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Man gets long prison sentence for running down popular biker

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

The Van Buren Township man that struck and killed a popular motorcyclist in July was sentenced on Monday to $13 \frac{1}{2}$ to 30 years in prison.

William Floyd Craner, 45, pleaded no contest to



degree murder of Tony Quasarano on Oct. 5. His trial was scheduled to start Oct. 11. Quasarano,

the second-

46, of Romulus was

riding alongside three other bikers, including his wife, Cindy, on Michigan Avenue when Craner hit him.

Craner, whose bloodalcohol level was more than double the legal state limit, was attempting to outrun police after he caused a minor accident moments earlier on Michigan Avenue near Beck Road.

After leading police on a two-mile chase in his oldermodel Camaro, Craner crashed into the married father of three and threw him from his bike. Canton and Van Buren police captured Craner's chase on tape.

"The sentencing was perfectly appropriate given the facts of the case," said **Assistant Wayne County** Prosecutor Robert Moran. "The facts are that he was drinking and driving, fleeing from the police and had

If a jury convicted him, Craner could have faced life in prison. Moran said he wasn't shocked by his plea.

"He had horrible facts

already hit someone else."



This photo was taken of Tony Quasarano and wife Cindy shortly before he was killed while riding his motorcycle.

against him," he said. "He didn't have a lot of room (to defend his actions)."

More than two dozen members of the Motor City HOG club, of which Quasarano was a member, were at Craner's sentencing.

Cindy Quasarano read a statement about her husband. otherwise known as "Tony Q."

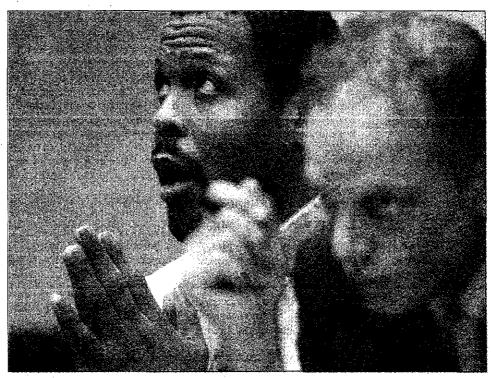
"My daughter will never have her father walk her down the aisle," she said.

Craner apologized to the Quasarano family for his actions.

"His apology is like a day late and a dollar short but it's the one thing I appreciate about the man," Cindy Quasarano said. "I really didn't want to sit through a

Quasarano's name has been added to the memorial list of the motorcycle club's Web

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Maurice Brantley (left) and defense attorney Paul Rinaldi wait for Judge Anthony Nicita's decision in Taylor District Court on Tuesday.

Canton man charged with murder in dumped body case

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

Despite arguments from his attorney, Maurice Brantley was bound over for trial Tuesday to face firstdegree murder charges for the death of David John

Brantley of Canton has been accused along with a Taylor man, Tracy Lynch, of beating Owen with a shovel inside of Lynch's garage. Brantley then allegedly dumped Owen's body in a grassy area off of Lotz Road, south of Michigan Avenue, in Canton.

A township teen discovered Owen's weather-worn corpse Aug. 8.

Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski testified that Lynch told detectives that Brantley murdered Owen by himself.

"He said Brantley hit Owen in the head with the shovel," he said. "Owen fell



Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Christine Kowal describes the wounds suffered by the victim, David Owen.

and (Brantley) said 'let him suffer."

After striking Owen multiple times, Lynch told officers that Brantley wrapped his body in bedding and then left his home. He eventually returned and Lynch said he helped load Owen's

body into Brantley's vehicle.

Pomorski testified that Lynch said Brantley told him, "You'll never see him again."

During Pomorski's testimony, a handcuffed

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hey, kids! Visit Dr. J.D. Robison the day after Halloween and trade your candy for some cash and a flashing toothbrush.

Dentist offers Halloween choice: candy or cash?

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Trick or treaters have options this

They can either stuff themselves silly with bite-sized Twix and Milky Ways or they can make a couple of

Robison Dental Group is allowing children to drop off their excess sweets at its Canton Center Road offices in exchange for \$1 per pound.

"I love Halloween, so we can't take it away from the kids, but this is an alternative to putting so much sugar in their bodies." Dr. J.D. Robison said. "We are suggesting that kids take a few of their favorites and then sell us the rest."

Robison, who practices with his father, Dr. John Robison, laughed when he recalled his own childhood memories of trying to keep a secret stash of Halloween candy from his parents.

"I remember it being a game to collect as much candy as humanly possible," he joked. "Halloween is a fun time for kids, but this is a great opportunity to add to their health."

In addition to money, children that drop off their candy will also get an electric toothbrush that glows.

"We've been going to elementary schools and we are getting a lot of new hits on our Web site," Robison said. "So many moms have told us they are excited we are giving kids

The candy, which will be collected 3:30-6 p.m. Nov. 1, will be sent to soldiers fighting overseas.

"Instead of throwing it away, we've decided to send it to our troops," Robison said. "We are not against candy, we just feel that kids eat an enormous amount of sugar and we want to help stop tooth decay. They can feel good about doing this."

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Author says God helped her pen a new path



Jann Martin (left) is the author of 'This Babe So Small,' her first book. Megan Wellman illustrated the book.

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BY BRAD KADRICH

Jann Martin isn't taking much of the credit for the new turn her life has

Martin, a Canton resident with a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University, puts all the credit for her newest endeavor — her first book, This Babe So Small right where she devoutly believes it belongs.

With God. "God inspired it," said Martin, director of family ministry at her church, Faith Community Presbyterian in Novi. "It's what he asked me to write, so I wrote it."

This Babe So Small, Martin's first book, tells the traditional story of The Nativity in a relatively nontraditional way: through the eyes of the innkeepers' daughter.

"I wanted to tell the story so kids could relate to it and understand it better," Martin said. "They'll understand it better through the eyes of a 7-year-old."

The book, published by Ferne Press, a division of Nelson Publishing and Marketing in Northville, is illustrated by Megan

Wellman, also a Canton resident who has now illustrated three books with Ferne Press.

While having her work published is becoming a regular occurrence for Wellman, the book represents a fairly significant career shift for Martin. After getting her degree from MSU, Martin had hoped to be a teacher. She did her student-teaching in the Garden City district, but could never manage to get her own classroom.

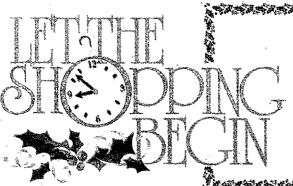
"I really wanted to be a teacher," Martin said.

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Coming Sunday in Health



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Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its November networking luncheon on Nov. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in



Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

November's Luncheon will feature guest speaker Fanchon Stinger, WJBK Fox 2 News Detroit. Stinger coanchors FOX 2 News Morning Weekdays and is also an investigative reporter in the FOX 2 Problem Solver unit and editor of the "Gen X Honor Roll", a special news feature that profiles outstanding young people in the Metropolitan Detroit

November's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by New Liberty Bank and Xuereb Snow PC. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Nov. 2.

Halloween benefit concert

The Canton Concert Band will present Haunted Horns 3. their third annual Halloween Benefit Concert for First Step of Canton at 3 p.m., Oct. 28 at the Village Theater at Cherry

The show is appropriate for all ages. Suggested admission is a \$5 donation per person, to be donated to First Step of Canton. For more information, visit the group's Web site at www.cantonband.com,

Election Inspectors needed

The Canton Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for Precinct Inspectors for 2008. Precinct Inspectors work on designated election days in Canton. There are four elections scheduled for 2008: Jan. 15 presidential primary, May 6 (tentative) school elections, Aug. 5 primary, and Nov. 4 general election.

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Applicants must be a qualified, registered voter within Wayne County and a United States citizen. The applicant must fill out the application in his/her own writing and be willing to declare a political party affiliation.

Applicants must be able to work closely with others, assemble simple voting stations, read and write legibly in the English language, perform simple math calculations, follow instructions provided by the precinct chairpersons and possess interpersonal skills to work with the public.

The rate of pay is \$125 per day. Inspector training is also paid and attendance is manda-

Applications may be picked up in the clerk's office during regular business hours or downloaded from Canton's Web site at www.cantonmi.org. For more information call (734)394-5120.

Chamber computer class

On Wednesday, November 14, 2007, from 6-9 p.m., the Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a How to Make and Edit Videos course at Canton Computers. Canton Computers is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford Road. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2007. These classes are open to Chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 9.

Chiefettes bottle drive

Save yourself the hassle of returning those cans and bottles and support the Canton Junior Varsity Chiefettes PomPon Team at the same time. Donate your returnables to the Canton Chiefettes dur-

ing their fall bottle drive from

8 a.m.-noon on Nov. 10. The Canton Chiefettes will be traveling around area neighborhoods in the Plymouth-Canton School District to collect returnable bottles and

Supporters can also bring their bottles and cans to the Canton North Building (also known as Phase 3) between 8 a.m. and noon.

For more information contact Chiefette parent Britt Julien at bffm1@sbcglobal.net.

Pompon clinic

Would you like to be a Junior Canton Chiefette? Children ages 5-13 years old can be, if they attend the Kids' PomPon Clinic sponsored by the Canton Varsity Chiefettes from 9 a.m.noon, on Nov. 10 at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building. Cost is \$35 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings.

Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon and all girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at a Canton varsity basketball game.

Registration is from 8-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic. For more information please call Chiefette parent, Kathy Schwalm at (734) 416-1685.

Cancer awareness benefit

Indigo Salon and Day Spa (50545 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 300-400 in Canton) is partnering with St. Mary Hospital and St. Mary Image Recovery Center to hold its first Cancer Awareness Benefit from 1-5 p.m., Oct. 28.

The event will feature \$1 raffle tickets with a chance to win tickets to many different major sporting events, a full day at the spa, and various product baskets valued at \$300 each.

There will also be mini seminars: 'Ask the Doctor,' featuring Cynthia Aks, DO, breast specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; 'Ask the Dietitian,' featuring Judy Swancutt, RD, CDE, dietician, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; and 'Feel Good Inside & Out,' featuring Trish Tyl, cosmetologist and clinical specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital-Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center.



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Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the bi-annual Consumer Expo this evening from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in the Grand Ballroom. The event is held twice annually in February and October, and features more than 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free. 'The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors,' said chamber President Dianne Cojei. 'The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer.' The event is being sponsored by Boyer Meat Processing, Outdoor Fun Store and Xuereb Snow PC.

Also learn how to do a self breast November newsletter of this exam.

For more information, visit www.indigosalonanddayspa. com or contact the salon at (734) 961-3245.

Holiday travel tips/ hotspots

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 adult general 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

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.

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. 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 Avenue, in Wayne (in the lobby). The vaccines are intended for adults 18 and older who want to be protected from the flu or pneumonia. The cost of the shot is \$25 and \$40 for the pneumonia vaccinations. Both are a covered benefit for those who have Medicare Part B and bring their card to the clinic. For more information on the clinics, visit www.oakwood.org or call (313) 586-5492.

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 nonalcoholic 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.

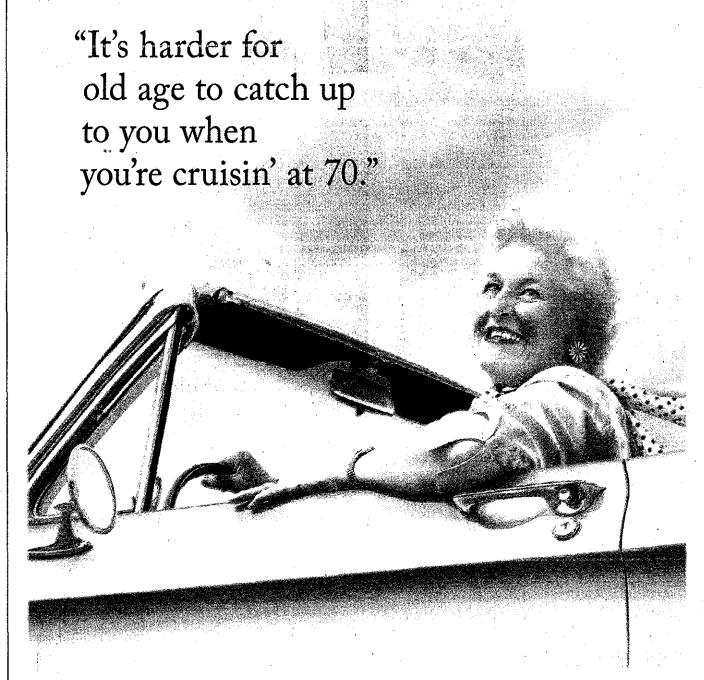
Sunflower craft show

The Sunflower Village Homes Subdivision in Canton is having its Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gainsborough Clubhouse, 45956 Gainsborough Drive in Canton: (located north of Warren Road, half-way between Beck and Canton Center).

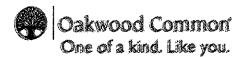
A variety of crafters will be on hand for your shopping enjoyment. There is no admission fee.

Crafters are still needed. To reserve a table please call (734) 453-2022.

The table fee is \$10.



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Bringing the brooms

Hometown marchers continue competition sweep

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

The finely honed musical marching team of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band continued their sweep of Flight I trophies while marching off with the highest score of all 30 bands at the Clarkston Invitational Saturday.

"We did really well," said trumpeter Keith McGuire, a Plymouth freshman. "Upper classmen said we did better today than at [Grand Nationals] finals last year."

And McGuire knows something about the commitment it takes to achieve such a high level of performance. He has a sister and two brothers who have preceded him as members of the nationally acclaimed high school marching band.

I had only watched it before," he said. "Being a

member is really cool. Along with capturing the Flight I first-place trophy with a score of 88.1, the 200member hometown band took all Flight I captions - Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect - for the dynamic performance of their show, "Out of the Shadows." Walled Lake Central was first in Flight II with a score of 82.85 and Farmington Harrison captured the top spot in Flight III with 73.85. Flights are determined by student enrollment, not band size, with the largest schools in Flight I.

Salem senior Anna Yanke, a member of the P-CMB color guard, was pleased with Saturday's performance.

"I love this show - it's so intense," said Yanke. "We learned tons of new stuff, even this morning, and we had to put it on the field tonight. I think we did a pretty good

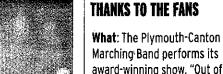
So did band director Marc Whitlock.

"I think we were technically pretty good," he said, "but



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Percussionists David Titus and Amy Bammel on marimba and Mark Knapp playing tympani along with color guard member Kim Jackson (far right) join fellow Plymouth-Canton Band members in concentrating on performance during the hometown marchers' top performance at the Clarkston Invitational Oct. 20.



award-winning show, "Out of the Shadows" Why: As a thank-you to the community

When: 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27; gates open at 8:30 p.m. Where: At the P-CEP varsity stadium

tion in performance, we could just have a computer do the job for us."

Thinking about the Grand Canyon might help the students while playing something very majestic in nature, Whitlock added. Music that is more melancholy might require thinking about experiences that are not so pleasant.

"You have to find connections and experiences in your real life to make what you're doing as a performer even better," he said. "It's far beyond just playing the notes.'

Whitlock said it didn't take long for the emotional quality to kick in during Saturday's performance.

"This group is very special,"

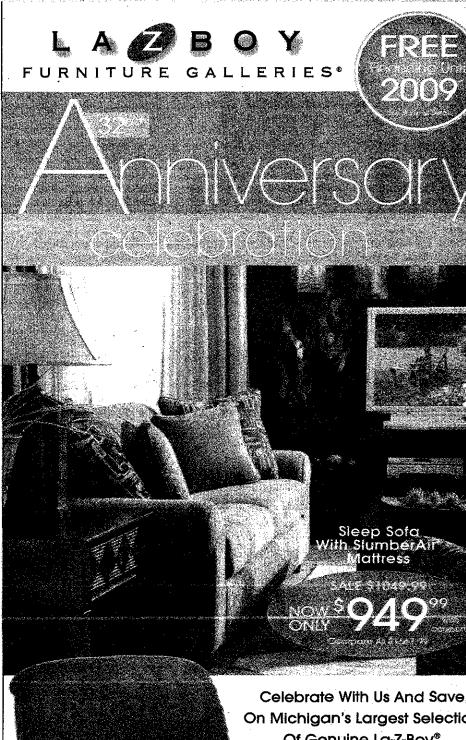


Flutist Alexandra Rodriguez and clarinetist Sarah Hallinen add a dynamic duet during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition performance Saturday at the Clarkston Invitational. The 200-member band earned the highest score of all 30 bands at the event.



Even the smallest instrument adds to the overall effect of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's dynamic performance of their competition show, "Out of the Shadows." Here Adrienne Gibson plays the triangle during the band's first-place Flight I performance at the Clarkston Invitational Saturday.

first third of the show." Whitlock explained that emotion "is the most necessary ingredient in performance quality. If we didn't have emo-





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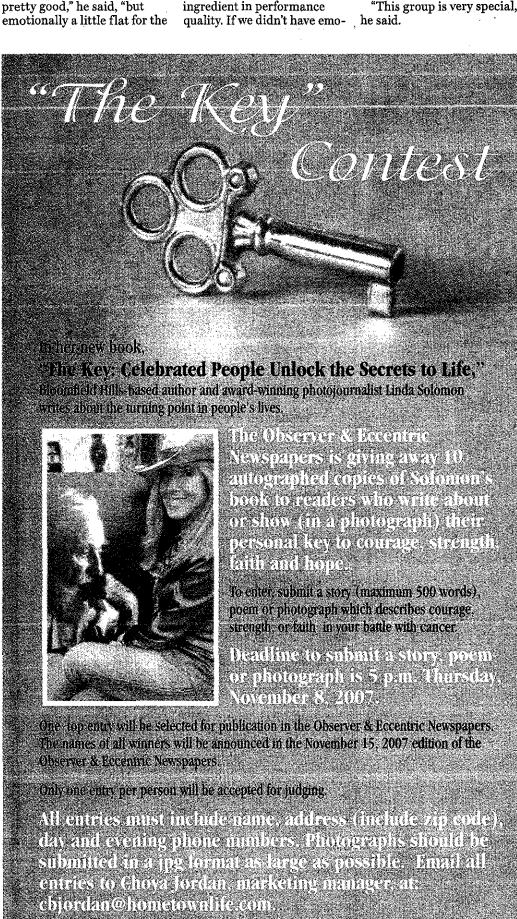
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Solumon spent a year gathering quotes and carefully selecting keys for her book. She

collected quotes from actor Tim Allen and golf great Tiger Woods to journalist Katie

Couric and author Elmore Leonard. A portion of the proceeds from Solomon's book

will be benefit the light against breast cancer.

Saturday is your chance to 'make a difference' 'Uncertainties'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

The township's annual participation in Make A Difference Day will be open to residents on Saturday.

From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Canton is offering three volunteer projects, including the cleaning and painting of the I-275/ Michigan Avenue underpass.

"We've always had great participation and we are looking forward to another successful day," said Peg Stevens, township spokesperson.

The two other events include cleaning the stream that runs through Pheasant Run Golf Course and sorting and counting pennies that have been collected for the No Child without a Christmas Program.

"We are looking for as many people that would like to participate," Stevens said,

"They just weren't hiring."

She's worked in shops and

offices and now her church.

next year, and believes God

She was hoping to retire

got her started on a new

Martin admits writing

her choice if it hadn't been

"I have no writing back-

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Wellman is a little more

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her third book for Nelson

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Martin met, and the duo

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

What: A national day of service Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Date: Saturday

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because it takes the view

of the child," Nelson said.

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"We all have seen hundreds

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wanted it to look like, how

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full of color," said Wellman,

who grew up in Redford and

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"We talked about what we

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and Wellman went online to

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mysterious or distant."

Place: Fellows Creek Golf Course For more information or to pre-register, contact Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or via e-mail at pyandusen@canton-mi.org.

adding that the township would like to see a bulk of people work on the underpass project.

Canton has partnered with Home Depot to provide supplies for the clean up.

Each year, the township chooses different projects for the national day of service. tiparks@nometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700

"This is a chance to give back to the community," Stevens said. "We've heard from many volunteers that this is an enriching experience. It's a win-win situ-

Stevens stressed that all volunteers, who must be age 18 and older, should dress according to the weather. Participants will be able to come and go as they please and aren't required to stay for the duration of the event.

All volunteers will meet at Fellows Creek Golf Course, which is located on Lotz Road north of Michigan Avenue at 8:30 a.m. A shuttle will then take participants to their volunteer locations. The shuttle will then travel back and forth throughout the day.

"We are all very excited," Stevens said.

DYNAMIC DUO

Who: Author Jann Martin of Canton; illustrator Megan Wellman of

What: 'This Babe So Small,' Martin's first book, Wellman's third Story: Tells the story of The Nativity through the eyes of the innkeepers' 7-year-old daughter

Background: Martin works at her church; Wellman is an opthalmic assis-

Upcoming events: Martin will sign copies of her book 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at St. Theodore in Westland; 2:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and again 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 13-14 at St. John Neumann in Canton; 1-3 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Book Cellar & Cafe in Plymouth.

now lives in Canton with her husband, Brent, and two Great Danes. "Even though we talked about what it would look like, I was left artistic freedom and I think it really showed in the pictures."

Wellman, a certified opthalmic assistant at U-M Hospital, is about to have her fourth book published. And she couldn't be happier about

"I invest in my drawing," said Wellman, who said she's been drawing since she was a little girl. "It's definitely emotional for me. There aren't many people who can say they've been published, and I've been published three times. It's incredible."

Martin, who has since finished a book on Easter, has now been presented a new challenge by pastors from her church: Turn This Babe So Small into a pageant.

.For now, though, she's enjoying the success of Babe. And she firmly believes she knows why it's all happened.

"The hardest part was waiting for it to come after it was printed," a laughing Martin said of Babe, published in September.

"Everything else has fallen into place (because) God had his hand in it."

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cloud district's financial future

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has been able to hang onto its fund balance, but the future is clouded with "uncertainties."

That's the word from auditors who went before the school board Monday evening to present the results of the district's annual audit.

"The future uncertainties are the same ones you've seen in prior years, that doesn't change, just the severity," said Kathy Downey of Plante and Moran.

According to Downey, the district will continue to grapple with escalating retirement and health care costs, the elongation between the start of the district and state budget years and a dependence on the state economy for revenue.

"These are very substantial challenges," said Downey, adding the district has received an unqualified, or clean, audit for fiscal 2006-07.

A combination of less than anticipated expenditures for health care, dental, salaries and worker's compensation brought expenditures in at \$1.3 million below budget which more than offset \$195,000 revenue shortfall. The result was a fund balance of \$16 million, down almost \$1 million from fiscal 2005-06 and well below the 2002-2003 level of \$23.1 million.

The fund balance represents 13.5 percent of the district's total expenditures and is in line with the state average of 13 percent. In terms of school operations, the money would be enough to keep the doors open and lights on for 24 school days or 48 calendar days compared to a state average of 18 school days and 32 calendar days.

The fund balance percent-

and school district, something to be expected as districts use their balances to cover shortfalls in state school aid.

Downey praised the district for being cautious in budgeting in light of the "state economy and politics," saying that it has been a chore balancing the budget until year-end. The rumor of a proration of state school aid last June would have had a "very dramatic effect" on the district, she said.

One large expense is retirement costs which are a percentage of budget. The figure was 12.9 percent in 2003 and the district paid \$10 million. Four years later, it's 17.4 percent or \$14.2 million.

According to Downey, the removal of smoothing language, factoring retirement costs over five years, resulted in recording some previously unreported gains, but the result isn't what it appears to

"The structural changes are dramatic to the people on the receiving end, but it's more of a cost containment than a cost savings for school districts," she said.

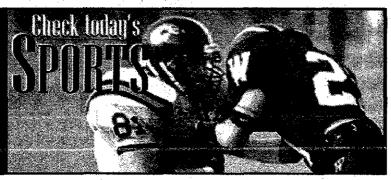
Having money in the bank is good news for the district, which has been able to maintain its educational programs while containing costs. However, Superintendent Greg Baracy pointed out that four months into the current budget year, the district still doesn't know what its funding will be for 2007-08.

"We're forced to adopt a budget in June and four months later we still don't know what our funding is going to be," he said. "Frankly, it's not right. The state needs to do something to resolve this issue. I'd like to see a bill that's equitable for all school districts in the state."

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Brantley often shook his head in disagreement and whispered to his attorney, Paul Rinaldi.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Christine Kowal previously presented a statement from a jailhouse informant, Don Davis, who said Lynch told him that both he and Brantley had killed Owen.

Kowal said Lynch, who had allowed Owen to live with him, had gotten into a fight with him in June and had told others that he "hit David pretty good."

While Kowal described Owen's four severe blows to the head, his family members wiped tears from their eyes.

Rinaldi argued that Brantley was arrested without probable cause and that his statement to police should be tossed out of court. Rinaldi also said the charge of first-degree murder was inappropriate.

"A fight was instigated by something that occurred there," he said. "There's been



Co-defendant Tracy Lynch, also charged with murder, confers with attorney Matthew Evans.

no testimony of any planning." In his statement to police, Brantley admitted hitting

Owen.

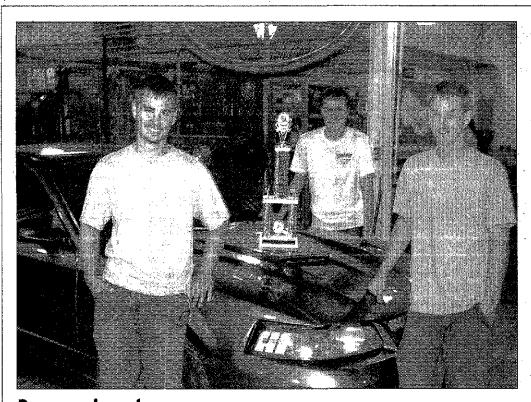
Matthew M. Evans, Lynch's attorney, said the state had not provided all of the elements to satisfy a first-degree murder charge against his client.

"At best, (he was an) accessory after the fact," he said. Taylor District Court Judge Anthony Nicita disagreed

with both defense attorneys and bound Brantley and Lynch over on charges of firstdegree murder. He ruled that Brantley's arrest was legal and that his police statement was admissible.

The two men will be arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court on Nov. 6 in Detroit.

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Drag racing champs

Dustin Letts (from left), Bryan Butzin, and Chris Schneider, all students at the Belleville High School Career Center, pose with their car and first place trophy they recently earned at the high school national drag race event that gives points to how consistent the cars race in different speed brackets. A total of seven students participated on the Belleville High team (Tyler Schneider, Steven Kull, Nick Davenport, and Joyce Armatis are the others). Butsin drove the pictured Ford Mustang in the competition, which featured 35 different participating schools. The cars were rated by how fast they could travel in a quarter mile.

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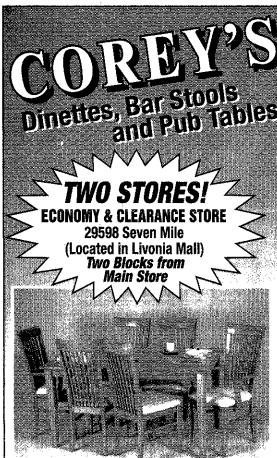
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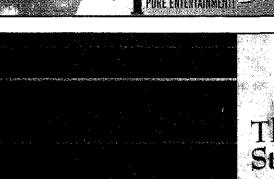
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Stop by the business on Middlebelt south of Joy in Westland and you might find Thomson in the back seat of a 1951 Studebaker, a "Rat Ride," applying tinting film to the rear window.

"I can't sit around, I've got to keep busy," said Thomson. "This is my dream, my goal."

The Canton resident got into the business while a student at Churchill High School. He worked for a detailing company shop and a lot of the guy's cus-

ONE MAN'S DREAM

Who: Canton resident Justin Thomson, owner/general man-

What: Thomson Automotive, started in the bed of a pickup truck, the business specializes in automotive detailing and aftermarket accessories.

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in Dearborn and found himself out of a job when the man sold the business and moved West.

"I went to work for a body

tomers hunted me down to do their cars," Thomson said. "I did it for the extra cash. After a year, I opened a business, working nights and weekends."

He may have had the business, but Thomson wasn't ready to quit his day job - an exercise physiologist/personal trainer at a gym. He waited four years before doing that.

"When I first opened my business, I was single and had no kids," he said. "I was 22 and young enough that if it failed, it was 'Oh, well, it was one hell of a gamble."

He ran the business out of the back end of his pickup truck, going to his customers. When he outgrew the truck, he moved into his mother's garage. As the business grew, he kept relocating, opening a

shop in Farmington Hills and then Livonia, before settling in Westland.

"I originally started detailing cars and doing window tint-ing," he said. "Now, we do car and truck accessories, Line-X spray-on bed liners, lifts, a lot

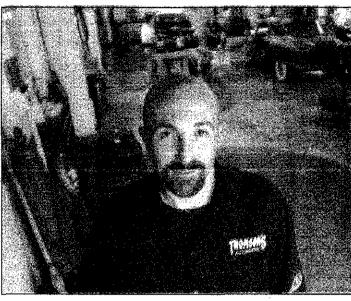
of customizing." One of his first employees was Jeff Zachos of Garden City. "We started out as friends,"

said Zachos. "He started the business out of the back of his pickup truck. It grew and he needed help, so I jumped on board."

he knows the business as well as I do," Thomson said. "I also know he'll get the job done right, I can depend on him."

"He's my right-hand man,

People who watched the second season of Speed Channel's



At Thomson Automotive in Westland, owner and general manager Justin Thomson of Canton works side-by-side with his employees.

"Payback" might recognize Thomson. He and Kenny Buckley were featured on all eight episodes after Thomson went the extra mile for a guy who needed some work done

"I got a call on a Friday at 4 o'clock, this guy John calls and says he needs a speaker box sprayed with Line-X," Thomson said. "I told him get down here and I would do it. He called back 20 minutes later and said he couldn't, how about Monday. I ended up meeting him here on Saturday."

Thomson likes to the hear the story behind a job and asked about the speaker. He found out that it was for a vehicle for Manny Ramirez of the Red Sox.

"Three days later I get a call from the producers of 'Payback,' they said I went out of my way to take care of the guy and asked if I wanted to be on the show," Thomson said.

He's waiting to hear if the show will be back for a third season. On the show, a celebrity has a car built for the person who helped them to succeed,

Thomson said.

"It was great exposure, great bragging rights," he added. "It was national. We don't have people coming here from Tennessee, but local people realize there's a company here that does all that stuff."

The business also does fleet maintenance for Bosch, taking care of 18 vehicles that are "in front of TV cameras and in magazines." Thomson's job is to "have them looking top shelf."

While the state economy has been a downer, it hasn't stopped Thomson from looking at opening a second location.

His customer base is growing, and as he sees it, "in Michigan, you have to spend money to make money.

"It was scary to start this, it really was. I dumped a lot of money into it and didn't know if it would work," he said. "I dumped a lot of money in a dream. I dumped a lot of sweat and dreams into it.

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Local man behind effort to recall Corriveau

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

John Hett of Plymouth Township readily admits he's the "idiot with the target on my back," but that's not going to deter him from his effort to recall 20th House District state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, for the lawmaker's vote in favor of an income tax increase Oct. 1 to balance the state's deficit budget.

Hett, 44, who says he's "not registered for either party, nor ever have been," filed recall petitions with the Wayne County Clerk's Office for the legislator who represents the Plymouths, Northvilles, Wayne and a portion of Canton. If the language is approved following a hearing Nov. 1, Wayne County officials said Hett will have 90 days to collect 10,468 signatures - which is onequarter of the Democratic and Republican party votes cast in the last gubernatorial election

- to force a recall election. "Marc Corriveau voted 'yes' to increase the income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent, and that's why people like myself, who are neither politically savvy nor connected, are upset," said Hett. "You can stand in downtown Plymouth and overhear people grouse about the tax increases, and those to come.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you think of the effort to recall Marc Corriveau? Send your thoughts to kkuban@hometownlife.com

finally pushed to the brink and know it's time for a change," he said. "Everybody is always talking, and not doing, so I'm putting my money where my mouth is."

Hett said he's asked for help from former state representative Leon Drolet, who operates the Michigan Tax Association, but only for Drolet's expertise of the process of a recall campaign.

"I don't belong to any tax associations, and I don't have outside money funding me," Hett said. "For the most part, I'm the only guy and working with no budget. I'm hoping for a groundswell of support. I know it's out there."

Corriveau, with less than a year in Lansing, believes the recall campaign is "destructive" to the political process.

"The decision I made was done after careful thought and consideration, in the best interest of the district," said Corriveau, who voted against a 6-percent tax increase on some services. "To be recalled for my vote ... I think you risk the political process being "The citizens of Michigan are controlled by people who have

money and special interests. "This just sets us up for how future legislators will vote,

with this type of fear and intimidation, and have special interests dictate their behavior," added Corriveau. "I think the voters in the district will reject this."

As in the political wrangling during the budget battle, Corriveau continues to claim Republicans are doing whatever they can to target him in next November's election.

"I haven't heard the Republican leadership come out and object, the silence is deafening," Corriveau said. "(House Minority Leader) Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) is pretty set on doing whatever he can on his way out of office to give us as much trouble as he

DeRoche said it's Corriveau's vote for the income tax increase, not the Republicans, which will be the demise of the 20th House District lawmaker.

"Rep. Corriveau should focus, while he's in office, to bring forward positive solutions that don't include tax increases; rather than further burdening the residents of his district to pay for a bloated bureaucracy and the special interests in Lansing," DeRoche said. "I do not support the recalls, but I absolutely think it's proper for voters in Northville and Plymouth to take his liberal

voting record into account in the next election."

Hett said while he's always been active in writing elected officials, this is the first time he's really become politically active.

"I know people who run businesses who are leaving, or have left, the state because they can't afford to keep employees on," Hett said. "The State of Michigan is in such dire straits. you can't tax the economy into prosperity. The economics are simple. There's one party not willing to budge, and that's the Democrats."

With that said, Hett said he would have filed a recall petition against any local legislator, Republican or Democrat, who voted in favor of the tax increase

"I am pleased it's not just the Democrats that are being recalled, that it's Democrats and Republicans," Hett said. "They refuse to sit down to reach accord on reforms."

For the record, Hett said he voted for Republican Mark Abbo of Northville Township in the 20th House District election last year. He voted Libertarian in the 2006 gubernatorial election, and voted Republican in 2002.

"Î didn't vote for Gov. Granholm either time," Hett said. "She didn't come off as savvy with economics and budCORRIVEAU BEFORE

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John Hett of Plymouth Township is leading an effort to recall 20th District State Rep. Marc Corriveau over his vote to increase the income tax.

Hett said he's hoping to get 100 people to collect 100 signatures apiece to force a recall vote. Hett can be reached at recallcorriveau@yahoo.com. tbruscato@hometownlife.com

Portion of Beck Road closed for construction

On Tuesday, Canton officials closed a portion of Beck Road south of Warren Road for about 10 days. Motorists will be able to travel east and west on Warren and north on Beck, but southbound Beck traffic will need to seek alternative routes at Warren. Only local traffic will be allowed to travel south onto Beck.

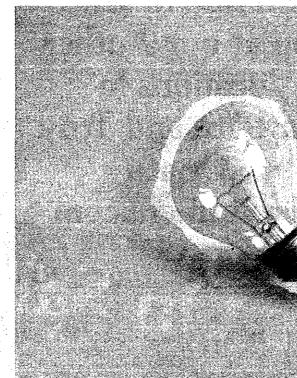
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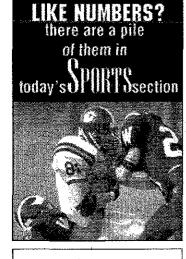
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During the closure, the contractor will enclose the north branch of Fellows Creek with a concrete box culvert south of Warren on the west side of

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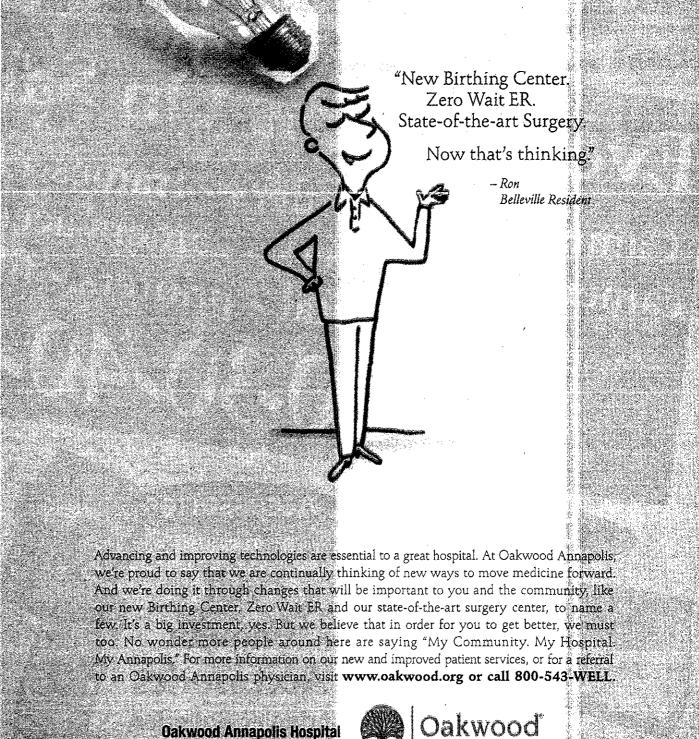
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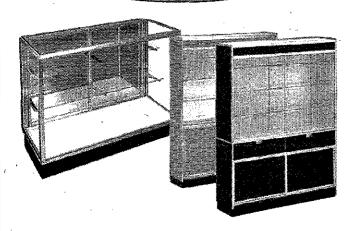
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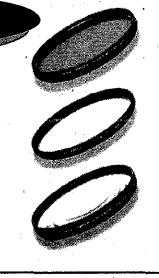
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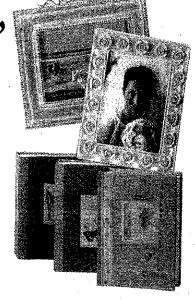
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OUR VIEWS

Here's a chance to Make a Difference

Who wouldn't want to feel the satisfaction of actually making a difference in someone else's life or in their com-

munity? On the other hand, many of us need a little kick-start to

get that altruistic spirit going sometimes.

That's the point of Make A Difference Day, which takes place Saturday, Oct. 27.

Started 17 years ago, this is one of those created holidays but with a great purpose. It's sponsored by USA WEEKEND magazine and its carrier newspapers, in partnership with the Points of Light & Hands On Network and supported by Newman's Own Foundation, which provides donations to charities.

Make A Difference Day is a day set aside to help others. Simple as that. No special colors, fancy badges or funny hats required, just a desire to go out and, well, make a difference.

Three projects are simultaneously being coordinated in the Canton area to mirror other volunteer activities, including a refurbishing of the underpass at I-275 and Michigan Avenue. Canton is seeking volunteers to help clean and paint the underpass, which will enhance a trail system. The project will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, and are at least 18 years of age, contact Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail at pvandusen@canton-mi.org to pre-

Another way to find a way to make a difference is to look for a need around your neighborhood, a nearby park, a senior housing center or a group home. Still searching for an idea? Visit www.usaweekend.com and look for the Make A Difference Day icon at the top of the page. From that page, you can search for organized projects by zip code; get inspired by reading about what other differencemakers have done; or load in some details about how or whom you'd like to help and use a computerized "idea generator" to figure out what to do.

Making a positive impact on the world is something we should all aspire to — whether it's through some organized effort or something more subtle. Using this created holiday to get started seems like a great idea.

Some basic safety precautions will ensure a happy Halloween

There are few nights anticipated by children as much as Halloween. And who can blame them? They get to dress up in wild costumes and parade around the neighborhood unlike on any other evening of the year. Not to mention all the candy and goodies they will reap while trick or treating.

But just like there will be witches, pirates and Cheetah Girls out on the streets, so too will there be plenty of dangers lurking about that every parent should be aware of before they send their children out to trick or treat.

Most parents will immediately think about the possibility of candy being tampered with — and they should inspect all treats before they are consumed - but there are plenty of other measures a parent can take to ensure a safe evening.

Basic everyday safety, including not getting into cars or talking to strangers, and looking both ways before crossing streets, is important. Of course, the safest plan is for parents to go out trick or treating with their children, but some kids will want to venture out on their own. In that case, follow these tips:

- Never send small children out alone. Make sure an older sibling is with them, and only let them out during day-
- Talk to your children about a safe route, so you will know where they will be, and set a time for their return home.
- Make sure children know to stay in populated, welllighted areas and away from unfamiliar places.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

Those not trick or treating, especially motorists who will be out on the roads Halloween night, also need to show some extra caution. There will be lots of children on the streets, many in dark clothing, so look for them darting out from between parked cars or walking in roadways. Enter and exit driveways carefully.

Halloween night also poses one of the greatest threats for fires. Many decorations, including cornstalks, are highly flammable, so they should be kept away from all open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs.

The jack-o'-lantern also poses a fire risk. The National Fire Protection Association recommends illuminating them with a flashlight rather than a candle. However, when using candles, be sure to place them well away from anything that can burn. And if you set them on your porch, make sure they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

Even costumes can present dangers. First and foremost, make sure your child's costume is fire-proof. If you make it yourself, choose materials that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with a flame.



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LETTERS

Votes against SCHIP were brave

I have been amazed at the almost hysterical propaganda that has been thrown at the American public by supporters of the radically expanded SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program) leading up to the presidential veto override attempt, which thankfully failed.

The original Republican bill provided health coverage for children of parents that were poor but not poor enough to be covered by Medicaid. Re-authorizing the bill with some tweaking and reasonable expansion would have been the smart and right thing to do, but the Democrats would have none of that. They saw an opportunity to further their socialist agenda by creating a health welfare monster, and to reach their goal they would paint all opponents as heartless scrooges.

I want to thank the brave legislators who saw through their ruse and stood their ground for fiscal responsibility and the American way.

Janusz M Szyszko

Cut McCotter's health care

I am shocked and dismayed at Congressmen Thaddeus McCotter and Joe Knollenberg's attitude on SCHIP funding for children too rich for Medicaid and unable to afford health care without this program. Their comments show how out of touch they really are with mainstream America.

Why do they object that certain adults including pregnant girls/women are sometimes admitted into this program? Why do they object to tobacco taxes? Tobacco use is still a leading cause of health care usage in this country. Is it really a bad idea to wean more people off of tobacco through higher taxes?

What they don't say is that SCHIP is not a free program. While each state administers their program differently, most recipients pay premiums on a sliding scale. Yes, there is some dropping of private or employer health care as a result of this program. Is it right to punish lower income workers for choosing a SCHIP plan over an often costly, high co-pay private or employer plan? Is it wrong to help more children have afford able health care? They also do not mention that children with proper medical care while young, will cost society less, sometimes much less, in future health care costs.

Is McCotter really serious that we need to "increase the supply of health care" and "help more poor people set up there own medical accounts and extending tax credits"? Can Mr. McCotter save money in his "medical savings account" on \$41,000 per year for his family of four? The reality is that even families making much more than this including selfemployed people are frequently priced out of health care. Do people need to remortgage their homes and assets in order to buy health insurance?

We should not reject enrolling more children in SCHIP because certain adults are made eligible or that some illegal immigrants may enroll. I am really skeptical whenever politicians use the fear of illegal immigrants to push their anti-family, pro-business agenda onto the public. Why not cut our congressmen's pay to \$41,000 per year, eliminate their lifetime, taxpayer-funded, no cost health insurance plan and replace it with

a health savings account?

Then they will have some credibility with the public when they talk about health care in this country.

Khalil S. Kandah

Focus on what's best

I am a registered Republican, and I am a business owner in Marc Corriveau's district, but live in Bruce Patterson's district, and pay property taxes on my home (Canton), as well as my business property (Plymouth) and have been and continue to be active also in the Northville business community.

I am a CPA and fee-only investment. adviser struggling to make sense of the Michigan services tax. I've been a Republican since I began voting almost 30 years ago.

Overall, I'm tired of politics and politicians who promise much and deliver little. I am looking to support people that want to serve to the best of their ability, honestly, doing what they can, in the best interest of their constituents.

I believe that Marc Corriveau, and many others in congressional seats, are placed in a difficult spot. As a business person, I understand what it means to pay taxes. Am I happy about having to pay more in income tax or even potentially to be in a position to collect sales tax on tax preparation or investment services that I offer? Of course I'm not. But what I am MOST unhappy about is the playing of politics in these matters.

The pretense of recalling Marc Corriveau is a thinly veiled special interest power play in my opinion. One only has to look as far as the individuals involved in order to obtain this understanding.

That said, I believe that Corriveau voted his conscience in a very difficult matter. I know Marc personally, and I know him to be a very reasonable and intelligent man, and certainly not the "liberal democrat" that Mr. DeRoche describes. I found Rep. Patterson's comments about Corriveau "whining" also offensive.

In my view, Corriveau is bringing a greater understanding and illuminating what is really going on in Lansing to the people of his and surrounding districts. I would encourage those unsure of Marc's position as an excellent representative to attend one of his local coffee shop meetings and pose questions to him and seek to understand his position.

On the other hand, when I see a bill from the Republican Senate that favors special interest groups and not considering fairness and equity for the small business owners and citizens of this State, I am thankful for that the legislature has someone like Marc Corriveau to vote his conscience.

As a registered Republican, I say to Mr. DeRoche and Mr. Patterson, and others working on the recall of Mr. Corriveau, focus on what's best for the people of this state, nothing else. Otherwise, you may find the tables turned in the next elections.

Wayne B. Titus III

Heise toots own horn

I was flabbergasted by Kurt Heise's narcissistic view of reality in thinking that he is the only former school board candidate to voice support for moving the elections to November.

If he will just put his sense of extreme self-worth aside for a moment, I'd like to inform him that another twice-former school board candidate suggested November elections in response to a fiscal responsibility question posed at one of the public forums just prior to the May 2006 election.

Of course, Mr. Heise was not privy to this important information, being as that he didn't even live in the P-CCS district for the May 2006 election. This comes across as a prime example of a would-be politician prematurely "tooting his own

> Sandra Martin Plymouth Township

Band made games more fun

Many thanks to the PCEP Marching Band for attending the Canton Chiefs home football games. There is nothing like the sound of a live marching band to add to the festive atmosphere of a Friday night football game. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all of the players, coaches, and fans of Canton Chiefs Football. Welcome back!

Kathy Powers

Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club

President not above law

Judge Mukasey, during testimony at a Senate hearing over his nomination to become attorney general, made it clear that he believes that the president's power extends beyond the rule of law. But the Constitution makes it clear that the law binds every citizen. Rejecting a monarchy, the founding fathers included the separation of powers, and checks and balances of one branch upon another, to make sure that there would be no lopsided accumulation of power.

Today there are serious concerns that the Bush administration has violated the law, authorizing warrantless wiretapping and torture, and in the politicization of the Justice Department. The next attorney general will have to address these issues. The bar has been set very low by the previous occupant and Mukasey is smart and his candor refreshing. But Congress should be wary of confirming any nominee that cannot see that even a president has to abide by the law.

Katie Jacob Birmingham

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"It's among the lowest in Wayne County. This is an area we fall short on."

– Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas on resident participation in the township's recycling program

to teach today's children

he occasion was my father-inlaw's 88th birthday, along with my niece, a recent college graduate, finding a job — in southeast Michigan, yet! Certainly a happy

Saturday with famfor the restaurant what caught my eye was the American Girls catalog. The dolls were

popular with my nieces when they were younger, and I Julie Brown was glad. Although a tad expensive, the

dolls from different eras, such as World War II's Molly and the early 20th century's Samantha, teach girls valuable lessons about history and growing up strong.

My surprise was the arrival on the scene of one Julie Albright, the 1970s girl. She's got long blond hair, bell bottoms and a peasant blouse, and hails from San Francisco. Acknowledging changing times in another way, Julie's parents are divorced.

The catalog noted that girls before Title IX didn't have a lot of sports opportunities in school, and Julie had to fight to get girls basketball up and running at her school. Julie's best friend, Ivy, is Asian American, another example of the company's effort to make the dolls as ethnically diverse as possible (and probably sell more dolls as well).

Here's the description of Julie's room, which seems eerily accurate for the 1970s: a furry foot-shaped rug from Mom's store downstairs: modular shelving that she can mix and match into bedside tables, storage drawers, or even a coffee table; an egg-shaped terrarium with silk plants inside; a metal tray of afterschool snacks: pretend Jiffy Pop® popcorn, a plastic pitcher with a removable lid, and two plastic cups for preparing the pretend orange drink mix.

Until now, the dolls were safely a part of a distant past, reaching back to the American Revolution. It's a bit disconcerting to see your own past suddenly a part of history, with girls learning about just what life

Seeing the 1970s as a historical era was a bit of a jolt, but upon further reflection not all that upsetting. As we observed our niece's happy day, it was ily, but before we left worth remembering just how far girls and women have come from the early

was like in the 1970s.

The doll has sound accessories appropriate for her era, just in case Julie and Ivy want to listen to some just-before-disco tunes. There's a series of books about Julie and Ivy, as there are about the other American Girls and their best friends.

Seeing the 1970s as a historical era was a bit of a jolt, but upon further reflection not all that upsetting. As we observed our niece's happy day, it was worth remembering just how far girls and women have come from the early 1970s. Maybe young girls today can ask their moms, aunts and grandmothers what it was like back then. Certainly, the American Girls are more physically realistic and probably better role models than Barbie, even if all do come with a lot of expensive accessories.

There was a time when only a few professions — teacher, nurse, secretary - were open to

women, and it took a whole lot of pushing by a whole lot of women. and some men, to change that for the better. The toys children play with reflect that changing world, so maybe Julie Albright and friend Ivy show us that things really are get-

I wonder if they'll come up with a 1980s-type doll next (for some reason, Drew Barrymore comes to mind). If kids learn to be more open-minded, and girls' eyes are opened to a new world of possibilities, there's really nothing wrong with Julie and Ivy leading the way.

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Historical dolls have lessons | Funding state universities is crucial to our future

here was a time — not all that long ago — when the Big Three automakers were really big and didn't want, need or dream of getting any outside help. That was also an era when nobody thought much — let alone worried — about Michigan's great universities.

Sure, the University of Michigan was a darned good school, a nice place to go visit on sunny Saturdays

for a football game. But it was way off there to the west, an ivy-clad touch of the Ivy League in the Midwest, but largely irrelevant to the real business of the state.

Phil Power

Michigan State University was OK, if you liked a pretty campus or had

something to do with farming and the agricultural extension program. As for Wayne State — well, it was struggling to educate the children of immigrants and find an urban mission at the other end of the Cass

My, how things have changed! Several hundred people who attended last week's two-day conference in Ann Arbor on "The Role of Engaged Universities in Economic Transformation" were showered with the new reality of how central our research institutions are to the economic future of our troubled state.

Over the past five years, the state's three premier research universities — U-M, MSU and WSU - have received 632 patents and helped form 79 startup companies. That's a big boost for a state struggling to replace brawn-based manufacturing with brain-based high-technology jobs.

■ The three universities score more than \$800 million each year in federal and other research grants. You never can tell exactly which inventions from university labs (or from anyplace else) are going to be commercial successes, but one thing is certain: without funding for research, there will be

■ The Big Three universities together employ more than 68,000 people, accounting for more than \$6 billion in wages and benefits.

The Anderson Economic Group, of East Lansing, estimates that 6.9 percent of all wage and salary income in Michigan comes from these three schools, which have special status in our state constitution.

But beyond the statistics lie some impressive, current results.

The U-M's College of Engineering is starting a new Center for Entrepreneurial Programs, which will help students turn their bright ideas into business ventures.

The Center is being funded by a \$1 million anonymous gift. And it's operating in a technology transfer environment that has been enormously energized by the school's new vice president for research, Steve Forrest, a research whiz-bang himself with a fistful of patents and spinoff experience.

In Holland, over near Lake Michigan, MSU is working with local entrepreneurs to repopulate a building recently vacated by Pfizer.

It will now be home to a bevy of life science companies. In Ann Arbor, the U-M is working with SPARK, the Ann Arbor-based economic development group, to set up a wet lab incubator for local startups; university researchers and four firms will occupy another former Pfizer building, a 34,000-squarefoot lab.

The state also has several smaller universities doing significant research, including Oakland University, Western Michigan and Michigan Tech. It ought to be obvious that these too are centrally important to the future of our state.

And it is — except to the political class in Lansing. In a stubborn and spectacular display of disconnectedness from reality, our entire political leadership - both houses of the Legislature, plus the governor — have systematically disinvested in higher education over the past five years.

Farmers would have called this

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Consider these numbers, obtained from Mike Boulus, executive director of the Presidents' Council, State Universities of Michigan:

■ Total state appropriations to higher education in 2002: \$1.612 billion.

■ Total appropriations to higher education in 2007: \$1.437 billion.

■ Absolute reduction in appropriations: \$178 million, or 11 percent. And that's not even taking inflation into consideration. When you do, the cut in state support amounts to \$375 million, or 23.2

percent. So while other states have increased their support for public universities by an average of 25 percent over the past five years, Michigan has chosen to reduce support for higher education by nearly 25 percent.

Even those in Lansing who have trouble with sums can recognize how far this has set Michigan back. This flies in the face of all business

Any company facing trouble immediately identifies its most important, proprietary competitive assets and mounts a sustained investment program to build them up, gain market share and build the bottom line.

Michigan, by contrast, has chosen to strangle one of our few competitive assets.

The wonder is not that people are dismayed. The wonder is that people — especially those who have children and who care about the future - are not absolutely furious and marching on Lansing and talking about recalls over this.

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Investors need to understand that investing is not risk-free

ast Friday, Oct. 19, was the 20th anniversary of Black Monday, the ■ day (Oct. 19, 1987) when the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost more than 22 percent of its value.

This was the second largest oneday percentage drop in the market in history. On that day, investors lost nearly one-half of a trillion dollars.

I am always asked whether it can happen again. Although many things have changed since 1987, one thing that hasn't changed is the market is irrational over the short run and investors tend to let fear dictate decisions. It is highly unlikely we would have a market downturn similar to what happened in 1987. However, it's possible under certain conditions the market could have a major shortterm decline.



the coverage of the stock market as we do today. Most of us **Money Matters** had never heard of the Internet nor was Rick Bloom there the explosion in cable TV. How the

Investors today

are more informed

about what is happening in the market

than ever before. In

1987, we did not have

Internet has affected investors is difficult to know, however, there is no doubt it has made a difference.

A major change is a variety of safety measures the markets have implemented in order to halt trading if certain triggers are met. In addition, there are now certain restric-

tions in order to prevent computer trading from dramatically moving the market. Many individuals blamed the crash of 1987 partly on computers and program trading.

Another change since 1987 is the explosion in international investing and international investors. After all, it is impossible to compare the economy of countries like China and India to where they were 20 years ago.

Investors recognize that over the short run the market is volatile and downturns happen all the time. We saw it in February, in July and Oct. 19. So investors should not be fooled into thinking that even with new safety measures, the market can't take a major downturn - it can.

However, investors do have a mechanism to protect themselves.

Investors who follow a long-term strategy and diversify their portfolios in different asset classes, including emerging markets and fixed-income investments such as bonds, will find that even in market downturns, they will be protected.

Market downturns are a risk that investors must learn to accept. The notion of investing risk-free does not exist. After all, those individuals who are afraid of the market and bail out by investing in certificates of deposit (CDs) and U.S. Treasuries also are assuming substantial risks.

If you hold a CD to maturity or a U.S. Treasury, you will never lose the principal on your money. However, principal fluctuation is just one risk. Another is the risk that your money does not keep up with the increased

costs of living over time.

It is essential to have a rising income for the rest of your life. If your portfolio only contained CDs and treasuries, by the time you pay taxes and look at the increased costs of living, your money is not keeping up. The bottom line is there is no risk-free investment. There are ways to control risk by taking a long-term strategy and having a balanced and diversified portfolio.

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Schoolcraft College holds Halloween concert

Schoolcraft College's Annual Halloween Concert and Parade will mark the debut of the Wind Ensemble's new director, Paul Michalson. This family-friendly concert will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. at Radcliff Center in Garden City and is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

In addition to the performances by the Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble, who will be performing in

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costume, there will also be a children's costume parade. Everyone who attends is encouraged to dress in costume. Refreshments will follow the performances and parade.

The 38-member Wind Ensemble will offer a variety of appropriately themed musical selections in celebration of Halloween, including Chillers and Thrillers, a compilation of themes of suspense; selections from Phantom of

the Opera and Harry Potter; Bugler's Holiday, a trumpet trio; Light Calvary Overture; Swearingen's Deep River, and The Chimes of Liberty by

The Synthesizer Ensemble will be combining their musical talents along with a unique multi-media presentation to accompany their performance of Africa, made popular by the band Toto in the '80s. During the eight-member group's performance of Lacrimosa from

Mozart's Requiem, Barton Polot, director, will transform vocalist Josh Maroit's voice from a solo performance to a multi-voice chorus via tech-

The Radcliff Center is located at 1751 Radcliff St. in Garden City. Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Radcliff Center, at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road and online at schoolcraft.edu.

Railroad club holds Trainorama

The Redford Model Railroad Club presents Trainorama, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile between Merriman and Farmington Road), Livonia.

Admission is \$4 for adults. Children under 12 are free with an adult.

The show will include an operating exhibit, railroad memorabilia, swap meet, train show and sale. A flea market will feature scale model railroad equipment and supplies, toy trains (new and antique), plus a variety of railroad oriented antiques and collectibles - lanterns, dining car china and silverware, signs, paintings, station clocks, locomotive builder's plates, old train schedules and railroad stock certificates.

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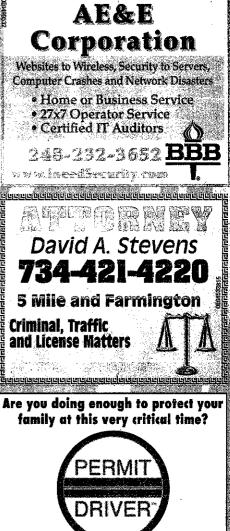
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Volunteer remembered for wanting to help

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

If Dick Merrill were alive today, there's only one place he'd be right now - with American Red Cross volunteers helping victims in the fire-ravaged areas of California.

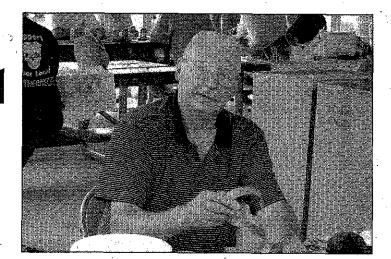
Merrill, a Plymouth resident who retired after 30 years as an installer at AT&T, spent nearly 20 years in retirement as a national reservist for the Red Cross, setting up communications systems in areas hit by tornadoes, hurricanes and floods.

He died Saturday at the age of 70 from complications of cancer.

"For most volunteers, headquarters would call our chapter and we would activate them," said Jeff Wilson Jr., manager of the disaster program of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter. "But, because of his skills, headquarters would contact Dick directly. His specialty was dropping those phone lines."

Merrill also spent time at those disaster sites making sure people were being cared for. "People at disasters are proud, and they sometimes don't want to take a handout," said Dick's daughter, Jeannine Merrill, 40, of New Boston. "Instead of making it look like charity, he would say 'Are you in the mood for a hamburger and a cup of coffee with me?' He'd eat about 12 meals a day to make sure people had something to eat."

Merrill had been on at least 80 national disaster assignments during the past 20 years, including southern California wildfires in October 2003; Hurricane Hugo in Florida in September 1989, and several months in New York City



Dick Merrill of Plymouth, a devoted volunteer, passed away Saturday from complications of cancer.

during 9/11.

"When he got back from 9/11, he had that mystery cough," said Jeannine Merrill. "Several years later, he was diagnosed with cancer at the base of the tongue, which is very rare."

Dick Merrill was an enthusiastic Amateur Radio Operator - his call sign KB8CFD - who also was a local weather spotter.

"He used to go to Beck Road, where the only cover was a ditch and three feet of water," said Jeannine Merrill. 'When everybody else was looking for cover, my dad would be right in the middle of it."

Jeannine Merrill said her dad's personality was all about giving, which he proved when she was 2 years

"My dad adopted me before he married my mom," she

"Any man can become a father, it takes a real man to step up to be a dad. To me, he was Superman.'

As with any grandfather, Dick Merrill's pride-and-joy was his 3-year-old granddaughter, Casey.

"He bought her sleds and tricycles and fed her popsicles when her tongue hurt ... they were buds," Jeannine Merrill said. Dick Merrill was no

stranger to the Plymouth Community Fire Department, having been a volunteer fireman for 24

"On my 21st birthday, the paper factory in Plymouth caught fire," Jeannine Merrill said. "My dad had dinner with me, and afterward I

watched as he put on his gear and went into a burning building. We always had weather and police and fire scanners going off at home. My sister and I had to learn to sleep through them."

Fire Chief Randy Maycock said Dick Merrill was the kind of guy who always wanted to help.

"He couldn't do enough for you, he was that type of guy," Maycock said. "Over the years he participated in fire suppression activities, training activities, department picnics, bachelor parties, everything and anything the department did. Dick was one of those rare people, he would donate his time to help out fellow firefighters and the community."

Dick Merrill was a member of the Western Wayne Conservation Association, American Legion Post #32, Northville VFW Post #412, and Northville Moose Lodge #1190, as well as the Elks Club.

A fire engine was planned for today's funeral procession from Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township to Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville, with several members of the department serving as pall bearers.

The American Legion Color Guard planned a 21gun salute and Taps. The fire department planned to close out the service. "It's tradition the fire department chime a bell for each year of service, which for Dick will be 24," Maycock said. "After that, Lt. Charles Mann will play Amazing Grace on the bagpipes."



Tell us your story and win copy of Linda Solomon's 'The Key' about celebrated people

In her new book, The Key: Celebrated People Unlock the Secrets to Life, Bloomfield Hills-based author and awardwinning photojournalist Linda Solomon writes about the turning point in people's lives.

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One top entry will also receive theater tickets and have his/her work published in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The names of all winners will published.

Deadline to submit a story, poem or photograph is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Winners will be announced in the Nov. 15 edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

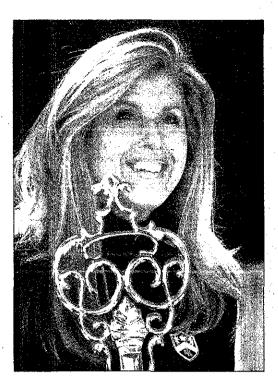
Only one entry per person will be accepted for judging. E-mail all entries to Choya Jordan, marketing manager, at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.

Entries must include name, address (include ZIP code), day and evening phone numbers. Photographs should be submitted in a jpg format as large as possible.

Solomon spent a year gathering quotes and carefully selecting keys for her book.
She collected quotes from actor Tim Allen and golf great Tiger Woods to journalist Katie Couric and author Elmore Leonard.

For more information or questions regarding the contest, contact Jordan at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.

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



Parents invited to learn about college savings plan

A representative of the Michigan Education Trust (MET), the state's prepaid tuition program, and Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP), the state's college savings plan, will present a college savings seminar at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Cranbrook Educational Community, 39221 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. The seminar will be held in the Wenger Gymnasium of Kingswood School.

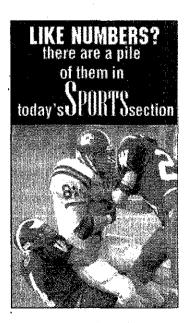
The college savings seminar is free of charge and open to parents, grandparents and guardians from the community who are looking for information on saving for college.

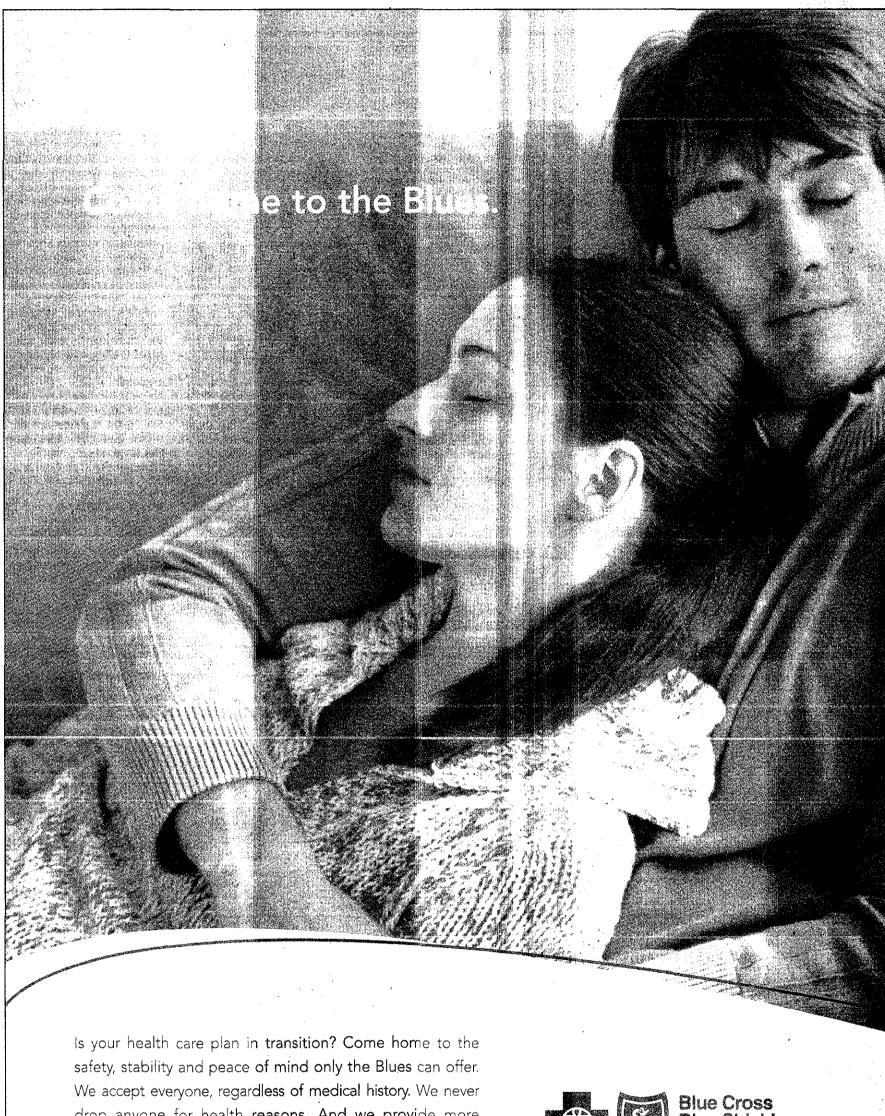
A college savings expert will illustrate a fail-safe way to take the guesswork out of saving for college tuition through the MET program. A MET contract is a guaranteed way to protect your savings against future tuition increases, because MET locks in tomorrow's tuition at today's rates. The advantages of establishing a 529 savings plan like MESP will also be discussed. MESP provides a way to start saving today to prepare for a child' tomorrow. When you contribute to MESP, your account earnings have the opportunity to grow federal and Michigan income tax-free.

For more information about the seminar, please call Cranbrook Educational Community at (248) 645-3630.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

(734) 591-7279 or write; Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

The Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League. Convention takes place Saturday,

theme is Let Your Light Shine based on Matthew 5:16. Guest speaker Andrew T. Fitzgerald is Manager of International Volunteer Services in

afternoon session follows 12:15 p.m. luncheon. For Information, call (734)

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

RICHARD G. "Dick"

MERRILL

Beloved father of Jeannine (Colin

Baldwin) and Lisa (Bob Price). Very

proud grandfather of Casey. Dear

brother of Gloria, Barbara (Phil) Coates, Janet (Fred) Knight, Elizabeth

(Bob) Willerer, and Bill (Janet). Dick

grew up in the St. Francis de Sales

Parish in N. W. Detroit. He retired

from AT & T as a PBX installer with

over 30 years of service. Mr. Merrill

was an active volunteer with the American Red Cross Disaster Relief

Team, an enthusiastic Amateur Radio

Operator call sign KB8CFQ who

often served as a severe weather spot

ter and a long time volunteer with the

Plymouth Fire Department. He was

also a member of the Western Wayne County Conservation Association

(Black Powder enthusiast), Northville

Moose Lodge #1190, Life member of

the Elks Club, Northville VFW Post

#412, American Legion Post #32

where he served on the Honor Guard as Quarter Master, and Wayne County

Officer. Funeral Service Thursday, 10

AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home

46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

(Btwn. Sheldon & Beck). Interment

Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville

Memorial contributions may be made

Michigan Chapter. To leave a message

of condolence for the family log on to:

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EMMA CANFIELD

Age 98, formerly of Birmingham, died

October 21 at her home in Annapolis, Maryland. Mrs. Canfield was born

January 7, 1909, to Herman and Ottilio

Kemnitz in the German-speaking set

tlement of Wolf Creek, Wilson

Township, Alpena County, Michigan.

At 14, she left her family's farm to

attend high school. She lived and

worked in the home of Frances

Garvey, city editor for the Alpena

News. Mrs. Canfield graduated from Alpena High School as valedictorian

in 1927 and from Alpena County

Normal in 1928. She taught in Long

Rapids, Michigan, for two years. In

1933, she received her A.B. degree in

modern languages from Michigan

State Normal College, now Eastern

Michigan University. Before marrying Howard L. Canfield in 1936, she

taught high school German and

English in Bucyrus, Ohio. During her

husband's career with Detroit Edison,

the Canfields lived in Grosse Pointe

Farms, St. Clair, and Birmingham,

Michigan. In 1962, they moved to

Seoul, Korea, on a three-year assignment with the U.S. Agency for

International Development. Later, they

lived in South Vietnam and Saud

Arabia in conjunction with Mr.

Canfield's work with Overseas

Advisory Associates, a nonprofit cor-

poration helping developing countries

generate electrical power. Following

her husband's death in 1992, Mrs.

Canfield moved to the Ginger Cove

retirement community in Annapolis.

Mrs. Canfield served with the

American Red Cross for more than 25

years as a bloodmobile volunteer and

disaster worker in Michigan, in U.S

military hospitals in South Korea, and

as a member of the Southeastern

Michigan Chapter's board of directors

She taught English as a second lan-

guage and was active as a church

youth group and Girl Scout leader. She

was a member of the First Presbyterian

Church of Birmingham, and a found-

ing member and past-president of the

Plungers investment club. Surviving

are two sons, Richard Canfield of

Canfield of Mason, New Hampshire; a

daughter, Susan Canfield of Arnold,

Maryland; a brother, Leonard Kemnitz

Eunice Nannberg of Sylvannia, Ohio;

13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Interment will be in

Canfield Cemetery, Washtenaw

County, Michigan. Memorial contribu-

tions may be made to Hospice of the

Chesapeake at 445 Defense Highway,

Annapolis, MD 21401 or www.hos-

picechesapeake.org

Ossineke, Michigan; a sister,

Montana and James

Bozeman,

the American Red Cross-S.E.

Security-Radiological

Oct. 20, 2007, age 70 of Plymouth.

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.

Hallelujah Festival

6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive (south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley)

Canton. Come out for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate this alternative to Halloween! For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or send e-mail to info@CantonCF.org or www. CantonCF.org

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 fulltime college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@ wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

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.

Music of the heart

Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents a musical celebration of well-known hymns written by Charles Wesley which have been sung for three centuries in honor of the 300th anniversary of the lyricist's birth 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the church, 45201 N. Territorial, one mile east of Beck, Plymouth. No charge but a free-will offering will be received to benefit the church's Noteworthy concert series and AIDS victims in Africa. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

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 of 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.

Celebrating the saints

Enjoy reflections on the saints of Livonia Catholic parishes and join together in solemn sung Evening Prayer celebrating the upcoming Feast of All Saints 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The evening ends with a procession to the weekday chapel for the veneration of saint's relics. Reception follows in Bixman Hall. No charge. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

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, Hrashapar 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, Cost 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.

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. 31, at Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, west of Newburgh on the north side, Livonia. Also, gourds, etc. for table decorations.

Heart quest

A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, started 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 snaky 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-

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 Avenue and Wayne Road. 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, specialities 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 Ali 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.

Pasties sale

Taking orders during coffee hour Sundays, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, and by phone 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 6-7, pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Pasties are \$3.50 each, gravy also available. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

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.

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Lutheran laymen's convention

Oct. 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The

the International Ministries Division of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Registration begins at 8 a.m., worship at 9 a.m. followed by first convention session. An

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DONNA KATHLEEN FRENCH

Age 72, of Rochester Hills, formerly

of Livonia. October 21, 2007. Loving

mother of Diane (Paul) Johnson, Tim

French, Amy (John) Page, and

Michelle French. Grandmother of

Abigail and Cameron. Sister of John

(Patricia) Ausum, Janice (William)

Thompson, Mary (the late James)

Batcheller, James Ausum, and the late

Paul Ausum. Also survived by her sister-in-law Nancy. Donna was the cook at St. Edith's Parish in Livonia

for 23 years. She enjoyed playing the

piano, saxophone, and teaching tennis

for the Livonia Parks and Rec Funeral

service Monday, October 29, 2007,

10am with an instate of 9:30am at St.

Andrew Catholic Church, 1400

Inglewood, Rochester, The family

will receive friends Sunday 1-7pm

with a 6pm Rosary at the Potere-

Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut

Blvd., Rochester. Interment Michigan

Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock.

Suggested memorials to St. Andrew's

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Senior Fellowship or the Society for

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ELMER H. FISCHER, JR.

Age 85, Livonia, MI. Died October 20, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington.

GENEVIEVE AVON ROOSE

Arrived at her heavenly home Wednesday, October 17, 2007. She was 90. Genevieve, formerly of Cadillac, lived near her daughter in Estes Park, CO for 71/2 years. Genevieve is survived by her children; Joe and Sharlene Roose of Westland, David and Cullann Roose of Cadillac, Julia and John Buller of Estes Park, CO., Paul and Linda Roose of Tustin; 13 grandchildren; six great- grandchildren; half sister Twila Carner of Sebring, Ohio and sister inlaw Sarah O'Nan of Clio. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Walter Roose; sister Juanita Huffman and half sister Marcheta Burgess. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday October 26, 2007 at the Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home in Cadillac, Visitation will be Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in LeRoy, MI. Further information is available online at www. hitesman-holdship.com.



PEARL WINSTON SMITH

Age 95, called home to be with her Lord on October 20, 2007. An avid Bible scholar, retired teacher with the Dearborn Public Schools, former officer of Alpha Delta Kappa, the professional teacher's sorority. Pearl was a native of Tennessee who moved to Michigan in the mid-1930's with her family. She received her B.S. and M.S. in Education from Wayne State Raymond J. Smith, Pearle leaves behind a son Jerry (Sharon) Smith of Livonia and a daughter Sylvia (the late Robert) Kyle of Waterford, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A Funeral Service for Pearle was held on October 23 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Share a memory with her family at www.rggrharris.com





DON C. ALLEN

Age 68, of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2007. He was born on September 14, 1939 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son of Forrest and Lida (Callen) Allen. He was united in marriage to Paulette A. George on August 7, 1965. Don proudly served in the United States Navy from 1957-1960 and in the Naval Reserves from 1960-1963. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Northville. Don was an avid reader and would often volunteer at the Northville Library. He enjoyed traveling with Nomad Travel Club. Some of his other interests included golfing, playing cards, and book collecting. He is survived by his beloved wife Paulette "Polly"; his loving children Brian (Nancy) Allen and Leslie (Matthew) Handyside; his dear sister Barbara (Delbert) Hannahs; and his adoring grandchildren Callen and Oscar Handyside. He was preceded in death by his parents. A time of gathering will be held Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 1-3pm with a Memorial Service at 3pm at the First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile Road, Northville. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville (248) 349-0611.

SCOTT J. HANNA

Died October 17, 2007. Age 52, of Honor, formerly of Plymouth, died unexpectedly of natural causes Wednesday, October 17, 2007. Scott was a born April 23, 1955 in Ypsilanti, the son of Jay and Nancy Hanna. Scott was a man who made it through many struggles to find true happiness. Scott enjoyed his life here in northern Michigan spending time on the Betsie or Crystal river fishing. Scott had a passion for art and showcased his talent painting many of the area's landscapes. Scott enjoyed hiking on several trails and adore his pal "Chip" his beagle. Scott will be missed. Scott is survived by his mother, Nancy (Martin) Keasal of Plymouth, a sister, Sue (Tim) Nichols of Glen Arbor, two brothers, Steve and Jay Hanna both of Nevada, as well as other loving family members and friends. Scott was receded in death by his father, Jay, his grandparents and an aunt. The family is being served by the Reynold-Jonkoff Funeral Home. www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com





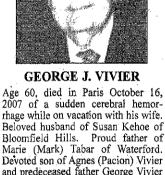
Age 72, October 19, 2007 of Venice, Florida, formerly of Commerce Township, Michigan. Beloved Wife of James Meier and the late Niels Johnson, Dear sister of Jerry (Virginia) Fallot. Loving mother of Martin (Roberta) Johnson, Stephen Johnson, Susan Johnson, Erik (Laura) Johnson and beloved Step Mother of Jimmy (Tina) Meier, Terry (Lindy) Meier. Cherished grandmother of six grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren. Loved and adored by friends and family and will be deeply missed by all. Memorials can be made in the name of Jean Meier to: Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 1115 Center Road, Venice Fl 34292 or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma OK 73123-1718. TideWell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238.



BURNETTA B. FORBING

Age 95, of Plymouth, formerly of Huron County, MI, died October 22, 2007. She was born March 26, 1912, in Pinconning, Michigan. She worked at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, and Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, MI. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. She loved making quilts and dolls. Her greatest love was her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Percy (Electra) Forbing, Margaret Rogers, Frances (John) Loechner, Luella (Darrell) Brockwell, Agnes (Leon) Farver, Jerry (Judy) Forbing, Norma Moss, Marilyn Yoe, Ruth (Ed) Holly, and James (Sally) Forbing; her daughterin-law, Lynn Forbing; 66 grandchildren; 180+ great-grandchildren; 60+ great-great-grandchildren; and her rothers and sisters, Marion Helm, Robert LaLonde, Donald LaLonde, Valera Dubs, Shirley Kohl, Joseph LaLonde, Joyce Marchesi, Leona Hunroe, and Margie Royal. She is preceded in death by her husband, William; her children, Virginia (Lee) Gray, and William Forbing; and 10 brothers and sisters. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Thursday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Memorials may be made to Boysville, Holy Cross Children's Services Foundation, 8759 Clinton-Macon Road, Clinton, MI, 49236, or Mass offerings. Share memories or leave condolences at:

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rhage while on vacation with his wife. Beloved husband of Susan Kehoe of Bloomfield Hills. Proud father of Marie (Mark) Tabar of Waterford. Devoted son of Agnes (Pacion) Vivier and predeceased father George Vivier of Dearborn Heights. Grandfather of Sam, Abbie, Katie, Tommy and Emily Tabar. Brother of John (Judy) and Edward (Nancy). Uncle of Joe, Susie and Jim (Connie), great-uncle of Harrison. Stepfather of Mark (Sara) Nicholas and Tricia (Dave) Camilleri, step-grandfather of Michael. George graduated from Central Michigan University and worked as a Value Engineer at Chrysler for more than 20 years. He was previously married to Donna (Fiedor) Vivier. Visitation Thursday at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak: Private viewing for famia ly from 12:00-1:00 p.m., public viewing from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with religious service beginning at 3:00 p.m. Dessert reception following. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for George's grandchildren's education fund. www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com



ARTHUR RAY MORROW

Age 94, of Pompano Beach, Florida



passed away October 11, 2007. He was born March 28, 1913 in Coshocton, Ohio to the late Wilmer and Daisy (nee Strauss) Morrow. He met and married his loving wife of 75 years, Helen Lucille White and in 1948 moved from their home in Cambridge, Ohio to Michigan. During their years in Michigan, Arthur was the President and Chairman of the Board of Morenci Rubber Products in Morenci, Michigan. He also devoted much of this time to the Bloomfield Village Volunteer Fire and Police Department and retired as Fire Chief and Police Commissioner. Art was a lifetime member and P.E.R. of the BPOE Lodge #448, Cambridge, OH and an associate member of BPOE Lodge #1898, Pompano Beach. He received his Master Mason degree in 1952 and is a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner of Moslem Temple, Detroit, MI. In 1993, Arthur and Helen moved to Pompano Beach to retire and enjoy life. Those left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Helen, daughter, Jean (Richard) Black, son Mike (Midge) Morrow, grandchildren, Andy Morrow, Allison Morrow, Richard (Leigh Ann) Black, James Black and great grandchildren, Scott, Brian, Eric, Keith, Stephanie, Kristin and Cassandra Black. He was predeceased by his son, Tommy Ray Morrow in 1938. The family received friends Monday, October 15, 2007 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home North, 200 West Copans Road, Pompano Beach, FL where funeral services were held at 2:30pm.

RELIGION

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.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Chruch of Scotland

(Continuing). The services are held at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio will preach the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfession.org or call Humby at (937) 252-1156.

Afternative 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.

Course in Miracles

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 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 email to love.comm@hotmail.com.s

Sisterhood funcheon

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.

Church concert series

Continues with the Schoolcraft College choral Union 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), Livonia, Call (734) 522-6830.

Bazaar & mini cookie walk

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Anne Catholic Church, 23310 Joy, a few blocks east of Telegraph, Redford. Use Joy entrance to Basement Hall. Proceeds go to School/Building Fund.

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-

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 celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Fall worship schedule

Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m.

and includes simple worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays we will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Singers wanted

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

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael

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

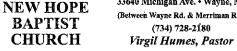
Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m., on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia, Call (734) 464-0990.

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AROUND TOWN

Holiday bazaar

Crafters are needed for Holiday Bazaar American House-Northville. Thursday, Nov. 15, 1-7 p.m. No charge for table space. For more information, please contact Carol, (248) 449-1480.

Flu clinics The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will be at several Wayne County locations this flu season. Flu shots are \$25; pneumonia shots are \$40; Medicare, HAP, Priority Health, Blue Care Network, cash or check payable to VNAHSS accepted. For weekly listings, call the VNA Flu-Busters automated Hotline at (800) 296-8660 or visit www.vna. org. Homebound service is also available, \$40 service fee applies that is not covered by insurance. Must have a physician's prescription. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752 for an appointment. Among local locations: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman in Garden City, Oct. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.; Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, Redford, Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Matthew United Methodist, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Oct. 28, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; St. Bellarmine Church, 27101 W. Chicago. Redford, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to noon; AAA Insurance in Plymouth, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.noon; Art Van Furniture, 29905 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, Nov. 3, 1-3 p.m.; Art Van Furniture, 8300 Wayne Road, Westland, Nov. 3, 1-3 p.m. Trainorama 2007

The Redford Model Railroad Club will hold Trainorama 2007 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile in Livonia. Tickets are \$4 for adults and free for children 12 years and under with an adult. The show will feature an operating exhibit, railroad memorabilia, swap meet, train show and sale. Food and beverages also will be available For more information, call Pierre Willermet at (313) 565-1027 or by e-mail at pierre@hbc-benefitsandeducation.com.

Wine tasting

The Oakwood Foundation will hold its 12th annual Wine for the Spirit fundraiser at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov§10, at Ford Field, 2000 Brush St., Detroit. The evening will include a sampling

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of wines from around the world, food stations, silent auction, raffle and entertainment by The Bomb Squad. Tickets cost \$125 per person and are available by contacting Kim Kelly at (313) 586-5234.

Farmington Players auditions

The Farmington Players Community Theater announces upcoming auditions for Neil Simon's Chapter Two. Auditions take place Thursday, Nov. 1, with registration at 7 p.m. Auditions begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at The Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Based on part of Neil Simon's own life, this comedy features George Schneider, a writer whose wife has recently died, as he returns to a lonely apartment. His younger brother Leo, a theatrical press agent and born matchmaker, tries to snap George out of his emotional tailspin by supplying him with unwanted and unsuccessful dates. Then Leo comes up with Jennie

Malone and she's a winner. There will be four available parts: George, (40s to 50s), a widower after 12 years of marriage, successful author, thought to be based on Neil-Simon's own life; Leo, (40s), George's younger brother, a theatrical producer, womanizer, fast talking "player" of sorts; Jennie, (late 20s to late 30s), a recent divorcee reluctant to start over, soap opera actress, small town girl originally from Cleveland; and Fave. (late 20s to late 30s), Jennie's supportive friend whose own unhappy marriage triggers an unfortunate casual affair. For more information,

cali (734) 612-1767. Holiday craft show

The Mother's Club at Catholic Central High School in Novi is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Show and Marketplace to take place Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on Wixom Road in Novi. The show is open to artists, craftspeople and businesses that sell items suitable for holiday gift giving. For more information, call (810) 231-3235 or (248) 705-9519.

Suicide Loss Support Group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at

the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Gardeners meet

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, onsite clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www. vna.org.

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Card party/funcheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/ luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and, clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.' at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other

The Halloween spirit

Dianne Richards (from left), Leslie Dearbaugh, Phyllis Stephan and Vivien Pierson, all members of the Canton Newcomers hospitality team, show off the 'spooky' dessert designed and donated by Back Home Bakery at the group's Oct. 3 adult general meeting. The group also sampled appetizers from Aji Ten restaurant, held a raffle for a local charity, and signed up for 20-plus monthly activities. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 7:15 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford). Visit cantonnewcomers.org for more information.

specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatiqued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734)

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Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every. Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-

Gardeners meet

Gardeners of Northville & Novi meets September through May the second Monday of each month at 6:30 n.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site at www.gardenersnorthvillenovi.org.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator, For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www. pckiwanis.org).

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Special Election, Wayne County Community College District Millage Reauthorization Proposal, will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; at which time, voters will vote on the following proposition:

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MILLAGE REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be increased by one dollar and fifty cents per dollars (1.5 mills) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District for a period of ten (10) years, 2011 to 2020, inclusive, as new additional millage replacing a prior millage authorization approved by the electors which shall expire with the 2010 levy, to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.5 mills would raise approximately \$51,839,157 when first levied in 2011.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of August 13, 2007, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan

Increases

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Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010	
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility Tri-City Christian Center	<u>Address</u> 3855 S. Sheldon Road
15	Winter/Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
20	Township Fire Station #1	1100 S. Canton Center Road
28	Agape Christian School	45081 Geddes Road
33	Dodson Elementary School	205 Beck Road

All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at (734) 394-5120 prior to Election Day.

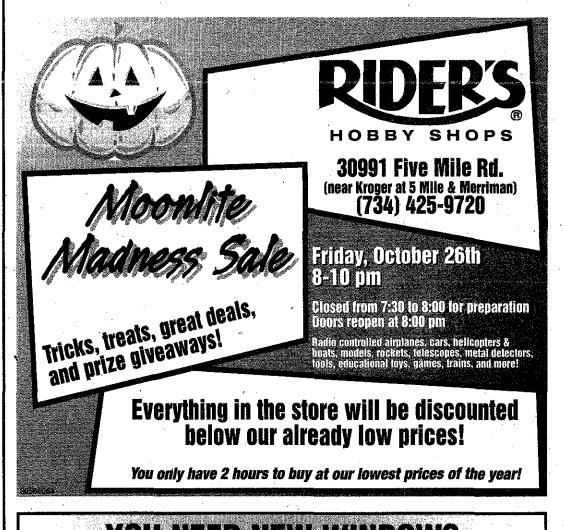
The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2007 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, November 5, 2007, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day, November 6,

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394-5120 prior to Election Day, Internet look up is available by going to www.canton-mi.org.

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State launches 3 new Web sites to boost growth, travel

Michigan Economic Development Corporation President and CEO James C. Epolito announced the launch of three new interactive Web sites that will build off the award-winning Upper Hand and Pure Michigan campaigns to boost economic growth and tourism in the state.

Michigan.org has evolved into three distinct Web sites: TheMEDC.org, Michigan. org (Pure Michigan), and Michigan Advantage.org (Upper Hand). All three sites will use Web 2.0 technology, including RSS feeds and usergenerated content.

"The MEDC has always stayed one step ahead of the competition and this new approach to eMarketing will enable us to remain the most effective business development corporation in the nation," Epolito said. "There are great things happening in Michigan, and we will now have a new tool to better tell our story and sell our state to a global audience."

TheMEDC.org will serve as the one-stop corporate shop for doing business with the MEDC, including connecting with staff, the media center and an overview of MEDC programs and services. The site will provide up-to-date information on items of interest to economic development stakeholders, including press releases, Request for Proposals, public notices and a comprehensive list of reference materials providing detailed information on the state of Michigan. The MEDC. org will serve as the gateway to Michigan.org and MichiganAdvantage.org.

Michigan.org will remain the state's travel and tourism site and continue to provide travelers with information on all of the diverse recreational opportunities the state has to offer. New features will allow travelers to post and share their Pure Michigan experiences.

Michigan Advantage.org will target C-level executives and companies looking to start, grow and expand or relocate a business to Michigan. The site will provide unique features, including regularly updated success stories and previews of programs and services that can give businesses the Upper Hand.

The MEDC's Travel Michigan Web site has been the nation's most-visited state tourism Web site for the past five months in a row. According to Hitwise, an international company which tracks traffic to major Web sites, Michigan's travel site attracted 11.93 percent of all traffic to the 50 state tourism sites in August — more than double the next-closest state's 5.46 percent ranking.

WSU Mortuary Science holds annual open house

View embalming techniques. Visit an anatomy lab. Learn about the methods and techniques used in reconstructive and restorative art. Wayne State University's Mortuary Science is holding its annual open house on Thursday, Oct. 25.

"Every year at this time, we open our building to the public to learn about the quality education and training that our classes in Mortuary Science, Anatomic Pathologists' Assistant and Forensic Investigation offer students," said Peter D. Frade, director of the Mortuary Science and Anatomic Pathologists' Assistant programs and chair of the Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences.

The event is a popular tradition on the WSU campus and in the Detroit Metropolitan area. Last year, an estimated 500 people toured the building.

Prospective students, their families as well as the curious are invited to the open house 6-9 p.m. at 5439 Woodward Ave., Detroit, three blocks north of Warren Ave. Faculty, students and alumni will take guests on

tours of the building and answer questions. Parking at no charge will be available in Wayne State Lot No. 33 on Woodward

Avenue (west side), between Palmer and Begun in 1939, the WSU Mortuary Science program was one of the nation's first programs of its kind. It is part of the WSU

Health Sciences. The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, one of the founding colleges of Wayne State University, is committed to advancing the health and well-being of society through the preparation of highly skilled health care practitioners, and through research to improve health care practices and treatment from urban to global

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Wayne State University is a premier institution of higher education offering more than 350 academic programs through II schools and colleges to more than 33,000 students.

Sheriff holds gun class for women only

Women who wish to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) will have a chance to receive their required safety training as a group when the Wayne County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Wayne County Community College District offers a "for women only" CCW gun safety class on Saturdays, Oct. 27, and Nov.

"We first held the Ladies Only class earlier this year and it was a phenomenal success," Sheriff Warren Evans said. "We are seeing many more women who choose to carry a concealed weapon and it's good to seem them wanting to become responsible gun

The class will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first half of the day will consist of classroom-based instruction at the Sheriff's Training Center, at the western campus of WCCCD, at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. The sec-

ond half of the day will consist of firearms training at the Sheriff's indoor pistol range, located at 3100 Henry Ruff in Westland.

The cost for the class is \$125, which is less expensive than many privately run CCW classes. Payment should be in the form of a money order made payable to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

Required equipment for the class includes shooting eyeglasses, headset ear protection, a cleaning kit for 9mm and .38 caliber firearms. Warm, loose clothing is suggested. Guns and ammunition will be provided by the Sheriff's Office

To register for the class, contact the Sheriff's Training Center at (734) 699-6007.

Note: This is a gun safety class. Completion of the class does not guarantee that each individual's application for a CCW license will be approved by the Wayne County Gun



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Realtors find blogging good business tool

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Blogs, or Web logs, are coming on strong in the business world, including in real estate.

Realtor Maureen Webber of Real Estate One in Dearborn started her blog in August of this year. "I'd been hearing that it's a great way to reach a large number of people," she said of the blog, accessible through her Web site at www.realestateone.com/ MaureenWebber under the featured links. Her blog URL is www.maureenwebber.featuredblog.com.

Webber's found the blog helps her own clients, as well as people considering a move to the Dearborn area. "I thought it would be nice to have a place with posts on things they're inevitably going to ask."

"Buyer's remorse" is one topic covered on Webber's blog, along with others. "I knew they were going to ask me these questions anyway."

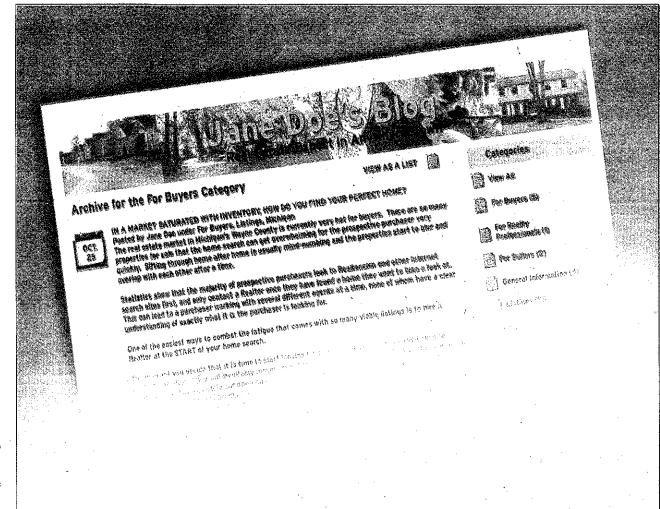
She didn't have any trouble setting up her blog, going to realtor.com to get started and using the link. "They have featured blogs for Realtors and they're free."

She's given the link on her marketing materials, and to new clients. "The people I do forward it to really love it. I write it myself." Unlike some other blogs, Webber's is passwordcontrolled and she generates all con-

She agreed it can be hard to write when busy, but knows regular updates keep people reading. Other professionals in her field have reacted by saying "I need to do that."

She likes to get the verbiage together to explain to clients, noting nearly all buyers and many sellers start their search now online. "It's definitely the wave of the future," Webber said.

Her Oct. 11 post noted "The real estate market in Michigan's Wayne County is currently very hot for buyers. There are so many properties for sale that the home search can get overwhelming for the prospective purchaser very quickly. Sifting through home after home is usually



mind-numbing and the properties start to blur and overlap with each other after a time."

Incorporating video, or a vlog, is a possibility down the road. "I think having visuals is very important." Webber plans to post more visuals.

On her Web site, she has links to schools, chambers of commerce and other community groups "just as much information on the community as possible."

The Internet is becoming a forum where you don't just find information, you create it, according to Realtor magazine online of the National Association of Realtors. As of January 2006, more than 75,000

blogs were being created daily, and a new blog is created about every second, according to Technorati Inc., a company that tracks blogs.

"There's definitely an interest out there," said Corie Costello, director of communications for the 30,000member Michigan Association of Realtors. "Most of them have Web

Blogging specifically is also of interest: "I see more of our members asking about it," Costello said, although blogging is still relatively new in real estate. The state association Web site, mirealtors.com, has no blog now but could very well in the future.

"We're completely revamping our Web site. We want to have more interaction with our members," she said. They're looking at podcasting

'We do a little bit of Webcasting now but we'd like to do more of that," Costello said.

She finds members are eager to learn new technology, featured regularly in the Michigan Realtor magazine. Many real estate pros have assistants to help with technology matters, Costello noted, adding that the level of company/ broker support is a factor as well. "Especially in today's market that's a big expense."

Thrivent partnership helps Habitat construct homes

An unprecedented alliance between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, called "Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity," announces an historic milestone: 500 quality, affordable homes built in 45 states in partnership with 500 low-income families in just two years. Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County in Pontiac led construction of the first, the 500th and the 501st homes of this alliance. They led a celebration of this milestone at 112 and 118 Henderson St. in Pontiac, on Oct. 13.

The 500th homebuyer. Lakeisha White, shares a story typical of Habitat homeowners. She and her two daughters, ages 12 and 4, were barely surviving in a dilapidated apartment in a crime-ridden neighborhood. Constant water leaks left the place damp and moldy, and the bathroom plumbing needed replacement. White applied and was accepted into the Habitat homebuyer program in Pontiac. Since then she has invested hundreds of hours of her own time, working



New Habitat homeowner partners: Lakeisha White with her girls, Cashay Louris and Taryah Smith.

beside volunteers, to build her first home. When the house is finished this fall, she will make a small down payment on a nointerest Habitat mortgage and move her family into a fine, new home.

According to Sally LePla, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, "We could not do all that we do without Thrivent Builds."

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 25-29, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices. Canton

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HOMES SOLD

19290 Lathers St

40187 Ladene Ln	\$175,00
40698 Lenox Park Dr	\$289.00
51243 Mayfair Ter	\$325,00
51255 Mayfair Ter	\$328.00
170 New Ct	\$175.00
41835 Ridge Rd E	\$173,00
22666 Sheridan Rd	\$221,00
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27276 Sloan St	\$313,00
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540 Byron St	\$195,00
45760 Denise Ct	\$310,00
12416 Howland Park Dr	\$400,00
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12001 N Canton Center Rd	\$248,00
9088 Rocker Ave	\$190,00
9090 Woodgrove Dr	\$348,00
Redford	
15836 Beech Daly Rd	\$133,00
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20450 Garfield	\$160,00
16821 Glenmore	\$122,00
18446 Glenmore	\$106,00
18462 Indian	\$68,00
12095 Lucerne	\$105,00
12095 Lucerne	\$89,00
10020 Mercedes	\$138,00
18695 Sumner	\$108,00
15502 Winston	\$100,00
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25871 Carriage Ln	\$274,00
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531 Brookfield Dr

7460 Central St 6520 Deerhurst Dr

\$170,000

Court backs utility easement

Q. We have a landlocked property now subject to a restrictive agreement that prevents our constructing a home unless it has access to a municipal sewer line and our property has been separated from a utility easement because of various conveyances. Do you think we have the basis to get an easement to get to the utilities so we can build our home?

A. Based on a similar case from the Michigan Court of Appeals, I believe you have a reasonable basis to argue that the common-law doctrine of easement by necessity includes



Robert Meisner

not only physical access to land locked property, but also access to utilities for properties land locked from utilities unless, consistent with the traditional principals of

easement by necessity, the parties to the conveyance that left the property without such access "clearly indicated that they intended a contrary result." The court in that case also recognized that this conclusion was consistent with the doctrine of easement by necessity and the "realities" of modern life." You should consult with an experienced real estate lawyer in this regard.

Q. I'm a former property manager and am concerned about what our property management company has been telling associations because of its affiliation with a developer who has been steering association clients away from certain law firms to a particular law firm who they think will be easy on the developer. What are my responsibilities as a former employee?

A. Obviously you have information which if your former clients knew, hopefully, would be of great concern to them. As a former employee, unless you are under a confidentiality agreement, assuming that what you know is true, you may feel compelled to advise your former clients of the activities of the management company. Obviously some lawyers are more aggressive in pursuing developers than others, but you must be very specific about what you say about your management company to your former clients to avoid potential liability.

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



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Beuatiful upper end unit 2 bd condo featuring 2 baths, Wallside windows,

(C-723NO)

(C-732TA)

(C-711ME)

large Garage w/water & attic space.

\$248,000

close to

\$119,000

(C-010CH)

(C-275ME)

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(P-704FA) \$85,000 \$134,900

A RARE FIND

END UNIT CONDO

ranch featuring 3 bd, 2.5 baths, 3 car cul de

Patio w/mature evergreens. maple Kit w/granite, 3 car garage (C-431CY) clubhouse w/pool & fitness cente

sub. Great location, new windows, it's new owner! Home has been carpet, entry doors, paint, Pergo completely renovated. Maple

(P-8250L) Master w/bath.

\$149,900



SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH

pool & tennis, & much more. (C-346LA) \$370,000

BEAUTIFUL NORTHVILLE

ALREADY REMODELED

sac. Expanded w/o bsmt, over



UPDATED COLONIAL 3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial backing to commons area & woods. Fam Rm w/ coth celling & wood stove, Master w/ active elling & wood stove, active elling & wood stove, Master w/ active elling & wood stove, Master w/ active elling & wood stove elling & wood stove, Mast Master, finished bsmt, prof landscaped fenced yard, & updated roof, furnace, & carpet. \$175,000 (P-245RU)



home here for less than this price! (C-488LA) \$500,000

BETTER THAN NEW!

Garage, Kitchen w/hickory cab's, 3900 sq ft, landscaped _ acre lot, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/2 WiC's, & Atrium leading to Trex Deck & Patio, paver Patio w/mature evergreens.

3900 sq ft, landscaped _ acre lot, this upgraded cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows, updated cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows, updated cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows, updated cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows, updated cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows, updated cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows, updated cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows, updated cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows, updated cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows, updated cape cod! Tray w/pit & a drive rear door. Large carpet, updated windows. Seller Motivated!

CHECK THIS OUT!

Kitchen, tile floors, new appl's, hwd Sunroom, finished bsmt w/office & finished bsmt, & close to everything on 1st fir, newer parpet, & large bath, 2 car Garage, appl stay, & large \$109,900 (P-633PC)

& great location w/wooded views.

Unique find in Pheasant Run. Brick Amazing colonial on quiet low traffic Before you spend \$1,000's more on Let your dreams come true in this 3 Completely

(P-497EA) \$260,000

(C-469OU) \$75,000

2100 sq ft in fin walkout. Peaceful roof, & can be converted back to a

(C-964AN)



huge Fam Rm w/frpl, Kitchen w/ frontage located in residential area of Kitchen w/ frontage located in reside A, sprinklers, & Deck. \$274,000 (C-440EM) \$45,000



Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move in ready! Great investment for 1st time buyer, 2 Transfer forces sale of this recently Built in 2004, this Farm Hills home Beuatiful 3 story brick home featuring Great floor plan. Pergo flooring, new bd brick condo w/updated bath, full bullt home w/over 65k in upgrades. offers a low traffic location backing to windows, new doors, oak kitchen w/ bsmt, doorwall to Patio, beautiful beautiful bsmt, doorwall to Patio, beautiful bsmt, doorwall to Patio, beautiful Cherry Kit w/granite, plasma tv, new woods, huge 1st floor Master w/bath, all appliances, huge 2.5 car Garage, landscaping, private setting, area Garage, & daylight bsmt. (P-206LU)

> MECHANIC'S DREAM Before you spend \$1,000's more on Let your dreams come true in this 3 Completely redone in 05. Ceramic new construction, come check out bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage baths, oak Kitchen w/appl's, neutral

> > CHECK THIS OUT!

\$184,900

(C-042HI)

(P-301PE)

(C-132CH)

\$110,000

(C-025JO) \$119,900



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& prof landscaping.

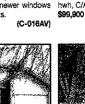
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hard to come by and won't last long. S45,000 (P-853GA) \$285,000 (P-964WE) \$379,900



4 bd, 2 full & 2 half bath Novi home Updated 3 bd bungalow close to Vacation at ho featuring a fantastic cul de sac lot, shopping & oarks. Remodeled bd condo w/1st fl Master, volume Florida Rm, sound system, Deck, Kitchen & Bath, newer roof, furnace, Patio, finished bsmt, newer windows hwh, C/A, basement, & Garage. (P-711PL & roof, & close to parks. (C-016AV)



SPECTACULAR VIEW

walkout, & so much more

Beautifully updated 3 bd, 1.5 bath formal Liv Rm, maple Kit w/granite, prof fin bsmt, new furnace, C/A, & hwh in '06, updated siding &

UPDATED CANTON COLONIAL





PREMIUM LOCATION Immaculate condo in popular Novi This 3 bd brick bungalow is awaiting Updated 2 bd (can be converted sub. Great location, new windows, it's new owner! Home has been back to 3) home w/2 baths, spacious bath home offering a large Kitchen w/ this fabulous home w/2 story Foyer, green in highly sought after baths, extremely private to carpet, entry doors, paint, Pergo completely renovated. Maple Liv Rm, upd Kitchen, heated all appl's, 3 tiered Deck w/pool, Library, island Kitchen, Butter's Tanglewood. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st fi surrounded by woods, custom details green in highly sought after baths, extremely private lot featuring 2 baths, Wallside windows, Tanglewood. 4 bd. 3.5 baths, 1st fl surrounded by woods, custom details neutral décor, private entry, carport, & Pantry, nook, Deck overlooking pond, Mast w/iuxury bath, island Kitchen, t/o, 4 fireplaces, walkout bsmt w/ Great Rm w/frol & towering windows,



LARGE LOTS Treed 132 ft lot in area of newer 3 bd, 2.5 bath home in a great area. 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Also Large Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt available as 3 separate lots for



\$25,000 a piece. Great location, just A. Attached Garage w/new door & (C-001GA) \$149,900



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PRIVATE NORTHVILLE RETREAT

w/bath, updated roof, windows, & C/ (C-183GI) \$249,900





DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

but features an updated furnace,

hwh, windows, & garage roof. Seller

(C-662WI)

ls negotiable. Call for details

EXECUTIVE RETREAT Acreage, privacy, walkout bsmt, wine Be proud of the money you've spent cellar, maple & granite Kitchen, on your new start in this brick ranch. room, pool room, home theater, & located close to parks, golf course, & situated on 4+ acres. \$499,900 (C-015SA) stay!



UNCOMPROMISED QUALITY

Prepared to be overwhelmed w/this

2001 built 4400 sq ft Novi colonial

boasting 4 bd. 4.2 baths, & addt

wooded setting on quiet cul de sac &

too many extensive amenities to list

vaulted bonus. Move right in to this brick ranch schools. Great low price, & appl's \$79,900



GREAT INVESTMENT

This multi family unit is priced to sell!

Separate entrances, furnaces, hwh's,

3 bd, 1.5 bath colonial located ina Completely updated great neighborhood. This home has updates galore. Perfectly refinished newer carpet, Pergo, remod Kit & hwd firs t/o, updated Kitchen w/new baths, newer windows, gutters, roof, cab's, updated baths, new Deck, & finished bsmt, C/A, & more. \$189,900 (C-802BI) \$150,000



BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

On this beautiful 5 acre parcel w/

paved road. Approximately 500x440

w/4 cleared acres & one wooded

Located just a cross the street from

(C-000DE)

acre. Successful perk test on file.

so much more. (P-418BR) \$185,000



WALLED LAKE RANCH

Beautiful ranch condo offering fresh

paint, new carpet, attached Garage,

private bamt, & more, Great location

(C-488DO)

Awesome 3 bd, 2 bath yard, & updated baths. (P-640CA)



gourmet maple Kit, Fam Rm w/brick This unique floor plan has a formal area in Sunflower Sub. 4 bds, super frpl & drwi to Deck, large Liv Rm, Liv & Din Rm, large Island Kitchen, clean & neutral, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt w/bath & office, fenced spacious Fam Rm w/frpi, Master w/ office/5th bed, lots of updates, & volume ceiling & spa bath. \$318,900 (P-757CE)



neighborhood clubhouse w/pool & (P-710CH)



\$249,900

Rm w/frol, large Kit w/hwd firs & nook, 1st fl Master w/bath & WIC, covered Deck surrounded by mature (C-234CO)



Spacious Kit w/oversized granite island, hwd firs, all appl's, formal Dining, Den, prof fin bsmt wi



SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL 3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/large Kit Gorgeous updated home w/solid overlooks Fam Rm w/frpi, Liv Rm w/ birch cablnets in island Kit, vinyl 1st fl Laun, 2 Garage, part finished bsmt w/4th bd or study, & great neighborhood. Substitution of the properties of (P-766MA) \$196,000



BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL

2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, huge

Master w/cath celling & bath, prof finished bsmt w/bath, & too much

more to list.

PREMIUM PRIVATE LOT car insulated windows, Fam Rm



WESTLAND COLONIAL

remodeled oak kitchen w/appl's.

19x11 Family Rm w/nat frol, remod

att garage, large fenced vard & close

NOVI RANCH 1400 sq ft ranch w/3 bds, large Living Rm, separate Fam Rm, 2 car att Rm, separate Fam Rm, 2 Garage, Florida Room, extra deep yard, & unbeatable price! \$145,000 (P-905MO)



CARE FREE LIVING

Liv Rm, formal Dining, 2.5 baths,

Patio, Garage, finished bsmt, & great Novi location. Come and check it out

(P-353GL)

\$134,900

finished walkout lower level w/FAm (P-520NA) \$124,500 \$400,000



WELCOME HOME!

neighborhood. Super Klt w/pantry,

updated bath, maint free exterior w/

Patio, & the list goes on!

new doors, garage siding, & location at end of quiet street, windows. Finished bsmt, covered \$224,900 (P

(P-465HI)

Located on a wooded 1.5+ acre lot. 2 bd, 1 bath ranch condo w/many Solid brick ranch w/nuge Kitchen, 2 bd condo in move in condition. Spacious well maintained colonial for thuge Great Rm w/gas frpl, gournet updates. Private adult community over 1000+ sq ft, 3 bds, 2.5 baths, & Finished bsmt, attached Garage, Liv under 195k. Fam Rm w/frpl, spacious Kitchen w/ceramic & large island, offers clubhouse w/activities & a Garage. Many updates done incl Rm w/frpl, quiet neighborhood offers layout. Beautiful hwd floors, large pool. Private entry, carport, C/A, nice furnace, hwh, plumbing, circuit clubhouse & tennis courts too. Don't Kitchen, & great Plymouth location. breakers, glass block, & huge bsmt wait to long on this one!



UNIQUE!

country Kitchen w/nook & all appi's,

ROOMY RANCH w/plenty of storage space. \$129,900



large Farn Rm, Private Den, & great location at end of quiet street.

S224,900 (P-360Hi) Kitchen, & close to the lakel

\$209,990

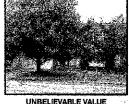
wait to long on this one! \$189,900 (P-425PA)



COMPLETELY RENOVATED

Renovated inside & out. Large lot,

(C-769HU)



BACKS TO WOODS!

Hills colonial feat: Great Rm w

soaring ceiling, Kitchen w/granite & Corian, 2 private suites, controlled climate wine cellar, & beautiful

(P-365LI)

walkout location.

private yard w/oversized Deck &-



OVER AN ACRE LOTI space, 2nd Garage, 3rd bullding for w/frpi, king size maple Kit w/nook, garden equip or storage, newer roof, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, & seller is windows, carpet, & updated elec. (P-988RO) \$278.900



car det Garage w/office dramatic entrance, 2 story Great Rm (P-797SA)



Located at the end of 11 Mile & within walking distance to golf course. Efficient Kitchen, Great Rm, formal Dining, Master w/bath & WIC, full bsmt, & 2 car att Garage. (P-176SA) \$59,500 \$208,000



w/this very affordable condo in Farm hills. You'll love the large Liv Rm, bsmt storage area, clubhouse w/pool & picnic area, & fabulous location. ceiling, lux \$59,500 (P-739SH) \$259,900



Freshly painted St. James on a quiet street. Large island Kitchen w/all appl's, spacious Fam Rm w/frpi, formal Dining, Master w/volume celling, luxury bath, & WIC. (P-527SH) \$359,900



Gournet island Kitchen w/hwd floors, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, formal Liv & Din Rm, large Master w/WIC & bath, 3 car Garage, & paver Patio. (P-366SP) \$238,000

1st fl Master w/bath, 4th bd could be theater room, & a recording studio w/ control room, vocal room, & an office! (P-665ST) \$139,900





BRIARCREST CONDO dishwasher, hwh, & furnace. Beautiful 3rd bd, Master w/sitting area & WIC, ea. & great lo (C-175BR) \$232,400



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Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/pergo 3 bd brick home w/large eat-in ping & schools. Master bd has an open floor plan, large island floors, vaulted cellings, Master w/ Kitchen, patio door, huge backyard, 2 te bath & walk-in. Newer Kitchen, finished walkout w/possible bath, professionally finished barnt w/ full baths, living & dining room at location close to everything. & 2 car Ga 400 (C-796CH) \$185,000



wetbar & bath, new roof, huge Deck, combo, custom window treatments, &2 car Garage. huge fenced yard, & convenien (P-309CO) loca \$219,500





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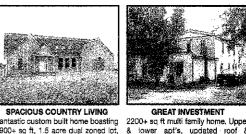
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\$20 nonmem-

bers. Call (800)

747 6742. (www. REIAofOakland. com)

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BIA

■ 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.

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

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■ 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

Hills. Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and

Highway, Suite

100, in Farmington

\$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

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

Road in Troy.

learn how to take advantage of Parade of Homes as a comprehensive marketing program. Reservations are required to attend, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and new home sales representatives. For registration information,

Attendees will

1033. ■ The Sales and Marketing Council of the

call (248) 862-

Building Industry Professional (CMP) or Member, Association of Southeastern Institute of Residential Michigan presents its Master Certified Marketing New Home Sales (MIRM) designation. The class Professional course "Essential will be held 8:30 Closing Strategies" a.m. to 4 p.m. at Wednesday, Nov. VisTaTech Center 14. In addition at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. to MCSP credit, the course gives Fees are \$159 for the students 2 SMC members, units of credit \$179 for BIA toward a Council members, \$199 for of Residential guests. Specialists (CRS),

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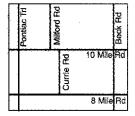
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Cust brick colonial! Study w/built ins &cherry flr. kit w/42"cabs &gran entrs t/o,1st&2nd fir Indry,J&J BA, p fin bsmt,3 car gar w/ extra tall 3rd bay: MLS# 27162169 248-347-3050



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Incredible 1st flr mstr.kit w/cust 42"cabs&gran.vaulted GR w/ bridge overlook.fin w/o II w/FR.BA.cherry bar&4th BR.covered veranda w/stone natio helowl MLS# 27158532



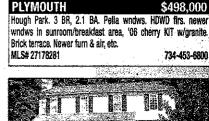
Like New! HWD firs in 2 story foyer, 1/2 ba&kit. 9'cigs on 1st fir,paver lined drive, deck w/paver patio,birch cabs in kit,2WIC in MLS# 27180184



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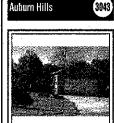
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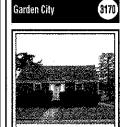
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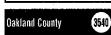
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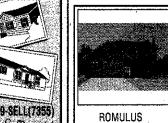
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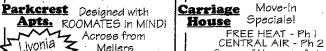
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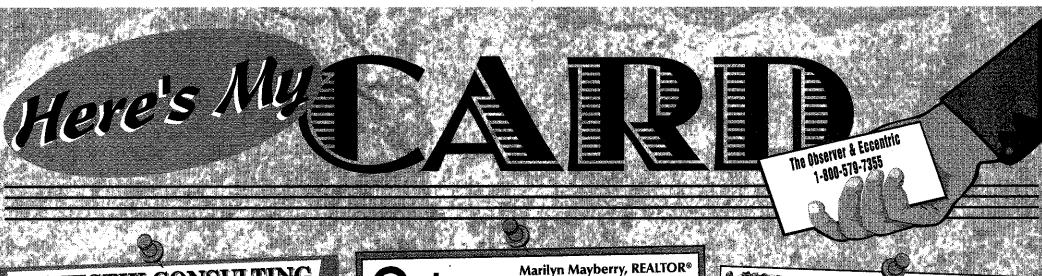
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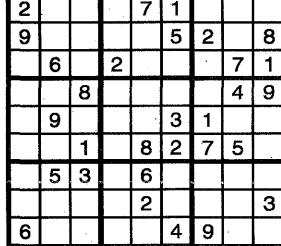
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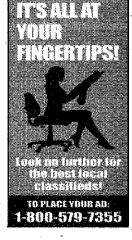
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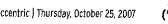
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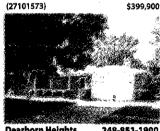
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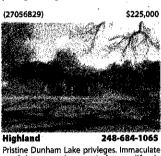
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248-684-1065 Open floor plan, Living rm w/ 18' ceiling. Great room w/2-way gas FP shared w/ kitchen & breakfast rm. First flr master w/ whirlpool tub & 2 W/I/C. Lake priv.

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Charming country cottage w/ fieldstone FP, wooded lot w/ large deck. Lake priv. Large eat-in kitchen. Updated full bath, Living rm



248-684-1065 Highland Lease this home. All appliances included. Tenant to pay utilities. Lake privileges on Rowe Lake. Wood burning stove in LR. Unfin bsmt. Shed, deck, patio.

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Lincoln Park 248-348-6430 Beatiful Home Priced to Sell! Nearly 1300 sf w/3 beautinformer to be self-theat; ir w/fp, mstr br w/mstr ba. Carefree hardwood & ceramic fis, full bsmt, dbl lot w/patio. Side entry 2-car gar



Livonia 248-851-1900 NEW CONSTRUCTION ON LARGE PRIVATE LOT room w/fireplace. First floor laundry.



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Open fir plan. Cathedral ceils in GR & mstr br. 3 WIC's, 2 doorwalls to deck. Kit has ceramic firs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close



Ranch on one acrel Great location, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, Jacuzzi room could be 4th bedroom w/walk-in closet. Two car attached garage plus 2 car detached garage. Private lot.



Northville 248-348-6430 Excellent Location and Lot Executive 5 bdrm. colonial in a cul-de-sac with a pond view, gournet ktichen, master ste. with views to the commons, finished bsmt w/ kitchen, bdrm (27172976) \$648,888



Northville 248-348-6430 STUNNING NORTHVILLE HOME This impeccable 4 br. 2.5 bath col shows like a dream. Fabulous quality updts include Brazilian wood floors, granite kitchen w/stainless steel appl & Corian



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Novi A Short Stroll From Downtown Northville Well maintained home. Brick Paver walkway leads to entry. Updates include Pella windows, carpet, paint, Hi-E furnace, aluminum trim, entry door, (27173450)



Here it is! Excellent interior location in sub



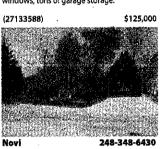
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Trail wood Colonial On Wooded Lott Beautifully maintained! New granite counters in Kit & 2 BA FM w/vauited celling & gas FP, 1st fir den Formal Living & Dining RMs 2 tier deck. Great curb appeal (27174088)



Craftsman inspired Bungalow! Oak moldings & oak pillars separating LR & DR. LR w/FP & HDWD. KIt w/granite counters&custom backsplash. Charming 3 season frt porch. Side courtyards & picket fence!



Pontiac 248-684-1065 Feels like new. Nice upgrades:tiled ba fir, 3/4 in tongue & groove pre-finished, Bruce oak fir. Tile backsplash-kit cntrs. X-tall kit cabs. Gas



Redford GREAT CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION Well maintained home w/Florida Rm, newer ext doors, wndws, updated kit, BA, WH. Hardwood firs under carpeting. Sharp part fin basement w/ FP, lav, \$294,900 (27174913)



\$134,900

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Redford 734-326-2000 REALITIEUR BRICK RANCH 3-Bedroom ranch on an extra large corner lot. Cozy Florida room is located off the dining room. Hugh partially finished basement with glass block windows.



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Location, Location! Set deep in this sub on 1.07 Acres this colonial welcome the most discriminating buyer, Large open kitchen w/ Island, full fin, walkout. Many updates!



Secluded ranch on 2.5 Acres! Home completely renovated. New kitchen w/maple cabinets & Island with bar. New harddwood ifoors and carpeting. Freshly painted. New master bath. Walkout LL.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Colonial w/Over 2 secluded acres Spacious living in the 3 bedroom home. Family room has natural fireplace. Bright and Airy kitchen w/bay window. Large bkfst nook. Beautiful yard!



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



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South Lyon 248-437-3800 Great curb appeal! This very cute updated ranch is in an established sub with a great location! Large fenced in yard. A must see!



Stunning End Unit Flawless throughout, 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, kitchen with all appliances. Newer carpet and paint. Large master with walkin closets. Attached garage.



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248-684-1065 Open fir plan. New carpet, paint, hrwd firs. Glass bik windows in mstr shwr. New roof &



AWESOME CURB APPEAL Nice 3 bedroom.2 bath ranch.Centrally located on a lovely street, updates inc: roof, windows, baths, kitchen,carpet, 2+ car garage, home



Westland 734-326-2000 PRIVATE WOODED AREA ON CUL-DE-SAC Great open fir plan w/fresh paint, hardwood firs, ceramic fireplace, new windows, carpet, 1st fir laundry, updated doors, garage door. Florida



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— Division 1 Football Playoffs: Plymouth at Stevenson —

The Ultimate Wildcat

Cigile's work ethic a symbol of team's success

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Ricky Cigile's value to Plymouth's football team can't be measured in the number of minutes he actually spends on the field on Friday nights.

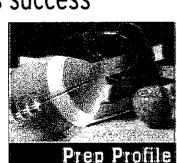
The 5-foot-11, 165-pound senior's only starting assignments come on special teams, yet he's earned the title of the "Ultimate Plymouth Wildcat" from first-year head coach Mike Sawchuk, who said Cigile's work ethic and dedication to the program are second to none.

"I learned to always work hard from my dad," said Cigile (pronounced SEE-GULL). "He instilled in me the importance of always giving it everything I had, no matter what I was doing."

A lack of playing time can create a sour attitude in some players. Not Cigile, who uses the scarcity of PT as a motivator.

"Tve never complained about my playing time," he said. "To tell you the truth, it makes me work harder.

"When I was younger, I used to get three shifts in hockey games that lasted an hour and a half, and my



shifts were only about 30 seconds each. I just made sure that when I was on the ice, I played hard."

Anything for the team

While Cigile may not play a pivotal role in the Wildcats' Division 1 playoff game at Livonia Stevenson Friday night, he'll do plenty in the days leading up to it to make sure his teammates are prepared to take on the Spartans.

Cigile has played the role of Stevenson running back Austin White on Plymouth's scout offensive unit this week, which means he's had to learn the Spartans' multiple-

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A LOOK AT THE MATCHUP

What: Division 1 first-round playoff game; Who: Plymouth (6-3) vs. Livonia Stevenson (9-0); Where: Livonia Stevenson High School, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia;

When: The opening kickoff is set for Friday at 7 p.m. Plymouth players to watch: All-WLAA Sr. RB Myron Puryear (over 1,000 yards rushing); Sr. S Kyle Wallath; Jr. LB Connor Martin; Sr. WR Mike Hanchett; Jr. DE/TE Ronnie Goble; and Jr. QB Matt Skubik;

Stevenson players to watch: Brothers Miles: Austin and Mitchell White;

Stevenson coach Tim Gabel on Plymouth:

"Offensively they have the ability to be balanced. They have a lot of skill players. Puryear has forn up people all season. Defensively they use a 4-3 (alignment) with a lot of overshift. They're very aggressive and their linebackers play downhill. Their free safety (Wallath) is in on a lot of tackles. He has great playmaking abil-

'Mission' accomplished

Canton resident 'runs' charitable organization

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The inspiration behind one of the most inspiring stories of the past several Detroit Free Press Marathons came from — of all things — a newspaper advertisement.

It all started in October of 2002 when Canton resident Lisa Harper was leafing through that day's edition of the morning paper.

"I saw a full-page spread in the Free Press publicizing the marathon with the headline 'Run, Run, Run," Harper reflected Tuesday night. "I had only been running three or four miles a day three or four times a week at that time - maybe five or six miles maximum

- but I really wanted to run in it. "My husband (Scott) was a four-minute miler in college, so I asked him what I should do. He said, 'If you really want to do it, then you should do it. Just understand that if you need to walk or stop at any point, that it's OK."

So Harper decided to run — even though there was one marathon-sized catch to her decision.

"The marathon was only six days away," she revealed.

Amazing results

Harper, a mother of four, not only ran in the following Sunday's marathon, she ran rather well.

"I started walking for a little while

after the 21st mile, then I jogged the rest of the way," she said.

Harper finished in 4 hours and 21 minutes, which wasn't in the neighborhood of the 3:09 she had posted in her first marathon 17 years earlier, but it was still more than respectable considering her shortage of training.

Running for a cause

Something much more important than a resurgent running career evolved from Harper's 26.2-mile journey that day. The experience proved to be the catalyst for the nonprofit charitable organization Marathon Mission, which has raised thousands of dollars the past five years for a variety of faith- and communitybased charitable groups.

"After running the marathon in 2002, I decided that I really wanted to do something the following year that went beyond running for myself," said Harper, who founded Marathon Mission in 2002. "There were dance-a-thons, rocka-thons, bowl-a-thons, a lot of different things that raised money for charities. Well, I was determined to start something that revolved around running marathons.

"That first year I chose five charities both stateside and abroad — that people who got involved with Marathon Mission could run and walk for. We sent out pledge sheets and ended up raising close to \$3,000.

"That first year proved what I always said - great causes attract great peo-

An 'explosion' of interest

People of varying ages - from 5 years old to 73 — and a wide range of athletic ability were drawn to Harper's cause. Several members of First Assembly

Canton's Lisa Harper, pictured above near the completion of Sunday's 30th Detroit Free Press Marathon, is the founder and president of Marathon Mission, a nonprofit organization that raises money for charities through running.

of God Church in Dearborn Heights where Scott Harper has been a pastor for the past 20 years — enthusiastically

Please see MISSION, C3

Whalers beat **Attack soundly**

The Plymouth Whalers extended a 1-0 lead after one period with three goals in the second before going on to defeat the Owen Sound Attack, 6-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 6-4-1-0 and moved it into third place in the OHL's West Division, one point ahead of Sarnia (6-6-0-0) and two points ahead of Saginaw (4-4-2-1). Owen Sound is now 1-10-1-0.

A.J. Jenks led the Whalers' attack with a pair of goals, his eighth and ninth of the season. The Whalers received single goals from Vern Cooper, Andrew Fournier, Taylor Carnevale and Chris Terry.

Matt Carter scored twice for Owen Sound and Lane MacDermid added one.

Owen Sound outshot Plymouth. 37-32, but the Whalers never trailed in the game, leading 1-0 after one period and 4-1 after 40 minutes.

After Jenks gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead in the first period, Cooper scored from the lower rim of the left circle at 4:56 of the second period to make it 2-0. Fournier (one timer from the right circle on power play at 13:07) and Carnevale (left side of the Owen Sound goal at 16:59) then scored to give Plymouth a 4-0 advantage.

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth had his shutout ruined with 39 seconds left in the second period when Carter scored from the

Hockey tryouts

■ The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins, the defending state champion girls ice hockey team, is looking for interested athletes to play for its 2007-08 team. Tryouts for the Penguins are Monday, Oct. 29, and Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. All studentathletes must have a valid physical to try out. The cost of the tryouts is \$18 per day.

For more information, call (734) 455-5159 or send an e-mail to PCSgirlshockey@ aol.com.

■ Varsity hockey tryouts for the Canton, Plymouth and Salem boys teams will be held Oct. 29-31 at varying sites.

Canton's tryouts will be held at the Arctic Edge on Monday, Oct. 29, from 3-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 4-5 p.m.; and Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 3-4 p.m.

Plymouth's tryouts will be held at the Compuware Arena on Oct. 29 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Oct. 30 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and on

Oct. 31 from 4-5 p.m. Salem's tryouts will 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Arctic Pond; Oct. 30 from 5-6 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center; and Oct. 31 from 5-6 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

A sports physical must be on file with the student-athlete's home athletic department prior to tryouts. The cost of tryouts is \$45, which includes all three dates.

Canton Leisure Services offerings

n A family bowling bonanza will be held Nov. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents. Each group will receive two-and-ahalf hours of bowling for up to six people. Shoes, pizza and giveaways are included in the price. Pre-registration is required by calling the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-

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MacDonalds golden in Rock spikers' victory

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, October 25, 2007

Walled Lake Central's volleyball team had more than its fill of MacDonalds Monday night.

Salem's MacDonald sisters (Kelly and Kerry) — not the golden arches - gave the Vikings heartburn in the Rocks' three-game sweep on Senior Night: 25-18, 25-22 and 25-15. The sisters were instrumental in the sweep, combining for a super-sized total of 19 kills and 33 digs.

The convincing victory improved Salem's record to 5-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division and 32-12-2 overall.

"They play differently, but they're both extremely athletic and very competitive," said Salem coach Amanda Suder, referring to her team's impressive sister act. "Kelly started for me last year, but with all the great hitters we had, nobody really recognized her. The thing that stands out about her is that she has one of the biggest verticals I've ever seen in my life. She's only 5-4, but she can get up.

"The nice thing about the MacDonalds is that one's a junior and one's a freshman, so I get them both back next year."

Two players Suder won't be getting back next year – seniors Alyssa Matchette and Jill Slabey - closed out their final home match in style. Both players stepped up at key times throughout the evening as Slabey registered six kills, nine digs and one ace while Matchette hit the floor for 18

"Both Alyssa and Jill have been with the program for four



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman Kerry MacDonald helped lead Salem's volleyball team to a three-game sweep of Walled Lake Central Monday night in the Rocks' gym.

years and have worked their way up from the freshmen team to two years on the varsity," said Suder. "They've both done an outstanding job this year. They've gotten so much better, which is why they're our captains this year. They'll be our leaders in the post-season coming up and we're definitely going to miss them next year."

The first half of game one was nip and tuck as neither team managed to build more than a two-point advantage. With the score knotted at 14all, Salem netted four straight thanks to the serving of Jansan

Falcusan and the front-row play of Kelly MacDonald and never looked back.

The Rocks nearly let a 23-14 lead slip away in game two before closing out the Vikings, 25-22, on a thunderous Kelly MacDonald kill.

Game three was all Salem, which surged to a 13-4 advantage before winning by 10. Fittingly, the final game ended on a kill by the senior Matchette.

Slabey also played well down the stretch as she served for three of the final four points. CANTON 3, WAYNE 0: On Monday at

Wayne Memorial, the WLAA Western Division-leading Chiefs dominated from the outset, winning 25-10, 25-10 and 25-14 to improve their record to 26-10-1 overall and 8-1 in the division.

Jordan Kielty paced the winners with nine kills and nine service aces. Also making significant contributions were Lauren McPartlin (eight kills) Kacy Moran (six aces), Shelby Anthony (eight digs) and Laura Daniels (six digs).

"Overall, everyone played well," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We came out strong

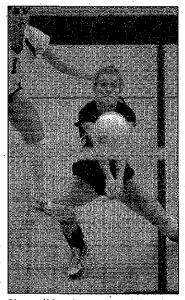
Canton's Gina Waite (left) and Hannah Mills, pictured above in a match earlier this season, helped the Chiefs upend Wayne Memorial Monday night.

from the beginning, which freed us up to try some new things. We moved hitters around and took a look at some possibilities for next season.

'We also tried a 6-2 (formation) in game three, having both Kacy Moran and Gina Waite set. It's nice to have different options to use against different teams and I'm glad we were able to try some of it in game play."

PLYMÔUTH 3, W.L. WESTERN 2: On Monday at Western, the Wildcats fought off a serious challenge by the fired-up Warriors, who were celebrating Senior/Parent Night, to post an 18-25, 27-25, 21-25, 25-20 and 15-11 triumph.

Plymouth improved to 28-5



Plymouth's Briana Beyer, pictured above in a match earlier this season, played a key role in the Wildcats' five-game triumph over Walled Lake Western Monday night.

overall and 6-3 in the WLAA's Western Division with the vic-

"Both teams played very aggressively defensively," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "It was Senior Night for them, so they came out very fired up. We weren't on top of our serve-receive game the entire match, but we played very well defensively."

Senior Rachel Heaton had an outstanding evening, recording 25 kills and 21 digs. Other Wildcats shining in the win were Kate Spangler (27 set assists and 18 digs), Briana Beyer (32 digs) and Lindsey Jewett (15 digs).

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formation offense while at the same time absorbing a multitude of hard hits from members of the Wildcats' first-string defense.

"It can be challenging, believe me, especially learning the other team's offense in such a short time," said Cigile, talking about his season-long role as No. 1 scoutteam running back. "I have quite a few scars and a few cuts and bruises from it — and I've had my helmet knocked off a few times but it's worth it if it makes the team better."

Special player on special teams

Cigile is a key member of the Wildcats' kickoff unit, which has done a solid job of denying opponents good field position this

In Plymouth's regular-season finale against Romulus last Friday, he made a pair of solo tackles.

"I'm one of the shooters on the kickoff team, so my job is to get down the field as fast as I can and find the football," he said.

In a lot of ways, Cigile's blue-collar ways are symbolic of this year's Plymouth team, which rebounded from a sub-par 3-6 campaign in 2006 to qualify for the state playoffs for the second time in the school's five-year varsity history.

"This team is filled with hard workers," Cigile said. "Everybody



'This team is filled with hard workers. Everybody puts in the maximum effort every practice and every game. The team's work ethic really shows in the weight room before practice and when we run the hill after practice. I'm glad I'm a part of

-RICKY CIGILE

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-

October 16, 2007

A regular joint study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton and the Planning Commission held

Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton,

Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present:

Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members

Absent: Kirchgatter Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Eva,

Mike Ager, Tom Casari, Ann Naszradi Others Present: Tim

Cronin, Township Attorney, Paul Denski, CWR, Mary Vangieson,

Resource Recovery Coordinator for Wayne County DOE Adoption

of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Single Stream Recycling

Pilot Program Canton Waste Recycling will initiate a pilot Single

Stream Recycling Program in select Canton neighborhoods

beginning in November 2007, in order to determine if the program

will be feasible in Canton. The goal of the program will be to increase the number of items that can be recycled and increase overáll participation in the Township's recycling program. Item 2.

DWSD Water Contract Negotiations Update Over the past

three and a half years a group of suburban customer service

representatives has been working out the details of a "model

contract" for water service between the 86 suburban customers and

The purpose of the new contract is two-fold. 1) To marry planning

of current and future capital improvements between DWSD and its

customers; and 2) To reduce the volatility inherent in the current

water rate setting methodology. The model contract is purely a

service contract between the provider and the customer. The issues

of rates and governance are not components of the service contract

and DWSD is firm in its position to not include those issues in the

contract. Other There will be a Board meeting on Tuesday,

September 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, First Floor,

Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan.

Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 9:37 p.m. to

adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. -Thomas J. Yack,

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Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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puts in the maximum effort every practice and every game.

"The team's work ethic really shows in the weight room before practice and when we run the hill after practice. I'm glad I'm a part

His teammates would surely return the compliment.

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SC nips PCA in District finale everything they had. To play 110 BY MIKE ROSENBAUM minutes of soccer this late in the

Southfield Christian won this year's MIAC soccer championship while Plymouth Christian Academy finished last in the conference race.

So Friday's Division 4 district final, played at Southfield Christian, should have been no contest, right?

Plymouth Christian handed Southfield Christian one of its three losses and one of its two ties during the regular season. Friday, Plymouth narrowly missed ending Southfield Christian's season. The game went to a shootout where one errant kick made the difference, permitting Southfield to escape with a 2-1 victory.

The long game, played on a lightless field, ended in the gloom of night, but it wasn't a gloomy ending for either team.

For Southfield Christian, the victory gave the Eagles their first district soccer title since

For Plymouth Christian – also nicknamed the Eagles - the end was disappointing, of course, but not a bitter one, according to coach Larry Machunga.

We've beat them, we've tied them, and then to tie them again - the boys just played up to their potential and it's a sad way to go out but I'm extremely proud of them. They gave it

season, they gave it everything they had."

On the Southfield side, players and coaches were pleased with the victory, but relieved as well to put Plymouth Christian behind them.

"They had our number this year," admitted Southfield coach Brian Atkins. "It was a good game. It could've gone either way. They hit two posts, we hit a oost in the second half. It was a fantastic game."

Both goals were scored in

the first half. After a scoreless second half, the teams then played a pair of 15-minute overtimes before lining up for the shootout. With the sun down and the twilight dimming, the first six shooters scored - Ben Beaghan, Michael Solt and Bryan Brownlee for Southfield, Bryson Machunga, Russ Gerulis and Blair Robinson for Plymouth. The seventh shooter, Plymouth's Spencer Wiard, fired a shot over the crossbar, then Southfield goalkeeper Tim Bergsma moved over to the shooting line and put his team ahead to stay. After Trevor Zinn scored for Plymouth, Brian Nimmo clinched the victory by firing a high shot past Plymouth goalkeeper Brent Zinn.

Southfield Christian improved to 17-3-2 and advances to regional play in Jackson Tuesday. Plymouth finished the

Southfield struck quickly Friday, scoring in the game's first minute. After a long goal kick by Bergsma, Solt passed in the box to Beaghan who put a low, left-footed shot past Brent Zinn. The Eagles almost made it 2-0 about 10 minutes later, but Zinn stopped Beaghan's drive from the top of the box, then made a diving save on Nimmo's rebound shot.

Plymouth tied the contest half, when Trevor Zinn headed in Gerulis' corner kick.

Southfield had the territorial advantage for most of the second half but couldn't dent the net, although Solt hit the crossbar about nine minutes into the half. While Plymouth didn't have as many second-half scoring chances as Southfield, the visiting Eagles came close twice as Gerulis and Machunga both banged shots off the goalpost.

"It seems like that's kind of one of our histories is that, we always keep getting so (close)," said Coach Machunga. "Like the shootout, where we lose 5-4. We keep getting that close, but we seem to keep missing. But the thing I love about our guys is, a lot of teams where we've coached, if something like that happens they get all discouraged and they just quit. Our guys don't. They get fired up and they (say) 'Now we've got to make it count.' They never quit."

Indeed, Plymouth played Southfield evenly through the overtime periods and nearly ended the game when Wiard headed the ball on net in the first OT, but Bergsma was wellpositioned to make the save.

Atkins, meanwhile, was particularly pleased that his team had overcome an ankle injury to defender Matthew Solt. Atkins shifted several players to fill the void and inserted freshman Brook Vosler into midfield when Solt was unable to play Friday.

Atkins said Vosler "played a fantastic game. To come off the bench two minutes before a district final, as a freshman – I put him in as a center-midfielder and he played a great game."

While thrilled to win his first district title as a head coach - Atkins was an assistant in 2001 – Atkins said his players have larger goals.

"It's a big step, because we haven't taken it," Atkins explained. "But they also know with about 10 minutes left in the it's step one of a multi-step (process). We have a ton of seniors and a ton of them who've been on the team for all four years. So a lot of these guys are very dedicated to soccer, it's their main sport, they're going to pursue it in college. So this is a really big deal for us this year and the team knows that this is our shot, this year."

On Wednesday, the Machonga and Zinn brothers - along with a lot of help from Ross Gerulis — teamed up to lead the Eagles to a rousing 7-0 victory over Novi Franklin Road Christian in a Division 4 District semifinal game played

Bryson and Jordan Machonga each scored three goals while Gerulis added a single net-finder. Bryson Machonga assisted on three goals and Jordan Machonga and Gerulis netted two assists each.

The Eagles led 4-0 at the half and never looked back.

"I was especially happy for Bryson because he's a senior and it was his final home game," said PCA coach Larry Machonga. "I was happy we was able to go out like that in front of everybody.

"Ross and Jordan did a great job, too, distributing the ball. The were very selfless.' Brothers Trevor and Brent

Zinn anchored the Eagles' defense, Trevor from his sweeper position and Brent from between the pipes, where he recorded five saves.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the election for the Wayne County Community College District Millage Reauthorization Proposal to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The test will take place on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

TERRY G. BENNETT,

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Chiefs' Thomas gets a kick out of running

STAFF WRITER

What do Canton cross-country runner Sarah Thomas and NASCAR star Jeff Gordon have in common?

They've both competed in big-time races at Michigan International Speedway in

Brooklyn the past two years. While Gordon may be a tad

faster than Thomas while he's seated behind the wheel of his No. 24 car.

there's a good chance Thomas may be able to outlast him in a 5,000-meter foot race. The Canton junior is just one

solid performance at Saturday's Division 1 Regional cross-country competition from qualifying for a third-consecutive trip to the D1 cross country state meet at MIS — a feat very few high school harriers have matched.

"I don't want to jinx Sarah, but I'd be very surprised if she doesn't qualify again," said Canton coach Eric Paul. "With her great attitude and outstanding work ethic, she's established herself as one of the top runners around.

"Hopefully, we qualify as a team this year, but if we don't, judging by how she's done so far this year, Sarah will be going again as an individual."

Sudden impact

It didn't take Thomas long to make a positive impact on the Chiefs' cross-country program. In the fall of 2005, she became the team's No. 1 runner as a freshman and went on to earn team MVP honors.

"The soccer trainer I had before I started high school made us run a lot, so I was in pretty good shape when I started running cross country my freshman year," explained

Bursting onto the scene as the No. 1 runner as a freshman could have been an uncomfortable position for Thomas, however, one of her teammates stepped up to make sure that wasn't the case.

"My sister (Jennifer) was a senior on the team that year, wnich helped. Thomas said "She told me not to feel bad about coming in and being No. 1 right away just because I was a freshman. She told me to keep running as hard as I could and that it would make the rest of the team work harder."

Classy move

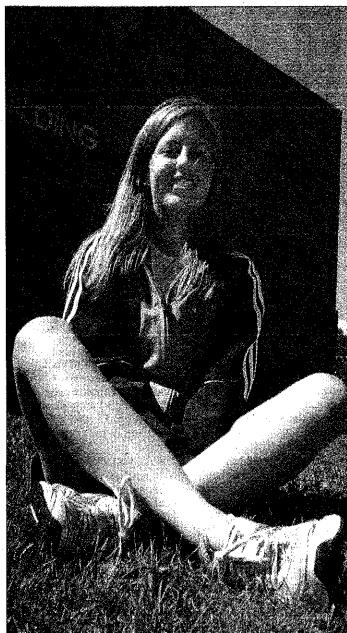
When a similar scenario was reversed on Thomas this fall, she handled it as gracefully as her sister did two autumns ago.

Freshman Rachel Rohrbach has at times overtaken Thomas as the Chiefs' top runner this year, but it hasn't fazed the twotime state qualifier.

"I told Rachel the same thing my sister told me — do your best and don't feel bad about beating me," she said. "It actually helps me having Rachel on the team this year because when she makes her move in a race, I know it's time for me to go, too. Plus, we're a stronger team with Rachel."

"Sarah has been a great men-

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Canton junior Sarah Thomas has been one of the Chiefs' top cross-country: runners since her freshman season.

tor to Rachel and our other young runners," said Paul. "She told Rachel right off the bat, 'Don't ever feel like you have to wait for me.' It's that kind of attitude that has made her a captain."

Never a dull moment

During the spring of her freshman year, Thomas pulled double-duty for the Chiefs' junior-varsity soccer team and the school's track-and-field

"I ran the 800 and the 800 relay as a freshman," she said. 'If there was a conflict between soccer and track, I'd always pick

Thomas turned to soccer full time this past spring when she made the Canton varsity squad.

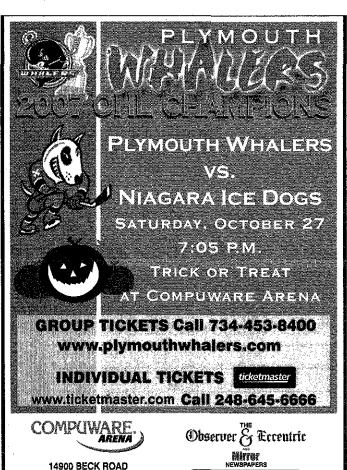
"I've been playing soccer since I was 4 years old, so it wasn't a tough decision choosing between soccer and track," she said.

With a 3.9 grade-point average, Thomas will be accepted to just about any college she applies to next fall. If everything works out, she'd like to continue her cross country career at the next level.

"I'd like to keep running in college," she said. "I think I'd have a better chance of running than playing soccer just because it's the sport I'm better at.

"And even if it doesn't work out and I don't run in college, I'm going to keep running on the side because I enjoy it so

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jumped aboard.

The Detroit Marathon is ideal for this because it offers several distances that people can run - from 5Ks to the full marathon," she said. "Not everybody has the time or ability to train and run 50 miles a week to get ready for a full marathon.

"There's been like an explosion of people wanting to join

me with this cause ever since that first year. Wanting to give back is contagious."

Last year, Marathon Mission raised somewhere between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for selected groups, Harper said.

"And the great thing about our group is that 100 percent of the money pledged goes straight to the charities," said Harper.

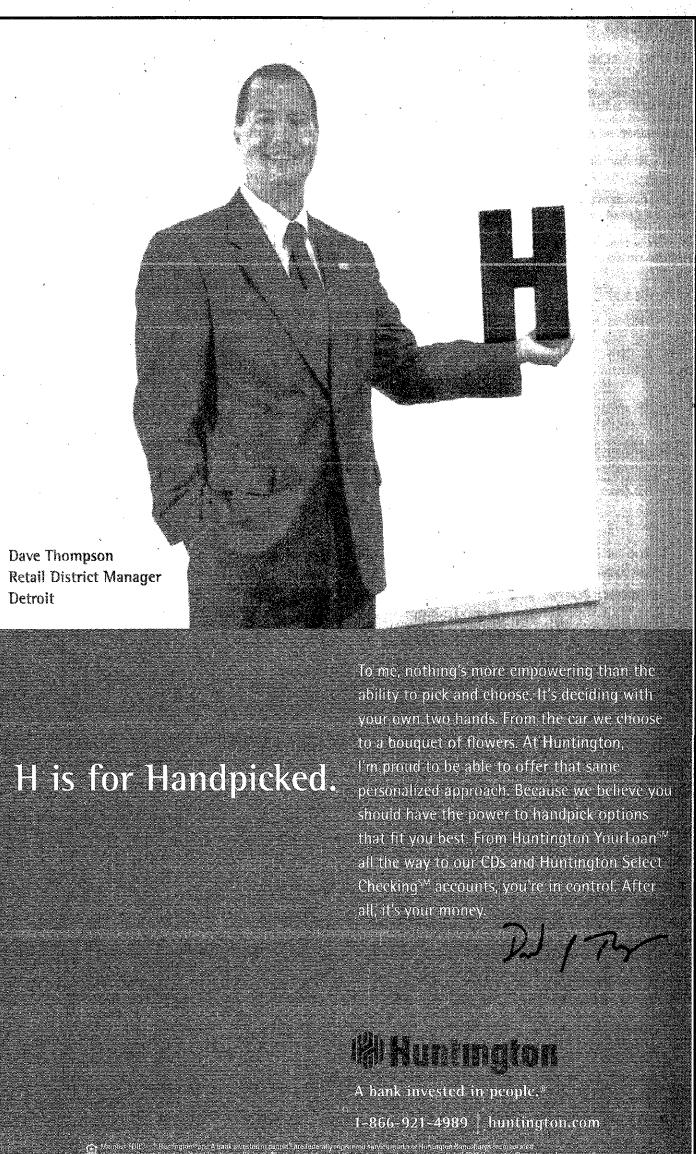
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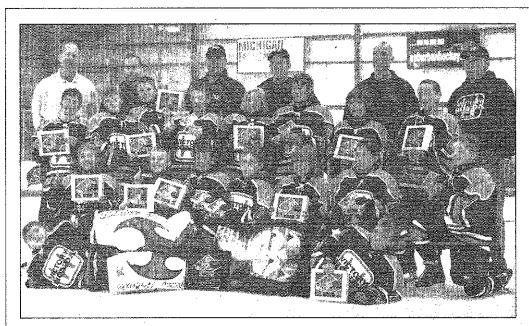
e-mail Harper at lisa@marathonmission.net.

"Unlike other marathonrelated charities, there is no minimum amount you need to raise to get involved," Harper said. "All's we ask is that you have a willing heart and that you make a commitment to train and gather pledges. I promise it will be a life-changing experience for people who get involved."

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Victory Honda lives up to name

The newly formed Victory Honda AAA ice hockey team captured first place in its first tournament of the season last month when it beat defeated a team from New York to place first in the Honeybaked/Compuware Hockey Invitational. The team overcame an opening-game tie and won a shootout in the semifinal round to earn the title. Pictured are (front row from left) Joey Verkerke, Adam Olson, Ian Kwant, Kenny Johnson, James Sotiroff, P.J. Rapin, Anthony Biundo, Bo Freatman, (second row from left) Jack Miller, Justin Brandt, Brandon Kruse, Cooper Zech, Kyle Kozler, Eric Price, Joel Frazee, (on ice from left) Brendan Melody, Derek Schaedig. The team is coached by Jerry Verkerke, Todd Olson, Jim Sotiroff, Eric Kruse, Tim Zech and Jim

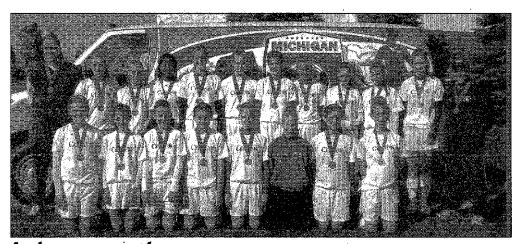


World Series, here we come!

The PC Pride 12U Stars qualified for the 2008 USSSA World Series for the third consecutive year by finishing



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A strong second

The Canton Celtic 94 (U14) girls soccer team recently turned in a strong performance at the State Cup, finishing second to the Michigan Hawks. The Celtic won four games by a combined score of 18-0 before knocking off the No. 2-ranked Michigan Gators in the semifinals. Team members are: Francesca Downing, Sarah Falvey, Claire Huddas, Nicole Ineich, Kristina Klusek, Abby Livingston, Emily Lundh, Robyn Mack, Megan McCormack, Kaitlyn Murphy, Taryne Pagel, Nadya Rebar, Mackenzie Rogers, Victoria Pepper, Domenique Sarnecky, Jessica Scott, Emily Southern and Katelyn Watson. The team is coached by Andrew Crawford, who is assisted by Steve McCormack.

Ignition subdues Excite, 30-4

The Detroit Ignition defeated The Cincinnati Excite of the American Indoor Soccer League, 30-4, on Saturday to conclude the club's preseason schedule.

The Ignition struck first when forward Hewerton Moreira scored an unassisted two-point goal 15 seconds into the first quarter.

Mike Apple, defender Droo Callahan and midfielder Ryan Mack (two goals) also found the back of the net in the open-

Ignition training camp participant Chad Severs also notched a two-point goal.

At 4:20 in the second quarter, Callahan scored a two-point goal with an assist from forward Jamar Beasley to expand Detroit's cushion to

With 4:57 left to play in the half, Ignition defender Nate Craft notched a two-point goal off an assist from Apple. Moreira closed out the half for Detroit with two goals, making it 20-4 at the break.

Ignition defender Jonathan Greenfield scored the first goal of the second half, an unassisted two-point shot at 1:30

in the third quarter. Beasley, the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League MVP, notched two points with an assist from Callahan to bring the score to 24-4 at the end of the quarter.

Ignition training camp participant Derek Garrambone scored Detroit's first goal of the fourth quarter, a two-point shot off an assist from Craft. With 7:54 to play in the game, Greenfield notched an unassisted two-point goal.

Ignition midfielder Ze Roberto scored the club's final goal, a two-point shot with an assist from Moreira.

Hat trick lifts Lady Ocelots

Plymouth High School alum Clare Baptist scored three goals Saturday, pacing Schoolcraft to a 4-0 women's soccer victory over host Adrian.

Baptist, a freshman forward, took a feed from freshman midfielder Ally King to put the Lady Ocelots (10-1-0) on the scoreboard and Schoolcraft tacked on two more tallies before halftime. The first was an unassisted marker from Baptist, and freshman midfielder Sam Harrington scored on

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a play set up by sophomore forward against Rochester College (Mich.) Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin).

Schoolcraft tacked on a goal in the second half, with Baptist completing her hat-trick. Drawing the helper was sophomore forward/ midfielder Megan McCabe.

Stopping all 11 shots for the shutout was sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Tuggle (Livonia Ladywood).

The Lady Ocelots are wrapping up the regular season with road

and Cincinnati State.

SC men split

Schoolcraft's men's soccer team nipped Macomb 2-1 in overtime on Oct. 17, but dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker Saturday against Lakeland.

In the win over the Monarchs, Livonia Stevenson alums Louie Djokic and Nick Dordeski scored for the Ocelots. Chris Riley made three saves for the win.



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CHEVROLET MALIBU INTRODUCTION INCLUDES MAJOR PITCH TO MINORITIES

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By Dale Buss



The 2008 Chevrolet Malibu is General Motors' most ambitious shot in a long time at producing a high-volume mid-size sedan, and it's the company's most brazen attempt yet to knock off the Japanese-built category leaders, Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

Malibu also is raising the stakes in another important respect: GM's marketing to ethnic minorities. It's an area in which most automakers have lagged even though Hispanics, African-Americans and Asian-Americans are the fastestgrowing major segments of the U.S. population.

But earlier this year, GM demonstrated a new seriousness about pursuing minority consumers by integrating "diversity marketing" with its mainstream efforts. And Malibu is among the first new marketing campaigns to showcase the change at GM and to test some advances in ethnic-marketing strategy and tactics that that have stemmed in large part from the structural change.

"This campaign reflects the effort and energy that GM is dedicating to the idea of integrating all the parties involved so we're all at the table at the same time," said Sergio Rodriguez, associate creative director for Accent Marketing, a Miami agency that specializes in Hispanic marketing and is handling that responsibility for Malibu.

"I'd say the effort has been quadrupled from past campaigns. Before, we would come in two weeks late with our creative, and now everything is launching at the same

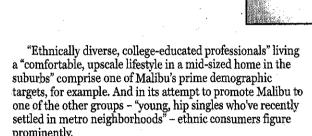
Last spring, Mark LaNeve, vice president of vehicle sales, service and marketing for North America, scrapped GM's separate "diversity marketing" staff and budget and integrated related marketing activities and budgets into the overall advertising, marketing and promotional efforts by each of the company's eight brands. The decision and action were similar to what GM did several years ago when it integrated the former e-GM e-commerce activity into the mainstream, said spokeswoman Ryndee Carney.

In the Malibu campaign, one subtle but significant Classifieds on the web: reflection of that change in approach is how Chevrolet has integrated ethnic diversity into the main demographic segments that it is targeting for marketing the new vehicle instead of using its frequent past practice of setting ethnic audiences apart.



Hispanic consumers are an important target for new advertising for the 2008 Chevrolet Malibu.

The design of the new Malibu makes it more closely resemble competitive targets such as Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.



But while ethnic-marketing strategy now evolves in a fashion more closely related to GM's overall marketing efforts, the company is practicing sophisticated differentiation in the tactics that it aims at various ethnic minorities. Chevy's plans to appeal to Hispanic consumers with Malibu marketing illustrate that.

The key insight that Chevy, with Accent's help, is applying in how it positions Malibu with Hispanics is to recognize that the brand and the model don't carry the same baggage in the eyes of these consumers that they do with American consumers in general, according to Rodriguez. Particularly in the areas of quality, reliability and durability, he noted, Chevrolet must shake off the general perception - which now has held sway for a generation in this country - that its cars simply aren't as well built as the Japanese-designed

And yet, Rodriguez explained, most Hispanics aren't similarly infected. "Abroad, where many of them have come from, Chevrolet is a well respected brand," he said. "And when they come to America, they don't necessarily prefer imported car brands. So with Hispanics, with Malibu, we didn't want to necessarily approach it as if we had a problem we had to solve."

Largely for that reason, Chevy's approach in marketing Malibu to Hispanics displays less of the defensiveness that is illustrated by its general-market approach and more of an assumption that Hispanic consumers might actually have a predisposition to be associated with a Chevy car.

"There's a spice of negativity associated with the phrase "The Car You Can't Ignore," in the general market," Rodriguez said. "With Hispanics, though, we're spinning away from

So, "Hazte notar!," which is roughly translated as "Get noticed!," is Malibu's tag line for Hispanics. "It's following the same kind of phrasing and cadence as the general-market theme, but it says, 'See it! Hear it! Believe it!' to the Hispanic consumer. It puts things back on the consumer."

Attitudinally, Rodriguez explained, Chevrolet is positioning Malibu with Hispanics as a vehicle that demonstrates they're on their way up rather than that they have arrived. "It's saying, 'My achievement continues," he explained. "Everyone wants to move up in life and in vehicles. But the insight is different."





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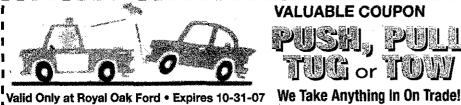
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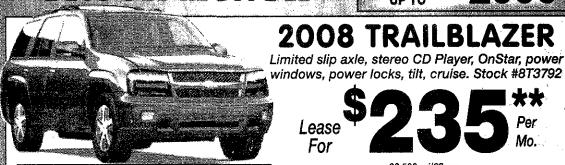
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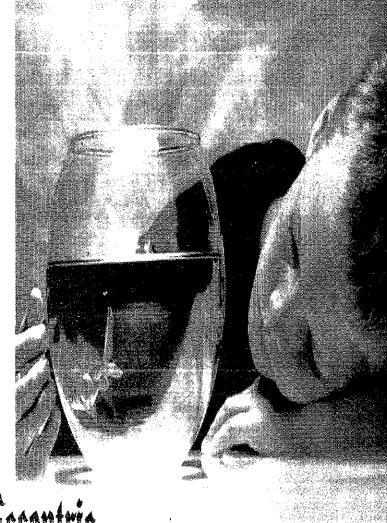


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(NAPSI) — The past five years have seen an explosion in home improvements. Homeowners continue to look for new, creative ways to bring more space, style and luxury to their everyday lives by remodeling and renovating.

For many who choose to renovate, the question becomes: "Where do we invest our limited resources and how will remodeling ultimately affect our home's value?'

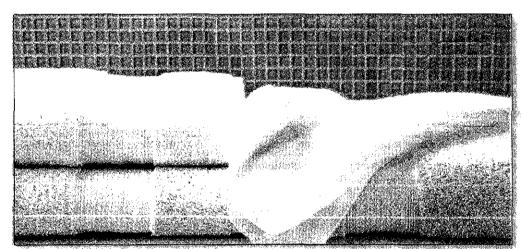
While there's no guarantee that remodeling now will add to future resale value, statistics show that some projects yield a better return than others.

Consumers can generally expect to get a greater return in remodeling their kitchens than they would with other room upgrades. The 2006 Cost vs. Value Report from Remodeling magazine showed average returns for various remodeling projects in different regions of the country. In the East North Central region, which includes Michigan, A major kitchen remodel returned 69.1 percent, while minor kitchen remodels returned 74.8 percent.

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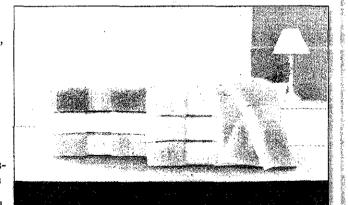
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Designer and author Roderick Shade of Roderick N. Shade Interior Design based in Harlem, N.Y., says many of his clients are asking for "sumptuous home sanctuaries that look and feel like luxury spas." This space has become a personal retreat where family members can spend quiet time. Included in the amenities

■ Use of glass. Seamless glassenclosed showers provide a clean aesthetic and open environment to showcase decorative stone and tile, while a wide range of glass sinks showcase the interplay of

light and water in any bath or powder room. ■ Performance showers. With digital controls and the touch of a button, you can customize your bathing experience to suit your mood. Add music or ambient lighting, and change your options from an invigorating massage to relaxing steam.

■ The vanity, redefined. Rich woods with moisture-resistant finishes are the new "green" materials of choice, transforming the



vanity into a piece of fine furniture.

■ Sleek hardware. Heated towel bars are adding a new Euro dimension to today's bathrooms. In cabinet knobs and drawer pulls, the softer tone of brushed nickel is the metal of choice.

■ Soft textures. Whether the look is traditional or ultra-modern, it's important to provide plush, absorbent towels, rugs and accessories that suit the style and make a statement.

The latest trends for bedrooms

Most everyone wants to know what's in and what's out; what's hot and what's not. That's why trend spotting is such a popular pastime. Whether tracking the lives of celebrities, the fashions of the times, or the world of interiors, there may be no such thing as a "new idea," but what goes around can once again come around with a fresh new twist.

A RETURN TO TRADITION

"Coming after the more austere interior styles we've been seeing and living with over the last few years, there appears to be a return to softer traditional looks that have been updated to fit today's mood and lifestyle," says designer Elaine Griffin of Elaine Griffin Interior Design

"There is a movement afoot to return to tradition, but with a twist." Where heavier furniture in dark woods have been popular, she sees a "feminization" of these furnishings, though not in a "girlie" way, with the addition of soft curves, tufted fabrics, and rich woods like walnut.

To counter the colder, more austere hard lines in the bedroom, as currently seen in the market, Elaine advocates "a fun, fresh and comfortable approach filled with luxurious fabrics, textures, details and finishes."

RAISE THE BED

Please see BEDROOMS, D3



For a traditional look pile on the pillows, and the charm, with Kmart's new and exclusive ABBEY HILL bedding, shown here in the Jacobean Scroll pattern.

The deep gloss of a walnut floor

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Michigan Design Center will host renowned interior designer Jamie Drake during an open house and lecture Thursday, Nov. 1.

From 5-6 p.m., the public can browse the MDC's home furnishings, including the exclusive Jamie Drake fabric and furniture collections. At 6:30 p.m., Drake will discuss his signature look, as well as five basic principles he follows to make an ordinary room extraordinary. Tickets, \$45 per person; \$60 per couple include the lecture, open house and a copy of "Jamie Drake's New American Glamour" (\$45 value). Voted one of the Top American Designers by House Beautiful and New York magazines, Jamie Drake has completed a vast array of residences, including a Los Angeles showplace for Madonna, and the restoration of Gracie Mansion for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. MDC is located at 1700 Stutz Dr. in Troy. To RSVP call (248) 649-4772 or visit michigandesign.

Halloween Fun Hike

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center will offer guided outdoor hikes to meet "not-so-scary" costumed forest creatures at 6:45, 7:15, 7:45 and 8:15 p.m. Oct. 26-27. After the hike, meet some live creatures from around the world during an indoor presentation.

All ages are welcome, but the trail is not "stroller-friendly." Pre-registration and payment (\$4 per person, cash or check to Wayne County Parks) are required at the Nankin Mills Park Office, 3175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185. Call (734) 261-1990.

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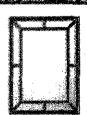
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New products help rid your desk of wires

t's the 21st century — haven't we put up with wires long enough?

Look around, under, or on top of your desk and you're likely to find a

snake's nest of cords and wires, all of them necessary to connect PCs, printers, cameras, keyboards, and other devices.

Or perhaps not so necessary. Thanks to a new wave of wireless devices and technologies, it's possible to make cord clutter a thing of the past — or at least less of an unsightly mess.

For example, you can kill two corded birds with one wireless stone by upgrading your mouse and keyboard. The Logitech Cordless Desktop, Wave, for example, combines an ergonomically curved keyboard with a contoured laser mouse — and the receiver for both is a "

USB plug no larger than a pack of gum. Microsoft and Kensington offer similar wireless mouse/keyboard combos.

Next, why not sever the connection to your printer? If you're in the market for a new model, consider something like the Lexmark X6570. This all-in-one device prints, scans, copies and faxes, and does it all via traditional 802.11g Wi-Fi networks.

That means if you've already got a Wi-Fi router set up in your home or office, it's a simple matter to add the X6570 to your network. Instead of being tethered to your PC, it can sit anywhere that's convenient: a closet, a bookcase, even another room.

As an added bonus, the printer is easy to share among multiple users: Anyone on the network can connect to it. Epson and HP are among the vendors that also offer Wi-Fi-equipped printers.

If you'd rather keep your existing printer, Belkin's Network USB Hub can help. It lets you connect up to five devices (printers, hard drives, memory-card readers, etc.) to your existing router so they can be

wirelessly shared by multiple users.

Speaking of peripherals, just about everything you connect to your PC these days requires a USB cable. With little more than a scanner, PDA, and iPod on your desk, you can wind up with serious cord creep. Belkin's Wireless USB Hub, the first device of its kind, promises to banish those cords: It provides a four-port USB hub with a wireless range of about

That means you can keep all your devices connected to your PC but keep them tucked away on a shelf or in a drawer at the same time.

Sure, the devices' cords still need to be connected to the hub itself, but at least they won't be snaking across your desk. D-Link and Iogear make wireless USB hubs as well.

A wireless camera might help you eliminate yet another cable from your desk.

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Some wires are an unfortunate fact of life — there's just no getting rid of them. But that doesn't mean they have to dominate your desk. Products like the Cableyoyo (www.bluelounge.com) and CordHog (www.cordhog.com) provide

the excess cord around these little hubs to keep everything neat and orderly. So long, cables — and good riddance.

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Belkin's Wireless USB Hub lets you connect up to four USB devices to your PC, but keeps the cords out of your way.

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Refrigerator doors and space create problems

arilyn writes: "I would like to know if there is something that wears out in a refrigerator door that allows it to swing widely open (180 degrees) every time it is opened. When I have a load in my hands and open the refrigerator, it swings violently open from the weight of bottled foods stored in it. I know it hasn't always been this way but I can't even remember when it started. I know we're losing a lot of energy this way. What do you think?"

The door closure problem that exists with your refrigerator is being experienced by thousands of homeowners across this country. I for one had the same problem with my 13-year-old General Electric side-by-side. The plastic door closure, which fits on the lower door hinge, simply broke off. I ordered a new one, removed the refrigerator door and fit the new one in place. Not a hard job for any consumer, but time consuming and a little exerting for a senior citizen. This problem or frequent failure of

a door closure is also prevalent with other brands of refrigerators besides General Electric. Another symptom of this problem is a door, which actually won't stay shut. Homeowners resort to placing a chair against the door to keep it shut. My opinion on these sorts of problems relate to the lack of quality being produced today in the manufacturing of major home appliances. Need I say more?

Donna writes: "I have an old Kenmore side-by-side refrigerator in harvest gold. I need to replace it but the size is 19.1 cubic feet and the opening recommended is 67 inches high, 33 inches wide and 28 inches deep (without the handles). If I can't replace it, I will have to reconfigure the whole wall that my oven and cooktop is on. I can only use a side-by-side because I have a peninsula that a regular refrigerator door would hit because the doors are too big. Even the new French door style would work, but I can't find anything with all three dimensions. Help!

I would suggest that hopefully someone out there in the retail world of appliances still carries a refrigerator to match those required sizes but I think you are going to have to do some heavy duty shopping.

Isn't it odd that sizes seem to



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

of a modern kitchen. My wife has been looking at a new refrigerator for our kitchen and her selected choice is 70 inches high. But the

change so much

as new product

lines are introduced? Even the

colors change to

match the décor

old one is only 67 inches high and fits perfectly under the overhead cupboards.

Fortunately I have enough overhang on the cupboard front that I can cut off 3 inches, allowing me room to fit the new refrigerator in place. There are times when minor adjustments have to be made to accommodate and this may turn out to be one of those times. Good luck shopping. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.



U.S. on target to be world's largest wine market

ccording to the 2007 edition of Adams Wine Handbook, published by Adams Beverage Group, U.S. wine consumption took a leap forward last year, rising an impressive 3.4 percent and continuing a climb for the 13th consecutive year.

Sales were so strong that if the wine industry's expansion continues at this pace, the U.S. will become the largest wine market in the world by the end of the decade.



Ray & Eleanor Heald

MARKET DYNAMICS

Wine now appeals to a broad spectrum of the U.S. population, including the much sought-after Millennials (consumers aged 21 to 30). For the first time in a recent Gallup poll, a majority of respondents claimed wine as their alcohol beverage of choice. Millennials and Baby Boomers together account for more than half of today's wine

In general, Millennials are categorized as novice drinkers and brands such as Pinot Evil, Killer Juice, Dog House and "critter" brands with dancing bulls, black swans, little penguins, kangaroos, and yes, a hippo from Fat Bastard, which of all things is a French wine, are pitched to them as more approachable wines.

Then there's packaging. Because they are easy to open, screw capped wines are popular. More than 95 percent of New Zealand wines have a screw cap closure. Yet, there's growing debate and ongoing research indicating that alternative closures may not be the best for all wines, even some in the lowertier category. A higher quality of premium boxed wines has encouraged consumers to think inside

Association between moderate wine consumption and decreased risk of some diseases was highlighted with the release of a study that found resveratrol, a substance contained in red wine, extended the life span of mice. Although studies from mice to men are ongoing, consumers bought the early good news. Thus, it's no surprise that red wine sales continue to surge. According to Nielsen Company tracked sales, cabernet sauvignon increased by 14 percent in the 13 weeks ending in late July this year. After merlot sales struggled due to disparaging remarks in the film "Sideways," it appears that merlot drinkers are no longer ashamed of their preference and sales rose five percent in the 13 weeks ending in late July this

NOT ALL DOMESTIC

Perhaps to the chagrin of domestic producers, growth of imported wines shows no sign of slowing. Wines from Italy, Australia and France were up 6.7, 6.8 and 21.9 percent respectively. With an overall 29 percent market share, Italian wines dominate

WINE PICKS

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By far, Yellow Tail from Australia, at 8.1 million cases, is the largest foreign segment brand. Overall though, Australian wines that for many years running held the top spot in dollar share, no longer do. They've been outpaced by Italian wines.

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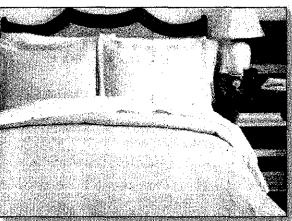
Carisa Perez-Fuentes, owner/creative director of DesignStudio3b in New York City and Miami, and runner-up in the Bravo series, "Top Design" also is a fan of casual tradition. "A proliferation of decorative pillows piled on the bed is the ultimate expression of relaxed formality," Perez-Fuentes says.

She also loves the idea of raising a lowto-the-ground modern bed to give it height and an old-fashioned look - with bed risers or with the addition of an extra box spring. "Park some bed steps on either side of the bed for a notable touch of timelessness," she adds.

THE HOME HOTEL

Conversely, the 'Hotel' aesthetic is one of the hottest trends in bedroom design at the moment, Perez-Fuentes says. "People are starting to realize that they can live like they're staying at a highend hotel while remaining in their own homes. The look is always elegant, uncluttered, and ultra

She suggests using rich, traditional fabrics, pillows and bedding sparingly to achieve a classic aesthetic with a modern appeal.



Get the 'hotel chic' look with Martha Stewart Everyday's 5-Star Duvet (\$80.99 including shams) exclusively at Kmart.

NEW COLOR THEORY

According to Debbie Zimmer, paint and color expert with the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute, "Green may just become the newest 'neutral' reflecting a growing eco-consciousness and social responsibility." She also points out, "The sophisticated glamour of black, soft whites, creams, metallics and high sheen will be seen enriching fabrics, while 'crewel' hues like cranberry red and warm brown help to create a nurturing and caring environment."



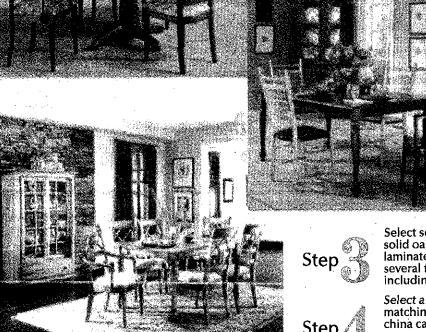
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Young survivor becomes trendsetting advocate

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK

ennifer Charles has a knack for fashion. The 33-year-old has studied design at Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, produced music videos in Miami, and currently commutes between Washington D.C. where she lives with herhusband, and Rochester, where she runs an event planning boutique with her sister called Simply Fabulous. At the office, they call her "Fashionista."

Now, the tireless jet-setter and party planner is on a quest to make breast exams trendy.

Last September, Charles found a lump. She wasn't reassured when her doctor said she was too young and healthy to worry about it.

"I know my body, and I knew something wasn't right, so I

was persistent," she said. Charles eventually convinced her doctor to prescribe a mammogram and ultrasound. Both came back citing "No Abnormalities," and Charles was told to return for another screening in three years. Still, she had a nagging feeling. "I went back to the doctor

even after I received a clean bill of health and said 'I want answers".

Finally, her doctor referred her for a biopsy and sure enough, the surgeon found breast cancer.

Since then, Charles has undergone eight rounds of chemotherapy and radiation, along with a bilateral mastectomy and continuing reconstructive surgery.

Throughout everything, she continued to work. Her successful company is responsible for planning the North American International **Auto Show Charity Preview** event each year, and this past January, she attended wearing a yellow gown, with a teal ribbon adorning her bald head.

As if Simply Fabulous events didn't keep her busy enough, Charles founded the Trendsetters Organization, a branch of Beaumont Hospital's Sharing & Caring program designed to make breast cancer screening and early detection fashionable.

"We started the organization to work with them and sort

Jeffrey H. Miller, M.D.

Dr. Miller has over

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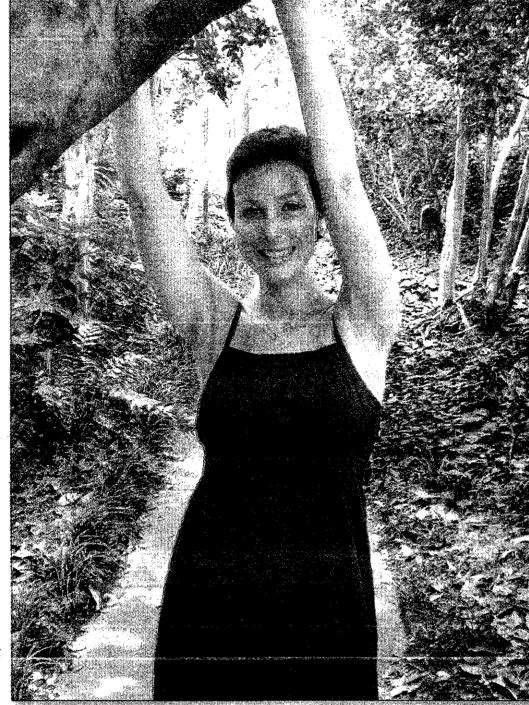
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named one of

Detroit's loy Docs'

by Hour Magazine.



Jennifer Charles is on a quest to make breast exams trendy.

of be a younger voice. People always think that breast cancer happens in your 50s, 60s and '70s and that's really not true," Charles said. "Younger and younger people are getting it. Early detection for any age is the key."

Trendsetters gets its message out to young women by staging fun events like a 'Premiere Purse Party' last April, followed in August by a 'Brassiere Bazaar' in the lingerie depart-

ment at Nordstrom. "It's a serious issue, but if we can inform people and they see the steps of what you should do

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if you do find a lump, hopefully that will save someone's life," she said. "The worst thing you can do is hide your head in the sand and pretend it's not happening."

Charles started doing regular breast self-exams after reading an article in Glamour Magazine a decade ago.

"The article was about a girl in her 20s who had breast cancer, and found the lump herself," Charles said. "It just stuck with me. I thought if it happened to her, who's to say that down the road it couldn't happen to me?"

Ironically, it did.

But today, Charles looks forward to marking a year cancer free this February, thanks to her own vigilance doing selfexams, as well as her persistence with her doctors.

"If I could get one message across it would be to do breast self-exams every day, every week when you're in the shower," she said. "You have to pay attention to your body. You have to be an advocate for your own health. You have to speak up for yourself. It saved my life and I tell people all the time."

The Trendsetters Organization is headquartered at Something Fabulous, 116 E. Fourth St., Rochester. Call (248) 608-8820 or visit www. somethingfab.com.

STYLE PROFILE:

JENNIFER CHARLES

Favorite place to shop: Anthropologie in Birmingham and of course New York City! Favorite designer/label: I could never choose just one, but I love to throw vintage in the mix with Calvin Klein, Diane von Furstenberg, Nanette Lepore and Laundry.

Signature scent: "Mademoiselle"

by Chanel Beauty bag must-have: "More than Mascara" by Estee Lauder and Dior's "Addict" Ultra Gloss Best place for power lunch:

The Capitol Grille Favorite date: When my husband proposed at our favorite restaurant in Soho, New York City!

Top way to de-stress: A great workout at Lifetime Fitness with my favorite tunes on my iPod How you stay healthy: Eat organic, work out regularly, and realize life is too short to stress out over the little things (be in

the moment!) Guilty pleasure: Godiva Dark Chocolate Good luck charm: My lucky

horseshoe necklace Mantra: Anyone can do anything that they put their mind to. Stay true to yourself, believe in your talents and keep a positive attitude - you determine your own

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Read It! Michigan'sMost Haunted: A Ghostly Guide to the Great Lakes State by Sandy Arno Lyons

A girl's guide to stylish events in metro Detroit.

ECH TYCH Painting Party

Local children are invited to help decorate the floor of the Kids' Wear department at Nordstrom's newest store, coming to Partridge Creek in April. Tile artist Charlie Bigger will visit the Detroit Science Center 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 3, and lead children through the process of painting and glazing tiles that will later be installed on the floor. The day features entertainment, light refreshments and participants will receive an apron and goody bag. Cost is \$45/child, with proceeds benefiting the Detroit Science Center. Space is limited, so RSVP today by calling (313) 577-8400.

ROMA SPOSA TRUNK SHOW Roma Sposa Atelier will introduce bridal and eveningwear by designer Pnina Tornai Oct. 25-27. Tornai will personally launch her collection during a fashion show at Roma Sposa at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25. Admission is free but seating is limited, Roma Sposa Atelier is located at 708 North Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. Call (248) 723-4300.

MAURI TRUNK SHOW City Slicker Shoes will host a fabulous one-day Mauri Trunk Show Friday, Oct. 26. Gianluigi Mauri will bring his entire Fall 2007 collection direct

from Italy, as well as assist men and women in custom designing their own exotic skin shoes and boots. City Slicker Shoes is located at 164 Monroe St. in Detroit, Call (313) 963-1963 or visit www.cityslickershoes.com.

AMERICAN GIRLS **FASHION SHOW** Gilda's-Club Metro Detroit and

American Girl are hosting a fashion show at the Sheraton Detroit Novi. Children from Southeastern Michigan and their dolls will present historical and contemporary fashions celebrating the American Girl. Shows will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27; and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. Tickets are \$35. Call (248) 57.7-0800.

A GHASTLY **GOOD TIME**

Kids of all ages will find something special in downtown Royal Oak this Halloween weekend, Oct. 26-28. The Ghastly Good Weekend offers adults the opportunity to shop while a number of restaurants and gathering places will host special costume parties and Halloween menus on Oct. 26-27. On Oct. 28 goblins, monsters, ghosts and other creatures will descend for "Spooktacular Trick or Treating," from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

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FASHION SHOW

The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center will host its Second Annual VIP Dinner & Fashion Show at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. The evening includes a reception, sit-down dinner, and a "Harvest of Blessings" fashion show featuring clothing from The Salvation Army's 24 thrift stores in metro Detroit. WXYZ TV-7's Joanne Purtan is celebrity MC. Tickets, \$150 per person, benefit ARC's Family Ministries Outreach Program. Call Colleen Kinney at (313) 309-1040.

VINTAGE **FASHION FAIR** Find fine antique jewelry and vintage fashions dating from the Victorian period through the mid-20th century at the Bloomfeild Hills Antique Jewelry and Vintage Apparel Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. The annual event will be held at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Admission is 5\$ for adults, kids 12 and under free. Call (248) 988-0924 or (248)646-1047.

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