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Decision coming soon on timing of school elections

What's for dinner?

New kitchen away from home tries

to simplify life for customers

After earlier stating she wasn't sure when the issue would be decided, Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education President Judy Mardigian now says the board is expected to determine before the first of the year if it will move the annual May school board election to November, which could save the district as much as \$100,000 a year.

Mardigian said the subcommittee looking into the possible change should complete its report later this month, and a decision will be made before Dec. 31, which is when the state must be notified on an election date change for 2008.

"We expect to see the results of that work in early November, and I fully expect us to make a decision on that this year," Mardigian said. "We want to look at all facets of it. We've learned a lot about what other districts are doing, and we have a lot of other options."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, a mem-

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

STAFF WRITER

The rise of meal prepara-

tion businesses is looking to put an end to the brain-

wracking that comes after

the age-old question of

"What's for dinner?"

Kevin and Susan

Moutsatson of Van Buren Township opened an

Entree Vous franchise in

the Coventry Commons

Morton Taylor roads ear-

"We are here to sim-

plify life," said Kevin, 37,

a trained chef. "Our food

doesn't require any prepa-

The business, which is

essentially a large, stainless

steel kitchen, offers a rotat-

ing menu of a 14 items.

is fresh, it's tasty and it

ration (at home) besides

lier this year.

heating."

Shopping Center at Joy and

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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ber of the ad hoc committee, said it appears the district's options for election dates are more limited than earlier thought.

"There was an MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) article that encouraged districts to move elections to August," Gonzalez told board members. "But Michigan law shows it's illegal. There's a lot of misinformation out there."

While one faction believes saving the school district money makes it a no-brainer to move the election, others think the move to November will open the door to partisan politics in school

Last week, the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education voted to hold

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Plenty of tricks and treats to go around at annual Summit event

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

One-year-old Mara Neilson dressed as a flower.

There were lions, tigers, bears, a couple of pirates, a few princesses and a handful of super heroes.

Tuesday's sixth annual Trick or Treat Parade hosted by Canton Leisure Services took over Summit on the Park.

Shortly after the mass goodie grab kicked off, a long line of children and parents flowed out of the Summit and onto the sidewalk outside.

"These kids are our bread and butter and we all look to this event," said Recreation Specialist Jennifer Provenzano, who was dressed as Lucky, the leprechaun mascot for Lucky Charms cereal. "We've had parents tell us that this is why they moved to Canton."

As a sea of bumblebees, Disney characters, frogs and Thomas the Tank Engines moved from room to room, they were greeted by costumed representatives from Calvary Baptist Church, General Motors, Kinder Care Learning Centers and Plaza Lanes. The Rehab Institute of Michigan sponsored a visit from Paws of the Detroit Tigers.

In between filling their bags



Seventeen-month-old Cole Schland and his mom Amy meet Rhonda Bouma and her dog Rocky, dressed as Dorothy and Toto from the Wizard of Oz.

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with cookies, animal crackers and licorice, some kids posed for pictures with the giant, furry Tiger mascot.

In the background, classic tunes such as Monster Mash rang out from a stereo.

Canton toddler Peter Hasse, 2, napped the whole time his mother pushed his stroller from station to station collecting his treats. He woke up once they exited the

"This is our second year coming to this and I love it because it's family-oriented," Brenda Hasse said, as she prepared to take her son, who was dressed as Elmo, back inside Summit.

"It's a good time and a good community."

Plea deal ends domestic abuse case against Canton woman

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

With only one charge remaining against her, Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner pleaded no contest Monday to drunk and disorderly conduct stemming from an accused assault on her elderly husband.

She has been fined \$350. The state had charged

Campbell-Baumgartner, 46, of Canton with felonious assault, domestic violence, assault and battery and drunk and disorderly conduct for allegedly stabbing husband William Baumgartner, 86, with a utensil during an argument inside of Max & Erma's in April.

Kevin and Susan Moutsatson recently opened Entree Vous.

Each dish, which typically

has four to six servings, is

then prepared on the spot

and takes roughly 10 min-

Items to choose from

utes to assemble.

After a circuit court judge dropped the felonious assault charge, a district court judge later tossed out the domestic violence and assault and battery charges.

Baumgartner, a former longtime Plymouth resident, admitted in court that his wife had hit him but insisted that he wasn't a victim. His family members, who wished to remain anonymous, have expressed concern for his wellbeing.

Campbell-Baumgartner, who pleaded guilty last year to stabbing her mother with a fork, was allegedly angry with her husband at the eatery because she didn't like his response to a situation with their neighbors.

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The Sounds of Canton

The Sounds of Canton present "Canton Bandstand: Movin' & A-Groovin' in the 50s" on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Under the direction of Bernice Russian, the performances will feature music from an era when sock hops and doo wops were all the rage. The audience will have the chance to groove to these oldies but goodies from a time when crooners like Pat Boone, Frank Sinatra, Perry Como and Patti Page were at the top of the music charts.

The Sounds of Canton Singers are dedicated senior volunteers from all walks of life. The common thread binding them together is a love of music, fellowship, and the desire to sing. This choral group was originally established in 1977 and is currently comprised of 27 active members all over the age of 55.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$9 for seniors; and \$7 for youth. To order tickets or for more details, visit canton-mi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5460. Group rate tickets can also be purchased at the Senior Center for \$8 per ticket for five or more tickets. For more information, contact the Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.

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.

Women wanted

The Canton Business and Professional Women, whose goal is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women, will host its monthly meeting from 6-8:30 p.m., Nov. 12 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton. Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road and west of Sheldon.

If you are looking for leadership development; informative programs; business contacts

networking opportunities; mentor relationships; friendships; community awareness; professional growth; political advocacy; and a voice in women's issues. the group is looking for you.

Women's health will be the topic of the November meeting, which will include free health screenings and a guest speaker from Oakwood Community Health.

For more information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610 2561 or via e-mail at junenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting.

'Annie' at the Village Theater

Destination Theatre will present the musical, "Annie," Nov. 1-3 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. All tickets are just \$15. The curtain rises on this timeless tale of Little Orphan Annie at 7 p.m. Thursday -Saturday, in addition to a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. The Village



Fiddling excellence

Fourteen year-old Kelly Kaiser of Canton was the winner of the 22nd annual Michigan State Championship Old-Time Fiddlers Contest, which took place Oct. 6 at the Huron Township Applefest. The contest is dedicated to preserving and promoting the old-style Michigan fiddling that was used to accompany square dances at house parties and grange dances many years ago. The contest was open to all age groups, with a first prize of \$300. Kelly, a lifelong Canton resident, was among eight first-time

entrants this year. She began playing the violin at age 8, plays both classical and fiddle styles, has been a member of the Plymouth Canton Symphony's Society's Celebration Youth Orchestra since its inception, and is an active member of the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society in Garden City. She frequently plays at volunteer events around the area, as well as with her family band. "I'm just so happy. I love this music," Kelly said when she was announced the

Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

winner.

Hannah Struppa stars as the precocious Annie, who escapes from the "Hard Knock Life" orphanage run by the evil Miss Hannigan (Aubrey Donnell) and who goes on to inspire a president as she finds a new family and home with billionaire Oliver Warbucks (Erik Wright Olsen, Pat Persons) The cast features local youngsters as well as many area theater veterans, including WDIV-TV "Super Singer" finalist and local theater favorite Sara Rydzewski as Grace Ferrell, veteran performer and choreographer Craig Nichols as Rooster and Katherine Hoeg as Lily St. Regis. Starring as Annie's orphan pals are Jill Kraus (Molly), Marina Kondo (Kate), Emily Gross (Tessie), Kelsey Anderson (Pepper), Jillian Hoffman (July) and Frankie Topalian (Duffy).

"Annie" is directed by Emily Sherman, well-known for her work with area youth theater pro-Ken Pletzer and choreography by Debby Ash.

For tickets and detailed information, visit www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5460. Tickets are available at Canton's Summit on the Park box office, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. For additional information, visit www.destinationtheatre.org.

Art workshop

The Three Cities Art Club will present "The Perspective on Perspective Workshop" on Monday, Nov. 5 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Realistic artwork requires use of the principles of perspective, which gives a two dimensional drawing or painting the depth to make it appear three

dimensional. Learning to use a ruler to draw straight lines is an important steep in gaining the confidence to become an "artist."

The event is free. For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (248) 557-3800 on weekdays and (734) 397-2348 nights and weekends, or via e-mail at threecitiesartclub@ hotmail.com.

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 resiductions, with music direction by dents 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 pvandu-

> 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 (7340 394-5193 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

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school elections every other year, increasing trustee terms from four to six years, to coincide with municipal elections and save up to

\$70,000 annually. "It was most important to keep the money in the instruction part of the budget as money gets tougher and tougher to come by in the state of Michigan," said Mary Ellen Miller, president of the Bloomfield Hills school board. "Having partisan elections was very much a concern in our discussion, as well. Will people be willing to put themselves out there when the politicos are running? How much will it cost candidates to run in the elections? After the 2008 election, we'll have some factual data."

The effect of partisan politics and putting money back into the budget were main concerns of those at the P-CCS school board meeting Oct. 23.

"Moving the elections to November would drive up the cost for candidates that have served on various committees and others volunteering in this district to be able to run for a seat," said John Nichols of Canton Township, himself a former candidate. "What's next, do we need to run as a Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, for the war or against the war? We may have to take positions like this so we can get support from political parties if we want to work for our students of this district."

Former school board president Mark Horvath of Canton, whose online petition calling for the school board to change the election to November drew hundreds of signatures, told trustees saving \$200,000 over the next two years, and \$100,000 every two years after that, makes for an easy decision. And, as far as the political ramifications ...

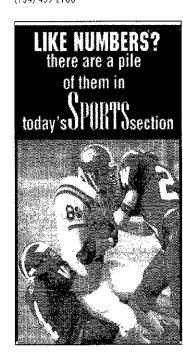
"It's not the job of the Board of Education to save us from ourselves," Horvath

"The people of the community are smart enough to select candidates that are best for our community, without the need for your control or oversight.

"Any attempts by elected officials to control elections or their candidates represent the most un-American of actions," he added.

"You need to put our money where you mouth is and get this \$100,000 in the classroom where it belongs."

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Cops accuse woman of burglary while grandson left out in cold

STAFF WRITER

A 43-year-old Canton woman was arrested last Thursday after police say she broke into a Canton condominium while leaving her 19-month-old grandson outside shivering in a stroller.

According to Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski, on the morning of Oct. 25, Rebecca Sue Lunsford entered an unlocked condo near Cherry Hill and Haggerty roads and stole a number



Lunsford

condo complex noticed Lunsford acting suspiciously and called police. After leaving the

condo, the woman loaded some of the items onto her

grandson's stroller and began walking back to the home she shares with

her daughter, who was at work at the items. He said a maintime of the incident. A female motorist said. tenance worker at the noticed her, and stopped to see if she needed a ride. A police officer arrived as she was loading items into the car.

"She was also carrying a rocking chair and a shelf unit, which she said she had pulled out of a dumpster," Pomorski said.

Pomorski said the grandson was not dressed for the cold weather.

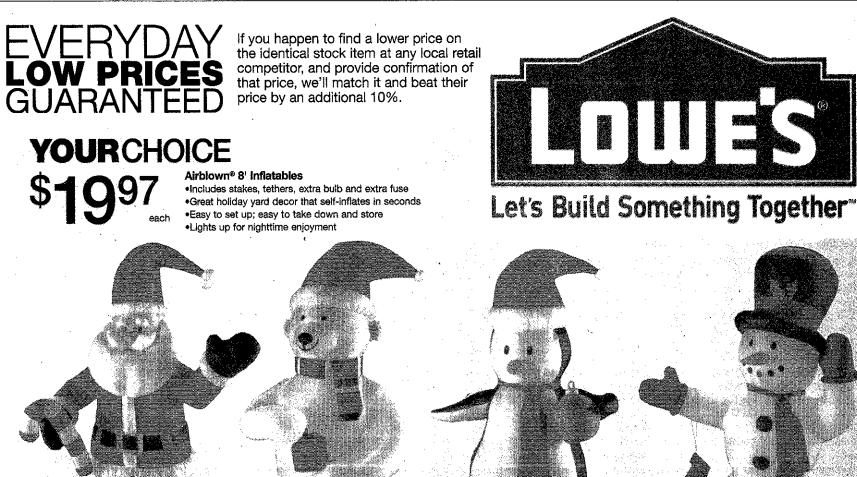
"When the officer arrived, he took of his coat and wrapped it around the boy to keep him from shivering," he

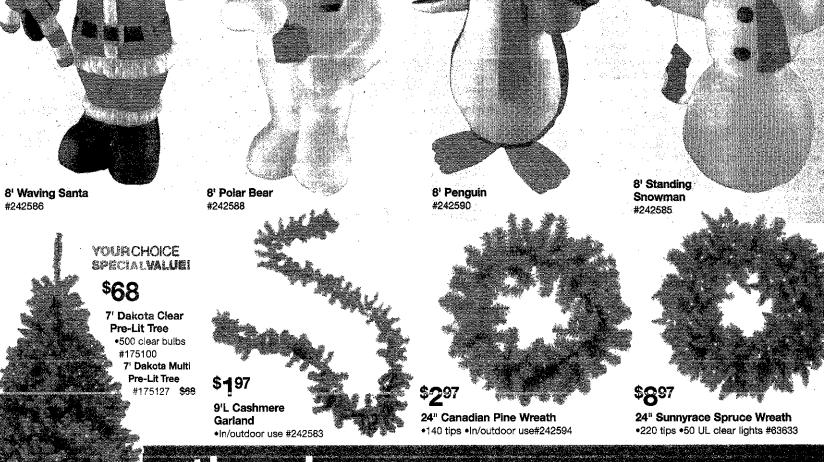
According to Pomorski, Lunsford

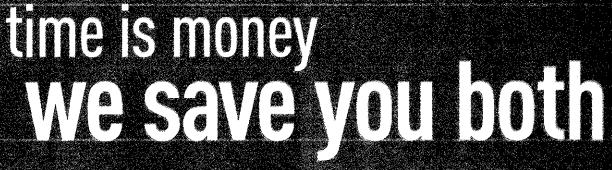
purse, including a needle and spoon. Lunsford was charged with home invasion and habitual 2nd degree, both felonies. She was arraigned in 35th District Court on Oct. 26. She also is wanted on a felony warrant out

also had drug paraphernalia in her

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Park Players tackle Austen classic

STAFF WRITER

It had been a while since the Park Players, the drama troupe at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, had done a period piece.

So director Kristen Quesada decided it was about time.

That's why the Players will present Pride and Prejudice, the play based on author Jane Austen's 1813 novel, during their annual fall production Thursday-Saturday at Salem High School's Gloria Logan Auditorium.

The play is a romantic adaptation of Austen's Rovel, which features Mrs. Bennett, who is trying to make sure her daughters have "the perfect match," but who runs into a bit of trouble when daughter Elizabeth runs into Mr. Darcy.

"Pride and Prejudice is a change for us, and it has strong literary value," Quesada said in explaining the choice. "The movie about Jane Austen's life (Becoming Jane, starring Anne Hathaway) came out, so I thought interest might be a little higher."

The 16-member cast -11girls, five boys — is smaller than some casts for recent productions, but Quesada said it was a good size for the show. Auditions came the first full week of school, with rehearsals starting right after that.

Veteran Park Player performer Kim Elliott, a junior at Plymouth High School, steps into the key role of Elizabeth, a character whose life Elliott said in some ways mirrors her own.

"She's family-oriented, and so am I," said Elliott, who like Elizabeth is the second of five children. "I love that she's strong and never lets any-



Lady Catherine (Tricia Wilkewitz) comes to confront Elizabeth Bennett (Kimmy Elliott) about her possible engagement to Mr. Darcy (Brandon Verdi).

thing bring her down." Playing Elizabeth's mother, Mrs. Bennett, is Canton High School senior Melisa Crosby, whose character has the most lines in the play ("She never shuts up," Crosby laughed).

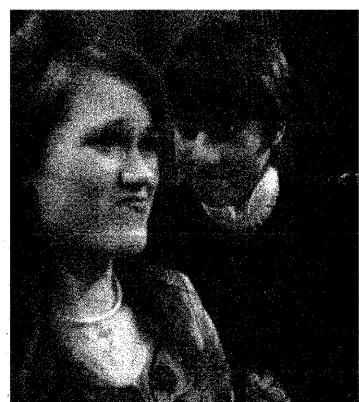
"She's so much fun to play," Crosby said. "She's so out there and crazy, she's so much fun. I can't wait to play her."

The play will take place on a set built by students in just a couple of weeks. Due to storage problems at the park, the space at the Logan Auditorium took a while to clear.

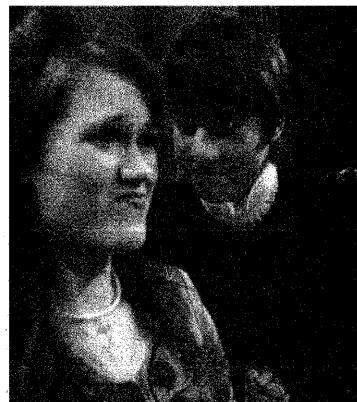
When it did, students got right to work.

'The kids built everything," Quesada said. "Considering the students did it in just two weeks, we're very pleased."

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Jake Burnstein is Mr. Collins, the pompous cousin to Elizabeth Bennett,







Brandon Verdi is Mr. Darcy, Kimmy Elliott is Elizabeth Bennett. His pride causes him to think that he loves her, but she isn't good enough for him.





The Plymouth Park Players present "Pride and Prejudice" Thursday through Saturday at Salem High School. At left, Kristen Quesada directs the Park Players.





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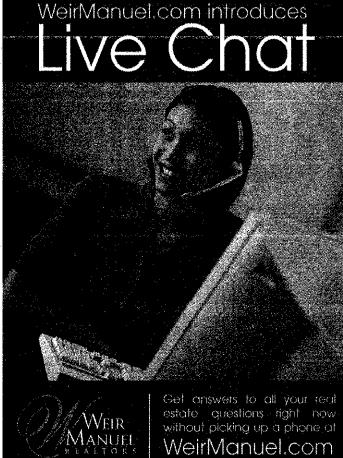
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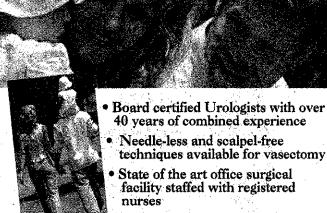








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The question — is the bequest legal and is it something that people who are pet lovers should consider?

Although Leona Helmsley was a colorful figure and the bequest seems a little eccentric, most people are surprised to find out that money set aside for the care of a pet after death is legal. In fact, 38 states around the country (including Michigan) have recently enacted laws that make it easier to leave money for the care of a pet.

In the past, the very wealthy did set up separate trusts for their pets. Typically, these trusts were expensive to establish and maintain. Because of the expense, the great majority of people could not do any estate planning with regard to their pets. After all, pets are considered property and unless something is specifically spelled out in a legal document, there is nothing that would protect the pet. However, now in Michigan and most other states, there is a mechanism. a Statutory Pet Trust, which is legally binding, enforceable and easy to establish. Typically, a Statutory Pet Trust can be added to some-

Intersection for an amount not to exceed \$125,475 and further to



the pet's needs.

Rick Bloom

of the keys is who is in charge upon your demise. It is important to select someone that likes your pet and can handle the duties of taking care of them detailed instructions as to

One important issue is how much money should fund the trust. This all depends upon the individual pet's needs. In addition, in funding that portion of the trust, you should give consideration to what happens to the pet upon

Another element of pet trust is to consider what happens to the unused funds upon your pet's death. Some people are concerned that if the caretaker receives the unused funds, they may have a disincentive to care for the pet and may skimp on certain expenses. One way to avoid this is to have the unused funds go to charity.

I know this may sound

strange, however, in establishtrust by a short ing a Statutory Pet Trust there could be income tax issues. If the money set aside for the pet is invested and earns at least \$100, then the trust itself could be liable to pay income taxes. In those situations, the caretaker for the pet would complete IRS Form 1041 and

use some of the assets of the

trust to pay taxes, if any.

In establishing a Statutory Pet Trust, it is important to make sure you identify what pet the trust is established for and whether it includes future pets that you may own. After all, many people, once they do any estate planning, never revise their documents and certainly in a situation of a pet this can cause issues.

Pets are an important element of American life and more and more people are concerned about what happens to their pet upon their death. For the great majority of people, I believe a simple and inexpensive solution is a Statutory Pet Trust.

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

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-October 23, 2007 RECEPTION IN RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREES. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter chair person in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding G-16 Consider Authorizing Emergency Repairs to be Performed on the Public Works Model #621 Case Loader and G-17 Consider Emergency Purchase of Geotextile Fabric for the Rouge Trail System from Price and Company, Incorporated. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of October 2, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of October 9, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. RECOGNITION: 1. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREES. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolutions for Deputy Chief Alex Wilson, Battalion Chief Tom Davison, Captain David Champagne, Captain David Bukis, and Patrol Officer Bruce Sutzer in recognition of their years of service to the Canton community and the Canton Department of Public Safety. Motion carried unanimously. PRESENTATION: PRESENTATION OF BADGE TO DEPUTY CHIEF PATRICK NEMECEK. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. RECEIVE RESIGNATION AND CONSIDER ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION ACTION ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE (IAC) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Williams and Richard Bantau and to appoint the following individuals to the Intersection Action Committee (IAC) as their replacements: Charlie Mott and James F. Malinowski. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. ESTABLISH 2008 MEETING DATES FOR THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by

LaJoy to establish the Canton Township's Building Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2008. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. ESTABLISH 2008 MEETING DATES FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2008 as follows: Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried by all members present Item 4. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR. (MSD) Motion carried by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve special event status and placement of signs at variouslocations for Tri-City Christian Women's Ministry Annual Holiday Craft Fair which will be held on December 1, 2007 at 3855 Sheldon Road. Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2007 AS "NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH". (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the proclamation in Support of National Family Caregivers Month, November 2007. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO. TO EXTEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 2004-341. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution to consider request from Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. to extend Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate No. 2004-341. Motion carried by all members present, Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR PRECISION BASEBALL. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use approval for Precision Baseball. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. REVISION TO PURCHASING POLICY. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the revised Finance Purchasing Policy F:10. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. APPROVAL OF SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT WITH HURON VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Huron Valley Ambulance, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010 for a not to exceed amount of \$403,981.50 per year with an annual inflationary increase beginning in January of the second and third year of the contract

period equal to the change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index or

five percent, whichever is less and authorized the Township

Supervisor to sign the agreement. Motion carried by all members

TRANSPORTATION BUS AGREEMENT WITH HURON

VALLEY AMBULANCE. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by

LaJoy to approve the Specialized Transportation Bus Agreement

with Huron Valley Ambulance for the purchase of a fourteen

passenger bus for \$11,817.08 (Social Services/Transportation

Account #101-670-860-0000) per year over a five year period (2008-

2012) and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement.

Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. C O N S I D E R AUTHORIZING SUNSET EXCAVATING TO COMPLETE THE

CANTON CENTER/GEDDES INTERSECTION PROJECT.

(MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize

Sunset Excavating to complete the Canton Center/Geddes

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present. Item 5. APPROVAL

authorize the transfer of funds from the account established for JCI to a new purchase order made to Sunset Excavating. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the revised Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee per the Code of Ordinances, Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee, Chapter 106, Article I, Construction and Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities, Division 2, Permit for Construction that Alters Drainage, Runoff or Related Matters, Section 106-70 C. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE WINTER MAINTENANCE ON 17.50 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 17.50 miles of local roads and authorize the payment of \$57,114.93 from account No. 101-441-950-0000 (Wayne County Road Maintenance). Motion carried by all members present. Item. 9. CONSIDER GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - ENGINEERING SERVICES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget in the General Fund to increase the Engineering Services Division budget: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Overtime-Engineering Services #101-447-708-0000 \$ 5,000, Contracted Services-Engineering Services 101-447-818-0000 _(5,000) Total =\$ 0 This budget amendment does not change the Engineering Services Division budget total or the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. CONSIDER INCREASING THE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNTS FOR EAST JORDAN IRON WORKS AND ETNA SUPPLY.(MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to increase the blanket purchase orders to Etna Supply. and to East Jordan Iron Works by \$8,000.00 each. Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. AUTHORIZE BUDGET INCREASE FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY OPERATING EXPENSES FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the following budget increase in the Summit Community Center Fund for increased birthday party event activities: Increase Revenues: Miscellaneous Revenue #208-000-694-0000 \$3,500 Increase Appropriations: Program Activity Supplies-Administration # 208-757-742-0000 \$3,500 This budget amendment increases the Summit Community Center Fund budget from \$2,472,521 to \$2,476,021. Motion carried by all members present. Item 12. PURCHASE LICENSESAND SUPPORT SOFTWARE FOR THE CITYWORKS ASSET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PROGRAM. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of the Azteca, Inc., Cityworks software, associated update and support services, and on-site training and technical services for a total cost of \$17.819.89 from the Parks Division Capital - Park/Golf Maintenance Software account #101-270-977-0000. Motion carried by all members present. Item
13. AWARD BID FOR POND STABILIZATION - HOLE #27. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for the Pond Stabilization on Hole #27 to Horizon Lawn Maintenance, Inc., 5781 S. Sheldon Rd., Suite 1, Canton, MI 48188 in the amount of \$9,700. Funds to be taken from account #246-750-970-0000, Line Item 4. Motion carried by all members present. Item 14. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF DETROIT PARTICIPATION IN THE WAYNE COUNTY TURBO PROGRAM. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the Canton Township Board of Trustees does hereby acknowledges and supports that 41930 and 42000 Van Born, Canton. Michigan, (Tax ID #'s 71-140-99-0009-000, #71-999-99-0209-000 and #71-140-99-0008-000) be held by the County of Wayne Land Bank on December 31, 2007, thereby exempting the properties from the collection of ad valorem property taxes pursuant to Section 3 of the Tax Reverted Clean Title Act, Act 260 of 2003, Public Acts of Michigan. Specific Tax means the eligible tax reverted property specific tax levied under Section 5 of the Tax Revered Clean Title Act, Act 260 of 2003, Public Acts of Michigan supports the Wayne County Land Bank's disbursement of its specific tax portion to promote economic development. Motion carried by all members present Item 15. PROPERTY SALE EXTENSION. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Township Board of Trustees approve the Second Amendment to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between Canton Township and Mr. Frank Powelson (April 10, 2007) to extend the closing date for the sale of 62.71 acres to on, or before, November 30, 2007. Further, that the Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the amendment. Motion carried by all members present. Item 16. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO BE PERFORMED ON THE PUBLIC WORKS MODEL #621 CASE LOADER. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the necessary emergency repairs to be performed on Public Works Case 621 Loader by Wolverine Tractor and Equipment Company at a cost of \$17,411.87 (Account # 592-441-932-0000, maintenance and repair); and, further to waive the requirements of the Finance Policy requiring formal bids for purchases in excess of \$10,000 due to the critical need for this equipment to be repaired as soon as practicable. Motion carried by all members present. Item 17. CONSIDER EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF GEOTEXTILE FABRIC FOR THE ROUGE TRAIL SYSTEM FROM PRICE AND COMPANY, INCORPORATED. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the emergency purchase of seventeen (17) rolls of geotextile fabric from Price and Company, Incorporated for a price of \$5,865.00 (acct. no# 246-750-970-0000). Motion carried by all members present. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business

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flank steak and the chicken Wellington are among the top customer favorites.

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The couple, who are also available to assemble entrees for pickup service, say they are having fun interacting with customers and familiarizing them with the Kentucky-based Fresh aprons await clients. company. When referencing their group of regular customers, Susan grins when mentioning a woman who can prepare a month's worth of dishes in lightning speed.

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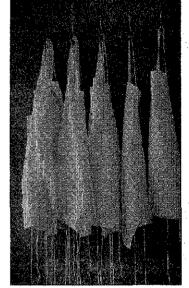
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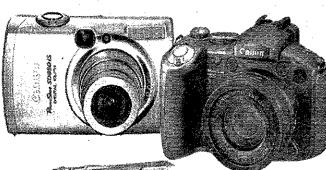
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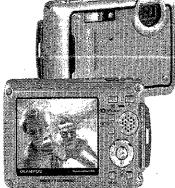
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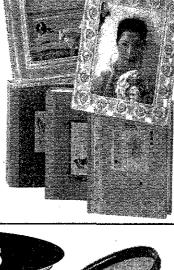




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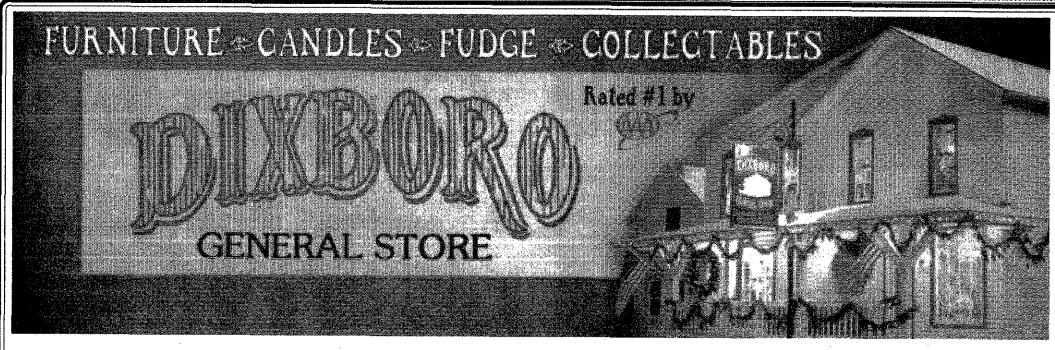
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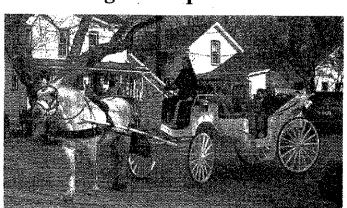
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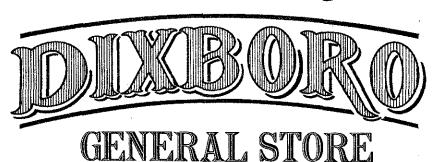
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The performances are general admission and will take place in the theater's Biltmore Studio, an intimate setting for enjoying live music. Each show starts at 8 p.m. and all seats are \$10. A cash bar will be available at each performance.

Here is the remaining sched-

■ Nov. 2: Act II. Well-known in the Detroit metro area, this quartet is bound to satisfy the Broadway music lover with their entertaining and varietyfilled program. You'll get an opportunity to enjoy comical and heartfelt tunes by some of the greatest Broadway composers.

■ Dec. 7: Kitty Donohoe Presents "The Sounds of the Season". Donohoe has been a Michigan-based songwriter and performer for several years. An adept instrumental-

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■ Feb. 1: Blue Water Ramblers present "A Century of Love Songs". These Michigan folk singers perform selections from 1870 to the 1970s. Blue Water Ramblers' repertoire comes right out of their Michigan life experiences and the history of the Great Lakes region.

■ March 7: The Liz Larin Trio. Has been compared to Sara McLachlan, Alanis Morisette and Liz Phair

■ April 4: Boogie Woogie Babies: Boogie Down Broadway. Don't miss this exciting revue featuring songs from off and on Broadway. Get ready for a musical journey down the Great White

Way from the 30s to present day classics. Family favorites from Gypsy, Cabaret, Chess, Chicago, The Sound of Music and Wicked are included.

■ May 2: Jammin' Round with Jamie-Sue Seal - With special guests Jill Jack and Andre Villosh. Here's your chance to experience a Jamie-Sue Seal performance. Sharing the stage with songwriters Jill Jack and Andre Villosh, you can expect a very engaging and intimate musical performance.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. To purchase tickets or to download the entire season schedule, visit www. canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person.

To purchase tickets at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office, stop by during box office hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7-9 p.m. and Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour prior to each perfor-

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Putting on a show

Baritone players Keith Perry (above left) and Paul Shanks are part of the kneeling brass at one point of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's performance of their award-winning show, "Out of the Shadows," while, warmly nestled between her parents, Lucas and Dr. Lora Montgomery of Canton, two-year-old Cecilia (left) enjoys the community performance put on by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Saturday at the P-CEP varsity stadium. Some 1,500 appreciative fans bundled up for the

opportunity to see the band's show. The Montgomerys are both Canton High School alumni and Dr. Montgomery is a former member of the marching band. The 197-member band put on a full-dress performance as a gift to the community Saturday night at the P-CEP varsity stadium. The band will compete in the State Championships at Ford Field on Nov. 3.



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and bronze medal, some are in training for the 2008 and to Harper Woods; weightlifter Cheryl Hayworth, The event is open to every-2010 games and some fit both categories. the strongest woman in one, boys and girls, parents, the Western Hemisphere; athletes and others. Livonia native and and champion weightlifter Churchill is located at 8900

Olympic gold medalist Sheila Taormina, a swimmer, triathlete and pentathlete-in-training organized the "Sharing the Dream" event to inspire

youngsters and introduce them to female role models.

Olympians aim to inspire Saturday

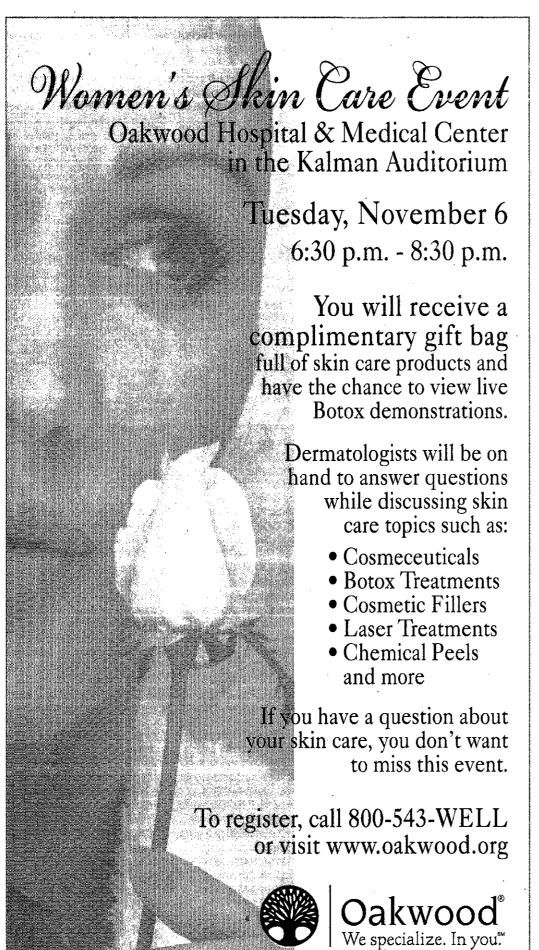
She will be joined by gymnast Shannon Miller, a seventime Olympic medalist; hockey player Angela Ruggiero, a three-time medalist with ties Natalie Woolfolk.

The panelists will talk from 9 a.m. to noon. Afterward, audience members will be

selected for a two-hour personal training session with their Olympic hero. Tickets are \$3 if pur-

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BRUCE FOUST BUSZARD

Died October 25th, 2007. The youngest of three brothers, he was born in Battle Creek on August 19, 1941 to Henry Milton Buszard and Ruby Grace Foust. After graduating from Redford High School in 1959 he attended Wayne State University, earning a B.A. in Geography in 1966 and an M.A. in Education in 1970. He was a teacher for 34 years, from 1965 until his retirement in 1999. For 3 years he taught in the Detroit Public School system, but spent the majority of his career in the Livonia Public School system, teaching 4th through 6th grade for 15 years at Tyler Elementary, and Science for 16 years at Emerson Middle School. Bruce was a lifelong music lover and amateur pianist; he played at home every day and every holiday season at the Wilson Barn Christmas sing along. While attending Wayne State he worked nights as the pianist at the Dakota Inn. It was at the Dakota Inn in 1962 that he met his future wife, Ann Marie Stampfly, who was introduced to him by their dear friend Kerry Nelder. They date for 3 years and were married on December 18, 1965. They had two children, Bradley Bruce and Laura Ann. Though Bruce had numerous interests outside of this family and work, his overriding passion was cars. He collected, restored and showed antique cars his entire adult life. At his death he had four antique cars that spanned four decades and was a member of the Ford and Mercury Restorers Club. He also loved dogs of all breads, especially mutts. After retiring he vol-unteered at the Michigan Humane Society walking dogs. He is survived by his wife, his two children, his daughter-in-law Michelle, his son-inlaw James, his grandson Jonathan Nicolas, and his brothers Roderick and Dean. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. which was Bruce's favorite charity Arrangements handled by Fred Wood

CHARLES G. NELSON Sr.

Funeral Home, Livonia, MI.

Passed away on October 30, 2007 at the age of 83. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 23, 1924 to the late Floyd and Sylvia (Morovic) Nelson. He was a wonderful, caring, and loving man. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved being with his family. He served in the US Army during WWII and was part of the Battle of the Bulge. He was affectionately known by his grandkids as grandpa and papa. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Ruth B. His beloved children; Shonna Marie (Dean) Dolley, Jody Ann (Steve) Sherman, Charles Gerald (Paula) Nelson, Jr., his adored grandchildren; Ryan, Kristen, Eric, Sarah, Hannah, Marla, Samantha, Charlie, and Jacob. Also survived by two brothers; Arnold and David, one sister Janet. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 2, 2007 from 3-9 PM with a Rosary being prayed at 7:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 11:00 AM, with final visitation at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, 48178 with Rev. Fr. Kenneth Chase officiating.

CHARLES G. RICHARD

Passed away October 26, 2007 at the age of 75. He is the beloved husband of Ruth, having been married for 44 years on October 27th. Dear father of Lisa L. Richard and stepfather of Carol (James) Holtzclaw, Kathleen Bassler and the late Sandra Brown. Dear grandfather of Jessica (Steve) Hobart and the late Brianna Paulsen. Dear great-grandfather of Elianna Hobart. Dear brother of George (Phyllis) Richard. Mr. Richard was a quiet, down to earth, man who loved the Lord. He retired in 1969 from Dunn Steel, Plymouth, where he was an inspector. He was a resident of Westland, previously of Plymouth. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at Riverside Park Church of God. Memorials may be made to Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Rd., Livonia 48150. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DEAN O. COREY

Age 76, died Monday, October 22, 2007 at DuBois Regional Medical Center in DuBois, Pennsylvania. He was born January 17, 1931, in New Troy, Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University. A veteran in the U.S. Army, he served in Germany. He retired as a commercial interior designer in 1989. In 1997 Dean and his wife Barbara moved from Farmington to Ann Arbor to be near their children. A memorial service is scheduled at the First Presbyterian. Church of Saline at 2:30 p.m. Sat. Nov. 3. A Committal service will be held at the Cope Memorial Garden of the First Presbyterian Church in Farmington on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007 at ll:00 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Funds of the First Presbyterian Church of Saline, 143 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176 or the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334.



DOROTHY I. ROHDE Age 87, of Lewiston, Michigan, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2007 at Aspen Ridge Retirement Center in Gaylord, Michigan. She was born on November 3, 1919 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, the daughter of Paul and Amanda (Jens) Sehloff. Dorothy graduated from Mishicot High School in 1937. She then worked at the Mirro Aluminum Goods Mfg. Co. in Manitowoc. During World War II, she worked at the Manitowoc Ship Building Co. in Manitowoc and Burroughs Adding Machine Co. in Plymouth, Michigan.On April 29, 1944, Dorothy was united in Holy Matrimony to Gilbert B. Rohde in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. After her marriage to Gilbert, they moved to Plymouth, Michigan and later to a farm in Livonia, Michigan. She and her family then moved to Base Line Lake in Dexter, Michigan. Gilbert preceded her in death on October 8, 1986. She moved to Lewiston, Michigan in After moving to Livonia, Dorothy drove school bus for the Livonia Public Schools and later for the Dexter Public Schools where she retired in 1983. Throughout her life, she enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling, reading, arts and crafts, and bird watching. Dorothy was a life member of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Auxiliary of American Legion Post 32 in Livonia, Michigan. She also was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lewiston, Dorothy will be remembered by her family and friends for her enduring love and strong devotion to family, her love of wildlife, especially birds, and her exceptionally strong faith in God. Dorothy is survived by a daughter, Sharon Parker (Ron) of Rives Junction; a son Wayne (Karen) of Brandon, South Dakota; and a son Timothy (Carol) of Lewiston; a sister Grace Carstens of Manitowoc, Wisconsin: a sister-in-law, Bernadine (Bernie) Sehloff; seven grandchildren; six great grand children; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Dorothy is also survived by her beloved cat, Whiskers, her dear companion for nearly fifteen years since she was rescued as an abandoned kitty by her four youngest grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Amanda Sehloff; her husband, Gilbert; a brother, Vernon Sehloff; a grandson, Lloyd Rohde, and a step-great grandson. Johnathon Fulcher. The funeral service for Mrs Rohde will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday November 2, 2007 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lewiston, Michigan. A viewing will be held 3:00 to 8:00 Thursday November 1, 2007 at Green Funeral Home, in Lewiston, Michigan. Interment services will be held on November 3, 2007 at Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery in Livonia at 11:30 AM. Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hospice of Michigan or

Montmorency Council on Aging. Condolence messages can be sent via

our website:



IRENE BERES LAPINSKI

October 30, 2007. Beloved wife of Eugene. Dear mother of David (Pamela), Rosanne (Gregg) Garrison and Carol (Joseph) Erdie. Grandmother of Gavin, Kristina, Brian, Chloe, Joey, Aurora and Summer. Sister of Ronald (Sharon) Beres. Resting at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (at Ann Arbor Trail) Thursday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Friday 12 Noon - 9 p.m. Rosary Friday 7 p.m. Instate Saturday 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 23700 Joy Rd. (2 blocks East of Telegraph) until time of Mass at 10 a.m. Procession to St. Hedwick Constructors for Mos Shore Hedwig's Cemetery after Mass. Share a "Memorial Tribute" at griffinfuneralhome.com

NICHOLAS J. FLESHER Of Plymouth. October 27, 2007, age 27. Loving son of Carol Flesher, Scott Folk and Matthew (Chelley) Arbour. Dear grandson of Donald James Flesher, Robert and Mary Folk and the late Mary Flesher. Beloved nephew of Daniel and Kathleen Flesher, David and Pamela Flesher and Mary Hammond. Also survived by many cousins. Nic was employed at Dearborn Moving and Storage and enjoyed Disc Golfing. Funeral Mass will be held Friday, November 2, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, 5481 Dixie Highway, Waterford. Celebrant Reverend Lawrence J. Delonnay. The family will receive friends Thursday 2-8 p.m. at the RIVERSIDE CHAPEL, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford and at the church on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Vigil service Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's of Michigan Neurological Care Fund. Online guest book: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



JAMES NELSON FANZINI

73. Attorney Age Professional Civil Engineer; a long time resident of Farmington Hills, passed in Thailand on October 24; Jim was a graduate Farmington High School (1952) Wayne State University College of Engineering (1961) & the Wayne State University Law School (1966). He served in the US Army for four years as a Radio Traffic Analyst during the Korean War. Upon completion of his education in 1966, he passed the Michigan Professional Engineering & Michigan Bar examinations during the same summer. During Jim's profes-sional career he worked for the Detroit Water Board & the United States Overseas Mission. He founded & managed Environmental Engineering Inc., of Royal Oak & had been the County Engineer for Livingston Co. Jim most recently served as the head of Right of Way for the Engineering Department of the Oakland Co. Road Commission, from which he retired in 2002. Jim loved to travel & saw much of the world during his lifetime, traveling to South America, Australia, & extensively in Southeast Asia. He was a avid reader, amateur astronomer & a member of the Detroit Astronomical Society. Jim was generous to those in need & counted amount his friends people of many languages, religions & cultures. Jim dedicated much of his energy after his retirement to improving living conditions for the people of rural Thailand. He will be deeply missed by his family & friends. Jim is survived by his three children Angelyn (David) Lynch of Farmington Hills, J. Scott (Sara) Fanzini, of St. Joseph & Nelson (Kari) Fanzini of White Lake. His cherished grandchildren Jacob, Hannah, Amber, Alyssa & Lillian Fanzini. Jim is also survived by his sister Patricia Cameron, many loving nieces, nephews, other family members & his former spouse and dear friend, Nancy Fanzini of Farmington Hills. Memorial service, Friday, November 2nd, 11:30 AM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds.; just N of Grand River) Downtown Farmington (248-474 5200). The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

Pontifical visit

Of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of Catholics of All Armenians continues to Nov. 1, at St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cultural Hall. Cost is \$55, children under age 18 \$25. Space is limited. For tickets, call (248) 569-3405.

Church fair

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

Angel baby service

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

Holiday bazaar

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. Raffle drawing at 3 p.m. and persons need not be present to win. Admission is free. A portion of proceeds go to help support the church's Mission Program. For more information, call (313) 274-3820.

Series explores the lives of five ordinary heroes 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Dec. 2, at Life Covenant Church which meets at East Middle School, 1042 Lilley (S. Mill), Plymouth, For more information, call (734) 634-2697. At Life Church you can expect awesome music, casual attire, relevant messages, a children's program, and a hot cup of coffee. Pasties sale

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

Time change

The starting time for the traditional service is moving from 10:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-6722.

Vegetarian extravaganza

20th annual Holiday Tasting event takes place 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the Metro Adventist School Gymnasium, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Cost is \$14 adults, \$5 for ages 6-12. For information, call the Hotline at (248) 446-9176.

Upper Room Ministries

Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning Nov. 4. in Room 111 in Our Lady of Loretto School on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford, Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

Music of the heart

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

Benefit

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

Holiday bazaar

4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, a turkey dinner will be served 4:30-7 p.m. Friday (cost \$7 adults, \$4 ages 3-11, free under age 3), snacks and lunch will be available at a low cost on Friday-Saturday, Bazaar includes cookie walk, bake sale, Christmas shop, Crafty Corners, silent auction, and Grandma's Attic (nearly new items), at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford road. Everyone is welcome, Call (734) 421-7620.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). The services are held at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio will preach the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfession.org or call Humby at (937) 252-1156.

Alternative Christmas Fair

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

Course in Miracles

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

Mama's Coffeehouse

Featuring Dave Boutette and Jen Sygit Saturday, Nov. 10 (7:15 p.m. open mic, 8 p.m. show), at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northwest corner of Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Call (248) 569-0965 for information. To reserve a slot for open mic, call (248) 626-4650.

Veterans Day Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Parish hosts a special Veterans Day Mass for all veterans and active military to thank them for their service to our country Sunday, Nov. 11, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. There will be a color guard and flag raising ceremony at the flag pole in front of the church at 11:40 a.m. followed by the Mass at noon. An informal reception with light refreshments will follow the Mass and all military members attending will receive a small memento of thanks. For additional details, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Veteran's Day

The congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church honors and thanks all veterans and those on active duty along with their loved ones by honoring them 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the church, 37775 Palmer road, Westland. Ch. (Col.) Herb Heavner, State Chaplain Michigan Guard, will preach. All veterans and those on active duty along with their loved ones are invited. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

Sisterhood luncheon

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org.

Church concert series

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

Special presentation St. Michael the Archangel Parish

of Livonia and St. Gerald Church of Farmington are co-hosting a special presentation, God's Will for the Family: How to Live it with noted Catholic apologist, Rosalind Moss 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at St. Michael's Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All are invited to hear this dynamic speaker explain the daily, concrete steps one can take to conform their own family to Christ's teachings in today's hectic world. Moss is well known as a staff apologist for Catholic Answers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to explaining the Catholic faith as well as for her regular appearances on the Eternal Word Television Network. She is the editor of the book Home at Last: 11 Who Found Their Way to the Catholic Church which includes her own story and hosts a bi-monthly radio program From the Heart on the syndicated apologetics program, Catholic Answers Live. The event kicks off the new Faith and Family Series to be offered at St. Michael the Archangel Parish over the next two years and is open to all in the area. The series' focus will be on the dynamics of the Christian family. with particular emphasis on practical,

hands-on methods of achieving that goal in the modern world.

Many voices...one song Welcomes the Biakuye Unity Ensemble

7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. 14 Mile. Beverly Hills. No charge although a free-will offering will be collection. Meet the artists reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 540-9124. Biakuye (which means unity) brings together the cool sound of American jazz vibraphone, drumset and electric bass with the melorhythmic richness of African marimba, kalimba and hand drums. The group includes Ghanaian drummer Kofi Ameyaw, American percussionist Roger Braun, Senegalese bass player Issa Sall, and Mark Stone, a performer of global melodic-percussion. Joining Biakuye on the program will be the Many Voice..One Song Choir. The audience will be invited to join in the joyous music making near the end of the program.

Bazaar & mini cookie walk

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

Fashion show

Monday, Nov. 19 (doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.), presented by Women of the Immaculate Conception at Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford road. Cost is \$15. For tickets, call Noreeno Debono (734) 722-8360 or Shirley Rourke at (734) 721-1794.

Luminescence for Advent

A women's afternoon of reflection to prepare for the upcoming Advent season takes place 1:31-4:31 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at St. Hilary's Church, 23901 Elmira, one block east of Telegraph, south of Plymouth road. Enter off Appleton and turn right on Elmira. Designed for women ages 18 to 99, combines music, presentations, discussions and creative expression. People of all faiths welcome. Presenter is Sister Pat Hergenroether. Cost is \$20, includes materials and refreshments. Reservations with payment are due Nov. 19. For more information, call (313) 533-1560 or send e-mail to shilary@twmi.rr.com.

Heart quest

A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, started 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Cherry Hill SDA Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venov. Garden City.

F.I.R.E. ministries

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

UPCOMING

Gingerbread open house

The Inn at St. John's Gingerbread Open House takes place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at 44045 Five Mile at Sheldon, Plymouth. The free family event features live reindeer petting, carriage rides, a gingerbread house display, visits with Santa, music and refreshments. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested to benefit St. Vincent De Paul. Additional information can be found at www.theinnatstjohns.com or call (734) 414-0600.

ONGOING

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.1

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www. orthodoxlivonia.org.

Fall worship schedule Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m.

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

Singers wanted

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

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RELIGION

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-caneat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast

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

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford, Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Fall schedule

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc. ora.

Bible studies Regular Bible Study program began 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and

Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022; Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248)

349-1144.

HeartCry The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming,

by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

BELIEFS AND VALUES

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

Women of the word

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

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese's ENDOW program, the study group focuses on dignity

of women of all ages and faiths. The group meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 5. in the Convent Meeting Room behind the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The second session meets 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays to Dec. 4 in the same room. Different Times, Abiding Dignity deals with women's inherent dignity at all stages of life. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. Cost is \$60 for materials but no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. To register, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200,

or visit www.endowonline.com. **ENDOW**

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching runs Thursdays to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aldan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

Bible study

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30

a.m. Saturdays at Biessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Study the Gospel of Luke through November, then move on to Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

Ladies Bible study

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

Registration

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

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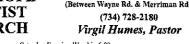
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OUR VIEWS

Gleaners needs help to feed the hungry

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, the area's largest emergency food provider, has put out an urgent SOS. At a time when the need is the greatest, the supply of food is critically low.

The agency reports that its inventory is down by 1.5 million pounds of food. Meanwhile, from January through September, Gleaners' distribution has increased by 2.2 million pounds, a 12.7 percent increase from the same period last year. In the months July through September, Gleaners distributed 704,964 more pounds of food than in the same period in 2006.

Improved efficiencies by national food companies have had a devastating effect on surplus supplies for emergency food centers. The agency reports that the 35 percent decline in donations so far this year is the largest falloff

of some food and feed crops

on Michigan and metro

Detroit, which continues to

be economically hard hit. In September, United Way's 2-

1-1 call center received the

highest volume of calls for

service since the program was launched in December 2005.

Gleaners Community Food

to ethanol manufacturing. This is especially hard

Also contributing to the food shortage is the diversion Improved efficiencies by national food companies have had a devastating effect on surplus supplies for emergency food centers. The agency reports that the 35 percent decline in donations so far this year is the largest

Bank needs to acquire two million pounds of food before falloff to date. Thanksgiving to ensure it can meet the needs of 250,000 people who depend on its emergency food to feed them-

selves and their families.

Gleaners is asking for help.

"We have thus far been able to meet the demands of our partners, the 400 soup kitchens, shelters, churches and pantries who serve our hungry neighbors," said Gerry Brisson, Gleaners vice president for development. "But without help it is only a matter of time before hungry children, seniors and families will be denied assistance due to lack of food."

Gleaners is seeking monetary donations so it can purchase food. To donate and learn more, go to the Gleaners Web site at www.gcfb.org.

Put budget in play sooner

Talk about the poor getting poorer — that certainly applies to school districts, which don't have the fund balance to tide them over until they receive their first state aid payment. They end up paying more because of it.

The situation is this: School districts pass budgets that begin on the first day of their business year, namely July 1. The state's new budget, however, doesn't begin until Oct. 1. The end result is that school districts start spending money before the state decides how much it will allocate to the locals.

Remember Proposal A? That's what mandated the state to fund education, so districts are by and large dependent on the state for operating funds.

State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi has introduced House Joint Resolution AA, which could change this scenario. Vagnozzi, now in his final term, has proposed that all general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal year be presented to the governor on or before July 1 of each fiscal year.

The proposal is now before the House Appropriations Committee, which ought to give it serious consideration.

There's a lot at stake. Consider Garden City Public

State legislators have to realize that school districts are the ball that " has been dropped when budget deliberations are fumbled.

Schools, which must borrow \$13 million to cover expenses until it receives its first state aid payment in October. In recent vears, it has scaled back the amount it borrows from state - and pays interest on, hence getting poorer — by opening up lines of credit with its lending institutions.

But that's not the end of the story for a district that's in the second year of a three-year deficit reduction plan with a hole that's \$3.2 million deep.

Garden City isn't alone. Wayne-Westland is projecting that it will have to begin borrowing money to cover expenses in the 2008-09 budget year

Other wealthier districts in Oakland County also complain that they are trying to hit a moving target — the amount of state aid per student that the state must deliv-

State legislators have to realize that school districts are the ball that has been dropped when budget deliberations

Someone has to come up with a new game plan. Put Vagnozzi's plan on the board.



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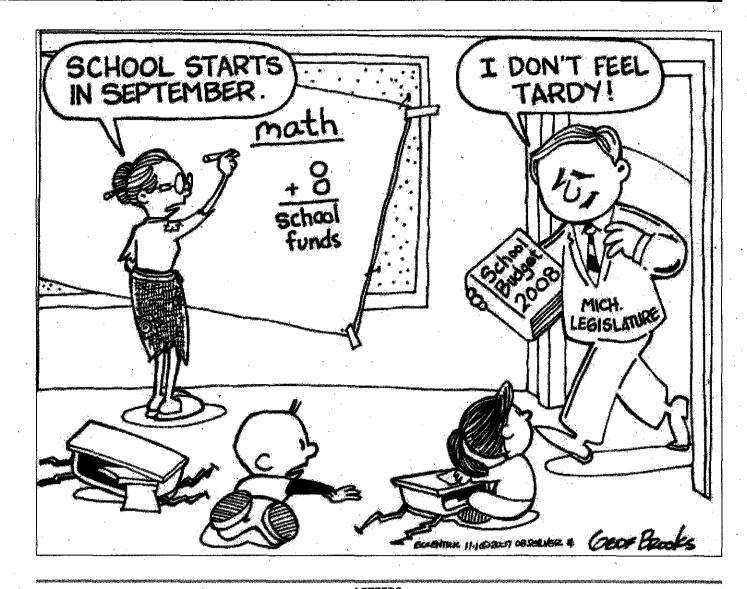
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LETTERS

Change election date

If the PCCS board is so worried about it costing future candidates too much to run an election, why doesn't it change the elections to November and put a cap on the spending a candidate is allowed to have, say \$1,000?

I spent \$109 on my last campaign and \$100 of that was the filing fee. My previous campaign in which I was elected to the board I spent \$342, so there is no need to spend such a high amount, as was proven this past election. And they could even limit campaign contributions so that no organization can contribute to their funds, nor could a candidate take a contribution of more than, say, \$25 per person, including in-kind gifts like free use of phone banks and mailings on behalf of certain candidates.

Candidates can do many free things locally to get themselves recognized and share their platform on local education. They can go to all the PTO meetings and speak for a few minutes and let people ask them real questions. They can hold town halls where people can bring their own food and drink at public venues. They can go door-to-door talking with people. They can perform service for the

Since school board elections are nonpartisan, simply moving them to the regular ballot will not automatically make them partisan. So people who vote party line will still have to choose from the candidates.

It is time to stop making excuses and change the election date. It is the fiscally responsible thing to do!

Rich Ham-Kucharski Canton

Inaccurate letter

After reading Barbara Dugger's letter, the 35th District Court felt a response was necessary to clarify some misleading information as well as to add some factual information that was not in her letter.

Ms. Dugger did visit the court Sept. 12, to use the restroom. However, when she entered the court, she attempted to bypass all of our security procedures. She came running into the court and did not stop until the security officer advised her that she needed to return and be processed through the metal detector.

After being asked three times to return to the metal detector to be processed, she finally did so. However, as reflected in her letter, she was obviously irritated that she must comply with our security

Several of the statements Ms. Dugger claims were said to her are inaccurate. In addition, there were no employees or visitors standing around laughing at her. While we expect professional behavior at the 35th District Court, sometimes people confuse rude with firm. We were not rude to Ms. Dugger; however, the security officer did use a firm tone of voice with her due to her refusal to comply with our security procedures.

Post 9/11, protection of citizens has led to increased security in many buildings that are potential targets for violence, including courts and airports. Coincidentally, on this same day, we received a threatening letter involving anthrax. While we empathize with Ms.

Dugger's illness, we will not jeopardize the safety and security of the employees and visitors to our building.

Debra Kubitskey 35th District Court administrator

Don't leave children alone

Last year when I dropped my child off at preschool, I observed daily, parents leaving their babies and young children in running cars while they went inside to retrieve their kids. This took place in a Plymouth-Canton elementary school parking lot. I have recently switched my child to a private preschool and have noticed the same behavior.

While it is a burden to take a sleeping baby in a car seat out into the weather to pick up an older sibling, the burden of losing a child to injury or a stranger is even more. Believe me, I am not the only one who notices sleeping babies $\,$ and young children left in running cars. It only takes one wrong person to also notice, and the car and its precious cargo could be gone in seconds. As parents, we know how quickly things can happen with young children — taking a chance like this is scary and wrong! Children are our most precious valuables and should not be left in cars unattended. Even if the car is locked (many of them are unlocked), and not running, a child can hurt themselves, or get seriously injured if the car is hit — and it's illegal. Keep your kids safe and attended at all times. Leave them with a neighbor or spouse if you don't want to take them into the school, but please, please don't leave them in cars. They're not dogs.

A. Graham Canton

Answer is in energy

Every Michigander has in some way experienced the unfortunate state of our economy in the past few years.

What all Michiganders have not realized, however, is there is a clear solution for diversifying our economy, providing thousands of jobs and also helping curb the most dangerous impacts of global warming: energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Energy-efficiency programs will bring jobs to Michigan and provide energy savings for consumers and businesses at a fraction of the cost of building new coal or nuclear plants. A renewable energy standard (RES) will help Michigan break its dependence on coal, provide incentives to use home-grown alternatives, such as wind, solar and biomass and create thousands of new high-tech jobs that drive this type of industry.

Twenty-five states have already implemented an RES and are experiencing significant economic, environmental, and health benefits. Michigan has neither policy and is losing out.

The good news is several clean energy bills have been introduced in both the state House and Senate this session. Unfortunately, leadership has not yet taken action to pass this important legislation. What Michigan needs is for our legislative leaders to show real "leadership" by passing strong clean energy legislation now.

Michigan cannot afford to be lost in the dust as other states create jobs and grow clean energy industries while also

protecting their natural resources. Our state representative, Marc Corriveau, D-Plymouth, has been a strong outspoken supporter of clean energy this year. We now would like to see our senator, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, also support strong clean energy legislation that would move our state forward.

With Gov. Granholm's latest plans to make promoting alternative energy her top priority, and 25 states already reaping rewards from clean energy, it is time for the Michigan Legislature to act. Michigan has the resources, uniquely skilled workforce and manufacturing and industrial strengths to diversify our economy and create thousands of new jobs. Michigan cannot afford to wait another day to take advantage of this growing industry and must pass clean energy legislation now.

Kerry Griffith Plymouth

No recall

While no one likes increased taxes, recalling state representatives because they did their job is irrational.

In the recent tax debates, no one has mentioned that the outgoing Legislature left the state in a revenue quandary when its eliminated the Single Business Tax without any plan to make up the difference. The previous Legislature left a legacy that the current Legislature has struggled to fix, with mixed results.

Marc Corriveau simply did his job in supporting actions that will allow the state to continue to function. I would ask Mr. Hatt how he would propose solving the state budget problems. Recalling those legislators who made difficult choices is not a solution.

Karl Fiegenschuh

Plymouth

Recall Corriveau

Rep. Marc Corriveau needs to be recalled from office for voting to increase the state income tax:

Obviously, Mr. Corriveau did not take Economics 101 in college. The solution to turning Michigan around is not to raise taxes when our state is in a severe recession. He needs to return to the private sector to understand what most of the Michigan citizens are dealing with.

Charles B. Thornell Jr. Plymouth

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"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."

- Plymouth-Canton Schools administrator Ken Jacobs, after a student at Smith Elementary contracted a potentially deadly staph infection that has closed schools in southeast Michigan

Too many make immigrants | Playing blame games does scapegoats for nation's ills

couple weeks ago, members of the social justice committee at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton invited Detroit Bishop Daniel Flores to come speak about the subject of immigration.

The topic had been something the members of the committee had been discussing during



meetings, and they thought Flores, an Hispanic who hails from Texas near the Mexican border, could offer some personal insights on the matter. They also thought that what he had to say would be something the general public would be interested in as well, considering immigration, or more specifically illegal immigrants, is such a hot topic

these days. While acknowledging America has "a serious political problem to solve" because of the influx of illegal immigrants crossing over from Mexico, Flores implored those in attendance to remember that immigrants, even those here illegally, are human beings too, and deserve to be treated as such. He said Christians, especially, need to treat all humans with respect and dignity.

At the conclusion of his thought-provoking sermon, Flores was hoping to field a few questions, but was instead bombarded by people looking to pick a fight about the issue. There weren't many questions, mostly just long, drawn-out rantings — the same kind of stuff you would hear from a right-wing talk radio.

It didn't take long before Flores concluded the session, and you could tell he was a bit perturbed. I couldn't help but feel bad for him. Here he was trying to spread a message of love, in a church no less, and he was largely met with anger and hatred.

Let's face it, anger and hatred (and probably some racism sprinkled in) have been the guiding voices in America's crusade against illegal immigrants from Mexico.

And it only seems to be getting worse. Illegal immigrants seem to be getting the blame for all of America's ills lately. They steal our jobs, attend our schools for free, scam our welfare system, and on and on. Heck, I heard several people say they believed illegal immigrants were responsible for setting the fires in California.

Some members of Congress, including Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, said one of the reasons they voted against expanding the State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) was that too many illegal immigrants would take advantage of it.

Personally, I find it a great irony that aboriginal peoples of North America are being labeled immigrants to this country.

But there is no question that we have a problem in this country. There has been a major tide of immigrants, both legal and illegal, that have come to America. In March 2006 the Pew Hispanic Center estimated the undocu-

Yet, I shake my head when I hear people say illegal immigrants have stolen American jobs. You can't steal a job. If you could, I would be the CEO of some Fortune 500 corporation. Someone has to give you a job.

mented population was around 12 million, a number supported by the U.S. Government Accountability Office. The majority (more than 80 percent) are from Mexico and Central America. And it's not hard to see the impact they've had on the American employment land-

When I was younger, I worked for a landscaping company. We bought all of our plants and trees from local nurseries. When I first started, you would see a few Mexican workers. A decade later, every nursery we dealt with employed mostly Mexican workers, most of whom knew no English.

And then they moved into the trades like brick laying, painting, drywall, etc. I remember a couple of the new subdivisions where we worked that were being developed by Pulte Homes, and all you would see were Mexican workers building the homes.

A lot of my friends who were in the trades suddenly found themselves with little or no work. So there has definitely been an impact.

Yet, I shake my head when I hear people say illegal immigrants have stolen American jobs. You can't steal a job. If you could, I would be the CEO of some Fortune 500 corporation. Someone has to give you a job.

And that brings me to the solution to America's illegal immigration problem. It really is simple - start throwing the people who hire them in jail. All the owners of the factories, landscaping and construction companies, and restaurants who reap more profits because they don't want to pay a decent wage to American workers should be arrested and given harsh prison sentences.

Without the lure of jobs, immigrants are not going to come here. Unfortunately, there are far too many companies willing to hire them

– illegally. People who are so upset about this issue should direct their anger against those people, not poor, desperate Mexicans, or people like Bishop Flores, who have sympathy for them and plead with people to treat them like human

I refuse to hold it against someone because they are trying to provide a better life for their families. That's what brought my ancestors to these shores. Fortunately for me, the political climate was a little different back then.

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nothing to help our state

Unbelievable.

That's the best word I can come up with to characterize the continuing - and intensifying - partisan politics spewing from Lansing in the wake of the recent "compromise" on the 2008 budget.

Clearly, Gov. Jennifer

Granholm and members of

the state House and Senate

on both sides of the aisle

unprofessional, childish

bickering that dominated

the people who elected them

learned nothing from their

Joe Bauman

the state's residents.

the nine-month budget battle. And you know what? I am starting to believe they don't really care what

think about their performance. Most reasonable people agree that the "budget solution" represents no solution at all, and our leaders in Lansing fanned on a chance to bring real, meaningful reform to state government. But that hasn't stopped a steady stream of finger-pointing and rhetoric as Republicans and Democrats alike revved up their propaganda machines in an all-out effort to blame each other for failing

Democratic lawmakers, led by their governor, are strutting about the state bragging how they saved the poor and downtrodden from the program-slashing, cold-hearted Republicans at the same time their state party leaders are sending e-mail blasts begging their constituents for money to fend off threatened recall attempts.

Republicans, on the other hand, seem to be suffering from collective amnesia, telling anyone who will listen that it was the dastardly Democrats who thrust the economycrushing income tax and service taxes on us, and they certainly can't be held responsible for any of the mess.

I guess they want us to forget the income tax hike had the blessing of their boss, Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, as part of his negotiations with Democratic Speaker of the House Andy Dillon.

So what have we learned from this unbelievable exercise in futility?

First, partisan politics and retaining your House or Senate seat are the top priorities when deciding how to vote, even on mat-

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ters as important as taxes and "revolutionary" spending cuts. Just ask first-term Democratic state Sen. Glenn Anderson, who was given permission from his party bosses to vote against the tax increases because he represents a swing district that until his election had been held by Republicans.

Or ask any Republican lawmaker who voted against the taxes even though he or she knew the budget could not be balanced without new revenue and offered no real plan of their own.

Second, if your industry is represented by influential lobbyists who have lots of money to spread around to political campaigns, you can buy your way out of being included in the new service tax. This piece of the budget puzzle is so unfair in its application it almost certainly will be challenged and could fall apart before it even goes into

Third, if you think the state's fiscal house is in order, think again. While it is true the estimated \$1.35 billion in new taxes will help offset a widening gap between state revenue and spending, it is not enough to balance the budget. And in case you missed it, the income tax increase starts to roll back in 2011 and expires completely in

Lastly, rest assured that many of the same folks who orchestrated this farce will brazenly ask for your vote come next

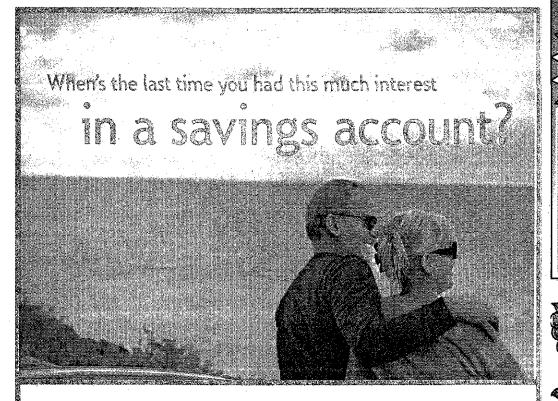
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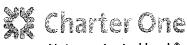


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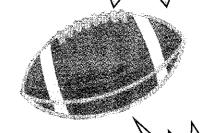
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Ignition set to 'kick' up where it left off

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

As its second season of existence draws closer with every falling leaf, the Detroit Ignition is setting its sights on going from overnight sensation to just plain old sen-

The Ignition took the Major Indoor Soccer League by storm in its inaugural campaign in 2006-07, advancing all the way to the league's title game before falling just short against Philadelphia, 13-8.

With reigning MVP Jamar Beasley back in the fold along with a nucleus of



stellar returnees, taking the next step toward greatness is a logical goal for coach Mark Pulisic's kickers.

"We're looking to get back to the championship game, no doubt," said Pulisic. "I think that will always be an expec-

tation - both team-wise and for me, personally, as a coach. "It's not going to be easy. Milwaukee,

Chicago and Philadelphia should all be very strong and I expect the three expan-

sion teams to be very, very competitive like we were in our expansion season last year."

During the five-month off-season, the MISL swelled from six to nine teams. Joining the mix were franchises based in New Jersey, Monterrey (Mexico) and Orlando.

"I think it's great for our league," Pulisic said of the growth. "We need to get to nine, 10 or 11 teams, so this year getting up to nine is a great start. Whenever you are gaining teams and not losing any like

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Division 1 Regional Cross Country Meet

Canton girls runners headed to state meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Post-race emotions ranged from extreme ecstasy to down-in-the-dumps disappointment for the P-CEP teams that competed in Saturday's Division 1 Regional girls cross-country race at Schoolcraft College.

Canton's young squad, which has just one senior varsity runner, was ecstatic after placing second behind only Livonia Churchill to earn a spot in Saturday's D1 state team championship at Michigan International Speedway in

It's the first time the Chiefs have qualified for the state meet since 2001.

The Chargers netted 34 points, 33 less than Canton. Livonia Stevenson was the third team to qualify with 72 points.

Going into the meet, I thought we had a shot at qualifying for the state meet, but I knew everybody would have to run extremely well," said Canton coach Eric Paul. "Everybody stepped up and ran a great race.

The girls were just ecstatic, thrilled." Canton was led by junior Sarah Thomas, who finished third overall in 19:44. It also received top-20 efforts from freshman Rachel Rohrbach (sixth in 20:01) and Bianca Kubicki, who crossed 11th in 20:20. Also contributing were senior Katherine Rymond (23rd in 21:06). Katherine Galm (24th in 21:08), Chelsea Smith (27th in 21:12) and Erica Eimers (36th in 21:35).

Following a super regular season, Plymouth placed fourth with 89 points - one place from a trip to MIS.

To say we're disappointed is an understatement," said Wildcat coach Mary Kerwin. "Our performance on Saturday was not a reflection of how we ran all season.

"It just goes to show you that you have to bring it on the day of the Regional and we didn't. The two teams that finished just ahead of us

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Rocks, Chiefs finish 1 and 2 in boys race There was a definite local flavor atop the standings

at Saturday's Division 1 boys cross country Regional race at Schoolcraft College.

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park runners flexed their leg muscles as both Salem and Canton qualified for this Saturday's D1 state meet by placing first and second, respectively. The top three teams in each Region advance to the state meet.

Led by second-place runner Kevin deBear, the Rocks compiled 60 points, six fewer than the runner-

Canton's Duncan Spitz was the overall winner with an impressive clocking of 16:27, three seconds quicker than deBear.

Dearborn Fordson was the third team to qualify by placing third with 70 points, 11 fewer than Livonia

Helping propel Salem into the top spot along with deBear were Rob Curtis (fifth in 16:55), Craig Cowing (10th in 17:02), Matt Devey (18th in 17:27), Mike Charara (25th in 17:40), Justin Kane (27th in 17:42)

and Jason Smith (36th in 17:58). Following Spitz across the finish line for the Chiefs were teammates Kyle Clinton (12th in 17:04, Derek Hoerman (13th in 17:06), Joshua Osinski (19th in 17:30), Gregory Reed (21st in 17:37), Zack Spreitzer (30th in 17:48) and Aaron McClellan (37th in 17:59).

One year after qualifying for the state meet as a team, Plymouth finished fifth with 116 points. Scoring for the Wildcats were state-qualifier Justin Huey (fourth in 16:53), Derek Lax (16th in 17:22), Warren Buzzard (28th in 17:46), Matthew Lewandowski (29th in 17:48) and Matthew Neumann (29th in 18:08).

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TAMMI REED

Canton's Duncan Spitz placed first at Saturday's Division 1 Regional cross country meet at Schoolcraft College with a time of 16:27. Paced by Spitz's performance, the Chiefs qualified for this weekend's team state meet for the first time since 2001.

ROCKS Hard work, good genes give Aumiller edge

Salem

swimmer

Whitney

Aumiller

family of talented

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BY ED WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

There's a good chance that if you took the time to trace Whitney Aumiller's roots, you'd find that the talented Salem swimmer's family tree is planted not far from an eight-lane pool.

Aumiller, a two-time statequalifier, comes from a family whose members have stroked through more than their share of chlorinated water. Her dad, Joe, competed in college at Ferris State University; her mom, Dawn, swam for her high school squad; her older



brother, Joey, enjoyed a solid career with the Rocks; and her younger sister, Abby, has demonstrated a winning form for the Novi Sturgeons club team and for Central Middle

When it comes to the Aumillers, a family that swims together, wins together.

"My dad still swims competitively with the Michigan Masters," Aumiller said. "He comes to all my meets and gives me advice afterwards. The best advice he's given me is probably to focus on one race at a time."

That's good advice, especially Given Aumiller's versatility and ability to compete in several events in a given meet, She's already qualified for three events in the upcoming Division 1 state meet: the 200-yard freestyle, the 500

freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

Aumiller will almost assuredly fill a spot or two on one of the Rocks' relay quartets that are bound to earn a berth in the D1 finals at Eastern Michigan University later this month.

"Her best event is probably the backstroke, but she's very good in the free and IM, too," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "She's been a very important part of our team the past few years and she's gotten better and better each

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Wrestling club

Registration for the 2007-08 Canton Wrestling Club is set for Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 8:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Canton High School North building (Phase

The cost for each participant is \$75. Checks should be made payable to the "Canton Wrestling Club." The fee includes a T-shirt, shorts and a MYWAY membership.

Practices for the club will be held Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Canton wrestling room. Beginner (two years of experience or less) practices will be held from 6:15-7:15 p.m. while advanced practices will be held from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

The season will run from Nov. 26 through May 3. A parents meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 28.

For more information, visit www.chiefswrestling.com; or contact coach Casey Randolph at (734) 582-6885 or at randolc@pccs.k12.mi.us.

The Canton Wrestling Club is a member of MYWAY (Michigan Youth Wrestling Association), the MMWA (Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association) and Michigan USA Wrestling.

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 par-ticipants 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.

Hole-in-one

Len Wegrzyn of Canton aced the 126-yard 13th hole at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford on Oct. 20. The 72-yearold linkster used a 6 iron for his memorable shot.

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year. "The best thing about Whitney is that she knows how to get something out of every practice by working hard. She loves to swim fast and it shows. She's a good listener, too."

Aumiller's first competitive swimming action came as a 9-year-old for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers.

"I was good enough to win events in the 'C' Division," she said, smiling.

When she was 13, Aumiller made swimming a year-round activity. The realization that the more she trained, the faster she got and the more she won paid dividends her first year at Salem when she swam on one of the Rocks' relay teams at the 2005 D1 state meet.

"There are times I don't feel like practicing, but it's fun because I'm doing it with my friends," she said.

Last year, as a sophomore, Aumiller opened some eves when she won the 100 backstroke at the ultra-competitive Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet.

"That's probably the highlight of my time here at Salem, so far," she said.

The best is assuredly yet to come though for someone with Aumiller's work ethic and swimming-rich DNA.

As the sun sets on her junior year, she has set her sights on knocking at least a couple seconds off her 200 freestyle time of 2:01 ("I want to get it under two minutes") and her 100 backstroke time of 1:02 ("I want to get it under one minute").

Ultimately, she'd like to follow in her dad's footsteps and swim in college, preferably at Oakland University.

"I was in a camp there last year and the coach asked me how old I was," she said.

If it all works out, the Oakland U. coach will find out in a couple of years what Olson is discovering on a regular basis right now - that Aumiller knows how to turn hard work into fast times."

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Chiefs second to one at WLAA volleyball tourney

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Six and counting.

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, November 1, 2007

That's how many Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball titles Livonia Churchill has won in a row.

The state-ranked Chargers, defending Class A champions, improved to 43-2-3 overall with a 25-18, 25-21 victory in the championship final Saturday at home against Canton, the Western Division champion.

All-State middle hitter Kyndra Abron, headed to Michigan State, finished the 6-0 day for the Chargers with a total of 76 kills and six aces. Junior Kristen Nalecz chipped in with 42 kills, while Jaclyn Gribeck added nine kills and seven blocks.

Setter Kristy DeClercq also shined with a total of 96 assists with 34 digs.

Churchill, the Lakes Division champion at 10-0, captured all six games in pool play against Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth and Wayne. The Chargers then downed eighth-seed Walled Lake Western (25-18, 25-15) in the quarterfinals and No. 4 seed Walled Lake Northern in the semifinals (18-25, 25-12,

In the final, Canton stayed close in both games, but couldn't get over the hump.

"Jen (Barnes) has done a nice job with them," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said of the Canton coach and the 31-11-2 Chiefs. "They're a scrappy team and they've got some kids who can swing it. There's a reason why they won their division."

The triumph over Lakes Division foe Northern proved to be the most difficult of the tournament.

"When you play someone a couple of times, the gap seems to close a bit," Grenier said. "Walled Lake Northern played well. There was a lot of concern for us. We had to fend them

Lindsey Graciak served at 96 percent to go along with 63 digs, while Jordan Kerr had 30 digs and served a 98 percent



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With teammate Shelby Anthony (No. 4) looking on, Canton's Jordan Kielty drives home a kill during a match earlier this season. The Chiefs placed second at Saturday's WLAA conference tournament at Livonia Churchill.

for the victorious Chargers. Jessica Stroud, Shannon Warner and Katie Matz also combined for 65 digs. The trio also teamed up to serve 58of-62 balls (94 percent) to go along with seven kills and four blocks.

"I thought (Jessica) Stroud, (Jaclyn) Gribeck and (Katie) Matz were able to block balls, make great swings and keep teams honest," Grenier said. "I thought (Kristy) DeClercq set the ball wonderfully all day and we had kids diving all over the place. (Jordan) Kerr, (Lindsey) Graciak and (Shannon) Warner all did their roles picking up balls.

"When you get into certain games and situations, the bench gets short. You go with what you can. Our kids were resilient. It was a nice team win for us."

The Chiefs, who returned 11 players off last year's 9-17-7 team, have shown significant improvement from last spring. It was Canton's first Western Division crown since 1997 (coached by Steve Anderson). Canton was gunning for its first conference title since 1979.

"It's a huge accomplishment for the girls," Barnes said of the runner-up finish. "Overall we had a great day. We played well and meshed well together."

But the Chiefs couldn't take advantage when the 6-foot-2 Abron rotated off the front row and onto the bench.

"As soon as she came out we wanted to put balls away," Barnes said. "We tried to work around her as much as possible, and tip to her as much as we could. We did it sometimes, and sometimes we didn't. Our defense and passing were fine, but offensively we made too many errors.'

The Chiefs went 2-0-1 in pool play, splitting with Salem

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Oct. 27 at Livonia Churchill

Semifinals: Churchill def. Walled Lake Northern, 18-25, 25-12, 15-9; Canton def, Northville. Quarterfinals: Churchill def. Walled Lake Western 25-18, 25-15; Canton def, Plymouth; Northville def. Livonia Stevenson, 17-25, 25-13, 15-13; W.L. Northern

POOL PLAY RECORDS

(based on total games) (A): 1. Churchill, 6-0; 2. (tie) Stevenson and Plymouth, 3-3 each: 4. Wayne Memorial, 0-6. (B): 1. (tie) Canton and Salem, 5-1 each; 3. W.L. Western, 2-4: 4. Walled Lake Central, 0-6. (C): 1. Northville, 6-0; 2. W.L. Northern, 4-2; 3. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin, 1-5

ALL-WLÁA TEAMS All-Conference: Amanda Yerke, Jr., W.L. Northern Kysta Cicala, Sr., Northville; Brittany Holbrook, Jr., John Glenn; Rachel Heaton, Sr., Plymouth, Marie Martin, Sr., Canton: Jordan Kielty, Soph., Canton: Jansen Falcusan, Jr., Salem; Lindsey Graciak, Jr., Churchill; Kyndra Abron, Sr., Churchill.

All-Lakes Division: Kirstin Kirk, Sr., John Glenn; Kelly MacDonald, Fr., Salem; Jill Slabey, Sr., Salem; Meg lafrate, Jr., Stevenson; Shelby Miller, Jr., W.L. Northern; Kristen Robinette, Sr., W.L. Northern; Sarah Glancy, Jr., W.L. Central; Kristen Nalecz, Jr. Jordan Kerr, Sr., Churchill.

All-Western Division: Ashley Price, Sr., Franklin, Alyssa Marcucci, Sr., W.L. Western; Paige Partenio, Jr., W.L. Western; Beth Foucher, Jr., Northville; Allison Holmes, Sr., Northville: Hannah Mills, Sr. Canton; Kacy Moran, Jr., Canton; Amanda McManus, Jr., Plymouth; Briaha Beyer Jr., Plymouth.

LAKES DIVISION HONORABLE MENTION Churchill: Jackie Gribeck, Shannon Warner, Jessica Stroud. Salem: Alyssa Matchette, Kerry MacDonald, Nicole

W.L. Central: Jordan Serra, Lena Scarpace. John Glenn: Aranda Phare, Stacey Truskowski. Stevenson: Kaylee McGrath, Natalie Fenech. W.L. Northern: Malissa Guiles, Carissa McKenna WESTERN DIVISION HONORABLE MENTION Canton: Lauren McPartlin, Ellie Kenny. Northville: Kelly Maise, Megan Hofmeister Plymouth: Kate Spangler, Lindsay Jewett, Ashler

W.L. Western: Cortnei Hicks, Rachel Giordano, Franklin: Briauna Taylor, Brittany Taylor, Liz Hollaway. **Wayne:** Katle Wilson, Catle Badrak, Samantha Dye.

(25-21 and 23-25) before defeating both Walled Lake Western (25-13, 25-11) and Walled Lake Central (25-12, 25-14).

They defeated Plymouth in the quarterfinals (25-20, 25-18) before ousting Northville in the semis, 25-19 and 25-13.

Sophomore all-around star Jordan Kielty had an outstanding day, registering 43 kills and eight aces. Senior captain Marie Martin also stepped up, recording 27 kills and 12 blocks. Others making major contributions were Lauren McPartlin (23 kills), Kacy Moran (21 kills, 98 assists, 39 digs), Hannah Mills (50 digs), Gina Waite (42 digs, eight aces) and Laura Daniels (31 digs).

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SPORTS SHORTS

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. 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-anda-half hours of bowling for up to six people. Shoes, pizza and giveaways are included in the price. Pre-registration is required by calling the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

■ 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.

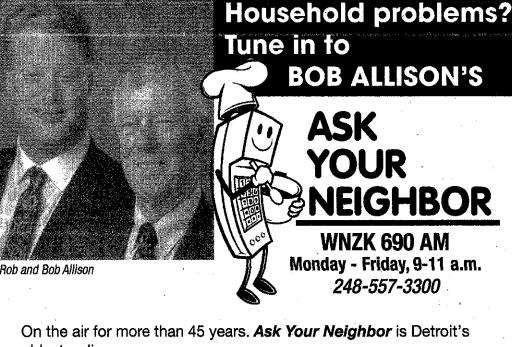
The schedule will be roundrobin with awards for league and playoff champions.

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



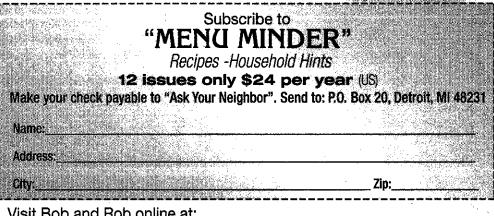


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we've done the past few months, it's a positive step forward."

Beasley gave the Ignition brass their money's worth and a whole lot more last season as his lightning-quick speed and ball-on-a-string skills energized fans and lit up the team's scoreboard.

He finished with 35 twopoint goals, five three-pointers and 22 assists to earn the league's scoring title and MVP

"I'm very excited to have Jamar back," said Pulisic. "He's electric, he's fast and he makes things happen out there. To have a player of his quality coming back is exciting for our team.

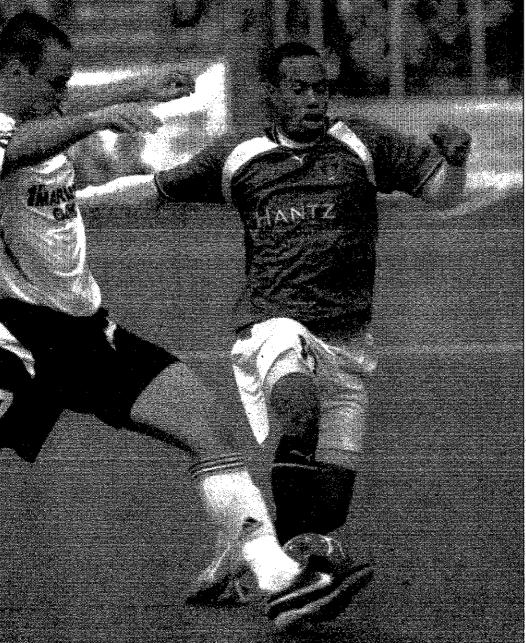
"He's going to be a marked man out there this season, but we have to find ways to make sure he finds the success he had last season."

A big season from Beasley is essential for the Ignition considering it lost a pair of very talented forwards in Chile Farias, who was taken in the expansion draft; and Novi Marojevic, who retired.

"Since we're missing two of our top scorers from last year, we're probably going to be a little more of a blue-collar, hard-working team this season," Pulisic said. "We'll probably spread the offensive responsibilities around to all of our players. The nucleus of the players we have back should be able to make up for those two losses.

Among the Ignition's top newcomers are Vahid Assadpour and Abraham Francois. Assadpour, a midfielder, was acquired in the fourth round of the 2007 MISL Amateur Draft.

The University of Detroit graduate was a three-time All-Horizon League selection and finished his senior season as



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reigning Major Indoor Soccer League MVP Jamar Beasley (right) returns to give the Detroit Ignition a good shot at returning to the MISL championship game in 2008.

the league co-leader in assists per game at 0.44.

"I look for Vahid to contribute right away," Pulisic said. "He's probably our brightest spot as far as newcomers."

Francois scored two points in 18 games for the Toronto Lynx of the United Soccer League's First Division.

Among the key returners for the Ignition are forwards Mike Apple and Hewerton Moreira; midfielders Jonathan Greenfield and Ryan Mack; and defenders Josh Rife, Droo

Callahan and Nate Craft. Danny Waltman, last year's back-up net-minder, will be the No. 1 man between pipes after

last year's starter Sanaldo was snatched by California in the expansion draft.

Danny has quite a few years of experience in this league and looking for him to step in as the starter and contribute greatly to our success," said Pulisic.

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'D' gets A-plus in **Steelers-Lions clash**

The Canton Lions and Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football teams battled to a hard-fought 0-0 draw Saturday night in a game played on the P-CEP junior-varsity football field.

As a result of the tie, both teams qualified for this week's Western Suburban Junior Football League playoffs and will, ironically, meet in a firstround game on Sunday.

Both teams had trouble moving the ball against stingy defenses. Standouts for the Lions included Clay Behrman, D.J. McMillian, William Askew and Corey Watkins. The Steelers' "D" was paced by Tyler Goble, Dillon Rahill and John Randle.

The Lions' junior-varsity contingent improved its record to 8-0 with a 27-0 triumph over the Steelers. Malcolm Hollingsworth paced the winners' offensive attack with three touchdowns while Kenneth Arnold found pay dirt once. Lucas Bunting booted a point-after kick and Devin Slominski hooked up with Scott Gring on an extra-point pass play. Jordan Ciciotti, Luke Denzer, Kyle Durham, Benjamin Slater, Danny Stropes, Daniel Tidwell and Travis McCall also played well for the Lions' offense while Nathan Emminger, Collin Hall, Westen Price, Alex Smith, Cody Sirls, Jamari Eiland, Brandon Lee and Daniel Jipping shined for the

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Kyle Cameron played well on both sides of the ball for the Steelers, who also received strong play from Conner Stella, Lucas Callahan, Mitchell Lewsiton and Michael Saccone, who notched an interception.

The Steelers and Lions freshmen teams battled to 12-all draw. Christian Mayberry spearheaded the Steelers' offense with excellent blocking. Devin Cameron and Gregory Williams accounted for the Steelers' scoring while Phillip Avramowski and Zach Rhodes excelled defensively.

The Lions' TDs came on a 27-yard scoring strike from Antonio Dumas to Luke Edwards and a 2-yard scoring plunge by Chuckie Turfe. Kyle Murray, Jake Stropes, Shane Raymond and Allante' Wheeler shined defensively for the Lions, who will take on Ypsilanti in the WSJFL playoffs this weekend.

The Lions and Steelers junior freshmen units both played hard Saturday. The Lions received strong defensive efforts from Guido Constantino, Ray Bunting, Connor Danaher, Jacob Miller and Sean Lee. The offense was paced by the passing of Kyle Burnette, two long TD runs by Jason Arnold and great blocking from Jeffrey Johnson, Kyle Amick, Ethan Balogh, Mason Kopchia and Spencer Brown.

Niagara falls to Whalers

Patrick Lee scored a pair of goals and Brett Valiquette and Kaine Geldart scored one each as the Plymouth Whalers led from start to finish in a workmanlike 4-1 victory over? the Niagara IceDogs in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at the Compuware Arena.

Plymouth is now 7-6-1-0. Mississauga is now 9-6-0-0.

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 24of-25 shots and veteran defer seman Brett Bellemore playing in his second game of the season after missing the first 12 games with an injury played a steady defensive game with a plus-two rating on the evening.

The 19-year-old Lee scored his first two goals as a Whaler and had a potential hat trick negated when his hard shot that beat Niagara goaltender Andrew Lockerock in the first period appeared to go under the cross bar.

But video replay judges ruled that the puck hit the cross bar.

Plymouth took a 1-0 lead at 6:09 of the first period when Valiquette tipped R.J. Mahalak's shot past Lockerock for his fourth

goal of the year. Lee made it 2-0 on a power play at 8:13 when he ripped a shot from the right faceoff circle past Lockerock.

Lee's second of the night came and second of the season came at 0:45 of the second period when he batted home a rebound off Chris Terry's shot.

Geldart tipped Bellemore's bouncing shot from the right point from in front of the Niagara goal past Lockerock to give the Whalers a 4-0 lead at 1:11 of the third period. Aaron Snow closed the scoring with his second of the season at 8:17.

Plymouth outshot Niagara, 40-25.

The Whalers are on the road this week, playing in Niagara tonight, in Erie on Saturday and Mississauga on Sunday.

Plymouth returns home on Friday, Nov. 9, at 7:05 p.m. against Mississauga and Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7:05 p.m. against Guelph. Tickets can be purchased for all Plymouth games by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL GRUSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS
Oct. 27 at Schoolcraft College
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet):
1. Livonia Churchill, 34 points; 2. Canton, 67; 3. Livonia
Stevenson, 72; 4. Plymouth, 89; 5. Salem, 157; 6. Dearborn, 172;
7. Livonia Franklin, 184; 8. Westland John Glenn, 215; 9. Garden
City, 217; 10. Redford Union, 280

City, 217; 10. Redford Union, 280. Individual winner: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 18 minutes, Churchill finishers: 2. Rachel McFarlane, 19:06; 4. Sara Kroli, 19:56; 5. Alyssa Mira, 19:57; 7. Amanda Southwell, 20:04; 16. Hannah Otto, 20:43; 21. Michelle Verellen, 21:00; 28. Sarah

Canton finishers: 3. Sarah Thomas, 19:44; 6. Rachel Rohrbach, 20:01; 11. Bianca Kubicki, 20:20; 23. Katherine Rymond, 21:06; .24. Katherine Galm, 21:08; 27. Chelsea Smith, 21:12; 36. Erica

Stevenson finishers: 1. Calka, 18:56; 12. Denee Meier, 20:21; 18. Julia Schroeder, 20:57; 19. Samantha Kay, 20:58; 22. Victoria Saferian, 21:02; 41. Kathryn Capeneka, 21:57; 43. Molly Serge,

Plymouth finishers: 9. Molly Slavens, 20;15 (sq); 10. Kelly Hahn, 20:17 (sq); 13. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:21 (sq); 26. Brianna Hessler, 21:11; 31. Paula Green, 21:56; 37. Julie Forster, 21:40; 38.

Salem finishers: 15. Jordyn Moore, 20:22; 25. Kelly Determan, 21:09; 34. Shannon Griffiths, 21:29; 40. Linda Ling, 21:53; 42. Lauren Olson, 22:02; 47. Kara Booms, 22:20; 50. Sabrina

Dearborn finishers: 8. Megan Czerwinski, 20:07 (sq); 29. Siknah Chehab, 21:15; 30. Erin Half, 21:17; 52. Karoline Solheim, 22:37; 53. Carly Kosko, 22:39; 55. Stephanie Jordet, 22:50. Franklin finishers: 20. Mallory Church, 20:59; 33. Kelly Walblay, 21:28; 34. Megan Wickens, 21:28; 46. Victoria Church, 22:16; 51. Brittany Dilley, 22:31; 54. Shannon Niznik, 22:47; 59. Breanna Minnick, 24:06.

Glenn finishers: 17. Stacey Richardson, 20:52; 39. Ashley Bailey, 21:45; 44. Megan Nikula, 22:10; 57. Danielle Levy, 23:27; 58. Evi Cenolli, 24:00; 61. Michelle Levy, 24:50; 64. Amy Garden City finishers: 14. Courtney Plummer, 20:22 (sg); 32. Bobbi Beveridge, 21:27; 49. Christina Milne, 22:27; 60. Rachel Szczembara, 24:13; 62. Olivia Longuski, 25:18; 63. Whitney

Szczembara, 24:13, oz. Onivia Longuas, 25:54, RU finishers: 45. Sara Miller, 22:11; 48. Amanda Miley, 22:23; 56. Virginia Sentman, 22:54; 65. Amanda Fross, 27:01; 68. Ashley Patillo, 31:22. SQ: additional individual state qualifier.

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BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1.
Salem, 60 points; 2. Canton, 66; 3. Dearborn Fordson, 70; 4.
Livonia Churchill, 81; 5. Plymouth, 116; 6. Livonia Franklin, 142;
7. Livonia Stevenson, 166; 8. Dearborn, 239; 9. Redford Union, 268; 10. Westland John Glenn, 271; 11. Detroit Henry Ford, 355; 12. Garden City and Detroit Cooley, no team scores.
Individual winner: Duncan Spitz (Canton), 16:27.
Salem finishers: 2. Kevin deBear, 16:30; 5. Rob Curtis, 16:55; 10. Craig Cowing, 17:02; 18. Matt Devey, 17:27; 25. Mike Charara, 17:40; 27. Justin Kane, 17:42; 36. Jason Smith, 17:58.
Canton finishers: 1. Spitz, 16:27; 12. Kyle Clinton, 17:04; 13.
Derek Hoerman, 17:06; 19. Joshua Osinski, 17:30; 21. Gregory Reed, 17:37; 30. Zack Spreitzer, 17:48; 37. Aaron McClellan, 17:59.

Fordson finishers: 3. Saeed Saleh, 16:31; 6. Dais Alkirsh, 16:56; 9. Samer Ilayan, 17:01; 14. Adham Aljahmi, 17:09; 38. Anwar Beydoun, 18:04; 47. Julian Domanico, 18:31; 57. Mohamed Murry, 19:13.

Churchill finishers: 8. Mark Waterbury, 17:00 (sq.); 11. Joe

Varilone, 17:03 (sg); 17. Brandon Grysko, 17:25; 22. Paul Folk, 17:37.5; 23. Michael Schmidt, 17:38; 24. Mark Freyberg, 17:39; 31.

Nathan Wise, 17:50.

Plymouth finishers: 4. Justin Huey, 16:53 (sq.); 16. Derek Lax, 17:22; 28. Warren Buzzard, 17:46; 29. Matthew Lewandowski, 17:48.0; 29. Matthew Neumann, 18:08; 43. Alexander Noble,

17.40, 2.5. Matthew Nedmann, 16.00, 43. Alexander Noble, 18:25; 56. Seibel Lucas, 19:00.

Franklin finishers: 7. Evan Sirena, 16:57 (sq.); 26. Mike Krcatovich, 17:41; 34. Peter Walblay, 17:56; 35. Doug Cole, 17:57; 40. Niklas Gherardini, 18;14; 50. Dylan Taylor, 18:35; 64. Robert

Stevenson finishers: 15. Shawn Howse, 17:10 (sq.); 20. Michael Gibbons, 17:34; 32. Kevin Reschke, 17:51; 51. Jordan Burger, 18:40; 52. Alan Stackpoole, 18:45; 53. Alex Hoelzel, 18:46; 62. Michael Green, 19:25.

Dearborn finishers: 42. Brendon Prost, 18:21; 45. Nasser

Suleiman, 18:29; 46. Alec Orner, 18:30; 55. Robert LaBrell, 18:58; 58. Alec Reid, 19;15; 67. Nathan Hamet, 19:42. 16:36; 56. Alec Reid, 19/15; 61. Natinal Hamet, 19:42.

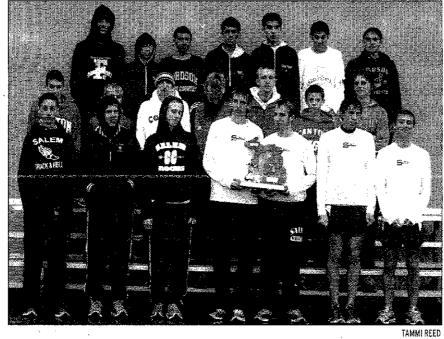
59. Dan McCahill, 19:20; 60. Jeff Adkins, 19:21; 68. Eric Mlynar, 19:45; 72. Ryan Vichinsky, 21:59; 76. Gary Lawrence, 23:45.

RU finishers: 33. Matt Macek, 17;55; 54. Justin Faur, 18:50; 61. Mike D'Arcangelo, 19:23; 63. Robert Pridemore, 19:26; 65. Chris Goodyear, 19:33; 66. Matt Kibner, 19:34; 69. Zac VandenToorn, 19:46.

Henry Ford finishers: 70. Anthony bell, 19:59; 71. Demario Prince, 21:57, 74. Devin reed, 23:13; 77. Lawrence Bridges, 24:31; 78. Laron Jolly, 24:37; 79. Wararen Jackson, 24:38; 81. Jayveon

Cooley finishers: 49. Mike Nordby, 18:34; 73. Mason Mitchell, 22:58; 80. Josh Avery, 24:54. Cooley finishers: 41. Delionio Wilson, 18:16; 75. Jajuan

Williams, 23:25. SQ: Additional individual state qualifier.



No 'MIS'-take who's best

Shown above are the three cross-country teams (pictured from the bottom are Salem, Canton and Dearborn Fordson) that qualified for the Division 1 state meet this weekend at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. The Rocks, Chiefs and Tractors placed 1-2-3, respectively, at last Saturday's D1 Regional meet at Schoolcraft College.

deserve to go."

While the Wildcats didn't qualify for the state meet as a team, three individuals will be heading to Brooklyn this weekend: junior Molly Slavens

(ninth in 20:15), sophomore Kelly Hahn (10th in 20:17) and (10th in 20:17) and Beth Heldmeyer (13th in

Led by state-qualifier Jordyn Moore, Salem placed fifth with 157 points. Moore placed 15th in 20:22, Kelly Determan was 25th in 21:09 and Shannon Griffiths was 34th in 21:29.

Small school, big feat

Plymouth Christian's Francis sets mark

On Saturday at Willow Metro Park, Plymouth Christian Academy cross country runner Armila Francis became the school's

placed 14th in the Division 4 Regional race with a time of 22:13.5. The top 15 runners at each Regional qual-

first four-time state meet qualifier when she

ify for the state meet. Francis, who is an honor student at PCA, overcame some uphill odds this fall as she missed 10 days of training two weeks before the Regional meet due to a pre-scheduled

She also persevered against another obstacle that would have held down lesser runners, her coach, Jennifer Lemieux explained.

"Other cross country teams may have 40 to 70 kids on the team, giving the athletes someone to run with, pace with and train with," Lemieux said. "Our team had just three kids on it, all with varying skills and

'Other cross country teams may have 40 to 70 kids on the team, giving the athletes someone to run with, pace with and train with. Our team had just three kids on it, all with varying skills and abilities.'

COACH JENNIFER LEMIEUX

Francis was in 29th place following the first third of the 3.1-mile race. At the twomile mark she improved to 21st before moving up to 14th with one-quarter mile to go.

"As Armila crossed the line, she gave full credit to God with the grace and dignity she has always displayed," Lemieux said.

In a heart-warming display of teamwork, both of Francis's teammates this season – Elizabeth Aiken and Nathan Howard (neither of whom qualified for the state meet) — offered to train with her during the week leading up to the state meet.

Boxing night set for Compuware Arena Compuware Arena — in

association with legendary boxing trainer Emanuel Steward, Dennis Turner and Second Round, Inc. — will present Kronk Gym's "New Stars" in a boxing event known as "The Ultimate Night of Boxing."
The event will be held on

Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Tickets ranging from \$12 to \$125 are on sale now by calling Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

Tickets for the event can also be purchased online by visiting www.ticketmaster. com. Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township, between Five Mile Road and M-14.

The event features NABO Cruiserweight champion Johnathon Banks (17-0, 13 knockouts) as he takes on Derrick Brown (13-3-3), of New York, N.Y.

Also headlining the event

is Ireland's Andy Lee (12-0, nine knockouts) as he opposes Brad Austin (8-3) of Johnson City, Tenn.

Steward was asked about the attraction of holding the event at Compuware Arena in Plymouth — the first boxing card the facility has ever hosted since it opened in 1996.

"We are impressed with the facility and the people who run it," Steward said at a press conference held last week at Compuware World Headquarters in Detroit. "And (Compuware Founder and CEO) Peter Karmanos has always supported our fights, whether they're at Joe Louis Arena or the Palace of Auburn Hills. It's time to move out to the suburbs."

Other fighters scheduled to appear in the undercard include Kronk Gym's Octavio Lara, Jason Cintron, Erik Deleon, J'Leon Love, Leandre White and eightyear-old Ghieth Mohammad.



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SEMCOG studies housing needs of baby boomers

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

If you're a baby boomer, chances are you've thought about what your future housing needs will be.

You're not alone. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has studied the issue as well. SEMCOG released its economic and demographic forecast for Southeast Michigan through 2035 at its General Assembly meeting this past spring in Detroit.

One finding? A major impact of an aging population will be on housing needs, which are already shifting, with more condominiums for emptynest households and, in coming years, more assisted-living facilities.

"That's certainly one of the impacts of having many more older people," said Jim Rogers, data center manager for SEMCOG, which serves Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, Livingston and St. Clair counties. "The numbers are pretty staggering."

There will be an additional 650,000 people age 65 and up in our region by 2035. "It's fundamentally because there are so many baby boomers," said Rogers of the group born Jan. 1, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1965.

Rogers speaks from both professional and personal experience. He turned 62 on Oct. 31 and is retiring from SEMCOG. He's considered his own housing needs, noting he's healthy now but that could change.

The trend in housing has been to condos, and more homes with one floor and no stairs to climb. "That's already started and we're just going to see more of that."

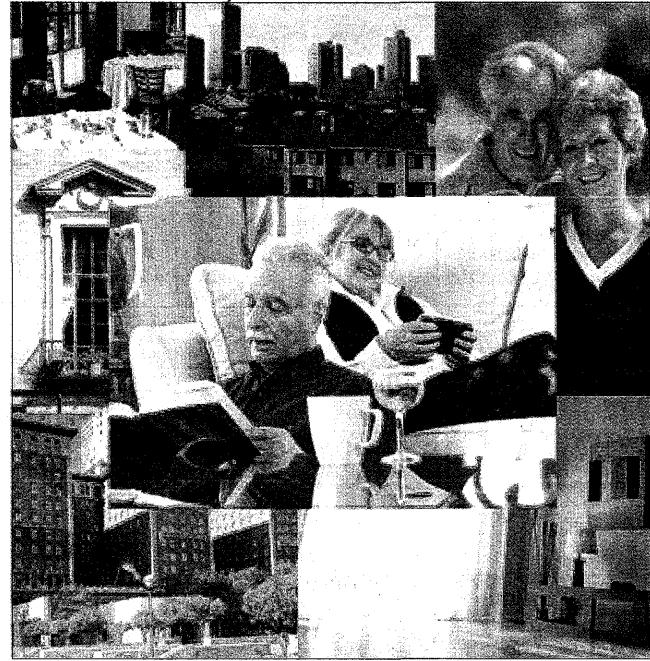
He envisions more demand for downtown living offered by communities like Birmingham, Farmington, Rochester, Plymouth and Royal Oak.

"Most people are going to want to stay in their homes," Rogers said. "If you keep living, you're probably going to have some limitations."

There will be more things like levers for faucets and other home modifications to make living easier for people with physical limitations. Rogers anticipates different mixes of recreation. "There will be more older people who want different choices. People want to be able to be functional and do the things they enjoy."

SEMCOG's involved in such things as helping people cross streets safely and move around the region. "Retired people are going to be a major source of spending," Ann Arbor resident Rogers said, and businesses will accommodate them.

Assisted living facilities will adept to meet demographic changes as well,



although people could enter such facilities at an older age. Medical care is improving, but Rogers noted that increased obesity rates are having a harmful effect on overall health, including such issues as diabetes, heart complications and strokes.

"I'm not sure how those are going to play out," he said of growing obesity and better health care.

He believes every downtown will benefit from the baby boomers' aging. Rogers recently visited Chicago and noted its vibrant downtown. The second half of the baby boom, those born from the mid-1950s on, is larger than the first and will have more of an impact.

SEMCOG hasn't really studied housing affordability in depth. "It's certainly an issue," he said. "This region is becoming more affordable." Southeast Michiganders have traditionally enjoyed high wage scales and relatively affordable housing.

Two important factors continue to challenge Southeast Michigan's economic and demographic future. The region is 680 percent more concentrated in auto manufacturing than the national economy - a gross disproportion and the main reason why it is struggling. The Big Three domestic automakers have seen their share of U.S. lightvehicle sales decline from 73 percent in 1995 to 53 percent in 2006. As a result, Southeast Michigan has lost 128,000 jobs since 2000; SEMCOG's forecast shows that the region will not begin to gain total jobs until 2010. SEMCOG recommends the region diversify its economy, make a concerted effort to invest in other activities that show promise for future growth and prosperity, and invest in a more highly skilled workforce.

Rogers noted a shakeout from downsizing of manufacturing, with our region gaining population by the middle of the next decade. Jobs will be gained in some sectors, notably health care with health needs of aging boomers.

"There are parts of our economy that will do well. Long-term, we're optimistic," Rogers said. "Short-term, we're

realistic."
The report, A Region in Turbulence and Transition: The Economic and Demographic Outlook for Southeast Michigan Through 2035, details the forecast. Please call SEMCOG Information Services, (313) 961-4266, for a copy. SEMCOG is an association of governments — cities, townships and villages, along with higher education and the intermediate school districts.

Chicago market worth exploring

Q. I'm thinking about buying a condo in downtown Chicago and am wondering what the market conditions are at this time.

A. As of the summer of 2007, there are a great number of high rises that are going up that are selling well at reconstruction prices.

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throwing in additional upgrades and amenities to induce purchasers. There is also substantial growth in the corridor to the United Center, as well as South Chicago in regard to a number of high rises overlooking Lake Michigan. Generally the market has softened as is the case in most other localities in the country. This may be a good opportunity to buy a condominium in downtown Chicago, although there is an influx from the suburbs of people wanting to live in the city.

Q. Our condominium community has an even number of co-owners. If two of those co-owners accept nomination for one open board seat and when the vote is tailied it comes out split evenly 50-50, what's the rule that decides who fills the open seat?

A. It all depends upon the bylaws but in the absence of same, I would have a re-vote to the extent possible to determine who won the election. Not everyone may choose to vote. I would also check with Robert's Rules of Order or what other parliamentary procedure your association has adopted.

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 2-6, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
2190 Fairway Cir	\$195,000
7355 Hillsboro Dr	\$192,000
1461 Longfellow Dr	\$163,000
2136 Paddock Ln	\$245,000
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42023 Pocatello Dr 46373 Polo Dr	\$194,000
393 Roseland Dr	\$206,000
45752 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$249,000
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30139 Club House Ln	\$104,000
23696 Cora Ave	\$227,000
28858 Creek Bend Dr	\$305.000
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21753 Flanders St	\$234,000
29422 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$127,000

28309 Hawberry Rd	\$11	90,000
38585 Horton Dr	\$31	90,000
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35470 Oakdale St	\$2	15,000
37801 Plymouth Rd	\$1	77,000
29766 Richland St	\$1	60,000
34623 Sarah Beth Ln	\$1	20,000
15595 Sussex St	\$1	90,000
	Milford	

1009 Winding Way Ct Northville	\$360,000
21822 Connemara Dr	\$341,000
17911 Cranbrook Dr	\$790,000
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20832 W Glen Haven Cir	\$119,000
37845 W Meadowhill Dr	\$275,000
968 New Haven Ct	\$145,000
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49143 Rainbow Ln S	\$418,000
45753 Riviera Dr	\$518,000
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24154 Elizabeth Ln	\$378.000
29728 English Way	\$255,000
27455 Harrington Way	\$333,000
40752 Lenox Park Dr	\$270,000
23153 Mystic Forest Dr	\$365,000
22115 Siegal Ct	\$325,000 \$325,000
Plymouth	\$323,000
1201 Carol Ave	\$188,000
9689 Fellows Creek Dr	\$600,000
1121 Hartsough St	\$180,000
798 Irvin St	\$224,000
40496 Orangelawn Ave	\$168,000
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(C-008EC) & privacy in the back.

(P-258MA)

(C-453FL)

(P-00ID) carpet, or hwd!

\$799,900

(P-908ET) & convenient location. \$149,900

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STUNNING COLONIAL

landscaping, community pool, & so

ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS

finished bsmt, Sauna,

(P-971AV) \$159,900

UPDATED RANCH

MOVE TO THE LAKE!

lot w/privileges to all sports lake.

\$324,450



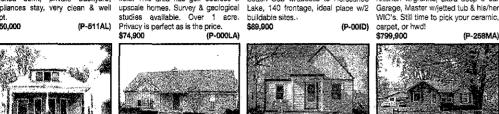
SPACIOUS RANCH 3 bd, 2 bath newer home built in 64.

Open floor plan, nice layout, prof finished bsmt, private backyard, field. This area has golf courses & Beach Sub w/access to Horseshoe Kitchen w/granite, extra deep 3 car appliances stay, very clean & well

UPDATED THROUGHOUT

UPDATED RANCH HOME

floors. A must seel! \$154,900



SENSATIONAL CONDO Great investment opportunity here. stay, 3 spacious ft en-basement, Dining frpl, Room, & 2 car Garage. (P-546BO)



SOUTH LYON VACANT LOT

WONDERFUL RANCH Beautiful deep wooded lott Hwd floors, huge Liv Rm w/frpi, newer kit sought after Ridgemont Sub. Laurel Park shopping. Well w/granite, 2.5 baths, Master w/sitting area, finished bsmt w/1/2 bath, updated roof, sever line, windows, substantial solutions area, finished bsmt w/1/2 bath, updated roof, sever line, windows, substantial solutions are shopping. Well washer & dryer, 1200 sq ft, & more. bsmt w/glass block, updated Kit, & \$115,000 (C-312UN) roof, siding, windows, & flooring.



AMAZING VALUE Completely updated!) This 3 bd/2 bth Lovely 3 bd, 1 bath ranch offers a ranch has a large fenced in yard, gorgeous remod Kitch, remod Bath, finished bsmt, completely updated bsmt, C/A, new Deck, & so much (P-062BE) \$116,900 (C-133DA)





Spaclous colonial w/over 2300 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, new lead glass entry doors, updated maple Kitchen w/ floors, Pottery Barn colors, large

BACKS 10 THE PARK

MOTIVATED SELLERS

Wonderful maintenance free ranch w/ neutral décor, 3 bd, 2 baths, updated doors, hwh, coved ceilings, hwd floors, Pottery Barn colors, large

HACKS 10 THE PARK

MOTIVATED SELLERS

Wonderful maintenance free ranch w/ neutral décor, 3 bd, 2 baths, updated windows elles & plumbing 15 cm.

Wonderful maintenance free ranch w/ neutral décor, 3 bd, 2 baths, updated windows elles & plumbing 15 cm. door, updated maple Kitchen w/
Corian, updated powder room, format
dining, Fam Rm w/frpi, & 1st fi laun.

\$242,000

| P-5580A|

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Access to all sports Tioga Lake. 2500 Wide buildable tot in an area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Treed rear & open floor plan, open floor plan, huge rooms, Master western boundary, great location just & playground. \$29,900 C-600UN)

CAPTIVATING CAPE!

coved ceilings, updated ceramic

CURB APPEAL++



Beautiful 1500 so ft ranch featuring

BETTER THAN NEW Situated on almost an acre, this Absolutely gorgeous bungalow in a fabulous home features french doors, great sub. Home was remodeled in coved ceilings, updated ceramic 2007 w/addition, 2 possible Master skylight, finished bsmt, new roof & Kitchen, updated shingles, huge Suites, 2 baths, fresh paint, brand windows. Backs to beautiful treed Garage, 3 season porch, & 23 x 17 new Kit, carpet, furnace, C/A, Suites, 2 baths, fresh paint, brand Fam Rm w/crown & frpl, paver Patio, indows, roof, & the list goes



TOP SHELF! you! Brand new vinyl windows, prof C/A, partially finished bemt, appl's decorated, finished bsmt, vaulted ceilings, impressive Master, & great newer Patio & shed. Don't wait on C-409PL) \$189,799 (C-396NE)



PRESTIGIOUS WOODSIDE Tucked away on a gorgeous wooded court, but close to everything. 4 bd, 3.5 bats, lots of windows & updates t/o. 1st fl Mast, formal Liv & Din, Kit



GREAT LOCATION 4 bd, north-facing colonial w/ Quality construction t/ol high end Fabulous 3468 sq ft, 4 bd brick Spacious open floor plan w/neutral spacious Kitchen, Master w/jetted materials & craftsmanship, all appl's colonial on a superb lot backing to décor, newer roof & windows, huge wooded commons, 3 full & 2 baths. Fam Rm w/frot part finished bsmt appl's stay, & home warranty inc \$164,900



Gorgeous condo w/hickory hwd, Gorgeou gournet Kitchen w/eating area, Liv flooring, Rm w/marble frpi, large Master Suite vaulted w/WIC, finished bsmt w/study area, fenced patio, & more. * (P-801VI) \$229,900 \$125,000



2 bd ranch condo w/2 baths, 1278 sq. This 3 bd ranch in Dearborn Heights. If you desire privacy & a beautiful. Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Private wooded lot w/creek running pdated appliances & pets allowed, good ft end unit, Liv Rm w/cath ceiling & is perfect for 1st timers. Basement, yard, this is it. Huge mechanic's Patio, updated appliances affreil, honey maple Kitchen w/ garage, updated windows, flooring, appliances, 1st fl laundry, full bsmt, & electrical, gutters, & more. through...open airy floor plan, vaulted heated Sunroom, large Deck, paver Patio, & prof landscaped. heated pool. Faces a lovely courtyard, & home warranty too! (P-699NE) \$104,500

WALK TO DOWNTOWN

Gorgeous executive ranch w/3 large

bd. 2 custom baths w/jetted tub.

gourmet Kitchen, Great Room w/frpl,

great Deck overlooking wooded area.

SPACIOUS HOME

Ready for you to move in! Freshly painted, 4 bd. 2.5 baths, newer

carpet & flooring, 1st fl laun, Library,

Fam Rm w/crown a up, persistand Kit w/pantry, & Garage.

CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE

bd, 3 baths, on 7 acres. Plenty of

room for storage in the 3 car Garage

w/vaulted ceilings, finished walkout

(C-880BE)



EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY GREAT OPPORTUNITY Very open floor plan w/brick Brick ranch home in Westland w/ elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & Livonia Schools. 3 bd, 2 baths, part views of backvard, sun filled island Kitchen w/nook, Master w/bath, & (C-312UN) roof, siding, windows, & flooring. finished to \$204,900 (P-864WE) \$204,900 finished lower level. (P-638WE)



EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD Great home surrounded by larger, higher priced homes. Crestwood ity built, full bsmt, large Liv Rm, formal Dining, m the front Fam Rm w/doorwell, 4 bds, 2 full & 2 half baths, & unbeatable location. (P-533ET) schools, very clean & neutral t/o, too





PERFECT FOR FIRST TIMERS Walking distance to EMU with a huge 67x263 loti New roof, windows, you can relax right here! Nice sandy beach on Long Lake in Commerce. Updates galore: roof, furnace, hwh, siding, gutters & hwh. Bsmt w/glass block & high ceilings. Endless possibilities. Call for more info. (C-226PR) \$144.900 \$113,999



BEAUTIFUL END UNIT CONDO Freshly painted 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo ceiling & bath, Liv Rm w/frpl, neutral décor, maple Kit w/all appl's.



clubhouse w/pool & great locati



Gorgeous

finished walkout bsmt, & more. Don't area, updated windows, appl's stay,

(C-185HU) \$179,000

Foyer, gourmet cherry Kit, crown molding, French doors leading to opener, C/A, & ceiling fans.

Plymouth for under 200k! Gleaming

Garage, & home warranty included.

GORGEOUS INSIDE & OUT

(C-642RU)

electric, & so much more.



Dining Area, 2 car att Garage w/ (C-460CL) \$118,500 (C-613CO)



Birmingham Farms sub in Bloomfield

featuring 3 bd, Family Room w/2 way

fireplace, 1st fl laundry, & priced right!

offers this fabulous home

(C-532TI)

Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 abath colonial featuring a 2 car Garage. to schools & shopping, good floor skylight, finished bsmt, new roof & (C-815DO)



This home stands above the rest wa

remodeled oak Kitchen w/ceramic.

w/spa shower

sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath ranch w/wide

the rear of the home

\$200,000

COME FALL IN LOVE!! CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY the 16th hole on Honor's Course & paint, newer flooring, vinyl windows, walking distance to Flodin Park. Geramic Fover, updated Kitchen, Liv. access to Crooked Lake, Features w/frpl, Master w/bath, updated baths, fresh landscaping, & Deck Master, finished walkout, & inground (C-388MO) pool. \$449,500

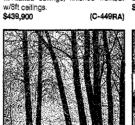


CHARMING & IMMACULATE! You can't find a better location! Brick Amazing Kit w/new caramel hickory ranch perfectly situated across from cab's, finished bsmt w/updated bath. newer furnace, windows, & roof, eye Spacious floor plan w/large Llv Rm, catching landscaping w/sprinks, lower level Fam Rm w/fresh paint & _ finished bsmt, & all appl's stay fenced yard, & 2.5 car Garage P-431EL) \$150,000



3 bd, 1.5 bath Pinckney home w island Kitchen w/appl's & nook w/ drwl leading to Patio & huge yard, bath, neutral décor, & much more (P-231HA) \$165,000





BUILDERS & INVESTORS! all sports Horseshoe Lake w/boat launch. More lots avail call for details. \$139,900 \$159,900



BETTER THAN NEW!

Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial

has everything you desire, 3 bd, 2.5

miss this one!

is the only way to describe this 3 bd, 2.5 colonial! Contemporary colors t/ o, open floor plan, formal Dining, Fam. Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt, nice Deck & (C-232WI) \$244,900 \$244,800



GREAT HOME 3 lots currently zoned residential, but Great home featuring new carpet, could be commercial. Tear down blinds, & vinyl. 3 bds, full basement, & 2.5 car Garage. Call for further (C-861JO)



BREATHTAKING!

Excellent curb appeal on this great home! 4 bd, 2.5 baths, huge Kitchen,

1st fl laund, 2 story Great rm, lovely paver Patio, & quiet cul de sac

(C-777DA)

\$239,900

Remodeled 4 bd, almost 1700 sq ft baths, 2 car Garage, a Kitchen to die for, awesome double lot, & too much more to list. (P-082MI)



Kit w/dining, 8 ft bsmt, & covered porch & Patio. \$169,900 (P-506PA) A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE!



SPECTACULAR tub, all bdrms have walk-ins, extra inc, 1st fl laundry, 1st fl Master w/ deep bsmt, upgraded elevation, bath, Great Rm w/frpi, daylight bsmt,



multiple walk-ins, & so much more. C-750RI)



CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY Foyer, island cherry Kit w/pantry, & finished bsmt. \$459,900 (P-735ST)







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BEST IN THE SUBDIVISON





Schools. Open floor plan, Liv Rm w/ patio door to balcony, new water inc: water, area pool, & good location \$74,900 (P-411HI)















w/frpi, updated Kit w

w/WIC,



windows, & some carpet. Ply-Canton

updated furnace, C/A,



(C-150DE)











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The Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association presents "My Home, My Future," a consumer information seminar on homeownership and homeownership retention on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 9-11 a.m. at the Cobo Exhibition and Conference Center located at One Washington Blvd., Detroit. A presentation will be made by MMBA professionals and educators. Also available onsite will be HUD counselors from across the state, industry experts, finance and budgeting forms, and consumer homeownership tips. For more information, visit www.mmbaonline.com or call (517) 371-8023. Space is limited and advance registration is required by phone or visiting the MMBA Web site.

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

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



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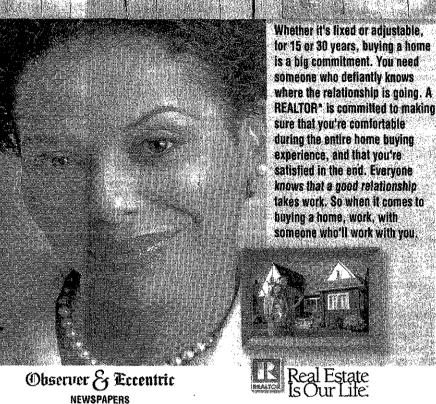
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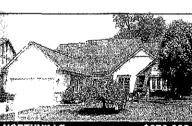
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Dream condo! Best view on lake! End unit w/sun rm option-elevator, pvt covered deck, 2 fp,prem cabs w/ gran, hwd firs, fin w/o, pvt boat slip& imm occ. MLS# 27188935 248-347-3050



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\$350,000 Imm occ! Undated kit w/Prem cabs & gran cotrs Brazilian cherry firs, new stone patio, deck w/gazebo fin w/o w/hot tub, paver walk & lined drive.



vaulted ceiling & skylights, new kitchen, 2 frpic

sunroom, fin bsmt w/inlaw ste, att gar & ig deckl



ARMINGTON HILLS Updated colonial! Remod kit w/cherry cabs, gran cntrs limestone fir, new furn. New paver patio, remod ½, main & mstr bath, new stone FP in FR. P fin bsmt. MLS# 27181853 248-347-3050



Impeccable! Upgraded T/o! 3 Car Tandem gar! Upgraded Cabs T/o, FR W/vaulted Cig & Gran Fp, Hwd. Gmt Kit W/maple Cabs. Paver Patios W/Tree Lined Yard



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\$224,000 St. James model. 2163 sq ft. Daylight bsmt, Great rm w/ FP. wood lot, all appls incl. 4BR, Jetted mstr bath Huge kit w/island & oak cabs. MUST SEE! MLS# 27189353



wndws on 2nd fir. Lg backyard w/covered patio.

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Fml I R w/bay wndw, fml DR. Kitchen w/eat-in nook, a apple inc, vaulted Fam Rm w/gas fp, ff laundry, mstr w. iv bth WIC, 2.5 gar, deck & fenced yd 248-347-3050



This brick ranch w/4 BR (5th BR in fin bsmt), 2 car at gar & loads of updates incl the kitchen, roof & echanicals. Close to city rec center & park 248-347-3050 MLS# 27189542



acres! Remod in 05. Kit w/ceram,new cabs.appls.Corian cntrs. Updates inc:win, roof, septic city water, c/a, plumb&elect. Refin hdwd firs. Nat FP. MLS# 27186401 1734-453-6800



Gorgeous 3BR, 2BA bungalow that boasts w/character & charm! Fam Rm w/stone FP. Liv Rm w/hdwd firs & cove cigs. Mstr suite w/private BA & sitting rm. MLS# 27185191 734-453-6800

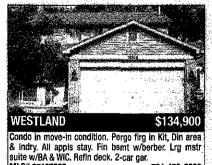


3BA, 2 car garage, fin LL w/egress wndw, FR w/FP Updated Kit & more. Walk to Miller Elementary.

MLS# 27187977



\$135,000 RANCH CONDO is freshly painted with new carpet, ountertops, hardwood floor. 2/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. nished basement & attached garage. V-Tou MLS# 27189311 248-360-1425



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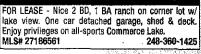


3BR. 1BA Ranch w/Brighton schools. Newer wndws irg FR w/wood burner. All appls incl. Lrg side yard. 1300 sqft. 1 mile to 23/96, 20 mins to Ann Arbor.



MELVINDALE Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch has eat-in kitchen snack bar & hardwood floors under carpet MLS# 27180374 248-360-1425



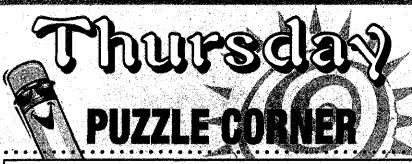




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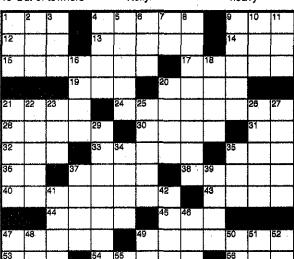
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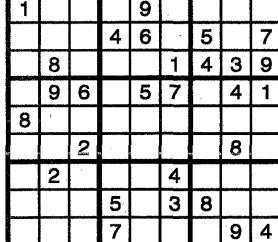
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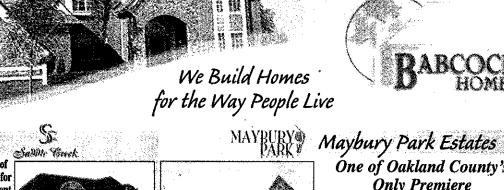
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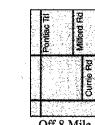
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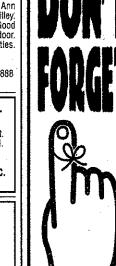
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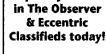
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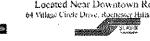
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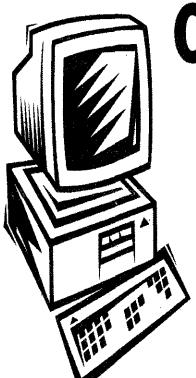
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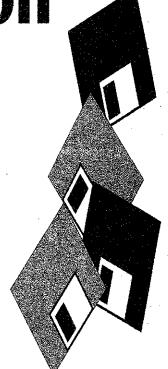
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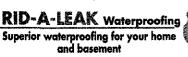


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By Kevin Koloian **Avanti News Features**

After a run that dates back to the early 1960s, this is the last year of production for the storied Pontiac Grand

Not surprisingly, Pontiac made no changes to the Grand Prix for 2008, which will be replaced by the Australian-built Pontiac G8, a car with a more current exterior design and newer technology.

One thing has changed, though. The GT version with a 260-horsepower supercharged V6 engine has been dropped from the lineup.

The 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix is a sedan available in two trim levels: base and GXP.

The \$21,815-priced base model comes with 16-inch alloy wheels, full power accessories, keyless entry, cruise control, OnStar and a CD player. The \$28,815 GXP features a sport-tuned suspension,

18-inch alloy wheels with performance tires, an upgraded stereo system, heated front seats, leather upholstery and dual-zone automatic climate control.

Most of these features are options on the base model, while both trim levels are available with a Sun and Sound package that adds a sunroof and a nine-speaker Monsoon stereo with in-dash six-disc CD player. Other standalone options include a navigation system and satellite radio.

There are three new exterior colors for 2008, including Gold Mist Metallic, Dark Mocha Metallic and Dark Slate Metallic.

Two engines are available on the Grand Prix. The base model features a 3.8-liter V6 that's good for 200 horsepower and the GXP has a 5.3-liter V8 that pumps out 303 horsepower. Both models are front-drive and come with a four-speed automatic, with the GXP featuring a manual-shift mode.

The base model gets 18 miles per gallon in the city and 28 mpg on the highway while the GXP gets an impressive 16 city and 25 highway.

That's because the 5.3-liter V8 uses GM's Active Fuel Management technology developed exclusively for frontdrive vehicles and helps cut fuel consumption by up to 12 percent in light-load driving conditions.

The technology reduces the number of cylinders engaged in the combustion process. A sophisticated



The 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix's top model is the GXP. GXP-specific body enhancements that complement the car's bold stance includes front and rear fascias and rocker extensions.

engine controller determines when to deactivate cylinders, allowing the engine to maintain vehicle speed in lighter-load conditions such as highway cruising.

On the road, the Grand Prix feels larger than most of its competitors, especially going around corners. Then again it is almost 10 inches longer than the Toyota Camry.

The base model's steering is fairly composed for a front wheel-drive car, but the GXP loses some of its steering precision due to its heavy V8 that puts a good amount of the car's weight up front.

The Grand Prix's interior is user-friendly. The dashboard is positioned so it slants toward the driver, giving easy access to audio and climate controls, all of which are big and easy to operate.

The Grand Prix's standard 60/40 split-folding rear seats, rear seat pass-through and an extra-wide trunk opening make it easy to carry large objects. Items as long as 9 feet can be accommodated with the trunk closed when the available fold-flat front passenger seat is used.

Getting into and out of the car is easy for passengers and cargo, with the rear door swinging open to a segment-leading 82 degrees. The wide opening also makes it easier to stuff large items like a computer or television into the back without twisting and turning too

However, there are some key interior drawbacks. The Grand Prix is supposed to seat five, but cramming a third person in the back seat can be a challenge. And the sloping roofline may result in tall passengers having little

Anti-lock brakes and traction control are optional on the base model and come standard on the GXP. A tirepressure monitor is standard on both trims. The GXP also has a stability control system. Full-length side curtain airbags are optional on both models.

The head-up display is an often overlooked safety feature. Besides helping the driver focus on the road by displaying dashboard information in the windshield, the system also allows the driver to drive with the instrument lights off for better night vision.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash testing, the Grand Prix earned a perfect five-star rating for its protection of the driver in head-on collisions. For the front passenger test it earned a four-star rating and in side-impact tests, the Grand Prix scored three stars for front and rear occupants without side curtain airbags.

The Grand Prix is a decent choice for someone seeking a daily commuter car that's sporty.

2008 Pontiac Grand Prix Vehicle class: Sedan. Power: V6 and V8 engines. Mileage: 18 city / 28 highway for the V6. Where built: Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Price tested: \$28,815.

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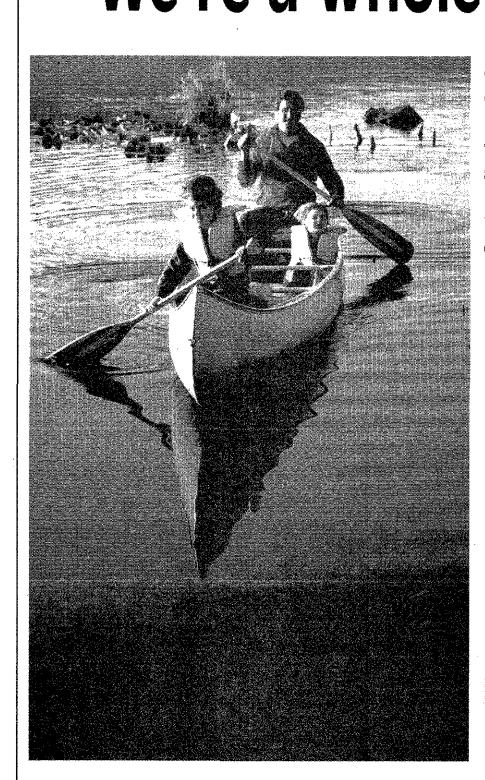
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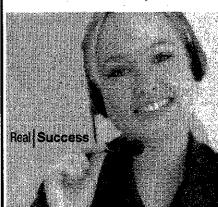
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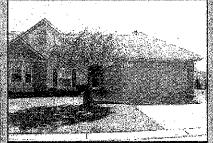


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Brick Colonial, Lg Kit w/walk in pantry. FR w/ corner Frpic, Mstr Ste, private balcony, hdwd firs under crpt in LR, Bdrms, Staircase. Cul-De-Sac Loc. MLS #27186766 248-360-9100



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Gorgeous interior, updated 3br bungalow! New wndws. Refin hdwd firs. Master bdrm w/walk-in closet. Fin bsmt. Oversized 2 car gar. Home warr. MLS #27165698 248-647-8888



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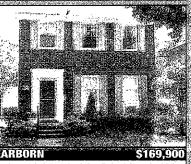
Updated 3 BR brick ranch. Updated kit, appls stay, hrdwd. firs, vinyl wndws. Fin. bsmnt. w/drywall & 1/2 bath. C/A. Nicely Indscpd. MLS #27141003 313-538-2000



Spacious 3 BR ranch on lg lot. Hrdwd. firs, FR w/ rplc. & part fin. bsmnt. Updates including roof, elec & plumb. 2 car att. gar. w/heat & elec. Patio MLS #27166352 313-538-2000



PLYMOUTH \$275,000 Walk downtown or back in time! 4 bedrooms basement and garage. Many recent updates Formal dining room. MLS #27185197 734-462-9800



3 bedroom brick colonial w/hdwd firs t/o. Living room, frplc, formal dining room. New furn 2006 & more. Beautiful sun porch & deck. 3 car gar. MLS #27160567 734-462-9800



Northville condo shows like a model! Kit has light wood cabs, snack bar, ceramic tile firs & ctops. 3 bdrms, updated 1.5 baths, Fin bsmt, FR. MLS #27109022 734-462-9800



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Lovely ig kit overlooks 2 story cath ceilinged GR n closet. Nicely fin LL w/ bdrm & full bath MLS #27103024 734-462-9800



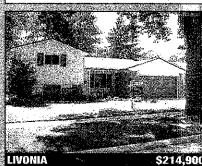
Popular Prestwick golf community home. 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, 1 lav. Huge GR w/fric, mstr suite w/ jetted tub. FF laund, 3 car att gar. MLS #27133884 734-462-9800 MLS #27133884



4 br, 3 ba, 1 lav. 2452 sq. ft . Wonderful court location. Large library. Family room w/ frplc. New furn in '07, new gutters. Finished walkout. MLS #2718381Ó 734-462-9800



Meticulous 2,158 sq. ft. home. Family room w/ frpic. Maple cabs in island kit. FFL. Hrwd firs in foyer & DR. 3 car att. gar. Brick paver patio. 734-462-9800 MĹS #27163856



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NDEPENDENCE TWP \$219,850 Updated lake front on Middle Lake. 3 bedroom bath home in Clarkston schl dist. Hdwd firs t/ 2 story atrium area w/original stained glass. MLS #27109036 248-673-2211



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CANTON TWE End until condo, 2 bedrooms and 2.5 baths! Fir LL, great rec room for entertaining. Kit built-ins & all appls stay. Private deck off dining area. MLS #27189823 248-855-2000



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w/hot tub & new carpet, Fin LL w/o. Appls stay.

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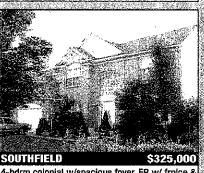
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4-bdrm colonial w/spacious foyer, FR w/ frpice & drwl to deck. FF laund, huge master bath wa ietted tub & walk-in-closet, Over 2800 sg ft. 248-855-2000



Profess designed unit w/hrdwd firs in main living area, balcony, enclosed mstr bdrm w/waik-ii closet & bath. Kit w/gran cntr & high-end appls. MLS #27174894 248-855-2000



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248-348-6430 METICULOUS END UNIT RANCH CONDO Bright and cherry 2 BR, 2.5 BA w/open fir plan and cathedral ceilings. Mstr has Ig wic and luxury BA.1st fir laundry. Gas frpic in GR. Part fin LL w/lav. (27036646) \$250,000



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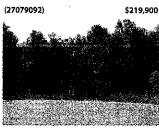
734-455-7000 ABSOLUTELY TURN-KEY! Immaculate upper level 2BR/2BA ranch condo in Lilley Pointe. Mstr ste w/priv bath. Lg GR w/doorwall to deck. Beautiful dining rm. Spacious kitchen w/sll spoll;



Canton 248-348-6430 GREAT PRICE IN "THE WINDS" OF CANTON Set in the center of complex this move-in ready condo offers new carrier furnace (07) new carpet (07). All appliances, fin basement including TV & sofa. Hurry!



Commerce 248-684-1065 LG CORNER LOT, Covered entry w/ foyer to lg FR w/ fp & DW to deck. Mstr br w/ sep entry to ba. Lg DR, kit w/ brkft area open to FR. 1st fir laun. Full bsmt.



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Commerce 248-684-1065 GREAT SUB IN GREAT LOCATION. Walled Lake schools. Lot is large enough for a ranch. 4 car gar avail. .3 acres w/ poss daylight bsmt.



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Detroit GREAT PRIME DWNTN CONDO 2 bdrm / 2 bth!! Walk to all action kit w/all upgrades. Mstr ste feat jetted tub, skylight, cath ceilings thru-out lyng rm, fp, att 2car gar fully painted. Tax red till yr 2020! \$280,000 (27091216)



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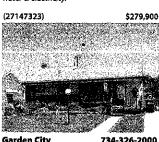
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(27152594)\$234,900

734-591-9200 1996 BLT COLONIAL, 3 brs. part fin bsmt. Good. family home in nice area of Livonia. Mstr br is huge. Lg ir & kit w/ plenty of table space. Deck & jungle gym in fenced yard. A Shed to hold



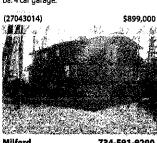
Livonia 248-348-6430 STEP BACK IN TIME Cozy 3 br, 1 ba home in Livonia. Hrwd fir and rich wood molding in LR. Newer oak cab in eat-in kit w/door to yard. Updated ba incl soaker tub & pedestal sink.



SPACIOUS RANCH WAITING for a new owner! 3 BDRMs, 2 Full BAs, french doors to patio; huge eat-in kit; GR waiting for your finishing touches. Bank owned, as-is; no disclosures. Agent has



248-684-1065 Milford ELEGANT, GEORGIAN-STYLE COLONIAL on private cul-de-sac, overlooking natural wooded ravine, Builders own custom residence, 4 br, 4.2



734-591-9200 Milford A STUNNING LOG HOME ON 4 ACRES, 5 bdrms 4 baths, huge mstr bdrm. Hrdwd firs, 6th bdrm in fin w-o w/hot tub. Furn 05, C/A 06. All appls stay. Gigantic 59x40 pole barn, 1200 (27106220)



Milford 248-684-1065 GREAT FLR PLAN! 2 story entry w/ oak firs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K



Milford 248-684-1065 COMFORT & CHARM. Hdwd firs, granite. 1st fir mstr. 17x18 unfin bonus rm over gar. Gas fp. Ceramic ba firs. Bonus bsmt rm. W/I pantry.



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Northville 248-348-6430 EXQUISITE EXECUTIVE HOME Prestigous Northville Hills Golf Club sub: beautifully maintained w/prof decor touches t/o. 4br, 4.5 ba, elegant formal DR. 2 stry GR w/Palcadium



Northville NORTHVILLE ESTATE ON ACREAGE 6 BR/4BA/2



REAUTIFUL REMODELED 2006 HISTORIC HOME in downtown Northville, abundance of windows, fabulous new kitchen, elegant dining & living room, great room, family room & 3 porches. A spectacular home! (27159086)



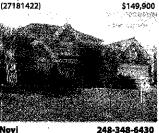
Northville 248-348-6430 BUILDER'S MODEL HOME Curb appeal, stunning layout, upgrades, fabulous 2 season sunroom, large private yard, gourmet kit w/granite counters, Jack n Jill & Prin Ste, full fin'd LL.



Northville 734-455-7000 NORTHVILLE DELIGHT! Spacious, 1st fir newer 2BR/2BA condo. Better than new! Open contemporary look. Nice complex w/modern



CAREFREE CONDO IN NORTHVILLE! This doll house looks nearly new. New kit w/Corian counters & sink, all appi stay, teakwood firs, fresh paint, closet organizers, C/A+3 cling fans, priv deck. (27181422)



LARGE OPEN FLOOR PLAN COLONIAL Awesome 4 br, 2.5 ba colonial, newer a/c, humidifier, ext recently painted, all appliances, great



248-348-6430 EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES. Own this NeoClassical Design set on a park-liked lot. Close to all amenities. Beautiful LR, DR, FR, den. Mst w/cathedral ceiling, 2nd flr laun& full fin'd bsmt. (27161516) \$311,500



COZY & PRIVATE Lovely 3 bedroom/1.5 bath basement, enclosed patio, great location! (27162210) \$124,500



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DESIRABLE? YOU BETCHA! Rear dense woods? Mostly yours! Storybook red barn? Yup! Orchid-grower greenhouse? Ah huh! Custom brick ranch w/2nd FP In LL, faces sunsets across (27183769) \$438,900



Plymouth 248-348-6430 DESIRABLE PLYMOUTH LOCATION Quality ranch home w/ coved ceilings. LR w/natural w/tile. Fenced yard, det 2 car gar; new carpet, (27152693)



248-437-3800 CUSTOM CAPE COD!! Remodeled in '02. Home has 2 beautiful fireplaces, large spacious rooms, oversized 2 car garage and more!!



SPACIOUS RANCH W/ LOTS OF POTENTIAL Nice family rm w natural fireplace, oak kitchen cabinetry, glass blk windows. Hardwood firs, custom kit w/s/s appliances, 2 pantries, formal



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South Lyon 248-437-3800 NEWER COLONIAL ON 1+ ACRES! Large living room w/gas fireplace. Formal dining room w/bay window, country kitchen. Bonus room, master suite, first floor laundry and full (27155807) \$299,900



NEWER QUALITY BUILT COLONIAL! Home has loads of up-grades! Living room has gas fireplace, kitchen with breakfast nook, 1st floor laundry and master w/2 walk-in closets. Bonus (27140023) \$289,900



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EXCITING CUSTOM BUILT S. LYON COLONIAL Backs to wetlands. MBR ste w/cathedral ceiling & att. workout rm, nursery or office w/french drs. Master BA w/2 sinks, WIC, tub, shower. HWF. Huge island kit.w/doorwall.



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



IMMACULATE END UNIT! This condo has 3 spacious bedrooms and 3 big baths, with a first floor master suite. Also large relaxing jacuzzi in the finished basement.



SHARP RANCH ON NICE SIZED LOT! Close to downtown this home features living room, country kitchen with eating area, 3 bedrooms and first floor laundry. Kitchen and bath have been updated.



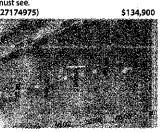
DON'T MISS THIS TURN OF THE CENTURY CHARMERI Great country sized front porch for sitting on summer evenings. 3 units 2 1 bdrm units, 1.2 bdrm unit. All appl. stay. Upstairs has a separate furnace.



BEAUTIFUL HOME ON DOUBLE LOT This house offers 2 bedroom and 2 full bathrooms. Partially finished basement. 2 car garage with loft based in living a company of the second of the second



734-591-9200 Westland JUST LISTED; LIVONIA SCHOOLS Drop Dead Georgeous; it's all been updated. 3BR brick Georgeous; it's all been updated. 3BR brick ranch w/2.5 car gar. Maple kit, windows, BA, roof, furnace. Paver patio. All applianes. A (27174975)



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(27067302)



248-437-3800 SUPER COLONIAL W/LAKE PRIVILEGES Oustanding features include: oversized study, kitchen w/spacious counters and built in appliances. Fully finished basement w/wet bar. Master suite and more. \$329,900



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Grandfook's Holitay Tables Set the scene for the season

BÝ STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

ow in its 32nd year, The Cranbrook House Holiday Tables annual showcase remains one of the largest charity events of its kind in the metro area. Organized by the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary, this year's theme will be Celebrations: Heralding 100 Years of Cranbrook House.

Roslyn Basherian, an event chairperson and Bloomfield Hills resident, said all 20 displays will interpret this theme in anticipation of the home's 100th anniversary next year.

"We originated the concept," she said of the tablescape-focused fund-raiser. And though it's been replicated by other organizations, "we like to think we do the biggest and the best. We hold it in the Cranbrook House for the preservation and restoration of Cranbrook

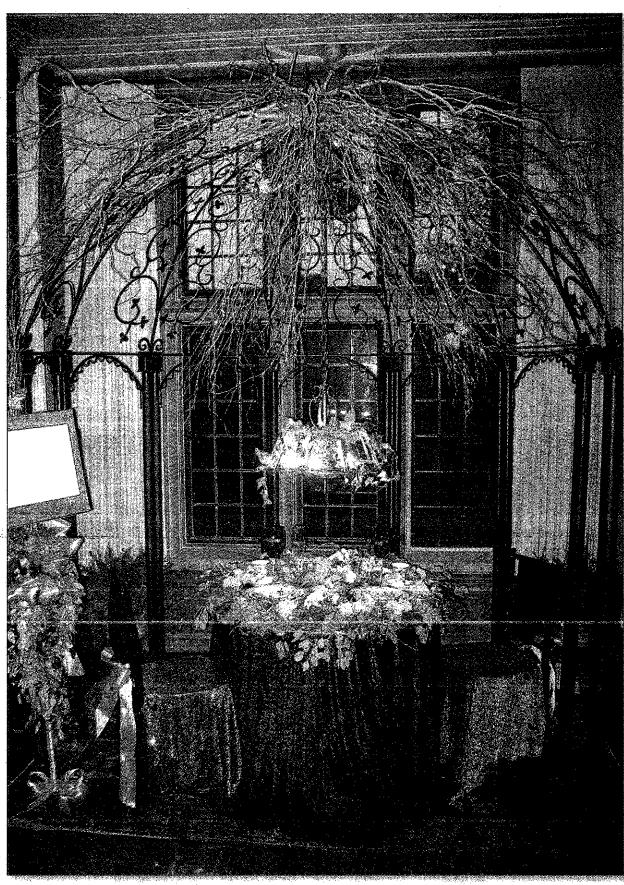
The English Arts and Crafts-style home is the former residence of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth. It is located at 380 Lone Pine Road between Lahser and Cranbrook roads in Bloomfield Hills.

The holiday tables fund-raiser often signals the start of the charity event season, and helps set the tone for the festivities to come. Basherian said they've maintained their regular time, opening the doors a week before Thanksgiving. "That's what people have come to expect," she said. "It's a great way to put everyone in the holiday

Festivities begin with a cocktail eception on Nov & followed by: Patron Tea and Preview of the exhibitors tables on Nov. 15 and general viewing Nov. 16-18.

This year's "dazzling displays" will be created by a mix of designers and area residents. Michigan Opera Theater set designer Monika Essen is incorporating archival photographs of the Cranbrook Gardens in a tablescape called Winter Solstice. Members of the Vettraino family will pay homage to Michael Vettraino, the Booth family's first gardener. One table will correspond with the art museum's Saarinen exhibit, opening the same weekend. Birmingham's Design Within Reach will present a tablescape for the first time. Longtime sponsors DuMouchelle Art Gallery and Fran Kendall of

Please see TABLES, D2



Fran Kendall, owner and operator of Goldner Walsh Flowers and Gifts, is a sponsor at this year's Cranbrook House Holiday Tables event. This is the table she designed for the 2006 fund-raiser.

Palm shrinks the smartphone, Verizon chaperones the kids



Rick Broida

or years I've been carrying a PDA in one pocket and a cell phone in the other. Not an ideal arrangement, but nec-My PDA — a Palm

TX — holds my contacts and calendar, my e-books, my games, and the like. I also use it to check e-mail when I'm

away from my PC. My phone — a banged-up Sony Ericsson T610 from, I think, the 1900s - makes

It's true: Despite my Tech Savvy title, I carry a crummy, outdated embarrassment of a cell phone.

But no more. The near-perfect replacement has finally arrived, one that'll let me retire my PDA at the same time: the Palm Centro.

Though nowhere near as sophisticated or cool as an iPhone, it offers everything I want: simple operation, a compact design, fast Internet access (courtesy of Sprint's 3G network), an e-book reader, support for thousands of third-party programs, and a low price.

How low? The Centro sells for \$99 with a two-year Sprint contract (rumor has it Verizon will offer the Centro within the

Palm's latest smartphone, the Centro, offers all the capabilities of the Treo in a smaller, more affordable package.

next month or two) and after a mail-in rebate.

That's a pretty good deal for any smartphone, especially one as nicely equipped as the Centro. Critics have dinged the

phone's Palm operating system, which, like the Treo's, hasn't been significantly updated for about five years. Admittedly, it's a lightweight at multime-

dia, and its Web browser feels creaky. On the flip side, the Palm OS is fast, easy to use, and extremely versatile. The bundled Documents To Go software lets you view, edit, and synchronize Microsoft Office documents. Other bundled apps let you stream YouTube videos, Internet radio,

and even TV shows. The Centro has also drawn fire for its small, cramped keyboard. Hey, guess what: It's a small phone! Though typing with your thumbs is undeniably challenging, typing with your thumbnails works quite

What the Centro lacks in iPhone-like sex appeal, it makes up for in functionality and affordability. If you've never had the pleasure of owning a smartphone, now's your

chance to get one on the cheap.

LET YOUR PHONE PLAY CHAPERONE

Over the last few weeks I've been testing a fantastic Verizon service called Chaperone, which enables parents to keep tabs on their kids via their cell phones.

Here's how it works: You download the Chaperone program to your phone and your child's phone. When you want to locate your child, you can use either your phone or the Chaperone Web site (verizonwireless.com/chaperone).

In both instances, Chaperone provides the exact whereabouts of the child's phone and even lets you view its location on a

You can also set up Child Zones, which are designated areas or addresses.

When the phone enters or departs a zone, you're immediately notified via text message.

For example, suppose you're a working parent and you want to make sure your child gets home safely from school. Set up a zone that corresponds to your address; when your child arrives, you'll receive noti-

There are safety features built into Chaperone as well, like password protection on the parent phone so others can't track your child if your phone goes missing.

Verizon's Chaperone service makes it easy for parents to locate their phonecarrying kids, but the monthly fee could be prohibitive for some.

The service works with a number of Verizon phone models; I tested it with a pair of new LG Chocolates (terrific little phones, by the way)

and came away really impressed. Though it occasionally failed to locate on the first try, for the most part it worked like a charm

 especially the Child Zone features. My sole complaint with Chaperone is the price: \$9.99 monthly for each child phone. (That's over and above the standard subscription charges for each phone.) It's reasonable, but a bit steep for parents on a

budget. I'd love to see Verizon offer the service free of charge, a move that would engender incredible goodwill toward the company and attract countless new customers. How about it, Verizon?

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VEGGIE HOLIDAY TASTING

If you want to try something different for the holidays, check out vegetarian fare at the 20th Annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Nov. 4 at Metropolitan Adventist School, 15885 Haggerty, in Plymouth.

This year's presentations will feature recipes containing many "Super Foods," and the 20 most requested dishes from this event during the past 20 years. Over 50 non-meat dishes will be available to see and taste. Cookbooks with recipes of the sample dishes will be available for purchase. Organizers call the event "a festive eye opener to how great your holidays can taste without meat." Tickets, \$14 for adults; \$5 per child, sell out every year so reserve early. Ticket orders need to include your choice of first, second or third seating; 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. and the total number of tickets. Make checks payable to Metro SDA School. Send to "Holiday Tasting," 695 N. Ridge Rd., Canton, MI 48187-4635. For tickets and information, visit www.veggieholiday.com; call (248) 446-9176; or (734) 420-4044 the day of the event.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Looking for ideas to create a stunning holiday tree this year? Find inspiration as English Gardens hosts its Annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, Nov. 4. The free event, staged at all six English Gardens locations, includes caroling, complimentary photos with Santa and entertainment (West Bloomfield High School Lakers Express will perform 1-3 p.m. at the West Bloomfield store). Guests will also be able to view showcase holiday trees, with themes ranging from "Merry Michigan" and "Home for Christmas" to "He's Coming to Town!" and "I Hear a Symphony." English Gardens offers the area's largest selection of life-like, pre-lit Christmas trees, lights, and ornaments; fresh-cut Christmas trees, greens and wreaths; poinsettias and other flowering plants; as well as fresh-cut flowers, custom-designed arrangements, and other gifts. A portion of all sales Nov. 4 will benefit Forgotten Harvest. For more information, log onto www.englishgardens.com.

TASTE OF THE VINES

The Community House in Birmingham will host its annual Taste of the Vines, a wine auction and dinner, 5:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Patron tickets, \$250, include a 6 p.m. reception with wines provided by Celani Family Vineyards, a multi-course dinner catered by Community House Executive Chef Chris Jones with wines provided by Heitz Wine Cellars, and the auction, featuring rare and highly allocated wines; several luxurious vacations; a trip for two to the Grammy Awards; Maserati/Lamborghini driving lessons; and a flight on the WWII Yankee Lady B17. The \$500 ticket level adds a private wine reception with Taste of the Vines Honorary Chair Ron Slavik, Chairman of the Board and President of Fourmidable. Proceeds benefit The Community House. For reservations, call (248) 644-5832.



A flight on the Yankee Lady B17 is just one of the unique luxury auction items at Taste of the Vines.



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Holiday Tables designer Lisa Meers created this look for last year's charity event.

Goldner-Walsh Flowers & Gifts will return this year.

Because of the overwhelming response, the Cranbrook Auxiliary group will go Al Fresco, Basherian said. They will create a tablescape in the courtyard fountain. "There was no place left in the house," she added. "It's very doable. They're

No matter what the tablescape artists come up with, how they use crystal or china, Basherian said the displays will inspire visitors to try something new for their holiday table. "The public does come not only to see what others have, but to pull ideas from it and use them on their table.'

As far as she's concerned "We're the Martha Stewart of Bloomfield Hills for the moment."

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The front load washer saga continues

f you were watching WDIV Consumer Reporter Ruth Spencer's two-part series on the Maytag Neptune washer and you're a reader of this column, you just had to be thinking of this white haired old guy.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

she showed her own front load Neptune washer and described her

This is the

case where the

writer doesn't

so!" I watched

last year when

Ruth's story

pull back at

all and says,

"I told you

mold problem and then closed the piece proclaiming that if she didn't get any answers from Whirlpool she was going to dump the washer on the front lawn of Whirlpool's headquarters in Benton Harbor.

Boy, I knew she was mad

when she made that statement and sure enough she got the answers she was looking for. You can see the whole interview with a Whirlpool representative by going to WDIV's website at clickondetroit.com. Just hit the button that says 'consumer.' I think the piece is very revealing as to the true feelings of a manufacture that wishes to do little for consumers who own their product.

You can argue that it is a Maytag product and the problem was not created by Whirlpool but nonetheless, Whirlpool knew what it was buying and they own the Maytag name today. By all estimates there are over 1 million homeowners who were never notified that a class action suit was settled in September, 2006 pertaining to this Neptune washer. These folks never had a chance to get their products repaired free of charge and most will live with the mold problem or

spend a lot of money getting it fixed.

Now, as most of you know we have a Maytag Neptune washer in our laundry room. It is only just over a year old and it works just fine and hasn't had any problems. The Neptune washer that was featured in Ruth's story was the first production run dating back to 1997 and the demand was so huge that Maytag had to add another shift at the factory to catch up with the back orders.

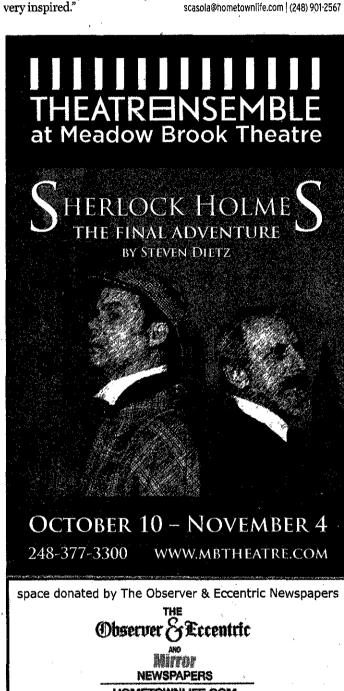
In all honesty, I think Maytag has destroyed their fine reputation with this debacle. I wouldn't be surprised one bit to see the name Maytag disappear completely within just a few years. It's happened to many other names in years past.

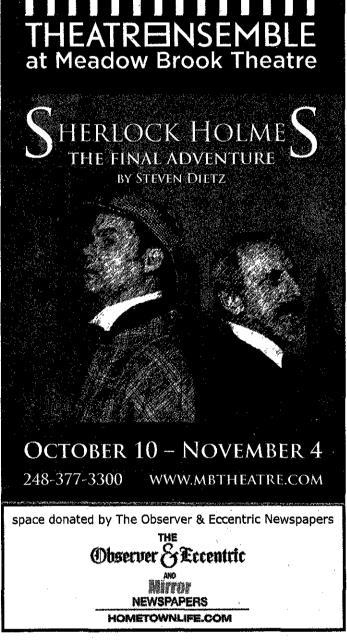
A few weeks back I gave you a web site to go to if you have a mold or stink problem with a washer. It's smellywasher.com, which sells a formula called Purewasher that

removed fungus and mildew from the inside of washers and hoses. From reports I've received this stuff works. This might be all you need instead

of spending \$500 for repairs. When Ruth asked the lady from Whirlpool if they had ever had samples of the mold checked by a lab, the lady's answer of 'no' was just as stupid as the whole problem created by Maytag in the first place. I don't believe this is the end of the story. I can see more coming around the bend and I'll comment on it later. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.







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Villa Maria exemplifies wine passion

hen traveling in Michigan you probably have noticed several visitor centers that welcome newcomers to our state. If you visit New Zealand, you'll no doubt fly into Auckland. Just outside the airport,

you'll find a welcome center built by one of that country's best wineries, Villa Maria. In an effort to

attract tourism and welcome visitors to New Zealand, Villa Maria purchased 100 acres near the Auckland airport. They planted chardonnay, gewurztra-

miner, merlot and built a visitor-friendly winery. A tasting room was added with a restaurant and banquet facilities. Visitors can see how wine is made and taste the final product, with food, in a beautiful setting.

Ray & Eleanor

Heald

Villa Maria also sources grapes from the best sites on New Zealand's North Island in regions known as Hawkes Bay and Gimblett Gravels and on the South Island in

Marlborough. Hawkes Bay is located Marlborough region. Three of Geris' on the east coast of the North Island where the climate and soils ideally suit chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, merlot and cabernet sauvignon.

Within Hawkes Bay, Villa Maria sources the majority of its Bordeaux varieties from the Gimblett Gravels, a warm region especially suited to growing cabernet sauvignon, merlot and syrah. Gimblett Gravels boasts gravelly soils not found in other areas within Hawkes Bay.

Marlborough is located on the northeast shore of the South Island where cool nights together with generally dry autumns, create perfect conditions for chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, riesling, pinot gris and pinot noir. Additionally, Marlborough is composed of two parallel river valleys -- the north valley known as Wairau and the south as Awatere.

WINEMAKING

George Geris is winemaker at Villa Maria's state-of-the-art Marlborough winery where he makes chardonnay, sauvignon blane, riesling, pinot gris and pinot noir from grapes grown in the

vineyard sources are located in the Awatere Valley and are known as the Taylor, Seddon and Clifford Vineyards. He's also experimenting with viognier and gewurztraminer. What's neat is that Geris styles the wines in three price categories or tiers: Private Bin, Cellar Selection,

Reserve and Single Vineyard wines. "Private Bin varietal wines are targeted to everyday drinking," explains lan Clark, Villa Maria's export manager. "Approachability with easily-identified varietal flavors are their hallmarks. Cellar Selection wines, a step up in quality, are focused on individual wine styles, expressive of the region and also the winemaker's hand. Together with viticultural team efforts, that intent reaches its highest level in the Reserve wines, produced from the finest vineyards in top vintages.

Geris expands on this concept by saying, "We've established the Villa Maria style for sauvignon blanc at the Marlborough winery. We look for classic ripe lime and green gooseberry aroma with flavors that highlight passion fruit and melon. Our pinot noir showcases fragrant cherry aromas and flavors, a sweet fruit palate and a silky texture. Of course, the growing season has something to say about the style from vintage to vintage."

MARKETING

New Zealand has a population of only 4.2 million people, so Villa Maria is dependent on a good export market. Sales to the United Kingdom, United States, Australia and the Netherlands have increased from 45 percent of Villa Maria's production to 55 percent in just three years. That means that people all over the world love these wines. In a bold move, Villa Maria is totally committed to Stelvin screwcaps. "Our wines age longer and more gracefully when bottled under screwcap," Geris contends. "We are serious about quality and want the consumer to experience that quality when they open the wine."

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■ 2006 Villa Maria Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc \$22, is a riper ver sion with greater palate weight but carrying the same wonderful lime. meion and passion fruit flavors that identifies Marlborough sauvignon

2006 Villa Maria Private Bin Riesling \$15, displays apple aromas with a touch of minerality, characteristic of riesling. This wine is made to enjoy young, but has the capacity to age gracefully. Geris suggests this wine as a complement to Asian cuisine, cheese and seafood.

■2006 Villa Maria Private Bin Unoaked Chardonnay \$15 has become popular because of its pure fruit character unencumbered by oak. Richness is achieved by extended lees contact. Try it with grilled wildcaught salmon, chicken or pork.

■ 2005 Villa Maria Private Bin Pinot Noir \$20, introduces bright cherry. aromas and flavors in a light, refreshing style that finishes with a note of leather. Geris suggests the wine explodes in your mouth when paired with cheese, especially hard or blue.

2005 Villa Maria Cellar Selection Pinot Noir \$30, is defined by black olive and dark cherry aromas with a hint of Asian spice. The wine features full, rich palate expression, a note of French oak aging and a lengthy, silky finish.

■ 2005 Villa Maria Private Bin Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot \$15, show cases the Hawkes Bay appellation with blackberries, black raspberries. and cherries in a fresh fruit version of a Bordeaux blend. Drink at cellar temperature with grilled beef, lamb or venison.

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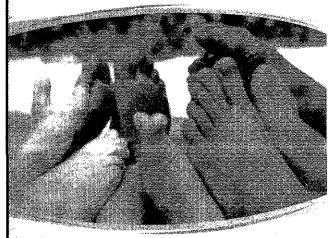


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All qualified participants will receive study-related treatment and the investigational pain medication at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may also be provided.

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The Gospel of Creed

Heir to legendary fragrance house comes to town

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

At age 26, Erwin Creed is fra-

grance royalty. As a 7th generation perfumer, he stands to inherit CREED, the world's only privately owned luxury fragrance dynasty, from his father, master perfumer Olivier Creed. Founded in 1760, CREED has been passed from father to son, serving 11 royal houses, countless celebrities and the discerning public for 247 years. Erwin Creed will travel to metro Detroit for the first time Nov. 8, spending the afternoon at a luncheon hosted by Fashion Group International at the St. Regis Hotel, then the evening at Neiman Marcus in Troy. Creed, an avid adventurer, talented businessman and creative perfumer, will greet guests and share the history of his company, along with

What do consumers need to know about the hand processes that set your company's perfumes apart?

samples of CREED's signature

scents. In anticipation of his visit, PINK caught up with

Creed to find out more.

CREED is the only dynastic company still producing fragrances this way, using techniques such as maceration and filtration that date to 1760. My father, a team of about 30 people and I together produce all of the fragrances in a single workshop in the French woods, in Fontainebleau. There we put flower petals into warm alcohol and start the process. It is a beautiful process. We gather natural ingredients from farmers all over the world, for example roses from Bulgaria because of their fragrant oil, lemons from Sicily and so on.

As a 7th generation per-

With The Jane Austen Book

Club in theatres, and Becoming

Jane on DVD, the author's vision

of 'graceful living' is in the spot-

gives fans a further glimpse into

Austin's world of class and man-

ners. The Jane Austen Handbook

by Margaret C. Sullivan (Quirk

Publishing, 2007) tackles a wide

array of topics, such as "How to

become an accomplished lady,

complete with illustrations and

lines. Even though Austen died

in 1817 at the age of 41, never hav-

ing married, PĪNK takes a page

from Sullivan's book on "How to

Choose a Prospective Husband":

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CREED EVENTS

The Fragrance of Kings When: 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 Where: The Hotel St. Regis, 3071 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit What: Fashion Group International Detroit will host Erwin Creed during a special funch presentation and meet & greet. Tickets: \$25 FGI members; \$30

includes lunch. R.S.V.P.: (616) 481-3333

non-members; \$20 students;

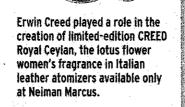
Neiman Marcus Fragrance Event When: 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 Where: Neiman Marcus, 2705 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy

fumer, how much of your skill is nature vs. nurture? Is it in the genes?

I started going with my father to the fragrance workshop at the age of 8, so part of it is environment. Yet it's in the blood. And it requires work. As a child, when I could smell dinner cooking, I would try to figure out all the dishes in the meal from upstairs, by smell. Then I started more formal lessons with my father. Each generation has its own aptitude in fragrance, but there is a vast amount of study and work that each does to earn the title "master perfumer," the title my father holds.

How can the average person better train their noses to discern different qualities of scent?

For example when buying fragrance? Shop in the afternoon. The human sense of smell improves as the day progresses. Spray the fragrance you like on your skin and then smell it inside the store, then outside



What: Erwin Creed will discuss the history of CREED during this cocktail reception, and sign fragrance bottles purchased that evening. R.S.V.P.: (248) 816-3411

the store. This will help you get the truest sense of the fragrance.

How do you feel about taking over CREED?

My father is master perfumer and CEO, and I contribute just a bit to the fragrances and success of the house at this time. My father is a master, the creator of some of CREED's most artistic and popular fragrances in all of the 247 years of CREED, such as Millesime Imperial and Green Irish Tweed and so many others. He has a great deal to teach me.

What do you think your youth and energy bring to the

My father is also very youthful and energetic — an avid sportsman, sailor, equestrian and a member of France's national championship golf team in 1984. Anyway, we find a love of the outdoors is essential to this craft. Nature provides so many inspirations: the smell of a wild field, the smell



Erwin Creed, 26, plays an active role in creating fragrance for CREED. He will visit metro Detroit Nov. 8.

of the sea. Vitality and taking advantage of nature are key to being a good perfumer.

What is your favorite scent? I am crazy about CREED Royal Ceylan, the limited edition fragrance for women we created for Neiman Marcus that has the royal lotus flowers of the south Pacific as a key ingredient.

What is your favorite smell (aside from perfume?)

Actually, where I ski in Klosters, Switzerland, there is a man who roasts chestnuts on the corner, and I love that smell.

What will you talk about during your appearances coming up in Detroit?

This is a very exciting visit, my first to Detroit and Troy. I will be unveiling CREED leather goods, starting with a CREED travel-grooming kit for men and women. CREED's history in leather dates to 1760, when we made leather gloves for King George III and scented them so he could rest his chin on his gloved hand and inhale the fragrance. And over 247 years we have often wrapped CREED bottles in various leathers as an early form of shatterproofing. Now we wrap our atomizers in leather. So this is a visit in which I bring news! I am very happy to be coming to Detroit and Troy.

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INK contest

Win a Mom's Night Out

Are you a mom in desperate need to grab the girls and get out of the house? If so, we've got the goods.

PINK will give away a Mom's Night Out package to see "MommyHood" on Thursday, Nov. 15, at Andiamo Italia in Warren. The prize package includes four tickets to the play, dinner for four at Andiamo Italia, and a signature "MommyHood" pendant designed by Lucido Fine Jewelry.

MommyHood, which features captivating monologues performed by dynamic actors, brings to life the deepest, truest emotions of many different Mommies. No other show has paid such homage to the unself-

ish role played by women all over the world. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll cheer, you'll reminisce you'll leave refreshed and ready to return to your indispensable role as a mommy!

To enter our "Mom's Night Out" contest tell us in 50 words or less why you need a "Mom's Night Out," and who you'd share it with. E-mail your entry to pink@hometownlife.com by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9. Your entry may be published. The winner will be announced in the Thursday, Nov. 15 edition of PINK.

For more information on MommyHood or to purchase tickets, call (877) 725-8849 or visit www.mommyhoodlife.com.



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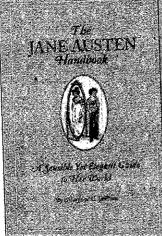
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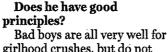
The Jane Austen Handbook: A Sensible Yet Elegant Guide to her World"

Does he have a good income? While one should not mind being asked to economize a little, one would not wish to be put into constant pains to contrive the



answer them honestly!

elegancies of life.



The Jane Austen guide

to finding a husband

girlhood crushes, but do not marry one with the idea that you might "change" him. He will spend your father's money and leave you at home with the children. Find a good man and treasure him.

Is he handsome? He should be, if at all pos-

sible — or at least very near it.

Is he a sensible man? One would not wish for a silly or stupid husband. However, if one wishes only for establishment of one's own, at least be sure he is not stubborn as well. If he is easily controlled, you can contrive to almost entirely avoid being in his company.

Does he have a sense of humor?

If not, you will need to teach him to be laughed at. If your

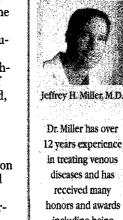
manners are lively and easy, this will complement his gravity as well. In fact, that is probably what made you attractive to him.

Does he love you?

You do not want to marry a man who is marrying you for fortune or position, because he feels and obligation towards you, or because he feels infatuation. When these quick passions wear off, your life together may become intolerable. If you cannot love your husband. at least you should be able to respect your partner in life.

Do you love him?

The most important question of all. Your choice in husband may provide you with more than fine clothes and fine carriages than your sisters and friends, but will he make you happy? If he is a good man, and he has made you love him, then your chance for a happy marriage is very good indeed."



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