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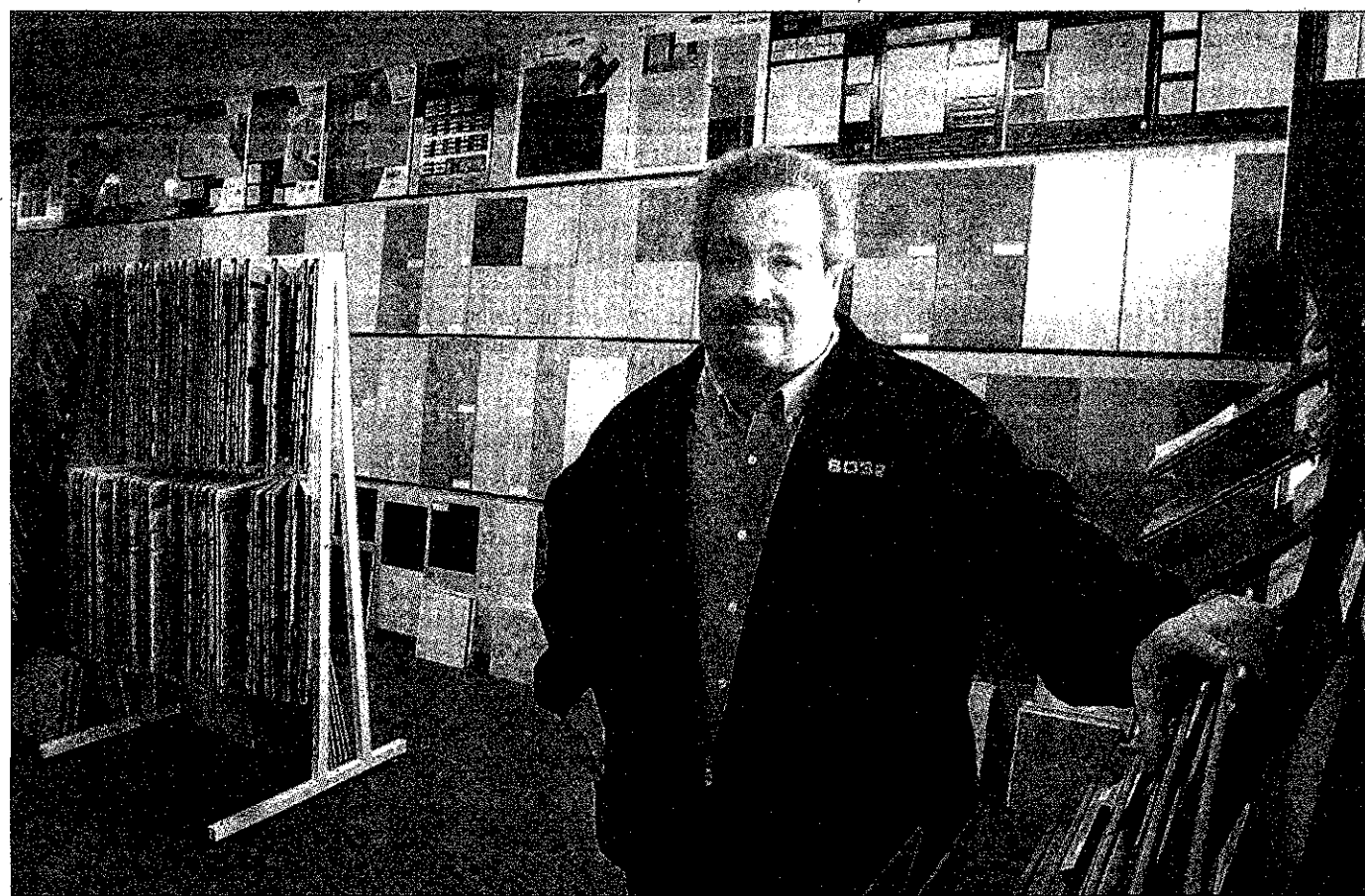
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Vic Gabrielli, owner of Vic's floor store, still has a folder of scheduled jobs, in spite of the national economic turmoil.

Retailers feeling pinch of Wall Street crisis

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Vic Gabrielli doesn't want to sound like a pessimist, but he can't see the light at the end of the country's economic tunnel. "This is the nature of the times," he said. "It's a bleak picture right now. I have long-time customers losing their jobs and their benefits."

With both of the nation's presidential candidates talking about the crisis affecting Wall Street and Main Street, on Ford Road, which can be viewed as Canton's "Main Street," business owners like Gabrielli are feeling the pinch. "I'm doing better than most but it has completely changed," said Gabrielli, owner of Vic's Floor Store. "Five years ago, we were so busy, I had no time for a lunch break."

In June 2006, Gabrielli said his business dropped by about 50 percent and has been that way ever since.

As he talks with a tile sup-



plier from Sterling Heights, Gabrielli learns that one company recently raised their prices by 25 percent. "This is tough," he said, shaking his head. "Products are skyrocketing. When I used to place a \$300 order, I would get free shipping but now I have to pay \$50 to \$60 for it. Carpet prices have gone up about 30 percent in three years and pad costs more, too."

As his costs continue to rise, home values are dwindling and Gabrielli said more and

more people are uncomfortable shelling out money for home improvements. "The excitement is gone. People aren't changing their tile for the fun of it anymore," he said. "They are doing it out of necessity. As a small business owner, I see that people are worried and they are scared."

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the economy has taken its toll on certain plazas in the township, including the ones at Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads and Joy and

Morton Taylor roads. "In the best of times, it can be difficult to go into business for yourself and now, no matter where you go, you see small business owners leaving," he said, noting that the township's national retailers are holding firm. "It's hit or miss but it's still pretty positive even though (companies) may not be doing as well as they did in the past."

Rob Gates, a tattoo artist at Evolution Ink in the Canton Plaza at 42420 Ford Road, said he was let go from his job as a bricklayer two years ago when his former boss decided to take his company to Texas.

"He left Michigan and I had been tattooing on the side since I was 15, so I decided to do it full time," he said, joking that his new occupation can withstand any recession. "It's pretty steady because even though come Christmas and Thanksgiving we are dead, we are so busy during tax season. This is so much more of a rewarding career."

Yack e-mails net state complaint

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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Rich Robinson plans to file a complaint against Township Supervisor Tom Yack with the Secretary of State today. Robinson, the executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, a Lansing-based nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, believes he can prove e-mails sent from the supervisor's government account regarding August's primary election violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

To read copies of the e-mails obtained by Watchdog Canton, log on to www.hometownlife.com.

"This has nothing to do with the candidates but it's (Yack's) conduct using township resources," he said. "My sense is that if he thought this violated the act, he would not have done it but with public resources, when they are used a little bit the next thing you know, they will be used a lot."

At issue are 172 e-mails obtained by a local group, Watchdog Canton, that largely center around Yack's support of longtime Trustee Melissa McLaughlin in the treasurer's race. In his correspondence with McLaughlin, who won the primary over Joan Noricks, the two discuss fund-raising lists, content of campaign literature, letters to the editor and news from the campaign trail.

Watchdog Canton members filed a Freedom of Information Act request to get the messages and collected donations for their \$398 fee. After reading the e-mails, in which Yack suggesting taking a "little more heavy-handed approach" with Noricks, Watchdog Canton passed the messages along to Robinson.

Yack has called this situation a "distraction to my fellow board members" and said he put a plan in motion last week to make the township whole.

While Finance Director Rick Eva is calculating every per-hour cost of operating the supervisor's office, Yack said he has a personal attorney, whom he declined to identify, going through the 172 e-mails to see which, if any, violate the Campaign Finance Act.

If presented with e-mails that are in violation, Yack said they will determine how long it took him to compose the message and how much money it cost the township based on Eva's findings.

"Based on the number of minutes, I will write a check to the township for what it cost," Yack said.

Robinson said he questions a June 2 e-mail Yack sent to a Lansing lobbyist stating: "Our treasurer is retiring and we have a (contentious) race between a sitting trustee (R) and the president of the Canton Community Foundation (R) for the open seat. Can you guys help in anyway to raise a few bucks?"

"A line has to be drawn," Robinson said. "He was acting as a consultant to a campaign by reviewing literature and soliciting." Robinson said he is filing the complaint against Yack because Watchdog Canton members have said they are afraid of retribution. "That's pure garbage," said Yack, who has questioned the identities of the group's members. "This is all smoke and mirrors because they can't provide a single example in 20 years where (retribution) has ever, ever happened."

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Wayne-Westland board OKs steps for teacher discipline

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education put its striking teachers on notice Tuesday evening that it is prepared to take action against them if they don't return to their classrooms.

The school board voted 6-0 with Treasurer Steve Becher absent to allow school officials to begin notifying teachers participating in the "illegal strike" of the procedures that would be used for discipline. "The board will not permit the laws of the state of

Michigan to be violated," said board President Martha Pitsenbarger. "The board's team has negotiated in good faith. The board remains committed to resolving this complex issue in a fair and equitable manner. The board will be at the bargaining table and will remain at the table."

The school board expressed a lack of confidence in the union to represent the interest of its members or "act in the best interest of the students, the parents, the district and its members."

The decision came at a special meeting, held at Wayne

Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium. More than 1,000 parents, students, striking teachers, their supporters and Michigan Education Association officials packed the auditorium for the meeting that at times was loud and raucous and resembled the rally teachers had held outside earlier in the evening.

It was the first meeting the board has held since the district agreed to move its meetings to a larger venue to settle a lawsuit filed by the Wayne-Westland Education Association. Emotions ran high in the

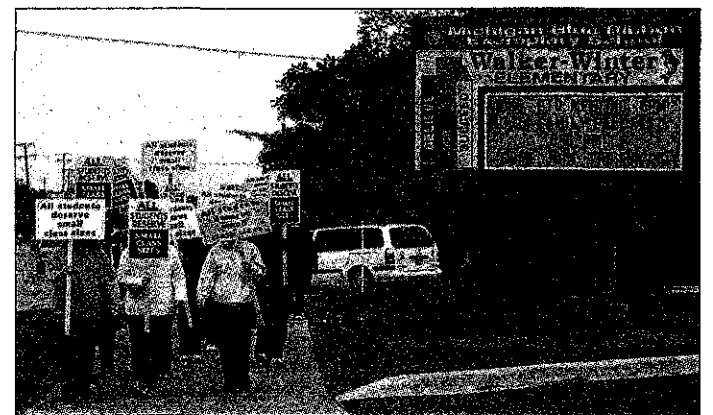
auditorium as parents and students expressed support for the teachers and urged the board to sit down and negotiate.

Wayne Mayor Al Hadius told the board and teachers "that the stakes are too high," that no one can win or lose in the conflict.

"I know both sides are able and qualified to go back to the table and not leave until they bring the children back to school," he said.

Parent T.J. Thomas told both sides that they need to "grow up and do what they're

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Wayne-Westland Schools teachers walk in a picket line in front of Walker-Winter Elementary after going on strike on Monday.

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Coming Sunday:
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Girls night out

Young ladies between 6-12 years of age are invited to attend a "Girls Night Out" at 6-9:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. "Girls Night Out" participants will get a chance to relax, eat, laugh, as well as play fun interactive games, and swim at the Aquatic Center. Dinner, fun party snacks, and plenty of girly things will also be included in the evening's activities.

Register for \$15 for members, \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents online at leisure.canton-mi.org. For more information or to register, visit www.canton-mi.org or contact Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

'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.

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 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 program cancellation.

For more information about "Stories From the Shadows" and other Fall Canton Leisure Services events, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Chorus help

The Canton Community Youth Chorus and Adult Chorus, under the direction of David Welling, is currently accepting new members. The Youth Choir is comprised of boys and girls 6-15 years of age, while the Adult Chorus is for anyone 16 years of age and older.

The purpose of these groups is to provide an outlet for those individuals interested in singing in an organized choir. Various vocal and performing skills will be taught through vocal exercises and choral work. The groups will explore many styles of music, including clas-

sical, pop, musical theatre and jazz. Whether you are a beginner or have performed in choirs before, come and enjoy this shared musical experience.

The chorus' concert this season included an on-stage dress rehearsal on Dec. 11 with the main stage performance scheduled on Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets for this entertaining performance are just \$12.

The Adult Chorus meets every Monday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Biltmore Studio of the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. The Youth Chorus meets Monday evenings from 6-7 p.m., also in the Biltmore Studio.

The cost to join the Youth Chorus is \$40. There is a \$50 fee to join the Adult Chorus. Register at the Summit on the Park. For more information contact Jennifer Tobin, Canton Arts Coordinator at (734) 394-5484 or by e-mail at jtobin@canton-mi.org.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers monthly meeting scheduled for 7:15 p.m., Nov. 5 will welcome Jeannette Williams from the Canton Summit Aquatic and CPR Center, who will be speaking on how we can best handle emergency situations at home (someone falling or fainting, general cuts, and other home disasters) and the best remedies for these situations. Demonstrations will be done



When radio was king

The Choral Connection song and dance troupe will present On the Air! Vintage Vocals from the Era of Old Time Radio at 2 p.m., Oct. 26 the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The colorful, upbeat show features Hit Parade songs, comedy bits, stylized staging, and commercial jingles. The Choral Connection, directed by Carolyn Tjon Burnstein and accompanied by Anita Delph, is a high energy troupe specializing in choreographed four-part harmonies. This show will open the 15th season of the 20-member group, which performs for public and private audiences celebrating special occasions throughout southeast Lower Michigan. Tickets are \$15. For ticket information, call (734) 394-5300. For more information about the show or the group, call (734) 665-4573.

with club volunteers.

In addition, Showroom of Elegance will be holding a "Gold Party." Bring your unwanted jewelry to be paid in cash for your items. This event also supports our club's fundraising goals.

The group welcomes new members and visitors, including residents who have lived in Canton a few months to more than 50 years.

The meeting will take place

at the Sunflower Subdivision Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford Road, Canton. For more information, visit the group's Web site at www.cantonnewcomers.org for more information or call Melanie at (734) 660-2328.

Bug hunters needed

Friends of the Rouge's Fall Bug Hunt is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18 at Schoolcraft College's VisITech Center (Waterman Room). Pre-register before Oct. 10 (required) by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org. More information and past results can be found at www.therouge.org.

This is a great opportunity to get outside, learn about your local stream and have a good time. Volunteers need no experience but must pre-register before October 10. Children 5 and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. On Bug Hunt Day, volun-

teers meet at a central location (Schoolcraft College) where they are assigned to a team. Each team carpools to two sites where they sample under the direction of a trained team leader. Volunteers take on the job of "picking" anything moving from sample trays brought up from the river.

Each team hopes to find lots of mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies at their site because the presence of many of these sensitive insects tells them that the stream is in good shape. The Hunt is part of a long term monitoring program designed to track the health of Rouge streams. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality uses the data to screen for problems and Rouge communities use it to track the health of their streams. The Fall Bug Hunt is funded by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

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Playing with a purpose

All Saints players take the field to fight cancer

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

At first, Jerry Grady of Canton learned his wife's stepmother had pancreatic cancer. Then a friend was diagnosed with cancer, and the father of a boy on his son's soccer team admitted he'd just finished a year of treatment for rectal cancer.

Every time he heard the news, Grady's compulsion to do something grew.

What came out of that need is Cancer Awareness Day, which is Saturday, Oct. 11. On that day, kids from All Saints Catholic School who play soccer or volleyball will be raising money for the Cancer Society through the sports they love.

Grady coaches soccer for the team his son, Jacob, plays on. Those on the team will don purple shirts for the game on Saturday, since purple is the color for cancer. Each shirt will bear a different name on the back—the name of someone with cancer or someone who had cancer.

When the game is over, the shirt will be presented to the family of the person for whom that student played.

Grady paid for all 18 shirts, which were \$10 each, out of his own pocket. He asked the boys to raise half of that, and donate it to the American Cancer Society. They were also welcome to raise more money if they could. More than \$280 has been raised already.

The motivation for doing this was easy, according to Grady.

"I've been very well blessed," said Grady, the father of four. "I believe in paying forward."

Different soccer teams at the school, and the volleyball teams, decided they wanted



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The JV Boys Thunder Soccer 2008 Team is; Michael, Angotti, David Bindon, Michael Brish, Andrew Budd, Ryan Doyle, Alex Hayes, Josh Jones, Kent Langlinais, Conor Nailos, Cameron Peterson, Connor Schummrick, Luke Stevenson, Luke Wellman, Austin Carr, Jacob Grady, Matthew Hammerstein, Conor McElroy, Gino Persicone, Andrew Pyle, Eric Swartz, and Matthew White. The team is coached by Jerry Grady, Rob Pyle, Gill Doyle, and Brent Jones.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

The soccer games will be played Saturday, Oct. 11, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road. The game times are as follows, and all teams are playing Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School soccer teams:

10 a.m. - JV Girls; 11:30 a.m. - JV Boys (the game where the boys wear purple jerseys); 1 p.m. - Varsity Girls; 2:30 p.m. - Varsity Boys

The Volleyball games will be played at All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren. The game times are as follows:

10 a.m. - JV girls "Thunder" vs Our Lady of Victory; 11 a.m. - JV girls "Blue" vs St. Genevieve; Noon - Varsity girls "Thunder" vs St. William; 1 p.m. - Varsity girls "Blue" vs St. Genevieve

to take part, but were too late to order shirts. They will wear purple wristbands or pink and purple ribbons to show support for raising money for cancer.

As for Grady's own family, his wife's stepmother, Sharon Lipka, is too ill to travel to the games from Florida, where she retired. Lipka used to be a Plymouth-Canton school bus

driver, and when she heard what Grady plans "she was ecstatic."

The family will either personally deliver or mail the shirt Jacob wears for the game to her, Grady said.

"I thought it'd be really cool if we could do something," Grady recalls.

"It's taken off faster than I thought it would."

Host airs final serving of 'Lemonade'

"Lemonade," 88.1FM's show by and for local seniors, celebrated its final show recently.

The show, hosted by Plymouth resident Betty Smith, has aired Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for more than 10 years. Each week Smith spotlighted news for local seniors. She also took time to interview interesting people and seniors that are living an active life. Each show included an eclectic mix of Jazz from her extensive record collection. Smith left the show to pursue other interests.

"I knew this time would eventually come but I'm still sad to see Betty go," said Bill Keith, station manager. "The show's success is a tribute to Betty's hard work and dedication. She has really created an important radio show for local seniors."

Wednesday's show turned the tables on Smith. Keith served as the host and Smith shared her favorite memories of the show. The show included clips of past guests including Bo Schembechler, Lloyd Carr, Maynard Ferguson, Elmore Leonard and others. Smith also shared some of her favorite music.

As Smith began talking about leaving the show, Keith said, many names surfaced as new hosts. He said station officials are "pleased to announce that Debra Madonna will take



Longtime radio host Betty Smith did her last broadcast of 'Lemonade' on 88.1 The Escape, the student-run radio station of the Plymouth-Canton schools. Smith hosted the show for more than 10 years.

over the Lemonade slot with her new show, 'Community.' "Community" will put the spotlight on Plymouth-Canton individuals, service organizations, cultural activities, education groups, and businesses that contribute to the well-being and quality of life for others.

"We're excited to have Debra step in on this show," said Keith. "No one could replace Betty, but Debra will provide a wonderful new direction for the show. I'm sure many of the same listeners will regularly tune into 'Community.'"

Madonna is no stranger to WSDP, the student-run radio station that serves Plymouth-Canton schools.

Her son, Mark, a student at the University of Michigan, is a former WSDP staff member. Even prior to her son's time at the station, Madonna was a regular supporter of WSDP.

"We also look forward to having Betty back as a guest host when Debra is unavailable," said Keith. "We won't let her get away that easy. She's been too important to the WSDP staff."



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Dad: Book about daughter's fight 'meant to heal'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On what would have been his daughter's third birthday, Allen Shuh sat in the foyer of his church and gripped the book he wrote in memory of his second-born child.

"I think about her often," said Shuh, a youth pastor at Agape Family Worship Center in Canton. "But it is our belief that one day we will walk with her."

Shuh, a Wayne resident, penned *The Story of Bella* after his daughter died at 5-months-old from complications of spina bifida, a defect caused by incomplete development of a fetus' spinal cord.

"Bella was always in pain but she was still a fighter," said Shuh, referencing the 10 brain surgeries she had to undergo. "Her being here got all of us closer to God and we know that life is important."

Shuh and his wife, Shelby, were the parents of a 2-year-old boy, Issac, when they decided to try for a second

child and conceived after only two months.

"That was a great thing because we tried for five years for Issac," he said. "And my wife ended up going to her 20-week doctor's appointment a little early and they said they had found serious issues."

When doctors gave the couple the option of ending the pregnancy, they decided against it and braved 16 additional weeks until she was born.

"That time was very hard for us," Shuh said, adding that the pregnancy was compounded by well wishes and questions from those who didn't know their situation. "It was a mix of bitter-sweet feelings."

Upon her birth, Bella's will to fight — she once stunned a nurse by moving her feet — gave her parents hope that she would make it, but after her final brain surgery, doctors noticed her body hadn't responded well and she passed the following day.

Shuh says he thought about putting the experience in writing and was given confirmation two months later

when a fellow church member slipped him \$100 in a handshake.

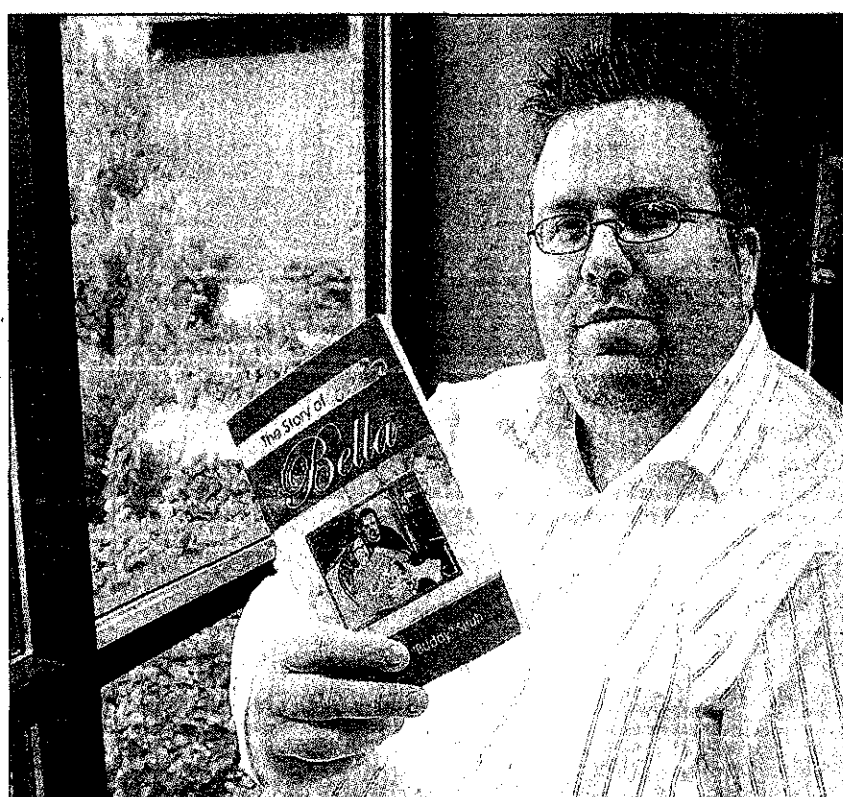
"We were at an annual auction for our church when a (presenter) got up and asked had any of us ever wanted to write our story," he said. "When bidding started at \$100 to get a book published with *Zoe Life*, I looked down at the \$100 in my hand and thought, OK, this is obvious."

Zoe Life Publishing, of Canton, released Shuh's story in 2006. The book is available on Amazon.com and Target.com.

"Everyone I know who has ever lost a child said that the book seemed to help him," he said, calling it a story of hope, faith and love. "The book is meant to heal."

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Allen Shuh published his book, 'The Story of Bella,' about the loss of his daughter, and believes 'one day we will walk with her.'



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Don't let skunks, yellow jackets ruin fall's splendor

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Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

For as the waning nights of September gave way to the dawn of October, tiny feet pitter patter about your yard, dig up tasty lawn grubs, paw through back door cat food bowls and dig exploratory burrows under your low deck: "Hey, this looks real snuggly for a winter hideaway!"

The striped skunk is a master of perfection when it comes to adapting to the suburban-created habitat. And aversive conditioning techniques — creating negative stimuli such as boldly yelling at or harassing the unwanted intruder — are ineffective at the least and foolish.

Before you can yell, "That's not the neighbor's cat!" and beat a hasty retreat, it will spin about, raise tail and let go with a pungent blast of overwhelming musk. Fact of the matter is clear: skunks practice aversive conditioning to keep us away. And if you let your dog out at night to cryptically do its "business" on the neighbor's lawn (Who, me, do that?) it just may well come home reeking of an encounter.

Another word of advice, if you are one of those do-it-yourselfer woodchuck catchers and you set a cage to catch the garden raider, close the cage door before dusk or you may well wake up with a skunk peering at you from behind bars. "Honey, you caught something in the cage. I think it's a skuuunk!"

Every autumn in my suburban nuisance wildlife removal work down in the burgs of Bloomfield, I've come across this exact situation.

Be aware. Be skunk smart. Skunk-proofing your low deck may help. Bird feeder spillage is a great skunk attractor. This intelligent, omnivorous creature has wide ranging



Skunks are one of the few animals that happily will take on a nest full of yellow jackets — and win most of the time.

tastes. And one of its absolute favorites, the most delightful delectable, is nothing other than an underground nest full of yellow jackets. Both the larva and the adults are delicacies.

These golden days have underground yellow jacket nests exploding in a frenzy of activity. And it is these insects — not honey bees — that are the cause of most human sting agony. And do they ever love your picnics, cider, doughnuts and suburban campouts. Watch your beverage cans, too. Check the can lip before you sip — yellow jackets share drinks.

And avoid the underground nests: Not to be messed with unless you are a hungry skunk putting on weight for winter.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. Write him at oaknature@aol.com.

ZOO BOO SCARES UP FUN AT DETROIT ZOO

The Detroit Zoo's annual "merry-not-scary" Zoo Boo celebration returns this Halloween season, featuring a festively decorated half-mile trick-or-treat trail through the front of the park. Presented by Meijer, Zoo Boo will be held 6-8 p.m. Oct. 17-19, Oct. 24-26 and Oct. 30-31, rain or shine.

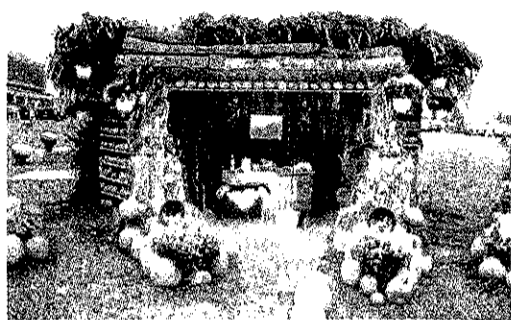
Elaborate pumpkin displays will line the treat trail, where greeters will pass out goodies to costume-clad children at treat stations along the route. A trail of eerie fog and mysterious sounds will lead through a graveyard to the Haunted Reptile House, where friendly witches, mummies, vampires and other monsters have taken up residence for the season.

Ghouly Games, sponsored by Blue Care Network of Michigan, will feature Halloween-themed games, prizes, arts and crafts and a hay maze. The live musical "Zoo Boo Revue" will be performed every half hour starting at 6:30 p.m.

at the Main Picnic Grove. The excitement continues at the Wild Adventure Ride, sponsored by State Farm Insurance, as "Dracula's Haunted Castle" transports riders through secret passages.

On Oct. 25, FedEx and Safe Kids USA will remind children and parents about safety. FedEx will provide reflective giveaways to increase visibility as well as safety tips for parents and drivers.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Booth One at the admission gate of the Detroit Zoo or online at www.detroitzoo.org. Tickets are \$6 per person, ages 2 and up. Tickets for the Wild Adventure Ride are an additional \$2 per person, half-off the regular price. Time slots for Zoo Boo are 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. If a date and time slot is not sold out, a limited number of tickets may be available at the gate that day after 5 p.m. for \$10.



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OUR VIEWS

Corriveau our pick in 20th House race

There were more than a few raised eyebrows two years ago when Democrat Marc Corriveau of Northville won a state House seat, the 20th District, that had been owned and operated by Republicans forever.

His re-election — which we believe voters should provide — should come as far less a surprise.

Corriveau, who defeated Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo two years ago, faces Republican Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, a former 20th District representative, in the Nov. 4 general election. Neither had a primary challenge.

And his performance in his first term has earned him the right to continue serving his district, which includes both Plymouths (city and township), the Northvilles (city and township), the City of Wayne and a small portion of Canton Township.

Corriveau went to Lansing with a promise to keep his constituents in mind, and we believe he's done that. He'd barely gotten his seat warm when he and other legislators had to tackle issues such as removal of the Single Business Tax (he believed eliminating it without a suitable replacement already in hand was a mistake) and the huge deficit in the state budget. Say what you want about his decisions, but Corriveau took into account what his constituents wanted when he cast his votes. And one of the things we like best about Corriveau is his willingness after those votes to put himself out there to explain his thought process.

Corriveau has the ability to work without regard to party lines. He talks regularly to the elected officials in his district, many of whom are Republican, and most of whom speak well of him.

He also proved his ability to get things done when he moved legislation through the House in an attempt to help Northville Township's fight against the annexation of the old Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital land to the City of Livonia.

Despite the fact that legislation stalled in the Senate, Corriveau worked with Republican Sen. Bruce Patterson of Canton to help township officials in trying to prevent the annexation. Corriveau joined Northville Township officials in campaigning against the annexation. Livonia voters did reject the annexation proposal.

Vorva is saying all the things people like to hear from campaigning politicians — cut taxes, save and create jobs, reduce government. But there's no real evidence he did any of that his first time around, and Corriveau has proven he can work with representatives of both parties to broker solutions to difficult problems.

We believe Marc Corriveau has earned re-election in the Nov. 4 general election.

Letters, Web page provide your voice

Over the years, we have enjoyed — and taken seriously — the responsibility we have to be your eyes and ears in the communities we cover as your hometown newspaper.

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Your voice. With the established opinion pages inside our print editions, and our interactive, user-friendly Web site (www.hometownlife.com), readers have an unprecedented opportunity to take part in the coverage of their own community.

But the letters serve a valuable purpose in non-election times, as well. A range of topics — from taxes to budgets and zoning to public safety — are debated in these pages twice a week. At 400 words apiece, that's a lot of discussion.

But increasingly, readers are finding it more convenient and more interactive to get into discussions via our Web page (www.hometownlife.com). There are several ways to do it, and all of them are easy.

You can become an *Observer* blogger (all you have to do is register, and the Web site walks you through the easy-as-pie instructions). There are community forums, where you can either start a discussion about anything you wish, or join an existing discussion. Or you can leave a comment about an individual story posted to the site.

Upset with your elected officials? Let us know. Want to thank a police officer or a firefighter? Drop us a line. Prefer the Internet to old-fashioned paper and pencil? Feel free.

For years, we've been your watchdog, keeping our eyes on your community for you. Now we've found more ways than ever to provide you with a voice of your own.

Whichever way you choose to do it, all you have to do now is make sure your voice is heard.



LaJoy is committed

This community is very fortunate to have an excellent and experienced individual, Todd LaJoy, running for state representative. I have had the pleasure of knowing Todd LaJoy for many years. When I see Todd I think leader and communicator. Todd gives 100 percent to the many things he is involved in in this community. As an elected board member and past chair of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Todd was responsible for leading efforts to cut chamber costs and assist the businesses of the community in establishing a permanent home for the Chamber of Commerce on Hanford Road. As a business owner in the community, Todd has maintained his connection with other businesses and the chamber even as he moved into his current leadership role as trustee for Canton Township.

Again Todd is a key communicator for the board and his voting record speaks for itself on issues related to the Canton Community. Todd LaJoy is a lifelong resident and is a product of our school system. Election time brings a flurry of activity by many candidates to get all their civic duties accomplished so it can be part of their campaign strategy. Todd LaJoy is not that type of candidate. His long term commitment to moving the community forward is apparent in his long list of accomplishments and skills.

Todd will be a state representative that you can approach with any issue and get answers. In November, please join me in voting for Todd LaJoy for state representative.

Sally Bailey
Canton

Slavens is reformer

Our founding fathers had a vision of citizens leaving their homes and livelihoods, going to Washington to serve in their government to make the lives of their fellow citizens better and then returning to the private sector. In that tradition, Dian Slavens, a mother and grandmother of a Canton family, has seen a crying need for reform that hasn't been addressed by our career politicians and she is answering the call for change by running for Congress in the 21st district this November.

Dian, whose children attended Canton schools, knows how important a good education is to our children and our community. She will fight to make sure our children get the kind of education that prepares them to be productive citizens of this rapidly changing world.

Dian's work in the medical field makes her uniquely able to address the ever-growing problem of making affordable health care available to all. People who cannot afford health care will not seek care and that's a problem for us all.

The biggest fight of our lives is to get Michigan's economy back on track.

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I know that Dian is solely interested in doing just that for her family and for us. She may not be a pit bull with lipstick, but she knows how to make reasoned arguments for change. She can bridge the great partisan divide to get real work accomplished and that is what we need.

My entire family will be voting for Dian, and if you are unhappy with the way things have gone the past eight years, you should to.

Mary Brown
Canton

Zarbo has right approach

I'm looking for reliable and convenient ways to learn about the local candidates for Canton Township's upcoming elections. In general, Web sites are a helpful resource.

Before I cast my vote however, I want to know what is the person's approach to the job and how do they stay in touch with residents?

I agree with current Trustee Karl Zarbo's approach to the position: retain and recruit residents and businesses and combine those with investment, jobs and fiscal and growth management so tax rates can remain low.

The fact that he has been recognized by the community for his additional commitments with a 2006 and a 2007 Community Supporter Award let's me know he is involved.

I am in a fairly unique situation being a neighbor of Karl's. I can assure you that Karl gets it. He doesn't "fight" -- rather he just brings innovative ideas, investment and jobs and well thought-out solutions to township challenges. And he voted for his own (and his colleagues) pay cut — I like that a lot.

Other ways to get information is to view the replay of the Chamber of Commerce's recent candidates forum (Karl was their choice for their 2006 Business Person Excellence Award) on the local cable channels and ask for recommendations from friends and neighbors.

I hope you will consider this neighbor's recommendation to vote to re-elect Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008. For more information, visit his Web site at www.karlzarbo.com.

Jamie Certo
Canton

Barone has local experience

As many elections do, it seems the race for 35th District Court judge will come down to the wire. While I may not have been correct on critiques in the past, I find it funny where some campaigns choose to put their focus. The focus, at least from a media standpoint, seems to be on the endorsements of each candidate in this race. One is promoting an extensive list of individuals from around the state and the other

with individuals specifically related to the 35th District. While much has been made about the sitting judges' endorsements and the ethics related to doing so, let us look deeper at these "endorsements."

Jim Plakas boasts about such support from various judges to Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. However, I wonder if I am the only one to notice the problem here being a lack of connection to the 35th District. Joe Barone finds his supporters in all of the former candidates for the 35th District seat (Martha Snow, Cam Miller, Jim Malinowski, Art Butler), numerous 35th District elected officials, and other community leaders. I may support Arnold for governor in California, but who cares, because I vote here in Michigan.

The focus should be on the experience of each. While both are respected in their field, one has shown a dedication to our district. Barone has handled 4.5 times the amount of cases in the 35th District as Plakas. Plakas has spent his 13 years as a prosecutor primarily in Westland. Now why, if he has such an extensive network of support, has he not been elected to the bench in the 18th District, where he has predominantly practiced? But then again, who am I to question, I am only a 35th District resident and voter.

Scott Foess
Canton

Voting for Barone

The 35th District Court needs a knowledgeable, humble judge that will work well with the other two judges and the support staff of the court. I attended the Canton Chamber Candidates Forum last week and was very impressed with Joe Barone. Barone was well poised and showed he will be a humble, hardworking judge that will treat the people that appear before him with fairness and respect. That is why I am voting for Joe Barone for 35th District Court Judge.

Mark Hutchins
Canton

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QUOTABLE

"It's very frustrating. It's very hard to understand why we can't have the health insurance we want when it's less expensive than what the district is offering."
— Wayne-Westland teacher representative Evelyn Baran discussing the impasse the teachers union is having with district officials

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Poetic prowess

Local author helps others write with new book

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

Canton-resident Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin believes anyone can write; a talent she possesses, and so the award-winning author has written a book that attempts to inspire new writers to try their hand at the craft.

This is the second book for Vatcher-Martin, who released a poetry book called *Woman Reclining* in May of 2006. Her new release is titled *Cheryl's Musings, A Day In The Life Of An Award Winning Poet & Photographer*.

"I feel anybody can write," said Vatcher-Martin, who has a master's degree in education, is a freelance writer, and has written several chap books (pocket-sized booklets). "Everybody has a story to tell. They can get inspiration from my book."

She started writing her latest book in 2005, and released a chapbook of the same name in 2007. Vatcher-Martin, who has led some writing classes at Wayne-Westland Community Schools, said she writes like she teaches. "I try to motivate and inspire." The book is in a diary format that attempts to lead the readers to think about stories of their own.

Vatcher-Martin, who is in her 40s, likes to take photographs, and some of these are included in her new book.



Cheryl Vatcher-Martin has just published her second book.

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THE VATCHER-MARTIN FILE

Who: Canton-resident Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin

What: just published a second book called Cheryl's Musings, *A Day In The Life Of An Award Winning Poet & Photographer*.

Books Signing: October 11th from 2-4 p.m. at the Southgate Borders Express located at 13667 Eureka Road near Panera's Bread.

Where you can purchase her book: www.Authorhouse.com, Borders on Eureka Road, Amazon online, and several other stores

She won a Huron Valley Literary Award for Poetry

and several other awards for her first endeavor, *Woman Reclining*, and said sales of that book are healthy. "It's doing great."

This most recent book, which is published through Authorhouse, is a prequel to her first book, in that it helps readers to understand how to pull a book together, Vatcher-Martin said.

"I am excited about it because I know I can reach a lot of writers, from fledging to established," Vatcher-Martin explained.

This is not her final book, she added. "I have all these books in me. My goal is to have someone reach out and pick up my books."

Or perhaps use this new book write one of their own.

TEACHERS

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supposed to do."

"The only people who get hurt in this mess, and this is a mess, is these kids," he said. "They've got to get back in school."

Parent Jennifer Finley blasted the district for its handling of the cancellation of classes Monday morning, saying that it was "very irresponsible."

"It really was unnecessary, you should have given us a heads up the night before," she said. "It doesn't give me a lot of confidence in the decisions of this administration."

MEA President Iris Salters also spoke to the board, telling the trustees that they "seem to have lost their way."

"If you come to the table, know that the Wayne-Westland Education Association will come," she said. "Do you think they want to be out there? We teach because we love what they do. I ask you to get a grip, to stand tall and come to the table. These teachers are ready to step up and do that."

The school board allowed one hour for public comments before adjourning the meeting. Their decision was loudly booed by the audience.

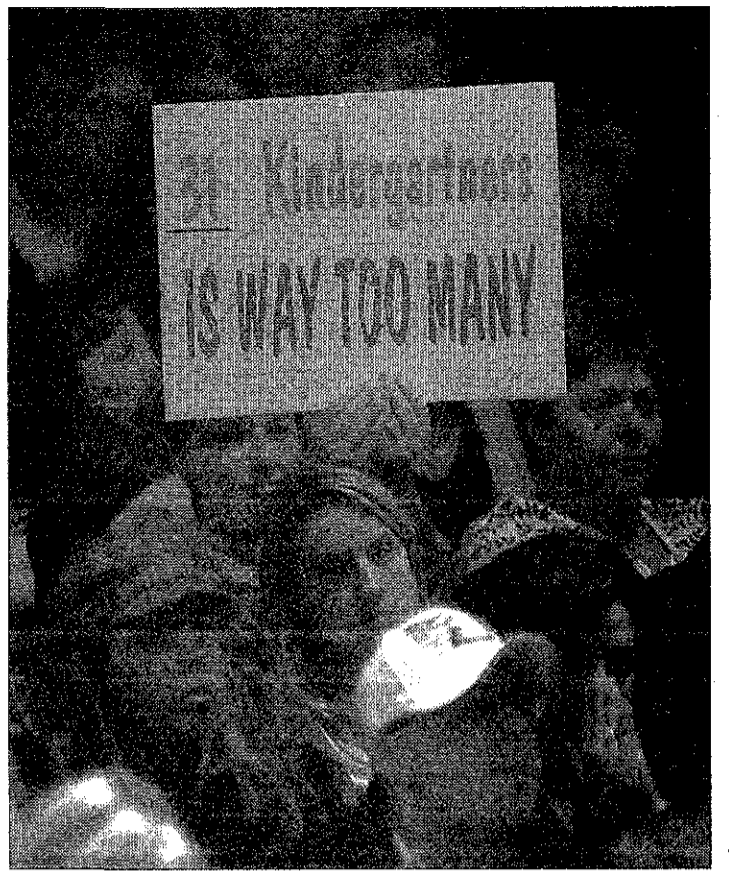
After the meeting, Trustee William Gabriel said the trustees were prepared to speak but opted to keep silent.

"We would have loved to have made a statement, but under the circumstances, we would not have been heard," he said. "I wanted the meeting to be an exchange with residents. It turned into a big rally for the teachers."

Gabriel said that he has looked into complaints about class sizes and so far, has found that at the elementary level only 19 of 200 classrooms have more than 30 students — nine have 31, seven have 32 and four are actually over 32.

"That doesn't sound like a crisis," he said; adding that teachers agreed to increase the overflow number from two to four in their last contract.

Under the old agreement, kindergarten class sizes were capped at 27 students plus four,



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Class size is one of the issues teachers have raised in negotiations.

STRIKE UPDATE

Students for a third straight day stayed home as a result of a strike by Wayne-Westland teachers.

The two sides were scheduled to meet for negotiations with state mediator Wanda Harris at 4 p.m. Wednesday and again Thursday.

The dispute is also headed for the courtroom. On Thursday, the Wayne-Westland school district will ask a Wayne County Circuit Court judge to issue an injunction, forcing the district's striking teachers back to work, and the Michigan Labor Relations Board also scheduled a special session for Wednesday about the Wayne-Westland situation.

The Michigan Education Association has won the first of several unfair labor practice charges it filed against the district. According to MEA general counsel Art Przybylowicz, an administrative law judge ruled that the district failed to properly respond to union requests for information. The judge issued the decision in favor of the union after the district failed to respond to an order to show cause.

The teachers' contract expired Aug. 25. Members had been working under a month-long contract extension that expired Sept. 30. The union refused the district's request for a second extension and instead went on strike Monday.

grades one-three at 28 students plus four and grades four-five at 32 students plus four. At the high school level, the negotiated class size is 34 students plus four.

"We're in the ballpark in class size when it comes to

other districts," he added. "Livonia has 26.2 students, Allen Park 24.9 students and Plymouth-Canton 25 students."

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Borrowers bear responsibility in financial crisis

Now that the economic recovery plan has been passed by Congress and signed by the president, everything should calm down and things should get back to normal. Of course, that is what we would all like, however, that is not the reality.

It would be nice if whenever we had a problem,



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Washington or Lansing would come up with a solution and everything would be OK. Unfortunately, it does not work that way. Washington or Lansing rarely have all the answers. After all, let's not forget how politics and special interest groups always enter into the equation of any legislation. Therefore, it is unrealistic to assume that the economic recovery bill will solve

all the problems. While it may resolve the current credit crunch and make it easier for banks to loan, particularly to small businesses, one thing that will not be resolved is the consumer's irresponsibility about money.

There is plenty of blame to pass around regarding this financial crisis. Banks, financial institutions and financial salespeople have let greed dictate business decisions. In addition, government and government regulators failed to take action based upon the irresponsibility of mortgage companies, mortgage brokers and other financial institutions. That being said, at the root of this financial crisis are individuals who borrowed excessively and had no realistic expectations of repaying their debt. No one likes to talk about that part of the problem, however, if we want to prevent similar problems from developing in the future, we must recognize that irre-

sponsibility was one of the main causes.

There are a number of lessons to learn from the current financial crisis. The first is to realize who we can or cannot count on for financial advice. Listening to a mortgage salesperson tell you how much house you can afford makes no sense. Your finances are too important to be trusted to a salesperson. The lesson here is the importance of independent financial advice.

Another lesson is understand the terms of the loan. Before you sign your name on the dotted line, make sure that you understand how the debt works. Don't assume that all loans are the same. Understand how the interest is calculated, payment terms, what happens upon default and know the costs. If you don't understand the terms of the loan, don't sign. When you obtain a loan, make sure you're getting independent advice.

Another lesson to learn is sometimes you just can't afford what you want. We live in a society that teaches us buy, buy and buy some more and don't worry about how to pay.

It's easy to blame Wall Street and the government for the current problems. However, that would only be half the truth. Individual Americans have been irresponsible with their finances and they, too, must accept part of the responsibility for what has occurred.

I hope the silver lining in this situation is that people will look at how they deal with debt and become better managers of their finances.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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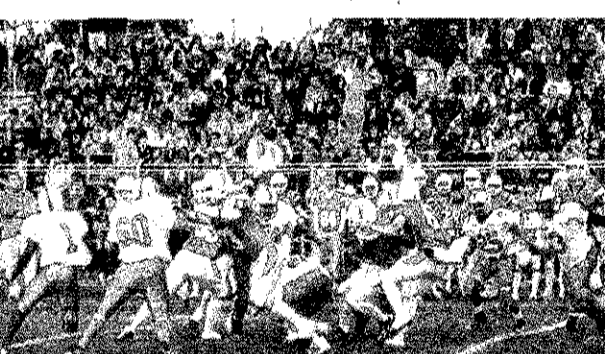


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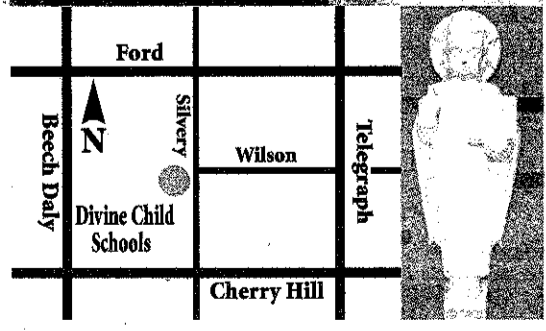
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Rocks edge Chiefs to preserve goose egg

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP SOCCER

Considering the amped-up intensity it brings out in opponents, the zero that sits in the middle of the Salem boys soccer team's record might as well be a bull's-eye.

The impressive goose egg under the loss column remained intact for the Rocks Monday night as they held off a fired-up Canton contingent, 2-1, in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over match played on the PCEP varsity soccer pitch.

Salem and Canton finished in

second place in the KLAA Central and South divisions, respectively.

Monday's regular season-ending victory left Salem with a 16-0-4 mark while Canton slipped to 11-5-3. The Rocks are the lone team in Division 1 to enter next week's state tournament with no losses, which is a mixed blessing in the eyes of Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

"It's definitely been exciting to go through the season unbeaten," said McCarthy. "It's provided an additional challenge for us and a little

additional incentive for our opponents — it definitely brings out the best in everybody that plays us.

"Tonight was not our best performance and one of our worst performances this season defensively. There's no doubt Canton had enough quality scoring opportunities in the first half to score one goal, if not two. We were definitely outplayed and out chanced in the first half; we just happened to finish on probably our only two chances."

The Rocks drew first blood 15

Please see **ROCKS, B4**

SOCCER DISTRICT PAIRINGS

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park soccer stadium will be the site of a highly competitive Division 1 boys soccer District tournament beginning Monday.

Following is the schedule:

Monday, Oct. 13: (A) Garden City at (b) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn at (D) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.; (E) Wayne Memorial at (F) Canton, 5 p.m.; (G) Plymouth vs. (H) Salem, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m. at PCEP; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m. at Canton.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Championship final, noon at Canton (Winner advances to the Saline regional semifinals vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford District champion.)

Sidelines

Ignition news

The Detroit Ignition have agreed to terms with goal-keeper Danny Waltman, forward Worteh Sampson, and midfielders Vahid Assadpour and Kyt Selaidopoulos, the club announced today. Per club policy, the financial terms of the agreements were not disclosed.

Waltman, the Ignition's starting keeper in the 2007-08 Major Indoor Soccer League season, posted a league-leading save percentage with a .744 mark during the regular season.

He led the MISL in wins and was selected to the All-MISL Second Team.

Sampson, a native of Monrovia, Liberia, enters his third professional indoor soccer season this year.

He tallied 42 points during the 2007-08 regular season with 14 goals and 14 assists.

Assadpour finished his first professional indoor season with the Ignition last year after being acquired by the club in the 2007 Amateur Draft. Selaidopoulos tied for first in the MISL in game-winning goals with five during the 2007-08 regular season.

Canton Wrestling Club Registration

Registration for the 2008-09 Canton Wrestling Club will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Canton High School North building (Phase III).

All participants should bring three copies of their birth certificate to the registration.

The club is a member of the MMWA and MYWAY wrestling organizations.

Last year's team included 27 state qualifiers, 10 state placers and four state champions.

The season runs from Nov. 17 to March 29.

For more information, visit www.chiefswrestling.com.

R.J. IS A-OK

Monroe's Mahalak off to eye-opening start for Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

R.J. Mahalak's sky-rocketing hockey career nearly didn't get off the launching pad in 1997.

If not for a too-good-to-be-true offer he received from his parents that year, the Plymouth Whalers' 16-year-old rising star might be excelling at football and/or basketball at Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central High School.

"A new ice arena was built in Monroe in 1997 and my parents really wanted me to try hockey, but I had no interest in it," Mahalak recalled, a wide grin crossing his face. "Well, they told me if I at least went over to the arena and tried the sport, they'd take me to Disneyland. They bribed me. I couldn't turn that down, so I tried it, I loved it right away and I've loved it ever since."

"And I got to go to Disneyland."

Fast forward

Eleven years later, Mahalak is one of the top 16-year-old forwards in the Ontario Hockey League. After a season of growth in 2007-08, the 6-foot-2, 197-pound self-described "grinder" has already tallied five points in six games, nearly tripling last year's entire output in just a fraction of the time.



Mahalak

"I missed the entire preseason last year because I had a little wrist problem, so my first home game was the season-opener when they raised the OHL championship banner," Mahalak remembered. "I'll never forget it — it was a sellout and I was so nervous my legs were shaking."

"This year compared to last year has been totally different. Last year, I was kind of along for the ride, learning everything like how to prepare for the games, how to do interviews, how to act like a pro. This year, I'm more focused on playing hockey and supporting everything that's going on with the team, trying to become a leader."

Tough choice

During the spring of 2007, Mahalak was presented with a dilemma few 15-year-olds face: Should he declare for the OHL Draft or play college hockey?

The difficulty of the decision was enhanced by the fact that several top-of-the-line collegiate programs — including the University

Tough choice

of Michigan, were interested in him.

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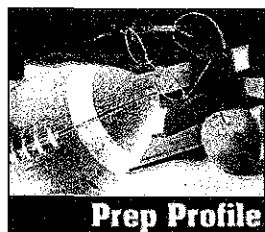
Plymouth Whalers forward R.J. Mahalak has been a force during the early portion of the schedule, registering four goals and one assist in six games. The Monroe native has also provided strong leadership despite the fact he's only 16 years old.

The Swedish Wildcat

Foreign exchange student is cross country star for Plymouth

Wildcats win Wayne County title. See Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Prep Profile

Foreign exchange student Elmar Engholm has had such a positive impact on the Plymouth boys cross country team this fall — both on the trails and off — that coach Jon Mikosz is prepared to take desperate measures to extend the Sweden native's one-year stay.

"I told Elmar I'd adopt him if that's what it takes," said Mikosz, chuckling.

Mikosz was joking, but no one could blame him if he wasn't.

The personable, 16-year-old running sensation has turned into the biggest thing to hit this area from Sweden since IKEA.

Armed with a strong work ethic and jovial attitude, Engholm has been the catalyst in what may evolve into the best-ever season in the history of Plymouth boys cross country. That's significant considering Mikosz approached the campaign with the mind-set that it would likely be a rebuilding period.

Engholm has led the Wildcats to an unbeaten dual-meet record in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division along with excelling in weekend invitationals.

On Saturday he placed fourth overall (16 minutes, 11 seconds) at the 28-team Wayne

County Invitational, a meet the Wildcats won for just the second time in school history.

"Elmar has taken a lot of pressure off our other runners," said Mikosz. "Instead of them having to worry about winning, they can just focus on running now."

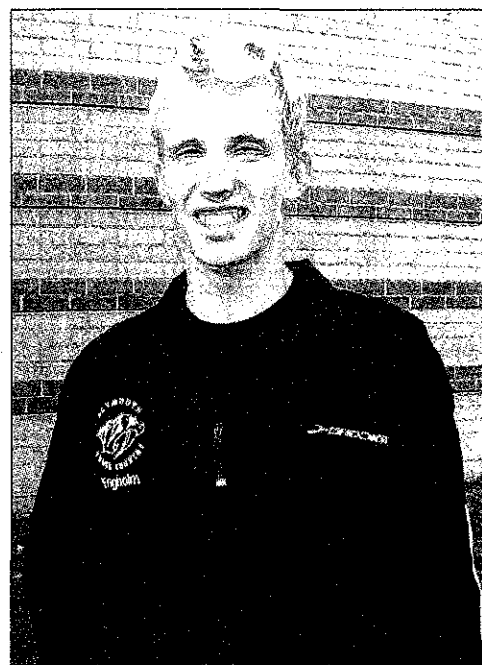
"When Elmar first joined the team, I figured we'd have to take him under our wing since he was a new kid in a new country. But as it's turned out, he's taken everybody under his wing."

Like father, like son

Engholm's American adventure is actually decades in the making.

In the 1980s, his father, Johan, was a foreign exchange student at Farmington

Please see **ENGHOLM, B2**



Elmar Engholm has made a sudden impact on the Plymouth cross country team this fall. The Swedish foreign exchange student has led the Wildcats to a 5-0 mark in the inaugural season of the KLAA South Division.

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Hills Harrison, where he starred in long-distance running. The elder Engholm befriended Brian Anderson, who now lives in Plymouth, and the two kept in touch over the years. "Earlier this year, my dad asked me if I would be interested in going to school in Michigan for a year," Elmar Engholm said. "I told him I was, so he talked to my host father, Brian Anderson, and they set it up. "I like it here very much. I live downtown Plymouth and everybody is so nice. It's very easy to meet people." Engholm has fit in with his fellow Wildcats as if he's attended school with them since kindergarten. "I love my team," he said. "Everybody gets along with one another; we never have any fights or anything like that." The outgoing native of Hasselby, Sweden — a suburb of Stockholm — has proven to be an effective motivator for his teammates. "I remember telling my teammates at the start of the season that if we could get our top five

guys under 17 minutes, we could make it to the state meet as a team," Engholm said. "At the time, our fifth guy's best time was like 17:40, so they all said to me, 'There's no way we can do that, Elmar!' I said, 'We can do it!' And now we're almost there." On Saturday, four Wildcats ran sub-17-minute races while a fifth — Joe Porcari — was less than 10 seconds from hitting the mark — accomplishments that are making Engholm look like a prophet. "Elmar has fit in from Day 1 on this team," said Mikosz. "All the guys have rallied around him. To see what he's done is just amazing." Mikosz predicted Engholm's best days at Plymouth are still ahead of him. "Unless there are horrible conditions, I don't think there's any way he won't run in the 15's at the state meet," said Mikosz. "It's a pretty flat course and he's come close to doing it on some tough courses in tough conditions." Barring an adoption, Engholm will head back to Sweden in June — much to the dismay of everyone he's grown attached with at Plymouth. "It's going to be hard to leave," he said. "But I'd like to come back here and attend college."

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Clock about to strike midnight for teams

So you think Drew Stanton should get the nod as Lions quarterback?



Brad Emons

Will Michigan make a bowl game? Is Michigan State for real? How many more weeks can Rod Marinelli survive?

Those questions have yet or won't get answered for a few weeks, but the moment of truth awaits several area high school teams this weekend.

Canton, Plymouth and Livonia Clarenceville — all sporting 5-1 records — are on the cusp of securing postseason playoff spots and making it to Halloween weekend.

Next in line are trio of 4-2 teams — Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Franklin and Redford Thurston, all of which must wait at least two more weeks.

On life support is 3-3 Redford Covenant, which has the daunting task of beating Southern Michigan Football Conference leaders Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Meanwhile, the prognostication race remains unchanged with myself, Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith and

GRID PICKS

Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright all going 8-2.

Wright, however, maintains a commanding six-game overall advantage at 53-15 overall, while your Livonia-Westland sports editor and Smith remained deadlocked at 47-21 each.

Here is a capsule look at this weekend's action.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED) LIV. CHURCHILL (2-4, 1-3) AT CANTON (5-1, 3-1): The Chiefs have plenty at stake including earning the top seed in the KLA's South Division and its eighth state playoff berth since 2000 under coach Tim Baechler.

PLYMOUTH (5-1, 3-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (4-2, 3-1): The second seed and a piece of the KLA's South Division is at stake. Plymouth's defense has been tops in the division, allowing just 10 per game.

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WAYNE (0-6, 0-4) AT WESTLAND GLENN (2-4, 2-2): These teams usually play in the season finale, but the matchup comes earlier because of the new KLA. The Rockets lead the series 28-8 and

snapped a three-game losing streak last year against the Zebras, 49-38. PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Smith (Glenn).

S. LYON EAST (0-6, 0-4) AT LIV. STEVENSON (4-2, 3-1): The Spartans, still stinging from their fourth-quarter collapse against Novi, must win two of their last three to make the playoffs.

SALEM (1-5, 1-3) AT SOUTH LYON (2-4, 1-3): The Rocks have been much more competitive in their last three outings and are starting for a signature win under coach Parker Salowich.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND (2-4, 2-3) AT LUTHERAN N'WEST (6-0, 4-0): This has been a special year for Northwest, which has already locked up a playoff berth. The state-ranked Crusaders have allowed just 47 points all season.

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (5-1, 4-1) AT BIRCH RUN (2-4, 2-3), 7:30 p.m. at Birch Run M.S.: The Trojans can clinch their eighth state playoff berth in school history and first since 2004 with a win.

Emons (Birch Run); Wright (Birch Run); Smith (Cville).

TAYLOR KENNEDY (1-5, 1-3) AT REDFORD UNION (1-5, 0-4): This is a Mega Conference-White Division matchup. The Panthers have a strong showing last week against 4-2 Trenton, only to lose 24-22 on the final play of the game.

GARDEN CITY (1-5, 0-5) AT D.H. ANNAPOLIS (5-1, 4-1): It's a Mega cross-over matchup with Annapolis leading the Gold Division, while GC is winless in the Blue. Garden City, which has played the toughest schedule, is coming off a 33-7 setback to Dearborn Edsel Ford, while Annapolis whipped Willow Run, 34-6.

RED. THURSTON (4-2, 4-0) AT ECORSE (0-6, 0-4), 4 P.M.: The Eagles, leading the Mega Gold, can move closer to a playoff berth with a triumph over the winless Red Raiders, who have been outscored 271-30 and are coming off a 28-8 setback to River Rouge.

SATURDAY'S GAME S.H. PARKWAY (5-1, 4-0) AT RED. COVENANT (3-3, 2-2), 1 P.M.: This Southern Michigan Football Conference matchup could be a competitive game. Parkway, led by running back Zurlon Tipton (committed to Central Michigan), has won five straight since losing its season opener, 54-47, to Deckerville. Covenant is coming off a 24-20 setback to Detroit Old Redford Academy.

Hollingsworth-led Lions remain perfect, 34-20

The Canton Lions varsity football team remained unbeaten Sunday with a 34-20 victory over the Lake Area Hawks. The Lions shrugged off a slow start to outscore the Hawks 28-6 in the second half, thanks in large part to the stellar play of offensive and defensive linemen Tim Popp, Travis McCall, Siddarth Acharya and Daniel Tidwell. The winners' offense was spearheaded by Malcolm Hollingsworth, Jamarl Eiland, Nate Emminger and Jordan Cicotti.

Defensively, Canton was paced by Scott Gring, Lucas Bunting, Kyle Durham, Ryan Darish, Tyler Searls and James Dodge.

The Lions JV squad posted a 14-6 triumph over the Hawks. The Lions scored on a 48-yard TD run by James Hall and an Allante Wheeler quarterback

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sneak. Defensively, the Lions held the Hawks in check with remarkable efforts from Daniel Jipping (nine tackles, interception, fumble recovery), Hall, Kyle Murray, Everett Czarnota, Andrew Hunt and Jake Strope.

The Lions freshmen suffered a 25-6 setback to the Hawks. The Lions' lone score came on an Evan Voyles-to-Shaw Lyall TD pass. Jordan Burg, Colton Weloch, Jacob McCall, Ryan Schlieger, Ethan Balogh and Austin Stoneburg shone on the offensive side of the ball for Canton while Damarcus Kaigler, Jason Arnold, Matthew Wayne and Jackson Austin paced the defense.

The Lions junior freshmen continued to shine against the Hawks as Avery Olson scored on

a long TD run. Other standouts were Cameron Wilborn, Lucas O'Brian, Myles Wagstaff, Devin Farmer, Bennett Austin, Bradley Tyszkiewicz and Nathan Hunt.

Steelers cage Cougars

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad upended Belleville, 29-6, Saturday to put a successful cap on the day's homecoming festivities. Kendall Scott enjoyed a break-out night with a pair of touchdowns. Jonathan Moore also sent a charge into the large crowd with a 35-yard field goal. Owen Ash was the catalyst for the winners' offensive line.

Defensively, the Steelers were led by Lowell Wade, Joshua Dennard and Austin Sylvester, who recovered a blocked punt that led to a touchdown.

The Steelers JV unit dropped

a heart-breaking 18-14 decision despite strong offensive play from Christopher Vos, Joshua Morris and Gregory Williams. Defensively, Rodney Allen, Jr., Philip Avromoski and Trenton Shelby registered grade A performances.

The Steelers freshmen wowed the crowd with a 39-26 victory. Jack Pardington, Cameron Stella (two touchdowns) and Chris Bryant (two touchdowns, interception) sparked the offense while Ben Smyth, Aaron Brazelton and Isaac Emminger played like pros on defense.

The Steelers junior freshmen turned in a high-energy performance against the Cougars. Offensively, Cal Voss, Lou Baechler and Rashawn Allen led the way while Ryan Young and Jimmy Knittel hooked up for a 40-yard touchdown pass.

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Advertisement for LIKE NUMBERS? featuring a pile of sports items and a photo of a player.

Chargers edge Plymouth, Canton for county title

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Anyone suffering from claustrophobia may get a little light-headed when they look at the top of the standings of Saturday's Wayne County Cross Country Championships.

It was that tight. Livonia Churchill escaped with the title with 98 points, just four fewer than Plymouth and six less than Canton.

Salem finished fourth with 145 points. Pacing the runner-up Wildcats was senior captain Molly Slavens, who covered the 5,000-meter race in 19:40.66.

Slavens was followed closely by teammates Nicole Traitses (11th in 19:46.38) and Beth Heldmeyer, who placed 16th in the 19:51.98.

"It was fun racing against competitive teams like that," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "With the conference meet and Regionals coming up, it should be an interesting next couple of weeks."

Canton was bolstered by a trio of top-10 finishes: Bianca Kubicki placed third in

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

19:01.74, Sarah Thomas was seventh in 19:37.24 and Rachel Rohrbach was 10th in 19:44.27. Victoria Tripp (17th) and Jordyn Moore (18th) both turned in stellar efforts for the fourth-place Rocks.

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FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 98; 2. Plymouth, 102; 3. Canton, 104; 4. Salem, 145; 5. Trenton, 151; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 174; 7. Livonia Franklin, 194; 8. Dearborn, 195; 9. Divine Child, 206; 10. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 211; 11. Grosse Pointe North, 299; 12. Edsel Ford, 373; 13. Belleville, 386; 14. Detroit Mumford, 373; 15. Scouting Anderson, 470; 16. Allen Park, 489; 17. Lutheran Westland, 515; 18. Detroit Cass Tech, 518; 19. Redford Union, 532; 20. Allen Park Cabrini, 556; 21. Fordson, 577; 22. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 597; 23. Garden City, 613; 24. Detroit Renaissance, 656; 25. John Glenn, 669.
OVERALL WINNER: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 18:01.62.

TEAM RESULTS
CHURCHILL (98): 1. Sara Kroll, 18:01.62; 19. Bethany Pilot, 20:02.41; 21. Kayla Szado, 20:03.86; 22. Emily Clairmont, 20:04.84; 36. Katie Rash, 20:45.82.
PLYMOUTH (102): 8. Molly Slavens, 19:40.66; 11. Nicole Traitses, 19:46.38; 16. Beth Heldmeyer, 19:51.98; 27. Kelly Hahn, 20:24.86; 42. Julie Forster, 20:56.24.
CANTON (104): 3. Bianca Kubicki, 19:01.74; 7. Sarah Thomas, 19:37.24; 10. Rachel Rohrbach, 19:44.27; 28. Abigail Gorzalski, 20:28.45; 58. Chelsea Smith, 21:21.89.
SALEM (145): 17. Victoria Tripp, 19:53.03; 18. Jordyn Moore, 19:55.43; 35. Kelly Kerwin,

20:39.74; 38. Kelley Determan, 20:51.65; 40. Kara Booms, 20:53.69.

STEVENSON (174): 2. Courtney Calka, 18:06.69; 32. Karli Kuchka, 20:34.87; 33. Victoria Saferian, 20:35.54; 55. Michelle Kravczyk, 21:19.92; 56. Julia Capeneka, 21:20.48.

FRANKLIN (194): 4. Megan McPhearson, 19:04.69; 26. Tiffany Lambie, 20:12.80; 49. Brittany Dilley, 21:04.17; 59. Kelly Wablay, 21:22.54; 60. Brittany Rouse, 21:23.53.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND (515): 63. Sarah Maynard, 21:28.66; 98. Miriam Pranschke, 22:55.56; 112. Erin Kyle, 23:08.46; 128. Brittany Maynard, 23:48.29; 135. Ashley Pniewski, 24:10.29.

REDFORD UNION (532): 54. Amanda Miley, 21:14.02; 67. Sara Miller, 21:33.22; 123. Virginia Sentman, 23:36.76; 155. Rheanon Brooks, 25:03.39; 158. Amanda Fross, 25:07.16.

GARDEN CITY (613): 101. Bobbi Beveridge, 22:57.44; 120. Christina Milne, 23:25.52; 134. Rebecca Szczeniara, 24:09.62; 142. Whitney Spencer, 24:18.24; 146. Rachel Szczeniara, 24:09.06.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (669): 103. Evi Cenilli, 22:58.88; 106. Ashley Bailey, 23:01.87; 160. Michelle Levy, 25:16.42; 162. Megan Nikula, 25:37.15; 166. Audra Flores, 26:07.01.

DUAL-MEET RESULTS
SALEM 15
SOUTH LYON EAST 49

Tuesday at Cass Benton Park
SALEM'S FINISHERS: 1. (tie) Kelley Determan, Linda Ling, Jordyn Moore, Victoria Tripp, Kara Booms, 21.39.
SALEM'S RECORD: 4-1 in the KLA Central.

PLYMOUTH 15
WAYNE MEMORIAL 50

Tuesday at Wayne
PLYMOUTH'S FINISHERS: 1. Elise Chagas, 21:52; 2. Brianna Hessler, 21:53; 3. Elyse Gryniwicz, 22:03; 4. Kelsey Reiner, 22:11; 5. Sarah Brown, 22:22.
PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 4-1 in the KLA South.

Rockets can't hang with Chiefs

Westland John Glenn's volleyball team proved to be no match for Canton Tuesday night in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association showdown at Canton.

The Chiefs swept away the Rockets in three games — 25-15, 25-13, 25-20

— to improve to 18-4 overall and 4-1 in the KLA South Division. John Glenn dropped to 3-2 in the division.

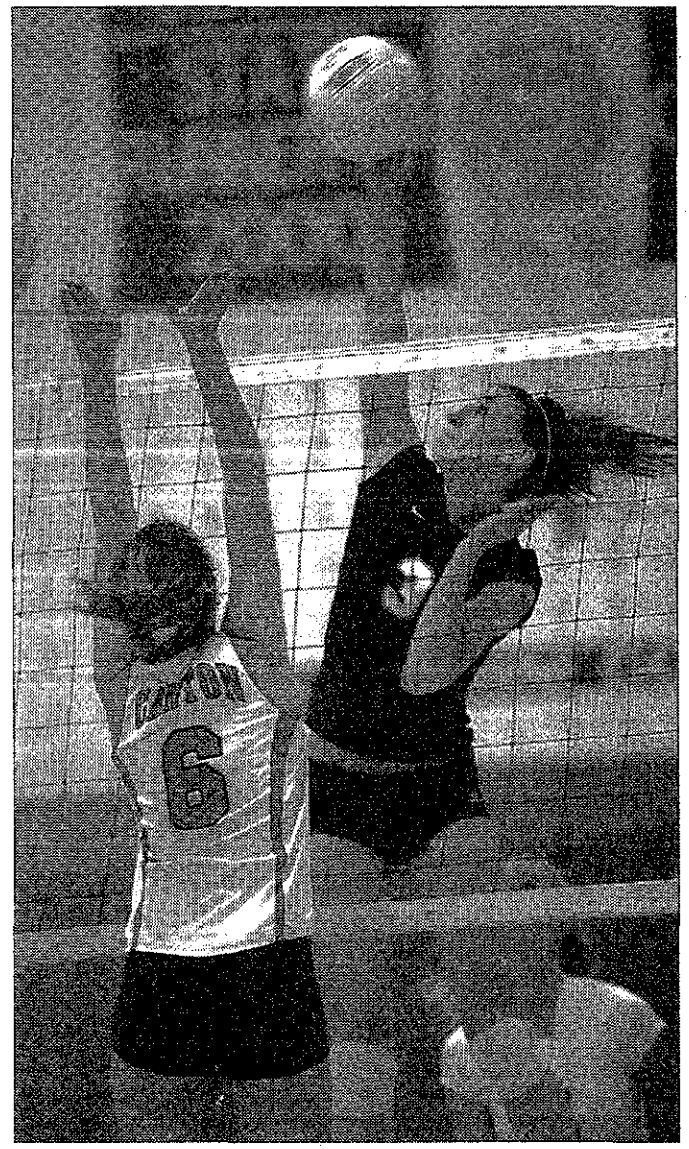
"We started out strong tonight in games one and two," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We served very aggressively and kept them from having a lot of options in their offense. Our blocking, coverage and defense improved and looked better than it did in our last two matches."

"We started slow in game three and missed too many serves. Our offense kept us in the game with a combined 16 kills."

Senior captain Gina Waite paced the Chiefs' defensive effort with 13 digs. Also excelling for the winners were Jordan Kietly (13 kills and 10 digs), Allison Trapp (eight kills), Kristen Muir (seven kills and 11 digs), Shelby Anthony (10 digs and six aces) and Kacy Moran (25 assists and six kills).

Leading the Rockets' attack were Brittany Holbrook (six kills), Haie Baker (seven blocks) and Stacey Truskowski, who combined with Holbrook to register 40 digs.

Wildcats prevail
Plymouth dominated Wayne Memorial Tuesday night, 25-13, 25-12, 25-14, in a KLA South match held in the Wildcats' gymnasium. The victory improved Plymouth's record to 10-8-3



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Plymouth's Danielle Risi, pictured in a match earlier this week, recorded a team-high 12 kills Tuesday against Wayne Memorial.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

overall and 2-3 in the division.

"Offensively, we played a much better match," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "Erin O'Connor did a nice job as the starting setter tonight, spreading the ball antenna to antenna. Our

serve-receive was very consistent, which allowed for a quicker offense.

Dani Risi (12 kills) and Kayla Bridge (eight kills) were forces at the net for the 'Cats, who also received strong efforts from O'Connor (26 assists), Briana Beyer (21 digs, four aces) and Katie Binger (four kills).

PCEP teams stand out at county meet

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Judging by the final standings of Saturday's Wayne County Championships, cross country is booming at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Led by a championship effort from Plymouth, the three PCEP contingents finished 1-2-4 in the 28-team event.

The Wildcats dominated the competition by compiling just 58 points, 52 fewer than runner-up Canton and 60 less than fourth-place Salem.

Plymouth was paced by junior Elmar Engholm, who placed fourth overall in 16:13.77. Fourth other Wildcats turned in top-22 finishes: Derek Lax (11th in 16:47.78), Matthew Neumann (13th in 16:52.89), Warren Buzzard (14th in 16:53.59) and Joe Porcari (22nd in 17:10.27).

"I thought we had a good chance of winning, but I never expected to win by the margin that we won by," said Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz. "Matt and Warren had been running in the low 17's, so to have them get into the 16's was impressive. Joe Porcari ran extremely well, too."

The Chiefs' runner-up finish impressive Canton coach Bill Boyd, whose team received

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a boost from Miles Felton, who posted the second-lowest time ever by a freshman when he crossed the finish line in 17:19.62.

"To finish second in a competitive race like that says a lot about our team," said Boyd. "I'm pleased with the strides the guys are making."

Salem was led by Michael Charara, who placed ninth in 16:41.71.

2008 WAYNE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday at Willow Metro Park
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 58; 2. Canton, 110; 3. Grosse Pointe South, 112; 4. Salem, 118; 5. Livonia Franklin, 200; 6. Livonia Churchill, 233; 7. Trenton, 289; 8. Fordson, 289; 9. Detroit Mumford, 295; 10. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 296; 11. Livonia Stevenson, 297; 12. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 332; 13. Edsel Ford, 343; 14. Dearborn, 352; 15. Allen Park, 375; 16. Redford Union, 422; 17. Detroit Community Media Arts, 439; 18. John Glenn, 447; 19. Southgate Anderson, 474; 20. Lutheran Westland, 551; 21. Belleville, 558; 22. Detroit Renaissance, 625; 23. Riverview, 628; 24. Divine Child, 657; 25. Allen Park Cabrini, 674; 26. Henry Ford Academy, 733; 27. Garden City, 836; 28. Summit Academy, 888.
OVERALL WINNER: Edwin Gay (Grosse Pointe South), 15:54.17.

TEAM RESULTS
PLYMOUTH (58): 4. Elmar Engholm, 16:13.77; 11. Derek Lax, 16:47.78; 13. Matthew Neumann, 16:52.89; 14. Warren Buzzard, 16:53.59; 22. Joseph Porcari, 17:10.27.
CANTON (110): 15. Zack Spreitzer, 16:59.35; 19. Kyle Clinton, 17:07.17; 27. Greg Reed, 17:15.87; 28. Duncan Spitz, 17:18.92; 29. Miles Felton, 17:19.62.
SALEM (118): 9. Michael Charara, 16:41.71; 17. Matt Devey, 17:05.46; 18. Alex Lang, 17:06.17; 32. Jason Smith, 17:21.97; 49. Neal Gerlach, 17:46.30.
FRANKLIN (200): 26. Austin Jones,

17:14.81; 36. Nik Gherardini, 17:28.07; 45. Paul Hannie, 17:40.21; 48. Pete Walblay, 17:44.56; 55. Dylan Taylor, 17:53.06.

CHURCHILL (233): 16. Mark Waterbury, 17:01.67; 30. Tom Wingle, 17:20.36; 58. Quinn Osgood, 17:56.59; 61. Matt Szado, 17:59.36; 78. Ryan Keeling, 18:20.39.

STEVENSON (297): 43. Matt Williams, 17:38.93; 50. Joe Urso, 17:47.72; 52. Andrew Longhi, 17:49.40; 65. Shawn Howse, 18:02.84; 98. John Lynch, 18:46.43.

REDFORD UNION (422): 38. Matthew Macke, 17:30.56; 80. Justin Faur, 18:22.27; 90. Zachary Vandentoor, 18:38.20; 109. Michael D'Arcangelo, 18:55.92; 121. Matthew Kibner, 19:14.02.

JOHN GLENN (447): 37. Tim Boes, 17:29.48; 63. Jeff Adkins, 18:01.17; 88. Eric Mlynar, 18:32.72; 129. Ruben Maya, 19:30.80; 150. Jeff Medel, 20:13.40.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND (551): 5. Spencer Lytle, 16:25.81; 123. Theodis Washington, 19:18.74; 140. Alex Kemp, 19:45.09; 148. Zechariah Washington, 20:06.52; 165. Jeremy Kohtz, 20:53.49.

GARDEN CITY (836): 157. Andrew Chambo, 20:32.74; 181. Simon Outlaw, 22:09.38; 183. Moias Cruz, 22:19.25; 186. Mason Mitchell, 22:31.33; 193. Josh Avery, 23:16.98.

DUAL-MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 15
WAYNE 50

Tuesday at Wayne Memorial
PLYMOUTH'S RUNNERS: 1. Steven Schultz, 18:25; 2. Stephen Balaze, 18:45; 3. Tyler Schwaegler, 18:46; 4. Zach Koch, 19:06; 5. Brandon Burke, 19:22.
WAYNE'S RUNNERS: 6. Daryl Ison, 20:10; 7. Tyler Geardon, 21:08; 8. Brandon Tykoski, 22:36.
PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 5-0 in the KLA South.

CANTON 15
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 50

Tuesday at John Glenn
CANTON'S RUNNERS: 1. Duncan Spitz, 16:45; 2. Kyle Clinton, 17:06; 3. Greg Reed, 17:11; 4. Zack Spreitzer, 17:14; 5. (tie) Mitch Clinton and Paul Rakovitis, 17:18.
JOHN GLENN'S RUNNERS: 7. Tim Boes, 17:35; 8. Jeff Adkins, 17:40; 9. Eric Mlynar, 18:43; 10. Jeff Medel, 20:16; 11. Ryan Vichinsky, 20:26.
CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 4-1 in KLA South.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 10
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Oct. 9
PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10
Summit Academy at PCA, 4 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 9
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Wildcat Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Salem at Madonna Invite, 8:30 a.m.

Canton at Mega/KLAA Invitational at Northville, 8:30 a.m.
PCA at Mt. Morris Tournament, 9 a.m.
BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 11
Canton and Plymouth Boys at Gabriel Richard XC Invitational, 1 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Friday, Oct. 10
Division I Regional Meet, TBA
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday Oct. 9
Division I Regional Meet, TBA
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Oct. 9
Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11

MISCA Meet, noon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 9
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Schoolcraft at Harper College Inv. TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Oct. 10
Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 11
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

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minutes into the contest when John Krutty scored off a re-start on an assist from Josh Pascarella.

Ten minutes later, Alex Tramel doubled the Salem lead to 2-0 when he deposited a pass from Jeremy Stoychoff into the back of the net.

Canton coach George Tomasso said he knows what his team needs to improve on if it meets Salem in next week's District tournament.

"It comes down to finishing," said Tomasso. "We're creating the opportunities. We have a good evolutionary process going: The first time we played Salem, we generated two or three scoring opportunities and tonight we probably generated six to eight chances, which is nice because we're obviously doing things to break them down."

"But in the end, Salem got the result they wanted. We just have to move forward and, hopefully, we catch them in the Districts."

Salem will take on Plymouth while Canton will be matched up against Wayne Memorial in Monday's first-round action at the PCEP varsity stadium. The winners of both games will play Wednesday in a semifinal tilt.

The Chiefs mounted a furious comeback in the game's waning moments.

With 7:25 left, Brandon Burt lofted a 35-yard rainbow shot from the right wing that dropped just below the crossbar and above the fingertips of Salem keeper Will Allen to slice Canton's deficit to 2-1.

"That is a designed shot that we work on in practice," Tomasso said. "For a goal-keeper, I know that's a tough ball to come up with."

Canton nearly drew even, but Josh Hurst's floater from nearly the same spot that Burt's goal was launched from hit the cross-bar.

Allen was stellar between the pipe for the Rocks and improved his record to 4-0-2 since filling in for All-State first-stringer Sasa Miskovic.

Miskovic is expected back next week along with a pair of injured teammates.

McCarthy praised the play of senior central defender Matt Calupina, who repelled a couple of dangerous second-half scoring threats by the Chiefs.

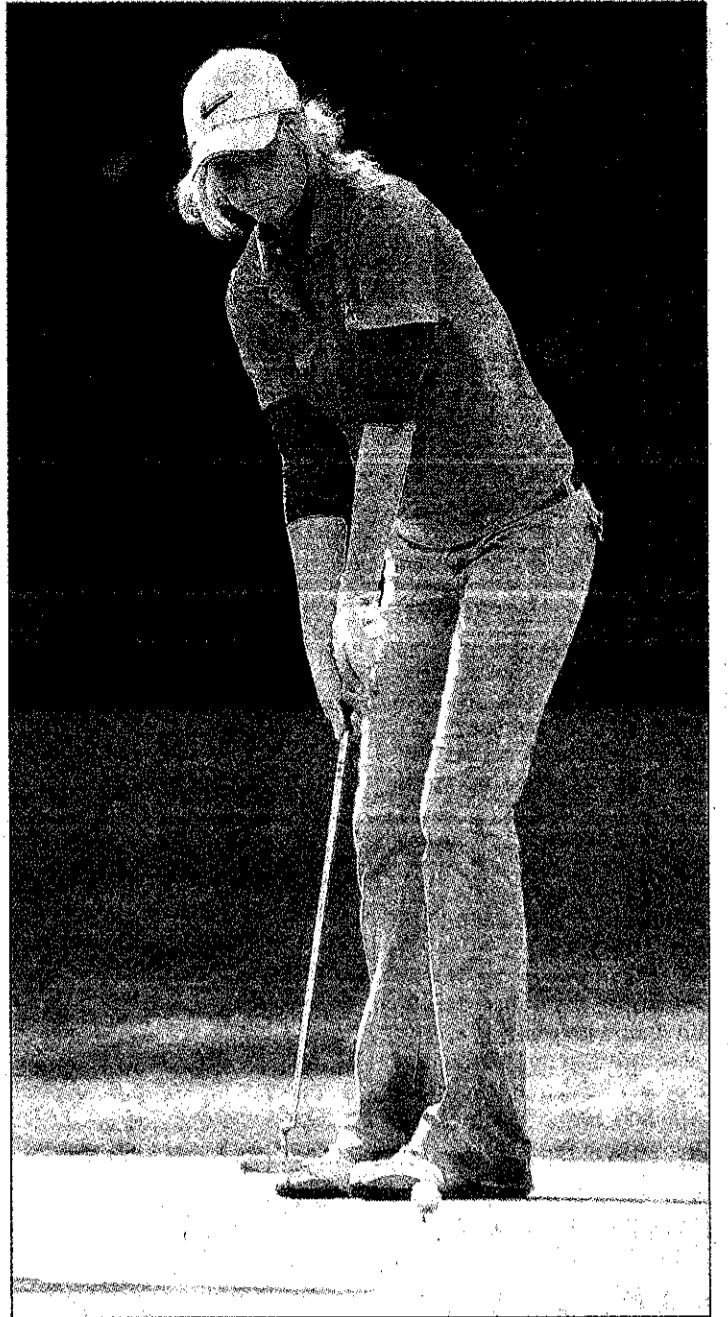
"Matt's done a great job all year centrally for us," said McCarthy. "There's no doubt Kevin Cope is a tremendous defender, but without Matt Calupina, our back line wouldn't be anywhere near what it is. He's irreplaceable in the role he plays for us back there."

MACOMB CHRISTIAN 3, AGAPE 2: On Tuesday at Independence Park in Canton, the Wolverines dropped a hard-fought decision despite goals from Donald Mullett and Josiah Wyatt.

Billy Martin notched an assist for Agape, which also received strong play from goal-keeper Justin Benbow (12 saves), Landon Cook and Ethan Walker.

The loss dropped Agape to 3-13 overall and 2-9 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Macomb improved to 7-9 and 7-4, respectively.

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Canton's Megan Baumgard watches a putt roll toward the hole during Tuesday's KLAAs tournament at Pheasant Run.

GOLF RESULTS

KLAAs CONFERENCE GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Tuesday at Pheasant Run Golf Course
TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 1. Northville, 354; 2. Novi, 363; 3. South Lyon, 388; 4. Livonia Churchill, 397; 5. John Glenn, 407; 6. Livonia Franklin, 414; 7. Canton, 436; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 468; 9. Plymouth, 476; 10. Wayne Memorial, 542; 11. South Lyon East, 558; 12. Salem (no team score).
MEDALIST: Natalie Krick, Northville, 77.
TEAM RESULTS
NORTHVILLE (354): Alicia Weber, 79; Kelley Hill, 87; Brianna Roberts, 89; Joanne Weber, 99.
NOVI (363): Natalie Krick, 77; Megan Henry, 93; Kelli Timar, 96; Alex Palmer, 97.
SOUTH LYON (388): Christy Cooney, 89; Danielle Godair, 95; Alex Drew, 101; Emily Groth, 103.
CHURCHILL (397): Lexi McFarlane, 87; Jessica Burdette, 91; Jordyn Shepler, 107; Sarah Linder, 112.
JOHN GLENN (407): Heidi Irvine, 90; Courtney McKinstry, 103; Michelle Bishop, 107; Justine Woodard, 107.
FRANKLIN (414): Alexis Smith, 101; Samantha

McAtee, 102; Natalie Polakowski, 103; Lauren Beahon, 108.
CANTON (436): Chelsea Osburn, 93; Kara Gregory, 100; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 121; Megan Baumgart, 122.
LIVONIA STEVENSON (468): Gabrielle Sabatini, 109; Chelsea Phillips, 110; Shelly Pilchota, 119; Brynn Cavanaugh, 130.
PLYMOUTH (476): LeAnn O'Shaughnessy, 116; Chloe Marentic, 118; Christy Pattison, 120; Liz Cizek, 122.
WAYNE MEMORIAL (542): Berlyn Beaver, 86; Taylor Tuttle, 103; Jane Thayer, 147.
SOUTH LYON EAST (558): Lindsay Heikkinen, 110; Taylor Jones, 111; Emily Wenson, 119; Stephanie Carson, 128.
FINAL STANDINGS
CENTRAL DIVISION: 1. Northville, 10-0; 2. Novi, 8-2; 3. South Lyon, 6-4; 4. Stevenson, 4-6; 5. South Lyon East, 2-8; 6. Salem, 0-10.
SOUTH DIVISION: 1. Churchill, 10-0; 2. John Glenn, 8-2; 3. Canton, 6-4; 4. Franklin, 4-6; 5. (tie) Wayne and Plymouth, 1-9.

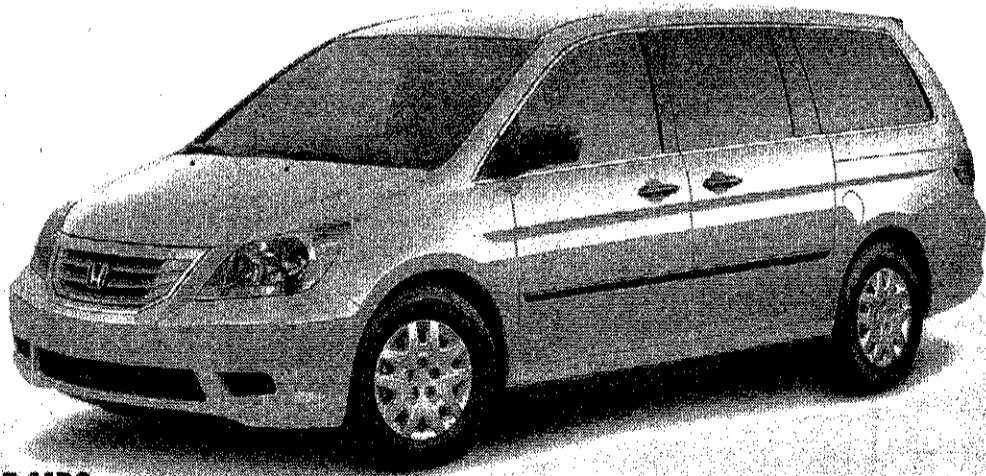
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of Michigan and Michigan State — were pursuing him — and once you sign an OHL contract, you forfeit all opportunities to play at the collegiate level.

"The college game is more of skills-type game and most of the players are in the 22- to 24-year-old age range, so I don't even know what I'd be doing now if I would have chosen that route," he said, explaining his decision-making process. "In the OHL, you're playing at a competitive level right away and you can still go to college when you're done."

"It was a big decision to come to

the OHL, but as soon as the Whalers drafted me and I talked to (Whalers General Manager and President) Mike Vellucci, I knew that I had made the right decision. I've had no regrets since."

Blue-collar attitude

Mahalak's on-ice style mirrors that of Detroit Red Wing Johan Franzen, whose play he admired during last spring's NHL Playoffs.

"I'm just a grinder," he said. "I go hard every second of every shift. I'm crashin' and bangin' and going to the net. You're not going to see me score many highlight-reel goals. I just try to put the puck in the net."

Mahalak is quicker than he's ever been thanks to a rigorous off-season

workout regimen.

"I played at 204 pounds last year and coach Stefan suggested I drop a few pounds," Mahalak said. "Over the summer I followed a very strict diet, I ran a lot and biked a lot — I even competed in a mini-triathlon. I feel a lot quicker this year on the ice and I'm leaner than I was my first year. I still need to work on my skating because you can never get too fast."

Like all of his OHL peers, Mahalak's ultimate dream is to play in the NHL.

"It's definitely my goal," he said. "I'll be watching exhibition games on TV and seeing guys I played against last year — guys like Steven Stamkos — and thinking, 'I was on the same ice as them, so why not me some day?'"

Whalers turn into road warriors

The Whalers' road trip last weekend through Erie and Niagara wasn't very pretty, but it was effective.

Plymouth gutted out a 5-4 win in Erie last Friday, then came from behind twice in Niagara on Saturday before taking a 7-6 shootout win over the IceDogs.

The Whalers are now 3-3-0-0, with all three wins on the road.

"I was really happy with the attitude of the guys the whole week prior to this past weekend — the work ethic they had in practice and the determination of going on the road and trying to have a successful road trip," Plymouth head coach Greg Stefan said. "I liked the effort (and) I especially liked the work ethic of everybody and the attitude going in that we were there to get wins."

"Maybe it wasn't pretty or it wasn't perfect, but I thought a lot of positive things happened this past weekend."

Offensively, the Whalers got four points each over the weekend from Vern Cooper, Ryan Hayes, Joe Gaynor and Chris Terry. Jordan O'Neill's goal proved to be the game-winner in Erie and Whaler pups Tyler Seguin and Myles McCauley scored in the shootout in Niagara.

Although the Whalers gave up 10 goals in the two victories, netminders Jeremy Smith and Matt Hackett played well at different times.

Plymouth built leads of 3-0 and 5-2 in Erie and withstood a furious Otters rally in the third period for the victory. Smith stopped 46-of-50 shots as the game's second star. His outstanding stop on Nick Palmieri with ten seconds left preserved the win.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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OCTOBER

A night of wine & roses
Wine tasting event Friday, Oct. 10, with tasting from 7-9 p.m. with dessert and afterglow until 10:30 p.m., in the lower level of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School and adjacent grounds of the church in Plymouth. Tickets \$50, ticket holders must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance. To order, visit

www.olgcwineevent.org or call (734) 737-0755.
Church bazaar
Oct. 10-11, at St. Sarkis Armenian Church, 19300 Ford Rd., off of Southfield Fwy. Dearborn, Includes Vegas Night, Friday, Oct. 10 with doors opening at 8 p.m. (Tickets \$35, pre-purchased tickets include \$50 in chips; Texas Hold'em tournament tickets \$75); traditional bazaar with Armenian food, drinks, vendors, outdoor kids fun 1-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 (No charge). For more information, call (313) 336-6200.
Convention
The Southeast Michigan Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America hold their Bi-ennial

Convention 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-7249.
Church dinner
And Silent Auction with more than 100 items Saturday, Oct. 11, at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Rd., Westland. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 children under age 10. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with Silent Auction beginning at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Youth & Children's Ministries. For information or tickets call Pastor Rick Jewett at (734) 458-7301.
Apologetics conference
Christians & The Challenge of Islam" A Balanced View presented by Adam S. Francisco 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

11, at Henry Ford Centennial Library Auditorium, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. No charge, pre-registration not required. Sponsored by Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School in Dearborn. Call Pastor Rod Zwonitzer at (313) 565-4002 or Elaine Pierani at (313) 724-1979 or epierani@wowway.com.
Conference
With David Dark on his book, The Gospel According to America 9:30 a.m. to noon (9 a.m. registration) Saturday, Oct. 11, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile at I-275, Livonia. Cost \$5. For questions, call (734) 425-2800.
Fall craft show
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, with over 70 crafters, at St. Theodore of Canterbury, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. No charge. Also bake sale, big raffle and food and beverages. Call (734) 425-4421.

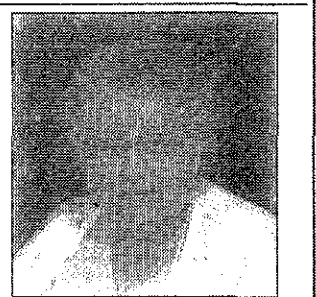
ICEA conference
For Sunday School and Church Ministries, held by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Speakers Dr. Bruce Fong, Rev. Billy Walker. 30 workshops on timely topics. Second time around Christian books. Registration required only for workshops. Non-denominational. Call (248) 557-5536 or visit www.iceaonline.org.
Plymouth/Canton CROP walk
Sunday, Oct. 12, registration at 1:30 p.m. with walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, contact Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867 or wbrave@yahoo.com.
Anniversary celebration
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, will celebrate their 40th Anniversary with a special worship service and fellowship immediately after the service. Immanuel Church was previously located near Tiger Stadium until it was necessary to move the church due to the building of I-96. We are the "Friendly Church on the Trail". Please join us to celebrate!!!

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Pumpkin patch
Begins Friday, Oct. 17, and continues to Oct. 31, with pumpkins of all sizes and fall decoration for sale, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. A book sale runs during the same hours Oct. 24-26 with a bag sale 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 26. The church women's group holds a bake sale on Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from all sales go to various missions and the church's general fund. For information, call (734) 422-6038.
SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) hop
6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Ford Field, Detroit. Tickets are \$250 and available by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 153, includes dinner and silent auction. After Glow takes place after the dinner at 9 p.m. in the South Cove Lounge (\$50 includes two drinks, unlimited dessert bar and coffee station, and entertainment by Flashback Experience, an 80s band). The event is included for those who will be attending the traditional SOCK event. Proceeds go to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.
Sweetest Day dance
Featuring The Rhythm Society Orchestra 8-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 seniors/students age 18 and over. Sorry, no children. Call (248) 349-0911.
Girl genius
The ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) event takes place 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 and 25, at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Girl Genius is an ENDOW middle school program designed to teach Pope John Paul II's message regarding the dignity and vocation of women to 10 to 13 year old girls on their God-given nature, dignity and special role in society. Call (734) 425-5950. Cost is \$30 per girl, mentors free. Lunch is provided.
Mom-to-mom sale
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile. Tables available, 6 ft. long \$18 each, 5 ft. round \$15 each, standard racks \$3 each. Admission \$1. Strollers welcome. Contact nacom2momsale@gmail.com.
Annual church tour
Join us Saturday, Oct. 18 to visit an eclectic mix of Catholic parishes in Detroit: The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Old St. Mary's in Greektown, and St. Hyacinth. Two tour buses leave St. Aidan parish at 9:15 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited to 110 slots and costs only \$20 per person, which includes lunch at the New Parthenon restaurant in Greektown. Sign up today by emailing David Conrad: davidconrad@staidanlivonia.org or calling (734) 425-5950.
Mass of anointing
St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. All Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 so that the church will be able to prepare for the number of people attending.
All-you-can-eat pancakes
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues their 30-plus year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday, Oct. 19, in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.
Choral concert
The Detroit Lutheran Singers perform 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Faith will be expressed by in such beautiful anthems as "We Watching Over Israel", from Mendelssohn's "Elijah"; "The Lord Will Guide You Continually", by F. Swann and several other familiar anthems. Featured in the concert will be the debut of "We Are the Lord's." Composer Donald Busarow, well known Lutheran composer and musician and founding director of DLS, describes this piece as a musical portrait of a life dedicated to the Lord. Tickets \$10 (\$5 in advance), \$7 seniors and students 12 and over). Call Dick Schaufelberger (810) 220-8639 for tickets.
Benefit concert
4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Rd., west of Farmington Rd., south of Grand River, Farmington Hills, hosts a benefit concert by Cross Chords to raise money for building and equipping Cpl. Joshua Hoffman's house through Homes for Our Troops. The concert features favorite contemporary Christian songs. The band is composed of members of St. John's contemporary praise band, plus additional musicians from the area. No charge for admission. A free-will offering will be received to create barrier-free adaptations and the use of technology to enable him to regain some of the independence that he has lost since being hit by sniper fire in Iraq. For more information on Homes for Our Troops, visit www.homesforourtroops.org.
Bible study
A Word for you Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 21, in the green room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Rd., Westland. The one hour study includes Praise and Worship and the Word. All are welcome. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.
Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (734) 425-7280.
Crafters wanted
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniamichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.
Fall craft show
Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.
Spaghetti dinner
5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. A silent auction will also be held. Cost is \$7 adults, \$3.50 children ages 4-11, free for kids under age 3. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (734) 427-3660.
Rummage sale
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25 (\$2 bag sale) in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. One quarter of the proceeds are given directly to charities such as Lutheran Social Services Michigan, the Smile Train, Central United Methodist Church Noah Shoes Project, O.A.T.S. and for those in Texas impacted by Hurricane Ike. Part of the profits assist the church's youth group who will be traveling to New Orleans for a national youth gathering and mission work.
Empowering women
Catholic Women's Conference put on by Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Speakers include Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus: HOPE, and Sister Nancy Murray who travels the world performing the one-woman play based on the life of St. Catherine of Siena. The inspirational day celebrates the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter On the Dignity and Vocation of Women. Tickets \$45 adults, \$35 students. For information, call (313) 237-5806 or visit www.aodwomenministry.org.

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IDA MARIE TOMBERG
Age 91. Of Southfield, MI. October 2, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington.

BILL P. CUNNINGHAM
Age 76. Of Farmington Hills, MI. October 4, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington.



HARRIET FRANCES (KYSER) BARNARD

Born on June 17, 1917 in Highland Park General Hospital. Died October 5, 2008 in South Lyon. Her father was Harry D. Kyser of Troy and mother was Bertha V. West of Parsons, Kansas. Married (January 25, 1941) to Oakland County Probate Judge Norman R. Barnard (deceased 1998). They already owned the house in Troy and this was her resident until her passing. She worked at S.S. Kresge in Birmingham. After her first child was born, she was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Troy. Her great-grandfather came to Troy from New York in the 1860's (settled on land given to him by the Government for fighting in the War of 1812). Harriet is the fifth generation to live in Troy. She was active in the First United Methodist Church of Troy and Troy Study Club since 1945; former Brownie and Cub scout leader; 4-H leader in Troy for 20 years; former member and Chairman of the Troy Youth Assistance program; Troy Animal control board; former member of the Troy Historical Commission; past President of the Troy Historical Society; Active in Civic affairs, including the Troy Women's Society of Christian Service, Troy Animal Owner's Association, Troy Citizen's Committee for Schools, Election Precinct worker and chairman, and the Troy Township Volunteer Fire Department. Most recently an avid supporter of the History of Troy by giving her 1837 residence to the City because of its historical value. Mother of Frederick (wife, Kit) of Washington, MI; Robert (wife, Mary) of Lake Orion, MI; Harold is deceased (wife, Pat) of Shelby Twp., MI; Ronald (wife, Laura) of Metamora, MI; Sandra Elwood (husband, Tom) of New Hudson, MI; and Richard (wife, Cheryl) of Troy, MI. She has 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Sister of Virginia Schlabach of Livonia, MI and the late Betty Smith. Visitation was held at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road (bet. Big and Wattles Roads), Troy (248-689-0700). Funeral Service was held at First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livorno Road, Troy. Memorials should be directed to the Troy Historical Society/Heritage Fund and the First United Methodist Church of Troy. Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Share memories at www.pricefuneralhome.net.

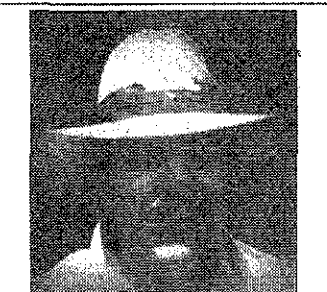
DONNA C. WHITE
Age 73, lifelong resident of Plymouth. Passed away October 7, 2008. She retired after nine years as a bus driver for the Plymouth-Canton Schools. She was a member of Northridge Church. She loved to play cards and visit casinos, but most of all she loved being with her family. She is survived by her children, Marcia (Chris) Drake, Phyllis Maycock, Cheryl Lynn Collins, and Nancy (Jeff) Good; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and six brothers and sisters. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or the Michigan Heart Association. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

ELIZABETH F. SCOGGINS
Age 86. October 6, 2008. Beloved wife of the late CM Scoggins and the late Denver Crumpler. Loving mother of Lillia Dale, Robert (Jean), Charlotte (Christina) and step-mother of Carol (All) Burki, and Paula (Bob) Newsom. Dearest grandmother of five and great-grandmother of eight. Family will receive friends Friday 3-7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Services will take place Friday at 7 pm at the funeral home. The family appreciates memorial contributions to Michigan Lupus Alliance. Please share a memory with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

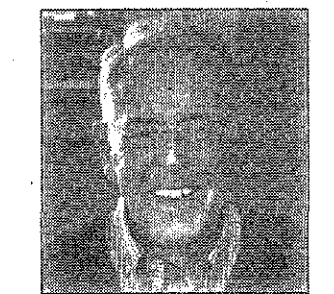


JOSEPH MIFSUD
Age 72. October 4, 2008. Beloved husband of Laura. Dear father of Joann (Joseph) Greene, Mia Peterson, Darrin (Tammy) and Andra Cooker. Grandfather of Jeffery, Ryan, Michael, Brian, Drew, Mitchell, Joseph and Sarah. Brother of Charles, John, Anthony, Mari and Victor. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

KATHRINE S. ERWIN
Age 90, of Country Club Retirement Community. Passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2008. She was born on Linden Place Farm near West Elkhon, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late Frank V. and Ruth H. Shafer. After graduating from Miami University, and further study at the University of Cincinnati, she became Director of Dietetics at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, a position she held for 30 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley. She leaves a sister, Jean S. Kiracofe of Mount Vernon, Ohio; a niece, Lynn Kiracofe of New York; a nephew Bruce Kiracofe of Howard, Ohio; and a grand-niece Abby Kiracofe of Columbus, Ohio. A Memorial Service will be held in the chapel at First Congregational Church in Mount Vernon on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7 pm. No date has yet been set for a service at the West Elkhon Friends Meeting in West Elkhon, Ohio. The Douds-Snyder Funeral Home, in Mount Vernon, Ohio, assisted the family with arrangements. This obituary and online condolences can be accessed at: www.snyderfuneralhomes.com



RICHARD G. BRIGGS
Age 81. October 5, 2008. Of Livonia. Beloved father of Nancy (Bruce) Souly, Aileen (Bud) Harris, Lloyd (Maureen) Briggs, Richard R. (Christina) Briggs, Ellen (Fred) Leach, Barbara (Terry) O'Neil, James (Rachelle) Briggs, Jeffrey Briggs and mother of his children, Margaret Rariden. Brother of Muriel Bradley. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral Service 11 am Thursday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Share a memory of Richard at www.rgrharris.com

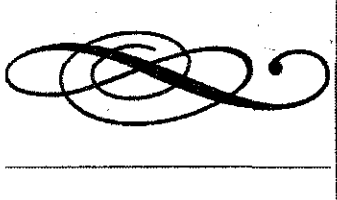


MICHAEL BRAMLEY "MIKE" REDFIELD

October 6, 2008. Age 77, of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved husband of Pamela (nee Dittrich), the late Clare Redfield (nee Palms) and the late Elizabeth Louise Wagoner (nee Thompson). Dear father of David (Jean), Mary Redfield Wood, William (Julie), Michelle Redfield (Fred Gale), Lisa Daitch (Joshua) and Wendy Merriam. Loving grandfather of Patrick, Timothy, Kelsey, Gordon, John, Natalie, Ethan, Matthew and A.J. Brother of John (Arlene), William (Lyn), Anthony Fruhauf (Georgetta), Ennis Fruhauf and the late Nicholas (Ellen). Son of the late Harold and Alma. Michael was baptized and remained very active at Christ Church (Episcopal) Cranbrook in numerous ministries, including music, vestry, ushers and lay minister. Michael earned his Bachelor's in Business Administration at University of Michigan and worked for several manufacturing enterprises in Southeast Michigan. Michael purchased Fordsell Machine Products in 1984 and had dozens of friends and associates during that time until its sale in 1997. He was a vivacious character and shared numerous hobbies and interests including gardening, Corvettes, travelling, photography, ice cream, model trains and classical music. He was a magnificent man and a tower of strength possessing a wonderful sense of humor. He is loved beyond words and will be missed by countless family and friends. He brought so much joy and laughter to many people in business and community. "He had one heck of a ride." Family will receive friends Friday 3-8 pm at A.J. Desmond and Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial service Saturday 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook. (Lone Pine west of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to the Michael B. Redfield Memorial Music Fund at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

JANET HILL (nee Lathrop)

Passed away Oct. 5, 2008. She was born April 5, 1916 in Ypsilanti, MI and was raised in Detroit. Mrs. Hill earned her BA as an English major at Albion College in 1938 and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She then worked as a legal secretary prior to her marriage to Edward J. Hill, M.D. After their marriage, they moved to California for Dr. Hill's deployment as a surgeon in the US Navy during WWII. Returning to Michigan after the war, the family settled in Bloomfield Hills where Mrs. Hill became a homemaker and raised her family. She was a history buff and an avid reader. She loved crossword puzzles, traveling, collecting antiques and maintaining the family's genealogy. She was the beloved wife of the late Edward J. Hill, M.D., past Chief of Plastic Surgery at Harper Hospital/Detroit Medical Center; loving mother of Edward (Michelle) and Stephen Hill and Christine (Mike) Haller; cherished grandmother of Steven (Joanna), David, Meghan and Patrick (Kathy Rivkin) Hill, Jacqueline (Paul) Naughton and Kimberly and Lindsay Haller; dear great-grandmother of Alex, Tyler, Darby and Owen; dearest sister of the late Frederic (the late Mary Louise) and the late Eric (Madeline) Lathrop; fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. Visitation Wed., Oct. 8th, 5 pm until time of funeral service at 7 pm at Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home, 1100 Greenleaf Ave., Wilmette. Interment private at Willow Grove Cemetery, Armada, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Albion College, Office of Annual Giving, 611 E. Porter St., Albion, MI 49224 or AMDF (American Macular Degeneration Foundation), P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061. Share a memory at www.mem.com. Info. 847-251-8200.



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Empowering women
Catholic Women's Conference put on by Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Speakers include Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus: HOPE, and Sister Nancy Murray who travels the world performing the one-woman play based on the life of St. Catherine of Siena. The inspirational day celebrates the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter On the Dignity and Vocation of Women. Tickets \$45 adults, \$35 students. For information, call (313) 237-5806 or visit www.aodwomenministry.org.

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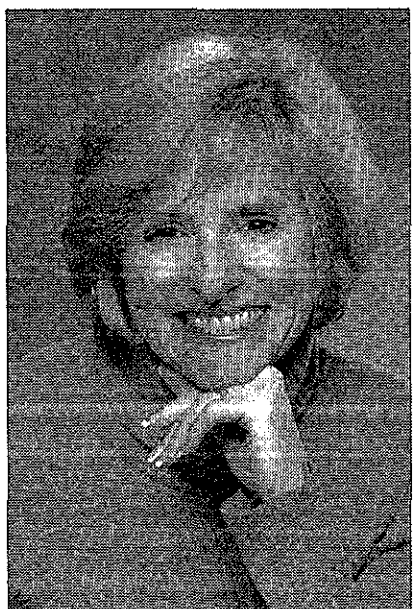
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Tween girls might be a little surprised when author Nancy Rue asks if they'd give their dog a cigarette or pour beer into his water bowl. The Nashville author is simply trying to shock young girls into taking care of their body by telling them "if you wouldn't do that to your cocker spaniel, don't do it to yourself."

The riveting presentation is part of the Faithgirlz! Beauty is Believing tour (www.faithgirlz.com) for ages 9-12, Saturday, Oct. 18, at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth. Faithgirlz! is a collection of books, products and resources designed for tween Christian girls to grow and develop emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Rue (nancyrue.com) has written more than 100 books for teens and pre-teens to help guide them through a period when celebrity role models look more like girls gone wild. The morning consists of two hour-long workshops, an interactive presentation, crafts and a book signing.

"I'll speak to them about Girl Politics, the issues girls face with their friends, 'Friendship Flubs' and how to fix them, the drama queen who cries at the drop of a hat and about choosing your battles. Maybe things could be a little more calm and what part hormones play in that," said Rue. "We'll talk about loving the body that God gave you



Author Nancy Rue gives a workshop for tween girls and moms at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth on Saturday, Oct. 18.

and taking care of it. God gave you that temple."

Rue says the biggest obstacle facing tween girls today is parents who expect them to grow up too fast. She was raised in Florida where her biggest challenge as the baby in the family was being held back from exploring all that she was and could be. Rue went on to teach at public schools in Virginia and Nevada for 16 years but later started writing teen books. She grew up in a Christian home and tries to look at the way Jesus lived and live her life accordingly. Rue conveys her mes-

BEAUTY IS BELIEVING TOUR

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sage through her books "without beating them about the head with a Bible."

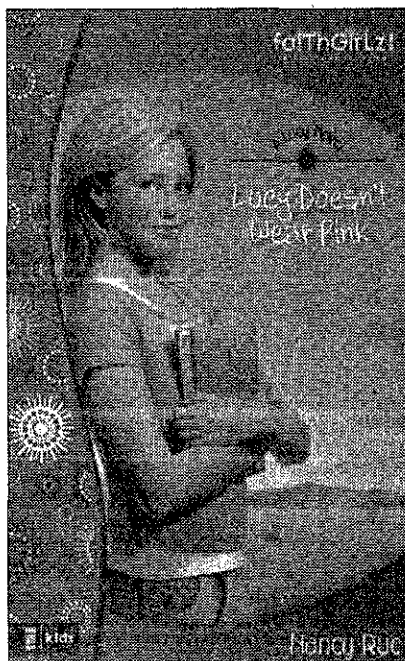
"They are not allowed to be little girls anymore," said Rue. "One little girl by age 12 had 6,000 text messages in one month. Where is the time to imagine, to play, to be little girls before they're out there facing a tough world? Many are over-scheduled. Parents feel she's gotta keep up. I would ask them to choose one sport and one activity that they'd like to do this term. Because of the hectic pace parents find girls really get bored easily, but there's books, friends to talk to. All that activity stifles creativity or even from developing their faith."

Parents, on the other hand, face their own set of challenges.

"It's being able to take a stand to say I know what everybody else is doing but it's time to slow down. Friendships are important. It's time to find out who you are. You have a



Nancy Rue answers questions from tween readers in her new book.



This is one of two new books by Nancy Rue. Lucy Rooney is a fiery tomboy who questions everything, even God. The novel, for ages 8 to 12, provides inspiration to live a life of faith.

whole life to grow into who you are," said Rue, whose daughter, Marijean, 29, still calls several times a day for answers to questions she has as a newlywed.

Rue goes to her daughter for advice as well. Marijean helped compile answers for Rue's newest book. "Dear Nancy" answers young girls' questions about growing up. As part of the Beauty is Believing Tour she'll sign her latest "Lucy" books as well.

"The workshop is a unique experience. They're not going to sit and be talked at. There's an opportunity to do crafts, have books signed, form Faithgirlz clubs where they take a pledge and form their own clubs so they're together with girls struggling with the same things they are, to be decent Christian girls."

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Your Invitation to Worship

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<p>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 28015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p. Wed., Thurs. 9 a., Sat. 4 p., Sun 11a</p> <p>St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church 32768 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616 (between Merriman & Farmington Roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a. Fr. 8:30 a., Sat. 6 p., Sun 9a</p>	<p>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</p> <p>Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City, MI 48135 (1 block west of Venoy) Phone: 734-524-0860 Pastor: Eddie Petreaca Meetings on Saturdays for: Early Morning Bible & Health Class 8 a.m. Worship Service-English 9:30 a.m. Bible Studies English & Spanish (All Ages) 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting-7 p.m.</p>	<p>NON DENOMINATIONAL</p> <p>BELL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH Casual, Contemporary, Excellent Children's Program</p> <p>Meets at Franklin H.S. in Livonia on Joy Road (Between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads) at 10:00 a.m. 734-425-1174 Join us for coffee, bagels and donuts after the service!</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</p> <p>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 www.rosedalegardens.org Chapel Worship Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am WE WELCOME YOU TO A FULL SERVICE CHURCH</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road "Just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400 Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship 9:30 A.M. Nursery & Sunday School During the 9:30 & 11:00 Hours Evening Service • 7:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRDT-AM 560 The WMUZ Word Station For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org</p>	<p>Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Milton Schenn 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights (just East of Inkster Road) (313) 278-5755 Worship Service & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. http://ourchurch.com/members/immmanuel.html The Friendly Church on the Trail</p> <p>Risen Christ Lutheran David W. Martin, Pastor 46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth (1 Mile W. of Sheldon) (734) 453-5252 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Nursery Care Available All are welcome. Come as you are. www.risenchrist.info</p>
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Sudden impact

Colin Rolfe, a 2008 graduate of Plymouth High School and a freshman at the University of Louisville, was named the Big East's "Rookie of the Week" last week after playing a role in both goals in the Cardinals' 2-1 upset of No. 2-ranked St. John's on Saturday. Rolfe scored the equalizer on a header in the 50th minute and assisted on the game-winner seven minutes later. Louisville is currently ranked No. 7 in the country in the Soccer America poll, its highest-ever ranking.



JAY ROLFE

Emons honored by state's basketball coaches

Livonia/Westland Observer Sports Editor Brad Emons was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall of Honor Friday during a ceremony at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing.



Emons

Emons has earned the respect and admiration of the state's basketball coaches since he first started covering prep hoop for the Observer in 1977. "Brad has always been a real

pro when covering high school athletics," said Dan Young, a member of the BCAM Board of Directors and the head basketball coach at Westland John Glenn. "More importantly, he's been a pro as far as dealing with high school coaches over the years."

After graduating from Livonia Franklin - where he played basketball - in 1973, Emons earned a degree in journalism from Franklin College (Indiana), where he was a member of school's tennis team.

A short time after graduating from college, Emons was hired as

Sports Editor at the Plymouth-Canton Observer before moving to the Livonia-Westland beat in 1981.

He has also kept statistics for the University of Detroit and the Detroit Pistons.

"Basketball has been a lifelong passion of mine and I feel grateful for being recognized by the members of BCAM," Emons said. "I feel both blessed and grateful for the opportunity to cover the game at its purest form and grass roots level. I appreciate the efforts from all the area coaches. I've dealt with during my 30 years in newspapers."

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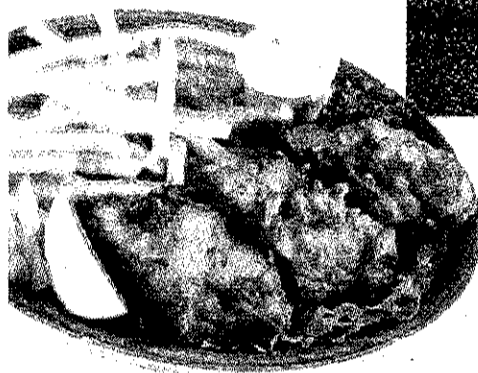
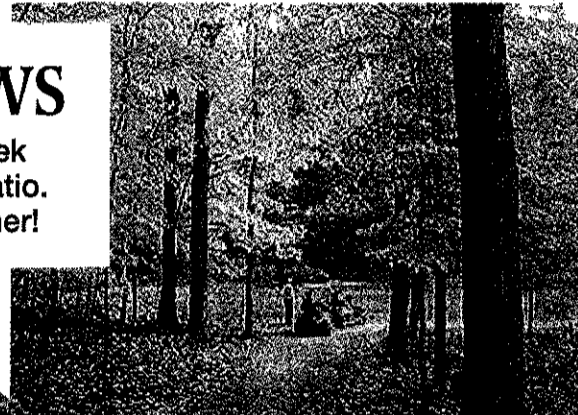
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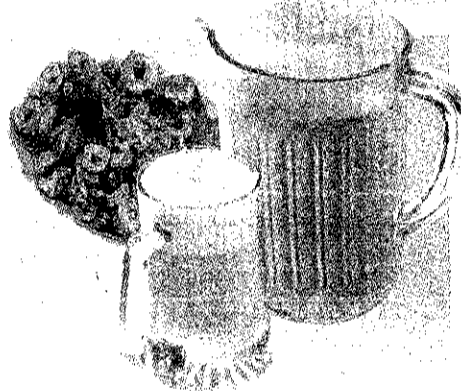
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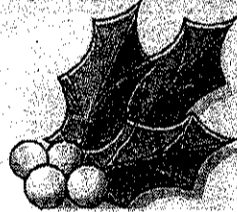
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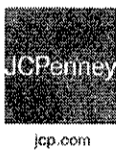
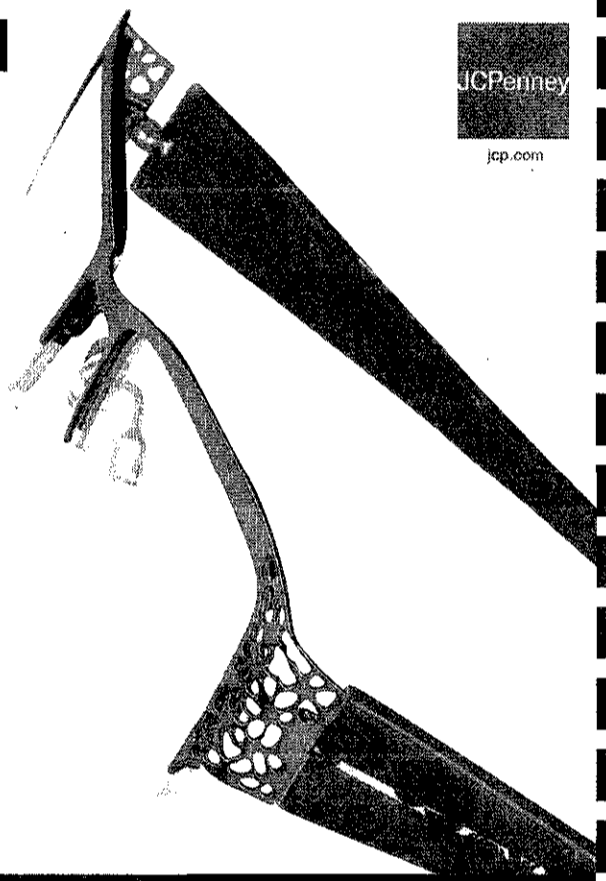
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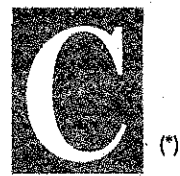
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Aim for an 'A' in your dorm fire safety plans

The number of reported fires in the dormitory occupancy group increased 3 percent from 3,200 in 1980 to 3,300 in 2005. In comparison, structure fires of all types declined 52 percent from 1980 to 2005, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

In 2002-05, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 3,300 structure fires in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and barracks. These fires caused an annual average of seven civilian deaths, 46 civilian fire injuries, and \$25 million in direct property damage. Note: Dormitories include school, college and university dormitories; fraternity and sorority houses; monasteries; bunk houses; barracks; and nurses' quarters.

Between 2002-05, cooking equipment was involved in 72 percent of the reported dormitory fires; this includes confined or contained fires. Heating equipment was listed as the equipment involved in 2 percent of these fires; an additional 2 percent were confined heating equipment fires.

Structure fires in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and barracks are more common during the evening hours between 5-11 p.m., as well as on weekends.

The National Fire Protection Association offers these dorm fire safety tips:

- Your building should have an evacuation plan. Learn it and participate in all fire drills.
- If you hear an alarm, leave immediately. Close doors behind you as you go. Take room keys; if you can't escape you may have to return to your room.
- If you have a disability, make sure you are included in the escape planning for your classroom area and



housing.

- Learn the location of all building exits. You may have to find your way out in the dark.
- Make sure your building has smoke alarms. Do not disable them or remove batteries.
- The best protection is a building with a fire sprinkler system.
- Don't hang anything from fire sprinkler pipes or nozzles.
- Keep a flashlight handy.

ESCAPE TIPS

- If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.
- Before opening a door, feel the door. If it's hot, use your second way out.
- Use the stairs; never use an elevator during a fire.
- If you're trapped, call the fire department and tell them where you are. Seal your door with rags and signal from your window. Open windows slightly at the top and bottom,

but close them if smoke rushes in from any direction.

- If you have a disability, alert others of the type of assistance you need to leave the building.

SMOKING

- If you must smoke, only smoke outside of the building and only where it's permitted.
- Use deep, wide, sturdy ashtrays. Ashtrays should be set on something that is sturdy and hard to ignite.
- It's risky to smoke when you've been drinking or when you're drowsy.
- Don't smoke in bed.
- Soak cigarettes before you empty ashtrays.
- After a party, check furniture and cushions for smoldering butts.

COOKING

- Cook only where it's permitted.
- If you use a kitchen, keep it clean and uncluttered.
- If you use electric appliances, don't overload circuits.

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- If a fire starts in a microwave oven, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.
- Check with your school and local fire department for off-campus housing before using a grill.
- Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors.
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area; declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

CANDLES

- Don't burn candles.

ELECTRICAL

- Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a receptacle outlet.
- Don't pinch cords against walls or furniture or run them under carpets. Never tack or nail cords.
- Don't overload your wiring.
- Buy only appliances that have the label of an independent testing lab.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn.

Check law on religious practices

Q: I am an owner of a condominium unit and I am upset because my condo association is threatening to remove the mezuzah from my front door. They have a "no signage" rule and I am wondering if they have any basis to do so.

A: I can tell you that it is a difficult issue for the association and its legal counsel, but in a 7th Circuit Court of Appeals decision, the court on similar facts found that the association's "no signage" rule posed neutral with respect to religion, and was not discriminatory. It held that neither the Fair Housing Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, nor the RLUIPA govern private condo associations, and that the Fair Housing Act does not provide the same protection for religious practices as it does for its accommodation of handicapped persons. You are best advised to consult with an attorney, however, before taking any legal action.



Robert Meisner

Q: I live in a condominium complex that is over 20 years old. I have lived there many years. I am the second owner of the unit and was told by the first unit owner that they never heard any sounds coming from the connecting unit. Until this year, I could say the same thing. The unit next to mine was sold and the new owner has made extensive changes that have affected my unit because now I am hearing sounds of running water that I have never heard over the past 20 years. I haven't had any luck in trying to discuss this with my new neighbor. I have had an outside consultant come in to try to see if I could add insulation. I was advised that the problem has to be addressed through the other unit. The board tells me that this is an issue between the two neighbors although the bylaws state that the water distribution system is a common element. What rights do I have to resolve this?

A: You may have recourse against the association if, in fact, the sound conditioning situation is such that it exceeds reasonable code requirements. If, in fact, circumstances have changed in the water distribution system because of the change in the neighbor's unit, you may have recourse against the neighbor, particularly if he or she caused changes to the common elements without association approval and/or the change has exacerbated the sound transmission problem. You should consult a community association attorney who has knowledge of condominiums at your earliest convenience.

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

Safety first: Red Cross offers home fire safety advice

As the winter fire season approaches, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross urges families to prepare for safety in the event of a fire.

By taking time to make your home fire-safe, plotting and practicing escape routes and following through on your plan if needed, you can prevent tragedy from occurring. During Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-11, the Red Cross will work with area schools and fire departments to help reduce the number of fire-related injuries, death and damage. In the meantime, the organization provides the following tips.

MAKE YOUR HOME FIRE-SAFE

- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.
- If people sleep with doors closed, install smoke alarms inside sleeping areas, too.

- Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year, and a good way to remember is to do it when you turn your clocks back one hour every fall. ■ Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms monthly.
- Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in your home. Get training from the fire department in how to use them.
- Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home.

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE ROUTES

- Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.
- Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn how to use them

and store them near the window.

- Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping.
- Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

ESCAPE SAFELY

- Once you are out, stay out! Call the fire department from a neighbor's home.
- If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.
- If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use your second way out.
- If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a bright-colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where you are.

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These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real-estate closings recorded June 9-13, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price	
Canton	661 Buckingham Rd	\$144,000	Farmington Hills	33900 Braebury Rdg	\$203,000	Plymouth	44927 Yorkshire Dr	\$225,000	
	43587 Candlewood Dr	\$191,000		32496 Chesterbrook St	\$170,000		674 Arthur St	\$160,000	
	8461 Chatham Dr	\$555,000		33773 Harlan Dr	\$230,000		9025 Mulrland Dr	\$258,000	
	50425 Coollidge Cir	\$219,000		27329 W Skye Dr	\$165,000		101 S Union St	\$139,000	
Farmington	39641 Dorchester Cir	\$264,000	Garden City	32703 Bock St	\$125,000	Redford	18667 Five Points St	\$86,000	
	8660 Holly Dr	\$163,000		30707 Elmwood St	\$65,000		20540 Lexington	\$70,000	
	8716 May Apple Ct	\$65,000		33614 Florence St	\$120,000		18602 Negaunee	\$90,000	
	1668 Northbrook Ct	\$210,000		28455 Rush St	\$108,000		12770 Sioux	\$86,000	
	2642 The Crossings Ln	\$296,000	Livonia	9819 Auburdale St	\$149,000		15609 Wakenden	\$55,000	
	2284 Town Center Rd	\$165,000		14355 Blackburn St	\$158,000	19366 Woodworth	\$146,000		
	46723 Woodside Dr	\$280,000		29955 Bobrich St	\$165,000	South Lyon	1375 Cartwright Ln	\$300,000	
	Farmington	25350 Branchster Rd		\$175,000	14509 Fairway St		\$159,000	757 Challenging Trl	\$140,000
		38815 Country Cir		\$113,000	16887 Fitzgerald St		\$237,000	1037 Paddock Dr	\$220,000
		28805 E King William Dr		\$240,000	18512 Hillcrest St		\$157,000	53548 Shinnecock Dr	\$295,000
			34448 Middleboro St	\$235,000	832 Timber Trail Ct	\$315,000			
		35410 Minton St	\$137,000	Westland	32372 Avondale St	\$145,000			
		38849 Northfield Ave	\$133,000		36517 Avondale St	\$177,000			
		14617 Ronnie Ln	\$140,000		34142 Aztec Dr	\$92,000			
		8864 Saville Row	\$199,000		24742 Aztec Dr	\$106,000			
					8179 Huntington St	\$46,000			
				7610 Louise Ct	\$108,000				
Milford	20029 Stamford Dr	\$319,000	Northville	1056 Allen Dr	\$200,000	Novi	45273 Barlett Dr	\$95,000	
	17652 Vacri Ln	\$185,000		47605 Bellagio Dr	\$1,000,000		24689 Bashian Dr	\$112,000	
	29520 W Chicago St	\$125,000		40211 Bexley Way	\$440,000		28284 Carlton Way Dr	\$150,000	
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				46940 Elmshire Dr	\$350,000		25701 Groveland	\$390,000	
				44201 Galway Dr	\$300,000		24291 Homestead Ct	\$285,000	
				18921 Heather Ridge Dr	\$530,000		28015 Hopkins Dr	\$147,000	
Northville	16025 Johnson Creek Dr	\$244,000		51122 Mayfair Ter	\$85,000	Novi	45273 Barlett Dr	\$95,000	
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■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood" on Friday, Oct. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

15, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will discuss building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

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at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course gives the student credit toward CSP and Master CSP designations. This course counts toward pre-licensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan. The professional-level course is designed for specialists in new home sales. Participants gain a broad understanding of the home building business, discuss consumer psychology, and learn advanced techniques used by real estate veterans for greeting, closing, and overcoming objections.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council (NAHBR) will present a seminar on Avoiding the Top 5 Legal Mistakes Remodelers Make, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 6-8 p.m.

Ken Neuman of Neuman Anderson, PC will answer these questions: When do you sue? When do you settle? How does the Lien Act help you get paid? How is the contractor accountable? Registration fees, including dinner, are \$35 for NAHBR members, BIA members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ **The Sales and Marketing Council (SMC)** of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a two-day Certified Sales Professional (CSP) and Master Certified Sales Professional (MCSP) course "House Construction as a Selling Tool" on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 22-23. Each class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Speakers for the seminar are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title.

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<p>Very cute & clean brick ranch located in great neighborhood! This home offers an updated kitchen, remod bath, newer carpet, fresh paint, fin bsmt, newer windows, & large landscaped yard.</p> <p>\$67,900 (032CE)</p>	<p>3 bd, 1 bath ranch in great neighborhood. Remod kit, freshly painted, new furnace & C/A, updated windows, new door & roof on Garage, newer roof on house, & more.</p> <p>\$69,900 (678GE)</p>	<p>2 bedroom, 3 bath condo w/ huge Master w/2 w/c's & bath, 1st floor laundry, soaring ceilings, Library w/built-in, finished basement w/bath, excellent location, & close to everything.</p> <p>\$212,500 (491KI)</p>	<p>3 bd, 1.5 bath colonial backs to open common-like area, oak kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, 1st floor laundry, new furnace & C/A, finished basement, & oversized Garage.</p> <p>\$227,900 (480NO)</p>	<p>Great home on 1+ acre lot in Putnam. Country Kit w/driv to stamped concrete Patio that overlooks private yard. Large Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/bath, 3 car Garage, & more.</p> <p>\$245,000 (777PO)</p>	<p>Open floor plan that is great for entertaining from the Kit, Dr. Fam Rm, & to the large Deck, Pac Rm in bsmt, over 2000 sq ft, appl's stay, 2.5 car Garage, & nice corner lot.</p> <p>\$184,900 (210PR)</p>	<p>Updated & move in ready! Gorgeous 3 bedroom home with newer roof, large fenced yard, copper plumbing, home warranty, & located on a quiet tree lined street.</p> <p>\$114,900 (123SA)</p>	<p>4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/ large island Kit w/dr in area, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & wet bar, oversized Deck, fin bsmt, 1st fl laun, 2 car Garage. Master w/bath, newer furnace & C/A, & more.</p> <p>\$314,900 (612TE)</p>
<p>Many amenities in this Westland home. 2003 updates inc: shingles, siding, gutters, furnace, C/A, baths, oak kitchen, 22x14 Patio, full basement, & built in grill.</p> <p>\$149,800 (465CA)</p>	<p>Plenty of room in this 1160 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 bath ranch condg w/ oak kit, ceramic baths. LR w/frpl private screened porch/Deck, fantastic view of pond, area pool & clubhouse.</p> <p>\$99,900 (620CU)</p>	<p>Carrington model home in upscale Central Park offers formal LR/DR, Library, 2 story FR w/wall of windows & frpl, gourmet kit, Master w/volume cell, w/c, & spa bath.</p> <p>\$388,000 (780DE)</p>	<p>Have it all, character, cutting edge style! Over 2000 sq ft, bright, updated 4 bd, 3 bath cape cod w/ vaulted ceilings, skylights, Kit w/ granite, 1/2 acre lot, & great location.</p> <p>\$359,900 (984HA)</p>	<p>A premium tree'd lot tucked away in a great Bloomfield sub. Well built home with hardwood floors, wet plasters, built-ins, 2 Patios, & situated on almost an acre.</p> <p>\$395,000 (674CO)</p>	<p>This Walnut Lake estates 3 bedroom ranch is just a short walk from the lake. Freshly painted, new roof, bright kitchen, & great lot. Move right in!</p> <p>\$155,000 (185LA)</p>	<p>Absolutely gorgeous home has everything done for you! 3 bd, 1.5 ba, updated roof, windows, furnace, plumbing, elec, & bath. Maple kit w/appl's, fin bsmt, & 2.5 car Garage.</p> <p>\$147,900 (825FI)</p>	<p>Canton's finest is ready for you! Beautiful home features: family room, basement, 2.5 baths, 2 w/ fireplace, Deck, attached Garage, & close to everything.</p> <p>\$184,900 (080WO)</p>
<p>Nice 1500+ sq ft Northville condg w/2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, bonus room, Dining Room, 2 car Garage, & walk to downtown shopping & events.</p> <p>\$137,900 (102WA)</p>	<p>3 bd, 2 bath home w/oak kit, LR w/refinished hardwood, patio door to nice sized yard w/2.5 car Garage, privacy fence, hot tub in enclosed Gazobo, fin bsmt w/bar, & more.</p> <p>\$114,900 (629FI)</p>	<p>Popular Ridgewood offers this nice colonial w/4 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, island kitchen w/nook, large Deck off family room, & 2 car Garage. Also avail for lease.</p> <p>\$327,900 (487ME)</p>	<p>Move right in to this immaculate 2 bd, 2 bath condo. Many updates inc: windows, C/A, roof, Kit w/appl's, 1st fl laun, part fin bsmt w/ Fam rm, & clubhouse w/hot tub & pool.</p> <p>\$139,500 (799ME)</p>	<p>4 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring remod baths, fresh paint, new fixtures, new carpet, possible in-law quarters, huge Deck, & more.</p> <p>\$166,900 (002CA)</p>	<p>3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in popular Novi sub. New carpet, fresh paint, new garage door, shutters, furnace, C/A, hwh, sump pump, updated kit, & too much more to list.</p> <p>\$209,900 (623FA)</p>	<p>Better than new Wayne home featuring an open floor plan, appliances stay, island kitchen, 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, 2 car Garage, 2nd floor laundry, & 1650 sq ft.</p> <p>\$159,900 (491FO)</p>	<p>4 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow. Lots of home for the money here! Call today.</p> <p>\$69,900 (781FO)</p>
<p>3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick home in move in condition. Freshly painted, newer flooring, remod bath, family room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry, & 2 car attached Garage.</p> <p>\$209,000 (119GR)</p>	<p>Immaculate 4 bedroom, 2400 sq ft colonial feat: beautiful hardwood floors, family room with fireplace, Sunroom, C/A, huge island Kit, maint free exterior, & seller is negotiable.</p> <p>\$199,900 (115KI)</p>	<p>Commercial building available in the heart of Downtown Plymouth. Excellent parking, convenient access to all thoroughfares, & great location. Call for further details.</p> <p>\$369,900 (875MA)</p>	<p>Beautiful in this immaculate 2 bd, 2 bath condo. Many updates inc: windows, C/A, roof, Kit w/appl's, 1st fl laun, part fin bsmt w/ Fam rm, & clubhouse w/hot tub & pool.</p> <p>\$120,000 (149NE)</p>	<p>Family neighborhood & tree lined street is where you will find this 3 bedroom home with updated kitchen, part finished basement, covered front porch, & 1.5 car Garage.</p> <p>\$89,900 (174NI)</p>	<p>4 bedroom, 2.5 bath detached condg w/2 story entry, nice layout, 2nd floor laundry, great location in sub, area pool, & more.</p> <p>\$139,000 (955ST)</p>	<p>A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE! All Real Estate Companies Are Not The Same If you are serious about entering the business and profession of Real Estate sales, you owe it to yourself to investigate why we are best suited to insure your success. Take the real estate compatibility test at www.cbpreferred.com AGENTS: visit our Webinar Oct 23 at 7PM go to: https://cbu.webex.com/cbu/k2l.php?ID=1089592028UID=24027882</p> <p>ALISSA NEAD • (734) 459-6000</p> <p>COLDWELL BANKER PREFERRED, REALTORS</p>	

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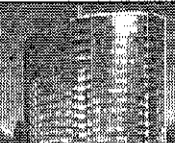
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- 29 Roast beef au

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- 3 Caviar fish
- 4 Aboard ship
- 5 Apprehend
- 6 Proven facts
- 7 Oregon capital
- 8 Cut a little off

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Level: Beginner

Here's How it Works:
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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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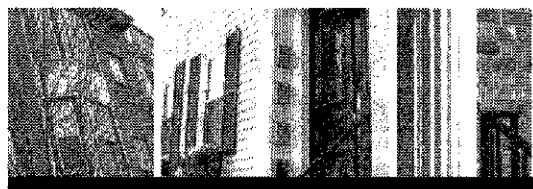
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Rochester - St. Paul's United Methodist Church 620 Romeo St. Fri. Oct 10, 9-5pm; Sat. Oct 11, 9am-noon (Bag Day).

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Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7080
Rochester Rummage Sale
St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 100 Romeo St. opp. Dairy Queen on Rochester Rd. Fri 10/10, 9-4pm Sat 10/11, 9-noon, bag sale.

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Oct 9-11, 9-5pm. 22741 Mayfield, S of Grand River, 1/2 Mile E of Farmington Rd. Antiques, furniture, tools, etc.

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Birmingham Garage Sale
593 Pilgrim Ave
Friday only! Oct. 10th
9am - 3pm

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317 N Glenhurst, N of Maple, E of Cranbrook, Oct 10, 9am-5pm. Furniture, sports equip, toys, clothing, home accessories and much more!

CANTON
2868 Woodmont, Palmer & Sheldon, Sat., Oct. 11, 9am-5pm. Home items, children's clothes, & misc. items.

CANTON 4 Family Sale!
593 Samuel Ct., 1 blk. off Geddes, Canton Center Rd. Oct. 9-10, 10am-6pm. Men's & women's clothing, bedding, linens, stereo, BOSE speakers, & household items.

CANTON 45276 Thornhill Rd, East of Canton Center, between Cherryhill and Palmer, Giengarry Sub. ONE DAY ONLY! Sat., Oct. 11, 9-4pm. LOTS OF GOOD STUFF! DON'T MISS OUT!

CANTON 45458 Muirfield Dr. W. Canton Ctr. S. Cherry Hill. Household items, home decor, mens & women's clothing, furniture & more. Oct. 11, 9-5pm. Oct 12, 11-4pm.

Garage Sales (7110)

CANTON New Apostolic Church Garage Sale - 1330 S. Haggerty Rd., Canton. Saturday, October 11, 9am-3pm. Rain or Shine!!!!

DEARBORN Antiques, hunting clothes, deer heads, fish mounts, yard furniture. Oct. 9-12, 8am-7pm. 3556 Willow, corner of Pine. Outer Dr & Southfield area.

FARMINGTON HILLS Estate Sale 34559 Lytle, btwn Gill and Drake off 9 Mile. Friday-Saturday, 9-4pm. Jewelry, collectibles, glassware, appliances, music, large sale.

FARMINGTON HILLS Super Sale - Toys, kid's books, bikes, sporting, dining room set, household. Oct. 9-10, 9am-5pm, Oct. 11, 9am-Noon. 29837 Mullane Dr., N. off 13 mile, btwn Farmington & Orchard Lake.

FARMINGTON HILLS WOOD-BINE SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE - N off 10 Mile Rd., btwn Middlebelt & Inksater Rds. Oct. 10-12 9am-5pm. Baby/toddler clothing, toys, furniture, household items, Christmas decor, appliances, miscellaneous.

FARMINGTON Huge Moving Sale! 22788 Violet, N of Grand River, E. of Orchard Lake Rd. Oct. 9-11, 10am-5pm. Furniture, household items & lots of misc.

GARDEN CITY Huge Garage Sale! 33520 Parco, 1 blk. S. of Ford, 1 blk. W. of Farmington. Oct. 10-11, 10am-5pm.

GARDEN CITY. 29215 Marquette, 1 blk W of Middlebelt. Great variety! Thurs-Sat., 9-4. No aarty birds.

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Garage Sales (7110)

LIVONIA 36028 Parkhurst, 5 Mile & Levan. Oct 10-11 Fri 9-5pm Sat 9-3pm. Pre-teen clothes, furniture, Christmas items & more.

LIVONIA
37545 Munger, S. of 6 Mile, W. of Newburgh. Oct. 9-10, 9am-5pm. Mini flea market.

LIVONIA 39175 Grennada, W. of Newburgh, S. of Hix Oct. 9-11, 9am-4pm. Household goods, & more!

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29700 Greenland St, btwn 5 & 6 Mile off Middlebelt Rd. Thurs-Sat, 10-7pm. Furniture, new clothes, coats, children & adults, Halloween Costumes, dishes from Pier 1, China, cookie jars, beautiful home decor, some antiques & collectibles, clocks, new electronics, tools & tool boxes. DVDs, VHS tapes & storage bins, new bed spreads sheets & blankets, a lot of items new in boxes. Too much to put in ad, will have items brought in all 3 days!

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LIVONIA MULTI FAMILY
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LIVONIA Multi-family. Kids clothing, toys, household items. 15408 Susanna Cir., N. of 5 Mile, W. of Newburgh. Oct. 10, 9-4:30pm.

Garage Sales (7110)

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LIVONIA 33748 & 33788 Angeline, S/Plymouth, E/Stark, enter on Parkdale, Wed. & Thurs. Oct. 9-9am-4pm. Christmas collectibles & misc. household.

NOVI Garage Sale - Northville, 10/9-10/10, 10am-5pm. Low prices. Furniture, household, craft supplies. 47257 Curtis, SE corner Beck.

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8904 & 9869 Doran Dr. in the Trailwood - Sub. Furniture, small appliances, home decor, seasonal craft supplies. Oct 9-11, Thu-Fri 9-5pm. Sat 9-2pm.

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HUGE 3 Family Garage Sale! This Fri., Sun., 10am-4pm. 9241 Brady Ct., (off Westfield).

ROCHESTER HILLS
Community Wide Yard Sale. 2600 W. Auburn Rd., btwn Crooks & Adams. Oct 10-11, 9am-4pm. Lunch will be avail.

PLYMOUTH Moving Sale! Oct. 9-10, 9-5pm, Oct 10-11, 9-5-12pm. 11309 Southworth, Haggerty & Ann Arbor Trail. Tools & furniture.

Moving Sales (7130)

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'Certified Previously Owned' Is A Market Bright Spot

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By Dale Buss

There aren't many positive measures of sales performance where Chrysler can claim to be ahead of its domestic rivals this year, but the automaker can be proud of at least one indicator: Percentage growth in sales of its Certified Pre-Owned vehicles has been leading the Big Three lately.

That's partly because Chrysler bolstered its "CPO" program earlier this year -- among other things, expanding the availability of these most desirable used vehicles beyond just its top-performing Five Star outlets to all 3,400 dealers of the three Chrysler brands.

"We were the only domestic manufacturer to show improvement in CPO sales in August," noted Lisa Way, Chrysler's CPO vehicle manager.

Ford's CPO sales were up by 42 percent over last year, through August, in its Southwest Region and by 10 percent in California -- the two parts of the country where the company first launched a round of program improvements earlier this year.

Infiniti's CPO sales increased by 560 percent in August, and by 191 percent in July, over a year ago, after the Nissan luxury brand enhanced its program. Audi is on a pace to exceed 33,000 CPO sales this year after 27,000 last year. And Lexus CPO sales were up about 6 percent through August; for the year, the company projects them to reach 10 percent higher than the 2007 level, which in turn was up about 8 percent over 2006 CPO sales.

Indeed, amid today's increasingly sobering dynamics of the U.S. auto industry, Certified Pre-Owned vehicles are one of the few categories that could rate as a bright spot. Last year, they already comprised about 1.7 million vehicles, more than one-tenth the size of the new-vehicle market.

And through September of this year, sales of factory-certified CPO vehicles were up by 2.6 percent across the American market, according to Edmunds.com, while new-car sales were down 11 percent overall, and used-car sales at franchised dealers were down by 3.5



CPO sales at Lexus dealers are expected to get a boost soon because IS-model sedans, like this 350 version, are beginning to come off-lease in big volumes.

percent.

As a result, most OEMs are backing CPO programs more heavily than ever this year -- boosting vehicle eligibility for the programs, adding advertising muscle, and harnessing their efforts to effective internet-sales platforms.

Automakers are even beginning to treat the CPO-eligibility thresholds for their vehicles with some of the same enthusiasm that traditionally has been reserved for new-vehicle launches.

"We're excited about the fact that the current-generation IS -- which was launched in October, 2005 -- is just starting to come off of leases and into our dealerships now," said Matt Kaleba, national CPO manager for Lexus, the Toyota luxury brand. "There's been a lot of pent-up demand by consumers looking for those vehicles, and it will be a great volume addition to our [CPO] lineup. It's the kind of vehicle that brings new people to the brand."

CPO vehicles comprise multiple advantages for automakers and dealers who are scrambling for ways to respond effectively to the increasingly roiled dynamics of the U.S. car market.

The fundamental value of CPO vehicles, of course, is they're late models that dealership technicians inspect, recondition, repair, and "certify" as sound; then the factory backs them by re-applying the vehicle's original warranty and usually offers expanded and extended warranties.

CPO vehicles are priced somewhere above conventional used vehicles -- but usually many thousands of dollars below the price of the new versions of the same models. Prices for Lexus CPOs, for example, average about \$31,000 compared with the brand's new-vehicle average transaction price of more than \$40,000.

So, CPO programs encourage consumers to continue to consider aspirational models that many of

them no longer can afford to "stretch" to purchase new, especially luxury brands.

And factory CPO vehicles provide a new reason for consumers to explore the used market that, in general, they may have spurned before.

For dealers, they tend to be more profitable than regular used vehicles. Dealers can cherry-pick units from their regular flow of off-lease units, rental repurchases and company demos, send them through the CPO ringer, and maximize returns.

Also, CPO programs allow dealers more financial flexibility to pursue new-car sales. "With 85 percent or more of new vehicles today having trades attached to them, a strong CPO program allows dealers to be more aggressive with trades and put more money into trades," said Glenn Burke, Ford's certified pre-owned manager. "They know that they're going to make a decent gross profit on the back end of unloading a used vehicle."

CPO vehicles also give more opportunities to retailers to establish service relationships with customers that simply aren't provided by conventional used vehicles, which lack certification and significant warranties.

Moreover, CPOs increase residual values of vehicles coming off leases and of other used vehicles at a time when this is an increasing priority for most OEMs. This advantage complements other important tactics aimed at the same strategic objective, including recent fleet-sales maneuvers by the domestic Big Three.

OEM executives said that CPO programs also help them achieve longer-term goals. "It helps our circle-of-life strategy," explained Burke. About 55 percent of Ford's CPO sales since 2001 are "conquest" customers, he said. "So it gives us the ability to bring in a new customer. And once they experience our quality products and best-in-class dealer-retailers, we keep them."

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