

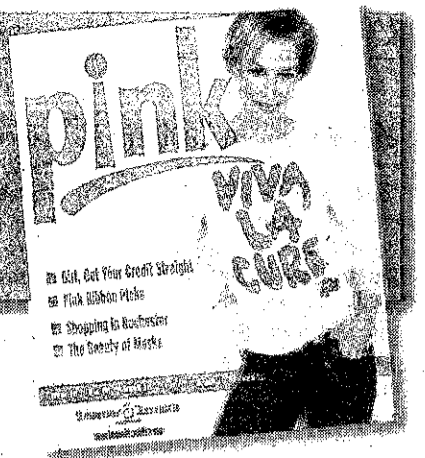
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Michigan Ghost Watchers (from left): Sue Burt, Lon Kuehn, Cindy Blake of Canton, and Keith Norton.

## District deals with first staph problem

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials confirmed the district's first case of a potentially deadly strain of antibiotic-resistant staph infection, which has forced several school districts in southeastern Michigan to cancel classes and close schools.

In a one-page note sent home to parents Thursday afternoon, Smith Elementary Principal Jill Cantin confirmed the case of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, telling parents "the student is on antibiotics, the infection is improving and is under control. The student is being treated by a doctor."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Director of Communications Frank Ruggirello said the student's doctor confirmed the case of MRSA Thursday. The identity, age and sex of the child is not being disclosed because of privacy laws.

MRSA can range from mild skin irritations to more severe infections that can become deadly.

Ruggirello said after consulting with the Wayne County Health Department it was determined the situation wasn't serious enough to close school. Smith Elementary, which is in Plymouth, held classes as scheduled on Friday.

Along with the information on the diagnosed case of MRSA, Cantin's note to parents also included information on Staph infections, as

well as how to treat and keep them from spreading.

"Students and staff are encouraged to practice good hand-washing techniques and to wash their hands often," Cantin wrote. "Custodians are doing their part to keep our schools clean. Parents follow up at home as well."

"Teach your child to wash hands thoroughly, do not share personal care items and do not touch another person's cuts or scrapes," read the note. "Working together we can keep all of our students healthy and infection free."

Last week, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Ken Jacobs said his staff checked the strength of cleaning products used to clean locker rooms, swimming pool facilities and other well-traveled areas. Most of those areas are in the high schools and middle schools.

"We clean bathrooms, locker rooms and the pools on a daily basis, and I put out the directive I want to make sure they are going beyond their normal routines," Jacobs said.

"I want to make sure the products we are using are correct, the applications are correct and I'm doing some investigating with our environmental company to look at what other kinds of measures we can take to be as proactive as we can, rather than reactive."

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## Seeking the supernatural

### Michigan Ghost Watchers out to prove there's life after death

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Ghost Watchers don't run from things that go bump in the night — they take a picture of it.

Founded by Canton woman Cindy Blake in 2001, the group has nearly 100 members and serves as a haven for serious ghost watchers.

"For as long as I can remem-

ber, I've been interested in paranormal and the supernatural," said Blake, 52. "I remember being 6-years-old and begging my father to take me to (my first horror) movie."

In their investigations, club members travel to places such as cemeteries, basements and historical buildings. They take photographs, record audio,

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A video recorder records both visible light and, after the sun goes down, infrared light.

## Tricksters: Couple's golden retrievers score big in contest

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

If you instructed Augustus and Tiberius to "sit" and "stay," they'd probably tilt their furry heads as if to ask for more of a challenge.

The two golden retrievers belong to Donna and Bob Bird of Canton and won two categories last month in Worldwide Fido's online contest. The all-about-dogs Web site features a contest each month where they search for the cutest dog, best friend, most outrageous and best trick.

Augustus, otherwise known as Augie, nabbed the award for best



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Augustus and Tiberius, owned by Donna and Bob Bird of Canton, star in their own prize winning videos.

trick by freezing, standing, spinning and falling asleep on command. In addition to bringing home a prize for September, the 16-month-old, 70-pound dog also won the most outrageous category for August.

Tiberius, who is playfully called Ti, scored September's most outrageous award after the bulk of viewers voted for a video that showed

him terrorizing Augustus, who is larger and older.

Appearing to be the more feisty of the two, Tiberius is 4-month-old and weighs 32 pounds.

"They're great dogs," Donna Bird said. "They're friendly, outgoing and happy. They are very easy."

As she played with each of the

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## Canton nurse to appear on PBS program Tuesday

Canton resident Christine Steinhelper, who is a nurse at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia, will appear on the PBS show *Frontline* at 10 p.m., Oct. 30 on PBS (WTVS in the Detroit area).

The documentary, called "The Undertaking," is a behind-the-scenes look at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford, where its director Thomas Lynch, who is also a poet, and his family have cared for the dead and the living for three generations.

The program tells the stories of several local families who visit Lynch & Sons, including the Verrino family of Milford, who come to Thomas Lynch to talk about funeral plans for their only child, Anthony, who was born in 2004 with a rare genetic syndrome.

In December of 2005, the boy was admitted into the My Nest is Best



Steinhelper

Pediatric Program through Angela Hospice of Livonia.

According to Angela Hospice spokesperson Lisa Norton, the *Frontline* crews visited the Newburgh Road hospice facility during the summer, and Steinhelper was interviewed then.

In his critically acclaimed book, *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade*, excerpted in the film, Lynch chronicles a life spent in the presence of the dead.

"We have in some ways become estranged from death and the dead," Lynch told *Frontline*.

*Frontline* will appear at 9 p.m. on some PBS providers. Check local listings.

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### Coming Thursday



Hip Clawson: The corner of 14 and Main is the place to be, especially Tuesday nights. Read more in the next *Filter*.

**Veterans Day in Canton**

There will be a Veterans Day Service at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007 at the Canton Veterans Memorial located in Heritage Park west of the Canton Administration Building.

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

Photos of these Canton residents who are currently serving in our Armed Forces will be on display. Residents are encouraged to submit 8 x 10 scanned copies of photos (no originals photos please). Be sure to label the back of each photo with the name of the service person, the branch of his or her service, and contact information. Copies of these photos can either be mailed to Pat VanDusen at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188 or e-mailed to pyandusen@canton-mi.org.

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

**'Value of Hospice'**

Caring for loved ones nearing the end of their lives is never easy. For the latest information on hospice care, register for Canton Senior Center's "Value of Hospice" workshop on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Ash Room of the Summit on the Park.

Learn how hospice criteria

has changed since it began in 1967. Find out when hospice care should begin, what are the criteria required to receive hospice care, and what will insurance companies cover. This 40-minute presentation, presented by Arbor Hospice and Home Care, will include a period for questions and answers.

The Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Admission is free. To register or for more information, contact the Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.

**Job help series**

"Personal Finance During Job Change" is the topic for last program in the Job Help series offered by the Canton Public Library. Beth Troost, Education Partnership Coordinator from Community Financial, and Susan Sherry, Adjunct Assistant Professor at Madonna University, will examine how job change affects personal finances on Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library.

Attendees will learn to set realistic financial goals, find potential sources of money, how job loss affects credit ratings and how the emotional impact takes a toll on you and your finances. The program is free but requires registration by calling (734) 397-0999.

**Rockette Pom & Dance clinic**

The Salem Rockettes will be hosting their annual kids' clinic. Both a pom and dance clinics will be offered. It is open to any student in grades K-5. The pom clinic will consist of a routine, cheers, and ways to increase flexibility. The dance clinic will

focus on a dance routine, leaps, turns, jumps, and flexibility tricks.

Each participant will receive a "Rockette" T-shirt, a pair of poms, and will be invited to perform in the Rockette Variety Show on April 25 and 26, 2008.

■ **Pom Clinic:** Grades K-2, Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m.-noon, in the Salem cafeteria; grades 3-5, Saturday, Nov. 10, 1-4 p.m. in the Salem Cafeteria.

■ **Dance Clinic:** All grades, Saturday, Dec. 15, 9 a.m.-noon in the Salem cafeteria.

Please arrive at 15 minutes early for registration. The cost is \$40 for the first clinic enrolled in. If you enroll in both clinics the additional cost will be \$10. Only one T-shirt and one set of poms will be given to each participant at the first clinic they attend.

To register or for more information, contact Denise Staffeld at (734) 776-6593. You must register by Friday, Nov. 9.

**Holiday craft show**

Tri-City Christian Center will host 1st annual Holiday Craft Fair from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 1. Admission for the event is \$1. More than 70 crafters will be on hand and refreshments will be available.

Tri-City Christian Center is located at 3855 Sheldon Rd. Canton (just north of Michigan Avenue). For more information, contact Sharon Chefan at (734) 397-1777.

**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 co-anchors 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 area.

November's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by New Liberty Bank and Xnerob 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.

**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.

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 mandatory.

Applications may be picked up in the clerk's office during regular business hours or downloaded from Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.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 during 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 cans.

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, dietitian, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; and 'Feel Good Inside & Out,' featuring Trish Tyl, cosmetolo-

gist and clinical specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital-Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. Also learn how to do a self breast 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 November newsletter of this 2006 Community Supporter award-winning club, visit cantonnewcomers.org or call Donna at (734) 398-6487 before the meeting. Just a reminder, you don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer.

**A Toast to Canton**

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

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests. Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton.

For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

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# Granholt brings budget message to town

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The best news Gov. Jennifer Granholm delivered to hundreds of municipal representatives attending the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments General Assembly meeting Thursday afternoon at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township Thursday was not necessarily good news.

"We have a freeze on revenue sharing," Granholm said. "I did propose a cost-of-living increase, an inflationary adjustment, when I proposed my budget. That didn't survive, but we did avoid major cuts."

That didn't seem like much solace to municipal leaders, who know a freeze still means a loss of money because of inflationary budget increases facing their communities. After Granholm's presentation on the budget and how it will affect businesses and the residents of Michigan, the governor was asked about the many blank stares as she delivered her speech.

"The folks who were in there understand the challenge, both of tough economic times and trying to make ends meet," Granholm said. "To say what it is we're going to become ... we just can't retrench and get small, we've got to be bold and come out swinging because we're never going to emerge



PHOTO COURTESY OF SEMCOG

Gov. Jennifer Granholm spoke about the situation in Lansing at a SEMCOG meeting held Thursday at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

victorious if we're not innovative.

"Michigan citizens are feeling the brunt of this global shift in manufacturing jobs," she added, "and having a plan and an aggressive strategy and working that plan ... and giving people some benchmarks so they know that progress is being made is important."

Granholm said presidential candidates need to take notice of what's happening in Michigan as they seek the nation's highest elected office.

"Michigan is a precursor to what will happen in other states as technology moves and other states grapple with a shift in their economic sector to other parts of the world," Granholm said. "These candidates have got to have a strategy that allows us to invest in making our businesses competitive. Candidates who talk about trade, and battling to keep the playing field level as well as investing in our people, are the candidates Michigan citizens will listen to."

Granholm was critical of the recall efforts of nearly a dozen lawmakers who cast votes in favor of the recent income tax hike, including Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville).

"I think the representatives who cast tough votes to put our state on solid financial footing should not be recalled," Granholm said. "People need to understand these are the toughest votes of their careers, and they cast a vote to save Michigan, not to save themselves. They put themselves at risk, and I think anybody who came to the center in the bipartisan solution should be thanked and not recalled."

When asked if she specifically would help Coriveau in his efforts to avoid recall, Granholm said, "I'll help him in any way he needs help."

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# Bicyclist breaks into Canton church, steals collection box

Canton police are looking for a bicyclist that broke into a township church Oct. 18 and stole an undisclosed amount of money.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the thief was caught on video prying open the door at Christ the Good Shepherd, located at 42690 Cherry Hill just west of Lilley.

He apparently tried to access the building's

safe but ended up stealing money from a collection box.

Hours after the township theft, reports of two more church burglaries were reported in Westland. A witness reported spotting someone on a bicycle.

"Only money was taken," Pomorski said. "We have no idea who this person is."



Cindy Blake (from left), Sue Burt and Lon Kuehn search Sheldon Cemetery for areas that have markedly colder temperatures, which indicate the presence of ghosts.

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access temperatures and tap into the skills of their spirit medium, Keith Norton, 37, of Madison Heights.

During these experiences, Blake said she's heard whispers, been touched and had footsteps following her when she was the only person in the room.

"I've definitely been startled but I haven't been afraid," she said, adding that her favorite investigation took place at the Gettysburg battlefield. "There is so much activity there. We recorded gun shots. It's a privilege to witness something that can't be explained through normal means."

MGW, which has blossomed to include chapters in North Carolina, Ireland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, is planning a trip in the spring to a sanatorium in Kentucky.

"Those who believe will believe," said Blake, a former Plymouth resident. "For those who don't want to believe, there's nothing you can say to change their mind."

Lon Kuehn, 44, of Clinton Township has been with MGW for four years and said he had his first paranormal experience as a toddler.

"My grandfather was buried the day before my first birthday and I saw his ghost when I was 3 years old," he said. "It freaked out my mom."

Kuehn, who describes himself as a "techno geek," said he gets a thrill out of being in MGW because it's filled with "like-minded individuals that are proving to the world there's life after death."

As Blake, Norton, Kuehn and another group member, Sue Bert of Waterford, walked around the historic cemetery on Sheldon north of Michigan Avenue, they snapped and compared



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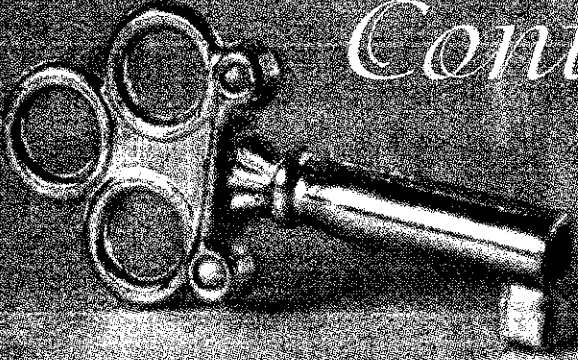
Cindy Blake of Canton notes the time that her voice recording begins. Keith Norton and Lon Kuehn take photographs and measure temperatures.

photographs.

"We haven't had a hand come up out of the ground," Blake laughed, while Norton chimed in, "That would be nice, though. We're hoping that happens."

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## "The Key" Contest



In her new book,

**"The Key: Celebrated People Unlock the Secrets to Life,"**

Blanchfield Hills-based author and award-winning photojournalist Linda Solomon writes about the turning point in people's lives.



The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is giving away 10 autographed copies of Solomon's book to readers who write about or show (in a photograph) their personal key to courage, strength, faith and hope.

To enter, submit a story (maximum 500 words), poem or photograph which describes courage, strength or faith in your battle with cancer.

Deadline to submit a story, poem or photograph is 5 p.m. Thursday, November 8, 2007.

One top entry will be selected for publication in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The names of all winners will be announced in the November 15, 2007 edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Only one entry per person will be accepted for judging.

All 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. Email all entries to Choya Jordan, marketing manager, at: [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com).

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. A portion of the proceeds from Solomon's book will benefit the fight against breast cancer.

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## Process begins as board starts superintendent search

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The official job posting for Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent is expected to be published in various publications this week, as the Board of Education seeks to find a replacement for Jim Ryan, who will retire Feb. 28. During the past week, hundreds of district stakeholders met with representatives of the search firm - Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd. - to help develop a profile for the next superintendent.

Patricia Kordick of Plymouth Township said it's important for the district to hire a superintendent who will motivate people and hold them accountable.

"To make sure things run smoothly in the district, according to district policy," said Kordick, who has a son attending Salem High School. "The person needs to be able to motivate people, not out of fear, but because the people want to make things better."

"This selection is very important because of the size of the district and so many areas of education we have, such as special education, college preparatory and vocation," she said. "This isn't going to be an easy job to find someone who is able to do all this."

For Kimberlyn Benjamin, who has five teenagers, the search for a new superintendent "is everything."

"We're such a big district that if we didn't do a national search we would miss out on some quality," Benjamin said. "When you have a beloved school superintendent like Jim, it's very hard to find someone comparable, and we'll have to go through a lot of people to do that."

"I think it's hard to find a communicator like Jim," she said. "He has that shirt sleeves feeling, he's comfortable in sitting down and hanging out with parents."

Randolph Tinder, a consultant associate for HYA, said the concerns of stakeholders in Plymouth-Canton aren't any different than those found in other school districts searching for a new superintendent.

"We're hearing the same issues about funding and finances that everybody recognizes, and we're hearing a certain level of anxiety about the new leader," Tinder said. "Those are exactly the same things we hear in every school district."

"This is a very high quality school district and you'll get some high quality candidates," he said.

Representatives of HYA will compile the results of their discussions with stakeholders, and are expected to present the profile assessment report to the Board of Education at the Nov. 27 meeting.

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## Workman gets grant to build schoolyard habitat

Workman Elementary School in Canton will soon have an outside classroom that will teach students about nature and also benefit the environment.

The new school, which opened this year, has received a grant from Wayne County to construct a schoolyard habitat on the school grounds.

The joint project between Canton Township, the county and the school district will include an upland meadow with environmentally positive features.

According to Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, Canton has completed the preliminary design work and the bulk of the project is scheduled to be constructed next year. Once completed, the habitat will include native vegetation, a gazebo with a living roof, an educational kiosk, and a bridge spanning a small creek.

The cost of the project is \$45,000. The county grant will cover half the cost, while the township and the school will pick up the other half.

The school will try to raise \$10,000 through various fund-raisers, according to Gillian Marceau, member of the Thomas Workman Oversight Committee, and a driving force behind the habitat project. She said the first step in her plan is to sell pieces for her blooming wall inside the school. Marceau has constructed an environmental mural where students, staff and parents can buy fish, frogs, rabbits, trees and shrubs to place on it.

"I want to get kids away from televisions, computers and video games and get them back outside to nature," said Marceau.

According to Workman Principal Jim Burt, the habitat will be used as an out-

door classroom to teach children about nature and their environment.

"This natural habitat will provide us with plenty of educational opportunities," said Burt. "Kids will have the ability to connect with nature and we are very excited about that."

Construction on the project will begin next year and is anticipated to be completed by the start of the 2008-2009 school year. Canton's Public Works Division will begin grading the project this winter. Bids for the gazebo will go out in April and planting of native Michigan plants and vegetation will take place in the spring.

"Canton is a leader in the area of environmental projects," said Heise. "Wayne County is thrilled to be a part of this project and we hope it will serve as motivation for other school districts to see the potential in partnering with local government."

## It's a date: MEAP retest is Nov. 7

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

They may have taken it once, but they'll be taking it again.

That's the word from the state Department of Education which has decided that fifth- and sixth-graders across the state will take — or retake, in some cases — the MEAP writing test on the same day, Nov. 7.

The decision follows what state school officials labeled a "security breach" of the fifth- and sixth-grade reading prompts, following an article that appeared in the *Jackson Citizen Patriot* newspaper earlier this month.

"They're trying to cut down the exposure to another breach," Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "We had already tested

out fifth- and sixth-graders when this happened. It's going to be tough to keep the students motivated."

"All we can do is keep moving forward, do what we need to do," said Agnes Kubrak, Wayne-Westland's senior executive director for instruction. "All we can say is OK and let's move on."

State officials decided to call for statewide retesting after hearing from the U.S. Department of Education that failing to test all fifth- and sixth-graders using a replacement prompt could threaten the validity of the writing scores. Federal officials had indicated there was a risk that all schools in Michigan with fifth- and sixth-graders would not make adequate yearly progress, if there was no retesting.

"We realize that this could disrupt some school activities, but in this age of technology — with text messaging, blogging, and MySpace that kids use

every day — we now have to resort to these additional security measures," Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan said.

The flap occurred when a reporter interviewed students who had completed the writing test. During the course of the interview, the reporter heard a student correct the teacher about the subject matter for each grade level and included the information in his story.

Initially, the state announced that 260,000 fifth- and sixth-graders would take the test between Nov. 5-13, but that was changed to all students taking the test in the morning on the same day. Students who are absent during the school testing time may be given the replacement writing prompt at any subsequent time during the remainder of the one-week testing window.

"We know that this is an unfortunate consequence of a newspaper's revealing in a

news article what those writing prompts were," Flanagan said. "However, we have to be certain that we do everything necessary to be fair to all students; protect the integrity of the MEAP tests; and not put schools at risk of not making AYP."

More than 1,800 fifth- and sixth-graders will be retested in Wayne-Westland. The district brought in MEAP support for the original testing and may do so again, according to Kubrak, who pointed out that the retesting will take students away from their learning and staff away from the things they do to support that process.

"The staff is trying to keep them motivated and keep their spirits up," she said. "I hope this retest doesn't affect their motivation and the test scores. I know the staff is trying very hard, but this certainly isn't a good situation."

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Modern chiropractic care has a lot to offer headache sufferers. Headaches have many causes, or "triggers." These may include foods, environmental stimuli (noises, lights, stress, etc.) and/or behaviors (insomnia, excessive exercise, blood sugar changes, etc.). Aspirin and other medications relieve the pain of tension headaches, migraines and cluster headaches without correcting the underlying causes. Drugs, on the other hand are designed to mask the pain.

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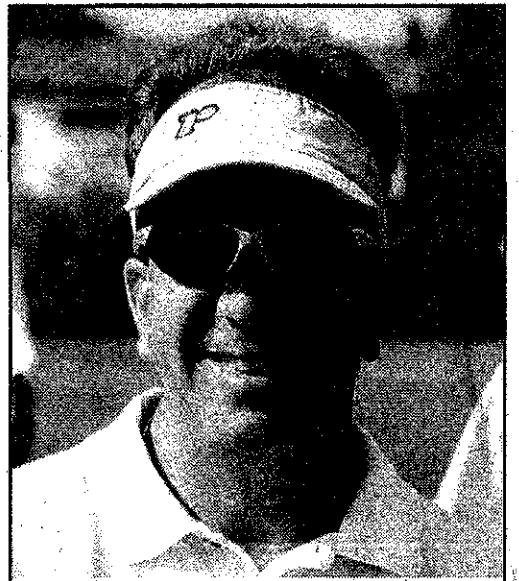
- \* If you spend a large amount of time in one fixed position, such as in front of a computer, on a sewing machine, typing or reading, take a break and stretch every 30 minutes to one hour. The stretches should take your head and neck through a comfortable range of motion.

- \* Low-impact exercise may help relieve the pain associated with primary headaches. However, if you are prone to dull, throbbing headaches, avoid heavy exercise. Engage in such activities as walking and low-impact aerobics.

- \* Avoid teeth clenching. The upper teeth should never touch the lowers, except when swallowing. This results in stress at the temporomandibular joints (TMJ) — the two joints that connect your jaw to your skull — leading to TMJ irritation and a form of tension headaches.

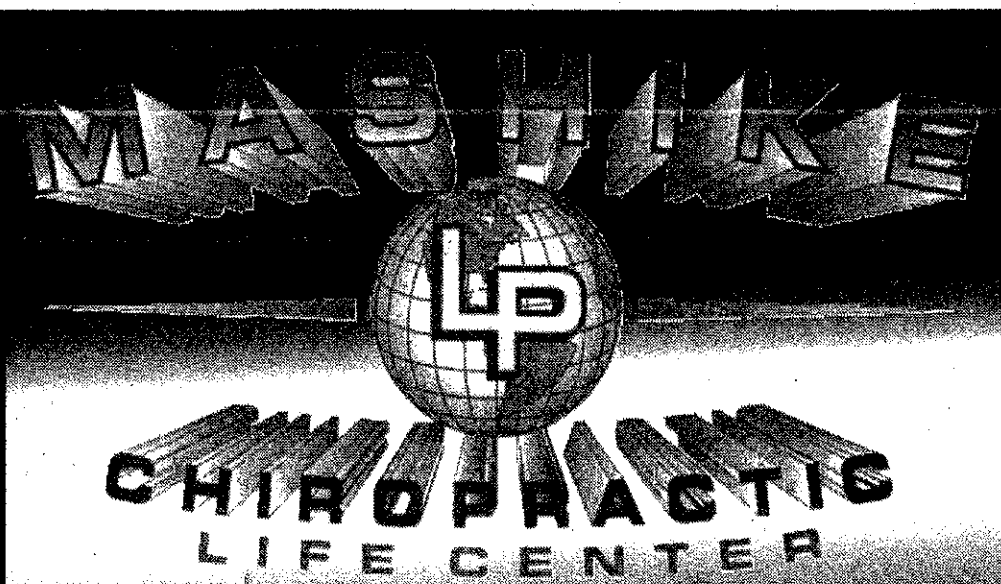
- \* Drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day to help avoid dehydration, which can lead to headaches.

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*I suffered with headaches/migraines for over 20 years. I experienced several headaches each week and at least one migraine per month. The migraines would force me to lie in bed with an ice pack on my head, feeling nauseous and taking several medications to ease the pain. Since becoming a patient of Dr. Mashike and receiving adjustments to correct my subluxation, I am no longer on medication. I am happy to share that I have experienced only one migraine in the last two years. When I feel a headache coming on I see Dr. Mashike for treatment and relief.*

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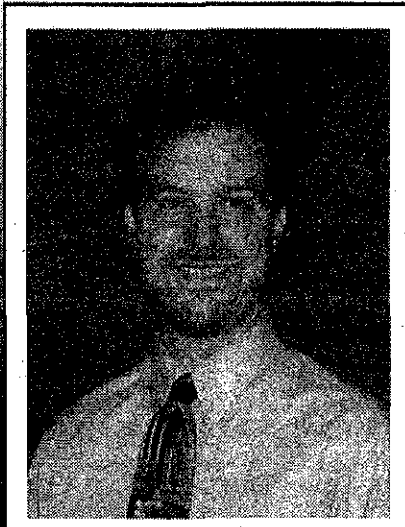


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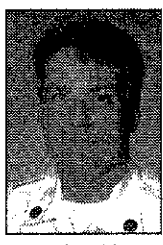
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## Take precautions for a safe Halloween

The rustle of leaves under your feet, the autumn chill in the air, and decorations being put out that look like skeletons, witches and various grimaces on the faces of jack-o'-lanterns remind me of my favorite time of year and the celebration of Halloween.

While the trick-or-treating that we have become accustomed to didn't really take off until the 1930s, many children love to dress up in costume and collect treats on the evening of Oct. 31. The least we, as adults, can do is to make sure they are safe while doing it.

If you are expecting to invite children to your door, start by cleaning up your yard, so children won't trip over hoses, branches or slippery leaves. Put unused tools away and make sure your house lights will light the way for children to come to your house. If you must drive on Halloween, use extra cau-



Tom Kiurski

tion, especially in neighborhoods where children have their minds on treats more than on watching for cars. Turn house lights on to welcome children, and do not ask them into your home.

Candles look nice when controlled, but the risks may be too great. Consider a trip to your local Halloween store to check out the many options for lighting pumpkins. They have small strobe lights, color-changing lights and I even lit up a jack-o'-lantern with a glow stick last year and it looked great!

If you have children who will be trick-or-treating on Halloween, try their costumes on well before Halloween so that you can add reflective tape,

take up hems and make sure there is plenty of makeup for the big night. Makeup is recommended for the face over masks due to the peripheral visibility limitations of putting a mask on. Costumes should be plainly marked as flame-resistant or flame-retardant, and it shouldn't drag on the ground. Have children practice the "Stop, Drop and Roll" procedure in case their clothing and/or costume catches fire. Just because you may not use candles to light your jack-o'-lanterns doesn't mean that your neighbors do not.

Children should only travel in familiar areas and along an established route with a group of friends. Flashlights, glow sticks and reflective trim are a must, and a cell phone may be useful for children who are old enough to have them. Small children should always be accompanied by an adult and make sure they have their name and address

pinned somewhere onto their clothing in case they do get separated from the group.

I am a huge fan of cell phones during Halloween. It allows parents to let kids go out with friends as long as they know they are close and who they are with. Make sure cell phone batteries are fully charged, and that you are pre-programmed into the cell phone for one-button calling.

Give your children a meal before they head out for the evening. A full stomach will make children less likely to grab treats until they can get home and have an adult inspect them prior to consumption. Any unwrapped candy or food items should be discarded. Don't give candy to pets, and any unwanted candy will certainly be welcomed at your nearest fire station!

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter

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## Sheriff receives federal grant for marine equipment

In 2004, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and Detroit Wayne County Port Authority began working together to apply for federal homeland security grants, only 5 percent of which typically reach Great Lakes ports.

However, since the partnership was formed, the Port Authority has been awarded more than \$3 million in marine grants, at least half of which has been allocated to the Sheriff's Marine Unit to purchase new boats and equipment, according to the Sheriff's department.

Sheriff Warren Evans recently received word of a new \$450,000 allocation and is just weeks away from putting out bids for more than \$1 million in new marine unit equipment, including four new vessels, new motors for its existing boats, night vision technology and new and improved equipment for the Marine Unit's Dive Team and Special Response Team, including 40 gas masks.

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# Canton plans a 'spooktacular' good time

Canton officials have a couple events planned this week to coincide with Halloween. On Tuesday, the township will host the 6th annual Trick or Treat Parade. The event, which runs from 3:30-6 p.m., will be open to Canton residents ages 10 and under, who will get a chance to collect treats as they make their way through the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Each room on the Summit's path is decorated with a theme and will include

some popular characters for the kids to meet. Costumed children can follow the path from room to room filling their bags with surprises and goodies. There is no admission for the event, but a suggested donation of \$5 per family will be greatly appreciated. The parade will begin at the Recreation/Facilities entrance on the west side of the building. Canton officials tout this as a safe and fun alternative to trick-or-treating. Parents

are encouraged to bring their cameras. This is traditionally a very busy event, so carpooling with friends and neighbors is appreciated and encouraged. Overflow parking will be available in the Summit's east parking lot. For more information on the 6th Annual Trick or Treat Parade, please visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460. The township's other Halloween event is for a bit of

an older audience, as the Senior Center will host Halloween Bingo on Wednesday, from 1-4 p.m. in the Maple/Oak Rooms of Summit on the Park. Area seniors are encouraged to attend in costume. Admission is free for those wearing a costume and just \$1 for those who choose not to dress up. Prizes will include half of what was bet in each game. For more additional information on this Halloween event, contact the Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Cash or candy

Canton dentist J.D. Robison was featured in Thursday's Observer. He is offering trick or treaters an options this Halloween. His Robison Dental Group is allowing children to drop off their excess sweets on Nov. 1 from 3:30-6 p.m. at its Canton Center Road offices in exchange for \$1 per pound. However, his address and contact information were cut from Thursday's story. Here they are: Robison Dental Group, 8504 N. Canton Center Road; (734) 453-6320; www.RobisonDentalGroup.com. All candy must be unopened.

## WJLB's Coco inspires Redford woman

Ebony Bell of Redford Township got a chance to lunch with the woman who inspired her "to be happy with myself." Bell won The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Buddy's Pizza "Dining With the Stars" contest featuring CoCo of WJLB-FM.

Bell and her husband, James Maloy, are the parents of three children ages 1 to 16. A stay-at-home mom, Bell was treated to a limo ride courtesy of All Class Transportation & Limousine Services, make-over from Beauty Salon by J. Lyle Lmt, featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick; \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Bloomfield Hills.

"Coco was so sweet I felt like I had known her for years" said Bell, who had lunch with CoCo at the original Buddy's on Six Mile Road in Detroit.

Bell was among five finalists in the August competition.

In her winning entry Bell wrote about how she "used every diet known to man to try and lose weight. One day I tried to give up the diets and give up on life... until I heard CoCo on the radio."

CoCo was talking about how television and some people promote diets and thin "even if it kills us," wrote Bell.

Bell suffered a heart attack in April 2002 - the result of dieting and stress. She credits

CoCo's inspiration to be happy with who you are as the turning point in her life.

"I had never seen Coco in person before but I started to see pictures of her and I said she looks so happy. I said I want to be happy too. I want to live and be happy."

"I started going to the doctor, found out I had diabetes and if I didn't lose the weight I was going to die."

"I made up in my mind that I didn't want to be thin but I want to live and take care of my kids."

"I listen to CoCo in the morning to start my day... I just want to thank her for being an inspiration to a lot of women."

"To me I am beautiful and my children let me know that every day," wrote Bell.

Bell, who weighed more than 300 pounds has lost 100 pounds.

"I really feel good about myself - thanks a million Coco."

Coco of "The Coco, Foolish & Mr. Chase in the Morning Show," airs weekdays from 6-10 a.m. on FM98 WJLB.

Buddy's donated \$500 to the Detroit Recovery Project, the charity of Coco's choice which supports individuals in identifying and resolving barriers to achieving a healthy and productive drug-free lifestyle.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for "Dining With the Stars" and selects the top four to five "fan" letters. The stars featured for the month make the final selection.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ebony Bell of Redford, enjoyed lunch with WJLB's Coco at the original Buddy's in Detroit.

## Win a chance to dine with Florine Mark

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Florine Mark of Weight Watchers. Mark is known throughout metro Detroit as a successful businesswoman and philanthropist.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you would like to have lunch or dinner with Florine Mark at Buddy's Pizza.

Mark has a "healthy" pizza named after her on the Buddy's menu. It's "The Florine Mark Pizza" with brick/fat-free cheese blend, spinach, mushrooms, diced tomatoes, garlic and black olives.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.

com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of All Class Transportation, make-over by Utopia Salon & Spa on Main Street in Northville (hair by Sebastian and makeup by ILSE), a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills. No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top "fan" letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.

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# Woman robbed at gunpoint outside Outback Steakhouse

A 23-year-old Canton woman was robbed at gunpoint Monday night as she prepared to leave her job at Outback Steakhouse on Ford Road.

The woman reported that she exited the eatery at around 10:30 p.m. and left her driver's side door open for a few moments while she placed her personal belongings on the passenger-side floor. When she went to close her door, a man said "Give me your (expletive) purse."

The woman reported that she asked the man "Are you serious?" and he pointed a gun at her head and said "Yes, I'm serious." The woman then handed over her bag and the man ran about 100 yard east to a waiting vehicle.

The woman said she heard another man yell "What the (expletive) are you doing?" to the man who robbed her and then they drove away. The

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woman then went back inside the restaurant and police were called to the scene.

An officer spoke with an employee of a nearby business who recognized the description of the robber and stated that a woman had been driving the two men around. The man reported that the three had been hanging around his establishment that day but never came inside.

The woman, who had cash and a cell phone inside her bag, reported that the purse was valued at \$400.

## Vandals destroy fence

Vandals have damaged the fence of homeowners on the 40000 block of Hartford Court.

A township woman, 37, told

police that her husband noticed their fence had been destroyed Tuesday.

When an officer arrived at the home, they noted that several portions of the wooden fence were lying on the ground. The woman also told police that some of her neighbors had also experienced some property damage recently.

## Teen draws officer's suspicion

An officer's suspicions of a 17-year-old boy were raised Monday after the teen made several trips to the BP Gas Station located at Ford and Haggerty roads.

The officer, who had been watching activity at the station, first spotted the teen after he arrived on a bicycle and began talking to a customer parked in the fire lane.

Soon afterward, the car drove away and then boy also left.

Within 30 minutes, the boy returned to the station and began talking to other customers. The officer then approached the teenager and asked his name. The boy identified himself and said that he often comes to the gas station for pop and water.

The officer questioned the store clerk who admitted that the boy was his "No. 1" customer and comes to gas station six times during his shift. The employee said the teen "knows everyone" because he makes it a point to chat with other customers.

## Date steals teen's cell phone

A Dexter man has been accused of taking a Plymouth

Township teen's cell phone and harassing her.

The cell phone owner, a 19-year-old woman, told police Wednesday that she and another woman, also 19, met two men at Emagine Theater in Canton last month and at some point the Dexter man, 22, asked to use her phone.

As days passed, the woman forgot she gave the man her phone and thought she had misplaced it.

It wasn't until she asked her friend about it did the woman realize the Dexter man still had it.

The woman told police she called her phone Wednesday and the man answered and

told her she could drive to his house and get the phone. At some point in their conversation, the man became angry and vulgar.

He later told the woman he sold her phone and that it was in Texas.

When Canton police contacted the man, they noted that he sounded intoxicated and he later admitted that he couldn't drive to the police station because he was drunk.

The man told the officer he had the woman's phone and that he would return it to her Thursday.

Tiffany L. Parks

# Wayne-Westland wins accounting awards 8 years running

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board Trustee Steve Becher couldn't resist asking Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin if he had enough wall space to hang up two new accounting awards.

Martin, who head up the district's administrative and business service, didn't say yes and he didn't say no.

"These are for the district," Martin said.

The awards were the Excellence in Financing Award from the Government Finance Officers Association and a Certificate of Excellence from the Association of School Business Officials. This is the eighth consecutive year Wayne-Westland school district has

received the recognition for its financial accounting practices.

"It's the highest recognition a school district can get for financial reporting," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "It's one of the most comprehensive reporting packages. I'm proud of what the finance department has done and everything Gary brings to the department."

Baracy announced the awards at the school board meeting Monday evening. The awards recognize the work done on the 88-page Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The report was for 2005-06 and was judged for correctness and completeness according to national standards.

The certificate of excellence is the highest award school dis-

trict financial operations can receive from the ASBO. It is given to districts that have met or exceeded the standards for the program.

The GFOA certificate of achievement of excellence also is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"This is the highest recognition a school district can get for financial reporting," Baracy said.

Martin shared the accolades with members of his department, telling the board that Linda Kempton, the senior executive director for business and operations, and executive secretary Sue Rawson "were the chief architects of the financial report."

"I think the board, the

citizens, parents, students and staff deserve to have an accounting \$118 million in spending," Martin said.

Board members were quick to offer praise.

"I say congratulations for eight years," board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger said. "Yours is a great team."

Echoing sentiments expressed in previous years, Trustee Ed Turner pointed out that "your department is the only department I know that can spend 10 cents and get 15 cents in change."

Residents can review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at the school district's Web site at www.wwcsd.net.

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## DOGS

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dog's small faces, the township woman said she's always taken lots of photographs and videos of the dogs and was posting the material on YouTube.com when she was contacted by a Worldwide Fido representative.

"The Web site is new and I really hope it takes off," she said. "It's such a nice place for dog lovers."

Hallie Goldfarb of Dan Klores Communications called the Web site a mixture of American Idol and the Westminster Dog Show. The site offers a video of the day, dog horoscopes, news stories and dozens of additional video clips.

In addition to the online contests, Worldwide Fido has another component to its site called Adopt Me. The section allows shelters to upload videos of dogs in need of a home.

As prizes for Augustus and Tiberius winning three contests, Worldwide Fido sent the Birds three gift packs including a T-shirt, personalized silver dog tag, collar and a silver dog bowl inside of a gold crown. They also received three gift certificates worth \$50 in "Fido bucks."

"I've told so many people about the site," Donna Bird said. "I think it's a really great idea."

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# Coats for a cure

Fashion show helps show how arts help heal

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Kay Warnke shared her story of breast cancer survival, and told an audience of some 85 people at the Plymouth Community Arts Council last week how important the art of creating, sewing and designing has helped her own healing process.

Now the PCAC will offer programs to help others find the same therapy. PCAC executive director Paula Gangopadhyay detailed some of the programs at the PCAC's special healing arts program for breast cancer survivors and supporters, part of the center's observance of Breast Cancer month.

"Arts have the subtle power of soothing and healing one's minds," Gangopadhyay said. "We want to offer the power of

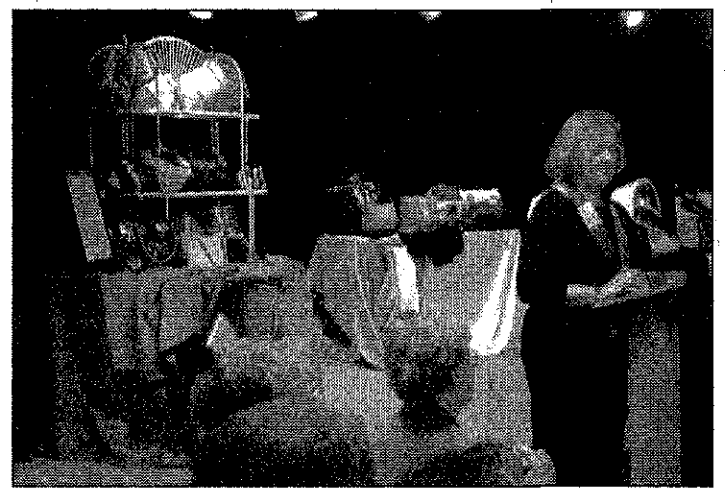


Patti Perez, Colleen Soenen and Jo Swerc look at the stylish totes created by Kay Warnke at the Breast Cancer Special Fashion Show and Sale event hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Art Self-Expression to Breast Cancer survivors as part of our healing Arts program."

She said PCAC programs will include a Therapeutic Arts program for those who want to explore the combined benefits of therapy and art. A second program, Art Self-Expression will be for those who simply want to immerse themselves in various artistic expressions such as pottery, drawing/painting, yoga and sculpture as a self-healing/relaxation process. The latter will be a self-paced program facilitated and taught by PCAC's resident artists in a casual setting, she said.

As part of Wednesday's program, models displayed coats designed by Warnke as part of a fashion show, "Coat and Totes for a Cure," which showcased Warnke's elegant and colorful jackets with matching tote bags.



Kay Warnke, designer of Coats and Totes for a Cure, shares her personal story as a Breast Cancer Survivor at the special "Healing Arts" event hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"The people had a lot of fun," Gangopadhyay said. "They told me they want more programs like these."

For more information on

PCAC programs, call (734) 416-4278.

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## Mark Maze returns to the Village Theater

The Comedy and Magic of Mark Maze is returning on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Maze has been performing his comedy, sleight of hand, and magic illusions for many years and has been the featured performer at comedy clubs and events around the country. His shows are high energy and always involve members of the audience, so you never know what may happen. Mark will also be bringing Vegas style entertainment to the Village Theater with a few large stage illusions. Be sure to get your tickets early for this popular show. Tickets are \$15 general admission. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. A cash bar will be available. For tickets and information call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater).

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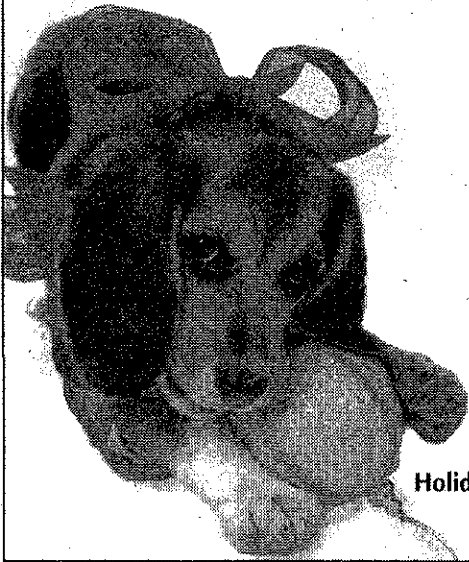
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## Avoid investing in life insurance policies on terminally ill individuals

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**A:** I am not a fan of viaticals.



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In theory, it is a win-win for both sides of the transaction. The contract allows the terminally ill individual to sell the policy and use the proceeds for whatever purpose they desire. Of course, they could always cash out the life insurance policy and receive the cash surrender value, but in theory by selling the policy they receive a greater amount than the cash surrender value.

The investor, upon the terminally ill individual's death, would receive the full face value of the policy. So if the individual passed on when expected, the investor could make a fair rate of return. However, in the real world other issues/problems develop when investing in viatical contracts.

The value of the contract is based upon a terminally ill individual's death. If he/she survives longer than expected, the investor's rate of return reduces dramatically. Not only do they have to wait longer to receive the face value of the insurance policy, but the new owner of the policy has to continue to make premium payments. This will substantially reduce the rate of return to an investor.

Another issue is the fraud that has been committed on both sides of the transaction — selling the same policy to more than one investor and undervaluing the policy.

I choose to avoid viaticals as an investment and I recommend you do the same.

**Q: Dear Rick:** At the beginning of

the year, I set up a flexible spending account through my job. I have not spent any of the money and one of my fellow workers told me that unless I spend it before the end of the year, I lose it. Is that true?

**A:** Unfortunately, with few exceptions, that's the rule.

A few years ago, the Department of Treasury revised some regulations and allowed employers to extend the time to use flexible spending accounts for another two and a half months after the end of the year. This was not a mandatory change, but rather one that is optional and so some companies have extended the deadline. Ask your employer for the deadline and if they have not extended the deadline, you should encourage them to do so.

I am a fan of the flexible spending account. It allows you to use pre-taxed dollars to pay for certain expenses. When you use pre-tax dollars, it's like the government is subsidizing your expenses.

The majority of people use a flexible spending account for medical expenses.

Most people believe that flexible spending accounts are used to cover deductible and co-payments, however, they are more flexible. You can use your flex spending dollars for prescription sunglasses, a doctor approved weight-loss program or even laser eye procedures. Most flexible spending plans are very flexible, which is why I recommend them. However, you should only fund your flexible spending account with money you will use. The downside of these programs is the use-it-or-lose-it feature.

As we get closer to the end of the year, if you have money in your flex account, make sure you use it. Whether it's for a dental visit or laser eye surgery, the bottom line is it's your money.

Unless you use it, you lose it.

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## Giving back

The Girl Scouts from Workman Elementary School in Canton got together on Sunday, Oct. 14 to weed Cherry Plaza on Cherry Hill just West of Canton Center. The Girl Scouts did this to help offset the cost of having Olympian Tae Kwon Do (whose new location is in the plaza) teach a self-defense workshop to the 130 Girl Scouts at their Fall Kick-off event. Professor Covert, Owner of Olympian Tae Kwon Do, gave the Girl Scouts a bargain workshop price because of their much needed community service. "We were happy to do it," said Troop Services Director Melissa Sawyer. "It just so happened that in the same strip mall was another Workman Girl Scout Sponsor - Irie Caribbean Restaurant, which donated catering for our Daddy Daughter Luau last year. So we were able to do something good in our community while supporting two Canton businesses that supported us. I think we all benefited from the experience." A total of 54 Girl Scouts came out with their parents and filled 12 lawn bags with weeds.

## All rise: Madonna's gym floor getting replaced

Workers began ripping up Madonna University's basketball court — the original flooring that was installed when the campus' activities building was built in 1975 — this week.

The emergency floor replacement was prompted by a malfunction in the boiler room, located adjacent to the gymnasium, that caused a flood on the floor. The subsequent water damage left the gym floor unplayable.

The work of replacing the floor, which is covered by insurance, is being handled by crews from Varsity Flooring of St. Clair Shores. They're working two shifts, 16 hours a day, seven days a week, to get it done in time for competition by Nov. 16.

In the meantime, according to Athletic Director Bryan Rizzo, volleyball and basketball teams will be practicing at more than a half dozen different gyms across the Livonia and Redford area. One men's basketball game and a volleyball tournament were shifted to accommodate the replacement.

The university isn't just dumping its historic wooden planks into the trash. Rizzo said. The athletic department will make some of the pieces available for sale as keepsakes to former players or coaches through its Web site, <http://ww3.madonna.edu/crusaders/>.

Madonna University's floor had been sanded and restained regularly over the



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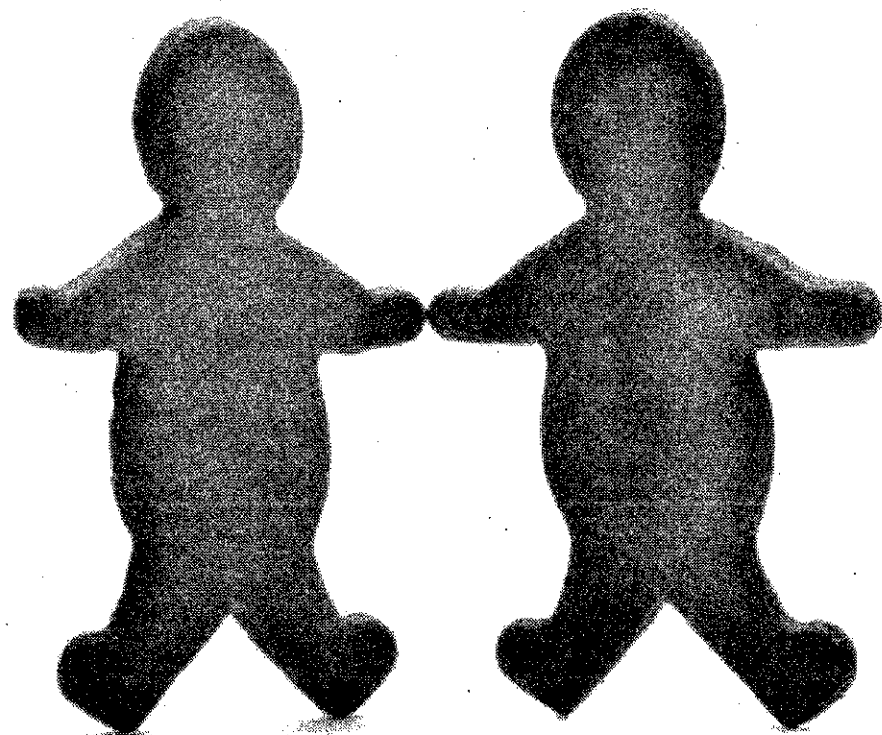
Work crews tear up the wooden gymnasium floor this week at Madonna University.

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Crusader emblem on the center court.

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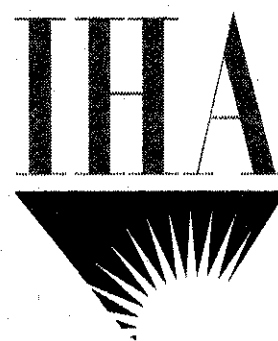
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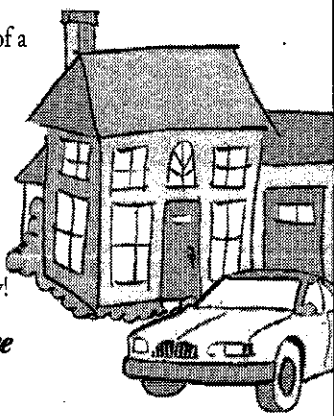


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## Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

For most of us, activities like reading, knitting, driving or playing cards seem like simple tasks, but for those who don't see well, these tasks can be difficult or even impossible. People with visual limitations from conditions like glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts or macular degeneration are said to have low vision.

However for many of these people, Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers they have been seeking.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from these types of eye diseases. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"Many people are told by their doctor that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit specially designed devices to help patients meet their personal visual goals."

Many patients seeking to help themselves end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

"Mostly, telescopic glasses focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery" the doctor said, "but they can be set up for closer tasks as well."

"They can even help with driving" the doctor explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles Willim age 81 of Taylor MI came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer age 70 of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision was 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes are another way to help make reading a little easier. There are as many low vision devices as there are various

Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

activities. Dr. Smith also counsels his patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to safeguard the vision from getting worse.

Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "My objective is to help each patient do what matters most to them. Whatever the goal, I try to match it with a device to meet that need. People really improve their quality of life and independence."

If you or someone you know is struggling to do the things they love because of severe vision problems, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at **1-877-677-2020**

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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OUR VIEWS

## WCCC mailer at school board election violates informational spirit

Information is the right word for the reaction to a Wayne County Community College mailer that is trying to sell voters a tax renewal that goes before the school board on Nov. 6.

I strongly agree with Redford Township Clerk Garth Christie's assessment that the mailer clearly looks to be an attempt to use public money to campaign for the tax renewal. We support his challenge to the legality of the item.

That kind of mailer, with its "Top Reasons Why We Should Support" list, isn't illegal, it should be.

The spokeswoman for the college says her attorneys checked it out and found it to be legal. After all, WCCC has a public obligation to provide information so that people can make up their minds according to spokeswoman Tina ... "It does not tell people how to vote."

It may be a technicality. However, the question of "why we should support" seems to cross the line from informational endorsement. "Support" quite simply means the same thing as "vote" even though it doesn't precisely say so. It's a mighty thin hair to split. The mailer is somehow ruled legal, and lawmakers need to follow up to close the loophole in the state's campaign law.

Even if we agree that a public entity should be able to provide information to the public about facts facing the community, state law should prevent such attempts to spend taxpayer money to promote a tax renewal. In the absence of a judgment must be made based on the spirit of the "informational" item and the timing of when it's sent, not the specific words "vote yes" or "no" are included. If there's a group trying to promote "support," it should be done with private funds, not public.

Those of us who care to notice, the types of mailers that violate the letter of the law but not its spirit erode confidence in our electoral system.

## Worth the savings?

The backers of the move to change school board elections to presidential election years are too strident and too sure. Their mantra "it's a no-brainer" shows disrespect for others holding different views. The only way this is a "no-brainer" is if you choose not to use your brain and blindly follow slogans.

If we are going to make such a change, we owe it to ourselves and our community to be honest about what we are doing.

Two main arguments are put forth by supporters of the election date change: It will save money (an estimated \$50,000 per year) and more people will vote for school board. Both these statements are true but they are not the whole story.

Regarding the savings, \$50,000 is a nice sum but it will have little impact on the annual district budget. Obviously savings are desirable; but at what price? What can we expect to happen if school board elections are on the presidential ballot instead of on a special election ballot? Is the change worth the savings?

Voter turnout (while abysmally low overall) is highest at the presidential elections; so, one thing that will happen is more people will vote for school board. But, change won't stop there. The entire nature of the school board election and, ultimately, how we choose to run our schools will change as well.

I have run and observed numerous school board campaigns in this community. The current system rewards candidates with local support. Neighbor-to-neighbor campaigns, community networking, and booster club support can impact the results of a school board election now.

While it is possible to win a school board seat without the endorsement of the local teachers union, it is very difficult. The teachers' endorsement is a big factor in the current system. Campaign costs vary but a successful campaign can be waged for \$1,000 to \$3,000 and some school board seats were won for less than that. Moving school board elections to presidential years erases all that. Here is what a school board candidate can expect under the proposed change.

Local support won't matter. The effect of neighbors, community groups, booster clubs and teachers union is overwhelmed by the size of the electorate. The effects of party-line voting will be greater than local support. The effect of people randomly picking names or voting for a particular gender or a name that catches their eye will overwhelm local support.

We will elect our school boards the same way we elect our judges; as an afterthought at the end of the presidential ballot.

Campaign costs will soar. To get a message out to the general public and gain any kind of name recognition in a presidential election year will cost a lot of money. The most likely source of that money and the exposure it buys will be the political parties. The corrupting influences of campaign finance, now foreign to our school board elections, will seep into the fabric of a campaign.

Local issues will be trumped by partisan litmus tests. A candidate's position on abortion, sex education and the teaching of creationism will be more important than their local roots if they wish to get support and funding. School board elections will be as partisan as the "nonpartisan" judicial races. A different kind of candidate will emerge. Currently, most school board candidates are local volunteers involved with the schools. Some have higher political ambition, but most do not. The rigors of campaigning in a presidential election year will deter volunteers but attract politicians. This change in the type of candidate will lead to changes in the school board itself.

Are these changes something we want? Is the \$50,000 savings really such a good deal? Or, asked another way, is our current system worth preserving? These are not "no-brainers." These are serious questions.

LETTERS

Local support won't matter. The effect of neighbors, community groups, booster clubs and teachers union is overwhelmed by the size of the electorate. The effects of party-line voting will be greater than local support. The effect of people randomly picking names or voting for a particular gender or a name that catches their eye will overwhelm local support.

This total increase of \$35 billion is approximately what we are spending, or more likely wasting, in Iraq in only three months time. Yet Rep. McCotter has voted consistently to fund the war in Iraq without any strings attached. We know now that billions of these dollars have disappeared, either being stolen by Iraqis or through enriching U.S. contractors.

Rep. McCotter makes a salary of about \$160,000 plus a generous benefit package which includes health care and a pension. Maybe this tax supported high income and comfortable lifestyle it provides him and his family has put him out of touch with the families with children who make less than \$40,000 per year. We seem to have an unlimited supply of money when it comes to making bombs or for the unprovoked military invasion of foreign countries, but we don't have enough money to guarantee that every child in the U.S. has health care insurance.

Maybe Rep. McCotter is afraid that this will open up the door to a national health care system as President Bush has warned. Well, I think that is great. Let's kick that door wide open and provide quality health care for all Americans regardless of income as all the industrialized countries of the world have done.

Thaddeus J. Hejka  
Canton

**Support kids, not Big Oil**  
The term 'socialized' is a term

used principally in the United States to describe a system which operates by means of government regulation and subsidies derived from taxation.

Bush and his supporting Republicans, including Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, recently blocked a national health care plan for children in the USA. In Iraq alone, our tax dollars have socially paid \$190-plus billion, and counting. Adjusting the official aid to 2001 dollars in purchasing power, Israel has been 'socially' given \$240 billion since 1973. In addition, the U.S. has socially given Egypt \$117 billion and Jordan \$22 billion in foreign aid in return for signing peace treaties with Israel. The United States signed an unprecedented \$30 billion 'socialized' military aid package with Israel in 2007. Israel is not required to spend this only on military - it can be used for schools, children in Israel, etc.

■ Power, natural gas, and oil producers now qualify for manufacturing tax deductions - these 'socialized' deductions will cost taxpayers \$76.5 billion from 2005-2014.

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■ Oil Company Tax Break, Title VII, Section 707 - 'socialized' cost to taxpayers: \$295 million.

■ Tax Breaks for oil refiners, Title III, Subtitle C, Sections 328-329 - 'socialized' cost to taxpayers: \$119 million

■ Home Depot gets its ceiling fan subsidy - 'socialized' cost to taxpayers: \$44 million in just three years.

I find it morally reprehensible that the Republicans in Congress and Bush have continued the institution of socialized war, occupation, Israeli funding, big oil, and corporations, but they lack any morality whatsoever to socialize the cost of making sure the children in the USA have healthcare.

It's too bad our children aren't rich, powerful lobbyists - but we are. Know who you are voting for next November. Demand every child in this country get healthcare. Put it on Israel, Exxon, and Home Depot's bill!

A. Hudak  
Canton

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Lawrence Berkove's own volume pulls together works from the late 19th century.

## Local man strike mother lode of Wild West tales

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER

Before retiring from the University of Michigan-DeARBORN, professor Lawrence Berkove taught English and American literature.

This past weekend in Nevada, however, the Southfield resident was recognized for his work on the Sagebrush School of Writers, 19th century authors who lived and wrote about the famous Comstock Lode that yielded \$400 million (as much as \$600 billion in today's dollars) in the last half of the 1800s.

"These guys were good writers," Berkove said last week as he prepared for the October meeting of the Western Literature Association.

While Berkove is extremely knowledgeable about Ambrose Bierce, Samuel L. Clemens, Bret Harte and I. DeQuille, perhaps the most well-known of the sagebrush writers, he is considered an expert on Sam Davis and other lesser known authors of the time.

"Larry has virtually singlehandedly recovered long-forgotten works from 19th century Nevada," said Cher Glotfelty, a faculty member at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

She was to present a paper — entitled *Daring Acts of Literary Recovery: Lawrence I. Berkove and the Sagebrush School* — at the association meeting.

While it's nice to be recognized, Berkove said his lifelong research has been rewarding in its own right. "All the work I've done (since the 1950s, as an assistant instructor at the University of Pennsylvania) has been demanding," he said, "but fascinating."

Among the most rewarding developments, he said, occurred in the 1990s when he interviewed the granddaughter of Sam Davis, who among other things was a newspaper writer in Nevada.

As part of an interview about her grandfather, Berkove recalled, he examined several original manuscripts. "I was about to leave," he said, "when she said, 'Don't you want to see the rest?'"

"Davis' granddaughter had an entire trunk of notes, personal letters and other (largely unpublished) material."

He spent months copying materials in that trunk, Berkove recalled. "And now I am the expert on Sam Davis," he said.

Gail Berkove, his wife and a psychologist in Southfield, said she has enjoyed her husband's research and life's avocation almost as much as he has. "He's like a detective," she said.

Berkove said retirement is rewarding. But he still enjoys working with students, as he did in the summer of 2003, when he taught summer school at Elmira College.

"I've always enjoyed teaching," he said.



Berkove's own volume pulls together works from the late 19th century.

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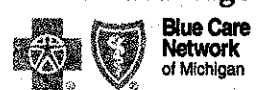
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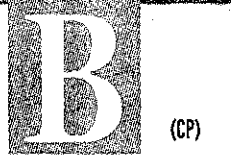
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## Livonia Stevenson 27, Plymouth 21

### Plymouth was scary good vs. Spartans

Remember the final heart-pounding 15 minutes of the very first "Halloween" movie when ultimate horror-movie bad guy Michael Myers gets pushed off the second-floor balcony by Jamie Lee Curtis's character, and he's lying there on the ground, all messed up and motionless?



Ed Wright

Remember how everyone in the movie theater let out a huge sigh of relief, assuming Jamie Lee was safe and the movie was as good as over?

And remember how Jamie Lee — with her nemesis clearly defeated on the lawn below — chilled out momentarily, only to discover that (cue the scary music) Michael had shaken off the 20-foot fall and was suddenly after her again, only this time with a renewed vengeance?

On Friday night — just five nights before the real Halloween — Plymouth's football team pulled a Michael Myers-like comeback against Livonia Stevenson, which, with all due respect to Jamie Lee Curtis, was a much tougher foe than the one Michael Myers was taking on.

#### Against the odds

Even though the Wildcats trailed the high-octane, No. 4-ranked Spartans 20-7 with less than four minutes to play and 27-14 with 54 seconds to play, they refused to go away.

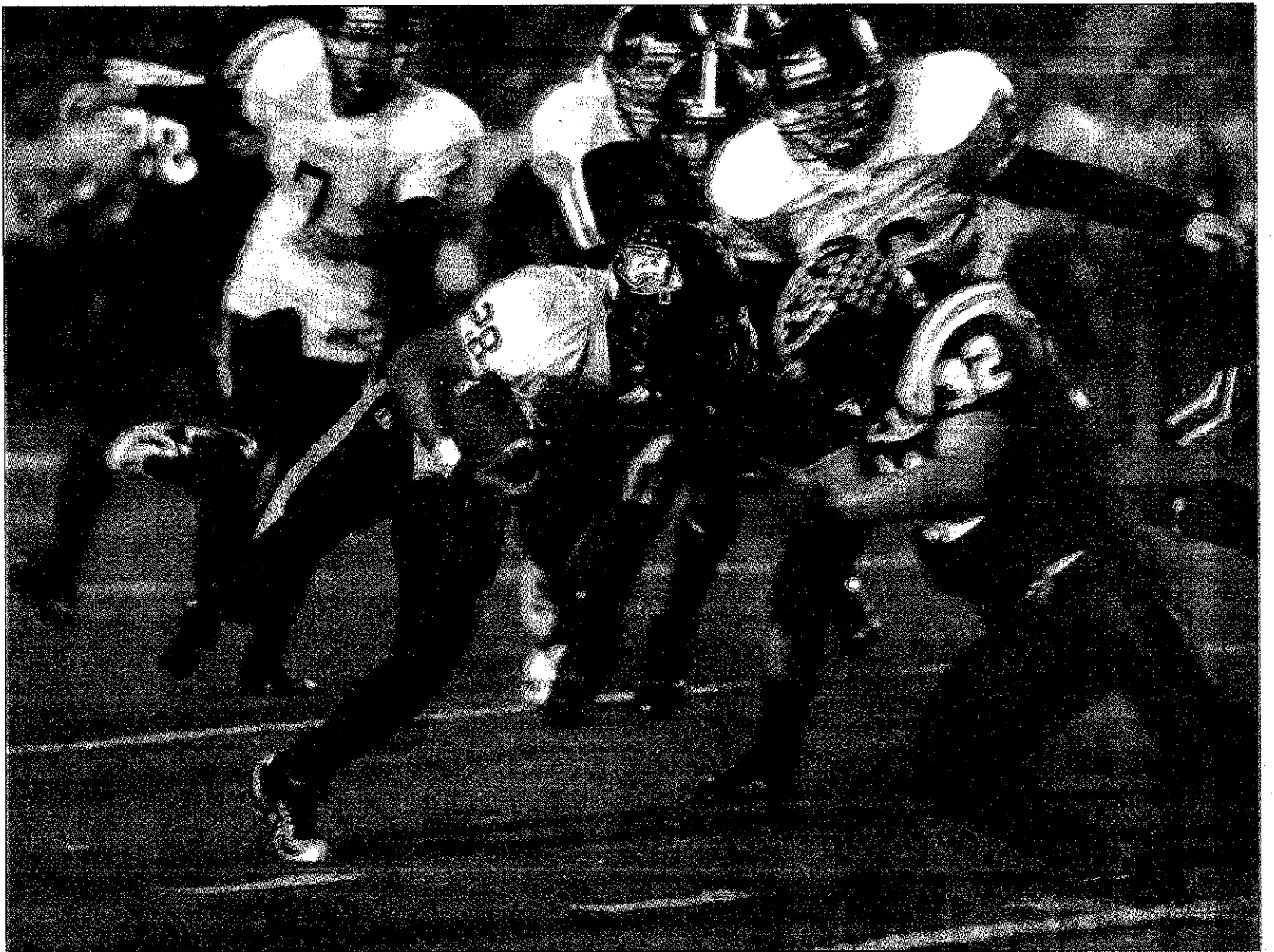
They refused to let the movie end. On two different occasions late in the game, I closed up my notepad and stuck it inside my coat, thinking a Stevenson victory was clearly in the books.

Just as quickly, I had to pull it back out in the wake of stunning Plymouth plays.

Armed with the resilience of a prize fighter who didn't want his ongoing fight to be his last, the Wildcats staged a comeback — no, make that two comebacks — that would double as fine Hollywood scripts.

They eventually succumbed to the

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Plymouth running back Myron Puryear butted heads with Stevenson's John Samann during the first quarter of Friday night's pre-district football game at Stevenson. Puryear gained 122 yards, but the Spartans prevailed, 27-21.

### 'Cats nearly upend No. 4 Spartans

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

In a game that was capped by four of the wild, drama-packed, comeback-filled minutes imaginable, unbeaten and No. 4-ranked Livonia Stevenson survived against never-say-die Plymouth Friday night.

Led by a junior back-up quarterback who's been chomping at the bit all season to show his stuff, and a defense that registered big plays when it absolutely had to, the Spartans perse-

vered against the Wildcats, 27-21, in a Division 1 pre-district contest played in mild, misty conditions.

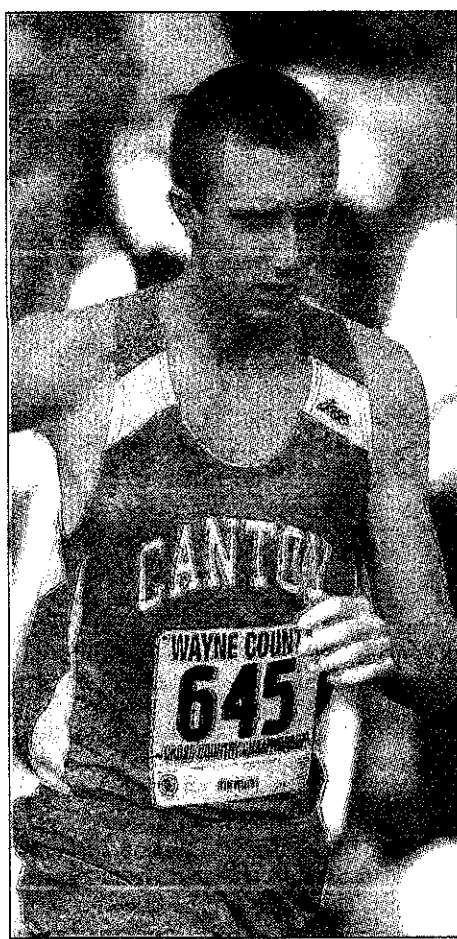
The 10-0 Spartans, whose most recent post-season victory came 13 years ago against Howell, will host Novi Friday night at 7 p.m. in a district final. Novi advanced with a 13-9 triumph over Livonia Churchill Friday night.

Plymouth closed out first-year head coach Mike Sawchuk's first season with a 6-4 record — and a serious dose of respect from those in attendance Friday night.

"I absolutely knew this was going to be a dogfight," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel. "I thought our kids played with a lot of pride tonight and I was happy with the way they hung in there."

"We've won a lot of games by wide margins this season and now we've had two games in a row in which the score has been close and we haven't panicked. We didn't close it out real well, but I think that's part of the learning process."

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### Hoerman's dedication puts him on path to success

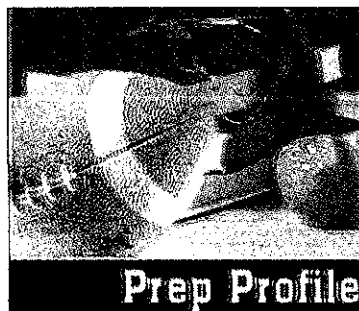
BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When Canton senior Derek Hoerman signed up to run for the Chiefs' cross-country team a few weeks prior to his freshman year, his intentions were motivated by hoop dreams.

"I wanted to play basketball at Canton," the 6-foot-1 Hoerman said, "so I ran cross country to get in shape for tryouts."

Hoerman's basketball plans never materialized, but three years later he has established himself as one of the school's top 20 all-time harriers — and quite possibly its all-time hardest working 5,000-meter runner, in the estimation of head coach Bill Boyd.

"We went over to Schoolcraft College yesterday to do a practice run for Saturday's Regional and Derek finished first," said Boyd, on Thursday. "It was typical Derek — he attacked the course,



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just like he attacks every practice. He's kind of quiet and not a big talker, but he's a great captain because of the way he leads by example. Derek never coasts."

#### Short on experience, long on effort

With little long-distance training on his resume, Hoerman's initial accomplishments were modest, but it wasn't due to a lack of effort. He struggled to break the 22-minute mark in the first couple of weeks. However, by the

time November rolled around, the lanky runner with the long strides had shaved his personal-best time to a respectable 18:21.

"To show you what kind of a captain Derek is, one of our freshmen was frustrated by how slow his times were earlier this week and he was complaining a little bit," Boyd said. "Derek spoke up and said, 'My times were way slower than that when I was a freshman.' He has a subtle way of building his teammates up."

#### Marked improvement

Due to a lack of depth and a stockpile of inexperienced young runners, the Chiefs struggled mightily during Hoerman's first two seasons, before they eventually showed signs of promise last fall.

This year, paced by Hoerman and some super-talented underclassmen, Canton is one of the area's most-feared squads, hav-

ing finished second behind only Northville at last week's 12-team WLAA Conference meet.

"To put things in perspective, our junior-varsity team this year probably could have beat our varsity team my freshman year," Hoerman offered.

Hoerman said the key to his steady improvement has been the strong commitment he's made to off-season workouts.

"The season goes by so fast, you have to train a lot in the off-season — especially in the summer — if you want to get better," he said. "This year, we started getting together the week after school got out. We probably had 15 guys who showed up regularly, plus we were lucky enough to have some great parents — like Mr. Spitz and Mr. Spreitzer — who volunteered to drive us to different parks, like Kensington and Maybury."

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## Canton wins division title

The Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division has a red glow to it following Canton's four-game victory over Livonia Franklin Wednesday night.

Thanks to their 25-16, 22-25, 25-13, 25-16 triumph over the Patriots, the Chiefs clinched first place in the division and carried a high seed into Saturday's WLAA Conference-tournament at Livonia Churchill.

"We had a really off night all four games," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "Our serve receive was very inconsistent and we looked slow and out of position on defense. Although we didn't play well physically, the girls mentally know what to do and where to put the ball, and that's what won us the game."

Sophomore Jordan Kietly led the winners with 13 kills and four aces.

Also shining were Marie Martin (nine kills and four blocks), Lauren McPartlin

(nine kills), Kacy Moran (eight kills and 16 digs), Hannah Mills (14 digs) and Gina Waite, who compiled nine digs.

The victory improved Canton's record to 27-10-1 overall and 9-1 in the division. The Chiefs finished one game ahead of defending champion Northville and two games ahead of Plymouth.

**PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0:** On Wednesday, the Wildcats closed out their regular-season schedule on a high note by sweeping the Zebras on Senior Night, 25-18, 25-15 and 25-12. The victory improved the winners' record to 21-8-5 overall and 7-3 in the WLAA's Western Division.

The Wildcats' five seniors all turned in stellar efforts: Rachel Heaton (10 kills and 10 digs), Kate Spangler (28 assists, four digs), Lindsay Jewett (nine digs), Ashley Becszko (six kills and four digs) and Ashley Shaffer (four digs).

## WRIGHT

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Spartans, 27-21, but not without a gladiator-caliber battle.

The finishing touches on the late-game rally were fueled by senior back-up quarterback C.J. Gregory, who after standing in a steady drizzle for close to two hours, engineered a pair of late TD drives with Joe Montana-like flair after getting inserted into the game with just over eight minutes left.

### Myron's 'The Man'

The Wildcats' main offensive weapon on Friday night — and throughout most of their success-filled season — was senior running back Myron Puryear, who played his final high school football game Friday night, but I'm guessing not his final football game.

Puryear's combination of speed, agility and toughness should allow him the opportunity to play at the next level.

On one dazzling run against the Spartans, Myron only gained two yards, but he must have made seven of the 11 Stevenson defenders miss tackles.

Led by Kyle Wallath, Connor Martin, Jackson Vaughn and Darrell Cohn, the Wildcats' hard-hitting defense kept Plymouth in the game by forcing the Spartans into four three-and-outs in the pivotal second half.

Nobody likes their season to end, but the Wildcats can hold their heads high with the way they delayed the final curtain's descent until the absolute final minute.

And, like Michael Myers in Halloween II, they'll be back next year — with a vengeance.

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Jernarian Caldwell looks for running room during Friday night's game against Stevenson.

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## HOERMAN

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### Close-knit crew

Hoerman credited much of the Chiefs' success to the fact that they're tight away from team get-togethers.

"A lot of the guys hang out outside of practice," said Hoerman. "The big thing with us now is ultimate frisbee. It's a great sport because it's fun, plus there's a lot of running

involved, so it helps us stay in shape."

Hoerman's hard work carries over from the running trails to the classrooms, where he's crafted a 3.7 grade-point average.

Hoerman said he'd like to pursue a career in architecture, which is fitting considering he's helped build the Chiefs' cross country team into a force to be reckoned with.

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## 'CATS

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Facing late-game, uphill scenarios that may have forced lesser teams to pack it in, the Wildcats kept clawing and nearly wiped out 20-7 and 27-14 deficits in the contest's final four minutes.

"The most important thing our entire coaching staff tried to instill in these kids from the very first day was that you can't quit — you have to keep battling — both on and off the football field," said Sawchuk. "You can't be a sometimes-effort kind of person and be successful. You have to do it in the classroom, the weightroom and on the football field."

"The kids have bought into it and now they're passing it on to the younger kids so that this program can keep getting better and better."

Stevenson played without starting senior quarterback Mitchell White, who was injured early in last week's 14-0 victory over Brighton.

In stepped junior Jacob Gudeman, who brushed off a few early-game jitters to complete 11-of-20 passes for 175 yards and a TD. He also may have earned the nickname Jake "The Snake" by slithering out of several near sacks and rushing for 37 yards.

"I've been a starter my whole life before this year, so I was happy to get a chance to start tonight," Gudeman said. "I was a little nervous early in the game, but Mitchell (White) and coach Gabel helped me calm down. It took me a little while to get into my groove."

The scoreless first quarter was monopolized for the most part by both teams' defenses. Stevenson drove to Plymouth's 23 on its initial possession, but was turned back when Wade Stahl was stopped for no gain by Connor Martin on a fourth-and-two play.

The scoreboard was lit up for the first time with 8:30 left in the first half when Austin

White — Mitchell's younger brother — hauled in a 3-yard scoring pass from Gudeman, climaxing a 10-play, 66-yard drive. Jonny Myshock's point after — his first of three on the night — made it 7-0.

Plymouth evened the count at 7-all with 1:32 remaining in the half when All-WLAA running back Myron Puryear finished off an eight-play march with a 2-yard scoring plunge. Michael Korona tacked on the first of his three PATs. The drive was set up by Ronnie Goble's fumble recovery at the Stevenson 35.

Taking over at its 20 with 92 ticks left in the half, Stevenson appeared to regain the advantage on the first play of its next drive when Gudeman and Austin White hooked up on an 80-yard scoring strike. However, the TD was called back due to a holding penalty.

Undaunted, Gudeman rifled a perfectly thrown spiral six plays later to Stahl, who sprinted through the heart of the Plymouth defense to complete a 33-yard TD pass with just 23 seconds showing on the first-half clock.

"Momentum-wise, that was a big play for us, but it was probably better for us because it helped us overcome the mistake we made on the touch-down that was called back," said Gabel.

Trailing 14-7 mid-way through the third quarter, Plymouth moved deep into Stevenson territory thanks to a 33-yard run by Puryear. On the ensuing play, sophomore speedster Jernarian Caldwell got the edge and raced into the end zone from 23 yards out, however, a holding penalty negated the play. Three incompletions and a punt later, the Spartans took over at its own 14.

Sparked by a 21-yard gallop by Austin White, the Spartans marched 86 yards on nine plays and upped their lead to 20-7 on a dazzling 13-yard run to pay dirt by White. The extra point was aborted due to a low snap, leaving the score at 20-7.

Following an exchange of punts, Stevenson junior defensive back Mark Grisa thwarted a Plymouth drive when he picked off a pass at the Spartan 2.

Plymouth's defense forced a three-and-out, which gave their offensive mates the ball at the Stevenson 24. Three plays later, senior back-up quarterback C.J. Gregory connected with Martin on a 12-yard TD pass with 3:35 left to cut Plymouth's deficit to 20-14.

Stevenson appeared to put the game on ice with 54 seconds to play when Stahl took a reverse hand-off 54 yards to the end zone to make it 27-14.

However, Plymouth responded 22 seconds later when Gregory lofted a perfect pass to Alexander Minch who sprinted past the Spartans' secondary to finish off a 59-yard TD, bringing the 'Cats to within 27-21.

Stevenson's Steve Eideh sealed the win when he pounced on an onside kick at the 30.

Austin White led the winners' ground game with 81 yards on 18 carries. Senior Myles White, Mitchell's twin brother and the older sibling of Austin, caught three passes for 60 yards. Stahl was dangerous all night, gaining 79 yards on seven carries while catching a pair of passes for 44 yards.

Puryear closed out a spectacular prep career with 122 yards on 24 attempts. Plymouth starting quarterback Matt Skubik was 4-of-12 for 42 yards while Gregory finished 3-of-8 for 80 yards and two TDs.

"We knew after watching the film that we could play with them," Sawchuk said. "They were a little big bigger than us and they made a couple more plays than we did, that's all there was to it."

"I couldn't be more proud of this team than I am right now. They really showed their character tonight."

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## Unbeaten Steelers double up Hawks

### JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team upped its record to 7-0 on Sunday with a 24-12 victory over the Lake Area Hawks.

Jonathan Malone was the player of the game, taking over for injured quarterback Sam Pierce and executing the team's offense efficiently. Brandon Fogle and Ben Lloyd led the offense with excellent line play and Tyler Goble was the Steelers' top rusher.

The defense was led by Dillon Rahill and John Randle, who both registered several sacks; and Lowell Wade, who had three interceptions at crucial points in the game.

The Steelers' junior-varsity contingent dropped a 52-32 decision to the Hawks. The offense was paced by QB Brent Pilligian, who executed several outstanding plays. The O-line was led by Patrick Kretschmer, who provided great blocking, and Joshua Mayberry, who hauled in a pair of TD passes. Josh Denard had a 70-yard kickoff return and Kyle Cameron was strong on both sides of the ball.

The freshmen Steelers suffered a tough 7-6 loss to the Hawks. The Steelers' only score was on a QB keeper by Gregory Williams, who broke

several tackles fighting his way into the end zone. Offensive linemen Mitchell Gross and Ben Phillips played well for the Steelers. While Christian Mayberry, Phillip Avramovski and Jacob Mallad excelled on the defensive line.

The junior freshmen continued to play with the Steelers' "No quit!" attitude. Dante Collins ran for a 50-yard TD following key blocking by Matthew Poet. Danny Lanava and Josh Stein powered the offense while Luke Walkley and Lou Baechler played exceptionally on the defensive line.

### Lions rebound

The Canton Lions varsity football team got back on the right track this weekend with a 32-12 victory over the Redford Rangers. The Lions fell behind early, but Marcus Houston tied the score with a long TD run. Following another Ranger score, Clay Behrman answered with an interception return for a TD. The Lions took the lead for good on a long TD run by William Askew. Behrman and Askew added second-half TDs to put the game away.

Corey Watkins, Josh Peterson and Jordan Smith had stellar performances on both sides of the ball. Michael Boes, Kevin Buford and Jordan Smith recorded interceptions for the winners.

The Lions' freshmen unit notched its seventh consecutive post-season berth with a 26-6 victory over the Rangers. Chuckie Turfe found the end zone from 15 yards out to give the Lions an early lead. Jake Stropes then extended the lead when he picked up an errant punt snap and scored. Luke Edwards put the game away with a long kick-off return for a TD. Cordell Gibson finished the scoring with a 48-yard run to pay dirt. Also playing well for the Lions were Antonio Dumas, Allante Wheeler, Jakob Wickens and Robert Guarjardo.

The Lions junior freshmen contingent continued its strong play. The Lions received hard-hitting defensive efforts from Devin Farmer, Jacob Miller, Mason Kopchia, Carter Kahl, Mitchell McKenzie and Noah Brown. The offense was paced by solid running from Jason Arnold and Kyle Burnette, who received great blocking from Kyle Amick, Jeffrey Johnson and dScottlar Chakarbarty.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball academy

Velocity Sports Performance in Canton has announced the opening of the Velocity Baseball Academy, which will be located on the second floor of the Arctic Edge Arena on 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The head academy instructors will be former Detroit Tiger Bruce Fields, who is currently a coach in the Cleveland Indians organization, and Kenny Howell, who enjoyed a lengthy Major League pitching career with the Los Angeles Dodgers. They will be joined by other area collegiate and high school coaches.

The academy's open house is set for Sunday, Nov. 4, from 2-5 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 485-2561; or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

Salem hoop tryouts

Tryouts for Salem High School's varsity girls basketball team will begin Monday, Nov. 5 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

All tryout participants must have a recent physical on file with the athletic department.

Tryouts for the Rocks' junior varsity and freshmen teams will begin Nov. 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Salem gym.

New record

A new women's 18-hole record was set Oct. 9 at Pheasant Run golf course by Livonia Churchill High School student Shannon Warner.

Warner shot a 5-under par round of 67, during the Western Lakes Athletic Association Regional Championship. Warner broke the record she previously set a two ago of 71.

The course, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton, is a scenic and challenging golf course designed by world-renowned architect Arthur Hills.

"Few times in the 10 years I have been here have I heard of

a score that low," said Pheasant Run professional Greg Bores. "It is a tremendous score on a tough course. Shannon has a very bright future ahead of her."

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 student-athletes 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 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Salem's tryouts will be held Oct. 29 from 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

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 non-residents. Each group will receive two-and-a-half hours of bowling for up to six people. Shoes, pizza and give-aways are included in the price. Pre-registration is required by calling the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

An indoor volleyball league will be offered beginning Nov. 9 through March 21 at the Summit on the Park. League matches will be held on Friday nights beginning at 6 p.m.

The leagues — both recreation and competitive will be offered — will be co-ed and for individuals aged 18 and up. The fee for residents is \$250; non-residents will be asked to pay \$295.

The schedule will be round-robin with awards for league and playoff champions.

The registration fee does not include officials' fees, which are \$10 per match.

The Elks Hoop Shoot Contest will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. at the Summit on the Park. The competition is free for all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13.

Boys and girls will compete in the following age divisions: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Registration begins in the Summit gymnasium at 9 a.m. The actual free-throw contest will commence at 9:30 a.m.

The annual "Turkey Trot For a Cause" will be held Nov. 22 at 8:30 a.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. The fee is \$20 and anyone 4 years old and older is welcomed to participate. The traditional 5K walk/run winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course. All proceeds are donated to the Epilepsy Foundation. A custom T-shirt is included in the entry fee.

For more information on these events, call (734) 483-5600.

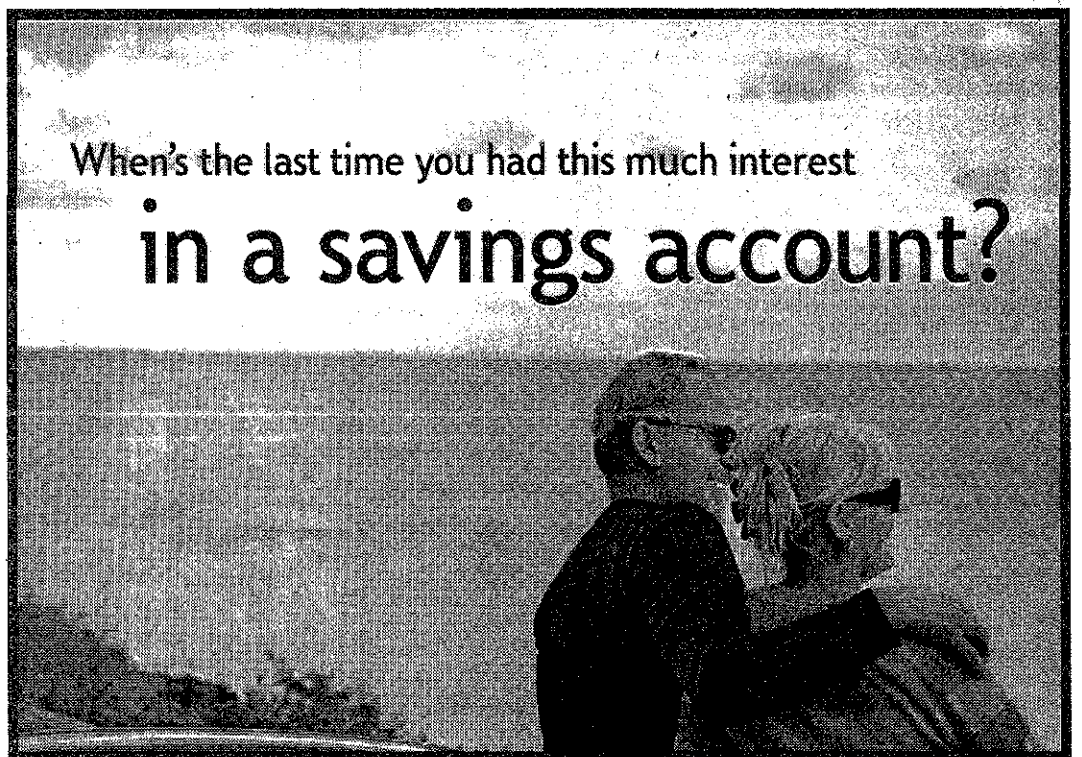
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200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Sara Spala, Emily Nelson, Katie Gorman), 2:01.03; 2. Plymouth (Chantel Coie, Elle Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Molly McKinstry), 2:05.12; 3. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Megan Burke, Kirsten Clemans, Caitlin Heaney), 2:08.59.  
200 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:05.56; 2. Emily Bair (S), 2:06.69; 3. Michelle Chang (P), 2:07.97.  
200 IM: 1. Emily Nelson (S), 2:20.70; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:20.83; 3. Elle Palczynski (P), 2:32.97.

50 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 26.82; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 27.27; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 27.61.  
1-meter diving: 1. Katrina Koetting (S), 240.00 points; 2. Emily Voglewede (S), 134.90; 3. Kay Borst (P), 120.85.  
100 butterfly: 1. Emily Nelson (S), 1:06.28; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:10.74; 3. Kirsten Clemans (S), 1:11.68.  
100 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 59.16; 2. Michelle Chang (P), 59.39; 3. Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:01.63.  
500 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 5:33.00; 2. Emily Bair (S), 5:33.80; 3. Devin Bromley (S), 6:01.44.  
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Elle Palczynski, Lauren Maslyk, Michelle Chang, Alyssa Liakos),

1:48.41; 2. Salem (Katie Gorman, Alexis Thornbury, Allison Burke, Emily Bair), 1:50.72; 3. Salem (Kaitlin Heaney, Casey Zimmerman, Mary Schremser, Jaclyn Hoover), 1:55.76.  
100 backstroke: 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 1:03.85; 2. Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:08.32; 3. Angie DiNicola (S), 1:16.15.  
100 breaststroke: 1. Elle Palczynski (P), 1:12.76; 2. Sara Spala (S), 1:16.74; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 1:22.95.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Emily Nelson, Allison Burke, Emily Bair, Whitney Aumiller), 3:59.92; 2. Plymouth (Alyssa Liakos, Lauren Maslyk, Michelle Chang, Sijia Hao), 4:02.25; 3. Salem (Arielle Pietron, Jaclyn Hoover, Kirsten Clemans, Angie DiNicola), 4:19.81.



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Sarnia Sting defeats Whalers, 3-2

Steven Stamkos' power play goal with 30 seconds remaining in the second period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Sarnia Sting defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Wednesday night at Compuware Arena.

Chris Terry (8) and Wes Cunningham (3) scored for Plymouth (now 6-5-1-0), while Justin DiBenedetto (8) and Devin DiDionete (3) scored for Sarnia (7-7-0-0).

Stamkos - a young man many National Hockey League scouts

consider to be the first pick in next summer's NHL Entry Draft - also added an assist as the game's third star. He was playing with a full face shield to protect some chipped teeth, courtesy of a high stick received last Sunday in Brampton in a 3-1 loss to the Battalion.

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## Monsters in the night

### Experts tell how to keep kids safe this Halloween

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Steve McGraw isn't as concerned about candy tampering this Halloween as broken bones and lacerations. As an emergency room physician, he's treated children who wore costumes hazardous to their health.

McGraw's own little princess will be wearing tennis shoes when he takes McKenna, 8, Erica, 6, Corey, 5, and Carrigan 4, trick or treating while wife Bobi stays home to hand out candy.

"The number one thing we see in the ER are injuries from kids wearing costumes that cause them to fall onto porches or steps and break bones," said Dr. Steve McGraw, an ER physician at Providence Hospital in Southfield. "It's the long flowing gowns of princess outfits and high heels that can cause injuries. Make sure they can walk easily up and down the steps of a porch. In my neighborhood I've seen kids tripping over shoes and gowns. Ninja outfits trip too."

Sgt. Debra Newsome made sure her 3-year-old son's Superman costume was fireproof. Newsome suggests parents check out the Canton Police Department's Halloween Safety Tips at [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org) before letting their little ones go door to door.

Neither the Canton Police or Providence Hospital screens candy anymore because of a decline in real-life ghouls planting razor blades in goodies. Nevertheless, Newsome urges parents to look for signs of tampering or candy which could pose a choking hazard for young children.

"My son is not wearing a mask, but if their child is, make sure the eye holes are big enough to see and there is reflective tape on costumes," said Sgt. Debra Newsome, community relations coordinator for Canton Public Safety. "Parents should have a flash light and always accompany young children. One way to gauge if they're too young to go out alone is if you're not going to leave your child home alone then accompany them. Even in a group they should be accompanied by an adult."

Donna Bucciarelli plans to walk through the neighborhood with her 8-year old daughter Elena. Bucciarelli is trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Hospitals and program manager of Safety City U.S.A. which



offers classes from fire prevention to Decking Your Halls Safely (Dec. 11). For more information, call (248) 551-0100.

"Halloween is one of those days where I think people for one day of the year let their guard down. They take candy from strangers. Parents should stress never to enter a stranger's home or car to get a treat," said Donna Bucciarelli.

Although the Bucciarelli family lives in Livonia, Elena is trick or treating in Northville after performing at Miss Harriet's Dance Studio where Radio Disney will be broadcasting.

"At the dance studio she'll be a pirate but for the night she'll be in a witch costume," said Bucciarelli. "My husband and I will be with her making sure her costume is not dragging, she has the right shoes to wear, not on roller blades or wheelies. She doesn't have a mask. I worry about masks that might be sharp and if you fall could gash or poke an eye or they could get hurt on witch brooms or devil spears if they did trip and fall."

Like Newsome, Bucciarelli made sure Elena's costume is flame resistant. Decorative contact lenses are forbidden. Bucciarelli says older kids

like to change their eye color but don't realize an improper fit or lack of hygiene could cause an infection or corneal abrasion which could lead to blindness.

"We put candles in our pumpkins, luminaries on the walk ways. Anything that's flowing, a cape or edge of a gown could catch fire," said Bucciarelli. "If something does catch fire, tell children don't run; that feeds the fire. Stop, drop and roll."

While Halloween can be hazardous so can the activities leading up to the fun night.

Bucciarelli warns about the danger of carving pumpkins and suggests parents involve their children in drawing a design on paper or cleaning out seeds. She offers safety tips at [www.beaumont.hospitals.com](http://www.beaumont.hospitals.com), click on news then the press page.

"I tell my daughter to stay on sidewalks and walk ways. She could trip over a sprinkler hose," said Bucciarelli. "It's so dark on Halloween because it's at night when it's spooky."

To prevent anyone from getting lost in the dark, McGraw tells his children to meet at the last house on the corner at the end of each block. Over the years he's seen frost nipped fingers and ears

in the ER on Halloween night even when children were out collecting candy for only a couple hours.

"My kids wear long john underwear like they would wear sledding. I always bring mittens and an extra hat, a blanket, and a wagon in case someone gets tired," said McGraw. "I stand with other dads at end of the walk very near the children to prevent kids from venturing off the sidewalk and into the road. With the flashlights it makes it easier for me to keep an eye on them. On Halloween in the ER we see various types of trauma, automobile accidents. People need to be very careful when driving. Children should all have a flashlight to keep from being hit."

To avoid ending up in the ER after Halloween, McGraw limits his children to no more than one piece of candy per day.

"A big load of carbohydrate can constipate, cause severe cramps and they can feel nauseated," said McGraw. "My wife and I give out Snickers bars, but also boxes of raisins. We like to give out healthy foods, granola bars from bulk food places."

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### Faith may be good for your health

Sue from Madison Heights e-mails and says she and her husband were discussing the power of prayer. Is there any truth that faith can help heal?

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Ann from Taylor e-mails asking if there's any new news out about breast cancer.

Actually, Ann, there is and it is good news. A new study found the death rate from breast cancer continues to drop steadily by about 2 percent a year. There's more good news — breast cancer rates also fell. For women over age 50, the rates fell by almost 5 percent. Experts from the American Cancer Society say women have a lower chance of dying from breast cancer than they did decades ago. They say prevention is key. Proper nutrition and exercise is critical to prevent breast cancer and any disease.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

## Tips ensure all members of the family stay safe this Halloween

Costumed strangers, loud noises and a steady stream of visitors can make Halloween festivities frightening or even dangerous for companion animals, according to the Michigan Humane Society. MHS offers the following tips to help ensure a safe Halloween season for all family members:

Along with plenty of angels, there may be vicious pranksters in the area looking to tease, steal or harm animals on Halloween. Avoid leaving animals outside except under close supervision. The Michigan Humane Society recommends keeping cats indoors at all times but it is especially important several days before and after Halloween.

A dog or cat could dart outside when the door is opened for trick-or-treaters. Consider placing your companion animal in a safe, quiet room with a favorite toy and comfortable bedding. If he is nervous or frightened, play quiet music to help minimize stress.

Make sure your dog or cat is wearing current identification at all times. The MHS recommends an ID tag affixed to his collar as well as a permanent form of ID such as a microchip. If he escapes and becomes lost, having identification greatly

increases the chance he will be returned to you.

Resist the temptation to feed an animal trick-or-treat candy and keep it out of your pet's reach. Chocolate is toxic to many animals. Also, tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

Keep animals away from lit candles and jack-o'-lanterns which can pose a serious hazard. Keep this in mind if trick-or-treating with your dog.

If you dress your companion animal for Halloween festivities, introduce the costume two or three days in advance and make sure he is not uncomfortable or stressed by it. The costume should not restrict movement, vision, hearing or the ability to breathe or bark. Costumes that cover the animal's eyes, nose or ears are not recommended.

According to a survey by Pets Supplies "Plus", 29-percent of pet owners dressed their dogs for the festivities last year. Before putting the family pet into that Superdog or Princess Pooch costume, consider these tips from Pet Supplies "Plus".

Make sure the costume has no small or dangling pieces that a dog may chew on. Elastics, plastics and other pieces are choking hazards or may cause

intestinal blockage.

Costumes must fit well. If they're too loose, dogs may trip on them. Lightweight fabrics are best to prevent overheating. Remember dogs have thick fur coats and respond to temperatures differently than humans. Supervise costumed dogs at all times to ensure they stay comfortable and safe.

If you plan on walking your pet outside on Halloween, Petland in Westland suggests owners take their stroll before dark, keep their dog on a shorter-than-normal leash and away from groups of children and other pets. Petland agrees with MHS about keeping chocolate away from pets. Chocolate contains theobromine which in large quantities can be fatal to pets. 10-ounces of milk chocolate and considerably less of unsweetened baking chocolate can be a lethal dose for small pets, especially those weighing 20-pounds or less. Donna Kurdziel, Petland's owner, says to call your veterinarian immediately if the animal has eaten chocolate.

For more information about companion animal health and safety, visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org) or call 1-866-MHUMANE, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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#### OCTOBER

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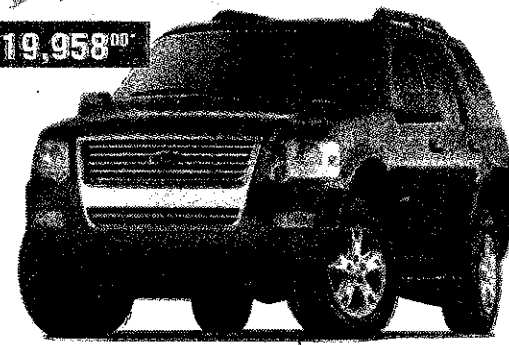
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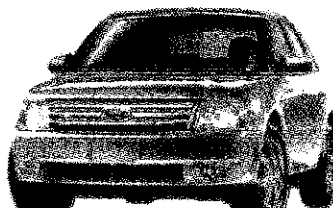
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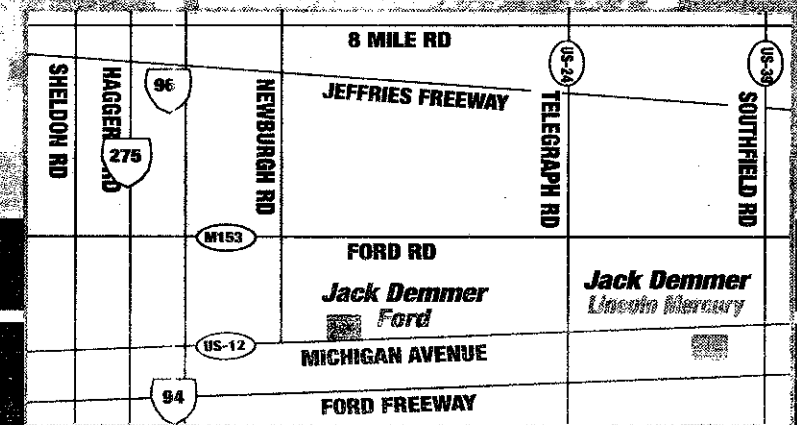


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## When children are involved, take time with relationship

I have recently become engaged to a good guy. He has two sons from a previous relationship and is looking forward to having at least two more with me. The problem is that his children are out-of-control and I do not want to have anything to do with bringing more children into this situation. We have been together for about six months and I have serious questions about his parenting skills. He is a wonderful person, but he ignores the misbehavior of his kids and wants me to do the same. I have no control over this area of our lives and it is a constant source of stress for me. Is there any hope in this situation or am I fooling myself that things will change?



Chat Room

Terry Wilamowski

In the first place, it seems to me that getting engaged after only six months together seems premature. A relationship needs time to develop and mature, especially when there are children involved. Think about it, after such a short period of time, there are still so many things that you do not know about one another. Time is an ally when it comes to learning about another person and deciding if a relationship is possible.

You seem to recognize this for yourself. You are concerned about his parenting skills and this is an area that needs to be addressed before you commit to a long-term relationship. What happens if you get married and then find out that he does not want to change anything about the way that he handles misbehavior? It's far better to address these issues now rather than learn to live with them later.

Talk to him and tell him your concerns. Decide as a couple what needs to be done to correct this situation and then do it. You might take parenting classes or talk to a counselor or pursue some other avenue. But the key is to do it as a couple and to do it before the relationship goes any further. In this way, you can make an informed decision about your future and what part, if any, you will play.

Do not ignore the stress that you are experiencing and do not hope that it will be all better with time ... because it won't. Only if these issues are resolved in the present can there be any hope for a future together.

My husband and I recently caught our 13-year-old son visiting "adult" Web sites. He was grounded from going online for a one month. The problem is that his computer is in his room and we can't always be sure that he is not going online when he is in his room. Do you have any advice about how we can better police his online use? I'm sure that we're not the only parents dealing with this problem.

While it is inappropriate for your son to visit these sexually explicit Web sites, it is important to remember that his curiosity and interest in sex is not. I hope that you and your husband take this opportunity to talk to him about sex and why he wanted to go to these Web sites. Talk to him about your concerns and address any questions that he may have. As awkward as this may be, I know that you want him to get this type of information from you and not from some adult Web site.

Once this line of communication is opened, you can begin helping your son to make more appropriate online decisions. Help him to see that the following suggestions are to help him make these kinds of choices and are not meant as a punishment for him. These suggestions may also keep him safe from online predators.

To begin, I would activate the parental controls available through your internet provider. These can be customized to your son's age and may even provide you with a regular report card listing all Web sites visited.

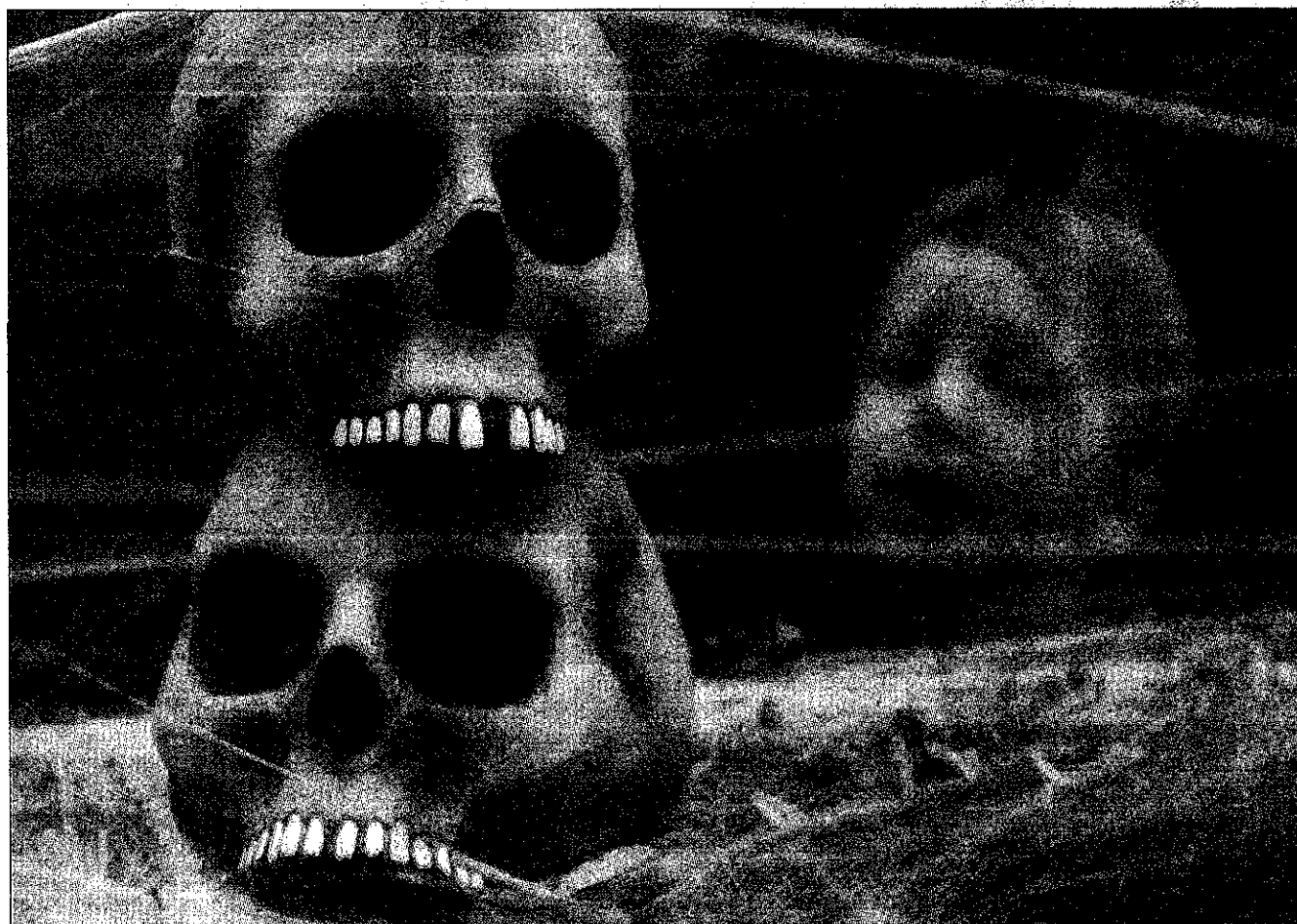
In addition, I would encourage you to relocate his computer to a more public area of the home. By placing it outside of his private space, he may feel less secure that his online activity will be unobserved and may be less inclined to risk visiting inappropriate sites. It is also important that you actually come into the room while he is online to create the idea that he is being supervised. Do not follow a pattern but rather come in randomly to let him know that you can and will pop in unannounced.

Finally, I suggest that you keep talking to him about this as well as anything else that comes up. The best method for keeping a young person out of trouble is to engage them and let them know that you care for them and will be there for them if and when they need you. The earlier that this communication is established, the more effective it will be.

As much as your son may protest these changes, tell him that they are a non-negotiable part of his continued online use. Remind him that these measures are not a punishment but rather supportive actions intended to help him to make better online choices. These measures, especially the communication, may also increase the positive decisions that he makes in the real world as well.

Terry Wilamowski is a clinical therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and their families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments should be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.

## Homeowners spare no expense on Halloween decorations



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Logan Plendzia isn't scared of spooky skulls in his front yard on Brown Court in the Marquette and Henry Ruff area of Garden City.

# Looking for a good SCARE

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER



The Plendzia home in Garden City turns scary this time of year.

The last week of September, kids on the school bus start looking for the monsters in Jim and Wilma Stoops' yard on Hanford, between Ridge and Beck. It's not unusual for the driver to stop the vehicle to look at the decorations as Halloween creeps closer.

Some of the ghouls do scare passers-by but the majority were intended to make the holiday fun. For those looking for a good scare, homes in Garden City, Livonia and every community in between display graveyard scenes, scarecrows and pumpkins all aglow. Like many of the decorators, Jim Stoops started creating the characters in September from old clothes and straw. Stoops displayed his first monster about 16 years ago after moving into the Canton home built in 1898. This year, fog machines boil over cauldrons as dead bodies lay on the ground near a headless horseman. The newest acquisition is a carriage pulled by two horses with a macabre scene inside. While the plastic decoration was purchased, Stoops makes most



A mummy stands on the Stoops' front porch on Hanford, between Ridge and Beck.

Please see SCARE, C4

## Orchestra benefit spotlights ballroom dancing

### BALLROOM BRILLIANCE

What: A benefit for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra featuring ballroom dancing performances

When: Friday, Nov. 16, doors open at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails and browsing silent auction items, dinner at 7 p.m.

Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Tickets: \$60, call (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Rose Kachnowski only had to look at her television to come up with a theme for this year's Livonia Symphony Orchestra benefit. The craze over Dancing with the Stars inspired the event's chairwoman to create an evening around ballroom dancing.

On Friday, Nov. 16, LSO supporters will be treated to dinner, a silent auction and dance performances during Ballroom Brilliance at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"We've built in one set of dancing near the end in case people want to dance. It's not a dinner dance,

Please see BALLROOM, C3



Anja Walhall kicks up her heels on the dance floor.



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# Gala to raise funds for hospital renovations

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

It's true this year St. Mary Mercy Hospital's annual gala is jam packed with entertainment and gourmet food, but more importantly it's all for a good cause - the Behavioral Medicine Department. As vice president of the hospital's foundation, Richard DeLoof is leading the way to renovate the area that provides inpatient care for those battling chemical dependency and mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, prolonged grief and loss issues, and schizophrenia. An intensive outpatient program offers treatment for addictions as well.

"It's a great plus for our patients," said Richard DeLoof. "We look to improving the health of patients."

Kelly Domagal used the hospital's inpatient rehabilitation unit as a guideline to envision the space which is sensitive to patients' emotional and physical needs. She then met with an interior designer to update every aspect of the Behavioral Medicine department including furnishings.

"We're using the newest products - a vinyl floor with grips to prevent falls," said Kelly Domagal, director of the Behavioral Medicine Department and an R.N. "The day room where most general activities takes place, we're making it more



The Rhythm Society Orchestra plays music to dance the night away at a gala to benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

homelike. This is where group therapy and interactions occur. We'll have an occupational workshop with tables to adapt to wheelchairs and we're creating an interview room for therapy."

"Presently our inpatient is 70-percent occupancy. We would like to go to 90 percent. Inpatient mental health has been growing five years but especially the last year. Detroit Riverview closed and the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital and there's an

urgency to have more beds available. St. Mary's wants to utilize more beds. We're licensed for 31, but average about 22. We need for it to be more comfortable and therapeutic for patients."

Domagal estimates the entire renovation at \$900,000. The first phase begins at the end of the year and should cost between \$450,000 to \$500,000. DeLoof is counting on the gala to raise over \$150,000 just like last year. In the

past galas and golf outings supported improvements in cardiovascular and oncology services.

The hospital currently is running a capital campaign to provide the latest care in these areas so DeLoof looked for a new cause.

For several years, proceeds from the galas went to fund the hospital's new cancer center which opened in late September.

"We started driver's license evaluation about one month ago (outpatient



Naz Edwards performs songs from Funny Girl, Hello Dolly, Follies, South Pacific, and The King and I at the 15th annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Gala.

for substance abuse). We have new medication to get off of illegal drugs, Vivitrol injections for alcoholics. New services create needs," said Domagal. "We serve uninsured and under insured in our area. Most health insurance covers only 50-percent of mental health and chemical dependency. We limit the amount of treatment people can receive. Research shows these are brain disorders and treatment works. Most are chronic conditions and require ongoing treatments."

Katherine Daudlin is making sure the gala is a success so patients can receive the mental health and substance abuse care

## HARMONY FOR HEALTH

**What:** A gala fund-raiser for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Behavioral Medicine Department. Black tie optional.  
**When:** Friday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m. cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, 7:30 p.m. dinner.  
**Where:** The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth  
**Tickets:** \$125. For tickets or sponsorship information, call (734) 655-2980

they need. Naz Edwards sings songs from musicals during dinner. Edwards has performed in Broadway shows including Zorba with Anthony Quinn. Since moving to Michigan, she has appeared in productions at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield and the Performance Network in Ann Arbor where she can be seen in Souvenir, a play opening in January. "We have a new entertainment format with music by the Rhythm Society Orchestra and Naz Edwards," said Katherine Daudlin. "This is our first year at St. John's where they opened the ballroom two years ago. There will be dancing after dinner, and they've created special appetizers for us at the cocktail hour."

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## Livonia Turkey Trot to raise funds for Christmas dinners

Livonia's Department of Parks and Recreation holds a Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 3, and it's all for a good cause. Join the crowd in walking and running to help the less fortunate. All proceeds and can-food donations will be given to the Livonia Goodfellows organization, which will provide needy families in Livonia with a Christmas dinner.

Anyone that brings in nonperishable items will receive a ticket and be entered into a raffle.

The Livonia Turkey Trot begins at Bicentennial Park at Seven Mile and Wayne roads. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (ages 3-17). Fee includes T-shirt, drink and snack.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

## Habitat for Humanity holds annual fund-raiser

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County presents its Building Houses, Building Hope Gala Saturday, Nov. 3, in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Proceeds from the Gala helps build safe, decent and affordable homes for qualified Habitat partner families in the community.

Along with a dinner prepared by award-winning culinary arts chefs, the evening features a silent auction, vol-

unteer awards presentation and music by the Keith Malinowski Jazz band. Robin Sullivan of The Praise Company (103.5 FM WMUZ) and Emmy Award winning anchor, Glenda Lewis of WXYZ TV Channel 7 News will host the event. The Gala is the affiliate's largest annual fund-raiser. Tickets are \$100 per person, \$150 per couple. Corporate sponsorship packages range from \$800 to \$10,000.

The nonprofit is currently collecting donations for the silent auction and

items for give-away bags. For more information and tickets, call (734) 459-7744 or visit [www.habitatwcc.org](http://www.habitatwcc.org). A donation of \$1,500 allows the Habitat for Humanity International affiliate to purchase 35 Roof Trusses and 50 Bundles of shingles, complete a sub-floor for an entire house, or carpet an entire house. A \$10,000 donation purchases a building site (a complete lot), lumber to frame an entire house, or heating or plumbing for an entire house.

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
LEGAL NOTICE**

**GENERAL ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. At that time candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:

**CITY COMMISSIONER** (Four Positions to be vacated November, 2007)

**PROPOSAL #1  
CITY CHARTER** (complete document on file in the City Clerk's office or website)

"Shall the Plymouth City Charter as proposed by the City of Plymouth Charter Commission at its meeting on August 13, 2007 be adopted?"

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**PROPOSAL #2  
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) and issue in one or more series its Unlimited Tax General Obligation bonds to pay the cost of acquiring and constructing Road Improvements in the City together with all appurtenances and attachments related thereto and the costs of issuance of said bonds? The estimated mills to be levied in the year 2009 is 1.1988 mills (\$1.1988 per \$1,000 taxable value). The estimated average millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.5675 mills (\$1.5675 per \$1,000 taxable value). The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding is twelve (12) years, exclusive of any refunding.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Absentee Ballot Applications may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Telephone Number is 734-453-1234, ext. 284 & 225. Absentee Ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters in person in the Clerk's Office from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2007. On Monday, November 5, 2007, qualified voters who wish to vote an absent voter ballot can vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m.

All Polling Places in the City are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped. Contact the Clerk's office prior to Election Day if audio or Braille are needed for blind or hearing impaired. You are further notified that the City's four (4) precinct locations are as follows:

PRECINCT	LOCATION
1, 2 & 4 525	Plymouth Cultural Center Farmer Street
3	Central Middle School 650 Church Street

If you are a qualified registered voter and find it necessary to require an Absent Voter Ballot and have not applied for one, applications are available for pickup or mailing at the front office at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Linda Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE  
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN  
(734) 453-1234**

A special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 07-18 398 N. Evergreen Non-Use Variance Requested  
Side Yard Setback  
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential  
Applicant: Chris Dooley

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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 MICHAEL CLAYTON (R)  
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MARRIED? (PG-13)  
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# BALLROOM

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but people will definitely be invited to join pros on the floor at the end after they put on a wonderful show," said Rose Kachnowski of Livonia. "It's a concert with dancers, a sit down dinner and silent auction with musically oriented items like wines with names like Symphony. We try to put a musical twist on everything in the silent auction. The orchestra's music will all be dance orientated with tangos, rhumbas. These are all professional dancers or very good dancers doing this."

Anja Walthall and partner Tom Desjardin twirl through a waltz, cha cha, Viennese waltz, and quick step before the night is done. Walthall first stepped onto the dance floor 30 years ago.

"I got bit by the disco bug and before I knew it I was competing and on Dance Fever. There are competitions everywhere every weekend," said Anja Walthall who teaches dance privately in Livonia. "I have a lot of students who dance for pleasure because it's something wonderful to do with your spouse or as a single to meet people. Ballroom dancing is mentally and physically demanding so it keeps you young and healthy."

Walthall says the craze over ballroom dancing started back 8 to 10 years ago when it was proposed as an Olympic sport.

"There's a TV show every few years about dancing," said Walthall, 48. "So You Think You Can Dance and Dancing with the Stars brought it into the spotlight. I never miss the shows. Ballroom dancing is a throwback to when men were gentleman and ladies, ladies and you dressed up and were active. It's a fantastic stress reliever and a social outlet, just a wonderful way to get out and be social and be fit."

Dave Michalski has been doing ballroom dancing since the 1980s for many of the same reasons. He and partner Hope Larson perform a waltz, fox trot and the up tempo Viennese waltz.

"It's just so much fun, the exercise and meeting people," said Dave Michalski, 59 of Livonia. "Once a week I dance all over town, different studios, singles dances. That's how I met my wife. She came over and said I'd like to learn that."

Michalski took up dancing about the time disco started.

"I originally started with Arthur Murray's, probably the only place teaching the disco stuff. That got me into the other dances and I was hooked," said Michalski, who's semi-retired. He works as a baker and assistant manager at Joe's Produce. "I watch Dancing with the Stars and So You Think You Can Dance all the time to see how things are progressing. They come out with new steps."

Michalski and Walthall will be joined on the dance floor for a waltz and Viennese waltz by Tom and Yvonne McCloud.

In addition to raising money from the dinner and ballroom performances, Kachnowski

said Baker's Square certificates will be sold for \$11 at the event and the Dec. 1 Santa Claus Symphony concert. \$3 out of each certificate goes to the symphony.

"We're trying to raise funds any way we can," said Kachnowski, LSO vice president of development. Kachnowski's son John and daughter Leslie play with the orchestra. "The musicians all donate services for this concert. We've had two volunteers come forth to entertain. Bob Bennett offered to play some piano music when people are coming in, and we'll have a harpist during dinner who's also donating services for the silent auction. At our concert on Saturday night (Oct. 20) my daughter donated an apple pie to go with the American theme to raise money to buy silent auction items. Our community is so lucky to have this orchestra."

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# Tail Wagger's bowl has openings for new participants on Nov. 3

Tail Waggers USA, a local animal charity, has set their main fund raising event for Saturday, Nov. 3, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. For the first time in more than 15 years, the event has openings for new participants. Squads are being held at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. and costs only \$20 which includes bowling, lunch or dinner, commemorative gift and a lot of prizes and fun. The organization has collected and donated more than three quarters of a million dollars to various animal welfare organizations and people in need over the past 17 years.

Pre-registration is required by calling Laura Zain at (734) 560-4660 prior to Nov. 1.

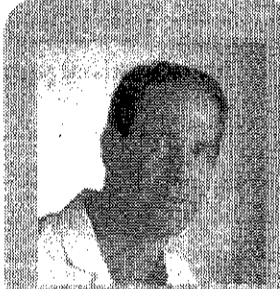
New participants will enjoy a heart-warming day that is filled with visits from our own

four-legged benefactors, hear compelling rescue stories and see first-hand how our mission is fulfilled. Children are invited to participate in the 9:30 a.m. squad and become an official Pet Cadet and win a variety of prizes.

Tail Waggers USA is known for its direct donations to local animal hospitals, rescue organizations and the general public which helps pet owners pay for emergency services when they are in need of financial assistance. The organization will also spay and/or neuter any animal for

a family that is in need.

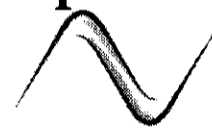
Tail Waggers has promised to continue its fund raising mission and prides itself on being able to "help people, help animals". Known for spending the money that is raised directly on the animals Tail Waggers does not have salaries, company cars or expense accounts like other organizations. It is the group's ultimate goal to be able to support dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance along with providing necessary funding for those animals in emergency situations.



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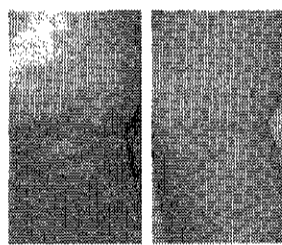


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**Iaquaniellos celebrate 50th**  
Michael and Maria (Marchelietta) Iaquaniello of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 19.

The couple married Oct. 19, 1957, at St. Clement Catholic Church in Dearborn. After living for 45 years in Dearborn, the couple has made Plymouth their home the last 4 1/2 years. Michael retired from Romena Construction Co., in 2000, though he still helps out with the daily office operations.



Maria is a homemaker. The couple has four children - Linda and Bill Johnston of Commerce Township and Elaine and Gerald

Harding, Joseph and Virginia Iaquaniello and Michael and Jane Iaquaniello, all of Plymouth.

The couple also has 12 grandchildren.

Michael and Maria are members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, and enjoy daily walks and supporting their grandchildren in their school sporting events.

The couple celebrated the occasion with a Mass at OSLG and a family dinner at Corsi's Banquet Hall in Livonia.

**CLASS REUNIONS**

**Berkley Class of 1987**  
A 20-year reunion. 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at the Birmingham Community House. For information, www.bhsreunion1987.com for event details, to register and pay for your ticket.

**Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1977**  
A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

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**Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1977**  
A 30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

**Detroit Central High School Class of 1952**  
A 55-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. For more information, call Selma Cohen at (248) 541-7864.

**WEDDINGS**



**Gibaud-Thibault**  
Beth Ann Gibaud, daughter of Martin and Cindy Gibaud of Garden City wed Brian Daniel Thibault, the son of Bruce Thibault of Ferndale and the late Beth Thibault on Friday, Sept. 28, 2007.

The ceremony was held at Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit and was officiated by Dr. Brian O'Donnell, SJ. The reception was held at The Italian American Club in Livonia and featured a Super Mario Bros. wedding cake (by Mrs. Maddox Cake Shop, Farmington) and a surprise performance by the groom's acapella group, Double Stuffed Oreos.

The couple met while attending Wayne State University in Detroit where they both received bachelor of fine arts degrees in theater with a concentration on performance. The bride also worked for the former assistant director of marketing and public relations for the Theatre Department, the groom's late mother, Beth Thibault.

The couple will reside in Sterling Heights where they recently purchased their first home together.

The attendants were: Angela Gibaud, maid of honor; Andrew Thibault, best man; bridesmaids, Andrea Gibaud, Katie Zoli, Shannon Ferrante, and Danielle Simonian; groomsmen, Joe Colosi, Joe Zettelmaier, Christopher Williams and Joshua German.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

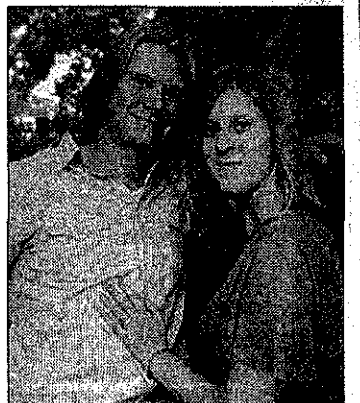
**Cornellier-Amormino**

Gary and Sandra Cornellier of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Nicole Cornellier, to David Paul Amormino, son of James and Paula Amormino of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in telecommunications.

She is project-coordinator, scheduling, business manager at Kinetic Post Inc. in Southfield.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. He is pursuing a



bachelor's degree in occupational safety, health and fire science at Madonna University. He is sole proprietor of Home Inspection Advantage.

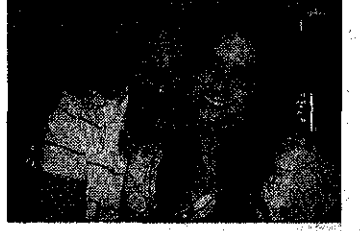
A January 2008 wedding is planned for Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.

**Spencer-Tyo**

Laura Spencer and Mike Tyo are engaged to be married in September, 2008.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debbie Martin of Ypsilanti and Randy Spencer of Grass Lake. She is a supervisor for City of Westland parks and recreation.

The future groom is son of Tom and Sandy Tyo of Belleville. He is a pet prod-



ucts manager for PetSmart in Canton.

The reception will be held at the Holiday Inn Banquet Center in Southgate.

**Baj-Dailey**

Ron and Kathy Baj of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Baj, to Kenneth Dailey, son of Gary and Lola Dailey of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 2004 from Eastern Michigan University. She is second/third grade teacher at Trillium Academy in Taylor.

The future groom attended



Ypsilanti High School and Washtenaw Community College. He is employed as a managing partner of Gabriels in Westland.

A September, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

**Berry-Reno**

Jeanette Berry and Ron Reno are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lois and Edwin Berry of Flat Rock and Roma Berry-Selig and Warren Selig of Dundee, formerly of Garden City and Canton.

She is employed by Tucson VA Hospital as a Blind Rehabilitation Specialist. She graduated with a master's in blind rehabilitation teaching from Western Michigan. She graduated from Adrian College with a bachelor of political science and psychology. She also holds certification in low vision and vision rehabilitation therapist.

The future bridegroom is the



son of Florence and Norman Reno of Oaklawn, Ill., and Lorraine O'Brien and Rick Cresler of Palos Hills, Ill.

He is a retired lieutenant correctional service officer and has a hobby/business in scented oils.

A spring 2008 Michigan wedding is planned.



**McCahill-Geney**  
Tiffany McCahill, daughter of Dave McCahill of Westland and Kathy Shirk of Wayne, was wed Oct. 18 to Michael Geney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Geney of Wayne.

The ceremony was held at Golden Bands Wedding Chapel in Livonia.

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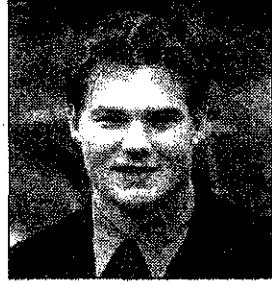
**E. JAMES GAMBLE**

E. James Gamble, age 78, regarded by many of his colleagues as the Dean of the estate planning and tax bar in Michigan, died unexpectedly Saturday, October 20, 2007. He is survived by his wife Lois, two sons, John and Paul, and daughter, Martha. Born June 1, 1929, in Duluth, Minnesota, Mr. Gamble graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in history. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1953 and went on to serve in the United States Navy as an Air Intelligence Officer. A Certified Public Accountant in the Detroit office of Ernst and Ernst at the beginning of his career and later became a partner at Dykema Gossett in Detroit, where he was the senior tax and estate planner for many years, until his retirement in 1994. Mr. Gamble served as an Adjunct Lecturer at the U of M Law School and as an Adjunct Professor at Wayne State University Law School. Following his retirement, Mr. Gamble formed his own law firm, now Gamble and Joswick in Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Gamble was the author of the Uniform Principal and Income Act (1997), currently adopted by over 40 states, and he was the author of a book on the 1962 Revised Uniform Principal and Income Act. He was an advisor for the Restatement (Third) of the Law of Trusts and the Restatement (Third) of the Law of Property (Donative Transfers). From 1998 until 1999, Mr. Gamble served as President of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). He was also a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, and an Academician of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law. Mr. Gamble was a frequent speaker and writer on subjects dealing with taxation and estate planning, including presentations he made at the University of Miami Institute on Estate Planning, the New York University Institute on Federal Taxation, as well as numerous other advanced programs. He served on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement of South East Michigan, and served as a trustee of both Walsh and Alma College. Mr. Gamble also served as counsel of the Michigan State Board of Accountancy and was Chairman of the Board of the Rehabilitation Institute of Detroit. While an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, Mr. Gamble played trombone and euphonium in the Michigan Marching and Concert Bands, returning frequently on football Saturdays after he graduated to play as a member of the alumni band. He developed a life-long interest in jazz and built a world class collection of recordings covering the best of American jazz. Mr. Gamble enjoyed playing squash as well as bridge and made yearly trips to Stratford and Niagara-on-the-Lake with his wife and friends to enjoy Shakespeare and other theater. Charles Clippert of Dickinson Wright, a close friend and contemporary of Jim's recalled him as "combining a brilliant intellect with a modest ego." A memorial service for Mr. Gamble will be held at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Wednesday, 10:30am. Memorials appreciated to U of M Marching Band, Revelli Hall, 350 E. Hoover, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-3707 or ACTEC Foundation, 3415 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 330, Los Angeles, California 90034-6060.



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Of Plymouth, September 15, 2007. Beloved wife of Jim. Dear mother of Heather (Tom) Van Cleave. Loving grandmother of Alena, Thomas, Jacqueline, Erin and Allison. A Celebration of Life Service is planned for 3:00 PM Sunday, November 11, 2007 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road (at Warren), Canton, Michigan. For more information, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



**RYAN M. AMSBAUGH**

Suddenly, October 24, 2007, age 21, of Rochester Hills. Beloved son of Richard and Jeanne Amsbaugh. Dear brother of Haley and Casey. Grandson of Richard and Marion Amsbaugh and the late Charles and Henrietta Beading. Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Loving fiancée of Kate Woodward. The family will be receiving friends Sunday 1:00 pm until the 3:00 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence, please go to: [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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**JANET E. MACKENZIE**

October 23, 2007, age 79, of Plymouth. Loving wife of Donald for 56 years. Beloved mother of Jan (Cindy) Cairns, David W. (Paula), Robert J. (Pamela), Richard and Daniel. Proud Grandma "G-ma" of Jason, Kylie, Annie, Maggie, Erin and Ian. Dear sister of Richard K. (Jan) and her twin, the late James (Lee). Janet also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and other family members that were very close to her heart. She also shared wonderful times with her long-time and dear friends who were like family to her. She cherished them and their memories together. Janet had a gift for making fast friends with anyone she met, making them feel special and at ease. She would light up a room with her smile and beautiful blue eyes. She found great joy in being with those she loved and her joy was contagious. She will be sorely missed but her loving spirit will live on in our hearts forever. The family will gather with friends Monday 4-9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11am Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 702 Church Street, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 East Medial Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0752; or to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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**SCARE FROM PAGE C1**

of the monsters.

"On Halloween day, Jim and I dress in costumes to go out and greet the kids," said Wilma Stoops, a registered nurse in the surgical ICU unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "They give us pictures that they draw of our yard. We started with one dummy, George. It's the only thing we've ever had stolen."

After 40 years of marriage nothing surprises Wilma when it comes to Jim's creativity.

"I used a reindeer head (from Christmas decorations) to animate the wolfman," said Jim Stoops. "A couple years ago I made her mother a dummy. She put it on a chair on the porch of her Main Street home in Plymouth."

None of the Stoopses' four grandchildren under age 10 have ever been scared by the monsters. It seems grandparents especially enjoy thrilling not chilling youngsters with the creations.

Mike Bernacchi believes Halloween home decorations is a baby boomer phenomenon. A marketing professor at the University of Detroit Mercy, Bernacchi tracks the numbers that reveal the unabated growth of merchandising for the fun holiday.

"Baby boomers have always been noted for having a good time. The decade of the 1990s is probably where the magnificent growth started," said Bernacchi of Huntington Woods. "The National Retail

Federation says it's about \$1.4 billion. What folks don't realize is it's the second biggest home decoration time of year only surpassed by Christmas. I started to follow it in the late 1980s. Halloween sales are about \$5 billion total with candy. It's no longer just a day. We now have the Halloween season which begins as soon as the back to school market starts to dwindle. We are baby boomers who are now grandparents and passed it onto our kids."

Two weekends ago, Tom and Sue Formes' five grandchildren, ages 4-11, helped put up the graveyard scene at their home at 9533 Hartel, east of Middlebelt, one block south of West Chicago in Livonia. Tom handmade the wrought iron cemetery fencing out of wood.

"My husband wants to make it more scarier," said Sue Formes. "He has a TV in one of the headstones and on Halloween night plays one of the Scream DVDs. The kids have fun with it. The best part of the holiday is watching the kids."

Three-year old Logan Piendzia says he's not afraid of monsters in his parents' yard at 29700 Brown Ct. in the Henry Ruff and Marquette area of Garden City.

His father, Michael Piendzia, began creating the graveyard scene about seven years ago from masks and clothes stuffed with hay.

"Michael does most of it," said his wife, Lynn Piendzia. "We might buy one thing a year at Halloween USA. Logan and his friends like to run

around and play by the ghouls. We keep the big guy inside the front door because he cost a lot but nobody's ever taken anything. On Halloween night, my husband dresses up and moves through this not to scare the little ones but older kids."

Bernacchi has seven kids, more than double than that in grandchildren. He'll do his fair share of spending for Halloween which has grown into a multibillion dollar business that includes more than candy and decorations.

"We made it big time," said Bernacchi, 66. "There's always discussion about what you're going to be for Halloween. As a grandparent I send gift cards for Halloween. There's been amazing growth in the market for books. Go into Barnes & Noble and Borders and look at Halloween books for children. This business never existed in the '50s and '60s. From Snoopy to Clifford the Big Red Dog, everybody has a Halloween story."

"There's a growth of Halloween specials on television. Whether it's media, merchandise, movies, debuting *Halloween 27 1/2*, this is the time when we do it. The haunted house industry has grown. It may be the No. 2 day for decorations, but now it's in the top 5 or 6 for greeting cards. It's a worthwhile industry that transports you from back to school to Christmas without missing a step. It's the one day when the word fun is appropriate. Halloween is America's No. 1 fun holiday."



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## Times have changed with the new Lexus IS 350

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By Dave Menard  
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Time was (he said, in his best "old man" voice), when you could either get luxury or sportiness, but not both together. Times have changed, and several automakers, including Volvo, Cadillac, BMW, Infiniti, Acura and Lincoln have successfully developed the luxury sport segment.

Toyota's luxury marque, Lexus, has been in the game since the start and has a couple of stellar entries in this segment. One of those is the 2007 IS 350.

Introduced for the 2006 model year, the IS 350 is an all-wheel drive sedan. Its sibling, the IS 250, comes as either a rear- or all-wheel drive. The IS 350 comes with 17-inch, 10-spoke aluminum alloy wheels (18-inch wheels are a \$720 option), dual chrome exhaust tips, dual high-intensity discharge headlights (high-intensity headlights with Adaptive Front Lighting are available for \$875), puddle lamps mounted on the underside of the outer mirrors, shark fin radio antenna, foglamps, and color-keyed heated outside mirrors. Its low front end and wide stance make this a smart-looking package with nice lines and a sleek overall look.

Inside, the IS 350 is sharp. The cockpit is well laid out and looks like a performance car should. The instrument panel houses the tachometer, a 160 mph speedometer and the fuel and coolant gauges. You get a trip computer, automatic dual-zone climate control, manual tilt steering column topped off with a leather-trimmed steering wheel (which includes audio controls) a power moonroof, cruise control, power windows and locks and a programmable garage door opener.

The 10-way adjustable power seats are leather-trimmed and they provide good support. You can opt for that package that gives you heated and ventilated front seats, wood interior trim and perforated leather (\$1,290). There's plenty of room up front; the rear seating area is a little tight for adults stuck behind a tall driver, but should be adequate for most passengers. The rear seats fold down for more cargo room. The front door pockets fold down for storage and they also include water bottle holders.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/six-disc CD system with 13 speakers and rated with 194 watts of power. It's a pretty good system, but you can upgrade to a Mark Levinson Audio System which gives you 14 speakers, a



The 2007 Lexus IS 350 combines luxury-car style and sports-car performance.

DVD changer, and 300 watts of power. Both systems come with an auxiliary input for your iPod or other mp3 player.

You can also get a navigation system with the IS 350 (\$2,550). The system is optional, but includes a feature I'd like to see become standard on all vehicles - the rear camera. It's great to be able to see behind the vehicle when backing up and it could be a life saver. The navigation system itself is clear and easy to use, and also allows you to use your Bluetooth-enabled devices.

So much for the "luxury" part of the luxury sport sedan, now let's look at the "sport" section. The IS 350 comes with a 3.5-liter DOHC, 24-valve V6 engine rated at 306 horsepower and 277 lb.-ft. of torque. It's mated with a six-speed automatic with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters for more control, if you choose. The IS 350 can go 0-60mph in an estimated 5.6 seconds, so you know you'll get power off the line. EPA rates the mileage of the IS 350 at 21/28 on premium fuel. The six-speed automatic shifts smoothly, but you can always do it yourself.

The IS 350 comes with one of those "new and improved" features I'm rather ambivalent about: push-button start/stop. Yes, the push button means you don't need to actually take your key out of your pocket or purse, but on some models, when the fob battery dies, you can't start the car. It's a personal thing, I guess - I prefer a real key.

The IS 350 got an all-new front and rear suspension system last year, plus new steering and brakes. The front suspension features a double-wishbone system with a high-

mount upper control arm and gas-filled shocks. In the rear, it's a multi-link system with high-mount upper arms, coil springs and gas-filled shocks. The result is a tight ride with some road feel, but not enough to make long journeys unpleasant. Speed-sensing power-assist steering is standard and the IS 350 handles very well in tight spots. The standard anti-lock brakes are very good.

Dual-front airbags, front-seat-mounted side airbags, knee airbags for the front seat passenger and driver, and side-curtain airbags are all standard on the IS 350.

The IS 350 starts at about \$36,000. Add the larger wheels, upgraded seats, high-intensity headlights and navigation system and you're up around \$42,000.

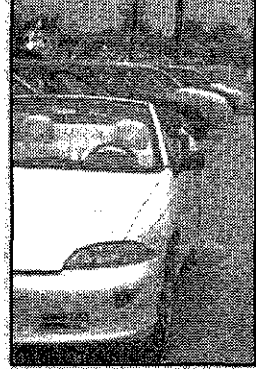
It's tricky putting together the right combination of luxury and sportiness and Lexus has pulled it off nicely with the IS 350.

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2007 Lexus IS 350  
Vehicle class: Subcompact sports car.  
Where built: Kanji, Japan.  
Power: 3.5-liter 24-valve V6 engine.  
Mileage: 21 city / 28 highway (premium fuel).  
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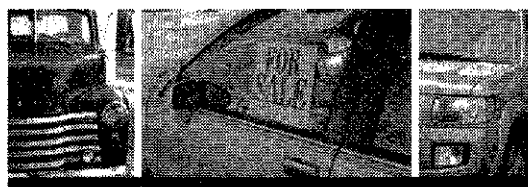
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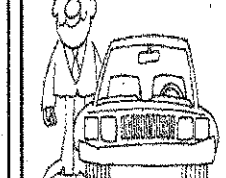
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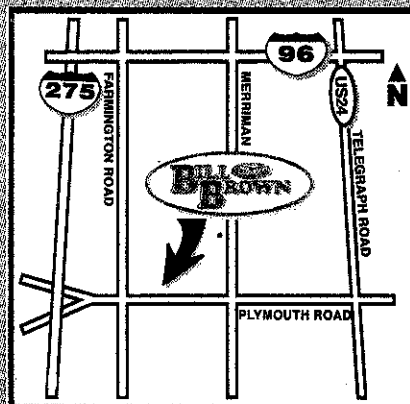
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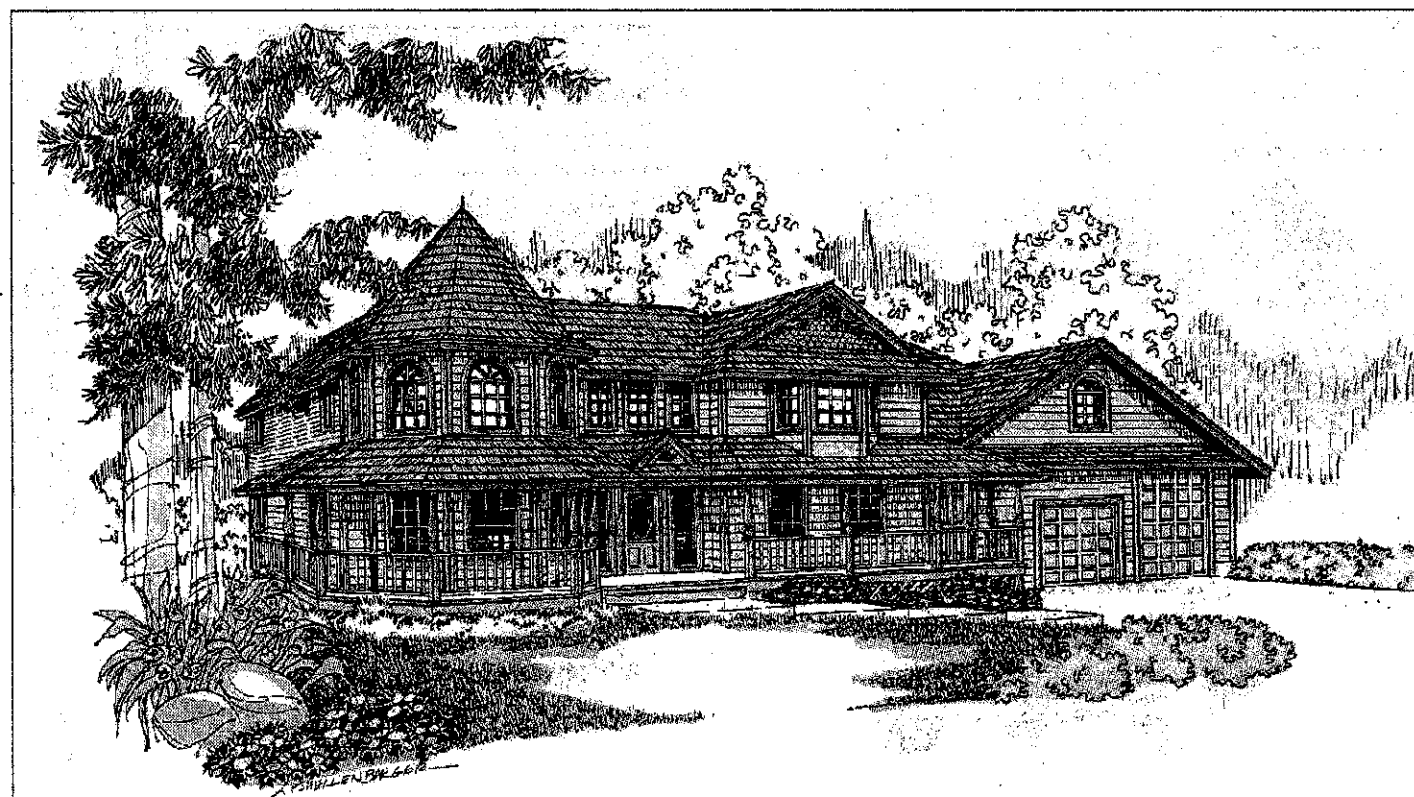


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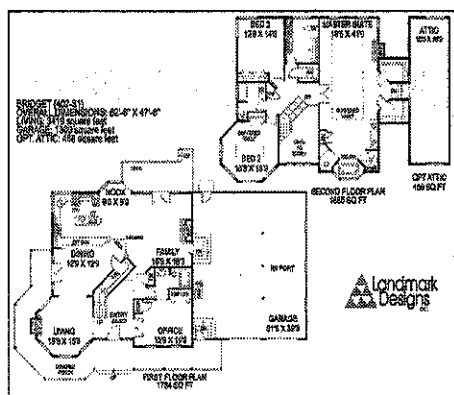


## Live, work, entertain in stately Bridget home

Stately and Victorian describe the beautiful exterior of the Bridget (407-31). It is a majestic two-story home, with a wrap around front porch. The turret rooms give the home part of its magnificent appearance. The Bridget contains 3,419 square feet of palatial living.

The garage matches the scale of the home. It has a one-car area along with a recreational vehicle door. Because of the depth of the garage, there is ample space to set up a shop area, a hobby room, or a garden supply area. The vaulted entry has stairs to the upper level on the left and an office with a full bath on the right. The office area can also be used as a video room, as it has a built-in entertainment center. There is also a storage closet for supplies.

The enormous family room has a doorway to the garage and French doors to the deck area. A gas fireplace is located on the right side and the breakfast nook and kitchen are on the left. The kitchen has an island cooktop and vegetable sink. The eating bar connects the family room to the dining area with



an archway. There are French doors out to the wrap around porch through the dining area.

The round living area also contains a gas fireplace. Windows are placed all around the fireplace, providing light and an openness for the room. Directly above this room on the second floor is the second bedroom. Between it and the third bedroom is a full bath.

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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 Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present a "How to Make the Parade of Homes Work for You" seminar as part of its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the La Salle Bank Headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy. Attendees will learn how to take advantage of Parade of Homes as a comprehensive marketing program. Reservations are required to attend, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and new home sales representatives. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ The Sales and Marketing Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents its Master Certified New Home Sales Professional course "Essential Closing Strategies" Wednesday, Nov. 14. In addition to MCSP credit, the course gives the students 2 units of credit toward a Council of Residential Specialists (CRS), Certified New Home Marketing Professional (CMP) or Member, Institute of Residential Marketing (MIRM) designation. The class will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. Fees are \$159 for SMC members, \$179 for BIA members, \$199 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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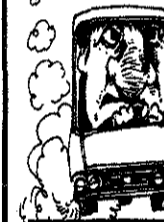
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**ACROSS**  
1 Not hither  
4 Laundry  
8 Become tire-some  
12 Luau music  
13 "Miami Vice" cop  
14 - Krishna  
15 Scored some points (2 wds.)  
17 Desktop symbol  
18 Small fry  
19 Make a call  
21 Riviera summer  
23 Stair post  
27 Ear dangle  
30 Nautical mile  
33 Jackie's second  
34 Tattoo sites  
35 - Claire, Wisc.  
36 Strait-laced  
37 Chinese dynasty  
38 Bad day for Caesar  
39 Cuzco builder  
40 Wanted-poster word

**DOWN**  
1 Mongol dwelling  
2 Just fine  
3 Guitar part  
4 Seize forcibly  
5 Assistance  
6 Wind-driven mist  
7 Noted potters  
8 Neighbor of Peru  
9 Natural resin  
10 Galleon cargo  
11 Craving  
16 Retains

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

K	E	B	A	B	S	H	E	L	F	
A	L	O	H	A	S	C	H	I	S	E
R	A	S	K	I	Y	A	P	M	U	
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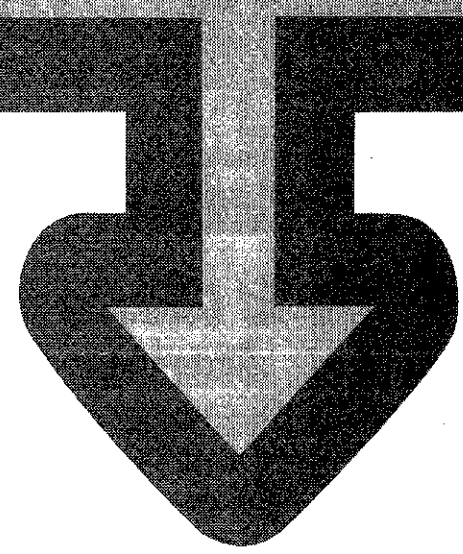
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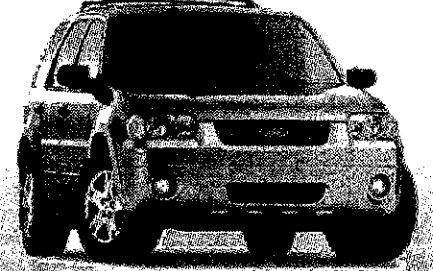
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**2008 EDGE FWD SE**

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 \$2000 Down \$2530.18 DUE AT SIGNING



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3.5L V-6 Duratec engine, 6 speed automatic transmission, P225/55R18 BSW tires and much more. Stock #8C7059 Was \$29,445  
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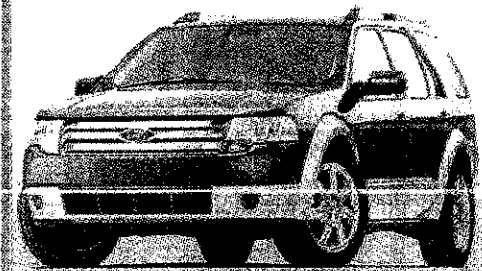
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**NOW \$22,299\***

**\$218\*\*** PER MO.  
 \$2000 Down \$2720.58 DUE AT SIGNING



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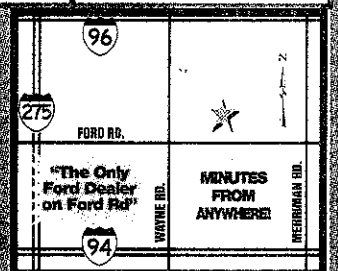
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