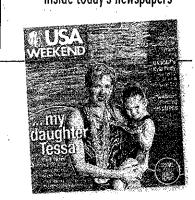


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Church connects with people from all cultures

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

The church that was born out of a dream has become a reality for hundreds of worshippers.

Since its founding in April 2007, Greater Than Dreams Church has become a spiritual home to more than 400 people.

"It has been incredible to see how people are drawn to the church," said church member Karen Quinn. "This church has changed my walk with God and brought my family closer."

Quinn's husband, Chauncey, ministers at the church under the leadership of Pastor Larry Mack.

Bringing in members from Detroit, Flint, Ypsilanti and Bowling Green, Greater Than

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Dream's Sunday morning service takes place at the Emagine Theater on Ford Road.

"When I was 23 years old, I had a dream where I visualized myself having a church inside a theater," says Mack, who later became an assistant pastor at a Toledo church. "I served faith-

fully for 16 years, but there was always this nagging inside of me that I was supposed to have my own church. I knew one day I had to obey God."

And with that, Mack and his bride of 14 years, Marketa, moved from Ohio to Ypsilanti last year with their two young daughters.

There was a calling for me to be in metro Detroit and Canton is the heart of the area," said Mack, noting that he and Marketa want to move to the township. "This is where we are supposed to be."

The non-denominational church, which has an office and food bank at 37655 Ford Road in Westland, flies in the face of the old saying that 11 a.m. Sunday represents the most

segregated hour of the week by having a multi-cultural congregation filled with all ages.

"Jesus called all of the nations to come together and that's what we are doing," Mack said, adding that moving around during his childhood, as well as his time in the Army, helped shape his view that the country is a melting pot of cultures. "I have learned how to connect with people and we learn from each other."

The church, which has a slogan of "Working for a Greater Tomorrow," teaches salvation, intercession, divine healing, deliverance, benevolence and discipleship.

"This is a place where people can be inspired and built up," Mack said. "I know what it's



Jr. of Greater Than Dreams

The Reverend

Larry G. Mack

like to be down and out but no matter where we are or how bleak life may seem, we have to fight the good fight of faith."

Saying that this is the happiest he's ever been, Mack says that while the construction of a permanent worship center is on the horizon, he is enjoying the present time of his minis-

"We are striving to be as excellent as we can be on the level we are on," he said. "Having (this church) has been challenging but it's also exciting because there is something about living your dreams and knowing you are in the will of

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the Lord."



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Making their case

Canton Township trustee candidates (from left) Todd Caccamo, Charles:Page, Karl Zarbo, Pat Williams, Syed Taj, and John Anthony participate in the Canton Chamber of Commerce's candidates forum Thursday evening at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The forum, which was moderated by 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou, also included debates between 35th District Court judicial candidates Joe Barone and Jim Plakas, Canton supervisor candidates Phil LaJoy and David Marsh, Wayne County Commission candidates Kevin McNamara and Steve Johnson, 21st State House candidates Todd LaJoy and Brian Cronan, and 20th State House candidates Jerry Vorva and Marc Corriveau. Democrat Dian Slavens, who is running against Republican Todd LaJoy and the independent Cronan, did not show up because of scheduling conflict. However, the three are scheduled to debate again at a forum 7 p.m., Wednesday at the Village Theater. Barone and Plakas are also scheduled to be at the League of Womens Voters Northwest Wayne County sponsored event.

Canton woman dies after one car accident

The accident investigation unit of the Canton Police Department is looking into a fatal crash that took place at approximately 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the area of Denton and

Preliminary reports indicate that a 48-year-old Canton woman was driving north on Denton when she failed to stop for a flashing red light. The woman's vehicle then drove off the road, across a ditch and struck a vehicle parked in the driveway of a nearby home. The woman, who had been talking to her daughter on a

cell phone complaining of having a heavy chest and difficulty breathing, was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor where she was pronounced dead.

Canton Sgt. Debra Newsome said there's "absolutely no indication whatsoever" that speed, alcohol or drugs played a role in the collision.

No one else was injured in the accident.

Marsh decided to run after

"We are very fortunate no one else was injured or killed," Newsome said, referencing the victim's apparent inability to stop for the flashing light.

The woman was believed to have been driving home so that her daughter could take her to the hospital.

LaJoy wants to build on Canton's success

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



Lansing halted his 13-year run as a Canton trustee but Phil LaJoy is now ready to rejoin the Township Board - only this time, he wants to be

LaJoy, who is in his third term in the State House, has been a township resident since 1976 and says he wants to add to the area's progress.

"I love Canton," the Republican lawmaker said.

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Marsh has many concerns about the management of Canton Township, but instead of sitting home and complaining to his wife, he decided that Canton would fare better in his hands. Marsh, 55, wants to become the

next township supervisor. "I can't change things unless I'm

supervisor and we need a change

from the (current administration)," said Marsh, a retired controls engineer. "I'm not running for office because I need a job, I'm doing it because I have to."

A Canton resident for nine years, the Democratic grandfather of three has never run for public office before, but says he didn't feel it was right for state Rep. Phil LaJoy to run unopposed for the position.

"Prior to April, I didn't care too much (about local government) and I think a lot of people haven't given it a thought," he said. "I was out there sleeping and then I got involved and started paying attention and now I

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The League of Womens Voters Northwest Wayne County will host a candidates forum beginning at 7 p.m., Oct. 1 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Joe Barone and Jim Plakas, who are the two candidates for the seat on the 35th District Court, will debate at 7 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by a debate between 21st District House of Representatives candidates Brian Cronan, Todd LaJoy, and Dian Slavens.

The event is open to the public. Questions from the audience can be submitted and will be asked by a League moderator. If a citizen can't attend, but would like to pose a question, he/she may submit it via e-mail to lwvmail@yahoo.com. The event will be shown on Canton cable television prior to the Nov. 4 election.

'Stories from the Shadows'

Canton Leisure Services will host an evening of "Stories

From the Shadows" on Sunday, Oct. 12 from 4-7 p.m. at Canton's Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, located at Morton Taylor and Michigan Avenue.

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Storytellers will do their best to assure age-appropriate entertainment throughout the evening. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are strongly discouraged in bringing children under 4 years of age to this scary event. Be sure to dress weather appropriately, wear comfortable shoes and make sure you're sitting next to someone braver than you.

Registration is required to attend this event where participants will hear about mysterious noises, haunted places, and unexplained events. Canton residents can currently register for just \$8 per participant. Non-residents can register starting Oct. 8 for just \$10. Space is limited. Sign up today online at leisure.canton-mi.org. In the event of inclement weather, call (734) 394-5460 for information regarding pro-

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Solar energy tour

Mechanical Energy Systems (MES), Southeast Michigan's largest and oldest solar energy company, is opening their doors to the public for the free

Meeting at the pole

Dozens of students from Plymouth Christian Academy met students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools to pray around a flag pole at the PCEP Park on Wednesday to participate in "See You at the Pole" day, an international event that 54 students started in Brownwood, Texas in 1990. The event is student-initiated and student-led where they come together to pray for their schools, their friends, teachers, government and for God to work in their lives as well. "I'm so proud of the desire our kids have to serve," said Larry Machonga, PCA's senior high pastor. "They

put other's needs before their own and work very hard in networking with other students so they can be more effective as Christians. Why else would over 60 kids wake up at 5:30 a.m. to go to both their own school and those at "The Park" to pray with other Christians and to lift up their schools, teachers, friends, government to God?"

National Solar Tour, held coun-nationally. It takes place annutrywide on Saturday Oct. 4 between 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Last year more than 115,000 attendees visited some 5,000 buildings in 2,900 participating communities.

Now in its 13th year, the nonprofit American Solar Energy Society coordinates this event

ally during the first Saturday in October in conjunction with National Energy Awareness Month.

Visit the Mechanical Energy **Systems Demonstration Center** (8130 Canton Center Road, Canton) and see a wide variety of working solar applications

that can be retrofitted to existing homes and businesses, as well as integrated into new

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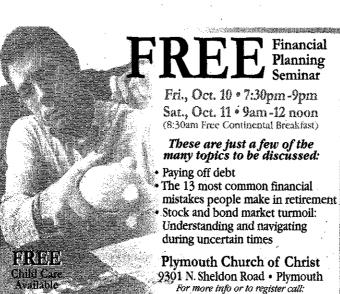
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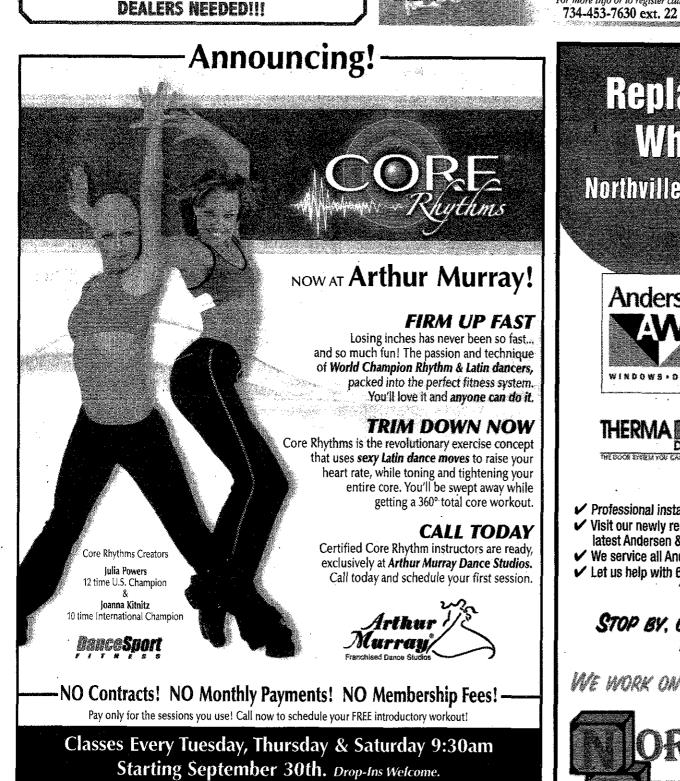


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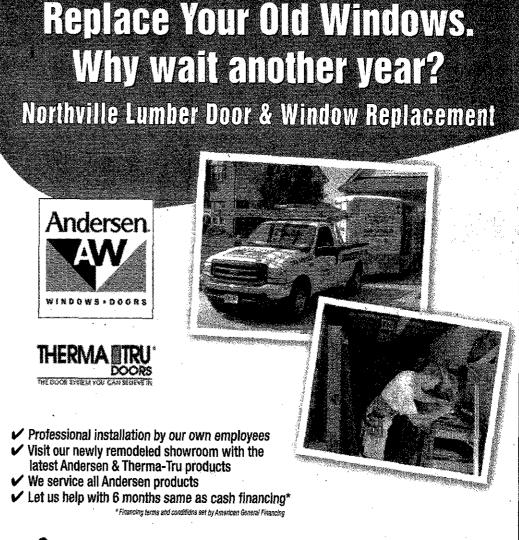


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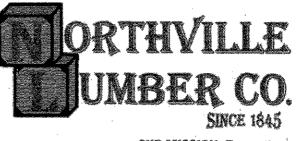
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Wayne-Westland teachers and parents

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School to protest the

Teachers picket to press for contract

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

More than 30 teachers kept up a brisk pace as they walked in front of Edison Elementary School in Westland Thursday afternoon, protesting the lack of progress in contract negotiations with the Wayne-Westland school board.

"This in an awareness thing. We're hoping to get a contract. We're hoping to get a settlement," said Pam Parys, the Wayne-Westland Education Association building representative at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. "The teachers aren't looking to go out on strike. We're looking for a fair and equitable contract."

The informational picketing was staged at elementary schools around the district starting Wednesday as part of a stepped-up action by teachers to pressure for a new contract. In a show of unity, they wore black clothing and entered and left school together on Friday. They also have been wearing Unity pins.

They have been working under a 30-day contract extension after the union requested help from a state mediator.

Their contract expired Aug. 25.

The teachers have made class sizes, wages and health care major issues in this round of negotiations and have gained the support of some parents, several who spoke on their behalf at Monday's school board meeting. Even those sitting outside the school's main entrance shared their concern about class sizes.

"I agree with them, it's ridiculous," said one parent who asked not to be identified. "I'm appalled to hear they have 39 kids in a classroom. I think a lot of parents aren't getting involved because they don't know what's going on."

Dean Ayers also is concerned about the class size. His daughter, a high school student, "for the first two months last year had no desk." He also is concerned about the effect the informational picketing will have on students.

"I think they have a right to

lem with what they're doing as long as it doesn't cause problems for the kids," said the father of three children who attend Wayne-Westland schools. "But they're setting a bad example for students."

DeAn Lowery, who cares for several Edison students, said the picketing has been confusing for the children.

"They think they don't have school and get excited about it," she said. "I've had to explain the basics of it to them.

The teachers have said they've gotten support from parents and students, and several joined them in walking in front of Edison School. However, school officials have received e-mails from some parents upset with the teachers' actions.

One parent expressed disappointment and wrote. "When my eight-year-old saw teachers picketing, he thought they were on strike and that they had quit their jobs, he was very distressed and felt as



though he had done something wrong."

"Our children deserve to understand, in an age-appropriate way, exactly what has motivated their teacher to shove them out the door to march and picket, and, I must add, encourage the children to

picket with them," the parent stated.

Another parent in an e-mail stated that he found the teachers' tactics "very disturbing and absolutely unnecessary."

"There are many teachers using the kids to relay untrue information to the parents,"

he wrote. "I do not approve of any teacher telling these kids anything about their contract negotiations in hopes that they

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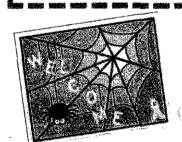


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BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, admitted even he was a bit surprised when he was elected two years ago in what is generally considered



a Republican 20th House District. However, prise wore

after the suroff, Corriveau said he vowed one thing.

"I decided Corriveau very early

on that I was going to do everything I could to prove to people the opportunity I was given was well placed," Corriveau said. "That's been my motivation since I took the job.

"I've never missed a day of work or a vote," he said. "I was only one of about 10 in the House and Senate."

Two years later, Corriveau is seeking re-election in the Nov. 4 general election against Republican challenger Jerry Vorva of Plymouth. The 20th House District includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township east of I-275, Northville, Northville Township and the city of Wayne.

Corriveau says he's done his best to put partisan politics aside and reach across the political aisle.

"I can't say it's always been successful," said Corriveau. "I've been able to get some legislation out of the House on a bi-partisan basis, but a lot of it sits in the (Republican-controlled) Senate.

"In the first 100 days I passed a number of ethics and reforms bills that I believed would bring some transparencies to what we do here," he said. "I did the revolving door bill, where a representative can't go back to the legislature for at be what business always



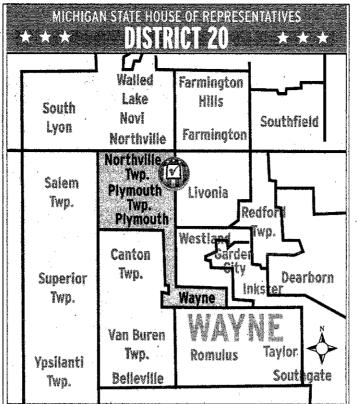
20TH HOUSE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE MARC **CORRIVEAU**

Age: 37 Residence: Northville Party affiliation: Democrat Wife: Wendy Children: Luc, 8 Eve, 6 Education: BA degree from Michigan State University in humanities. Law degree from University of Detroit-Mercy Small business owner: The Corriveau Law Firm, formerly owned women's workout facility

least one year (as a lobbyist). They sit in the Senate ... but that doesn't deter me

from continuing to fight." Corriveau said the new energy bill passed by the legislature will ultimately be good for Michigan.

'There's a renewable energy portfolio at 10 percent, and I tended to think we could have put a higher number," said Corriveau. "But, once we get rolling on that you'll see us attain that number and move past it because when people start realizing the benefits of alternative types of energy and the lowering of costs, the incentive will





Democrat Marc Corriveau and Republican Jerry Vorva, who are running against each other for the 20th State House District, debate during a forum sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce on Thursday at the Village

dictates and that's cost and demand."

Theater at Cherry Hill.

Corriveau said there are several areas where he'd like to make a difference.

"I want to find solutions for our health care concerns," he said.

"I want to continue to fight for jobs and diversification of our economy. The manufacturing base will still be there, but we have opportunities in tourism, the film industry and

Corriveau said it will take (734) 953-2172

both sacrifice and change to move Michigan forward.

"The easiest one is the Corrections Department," said Corriveau.

"We spend \$35,000 a year per inmate, which is more than we spend on higher education. If there's a way to reduce the prison population in a safe manner we could save millions and millions of dol-

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Vorva ready to lead again after 14 year absence

OBSERVER'STAFF WRITER

After an absence of 14 years, Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva wants back in Lansing.

Vorva, who served one term representing the 20th House District from



1993-95, is looking to replace Democrat Marc Corriveau on the Nov. 4 general election. Vorva, a Republican,

wants to represent the district which includes the Plymouths, Northvilles, Canton Township east of I-275 and the city of

"I'm running out of what I perceive is necessity," said Vorva. "If you look at what's going on in the economy, it's a terrible state of affairs. We need a sea change to get back to a situation where Michigan becomes a pro-business environment where families can live and enjoy their lives.

"People are hurting, their property values have dropped 35 percent in the past few years and yet their property values are going up," he said. "I felt someone had to say 'stop the foolishness, stop the politicking' in Lansing.'

Vorva said he's running as a Republican because it more closely fits his philosophy, but he's really an independent.

"We need someone who's not going to be partisan and get something done," he said. "We need someone who won't be obligated to his party."

Vorva said he's tired of politicians in Lansing growing state government and creating deficits, such as with the recently enacted energy bill.

"They spent \$2.5 million to add 25 more state employees," Vorva said. "We need systemic reform of government. The budget deficits we have will continue to rise if we do noth-

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Education: Undergraduate degrees from Madonna University in sociology and criminal justice. Law degree from University of Detroit

nesses to get them here," he said. "And, this is the time for public employees to take a 10percent cut in pay and benefits across the board and immediately apply it to business tax relief across the board."

Vorva said the best thing the state can do to improve the economy is "get out of the way."

"Look at this thing with Hollywood, this isn't a tax break but a tax giveaway," Vorva said. "They want to give Hollywood money, but not the auto industry."

As part of the cuts, Vorva wants to make the full-time State Legislature into a unicameral legislature, with only one legislative or parliamentary chamber. An effort he tried, but wasn't successful, during his last stint in the state House.

"The only thing better than a unicameral legislature is a part-time unicameral legislature," Vorva said. "There are thousands of pieces of legislation worth tens of thousands of dollars and keeping hundreds and hundreds of people busy for no reason other than to justify their positions. We have a government that's way too

"I will take a 25 percent pay cut," he said. "When I was up there last time and they voted for a pay raise I gave it to charity. That's leadership."

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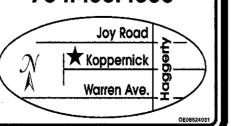
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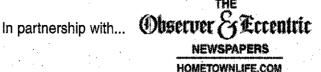
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Impeachment drive spurs **Green Party candidate**

BY HUGH GALLAGHER **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Erik Shellev thinks George W. Bush should be impeached and he's angry that the House of Representatives hasn't done

"Politically after the 2006 elections, we had a turnover in the House of Representatives and we thought that things would change," he said. "We thought the president would be held accountable and the war would be brought to an end, or more accurately the occupation of Iraq. As it turned out,

that never happened." Shelley's campaign for impeachment has fallen on deaf ears of Democratic and Republican House members, so he decided to run for the 11th District U.S. House seat as a member of the Green Party. On Nov. 4, Shelley of Redford will face incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, Democrat Joseph Larkin and Libertarian candidate John Tatar, all of Livonia.

Shelley said a petition to impeach the president has gathered a lot of support, but not in Congress.

"I went down to John Conyers' office in Detroit and started to demonstrate there, talked to people in his office and eventually met with him," Shelley said.

He said the Detroit

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 42 Residence: Redford Township Occupation: Audio engineer

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Graduate of Central Michigan University Marital status: Single Party affiliation: Green Party Web site: www.shelleyforcon-

Democrat told him that an impeachment in a presidential election year would be damag-

ing to the campaign. Shelley next turned to his own conservative Republican representative, Thaddeus McCotter, hoping that he would at least hear his posi-

"I've been completely dismissed. He refuses to meet with me and refuses to answer my questions," Shelley said.

Shelley did speak with McCotter's aide Andrew

"I asked him why is the president allowed to torture people, why can he add signing statements to avoid laws, why can his cabinet members

These stories profile minority party candidates in the Nov. 411th Congressional District race, Erik Shelley of the Green Party and John Tatar of the Libertarian Party. Profiles of Republican Thaddeus McCotter and Democrat Joseph Larkin will be published at a later date.

ignore contempt citations," he said. "He promised me answers in writing and that was three months ago."

McCotter's office released two letters responding to Shelley. One dated July 18, 2008, concerns immunity for telecommunications companies who assisted the government on tracking terrorists and one dated Sept. 25, 2008 disagreeing with Shelley on the impeachment issue.

Shelley said he wants to make the president accountable.

"The system is so defective that representatives don't think they have to listen to constituents," he said.

Shelley said it was the case of former Alabama governor Don Siegelman that first got his attention. Siegelman was convicted of bribery in 2006. His case has been under investigation by Congress and former Bush aide Karl Rove was called to testify on whether Siegelman's prosecution was politically motivated. He claimed executive privilege.

Siegelman is currently out of prison on appeal.

Shelley said he opposes the war in Iraq. Shelley is running as a Green candidate because his mother, Karen Shelley, is active in the party. She is also the Michigan coordinator of Ralph Nader's presidential campaign.



Anger over Patriot Act moves Libertarian hopeful

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Retired Livonia school teacher John Tatar is making his second run to become the U.S. representative of the 11th Congressional

On Nov. 4, he will face incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, Democrat Joseph Larkin and Green Party candidate Erik Shelley.

He said it was McCotter's support of the Patriot Act and House Resolutions 6166 and 5122 that got him involved in running.

"Those three have destroyed the Constitution and the Bill of Rights," Tatar said. "The government has the right to search and seize citizens of America if they are suspected of being terrorists. Government has the right to station troops in America to put under control public disorder. Government has the right to read your e-mail, to check out what type of library books you are reading. Government has suspended habeas corpus, which means they can lock you up and throw away the key until the conflict is resolved."

Tatar said those were serious issues and McCotter has sup-

ported them. "I believe we need a choice," he said. "I believe if you vote for the same person twice or the Republicans or Democrats, you get the same stuff you've always been getting."

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 59 Residence: Livonia Occupa-

tion: Retired Livonia Stevenson High School teacher,

retired U.S. Army Reserve Education: B.S. and M.S. from Wayne State University, Army Command and General Staff College

Marital status: Divorced, two adult children

Party affiliation: Libertarian Web site: http://johntatar. lpwm.org

He said the Libertarian Party offers a different philosophy that upholds the Constitution.

"The Constitution was set up to control and restrict government and their behavior against the American people," Tatar said.

He blames the current economic crisis on a loose money system and questions the proposed Wall Street bailout proposal.

"It's a bandage for a problem that will yet later surface and more problems will develop from it. This is not by any means a fix," he said.

He said the United States is under a financial system under which the government can "spend at whim on whatever they please and whenever they please and inflate the economy and raise the

debt ceiling." He said if there was a long-range plan to change the system, then he might support a temporary bailout. But he said he prefers a "hard money" system such as readopting the gold standard for limiting the

circulation of currency. "We need to go back to being a republic, which our government was meant to be, and not a democracy," he said. "A republic is where we elect these politicians to go to Washington and do our bidding for us. I think we've gotten away from that."

Tatar, a retired officer in the Army Reserve, has strong reservations about the war in Iraq.

"We should have pulled our troops out a long time ago. We should never have gone into Iraq,"

He said the Bush administration went into the war without a mission or an exit strategy.

"I'm not sure we have the right" to move into another country and set up an armed camp. I don't believe that's a correct scenario," he said.

Tatar said he is running a lowkey campaign and financing it himself.

"I basically got angry over the Patriot Act and Resolution 6166 and 5122. Our government is supposed to protect and defend the Constitution and we have put it aside," he said.

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can't help it."

Marsh, who expects to spend less than \$1,000 on his campaign, said his main goal is reducing township taxes while improving the assets of the community. He believes the current administration has spent wastefully on computer systems, tree planting, office equipment and roadwork that falls under the county's responsibility.

If elected, he says township taxes wouldn't increase under his leader-

ship.
"I get very angry seeing this," said Marsh as he flips through a three-ring binder full of information that he has put together from township meetings, which he says he watches on television.

"I want answers," he said, noting that he's frustrated about tax dollars going toward the upkeep of facilities such as Pheasant Run Golf Course. "The people are paying for this, but (a lot of them) don't know where it is."

Marsh, who lives near Beck and Geddes, said he's also displeased with the township's handling of Oakwood's proposal to build a hospital in Canton.

"The (officials) don't seem to have the community's interest at heart," he said, adding that he believes the township chose the location of the proposed hospital, which would sit just north of Michigan Avenue off of Beck Road. "Why not just put it on Michigan Avenue away from the neighborhoods? I don't think they thought it

While Marsh, who lived in

DAVID MARSH

Political party: Democrat Years in Canton: 9

Age: 55 Family: Wife, Fraya, two children, three grandchildren

Career: Retired controls engineer

Plymouth before coming to Canton, questions many of the township board's decisions. He feels that he can work with the other members if elected and is a supporter of Leisure Services.

I think we should expand Leisure Services," he said, adding that he wouldn't be against adding to Summit on the Park. "I think we could even have a new Summit but it takes a leader."

Marsh, who has been handing out his campaign literature at the library and encourages residents to visit his Web site, www. DavidMarsh.info, said he enjoys living in the township and wants to see it prosper.

"I'm running for supervisor because I feel the spending has gotten excessive," he said. "It's not out of control, but it's headed in that direction. I'm trying to save myself and others some money."

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"This is a great community and I want to build on the success we have."

A well-known figure in the community, LaJoy is running against political newcomer David Marsh. The father of two adult sons said this is the right time to campaign for the township's highest office being that he's in his final term in the House and longtime Supervisor Tom Yack is retiring.

LaJoy, who has continually pushed for tighter government spending in Lansing, applauds the way Yack has guided the township but says, if elected, he'll bring his own style to the position.

"Tom has done a great job but I'm going to be me," he said, adding that he believes the township needs to "engage in a full-court press" on bringing in new businesses. "We are in very tough economic times (and) to maintain our quality of life we have to live within our means and proactively think outside of the box."

LaJoy, who has a business degree from the University

of Detroit, has introduced more than 80 pieces of legislation in the House and served as the chair of the House Transportation Committee. He has voted to increase school funding, improve roads and reduce the size of government

in an effort to make it run

more efficiently.

As a state representative, LaJoy says he has built solid working relationships with officials in various agencies, such as the Michigan Department of Transportation. He believes those connections could serve as an asset to the township.

"I have the experience, the maturity, the business background and the management experience," he said, adding that he commends township officials for funding road improvement projects that fall under the responsibility of the cash-strapped county.

LaJoy, a supporter of the Great Lakes Compact that passed in the State House and State Senate earlier this year and was recently approved by Congress, likens the role of supervisor to being an orchestra leader.

"I believe you have to get the

PHIL LAJOY

Political Party: Republican Years in Canton: 32 Age: 64

Family: Wife, Jean, two children, two grandchildren Career: Business owner, former

Canton trustee, current 21st

District State Representative

right people, train them and then let them go and hold them accountable," he said, noting that, if elected, he intends to keep the same department directors in place. "We have talented people."

In garnering support, the Canton Hall of Famer has been going door to door meeting with residents and says most people believe the township is well run.

If elected, LaJoy intends to postpone being sworn in as supervisor so that he can participate in the "flurry" of votes that traditionally come before the House toward the end of the session.

"I'm trying to do the right thing for the people," he said, adding that he would be sworn in before Dec. 31. If he becomes supervisor, LaJov would lose out on the lifetime insurance benefit that comes along with serving in the House for a full six years.

"I can't get that benefit but that's OK. I understand and respect that," he said.

On his Web site, www.phillajoy.com, the hopeful supervisor calls Canton a "tremendous township."

"I will work hard to build upon the foundations that make our community a great place to live, work and play," he

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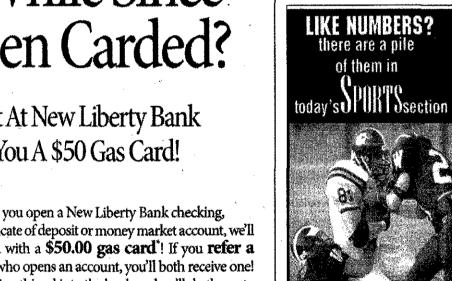
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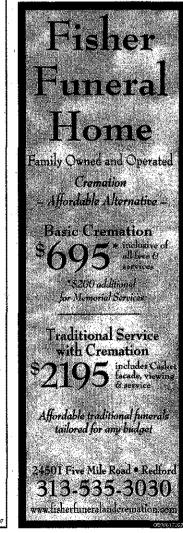
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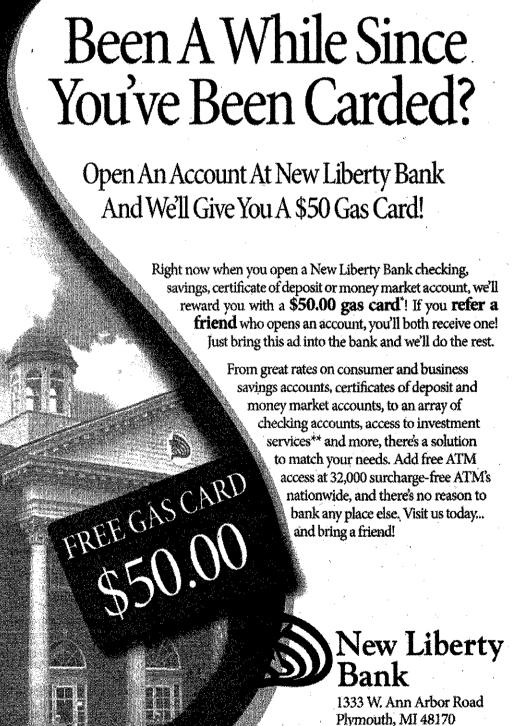
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McCotter says House GOP won't 'rubber stamp' Bush bailout plan

BY HUGH GALLAGHER **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Friday House Republicans never agreed on an amended version of the Bush administration's Wall Street bailout plan.

On Thursday, House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, objected to the bipartisan plan and offered an alternative plan at a contentious White House meeting that included House and Senate leaders and Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, and Democratic candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Illinois.

McCotter said the White House was jamming Congress to act quickly on Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson's plan to spend \$700 billion to buy up troubled bank assets caused by defaults on mortgages to prevent an economic meltdown because of frozen credit throughout the system.

"The irony here is that people who have been complaining that we are nothing but a rubber stamp for the presi-

McCotter

dent are now complaining that we won't rubber stamp this proposal, McCotter said. The origi-

nal proposal was opposed by members

of both parties in Congress because it gave too much power to the Treasury secretary. The revised version would provide funding in installments, set standards on executive compensation, give taxpayers equity as funds return to profitability, provide oversight on the Treasury secretary's authority, modify mortgages to help homeowners and provide judicial review.

In response, House Republicans are proposing a recapitalization program using private investment backed by government insurance. McCotter said this forces the people who created the problem to use their money to cor-

"We don't want taxpayers to be the first option," McCotter

He said the House Republican plan provides backup with federally backed insurance and keeping the Federal Reserve "window" open for deals like the Bear Stearns bailout.

The Republican plan would reduce or suspend capital gains taxes for investors under specific conditions. McCotter said economic activity generated would offset tax losses.

McCotter said Sen. John McCain "likes" the House Republican plan.

Democrats have complained that McCain is politicizing the process to further his presidential campaign and that if they acted without bipartisan support, they would face a campaign tying them with the Bush administration.

In a Detroit Free Press report, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., chair of the House Financial Services Committee, said that McCain declined to take a position at the White House meeting.

In another news report, Frank is quoted as saying, "I

think McCain was hurting politically. I think this was a campaign ploy."

Obama said in press reports that he thinks an agreement can be reached but that more work needs to be done to get a consensus.

McCotter said the Democrats have the votes to pass the amended Paulson plan at any time. He said the House Republicans are only doing their due diligence in providing an alternate proposal.

He said that in fairness to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the Bush administration has known for a year that this crisis was coming and did not choose to work with Congress on a solution.

"Our position is that if she (Pelosi) and Obama think this has to be done, they can pass it. We're willing to talk about anything," he said.

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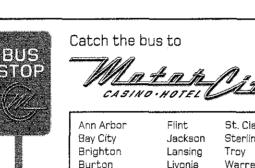
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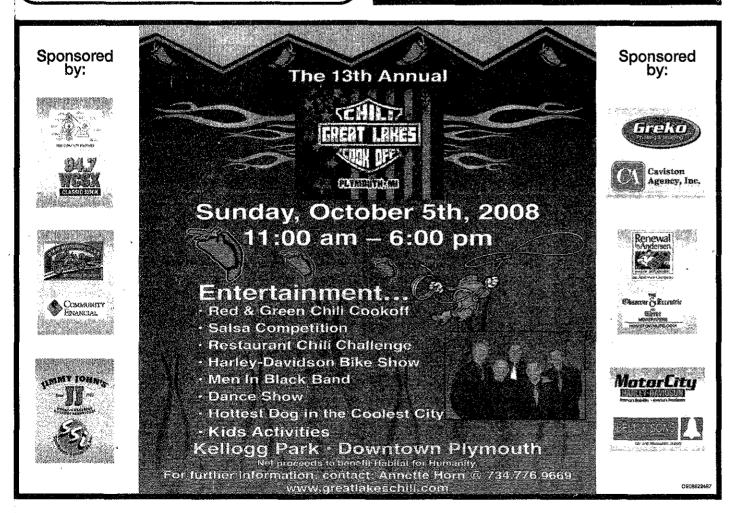
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Spencer said he plans to continue holding the event



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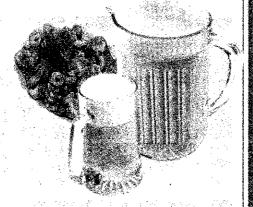
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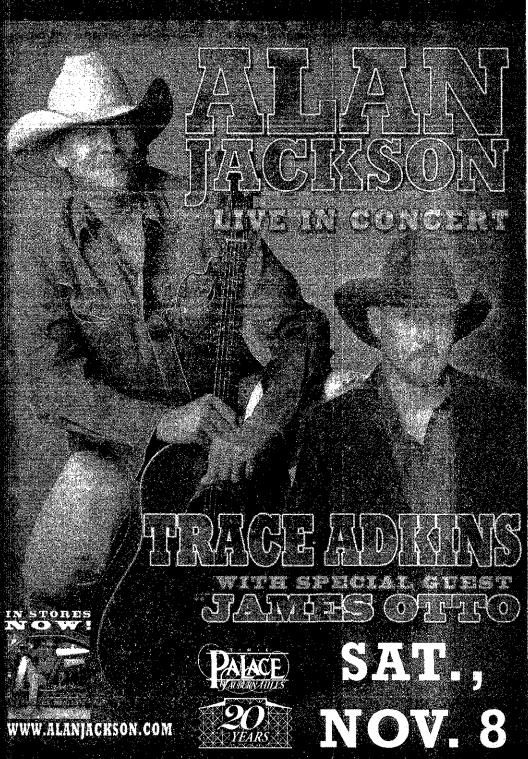
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movies, will be on exhibit
through January 2009.

To appropriately celebrate the opening of this fascinating take on film fashion

design, Henry Ford Museum will host "An Intimate Evening with Debra Landis," 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, from Debra Landis, wife of famed Hollywood director John Landis and costume designer for the Indiana Jones franchise, is the author of the new book, "Dressed: A Century of Hollywood Costume Design." She will share the inside secrets behind some of Hollywood's most beloved on-screen costumes. Tickets are \$45. For more information, visit our Web site at www.thehenryford.org.

Henry Ford Museum is open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Admission is \$14 adults, \$13 seniors and \$10 youths; members and children four and under are free. For more information please call (313) 982-6001 or visit www. thehenryford.org.

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Madonna students participate in autism event

Madonna University students have joined the list of teams participating in the second annual Autism Speaks, Walk Now event scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Graduate students in the University's Master's in Teaching Autism Spectrum Disorders program will participate in the walk for the second year in a row. The team raised \$1,500 during last year's walk at the Detroit Zoo. "Our goal is to raise \$2,000 this year," said Cassondra Wheeler, team leader.

Some walk to represent an autistic friend or family member. Madonna student Cheryl Evans walked last year with her daughter Jamie, who is autistic. "It is a wonderful experience to be a part of something like that," commented Evans. "Plus, I can bring my daughter and there are no stares, just total acceptance."

"Anyone is welcome to join Madonna's team and walk along with us to support a great cause," said Wheeler. "Last year's walk was full of fun and laughter."

Walk registration, kid's activities and a Resource Fair begin at 10 a.m. The walk starts at noon. For more information, to join or form a team, or to make a donation, visit www.autismspeaks. org. Autism Speaks is a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments and cure

for autism, while raising public awareness.

Madonna University's (www. madonna.edu) master's in teaching autism spectrum disorders (ASD) prepares certified teachers, through coursework and field experiences, to effectively facilitate learning for students with ASD. The interdisciplinary curriculum integrates developmental, behavioral, educational and medical research and theory. The program places emphasis on the child and the symptoms of the disorder. Students may choose to pursue the ASD endorsement alone, or incorporate it into a master's degree. Madonna University's main campus is conveniently located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.



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Group aims to help those with loved ones in prison

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When a member of Bonnie Hilberer's family was sent to prison earlier this year, she figured her family could get some support from someone in the state, and contacted the Department of Corrections to find out who that might be.

To her surprise - and chagrin state officials only had three words for Hilberer: Seek private counseling.

And when she did, she was further exasperated by the discovery there really wasn't any private counseling available to those who had loved ones in prison. But

of the Canton Communicators Toastmaster Club, did something about it.

She started her own support

"Hope 4 Healing" is a sevenweek workshop designed specifically for people who've had loved ones in prison. The workshop is set to start Oct. 13 at Kirk of Our Savior in Westland.

"When I found my family needed help I started doing some research and kept hitting dead ends," said Hilberer. "I want to touch anyone who has a loved one in prison, knowing there isn't any other help out there."



Hilberer .

in going on?"

The workshop is designed for adults with a loved one in prison who haven't found support anywhere and who could use a sympathetic ear. The idea, according to Hilberer, is to help such people learn to understand their feelings and learn from the experiences of

It's not unlike the work she has

"It's not a death, but it's a loss, and grief is triggered by loss."

The workshop was approved by Kirk of Our Savior officials a couple of weeks ago. Pastor Neil Cowling has been at The Kirk for nearly 23 years, and said Hope 4 Healing will be a good program.

"It's a way to outreach to families that are in deep emotional trouble," Pastor Cowling said. "It'll be a worthwhile program."

The first week of the workshop will be devoted to getting to know each other, what Hilberer calls the "who are you, who am I, why are we here?" stage. The last six weeks will talk about the grief, embarrassment, the personal issues (financial, housing, creditors, etc.), the life changes, and the biggie:

forgiveness, you can't find peace."

The most important thing Hilberer wants participants to know is they aren't alone. The group will give people someone to talk to, someone who understands the position and the emotions it brings.

"How can you share that with neighbors and friends?" said Hilberer. "Besides, even if you can, you can only tell your story one or two times and then (friends) don't really want to hear ti again.

"Here (in the workshop), you can share it over and over again," she added. "As with any grief loss, you get over it by being able to talk about it."

Hilberer stressed one important aspect about the workshop: It's not designed to be clinically therapeutic, though she said she would certainly help arrange therapy for anyone she thinks needs it.

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- Registration: Pre-registration is required by Oct. 10
- Contact: Call Bonnie, (734) 646-2237 or e-mail hope4healing@rocketmail.com

Mostly, the workshop is simply going to be a seven-week chance to talk.

"They need help, and that's what we'll be here for," Hilberer said. "There will be no judgment."

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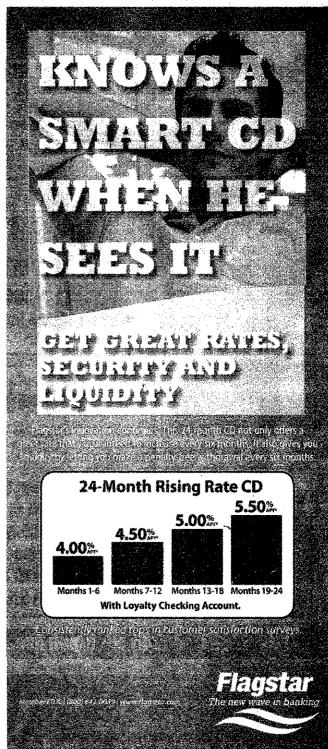
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OUR VIEWS

Schoolcraft moves boldly into the high-tech future

Schoolcraft College took another bold step toward being a leader in 21st century education with the dedication of its new Biomedical Technology Center.

The \$13-million, 48,000-square-foot building brings together the science, math and medical classes with state-of-the-art laboratories, a high-tech lecture theater and classrooms designed for flexibility and collaboration.

The building itself features numerous green technology applications that are as cutting edge as the subjects that will be taught within the building's walls.

When architects were asked to design a building to meet the needs of future math and science students, they were given strong directions from Schoolcraft's administration, faculty and staff. Keywords kept recurring, words that resonant in real work world environments. Architects were told to plan for collaboration, flexibility, teamwork, state-of-the-art equipment and designing a building that will train students for occupations and technologies that don't yet exist.

It was a big assignment, a building that would encompass all the STEM and GRIN curricula that will provide the most exciting, best paying and most in-demand jobs in the coming years. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and math. GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information systems and nanotechnology. As it has for many years, Schoolcraft is moving its curriculum to meet the needs of its students and the business community.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress beamed at the Sept. 5 dedication, equally proud of the new building and the college's frugal approach to campus development.

"This building was done on time and on budget and that's the way we like it," he told the audience standing before three high-def television screens in the building's lecture theater.

Jeffress said Schoolcraft is taking the long view, to provide for a future still to be imagined.

The new Biomedical Technology Center is the perfect setting to boldly move into that bright future.

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Saving Wall Street: Paying for our excesses of '90s

'm beginning to wonder if there is anyone in Washington who really is in touch with those of us who make up the working class. You know, the Joe Shmoes who have been salting away their hard-earned money into 401(k)s so they could have the good life when they retire.

Based on the current status of my 401(k), the light at

the end of my working tunnel has gone from being the size of the head of a pin to that black hole in

outer space. Now, if I heed

the words of my late Uncle Charlie, I must stay the course, be patient. I have to take the losses with the gains.

My Uncle Charlie — Charles Kirschner, to be exact - was a bachelor who lived the simple

When my husband and I married, he wanted to return the \$300 gift Uncle Charlie gave us because it was too much for a man who had so little. My father told him not to, Uncle Charlie could afford it. Uncle Charlie always wore

a slouch hat and bedroom slippers. He lived in an small mobile home in Rose's Trailer Park in Ecorse. He had worked as an upholsterer at Hills Furniture not far from his trailer to well past retirement and because he had an income and savings, he sent back his monthly Social Security check. Thanks, but no thanks. Social Security sent it back, he had to take it.

Uncle Charlie was a young man during the Great Depression. As the family story goes, he and his brother, my late Uncle John, were among the lucky ones who had work during the Depression and used their wages to save the family home on Knox Street ... in Ecorse, of course.

The stock market crash must not have been a traumatic experience for Uncle Charlie.

He didn't hide the money he didn't spend in a mattress, he invested in stocks, lots of stocks. Buying and selling stocks was his hobby. Uncle Charlie was so good at the stocks that when he died in 1989, he was worth \$2.8 million and his estate made an additional \$80,000 on a programmed sell executed 10 days after his death.

Being a bachelor, his nieces and nephews and grandnieces and nephews were the benefactors of his wealth. Unfortunately, it didn't come with tips on how to invest the money wisely or how to stay cool when the financial world around you is collapsing. I think, though, his philosophy was a poker term — let it ride. If you can't afford to take a loss then you shouldn't be in the stock market.

My father, the other stocksmart person in my life, had similar words of wisdom. Both men are long gone and here I sit watching my 401(k) evaporate before my eyes and asking myself a few questions:

Do I like the idea that my husband, my children and I will be on the hook for thousands to bail out Wall Street?

Do I believe Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that if this bailout doesn't happen, we'll have a recession? And do I believe my congressman, Thaddeus McCotter, who claims that this public bailout will not prevent but promote the next Great Depression, a private bailout is what's needed?

My answer to all three? Absolutely not. What I do believe is that we all share a portion of the blame for this mess. Our excesses of the '90s include when cash was easy to come by and banks had every gimmick in the book to lure us into borrowing against our home's equity or paying a pittance to have the McMansion of our dreams.

I do believe we will have to bail ourselves out of this mess. The cost will be a bitter pill to swallow, but it will be even worse if we do nothing. I think we teeter on the edge of the next Great Depression, and if we do nothing, we will end up dragging the rest of the world into that abyss.

Will I be able to recoup my losses before retirement? I doubt it, but I'm sticking with Uncle Charlie's advice. One of my favorite amusement rides is the roller coaster, and boy, this one is turning out to be one doozy of a ride.

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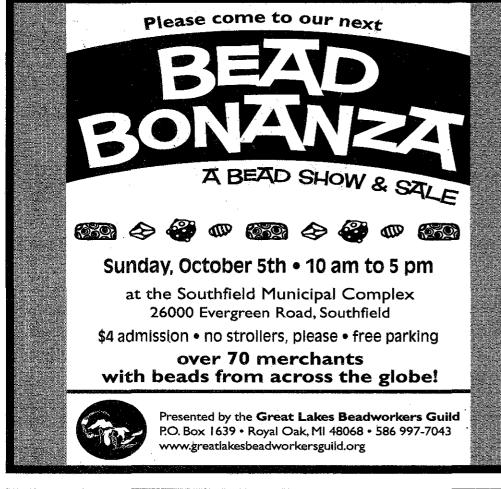
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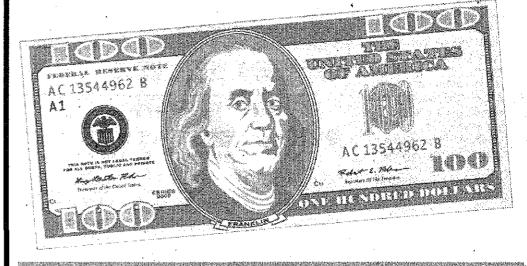




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For long-term investors, now is excellent time to invest

Dear Rick: I feel somewhat guilty in the fact that my business is doing fine and I have some extra money to invest. Do you think now is a good time to invest or should

You should not feel guilty for doing well in a challenging economy. Even with Michigan's 9 percent unemployment rate, 91 percent of people are still working. I think we tend to look at



Rick Bloom

the glass as half-empty as opposed to half-filled. Since you are looking

long term, now is a great time to invest. The market is on sale. That doesn't mean I am declaring we've reached

the bottom of this crisis, because I don't know. Can the market fall even lower? Of course it can, however, as investors we never can hope to buy a stock at its ultimate low or sell at the ultimate high. It just doesn't work that way. It is impossible to time the market, and investors shouldn't attempt to do so.

If you are a long-term investor, now is an excellent time to

Dear Rick: I just got done filing my 2007 tax return. I was not able to itemize deductions. Since I can no longer itemize, do I get any tax break for owning a home?

There are a number of tax advantages when you own a home and itemize - mortgage interest and property taxes.

Since you do not itemize, you don't receive these tax advantages. However, there is another tax benefit to owning a home and that is upon sale. When you sell a home that is your primary residence for two of the last five years, the first \$250,000 of gain for a single person, \$500,000 on a joint return, is tax-free.

Therefore, one of the key tax advantages of owning a home is the fact that for the great majority of people, the gain that they realize when they sell their house should be income tax-free. Of course, many beople may not have a gain if they sell in today's market. However, for many long-term homeowners, this is a nice tax

I've always said don't buy a house for the tax benefits or as an investment. Buy a house for the quality of life it offers.

Dear Rick: For the last few years, I've always donated stock to a charity near the

Madonna hosts thriller author

The Friends of Madonna University Library will present thriller author Tom Grace at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Madonna University Library, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Grace, the author of a series of high-tech thrillers, will discuss his new book The Secret Cardinal and his writing process. Other Grace books include Bird of Prey, Twisted Web and Quantum Web.

Copies of all books will be available for sale and signing by the author.

The program is free and light refreshments will served.



end of the year. The stock I wanted to donate this year lost money. Does it still make sense to donate the

It is a smart strategy to use appreciated securities to make charitable contributions. By donating appreciated securities, you receive a double benefit. Not only can you deduct the value of the stock as a

charitable contribution, you avoid the capital gains.

When you have a loss in a stock, a better strategy is to sell the stock and then donate the cash to the charity. By doing it this way, you can deduct the loss on the sale of the stock. If you donated the stock directly, you would not be able to claim the loss.

I should mention that from

the charity standpoint it generally makes no difference to whether they receive stock or cash.

The holiday season will be here soon and many gener-. ous Americans will open their checkbooks to those less fortunate. If you plan to make contributions, it's a great time to start doing some research. There are great Web sites like

charitynavigator.org or give. org where you can receive some independent information on charities.

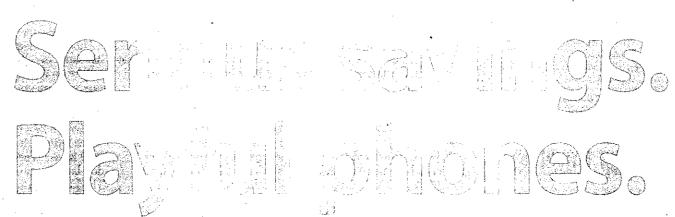
The purpose of a charitable contribution is not simply for the tax deduction. The primary reason is you care about the goals of the organization.

Since there are so many charities with similar names, make sure you do your home-

work to make sure your hard earned money goes to work where you would like it to be.

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0-line paves way to Canton triumph

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sometimes the best remedy for a crushing defeat is a night filled with crushing blocks.

That was the case Friday night for Canton's football team, which rebounded from last week's stinging overtime loss to Westland John Glenn with a resounding 49-21 rout of Wayne Memorial.

Canton, which led 42-0 late in the third quarter, improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Zebras slipped to 0-5 and 0-3, respectively. The Chiefs travel to Livonia Franklin next Friday for a pivotal showdown with the Patriots, who are 3-0 in the division.

Canton junior running back Adam
Payter sprinted to 213 yards against Wayne
— his second 200-yard-plus performance
in the past three games — but it was the
guys wearing the numbers between 50 and
80 who shone the brightest for the winners,
in the estimation of Canton coach Tim

"Adam is quick, he can break tackles; he disappears in there a little bit sometimes, but our offensive line did a great job of

executing for him tonight," said Baechler.
"Our offensive line is really starting to come of age."

A pair of bruising seniors — Justin Sneddon and Kyle Dunleavy — anchor the Chiefs' two-tight-end O-line.

Under the direction of junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz, the Chiefs' offense churned out 437 total yards — 319 in the first half.

Senior running back Kiere Daniels made the most of his four carries, picking up 79 yards and a pair of scores. Delapaz completed 3-of-6 passes for 64 yards and a TD, and he rushed for 28 yards on four carries.

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The Zebras showed some spunk late

against Canton's reserves, scoring 21 points in the final 8:16.

"I'm always pleased we didn't quit, but unfortunately that's becoming our M.O.—that we don't quit," said first-year Wayne coach Kevin Weber. "We have to start coming out in the first quarter with the same mentality we've been showing in the

The Chiefs led 14-0 5:16 into the game thanks to two Daniels scoring runs — one from four yards out; the other from 20. The second TD was set up by Pat Madish's jar-

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Founder of area's first travel bowling program lauded for 25 years of service

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Harold Winters accomplished something 25 years ago that makes picking up a 7-10 split seem like child's play.

The longtime Canton resident founded the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic league — a unique bowling program that gives highly skilled youngsters a chance to compete against their high-scoring peers.

Winters' initial efforts and the countless hours he's put into the league since the first ball was rolled in 1983 were honored earlier this week when several public servants — from U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter to State Sen. Bruce Patterson — presented him with framed proclamations in recognition of the program's silver anniversary.

"Trust me, I couldn't have done this by myself," Winters said, deflecting a lot of the credit for the WWYTC's overwhelming success. "Go to our Web site and look at the list of current and former directors, and you'll get an idea of all the help I've had.

"The thing I'm most proud of is how so many of the bowlers who have gone through our system are outstanding citizens today. We have one young lady—Lisa Bishop—who is a probowler."

owler." The initial seed for Winters' labor of love were planted in the late-1970s when his teen-aged daughter, Chris, was finding the pocket much more frequently than many kids her age.

"I bowled four nights a week back then," remembered Winters, "and wherever dad went, daughter went. When I was bowling in a league, she'd be down on lane 60 practicing.

"By the late-70s and early-80s, she was beating everybody her age. It got to the point where I wanted her to get a little more competition than she was getting around here."

With the closest existing travel league for youngsters based Downriver, Winters devised a plan to start a new one for bowlers in western Wayne County.

"I started by going to the

Wayne=Westland Men's Bowling Association meeting," the Ford Motor Co. retiree recalled.
"When new business came up, I stood up and said, You have some really good young bowlers out here and they don't have anywhere to go except Downriver.' I told them if they didn't help these kids out, they were going to lose them as bowlers until they were 27 or 28 years old.

"Before I knew it, the WWYTC was formed and we were bowling at five houses — Super Bowl, Fiesta — which

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Harold Winters was honored recently for the role he's played in the success of the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic, a program for advanced youth bowlers that recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Churchill spikers upend Chiefs in early KLAA test

BY BRAD EMONSOBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Host Canton learned Thursday night that Livonia Churchill's volleyball team

comes at you from all angles.

Before a loud and boisterous crowd,
the Chargers used a balanced offensive
attack and had a wide advantage in
blocks to post a 26-24, 25-17, 23-25, and
25-22 victory in an early season showdown between South Division teams
in the Kensington Lakes Activities
Association.

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Churchill, ranked ninth in Division 1, improved to 14-2 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA-South, while Canton falls to 15-4 and 1-1

"I haven't seen a crowd like this in awhile," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "With the change in the new divisional alignments, it looks like a healthy rivalry, very competitive with respect for each other."

ach other."
Churchill recorded a total of 19 blocks

to Canton's five and had four players with seven kills or more led by senior outside hitter Kristen Nalecz, who fin-

ished with a team-high 19.

Junior Cierra Yetts, who had the match-winning kill, added 11 kills and two blocks.

Senior Katie Matz chipped in with eight kills, while junior Sarah Suppelsa contributed seven kills and two blocks.

Another standout for the Chargers was Jessica Stroud, who had a game-high seven blocks to go along with three kills. Senior Kat Krupsky also added four kills and three blocks.

That offset the strong performance of Canton's outstanding 5-10 junior outside hitter Jordan Kielty, who recorded a game-high 23 kills to go along with 15 digs and two blocks.

"We talked a lot about Jordan (Kielty), and I thought Stroud, Krupsky – the whole slew of them – had opportunities to earn points with the block," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We worked on it in practice during the week and I

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ANDY RUBENSTE

Salem's Davon Mullins leaps high to grab one of his two interceptions Friday night against South Lyon East.

Rocks pile it on Cougars, 63-14

BY ED WRIGHTOBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's football team blew up its winless record Friday night with an offensive explosion.

The Rocks buried South Lyon East, 63-14, on the Cougars' home turf to improve to 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division. SLE dropped to 0-5 and 0-3, respectively.

Salem senior running back Anthony Mullins followed up last week's 140-yard performance by compiling 324 yards and six TD's on just 13 carries. His younger brother, Davon, also excelled, picking off a pair of Cougar passes.

"Our No. 1 goal this week was to play the perfect game," said Salem coach Parker Salowich. "Although I know that may not be attainable, that was our focus this week. We may not have been perfect tonight, but the kids played very well.

"We also wanted to get as many kids in as possible and to get through the game without any injuries, and we did both of those things. It was great to see the support the starters gave the second- and third-string guys. This was very much a team effort."

Salowich couldn't say enough good things about Mullins, who ran through the Cougars' defense like a knife through warm butter.

"Anthony had a breakout game last week and he played just as well this week," said Salowich. "Our offensive line dominated again for the second straight week, which was a good thing to see.

"I was happy with our defensive effort, too. South Lyon East runs a no-huddle, spread offense and they ran 60 plays, so they didn't make it easy on us. They're ver well coached and very well conditioned."
Salem led 42-7 at the half thanks to five end zone visits by Mullins — the second on

end zone visits by Mullins — the second o a 54-yard screen pass from quarterback Heath Parling — and an 11-yard scoring dash by Enrique Pardo. Mullins added a 65-yard TD run in the

third quarter. Salem's final two scores came on a 55-yard interception return by senior linebacker Justin Bashi and a 5-yard run by junior Kyle Middleditch.

The Bocks' defense picked off four pass

The Rocks' defense picked off four passes — two by Davon Mullins and one each by Parling and Alex King.

The Rocks chalked up 461 yards in total offense compared to the Cougars' 295.

Pardo ran seven times for 57 yards for Solom

Ethan Walsh converted all nine of his extra-point attempts.

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Ignition schedule

The Detroit Ignition will kick off the 2008-09 season on Saturday, December 13 when they face Milwaukee Wave at U.S. Cellular Arena. The match-up, the first-ever in the Xtreme Soccer League, features two teams who ended their last seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League with a 22-8 record - Detroit held the tiebreaker over Milwaukee and came away with the Regular Season Championship. The inaugural XSL weekend also includes the New Jersey Ironmen hosting the Chicago Storm on Sunday, Dec. 14.

XSL teams play a 20-game regular season from December through early April of 2009. Rules remain unchanged from previous seasons, including multiple-point scoring. Fans who cannot travel to the arena will have the games at their finger tips:

Hole-in-one

Plymouth resident Gail Elm, 48, registered a hole-in-one Sept. 4 on the 17th hole of the Fox Hills' Strategic Fox track. Elm aced the 120yard hole with a seven wood.

Precision Baseball fund-raiser

The public is invited to attend a fund-raiser at Precision Baseball, an indoor training facility located in Canton, that will benefit Special Olympics.

The comedy night event will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at the facility, which is located at 7835 Market St. in Canton.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the first comedian taking the stage at 8 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person, which includes the show, food and drink.

For tickets, send an e-mail to info@precision-baseballone.com or call (248) 761-9694.

Doc's sports raffle

A reverse raffle to benefit Madonna University Athletics, the Livonia Stevenson High Boosters and the National Kidney Foundation will be from 4-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, Doc's Sports Retreat, located at 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia.

The event, sponsored by the Foresters, is \$100 per couple (includes buffet dinner, drink tickets and a chance to win a first-place prize of \$2,000).

Only 200 tickets will be sold.

Other major prizes include \$1,000, \$300 and \$200 (two). More reverse raffle cash prizes are available, too.

To obtain tickets, call Gary Deschenes of the Foresters at (734) 542-7360 or Doc's Sports Retreat at (734) 542-8162.

Skubik-led Plymouth unplugs Chargers

Plymouth's football team rode the strong arm of senior quarterback Matt Skubik to a 31-12 victory at Livonia Churchill Friday night.

The win improved the Wildcats' record to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Chargers dropped to 1-4 and 0-3, respectively.

Skubik completed 17-of-24 throws for 228 yards. Plymouth senior running back Terrance Guthridge also had a produc-

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tive night, rushing 25 times for 107 yards.

The Wildcats' defense chipped in with interceptions from Connor Martin, Alexander Minch and Travis Mewton.

Plymouth scored first with six seconds left in the first quarter on Skubik's 1-yard plunge. Sophomore kicker Kyle Brindza tacked on the first of his seven points - four extra

points and a field goal - to make it 7-0.

Plymouth doubled its advantage to 14-0 with 5:58 left in the first half on a 20-yard scoring run from Guthridge. Brindza closed the first-half scoring with a 21-yard field goal.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 31-0 with a pair of third-quarter scores: Skubik's 36-yard strike to Zach Hamed at the 7:20 mark; and a 29yard Skubik-to-Hamed aerial with 39 seconds to play in the

Churchill's two fourth-quarter touchdowns came on Jordan Grohoski-to-Jeff Ricketts passes — the first came from 36 yards out with 11:56 to play and the latter a 70-yard TD

Grohoski finished 8-of-22 for 196 yards. Ricketts hauled in four passes for 161 yards.

Devin Moynihan led the Chargers' defense with 24 tackles, including a sack and forced

Curtis Castleberry recovered a fumble for the Chargers.

SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 113
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 73
Sept. 25 at Canton
200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton
(Laura Kushner, Maggie Carlson,
Kayla Eyster, Kari Schmitt), 2:04.87; 2.
Canton, 2:13.18; 3. Churchill, 2:20.72.
200 freestyle: 1. Catherine Irwin
(C), 2:08.61; 2. Sara Krebs (C), 2:09.06; 3.
Britney Sheeler (C), 2:17.62.
200 IM: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 2:29.38;
2. Christine O'Keefe (C), 2:33.61; 3.
Maddy McLean (C), 2:41.78.
50 freestyle: 1. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.58; 2. Allison Mayer (LC), 29.73; 3.
Hannah Maxam (C), 29.76.
1-meter diving: 1. Katina St. Pierre

1-meter diving: 1. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 184.30 points; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 165.40; 3. Catherine Huang (C),

149.50.

100 butterfly: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:04.71; 2. Samantha Reid (LC), 1:06.37; 3. Kari Schmitt (C), 1:16.23.

100 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 57.94; 2. Christine O'Keefe (C), 1:00.30; 3. Sara Schmitt (C), 1:00.43.

500 freestyle: 1. Catherine Irwin (C), 5:37.46; 2. Sara Krebs (C), 5:45.67; 3. Samantha-Reid (LC), 5:54.10.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Haley Fox, Allison Mayer, Olivia O'Chel, Samantha Reid), 1:56.56; 2. Churchill, 2:13.00; 3. Churhcill, 2:38.59.

100 backstroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:08.21; 2. Stephanie D'Annunzio (LC), 1:11.82; 3. Laura Kushner (C),

100 breaststroke: 1. Maddy McLean (C), 1:17.97; 2. Kristine Nguyen (C), 1:26.26; 3. Natlalie Hiser (LC), 1:26.82. 126.26; 3. Natialle Hiser (LC), 1:26.82. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Stephanie D'Annunzio, Haley Fox, Katrina Nelson, Samantha Reid), 4:15.36; 2. Churchill, 4:48.83; 3. Churchill,

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 3-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South.

CANTON 118 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 67 Sept. 18 at Franklin 200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Kayla Eyster, Sara Krebs, Catherine Irwin, Christine O'Keefe), 2:06.20; 2. inton, 2:10.97; 3. Franklin, 2:13.24. **200 freestyle:** 1. Maggie Carlson

C), 2:02.23; 2. Kaitlyn Kozyn (LF), 2:05.09; 3. Kari Schmitt (C), 2:11.48. 50 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 27.50; 2. Christine O'Keefe (C), 27.90; 3. Colleen Anthony (LF), 27.32.

1-meter diving: 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 44.45.

144.45 points; 2. Kail Pierce (C), 144.10; 3. Allison Gilley (LF), 128.85. 100 butterfly: 1. Kayla Douglas (LF),

1:03.40; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 1:07.34; 3. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:17.43. 100 freestyle: 1. Kaitlyn Kozyn (LF), 57.54; 2. Kari Schmitt (C), 58.20; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 1:00.98. 500 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 5:31.27; 2. Natalie Cote (LF), 5:45.82; 3. Maddy McLean (C), 6:13.76.

3. Maddy McLean (C), 6:13.76.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin
(Jordan Haymour, Kayla Douglas,
Kaitlyn Kozyn, Natalie Cote), 1:49.78; 2.
Canton, 1:51.25; 3. Canton, 1:59.99.

100 hackstroke: 1. Kayla Douglas
(LF), 1:03.86; 2. Kayla Eyster (C), 1:11.12;
3. Jordan Haymour (LF), 1:11.70.

100 hreaststroke: 1. Sara Krebs
(C) 1:15.07; 2. Kally Radro (C), 1:19.02; 3.

(C), 1:15.07; 2. Kelly Bedro (C), 1:19.02; 3. Kristine Nguyen (C), 1:26.01.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Kari Schmitt, Christine O'Keefe, Kayla Eyster, Maggie Carlson), 3:58.12; 2. Franklin, 3:58.42; 3. Canton, 4:11.88.

CANTON 103
LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Sept. 16 at Canton
200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton
(Laura Kushner, Maggie Carlson,
Kayla Eyster, Sara Krebs), 2:05.19; 2.
Ladywood, 2:06.54; 3. Canton, 2:08.61 Ladywood, 2:06.54; 3. Canton, 2:08.61. **200 freestyle:** 1. Christine O'Keefe (C), 2:09.70; 2. Heather Pijor (LL),

2:10.00; 3. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:11.11.

200 IM: 1. Maggie Carlson (C),
2:19.29; 2. Sara Krebs (C), 2:29.08; 3.
Brianna Wilson (LL), 2:36.11.

50 freestyle: 1. Kari Schmitt (C),
26.53; 2. Shannon Kelly (LL), 26.62; 3.
Sara Schmitt (C), 27.96.

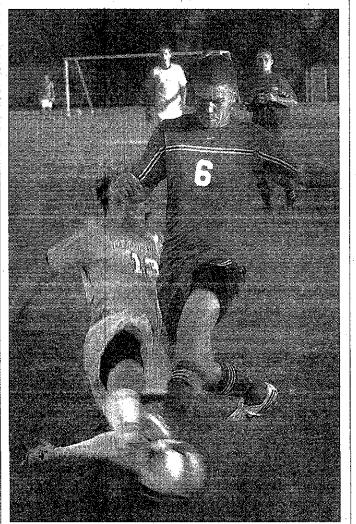
1-meter diving: 1. Mallory Hudak (C),
73.00 noits: 2. Allison Soitzley (LL)

1-meter diving: 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 173.00 points; 2. Allison Spitzley (LL), 172.95; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 139.50. 100 butterfly: 1. Maddy Pelon (LL), 1:08.34; 2. Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 1:11.27; 3. Britney Sheeler (C), 1:13.64. 100 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 57.44; 2. Shannon Kelly (LL), 59.04; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 1:01.03. 500 freestyle: 1. Heather Pijor (LL), 5:52.82; 2. Sara Schmitt (C), 6:08.32; 3. Mollie Pelon (LL), 6:13.47. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton

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200 freestyle relay: 1, Canton (Christine O'Keefe, Catherine Irwin, Paige Goodwin, Kari Schmitt), 1:51.15; 2, Ladywood, 1:54.98; 3, Canton, 2:02.51, 100 backstroke: 1, Brianna Wilson (LL), 1:09.63; 2, Laura Kushner (C), 1:12.26; 3, Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:13.36, 100 breaststroke: 1, Sara Krebs (C), 1:14.42; 2, Maggie Carlson (C), 1:15.27; 3, Caleigh Griffin (LL), 1:20.25.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Maddy Pelon, Heather Pijor, Brianna Wilson, Shannon Kelly), 4:02.67; 2. Ladywood, 4:56.98.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Scoring time

Canton's Josh Hurst (6), pictured above in a game earlier this year against Plymouth, scored the lone goal in the Chiefs' 1-0 victory over the Wildcats Thursday night on the PCEP soccer pitch. Hurst's goal, which came with 36:35 left in the contest, was assisted by Kyle Breitmeyer. Canton improved to 8-4-3 overall and 6-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

was proud of them. We made an adjustment in Game 2. The kids were put in good position and we got some blocks on her."

Churchill led most of the first game before Canton forged ahead, 23-22, only to give up four of the next five points after a critical service

Churchill took control of Game 2 from the outset, but Canton battled back to win the third game after trailing 16-12 as senior setter Kacy Moran, who finished with 33 assistto-kills, came up with the game-winning kill off a diving dig, one of her team-high 18 on the night.

"We should have had that first game, that was rough,' Canton coach Jen Barnes said. "We switched our hitters around the last two games. We had more touches on the

blocks with the changes we made. I put Torry (Riley) in the last couple of games and we put Kielty in the middle of their block. At 5-10 she's our biggest player."

Stroud, 5-10 senior middle hitter, had four blocks in the fourth game, which featured six different Churchill players recording kills, led by Nalecz's

"It's nice that in all six rotations that our kids were able to get hits in different positions," Grenier said. "It was a team effort and a team win. They really should be proud of

themselves. "And I thought she (Yetts) showed up. Tonight our kids in the four-five-six rotations put the ball on the floor, which is a

bonus. They did a nice job." Canton's Kristen Muir, a 5-7 freshman, played a strong match with 12 kills, 14 digs and two blocks.

"She (Kristen Muir) is a great freshman, one of the best," Barnes said. "She servereceives very well and she puts the ball down better on the right side."

Churchill's two setters, Kristy DeClercq and Cory Urbats, recorded 20 and 17 assist-to-kills, respectively. Senior libero Lindsey Graciak contributed a team-high 30 digs, while Matz and Urbats added 13 and 11, respectively.

Meanwhile, senior defensive specialist Shelby Anthony

added 17 digs. "We're a smaller team," Barnes said. "Blocking and offense is something we're working on. It comes down to who blocks and who makes less errors."

Salem ousts Spartans

The Rocks prevailed in four games — 25-19, 25-17, 17-25 and 25-18 — over Livonia Stevenson Thursday night in a KLAA Central Division clash played on the Spartans' home court.

"It was an up-and-down night for us," admitted Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We were able to overcome a lot of passing errors and serving errors."

Nicole Merget led the Rocks' front-row attack with 13 kills and three service aces. Kelly MacDonald, playing exclusively in the front row, notched 11 kills while senior setter Jansan Falcusan registered 43 set assists, two kills, two assists and nine digs.

Suder also praised the play of Lauren Dworzanian and Jillian Sommerville.

Plymouth sweeps

The Wildcats improved to 9-6-3 Thursday night with a 25-12, 25-20, 25-20 triumph over Livonia Franklin.

Leading the impressive sweep for the winners were Briana Beyer (17 digs), Meg Quinlan (seven digs and 8for-8 serving), Katie Salo (18 assists, perfect on 19 serves) and Katie Binger, who contributed eight kills and two blocks.

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Where there's a Will...

Back-up goalie posts third shutout for No. 1 Salem

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What do you do when you're the No. 1 boys soccer team in the state and you temporarily lose your No. 1 goalkeeper to injury?

II you're Salem, you turn to

Will Allen. The senior goalie registered his third consecutive shutout Friday afternoon in the Rocks' scoreless draw with Livonia Churchill, which entered the contest with nine consecutive

victories. Twenty-four hours earlier, Allen sparkled in a 2-0 victory over Novi.

Will is really focused and he's doing everything perfectly," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He's playing within himself and making all the

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right decisions." The Rocks will take a 14-0-4 record into next week's final week of the regular season. McCarthy said he expects No. 1 net-minder Sasa Miskovic back for the post-season.

In the 2-0 white-washing of Novi, the Rocks were paced by goals from Josh Pascarella, who netted an unassisted netfinder, and Scott O'Connor, who scored off an assist from Lachlan Savage.

"Our back-line was great," said McCarthy. "Jeremy Stoychoff did an outstanding

job controlling the mid-field. Allen made seven saves against the Wildcats.

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ring tackle on a Zebras' unsuccessful fourth-and-I play from the Wayne 40.

The Zebras nearly dented their deficit late in the first quarter when they strung together an impressive nine-play drive that took them to the Chief 13. However, they came up empty when Jesse Dorow's 30-yard field goal attempt sailed wide

right. Four plays later, Payter juked a pair of linebackers before racing 49 yards to paydirt to make it 21-0.

Canton closed the first-half scoring with a perfectly executed 48-yard TD pass from Delapaz to Davion Stackhouse.

The most dazzling play of the night unfolded just seconds into the third quarter when Canton's Arron Boudreaux bolted 90 yards with the second-half kickoff. Delapaz hit Ron Gaudi with the ensuing two-point conversion pass to pad the Chiefs' lead to 35-0.

"That run back was sweet," Baechler said. "We've been worried about guys who can catch the ball back there, but Boudreaux's shown he can do it. He's dangerous. I was surprised they kicked to him."

Payter upped the Chiefs' advantage to 42-0 with 3:02 left in the third with an electrifying 91-yard run through the heart of the Wayne defense.

The Zebras recorded the game's next two touchdowns, the first coming on Richard Haley's 2-yard run.

Junior running back Zach Guy extended Canton's lead to 49-15 with 1:42 left.

Wayne back-up quarterback Nick Mills capped the scoring with a 9-yard keeper.

Canton senior kicker Dan Stoney connected on 6-of-7 extra points and made a touchdownsaving tackle near mid-field against Haley, who returned the

kick 46 yards.

Haley was the Zebras' star. rushing for 118 yards on 21 attempts.

"Richard's one of our leaders, one of our captains," said Weber. "We told him this week that we were going to lean on him by giving him the football a lot. He stepped up and ran very hard."

The Chiefs forced two turnovers: Nick Sweda picked off a fourth-down pass late in the third quarter and Jake Underwood recovered a fumbled punt with 2:29 left.

for the Zebras.

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PREP GOLF

Canton's girls golf team continued its sizzling start to the 2008 season Wednesday when it defeated Livonia Franklin, 199-237. The Chiefs were led by medalist Kara Gregory, who fired a 43. Also scoring for the victors were Chelsea Osburn (48), Erin Lixie

(51) and Mary Elizabeth Winther (57). Scoring for the Patriots were Sam Macatee (56), Natalie Keith Agee recovered a fumble Paulson (54), Alex Smith (60) and Samantha Powers (57). The Chiefs will take on Plymouth Monday at 3 p.m. at Hickory

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do, something to look forward to," said Winters. "Myself and my directors have interfaced with a lot of these kids and

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What does Canton's boys tennis team have in common with the 2007 New England Patriots?

Like last year's Super Bowl runners-up, the Chiefs are flirting with perfection.

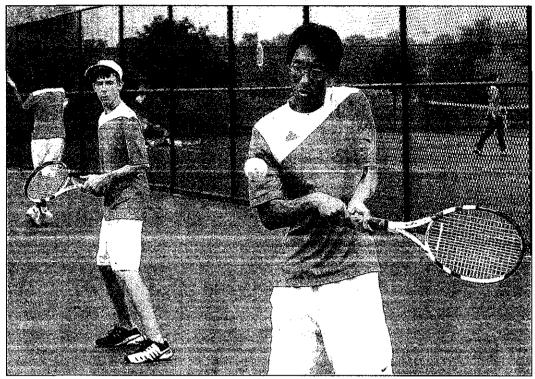
Coach Barb Lehman's squad improved its dual-meet record to 9-0 Friday afternoon with a 9-0 thrashing of Wayne Memorial. The victory came just 48 hours after a 6-3 triumph over cross-campus rival Plymouth.

"I used to say this team's strength was doubles, but now I'd have to say it's the entire team," said Lehman. "This is a very dedicated group of kids who have really come together as a team. They have fun, but they know when to do their job, too."

A victory over Westland John Glenn on Monday will give the Chiefs a title in the inaugural year of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

The league championship tournament is Saturday, Oct. 4, at the PCEP tennis courts. • CANTON 6 PLYMOUTH 3

Sept. 27 at Canton No. 1 singles: Michael Daroule (C)



Canton's doubles team of David Kang (right) and Jeremy Lindibauer has played a key role in the Chiefs' 9-0 start.

defeated Pat Onoro, 7-6, 6-1; No. 2: Aaron Zhang (P) def. Justin Leidel, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Matt Dwan (P) def. Ryan Hanz, 6-4, 7-5; No. 4: Riley Hoernschmeyer (C) def. Andy Witchell (75, 6-2)

tchell, 7-5, 6-2. **No. 1 doubles:** Max Korpalski-Pat Bailey def. Jeremy Lindlbauer-David Kang, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: David Ding-Adam Payne def. Wen Ning-Alex Berk, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6; No. 3: Santosh Shamuga-Abhi Katti (C) def. Tom Eggleston-John Lopus, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; No. 4: Jimmy LaFontaine-John Mosley (C)

def. Drew Leist-hank Eckert, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; No. 5: Steve Lee-Varun Bahandri (C) def. Grant Senkbiel-Don Henry, 6-1, 6-4. CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD:

SALEM 5, SOUTH LYON 4 Friday at South Lyon No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (S) defeated Kim Doohak, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: Dave Benson (S) def. Willie Spears, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3: Kyle

Gordon (SL) def. Dion Walker, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: K. Wilson (SL) def. Jose Peres, 6-4, 6-3. No. 1 doubles: Josh Perrin-John Kang (S) def. C. Johnson-A. Martella, 7-6, 2-6, 6-2; **No. 2:** Andy Steinman-Brock Foster (S) def. Kyle Sitar-Alex Whybra, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Michael Keum-Vishnu Rajendran (S) def. B. Morman-Jared, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: R. Blackledge-G. Wellmer (SL) def. Bohdan Pelekh-Zenik Pelekh; **No. 5:** T. Slankard-

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Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

South Lyon East at Salem, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. Calvary Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 Farmington at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. PCA at Roeper, 4:30 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 30

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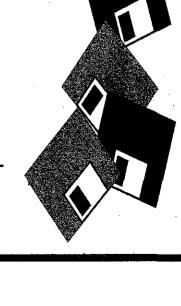
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Holistic Moms Network

9:45-11:45 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. Plymouth. Speaker: Angelle Batten of www. nourishyourkids.com on the topic Fake Food Ingredients: Healthy Snack Alternatives for your Family. For information, contact Andrea Stevens at amstevens14@juno.com, or (313) 220-4592, or visit www.holisticmoms.org.

ALS walk Registration 9 a.m., walk starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Belle Isle Park Casino, Detroit. For more Information call Erin Ehlers at (248) 680-6540 or send e-mail to eehlers@alsa-michigan.org, Walk to Defeat ALSTM is The ALS Association's national signature event and raises funds to support patient service programs and cutting-edge research.

Diabetes review session

Whether you've been recently diagnosed with diabetes or have been living with diabetes for years, you can take steps to lead a healthier life at a free one-hour class that provides basic education about proper diabetes self-care 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy. To enroll or for more information, call 1-888-DIABETES (342-2383) or visit www.diabetes. org/diabetesreview. The class is conducted by a certified diabetes educator and covers meal planning and portion size, exercise, medication updates, stress management,

blood glucose testing and more. Ladies night out

Reiki: the Gentle Healing Art Thursday, Oct. 7, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Blood pressure and bone density screenings, and massage will be offered 5:30-7 p.m., lecture from 7-8:30 p.m. Speaker is the hospital's Reiki Master Jane Kaleski, a Certified Massage Therapist, Medical Massage Therapist and Certified Infant Massage Instructor, Registration required. No charge, but a \$5 donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center programs. Call (734) 655-1182 to register or for information.

Grief seminar

Join national grief expert and author Dr. Alan Wolfelt as he presents The Wilderness of Grief: Finding Your Way 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Michigan State University Management Education Center, 811 Square Lake Rd., Troy. No charge, but reservations recommended as seating is limited. To register, call (248) 362-2500, Visit www.desmondfuneralfuneralhome.com for details and directions.

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 12-16, and Monday, Oct. 20, at Metropolitan Adventist Church fellowship room, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. No need to register. For information, call (248)

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Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak. Proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association to help prevent and cure diabetes through programs and services in Michigan. To register as an individual or lead a team, visit diabetes.org/stepout or contact Stephanie Camalo at 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6692 or scamalo@diabetes.org.

Autism speaks walk

Autism Speaks, the nation's largest autism advocacy organization, holds its Walk Now For Autism Walk Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Registration starts at 10 a.m. with opening ceremonies and walk at noon. All proceeds benefit Autism Speaks. The day includes a 1 to 2 mile walk and Community Resource fair with educational sources, therapists, schools, recreational organizations, and creative child-friendly activities; a true one-stop-shop for families affected by autism. This year Toys"R"Us will have a tented space serving as home for Geoffrey the Giraffe. Attendees will also be able to sign their children up for Geoffrey's Birthday Club and pick up the "Ten Toys That Speak to Autism" handout, a list of toys that help build the skills of children with autism, created in collaboration with Autism Speaks. For information, visit www.walknowforautism.org



Fair offers equal access to health information

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Imagine not being able to hear about the dramatic rise of diseases like diabetes. Fourteen percent of Michigan's population is unable to receive pertinent medical information due to deafness. Email, texting and technology have made access easier, but it's still not fair or equal, said Dave Covne, Project Manager for the Michigan Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, a non-profit organization located in Lansing. That's why he and Christa Moran, an American Sign Language interpreter for the University of Michigan Health System, have teamed up to offer workshops at the first Michigan Deaf Health Fair at Madonna University on Saturday, Oct. 11. In addition to presentations by a family physician, psychologist, and nutritionist, participants can receive screenings for cholesterol, dental, glucose, and blood pressure as well attend a flu shot clinic.

Coyne chose the Livonia campus because of its 4-year ASL interpreter pro-

"The deaf and hard of hearing communities miss out on so much information," said Coyne, a hearing ASL interpreter. "We get it from the radio, TV commercials which often aren't closed captioned. All of the workshops are presented in ASL and offer dialogue and discussions."

Cristine Saunders isn't deaf but understands repetitive motion injury and how signing can impede recovery. Saunders is a nationally certified massage therapist and a certified ASL interpreter. She'll provide tips on stretching and body/posture awareness for prevention.

Dr. Michael McKee, a family physician in Rochester, New York, plans to talk about deaf health myths that impede progress in reducing health disparities among the deaf community. He is currently assisting the National Center for Deaf Health Research, one of the Preventive Research Centers funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to track health trends and

needs of individuals with hearing loss. McKee, who is deaf, works at Folsom Family Medicine, a practice which sees 800 deaf patients and their families as well as hearing individuals. Folsom is the second largest deaf medical practice in

MICHIGAN DEAF HEALTH FAIR



What: Health education workshops for deaf and hard of hearing individuals presented in American Sign Language When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Where: Madonna University, 36600

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the country. "Many of the health problems in the deaf community are similar to other cultural groups," wrote McKee in an e-mail. "The deaf community does have unique barriers. A lot of health information is shared by auditory means which is missed mainly by this group. American Sign Language is known only by very few medical staff. To make matters worse, many health centers and medical providers do not provide for interpreters even though they are obligated to do so under the guidance of Americans with Disabilities Act. As a result, I find a lot of knowledge gaps in health topics among the deaf including sexual health, nutrition, diabetes and cardiovascular health. Obesity and diabetes seem to be rising quickly among the deaf at my clinic where I see patients. This alarms me since this will increase risk factors for heart disease and stroke. I continue to see higher rates of sexually

transmitted diseases compared with the

hearing patient population."

Mel Whalen's concerned about the misconceptions the deaf, like the hearing, have about depression. A deaf clinical psychology doctoral fellow in her fourth year of training at Eastern Michigan University, Whalen is going to speak about regulating emotions and the effect of emotions on health. Although she's unaware of research showing a higher incidence of depression in deaf individuals, Whalen said studies tend to document higher rates of depression and health issues in any oppressed minority groups with limited access to appropriate health care.

Whalen seems to be as excited as Coyne about the deaf health fair because the deaf "so rarely have the opportunity to receive health related information in ASL directly from the deaf/hard of hearing health professionals.

"People often don't really understand the direct connections between depression or feeling sad and the physical consequences to your body like loss of appetite, lower immunity and insomnia and so on," said Whalen who sees both deaf and hearing clients. To her knowledge the Ann Arbor woman is the only deaf clinical psychologist in the state.

"My goal is to help make those connections more clear for workshop participants so that they understand more directly the usefulness of learning to regulate one's own emotions in order to maintain a healthy mind and body."

Like the hearing, deaf individuals seem to know little about nutrition, according to Sandria Graham, a deaf dietitian. She'll talk about food and how to read labels. Graham was born deaf and admits she has been a health geek for many years. She believes she's the only deaf dietitian in the country. Her goal is to help prevent diseases by using a holistic approach to health by balancing mind, body and spirit.

"Some doctors do not refer patients to dietitians. Sometimes doctors give information but don't explain it to the patients. Patients look at it and don't understand what it says. Their health becomes worse and becomes a problem," said Graham who earned a bachelor of science degree in dietetics from Madonna University.

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Regulations grant benefits to veterans with Lou Gehrig's

The Department of Veterans Affairs published groundbreaking new regulations today that grant military veterans diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease full access to health and disability benefits, regardless of where or when they served in the military. The new rules take effect immediately.

The decision to establish a presumption of service connection for ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) is a tremendous victory for veterans living with the disease and is the culmination of years of work by The ALS Association to expand benefits for those diagnosed with the fatal neurodegenerative disease named after baseball legend Lou Gehrig.

The Association has been the leading organization advocating for this policy change at the VA for many years. In 2001, the Association strongly supported the VA's decision to grant benefits to veterans of the 1991 Persian Gulf War and has championed legislative efforts to build on that policy so that it applies to all vet-erans with ALS.

According to studies, military veterans within the last century are nearly twice as likely to develop ALS as those with no history of military service, regardless of where or when they served in the military. Most recently, The Association advocated for legislation (H.R. 5454) introduced by Congressman Henry Brown (R-SC) that would have established ALS as a service connected disease. Thanks to the combined efforts of the VA Secretary James Peake, members of Congress, the Association, and veterans across the county this legislation no longer is needed.

"ALS is a disease that progresses rapidly, once it is diagnosed. There simply isn't time to develop the evidence needed to support compensation claims before many veterans become seriously ill," VA Secretary James Peake said. "My decision will make those claims much easier to process and for them and their families to receive the compensation they have earned through their service to our nation."

ALS, a fatal, progressive, neurodegenerative disease, is striking at this nation's heroes the hardest, however the reasons are not known at this time.

The ALS Association is leading the fight to cure and treat ALS.

Veterans living with ALS across the country played a vital role in advancing this critical policy change by testifying to Congress and helped lead the effort to improve benefits for all veterans with ALS.

Give vegetarianism a try in October

Wednesday, Oct. 1 is World Vegetarian Day and kicks off Vegetarian Awareness Month.

Adopting a vegetarian diet has many benefits including reducing the risk of heart disease, stroke and cancer while also conserving fresh water, fertile topsoil and other limited resources that go into creating a meat-based diet.

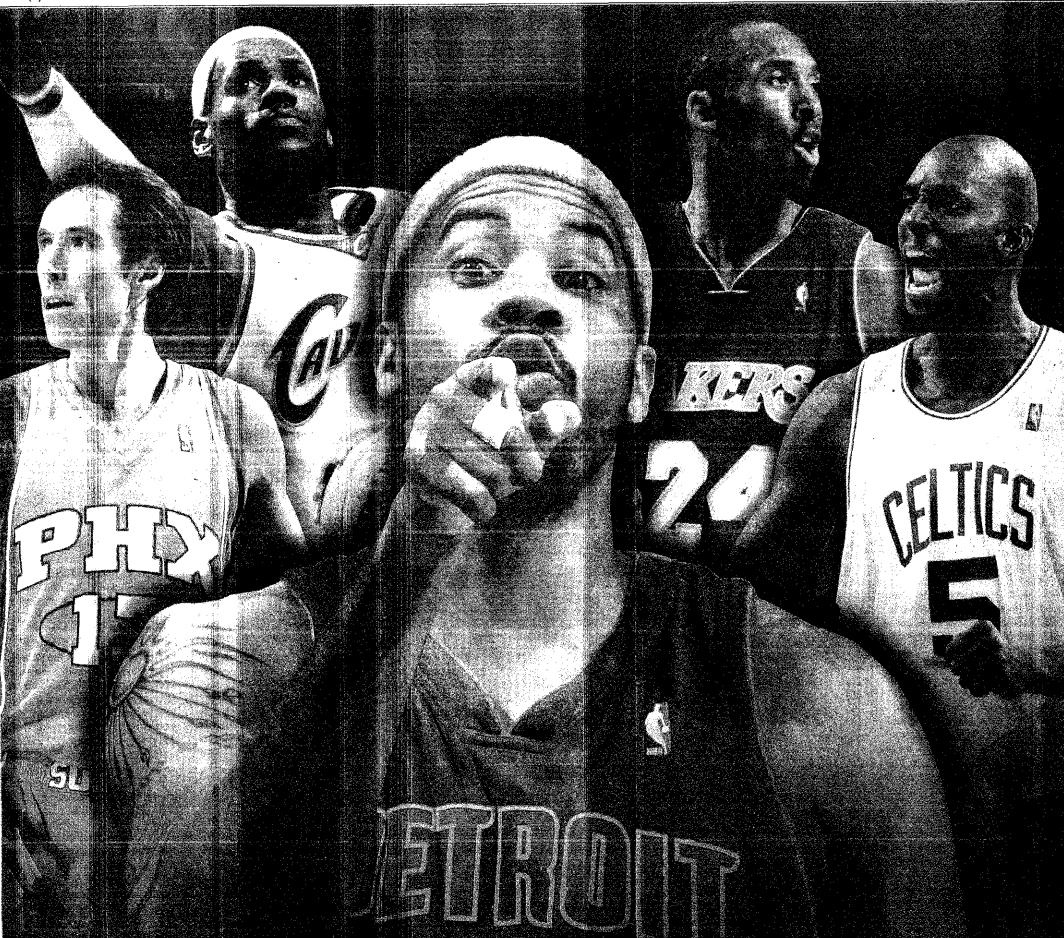
Here are five tips to help get you started from Beaumont Hospital dietitian and vegetarian Catherine Welemirov:

Look at Some of Your Favorite Meals. Most people have favorite dishes that are already vegetarian or can be made so easily. If you enjoy vegetable lasagna, stir-fried vegetables or pasta primavera you can begin to transition to a vegetarian diet by making these meals more often.

Try New Restaurants. Seek out Chinese, Indian, Middle Eastern and Thai restaurants to discover the many vegetarian food options they offer.

Explore Substitutes. There are many soy and vegetable-based meat substitutes that you can easily find in your grocery store. If you try one brand and don't care for it, keep trying. There is something out there for everyone.

No Need to Cook Separate Meals. If you are the only one in your family adopting a vegetarian diet, try cooking the meat for dishes like pasta or stir fries in a separate pan and add the meat to a separated portion before serving.



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Birthday boy can do no wrong

should have known it was our fault. Clancy, our Irish Wolfhound, can do no wrong, at least according to Bonny Wainz, our master dog trainer and behaviorist.

to learn obedience techniques based on the theory that whoever



Linda Chomin

It's my sister Gwen and I who need

of the pack. We've let Clancy think he is, so that's probably why the three of us have been going to school for some time without much suc-

is in charge is leader

Our first six-week class was spent with a trainer that used treats

as rewards for executing commands. Treats were fine until you were empty handed. Our second trainer had Clancy sitting, staying and downing in the ring. He even earned his Canine Good Citizen Certificate, was able to greet strangers without jumping on them, and behaved courteously around wheelchairs and IV poles. We still want him to become a therapy dog so those are important skills.

The problem is when he's out in the real world, life is a game. Any time he sees a rabbit, squirrel or neighbor he's off and running to play.

That brings us to our neighbors Rita and Chris. They've taken an interest in helping us train Clancy and regularly act as decoys. I don't know what we would do without this patient husband and wife duo. They've made it all bearable. There are days when Clancy's antics leave us frustrated and wanting to take him back to his mother. Instead Chris and Rita watch dog training videos with us and encourage our efforts by standing in their driveway while we try to walk on by without him tearing the leash out of our hands.

A week ago Friday they hosted Clancy's third birthday party, complete with cake, in their backyard. I can tell they really do like Clancy. They bought and wrapped an edible, flavored bone for him. When it came time for Gwen and I to blow out the candle I know they were wishing with us that 3 is the magic

Maturity seems to come late to big Irish Wolfhounds. Clancy is no exception, but regardless Gwen and I will continue to work with Bonny and her Alternative Canine Training methods (www.vladae.com). Every Saturday morning she arrives at our home ready to point out our mistakes.

Bonny is right about there being no bad dogs, only those which have never been trained. She, as I, believe that owners need to take time to work with their animal. And I do mean work. Clancy tests us by pretending he doesn't hear the command to sit. He does hear and it doesn't do any good for us to repeat it seven times. You have to learn to follow through by leaning over him and pushing down his back end. I knew it was our fault.

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Clancy Callahan Chomin celebrated his third birthday recently and his owners are hoping the year brings maturity.

Committee puts out call for former choir members

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

The room was electric as former Bentley High School Concert Choir members talked about their 50th reunion in 2009. It was a life changing experience for many students from 1959 to 1985.

Camaraderie, then as now, is key between "the kids" still looking for 300 singers. On Nov. 28, 2009 the alumni will assemble one last time. The private

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Choir from 1959 to 1985

dinner to reunite mem-

CHOIR REUNION

affair is scheduled to take place at Burton Manor in Livonia where they'll sing for their own enjoyment as well as honor founder Jerry Smith, director for all

those years. In their heyday, the choir put on major Christmas and spring productions that transformed the

gym stage into gardens and churches with falling snow. The events had people standing in line two to three hours before the

concert, The Bentley Concert Choir was the elite ensemble not only at the Livonia high school, but out on the road. The award-winning choral group was known nationally, having toured 23 states and Europe and sung for Congress on the steps of the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. Back home, WJR played their albums

on the radio on Sunday mornings. "My first memory was at 10 years old when I went to a spring concert and said 'I want to be here'," said Tommy Mozier West, a member of the 1970 and 1971 choirs. The Livonia woman is co-chairing the event with Lawrence Zane of Plymouth. "I think it was my first goal. I think we all feel the same. It was the two years that changed and formed our lives. Excellence was expected in every

"You carried those values out the

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Jerry Smith leads a rehearsal of the 1981-82 Bentley Concert Choir.



The Bentley Concert Choir rehearses with director Jerry Smith in August 1971.



This photo captures the intensity of the 1970-71 Bentley Concert Choir as they perform. Members say there was a moment when something clicked and all 100 voices came together as one.

Committee works hard for success of recital series

FRIDAY NIGHT **RECITAL SERIES**

What: Classical music performances by

nationally recognized artists When: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, pianist James Tocco; Feb. 13, pianist Anton Nel; March 20, Avalon String Quartet, and May 15, cellist Robert de Maine Where: Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students, \$70 season ticket. For information, call (734) 462-4403, or send email to Patricia Minnick at pminnick@schoolcraft.edu

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Don Morelock and the Friday Night Recital Series Committee are doing everything possible to make sure every one of the 275 seats in the Presentation Room at Schoolcraft College are filled for the 2008-09 season. One idea after another flowed through the room last Monday as staff, students and community members planned for the series.

Wayne Glass, the college's director of grants, is making sure the recitals are advertised at events like the arts and crafts show in November.

Elida Giles, an art history instructor, suggested blasting emails to announce the series.

Committee co-chairs Jean Long and Carol Bonamici are working on a letter to invite the Board of Trustees to a concert.

Barbara Marek and Ellen Nixon have spoken to fellow students about putting a story in the school newspaper. They've also looked into selling tote bags advertising the series. Student Lou Kovach volunteered to sponsor tickets for 10 students.



The Avalon String Quartet return to the Friday Evening Recital Series on March 20.

Morelock, who's chairman of the music department, has lined up a stellar array of nationally recognized musicians including pianist Anton Nel and Robert de Maine, principal cellist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Returning for a second year are the Avalon String Quartet and pianist James Tocco who kicks

off the series on Nov. 14.

This is the second year for the series that Morelock and the committee consider a fledgling effort. Members first met in April 2007 to discuss the feasibility of presenting a series in the recital hall. The Friday night performances complement the long-running noon concerts on

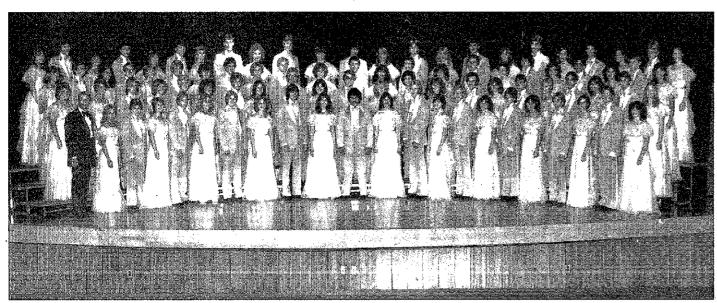


Robert de Maine, principal cellist of the Detroit symphony Orchestra, closes the season on May 15.

campus.

The recital series allows classical music lovers to make an evening of it by dining at any of the many restaurants in the area or American Harvest inside the VisTaTech Center where. reservations are recommended.

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The 1982-83 Bentley Concert Choir poses on stage for a photograph.

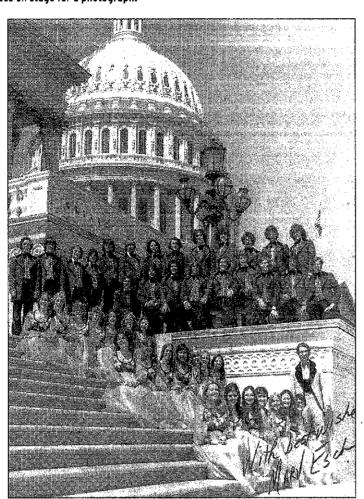
door with you," added Dian Copado-Segal of Livonia, choirs 1974-75. "It was a good foundation for me as a human resources director, being organized and structured."

Pat Koontz admits he was an outcast in high school until joining the choir in 1979. Smith instilled discipline in the students right down to the position in which they sat on chairs. Koontz continues to make singing a part of his life. He built a sound recording system in his home and hopes someday to put out a CD of the music he

"I probably would have never even tried to finish school if not for Doc (Smith) and the concert choir," said Koontz of Superior Township. "Doc asked me to try out for concert choir and changed my life. I had hair halfway down my back, excelled in Parking Lot 101, dressed in a leather coat and smoked cigarettes. I didn't fit in. An hour before the first show I cut my hair. I gained self respect."

Choir made a difference in Lawrence Zane's life as well from 1981 to 1983. Today he works in the banking industry.

"We were just filling time and space wanting to leave the building," said Zane, who sings with Tyndale Artists Ensemble in summer and under the direction of Smith at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth year round. "Doc Smith trained us how to sing as adults not children or teens.



The 1975 Bentley Concert Choir sang for Congress on the steps of the United States Capitol in Washington D.C.

We could progress from Male or Female Select or the boys or girls choir to Concert Choir of the 100 best singers in the school. It gave me a whole new meaning for school. There was a government body inside the choir that ran it, planned the tours, all done by students."

John King's heard similar stories from former choir members. The Livonia man sang with the group in 1979.

"It was a team concept," said

King. "I haven't sung since but my brother Steve King was in choir and started out as a variety act, Steve King & the Dittlies. We had variety shows every year at Bentley put on by the vocal department."

Smith fondly remembers the days he considers the best times of his life. He proudly unfolds a flag that flew over Livonia City Hall during Bentley Concert Choir Week for the 25th reunion in 1984. The

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50th was the idea of son-in-law Ron Moon who put the reunion on classmates.com.

The response was overwhelming from "the kids." Smith and the committee have been working on the reunion since January and already selected the program of Christmas music and carols.

Music is Smith's life. He has been in music ministry for 37 years, 30 at Ward Presbyterian, seven at First Presbyterian of Plymouth, and annually directs the music for the Livonia Prayer Breakfast. He founded the Creative and Performing Arts Program (CAPA) at Churchill High School in Livonia as well.

"At our peak we had about 600 singers (every semester) by the mid 1960s to mid 1980s in the vocal music department," said Smith. "In 77 we went from college to college on tour. There were only 44 slots for 100 kids (in the concert choir). They earned their grades and the opportunity to tour, which was paid for by concert receipts."

Sharon Smith admires the relationships Jerry, her husband of 44 years, built with students over the years. Sharon accompanied the choirs starting in 1960 while attending Bentley High School in Livonia. Later she brought their three children with crayons and coloring books to rehearsal. Today she continues to work with Jerry as assistant organist at First Presbyterian of Plymouth. She'll accompany the choir at the 50th reunion concert.

"He wasn't just a task master, but a mentor and friend," Smith said.

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Google's Web browser enters; columnist exits

oogle's quest to dominate unabated last week with the introduction of Chrome (google.com/chrome), a new Web browser poised to challenge both Internet Explorer and Firefox.

Does the world really need another Web browser? I didn't think so, but Chrome has a lot going for it - and

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

For example, Chrome's address bar — the place where you type in Web addresses – remembers your browsing history and pops up a list of rel-

the weight of Google behind

Firefox 3 offers the same convenience, but Chrome goes a step further by adding Google Search to the mix: Search results appear in that same

evant sites as you type.

pop-up list. For example, suppose you want to look up The Shawshank Redemption on the movie site IMDB.com. Traditionally, you'd head to that site, then type the movie's title into its search box.

With Chrome, you just type "imdb shawshank" and presto: The corresponding page appears in the search list. Click it and you go directly there.

This may not sound like a big deal, but it's incredibly handy. I also like Chrome's new-page tab, which displays thumbnails of the sites you visit most (so you can quickly visit them again) and sites you've recently bookmarked.

Chrome doesn't yet support function-adding extensions the way Firefox does, which is why I'll be sticking with the latter for now. But Google has put together a pretty impressive browser, one that's sure

to shake things up in the Web the online world continued world. Give it a try and see what you think.

END OF THE ROAD

The time has come for me to say goodbye. This column has been one of the true joys of my professional life, and I'm sad to leave it. But after five years and more than 200 entries, my tech savvy is a little tapped out.

My deep thanks to executive editor Sue Rosiek for giving me this opportunity, and to crackerjack editors Ken Abramczyk, the late Mary Klemic, and Wensdy Von Buskirk for never yelling at me when I missed a deadline. (Never said I was time-savvy.)

I'm also endlessly grateful to you, the readers, for all the questions and kind words you've sent me over the years. It's truly gratifying to know I've been able to help you make better buying decisions and solve tricky tech problems.

So, where do I go from here? As of next week, I'll be at the helm of PC World's new Hassle-Free PC blog (pcworld.com), an abbreviated version of which will appear in the print maga-

Meanwhile, fellow cheapskates can check out my eponymous blog on CNET (news.com/cheapskate), while business users will find oodles of tips and tricks at Business Hacks (blogs.bnet. com/businesstips). Hope you'll bookmark these sites and visit regularly!

Before I go, some final words of advice. Make regular backups. Don't pay for software when there's a perfectly good free alternative. Don't bother typing "www" at the beginning of Web addresses-your browser doesn't need it. And, finally, use Google to get answers to all life's questions.

There. Now you're tech-savvy



The new Google Chrome browser has some interesting features, including thumbnail views of favorite sites when you open a new tab. It's free, and you can use it alongside your existing browser(s).







Common sense says that a person with arthritis would feel depressed, at least at times. Pain, inability to move at the pace of others, deformities of the hands that attract stares from strangers, feeling fatigued when people with you are eager to go places, causes, in the patient with arthritis, feelings of inferiority and isolation.

Arthritis also forces individuals to redesign their lives. The change not only affects the person with joint disease, but members of the family including a spouse and children. Asking so much from others, is bound to cause the arthritic patient moments of regret and emotional pain.

The medications used to treat arthritis may cause depression. Cortisone, a powerful anti-inflammatory medicine gives euphoria initially on beginning a high dose. But that feeling leaves, replaced by a sense of sadness as the doctor, by necessity, decreases the In fibromyalgia, the effect of therapy used to counter depression, may in some

patients, actually make depression worse. The anti-depressant may make a person feel as if he or she is walking in a fog. The medicine may increase appetite, and bring weight gain to someone who does not want it. The excess weight alone can lead to depression The best treatment for depression associated with arthritis is to resolve the condition to the point that the individual is no longer hampered or crippled. Often medical care

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Following the program in the Presentation Room the audience can mingle.

"They can meet the artist and other music lovers," said Morelock. "The recitals are an opportunity to have this kind of quality performance in the community. The venue is so nice. It's a good way to start a weekend."

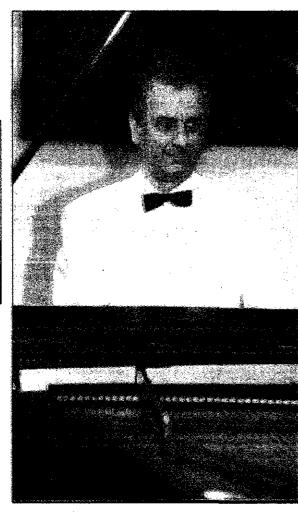
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Feb. 13, at Schoolcraft College.

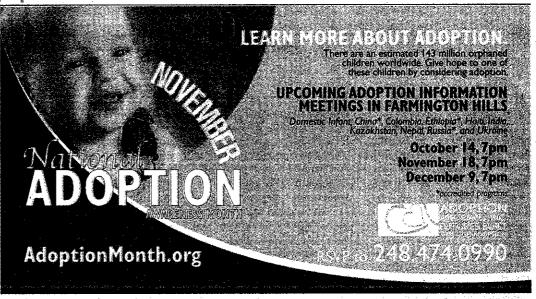
especially excited because her son Nathan, a piano student of Morelock's, performs a four-handed piece with Tocco on opening night. Mondry and her husband Ira serve on the board of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival and developed a relationship over the years with Tocco, the artistic director. In 2007, they bid on a festival auction item for a Tocco performance which they then donated to the Schoolcraft College recital series. "It gives us a reason to invite a lot of our

friends and fill the hall," said Mondry.



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HOME BRIEFS

Michigan Design Center (MDC) will open its doors to the public for Design Inspiration: An Open House and Lecture Event on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the center, 1700 Stutz Drive, Troy. Two independent sessions will be offered, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and from 5-8



Valerie Moran

rooms, attend presentations on a variety of design-related topics and obtain complimentary design

Guests will have an

opportunity to

explore show-

advice from professional interior designers. Valerie Moran will offer

Design Inspiration's keynote presentation: Lasting Luxury - How Fine Furnishings are Made. With more than 30 years in the luxury furnishings industry, Moran is the former President of French furniture maker Grange International and is a frequently-cited source in national design media.

Complimentary design con-

sultations will be offered during the morning session only, which will begin with breakfast from 9:30-10:15 a.m., followed by Moran's presentation. The showroom open house will run from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and design consultations will be from noon-2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring floor plans, photos of rooms or just come prepared to discuss decorating dilemmas during a

industry. Guests will have a chance to meet with seven different designers from 6-7 p.m., during the night session. They'll review designer portfolios, compare design styles and

20-minute consultation with

some of the top leaders in the

more. The evening session will begin with the showroom open house and strolling hors d'oeuvres from 5-7 p.m. and will end with Moran's presentation from 7-8 p.m.

Space is limited and advanced reservations are recommended. Tickets for either morning or evening sessions are \$10 each and are available by visiting michigandesign.com

or by calling (248) 649-4772.

YOU DESIGN IT

Casual Concepts in downtown Rochester will feature the Design-Your-Own-Dining Collection made-to-order furniture at its open house, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4 and noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct.

The collection allows customers to completely customize their table, chairs, buffet and coordinating stools.

"Choose the size and shape of your table, select a unique pedestal or leg design and pick a finish. Our designers and sales consultants will help you match the perfect chairs, fabrics and coordinating pieces to complete a look that will be uniquely your own," store owner MaryAnne Dery, stated in a press release.

Sample hors d'oeuvres and mingle with the experts at the event. Casual Concepts is located at 828 North Main Street. For more information call (248) 652-1080 or visit www. casualconceptsinc.com.

- Compiled by Sharon Dargay

ENGAGEMENT

Sund-Reschke

Doug and Peggy Sund of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Marie Sund, to Steven Mark Reschke of Livonia. He is the son of Mark and Linda Reschke of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2006 graduate of Central Michigan University. She works as a medical tech-

nologist at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Her fiance is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan. He works as a Civil Engineer for Northwest Consultants, Inc.

The couple are planning an Oct. 17 wedding in 2009 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church with a reception to follow at Burton Manor.



WEDDINGS

DiVito-Hoon

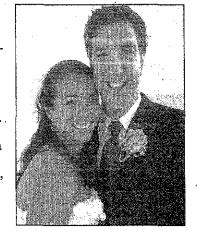
Kenneth and Beatrice DiVito of Troy announce the marriage of their daughter, Monica DeVito, to Greg Hoon of Santa Barbara, Calif. He is the son of Keith Hoon and Ginger McMahan of Seattle. Monica works as a full-time instructor at Santa Barbara City College.

She earned her doctorate from the University of California in Santa Barbara. Greg works for Brownstein,

Hyatt, Farber, Schreck in Santa Barbara.

The couple wed Aug. 16, during a ceremony at East Beach in Santa Barbara before the Rev. Jerry Bellamie. Annalisa DiVito was maid of honor and Bryan Hoon was the best man.

A reception followed at Cabrillo Arts Pavilion in Santa Barbara and the couple spent their honeymoon in Bora Bora, Tahiti in French Polynesia. They have made their home in California.



Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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JEAN E. CORPE

Age 86, September 24, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Earl Edward. Dear mother of Carol (Kenneth) Durbin, Earl (Patricia) and June (Michael) Larsen. Grandmother of nine. Greatgrandmother of 18. Visitation Sunday 2-9 pm with a 4 pm Scripture Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Monday 9:30 am until 10 am Mass St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, (bet. Warren and Joy).



ALICE M. GUNDERSEN 1934-2008. Died peacefully on Sept-

ember 23. 2008 in her home at Westminster Shores in St. Petersburg, Florida. She was 73 years old. In 1964, the family moved to Livonia, Michigan to start a new church, St. Timothy's Presbyterian, where she served as organist and choir director for ten years. She attended the University of Michigan's School of Music and received a degree in Music History and Literature with a major instrument in organ. In the mid-1970s, Alice pursued business interests and worked at several firms in the Detroit area, rising to middle management positions with Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Company and Delta Dental. She then formed her own systems software company, AMG Computer Systems in Southfield, Michigan. She campaigned for the Livonia City Council and in 1979 became the first woman ever elected and served six years. She also served on the Board of Family Services in Detroit, as a Director of Wayne County Task Force for Family Services, and on the Business Advisory Council for Madonna College. Her organizing skills and interests led to her appointment as Chair of the Michigan Women's Political Caucus and she became very active in the National Women's Political Caucus as well, serving on its Administrative Commission. Alice is survived by her husband, Carl A. Gundersen, Jr., sister Cora Jarvis of Ocala (FL), youngest son Scott Gundersen (FL), eldest son Daniel Carl Gundersen and daughterin-law Tamera Stockton Gundersen (PA), and one granddaughter, Jenna Rebecca Gundersen. Donations may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc. (http://www.parkinson.org).

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WILLIAM WELLES LYMAN

A retired Birmingham architect. Died at his home in York, Maine on September 14, 2008. He was 92. He was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, U of M, and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard. A fellow of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Lyman served as president of the Birmingham Historical Society, the MI Society of Architects Powell that designed the Gerald Ford Presidential Library in Ann Arbor, MI along with many other libraries in the state. He leaves his wife, Joan (Dalrymple), six children, three stepchildren, numerous grand and greatgrandchildren. Contributions may be made to Seacoast Hospice, Hampton Rd., Exeter, NH 03833.

EVA M. PARKER Age 84, of Livonia. September 25, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Mendal (2001); devoted mother of George (Maryann), Helen (Jerry) Riggs, John (Teresa), Mary (Mike) Smith, Joseph (Barbara) and Margaret (David) Alton; loving sister of Gerty Verdon and Mary DeStasio; cherished grandmother of 27, great-grandmother of 14, and great-great-grandmother of one. Mrs. Parker was a member of St. Genevieve Church in Livonia. Funeral Mass Monday, September 29th, 10:00 am (in state 9:30 am) Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington, Visitation Sunday 12 Noon-8 pm with a 7 pm Rosary at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), Farmington (248-474-5200). Interment St. Hedwig, Dearborn Hts. Memorial tributes sug-Hedwig, ested to St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital, stjude.org. heeney-sundquist.com

AVON F. ROOD

September 26, 2008. Age 82. Beloved husband of Ferris. Dear mother of Brenda (Joseph) Lezbinski and Dee (Thomas) Sep. Grandmother of Sara Brian), Amy, Tara, and T.J. Service Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Rd. (one Mile W. of Farmington Rd.) Monday at 2:00 pm. Visitation Sunday 3-9 pm. Memorials to Seasons Hospice.



THOMAS J. TRYGIER 09-28-07

So hard to believe it's been exactly one year since you moved on to your eter-nal life. We miss you dearly but know you are happy in Heaven and no longer suffering. You remain forever in our hearts!!!We love you and miss you!!! Mom, John, Lisa, Vic,

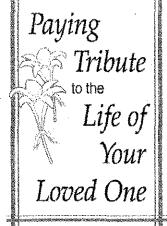
Tom, Chris and Kramer too!



MYRON B. SCHILLER Age 81, of Oak Harbor, died in

Age 81, of Oak Harbor, died in Magruder Hospital, Port Clinton, Friday, September 26, 2008. Myron was born January 28, 1927, in Rocky Ridge, Ohio, to Beryl and Lillian (Deininger) Schiller. On June 9, 1951, in Toledo, Ohio, he married Dora M. Bylow and she survives. He graduated agrly from Oak Harbor High School early from Oak Harbor High School, the class of 1945, and then joined the Navy and served as Electrician Mate in the Pacific Fleet in Tokyo Bay. He graduated from the University of Toledo in 1951, where he was a charter member of the Tower Club, dedicated to fund-raising for the university Myron held a license as a professional electrical engineer. Many years ago he worked for Surface Combustion in Toledo, where he advanced to Chief Electrical Engineer by age 28. He then worked for Bussman Manufacturing before starting his own electrical and consulting firm, Nova Associates, Farmington Hills, MI. He retired in 1993 and returned to the family farm, which he lovingly restored, and it was recently recognized as an Ohio Century Farm. Myron was a founding member of United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, MI, and served as Building Chairman and various leader-ship roles in finance, as trustee, and Methodist Men. He was also a passionate advocate at the District and Conference levels in increasing ministerial compensation. Myron most recently was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Elliston. In line with his spirit of giving, Myron was actively involved with the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Ohio Reads at Carroll Elementary School, and Boy Scouts of America Troop 263. He was involved with the VFW Post #8732, the John A. Fader American Legion Post #114 and the Ottawa County Farm Bureau. Myron is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Dora, son Todd Schiller, daughter, Claire (Paul) Smith, sister, Opal Bristow, nephew, Norman (Sally) Bristow, great nephews, Kyle and Matthew, and niece, Sharon (Tom) Smith and great niece, Cassidy. His parents and aunt, Esther Myerholtz, preceded him in death. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Sunday, September 28, 2008, in the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, Oak Harbor, The funeral service will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 29, 2008, in Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston, with burial in Elliston cemetery, Graytown, to follow. The Oak Harbor American Legion and VFW will conduct military graveside The family has suggested memorials for Myron to the University of Toledo Tower Club or Trinity UCC in Elliston. Online condolences may be shared at

www.walkerfuneralhomes.com



Dolan-Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Dolan of Marysville, Ohio announce the marriage of their daughter, Megan Dolan, to Chris Thompson of Westland.

He is the son of Larry Thompson of Farmington Hills and Nancy Thompson of Livonia.

The bride is pursuing her master's degree in education and works part-time for Wayne Westland Schools. The groom works as an electronics

technician for Yazaki, North America.

The couple wed Aug. 9, at Heavenly Scent Herb Farm in Fenton before the Rev. Greg Butzke. The bride was attended by matron of honor Kelly Dolan and the groom was attended by best man Ken Thompson. A reception followed at the farm and the couple spent their honeymoon at Keystone Resort in Colorado. They will make their home in Westland.



New date is scheduled for Canton Heart & Bark event

The First Annual Heart and Bark event. postponed from September due to inclement weather, has been rescheduled 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail located at Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Ave.

This event, hosted by Canton Leisure Services and the Humane Society of Huron Valley, will feature health and wellness information for dogs and cats as well as their owners. Fourlegged family pets large and small are encouraged to attend. Pets must be on a leash and in the owner's control at all times. No pre-registra-

The Humane Society of Huron Valley will be offering a low-cost micro chip clinic for animals for \$25 per pet. Cats are welcome to be chipped, but must be brought to the event in a carrier. One year rabies vaccinations will be administered from noon to 2 p.m. for a suggested dona-

tion of \$5 to benefit the Huron Valley Humane Society. Only 200 vaccinations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Health and wellness experts will also be on

site to address common health issues that effect Free blood pressure and glucose screenings will be offered by Oakwood Healthcare System.

Individuals can also obtain the latest fitness information from local health care providers and other health and wellness-related businesses. Activities include a Funniest Pet Trick and

benefit the Huron Valley Humane Society), Kids Crafts for \$1 to benefit the Humane Society, K-9 Demonstrations by Canton Public Safety, and Rally O demonstrations.

For more information, visit www.cantonmi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Sign up for a bug hunt Oct. 18

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

About 100 volunteers will spend Saturday, Oct. 18, picking "bugs" from trays loaded with mud from the Rouge River and its tributaries.

They'll look for anything that moves and will sort the live creatures - everything from dragonfly larvae to water beetles, crayfish to snails — into ice cube

"We look for benthic macroinvertebates. Benthic means 'lives in the stream bed.' Macro means you don't need a microscope to see it and invertebrate means they don't have a backbone," said Sally Petrella, Friends of the Rouge volunteer monitoring program manager.

"Even people who don't like bugs, once they start to look at them closely, become fascinated by them."

Petrella runs twice annual bug hunts, the winter stonefly search, and spring-summer frog and toad surveys for Friends of the Rouge, located in Dearborn.

The organization is registering families and individuals for its

Fall Bug Hunt through Oct. 10 at (313) 792-9621 and by e-mail at monitoring@therouge.org. Participants will meet at 9 a.m., Oct 18 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and work in preassigned teams through 4 p.m., along the river and its tributar-

"Each team goes to two sites. There are sites all over the metropolitan area," Petrella said.

The kind and number of benthic macroinvertebrates they find helps assess water quality. The more sensitive bugs they find, such as mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies, the better the health of the waterway, for example. Communities use the data to keep track of stream health and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality uses results to screen for problems in water quality.

Bug Hunt teams sampled at 28 sites last spring.

The Wayne County Department of the Environment checked 20 sites. Locations on the lower Rouge, which includes Fellows Creek in Canton, rated good or fair. Middle Rouge

sampling, which included such areas as Plymouth Township and Northville, ranged from excellent to fair, with a few poor scores. Three sites on the main Rouge turned up fair scores for Firefighters Park in Troy, Booth Park in Birmingham and Valley Woods Park in Southfield. The upper Rouge, with sampling sites in Livonia and the Farmington area, scored fair and poor. For complete results visit www.therouge.org.

Petrella said volunteers, which may include children, age 5 and up, accompanied by a parent, should "expect to get muddy' during the sampling. "Every team has a couple of trained team leaders. The team leaders put on waders and use a net to bring up samples. The volunteers pick through mud and dirt (from

trays) for what's moving." Petrella said volunteers enjoy being outdoors, seeing life in the water.

"They are always surprised by anything they see," she said. "It's a whole lot of fun and a nice opportunity to get to know other

Symposium offers info to students

The YES Foundation and Skillman Foundation are hosting a free High School Information Symposium for students and parents or guardians 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Social Science Building off of Evergreen Road in

Learn about competitive, challenging, rigor-

ous high school college prep programs at boarding, independent, parochial and public testing schools. Meet with school representatives to discuss admissions, enrichment programs, tuition, and scholarships. To register for this free symposium or to receive additional information, call The YES Foundation at (248) 646-5696. Lunch provided.

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Autism concert proceeds go to **Burger School**

A benefit concert is being held noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill and Merriman. Wolfman Mac is going to host the show. All proceeds go to Burger School for Children with Autism in Garden City.

In addition to the show there will be food, raffles of guitars and gift certificates for guitar lessons and local restaurants. Seven of Detroit's top bands will also be playing. Vizzy's Pizza will be selling by the slice, all to benefit Burger School.

For more information, call Dave Goldsworthy at (734) 525-9101.

Purse, bag drive to assist domestic violence survivors

partnering with The Allstate Foundation to kick off National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October by encouraging area residents to donate a nearly new purse or professional bag to benefit domestic violence survivors.

Now through Friday, Oct. 3, nearly new purses, briefcases and other professional bags will be collected from the public at select Allstate agencies across the country including the Bowker Agency at 31221 Five Mile at Merriman. The agency can be reached at (734) 525-9610.

The purse donation drive is part of The Allstate Foundation's "Tell a Gal P.A.L." program to draw attention to the fact that economic empowerment can provide a path to a safe and sound future for victims of domestic violence. P.A.L. stands for Pass it

one you care about, out of a bad situation.

"By encouraging people to donate a purse or professional bag, we are providing them with a simple way to get the conversation going about domestic violence with family and friends," said Bowker, "Our office is pleased to have been selected to participate in this campaign and we hope that area residents will rise to the occasion by supporting this worthy cause."

For other purse donation locations and more information on "Tell a Gal P.A.L.," visit www.ClickToEmpower.org. In addition, the public can enter to win a purse from the personal collection of actress Ana Ortiz of ABC's "Ugly Betty," who is serving as "Tell a Gal P.A.L." spokesperson. Contest entry information can be found on www. ClickToEmpower.org.

Chocolate Affair to benefit First Step

The aroma of chocolate fills the taurants, bakeries and caterers air, the Livonia Symphony string and horn ensembles play sweet melodies and friends gather to enjoy each other's company for an afternoon.

The occasion is the fourth annual "A Chocolate Affair" to benefit First Step, the program for counseling and shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The event, which is hosted by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Irish charity group, takes place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

Guests can celebrate the fourth annual event of women helping women by welcoming local res-

to serve tastes of their chocolate delights to guests. Businesses include Armitage Catering, Andiamo's of Livonia, Bennigan's, Carrabba's of Canton, Dearborn Inn, Embassy Suites, Jeff Zak Catering, Macaroni Grill, Maggie Moo's, Mary Denning's Cake Shop, Mrs. Field's, Plymouth Crossing, Ritz Carlton, Sanders, Quarter Bistro, TGI Friday's, and

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and available by calling Karen Stuard at (734) 844-0166 or Kittie Higgins at (248) 449-6570 and at the First Step offices in Plymouth. For more information, call First Step at (734) 416-1111.

A Rat Pack Evening!!



Two For The Road performs in the spirit and style of the Rat Pack with a perfect mixture of comedic bantering & smooth sounds from yesteryear, all powered by the 17-piece Monroe Big Band.

A portion of all tickets sales donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation

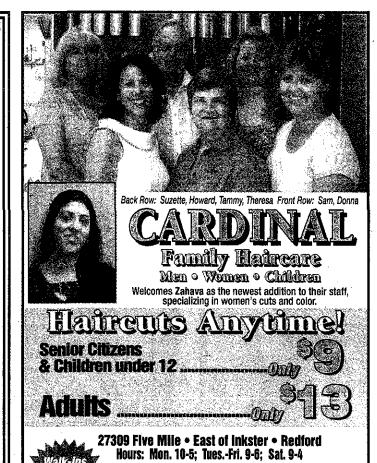
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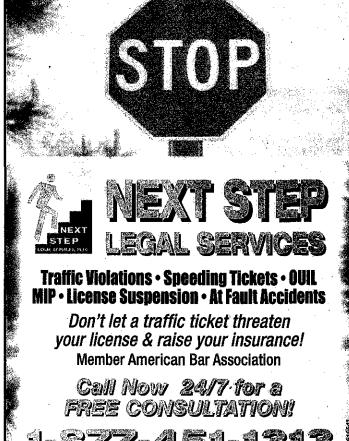
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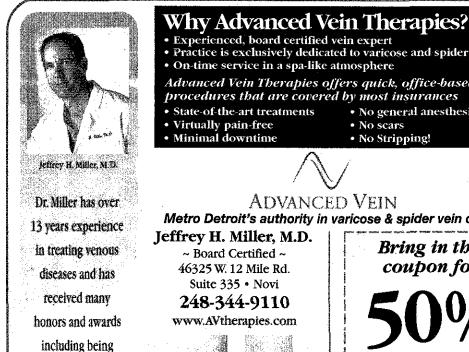
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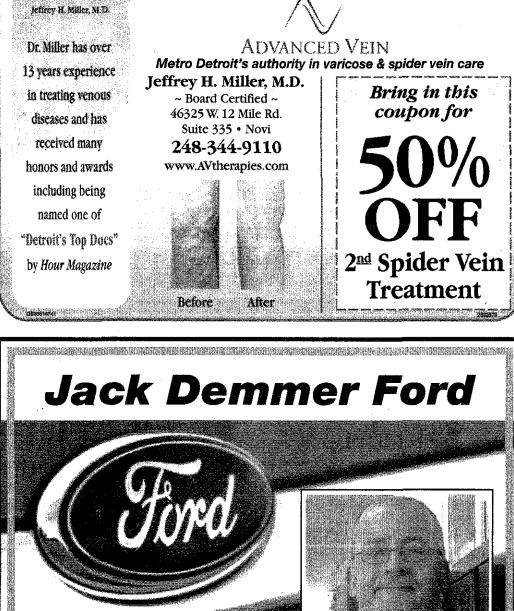
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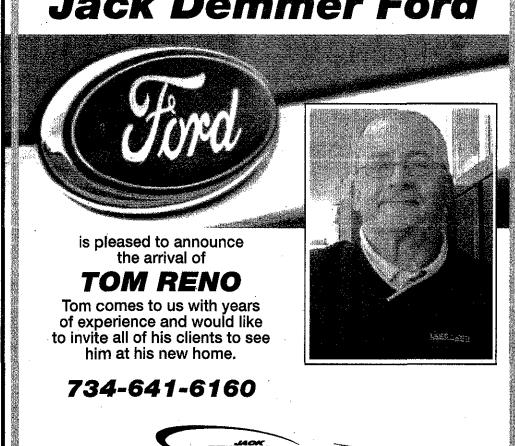






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Benedictine High School Class of 1973

35th anniversary class reunion, Oct. 4. Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; family-style dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Advance reservations are required. Contact Jody Hrymak Kirsch, (734) 522-0661, or bennyhigh73@twmi.

Bishop Borgess High School Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and '74

A combined reunion, Oct. 4, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60, Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door, Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbhsfirstfive.com

Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11 at the Fairlane Club. Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door. For more information visit www.88reunion.net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.



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Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983-84

25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland, Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

Clarkston High School Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent. com, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail. com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

20th high school reunion, Oct. 17-19. Contact Julie (Mansell) Pierce at (734) 996-2513 or pierce.julie@gmail.com for more information.

Crestwood High School Class of 1968

A 40th class reunion Oct. 4. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch. (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@vahoo.com.au.

Class of 1978

A 30 year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 28 at the O'Kelly K of C Hall in Dearborn. Contact Diane (Verostick) Kapelanski at (734) 981-0091 or dianekap@comcast.net for more information.

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A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn. Call Nancy McGregor Ketko at (248) 851-5257 or Pat Keoshian Holmes at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

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Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core. com.

Detroit Cass Tech Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1957

An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284. **Detroit Christ the King Elementary** Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008, Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot. com.

Detroit Eastern High School Classes up to 1958

All classes invited to reunion Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, in Warren. Doors at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 3 p.m., open bar. \$30 per person, must be paid before Sept. 29. Call Bob Butler. (586) 412-9998; or Terry Des Rivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562 or (313) 300-6385

Class of 1958

50th reunion weekend, "Mix and Mingle" 7 p.m.-midnight Oct. 10, Sinbad's, Detroit; "Gala Banquet," 7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 11, Western Golf & Country Club, Redford: "Back to Mack Church Service," 10 a.m. Oct. 12. Genesis Lutheran Church Detroit. \$125 package pricing, individual pricing available. Call Delores Sykes Cotton, (248) 353-7452; e-mail EHS1958reunion@aol.com; or visit www.Classmates.com "Eastern High School."

Detroit Holy Redeemer High School Class of 1958

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Class of 1959

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Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Please contact szonyek@ att.net with any information about classmates.

Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

Detroit Winship School Class of 1956

Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

Farmington Harrison High School Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites. 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, III. 60613. A limited number

of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com. Ferndale High School

Class of 1963 45th reunion, Oct. 11, at Shield's Pizza,

Southfield. Call Betty (248) 852-8530. **Garden City High School**

Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the secand Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS,MCMLX@ yanoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online. Send names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com. Visit www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet.

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Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net.

Livonia Bentiev Class of 1958

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Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com. Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1968

40 Year Reunion 7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 18, 2008, at The Radisson Hotel at Laurel Park, Livonia. For more information and to make reserva-

tions, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Email milford78@gmail.com.

Redford Thurston Class of 1968

Pre-Party Get Together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six, Livonia. 40th Year Reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at tonvd@quardianolumbing.com, Terry Tipton at tetipto@ netscape.net, or visit www.thurstonclassof1968.com for details.

Redford Union Class of 1978

30 Year Reunion Saturday, 6 p.m. till? Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, South Lyon. Cost \$20 per person if paid by Nov. 1, \$25 per person after Nov. 1. Contact Teresa (Linblad) McManamon at teresamac7@yahoo.com or (517) 861-0010, or Linda (Pearce) Dugan at Ildugan@comcast.net or (734) 454-0745. Dress is casual. Hors d'oeuvres from 7-9 p.m. Cash bar.

Royal Oak Dondero Class of 1988

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Royal Oak Kimball

Class of 1988 A 20-year class reunion will be held

Saturday, Oct. 4. For more information please go to www.kimball1988. myevent.com to register. South Lyon

Class of 1993

15-year reunion 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Barnstormer Banquet Center in Whitmore Lake. Tickets, \$55, (\$60 after Sept. 1) include dinner and cash bar, Visit www.southlyon93.com, or send check payable to "South Lyon High School" Class of 1993" to Brian Abela, 207 Fox Grove Place, Hummelstown, PA 17036. St. Joan of Arc

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Plymouth District Library 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008 AT 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on the following proposed

> General Fund Debt Service Fund

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\$4,522,438

TOTAL

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The proposed 2009 budget documents are available for public examination at the Plymouth District Library on the upper level at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours.

> PATRICIA A. THOMAS, Director Plymouth District Library

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Publish: September 28, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:

Request Approval of a Special

DATE OF HEARING:

Lane Use Wednesday, October 15, 2008

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M. Plymouth Township Hall, PLACE OF HEARING: 9955 North Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for a building addition to include a drive-thru facility, in the Ann Arbor Road Corridor District (ARC), on Tax ID R78-063-04-0001-000, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 14.3-y. The property is located West of Eckles Road, north of Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, and south of Ann Arbor Trail at 39600 Ann Arbor Road.

Application 1997/0908.

Applicant, Phil Haddad



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel records based on Tax ID No. -78-063-04-0001-000.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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> KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission

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"The firm didn't know the difference between sales and marketing (and had) never employed anyone with either skill," he reports. "The nightmare began almost instantly, thanks to my having to report to -- and await decisions from

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months later, I resigned. Dividing and conquering, the younger boss manipulated everyone. He constantly spoke about power and his admiration for Hitler. He was obsessed with details, constantly found fault, nitpicked and pitted employees against each other. The Midwesterner attached an e-mail he would "send to the firm's 30-plus employees the next time I hear my former boss makes a derogatory comment about my accomplishments.

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Input from other people successful in working retirement indicates that leaving wasn't the only way to solve the problem. Perhaps if the Midwesterner had understood that age has nothing to do with tyranny, he'd have been able to step back and develop another solution. Orval Edwards, senior systems analyst in the Wholesale Loan Division at Bank of America, N.A., in Moorpark, Calif., developed ATMs worldwide for Citibank before he retired at 52. Now 68 and several jobs later, he continues to be comfortable on the job "by just being good at what I do, helping out," he says.

"A lot of employees come to me and ask what I think of this, and I do some mentoring," he adds. "It's a matter of respect -- demanding it and giving it." He points out that, having left the company, the Midwesterner would lose

something and gain nothing by sending the e-mail. Edwards, who considers bad bosses a frequent problem in

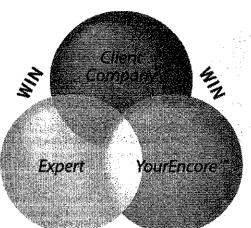
the workplace, states, "There are laws against having a hostile workplace . . . I'd go to his boss and present the information and ask for some assistance. If he refused, I'd take it to HR and present it as a hostile environment issue (and potential discrimination against a senior)."

Larry Ellingson of Fountain Hills, Ariz., retired from Eli Lilly & Co. at age 55. Today, at 62, he chairs the board of a biotech company in New Zealand. He's represented by YourEncore Inc., which has offices in Indianapolis, Cincinnati and the United Kingdom placing experts in innovation. On assignment, they can avoid most administrative activities, such as staff meetings, budget submissions, performance reviews and politics, thanks to

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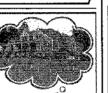
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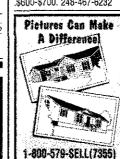
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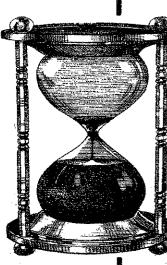


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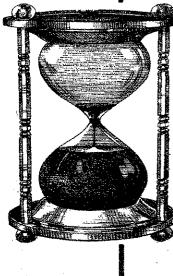
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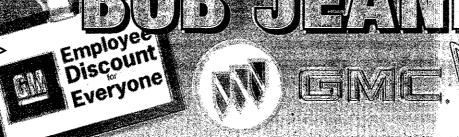
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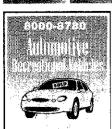
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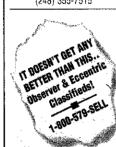
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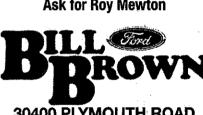
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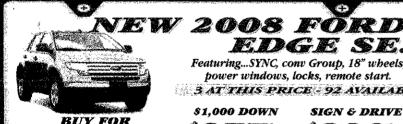
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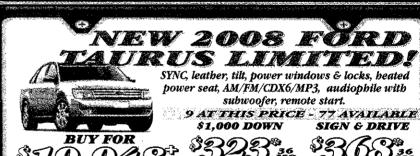
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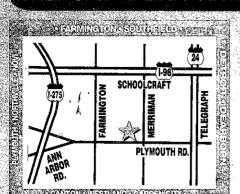
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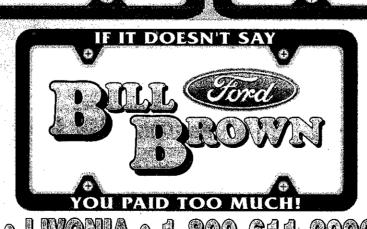
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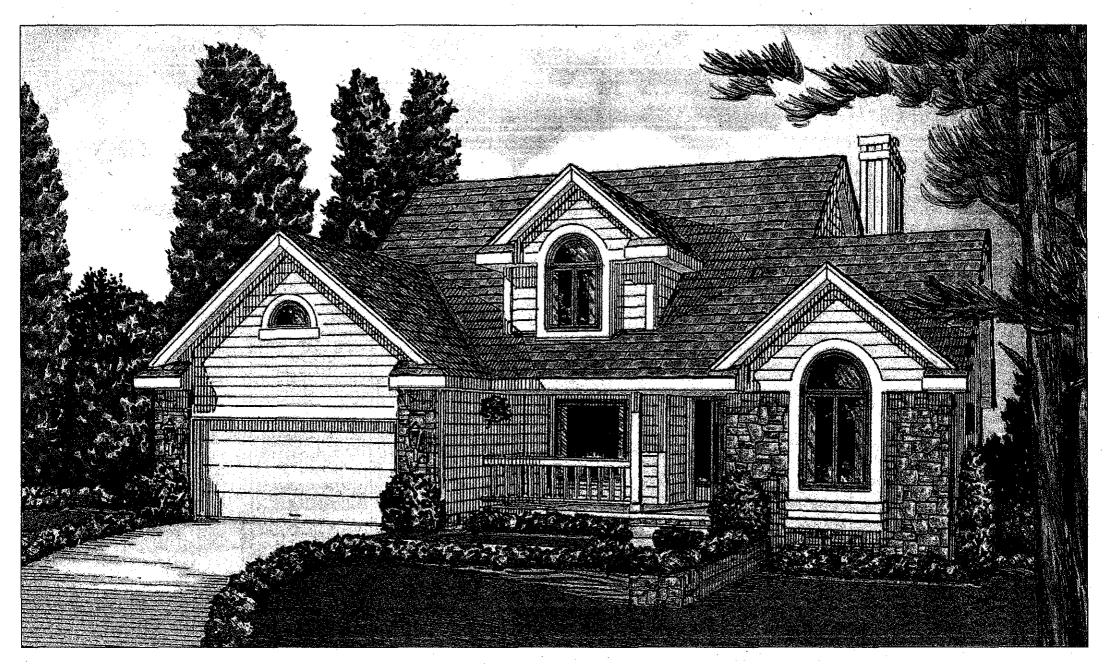
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Meadow Creek home: A happy family runs through it

The Meadow Creek (D8077) has the traditional farmhouse look with a covered porch, large windows, a dormer in the front, and a two-car garage. The façade is accented by rock on the side and rock cornices on the garage. This home has 1,858 square feet of gracious living space along with an unfinished basement of 1,405 square feet and an added bonus room over the garage of 300 square feet.

Just to the left of the front door is the formal dining room. It has a large set of windows overlooking the front porch and yard. Separating the great room from the dining room is the stairs to the second floor and the basement.

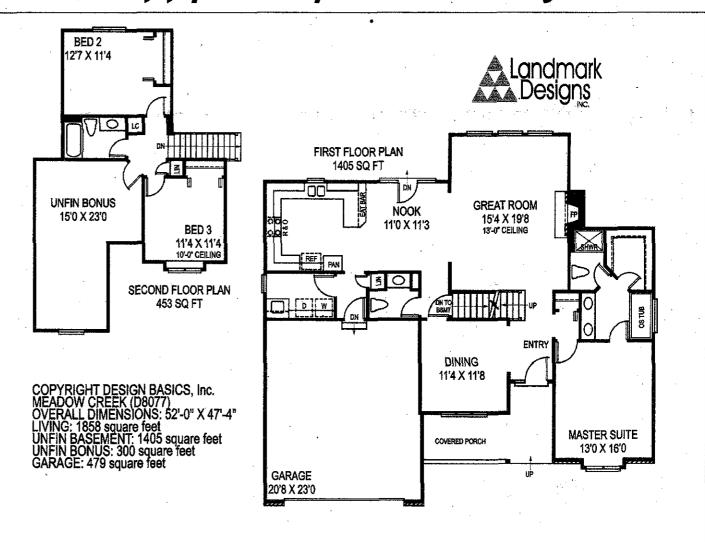
The great room has three large windows providing an open view of the back yard. A fireplace is on the right side. The room is open to the breakfast nook with a door to the back yard. The corner kitchen has a window over the sink, a pantry cabinet, and an eating bar facing the nook. Between the kitchen and the two-car garage is the utility room with a large laundry sink. A door to the garage separates the utility and a half-bath. For convenience, a linen closet is also in this area.

The master suite is on the right side of the entry and occupies the whole side. The master bath is rather uniquely laid out. In the first part are the "his and her" sinks with a large tub. In the rear corner behind a door is the walk-in closet. Adjacent behind another door is the shower and toilet.

Upstairs are two more bedrooms. Both have a wall closet and the front bedroom has the dormer window bathing the room with extra light. A linen closet is in the hallway opposite a full bath with a tub. The unfinished bonus room is located between the two bedrooms and has so many possibilities. It could be a playroom, a family room, a computer/den, exercise room, or just about anything a family would need.

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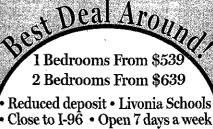
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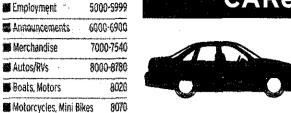
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Back in 2004, Chevrolet introduced the midsize Colorado as a replacement for the compact S-10

It was intended to offer a maneuverable, fuelefficient alternative to its full-size Silverado counterpart and for the most part it has succeeded. The 2008 Chevy Colorado entered dealerships with minimal changes following significant upgrades on last year's model, including two new, more powerful

Although the Colorado did receive bigger engines, the vehicle is still criticized by leading auto reviewers for its lack of acceleration.

Nearly all of its rivals offer a V6 engine and there is no good reason that Chevy hasn't came around and offered one, too.

On the plus side, the Colorado offers a variety of several suspension setups to provide either off-road capability or sporty handling depending on your

Its seating configurations are customizable as well, with crew cab models offering a 60/40-split/ folding rear seat capable of accommodating three

Extended cab versions have four doors, and with its two folding rear seats facing forward, the Colorado's tailgate can open fully to almost 90 degrees. It can also be set at a 55-degree opening.

This design puts the tailgate edge at the same height as the top of the rear wheel wells within the cargo box, creating a sturdy, flat platform to conveniently transport longer items such as 4-foot by 8-foot sheets of wood.

The Colorado is available in three body styles: a regular cab, an extended cab and a crew cab. The crew cabs come with a 5-foot bed while the other two have a 6-footer.

There are three main trim levels for regular- and extended-cab Colorados: base Work Truck, LS and LT. The \$14,610-priced Work Truck comes with air conditioning and an AM/FM stereo but not much else. The LS adds upgraded seating and trim and access to a few more optional features.

The LT trim consists of three subsets: 1LT, 2LT and 3LT. The 1LT adds a CD player, titanium-



The Chevrolet Colorado got a much-needed boost in power last year. The 2008 didn't come with a V6 engine and Chevy really must think of upgrading for the future.

colored trim, leather-wrapped steering wheel and alloy wheels. The 2LT comes with full power accessories, keyless entry and a 5-cylinder engine. The 3LT adds color-keyed bumpers and grille, auto-dimming rearview mirror and sliding rear

Highly versatile, the Colorado is available with several packages. Both the Z85 heavy-duty and Z71 off-road packages add a torsion-bar front suspension with heavier-duty shocks. The Z71 offers the tallest ride height, along with a locking rear differential, oversize tires and skid plates on 4WD models. The Xtreme package is geared toward street performance with a lowered suspension, quicker steering, 18-inch alloy wheels with performance tires and color-keyed wheel flares, grille and bumpers.

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There are two available engines -- the 2.9-liter inline 4-cylinder that makes 185 horsepower and the 3.7-liter inline 5-cylinder that's good for 242 horsepower. A 5-speed manual transmission is standard on all 4-cylinder Colorados except the 2WD crew cab, while a 4-speed automatic is optional. The automatic comes standard on 5cylinder trucks.

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On the inside, the Colorado's instrument panel has large, easy-to-read analog gauges, with switches and controls designed for easy operation with work

With its efficient packaging, the Colorado can be mistaken for a spacious full-size pickup rather than a typical midsize truck.

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Anti-lock brakes are standard. Side curtain airbags are optional. Stability control is not available. Traction control is also optional, but only on 2WD automatic trucks.

In government crash tests, the Colorado crew cab earned a perfect five-star rating for the driver and front passenger in frontal impact testing.

The Colorado looks good and is versatile. But Chevy really needs to equip this thing with a V6.

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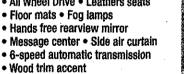
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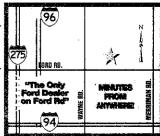
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