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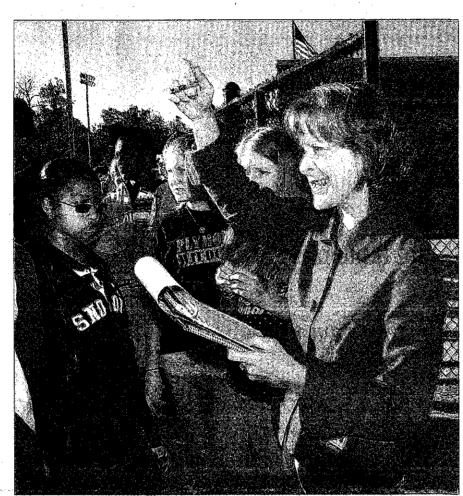
> BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students, teachers and school personnel at Plymouth High School were evacuated Thursday morning when a school bus collided with a chlorine tanker at the Beck Road school entrance shortly after 8 a.m.

The simulated disaster exercise worked as designed as approximately 2,000 students were moved out of the building - where they could (in real-life circumstances) have inhaled potentially dangerous chlorine through the ventilation system — to the nearby junior varsity football stadium.

The scenario was one of many in metro Detroit to test southeast Michigan's regional response teams and equipment purchased with Homeland Security grant money. Plymouth-Canton Schools - among a consortium of six area. school districts - used its share of a \$570,000 Readiness and Emergency

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Plymouth High School teacher Lisa Peal accounts for all of the students who were in her class when the incident began once they have evacuated to the football field.

## Canton emergency officials pass the test

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

During the blackout of 2003, Canton Township was left in the dark in more ways than one.

There was no way to communicate there were no phones," said Emergency Management Planner Kathy Rich, referencing the lack of dialogue between the township and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. "No one knew

what was going on."

But officials are confident the same scenario wouldn't happen today.

Thursday's layered mock disaster, which centered around a simulated oil spill in Detroit, has been in the works for about a year.

We are definitely in a better position," Rich said. "This was the first time we tested some of our equipment and it went well."

In the mock disaster, township

officials received word that oil had spilled into the Detroit River. Crews from Municipal Services responded by heading out to the township's five water pits to simulate shutting off Canton's water supply.

After DWSD proved the water wasn't contaminated, township officials prepared to turn the water back on but then discovered the main water feed had

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## Youth recounts molestation at hands of former mentor

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Frederick Pindzia sat emotionless Friday morning during a 17-year-old boy's testimony that the former vouth leader sexually assaulted him seven years

"He never said too much about anything," the boy told Assistant Prosecutor Michael Woodyard in 35th District Court, when asked about what Pindzia said regarding the alleged molestation.

The boy said he was 10 years old when he met Pindzia, 58, through a Westland mentoring program for troubled youth. Pindzia, who was a Canton resident at the time, allegedly spent two months mentoring the boy before he began taking him to his Marlowe Street home and assaulting him.

The teen, who said he "wasn't allowed" to enter Pindzia's bedroom, testified that the former Boy Scout leader would often play pornographic films during his



of alleged molestation, Woodyard asked how the encounter ended and the boy said, "He didn't say anything. He got up and went to his room."

visits. After one instance

The teen, who said he never told his parents about the assaults, said

Pindzia urged him not to let anyone know he had been at his home because he could get in trouble with the mentoring program.

Pindzia was charged with six counts of criminal sexual conduct after the teen spoke with a counselor earlier this year about the alleged assaults.

When questioned by defense attorney Neil Fink, the boy admitted he was enrolled in the mentoring program for lying and stealing. He also said the counselor he confided in was a chaplain at the placement facility where he lived.

Until recently the boy said he hadn't

told anyone his story except an ex-girlfriend and the chaplain because he "tried to forget about it and pretend it never happened."

When asked by Fink, the teen denied speaking about the alleged molestation in an attempt to be released from the placement facility.

The teen spoke calmly throughout his testimony.

In jail on a \$1 million cash bond, Fink argued for leniency saying it was "frightening" to think that on the word of a troubled teen, Pindzia's whole life could be disrupted.

Judge John MacDonald kept the bond as is after Woodyard countered that police found "scores, if not 100s" of photographs of nude boys dating back several decades at Pindzia's Sumpter Township home when he was arrested in July. He also said Pindzia is the subject of a federal investigation.

Pindzia is scheduled for arraignment Oct. 3 in Third Circuit Court.

## **Sheldon Center** corridor changes aim to reduce congestion

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Warren Rd.

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Preliminary plans of the long-awaited Sheldon Center corridor reconstruction were presented to residents Thursday evening.

The \$4.5 million project, which is expected to begin next summer, spans 1.11 miles and will include widening Sheldon Center/Sheldon Road to five lanes beginning just south of Joy Road to Canton Center Road. Canton Center will be widened from four lanes to five starting just north of Warren Road to where the road splits and turns northwest.

The reconstruction calls for eliminating the portion of Sheldon Road just north of the Sheldon connector, east

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Center Rd.

of Mirage Liquor. North and southbound traffic on Sheldon looking to stay on through the Sheldon Center area will have to access the connector, which will be widened from two lanes to three.

The closed-off section will be dedicated

to the township and possibly used as green space or a park.

The traffic signal at Sheldon and Sheldon Center will be removed and a new light will be installed at the connector. The signals at Canton Center at Sheldon Center and Joy at Sheldon are expected to be modernized.

În addition to the roadwork, a new storm sewer will be installed and the Willow Creek culvert will be revamped.

Thursday's meeting was led by Todd Zilincik of Canton Municipal Services and Victoria Holland of Wayne County's Department of Public Services.

Those in attendance discussed the aging condition of the corridor and raised some concerns about the proposed project. Among the concerns were,

tree removal along both sides of the corridor to accommodate the storm sewer and

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Sheldon Center Road (Canton Center to Sheldon) 2009 - 15,600 vehicles 2029 - 19,034 vehicles

Sheldon Road (Sheldon Center to Joy) 2009 - 29,120 vehicles 2029 - 35,526 vehicles

road closures for construction in relation to the Forest Trails

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esident Frank Dajnowicz lives in Hampton Court off Road and said he's pleased eliminate with the plans for the roadsection of Sheldon Rd. work but questions the new storm sewer. "It's a good thing except the sewer." he

said, noting that the area of Carpi and Windmill drives in Hampton Court already have

flooding. "More water is going to move faster with the new sewer." Dajnowicz, who has lived

in Canton for nearly 30 years, said he welcomes closing a section of Sheldon Road.

"That's been on the books for 20 years and we have been looking for that relief," he said.

Holland said the section is being closed off in an effort to steer traffic to Canton Center Road.

"Sheldon is residential," she

"It is not supposed to have 26,000 cars a day." The roadwork is being done

to address projected traffic volumes of 2029 and is expected to reduce congestion and improve safety along the The speed limit throughout

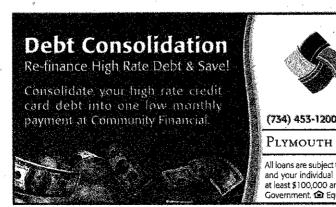
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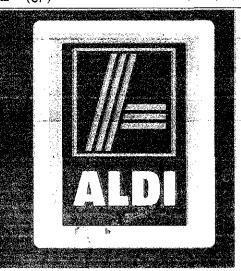
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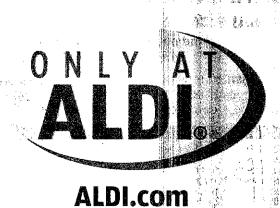
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#### Candidates forum

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its candidates forum at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater.

Candidates for public office in the Canton area will be addressing questions previously submitted by local voters. The theater is located at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads.

Candidates participating in the forum include those running for Canton Township trustee, Canton Township supervisor, Wayne County commissioner, and state representative for the 20th and 21st Districts as well as candidates for 35th District judge.

Citizens will have the opportunity to meet the candidates individually and ask any additional questions after the forum at the Cherry Martini located in the theater complex at 50296 Cherry Hill Road. For more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

#### Salem wrestling fundraiser

A bowling fund-raiser is being held for the Salem Rocks Wrestling Team at 2 p.m., Oct. 12 at Plaza Lanes, on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. The cost is \$10 and includes all bowling and shoes.

Proceeds go directly to help the Salem Rocks wrestling team. Call Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 for more information.

#### **AROUND CANTON**

The Bartlett-Travis property in Cherry Hill Village is the site of the Canton Farmers Market every Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Oct. 26. Admission is free. The weekly event features entertainment, as well as vendors selling fresh produce, baked goods, plants, crafts and more. For more information, call the market master at (734) 394-5323.

Farmers market

#### **October Consumer Expo**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the biannual Consumer Expo from 5-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23 at the Summit on the Park. Chamber members will be able to display products and services while networking. Booth space for an 8'x10' table is \$60. The 8'x20" is \$120. Electricity is available on request. Booth space is limited.

The Expo, which is being sponsored by Canton Computers and Martha M. Snow PC, will feature more than 50 local businesses. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. For more information e-mail eventscoordinator@cantonchamber.com or call the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

#### Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Business Awards



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#### **Welcome board**

Craig and Lisa Fiegel show off the cake donated in their honor by Canton and Plymouth High School football boosters at an introductory tailgate party in their honor held before the recent football clash between the two schools. Fiegel is the new superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Business Person of the Year for 2008 as well as the Chamber Ambassador of the Year.

The October Luncheon will also recognize the 2008 **Chamber Business Anniversary** Awards for 10, 25 and 30 years, and the Chamber Excellence Award.

"This is a very special luncheon. It's the Chamber's opportunity to recognize the business community and the members who support the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton community," said Chamber President Diane

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## SIMULATION

Management grant from the U.S. Department of Education to test its response in case of an emergency at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Within three minutes, the school was locked down and the ventilation system was shut down," said Scott Rayburn of Patriot Services, who led a team of people who watched and evaluated the school's response. "We were testing their communications within the school and with the first responders — Canton police and fire - and we were really pleased.

"I couldn't ask for a higher performance from a high school this size," he added.

There were student and parent "actors" who tried to disrupt the plan, however school personnel handled those situations while also dealing with the evacuation of students.

"I thought the kids were great and the staff did exactly what we hoped they would have done," Principal Michael Bee said. "We see films and do drills and tweak our manuals every year, but I don't think

you'd see things much differ-

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ently than we did today. "Now (when a real emergency occurs) it will be a reaction and not a thought process," he

Bee is no stranger to reallife emergencies at the school. Several years ago, a science teacher brought a BB gun into Plymouth High School without notification or permission and the school was locked down while police searched for what they thought was a gunman inside the school.

"We made a couple of mistakes, but did pretty well," Bee said. "Doing this practice helped ensure we'll be better in case there's a next time."

Students, who evacuated the high school in orderly fashion and remained calm while being accounted for at the football field, appeared interested in knowing the school has a plan for almost any kind of real-life emergency.

"I think we always need to be prepared in case something happens," said Megan Quinlan, 17, of Canton Township.

Plymouth Township senior Matthew Stowe, 17, said he assumed there was a plan, but this is the first time students have been evacuated to test it.

#### WHAT HAPPENED AND WHEN

8:32 a.m. - Received call from Canton dispatch about hazardous materials situation 8:40 a.m. - Seven students sent to office, possible contamination 8:44 a.m. - Police, emergency responders on scene 9:05 a.m. - Plymouth High School ordered evacuated 9:12 a.m. - Student in parking lot suffers broken leg 9:35 a.m. - Evacuated students, staff accounted for at football stadium 9:39 a.m. - All clear given to return to second hour

"I think this practice helps prepare us for any possible event so it doesn't turn into chaos," Stowe said. "People say it can't happen here ... but it's a crazy world."

9:49 a.m. - End of exercise

During the evacuation of Plymouth High School, Canton and Salem conducted "shelter in place" exercises in which the buildings and classrooms were locked down and there was a simulated shutdown of the heating and cooling system. Class time wasn't



It only takes a few minutes for students to evacuate the school. The students will gather at the JV football field where teachers will account for each student.

disrupted.

"Canton and Salem have plans in place very similar to Plymouth," said Bob Hayes, the district's director of student services. "I'm confident they will work the same because we have close communication among all three high schools."

During a debriefing session

afterward, school officials and Canton police officers acknowleged they could work better on communications between the two during an emergency. However, despite a few tweaks, the exercised received high marks.

"In this current situation where we place importance on national security, it is

paramount that we have security measures regionally and locally," said Linda Haling of Plymouth, who has a son attending Plymouth High School. "It is exciting to live in a community where people are taking action."

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collapsed, leaving the community without water.

During this time, township officials also acted as if there was a hazardous materials incident at Plymouth High School, terrorist attacks in Oakland County and a possible attack on the water and sewer system at the township's DWSD facility near Joy and Morton Taylor roads.

"This was definitely the best exercise we have ever gone through," said Municipal Services Director Tim Faas. "We had a number of events in a short amount of time and we took it very real. It felt real. We went through the whole drill."

While 15 people worked on the exercise in the township's emergency operating center, about 50 township workers were spread throughout Canton performing various

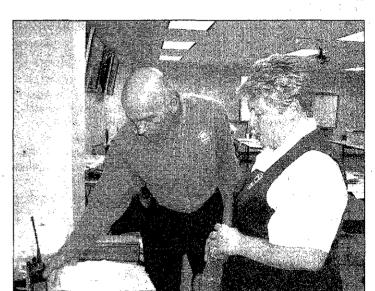
duties.

In handling the disasters, officials also took several mock calls from residents inquiring about the water outage and simulated informing the community about the situation.

"We were able to think of things we hadn't thought of," Faas said, adding that the project highlighted the need to have immediate communication with four of the township's biggest water users, Life Time Fitness, Meijer, Yazaki and IKEA, in the case of an emergency.

Faas and Rich both said initial reports have indicated that the exercise went as planned despite a few glitches with the township's computerized messaging system.

There was one message that didn't reach me and we had another one that was delayed an hour but it was mostly instantaneous," Rich said. "We have so many ways to commu-



Public Services Director Tim Faas and emergency coordinator Kathy Rich check the emergency radios during Canton's emergency exercise Thursday.

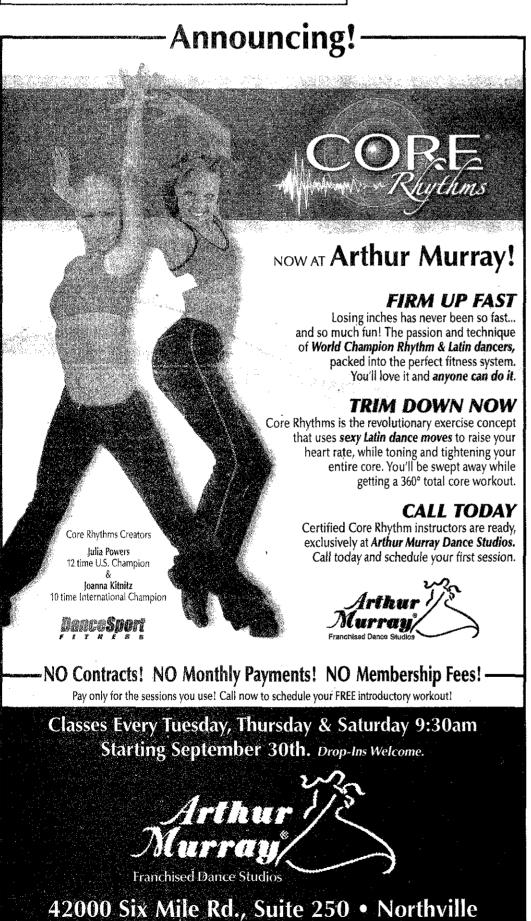
nicate now and this has built a trust factor (with DWSD)."

In addition to Canton, other communities zoned with the township under DWSD participated in the mock disas-

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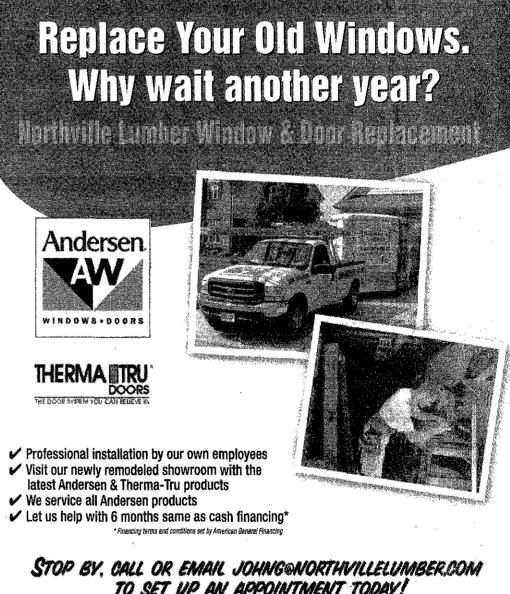
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Mojo, along with Spike and Kyra, wakes up metro Detroit with some outrageous antics. The show is known for Spike's "Senseless Surveys," "War of the Roses" and outrageous phone scams (the station Web site says more than 570 people have been heck-

phone scams). Mojo, who came to Detroit and Channel 955 in February 2000, is one of metro Detroit's most popular personalities.

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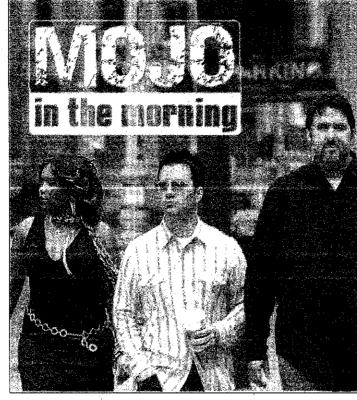
"My interests are my wife, my kids, and sports ... in that order," he said. "My hero is my dad. He came to this country from Cuba for a better life for himself. He learned a new

language and became a doctor, husband and dad. I get my work ethic from him. He was the biggest supporter of me getting in radio. Without his support, I would never made

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Mojo, Spike and Kyra at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills, E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

In addition to lunch, the winner will be treated to a limo ride courtesy of Class Plus Limo, mini-makeover by Sebastian and Heba of I Design Salon and Spa in Dearborn, \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

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# Loss of students forces layoffs at Van Buren Schools

BY KURT KUBAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Interim Van Buren Schools Supt. Larry Tabor, hired Sept. 8 to fill in for the ailing Pete Lazaroff, didn't have much time to get comfortable. The district learned this week that it has 420 fewer students than it did last year, which led the board of education on Monday to vote for

The board approved eliminating 21 positions as of Sept. 19 and not filling three vacant positions for a savings of approximately \$1.3 million. The layoffs include teachers at the elementary, middle school and high school levels.

According to district spokesman Paul Henning, the district will



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have a better grasp of how the loss of students will impact the budget when they do their official count on Sept. 24. The district receives a per pupil allowance from the state of \$7,788,

and is expecting an increase of \$99 per student if approved by the state.

Class sizes have already been increased. Before the layoffs, Henning said class sizes averaged 27 students per class. He said many classrooms now have more than 30 students.

"We will be shifting teachers around in the coming weeks to even out the numbers," Henning

The Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Belleville High School cafeteria to discuss more cuts and to figure out a strategy to deal with the budget

"Some of the board members are hoping to put off any more cuts until the end of the semester. Others are not so optimistic," Henning said.

Tabor, a Canton resident, is a former superintendent with the district and a 1962 Belleville High School graduate. The board decided to hire him on a 20-day interim contract when it was learned that Lazaroff's bout with cancer had taken a turn for the worse.

superintendent since 2003, was admitted July 11 to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after experiencing

a persistent cough and chest pain. After undergoing numerous tests. Lazaroff, 51, was diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia, a

type of bone cancer. He has gone through several rounds of chemotherapy and is currently recuperating at home. It is not certain when or if he will

return to work. Tabor is being paid \$700 per day for 20 days. The days are not necessarily consecutive. His first day was Sept. 10. Henning said Tabor is only being paid for days he spends in the district.

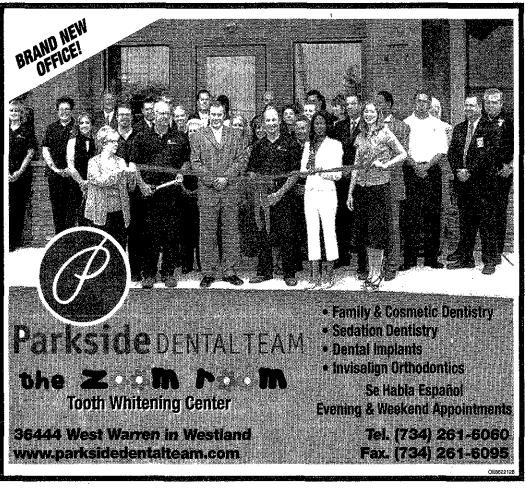
"My guess is this contract will

Lazaroff, who has been the VBPS probably expire sometime at the

end of October," Henning said. Henning said Linda Olson, director of personnel and curriculum, has tracked many of the students that have left the district. According to her analysis, the majority of the students have moved out of state, though he admits some are now attending charter schools.

"If there is no change in student enrollment before count day on Sept. 24 and the per pupil increase is \$99, then we are looking at a deficit of approximately \$4.5 million. Once we factor our fund balance in, we need to adjust our budget by at least \$2.5 million dollars. for this school year to balance the budget," Henning said.

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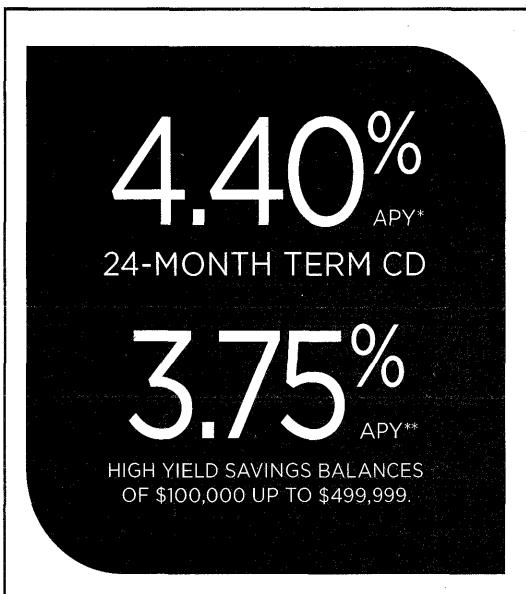
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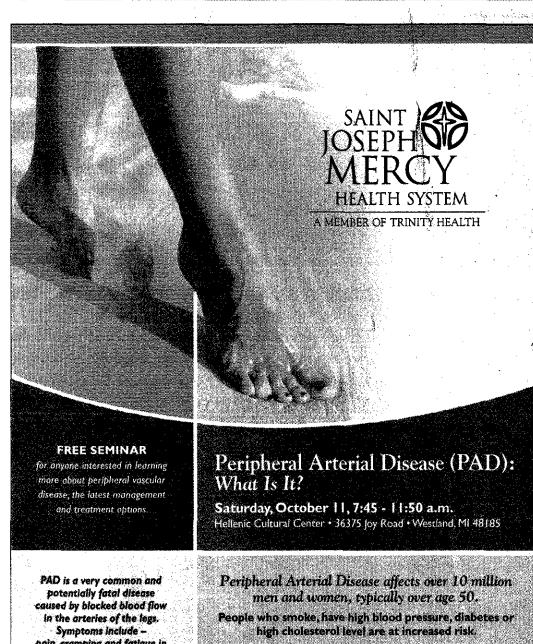
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## Sheriff warns about posting videos online

To a proud parent it may seem innocent it is apparent that these types of videos enough: Your child is doing something completely adorable while taking a bath or while in their "birthday suit," so you take some video and post it online to share it with the world. No big deal,

Not so fast, according to Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, who says that there are a lot of concerns - and even potential risks - that parents might not be consid-

"Not everyone who can access these videos is a model citizen," Evans said. "The Internet is a big candy store for pedophiles and posting nude or seminude videos of your children can give them something that may cause them to become fixated on your child."

Recently, an individual came to Evans with concerns about this issue when she learned that a co-worker had noticed a strange phenomenon: Of the videos she had posted of her child on YouTube, the one that had been viewed a disproportionately larger number of times was the one that suggested the child may have been partially nude (which he wasn't).

"That set off alarm bells, as it should have with any good parent," Evans said.

are being viewed by a large number of people. That suggests to me that people are searching them out, rather than simply stumbling upon them. Unfortunately, it's only safe to assume that some of these individuals are pedophiles."

Besides the obvious feeling of creepiness that any mom or dad would feel about their child being viewed in an impure way, Evans said that parents inadvertently may be giving these video voyeurs clues on how to find a child on whom they have become fixated. With that in mind, Evans is providing parents some practical tips to help keep their kids safe:

1. A child with no name. Keep your child's name a secret. If you have a video of your child on YouTube, don't include his or her name in the file name or the related video summary information that you provide when posting a video. Also, don't add titles that appear during the video that include your child's name. "An identity is the first, most important clue someone needs to find someone else," Evans said.

2. Live in Anywhere, USA. Never put up any video of your child that has information in it as to where you or they live

3. Restrict Access: Videos on YouTube don't have to be publicly viewable. If you want to share them with friends and family in an online format, there is a way that you can YouTube it, but have it accessible only to those you personally invite to view it and who have a direct link or password to access it.

4. Kids post videos, too. As your children get older and tech savvy, they will be able to post videos as well. Parents need to scrutinize any videos their children are posting online and make sure they do not contain any images or information that could put them at risk. Evans pointed out that within just a few minutes, one of his officers was able to identify by name, city and the school she attends, a high school girl who had posted a suggestive video of her and a friend dancing in her home.

"That's all the information a predator needs to find someone they've become fascinated with," Evans said. "The bottom line is that parents need to use good judgment when posting videos of their kids online and they need to screen any videos that their older kids may be posting online. Don't your child's safety to chance."



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## Prosecutor Worthy shares tales of her fast-paced legal life

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michigan's most celebrated attorney is a single mom who barely has enough time to put on her lipstick.

"I'll tell you what's scary," Kym

Worthy said. "This parenthood is scary," The Wayne County prosecutor was the guest speaker Friday for the monthly meetnig of the Women Officials'

Worthy told the audience how her day starts around 4:30 a.m. so she can drive her 11-year-old daughter, Anastasia, to morning figure skating lessons in Canton. She then heads north to drop Anastasia off at school in the Bloomfield district, before turning back around and heading to downtown Detroit.

"Now when I was on the bench I didn't have a lot of sympathy for people who didn't appear on time," she said with a smile. "But now I can see the

other side ... as a mother you have to try and balance everything."

Worthy believes most women jump through more hurdles than their male counterparts when it comes to running for public office. Admitting she's not a "makeup and fashion person," Worthy said she has nonetheless received dozens of letters over the years in regards to her appearance during some of her more high-profile cases.

"This is something I don't think men

get," she said, placing some of the blame on the media. "They talked about my hair, my nails and how I was going to dress for the trial."

She also referred to what she felt were unwarranted personal attacks during her prosecution of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, noting there were stories about her social life, her daughter — even a report indicating she had fallen behind on her property taxes.

"They don't mention you pay \$60,000 in taxes ... they just mention the amount you didn't pay," she said.

She told the crowd to watch their health, especially during stressful times. Most of all, she emphasized the

importance of putting family first. We need to learn how to deal with our jobs and how to deal with our family life," she said. "Because our children are watching us and we owe it to them to do the best we can."



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## Women get help heading back to work

JVS will again offer its Women To Work program, designed to help women enter or re-enter the paid workforce. The next session will begin Monday, Oct. 6, at JVS offices in Southfield.

"I've gotten some excellent candidates, especially from the Plymouth and Canton area," said Judy Richmond, Women To Work coordinator, speaking of past Observer & Eccentric coverage. She asks that you call her at (248) 233-4232 in advance if you wish to participate.

The Oct. 6 session will be an informational meeting, followed by 10 group sessions Oct. 13 through Nov.

13. Sessions will be at the Southfield office, 29699 Southfield, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads.

In some cases, women have been home caring for family members when they need to begin working for

There's no limit on age or geographic requirements to meet. Richmond agreed this tough economy, with many parents losing their jobs, has impacted JVS services.

"I'm seeing twice as many people as I ever have before," she said. "Families are going through very difficult transitions, to say the least."

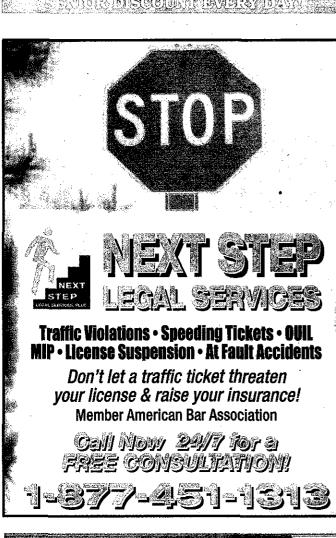
Participants, who can be male, will learn to conduct a job search; work on a resume; handle job interviews; cope with stress; find success in the workplace; and more.

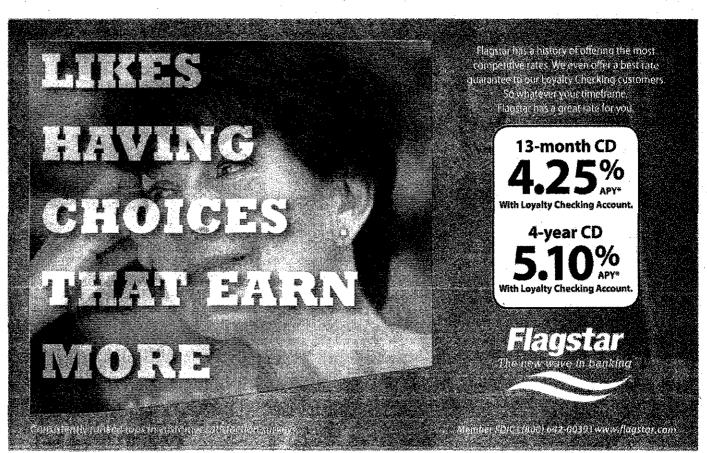
We do have an employer forum," said Richmond, adding that although that's for practice people have been hired after doing well in the informal meeting with employers.

"People have had jobs as a result," she said.

The program is free to participants and is sponsored by Charter One Bank.

- By Julie Brown





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## Taxpayers will benefit as library board slashes budget

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The Canton Public Library Board of Trustees approved a reduction of the library millage rate Thursday, meaning Canton Township taxpayers will pay less taxes in 2009.

The board, which governs the library, reduced the library millage rate to 1.498 mills, which will reduce the library's operating budget by 10.6 percent from 2008. The 2009

budget will be \$5.8 million. According to board members, the main reason for the reduction was the tough economy.

"In today's economic climate, governments need to find ways to reduce the tax burden on residents," Trustee James Fausone said. "The library can lead the way locally by finding ways to cut costs and give taxpayers some relief."

According to Eva Davis, director of the library, the reduction won't mean less service. No programs were eliminated, and hours of operation will be the same.

"Everyone in the library looked at their budgets, and cut what they could," she said.

Davis noted the library has seen a 5 percent increase in circulation over the last year. Currently, more than 65.400 Canton residents hold library

"This is a gesture by our board that they understand the economic troubles many in our community experiencing," she said. "If we're able to operate the library at the same service level and cut the budget, it is something they wanted to do."

#### advised not to take matters into his own hands after he called Canton police for

Give me my money

A 44-year-old man was

two days threatening to do so against the owner of a Michigan Avenue pizzeria. The man, who called police Tuesday and Wednesday, said

he worked as delivery man for the eatery on Sunday and later realized that he wasn't paid all the money owed to him. The man, who told officers to take a look at his record to see how he handles things, said he tried to take the officer's advice from Tuesday to speak to the owner to no avail. He said Wednesday that he was ready to handle the situation himself.

When an officer called the owner of the pizza shop he said the man was a friend of his son and had been hired for only one day because they were short on drivers. He said he double checked his records and insists the man was paid in full.

The man who called police pled guilty to felonious assault in 1997.

#### Switching price tags

A Canton man could be facing charges of retail fraud by conversion after he was spotted switching price tags on two bottles of liquor in Meijer on Ford Road Sunday.

One of the store's loss prevention officers said he saw the man take a \$21 price tag off a bottle of rum and switch it with a \$60 price tag for a bottle of vodka. The man then went through the self check-out lane and bought the vodka for the lower price.

After he passed all points of

#### **CANTON CRIME WATCH**

purchase, the man was stopped and later admitted to the tag swap saying that "he shouldn't of done it."

#### Man shocked by stalking allegation

Police have told a Canton man to stay away from a township woman after she asked officers to document a report that he was stalking her.

The woman told police that the man had been showing up at her residence and workplace talking about their future and making comments about her body. She said the man was making her nervous. When officers spoke with the man, he said he was shocked by their intervention because he and the woman had been "best friends" for years. He agreed to end all contact.

#### Dirt bike stolen

A blue and silver dirt bike was reported stolen from a home on the 41000 block of Old Michigan Avenue Monday





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THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50

② RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) 12:20, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:30

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③ BURN AFTER READING (R) 12:10, 2:30, 440, 6:55, 9:10 FRI/SAT LS 11:25

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night. The owner of the bike, a 26-vear-old Canton man, said it was parked beside two other bikes and had a flat rear tire. The bikes were not chained.

The man told officers that he didn't have a serial number for the bike and had no luck searching his neighborhood for the stolen item.

There are no suspects.

Tiffany L. Parks





Presented by Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.

#### THE WHITE FILLINGS FOR YOUR SMILE

While amalgam (silver) dental fillings have been around since the 1800s, they are fast losing ground to tooth-colored composite resin dental fillings. The most obvious reason for the switch to plastic dental resin has its basis in aesthetics. In the eyes of increasing numbers of patients, It's far more preferable to have a filling material that nearly matches the color of their teeth exactly rather than a metallic filling that stands in dark contrast to white teeth. On top of that, composite dental resin actually bonds to the crown of the tooth to create a solid tooth structure. Amalgam, on the other hand, merely fills the cavity, allowing seepage around the "silver" filling over time, which can lead to decay.

Composite resin dental fillings and other advances in cosmetic dentistry make it harder than ever to tell the difference between what's natural and what's not. They also make it easier than ever to smile with confidence. This column is prepared as a public service to help our Plymouth families and friends become aware of and better understand modern dentistry and the power of a healthy smile. If you would like more information on any of our topics or an appointment, please call us at **734-453-9413**. Our office is located at 496 W. Ann Arbor

Trail, Ste. 201, Plymouth. P.S. Composite dental resin lings are applied in thin layers, each of which is cured to a high degree of hardness with a special

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, will accept sealed bids for the following project:

INSTALLATION OF LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR MILLER FAMILY PARK LOCATED AT ANN ARBOR TRAIL AND FERGUSON AVE. PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MI

Details are described in the bid Drawings and Specifications.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time, on Monday, October 6, 2008 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly

General Description of Work: Installation of irrigation system, testing, winterization and spring start-up.

General Description of Project Area: The project area is the Miller Family Park located at Ann Arbor Trail and Ferguson Ave., Charter Township of Plymouth, MI. The irrigation system shall be installed per The Irrigation Plan prepared by John Deere Landscapers, 31691 Dequindre Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071, issue date 11/11/05.

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery) at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Township reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part and to waive any defect or irregularity in any proposal if it is deemed in the Township's sole discretion to be in the best interest of the Township. The township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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- 1. The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate authorities to perform Work which requires a license to
- Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of Plymouth insurance requirements.
- The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs. The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any.
- other company without approval of the Township. The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State,
- and local laws. 6. The contract must be approved by Plymouth Township.

#### ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:

Mr. Patrick J. Fellrath, P.E. Charter Township of Plymouth 9955 N. Haggerty Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170 Ph: (734) 354-3270 Ext. 7

#### ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

Ms. Marilyn Massengill Plymouth Township Clerk Plymouth Township Hall 9955 N. Haggerty Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170

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## ShopCanton team already planning holiday season strategies

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

As summer winds to a close, the ShopCanton team is already preparing for the holiday sea-

The group behind the marketing push for Canton businesses hosted two informational sessions Tuesday at Borders. Much of the discussion centered around the Holiday Fest and the annual window painting program along Ford

The window painting connects high school students from Plymouth-Canton, Wayne-Westland and Van Buren school districts with business owners. For a fee of \$40, business owners will be matched with students and will agree to the proposed artwork designed to highlight their business.

Last year, students painted 42 store windows stretching from Lotz to Canton Center Road. The organizer of the program, Joyce Silagy,

said the venture has been a hit in the past and

expects this year to be no different.

This is a wonderful deal," she said, adding that business owners should register as soon as possible to secure placement in the program. The deadline for application is Oct. 3.

Chuck Jones of Play It Again Sports participated in the window painting last year. His artwork featured Santa Claus on a pair of skis. "I thought it was really nice. The kids did a

great job," he said. "Several of my customers mentioned it and it was something to help out the kids. Holiday Fest, which includes family activities, trick or treating and visits with Santa, has been

moved from the Canton Corners shopping center to the Willow Creek Plaza on Ford Road. For more information on the window painting program call Silagy at (734) 890-2050. For more information on the Holiday Fest sponsorship program, call Karyl Niemi at (734) 394-

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#### ON THE AGENDA

#### Wayne-Westland Board of Education

The school board will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m., Sept. 22 at 36745 Marquette, Westland. Agenda items include:

- Swearing in of new board member Shawna Walker by
- Eileen DeHart ■ Recommendation to pur-

chase road salt

■ Recommendation to purchase desktop computers Recommendation to

approve lease extension for

Rose F. Kennedy Respite Care Center Recommendation to purchase new buses, and sell used

#### Plymouth-Canton Board of Education

The school board will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m., Sept. 23 at the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth. Agenda items include:

- Construction report/additional projects report
- P-CCS Annual progress
- reports ■ Review of the 2008-2009
- superintendent goals Consider approval of official voting delegates and alter-

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nates to represent the Board of Education at MASB's 2008 Delegate Assembly

#### Canton Board of Trustees

The board will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m., Sept. 23 at the Canton Administration Building. Agenda items include:

- Public hearing for a request for a class c liquor license with Sunday sales for Ajiten, LLC., 42087 Ford Road.
- Public hearing on millage rates and 2009 budgets.
- WTUA annual budget approval.

Bloch future land use map

amendment.

- Consider BP Gas/convenience store addition site plan.
- Consider site plan for Jarbou retail center. ■ Consider preliminary
- planned development district for Michigan Avenue Marketplace and Meijer. ■ Consider discontinuation of the Canton Township sump
- pump program. ■ Interlocal agreement with Oakland County for CLEMIS

Livescan maintenance.

First reading of Chapter 54 amendments to the peddlers and solicitors ordinance.

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#### CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction September 23, 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.

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2002	Ford	Taurus	4-Dr	1FAFP53U22A234533
1998	Toyota	Sienna	S/W	4T3ZF13C3WU003741
1993	Eagle	Summit	$4\text{-}\mathrm{Dr}$	JE3CB50G8PU052524
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#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cultural Center. to consider the following:

(734) 453-1234

1. Z 08-14 675 Sunset Non-Use Variance Requested

Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Kevin Damico

2. Z 08-15 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail Non-Use Variance Requested

Parking Space Dimension Variance Zoned: B-2, Central Business Applicant: Joseph Philips All interested persons are invited to attend.

necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following: Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street

Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide

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#### 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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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **OCTOBER 9, 2008**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Steven Johnson, Vicki Welty Alternate: Dawn Zuber

#### Acceptance of Agenda

1. Taleb & Abdallah Holdings, 15111 W. Warren Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126, for commercial property located at 45495 Michigan Avenue (Amoco/BP), south side of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Dewitt Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.15; Article 6A.00, Section 6A.06; Article 6A.00, Section 6A.25, sign variance. Zone C-3 Parcel 132 99 0010 712 (Building)

Tabled from the 12-13-2007 & 1-10-2008 meetings 2. John Groat, 43611 Hanover Court, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, west side of Morton Taylor Road between Warren and Joy Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback

Zone R-5 Parcel 012 03 0401 000 (Building) Tabled from the 7-10-2008 & 8-14-2008 meetings

Approval of the September 11, 2008 Minutes

48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI

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## Paying off mortgage best idea for money in CD

Dear Rick: I have a CD maturing for \$10,000 at 5.5 percent interest. I owe \$10,000 on my home at 6.25 percent interest. Should I use the money to pay off my house or leave it in the CD? I can't itemize on my tax returns so the interest on the house is not worth the write-off.

Take the proceeds from the CD and pay off your mortgage.



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Rick Bloom

The mortgage is costing you 6.25 percent. You to receive Money Matters that the CD is subject to

are not going that on a CD. Keep in mind income taxes. Therefore, it makes sense to use the proceeds from the CD to pay off the mortgage. Dear Rick: A couple years ago I put money into a variable annuity. I know vou do not like variable annuities but my adviser told me it was a great investment. I have lost a lot of money and if I cash it out I have to pay a penalty. Can they do this and is this fair? My accountant said even though I have a

loss, I can't deduct it on my taxes. Is he right?

You are correct. I am not a fan of variable annuities and what you're experiencing is one of the reasons that I do not like them.

First, the annuity company can charge you a penalty to terminate. In the majority of variable annuities, if you terminate the policy before a specific number of years, the

company can legally charge you a penalty. The reason annuity companies have such high penalties is because they pay high commissions to salespeople who sell them. One reason variable annuities are pushed by financial salespeople is because they pay some of the highest commissions in the financial world. In addition to the high up-front commissions,

many companies also offer salespeople a variety of sale

incentives. When the variable annuity insurance companies give sales people free trips for selling their product, who do you think is actually paying for

the trip? You — the investor. In addition to up-front commissions and back-end penalties, variable annuities

also charge high on-going fees. Is it fair to charge high fees? I don't think so, however, fairness does not enter into the equation when it comes to the financial salespeople or the variable annuity company.

There are some variable annuities issued by companies such as Charles Schwab and Vanguard that have very low fees and no exit penalties. You can take your money out any time without penalty. Of course, these policies don't pay commission or give sales incentives.

As to the tax consequences, your accountant is correct. One of the downsides of this product is you cannot deduct losses from your tax return.

In today's difficult market, the negatives of variable annuities are certainly highlighted. However, even in a good market, variable annuities still are a poor investment choice for the great majority of investors. Dear Rick: Do you have any idea when the market will begin to go up?

I wish I had a crystal ball. I don't. No one does. However, I do know that we have experienced many downturns and the market has come back from every one.

As difficult as it is, my recommendation is for investors who have well-balanced and diversified portfolios - don't panic and bail out.

History has shown that investors who maintain a discipline during difficult markets are rewarded.

No one has been successful in timing the market and as Warren Buffett, one of the nation's greatest investors once said: "The hall of fame of market timers is empty."

For the portfolios that my firm manages, we have always maintained a position, not only in equities, but also cushions the blow when we go through difficult times. Of course, the allocation in fixed income investments depends upon the individual investor's time horizon.

Market downturns are normal and always painful When establishing a portfolio, always take market downturns into consideration.

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## Cruisin' is done, and oh, what a ride

It's hard to believe that the time from May to September has passed us by and the CRUZ'N season is finished for 2008.

Vacations are over, the Gratiot and Woodward cruises are just a memory, the kids are back in school, days are getting shorter and we'll be putting our rides away until next

The fifth season for CRUZ'N 528 Car Show was a great success, with some great looking rides in attendance. Our biggest night saw 125 rides, with an average of 70 cruisers each Wednesday. Even the "Monkee Mobile," owned by Mel Guthrie of Guthrie Lumber of Livonia, made an appearance.

The cruisers enjoyed the camaraderie, bench racing, tall tales and the participation plaque that was awarded to one cruiser each Wednesday from all the registered cars; there were fabulous door prizes, 50/50 drawing (the largest was \$350 with an average 50/50 of \$140); along with extra prizes given away, which were supplied by our sponsors, like T-shirts & Hats, surprise bags loaded with goodies from Meguire's, Stoner, Belle Tire and

To all of our sponsors who supported us with some great products: Belle Tire, Meguire's Car Care Products, Summit Racing Equipment, Quick Lane Car Care Centers. Stoner Car Care Products, Mother's, Bob's of Canton, Pepperoni Express 6565 N. Canton Center Rd; hosted by the Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 and sponsored by the Plymouth/ Canton Chapter 528 Vietnam Veterans of America.

Thank you to all the VVA and VFW volunteers for their help in show setup, registration, cooking, cashier, 50/50, raffle and door prizes, show photos, radio coverage and many other

Darrell, Sandy & Erica Bazman, Dr. Bob Paul, Joe Aguis, Gary Kubik, Don Shannon, Forest Manley, Bob Cohen, Don Dignan, DJ Koz - Who came in from Milan each week to spin the oldies, Gary Boucher, Al Kerbyson. Vaughn Hull, Jay & Kris Roberts, Jerry & Judy Thomason, Mike & Sherry Schlott,



Even the "Monkee Mobile" made an appearance during the CRUZ'N 528 car show sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528.

Jim Hodgon, Hank Jiles, Dave Banks, Rich Mazurkiewicz, Angie & Stephanie Little, Bill Juchartz, Jim Kimball, Ron King, Bill Gravett, Dale Leubke, Jim Austin, Mike Dicker, Sue & Don Willum, Gary & Kathy Luyben - Radio 1460 AM, America's Most Wanted and Trailer Trash Car Clubs, VFW Post 6695 - for use of the parking lot and buildings.

Lynn Dery - Who collects old used Cell Phones for the Troops, to date has collected 268 phones. Each used cell phone provides a service member in Iraq or Afghanistan 60 minutes of phone time to call home. That equals 268 phones X 60 minutes X \$2.29/ minute = \$36,823 worth of phone time.

Since CRUZ'N 528 started in 2004, we have distributed \$14,760 to needy veteran's organizations such as VA Hospital Ann Arbor. Center for the Ambulatory & Burn Center for the Intrepid, San Antonio, TX, Purchased tickets for WWII veterans to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington; purchased, packed and mailed boxes with special need items to the troops in Iraq & Afghanistan.

Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528, Vietnam Veterans of America and CRUZ'N 528 would like to thank all those who have participated, sponsored, helped or just perused the show, the cruisers who supported us through the rain, heat and cool weather for without you guys & gals CRUZ'N 528 Car Show wouldn't

The greatest bunch of people you ever want to meet, who are certifiably car crazy. The committee members for CRUZ'N 528 Car Show have started planning for the summer of 2009. WE'LL BE BACK. You can bet your GTO, STANG, or DUSTER on that or maybe the wife and kids if you're having a bad day.

Bob Paul was co-chair of CRUZ'N 528, the weekly Wednesday car show sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 from Plymouth-Canton. He can

## Autumn in Michigan is a season second to none

nal equinox will take place, one of two times during the course of the year when the sun crosses the equator, and the day and night are of equal length. It will also mark the official end of summer. But do not mourn its passing.

Here in Michigan, we are about to enter a glorious time of year, when our state puts on a show that can steal your breath away, when our forests light up in a blaze of color that can make any artist jealous with envy. A time of invigorating cool days and crisp nights that draw out our sweaters from their summer slumber. A time of hay rides, trips to the cider mill and football games.

There is nothing like autumn in Michigan.

Even though gas prices are high, you don't have to travel far to get a glimpse of Michigan at its finest. A tank of gas will get you to most places in the state, whether you want to travel to our magnificent northern

forests or farm country closer to home. If you don't want to burn a whole tank of gas, you actually don't even have to leave metro Detroit.

There are plenty of places to take a nice drive close to home — places like Hines Park in Wayne County or through one of the many Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

And, of course, you can also visit one of the many cider mills that call our region home - there aren't many better ways to celebrate fall than with a glass of hot cider and a fresh

If you are looking for ideas about where to take a drive, a good place to start is by visiting the Web site www.michigan.org. The site includes weekly fall color updates, places







for scenic

driving tours and a calendar of autumn festival highlights around Michigan.

Truth be told, you don't even need a car to enjoy the splendor of fall. Get out and take a walk or ride your

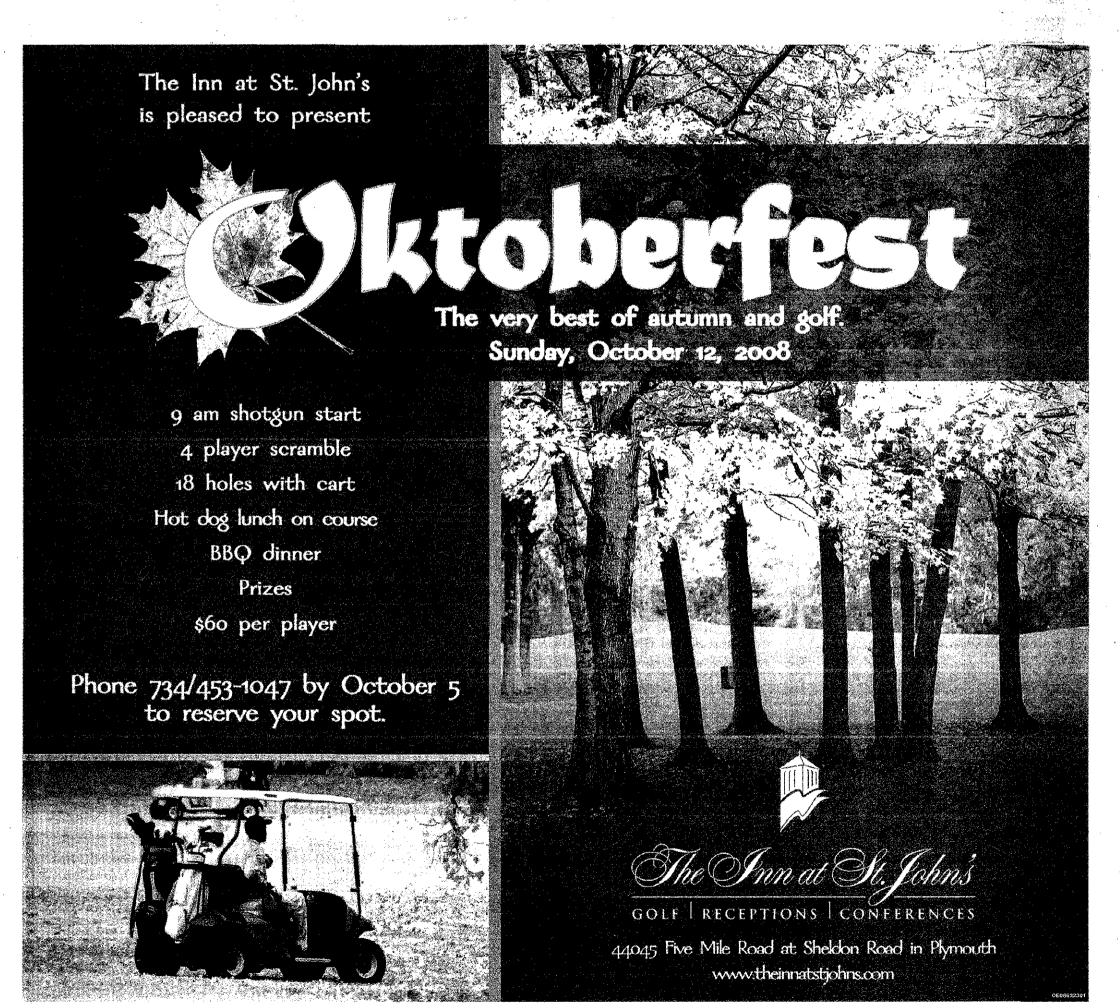
Most communities have plenty of public

parks that put on a show of their own. Even a stroll down Main Street can soothe the soul when autumn colors are in full bloom.

Perhaps the only downer about autumn in Michigan is that it is too short.

And we all know what comes next. But let's not think about that other season.

Let's enjoy autumn while it's here.



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# Salem's strong effort falls short, 17-14

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Salem football coach Parker Salowich would have been armed with a rewind device Friday night, he would have used it four times during the Rocks' KLAA Central clash with

Salem outgained the Wildcats nearly threeto-one in total yardage, yet was victimized by a handful of pivotal plays in a numbing 17-14 loss in a game played on the PCEP junior varsity football field.



The setback dropped the Rocks to 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the Central. Novi improved to 3-1 and 2-0, respectively.

"If we could have four plays back, we would have won going away," emphasized Salowich. "Even

though we lost, this team turned the corner tonight. The kids remained positive and continued to play hard even when we fell behind 10-0, and I attribute that to our senior leadership and the hard work everybody has been putting in."

Senior running back Anthony Mullins enjoyed a breakout game for the Rocks, rushing for 140 yards on 25 carries and one TD.

We kept feeding him the ball and he ran really hard with great pad level," said Salowich of Mullins. "Our offensive line was dominant tonight. They took a step toward the potential we all knew they had."

Paving the way for Mullins' big night were tackles Drew Grabowski and Blake Abbey; guards Ed Merhi and Dana Baltazar: and

center Zach Pelech.

Novi opened the scoring mid-way through the second quarter when Chris Bellamy scored on a short run to make it 7-0.

Wildcat senior kicker Dan Kilger elevated Novi's halftime lead to 10-0 with a 20-yard field goal a short time before the intermission.

Salem hit paydirt for the first time early in the fourth quarter when Mullins bulldozed in from six yards out to bring the Rocks to within 10-7.

Please see SALEM, B3

## Whalers drop opener, 4-2

A sluggish start doomed the Plymouth Whalers in Friday night's season-opener at Kitchener.

The Whalers fell behind 2-0 in first period and never recov-



ered, dropping a 4-2 decision to the Rangers. Jeff Skinner, the Rangers' first-round pick in last

spring's Ontario Hockey League draft, proved to be the catalyst as he tallied three points in his OHL debut.

Veteran Kitchener forward Scott Timmins ignited the night's scoring with a powerplay lamp-lighter off an assist from Skinner with 1:55 left in the opening stanza. Timmins struck again 1:50 later with another power-play tally that was assisted by Jason Akeson and Ben Shutron.

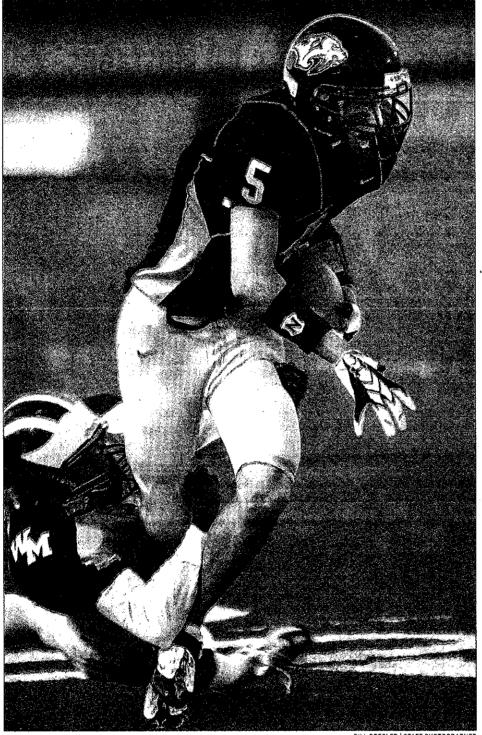
The hosts extended their lead to 3-0 4:21 into the second period on Skinner's first OHL goal

Six minutes later he scored again to make it 4-0.

Monroe native R.J. Mahalak accounted for both Whaler goals - one with 5:18 left in the second and the other at the 12:21 mark of the third.

Tyler J. Brown and Joe Gaynor picked up helpers on Mahalak's first goal while Ryan Hayes and Vern Cooper assisted on the second.

Skinner, Timmins and Mahalak were voted the game's three stars.



Plymouth's Travis Mewton returns an interception during Friday night's 38-8 Wildcat victory over Wayne Memorial. Altogether, the Wildcats forced six turnovers - three fumbles and three interceptions.

## 'Cats make Zebras pay for T0's, 38-8

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

For a defense like Plymouth's that refers to forced turnovers as "money balls", Friday night's game against Wayne Memorial was like winning the Mega Millions lottery.

The Wildcats stole the ball from the Zebras six times — three fumble recoveries and a trio of interceptions — in their 38-8 rout at the PCEP varsity football stadium.

The turnover-fest/victory improved Plymouth to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Zebras slipped to 0-4 and 0-2, respectively.

"We work on forcing turnovers every practice - we call it the 'turnover period'," explained Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "We work on stripping the ball and we want to intercept the ball, not knock it

The Zebras had a hard time moving the ball even when they did hang on to it as Plymouth outgained them 390-155 in total yards. The lop-sided numbers are extra impressive considering Plymouth played the entire first half without its first-string running back — senior Terrance Guthridge - and the entire game without its best defensive lineman — junior Darrell Cohn.

"We worked on a lot of fundamentals after last week's game (a 26-16 loss to Canton)," said Sawchuk. "We worked mainly on the defensive line squeezing and not coming up field so much. The kids were focused all week and my assistant coaches did a great job of coaching them up."

Wayne's first three drives were halted by a pair of give-aways and a failed fourthdown conversion from the Wildcats' 31.

"We had some opportunities early, but we failed to make plays and you have to

Please see PLYMOUTH, B3

## Rockets stun Canton in overtime thriller

Westland John Glenn raised more left in regulation followed by Dan than a few eyebrows Friday night, rolling the dice with a two-point conversion play in overtime to stun state-ranked Canton, 36-35.

The host Rockets, who scored just six points after starting the season 0-2, have won two straight are now 2-2 overall and 2-0 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (tied with Livonia Franklin for the lead).

Canton (3-1, 1-1) sent the game into OT with a nine-play, 80-yard drive capped by Rohn Gaudi's 3yard touchdown run with 2:28

Stoney's fourth-straight extra point to make it 28-all.

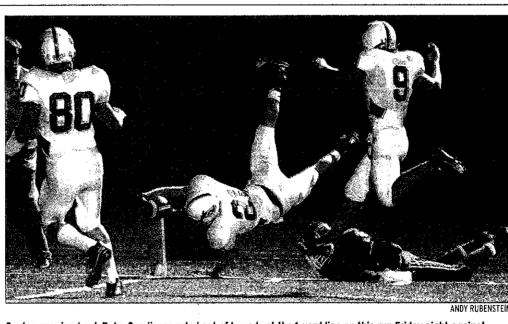
Glenn won the coin flip and elected to go on defense in OT.

Canton scored on Gaudi's 6-yard run and Stoney converted the pointafter to make it 35-28, the Chiefs' first lead of the night.

Glenn answered on the second play of its offensive series when quarterback Jerome Scales scored on a 5-yard run.

The Rockets' rookie coach Tim

Please see CANTON, B2



Canton running back Rohn Gaudi was ruled out of bounds at the 1-yard line on this run Friday night against Westland John Glenn. The Chiefs scored on the next play, but eventually dropped a thrilling 36-35 overtime decision to the Rockets.

## The 2008-09 PCEP

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high school hockey teams are looking for PCEP alumni who played on any of the three high schools' hockey teams to participate in the inaugural alumni hockey game.

The game will be played at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Friday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.. prior to the game between Plymouth and.

Registration forms are available at www. hockey.plymouthwildcats.com/.

For more information, contact coach Darrin Silvester at darrinsilvester@ gmail.com.

#### Lady Ocelots tie 2

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team played backto-back ties at home - 3-3 Tuesday against Davenport University JV and 1-1 Thursday against the Albion College JV.

For the Lady Ocelots (4-0-2), the deadlock against Davenport was tough because the opponent scored two late goals to draw even.

"We broke down mentally and lost our focus," noted Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman. "It was a tough blow for our players, because of the hard work they put in and the quality of the goals (they) created."

He singled out a 25-yard "screamer" by Kate Gilbert as one of the Schoolcraft highlights. Assisting on the goal was Stephanie Gutowski. Also scoring for Schoolcraft were Canton's Clare Baptist (Plymouth) and Tara Pietela.

Against Albion, Ally King (Livonia Stevenson) scored from Katie Shull (Canton/Salem) late in the first half to even the match at 1-1 and both teams played a scoreless second half.

"We had several chances that we just didn't capitalize on," Shivraman said.



THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 26 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Canton, 7 n.m.

Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.

Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26
PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 23
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Roeper at PCA, 7 p.m.

Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27
PCA at Huron Valley
Lutheran Tourney, TBA
Salem at Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Plymouth at Canton at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.

Novi at Salem at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27
Plymouth boys at Falcon Invite, TBA
Plymouth and Salem girls
at Haslett Invite, TBA

BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Sept. 22
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 24
Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at Novi, 4 p.m.
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South Lyon at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
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Salem at Woodhaven
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GIRLS GOLF

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Monday, Sept. 22
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth
at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. South Lyon East at Salem
at Fellows Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton
at Hilltop, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24
John Glenn at Plymouth
at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m.
Northville at Salem

at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26 Plymouth at Franklin, 3 p.m.

Salem at Stevenson at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.

Canton at Churchill at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. GIRLS SWIMMING

Wednesday, Sept. 24
Franklin at Plymouth
at Salem pool, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25
Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Sant. 27

Saturday, Sept. 27 Rock Mauer Invitational

at Salem, noon WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 23 Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27
S'craft at Spartanburg Methodist (S.C.), TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Saturday, Sept. 27

Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Sunday, Sept. 21 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 4 n.m.

Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 1 p.m

Tuesday, Sept. 23 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26 Madonna vs. Siena Heights

at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m Saturday, Sept. 27

Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m TBA – time to be announced.

Thursday, Sept. 25

PREP BOYS SOCCER Tuesday, Sept. 23
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

#### TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 Sept. 17 at Plymouth No. 1 singles: Pat Onoro (P) defeated

Pavid McCown, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Aaron Zhang (P) def. Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Matt Dwan (P) def. Jesse English, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Kevin Sample (WM) def. Wen Ning, 4-6,

No. 1 doubles: Max Korpalski-Pat Bailey (P) def. Hui Li-Dan Wilson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Andy Mitchell-Alex Berk (P) def. Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** Tom Eggleston-John Lopus (P) def. Stephen Gush Josh Estepp, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Drew Leist-Hank Eckardt (P) def. John McTigue-C.J. Kulas, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Cheng Chen-Grant Senkbiel (P) def. Stephen McNamara-Mike Toms, 6-0, 6-0. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 5-1

SALEM 5 SOUTH LYON 4 Sept. 16 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (S) defeated Doohak Kim, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Brock Foster (S) def. Willie Spears, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Dion Walker (S) def. Kyle Gordon, 6-2, 2-2 (retired); No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Mike Detizio, 6-4, 7-6

No. 1 doubles: Josh Perrin/John Kang (S) def. Colin Johnston-Andrew Martella, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 2:** Kyle Sitar-Alex Whybra (SL) def. Andy Steinman-Jose Peres, 6-1, 6-1; **No.** 3: George Wellimer-Jared Timm (SL) def Surya Nagarajan-Mike Keun, 7-6, 6-0; No. 4: Kyle Wilson-Matt Berbiscus (SL) def. Tyler Foley-Zenik Pelekh, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; **No. 5:** Tom Slankard-Eric Quang (SL) def. Alex Porambo-Vishnu Rajendran, 6-2, 6-2.

SALEM 8 SOUTH LYON EAST 1

South Lyon EAST Sept. 17 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (S) defeated Kevin Renehan, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; No. 2: Brock Foster (S) def. Chris Kyanko, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Tudor Bohmaba (SLE) def. Dion Walker, 6-1, 6-4; No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Ryan Bension, 6-0, 6-0 nnison, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 1 doubles:** Josh Perrin-John Kang

(S) def. Brooks Emke-Robert Romeo, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Andy Steinman-Jose Peres (S) 6-0; No. 2: Andy Stellman-Jose Peres (S) def. Mats Stanulet-Evan Bischoff, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Surya Nagarajan-Michael Keum (S) def. Jared Slanski-David Dennison, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Zenik Pelekh-Tyler Foley (S) def. Nick Charney-Nash Saravanan, 6-1, 6-1, No. 5: Bohdan Pelekh-Greg Selewski (S) def. Bobby Brothers-Brandon Kuhsman, 6-1, 6-0.

CANTON 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL O

Tuesday at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Mike Darouie (C) defeated
David McCown, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Justin Liedel
(C) def. Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3:
Ryan Hanz (C) def. Jesse English, 6-1, 6-1; No.
4: Riley Hoernschemeyer (C) def. C.J. Kulas,

No. 1 doubles: David Kang-Jeremy Lindlbauer (C) def. Hui Li-Dan Wilson, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** David Ding-Adam Payne (C) def. Michael Gabriel-Zach Lanton, 6-0, 6-1; **No.** Michael Gabriel-Zach Lanton, 6-0, 6-1, No. 3: Santosh Shanmuga-Avhi Katti (Of. 66. Stephen Gush-Josh Estep, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: John Mosley-Jimmy LaFontaine (C) def. Justin iller-Jacob Bean, 6-2, 6-1; No. 5: Steve Lee-Austin Payne (C) def. Josh Higgs-Michael Battaliga, 6-0, 6-1.

**CANTON 9** CANTON 9
JOHN GLENN 0
Wednesday at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Mike Darouie (C) def. Zach
Ernat, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Justin Liedel (C) def.
Nik Hubbard, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Ryan Hanz (C)
def. Khari Stargell, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Riley
Hoernschemeyer (C) won by default.
No. 1 doubles: David Kang-Jeremy

Lindibauer (C) def. Zach Edwards-Mitch Bean 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: David Ding-Adam Payne (C) 6-1, 6-0, No. 2: David Ding-Addin Payie (C) def. Asif Sheikh-Cárlo Tejada, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Santosh Shanmuga-Avhi Katti (C) def. Jacob Toarmina-Tommy Ruark, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: John Mosley-Jimmy LaFontaine (C) def. David Wilton-Wayne Woodard, 6-1, 6-1; No. 5: Steve Lee-Austin Payne (C) def. Karl Lawrence-Nick Stope 6-1, 6-1

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 5-0.

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## 'Cats ready to make waves in KLAA South

meets."

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, September 21, 2008

Plymouth's girls swimming and diving team should be a major player in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division thanks to strong senior leadership and an enviable amount of depth.

"Our overall outlook is positive," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "We will be competitive in the new division and I



Palczynski

led by senior captains Lauren Maslyk and Elle Palczynski.

"Elle has already made her state cut in the 100 breaststroke and I look for her to make it back for the

expect we will have close

The Wildcats will be

second day of the meet again this year," said Schade.

Plymouth's junior class will be headed by Sijia Hao, Michelle Chang, Chantel Cote, Kim Snyder and Madison Tustian.

Among contributing sophomores will be Rachel Huhta, Paige Stevens, Abby Kelly and Kay Borst, who is the team's top diver.

The top newcomer is freshman Stephanie Matsui, who has already registered key performances in the Wildcats' first three dual meets.

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#### SWIM RESULTS

JOHN GLENN 112 PLYMOUTH 73 PLYMOUTH 73
Thrsday at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn
(Jordan Burgess, Casey Peterson, Ashley
Sells, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:01.2]; 2. Plymouth,
2:01.83; 3. John Glenn, 2:13.35.
200 freestyle: 1. Khiry Sparks (JG),
2:08.39; 2. Lauren Masiyk (P), 2:14.89; 3.
Rachael Alholinna (JG), 2:16.94.
200 IM: 1. Ashley Sells (JG), 2:20.19; 2.
Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:24.14; 3. Kali Aloisi
(JG), 2:35.78.

50 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (JG), 26.48; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 26.98; 3. Chantelle Cote (P), 27.74.

1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (JG), 210 points; 2. Jennie Humbach (JG), 170.80; 3. Katy Harris (JG), 157.60. 100 butterfly: 1. Khiry Sparks (J6), 1:07.41; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:07.48; 3. Margaret Wright (JG), 1:15.70.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Casey Peterson (JG), 59.02; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:01.05; 3. Jessica Fielhauer (JG), 1:01.18.

500 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (JG), 5:34.65; 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 5:36.07; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 6:06.45.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Ellen Palczynski, Stephanie Matsui, Lauren Maslyk, Abby Kelly), 1;49.87; 2. John Glenn, 1:53.84; 3. John Glenn

100 backstroke: 1. Ashley Sells (JG), 1:07.46; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:10.28; 3. Rachel Huhta (P), 1:10.70.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski (P), 110.86; 2. Casey Peterson (JG), 1:14.55; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 1:19.57. 400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Kali Aloisi, Ashley Sells, Khiry Sparks, Jordan Burgess), 3:58.77; 2. Plymouth, 4:01.21; 3.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-3.

NORTHVILLE 102
SALEM 81
Wednesday at Northville
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville
(Rachel Brown, Kelly Burford, Becca Myers,
Jessica Weber), 1:58.45; 2. Salem, 2:02.86; 3.
Northville, 2:05.69.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Lauren Seroka (S), 1:59.22; 2. Leah Erlandson (N), 2:09.77; 3. Rachel Brown (N), 2:09.89.

**200 IM: 1.** Emily Nelson (S), 2:19.33; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:20.73; 3. Shannon Lohman (N), 2:21.72.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Jessica Weber (N), 25.37; 2. Becca Myers (N), 26.64; 3. Faith Miller (N),

27.61.

1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting (S),
214.80 points; 2. Jennifer Jones (N), 158.75; 3.
Lauren Bennett (S), 109.40.

100 butterfly: 1. Shannon Lohman (N),
1:02.57; 2. Emily Bair (S), 1:02.86; 3. Faith
Miller (N), 1:06.18.

100 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N), 55.42; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 57.38; 3. Sarah Garrity (N), 1:01.77. 500 freestyle: 1. Lauren Seroka (S),

5:17.34; 2. Emily Bair (S), 5:33.02; 3. Susan Morris (N), 5:47.39. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Becca Myers, Sam Curry, Faith Miller, Jessica Weber), 1:46.46; 2. Salem, 1:46.64; 3.

100 backstroke: 1. Emily Nelson (S), 1:03.37; 2. Rachel Brown (N), 1:05.17; 3. Sara Garrity (N), 1:10.61. 100 breaststroke: 1. Kelly Burford (N), 1:14.84; 2. Sara Spala (S), 1:19.42; 3. A.J. Cohen

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Irene Li, Emily Nelson, Lauren Seroka), 3:54,24; 2. Northville, 4:08.17; 3. Northville, 4:12,29.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 0-1;

## Rampaging Savages help Rocks KO Mustangs, 2-0

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A couple of Savages turned Salem's boys soccer team into a beast Thursday night against Northville.

Lachlan Savage scored two second-half goals — both of which were assisted by junior Sal Savage (no relation) - to lead the Rocks to a 2-0 triumph over the visiting Mustangs on a perfect autumn night for soccer.

The victory boosted the No. 1-ranked Rocks to 13-0-2 overall and 4-0-2 in the **Kensington Lakes Activities** Association's Central Division. Northville slipped to 8-3 and 3-3, respectively.

Lachlan Savage's first netminder came at the 23:56 mark of the second half when he secured a pin-point centering pass from his namesake and ripped a shot past the Mustang net-minder.

Just over 11 minutes later, the Savages tormented the Mustangs again when they pulled nearly an identical goal, although the pass came from the opposite side.

"Both of those goals were

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caliber goals," beamed Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Those guys are really working well together.

I thought our back-line did a great job tonight, too. Tonight was probably our best all-around defensive effort this season.'

Salem junior keeper Sasa Miskovic notched the shutout thanks to a great effort from his supporting cast, namely defenders Matt Calupina, Kevin Cope and Jace Bearden. Jeremy Stoychoff and Dan Radosevich excelled in the middle of the pitch for the win-

The Rocks relentless schedule against state-ranked teams doesn't get any easier. They travel to Livonia Stevenson Tuesday night to take on the Spartans, who sit atop the KLAA Central with a 5-0-1

"Playing a demanding schedule like we have is certainly exciting on one standpoint, but the guys start to get worn down after so many tough matches," said McCarthy. "Hopefully, English Premier First Division- in the long run, it prepares us

for the post-season — that's the ultimate goal. As long as we stay healthy, we should be ready for the playoffs."

**CANTON 4, FRANKLIN 0:** Four different players scored Thursday as the Chiefs (7-3-3, 5-1) stayed in the KLAA-South Division title hunt with a win at Livonia Franklin (1-9-1, 1-

4-1). Scott Zech, Joe Krizanek, Sherif Hassanien and Matt Edwards tallied goals for Canton.

Goalkeepers Nick Turnbull and Kai Walther combined for the shutout for the Chiefs, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Franklin starting goalkeeper Brad Mangune left the game with 30 minutes remaining when he took a knee to the ribs. Josh Sheppard finished up.

The Patriots got strong play from sweeper Steve Trapp, along with center-midfielders Zain Qureshi and Chad Dorton, according to coach Vic Rodopoulos.

JOHN GLENN 3, PLYMOUTH 2: It was a signature win Thursday for the Westland John Glenn boys soccer program.

The Rockets earned a onegoal victory over visiting

Plymouth to improve to 4-8-1 overall and 3-3 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

All the scoring came during the second half as Glenn took a 1-0 lead in the 42nd minute on Sergio Pavan's goal from Jacob Gates. At the 56th minute, Khalid Suleiman scored from Nelson Kenne to make it 2-0 before Plymouth's Vinh Nguyen answered two minutes later on a penalty kick.

Kenne's unassisted goal with 23 minutes left, a free kick inside of 18 yards, proved to be the game-winner.

Plymouth's Daniel Jasewicz cut the deficit to one-goal with 20 minutes remaining.

This is our first surprise, it's the best game we've played in three years since I've been here," said first-year Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada. "We played very strong defense. The second half we controlled it. I'm very happy and it's an important win.

Zach Redden stood out in goal for the Rockets, who avenged a 4-0 setback to the Wildcats (5-7-1, 2-3-1) back on Sept. 2.

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## Salem spikers sweep Wildcats

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Salem's volleyball team served noticed Tuesday night that it should be a force to be reckoned with in 2008.

In a KLAA cross-over match at Plymouth, the Rocks swept the Wildcats: 25-20, 25-20 and 26-28, to improve to 7-1 on the season.

Plymouth slipped to 4-4-2. "Salem served us off the court," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "We could not get a target pass to save our lives. When our reception was on, we got kills every time, but unfortunately, my three

primary passers were off. "Nicole Merget for Salem was great. She has really improved and seems to be their Briana Beyer (22 digs) and

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go-to hitter right now. Jansan Falcusan, as usual, ran the court as general and she got to second balls that we thought could have been points for us."

Merget compiled 18 kills, five digs and three aces. Falcusan added 20 digs, 32 set assists and three aces while Kerry MacDonald registered 17 digs.

"I thought we played very, very well," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "Nicole's attack caused Plymouth a lot of Briana Beyer (47 digs) Kayla problems."

Katie Salo turned in a solid effort for the Wildcats, notching 22 assists and 10 digs. Also shining for the 'Cats were Kayla Bridge, who racked up eight kills and nine digs.

'Cats' 0-2-2 at Pinckney

Plymouth's volleyball team went 0-2-2 at Saturday's Pinckney Invitational

The Wildcats dropped the first match, 26-24 and 25-12 to the host Pirates before splitting with Ann Arbor Huron (23-25 and 25-22) and West

Bloomfield (25-16 and 22-25). Plymouth dropped its first match of the playoffs, 25-22

and 25-23, to Pinckney. Leading the Wildcats were Bridge (27 kills and 19 digs), Mandy McManus (24 kills) and Katie Salo, who recorded 63 assists and 21 digs. Beyer was named to the All-Tournament team.

Hardin then took a page out of the Mike Shanahan playbook by going for two and the win. Junior running back Jeremy Langford then found a gaping hole in the Canton line and scored the game-winner, sending the Rockets' players and fans into a wild celebration.

Langford, a 6-foot, 185pound junior, finished with a team-high 117 yards rushing on 21 carries. He also caught five passes for 81 yards.

Glenn bolted out to a 14-0 first-quarter lead on Langford's 11-yard run, capping an eightplay, 80-yard drive followed by Scales' 40-yard TD burst after the Rockets recovered a fumble at the Canton 40.

In the second quarter, Canton got on the board when quarterback Kevin Delapaz hit Arron Boudreaux on a 19-yard TD pass with 6:36 left, but Glenn took a 21-7 lead into intermission when Langford scored on a 12-yard run followed Anthony Reakoff's PAT.

In the third period, Canton pulled to within 21-14 when Delapaz scored on a 5-yard run and the Chiefs pulled even at 21 with 8:38 left in the game when Kiere Daniels scored on a 1-yard run to cap a seven-play, 75-yard drive.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Glenn's Kyren Boyd raced 91 yards for school-record TD (tying the mark held by Brandon Pratt set in 2005).

Canton had the edge in total offense, 308-271, as Gaudi rushed for 126 yards on 21 attempts.

The Chiefs also had the edge in first downs, 16-13.

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make plays in this game," said first-year Wayne coach Kevin Weber. "It's important now that the guys remain confident even though we're down. It's going to be tough to stay up, but that's what we have to do.'

Despite outgaining their visitors 213 yards to 45 in the first half, the Wildcats' lead was just 9-0. All the points came off the right toe of sophomore kicker Kyle Brindza, who drilled field goals of 39, 32 and

Brindza also boomed all but two kick-offs into the end zone, leaving the Zebras with less-than-desirable field position throughout the night.

When you make a team go 80 yards every drive, that's huge," said Sawchuk. "I think the average starting position for high school is around the 35, so that extra 15 yards is big psychologically."

The contest remained tight until the latter stages of the third quarter when Guthridge zig-zagged through a maze of Zebras to score on a 32-yard run, upping the 'Cats' advantage to 16-0 with 1:29 left in the stanza.

Twenty seconds later, Plymouth defensive back Travis Mewton picked off a Nick Kostora pass at the Wayne 20 and returned it to the 7-yard line.

Three players later, Plymouth quarterback Matt Skubik hit James Emminger with an 8-yard TD strike. After Guthridge ran in

the two-point conversion, Plymouth led 24-0.

The Wildcats closed their scoring when Guthridge burst over from one yard out with 10:11 left and on back-up QB Ryan Barrera's 32-yard scamper with 7:17 to go.

Wayne scored with 45 seconds to play when Nick Mills connected on a 26-yard scoring strike with Ashton Smith. Mills then ran in the two-point conversion.

"I kind of expected our offensive execution to come around slowly because the guys are learning a new system, but I thought it would go faster than it has," said Weber. "We have to start eliminating the mental mistakes and making more plays."

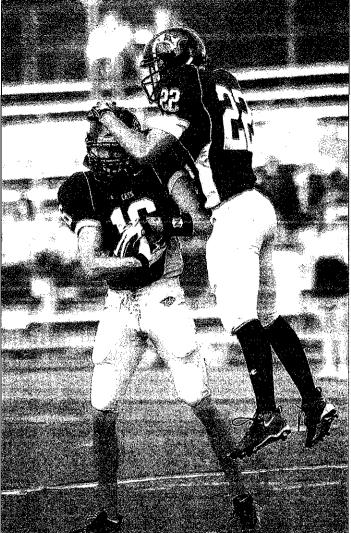
Skubik had a solid night for Plymouth, completing 11-of-22 passes for 140 yards. The senior signal-caller also ran six times for 48 yards.

Guthridge picked up 94 yards on 10 second-half carries while his first-half stand-in

- junior Thomas Whitlow - churned out 39 yards on 10 attempts.

Skubik's favorite targets were senior tight end Ronnie Goble, who grabbed three aerials for 64 yards - including a 32-yarder when he caromed through the Zebras' secondary like a bowling ball through pins - and senior wide receiver Zach Hamed, who snared four spirals for 29 yards.

Joining Mewton in the forced-turnover category were Jake Gilbert, Gerald Ferguson and Tyler Grosh, all of whom



Plymouth's Connor Martin (22) congratulates teammate Mike Rose following his second-quarter interception against Wayne Memorial Friday night.

recovered fumbles; and Justin Congdon and Michael Rose, who picked off passes.

Kostora completed 8-of-18 passes for 46 yards.

Mills, who relieved Kostora in the fourth quarter, was the

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the Zebras.

Zebras' top ground-gainer

with 28 yards on four carries.

Kassis recovered fumbles for

Richard Haley and Jimmy

Moments later, the key play of the game unfolded when Novi's Paul Favorite grabbed the ensuing kickoff at the 2-yard line and dashed 98 yards to expand the Wildcats' advantage to 17-7.

Salem cut its deficit to 17-14 on its next possession when quarterback Heath Parling snuck over from the 1 with approximately

five minutes to play. However, Novi managed to pick up a few key first downs and never gave the ball back to Salem. Along with the huge kickoff return, Novi recovered a Salem fumble at the Wildcat 2 and it returned an interception deep into Salem territory to set up its first TD. The Rocks also misfired on a pair of short to medium-length field goals.

"Our middle linebacker — Chris Watkins —was fantastic," said Salowich, "He called the entire defensive game for us."



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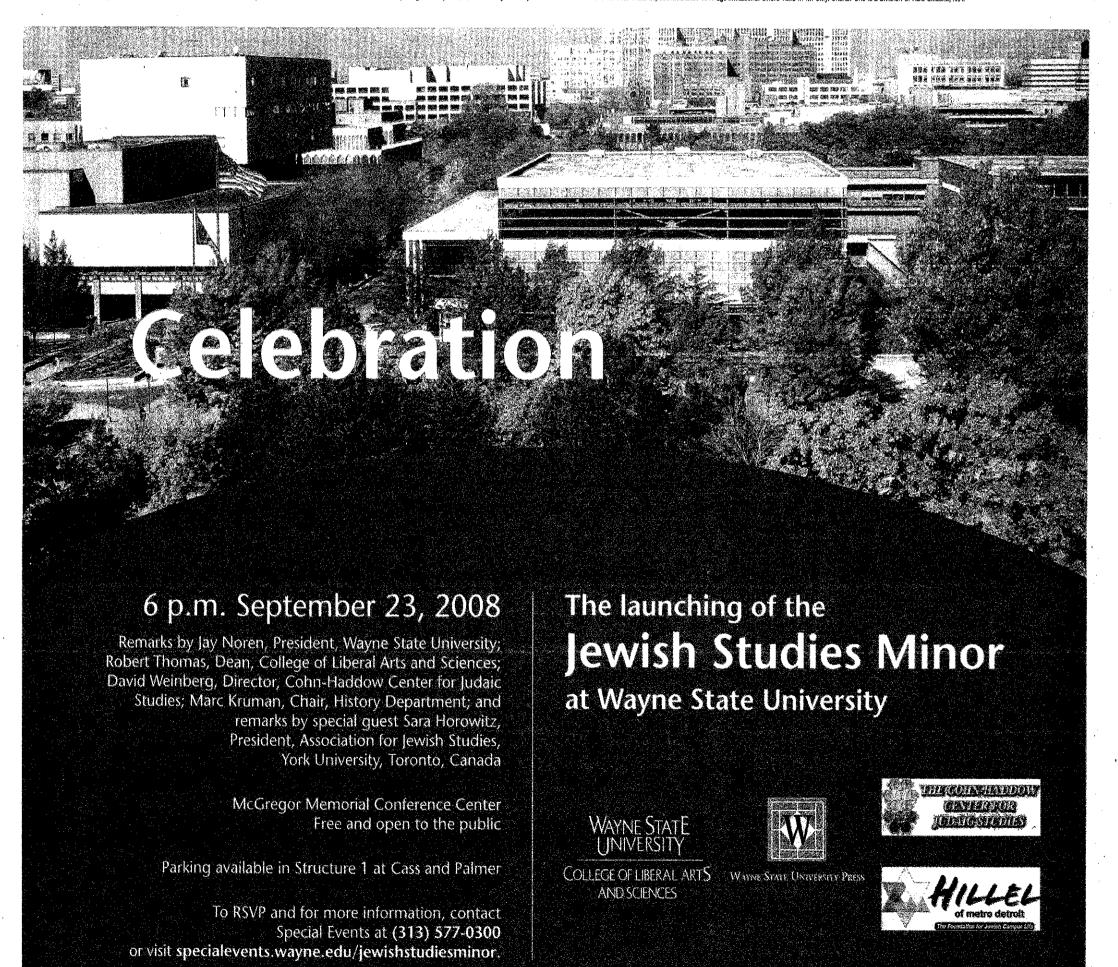


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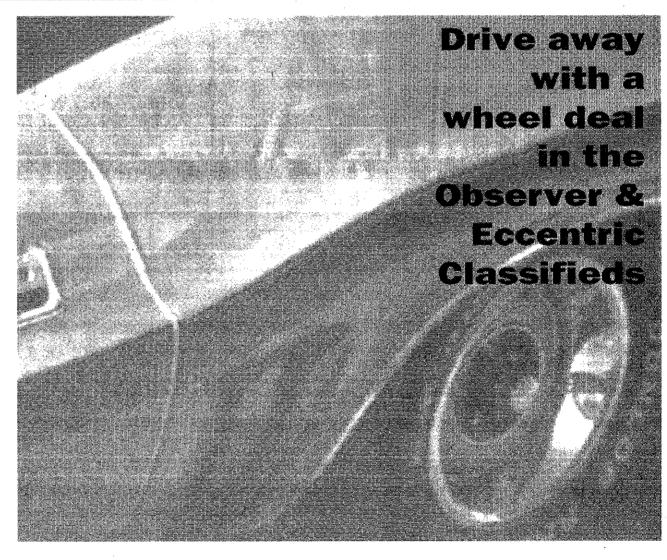
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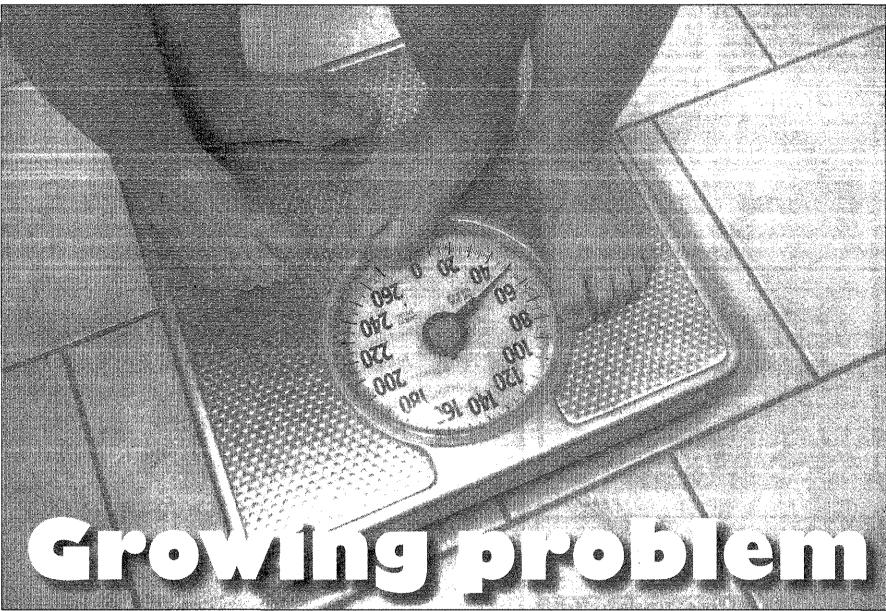
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## Conference addresses increase in childhood obesity

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Dr. Thomas Robinson says the increase in childhood obesity is nothing less than scary when it comes to the issues of health and economics. The trend, which many have called an epidemic, effects everything from the cost of larger chairs and desks in schools to more than \$2 trillion for health care, not to mention the growing number of people suffering with preventable diseases.

An internationally recognized authority on childhood obesity, Robinson is a widely respected researcher at Stanford University as well as a pediatrician. He talks about the subject as keynote speaker for the Fighting Childhood Obesity conference Saturday, Sept. 27, at Oakland Schools in Waterford.

Robinson is professor of pediatrics and medicine in the division of General Pediatrics and the Stanford Prevention Research Center at the School of Medicine, and director of the Center for Healthy Weight at Stanford University and Lucille

Packard Children's Hospital in Calif. "It's not just a cosmetic issue," said Robinson. "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prediction is kids being born this decade, 1 in 3 is projected to have diabetes in their lifetime, an African-American or Latino girl is 1 in 2, and that's just one of the health consequences. In addition we're seeing non alcoholic fatty liver disease, which in a quarter of cases can progress to cirrhosis, indistinguishable from alcohol cirrhosis and the number one reason for liver transplants in the not too distant future.

Marcia Gershenson is so concerned about the ramifications of increasing childhood obesity the Oakland County Commissioner is working with government, schools and hospitals to find a solution. She's inviting parents, children, teachers and health care workers to attend the sessions on nutrition, fitness and the psychology of overeating. A scholarship is available for those who can't afford the \$10 conference fee.

"We want to show how do you shop economically and healthy when both parents work," said Gershenson, a former school teacher. "This is a population we really need to get to. This is the first generation of children facing adult diseases like heart



Robinson

disease and diabetes.
We've become a computerized culture.
Physical education is not stressed."
Robinson blames the

fast food industry for part of the increase in obesity, but technology such as the microwave

has also made it easy for children to eat fatty, processed foods. India and China are experiencing similar problems because of Westernization of their lifestyle. "There are thousands of causes but

in general we've created a society in which we have very inexpensive, highly palatable, tasty food that's everywhere, 64-ounce sodas packed with calories, and we've engineered opportunities for less physical activity. Because of the invention of the microwave we have food that didn't exist 20, 30 years ago.

"The food industry is spending over \$6 billion a year to advertise to children, McDonald's alone spent \$1.7 billion. We did a study with ages 3 to 5 in Headstart who were given identical foods packed in a McDonald's wrapper and a plain wrapper. Overwhelmingly asked if one tasted better, they said if they thought it was from McDonald's it tasted better, That was the case for hamburgers, chicken nuggets, milk or carrots."

Since Robinson completed his medical residency in 1991, he's watched the numbers of obese children rise and decided to make the crisis the focus of his life's work.

"Obesity is manifesting earlier and earlier and carrying into their adults lives," said Robinson, who grew up eating fresh vegetables and fruits in Birmingham. He's a product of Cranbrook's Brookside School in Bloomfield Hills. "Kids at the upper spectrum are much larger and heavier. A child comes in and we measure and weigh them and parents don't realize they're overweight because they look like other kids. Parents worry because they look too thin. It's obvious to most people we've seen a dramatic increase in the population as a whole to the point where people look at kids who seem to be quite heavy and they seem to be the norm."

For too long, Robinson said, medical authorities have preached about the consequences of obesity without seeing results.

"We have to come up with meth-

ods that are fun and rewarding and promoting health," said Robinson. We've done some work to get kids excited about watching less TV which reduced the amount of eating in front of TV and was replaced with more activity. We're doing after school ethnic dance classes for girls in Oakland with hip hop and traditional African dance, in Redwood City with Mexican folklorico. We started an after school sports league for just overweight kids who are usually the last one picked and slowest one on the field, and compared them to other kids on a regular sports league and they lost more weight."

Robinson tries to apply his beliefs to his life as well.

"I don't go to the gym, I like activities like mountain biking, skiing and snowboarding in winter," said Robinson. "It's important parents expose kids to fresh fruits and vegetables. I enjoy gardening and growing my own food so that makes it more fun to eat. It's as much about saving ourselves as saving the planet. If we eat more fruits and vegetables and less meat it's a smaller carbon footprint. The environmental damage from hamburgers alone in the U.S. is greater than that from all of the sports utility vehicles because of all the land required, all the methane released. Some people may not change their lifestyle because of their health, but may change their diet because it has an impact on the environment. It's certainly in the best interest of the auto industry to look for ways to reduce the rate of obesity and in so doing the cost of health

care." Dr. Paul Ehrmann is as concerned as Robinson about the growing number of obese children. As a family physician he's seen weight skyrocket over the last 27 years. That's why he founded the Children's Health Initiative Program (www.chipkids. com), the topic of his session on Sept. 27. Ehrmann, a West Bloomfield resident, was recently honored as one of Crain's Health Care Heroes. His book, "Generation XL - The Childhood Obesity Pandemic: A Community Based Solution," tells how to implement the no-cost, 5week CHIP program. It is due out at year's end. So far three pilot programs have involved himself, a psychologist, registered dietitian and physical therapist covering the topics of nutrition, positive lifestyle modi-

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fication and the psychology behind

"It takes a grassroots core of people to develop and implement the ideas," said Ehrmann. "I tried to get people at the table from four different areas in the community — health, business, education and municipal government - to get a no cost program that would be delivered by our health instructor team. The beauty of the program is it's not a grant based program. It's funded by voluntary business donations through the local chamber. So far it's been done in Royal Oak, Southfield and Flat Rock. It's all voluntary. The community has to be engaged. We get them started and then get out of the way.'

Ehrmann admits the CHIP program is a start not a solution.

"Five weeks doesn't make a lifetime. We need to sustain the information we give to the kids and parents, but we need first to get mom and dad on board. I'm going to take people through the program, hopefully inspire people there to say, 'hey we want to get involved'."

Ehrmann says he's like the bottle

carrying the message. "We need to get involved with this issue because it's going to affect our children," said Ehrmann. "25 to 35 percent of our children are overweight or obese. There are 10 to 15 million children that need help. The amount of overweight children has quadrupled over the last 40 years. I think it has to be a national movement in terms of cost and health. They're projecting \$4 trillion in health care costs. 70 percent of all chronic illness is preventable. Prevention is much easier than treating disease."

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK SEPTEMBER

Ovarian cancer walk

Janis Warren Walk for Ovarian Cancer 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Drake Sports Park, 6801 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. Proceeds go to cancer research at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. For more information, visit janiswalk.org.

Health fair/open house

1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Bring the family for a day of fun, food and games, tours of radiology and surgery departments. Learn about healthy living from fitness guru Peter Nielsen. For information about the hospital, visit www.hvsh.org.

Crohn's fund-raiser

In memory of Jessica Rowe who died from complications of Crohn's disease a little over a year ago at age 25, Mini-Golf Outing 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at PUTTERZ miniature golf and games, 2675 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti. All proceeds donated to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. Call Pat at (734) 434-283, Roger (313) 608-4903, or Sharon (734) 788-6391 for information.

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Annual David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity Ride Sunday, Sept. 21. includes raffle drawing for a custom designed Harley Davidson-powered motorcycle, and fully-escorted, scenic 50-mile ride through northern Oakland County back roads and the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert at DTE Energy Theatre. Registration \$30 driver, \$25 passenger, includes lawn seat concert ticket, lunch. Since concert tickets are limited, preregistration encouraged. Visit www. leukemiamichigan.org or call (248) 353-8222. Proceeds support Michigan families battling leukemia and lymphoma through . support services provided by Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

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Secret of health

With Lorraine Stefano 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 23, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832 or www.communityhouse. com, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27, and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia, (734) 432-5804 or www. madonna.edu. For information, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com.

Mothers, daughters, sisters luncheon Geralyn Lucas, a 13-year breast cancer survivor and author of "Why I Wore Lipstick to My Mastectomy," is the keynote speaker at the fourth annual Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Shenandoah Golf, Banquet & Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield. Proceeds benefit the future Francee & Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, opening spring 2009. Tickets \$100; boutique shopping and valet parking included. For tickets or details. call (248) 853-3636.

Free foot screenings

Some 82,000 Americans lose feet or limbs to diabetes each year. The American Diabetes Association offers free foot screenings 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 23 Michigan locations. Local podiatrists volunteer time to conduct exams and answer questions. To find a site or for information, call 1-888-DIABETES or visit diabetes.org/detroit.

Autism open house Enjoy a free evening of food, education and networking for families and friends affected by autism and other developmental disabilities 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Autism Connections, 42627 Garfield, Suite 214, Clinton Twp. Come hear presentations, tour the facility and learn about resources and services offered. Children's activities also available. Judson Center and The Detroit Institute for Children (DIC) partner together to provide comprehensive services for families of children with autism and other developmental disabilities through Autism Connections. For information or to RSVP, call (313) 578-4514 or e-mail leigh.

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## An easy exercise for upper body, and quick and healthy snack options



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Peter Nielsen

Vic from Royal Oak e-mailed for tips on maximizing upper body strength.

Vic, here is one that is sure to fit the bill! One arm dumbbell rows build the biceps, forearm flexors, lats, traps, rhomboids and deltoids.

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Exhale when you lift the dumbbell and inhale when you return it to the starting position. Do 3 to 5 sets of 10 reps of this exercise using both arms. It is excellent for isolating muscles on each side of your body and developing balance in your upper torso. It just shows that rowing is good for a lot more than just moving a boat through water. Karen from Walled Lake gets snacky in the afternoon while at work. She wonders if there is anything good she can eat instead

of chips.

Karen, try some pistachio nuts or sunflower seeds. They are a great afternoon snack and good for you. In fact, a recent study found both pistachio nuts and sunflower seeds lower your cholesterol and are good for your heart. But remember, too much of a good thing can be bad.

Nuts and seeds pack 150 to 200 calories per ounce, so limit your snacking to only 1 or 2 ounces.

Also, many nuts and seeds can be very salty, so look for those marked unsalted. They are better for you.

Peter Nielsen is a fitness expert and owner of Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield, and Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield. If you have a health or fitness question, e-mail him at www.peternielsen.com.

## P-C Steelers dominate Railsplitters

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, September 21, 2008

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad dominated Lincoln Saturday afternoon, 46-12, to improve its record to 3-0. The winners' ground game was led by Kyle Cameron, who followed the pancake blocks of Udayveer Singh and Owen Ash. The Steelers' defensive unit was energized by Derek Young. Cameron Stella and Avery Simms, who helped keep the 'Splitters at bay all dav.

The Steelers junior varsity contingent rocked Lincoln, 34-6, as they tallied 21 points on their first three drives. Christopher Vos played well on both sides of the ball while Rodney Allen, Jr. was a force on the defensive side. Matt Ramey and Justin Sydlowski also turned in pivotal performances on defense.

Offensively, Jacob Sydlowski paced the Steelers' attack with over 100 yards rushing, while Dakota Lynn ripped off a few large gains as well.

The Steelers freshmen scored early and often in their 32-7 rout of the Railsplitters. Offensively, Kyle Burnette excelled for P/C while McKenzie Marco and Vincent VanDerRoest shined for the "Steel Curtain." Christian Peterson recovered a pair of fumbles; and Ben Smyth and Luke Walkley made life difficult for the hosts all afternoon.

#### Lions' varsity wins

The Canton Lions varsity squad defeated Rochester, 19-6, Sunday afternoon in a clash played at Rochester Stony Creek High School. Playing on a rainslickened surface, the Lions were paced offensively by Malcolm Hollingsworth and Jordan Ciciotti. One of their three TD's came on a Jamarl Eiland-to-Luke Denzer scoring pass.

Defensively, the winners were led by Nate Emminger, Kyle Durham and Scott Gring.

The Lions junior-varsity contingent dropped a hard-fought 26-12 decision. Canton's touchdowns came on runs by Kenny Arnold (two yards) and Tristan Rainey, who bolted 36 yards to paydirt.

Defensive standouts included Daniel Jipping, James Hall, Evan Thomas (interception), Charles Turfe, Nathan Hamel, Tyler Langer and Forest Hall.

The Lions freshmen unit lost 20-0 in a hard-hitting contest.

#### JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

The defense received strong play from Kyrece Smith, Spence Vantiem, Evan Voyles and William Bode. Providing strong blocking for the offense were Ethan Balogh, Colton Weloch, Eric Daniels and Joseph Glunt, all of whom paved the way for Jacob Miller, Victor Abraham and Jason Arnold.

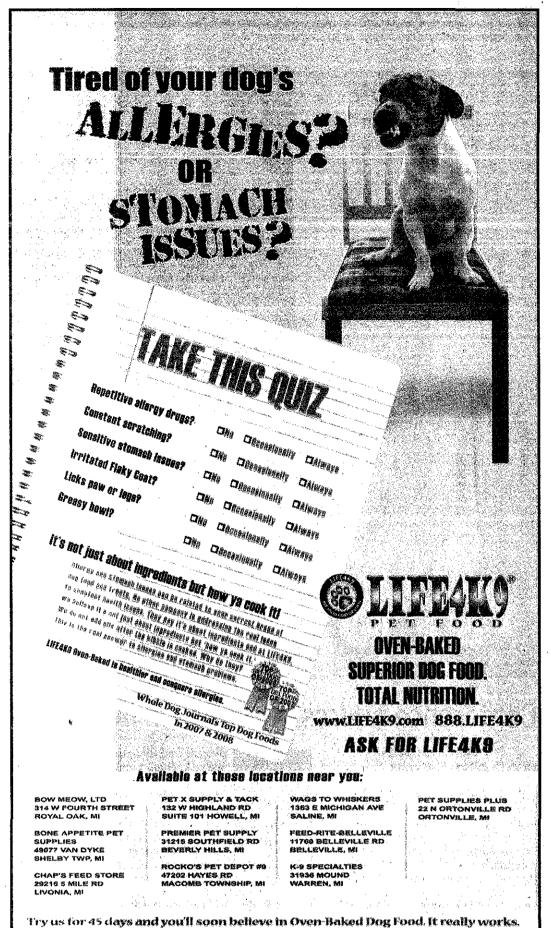
The junior freshmen gave the Redskins more than they could handle thanks to inspired play from Adam Pitcole, Preston Sokol, Nathan Hunt, Cody Tapp, Cameron Wilborn, Mason Lamarand, Jason Todd, Mathew Pelukas and Luke Bonifacio. Steven Shoats-Thomas ignited the offense late in the game with an exciting catch and run from quarterback Mitch McKenzie.





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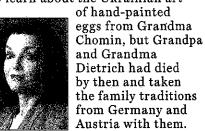
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## Club keeps its Italian culture alive

omeone in the Ukrainian community asked me not too long ago what part of the country my father's parents came from. I wish I knew so I could research my ancestry. I'd like to know more about the cultures my grandparents left behind in their native countries.

When we were younger my brother and sister and I were able to learn about the Ukrainian art



Linda Chomin

We probably wouldn't have been able to hear German spoken anyway. In those days immi-

grants like Grandma and Grandpa Dietrich only spoke English and were almost ashamed of their heritage and the ability to be bilingual. Times have changed and Vito

Guarano is making sure his two young children keep their family heritage alive by joining the Italian American Club of Livonia. By the time Francesca, 2, and Giovanni, 10 weeks,

#### **COLUMBUS DAY DINNER DANCE**

What: Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by family style dinner and dancing to Eclipse. Formal evening attire required When: Sunday, Oct. 12, doors opens at 4 p.m. Where: Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Tickets: \$50 per person, no charge for children under age 5. Réservations must be received by Monday, Oct. 6. Call (248) 980-5419 or mail check payable to Italian

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reach elementary school age they'll be able to take advantage of the Italian language classes and a variety of activities at the club. Guarano

became interested in the club when he and his soon-tobe wife Kathryn were looking for a place for their wedding recep-

tion. After only three years as a member, he is chairing the 31st annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance featuring an array of Italian foods from pasta to "lots of bread" on Oct. 12. The Italian of the Year will be honored as well.

"I wanted to really have a place where I can take my wife and children for them to be a party more to their heritage," said Guarano, 37.

Family is very important to Guarano, who grew up in Farmington Hills and still lives

"Both of my parents, Cristoforo and Guissepa, are from Sicily so I already know a lot of the old Sicilian dialect which is not spoken any more," said Guarano. "The club is a place where we can go and be a family at a social club and the culture doesn't get lost in translation."

Guarano is doing his part to preserve his heritage by taking a more active role in the membership and cultural committees. He's extremely proud of the organization that will reward 10, \$1,000 scholarships to high school students at the dinner. Among the recipients are Angela Tomassini, Robert Lagerstrom, Hannah Heedum, and Nicola Canzano of Livonia; Vincent Moceri of West Bloomfield; and Paige Aiello of Rochester Hills.

"I want to try to understand more about the club, why we don't attract younger people. There is a teen club in the early stages of trying to get started," said Guarano. "My crusade is to build that younger crowd."

Linda Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2145 or by e-mail at Ichomin@hometownlife.com.



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Participants watch as local celebrities walk the runway during the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion.

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## Redford Suburban League members promise another spectacular fashion show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Pat Rutenbar admits she's a beggar when it comes to asking for money and items for the 30 baskets she assembles every year for the Redford Suburban League's celebrity fashion show. A benefit for the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City, the Oct. 15 event includes a luncheon, craft boutique, and raffles of at least 100 prizes including Rutenbar's gift baskets.

Last year the Redford woman found so many bargains her husband built her a barn to house the items.

Raffle tickets are \$1, or 6 for \$5, and available at the fashion show in Burton Manor in Livonia.

"I shop all year long for the theme baskets for Halloween to Thanksgiving and Christmas. I get what's on sale," said Rutenbar, the Redford resident who cochairs the event with Carol Herrick. "I spend about \$1,500 to \$1,700. The ladies in the League are very generous. They donate the money. If I don't have enough my husband says to put some in. It takes four people to load up the baskets. Over the years the event has raised nearly \$600,000."

Now in its 35th year, the League has donated to a variety of children's charities but decided after last year's show to make Burger the sole beneficiary of its efforts. Members from Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Garden City, Southfield, Waterford, Commerce, and Port Huron

#### **FALL FESTIVAL OF FASHION**

What: Celebrities modeling the latest designs for women and men, luncheon, craft show, and raffles to benefit Burger School for Students with Autism When: Boutique opens at 9 a.m., luncheon at noon followed by fashion show, entertainment and raffles Where: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia Tickets: \$45, and available by calling Miriam at (734) 981-6003

work for months to ensure the success of the Fall Festival of Fashion, This year Lord & Taylor in Twelve

Oaks and Men's Wearhouse in Novi are providing the latest designs for the show hosted by Doris Biscoe and Rich Fisher. In addition to Rutenbar's baskets, the first prize being raffled is a two-week stay at a Orange Lake Country Club

condo in Orlando courtesy of Cynthia Jamieson. Second is \$1,000 cash in memory of Robert J. Howes. Orin Jewelers donated the third prize of an 18K gold necklace and earrings. Even though the event has always sold out, Herrick is concerned about

filling seats since many more women work outside of the home compared to when the show started. The League has

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WDIV meteorologist Paul Gross, left, pairs up with Tracy Gary of WNIC as the two walk the runway during the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival



**Audrey Sommers** of the Catholic **Television Network** walks the runway with actor Robert Paul during the Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion in 2007.

## Local job fair aimed at helping veterans

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

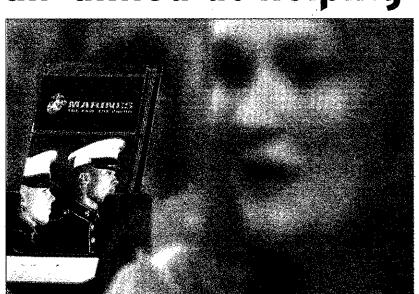
Gregory Hallman has been looking for a job since returning to Michigan after four years in the U.S. Army. The Redford man was discharged in July

Hallman is among an ever increasing number of veterans in search of employment. He saw combat in Iraq and suffers from post traumatic stress syndrome.

Although not all vets have disabilities, each seems to encounter barriers once back home. It's Reneé Brzeg's job as a veteran employment specialist for the State of Michigan to help these men and women. Last Tuesday, she and Lori Howard, a veteran employment specialist in Lansing, were busy organizing a job fair to hook up employers and potential employees on Thursday, Sept. 25, at the V.F.W. Post 345 in Redford.

Hallman has a wife and children, ages 9 and 4, to support. He said his PTSD doesn't hinder his ability to perform a job.

Hallman had come into the Michigan Works Livonia Service Center to work with Brzeg on his resume. He has worked construction but was hoping for a clerical position while he attends Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Hallman never thought about a career in nursing until he saw combat in Iraq. He hopes eventually to work with veterans at a V.A. Hospital.



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Marine veteran Sheryl Lamarand talks about the skills she has developed while serving as a Marine that she is trying to parlay into a job in the private sector.

"I've applied at every Home Depot, Lowe's," said Hallman, who was a staff sergeant and squad leader. "When I first came out I started in a construction business. People were calling in sick. They were going to be late. There is no excuse for being sick or late in the Army."

It's that kind of discipline and dedi-veteran. They've come back home cation, said Brzeg, that sets veterans

**VETERAN JOB FAIR** 

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 Where: V.F.W. Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford Call: Reneé Brzeg at (734) 513-4900, ext. 101

"They can work unsupervised because they're used to taking charge and getting things done," said Brzeg, a disabled Army veteran who lives in Waterford: Brzeg was injured during training for the Desert Storm operations of the First Gulf War.

"Greg is a typical when unemployment is 8.9 percent in Michigan. We want to make sure

all needs are being met, that they're utilizing VA benefits, are registered at the VA Hospital, and if need be know how to apply for disability," said Brzeg. "They did a service to our country. They're already disciplined, have a skill set. We go over skills, if any federal positions are available. We see a lot of men and women coming back from Iraq. We want to make sure they get the best services in Michigan so they're aware of all their options and benefits. We want our veterans to work and stay in Michigan."

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth and the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Department of Michigan is hosting the event where employers such as the Michigan State Police, F.B.I., Pepsi, Immigration Customs Enforcement, Wal-Mart, FedEx, Jacob's Technology, Valassis, ADT Security, Michigan Civil Service, Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Homeland Securities Customs and Borders Protection, among others, will be on hand.

Howard suggests veterans bring at least 20 copies of their resume, DD214 separation papers and any other military transcripts. This is the only veteran job fair in the area, although 10 other events will be going on during the week throughout the state.

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## Friends to host big used book sale VETERANS

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ing a three-day used book sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Civic Center location, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The prices for books are \$1 hardcovers, 50 cents paperbacks, and 25 cents romances. CDs

The Friends of the Livonia Library is sponsor- and videos are priced as marked. On Sunday, Oct. 5, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5.

Proceeds go to all three Livonia libraries for programs including summer reading, and various items depending on needs.

For more information, call the library at (734)

"When someone comes back we enter their information so we can mail things to them about job fairs, these are the services available, welcome home letters," said Howard, a Marine veteran. "They're looking for jobs that pay enough to sustain a family."

Brzeg says the transition from military to civilian life can be an arduous process. Veterans Services of Michigan offers a program at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township to help men and women go from deployment to re-employment.

Don Chaney of Westland is still looking for a job to fit the skills he learned as a logistician while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps from August 1999 to November 2007.

"It's extremely tough finding a job," said Chaney, 28. "Since my separation I've worked as a cable technician, also did telemarketing."

Sheryl Lamarand of Canton has worked retail for the last several years in order to raise her three children. The young-



Veterans employment specialists for the State of Michigan Reneé Brzeg, left, and Lori Howard go over a list of employers that will be available at the upcoming Veteran Job Fair.

est is just finishing elementary school and she's looking for a challenge.

Lamarand was discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1991 then earned a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis, Prior to becoming a mother she worked in courts and family services. Her dream was to go into law enforcement, but is looking into every profession.

"The hardest part is selecting an area to keep me challenged, said Lamarand who worked on

F-18 Hornets as a hydraulics mechanic. "I learned attention to detail, organization. As a mom of three I use that every day to run my household. I can use the same skills for handling travel itineraries for CEO's. I have been a floral designer, In fact I teach floral design in community education classes. The Marines taught me to adapt and overcome. I will survive because of the skills I learned in the Marine Corps."

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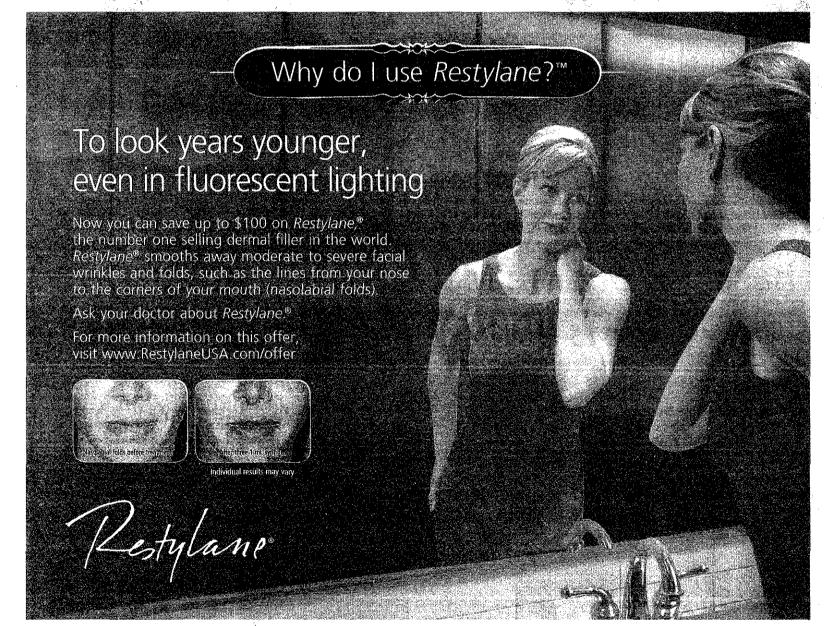
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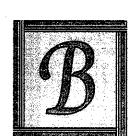
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#### ENGAGEMENTS

## Jaggi-Anderson Tod and Nancy Jaggi of Livonia announce the one

Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Jaggi, to Jeremy Anderson of Redford. He is the son of Roger and Mary Anderson of Wesley Chapel, Fla. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and a 2007 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She works as a substitute teacher for Livonia Public Schools. Her fiance is a 1998 graduate of Gaither High School in Tampa,



Fla. and works for Bright House Networks. The couple is planning a July 2009 wedding.

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FRED CHEKAWAY

September 15, 2008. Age 87, of West Bloomfield. Proud veteran US Navy serving during WWII. He practiced law for 53 years in Detroit and the downriver area. Beloved husband of Virginia B. Chekaway (nec. Schwantzer) for 40 years. Cherished father of Nicole Fredrica Chekaway. Also survived by his dog Abby. Memorial services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to St. John Hospice, 1371 Twelve Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071 or Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 20484 Anglin, Detroit, MI 48234. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

#### WILLIAM & GLORIA DEVLIN

Bill, 85, and Gloria, 84, formerly of Farmington Hills died on September 16 in Kalkaska, Michigan. They were married on June 4, 1948. The Devlin's are survived by their three children: Kathy Taraba of Conifer, Colorado; Susan (Chris) Janowicz of Farmington Hills; and James (Denise) Devlin of Bloomfield Hills; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Bill was a design engineer at Ford Motor Company. Gloria worked for the Farmington Public Schools Vocational Education Department. They were charter members of North Farmington Baptist Church. In their retirement years, the Devlin's were very active at the Kalkaska United Methodist Church. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, September 22, 11 am, at Highland Park Baptist Church (28600 Lahser Road, just south of 12 Mile Road) in Southfield. Private condolences to the family may be sent to: 23719 Cora Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48336 or janowicz57@yahoo.com.

#### EILEEN MARIE KIRBY

Age 78, of Bay City, formerly of Livonia. Died September 16, 2008. She was a retired executive at Ford Motor Co. Beloved sister of Eugene P. Kirby, James M. (Shirley) Kirby and the late John J. Kirby. Dear sister-in-law of Ann Kirby. Also survived by several nieces and nephews and special friend, Bill Wisniewski. Funeral services were held Friday, September 19, 2008, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association. To leave a condolence:

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#### WILLIAM J. MANGIN

Age 48, September 19, 2008. Beloved husband of Melanie for 13 years. Dear father of Austin, Hunter, Kyle, stepiather of Shauna Nicholson and Ashley Nicholson. Dear brother of Mary Lou (Fred) Almond, Mike (Becky) Mangin, B.J. (Mark) Craig, Karen (Peter) Zuck and the late C. Fred Mangin, Ralph Mangin, and Dick Mangin. Son of Virginia (and the late Charles P.) Mangin. Funeral services Monday 11 am (in state at 10 am) at Brightmoor Christian Church. 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi, MI. Visitation Sunday 2-8 pm at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave. (one blk. West of Farmington Rd.), downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions to an Education fund for his boys. www.thayer-rock.com

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#### HOWARD W. McLELLAN,

Age 77, of Plymouth. September 17, 2008. Beloved husband of Joann. Loving father of Patricia (Robert) Frigerio, Kathryn (Mark) Moore, Denise (Richard) Vigil and Howard Jr. Dear brother of Mary Ann McLellan. Proud grandfather of Jeremy, Jessica, Leah, Eric, Steve, Lisa, William, Chase and the late Brent. Mr. McLellan was a long time member of Knights of the Columbus Council #3292, the American Legion Post #3191 and the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780. Visitation Sat. 3-9 pm and Sun. 3-9 pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btw Sheldon & Beck). Rosary service Sun. 7 pm. In state Mon. 10 am until Funeral Mass at 10:30 am at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth. Interment Lapham . Memorials may be made to Kids With Cancer c/o Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48226. To share a memory, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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can lessen the strain.

Because of victims like you, little Isaac and Rick, laws are being changed and the guilty - we'll convict.

Our hearts are broken and may never mend. We think of you daily and will till the end.

With Love Always, Your Daddy, Sister Chrissy, Grandma and Papa Newman Aunt Becca, Uncle Bob and Cousins, Hannah and Zach

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September 18, 2008 of Westland. Arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland

#### MARION ELEANOR POSTLER (LaLonde)

Beloved mother of Sherry (Patrick) Richard (Kathleen) Postler, Daniel (Ann) Postler, Karen (Donald) Convery, Kelly (Darlene) Postler, and Keith (Renee) Postler. Died at her home on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008. She was 80. A lifelong Detroit sports fan, she was especially fond of the Tigers and often watched or listened to multiple games at home when sports seasons overlapped. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, in 1997 and her granddaughter, Nicole, daughter of Karen and Donald, in 1993. She is survived by 17 grand-children and four great-grandchildren. Viewings are Saturday, Sept. 20 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm and Sunday, Sept. 21 from 2:00 pm - 8:00 with Scripture Service at 6:30 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, Redford Township, MI 48239. Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22 at 10:00 am at St. Hilary Parish, 23901 Elmira, Redford Township, MI 48239, with interment Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, 5800 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, Ml 48034. Donations in her memory may be sent to The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Ann Arbor, MI.

#### JON F. RENO

September 11, 2008 of Westland. Arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland.



#### JOHN M. ROSSO

Wednesday, September 17, 2008. He was born December 13, 1924 on the corner of Henrietta and Frank. He was a graduate of Birmingham Baldwin High School and the University of Michigan College of Engineering. He was in the United States Army in WWII, serving in both Europe and the Pacific. He opened Birmingham Lumber in 1948, and ran its operation through 1972 when it was merged into Erb Lumber Company. He was active in the property management and development business in the Birmingham area for his entire career until his death. He founded and managed Rosso Development Co. John was an active U of M Alumnus with a passion for Wolverine basketball and football. He was a past President of the Detroit Lumberman's Association, as well as being a member of the Birmingham Rotary Club, Birmingham Athletic Club, Birmingham Senior Men's Club, and the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. He is preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Carol Peterson Rosso. He is survived by his children Sarah (McCaughey), her hus-band Peter, Abbey Rosso, John Rosso, his wife Kate, and five grandchildren, Emily, Jennifer, and Caitlin Rosso, and Andrew and Laura McCaughey. Family will receive friends Sunday 2-7 pm at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver). Memorial Service Monday 11 am at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, Burial is private, In lieu of flowers you are encouraged to make a gift to the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009

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VIRGINIA RUTH SCHOEN
Age 88. Passed away September 16.
2008. She was born on July 8, 1920
in Detroit, the daughter of Henry
Harry and Helen Emma (Newman)
Fedraw. Memorial contributions may
be given to the Multiple Sclerosis
Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the Borek Jennings Funeral
Home, Braun Chapel, where family

able at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Braun Chapel, where family will receive friends on Friday, September 19, 2008 from 2-5 pm. A Traditional Farewell will be on Saturday beginning at 10:30 am at the Funeral Home with Pastor Kelly Smith officiating. Interment Highland Cemetery. Please sign Mrs. Schoen's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7900



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# May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

#### Vukovich-Price

Dennis and Nanci Vukovich of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Lauren Vukovich, to Andrew Joseph Price of Muskegon. He is the son of David and Nancy Price of Muskegon.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned degrees in business management and fashion design. She works as a product development assistant for Women's Softlines at Meijer, Inc. headquarters in Walker, Mich.

Her fiance is a 1999 graduate of Muskegon Catholic Central High School and a



2003 graduate of Western Michigan University, where he earned his degree in finance. He is vice president of McKenzie-Price Insurance Company in Muskegon, Mich.

The couple is planning a May 2009 wedding at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

#### WEDDING

#### Wiard-Luongo

Harold and Deborah Wiard of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Amber Nicole Wiard, to Joshua Allen Luongo of Colorado Springs, Colo. He is the son of John Luongo and Terri Luongo of Texas. Amber is a 2006 graduate of Abilene Christian University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics education. She works as a high school math teacher for the Classical Academy in Colorado Springs. Joshua is a 2008 graduate of Abilene Christian University, where he earned a degree in criminal justice. He is currently completing courses to serve as a firefighter in the Colorado Springs area.

The couple wed on July 18 at Warren Valley Golf Course before James MacKenzie. The

bride was attended by maid of honor Rachel Wiard, and bridesmaids Jessica Stollings, Jessica Braham, Jennifer Brophy and Sarah White.

The groom was attended by best man Zach Hagar and groomsmen Brooks Luongo, Adam Luongo and Spencer Wiard. The couple spent their honeymoon in Cancun and will make their home in Colorado.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

#### Rooke

Robert and Winnifred Rooke of Livonia recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple wed on Aug. 21, 1948 and have lived in Livonia for 55 years. They shared the celebration with daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Kurt Wasler of Livonia (pictured center), who celebrate 25 years, and Robert and Susan Rooke of Livonia (back, center) who celebrate 20 years of marriage this year.

The Rookes took a Caribbean cruise to commem-



orate the occasion and a family celebration was held, also commemorating Winnifred's sister Beatrice's 100th birthday this year



#### Vroman

Robert and Nellie (Petre)
Vroman of Garden City are
celebrating 60 years of marriage. The couple wed Sept. 4,
1948, at Mt. Hope Lutheran
in Allen Park. They have lived
in Garden City for 55 years.
They have 5 adult children
— Cindy Edwards of Garden
City, Bobby of Garden City,
Chris (Jean) of Trevor, Wis.,
Daniel (Dee) of Westland,
and Victoria (Gary) Fincher of
Lincoln Park.

They are also grandparents



Robert Vroman and Nellie Petre were wed Sept. 4, 1948, at Mt. Hope Lutheran in Allen Park.

to eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and a new one due in October.

Robert worked at Ford-Wixom for 30 years. They enjoy bowling, playing cards and spending time at their second home near Traverse City and of course spending time with their children and grand-children.

Their fifth great-grand-daughter, Cassidy Louise Overholt, was baptized Aug. 24, at Christ the King Church in Southgate.

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Carol Herrick and Pat Rutenbar are co-chairing this year's Redford Suburban League celebrity fashion show.

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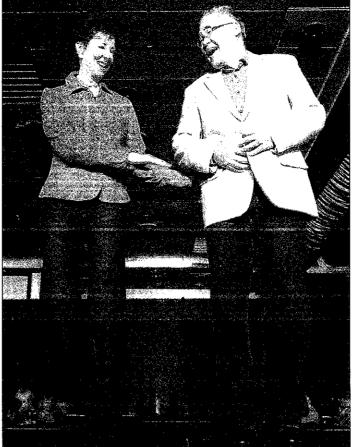
lost members over the years as well. They're always looking for women and men who might want to join the nonprofit organization.

"Back when John Kelly and Marilyn Turner (former Channel 7 TV personalities) were involved 1,200 people came," said Herrick, a League member since 1989 and president last year. "We need to sell at least 700 lunch tickets, but can hold 1,000. We have 26 crafters but would like 40. We're still looking for crafters and to sell tickets. We want to keep it going as long as we can. We don't want to let those kids down. The more people come the more we can give to Burger."

"We were very strong the first 25 years," said League member Lillian Malley of Farmington Hills, "We're hoping we can keep it up. The show has been wonderfully accepted, It really is nice."

Cynthia Jamieson is as excited about the fashions as the celebrities this year. Lord & Taylor showed designs at a spring meeting of the League. Men's Wearhouse is perennial in supporting the cause. New this year as far as the models go are Detroit Demolition player Shannan Schlusler, Miss Wayne County 2008 Nicole Blaszczyk, and Brooke Brennan VanBelle, Miss Wayne County 2003 and Miss Troy 2005.

"The first outfit is casual, the second outfit dressy. We told Lord & Taylor we would like lots of color," said Jamieson, celebrity chairwoman. "We're still getting models just responding. Jo-Jo Shutty-McGregor and her sister Sharon Shutty-Wright are coming back. Larry Janes is always a favorite. There's



Nancy McCauley of Ford Motor Broadcast News and Todd Sukuda of the Burger School model fashions during the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion.

Terry T. Brown, Beth Fisher and Michael Collins from WWJ Newsradio, and Robin Sullivan from WMUZ. Audrey Sommers returns as does actor Robert Paul, and Sheila Sigro, 1993 Mrs. Michigan International, who also runs the Miss Redford pageant and usually brings along Miss Redford. Rich Luterman (Fox 2 chief meteorologist) returns as does Tracy Gary, WNIC. George Young is going to be entertaining again before the show and we're going to have some of the staff from

#### **Arthritis Today**

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#### WHEN TO STOP

The modern treatment for rheumatoid arthritis, Lupus, psoriatic arthritis and similar inflammatory conditions rests on drugs that inhibit the immune system. However, at times, the body needs a vigorous immune response; one instance is in infection. If a person is on an arthritis immune suppression medication such as methotrexate and develops bronchitis or pneumonia, should the doctor stop the arthritis medication to allow the immune system to make its best response to the infection?

Medical research indicates that if the lung infection is tuberculosis, histoplasmosis or a bacteria such as Legionella, then the doctor should stop the arthritis drugs. Remaining off the arthritis regimen for 3-4 weeks usually is sufficient. The answers are not so clear cut if a patient on suppression therapy develops a

The answers are not so clear cut if a patient on suppression therapy develops a viral infection such as influenza. At present, whether or not to stop the arthritis medication is a decision the doctor makes assessing the patient's total health picture.

The question of stopping medication also arises when a patient with arthritis goes to the hospital for an operation such as a hip replacement. While in the hospital, that person is at added risk for infection. Should arthritis medication be stopped? Again, the doctor decides based on assessing the patient's total health status.

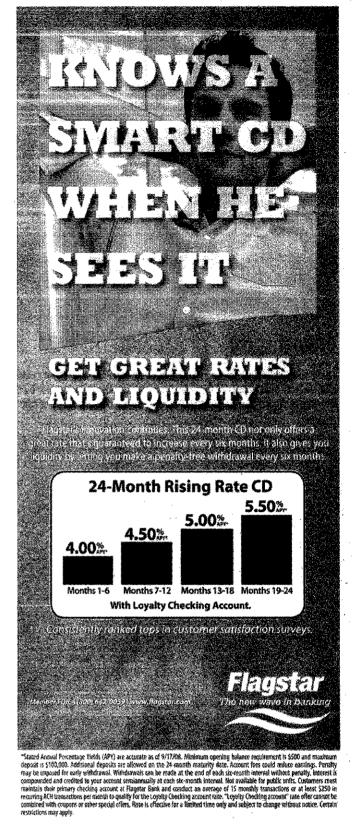
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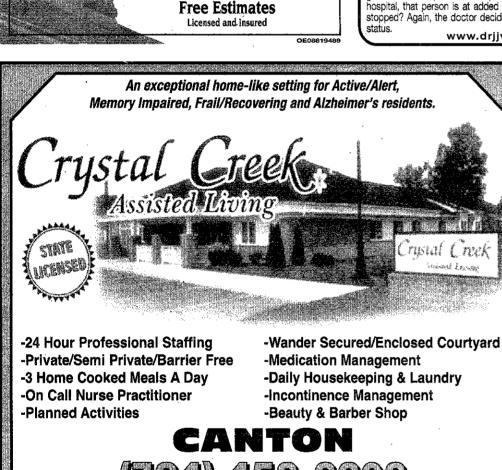
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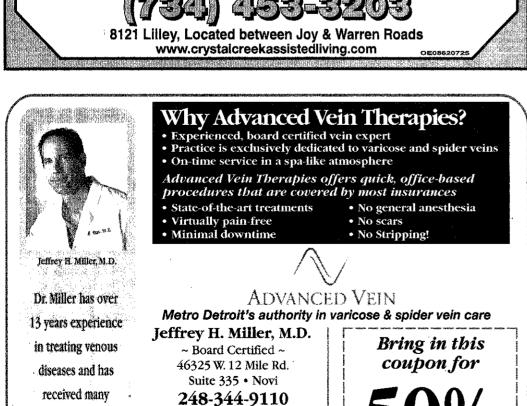
Betty Tessmer is looking forward to bringing a young girl and boy from Burger School to model. Tessmer works with the students as a speech language pathologist and is grateful for the money raised by the show.

"It's extremely important," said Tessmer of Livonia. "The speech department uses the money to buy tests and technology we probably wouldn't be able to get the money for. I used to buy my own curriculum and books. We do a lot of creating of materials because some of the levels of our students are low it's hard to find anything appropriate for them. We use programs to create materials."

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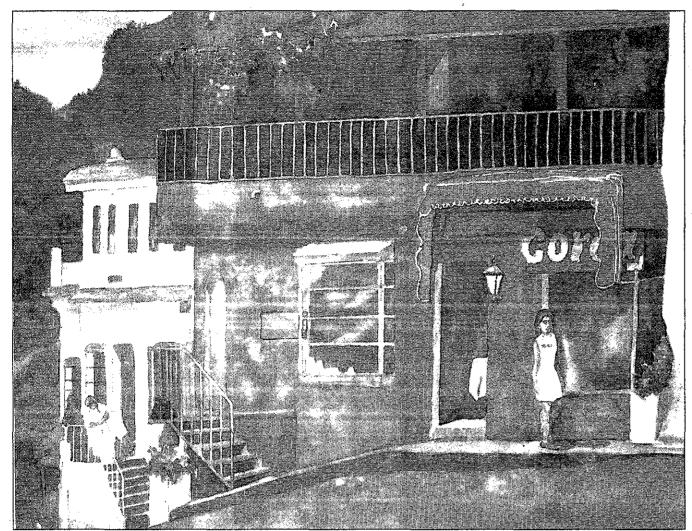
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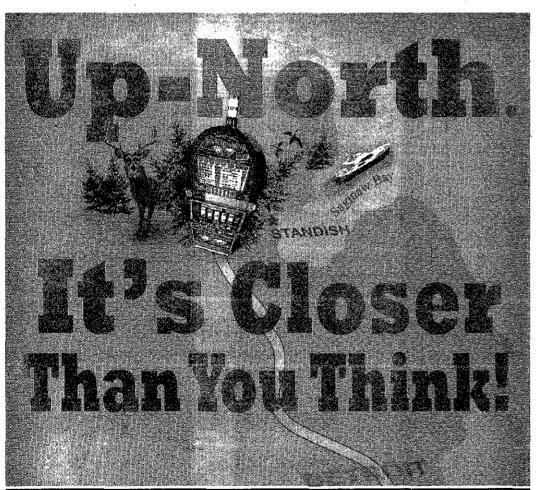
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#### **Annual show**

The Livonia Artists Club holds its annual show through Sept. 30, at Livonia City Hall on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. About 25 members will display paintings which are for sale. Pictured is Gorda, a watercolor by Elbert Weber of Canton. The work features a restaurant he visited near Caracas, Venezuela. Gorda is Spanish for fat lady which describes the owner who sat in a booth by the window and left no doubt about who was in charge.

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## These hands can talk in workshop

Redford Community Center hosts Sign Language workshops entitled, "If These Hands Could Talk" Thursdays and Saturday Oct. 2 through Nov. 20. at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited. To register, call (313) 387-2650.

Participants will learn finger spelling, expressions and interactive skills. For more information, visit www.detroitrisingstars.org.

Sign language was developed to enable more people to obtain the ability to communicate

with the hard-of-hearing and the deaf community to allow an enriching intermingling of deaf and hearing within our

Deafness and hard-of-hearing are becoming an evergrowing statistic in this coun-

The goal of the workshop is to decrease the language barrier between the deaf community and those that can hear and enhance possibilities for people to communicate love, friendship, emotions, and jokes with friends, family members and organizations.

# Art faculty to host opening reception

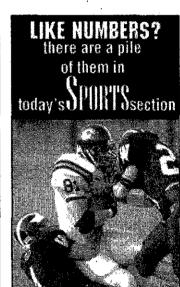
The Madonna University art department faculty hosts an opening reception for an exhibition of their work 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the gallery on the second floor of the library wing on the campus at 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The artists include Doug Semivan, chairman of the art department; Ralph Glenn, Mary Rousseaux, Robin Ward, and Laura Williams. The show continues through Friday, Oct. 10.

For more information, call gallery director Jeanne Moore at (248) 875-7332.



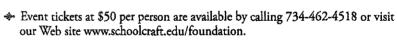
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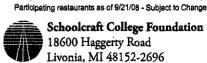
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Mark Hoyer's love for photography has helped him get

through three bouts

with cancer.

His work is exhibited at

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inside the

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## The Journey Continues

## Cancer survivor captures peace in photography

BY STACY JENKINS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Mark Hoyer doesn't need a map to know where he's going. He's far more interested in the journey than the destination.

Hoyer, of Farmington Hills, a three-time cancer survivor, finds solace in the way clouds move across the massive sky, throwing shadows in different directions over an expansive

He's at peace listening to robust plumes of water fall off the edge of closely nestled boulders, deep in the middle of the woods.

His eye catches the details engraved in a centuries-old. marble structure in a bustling European city — details that are likely overlooked by most passers-by.

That's the journey for Hoyer, as he absorbs his surroundings and lays them down on film for a lasting memory of that moment when things are just perfect.

But, things have been far from perfect for this 52-year-old businessman, father and hus-

band. At age 36, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer; at age 44, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and at age 50, a colonoscopy revealed he had colon cancer.

Somewhere in between these battles, he reconnected with photography, a hobby he picked up back in high school. He bought camera equipment and darkroom supplies and taught himself how to shoot and develop film, mostly black and white.

It quickly became a therapeutic hobby for Hoyer and soon, he had a collection of nature photos he compiled into an exhibit he called The Journey, four years ago at the Assarian Cancer Center on the campus of Providence Hospital in Novi.

Hoyer's work, an expanded collection of 30 photographs, is again on exhibit at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, inside the Assarian Cancer Center. It's the largest show he's had so far.

"This one is called The Journey Continues," said Hoyer. The first one was called The Journey, when I first got cancer. This is a continuation. Life is about the journey, not the desti-

#### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

What: The Journey Continues Photography collection by Mark Hoyer Where: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, at Providence, 47601 Grand River, at Beck, in Novi.

When: Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Oct. 31.

nation."

Hoyer said his photography has helped him deal with the stress cancer brings. He encourages others who are diagnosed with cancer to face their fears through creative outlets.

"The main thing is that too many people are so afraid of cancer. They need to do things that will make them think about other things," he said. "This is a great outlet for people who are going through some-

He brings his camera every time he leaves town on business or he when he and his family go on vacation. He said he gets up at daybreak to photograph, wherever he is at the time.

One of his favorite places to photograph nature is Acadia National Park in Maine, where he and his family went camping three years ago.

He also loves the landscape and the architecture in Italy.



there to the doctors' offices and they're getting chemotherapy," he said, pointing from the gallery to the center's hallways. "What better thing than to have

of something good." Hoyer loves photography because he can share his experiences with other people. Traveling allows him meet interesting people from around

a gallery, so people can look

the world. It has taken his mind off his

"It's easy, in the nighttime

He hopes it brings some peace or when it's quiet, to be con-

cerned," said Hoyer. "But, being able to do something you enjoy helps get you through it."

He credits his wife, Lita, for keeping him strong. "Without my wife, I wouldn't

around and maybe be reminded be here," he said. Hoyer said early detection

is so important to surviving cancer.

"If you catch it early on, you will live," he said. "I've had friends who didn't make it, because they found out they had cancer, at stage four. Life is shorter than most people think."

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## Local chapter celebrates **National Constitution Week**

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently celebrated National Constitution Week at the Plymouth District Library. Members of the group gathered on the Library's front steps to read the Preamble to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The Library has a special Constitution display on the main level for the duration of the week.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter consists of approximately 40 women who reside in Plymouth and Northville. They meet every month and rotate meetings between the Plymouth District Library, Northville District Library and Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

The group serves as a historical resource as well as a genealogical one.

For more information, call Jackie Kenyon at (734) 459-



The skies were sunny for the Sarah Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who met recently at the Plymouth District Library. Here on the library steps, they read the Preamble to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

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Two Mt. bikes, bbq grill, glass TV stand, King bed frame, wood

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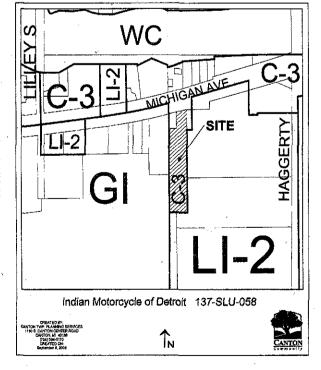
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 6, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

INDIAN MOTORCYCLE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR OUTDOOR DISPLAY OF VEHICLES (VEHICLE DEALERSHIP) AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO. 137 99 0016 000 (41775 MICHIGAN AVE.). Property is located south of Michigan Avenue between Lilley and Haggerty Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 2, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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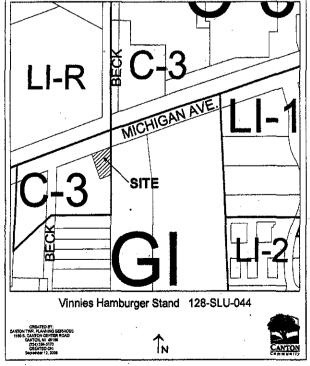
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VINNIES HAMBURGER STAND SPECIAL LAND USE CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVALL FOR A DRIVE THROUGH RESTARANT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.8 FOR PARCEL NO. 128 99 0007 001 (47405 MICHIGAN AVE). Property is located south of Michigan Avenue and east of Beck Road.

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, will accept sealed bids for the following

INSTALLATION OF LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEM

FOR
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
OCATED AT 42375 SCHOOLCRAFT ROAD,
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MI

Details are described in the bid Drawings and Specifications.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time, on Monday, October 6, 2008 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

General Description of Work: Installation of irrigation system, testing, winterization and spring start-up. Funding for the project work is being obtained through the Community Development Block

Attention is called to the fact that not less than minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, in accordance with Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity and Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity.

The Contractor must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, July 2, 1964 (Title 40 USC 276A), the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, Labor Regulations and Standards Title 29, 1, 3, and 5, and Title 18, USC, Section 874, known as "Anti-Kickback Act," and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

General Description of Project Area: The project is the Friendship Station, Charter Township of Plymouth Senior Citizen Center Site located at 42375 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth Township, MI. The irrigation system shall be installed per The Irrigation Plan prepared by John Deere Landscapers, 31691 Dequindre Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071, issue date 06/10/08.

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery) at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

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- The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs. The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other company without approval of the Township.
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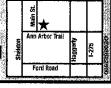
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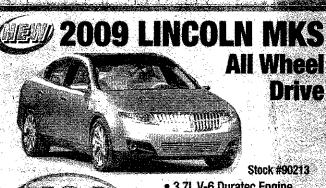
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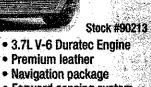
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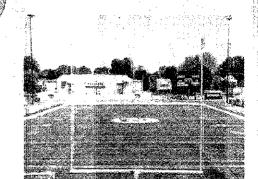
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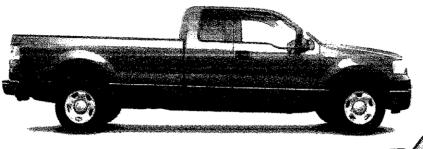
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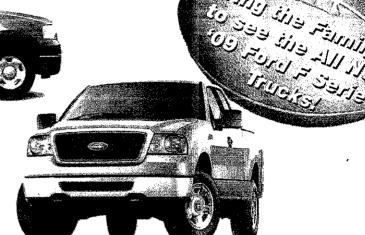


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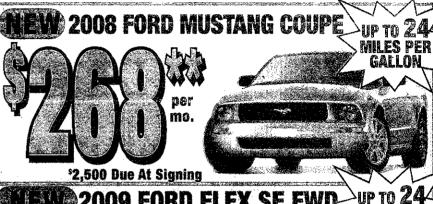
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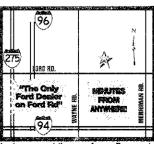


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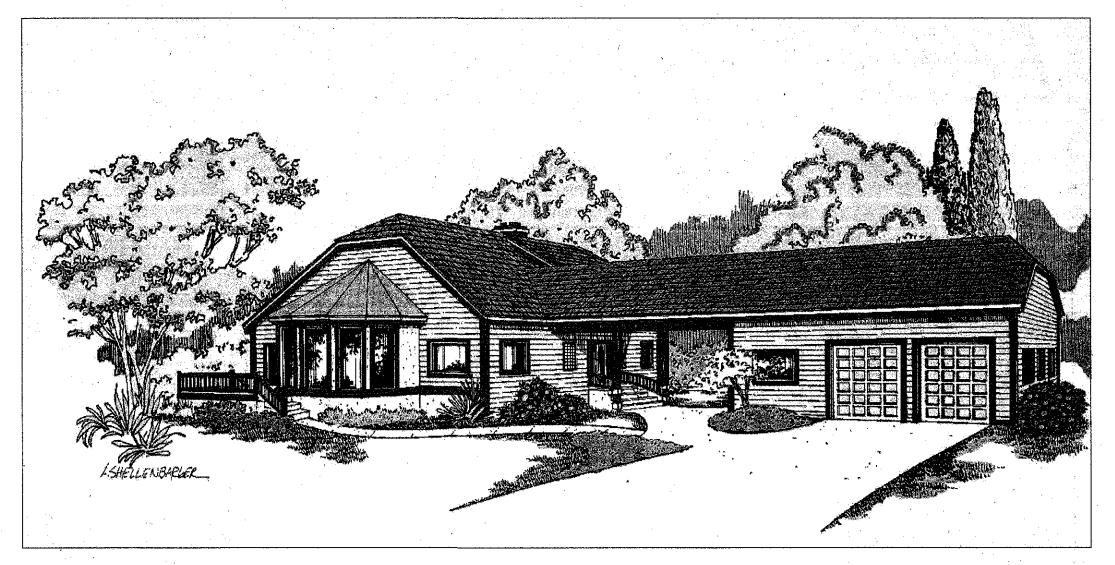
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## Spacious Euro worth spending some of your bucks on

The Euro (407-16), with 3,323 square feet of living space, is unique. It has a covered breezeway to the garage, which has two full sets of doors for drive thru use. There is a shop along with a large storage area in the main garage, while overhead is an attic area directly accessible from the main home through a walkway.

Up covered steps allows entry into this beautiful home, which has vaulted ceilings in the entry, living room, and dining area. The living/dining area could be used as a great room. There is a fireplace against one wall. The dining area is a half circle of windows with a door to the deck in the back.

The kitchen is every cook's dream. There is an enormous walkin pantry for storage of food staples, cooking appliances, and the extra goodies needed during the holiday seasons. There is a cook top island with an eating bar. Countertop space is also abundant and open.

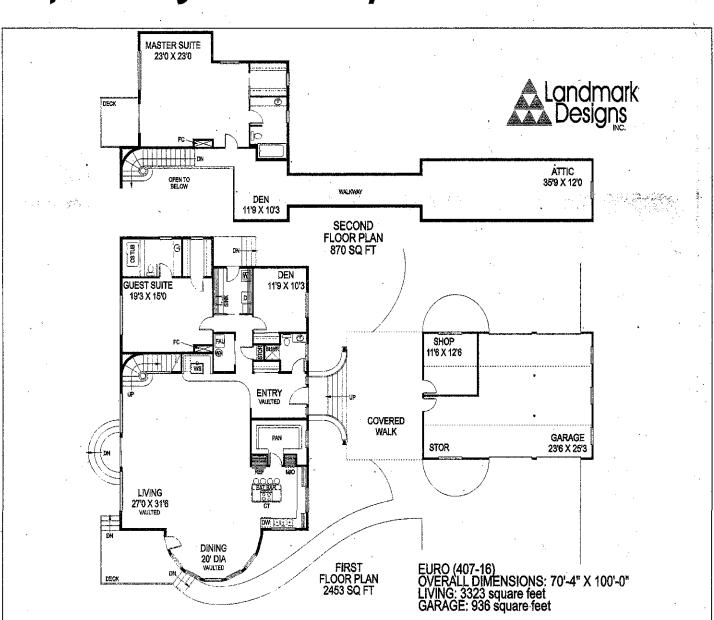
There is a guest room in the fear with its own private bathroom and oversized tub. The walk-in closet is large and great for the storage of seasonal clothes. The suite is large and would make an ideal mother-in-law suite, with easy access to the utility room containing the washer and dryer, along with the kitchen area.

The other room located downstairs is the den. It could be used as another bedroom if needed. However, it would make a great place for a computer, an office, or a library full of books. Adjacent to this room with an entrance from the entry is a half bath and more closet space.

The stairs going up from the living room end in a hail leading to another den and the master bedroom. The huge master suite could be set up to have a private sitting room for reading or to watch TV. There is a large walk-in closet, separated from the main suite with a pocket door. The private bath contains a single sink and an oversized tub.

The open den area is the beginning of the open area, which contains the walkway, and attic area over the garage. The entire home has been designed with versatile storage areas in mind.

For a study plan of the EURO (407-16), send \$15, to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www. ldiplans.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.



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#### 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

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#### BIA

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council (NAHBR) will sponsor Certified Agingin-Place (CAPS) seminars: "CAPS I: Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility" on Wednesday, Oct. 1; "CAPS II: Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility" on Thursday, Oct. 2; and "CAPS III: Business Management for Building Professionals" on Friday, Oct. 3. The three seminars will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

Hills.

Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of Wake-Pratt Construction will teach strategies and techniques for marketing, designing and building aesthetically enriching, barrier-free living environments. To be certified as an Aging-In-Place Specialist, participants must complete all three courses and submit a graduation application to the NAHB University of Housing. Upon approval, graduates may use the CAPS designation.

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Michigan (BIA) will present
"Condominium Flexibility:
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Speakers are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate Course, Business Accounting & Job Costs on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The course will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

Hills. Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Services Group will present how a good foundation in the basics of finance is vital for sustaining growth and profitability. Successful completion of this course meets a requirement for the Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder and Certified Graduate Remodeler designations. This course counts toward pre-licensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan. Registration fees are \$155 for National Association of Home Builder Remodelor members, \$175 for **BIA** or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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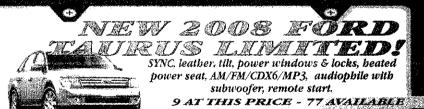


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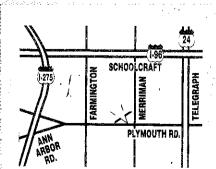
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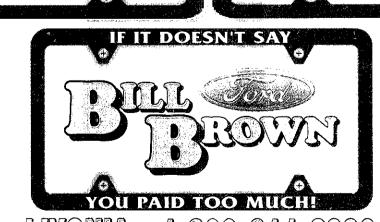
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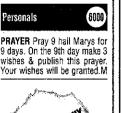
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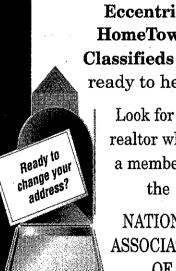
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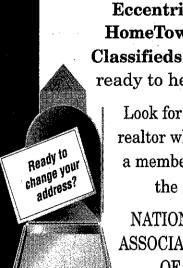
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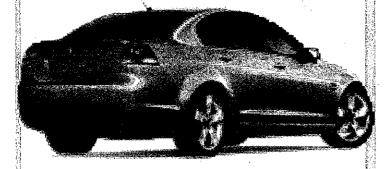
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