
		Garden City			
		28687 Balmoral St	\$157,000		
		33412 Florence St	\$120,000		
		1520 Garden St	\$223,000		
		Livonia			
		33855 Eight Mile Rd	\$118,000		
		11035 Brookfield St	\$153,000		
		12144 Cavell St	\$152,000		
		14314 Denne St	\$170,000		
		32413 Maria Ct	\$200,000		
		31052 Mason St	\$214,000		
		33323 Navin Ct	\$245,000		
		29426 Robert Dr	\$93,000		
		14462 Ronnie Ln	\$196,000		
		19687 Saint Francis St	\$117,000		
		36036 Schoolcraft Rd	\$150,000		
		37661 Sunnyside St	\$250,000		
				43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$200,000
				43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$174,000
				22430 Autumn Park Blvd	\$41,000
				51111 Brompton	\$325,000
				23025 Brookforest	\$216,000
				24764 Christine Ln	\$245,000
				24764 Davenport Ave	\$315,000
				40651 Lenox Park Dr	\$274,000
				24451 Perceval Ln	\$410,000
				22521 Summer Ln	\$465,000
				30182 Viewcrest Dr	\$256,000
				30214 Viewcrest Dr	\$306,000
				644 Harding St	\$230,000
				51057 Plymouth Valley Dr	\$563,000
				12829 Leverne	\$145,000
				9225 Lucerne	\$138,000
				20088 Macarthur	\$61,000
				9347 Salem	\$116,000
				19342 Wakenen	\$60,000
				229 Brookwood Dr	\$111,000
				245 Brookwood Dr	\$125,000
				56000 Nine Mile Rd	\$275,000
				32582 Benson Ct	\$164,000
				34034 Cambria Ct	\$100,000
				39273 Gloucester St	\$190,000
				173 N Harvey St	\$91,000
				32228 Parkwood St	\$110,000
				32500 Parkwood St	\$135,000
				717 Patricia Place Dr	\$280,000
				846 Patricia Place Dr	\$252,000
				472 Ravencrest Ln	\$160,000
				564 Superior Pkwy	\$130,000
				1347 Surrey Hts	\$125,000



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Immaculately maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath Canton home. Updates include roof, wndws, Kit, whirlpool tub, fresh paint, fresh landscaping, FFL & above grnd pool w/Deck.
\$219,500 (P-607FA)



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 Din Rm, bsmt, & motivated Seller!!
\$289,000 (P-331WO)



STUNNING COLONIAL
Immaculate 4 bd colonial featuring 2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic baths, Master w/jetted tub & large WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laundry.
\$335,000 (P-755SH)



UPDATED BRICK RANCH
Well maintained 3 bd brick ranch w/1.5 car det garage, fenced yard, new hardwood floors, appliances stay in updated Kitchen & it's move in ready!
\$89,900 (P-960WY)



BARELY LIVED IN
Premium location on this end unit townhome w/finished walkout, many upgrades incl: maple cab's, hwd floors, new carpet, fresh paint, & more.
\$194,900 (P-832CH)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN
Completely remodeled ranch w/2 Garages, enormous Kitchen w/fireplace, 3 full baths, new furnace & C/A, new flooring, updated elec, & minutes from downtown Plymouth.
\$399,900 (P-698EV)



UPDATES GALORE
Fantastic Sunflower location & expensive updates t/o: Kitchen, roof, furnace, A/C, windows, doors, Pergo flooring, hwh, elec, area pool & clubhouse, & more.
\$255,000 (P-776DR)



DESIRABLE LIVONIA LOCATION
Sited on a quiet tree lined street, this spacious quad is perfect for entertaining! Open floor plan, formal Din Rm, updated maple Kit, FR w/frpl, bsmt, Garage, & more.
\$239,000 (P-305CR)



CHARMING CAPE COD
Spacious home w/over 2200 sq ft. Updated Kit, formal LR w/new carpet, 1st fl laundry, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Master w/WIC & bath, updated roof, furn, C/A, carpet, flooring, & more.
\$235,900 (P-266PO)



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



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-797CH)



COME FOR CIDER & COOKIES!
Sited in desirable area of Canton, this exquisite home is tastefully appointed & in move in condition. 4 bd, 3.5 baths & prof fin bsmt w/guest suite & entertainment area.
\$399,900 (P-675AS)



AWESOME HOME
4 bd, 3.5 bath home w/1st fl Master w/Jacuzzi tub, vaulted ceilings, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl laun, Kit w/ss appl's, convenient location close to shopping, marinas, & schools.
\$290,000 (P-692SU)



EXCEPTIONAL CANTON COLONIAL
1,550 sq ft home offering 3 spacious bds, Fam Rm w/frpl, updated inc: baths, furnace, windows, Pergo & appl's, large private yard, 2 car Garage, immed occupancy & more.
\$179,900 (P-261GL)



ABSOLUTELY STUNNING
Glengary colonial with huge lot & inground pool. Fabulous decorating t/o, finished bsmt w/full Kitchen, great location & a 1 yr home warranty.
\$380,000 (P-415HA)



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



STEPS TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Updated 3 bd, 2 bath ranch w/neutral decor, Din Rm, large Kitchen, finished bsmt w/3rd bd, new furnace, 2 car Garage, updated windows, & fresh paint. Truly exceptional.
\$197,900 (P-647HA)



TURN KEY BEAUTY
Rare find on this charming 3 bd, 1.5 bath, tastefully decorated home. Fresh neutral paint, hwd floors, newly added Fam Rm & Deck, finished bsmt w/extra Kit & egress window.
\$199,900 (P-548MO)



OPPORTUNITY AWAITS
This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakepointe Village. Updated Kit, large family room w/frpl, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appliances stay, & Home Warranty.
\$188,000 (P-218GR)



IT'S A GEM!
This 2 bd, 1.5 bath ranch condo in popular Bradbury Park is a must see. Newer carpet, oak Kit, Master w/WIC, appls stay, Carport, C/A, & short walk to area pool & clubhouse.
\$134,900 (P-403NE)



NORTHVILLE'S BEST KEPT SECRET
Awesome views from this 2500+ sq ft condo feat: 3.5 baths, lower level w/poss in-law quart, multiple Decks w/panoramic views, skylights, Garage & also avail for lease.
\$324,900 (P-648EA)



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



PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP
3 bd, 2 bath, well maintained ranch offers 2 full kits. Enjoy summer breezes by the pool or in the shade of a covered Patio. Hwd floors, updated baths, 31x11 RR, & appl's stay.
\$154,900 (P-364BA)



ALL SPORTS LAKE!
Gorgeous home on private School Lake. Offering 3 bd, 2 baths, island Kitchen w/ceramic, Deck w/hot tub. Garage, seawall, firepit, dock, & Pontoon Boat included!
\$349,900 (P-629PA)



CHARMING STONE HOME
4.65 acres embraces this charming 4 bd home w/frpl, hwd & ceramic floors, 48X30 pole barn, Swimming pool, Great craftsmanship w/numerous updates.
\$324,900 (P-291NO)



CLEAN & BRIGHT
Great Canton condo feat: 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, full bsmt, private entrance, area pool, tennis courts, & golf course.
\$279,900 (C-946WE)



ELEGANCE AND CLASS!!
This 3 bd/3.5 bth w/3000+ sq ft of living space, finished walkout w/bath, library, deck & private patio that backs up to a nice wooded area.
\$279,000 (C-194FO)



EXCEPTIONALLY MAINTAINED
Gorgeous 3 bd updated home maintained by longtime owner. Open floor plan, updated Kit, new furnace, flooring, carpet, paint, Fam Rm w/frpl, large fenced yard, & oversized Garage.
\$125,000 (C-665RU)



THIS ONE IS A 10!
All the updates w/acre lot, huge Garage, updated Kit, baths, plumbing, elec, windows, carpet, paint, flooring, insulated Garage w/air compressor, finished bsmt & more.
\$135,000 (C-208LA)



COMMERCE LAKE RANCH
Brick ranch w/3 bd, 2 full baths, large updated Kit w/appliances, 2 car Garage, great Deck for relaxing w/pond view & privileges to all sports lake.
\$172,500 (C-722SU)



GARDEN CITY RANCH
Located in a great area & priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bsmt w/full bath, stove, fridge, home warranty, updated furnace, siding, Kitchen, & more.
\$119,900 (C-753WI)



BRICK BEAUTY
This 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch offering a Fam Room w/frpl, finished bsmt, Garage, beautiful landscaping, & great location.
\$153,900 (C-039FL)



CLEAN AS A PIN
Great 4 bd home on an oversized lot. Super clean, basement, 2.5 car Garage, appls stay, & close to schools & shopping. Immediate Occupancy, Sellers transferred, must sell.
\$139,900 (C-541GL)



GORGEOUS OLD ROSEDALE
Beautiful updated home w/hwd floors, gourmet island Kitchen w/cherry & granite, finished basement, oversized Garage, & large Deck.
\$259,900 (P-419ME)



MOVE IN READY
Cute ranch within walking distance to schools. Updates include newer roof, windows, & Kitchen cab's. 2.5 car Garage w/workbench, neutral decor, & so much more.
\$116,500 (C-730GL)



QUIET SENIOR'S COMMUNITY
Superb layout for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo. 1400 sq ft, Great Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, oak island Kitchen, 2 car Garage, Deck, & home warranty offered.
\$139,900 (C-596DE)



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



BRAND SPANKING NEW!
Completely remodeled 4 bd home! All new 2 car Garage, vinyl siding & trim, roof, carpet, beautiful new Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, & fresh landscaping. A Must See!
\$158,900 (C-081BA)



DAZZLING OPPORTUNITY
If you love extras this house is for you! New carpet, remodeled Kitchen, hot tub, indoor/outdoor speakers, new trees & an abundance of flowers in gorgeous fenced yard.
\$139,900 (C-508MA)



COMPLETELY REMODELED
Great ranch w/brazilian cherry flrs, granite c-tops, new cabinets, new roof, windows, siding, carpet, tiled bath, fresh paint, crown molding, & an awesome 4 car Garage.
\$139,000 (C-207WI)



GORGEOUS RANCH
Beautiful Livonia ranch - ready to move into! Open spacious rooms, neutral decor & carpet, oak cabinets, newer roof, updated Kitchen, Bath, awesome neighborhood & more.
\$209,900 (C-668BA)



LAVISH COLONIAL
Your search is over, this home will take your breath away. Relocation forces sale of this 4 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring big rooms, 2 story Great Rm, jetted tub, & new landscaping.
\$279,000 (C-650AN)



UNIQUE DEARBORN HOME
Special touches thru-out like the walk in closet, walk out Deck, hardwood floors, huge yard, 4 bds, 3 baths, & much more.
\$209,900 (C-631BE)



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Cozy 3 bd bungalow in walking distance to shopping & events. Covered front porch, updated Kit w/sub zero. Part fin bsmt w/Den, jetted tub, & sauna. Don't wait on this one!
\$199,900 (P-764AD)



GREAT CONDO
Beautiful townhouse located in elite Tana Hill Sub. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Formal Din Rm, updated Kit w/skylights, all bdrm's have walk-in closets, Patio, & serene setting.
\$195,000 (P-131TA)



BRAND NEW CONDO
Fantastic Plymouth condo overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, w/o bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage & more. Convenient location.
\$289,900 (P-025RI)



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Career Seminar

For anyone interested in a career in real estate, Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar on Friday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. and again on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Each seminar will take place at the Plymouth Market Center, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 (48170), a half city block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

Seminar

A "Foreclosure Homebuyers Seminar" will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. Learn about: How, Why and Where to Buy Foreclosures. Title? Mortgage? Inspections? Presented by Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate. Call to reserve a seat: (248) 293-0000.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging

Market, Part II" on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at LaSalle Bank Headquarters, 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Conference Rooms C & D.

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

Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$20

for BIA or AAM members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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

series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations.

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

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

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

Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed

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

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

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, Oct.

31, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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

Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ 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 professional maintenance staff. 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) Thursday, Nov. 1, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the LaSalle Bank Headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy. Attendees will learn how to take advantage of Parade of Homes as a marketing program. Reservations are required, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and new home sales representatives. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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LIVONIA - Updated 3 bedrm, 1.5 bath ranch offers new light maple kchn w/Brazilian Cherry hwd flrs flowing into dining rm, new wndws, light fixtures & carpet throughout, park-like fenced yard, 1 yr warr + more! \$209,900 (L38Oak)
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- 14 Sign before
- 15 Incantation
- 17 Banks
- 19 Snuck a look
- 21 Hence
- 22 Edges a dolly
- 24 Choice word
- 25 Talk on and on
- 26 More than most
- 27 Programming language
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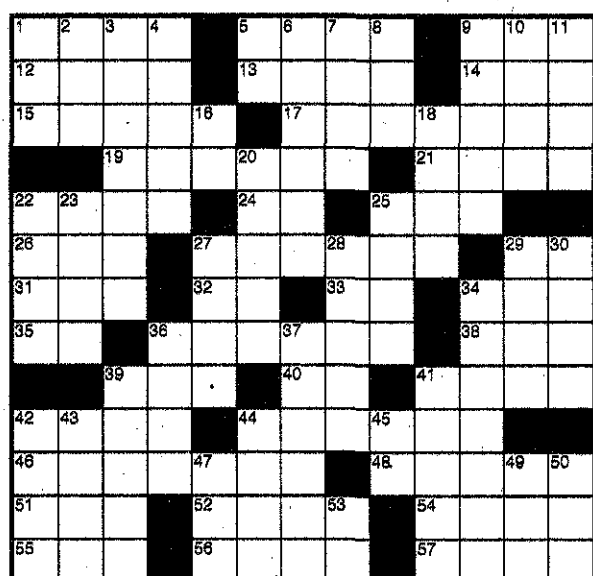
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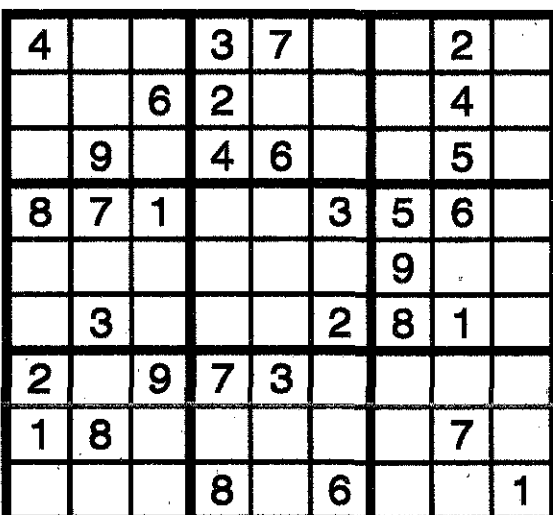
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- 11 Not too hot (hyph.)
- 12 — Mans auto race
- 13 Merger or buyout
- 14 Sluggish marsupial
- 15 Pack firmly
- 16 Sorrowful wail
- 17 Patio view
- 18 Full-strength
- 19 Inexpensive
- 20 As soon as
- 21 Gape open
- 22 Tiny animals
- 23 Ike Turner's ex
- 24 Movie set fixture
- 25 Fragrant flower
- 26 Valiant
- 27 A few thou
- 28 Not for
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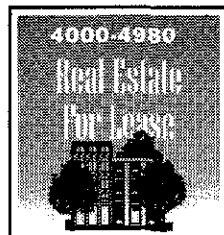
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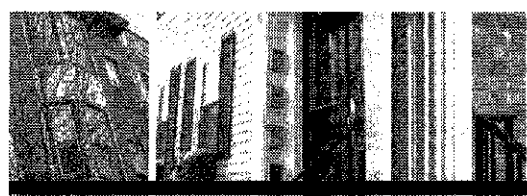
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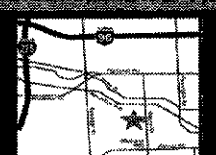
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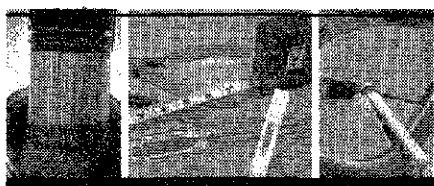
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CUTTING CLERICAL TIES? COMMUNICATE



WORKWISE

by
Mildred L.
Culp

It's important to know how to sort through which clerical tasks to keep and which to drop when your work situation changes, and how to handle

people who can't stop coming to you for clerical help.

This situation arises at all levels of organizations, because computerization brought clerical tasks to almost all office workers and professionals, who find themselves compelled to do a little -- or a lot. Productivity speaker and consultant Michael Guld, president of The Guld Resource Group L.L.C., in Richmond, Va., maintains that the drive to decrease costs by consolidating work in companies pushes the trend. In addition, entrepreneur Ponn Sabra, founder of Empowerwomenow.com in Meriden, Conn., says that in 2006, more than 50 percent of small businesses were home-based, many underfunded. Lack of resources compels large numbers of these owners to do their own clerical work.

SORTING

Most people jump on the opportunity to get rid of this kind of work when the moment strikes. How do you determine what to delegate and what to keep? Guld suggests that focusing upon your areas of specialty will make clear what to delegate to an employee receiving a lower salary.

Sabra uses an easy method she's employed herself:

-- "list every single responsibility, duty and task;

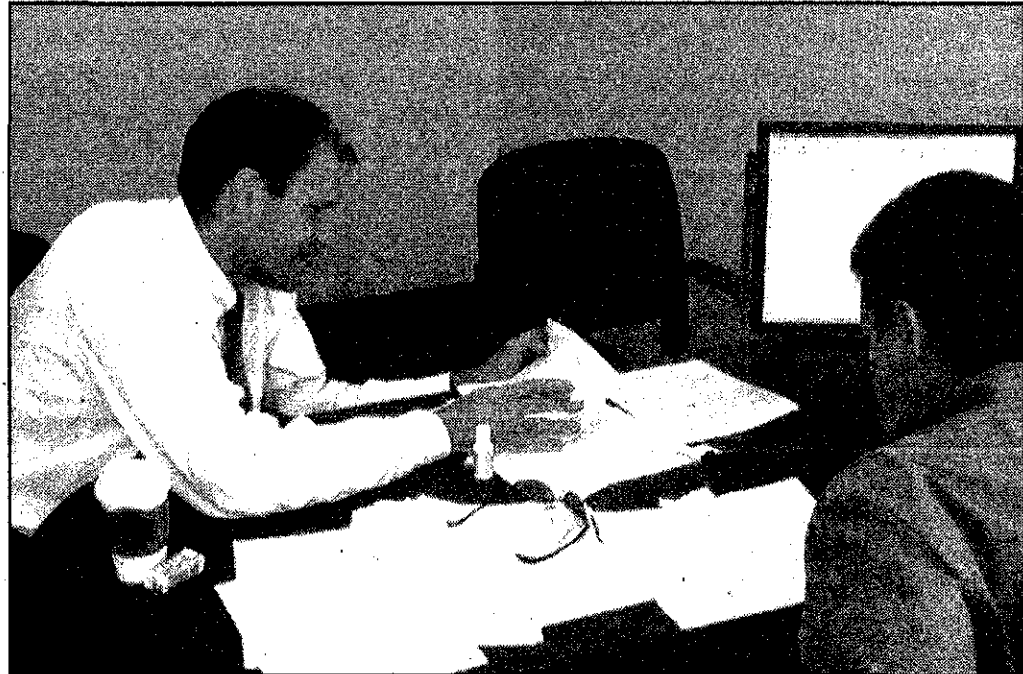
-- "rank the profitable 20 percent of duties, tasks and responsibilities to keep; and
-- "cross out the remaining 80 percent as 'clerical,' 'technical,' or 'non-expert work' that could be delegated."

Following this method, you'll identify the 80 percent ripe for delegation and the 20 percent for your attention. 'REPEAT OFFENDERS'

But while you're changing, some people around you just won't break their dependence upon you for tasks you drop. Some people who've been counting on you for the clerical help keep coming back for more. Tom Gimbel, founder of LaSalle Network in Chicago, argues that companies themselves frequently have difficulty "wean(ing) themselves off the dependency." All sources discussed here recommend communicating extensively about your new situation. Gimbel's method is the most imaginative.

You'll want to refer people to the new person handling the clerical responsibilities, but the direct method might not be best, according to Gimbel. He cautions against using it for one simple reason: the individuals you want to stop coming to you may be afraid to use a new contact because of concern about working with someone whose work they don't know. Returning to you is a much surer route.

Instead of sending people packing, Gimbel advises, "accept the work. Then take it to the new person handling the clerical responsibilities and have him follow up with the person who keeps coming back." Go one step further. Reinforce the change in your duties by asking the correct person in your organization, perhaps someone in PR, to communicate your new assignment and mention the new person who's handling your



Credit: Callie Hodge

Tom Gimbel (left) founded the Chicago-based staffing company LaSalle Network. He maintains that when you leave some clerical tasks behind, you might have to be creative in redirecting employees who "forget" that you're no longer doing them.

former duties. You may have to ask PR to do this more than once before the change registers with pesky employees.

Sabra brings up the issue of boundaries -- and letting people know what yours are. Guld cautions against "being a jerk. Say, 'We're willing to help people out. I'll help you out this time, but this is more the exception than the rule. Please look for other sources to help.'" He further recommends that you "build a case to show why you should stick with your responsibility. Say something like, 'The best way for you to maximize my involvement is to let me focus

on these areas and let me delegate in these areas. So, please don't come to me taking away from my focus.'" Not building that case will encourage repeat offenders.

Sabra tells home-based business owners to consider charging more for specialized tasks, which will discourage repeat offenders, who won't want to pay a higher rate for clerical functions. Suddenly, they'll decide that they don't want to pay quite that much.

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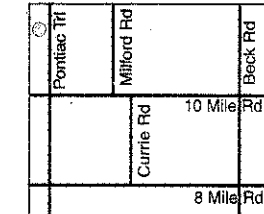
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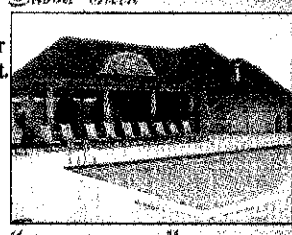
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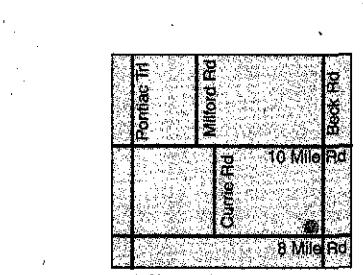
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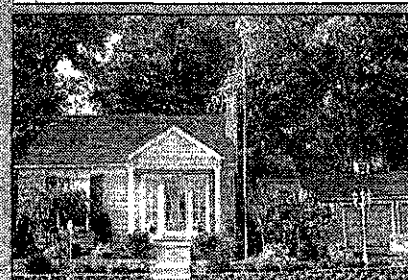
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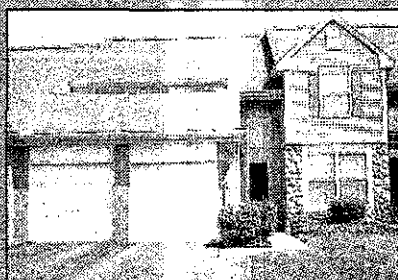
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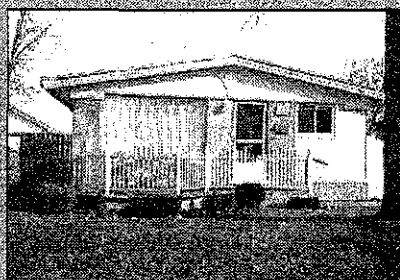
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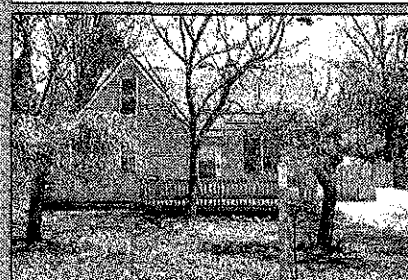
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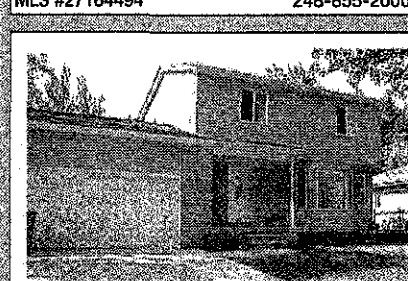
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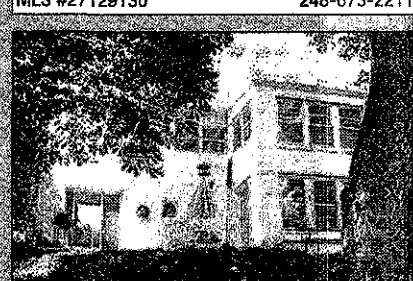
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Detroit 734-591-9200
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Farmington 248-348-6430
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Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
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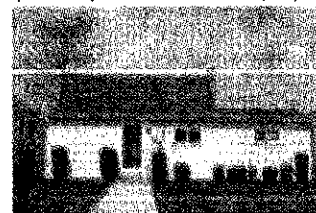
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Livonia 248-851-1900
UPDATES GALORE! OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Huge eat-in kitchen, master suite & spacious family room w/ fireplace & doorway to deck. Finished lower level w/ wet bar, rec room, sauna & full bath. (27144897) \$214,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
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Millford 248-684-1065
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Northville 248-348-6430
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BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED HOME! Welcoming entry is just the beginning of this prize within! Popular fr plan w/ formal LR, DR. Updtd kit w/ new cabs, gran cnts, stainless steel app, recessed lights. (27013266) \$323,000



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Novi 248-348-6430
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Novi 248-348-6430
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South Lyon 248-437-3800
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South Lyon 248-437-3800
Hard to find Ranch! This well kept home features large kitchen w/ lots of storage, open to breakfast/dining area. New master bath. Brick fireplace w/ handcrafted bookcases and mantel. (27180784) \$167,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Don't pass this one by! 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/ spacious vaulted ceilings. Well maintained and tastefully decorated. New carpet, new ceramic tile in kitchen. 1st floor laundry. (27180787) \$154,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Charming Home downtown! New windows, doors, refinished original hardwood floors, new drywall and remodeled master suite. Just add your finishing touches! (27165531) \$139,500



Southfield 248-348-6430
NEW CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTHFIELD! Two elegant 4 br, 2.5 ba homes in beautiful neighborhood sunny, gourmet kit, sumptuous mstr ste and elegant dining room. Not too late to pic surfaces. (27091716) \$490,000



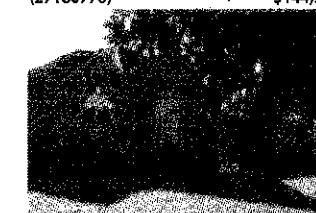
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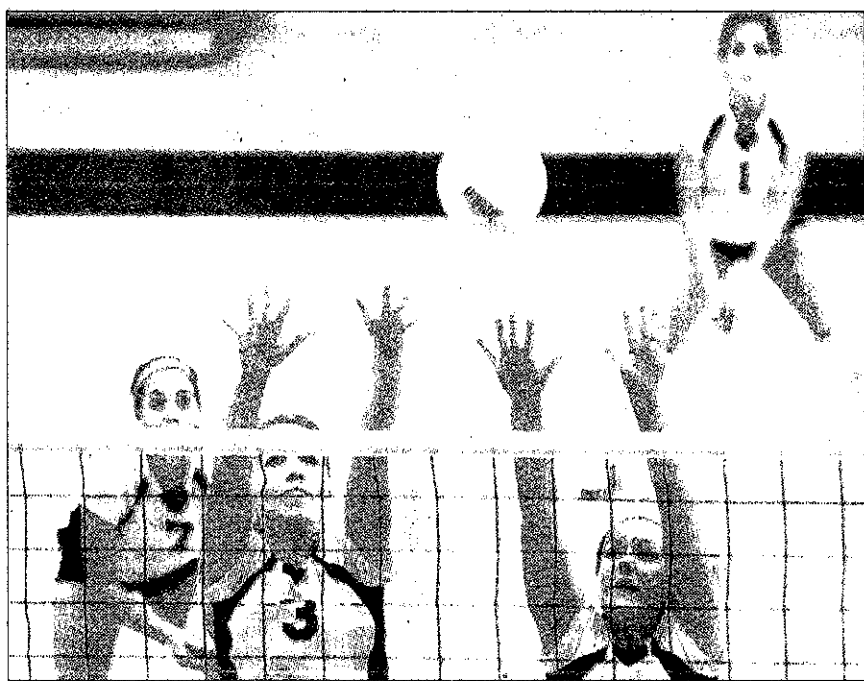
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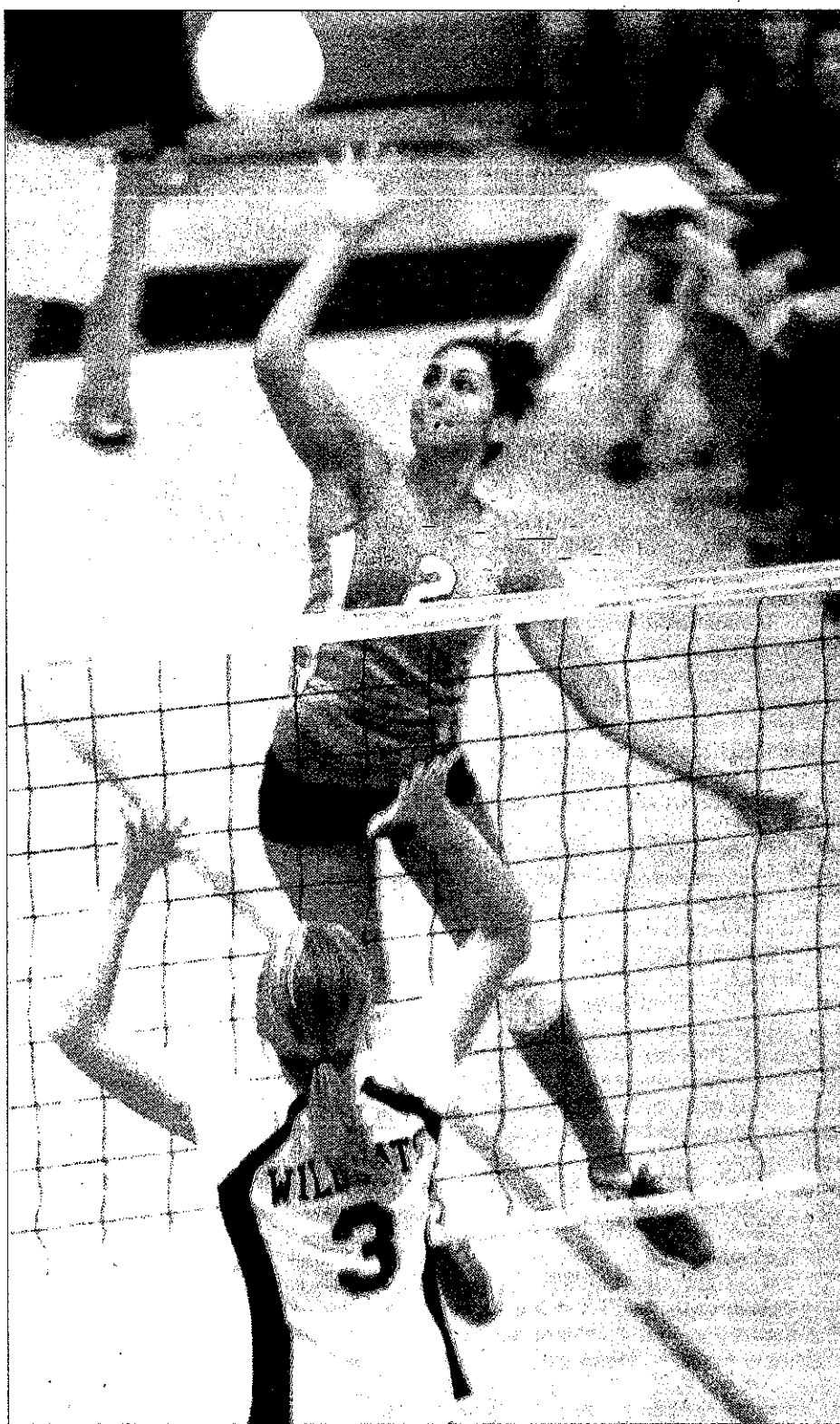
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Plymouth's Kelly Smoltz (3) and Ashley Becsziko go up for a block during Monday's match against Canton.



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Canton's Lauren McPartlin elevates for a kill over Plymouth's Kelly Smoltz during the team's cross-campus showdown Monday night at Plymouth. The Chiefs won in four games.

Best in the Western

Canton earns share of first in division by edging Wildcats

Canton's volleyball team took a monumental step Monday night in its quest to capture the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division crown when it upended cross-campus rival Plymouth in four games in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

After dropping the first game, 26-24, the Chiefs stormed back to seize the final three games 25-22, 25-14 and 25-17 to improve their record to 22-8-1 overall and 6-1 in the division. The loss dropped the Wildcats to 19-8-5 overall and 4-3 in the Western.

Heading into Wednesday night's action, Canton and Northville were tied atop the division standings with 6-1 marks with three matches to play.

"We looked slow and tired in game one," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We weren't communicating or running enough quick-tempo sets. We missed a lot of serves and our serve-

receive passes were off.

"We started to look like ourselves again in games three and four. Plymouth played us tough and their outside hitters made our defense work hard. There were a lot of great plays on both sides of the net -- it was an enjoyable to watch both teams."

Senior Marie Martin turned in a memorable performance for the winners, netting 16 kills and five blocks. Also shining for the Chiefs were Lauren McPartlin (12 kills), Jordan Kieley (11 kills), Hannah Mills (25 digs), Shelby Anthony (18 digs) and Kacy Moran, who registered 39 assists.

Plymouth was paced by senior Rachel Heaton, who racked up 20 kills and 12 digs. Other standouts for the Wildcats were Mandy McManus (15 kills), Kate Spangler (20 assists and 11 digs), Lindsay Jewett (15 digs) and Briana Beyer (28 digs).

Salem blanks Churchill in District soccer, 2-0

Canton, Plymouth knocked out. Please see Page C2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's not wise to give a team with Salem's lock-down defensive capabilities an early lead, but that's exactly what Livonia Churchill did Monday afternoon in a Division 1 District soccer opener played on the Chargers' turf.

Rock junior forward Josh Pascarella drilled a shot past Churchill's goal-keeper two minutes into the game to give Salem the only offense it would need in its 2-0 victory.

The triumph improved the Rocks to 7-5-10 and, more importantly, gave them a pass into Wednesday's semi-final contest against host Northville, which crushed Redford Union, 10-0, on Monday.

Pascarella's goal was assisted by senior Scott Dreaver. Pascarella would also play a huge role in Salem's second goal when he assisted sophomore Alex Tramel mid-way through the second half.

Salem net-minder Sasa Miskovic, who's only a sophomore, was brilliant between the pipes for the winners.

"Sasa played extremely well, as did our two center-mids, Dan Radosevich and Jeremy Stoychoff," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

A victory Wednesday would propel the Rocks into Saturday's 3 p.m. final at Northville High School. Salem captured a District title last year and wasn't derailed until the Regional final when it fell to eventual state runner-up Livonia Stevenson.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's No. 1 singles player Lawrence Washington, pictured above in a match earlier this fall, placed second at the Division 1 Regional held Oct. 12 at the P-CEP tennis courts.

Rocks' Washington state meet-bound

Salem senior Lawrence Washington became the first Rock to qualify for the Division 1 state meet since 1996 when he placed second at the Oct. 12 Regional meet held at the P-CEP tennis courts.

Washington's lone loss came in the No. 1 singles final to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Nate Eddy, 6-4, 6-4.

Salem's No. 4 singles player, Dave Benson, also advanced to the championship match before getting edged by Pioneer's Matt Monich, 6-3, 6-4.

The Rocks placed fourth overall with 15 points, 15 behind the champion Pioneers. Canton and Plymouth tied for sixth with six points a piece.

Local players who advanced to the semifinals before getting derailed were Canton's Mike Darouie (No. 2 singles), Plymouth's Steve Ostrowski (No. 3 singles), Salem's duo of Brock Foster and Eduardo Diaz (No. 1 doubles), Salem's Tyler Jeleniewski and Dave Burnstein (No. 2 doubles), Salem's Ryan Aubert and Yuvi Rajeev (No. 3 doubles) and Salem's John Kang and Josh Perrin (No. 4 doubles).

Sidelines

Selection Sunday

FoxSportsNet Detroit will air the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoff pairings Selection Sunday Show at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21.

The 30-minute program, hosted by FSN's Mickey York and Cameron Wong, will provide a run-down of the 256 teams that qualify for the playoffs, as well as first-round matchups and game sites.

F5 running club

Moms, dads and kids of all ages are invited to participate in the F5 Running Club (Faith, Family, Fun, Fitness and Friendship) this fall and winter, beginning with the showing of the movie "ONE" on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Box Bar, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Main St. in downtown Plymouth. Ward and Diane Powers, the creators of "ONE," will be on hand to answer questions about the movie.

The fourth season of F5 begins on Monday, Nov. 5, and run through Saturday, March 8.

The club, which invites all runners regardless of ability, will meet at the following locations:

■ **Mondays** - 6 p.m. at OLC School (Arthur and William streets in Plymouth);

■ **Thursdays** - 4:30 p.m. in Hines Park (Hines Dr. just east of Haggerty Rd.); and

■ **Saturdays** - 8:30 a.m. at St. Johns on 5 Mile Rd., just east of Sheldon (east corner of front parking lot).

For more information, contact Steve Spreitzer at (734) 461-0017; or at spreitzerfamily@comcast.net.

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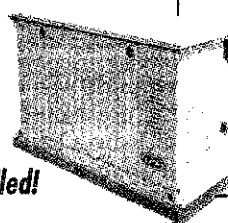
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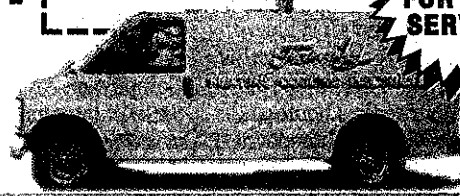
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BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's soccer team earned the unenviable distinction of "Best Team In the State to Lose in the First Round of the State Playoffs" Monday night.

The Chiefs, who were ranked as high as No. 2 this fall in the Division 1 rankings, saw their promising season cut short, 2-0, by defending D1 state runner-up Livonia Stevenson, which moved on to battle Salem in a semifinal contest set for Wednesday at Northville.

Canton, which knocked off the Spartans last week in the WLAA championship game, ended its season with a 12-4-4 mark. The No. 2-ranked Spartans improved to 17-1.

Canton threatened early and often during the game's first 15 minutes, but was stoned repeatedly by Spartan sophomore goal-keeper Conner Burton, who posted his seventh shutout.

"We changed up our system on them to start the game and we were effective in the first 15 or 20 minutes," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "We had more good opportunities to score in the first 10 minutes than we did the rest of the game. I think it kind of demoralized us when we weren't able to put the ball in the back of the net early on."

"Stevenson is a fantastic team and they did a good job to keep the ball out of their net. When they got their scoring opportunities, they converted them. All in all, it hurts to lose in the first round of the districts, but Canton had a great season. We won the conference championship in a hard fought game last week and overall it was a very good season."

Stevenson coach Lars Richters said his team advanced thanks to its ability to hold off the Chiefs during the game's outset.

"We knew we were in for a really big challenge tonight, especially after the way Canton played us in the conference championship game," said Richters. "We struggled early in the game. I think it was a small case of the playoff jitters."

Fortunately, we overcame those and got stronger as the game went on.

"We knew we'd have to do a good job of defending because Canton has such a strong counter-attack. They have a lot of speed, a lot of energy and one of the best center backs in the state in Scott Zech. We feel relieved and privileged to move on to the next round."

Stevenson lit up the scoreboard first at the 24:25 mark of the first half when Joey D'Agostino scored off a set piece from Brian Klemczak.

"Klemczak did a great job of putting the ball to the front post, D'Agostino was in the right place and he put it in the corner. Obviously, it was nice to get a goal at that point because we were not playing our best early in the game."

The Chiefs nearly got the equalizer with 31:40 left in the game, but Logan McGraw's line-drive header was snared at the doorstep by Burton.

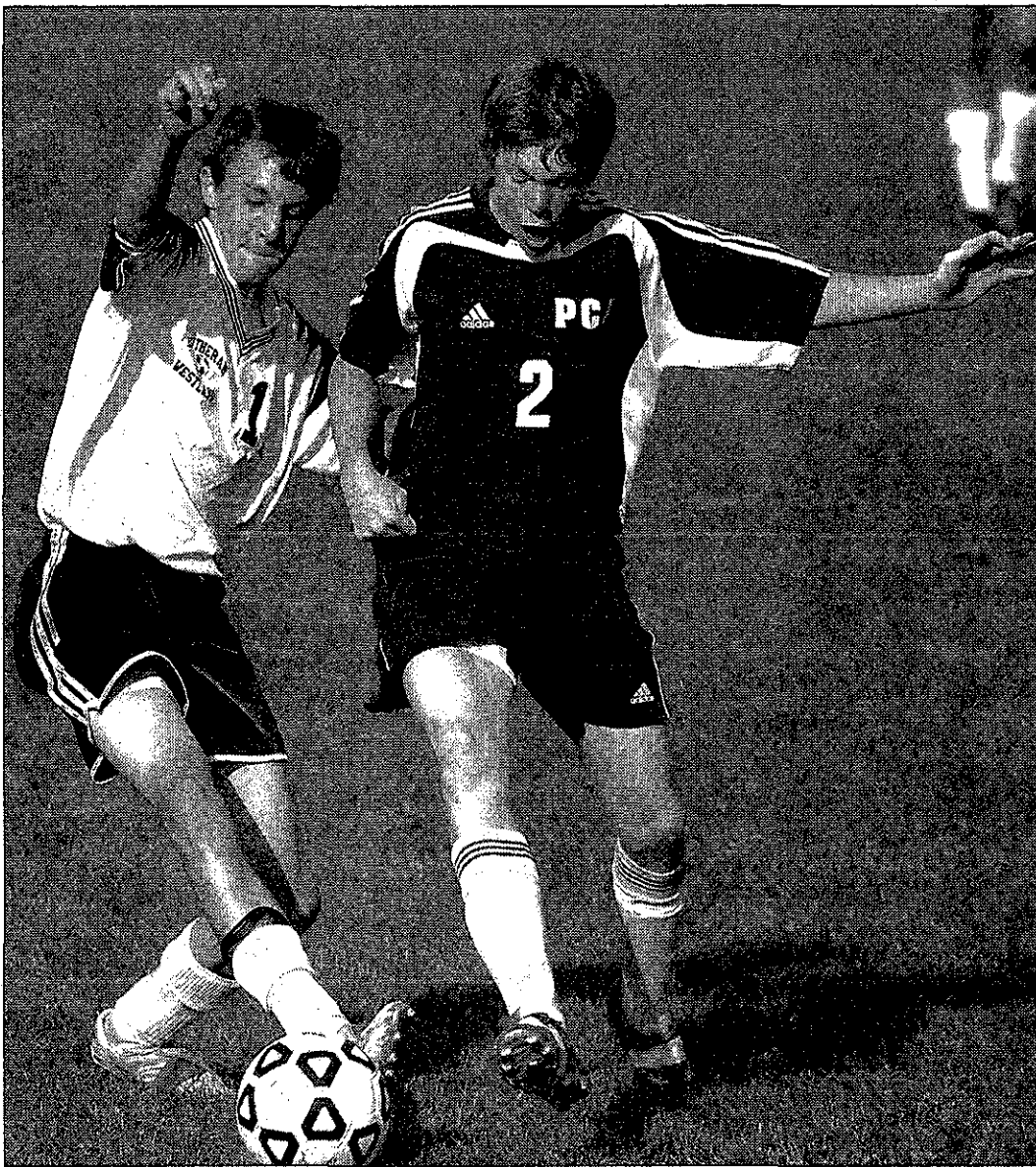
Canton goalie Kevin Krause made a pair of spectacular stops over the next five minutes before Dave Simor launched a laser from the right wing that eluded Krause's reach to give the Spartans a 2-0 advantage. The insurance goal was assisted by Klemczak.

"That second goal was nice because we were really in a battle at the time," said Richters. "Not that two goals is an insurmountable lead, but it was a special goal for us."

A few moments after his team's season was prematurely ended, Tomasso paid tribute to the Chiefs' stellar group of seniors who played key roles in the school's back-to-back WLAA titles.

"These kids stepped up last year as juniors and they played with so much heart this year, too," said Tomasso. "They gave 100 percent every time they stepped on the field — it didn't matter if we were winning or losing or who we were playing."

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Lutheran Westland's Gage Flanery (left) and Plymouth Christian Academy's Andy Bartes try to control the ball in the first half of their District opener Monday afternoon. PCA won 2-0 to advance to Wednesday's semifinal clash against Novi Franklin Road.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PCA kickers stymie LW, 2-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's soccer team appears to be peaking at an opportune time.

The Eagles chalked up their most impressive victory of the season Monday when they blanked Lutheran Westland, 2-0, in the opening round of the Division 4 District tournament in Westland. The

victory improved the Eagles' record to 9-9-1 heading into Wednesday's semifinal showdown against Novi Franklin Road.

"It was a great victory for us, especially because Lutheran Westland beat us earlier in the season," said PCA coach Larry Machonga. "The boys played very well and with a lot of intensity."

Senior forward Ross Gerulis continued to carry a red-hot

scoring touch as he registered both the Eagles' goals — one 10 minutes into the contest and another in the second half. Bryson Machonga and Jordan Machonga assisted on the goals.

Brent Zinn recorded the shutout in goal for the Eagles. He received plenty of support from sweeper (and brother) Trevor Zinn.

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Falcons end Wildcats' season, 1-0

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

In Division 1 District soccer action on Monday, Farmington defeated host Plymouth, 1-0.

The Falcons managed to keep Plymouth standout Colin Rolfe scoreless, and Shane Patterson's second-half goal won the game for the Falcons.

"Our goal was to deny (Rolfe) the ball as much as possible," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "When he gets the ball, he's really dangerous; he does great things with it."

"We tried to keep the ball away from him, and we did that for the most part. In the second half, I thought we contained him a lot better."

"In the first half, he got the ball more and created some real good scoring chances. Our defense and goalie came through for us."

In a back-and-forth second half, the Falcons (13-7) made one of their counter attacks count and stand up for the victory.

Patterson received the ball 30 yards from the goal via a pass from Ryan Pimlott, and he "hit a tremendous shot" that went under the bar and escaped the reach of the keeper.

The Wildcats, who had an honorable mention in the last coaches poll, put pressure on the Farmington defense, but the Falcons also had chances to score more goals. Ryan Dinco and Tyler O'Hara had excellent chances to get a second goal, according to Juncaj.

Farmington had an 11-9 edge in shots on goal, and netminder Andrew Gaughan earned the shutout. The Falcons will play at No. 4-ranked Northville 5 p.m. Wednesday.

"It's going to be a tough game," Juncaj said. "We knew tonight would be a tough, close game, and the boys played very well. It all depends how we come out and play Wednesday."



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Senior Allison Schmitt, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, led Canton to a 32-point victory over Salem Tuesday night by racking up firsts in the 100 backstroke, 200 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay.

Chief swimmers outstroke Salem

Canton's girls swim team improved its record to 6-2 Tuesday night with a 109-77 victory over visiting Salem.

All-State performer Allison Schmitt and Maggie Carlson led the Chiefs with four first-place finishes each — two in individual events and a pair in relays.

Katie Gorman excelled for the Rocks as she touched first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 butterfly. Salem's Katie Koetting notched a first in diving with 222 points.

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TUESDAY AT CANTON

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Maggie Carlson, Kayla Eyster, Christine O'Keefe), 1:59.79; 2. Salem (Emily Nelson, Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Caitlin Heaney), 2:03.78; 3. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Sara Krebs, Britney Sheeler, Kari Schmitt), 2:08.38.

200 IM: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:19.21; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:21.74; 3. Emily Nelson (S), 2:22.06.

50 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 26.66; 2. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.96; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 27.56.

1-meter diving: 1. Katrina Koetting (S), 222.0; 2. Robyn Pliowar (C), 167.25; 3. Mallory Hudak (C), 166.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 1:05.82; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 1:07.06; 3. Kirsten Clemans (S), 1:10.76.

100 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 58.84; 2. Emily Bair (S), 59.02; 3. Kari Schmitt (C), 59.11.

500 freestyle: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:28.07; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 5:28.16; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 5:48.92.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Kari Schmitt, Maddy McDuff, Christine O'Keefe, Allison Schmitt), 1:47.25; 2. Salem (Katie Gorman, Caitlin Heaney, Allison Burke, Whitney Aumiller), 1:49.56; 3. Salem (Amanda Price, Casey Zimmerman, Mary Schremsler, Alexis Thornbury), 1:54.21.

100 backstroke: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:00.61; 2. Emily Nelson (S), 1:04.68; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:08.81.

100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:14.37; 2. Sara Spala (S), 1:16.56; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 1:17.03.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Maddy McDuff, Maggie Carlson, Allison Schmitt), 3:49.97; 2. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Katie Gorman, Emily Bair, Emily Nelson), 3:52.25; 3. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Catherine Irwin, Sara Krebs, Kayla Eyster), 4:11.36.

CANTON'S DUEL-MEET RECORD: 6-2.

Whalers, Spits set for home-and-home

One of the Plymouth Whalers' oldest rivalries continues later this week when the Whalers face the Windsor Spitfires in a home-and-home series starting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Windsor Arena and concluding Friday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Tickets for Friday's game can be purchased by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. The Whalers are also home Saturday night at 7:05 p.m. against the Owen Sound Attack (1-8-1-0).

Redskins hand Lions first loss, 13-12

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Luke Denzer, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Westen Price and Tyler Searls.

Defensively, Evan Thomas, Brandon Lee, Danny Stropes, Jordan Ciciotti and Kyle Durham shined.

The Lions freshmen unit rebounded from its first loss of the season by knocking off the Redskins, 33-18. The Lions defense was suffocating, forcing four fumbles and intercepting three passes.

The Lions jumped on the board early when Chuckie Turfe stripped the ball from the Dearborn Heights quarterback and ran it in for a TD. The Lions' offense struck on its next three consecutive possessions to expand their cushion to 33-6. Ty Jasman, Dante Pruitt, Robert Guajardo and Mason Robichaud paced the winners' defensive effort while Luke Edwards, Daniel Kilgore and Cordell Gibson each scored touchdowns for the "O."

The Lions junior fresh-

men unit turned in a strong performance thanks to commendable efforts from Kyle Burnette and Noah Brown, who hooked up a pair of long pass plays; George Jablonski and Jack Underwood, who contributed incredible blocking; and Scottlar Chakarbart, Spencer Brown, Ethan Balogh and Steven Thomas, who sparked the defense.

Steelers keep winning

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team upped its record to 6-0 with a 33-21 triumph over the Lincoln Railsplitters. The offense was led by key offensive-line blocking by Bradford Leblanc, Alex Masson and Alex Smith, while Josh Heinze scored his first extra point of the season. Both Ali-Akbar Shahine and Austin Sylvester made substantial runs for the winners.

The Steelers junior varsity contingent blanked the 'Splitters, 44-0. The offense was led by Conner Stella and Kyle Topper, who had over

125 yards rushing in the first half alone. Much of the strong rushing attack was the result of strong blocking by Nick Poet. Matt Ramey excelled on both sides of the ball as did Justin Sydlowski, who also registered an interception.

The freshmen Steelers whitewashed Lincoln, 21-0, thanks to outstanding O-line blocking from Nathan Gozdor, Christopher Vos and Jacob Sydlowski. Camerson Stella had a punt return for a TD and Drake Wanshon had a fumble recovery in the end zone for a TD. Phillip Avramowski was strong defensively as was Dakota Lynn, who picked off a Railsplitter pass.

The Steelers junior freshmen played well against the Redford Rangers. Among the Steelers who played their hearts out were Evan Good, Marvin Ham, Scott Grego and Danny Lanava on the offensive line. Defensively, Justin Kuhn and Matthew Poet turned in strong efforts on the D-line.

Plymouth harriers 2nd at Wildcat Invitational

Plymouth's boys cross country team placed second at the 2nd Annual Wildcat Invitational held Saturday at Plymouth High School.

Brother Rice's "A" team won the event with 42 points followed by the Wildcats, who tallied 49. Rounding out the field were Livonia Franklin (52), Berkley (90), Brother Rice "B" (102), Westland John Glenn (185), Salem (209) and Garden City (233).

Justin Huey turned in a strong race for Plymouth, placing second in 17:04. Also contributing to the Wildcats' cause were Derek Lax (fifth in 17:35), Alex Noble (11th in 17:57), Matt Neumann (15th in 18:05), Warren Buzzard (16th in 18:08), Jimmy Eiben (29th in 18:55) and Lucas Seibel

(37th in 19:23). "We're getting better, but not quite where I thought we'd be at this point due to injuries and illness," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw.

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BOYS RESULTS

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 31; 2. Churchill, 32; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 75; 4. W.L. Northern, 119; 5. John Glenn, 144; 6. W.L. Central, 146.

SALEM: 1. Kevin deBear, 16:16.4; 2. Rob Curtis, 16:40.6; 4. Craig Cowing, 16:54.9; 11. Mike Charara, 17:22.1; 13. Alex Volstromer, 17:25.2; 15. Matt Bevey, 17:35.9; 18. Jason Smith, 18:02.7.

GIRLS RESULTS

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 28; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 56; 3. W.L. Northern, 85; 4. Salem, 99; 5. John Glenn, 129; 6. W.L. Central, 130.

SALEM: 10. Kelly Determan, 20:28.4; 13. Jordyn Moore, 20:37.7; 22. Linda Ling, 21:15.6; 26. Lauren Olson, 21:31.5; 28. Sabrina Burcroff, 21:36.3; 31. Shannon Griffiths, 21:40.6; 32. Mackenzie Rogers, 22:05.3.

Plymouth spikers 2nd in Wildcat Invite

Plymouth's volleyball team advanced to the final match of Saturday's Wildcat Invitational before falling to Novi, 25-16, 25-19.

In pool play, the Wildcats defeated Flat Rock (25-7, 25-7) and Warren Regina (25-20, 25-17); and split with Jackson (18-25, 25-11) and Lutheran Westland (19-25, 25-21).

The Wildcats ousted Walled Lake Central, 25-17, 25-14, in the quarterfinal round before knocking off Chelsea, 25-13, 25-22, in the semis.

Plymouth was led by Rachel Heaton (42 kills, 65 digs), Briana Beyer (92 digs), Kate Spangler (70 assists, 27 digs) and Ashley Becszlko (76-of-80 serving, 14 aces).

Chiefs excel

Canton's volleyball team recorded a stellar 5-1 record at Saturday's WLAA vs. Mega Tournament held at Northville. Overall, the WLAA prevailed over the Mega, 20-16. The Chiefs

notched victories over Trenton (25-15, 25-13), Monroe (25-11, 25-27, 15-6), Woodhaven (25-18, 21-15), Garden City (25-19, 19-25, 15-8) and Dearborn (25-14, 17-25, 15-9). Their only loss was to Wyandotte, 25-18, 25-15. The Chiefs were paced by Jordan Kieley (team-high 44 kills), Marie Martin (32 kills, eight blocks), Lauren McPartlin (20 kills) Ellie Kenny (20 kills), Hannah Mills (66 digs) and Kacy Moran (49 digs, 103 assists, 17 kills and eight aces).



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The Envoy shares its mid-size truck-based SUV platform with the Chevrolet TrailBlazer, Buick Rainier and Saab 9-7X.

The 2008 Envoy comes in three trim levels: SLE, SLT and Denali. The \$27,750 priced SLE has 17-inch alloy wheels, dual-zone air-conditioning, a CD player, satellite radio, full power accessories, keyless entry and OnStar telematics.

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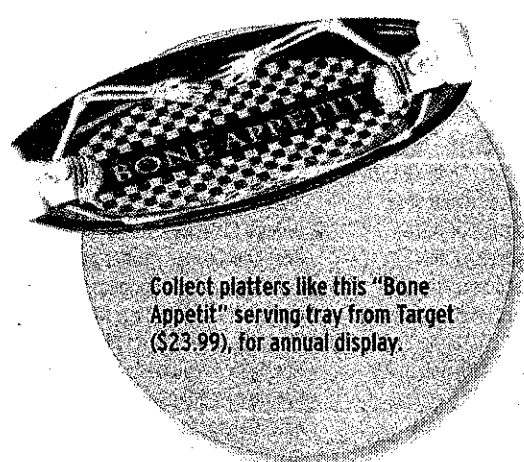
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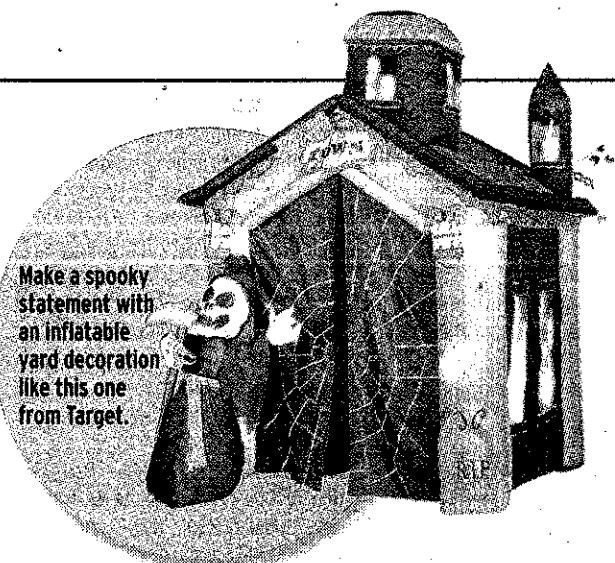
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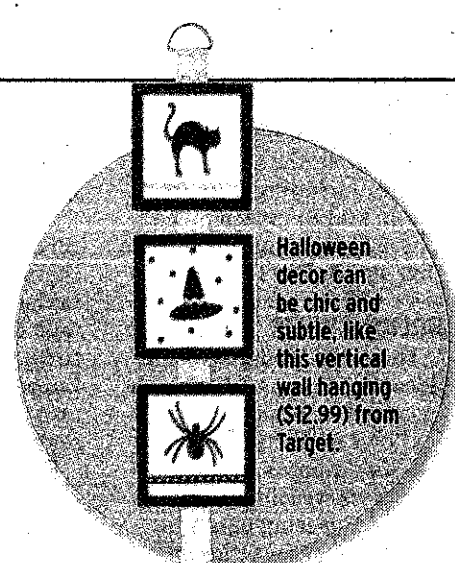
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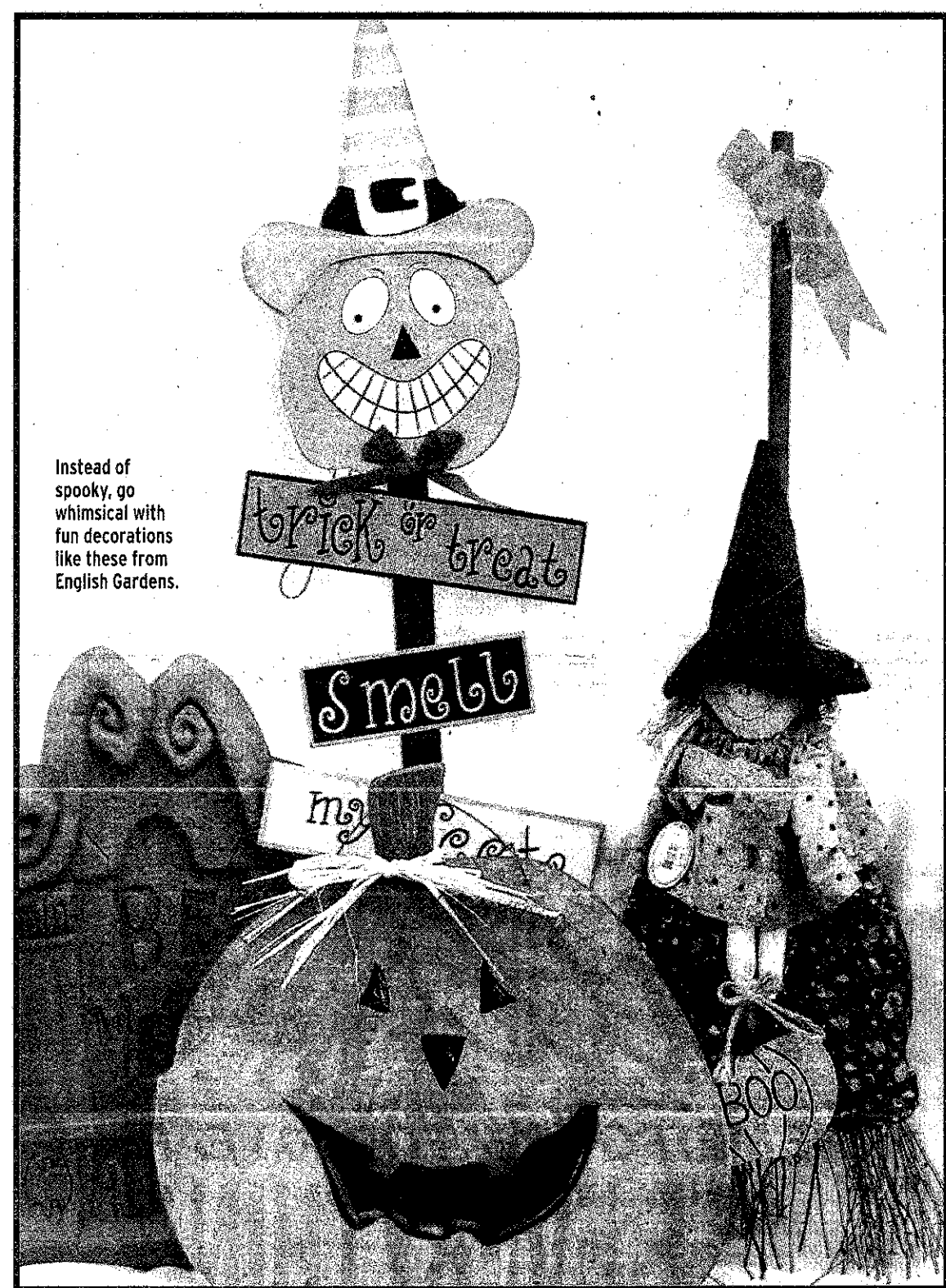


Make a spooky statement with an inflatable yard decoration like this one from Target.



Halloween decor can be chic and subtle, like this vertical wall hanging (\$12.99) from Target.

Home for Halloween



Instead of spooky, go whimsical with fun decorations like these from English Gardens.

Spice up your haunt with festive decor

BY JEANINE MATLOW
SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE

As the popularity of Halloween continues to grow, so do the number of decorative items that will transform your home into a fun and festive destination. Take your cues from Mother Nature and the bright bursts of color the season has to offer at this time of year.

Whether you prefer the element of shock and awe in your Halloween décor or a more sophisticated setting, this unique special occasion offers a little something for everyone. And if you're looking for an excuse to throw a party, then this is the one for you. Although Halloween is often associated with people parading around in costumes in search of candy, your home can be dressed for the festivities too.

FUN AND GAMES

Create a fun-filled mood with a few outdoor features such as doormats with witches or goblins. A scarecrow will set the tone for your Halloween-themed home, while providing a focal point throughout the fall season. Bales of hay add a natural element to any setting and act as a platform for displaying pumpkins and other decorative pieces.

Raid your cabinets for rarely used items such as cake stands and trifle bowls. Bring these pieces to life by filling them with gourds (real or artificial), colorful candles and Halloween candy. Seasonal items, such as miniature pumpkins, have more staying power because they can be displayed until Thanksgiving.

Your home decor may consist of skulls, ghouls and other special effects or you might settle on a more subtle look. That's part of the fun. There are no limits to your creativity when it comes to Halloween.

HOT TRENDS

"Halloween 2007 is all about spooky fun," according to Lynette Walker, Merchandising manager for English Gardens. Adults have as much fun with this holiday as kids do and they love to decorate, she says. This year's hottest trends evoke a touch of nature with pumpkins, hay bales and cornstalks. Ghosts or witches hanging from trees or staked into garden containers are also a big hit as are fun and sassy outdoor garden signs.

There's never been a better time to decorate your pumpkins and this year's offerings make it easier than ever to do so. Pumpkin decorating accessories are hot this year.

"Our battery operated pumpkin carver is a safe and quick way to carve your pumpkin," Walker says. "Or pumpkin people, which are wooden decorations that you stick into your pumpkin, to create an instant cat or scarecrow."

CREATING A THEME

Spread the colorful décor throughout your rooms with vignettes containing accessories that make a graphic design statement. Search year-round for orange and black fabrics, which will add plenty of drama to your surroundings. Seasonal flowers come in hearty hues this time of year so pick up some autumn-inspired bouquets. Then carve out a pumpkin and use it as an impromptu vase.

Little touches go a long way. Hang Halloween ornaments from chandeliers and fill your fireplace with festive candles. Display pumpkins and small floral arrange-

Please see HALLOWEEN, D2

Treat kids to a healthy Halloween

Halloween is a scary time of year for kids ... that's the point. But the holiday can be even more frightful for parents worried about what their kids are eating. Here, Registered Dietician Gail Posner offers a list of trick-or-treat alternatives that won't scare kids away.

SALTY/CRUNCHY SNACKS

- Pretzels
- Cheese dip/cracker or pretzel packs
- Light popcorn
- Goldfish packs
- Nuts

FRUITY/SWEET SNACKS

- Fruit leather/fruit roll-ups
- Low-fat cookies, such as 100 calorie packs or Fig Newtons
- Low-fat granola bars
- Raisins
- Gummy bears

CHOCOLATE (IF YOU MUST)

- Peppermint patties
- Dark chocolate

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Play-doh
- Temporary tattoos
- Change (nickels, dimes or quarters)
- Stickers
- Yo-yos

BEVERAGES

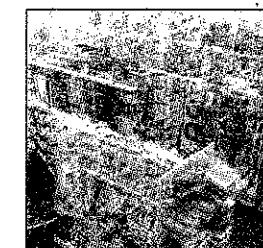
While a little untraditional, healthy beverages are great treats to give away. Not only do they keep little ghosts and goblins hydrated as they run through the neighborhood, they also fill them up so they're not as apt to down pounds of junk. A favorite among kids everywhere is VitaminWater. It's all natural, low-calorie, and packed with nutrients. A new 12-ounce size, which comes in four varieties, is perfect for kids.

Gail Posner, R.D., M.S., is owner of Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling, 6960 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 310, in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 855-4558 or visit www.gailposner.com.

Accents

OCC hosts Scrapbooking Fund-Raiser

The Oakland Community College Foundation will present a "Scrapping for Scholarships" fund raiser 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 in the Gym on OCC's Auburn Hills Campus. The creation of personal scrapbooks, which include photos, journals, letters and other mementos, has become a hot new interest, and this event is designed for both beginners and experienced enthusiasts. A dozen local and out-of-state vendors will be on hand with displays and specialized equipment, including a laser die cut maker and an album embosser. Participants should bring photographs and scrapbooking materials. Admission, \$25 before Nov. 3; \$30 at the door; includes continental breakfast, lunch, beverages and snacks. Register and pay online at www.oaklandccc.edu/foundation, or mail checks to: The OCC Foundation, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. For more information, call Candy Geeter at (248) 341-2138. The Auburn Hills Campus is located at 2900 Featherstone Road, one mile east of the Pontiac Silverdome.



Scrappy Chic will celebrate its one year anniversary in Livonia with giveaways on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Scrappy Chic offers Golden Ticket

Scrappy Chic will celebrate its first anniversary by giving away free scrapbooking for one year. The first 200 customers who stop by the Livonia store at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 will receive a specially wrapped chocolate bar. Some of those will contain Golden Tickets that can be entered into a grand prize drawing for a year's worth of classes and crops, valued at \$2,000. Other chocolate bars will contain \$100 gift certificates and special offers. The grand prize drawing will be held at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Contestants need not be present to win. Scrappy Chic is located at 33509 W. 8 Mile Rd. in Livonia. For complete contest rules, visit www.ScrappyChicLivonia.com, or call (248) 426-9020.

HALLOWEEN

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ments on your mantel. Drape your side tables with black fabric which will make the bright shades of the season truly shine. Dimming the lights creates the perfect mood. Add some jack-o'-lanterns and you're good to go.

HALLOWEEN CHIC

While it's always nice to have fresh flowers and real pumpkins, it's also a good idea to invest in more permanent pieces that can become decorative fixtures for years to come. Grande Trunke Home in South Lyon offers distinctive items for Halloween such as ceramic pumpkins, votive holders and hurricane lamps with pumpkin motifs.

Sometimes all it takes is one conversation piece to get you started on your col-

lection. A favorite of Grande Trunke Home owner Susan Stowe is a black Trick-or-Treat decorative wooden plate that features a white jack-o'-lantern face. The newly opened store also carries seasonal items such as leaf-shaped metal trivets, which are ideal for entertaining; and hand-poured, soy based candles that are available in the scents of the season including Cinnamon Apple and Pumpkin Spice. There is even one called "Boo" that smells like licorice.

HOLIDAY HINTS

You can also dig up some decorative items you already own and rethink them for Halloween. Picture frames can hold photos of family members wearing fun costumes. Covering books in orange fabric or wrapping paper is a cost-effective way to add a strong dose of color.

Black bookends provide a dramatic contrast. Look for statues of bats, crows or the tried-and-true black cat to hold your decorative books in place.

Fewer items on a larger scale create a clean and subtle hint of Halloween. Look for wreaths, unique vases or colorful glass bottles to use for display purposes.

Food can also add to the fun.

A bowl of oranges is a natural choice for a Halloween-themed centerpiece. Set the tables with props such as fake skulls and scary creatures. Bales of hay become impromptu tables that will also come in handy for extra seating.

So, what are you waiting for? Now's the time to get started since Halloween is almost here. Have a howling good time while decorating your home.

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

The Community House

Cooking classes are offered at The Community House, including 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 www.comimunity-house.com.

Pronto! Cooking Classes

Brush up your culinary skills at these classes: 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; at Pronto! 4343 Normandy Court, Royal Oak, \$30-\$40, (248) 549-1519.

Wine Exploration Series

FOOD CALENDAR

Sessions include 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 Nidai Daher and Marc Jonna. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Whole Foods Market

Gluten-Free Support Group - Recipe Exchange and Contest, 7 p.m. Oct. 24, free, but register and submit your favorite gluten-free recipe at the customer service desk by Oct. 22, for a chance for it to be made and sampled Oct. 24. Information provided on gluten allergy, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. Call (248) 652-2100.

Whole Foods Market

Raw Treats, Desserts & Healthy Alternatives, 7 p.m. Oct. 25, presented by Beth Wilke, raw foodist for more than three years, a raw food diet con-

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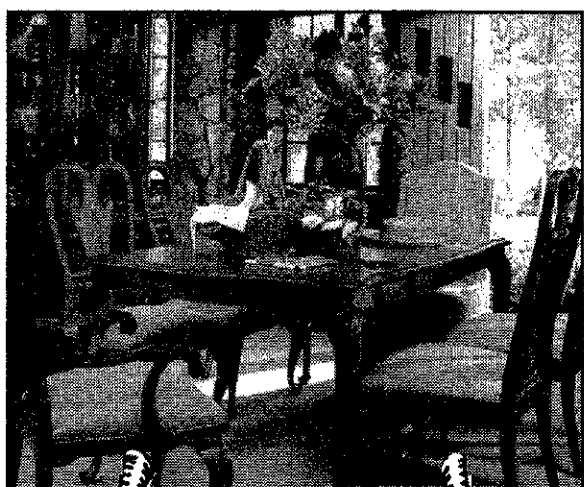
Halloween Celebration

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Ranking Apple's new iPods against the competition

So there I was at the Apple store in Novi, running my excited little fingers over the touchscreen of the much-ballyhooed iPod Touch. For those of you who've been off the planet these past weeks, the Touch (I know Apple spells it with a lowercase 't,' but I'm not letting a marketing gimmick stand in the way of proper capitalization) is the coolest, sexiest, most to-die-for iPod yet.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Really. It is. The moment I picked it up and starting sliding my fingers across the screen, flipping through album covers and scrolling around crystal-clear Web pages, I wanted it. This makes no sense. It's not the right player for me. My music library exceeds the 16 gigabytes of available storage space on the higher-end model (the lesser Touch has just 8 gigs), meaning I'd have to pick and choose the songs I wanted to carry on any given outing.

Plus, I'd have no room left for video, which would be downright criminal given the Touch's fabulous screen.

And while it's quite adept at pulling down Web pages over Wi-Fi, the Touch doesn't do e-mail. Or instant messaging. The equally drool-worthy iPhone does, but it tops out at 8 gigabytes.

Finally, there's the \$399 price tag. You know

me: I'm cheap. I'm not spending that kind of cash on a gizmo unless it also comes with Jessica Alba.

Did I mention I'm on Apple's Web site ordering one while I type this? I can't help it. It's like dating someone you know is wrong for you, but you're just too swept up. Resistance is futile. I must have the precious. (Okay, I'm done mixing movie metaphors now.)

I feel the same way about most of Apple's latest iPods. Take the Shuffle, a tiny, screen-less MP3 player that holds a mere 240 songs. You can't even choose the song you want: It either plays them in order or shuffles them (hence the name). Price: \$79.99.

Contrast that with the new SanDisk Sansa Clip, a similarly diminutive player with twice the storage capacity, a color screen, an FM tuner, and a voice recorder. Price: 20 bucks less.

Clearly it's superior in nearly every way possible. So why do I find myself shopping for a Shuffle to keep my wife company when she goes running?

It's a similar story with the new iPod Nano, a video-capable model that's incredibly thin and light. But it lacks an FM tuner and voice recorder, features available in the new Creative Zen. In fact, the Zen has a memory-card slot so you can add more storage for your stuff. It has a slightly bigger screen, too, yet weighs mere ounces.

Put them side by side, however, and there's

no question which one you'll pick. Here it's more of a left brain/right brain tussle:

The smart money's on the Zen, but your creative side insists on that impossibly cute, wafer-thin Nano.

Recently I got a sneak peek of Verizon's new LG-made Voyager phone, the closest thing to an iPhone-killer I've seen yet. It's got a similarly spiffy touchscreen adorned with fancy icons on a black background. Plus, it opens up to reveal an actual QWERTY keyboard, something most iPhone owners dearly miss.

The Voyager runs on Verizon's considerably faster 3G data network. And it comes with a 2-megapixel camera, removable battery, memory-card slot and GPS navigator.

With so many significant advantages over the iPhone, the Voyager is sure to be a big hit. So why doesn't it make my pulse race the way the iPhone does?

My friend Dave says it's because Apple designs products while other companies engineer them.

Am I just a sucker for elegant design, then? Perhaps. It's tough to articulate what it is about the iPhone and new iPods that makes me willing to bypass competing products with more features



SanDisk's tiny new Sansa Clip MP3 player features two gigabytes of storage, a color screen, an FM radio and more, but sells for just \$60.

and/or lower prices.

I'm not advocating that you do likewise. I'm just commending Apple on a job well done. The company knows how to create compelling products and market them brilliantly.

Funny, though — I still have no interest in owning a Mac. Maybe if it came bundled with an iPod Touch?

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Consider the benefits of LED for home lighting

It isn't new news that energy prices are soaring. Of course we are always looking for ways to keep the impact of these rising costs to a minimum. One place to look is in our home lighting.

Most of us by now are familiar with CFL (Compact Fluorescent Lamps), the small version of the tube lighting used



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

in offices and other commercial buildings. CFLs screw into standard light sockets and give off a warm light while costing about 30 percent less to operate. They last about 10 times longer than standard incandescent lamps.

There may now be something even better. LED (Light Emitting Diode) lighting is making its way into the home lighting arena. LED lighting, also referred to as SSL (Solid State Lighting), yields about the same amount of light per watt as a CFL but can last more than 10 times as long.

LEDs have been around for quite

some time. They were often seen as those little green or red indicator lights on televisions, radios and other electronics. In the 1990s, white LEDs were invented. These soon found their way into lighting mostly in the form of small flashlights.

Recently, many companies have started converting the flashlight idea to home use.

Several manufacturers are making LED lighting fixtures and lamps with standard screw-in bases. These styles of fixtures and lamps are found on the Internet and will soon be available locally at major home improvement stores.

The advantages of LEDs over incandescent or CFL lights are:

- They save money on electricity.
- The color of the light is similar to that of daylight. This light is easier on the eyes, and is said to lift a person's mood during the winter months.
- Further, LEDs emit a monochromatic light where ultra-violet and infrared has been eliminated. This makes them safer to illuminate artwork and other items subject to fading.
- They use about a third of the energy as an incandescent bulb.

■ They are very long lasting — up to 60,000 hours of bulb life as compared to the 700-1,000 average hours of an incandescent bulb.

■ They have relatively cool operating temperatures. Remember the toy ovens that used a light bulb to bake cookies and brownies? This makes them safer to use than incandescent and halogen bulbs, especially in children's rooms.

■ They work with most dimmers. CFLs do not.

In addition, LED lights do not have thin wire filaments like incandescent bulbs. This makes them ideal for areas where there are high vibrations that can prematurely break the filament. Unlike standard light bulbs, which are usually made from thin, easily broken glass, LEDs are normally made of very durable materials.

Probably the major disadvantages to LEDs are they are highly directional and presently rather costly. The directional factor can be considered an advantage, especially when the light is used for task lighting. As far as the cost factor, LEDs are about where CFLs were when they were first introduced. The longevity of LEDs makes them worth considering.

As energy prices rise higher and higher, more efficient means of lighting becomes even more important. LED technology is certainly worth keeping an eye on. According to the government's ENERGY STAR program: "If every American home replaced one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified bulb (many CFL lamps do and LED lights soon will qualify) we would save enough energy to light more than three million homes for a year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs and prevent green house gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars."

For more information on finding LED lighting products visit: www.besthomeledlighting.com/; www.ledshoponline.com/LED_home_lighting.htm or www.ccrane.com/lights/index.aspx.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Garden Staging

The Good Earth Landscape Institute will present 'Staging Your Garden for All Seasons,' 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Cost is \$24. Call (248) 644-5832; or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Michigan Orchid Society

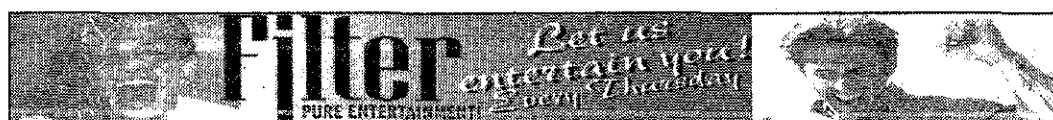
Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn, in Bloomington, Ill., will discuss the growing and care of the Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper Orchid), 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St. The program is free. Call (248) 528-1453.

Invasive Plants

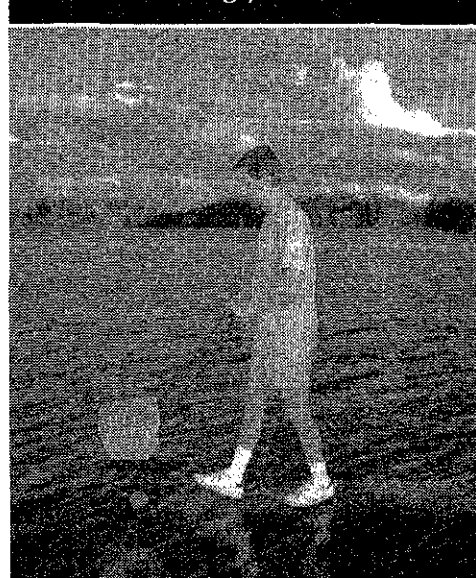
The public is welcome to attend Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club's next meeting, 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in the Coach House behind Meadow Brook Hall on campus of Oakland University. Charles Martin of Dow Gardens in Midland will discuss "Invasive Plants in Michigan." Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m.; non-member donation \$5. Call (248) 608-0485.

Lily Bulb Sale

The Michigan Regional Lily Society will host a sale at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road (at Woodward), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26-27. Find hundreds of colorful, high quality hybrid lily bulbs (Oriental, Asiatic, Species, Martagons and more) for reasonable prices. Visit www.mrls.org.



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What can you do? These tips will help stop our lakes from turning green and keep some green in your pocket.

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks and back onto your lawn.
- Recycle grass clippings by leaving them on your lawn.
- Use fertilizer with no or low phosphorus.
- Select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble (check the label).

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'Passion for Fashion'

*Farmington Hills designer
wins sewing competition*

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Maria Carolina Torres can't wait to open a boutique in Metro Detroit. The fashion designer moved to Farmington Hills five months ago from Riocuarto, Argentina, leaving a successful custom dress shop behind.

But her recent victory in The Baby Lock Passion for Fashion Challenge brings her dream closer to reality. "This challenge to me was like being in my boutique sewing and designing. It was a good feeling for me," Torres said. "It was a good opportunity to see the taste of women here, what they like. The women in my country have a different style."

Torres beat 11 other contestants to win the grand prize during the contest, held during the American Sewing Expo at Rock Financial Showplace Sept. 27-29.

Modeled after the hit show "Project Runway," the contest gave designers one day to create a casually elegant dress Leah Partridge, the lead in David DiChiera's opera 'Cyrano,' could wear to a gala.

Judges, including Project Runway Season 2 winner Chloe Dao, ruled Torres' strapless red gown best fit the task.

According to ASE owner Janet Pray, all the designers had good technical skills, but Torres best captured the 'casual elegance' of the task. Torres will travel to New York City for fashion week as part of her prize.

It is notable, Pray said, that the two runners up, Becky Fulgoni of Kalamazoo and Valerie Keiser of Hazel Park, also are from Michigan, considering that contestants hailed from across the country.

To enter, Torres submitted a 40s-style wedding gown inspired by her grandmother and Evita Peron.

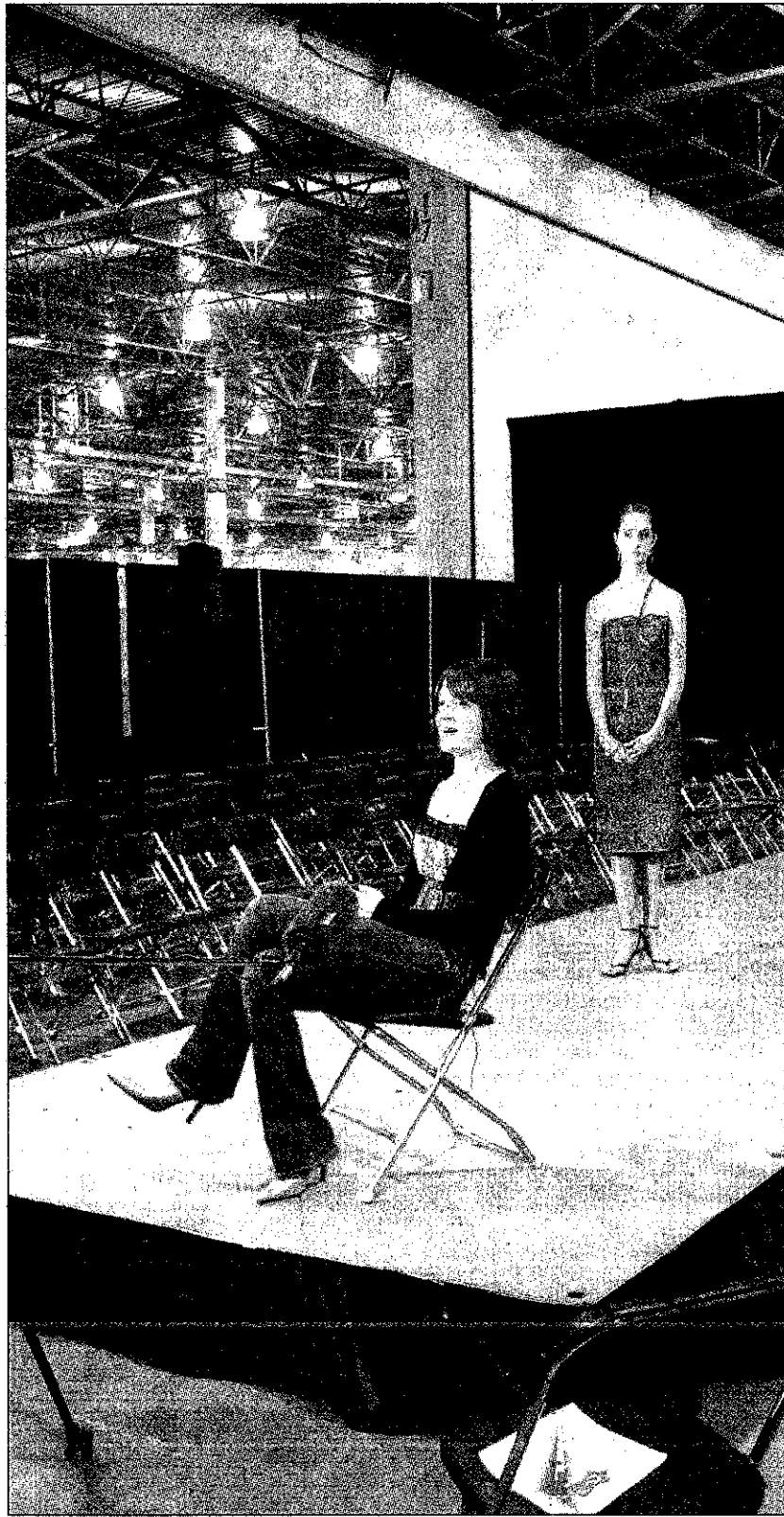
She said the design challenge came easy because of her experience creating dresses at her boutique, Carolina Soma.

"I used to work with not so much time and also I have four years experience working with different body types," said Torres, who moved to Michigan when she married her husband, Carlos.

Similarly, Dao won Project Runway because of her real world experience working with women through her boutique in Houston.

Pray said Dao was an excellent ambassador for Project Runway. She had coffee with expo attendees, signed autographs and answered questions. She even called two local tween fans at home.

"She impressed everyone. She had time for everyone and she was just as gracious as could be," Pray said.



Maria Carolina Torres (seated), 26, of Farmington Hills, used crochet detail to embellish her award-winning dress, modeled at the American Sewing Expo by Erica Ducoing.

Guest pink picks

Sports fan or not, you've no doubt noticed Katrina Hancock on Local 4 News.

Standing at 6-foot-3, the blonde sportscaster is hard to miss. Whether she's hosting Sports Final Edition, or reporting live from the latest game, Hancock follows

Detroit's thriving sports scene with style. Here, we asked the laid back Kansas native to share her Picks with PINK!



Katrina Hancock

Face It!

Oil of Olay Sensitive Face Wash

See It!

No Reservations (Catherine Zeta-Jones is great in this)

Tivo It!

Sports Final Edition 11:30 Sunday nights on Local 4

Read It!

Best Seat in the House by Christine Brennan

Hear It!

Stolen by Dashboard Confessional

Wear It!

Comfortable jeans

DON'T Wear It!

Old, ratty T-shirt (you can sleep in it, just don't wear it around)

Tote It!

Franco Sarto black purse

Kick It!

Skechers

Click It!

www.clickondetroit.com

Shop It!

Nordstrom Rack

Drink It!

Guava Pineapple Juice by Welch's

Eat It!

Chick-Fil-A sandwich and a large sweet tea

Experience It!

Halloweenkends at Cedar Point

Support It!

The Tigers, Lions, Red Wings, Pistons and Shock!

PINK list



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Pink Hair for Hope

Matthew Thomas Salon in Northville is offering pink hair extensions throughout October to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation. For a donation of \$10 or more, customers can have a single pink hair extension applied at the salon, with proceeds benefitting the cause. Nadine Girvan, co-owner of the salon, says the pink tresses are extremely popular with clients of all ages. Here, Girvan (center) models the So.Cap. USA Hair Extensions with employees Breanna Wallace and Tiffany Allen outside the salon at 330 N. Center St. Call (248) 449-9090.

VIVA LA CURE!

Shop for a cause during the eighth annual Saks Fifth Avenue Key to the Cure charity shopping weekend, Oct. 18-21 at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Saks will donate two percent of sales to the Josephine Ford Cancer Center. The weekend will kick off with "Brushes with Greatness," a book signing and beauty party 5:30-9 p.m. tonight at Saks. The event includes makeup artists and tips, psychics, a DJ, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, gifts and prizes. Patron tickets, \$75, include 5 p.m. admission to meet Linda Solomon, author of "The Key: Celebrated People Unlock the Secrets to Life." Friend tickets are \$55. Both include \$50 Saks gift card and guests will receive an exclusive tote filled with deluxe samples with a beauty purchase of \$150 or more. Call (313) 876-9237 or visit www.henryford.com/giving.

KIDS KICKING CANCER

The Claymore Shop will host a free family event to benefit Kids Kicking Cancer, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 20. The afternoon includes a martial arts demonstration, pumpkin painting, tattoo art, and arts and crafts. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to Kids Kicking Cancer. Call Kids Kicking Cancer at (313) 557-0021 x19. The Claymore Shop is located at 908 S. Adams in Birmingham. Call (248) 642-7755.

BREAST HEALTH FAIR

Beaumont Hospitals will host the "Second Annual Breast Health Fair," 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Beaumont, Troy. The free fair features information on breast health screening; cancer genetics; lymphedema prevention; meditation; educational programs; treatment; cancer clinical trials; diet and survivorship programs. It also will feature "Lilly Oncology on Canvas: Expressions of a Cancer Journey," an art exhibit with works by people affected by cancer. Call (248) 551-1219 or visit www.beaumont-hospitals.com.

STYLE AT AANM

The Arab American National Museum will host "Threads of Pride: Palestinian Traditional Costumes" tonight. The event includes a free reception, lecture and slide show on Palestinian embroidery presented by Rabiah Shafie of the Palestine Aid Society at 6 p.m.; followed by a Q&A and sale of embroidered items. At 7:30 p.m. New York-based actor/author Betty Shamieh will make a rare Midwestern appearance, presenting excerpts from her many plays. Tickets for the performance are \$12 at the door; \$8 for Museum Members and students. Call (313) 582-2266 or visit www.arabamericanmuseum.org.



The open-air, town-square feel of Macomb County's new Mall at Partridge Creek is conveyed in this rendering.

Mall at Partridge Creek offers retail 'experience'

Macomb County is officially a hot spot for power shoppers.

The Mall at Partridge Creek opened at 8:30 a.m. this morning, bringing a new level of retail to Metro Detroit.

The Taubman Centers development is an open-air mall anchored by Parisian and MJR Theatres and containing 90 stores and restaurants. Metro Detroit's third Nordstrom will open there in April, 2008.

But the unique concept of Partridge Creek is what will make you willing to don your driving shoes for the destination.

The mall is designed to make shopping less stressful and a lot more fun.

Lush landscaped grounds dotted with benches encourage people to relax with a coffee and people watch. Heated sidewalks and a 30-foot-tall fireplace surrounded by seating

mean people can comfortably chill out even in the winter.

A Children's Play Park allows kids to climb on giant fruits and vegetables to make their way down a 'healthy lifestyle path.'

Partridge Creek even caters to dogs with four Canine Comfort Stations.

And lest we forget the shopping ...

Stores range from Aldo to Zales with everything for men, women and children in between.

The Mall at Partridge Creek is located on the south side of M-59 between Garfield and Romeo Plank in Clinton Township. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Restaurant and department store hours may vary. Visit www.shoppartridgecreek.com for information and to sign up for weekly eBulletins.

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