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New Meijer store on planning agenda

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One-stop shopping appears to be on its way to Michigan Avenue.

The Canton Planning Commission will have a public hearing Monday regarding a preliminary planned district development plan for a new Meijer store.

The Grand Rapids-based retailer is looking to open a new store on Michigan Avenue near Morton Taylor Road between Sheldon and Lilley.

"We are definitely in growth mode," said Meijer spokesman Frank Guglielmi, adding that the company will open nine new stores this year, five of which will be replacements for previously-opened locations.

Plans for the new, 156,000-square-foot Canton store call for one of the chain's newer design concepts and will include a drive-through pharmacy and a gas station.

Township Planner Angela Wolosiewicz said in addition to the Meijer store, the development has room for other commercial uses, including out lots.

"There is a lot of availability for any number of things," she said.

If approved by the commission, the preliminary PDD will then go before the Township Board. If moved forward by the board, Meijer will then submit a

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final PDD request and site plans to the township.

Wolosiewicz said with the success of the Crossroads Village retail development at Michigan and Beck Roads, the township is anticipating the arrival of the Meijer-anchored center.

"A lot of people are pleased with the quality of the (new construction) on Michigan Avenue and we are trying to maintain that," she said.

Guglielmi said Meijer is as happy about the plans as the township but joked that their enthusiasm may pale in comparison to his.

"I'm excited for me," he laughed.

"The location is only a mile and a half way from my house."

Guglielmi previously said the company hires anywhere from 300-400 employees in opening a new store. The 24-hour retailer has 182 stores in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky.

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Michael Grech of Canton talks about the environmental blog he created called vegthreads.org.

Blog adds a touch of humor to the green movement

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the thought of turning empty glass bottles into a surround-sound system, making your own sandals or creating a batch of beer-laced fertilizer sounds appealing, you may want to visit Michael Grech's blog.

Grech, 23, of Canton launched www.VegThreads.org, an environmentally-conscious blog, in January. The Web site, which has made its way to 78 countries, is designed to offer a fun twist to green issues.

"Most of the information I

found (on the Internet) was boring and research based," said Grech, a recent University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate. "I wanted to present environmental issues with a tad of humor."

Grech has 150 subscribers to the blog, which has cranked out such entries as "Lawn Mower Gone Solar Powered in 3 Easy Steps," "How To Make Green Toothpaste" and "Make Hydroponics With McDonald's Cups."

In addition to unique how-to instructions — the do-it-yourself sandals call for an old tire — Grech also blogs about rising gas prices, electric cars and

consumerism.

A recent piece on two men walking the 3,000-mile Continental Divide that spans from Mexico to the British Columbia has gotten "a lot of positive feedback," Grech said.

"I think this helps fill the market," he said. "We have fun, environmentally friendly topics and it has been reflected in the comments (from visitors)."

Grech, who is in the process of putting together another Web site, said he aims at updating VegThreads weekly and joked that he has to start his "real job" with a health care worker's union this week.

"I'm having a lot of fun right

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Owner: Michael Grech of Canton
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Topics: "Visualizing Your Waste" and "How To Build A Solar Heater With Beer"

now," he said. "We may have changed a few opinions and a few minds, but I just want to offer a new point of view. I don't feel I'm changing the world."

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Teacher strike could be looming

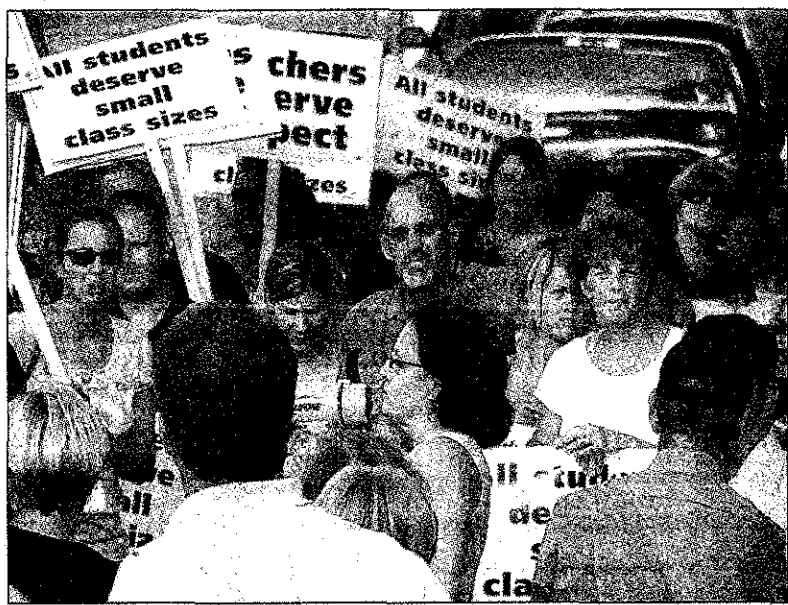
BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the start of a new school year just around the corner, more than 150 Wayne-Westland teachers and their supporters showed up at the Board of Education meeting Monday to raise awareness to failed contract negotiations with the district.

In what could be a harbinger of a strike, the teachers carried picket signs that read "Teachers deserve respect" and "All students deserve small class sizes."

The district's contract with the 858-member Wayne-Westland Education Association is due to expire on Aug. 25, a week before students are set to report for the new school year.

As the teachers marched



ROBERT SAYN

Evelyn Baran, director of the Wayne-Westland Education Association with megaphone, talks with members at a protest Monday at the Wayne-Westland Board of Education meeting.

outside the district's Westland headquarters, Ruth Beier, an economist with the Michigan Education Association, made a presentation to the board, in which she analyzed the district's annual budgets and audits dating back to the 2003-04 school year. Beier said the district had "manufactured" a budget deficit

in three of the last four years by moving millions of dollars out of its operations budget to pay for capital improvements to district facilities.

"My analysis is the district doesn't have a deficit if it doesn't want a deficit," said Beier, who

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Leadership Canton covers all aspects of community

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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Applications are being accepted for the 2008-09 class of Leadership Canton.

The program, which will begin in October and end in May, was created in 1994 to educate participants about the inner workings of the Canton community.

"Leadership Canton is an awesome opportunity to get to know the Canton community," said co-chair Deb Zevalkink. "We have had everyone from school superintendents to stay-at-home mothers, so it's a great networking opportunity, too."

The program, a partnership between the township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, features monthly sessions that focus on a certain area of the community such as Public Safety or the school system.

Chamber President Dianne Cojei graduated from Leadership Canton in 2001 and said she treasures the experi-

ence. "I knew more about Canton in six months than I knew about Dearborn and I was there 17 years," she said. "Leadership Canton covers every single aspect of the community."

Participation in the program, which graduates about 20 students in each class, costs \$800.

Zevalkink said some \$400 scholarships are available.

The 2007-08 class, which was responsible for the Pins on Parade display along Ford Road, came after a two-year hiatus for Leadership Canton.

Besides the outpouring of information for its students, Zevalkink said the program has provided "a group of leaders we can lean on when we need help."

At the end of the program, students will receive a plaque and acknowledgement from government officials.

Zevalkink said the deadline to register is Sept. 1.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040 or Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

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Coming Sunday:
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AROUND CANTON

Canton Premiere Players

The Canton Premiere Players, a new local theater group, will present the drama-comedy *The Skeleton Key* by Frank Stokes at 8 p.m., Aug. 22 and 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Aug. 23 at Canton Premiere Dance, 5860 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 325 in the Ford Canton Crossings. The show is fundraiser for Canton Premiere Players. The show is being directed by Dave Cooper, and the local cast includes Jami Krause, Michael Hool, John Cafer, Caleb Kruzal, Kimmy Elliott, Matt Martello, Nick Mullins, and Kiersti Kruzal. There is a \$5 minimum donation at the door.

Movie premier

Many people are dealing with rising gas and food prices, unemployment and inflation. Many people wonder how the nation ended up in so much economic trouble. *I.O.U.S.A.* is an insightful documentary to premier in eight theatres across the state. The film offers people a look at how the nation got to where it is, and the difficult decisions that lie ahead.

The film will premier tonight in eight movie theatres across the state, including the Regal Commerce Township 14 in Livonia and the Goodrich Canton Cinema in Canton.

I.O.U.S.A. explores the national debt, and its effect on the economy in the past, present and future. The documentary also looks at the impact on the economy of the ever increasing numbers of jobs

being exported, the increased importation of goods, and spending habits of the government. The film seeks to make the complicated financial issues of America understandable for all Americans.

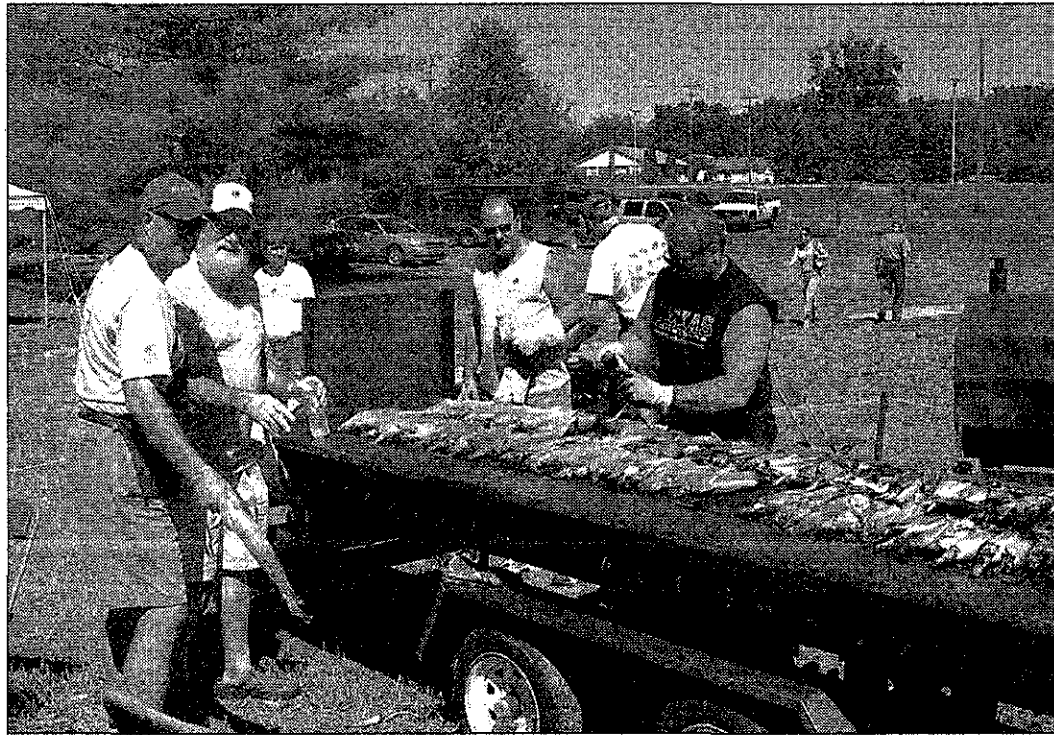
For specific show times contact the theatres. For more information about the film visit the film's Web site at www.iou.sathemovie.com.

Children's carnival

Abundant Life Church, located at 2100 Hannan Road in Canton, will host a children's carnival 6-8:30 p.m., Aug. 28-30. The event will feature food, activities and inflatables for the children, as well as an interactive children's Bible program. On Aug. 30, there will be a picnic from 4-6 p.m., and will feature volleyball, horse shoes, a slip and slide and plenty of food. Register to win a free bike. Everyone is welcome. For more information, send an e-mail to arkybuddyamb@aol.com.

Christmas Spectacular auditions

Central City Dance is holding open auditions for its Broadway-style Christmas Spectacular on Aug. 23 and Sept. 13. The studio is looking for experienced dancers, singers and gymnasts throughout southeast Michigan. Auditions for dancers ages 6-8 will take place 11-11:45 a.m.; ages 9-12 at 12-12:45 p.m.; and ages 13 and up at 1-1:45 p.m. Auditions for singers ages 10 through adult will take place at 2-2:45 p.m. Auditions for gymnasts



It's corn roast time

The Canton Lions Club will hold its annual corn roast from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday at the Bartlett-Travis House (500 Ridge Road). The event will be part of Canton's Village Faire, which takes place Saturday and Sunday. The all-you-can-eat corn roast is one of the Lions Club's main fund-raisers. In addition to corn soaked overnight and grilled to perfection, the dinner includes a hot dog on a bun, baked beans, watermelon, cotton candy and a refreshment for only a \$5 donation per person. For more information about the Lions Club, visit www.cantonlions.org or call Noreen at (734) 981-0486.

ages 10 and up will take place at 3-3:30 p.m. Performers arriving late will not be permitted to audition. A nonrefundable audition fee of \$10 is due at registration. Show dates are Dec. 18-21 at the Village Theater. For more information about the audition process, visit www.centralcitydance.com.

Women wanted

The Canton Business and Professional Women (BPW), which promotes full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women, will hold its next monthly meeting Monday Sept. 8 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road). Dinner will be served. The guest will be best-selling author and Northville resident Julie Fairfield Pelicelli. For more information, call June Nicholas (313) 610-2561 or e-mail her at junenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for

this meeting.

Sponsorships available

The Salem Rocks football team now has sponsorships and advertisements available for purchase. Local businesses, organizations and individuals are now able to purchase sponsorships and program advertisements for the upcoming football season.

There are multiple levels available offering a variety of options, including services such as programs ads, stadium signage, announcements at games and much more. All proceeds support the Salem Rocks football team.

Please contact Don Turner via e-mail at dturner@longwalkpartners.com or by calling (734) 812-0504.

Mom to mom sale

Connection Church in Canton is having a fall Mom-to-Mom Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. More than 75 moms will be selling their kids' clothes, toys, books/DVD's, baby equipment, etc., that their families have outgrown. There is a \$1 admission. Refreshments will be available. Strollers welcome. Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon Road, just

north of Michigan Avenue. For more information, check out mom2momlist.com.

School supplies giveaway

Way of Life Christian Church is giving away free backpacks filled with school supplies. The picnic and giveaway will be held from 2-6 p.m., Aug. 31, at UAW 735, 48055 Michigan Avenue (west of Beck Road). There will be refreshments and activities for children of all ages. Pastors Fred and Helen Canty and the Way of Life congregation will be on hand and would love to meet your family. For more information, call (734) 482-0068.

JGHS Class of '88 reunion

The John Glenn High School class of 1988 will be meeting for its 20-year reunion at 7 p.m., Aug. 23 at the U.S. 12 Bar and Grill (34824 Michigan Avenue, Wayne). Dinner will be available at 6 p.m. Cash bar and full menu will be available. For more information, please visit <http://jghs88reunion.com>.

Ed Gucwa Memorial

The Sgt. Romanowski V.F.W. Post #6896, 28945 Joy Road Westland, will host a memorial MDA spaghetti dinner in honor of Ed Gucwa from noon

to 6 p.m., Aug. 24. The event will include music, a bake sale and raffles. Cost is \$7 per adult and \$3 per child.

Newcomers welcome Dr. Fiegel

The public is invited to spend an evening socializing, enjoying refreshments from Carrabba's Italian Grill and Back Home Bakery, getting to know your "neighbors" and signing up for 20-plus interest groups (Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Chick Flick, Couples Social, Scrapbooking to name a few) at the Canton Newcomers Wednesday, Sept. 3, adult general meeting at Workman Elementary, 250 Denton Road (at Cherry Hill Road).

A special meet/greet is scheduled from 7-7:30 p.m. with newly appointed Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Craig Fiegel. This is the Newcomers' season kickoff meeting. Huntington Bank is sponsoring the event. All remaining first Wednesday of the month meetings will be held at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford. This social, civic and charitable organization will also host a raffle to benefit a local charity.

To order a complimentary September newsletter that will arrive a few days before the meeting, visit www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Noreen at (734) 981-0486.

Hospice volunteers sought

Compassionate Care Hospice, a community-based organization that provides hospice care for patients and their families, is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor or clerical volunteer.

Training is provided, and will be held at the organization's office at 5820 Lilley Road, Suite 1, in Canton.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050.

Chiefettes clinic

The Canton Varsity Chiefettes are holding a kids pompon clinic from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sept. 13 at the Canton High School gym. The clinic is open to children ages 5-14. Pre-registration is now open on the Chiefettes Web site at www.cantonchiefettes.com or contact Chiefette parent, Sarena Bouse, at microbouse1@comcast.net.

Cost is \$35 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings.

Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on the day of the clinic.

All girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Canton Chiefettes Variety Show on Saturday Sept. 20 and at a Canton Varsity football game.

Pre-registered participants should arrive between 8:30-9 a.m.

Same day registration is also available at 8:30 a.m. but enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants.

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Weaver steps down from Wayne-Westland school board

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After weeks of speculation, Fred Weaver resigned from the Wayne-Westland Schools Board of Education Monday.

Weaver made the announcement many were expecting from him at the school board meeting Monday evening. The trustee, who is a pastor, made some brief comments at the start of the meeting, and resigned his post effective immediately.

Weaver, who was first elected in 2002 and then re-elected, said he had enjoyed his time on the board and serving the community.

Many were calling for Weaver to step down after it



Weaver

was learned that the former school board president had changed his primary residence to Midland earlier this year and was no longer a resident in the Wayne-Westland district. Previously Weaver said it was a mix-up that he was going to rectify.

He had a change of heart and resigned Monday, however.

District leaders, including Supt. Greg Baracy, said Weaver's departure was significant.

"The district owes a deep sense of gratitude to Fred

Weaver," Baracy said.

"Over the years, we've gotten a chance to work closely with him. He always had the best interest of the students at heart. Every decision he ever made, he had the best interest of the students at heart. This must have been a hard decision for him to make. He's an honorable man."

Board President Martha Pitsenbarger said she was "sorry" Weaver had to resign.

"He will be missed. I will miss him a lot," she said.

The Board of Education will select a replacement for Weaver to serve until the next board election in May 2009. According to Michigan law, the board has 30 days to find a replacement.

Big car show this weekend to benefit hospitalized veterans

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not only will the big car show planned Saturday at a local UAW hall be a great chance to see some classic hot rods and motorcycles, it will also be a great way to support local veterans.

The big show, which is being hosted by the Motor City Muscle Car Club, Vietnam Veterans of America, and United Auto Workers Region 1A, will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at UAW Local 735, 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton. All proceeds from the event will aid hospitalized veterans at the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center.

According to John Alva, one

of the show's main organizers, there will be more than 400 classic cars and motorcycles at the event, including the original GTO Monkee Mobile from the TV show.

The event, which is free to the public, will also feature plenty of food and music, as well as door prizes and raffles. Some of the top prizes include dinners at local restaurants, a Placido Polanco-signed Detroit Tigers jersey, and a trip to Las Vegas. Many local organizations, individuals and businesses have donated to make the event possible.

Alva said all proceeds will go toward nonmedical items for the VA hospital, including improving the facility's dining hall.

"We want to make it a little more like home. A lot of these veterans who are there are going to end their life there, so we want to make it a little nicer for them," said Alva, who volunteers more than 30 hours per week at the facility.

He said they would also like to use proceeds to get cable television in the facility, and to buy comfort items, such as soap and shaving supplies, for the veterans living there.

In addition, local Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 will be making "dog tags," and Lynn Dery from REMAX of Canton will be collecting "cell phones for soldiers" where each cell phone or accessory turned in becomes an hour calling card for one of the troops.

Hello, Dolly

Spotlight Players will be performing the musical 'Hello, Dolly!' Sept. 19-20, 26-28, and Oct. 3-5 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The production will feature a huge cast including a dozen actors from Canton. Actors shown in the photo are (back row from left) Christian Cash, Kimberly Adams, Drex Morton, (front row from left) Maureen Paraventi and Erin Hildebrandt. Morton, a Canton resident and pastor, plays the lead role of Horace VamerGelder. For times and more information about the production, visit www.spotlightplayers.net. Regular ticket prices are \$18 for adults, and \$16 for seniors and children under 18. However, the theater group is offering discount tickets for \$13 each, but they are only available online at the group's Web site.



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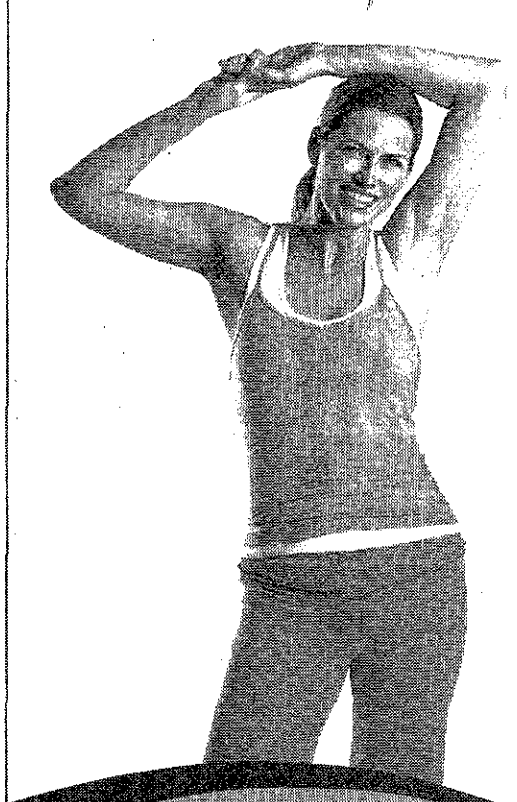
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TEACHERS

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came at the request of the WWEA.

Beier said the district should be more concerned about having smaller class sizes and paying its teachers a good wage. She said Wayne-Westland ranks in the top third among Wayne County districts for number of pupils per teacher, but ranks in the bottom third in teacher salary.

Beier said she hoped her presentation would provide the Board of Education with an objective look at the district's finances. She said Supt. Greg Baracy and the administration were giving them a "skewed" financial picture.

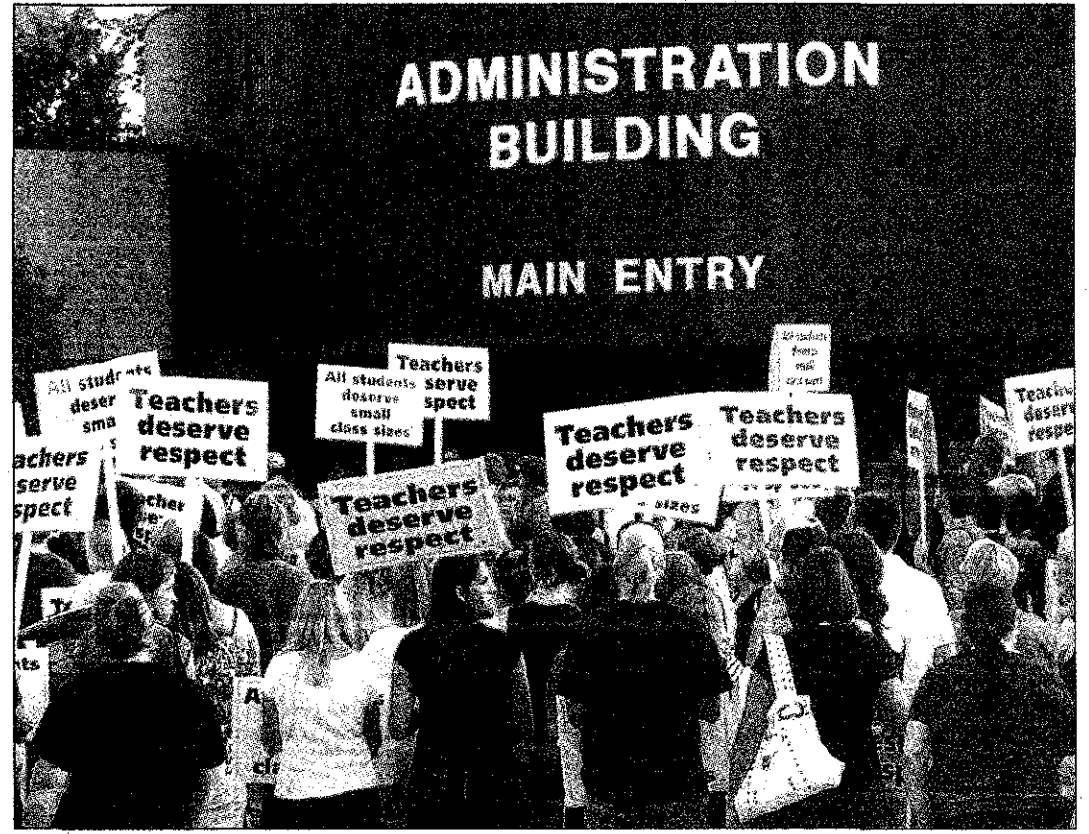
"The board doesn't get the whole picture. I came to give them the tools they need to see the whole picture. They'll see there's plenty of money to settle this contract," Beier said. "This is a political fight, not a monetary fight."

Baracy said his team and the board will "respectfully" examine Beier's report. However, he said the district and the teachers union are "light years apart" at the negotiation table, though he's hoping an agreement can be reached before the start of the school year on Sept. 2.

"I'm very hopeful that reasonable minds will prevail, and we'll get a contract that is satisfactory to both parties," said Baracy, who noted the district is anticipating a \$5 million budget deficit for the new year.

Evelyn Baran, the executive director of the WWEA, said the teachers haven't had raises in several years, class sizes are too large, and district wants to take away the union's ability to negotiate health care benefits.

She said union members will meet Monday at Salem High School for an important vote to give the union's bargaining unit the authority to act on their behalf by whatever means necessary to get a contract resolution,



ROBERT SAYN

Wayne-Westland teachers let their displeasure with the Wayne-Westland Board of Education be known Monday before the board meeting.

which could include calling for a strike.

table at this point. If you don't stand up now, when do you?" Baran said.

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McCotter: Bush reaction to Georgia invasion 'inexcusable'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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McCotter

Following a blistering e-mail message to fellow Republicans attacking President George Bush's plan to attend the Olympics in China, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Monday it was "inexcusable" that the Bush administration was "surprised" by Russia's invasion of Georgia.

"The West has failed to understand the collapse of Communism, for 70 years an atheistic, socialist philosophy that ravished that country," McCotter said. "When they put shock therapy in place, they equated the decline in productivity, the decline in life expectancy to democracy and allowed (Russian Prime Minister and former President Vladimir) Putin to do exactly what he is doing, turning down an authoritarian path modeled on China."

McCotter said there is a link between the administration's "kid glove" policy toward China and the new aggression of Russia. On Aug. 6, McCotter sent an e-mail complaining about Bush's trip to China at a time when Congress was engaged in a battle over a controversial energy bill. The e-mail called the Republican president "wildly unpopular." McCotter also criticized Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats for adjourning the House session and not allowing an "up or down vote" on the energy bill, which he said has bipartisan support. "On his part, perhaps our Compassionated Conservative-in-Chief will bring our absent Democrat Congress some

'Made in (communist) China' souvenir T-shirts: Bush went to Beijing and all I got was this lousy five-week, paid vacation," the e-mail read.

Republican House members have been taking turns meeting in the House chambers despite the adjournment.

BUSH SHOULD HAVE KNOWN

On Monday, McCotter said the Bush administration and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, an expert on the Soviet Union, should have known what was coming.

"I think their continuing emphasis on dialogue with Russia is exactly what Putin expected and is exactly what is helping them (the Russians) achieve their strategic objective which is to cow all the former Soviet republics and now democracies, not just Georgia but Ukraine," he said.

Russia has objected to plans to allow Georgia and Ukraine to become members

of NATO. McCotter said it was important to "get Georgia and Ukraine into NATO" and make sure they have weapons to defend themselves.

Joseph Larkin, the Democratic candidate running against McCotter in this fall's election, said he found it "ironic" that McCotter is critical of Bush's policies.

"I find it funny because he has been a foot soldier for George Bush," Larkin said Tuesday. "I saw the e-mail where he called George Bush wildly unpopular, but he has been wildly supportive."

Larkin said he has long considered Putin a problem that needed closer watching as he moves his country back to a more autocratic form of government.

"Now due to Iraq, we don't have the moral authority to act against Putin," he said.

MOVES BY CONGRESS

McCotter said there are

actions that Congress can and probably will take.

"The first step for Congress, and it should happen, is to invite the president of Georgia to speak to a joint session of Congress," he said. "It will show and affirm that at least the legislative branch is totally supportive of Georgian democracy."

McCotter said Bush's trip to China seems to lend support to the Chinese government and its repressive policies.

"The message he sent was exactly the opposite message he should have sent to the Chinese or the Russians,"

McCotter said. "I can't imagine Harry Truman in a time of war, or Eisenhower, going to watch beach volleyball."

McCotter said he didn't support boycotting the Olympics, citing Canton's Bronze medal swimmer Allison Schmidt as an example of an athlete who shouldn't be punished for political issues.

Larkin agreed that a boycott of the Olympics would have been a mistake. He said he didn't fault Bush for attending but for not returning immediately in the face of the situation in Georgia.

Learning about your charge card can save you money

Charge-card companies are notorious for changing the terms. Whether it is how interest is computed, the due date of payment, or the interest rate, charge-card companies are constantly changing their terms. And they do it in such a way that it is difficult for the average person to understand the changes.

In some situations, the changes are minor. In other situations, the changes are major and can cost a substantial amount of money.

If you have not looked at your charge card in a few years, it is probably time to spend a few minutes to make sure you are using the most effective charge card for your situation.

The issue for consumers to consider is when's the last time you decided the best charge card for you.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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If you carry a balance, the interest rate is key and how it is calculated is extremely important.

The Internet makes it easier to compare cards. I use www.bankbreak.com to help analyze charge cards. Another Web site that is easy to use is

www.cardhub.com. On this site, you can compare a variety of reward programs based upon those you will actually use. The site also offers a wealth of information about charge cards.

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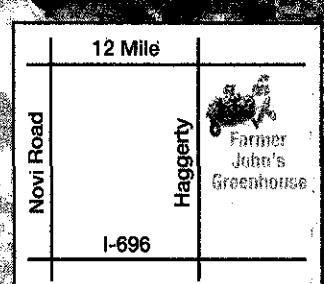
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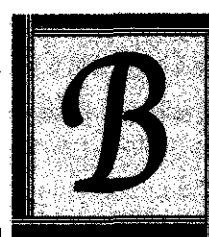
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OUR VIEWS

Keep election out of the mud

With the primary election in the rear view mirror, it's obviously time to focus on the November general election.

In the past, that has been more a formality than a reality in Canton Township, because the Republican primary usually settles it, especially when it comes to the Board of Trustees. But this November, we have a Democrat (Syed Taj) and a Libertarian (Charlie Page) running for township trustee against four Republicans (John Anthony, Todd Caccamo, Pat Williams and Karl Zarbo) and one running for supervisor (David Marsh is taking on Republican Phil LaJoy).

There are also interesting races for the 20th District state House seat between Republican Jerry Vorva and Democrat incumbent Marc Corriveau, and the 21st District state House seat between Republican Todd LaJoy, Democrat Dian Slavens, and independent candidate Brian Cronan of Canton.

The District 11 Wayne County Commission seat is up for grabs between incumbent Democrat Kevin McNamara and Republican challenger Steve Johnson, while the non-partisan 35th District Court race is between Jim Plakas and Joe Barone.

Now that we've described the lineup, here's what we're hoping for: A clean playing field. This is especially the case after the primary election — at least in one race — descended into the mud and got pretty nasty. Candidates that use dirty tactics really do an injustice to voters, themselves and ultimately the democratic process.

We're hoping (imploring really) the candidates talk about the issues, draw distinctions between themselves and their opponents, and provide a better-informed electorate the chance to make up their own minds. Go out and have a good, clean fight. And may the best candidate win.

Growing diversity could help bridge racial gap

Data released by the U.S. Census Bureau earlier this month indicate there has been significant growth of ethnic populations in Detroit's suburbs. Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties have all seen increases in the number of ethnic minorities between 2000 and 2007, according to the Census Bureau.

Each of the counties has seen a surge of Asian and Hispanic populations. For example, the number of Hispanics in suburban Detroit grew by nearly 23,000 people, a 32-percent increase, with Wayne County (not including Detroit) seeing a 39-percent increase.

Of particular note, the figures show that the number of African Americans living in the suburbs has jumped, especially in Macomb and Oakland counties. In Macomb County, for example, the black population has increased 164 percent, or by nearly 35,000 individuals, since 2000. In Oakland, the increase wasn't as large, but there was still a 22-percent increase. Livingston County, at the northwest edge of suburban Detroit, experienced a 93-percent increase of black residents.

Although some people might disagree, this growing diversity is encouraging news for a region that has been plagued with racial strife for decades.

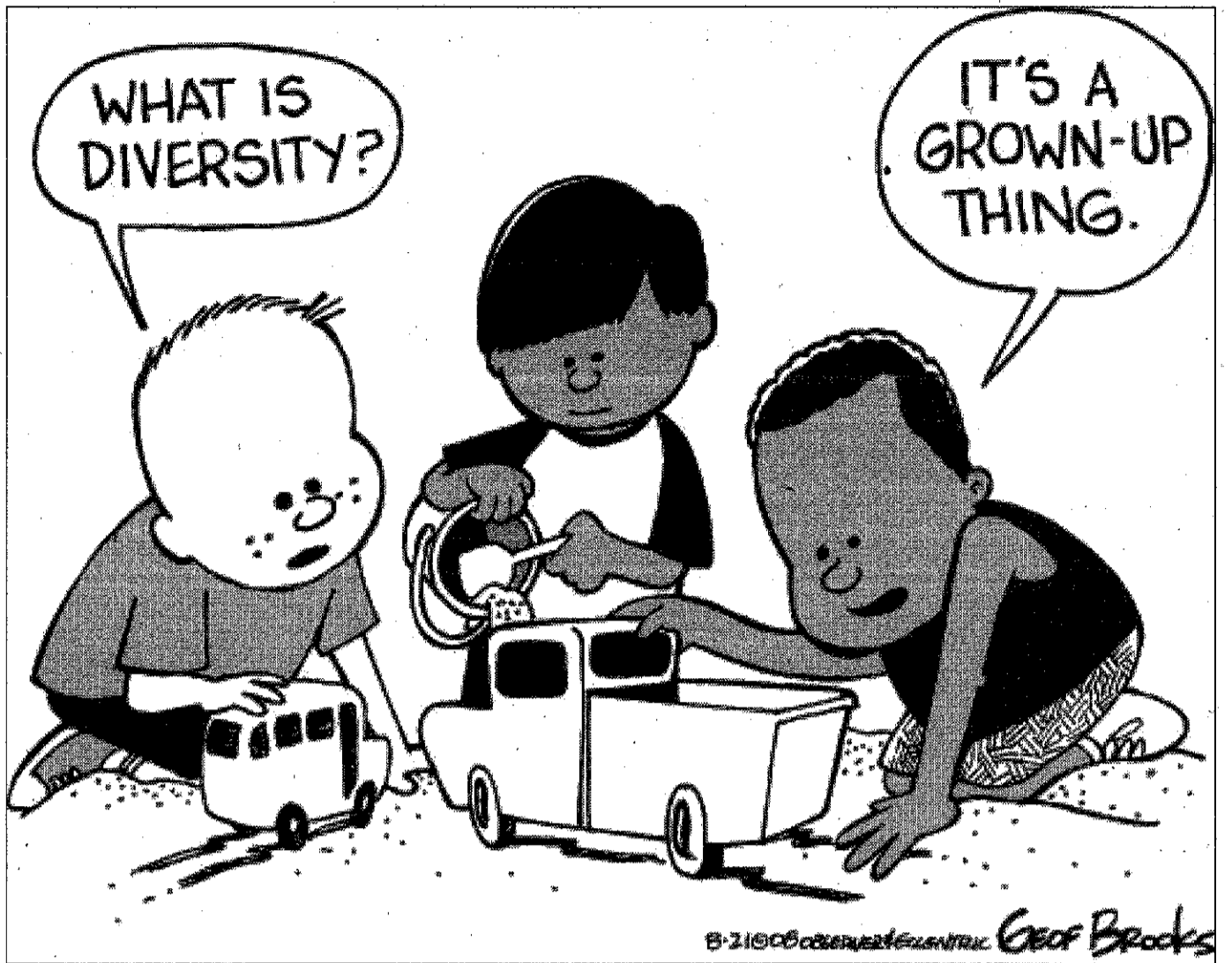
The fact is metro Detroit is one of the most racially segregated metropolitan areas in the nation. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, our area is ranked second in terms of racial segregation, behind only Gary, Ind. This segregation has played a major role in the lack of trust that exists between the city of Detroit, which is nearly all black, and its formerly lily-white suburbs. This lack of trust has always been a factor in derailing important regional issues, including improving our drinking water system, public transit or even getting a new Cobo Hall built.

But there is growing evidence that feelings are starting to change. First and foremost, the census figures show people of color are more open to moving into the suburbs, attracted by the same quality of life issues that brought (white) people to these towns in the first place.

The United Way for Southeastern Michigan presented a report ("Generation Next: Within Michigan's Demographic Context") at the annual Mackinac Policy Conference back in May, which addressed the area's demographics. The report included a survey that asked respondents "What will most impact your decision to stay in southeast Michigan?" More than a third of those asked said racial and ethnic harmony.

Most people, regardless of the color of their skin, want the same things in life: safe neighborhoods, good schools, well-paying jobs, clean air to breathe, etc. And regardless whether one lives in Rochester, Canton, Southfield, Westland or Detroit, most of us also take pride in our region.

So it's time we start having frank discussions about race, what it means to our region and how to overcome the impediments it has caused. The best way to do that is to be in the same room with one another. And that's a lot easier to accomplish when people who look different happen to be neighbors.



LETTERS

Not in my back yard

I live near the new Oakwood development site. I thought all of the residents in this area made it perfectly clear that we did not support this medical/hospital development anywhere near the residential properties. While this new site is further away than the previously proposed site of Beck and Geddes, it appears that those of us who do not live in the \$300,000-plus residential homes have not been given the same consideration with regard to our disapproval.

I simply cannot understand the insistence of the Oakwood Hospital team to maintain a site location near homeowners when there are other choices on the south side of Michigan Avenue (nonresidential) that would also be suitable and less offensive to the Canton citizens.

Further, I feel the Canton Board of Trustees has sold out the residents adjacent to the newly proposed site. It's never a problem when it's not directly affecting your residential area, is it, trustees? Sure you'll be able to boast a large medical complex as part of our town's amenities, but I don't like the price we all have to pay for that. I expect that if it were in your back yard neither would you. Do any of you live behind the buffer?

I elected to move to this particular area primarily because of the lack of hustle and bustle generated by the business district. Now, thanks to this Board of Trustees, no matter how many buffers you boast as a nod to the residents, the fact stands that this area will change the complexion of our current living status permanently. I shudder to think what the next 12 years will produce.

C.R. Verdone
Canton

Support for Oakwood project

I think the new Oakwood project is a great thing. We need a more local medical center in our community and I support it whole-heartedly.

Patrick Quinn
Canton

What about German program?

In response to the Aug. 14 *Observer* article, "Students lining up for Mandarin," I would agree that the addition of the Mandarin Chinese language courses at PCEP is a laudable accomplishment if only German 4/ German AP wasn't being discontinued at the same time.

My daughter was informed in June that she would not be able to continue her studies this fall, along with 13 fellow students, due to budget restraints (although one has to wonder how a new Mandarin teacher was retained during the purported hiring freeze cited by school board president, Judy Mardigian, in the Aug. 17 *Observer* article, "Workman student count still highest in district"). After spending three years studying German and participating in a student exchange program this past spring she was informed that her only option was to apply and enroll in a university program if there were any still accepting applications at this late date which also offer a course time that doesn't conflict with her

high school schedule.

Additionally she must pay the tuition difference, purchase her own textbooks, parking permit, and gas for traveling to and from a college campus. Even more disheartening was the lack of assistance from school counselors and administrators given the last-minute notification of the course cancellation just days before she was to leave for her trip to Germany as a student representative of our school district.

Assistant Principal Erin MacGregor states that, "it was very important that we expand our world language offerings." Yet it is clearly not a district priority given the systematic dismantling of foreign language studies in the middle schools until its state of near extinction today and leaving dedicated high school students just short of completing their studies. It's ironic that the hopes for the new Mandarin program will be to study abroad and cultivate international understanding when this has already been successfully achieved by the German language program now being abandoned.

Kimberly Mabie
Canton

Life in the fast lane

I read your (editorial) on whether government should mandate a speed limit cut.

You don't think this is the answer, and feel it should be up to individual motorists whether or not to slow down. Individuals who wish to slow down really have no choice in the matter, unless you are willing to risk being run off the road.

While I know I am in a very small minority with this opinion, I have always felt that a speed limit of 70 is too high. Even following the posted speed it is fairly routine to have people on my bumper, weaving in and out of traffic around me, and flashing their lights because I am not going fast enough. It gets really nasty when I dare drive 65 — and I'm not referring to being in the left lane!

If you leave a decision to voluntarily reduce speeds to a public who loves to speed, drive while on their phones, while putting on makeup, while reading newspapers, and who feel a need to pass you on subdivision side streets because you are only driving 25, it will not happen.

Marianne Jokisch
Rochester Hills

Where's honesty, integrity?

Reading the article regarding Wayne-Westland school board member Frederick Weaver sent multiple flags flying. It didn't take much for me to see, in my opinion, the untruths or later to research the facts. Mr. Weaver was quoted to have said, "I wanted to be up-front and honest with people. I think anyone in office should be up-front and have integrity."

UP-FRONT, and you waited 18 months to make a public statement. HONEST, and according to Michigan election law, "The office of a school board member becomes vacant immediately when the school board member moves his or her residence from the district."

Public records show you changed your residency June 12, 2008, to Midland about a month before your public statement.

Integrity, and by acting as a board member (on and after June 12, 2008); by attending any and all meetings as an elected board member; to include voting on district matters and/or receiving district or public funds (to include state funds) in payment for duties as a board member may be looked at as fraud on or after June 12, 2008.

Voters ask yourself, where were the other members of the board? It concerns me the school board is a role model for our youth!

Nancy Foreich
Westland

Mayor's jailing too harsh

The incarceration of Detroit's mayor for violating the terms of his bond which is essentially at the end of the day a white-collar crime is troubling on some many fronts. The public castration and humiliation that many believe is exactly what the mayor deserves in truth has never worked nor been a deterrent to those who have committed all manner of crimes.

There is no public good or civic lesson to be gained from the rumination and incarceration of an elected official for a white-collar crime in a country where public officials have committed crimes of a scope which dwarf the allegations of crimes the mayor is charged with. The notion that the mayor, an elected official, is the same as an average citizen is a myth and an insult to the reality of the truth. There has and there will always be preference for some in our criminal justice system in our country.

What happened today was the dangerous and freighted outcome of a media-driven tabloid spectacle which not only has colored the objectivity of many in this region, but has impacted and tainted the administration of those in our criminal justice system who are sworn to carry out their duties without prejudice and political influence.

The mayor's alleged failures and personal shortcomings did not warrant his incarceration. Lesser measures were available to the judge to exercise his displeasure with the mayor's behavior for the judge to imprison an elected official only affirms to many how the agenda of those who do not have the interest of the citizens of the city have contaminated even the judiciary in this region.

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"You could argue we won't (be a declining enrollment district this year) because more private school students are choosing the public school option in these economic times. And people are not relocating because of the housing market. We might have a unique situation this year."

— a hopeful Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education President Judy Mardigian said after learning the number of new students enrolling for the fall is not yet meeting projections the administration had budgeted for

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Beware of 7 scams targeting job seekers

A recent survey by The Conference Board shows that people are increasingly turning to the Internet to assist them with job searches, noting that 73 percent of job seekers reported using online sources in 2007 compared to 66 percent in 2005.

While the Internet has become a great tool for assisting job searches, it also provides an opportunity for identity thieves and scam artists to take advantage of people.

In 2007 alone, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 11,000 complaints regarding fake employment opportunities.

Because many people who are victims never actually report it, these complaints may be just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to phony job scams.

Unfortunately, with a tough economy and tight job market, desperation will entice some job seekers into being tricked out of their money or misled to participate in criminal rackets.

The following are seven red flags to be on the lookout for when doing an online job hunt.

- E-mails filled with grammatical and spelling errors. Most online fraud is perpetrated by scam artists located outside the United States. Their first language usually isn't English, and this is often evident in their poor grasp of the language. If you receive an e-mail offering you a job filled with poor grammar and misspelled words, beware. This very well could be a scam.
- The salary and benefits offered seem too good to be true.

- The adage holds true for job offers: If the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Phony employers brag about exceptionally high salary potential and excellent benefits in order to lure unsuspecting job hunters into their scam.
- You're hired without an interview. Some job seekers have been surprised to learn they've been "hired" without having to do a single interview.

- The only catch is to first provide your

Social Security or bank account number before starting the job, so you can allegedly be paid by direct deposit.

To avoid becoming a victim of identity theft, job applicants should never give out Social Security or bank account numbers over the phone or by e-mail to an unknown individual.

- Become rich without leaving home. While there are legitimate businesses that allow employees to work from home, there are also a lot of scams trying to take advantage of senior citizens, stay-at-home moms, students, injured or handicapped individuals, and people looking for a second source of income. Job hunters should use extreme caution when considering any work-at-home offer and always research the company with their Better Business Bureau by calling (248) 644-9100 or visit www.bbb.org.
- The job requires wiring money through Western Union or MoneyGram. Many phony jobs require the prospective employee to cash a check sent to them through the mail and then wire a portion of the money on to another entity. Reasons given for doing this vary from scam to scam.

- Whatever the reason, the check might clear your bank but will eventually turn out to be a fake. You will be responsible for paying back the bank the full value of the check you cashed.
- An employer asks for money upfront. Aside from paying for a uniform, it is rarely advisable for a job applicant to pay upfront fees or make a required purchase to get a job.

- All you have to do is reship merchandise. One of the fastest growing scams involves receiving in the mail goods purchased online by others through stolen credit card numbers and forwarding the items to the thieves, often in locations outside the United States.

- You could be held criminally liable if caught participating in this fraud.

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Tim Burns

Preserving farmland ultimately benefits Michigan's economy

As I travel around the state talking with farmers and promoting Michigan's agriculture industry, I consider all the things that can be done to further enhance the role agriculture and farming has in the state. With the current economic changes in Michigan, I believe agriculture will have an even bigger role in the state's economy as it continues to be the second largest economic driver in the state generating nearly \$64 billion for Michigan's economy annually.



Don Koivisto

Land is fundamental to maintaining and enhancing agriculture's place in the Michigan's economy. It's where it all begins. It makes sense to preserve our land base so current, and future, Michigan farmers can continue to produce the wide variety of crops already grown here.

Prior to the implementation of the state's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) in the early 1970s, Michigan had already lost an astounding four million acres of farmland. The tax incentives provided by PA 116 have significantly slowed the rate of farmland loss. In fact, the program currently protects more than 3.3 million acres of Michigan farmland.

Although our farmland preservation program has been successful, it is not the entire solution. Michigan is still losing on average 30,000 acres of farmland per year. No one program or activity can preserve all of Michigan's farmland. But a combination of activities can help keep Michigan agriculture viable and a major player in the state's economy.

First, one of the best ways to safeguard farmland is to enhance the basic economic vitality of Michigan agriculture. Farms that can make money will remain farms and the children of the farm families will stay in the family business. We can encourage value added agriculture by improving access to commodity markets — locally, nationally and abroad.

With today's energy costs, buying locally produced products is particularly important.

Secondly, expansion of programs such as PA

116, which target full-time farmers, to include land owned by part-time farmers would help to protect up to 50 percent more of Michigan's farmland. Enhanced funding for permanent protection programs such as the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund and programs to help farmers pass their farm on to future generations would be of great benefit.

Farms don't just supply the food we eat and enjoy every day; they represent the second largest industry in the state, are responsible for one million jobs, and provide an important "export" function for the state — exporting crops and importing dollars back into the state and local communities. Businesses that export a commodity and import capital, particularly from a land based resource available year after year, are becoming increasingly vital in an economy where many of the new jobs are in the service sector which transfer wealth within the state rather than import wealth from other regions.

The availability of water in Michigan places the state and agriculture in a unique position nationally. It's predicted that water resources in the Great Plains and in central California will significantly diminish in the not-too-distant future. Michigan's position in the Great Lakes basin, plus the availability of quality farmland, will be the key to the state's agricultural economic future — if we can only hold on to the farmland we have.

In addition to economic benefits, farms also provide valuable environmental benefits to communities, providing storm water catchment and flood control, wildlife habitat, and open space. Farms also act as a positive tax revenue source for local governments, since studies show farmers typically pay more in property taxes than they use for services.

The bottom line is agriculture is good for Michigan, good for local government, and good for communities. Preserving our existing farmland base can positively position Michigan today, in the future, and help secure Michigan as a major economic player in the Midwest and the nation.

Don Koivisto is the director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

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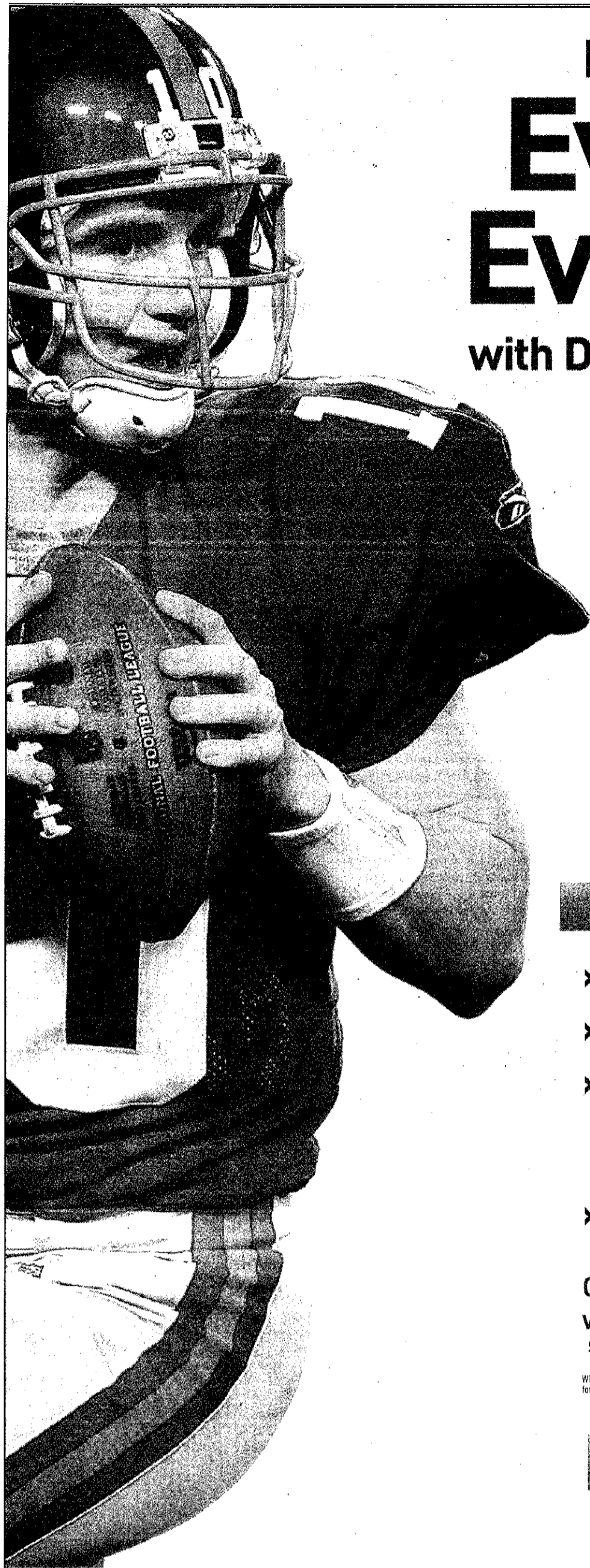
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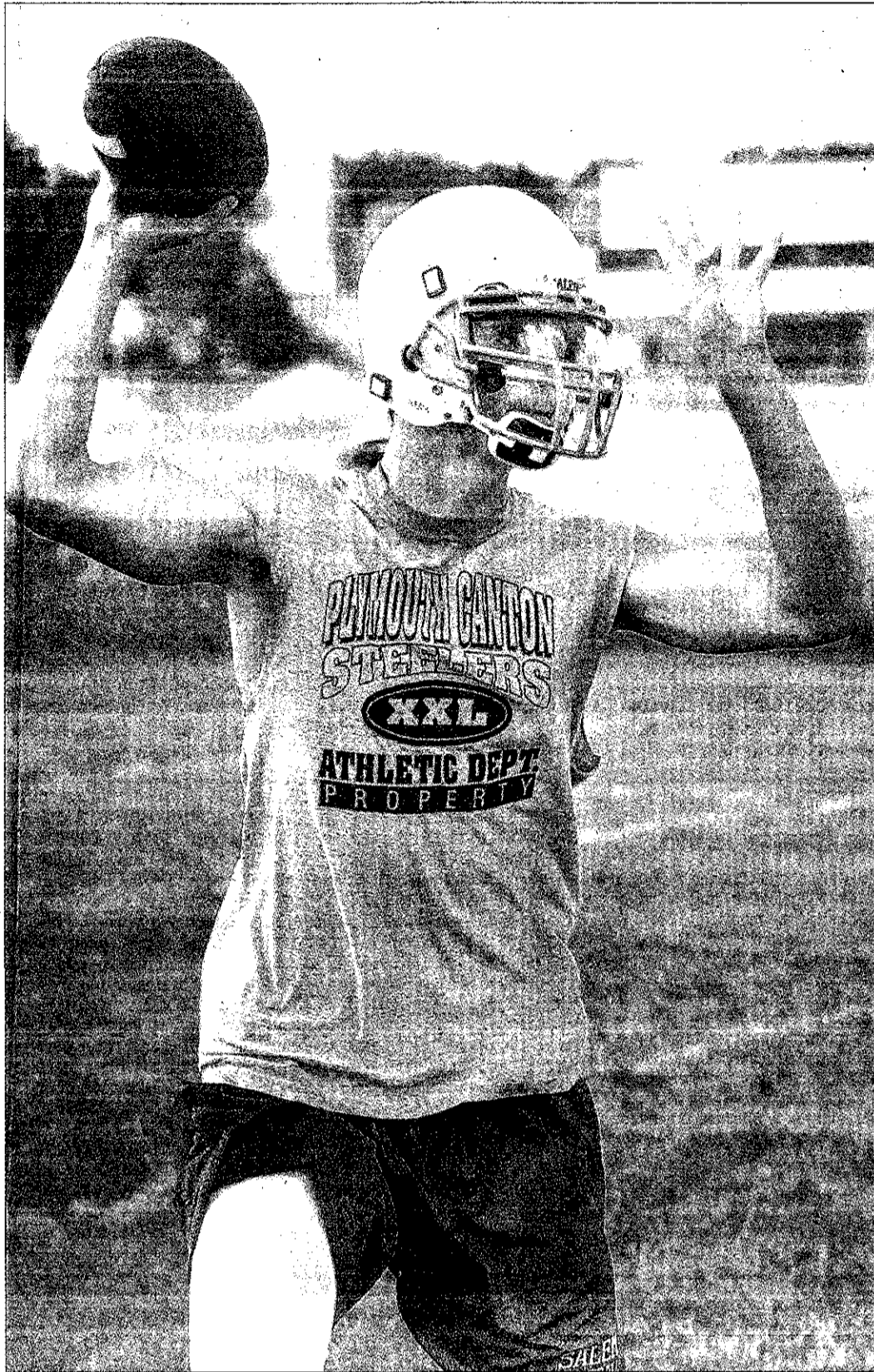
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2008 Prep Football Preview



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Senior Heath Parling is entering his third year as Salem's starting quarterback. The strong-armed signal-caller will be throwing behind a mammoth offensive line that averages 250 pounds.



Sophomore kicker Ethan Walsh splits the uprights on a field goal attempt during a Salem practice last week. Walsh's incredible range gives the Rocks a potent weapon any time they cross the opponents' 30-yard line.

HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS

Salem gridders hope off-season dedication leads to on-field wins

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're big, fit and loaded with experience.

And if that trio of assets isn't enough to put the Salem football program on the fast track to success this fall, this intangible might: The Rocks' 17 returning starters and the team's remaining key contributors have had it up to their chin straps with losing, which they did 17 times in 18 games in 2006 and 2007.

"There's a hunger to win around here now — there's no more empathy," emphasized third-year Salem head coach Parker Salowich. "These guys are hungry for success and they're tired of the stuff that's happened in the past. Hopefully all the hard work the kids and the coaching staff have put in during the off-season has put us on the right track."

Several key numbers point in the right direction for the Rocks.

The 160-plus players currently listed on the program's freshmen, junior varsity and varsity rosters are double what the total was prior to Salowich's arrival in the spring of 2006.

The five Rocks expected to start on the interior offensive line tip the scales at an average weight of 250 pounds.

And the spread offense's two key players — senior quarterback Heath Parling (6-foot-2, 200 pounds) and senior running back Anthony Mullins (6-0, 190) — have both started since their sophomore campaigns.

"The senior leadership we have on this team is great," said Salowich. "Having 32 seniors is

wonderful. A lot of them have experience from starting last year and a few have two years of starting experience."

Fitness-wise, the Rocks are in remarkable shape, Salowich said.

"We brought a speed-and-strength guy in from the outside to work with the team this summer and he really pushed them," Salowich said. "He has a Ph.D. in exercise physiology, so he knows where the threshold is; how far to push them. We're going to incorporate a lot of what he showed the kids into our regular conditioning program."

If given time to do what they do best, Parling and Mullins could prove to be a dynamic one-two punch for the Rocks. Parling has a cannon for an arm and uncanny leadership skills while Mullins galloped for over 1,000 yards as a junior.

"Heath's leadership abilities are unsurpassed," said Salowich. "He has a commanding presence when he steps into the huddle. He's like a coach on the field."

"Anthony's a great example for the other kids because he's a great athlete who never gets too high or too low. He keeps an even keel, which is what we need. He's kind of the yin to Heath's yang."

Parling will be backed-up by junior Jake Peterson (6-7, 215), who shined during the Rocks' intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday.

Senior Al Ibe (5-11, 215), a transfer from Novi Catholic Central, will see time at running back and linebacker, Salowich said. Senior Zach Sponseller will serve as the

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ALL ABOUT THE ROCKS

Head coach: Parker Salowich;
2007 record: 1-8;
Returning starters: 17;
Key returners: Heath Parling, Sr. QB; Anthony Mullins, Sr. RB; Andrew Grabowski, Sr. OT; Jim Dexter, Sr. LB/TE; Dana Baltazar, Sr. OT; Al Covington, Sr. DL.
Coach's outlook: "The guys we

have on the team this year really seem to want to play for each other and they want to win for Salem. There's a hunger to win around here. There's no more empathy."
Impressive stat: Junior OT Ed Merhi can bench press 365 pounds.

2008 schedule
(all games start at 7 p.m.)

Thursday, Aug. 28 - @ Plymouth
Friday, Sept. 5 - @ W.L. Northern
Friday, Sept. 12 - @ Stevenson
Friday, Sept. 19 - NOVI
Friday, Sept. 26 - @ S. Lyon East
Friday, Oct. 3 - NORTHVILLE
Friday, Oct. 10 - @ South Lyon
Friday, Oct. 17 - CROSSOVER*
Friday, Oct. 24 - CANTON

*-homecoming

Macinkowicz repeats as O&E golf champion

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Susan Macinkowicz didn't have to venture over to Woodward Avenue to stage her own Dream Cruise during Saturday's Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament held at Livonia's Whispering Willows G.C.

The special education teacher from Woodhaven, who hails from Chesterfield Township, repeated as the winner of the championship flight with an 18-hole round of 83, four shots better than Livonian Nancy Rhatigan and five better than Sona Pysh-Dennison of Shelby Township.

A regular on the Michigan Women's Publix circuit, Macinkowicz survived a tough stretch on the 11th and 12th holes where she carded back-to-back 7s en route to a 43 on the back nine after shooting a 40 on the front side.

"I got the ball up into the woods and it got me," said the 47-year-old Macinkowicz said. "But overall it was fun. It was good playing on great municipal course. They have a real gem in Livonia."

Macinkowicz earned a first-place trophy and an \$80 golf shop gift certificate for her efforts.

"The key here is course management," said the two-time win-

ner with an U.S.G.A. 8-handicap index. "You have to know where to put the ball. Tee shots are critical. The putts are true and Paul (Worley, the club pro) has the course and grounds in good shape."

Rhatigan, who has an 17-handicap, carded 42-45-87, but was able to take low-net honors with a 70, earning a \$60 gift certificate.

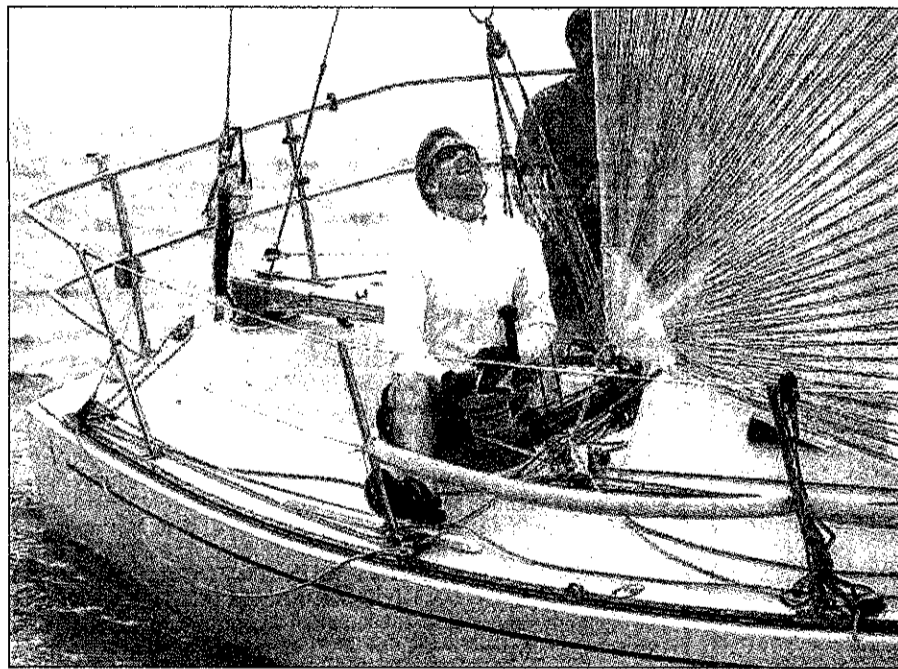
Pysh-Dennison, who resides in Shelby Township, carded a gross total of 43-45-88 followed by Theresa McPherson (Royal Oak), 48-45-93; Pat Witek (Livonia), 51-44-95; and Debrah Pringle (Lake Orion), 49-49-98 to round out the championship flight.

Canton's Lu Stockton captured first flight honors with a 48-48-96, edging Detroit's Suzanne Madej, who shot 53-44-97, by a stroke.

And sporting a 25-handicap, Stockton also won low net honors with a 71 to take home a first-place trophy along with a \$70 gift certificate. She also won closest-to-the-pin on the 120-yard No. 7 hole.

Rounding out the first flight field was Kathy Brennan (Livonia), 54-57-101; Monica Oliver (Farmington Hills), 50-52-102; and Pat Shelton

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ROSSIO FAMILY PHOTO

Canton resident Ron Rossio is pictured handling the sail trim during a recent Bayview Mackinac Race. The 46-year-old sailor has captured five first-place finishes and four seconds in the past decade.

WIND/WIN SITUATION

Canton man racks up boat load of sailing titles

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Ron Rossio wants to take a temporary detour from the rat race that life can turn into sometimes, he turns to another form of racing — a subtler, more peaceful kind of competition that requires no engines or fuel.

The 46-year-old Canton resident is a champion sailor whose most recent gold-medal performance came last month in the 84th Bayview Mackinac Sailboat Race.

Rossio was part of a crew made up of several

friends and his brother, Rich, that maneuvered "Falcon" across the finish line first in record time in the Level 35 Class event.

The triumph was the fifth overall for Rossio, who specializes in handling the vessel's sail trim.

He has also registered wins in the 1998 Chicago-Mackinac Race, the 1998 Bayview Mackinac event, the J35 North American Championship Regattas and the North American Off-shore One Design Regattas.

"I love sailing because it's relaxing to me," said

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Sidelines

Patriot golf

The second annual Patriot Golf Days will be observed at golf establishments across the country — including Fox Hills in Plymouth Township — from Aug. 29 through Sept. 1. Golfers will be asked to donate a minimum of \$1 in support of Patriot Golf Day, which is supported by the USGA and PGA. All funds raised will benefit the "Folds of Honor Foundation" to provide educational scholarships for the families of those who have become disabled or lost their lives in the line of duty.

Fox Hills will match all funds raised.

PCS hockey golf outing

A golf outing to benefit the Canton, Salem and Plymouth hockey teams will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Canton. The fee is \$110 per player or \$400 per foursome.

Included in the fee are greens fees and a cart; a steak dinner; a snack at the turn; pop and water on the course; and prizes for best team, longest drive and closest to the pin.

The event will tee off with an 8 p.m. shotgun start.

For more information, contact Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518 or Chris Wolfe at (248) 766-6754.

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Adult women's hockey

An adult women's hockey league will begin its fall session (Oct. 3 through Sept. 12) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

Beginners are welcome. No experience necessary.

The registration fee, due by Sept. 12, is \$190 (includes jersey). Games will be scheduled at 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

To register online, visit www.macrhl.com.

Crusaders look to move up in WHAC standings

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were too many occasions last fall where Madonna University's women's soccer team couldn't hit the back of the net.

Inconsistent offense and injuries plagued the Crusaders, who tailed off badly in the second half of the season to finish 8-7-2.

But a rise to the top of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in 2008 might not be a pipe dream thanks to the addition of some promising recruits, including former Schoolcraft forward Jessica Austin — along with a preseason camp where coach Paul Thomas isn't handing out guarantees of playing time.

"All of our players are working hard, there are 25 players competing for 11 spots," said Thomas, entering his third season as Madonna's coach. "Players are going at it (in practice), they want to succeed, they want to win and they want to be in the starting 11."

Last season, some players didn't have to fight as hard for regular playing time. This time around, which begins 4 p.m. Friday against host Trinity International (Illinois), that won't be the case.

"I won't be afraid to start a team that is new to this college," said Thomas, adding that message is being heeded by his

returnees. "The majority are knocking down and working hard."

The Crusaders should keep goals from their opponents down, with strong midfielders and defenders in front of aggressive sophomore goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Canton/Oakland University).

PLENTY OF TALENT

Leading the midfield corps are the team's co-MVPs from a season ago, senior Ashley Stoychoff (Canton/Salem) and junior Lauren Hess (Livonia/Ladywood). Both also have offensive skills, sharing the '07 team's goal-scoring lead (five) with forward Kaila Moore (Howell), who is back for her junior year.

Stoychoff and Hess are helped out by sophomore Diana Brda (Westland/U-M-Dearborn) and impressive newcomers Andrea Mareel and Shannon McIntyre, the latter a senior coming over from Eastern Michigan University. Providing depth will be junior Rachel Thompson (Livonia/Stevenson) and freshman Nicole Rodriguez.

According to Thomas, if the midfielders play as well as they've looked during preseason, the offense will emerge.

"The midfielders are effective because of their level of fitness and technical ability, to work in tandem with the defenders and

forwards," the coach explained. "It's hard to score goals if you don't have the service."

Up front, the team will be looking for Austin (one of Schoolcraft's top goal scorers last year) to reach double figures in goals, something the Crusaders haven't had since Kelly Japowicz tallied 15 in 2006.

"I expect a lot out of Jessica," Thomas said. "Expectations are high with the (high-scoring) reputation she has. But she's going to have to continue to work hard" and adjust to the speed of the WHAC game.

Austin won't have to do it alone, because Moore is looking solid in the early practices and is determined to pick up where she left off last season.

The Crusaders also have junior newcomer Jaclyn Ventimiglia (Macomb/Concordia) and returning senior Dina Allie who will be prowling for goals. Thomas likes how both players are performing thus far, particularly Allie.

"Dina Allie's probably looked the best I've seen her in the past four years this preseason," Thomas said. "She's looked very sharp, very fit. ... She has the desire to go out with a bang and win something. She's very, very motivated right now."

If sophomore forward Chelsea Skinner (Milford) bounces back from a leg injury, she could also contribute to Madonna's scoring.

BACKING IT UP

Madonna's defense will feature steady senior Andrea Johnson (Canton) and juniors Gina Leone and Lia Melasi. Both Leone and Melasi were named to the all-WHAC first team last year.

"Those three players have been the standouts in the back line," Thomas said. "They've all been consistent players the past three years."

Milford alums Chelsea Shrewsbury and Allison Zemaitis, both freshmen, will bolster the defense as will sophomore Katie Kozlowski (Crestwood).

The defenders will assist Warner, who was redshirted at Oakland University last fall due to a hand injury.

"She's a very aggressive goalkeeper with a good pedigree," Thomas said. "She's played a high level of club soccer and high school (at Canton) and will be a solid player for us back there."

One thing for fans of the Crusaders to get used to as they take aim at the top of the conference standings is watching a goalie who likes to gamble.

"She's brave, but you need to be brave as a goalkeeper," he noted. "You need to be able to put your head where other people's feet are. You have to come out for crosses. Those types of attributes Brittany has."



Catching on with Madonna

Recent Plymouth High School graduate Garrett Rebaun (right) agreed to play collegiate baseball at Madonna University. Rebaun is pictured above with Crusader head coach Greg Haeger. Rebaun enjoyed a successful prep career with the Wildcats as a catcher and pitcher. He is expected to catch primarily at MU.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1012 - Jay D. Kilgus - 4 Totes, 4 Boxes, Golf Clubs
1018 - Sylvia Nelson - 5 Totes, Bookcase, Washer
1072 - Jay Kilgus - 3 Totes, Rocking Chair, Couch
4002 - Scott Laser - 10 Boxes, Toolbox, 2 Totes

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction August 26, 2008 at 10:00 AM. The Auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN #
1995	Nissan	Pathfinder	S/W	JN8HD17Y0SW099352
1993	Eagle	Summit	4DR	JE3CB50G8PU052525
1996	Saturn		4DR	1G8ZG528XZ167866
2000	Saturn	SL1	4DR	1G8ZH5286YZ2527251
1995	Pontiac	Gr. Am	4DR	1G2NE55D8SM554094
2003	Mini Cooper		2DR	WMWRC33489TC46059
1990	Olds	Cutlass	4DR	2G3AL54N7L2341736

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
3004 - Dawn Morton - 50 Boxes, Toolchest, Washer
3017 - Darisha Davis - 30 Boxes, Couch, Upholstered Chair
3030 - Charles Graham II - 4 Kitchen Cabinets, Leather Couch, Big Screen TV
3046 - Anthony Dobbins - Refrigerator, Stereo, 2 Washers
4013 - John Boehret - 10 Boxes, Handtruck, Cooler
4041 - Shane Ratliff - China Cabinet, VCR, Mattress
4201 - Russell Pfeifer - 3 Bicycles, 3 Toolboxes, 5 Totes

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020816757-2423

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
2037 - Donald Moss - Bike, 50 Boxes, 10 Totes
4126 - Mildred Glover - Couch, Grill, Table
5054 - Darius Mason - Tools, Bicycle, Childs Motorcycle
5082 - Jewell Washington - Microwave, 10 Totes, 4 Chairs
6001 - Aja Hunter - Futon, Kids Bike, Misc Items
6008 - Jewell Washington - Vacuum, Mattress, 2 Totes
9006 - Roddrick Wade - TV, 4 Totes, Microwave

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020816750-2423

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
2026 - Carin Malley - Dresser, Dryer, 20 Boxes
3047 - Carin Malley - Entertainment Center, Mattress, 5 Boxes
4015 - Chad Cummins - Golf Clubs, Freezer, Mountain Bike
4031 - Charisse Dansby - Coffee Table, 10 Boxes, 1 Tote
4263 - Shantae Matthews - TV, 2 Suitcases, 2 Totes
4270 - Lisa Young - 8 Totes, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
5201 - Michele Robbins - 5 Boxes, Endtable, Misc Items
5202 - Nyeema Pinkston - Dresser, Mirror, Misc Items
5230 - Andre Johnson - Pool Table, Chair, Misc Items
6243 - Marchelle Moore - 10 Boxes, Sofa, Tote
9016 - Robert Garry - Chair, Skateboard, 2 Boxes

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-AUGUST 12, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended, adding G-8 Second Reading - Pilot-Tax Abatement Ordinance and Contracts for Lincolnshire Apartments and Closed Session for discussion of employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes of July 15, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of July 22, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARIMBA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. to hear comment on establishment of the Marimba Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. to hear comment on establishment of the Marimba Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution establishing the Marimba Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR MARIMBA AUTO, LLC. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. to hear comments on a tax abatement for Marimba Auto, LLC. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. after hearing the comments on tax abatement for Marimba Auto, LLC. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution approving application of Marimba Auto, LLC Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real and personal Property. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT - CARRY OVER OF FY2007 PURCHASE ORDER. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment to the 2008 General Fund Budget for a contractual commitment from 2007: Increase Revenue: General Fund Balance - Fund Balance Appropriation #101-000.695 \$306,929 Increase Appropriations: General Government - Capital Outlay-Intangibles #101-200.970.0100 \$306,929 This budget amendment increases the General Fund Budget from \$27,969,625 to \$28,276,554. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION OF GOVERNOR'S CENTERS FOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution in support of participation of Governor's Centers for Regional Excellence Program. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CONNECTION CHURCH MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs at locations for Connection Church Mothers of Preschoolers Mom to Mom Sale which will be held on September 6th, 2008 at 3855 Sheldon Road. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. APPROVE EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MAINTENANCE OF PATH. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Canton Township for maintenance of a 0.42 mile section of non-motorized path north of Highway US-12 (Michigan Avenue) between Haggerty Road and the existing non-motorized path on the east side of Highway I-275. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT DONATION OF POLE BARN FROM THE CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agreement to accept the donation by the Canton Historical Society of the pole barn at the Bartlett-Travis House site to the Charter Township of Canton and license agreement permitting use of the barn and further; that the Township Supervisor be authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH MIGRATION TO CITYVIEW VERSION 9. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the proposal from Municipal Software Corporation to provide customization and development services for the implementation of CityView Release 9, for a total cost not to exceed of \$41,000. Funds are available in the 2008 Budget in the accounts: Planning Services Contracted Services Account # 101-853.801.0050 and Planning Services Capital Computer - Computers account # 101-853-970-0100. I further move to approve the purchase of one (1) copy of ArcPublisher, from ESRI for \$2040, based on State of Michigan contract pricing, from Planning Services Capital Computer - Computers account # 101-853-970-0100. I further move to approve the reprogramming of \$2040 from Planning Services, Account # 101-853-801-0050, Contracted Services, to the Planning Services Capital Outlay Computers account. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY OFFERED BY WAYNE COUNTY FOR TAX FORECLOSURE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment for the purchase of property offered by Wayne County for Tax Foreclosure: Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation 101-000-695-0000 \$ 6,700 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay - Land 101-200-970-0070 \$ 6,700 This budget amendment increases the General Fund Revenue budget from \$27,969,625 to \$27,976,325 and the General Fund - General Government budget from \$774,822 to \$781,522.

Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. REQUEST TO PURCHASE AN IRRIGATION PUMP SYSTEM COVER FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of a cover for the irrigation system for Canton Sports Center at Victory Park from Park-Kut International, Inc., 40961 Production Drive, Harrison Township, MI 48045-1351 in the amount of \$14,280 to be taken from Account No 246-750-970-0000, Line Item 2. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. MUNICIPAL CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART). (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the 2008-2009 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton for \$71,768 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. CONSIDER NORTH ARROW TECHNOLOGIES TO DEVELOP MAP BOOKS FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FIELD RESPONSE AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAMS-UASI. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve North Arrow Technologies to develop map books for Emergency Operations Field Response and Damage Assessment Teams for the amount of \$9,587. Funding to come from account # 101-860.801.0050 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF PATROL RIFLES. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 10 Patrol Rifles, 15 lighting systems and 10-weapon cases from Vance's Law Enforcement, 3723 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, OH 43224 in the amount of \$13, 239. Funds to come from Police Drug Forfeiture Account # 207-301-50.740.0001. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kirchgatter Nays: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Motion denied. **Item 8. SECOND READING - PILOT - TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE AND CONTRACTS FOR LINCOLNSHIRE APARTMENTS. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to remove from the table and approve the second reading of the Tax Exemption Ordinance for Lincolnshire Apartments. Publication of the first reading was on July 31, 2008. The second reading will be published and effective on August 21, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, SUMMARY OF TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE APARTMENTS CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A SERVICE CHARGE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR A MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING PROJECT OF LOW INCOME TO BE FINANCED OR ASSISTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1966, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR ORDINANCE TERMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLASS OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS TO WHICH TAX EXEMPTION SHALL APPLY AND TO DETERMINE LINCOLNSHIRE APARTMENTS IF OF THIS CLASS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTRACTUAL EFFECT OF ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE ORDINANCE DURATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS AND FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. PURPOSE. This section provides the purpose of this Ordinance to be added to the Canton Township Code of Ordinances. SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. This section provides that all terms shall be defined as set forth in the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, being Public Act 346 of 1966 of the State of Michigan except those listed in this section. SECTION 3. CLASS OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS. This section provides that Lincolnshire Village Apartments is part of the class of Housing Development to which the tax exemption shall apply and for which a service charge shall be paid in lieu of such taxes. SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE. This section provides for the establishment of an Annual Service Charge. SECTION 5. CONTRACTUAL EFFECT OF ORDINANCE. This section provides for the contractual effect of the Ordinance. SECTION 6. DURATION. This section provides for the duration of this Ordinance. SECTION 7. REPEAL. This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance. SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance. SECTION 10. PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk cause this Ordinance to be published. SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to move from open session to closed session to discuss employee negotiations at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva **CLOSED SESSION - EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 8:39 p.m. and adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated there will be a study session at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2007 at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.**

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USBC provides certification process to train instructors

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Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

For those in the metro area, the USBC will conduct a Bronze Level coaching certification conference, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 19-21, at two locations in Livonia.

Registration and brief classroom activities will be Friday, Sept. 18, located at the Comfort Inn, 29235 Buckingham Drive. The on-lanes portion of the seminar will follow at Cloverlanes, 28900 Schoolcraft Road.

Participants will receive training to prepare them to coach intermediate-level bowlers.

The course will develop coaching skills in the four essential areas of bowling including the physical game, lane play, equipment and the mental game. Videotaping, video analysis and instruction on giving lessons will be also covered.

"Bowlers of all ages and abilities need quality instruction to improve," said co-director of USBC Coaching David Garber.

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DAVID GARBER,
co-director of USBC Coaching

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To register for this conference, download a registration form from the coaching section of bowl.com; or call USBC Coaching at (800) 514-BOWL, Ext. 3169. The registration fee for Bronze Level conferences is \$275.

The fact that it takes place locally will save more money for the usual travel and lodging expenses.

The USBC coaching program - the only coaching program for bowling recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee - offers four levels of certification: Level One, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The prerequisite for attending the Bronze Level class is successful completion of the USBC Level One course or past Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) Level 1 certification.

Bronze certification must be completed for a year as a qualifier to step up to the Silver Level conference.

The finest instructors in the country teach the USBC Coaching Certification, which trains and certifies coaches to teach the sport of bowling. The seminars also provide opportunities to learn from and network with these renowned instructors.

■ The Recent BOWL-4-Animal Rescue benefit held recently at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills was a huge success.

Over \$12,000 was raised for the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network (MAAN).

The house was totally packed with enthusiastic participants and a good time was had by all, myself included.

There were several rescued pets on hand, which received plenty of attention and adoration.

It was a great job by Aleta Sill, Michelle Mullen and lots of volunteers who helped out.

Both Aleta and Michelle are USBC certified coaches and Michelle is one of only 22 Gold Level coaches in the world. Along with Lisa Bishop, they operate Aleta Sill's Bowling World, a pro shop inside Country Lanes.

Jim Hamlin, Country Lanes proprietor, also donated the use of the lanes for the event. He also wanted to thank the many donors who came up with a load of fine door prizes and raffle items.

One particular bowler had a very grand time, Jeremy VanMeter, of Farmington Hills, who enjoyed the 9-pin "No-Tap" format and most of his strikes were 10-down. He shot 35 of a possible 36 strikes en route to an 878 series on games of 300-300-278.

Jeremy didn't win any money for the effort, but he walked away with some fine door and raffle prizes.

The real winners were hundreds of dogs and cats.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. He can be reached via e-mail at: tempinalley710@yahoo.com.



Fun trip to Disney

The 12U PC Pride Stars completed an ultra-successful 2008 campaign last month by finishing 13th at the 12U World Series, which was held at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. The team went 5-2 and yielded just 16 runs. It was the best finish ever at the World Series by a Pride Stars team. Pictured are (front row from left) Kaitlyn McIntosh, Elaine Gerou, (second row from left) Megan Webster, Casey Bias, Jessica Webster, Elliott Mitchem, (back row from left) assistant coach Kevin Bias, Lauren Hayes, Katy Meade, Shannon Watson, Aubrie Cragg, Catherine Porter and head coach Mike Gerou.



Wonderful summer for Wolfpack

The Plymouth/Canton Wolfpack U14 AAU basketball team took first place in the Midwest Summer Classic Tournament held in Harper Woods July 19. The Wolfpack enjoyed a prosperous summer as they also won the Basketball America Friendship Tournament and notched runner-up finishes in two other tournaments. Pictured (front row from left) are Aaron Laurentius, Marcus Oden, Steven Kushner, Tyler Stewart, (back row from left) coach Marcus Oden, Clay Behrman, Devin McMillan, Ryan Jankowski, Paul Baumgart and coach Rob Stewart. Not pictured are Gavin Carney and Eric Jipping.

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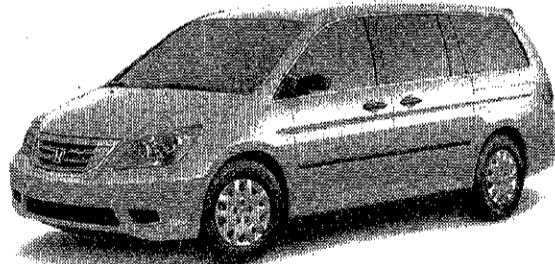
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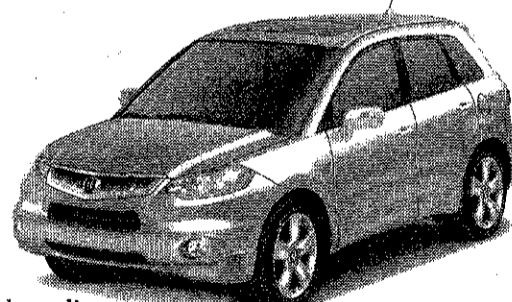
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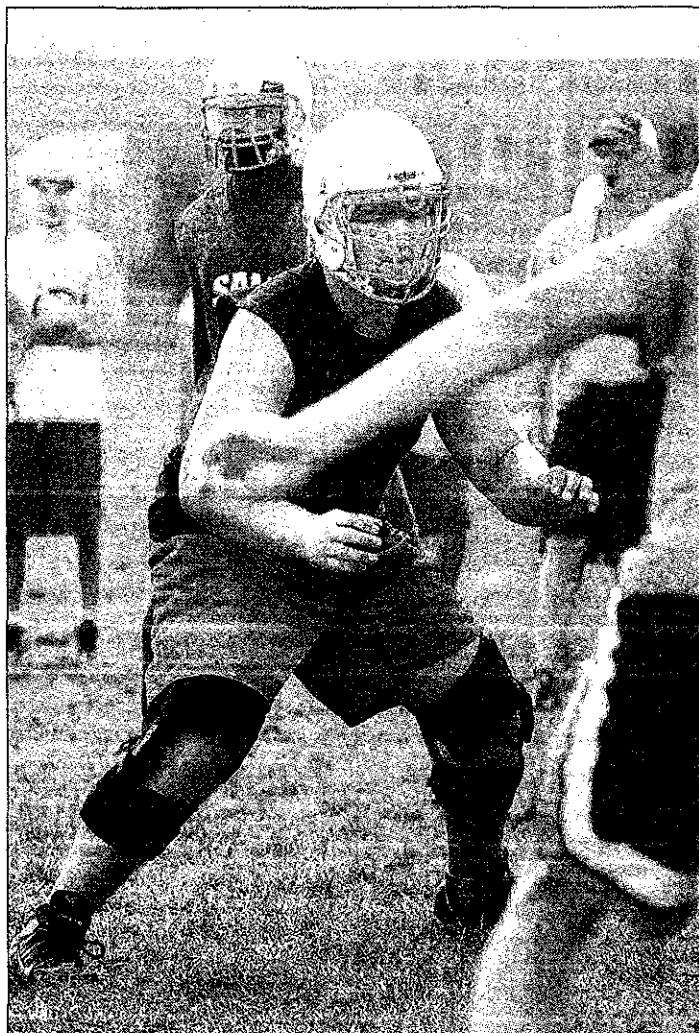
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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS SOCCER
 Thursday, Aug. 21
 Arape at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 22
 PCA at Macomb Christian Invitational, TBA
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Balconi Tournament, 10 a.m.
 PCA at Macomb Christian Invitational, TBA
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Canton at South Lyon Invitational, 8 a.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Canton at S. Lyon Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Canton at South Lyon Invitational, 10 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Aug. 22

(at Delta Community College)
 Schoolcraft vs. Alpena CC, 6 p.m.
 Schoolcraft vs. Delta CC, 8 p.m.
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
 Madonna vs. Marian (Ind.), 1:30 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Robert Morris (Ill.), 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
 Madonna vs. Point Park (Pa.), 9 a.m.
 MU vs. Mt. Vernon Nazarene (Ohio), 1 p.m.
 (at Delta Community College)
 Schoolcraft vs. Alpena CC, noon.
 Schoolcraft vs. Delta CC, 2 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Aug. 22
 Madonna at Trinity Int. (Ill.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Madonna at Illinois Tech, 1 p.m.



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Senior Andrew Grabowski will anchor a strong offensive line unit for the Rocks.

FOOTBALL

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fullback in two-back sets.

The Rocks' receiving corps will be paced by senior ends Brian Hattie (5-9, 160) and Shawn Lyons, a pair of small but speedy targets.

Both Brian and Shawn have outstanding work ethics — I don't think they missed a workout during the entire off-season," said Salowich. "They're both go-to guys who run great routes and block their tails off."

Seniors Justin Bashi and Jim Dexter will be utilized as tight ends when the Rocks shift out of the spread. Dexter is also slotted as one of the team's starting linebackers.

Salem's offensive line is big, strong and mobile, according to Salowich. The left side is anchored by senior tackle Andrew Grabowski (6-2, 270) and junior guard Ed Merhi (6-5, 290), both of whom started in 2007. Zack Pelech (6-1, 240) will get the call at center while Dana Baltazar (6-5, 300) and either Ryan Winkler or Blake Abbey will man the right side.

The Rocks' defensive line will

be spearheaded by senior Al Covington (6-0, 240).

"Al really came on this summer," said Salowich. "He has a great work ethic."

Anthony Davis (5-10, 290) will start at nose guard beside senior Russ Brown (5-10, 180).

Junior Austin Root, senior Chris Watkins and Dexter make up the first-string line-backing unit.

Both starting cornerbacks — junior Derek Draplin and sophomore Devon Mullins (Anthony's younger brother) — started last year.

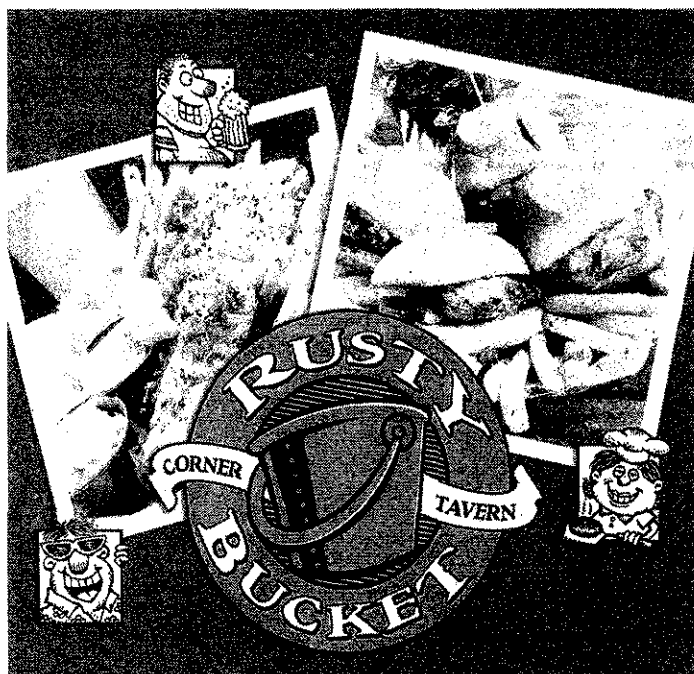
"Our safety positions are still up for grabs," Salowich said.

The Rocks' kicking game is in great hands, er, feet, thanks to sophomore Ethan Walsh, who should also see time at line-backer.

"I think he's going to kick in the NFL someday," predicted Salowich. "He kicks it through the end zone consistently on kick-offs and he drilled a 42-yarder field goal in practice the other day when the entire team was lined up behind him screaming."

The Rocks open Thursday, Aug. 28, at home against cross-campus rival Plymouth. The opening kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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SAILING
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Rossio, who works at Chrysler world headquarters in Auburn Hills. "There's nothing quite as relaxing as sitting back and hearing the water peel off the hull of the boat. And you've never seen as many stars as you can see when you're sailing at night on the middle of Lake Michigan." Sailboat racing is no different than many team sports when it comes to the importance of teamwork, Rossio said. "Most of our crew has been together for a long time, so everybody knows what everybody else is doing," he said. "I know how to do just about everything except actually steering the boat. "My job is trimming the jib and spinnaker sails. I'm always looking to make sure the sails keep their shape." The Bayview Mackinac races are tests of endurance for the crew members and the boats as this year's winning time of just over 31 hours confirms. "The entire crew is on the deck for about the first six hours of the race," Rossio said. "Then we'll

work in shifts throughout the night. Five crew members will be on while the other five sleep. The shifts last about four hours." Rossio was introduced to sailing in the summer of 1983 by his uncle, Charlie Miller. "He took my brother and I out on Lake St. Clair for the first time when we were in our early 20s," said Rossio. "I absolutely loved it and I've loved it ever since." A third generation of the family is on the brink of discovering the joys of sailing. Ron's two young sons — 6-year-old Cooper and 3-year-old Cole — have shown early signs of interest in the sport. "They're too young to race with me, but they meet us on the docks after the races with my wife (Michelle)," Rossio said. "They seem to enjoy being around the boats." Next year, Rossio's longevity will be rewarded when he enters a class of sailors known as "The Society of Mackinac Island Goats." He will have earned the title "Old Goat," which is reserved for sailors who have completed at least 25 Bayview Mackinac races.

GOLF
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(Farmington), 59-52-111. Canton's Dorine Allen withdrew from the tournament. **O&E Men's: Sept. 20-21** The 2008 Men's Observer & Eccentric Open 36-hole medal play event will be Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at Livonia's

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AUGUST

Rummage sale
Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 21-22, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt. Lunch will be available each day. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

Summer music ministry
Family Choir, all ages invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. Hymn sings Sept. 7, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. All are welcome.

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Picnic
All-church and neighborhood picnic follows festival worship and communion 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, on the lawn at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Meet new people and visit with long-time friends, get information on upcoming programs and how to grow closer to Christ, food, music, games, fellowship, moon walk, face painting. RSVP by Sunday, Aug. 24 by calling (734) 422-0149.

Prayer service
The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black will hold an akathist prayer service honoring the saint 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford. St. Moses the Black is the Orthodox Christian patron saint of African-Americans. He was a 4th-century Ethiopian slave and gang leader who repented his sinful life and became a monastic in the Egyptian desert, known for his humility, wisdom and power over demons. No charge, open to the public. There will be an informal discussion of the life of St. Moses following the service. For information, call Sharon Gomulkaat (248) 477-6411 or Robert Mitchell (313) 866-8630.

Mom's retreat
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Bethany together dance
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Yard sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford. Bring your own table for \$10 or rent a church table for \$15. Food and drinks available. Call to reserve your space or table no later than Aug. 31. Cash Only. Call (313) 538-2660 or (313) 533-1646.

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UPCOMING

Bethany Suburban West
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Exploring the Catholic faith
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Charity basketball game
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) and Wright & Filippis sponsor a charity basketball game 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia, for the benefit of Children's Hospital of Michigan. Teams are the Amputee Spartans sponsored by Wright & Filippis and the Saints sponsored by the COCC. Halftime activities include a 50/50 drawing and silent auction. Suggested donation is \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children ages 11-18, children 10 and under free. For tickets or information, contact Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net, or Brad Shebib at (248) 829-8327 or bshebib@wright-filippis.com. The Spartans are a team of amputees sponsored by Wright & Filippis and coached by Brad Shebib, a physical therapist at the company and a member of the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, Livonia. The Saints are volunteers from COCC member churches coached by Nisreen Fakhouri, a former member of Wayne State University's women's basketball team. COCC church members interested in playing for the team may contact her at (313) 770-3733 or fakhouri@cooley.edu.

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CHARLES FRANKLIN ZEIGLER

Age 93, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2008 in Penny Farms, Florida. Charles was born in Beaver Falls, PA on November 6, 1914 the son of Frank F. Zeigler, and the former Clara E. Wahl. He was married in 1940 to Norah Patricia Ead, who after 52 years of marriage passed away May 16, 1992. He was a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology with a BS in Electrical Engineering. Additionally he attended both MIT, and Harvard University. Charles entered the US Army in 1941 and was a commissioned officer in the Army Signal Corps. He was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division under Major General Joseph Stilwell. He was honored and promoted from Captain to Major and served as 2nd in command of the 596 Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, which was the pioneer force to formulate the use of radar by the United States Army. Major Zeigler remained in the Philippines until all his troops returned to the United States after WWII. After WWII, Charles was employed by Philco Corp. in Philadelphia, PA for three years, and the W. M. Chace Company, Detroit, MI for 35 years. He was active in Ham radio for over 75 years, his call letters were W8GLV. Charles was active in numerous civic and social organizations including, Kiwanis Club, Leland United Methodist Church, American Radio Relay League, Boy Scouts of America, and an associate member of the Penney Memorial Church. He moved to Penney Retirement Community in the fall of 1993 and on May 29, 1994 married his high school classmate Charlotte Burns. Charles is survived by his wife, Charlotte, two sons; Charles F. Zeigler Jr. of Irvine, CA; and Andrew J. Zeigler, of Chelsea, MI; a sister, Inez Kooz, of Mechanicsburg, PA; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Norah, and his parents. Visitation will be held Saturday, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay. A funeral procession will then proceed from the funeral home to Beechwood Cemetery for the 2 p.m. graveside service. Memorials may be directed to the Penney Retirement Community, Pavilion Expansion Fund, PO Box 555, Penney Farms, FL, 32079. Please share thoughts and memories with Charles' family on their online guestbook at: www.legacy.com/record-eagle/ Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay



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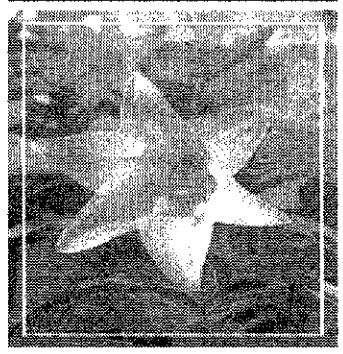
Plymouth, MI. Born on October 17, 1956 in Lansing, passed away on August 12, 2008 at the age of 51. Jean was a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, but what was most important to her was being a mother. She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Bernard Smookler; mother, Judith Smookler and her sister, Ruth Smookler. Surviving are: son, Alex Freitag of Plymouth; daughter, Laura Freitag of Plymouth; brother, Alan (Karrie) Smookler of Evanston, IL; sister, Betty (David) Simon of East Lansing; and her former husband and good friend, Les Freitag of Plymouth. Graveside services were held on Friday, August 15, 2008 at Evergreen Cemetery in Lansing. Memorial contributions may be made to: Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 310, Churchton, MD 20733-0310, website: AAMDS.org, in memory of Jean C. Freitag.

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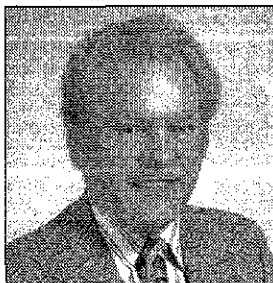
RUTH K. OJANEN

Age 79, Livonia, MI, passed away August 16, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



JEANNETTE RITA SCHROETER

Of Houston, Texas, formerly of Birmingham, Michigan and Sarasota, Florida died peacefully at age 91 in Houston, Texas on August 16, 2008. Mrs. Schroeter was born October 15, 1916 in Brooklyn, New York. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Monroe, Michigan and Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan. She married Richard Anthony Schroeter in 1942 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Birmingham, Michigan. Mr. Schroeter, a longtime executive at the J. L. Hudson Company, predeceased her in 1971. Mrs. Schroeter was a devoted wife and mother. That was her primary focus. Nevertheless she found time to contribute to her community. She was a lifetime member of the Christ Child Society. She was a member of the Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham, Michigan where she played golf. She also enjoyed playing bridge and was an avid gardener. She was never afraid to try new things, particularly later in life, including learning to ski in her fifties and traveling. Mrs. Schroeter is survived by her seven children: Ann (Robert) Mangone of Larchmont, New York, Jane of Lehigh Acres, Florida, Richard of Wayzata, Minnesota, Thomas (Karen) of Houston, Texas, David of Granger, Indiana, Peter (Kathy) of Plymouth, Michigan and Susan (Robert) Merz of Houston, Texas. Mrs. Schroeter is also survived by sixteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two nephews. Her sister, Gloria Koch Applegate predeceased her in 2006. A Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon Road, Birmingham on Friday, August 22, at 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Thursday, August 21, 4-9pm. Prayers Thursday 7pm. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made in her name to National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2107 Wilson Blvd., Ste 300, Arlington, Virginia 22201.



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83 years old. Beloved and cherished Father. Husband to Agnes D. Hill. Born in Coventry England, Mr Hill was awarded the Key to the City of Coventry by her Majesty Queen of England. He was father to Janine Hill-Zubaidi (Abraham), Kenneth J. Hill (Diane), Karl E. Hill (Michelle), eight beautiful grandchildren, Alexandra Hussein, Michael Hussein, Chloe, Daphne Hill Sidney, Mikayla, Erica, Kylie Hill. Brother to Ron, Betty, Joyce. Predeceased by Vera, Derek & Bryan. Kenneth was an Aeronautical Engineer and developed the fuel cells for NASA for the first rocket to the moon. Ken started his career in Canada and his work took him all over the country, designing aircraft such as the 747, 727 and 707. Ken was a long-time resident of Livonia for 36 years. Many friends and relatives here and in England will miss him our dad!



THEODORE R. STAGGERS

Of Birmingham passed away peacefully on July 30, 2008. Ted was born February 10, 1921 to Harley and Mabel Stuart Staggers in Fairmont, West Virginia, the youngest child of eight. A state tennis champion by the age of 15, he married his high school sweetheart, Bette Lee Clark of Grafton, W. Va., on January 14, 1944. They were married 63 years, until her death last year. Shortly after his marriage, Ted completed his military training and was sent overseas. He attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, and later Captain, of the Army Air Corps in WWII. A daring P-51 fighter pilot, he flew many bombing escort missions over the English Channel with the 339th Fighter group based in Fowlmores, England. On September 11, 1944, Ted was shot down over Germany and served out the balance of the war in a POW camp. Upon the liberation of the camp in May 1945, U.S. Army personnel believed he had died from starvation, but Ted had other ideas in mind. Returning to his wife back home, Ted was transferred by the Army to Arizona, where he recuperated and spent the time teaching young officers the art of golf, a lifelong passion at which, together with his tennis, he truly excelled. After his discharge in 1947, Ted earned his BA at Ohio State University and went to work for the General Electric Company, where he stayed his entire career until retirement in 1983. He and Bette relocated to Birmingham in 1951. They adopted two children, Kimberly Ann and Stephen Stuart. Together with an amazing group of friends who stayed together over 50 years, Ted and Bette enjoyed dancing, entertaining, golf and travel for many happy years. Ted was predeceased by his wife and son. He is survived by his daughter and several grandchildren. A memorial service to celebrate his outstanding life and service will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at The First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willis, Birmingham, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to: AmeriCares, 88 Hamilton Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. Arrangements: A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-362-2500. Share memories at: obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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EUGENE "GENE" PAUL NEPH

Of Livonia passed away on August 18th 2008 after a brief battle with bile duct cancer. Mr. Neph was born on September 9, 1929 in Detroit. He was a life long resident of Michigan. After attending the St. Rita High School in Detroit, he attended the University of Detroit, receiving a Masters of Business Administration degree. He also served a brief time in the army. After working for Michigan Bell, Mr. Neph founded his own medical billing company. An auto restoration hobbyist, Mr. Neph is remembered for his passion for restoring classic Ford Thunderbirds. He also loved opera and ballet. He was interested in parapsychology, politics, and criminal justice issues. He was a 50+ year member of St. Valentines Church, serving as a eucharistic minister. He was preceded in death by his wife, the late Ann Brylowski. He is survived by his wife, June "Cindy" Neph, daughters Julia Neph (Arthur Baker Jr.) and Paula (James) Cleaver; son William Neph; granddaughters Sheila Plein and Olivia Cleaver. He was preceded in death by brothers Robert (Jane) and Ronald (Millie) Neph. He is survived by brother Gerald (Loretta) Neph and sister Linda Lehto. A viewing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20 from 3-9 pm at the Charles Step Funeral home on Beech Daly Road in Redford. In state on Thursday, August 21 from 12:30 pm, funeral mass at 1 pm at St Valentine Catholic Church, on Beech Daly Road, Redford. Burial at Great Lakes Cemetery.

IDA E. KOPICKO

Age 83, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away August 14, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

JACQUELINE B. TAYLOR

Passed away at her home in Bronston, Kentucky on August 15, 2008, at the age of 68. The family had resided in Plymouth until 1994 when she retired from the Plymouth-Canton School System as a Executive Secretary. She is survived by her husband Joe and son Barry. Their daughter Stephanie passed away in 1976. She is also survived by her father Herbert J. Mitchell, brothers Herbert J. (Ana) Mitchell and William K. (Rose Marie) Mitchell, nieces Kelly, Christine and Jodi and nephew Eric, along with many cousins and friends. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth on Wednesday with interment following at Lapham Cemetery. Contributions suggested to the American Cancer Society. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com

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CALENDAR

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Metro Park, Big Bend. For details go to www.kirby-church.com.

Mom to Mom Sale

Features 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, books/DVD's, baby equipment, etc., that their families have outgrown 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Ave., Canton. Admission \$1. Refreshments available. Strollers welcome. For information, visit mom2momlist.com.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly dance 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open a 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information, (734) 261-5716. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Dorje Chang is living in America

Presentation focusing on reincarnation of the highest leader of Buddhism, HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. For information, visit www.zhaxizhuoma.net/. Respected Zhaxi Zhuoma, a close disciple of HH Dorje Chang Buddha III will lead the congregation in Detroit.

Music at St. John's

Opens the 2008-2009 concert series with a performance by Scott Woolweaver, an internationally renowned violinist, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge and open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-0190.

Tent sale

Begoms at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Prince of

Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Household item, specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts. Also a used clothing sale inside the church for \$2 a plastic grocery bag. All proceeds donated to area organizations to help people in the community. Cost to participate is \$25 if you bring your own table, \$35 to use one of the church's 8-foot tables. For details, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call, Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Celebration

This year, Israel celebrates a significant milestone that provides a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of this momentous occasion, The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening includes Russian-Jewish delicacies, entertainment by Ben Opengem, door prizes and auction. Tickets \$90, with proceeds benefiting ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, but space is limited. For details, visit www.lifetosave.org.

Organ recital

Robert Bates, associate professor of organ at University of Houston, performs 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, north of Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$10 per person at the door or call (313) 875-7407. Reception follows concert. Free supervised parking adjacent to church.

Sacred music concert

Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains, the seminary choir of the Blessed Theofodre Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine sing selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Church Slavonic 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge, but free will offering requested to support the seminary. Open to the public. Several audio and video recordings will be available. For information, call (734) 522-3166 or visit www.seminaryconcerttour.com.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Safety/health fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, physical fitness competitions for kids, bicycle safety, health screenings for adults, parent information on child safety and health, free car seat inspections by Canton police officers, child safety identification, at All Saints Catholic School parking lot and gym, 48735 Warren, between Beck and Ridge, Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-2490.

Bethany hay ride

Saturday, Sept. 27, for Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood. Cost is \$20, includes hay ride, hot dogs with all the fixings plus beverages and a DJ. They have an indoor facility for dining and dancing. Call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479 or Judy at (313) 389-4730 for tickets.

Spirit of Manresa

Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost \$150, \$250 patron, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing. Call (248) 644-4933, Ext. 34 or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

Deacon to be ordained



Vicki Jens Page will be ordained as a deacon of Moravian Church, North America on Sept. 7, in Wisconsin. Page began her ministry at Grace Moravian Church in Westland in early August.

Vicki Jens Page will be ordained as a deacon of the Moravian Church, North America, at a special service on Sunday, Sept. 7, at Freedom Moravian Church in Appleton, Wis. Page began her ministry at Grace Moravian Church in Westland in early August.

The order of deacon, as stated in the Moravian Book of Order, admits an individual to the first order of Ministry within the Moravian denomination. As a deacon, an individual has authority to serve in the pastoral office and to administer the Sacraments. Page, originally from Appleton, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

She was awarded her certificate in May 2008 from Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Penn. after receiving her Master's of Divinity at United Theological Seminary in Brighton, Minn. in 2006.

She was a student pastor at West Side Moravian Church in Green Bay, Wis. and served at East Side Moravian Church (also in Green Bay) during her time at seminary.

Moravians first came to North America in 1735. The 551-year-old Moravian Church is one of the oldest Protestant denominations dating back to 1457 in Europe.

With a strong tradition in ecumenical work, the Moravian Church is best known for its mis-

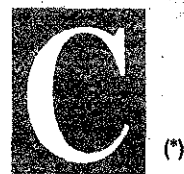
sionary emphasis and its rich multicultural heritage. The Moravian Church in America is comprised of the Northern and Southern Provinces.

The Northern Province has about 28,000 members in 96 congregations in 13 states in the U.S. and two Canadian provinces. The Southern Province includes nearly 20,000 members in 57 congregations, which are located primarily in the southeastern United States. The worldwide Moravian Church consists of 19 provinces with nearly 789,000 members, half of which live in Africa.

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<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire</p> <p>Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall 36500 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan & Schoolcraft • Nursery provided</p>		<p>CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)</p> <p>Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) "Where Your Light Shines!" Worship Service: 1 pm St. Michael Lutheran Church - Chapel* 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, Michigan 48187-2753 *Enter through the south double doors next to the play area Rev. Dr. Wayne Ten Roberts & Minister Dr. Carolyn Ann Roberts, Co-Pastors 313-402-6900 & 313-806-PRAY or beaconhillccdoc@aol.com</p>		<p>EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA</p> <p>Timothy Lutheran Church A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 8820 Wayne Rd. (Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road) Livonia • 427-2290 1111 Memorial Drive SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.</p>	

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 313-222-2333 or e-mail: dhart@hometownlife.com



Protect your family, home when power goes out

Power outages have been a major concern this summer. You can't control everything, but there are steps you can take to stay safer when the power goes out.

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth Director Keith W. Cooley offers tips for consumers from the Public Service Commission and Bureau of Fire Services to stay safe while the power is out.

The U.S. Fire Administration in the Federal Emergency Management Agency reports that carbon monoxide poisoning claims approximately 480 lives and sends another 15,200 people to hospital emergency rooms for treatment every year. After June's power outages, two Michigan deaths were reported as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning from using a generator in their basement and additional individuals in unrelated incidents reported symptoms of poisoning.

"We felt very strongly after hearing of these tragic circumstances, that we need to educate as many consumers as possible about home generator use as they are becoming increasingly popular and affordable," Cooley said. "During these emergency situations, homeowners can only think of one thing — just getting their power back on. We're here to say take a few minutes to think about safety to protect your family's health first and foremost — and then your home."

Cooley said one common mistake is that homeowners believe that opening windows or running fans will prevent carbon monoxide buildup which is inaccurate.

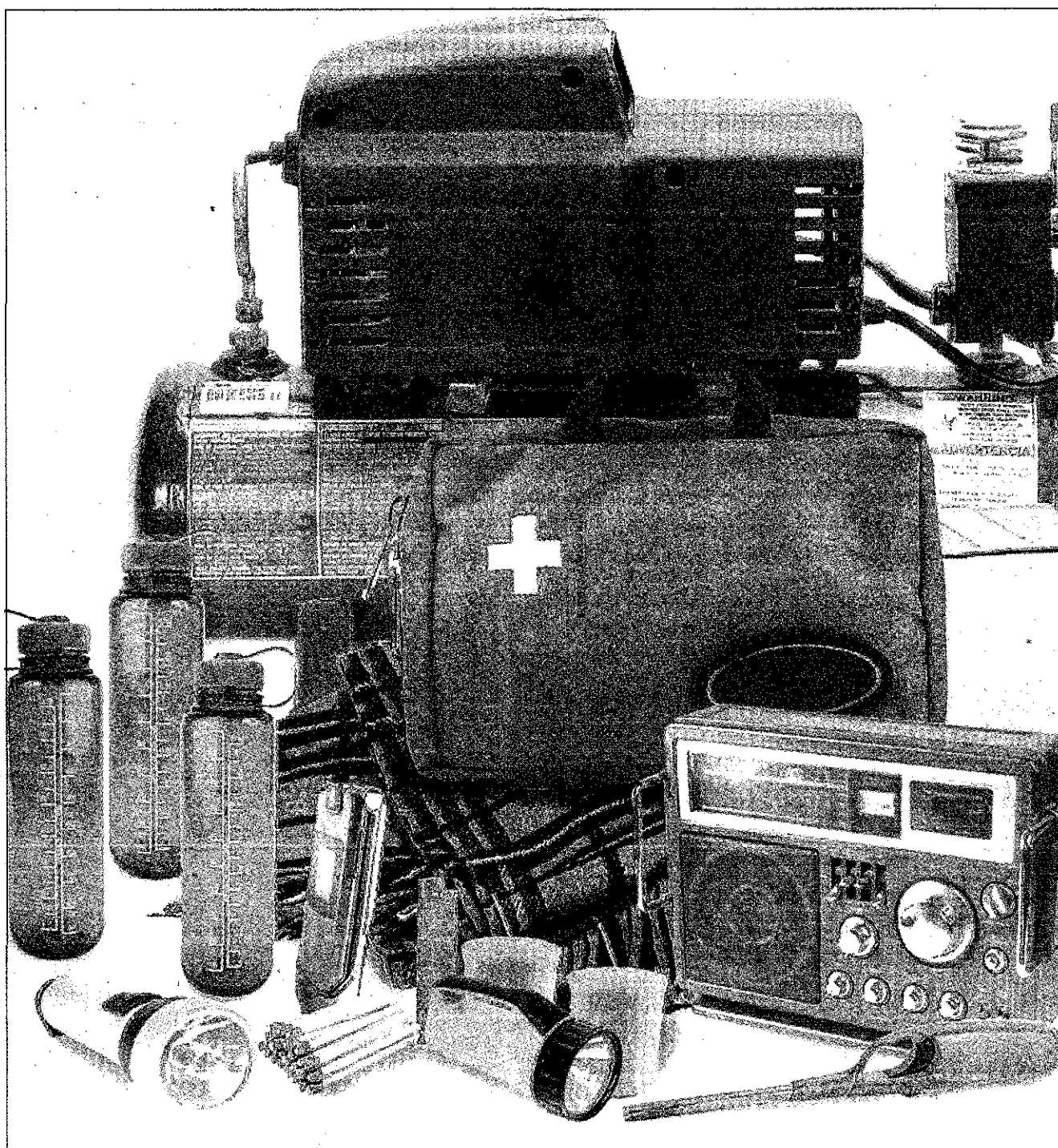
"Our firefighters know firsthand that carbon monoxide can build up quickly — without any warning signs or smells, so much so that it's considered a silent killer. The State Fire Marshal's office recommends that every home has at least one carbon monoxide detector located near the furnace and utility room," Cooley said.

While you cannot smell carbon monoxide, it can cause symptoms such as nausea, dizziness, and weakness. If you experience these symptoms, get fresh air and seek help immediately for possible carbon monoxide poisoning in the local hospital ER where they will conduct a simple blood test.

The Public Service Commission offers an informative consumer alert http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/mpsc-ca_portablegenerator_211961_7.pdf on how to purchase the right generator with safety tips on proper use. Some tips include:

- Never operate a generator indoors or in an unventilated area. The exhaust contains deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

- Do not store gasoline for a generator indoors. Gasoline should be stored in an approved, nonglass safety con-



tainer.

- Extinguish all flames or cigarettes when handling gasoline or the generator. Always have a fully charged, approved fire extinguisher located near the generator. Make sure you have enough fuel to run a generator for an extended period of time — during a power outage, gas stations may be closed.

- Never refuel a generator while it is running. Shut it off and let it cool for 10 minutes before refueling to minimize the danger of fire.

- Parts of the generator are very hot during operation. Avoid contact — especially with the muffler area. Keep children away at all times.

- Protect the generator from rain and other moisture sources to prevent

electrocution.

- When not in use, store the generator in a dry location such as a garage or shed.

The PSC also recommends that homeowners put together an emergency use kit for their home to prepare for power outages. The kit should include:

- Flashlights
 - Battery-powered radio
 - Extra batteries
 - Candles
 - Blankets
 - First-aid kit
 - Nonperishable food
 - Battery-operated lantern
 - Drinking water — (1 gallon per person per day)
 - Some emergency cash
- Experts recommend that you keep

a list of emergency numbers near the telephone — including the number to the local electric company. Unless telephone lines are down, landline telephone service should remain available during an electrical power outage. Cellular service may not work if power to the cell tower system is disrupted.

It's also important to protect electrical items like TVs, VCRs, microwave ovens, or a home computer with voltage surge suppressors. If these items are not protected, unplug them before a storm begins to prevent damage.

For more tips on surviving a power outage, check out the PSC's alert at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/mpsc-ca_survivingelectricoutages_211962_7.pdf

Case supports ban on smoking

Q: We are thinking about passing a restriction in our documents concerning smoking in our apartment units. Do you think we have any basis to do so?

A: There is a Colorado case that supports that



Robert Meisner

position and there is much literature on the fact of second-hand smoke causes damage to the

condominium residents. Moreover, the association, at some point, may be accused of encouraging that situation. You are best advised to consult with your attorney, but you may wish to consider banning smoking. Also, the provision may be more enforceable if the developer put it in the original documents.

Q: I am an attorney who has been retained to draft some condominium documents for a two-unit complex. I am concerned about what mechanism I can use for issues regarding the governance of the project. Do you have any suggestions?

A: You basically have several choices in regard to the operation of the association. Your choices are: (1) unanimous consent; (2) one owner has control; (3) a tie breaker such as an independent director or (4) an alternative dispute resolution mechanism such as a neutral arbitrator, but not the AAA Arbitration. The appropriate choice will depend upon the kind of project (residential, commercial, or mixed use) sophistication of the owners, the complexity of the project and whether you want the parties to have equal bargaining power or whether one party has a greater interest in making things get done well.

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

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of April 28 to May 2, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	49965 Jackson Ln	\$205,000
	256 Shans St	\$55,000
Farmington Hills	32063 Bonnet Hill Rd	\$201,000
	32291 Chesterbrook St	\$181,000
	20861 Deerfield	\$510,000
	20953 Dunkirk St	\$67,000
	22240 Indian Creek Dr	\$139,000
	25651 Lynford St	\$185,000
	28312 Ridgebrook Rd	\$160,000
	35597 Vicksburg St	\$218,000
	32230 W 12 Mile Rd	\$85,000
	27235 Winterset Cir	\$210,000
Garden City	6020 Belton St	\$120,000
Livonia	11814 Hunters Park Ct	\$315,000
	29567 Nottingham Cir	\$137,000
Milford	432 River Oaks Dr	\$249,000
	18112 Blue Heron Pointe Dr	\$330,000

44432 Broadmoor Blvd	\$455,000
22276 N Hills Ct	\$170,000
Novi	
50637 Chesapeake Dr	\$717,000
24116 Devonshire Dr	\$383,000
23561 Dunston Rd	\$395,000
230 Endwell St	\$128,000
26203 Fieldstone Dr	\$240,000
27997 Hopkins Dr	\$136,000
24271 Weatherlane Ct	\$207,000
Plymouth	
41267 Crestwood Dr	\$225,000
12897 Portsmouth Xing	\$263,000
9087 Tavistock Dr	\$155,000
Redford	
26025 Elba	\$165,000
14057 San Jose	\$36,000
South Lyon	
26033 Daria Cir W	\$100,000
54790 Grenelle Cir E	\$210,000
321 Hampton Ct	\$103,000
253 Harvard Ave	\$180,000
943 Rochester St	\$149,000
218 Princeton Dr	\$36,000
Westland	
34100 Hunter Ave	\$130,000
7708 Manor Cir	\$37,000
199 S Crown St	\$137,000
38514 Shelby Dr	\$228,000
35328 Sheridan St	\$75,000

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Real Estate Agents, Appraising & Staging

Thinking about a career in real estate? Is working in real estate your dream? Keller Williams Realty is seeking experienced or non-experienced people in the real estate field. The candidates must be hard working and have a passion for learning.

There's a free seminar every week: Tuesday or Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at 27555 Executive Drive (off West 12 Mile and Halsted), Farmington Hills 48331. For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

Condo operation


Meisner & Associates will present "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation," a four-week course, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Bingham Farms

office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467. The course is for those interested in serving on a board of directors of a condo, co-op or community association, as well as developers and managing agents who are assisting these boards. All attendees will receive a copy of attorney Robert Meisner's booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track." Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433 or e-mail bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. Checks should be payable to Meisner & Associates, P.C. Cost is \$95 per person, with \$85 each for additional attendees from the same association.

Homebuying

There's a free Homebuying Seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 40600

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Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Buying your first home is probably the most exhilarating material experience you can have. Some of the topics covered will include: criteria for your home search, loan applications, how much home can you afford, advantages of

a Buyer's Agreement, and nine great reasons to buy a home. Call Heidi Anderson to reserve your seat at (734) 673-9265.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Bank of America will sponsor a Fall Parade of Homes event running

through Sept. 14. Parade of Homes features ready-to-move-in homes as well as under construction and pre-construction homes throughout southeastern Michigan.

Fall Parade of Homes, the 14th annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, opened on

Aug. 15 and runs through Sept. 14. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Bank of America Mortgage are the sponsors of this public event. The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 37 model homes range in base

price from \$95,900 to \$1,999,900.

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price.

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps for all homes was distributed within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* on Aug. 15 and available at select CVS/pharmacy locations in southeastern Michigan and at

all participating model homes. Parade of Homes will also be featured at BIA's Fall Remodeling & Design Expo, Oct. 10-12, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

For additional information, call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.builders.org. The program Web site, www.BIAParadeofHomes.com, features informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern

Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

In this third of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses "Energy Efficiency" using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Accelerating When The Market Stalls"



on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Todd Hallett of TK Design & Architecture will present topics including planning for today's buyer, strategies for difficult lots, green building, capturing emotion with elevation, renderings, pricing strategy, and analyzing your product. The program includes a Plan Review Workshop for attendees to have their individual plans or elevations reviewed. (Provide materials to Sheila Denstaedt at BIA offices before Sept. 4.) Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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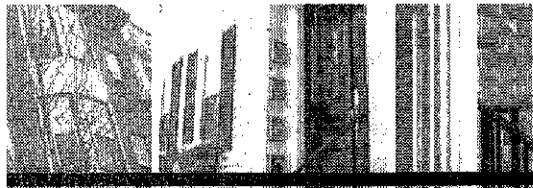
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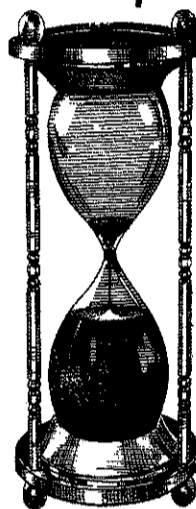


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