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## Man accused of stealing from elderly facing new charges

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday's preliminary exam of the 72-year-old man charged with stealing from senior couples in Canton was postponed until Nov. 7.

When the brief, early-morning hearing was concluded, James Philip Legenzoff of Sterling Heights, who had been issued a \$5,000 bond earlier this month, left 35th District Court before officers could arraign him on other charges.



Legenzoff

Legenzoff was first arraigned Oct. 14 on one count of larceny from a building, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison. Canton detectives have accused him of befriending couples in their 90s and then stealing money from them after gaining access to their homes.

Canton Sgt. Deb Newsome said Legenzoff stole from two township couples. He allegedly approached one man and wife in a grocery store parking lot claiming to have met them before and met the other couple when he allegedly showed up on their doorstep pretending to be a neighbor.

Newsome previously said Legenzoff was being investigated for similar crimes throughout Macomb and Oakland counties. "We believe he has been doing this for quite a while," she said.

On Friday, officials were prepared to arraign the Sterling Heights man on additional crimes after his preliminary exam was postponed but he had left the courthouse.

Both of the township couples that have accused Legenzoff of stealing cash from their homes, identified him during the course of an investigation, according to police.

## Trick or Treat Parade offers safe alternative to scary Halloween

While Halloween isn't until Friday, children 10 and younger can get a jump on the festivities a day early at Canton's Summit on the Park. The annual Trick or Treat Parade, put on by Canton Leisure Services, will take place 3:30-6 p.m. Thursday.

This is the seventh year

Leisure Services has hosted the event, which offers a safe environment for young children to get in some trick or treating before Halloween. Each room on the Summit's Trick or Treat Parade path will be decorated with unique themes and

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth/Canton marching band members Ryan Zaluzec, left, and Stephanie Torok, right, join flag core member Megan Meddaugh as they receive invitations to U.S. Army All-American Marching Band.

## Military marchers

### Band members chosen for Army bowl game

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band members are among 97 musicians nationwide who have been selected to form the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, which will perform Jan. 3 during halftime of the Army's All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas.

Plus, a member of the Plymouth-Canton color guard team will also be on the field at halftime following her selection by Drum Corps International.

Clarinet players Stephanie Torok and Ryan Zaluzec were

chosen after being encouraged to apply via an audition tape. "I'm really excited and proud," said Torok, 17, of Plymouth Township. "I'm excited to meet people from all over the country. It will be a really good experience."

"We've both worked an immense amount to get where we've gotten today," added Torok, who has played the clarinet for nine years. "I love marching band. It allows me to show my emotions without saying anything and just play music."

Zaluzec has been playing clarinet for about 10 years.

"It's a lot of fun because it allows for really great emo-

#### HOOFIN' IT

**Who:** P-CEP marching band members Stephanie Torok and Ryan Zaluzec, drum major Megan Meddaugh

**What:** Army's All-American Bowl

**When:** Jan. 3

**Where:** San Antonio, Texas

tional range and yet technically there's also a lot to master, too," said Zaluzec, 17, of Canton Township. "It's challenging, but it pays off in the end."

Megan Meddaugh, who has been a member of the color guard for four years, actually auditioned while attending a marching drum corps program this summer in South Carolina.

"What I learned there helped me here and helped everybody get better as a whole and just made me love spinning

more than I ever did," said Meddaugh, 18, of Canton. "We've been taught how to spin a flag, rifle or saber; we have to know how to dance and put it all together and be able to march with the band and not hurt anybody."

Former P-CEP band director Marc Whitlock, who was one of the band coaches at last year's inaugural game, will also be attending this year. He'll be joined by current band director Martin Montoya.

"It's really cool to see when you have a well-established program and students from that program are recognized at an even higher level," Montoya said. "It speaks great things for our program and speaks especially highly of them as individuals and their dedication and talent."

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## Dozens of businesses show off at Consumer Expo

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Thursday's Consumer Expo kicked into gear, participants signed up for dates, talked insurance and learned about the newest electronic gadgets.

"This is like trick or treating for adults," Canton resident Janet Brady said with a laugh, as she referenced a large green and white Huntington Bank bag stuffed with promotional items from the dozens of vendors set up at the event.

The expo, which took place at Summit on the Park, is in its sixth year and is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. This year's sponsors were Canton Computers, and attorneys Martha Snow and Xuereb Snow.

Brian Sinatra of SpeedDate Michigan was a

first time exhibitor at the expo and said the number of entries into a drawing for a free SpeedDate thrilled him. A SpeedDate consists of a minimum of 10 singles meeting one another in six-minute time blocks. "I thought this was a good opportunity to meet some new clientele and I have been pleasantly surprised," Sinatra said.

As she stopped and chatted with business owners, Canton resident Jane Carbone said she has attended all of the expos.

"I give the companies my address label," she said, holding up a roll of labeled stickers. "I come here every year."

Businesses in attendance included Creative Memories, Absolute Solar Control, Axis Music, Needle Graphics, Renewal by Anderson, Jeanie Derani Gifts, Arts & Novelties and Choice

Insurance Agency, which handed out long rulers to participants.

Clearly You, a skin care center, recently relocated from Plymouth to Canton and thought the expo was a perfect chance to highlight the move.

"We are glad to do business in Canton," said co-owner Christa Bekker, noting that the company is familiar with the expo. "We usually participate every other year because this always gets a lot of community participation."

Canton resident Marilyn Messina chuckled about having good luck at the expos and said the Chamber of Commerce never has to worry about her participating. "Last year, I won a beautiful necklace from Showroom of Elegance and this year, I won a \$25 gas card," she said with a grin. "I like this place."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jason Lewkut of Canton Computers gets a little help from Martha Snow while setting up for Thursday's Consumer Expo held at the Summit on the Park. The two sponsored the event.

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AROUND CANTON

Salute to service

Canton will honor area servicemen and women who have served and who are currently serving in our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The "Salute to Service" ceremony will recognize our military personnel in active duty and our veterans for their exceptional commitment and dedication.

Photos of Canton residents who are currently in our Armed Forces will be on display during this program. The public is encouraged to attend this free event, sponsored by Canton Township, Canton Community Foundation, and Canton Veterans Memorial Association. A short program will take place on the Theater's main stage at 3 p.m.

For more information please call (734) 394-5193 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Sounds of Canton

The Sounds of Canton will perform a "We are the World" concert on at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7 and 2 p.m., Nov. 8 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The aged 55 and older singers will embark on a musical tour and pay tribute to our brothers and sisters around the globe with this cultural concert. Featured songs represent numerous cultures and countries, including songs such as "La Vie en Rose," "Somewhere My Love," "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Brazil," and "Scarborough Fair."

Ticket are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and youth. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park or the Village Theater box office. The Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

The Sounds of Canton singers welcome anyone 55 and older with a love of music to join their volunteer group. Often the group sings for fellow senior clubs, nursing homes, community clubs and school groups throughout the metropolitan area. For details check out the Canton Discover brochure, which can be downloaded at leisure.canton-mi.org.

For more information call (734) 394-5485, e-mail seniors@canton-mi.org, or visit leisure.canton-mi.org.

Hazardous waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westland DPS Yard located at 37137 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road. This free event is open to Wayne County residents only and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent

bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete. For information on how to dispose of these items, contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

For more information or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, please call (734) 326-3936 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

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 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, includ-



RALLY AROUND THE ORGAN

Friends For Life, a L.I.F.E. chapter at Canton's Evola Music store recently attended a tour and concert at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. The 5,000 seat theater, built in 1928, houses the second largest Wurlitzer organ in the world. David Calendine, an organist at the Fox, conducted the tour and Evola's own renowned musician Lance Luce entertained 40 L.I.F.E. (Lowerery Is Fun and Easy) members. Each member had their photo taken while seated the Wurlitzer.

ing 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.

Classic movies at State

As part of its classic movies on the big screen series, the State Wayne Theater in downtown Wayne will show "North by Northwest" starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint at 1 p.m., 3:35 p.m. and 6:10 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2. The State Wayne Theater is located at 35310 Michigan Avenue West, in Wayne. For more information call (734) 721-4700.

Girl Scouts board member

Suzanne Hill of Canton was among five area women elected to the 22-member board of

directors of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, the newly merged Girl Scout council serving 30,000 girls and adult volunteers in 33 counties. Elizabeth Janda, of Plymouth, was also elected.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan was formed on Oct. 1, as a merger of Glowing Embers Girl Scout Council (Kalamazoo), Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council (Ann Arbor), Girl Scouts - Irish Hills Council (Jackson), Girl Scouts of Michigan Capital Council (Lansing) and Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay (Saginaw). Janet Barker, former CEO of Glowing Embers Girl Scout Council, is the new CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.

Hill is director of finance and administration for Wellness Huron Valley, a non-profit organization that provides HIV case management, education, testing and prevention. She is a member of the American Institute of CPAs. She has been a Girl Scout volunteer for 11 years and also volunteers as the chair of a program for talented and gifted students in the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan invites girls everywhere to become Girl Scouts. To learn more about Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, to join Girl Scouts or to donate, please visit www.gshom.org.

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# Symphony releases 1st children's CD

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society is set to release its first commercially recorded and produced children's CD Saturday.

"Magical Tunes & Marvelous Tales" features The Studio Orchestra of the PCSS and the music and stories of many children's classics such as *Ferdinand The Bull*, *Jack & The Beanstalk*, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *Paddle to the Sea* and more.

CD release parties are set for Nov. 1. The first take place at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth at noon as part of the Saturdays @ The Penn Family Variety Shows. Music from the CD will be featured as performed by members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra

under the direction of Ariel Toews and the Celebration Flute Choir under the direction of PSO Conductor Nan Washburn.

Also featured will be members of the Plymouth Uptown Players as they perform to the recording of *Jack & The Beanstalk* and everyone will join musicians in singing, *The Instruments' Song*, also featured on the CD. At the conclusion of the show, CDs will be available for sale.

The second party takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Lotus Arts Gallery, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. CDs will be available for sale and musicians from the recording will be on hand to autograph the CD. The CD was recorded,



Musical director and conductor Nan Washburn has made it a hallmark of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton to support living composers and great American music during her tenure.

engineered and mastered by the staff and students at Schoolcraft College in the Recording Technology Program, and the cover and CD case design were produced by students and staff at Schoolcraft in the Computer Graphics Technology Department.

"Magical Tunes & Marvelous Tales" is the first CD for chil-

dren of all ages recorded by the Studio Orchestra of the Plymouth Symphony Society. The CD sells for \$15 (10-percent discount for orders of two or more and 15-percent discount for orders over seven).

For more information, visit the Plymouth Symphony Society's Web site at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org) or call (734) 451-2112.

# Violations force eatery to close doors

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Problems with liquor law violations and bounced employee paychecks led to the Mariachi Dos restaurant on Penniman Street in Plymouth to close its doors just five months after opening in the former five-star Cafe Bon Homme location.

The closing of the Plymouth restaurant follows the shutdown of the original Mariachi restaurant in Canton Township about a month ago.

According to Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock, there were a number of violations that led to the demise of the restaurant, owned by Angel and Jennifer Silva Gomez.

"They had not applied, yet, for a transfer of the liquor license (from Cafe Bon Homme owners) and there was an issue of selling liquor on an outside patio without a permit," he

said.

City officials recently handed the case to the state Liquor Control Commission.

Plymouth Police Detective Lt. Al Cox said several employees reported bounced paychecks, with at least one filing a complaint. Cox said one employee claimed the "owner owes him three paychecks."

The owners also reportedly made interior renovations and built a patio in the back of the restaurant without a building permit.

"They never applied for any permits," Building Official Jim Penn said.

The Gomezes opened the Canton restaurant in May 2007, with Mariachi Dos opening its doors about a year later.

The Gomezes have not been available for comment.

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FRI/SAT LS 11:35

**PRIDE AND GLORY (R)**  
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**MAX PAYNE (PG-13)**  
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FRI/SAT LS 11:35

**BODY OF LIES (R)**  
FRI/SAT LS 11:25

**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)**  
12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

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will include some popular characters, including princesses to pirates, for kids to meet while filling their bags with surprises and goodies.

The parade will begin at the recreation/facilities entrance on the west side of the building. Because of an expected large turnout, carpooling with friends and neighbors is encouraged. Overflow parking will be available in the Summit's east parking lot.

To avoid long lines, Leisure Services officials suggest people buy passes in advance at the Summit's front desk. A suggested donation of \$5 per family is encouraged for Canton residents. There is a

**7TH ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT PARADE**

**When:** 3:30-6 p.m., Thursday Oct. 30  
**Where:** Canton's Summit on the Park  
**What:** For children age 10 and younger  
**Cost:** A suggested donation of \$5 per family is encouraged for Canton residents (there is a non-resident fee of \$10 per family)


non-resident fee of \$10 per family. Residency will be checked. No registration is required.

For more information on the 7th Annual Trick or Treat Parade, please visit [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

By Kurt Kuban

**KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's sports section**

**SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR DENTAL HEALTH**



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

**SOUNDING THE SMOKELESS ALARM**

Anyone who makes the switch from smoking cigarettes to smokeless tobacco believing it to be less harmful should think again. According to a recent study by the World Health Organization's (WHO's) cancer agency, using chewing tobacco and snuff raises the risk of oral cancer by 80 percent. While snuff and chew may be less dangerous than smoking because they are not linked to lung cancer, they are still linked to oral cancer. The review of eleven studies worldwide showed that users of chewing tobacco and snuff also have a 60 percent higher risk of esophagus and pancreatic cancer. This study represents the first systematic attempt to quantify the risk of smokeless tobacco.

Dentists do more than fill cavities, construct crowns, perform root canals, and make dentures. If you have questions about tobacco and it's affect on your oral health, if you're experiencing unusual discomfort, or are worried about your child's developing teeth, answers to these concerns and others can be found at our office. We are well-versed and up to date on today's health care issues at **496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste. 201, Plymouth**, where we offer comprehensive dental services. Please call us at **734-453-1493** for an appointment.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA NOVEMBER 13, 2008**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag**

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

**Acceptance of Agenda**

1. Sysco Food Services of Detroit, LLC, 41600 Van Born Road, Canton, MI 48188, for industrial property located at same address, north side of Van Born Road between Haggerty and Lilley Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24C, variance of 40 ft from the 50ft buffer from the centerline of a drain. Zone GI Parcels 140-99-0010-700; 140-99-0099-000; 140-99-0008-000 (Planning)
2. Joseph White of Endeavour Development, 660 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, MI 48170, for industrial property located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 4.00, Section 4.01D.4, variance of 4 ft from the minimum 30ft wide driveway requirement. Zone LI-R Parcel 099-99-0001-704 (Planning)
3. Bryan L. Amann, 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant property located on the north side of Cherry Hill Road between Canton Center and Sheldon Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.03.e, variance of 26ft from the required 60ft building setback from the north property line and a variance of 10 ft from the required 30ft landscape buffer to allow a driveway closer than 30ft from the north property line. Zone C-2 Parcels 059-99-0004-711; 059-99-0005-702 (Planning)

**Approval of the October 9, 2008 Minutes**

All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

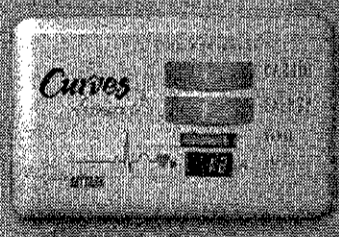
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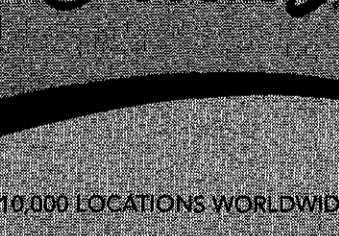
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# Madonna takes next step, a doctor's degree in nursing

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Next May, Madonna University will take a major step forward when it launches its first doctorate degree, in nursing practices.

Teresa Thompson, dean of Madonna's College of Nursing and Health, said it was the logical next step.

"Madonna University has a long history, 25 years ago the first master's degree was offered here and right at the forefront was administration and nursing," Thompson said. "So we've been there from the beginning, so it's obvious that we would be the first group to take that next step. We want to be in the forefront of where the profession is going and assure own viability for the future."

Beginning in May, 12 to 15 students will begin a two-year, 36 credit hour clinical degree program. Nancy O'Connor, chair of the nursing graduate program, said the degree is comparable to a professional degree in law or pharmacy rather than a research focused doctorate or PhD.

"There are nurses who want a terminal practice degree or clinical degree," she said. "We like to call it practice because not only is it in direct care but also has practice of nursing administration to administer nursing systems of care, but requires extensive knowledge beyond the master's degree. It's a degree for nurses seeking the highest level of nursing practice."

Currently, O'Connor said, most candidates from Madonna have completed 50 credits for their master's degree. Combined with the 36 credits that would make close to 90 post baccalaureate credit hours.

O'Connor said there is a movement in the profession to make the DNP degree the entry level post baccalaureate degree, bypassing the master's degree. She said Wayne State University has already started to make that move. At

Madonna, the master's degree will continue for now, but the goal is to have the DNP as the entry level post graduate degree by 2015.

The DNP program has been designed for nurses already working in the field.

"We're offering it in an executive model, because we realize that the post master's students are already holding very responsible positions in the health system and are not free to come to school during regular hours," O'Connor said.

The program would combine online instruction with weekend classes. The students would come to the campus Friday afternoons and all day Saturday every fourth week.

"The model was derived from a needs assessment. We surveyed about a thousand of our potential students and we found they wanted some online but didn't want it totally online, they wanted some face to face," O'Connor said.

Thompson said the graduates of the program have the potential to make a major impact on the health system. O'Connor said the program will also contribute to dealing with the shortage of nursing faculty.

Thompson said other



Left to right, Nancy O'Connor, chair of the graduate nursing program; Ernest Nolan, vice president of academic administration; and Teresa Thompson, dean of Madonna's nursing school.

Madonna departments are discussing introducing doctorate programs, but that the nursing program was the in best position to take the step with 260 undergraduate and 100 graduate students.

"Our alumni would be the first to say, when are you going to do this, when are you moving forward? They have an affinity and a loyalty to Madonna," Thompson said. O'Connor said DNP candidates will be required to complete a research project

and participate in an immersion program within a health system.

She said DNP graduates will be able to provide the needed link between the research of PhD nurses and the real world of patient care.

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# Absentee voting still an option

Voters have the option of voting by absentee ballot in the Nov. 4 election.

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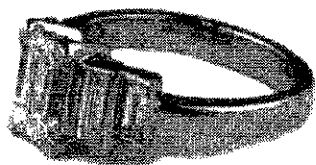
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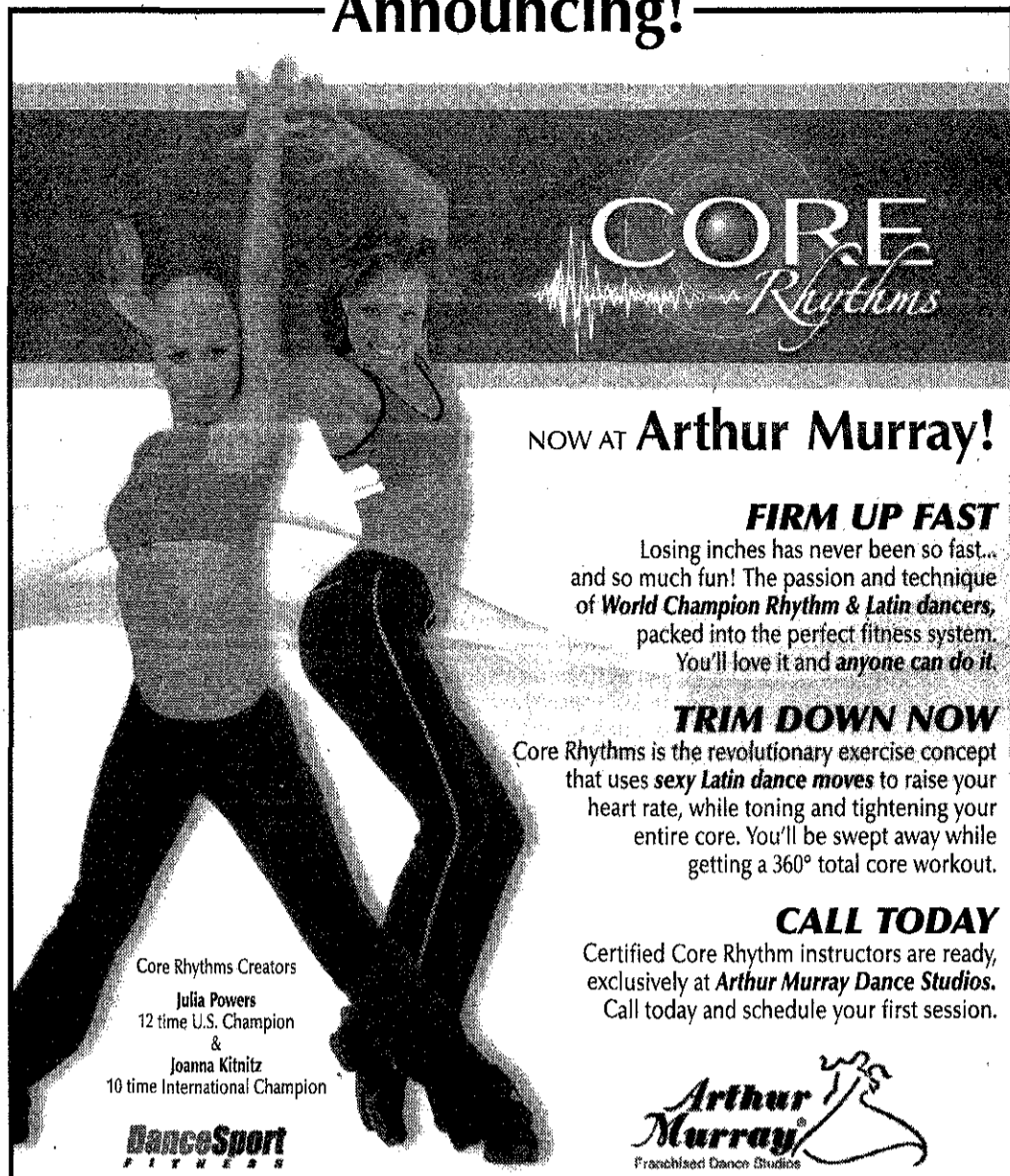
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## Communications award

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The calendar came out in September. She is quoted in the calendar: "Never underestimate the power of your words... or your word."

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## Diversity business leader

Canton's Lawrence G. (L.G.) Almeda, a shareholder in the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., has been recognized by Corp! magazine in its annual Salute to Diversity. Almeda, who was acknowledged in the 2008 Diversity Business Leader category, was recently honored along with his fellow winners at a breakfast event held at the Troy Marriott.

## CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS



Almeda

Almeda is a federally appointed member of the State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; a member of the Governor's

Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs; Chair of the Business Law Section of the Washtenaw County Bar Association and a member of its Board of Directors; Assistant Regional Governor of the Central Region for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the immediate past President of the Michigan Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

He is also a member of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, where he serves on the Global Strategic Committee. Almeda was recently named president-elect of the ACJ, American Citizens for Justice (also known as the Asian American Center for Justice).

At Brinks, Almeda chairs the firm's Nanotechnology Group and his legal practice focuses on patent opinions and prosecution in the medical, chemical, nanotechnology and alternative energy fields.

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## Rising star

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McKinney

McKinney, a principal of the Detroit law firm of Tanoury, Corbet, Shaw, Nauts, Essad & Beutel, P.L.L.C., was selected as a 'Rising Star' by Super

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McKinney is approved trial counsel for the Detroit Medical Center and has successfully tried cases throughout Southeast Michigan. His practice focuses on multiple areas of civil defense litigation, including all forms of professional negligence, general negligence, premises liability, product liability and automobile negligence.

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## New board member

J. Jackson, a resident of Canton, was recently added to the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM) Board of Directors for its senior living communities throughout Michigan.

Jackson is the department manager of Patient Access and Referral Services at Henry Ford Health Systems. She also serves as a board member for The Village of Our Saviour's Manor and The Village of Oakman Manor.

## Accounting award

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# Johnson wants voters to focus on poor roads

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steve Johnson says he has a simple question for voters: "Are you happy with our roads?"

The township resident says he's not and he wants to do something about it by becoming the Wayne County Commissioner for district 11. "I'm not saying all of my ideas are home runs," said Johnson, who has said "enough is enough" with deteriorating roads within the district. "But, I know I have some singles and doubles in there."

The 11th District represents Belleville, Canton, Sumpter, Van Buren and Wayne.

Johnson, 41, a Republican, touts himself as a new name, a new face and a new voice with new ideas. He is on the ballot against incumbent Democratic Commissioner Kevin McNamara.

In going door to door, Johnson has hammered his message against the current state of roads by stapling a small plastic bag filled with rubble to his literature which states: "You know your roads are in bad shape when you can drive around your community and fill up the back of a pick-up in 90 minutes. You know things are bad when you can deliver to every household in the community a piece of their deteriorated road."

Johnson, who has been married to his wife, Sheila, for 17 years and has four children, is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and owns an independent real estate office in Plymouth.

As a commissioner, Johnson, who serves on the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals, said he wants to see the county's

## CANDIDATE STEVE JOHNSON

**Political Party:** Republican  
**Age:** 41  
**Family:** Wife, Sheila, four children  
**Career:** Realtor

nine townships get their rightful share of road funding.

"I don't think these communities have ever gotten their fair share of the pot," he said, balking at McNamara's claim that \$23 million will be poured into Canton's roads. "I'm embarrassed that number is on a piece of literature."

In addition to roadwork, Johnson says he's frustrated by figures that show that the district contributed more than \$15 million to the county's recreation millage between 1997-2006 but only got \$5 million in return. On the other hand, Detroit contributed \$20 million during that time period, but has gotten \$31 million back.

"It is so lopsided," said Johnson, who has been endorsed by Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and State Rep. Phil LaJoy. "Let's split that pot more evenly because this is not right."

In the heavily Democratic commission, Johnson said he knows he would face some obstacles but believes they would fade away "when they find out I'm not just there to stir the pot."

Taking issue with empty storefronts and rising home foreclosures, Johnson said county programs aren't being maximized in the district.

"Things have got to change," he said. "I don't think (all the other commissioners) would be receptive in the beginning but as we begin to throw out new ideas, some may say 'You know, you're right.'"

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# McNamara touts record, seeks re-election

BY KURT KUBAN  
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Kevin McNamara believes he has done enough during his first term as Wayne County commissioner to merit re-election.

McNamara, who moved to Canton seven years ago, is running against Republican Steve Johnson to represent the 11th District, which includes Canton, Belleville, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and the city of Wayne. The race has been a contentious one, as Johnson, a political newcomer, has been critical of McNamara's performance.

However, McNamara likes to point to his record. He said he has fought hard to bring money to his district, particularly for roads and recreation projects.

McNamara, who defeated Republican Loren Bennett in 2006, said he has helped bring more than \$23 million to Canton for road projects that have either been completed, or are scheduled to be completed in the near future. Some of the projects include Sheldon, Warren, Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads.

Despite the criticisms of Johnson, McNamara said Canton and the 11th District have done well when it comes to road funding compared to other communities.

"Our roads are in better shape in western Wayne than they ever have been. It's an unpopular thing to say, but it is true," he said.

However, McNamara said he understands that road funding

is probably the most important issue to district voters, especially in Canton. The reality, he said, is the county's road funding

continues to shrink, which means less money for places like Canton. He said the solution is either to have the state increase its gas tax to fix roads, or for county voters to approve a county-wide road millage. He would support such a millage if at least 70 percent of the money each community contributed to the fund would have to stay in the community for local road projects. The rest would have to be used for county-owned "connector" roads.

McNamara said he has also delivered recreation funding for Canton. He points to funding for recreation projects like the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail and a planned spray park for Flodin Park, which McNamara says Wayne County will provide \$150,000 to help build.

McNamara has also been a leading proponent of a proposed new ordinance that would take a portion of the county's parks millage and give it back to local communities for recreation projects.

He said more than 50 percent of the millage money now goes towards the maintenance of the county parks system, which he said wasn't the intent of county voters that approved the millage three times.

"I don't want to maintain park land anymore," said

## CANDIDATE KEVIN MCNAMARA

**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Age:** 51  
**Family:** Wife, Aida, and two teenage children  
**Web site:** www.electkevinmcnamara.com

McNamara, 51. "The reason for the county millage was to make improvements to county park land. We've done a good job. We can afford to give some money back for local recreation projects."

McNamara, who is married to Aida and has two teen-

age children, said he has also worked closely with district leaders like Canton's Tom Yack on local economic development issues.

In addition to serving as vice chair of the Commission's public safety, judiciary and homeland security committee, he is also a member of three standing committees - environment, drains and sewers, public services, and ways and means.

He believes these leadership roles have helped him give the 11th District a voice in county government.

"I love my job. We're making good strides," he said.

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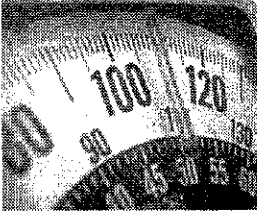
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always know what an investment costs to buy, sell and hold. If you are uncomfortable talking to your salesperson about costs and fees, it is an indication that you need a new adviser. The strategy of selling investments for tax losses is something many investors will be doing this year. What many investors want to do

is to sell an investment with a loss so they can recognize the loss for tax purposes and then to turn around and re-buy that same investment. Although this may make sense, be careful you do not violate tax laws. According to the wash/sales rules, if you sell an investment that has a loss, in order to deduct the loss you cannot buy back that investment within 30 days. There is, however, a loophole. Although you cannot buy the same investment back, you can buy back a similar investment. If you have a loss in a large cap value fund you can sell that fund and immediately turn around and buy another large cap value fund. This transaction does not violate the wash/sales rules. If you are worried about selling an investment and don't want to be out of the market, you can turn around and buy a similar investment and still recognize the loss for tax purposes.

I am not a fan of B-Share Mutual Funds. One reason is the cost. In a typical B-Share Mutual Fund, if you sell within a five-year period you pay a penalty. Many brokers and financial salespeople love B-Share Mutual Funds because they receive higher fees and commissions when they sell these funds. The downside, particularly in markets like this, is if you want to sell the fund to recognize the tax loss, you have to pay the extra penalty to the mutual fund company. With the recent carnage on Wall Street, people are asking about tax/loss selling. It is a strategy that may make sense for some people. Of course, it is always important to recognize that when it comes to taxes, it all depends upon your individual situation. The key is how you deduct losses on your tax return. If you have losses on investments that you have sold, you can first use those losses to offset gains that you have for the year. These gains can be from the sale of securities throughout the year or capital gain distributions from your mutual funds. If after offsetting your gains you still have losses, you can then deduct up to \$3,000 of those additional losses against your other income. If you still have additional losses, you can carry those over to previous years.

For example, if you had \$10,000 in losses and \$5,000 in gain, your net tax effect would be to deduct \$3,000 in losses from your current year tax return and carry over an additional \$2,000 in losses to your 2009 tax return. One caveat with regards to tax/loss selling. The markets are very volatile and unpredictable. We all saw what happened a couple of weeks ago when the market soared by over 10 percent in day. You certainly don't want to be out of the market when we have days like that. My advice if you are going to do tax/loss selling is to wait a while until markets are more stable.

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# Legal pilgrimage

## Lawyer uses Nicaragua trip to boost justice efforts

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Doctors are recognized for the life-saving treks they make to foreign lands, and deservedly so. Lawyers like Sue Carlson of Canton also travel to make life better for others.

Carlson, whose legal practice is in Livonia, went to Nicaragua the last week of August with Partners Worldwide, a Christian organization that partners business and professional people with their counterparts in developing countries.

"I had been in Nicaragua in 2001," said Carlson in a recent interview after Sunday services at her church, Geneva Presbyterian in Canton. She'd worked with Christian attorneys, and went to court in Nicaragua on that visit.

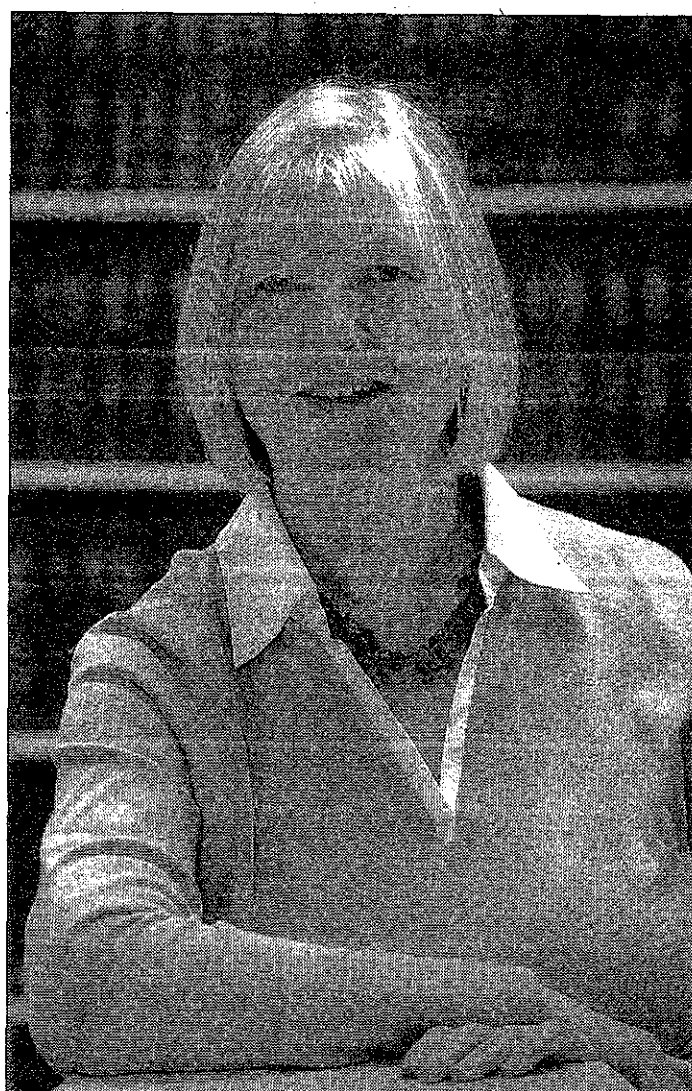
"We provide moral and prayer support, discuss their policies and give advice when asked," said Carlson, who found doors to government officials in Central and South American often open more easily to American professionals. The lawyers can get into prisons to talk to inmates.

"The judiciary is not a separate branch of the government," said Carlson, a 1979 graduate of the University of Michigan's law school. When the government changes, all judges from the Supreme Court down change as well, she pointed out.

Nicaragua has had a representative democracy since 1998 with its new constitution. "But they still don't have an independent judiciary," Carlson said. "The judges are more politically aligned than they are here."

Drug trade and some corruption are problems in Nicaragua, said Carlson, who noted court records aren't well maintained. Those accused are often immediately arrested without bail or investigation.

"False accusations have been common," she said, including



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Canton resident Sue Carlson, a Livonia attorney, spent a week in Nicaragua working with local lawyers.

such accusations as extortion or those involving personal disputes.

People convicted of crimes even end up incarcerated longer than their sentence.

"There's nobody following up to get them out," Carlson said. "They just languish in jail."

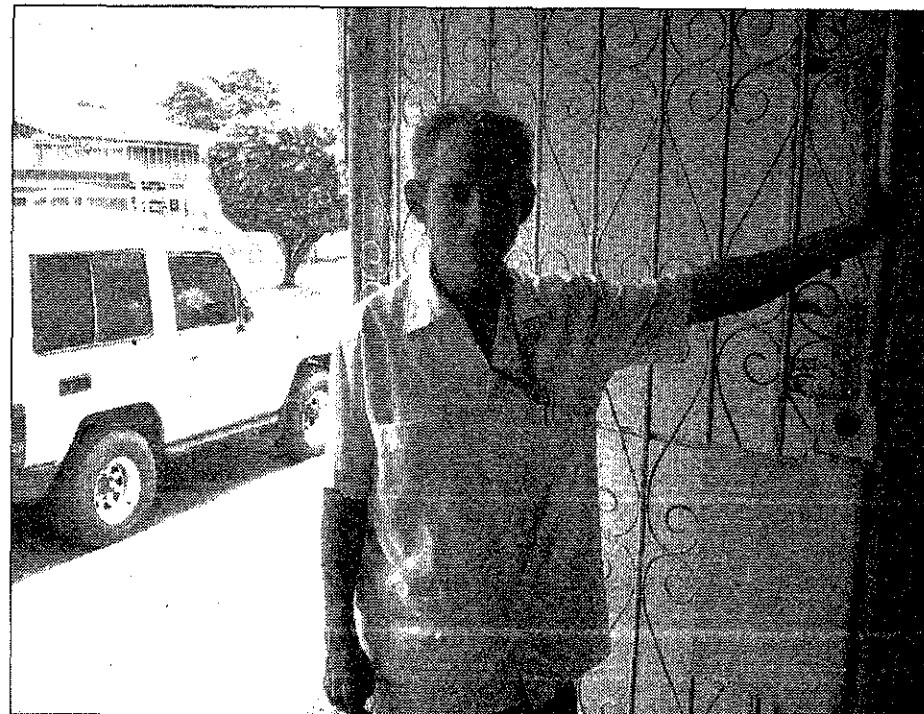
Carlson worked with the Christian Center for Human Rights in Nicaragua on this trip. Those pastors and Christian attorneys advise people of their rights under the new constitution, and also train paralegals.

"Christian attorneys volunteer their time to take on

cases, to enforce rights under the law," Carlson said. She and other volunteers visited four of their offices to talk to staffers, "just forged friendships, brought them some office equipment."

She's pleased with progress since her 2001 visit. Being a local volunteer attorney has become somewhat of a status symbol, which helps Nicaraguan justice efforts.

"The people do not trust the government, no matter what party is in power," said Carlson, who pointed out people are learning to trust the local volunteer lawyers, who operate



Allan Zamora is a board member of the Christian Center for Human Rights with which Sue Carlson of Canton, a Livonia lawyer, worked on a recent trip.

out of 14 separate offices, many with a lawyer in charge at least part time.

The volunteer lawyers can also help with civil matters like divorce. The Nicaraguan Supreme Court had trained respected local people to mediate disputes; with government change that court membership was gone and the program dropped. Many mediators now work with the independent Christian group.

Carlson had two semesters of Spanish at Schoolcraft College, "but it's gone. I don't get a chance to use it," she said. There were translators to help, including an interpreter who was also a recent law school graduate.

Carlson said she'd probably go to Nicaragua again. She became involved through a lawyer friend in Grand Rapids. Carlson noted other groups that work on issues like infrastructure in the country, and many volunteers are active in those efforts.

"There's a lot of overlapping," she said.

There were a lot of local women lawyers in Nicaragua, and although Carlson acknowledged the "macho" culture she also found women didn't face a lot of discrimination on the professional level.

"It was rewarding for me to see the progress CCDH (the Spanish acronym) has made" since her earlier visit, she said.

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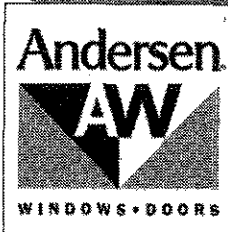
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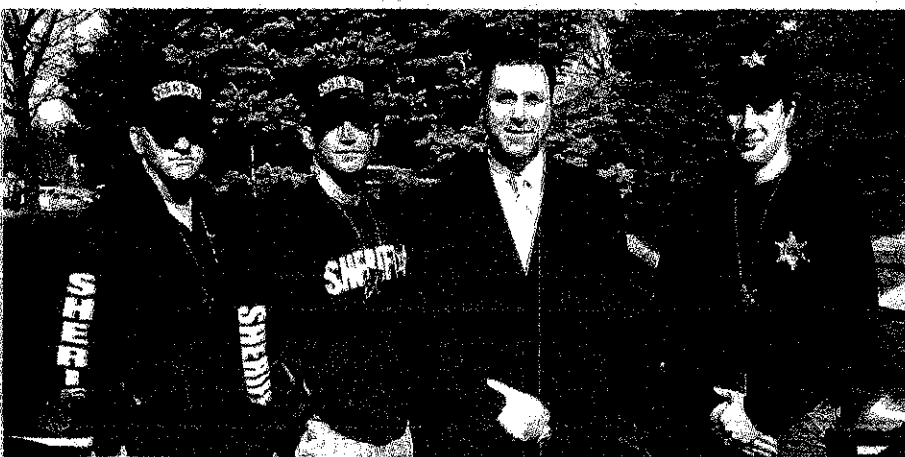


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## WCCCD deserves yes vote on tax

Last year, Wayne County Community College District was handed a resounding defeat when it asked voters to approve a 10-year renewal of its 1.5-mill tax levy, a good three years in advance of its 2010 expiration date.

The move angered some people and prompted a state lawmaker to propose legislation that would prevent millage renewals being placed before voters unless it's within 18 months of expiring.

Undaunted, WCCCD is putting its millage request before voters again in the Tuesday, Nov. 4, election, but this time the requested renewal is for a reduced rate of 1.25 mills for 10 years. The money raised by the levy — the tax would cost \$125 a year for a homeowner who has a \$200,000 house with a taxable value of \$100,000 — represents 40 percent of WCCCD's budget for its 72,000-student, five-campus district.

In these difficult economic times, it's hard to think about a tax renewal, but in this case, we believe voters in the college district, including those in a small portion of Canton (people living with the Wayne-Westland and Van Buren school districts), should do just that and vote yes.

Why? The Wayne County Community College District has been a wise steward of the money it receives. It has improved its facilities, including the acquisition of the University of Detroit Mercy's Outer Drive campus for its new Northwestern campus. It puts its academic lineup at arm's length for suburban students, especially those living in Redford.

The college also has positioned itself to meet the increasing need for retraining the unemployed and underemployed adults as well as high school graduates through such endeavors as the recent 43,000-square-foot addition with state of the art labs and additional career programming space at its Western Wayne campus.

WCCCD has faced an uphill battle with community college powerhouse like Schoolcraft and Henry Ford. It has gone from being a college with no buildings to one with five campuses and an enrollment that rivals that of any major university in this state.

Wayne County Community College District is distinguishing itself as a gem in higher education in Wayne County. Voters in the district should allow it to continue to shine. That is why we are urging residents of the district to vote YES on the community college's 1.25-mill renewal request.

## Yack misused office

Why was Tom Yack allowed to pull his own e-mails {Editor's note: *Canton Observer, Oct. 5*} — it's highly likely that many incriminating e-mails are missing. Shame on the township for allowing that — I cannot imagine what is missing. There's one e-mail that does not have a 'TO' line and most of the rest of the e-mail seems to be deleted. The only line there is the one about the 'inevitable end of the foundation — once and for all.' Then Yack goes on to say that a past foundation president was fired for practicing politics in office — exactly what he did on taxpayer money. He should follow his own advice and be fired — better than that — the board should be firing him — what is wrong with them?

Yack also writes that, 'a clear line has not been drawn to eliminate the perception of impropriety ... we know that the perception of political activity may bring negative attention to a valuable community organization.' Well Yack, you did more than create a perception of political activity as supervisor. You blatantly misused your office and violated the public trust of Canton residents. You have brought negative attention to our valuable community. I can't even begin to imagine the other elections you have influenced over the years. Based on your activity in this election — there can be no doubt of your impropriety throughout your administration. The legal election of Melissa McLaughlin is very questionable based on these e-mails.

Edna James  
Canton

## Thanks, Tom Yack

Sadly, it is time to say goodbye to Tom Yack, our township supervisor, as he winds down his final year of service. It is also a good time to reflect on the past before we move forward in Canton.

Anyone remember a time when the Old Country Buffet was one of the most popular family restaurants and meeting places around town, when the 'downtown' area of Canton ranged only

from Sheldon to Morton Taylor, and Morton Taylor had only two short sections with no connection between them?

If you wanted a six-pack of beer, you either went to Meijer or Juliennes Party Store on Ford Road, and if you wanted to take a "drive in the country" you merely had to travel past Canton Center Road and you were there. If you had a fire emergency, the help came from a small building at Canton Center and Cherry Hill in the form of volunteer firefighters.

If you lived south of Ford Road you risked the reputation of being a "hick." Everything was Plymouth-Canton, if Canton was even mentioned at all. Businesses weren't interested in coming here. Families came here only to get a cheap housing start and then move on to somewhere else "better" when their means allowed. Roads were not paved, many major intersections were four-way stops, and pretty much all streets were two lane.

Folks that lived here mainly left town to go out to eat, play, go to a movieplex, or shop for ... well, anything. That's the way it was when my wife Debi and I came here in 1989. Many of you can reminisce even farther back than that, I know.

In his time as our elected leader, Tom Yack has created and carried out a vision of Canton via the inclusion of others who shared in it and were willing to play a part in it. If I had to only use one word to describe Tom's leadership style that would be it, inclusion. He opened the door for anyone to come along and be included in something that was positive and beneficial to the community through boards, committees, commissions, chambers, study groups and sessions, focus groups, even other governmental entities, etc.

Most importantly, he paid attention to what families wanted here — efficient services, good schools,

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recreation, locally available retail shopping, and the ability to easily travel to all of it, etc. The focus was always on quality of life concerns. Add to that a variety of housing price points and a strong industrial tax base and you have a well-rounded community — ours.

And so, here we are today with a much different Canton than when Tom Yack began his first term of office, a Canton that we can all be proud of and proudly say so. It's a Canton that families, businesses, and significant national events are attracted to now, a place that encourages staying, or leaving for a time and then coming back to, no matter what the individual circumstances. A place to truly call "home." Heck, they sometimes even announce the weather in Canton on the local news programs now! I guess we've arrived, finally.

Tom, thanks for bringing us to this point. All the best to you and Barb as you take on a new stage of your lives without the hassles that being in government carries. Enjoy what you've accomplished. Thanks for being the people you are!

Greg Greene  
Canton

## E-mails should impact voting

I just glanced through some pages of e-mails that had been collected from the Charter Township of Canton. They were exchanges between Tom Yack and Melissa McLaughlin and others — including a newspaper editor. In one of the e-mails Mr. Yack complained that the editor had not told him he planned to print letters 'against' Mr. Yack before the letters were printed.

I am a homeowner in a city and I am enjoying myself. I was concerned about these e-mails because they show particulars that I thought you, as my neigh-

bors, might be interested in when making your current choices for Canton leadership at the polls.

If you read the e-mail collection I think you will be struck by the transformation that Todd Caccamo has made. The name 'Mini-Yack' comes to mind, but that wouldn't encompass the reality. It would make light of a serious future problem — especially if Mr. Yack goes on to take some sort of permanent position on the Western Townships Utility Authority (WTUA) and Mr. Caccamo moves into the supervisor's chair. The new WTUA facility on Michigan Avenue is, in my opinion, a further danger to our water supply. It will eject effluent above points used to gather water for the drinking system.

Your vote counts.

Al Brock  
Wayne  
Canton


## Plakas more qualified

I read with interest a recent letter to the editor suggesting that Joe Barone is more "local" than Jim Plakas. Not only is this inaccurate, but it's also a poor attempt to draw attention away from the fact that Plakas is clearly the more qualified candidate.

Plakas has 13 years of experience on both sides of the aisle. He's been a prosecutor and a criminal defense attorney, and his track record shows that he is strong and fair.

Barone, on the other hand, has only seen things from the criminal defendant's side. What will he do when faced with punishing someone who has committed a crime in our district? Nobody knows because he's never had to do it. And I, for one, don't want him figuring it out as he goes.

Mary Breen  
Trustee Schoolcraft College  
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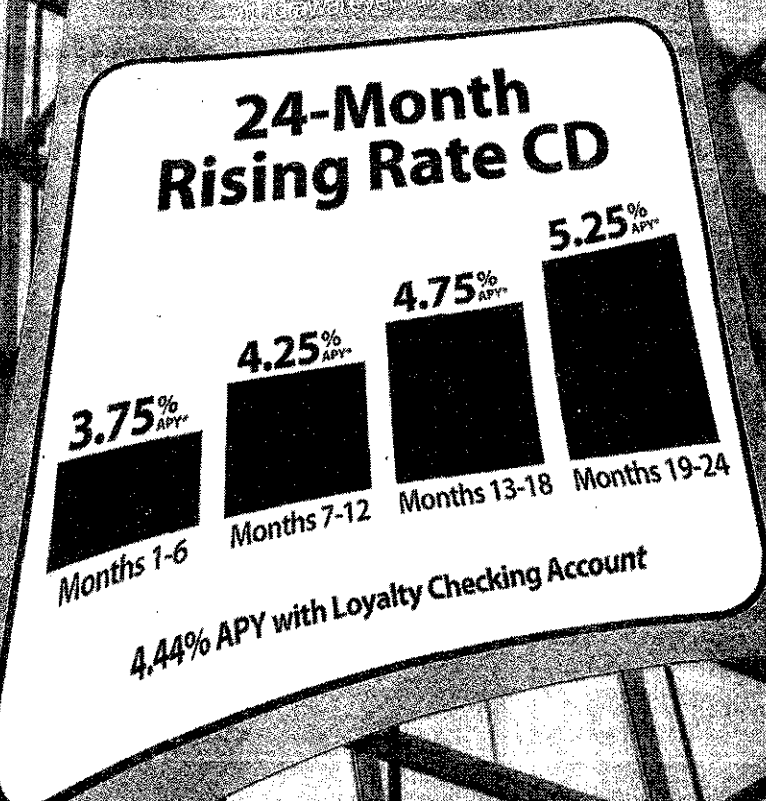
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## Hollywood's Christopher Coppola joins Madonna's faculty

Madonna's newest faculty member, director and actor Christopher Coppola, will impart his movie making expertise to students in the broadcast and cinema arts (BCA) program. Coppola, who now is an adjunct assistant professor at Madonna, brings true Hollywood influence to the classroom. He is the nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage.

"I was honored when I was asked to join Madonna's faculty," Coppola said. The University is truly a unique institution, and one that I can relate to; in the sense that it is based on strong core values, and is modern and open to other ideas and religions." His teaching style will blend the storytelling of old Hollywood with today's technology. "Movie-makers of today must remember to stick to their voice, don't get lost in technology," he said. "Technology provides us with great tools, but it can become a distraction."

As the creator of Project Accessible Hollywood (PAH) Fest (www.pahnation.com), a digital media festival that travels to cities throughout the world, Coppola has many years of experience in teaching everyday people the art of movie making

and storytelling through a variety of easily accessible digital technologies. PAH-fest has become an annual event on the campus of Madonna.

Coppola, who resides in Los Angeles, will teach Madonna students via live web casts, online classes, and occasionally on campus. He will take advantage of the growing film industry in Michigan to provide students opportunities for hands-on movie-making experiences. Coppola also plans to include students on some of his own Michigan film projects.

A group of Madonna students flew to California last week for PAH-fest Hollywood, where they assisted Coppola in coaching amateur filmmakers.

"Madonna broadcast and cinema arts students are uniquely qualified to jump into any position from directing/shooting to editing to on-camera talent," said Chuck Derry, director of Madonna's BCA program.

"PAH-fest gives them a chance to practice their skills and make great connections with Hollywood production professionals."

Madonna University's (www.madonna.edu) broadcast and cinema arts program



Christopher Coppola at PAH-Fest at Madonna University earlier this year.

prepares students for careers in broadcast, film and other digital media industries. The program, grounded in the liberal arts, combines theoretical and hands-on learning. Students gain a wide range of skills and experiences that can be applied to a variety of career positions.

Madonna University's new Media Center, opening in fall 2009, will provide students with the latest high definition digital technologies.

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## Schoolcraft College moves elections to November

Starting in 2010, elections for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees will be held on even years in conjunction with the November general election. Previously the board's elections were held on odd years in May.

The change was approved by the board following a public hearing at its regular monthly meeting October 22. It is expected that the college's expenses for running each election will be reduced by approximately

\$100,000.

The decision will extend the terms of two trustees by 18 months, Phil Carsten and Carol Strom, whose seats were up for election in May 2009. The seats will now be contested in November 2010.

Entities that hold elections - including cities, townships, counties, school districts and community college districts - must cover the cost of running an election. When more than one entity is holding an election on the

same day, the entities can share the costs.

Schoolcraft elections involve 14 entities, including eight townships and six cities. Because some school districts in the area hold elections in May, Schoolcraft has been able to share expenses with seven of these entities. The remaining seven would not normally have an election in May; this required that Schoolcraft cover 100 percent of the expenses. For May 2009, those

expenses were projected to be \$116,754. By moving to the November general election - when every entity is engaged in the election process - Schoolcraft's share of the cost drops to \$11,950.

In addition to reduced expenses, board members also cited as a benefit the increased awareness of the college that will likely result from the higher voter turnouts experienced in November general elections.

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## Canton surges into post-season, 49-3

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### Selection Sunday

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., FoxSportsNet Detroit's Mickey York and Ryan Field will host a 30-minute Michigan High School Athletic Association Selection Sunday Show to announce the 256 teams that have qualified for the state football playoffs.

Both Canton (8-1) and Plymouth (6-3) qualified for the post-season.

### Learn-to-Skate at Compuware

Compuware Arena will be offering a Learn-to-Skate program beginning the week of Oct. 28 through Dec. 20.

The seven-week session, which costs \$88, includes a 25-minute lesson and 25 minutes of supervised practice time. Instructors include Compuware Arena professionals and players and players from the Plymouth Whalers hockey team.

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### Ignition sign three

The Detroit Ignition have agreed to terms with forward Mike Apple and midfielders Miodrag Djerisilo and Ryan Mack, the club announced Thursday.

Mack was the Ignition's third-leading scorer in the 2007-08 Major Indoor Soccer League regular season, tallying 66 points in 28 games.

Apple enters his eighth professional indoor soccer season this year, after spending the off-season representing the United States at the FIFA Futsal World Cup.

Djerisilo, an original member of the 2006-07 Ignition squad, spent last season in Orlando where he led the Sharks in scoring with 48 points.



Canton's Kiere Daniels, pictured in a game earlier this season, rushed for 128 yards on 10 carries in the Chiefs' 49-3 victory over Salem Friday night.

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steady drizzle at the PCEP varsity stadium.

The Rocks' season ended with a frustrating 1-8 mark.

Last year's 5-4, no-playoffs campaign forced Canton coach Tim Baechler to redefine some off-the-field components of the program.

"It's gratifying to turn things around the way we did," said Baechler. "During the off-season, we talked to the kids a lot about character, about commitment to the weight room again and how they're not

entitled to anything here. It's nice to see that has paid off."

The on-the-field improvements were speed-related.

"This team's faster than last year's team -- a lot faster," Baechler emphasized.

Which is something the Rocks discovered all too often Friday night.

Sparked by the running of senior Kiere Daniels (128 yards on 10 carries), the throwing of junior quarter-

Please see **CANTON, B2**

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One year ago Friday night, Canton's football team was preparing for equipment turn-in.

Now the Chiefs appear equipped to possibly make a long run in the Division I playoffs.

What a difference a year -- and another gear -- can make.

Canton capped an explosive 8-1 regular season Friday night by steamrolling Salem, 49-3, in a



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Spencer Wiard (12) puts his foot into the ball during a Plymouth Christian Eagles' special-teams drill earlier this week. The Eagles are 5-2 in their inaugural Christian Football League of Michigan season.

## OFF TO A FLYING START

First-year Christian Football League team has eyes set on playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Christian football program faced the ultimate first-and-long situation in August.

With less than one week remaining before their inaugural game, the Eagles still didn't have pads or uniforms -- and close to 80 percent of the players had never played football before.

Never fear, perseverance is here. The program not only overcame its

early-existence adversity, but it is thriving, having compiled a 5-2 record that has clinched the Eagles a berth in the inaugural Christian Football League of Michigan playoffs.

The CFLM is a seven-team conference that is made up of non-Michigan High School Athletic Association teams that include players who are home-schooled, attend small schools that don't offer football and larger schools

Please see **CHRISTIAN, B5**

Chris Hare was named head coach of the Plymouth Christian program this past spring.



## Romulus stuns 'Cat gridders

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All the momentum Plymouth's football team hoped to take into next week's state playoffs was left scattered on the Romulus High School football field Friday night.

The Wildcats were the victims of a stunning 30-27 upset at the hands of the Eagles, who lost a 22-0 halftime lead before bouncing back with a late, game-winning touchdown pass.

Plymouth (6-3) not only lost the game, but it probably forfeited any chance it had of hosting a first-round post-season contest next Friday night.

"We thought we could just show up and that they'd roll over for us," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "We got too complacent. We didn't play well and I didn't do a very good job of coaching."

Romulus, which finished 4-5, upped its lead to 24-0 early in the third quarter when the Eagles sacked Wildcat quarterback Matt Skubik in the end zone.

Plymouth then roared back behind the inspired play of its defense and running back Terrance Guthridge to seize a 27-24 lead.

"Terrance was the man tonight," said Sawchuk. "He was one of only four or five guys who really played with heart tonight."

Guthridge rushed for 184 yards and all four Plymouth TDs. He also

Please see **'CATS, B6**

## Clinton's running talent anything but modest

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Due to an admirable level of modesty that rivals his long-distance running ability, Kyle Clinton would never boast about how he's played a key role in turning Canton's boys cross country program into a perennial title contender.

Clinton would never brag about his contributions that -- in addition to teammates Duncan Spitz and Zach Spreitzer -- have helped elevate the Chiefs from dangerously close to the cellar of the Western Lakes Activities



### Prep Profile

Association to near the top of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association in four short years.

Canton cross country coach Bill Boyd, on the other hand, won't hesitate to rave about the senior captain's significant role in the program's ascension.

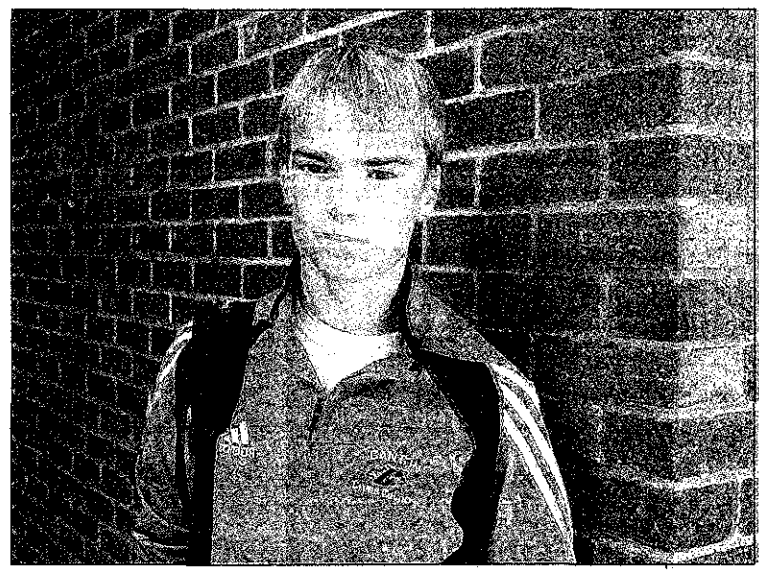
"When Kyle joined the team

as a freshman, the team was down, near rock bottom," said Boyd. "We finished ninth place at the (WLAA) league meet the year before he got here. He was clearly a huge part of our rebuilding process."

"Kyle is so confident and he works so hard that it's contagious to the other kids. He's a great leader, a great team guy during the season and when it comes to putting things together during the off-season. He'll definitely be missed next year."

Clinton's list of accomplish-

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Kyle Clinton has been an integral part of the Canton cross country team's resurgence the past four years.



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### Best in the long run

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the Our Lady of Good Counsel boys and girls cross country teams placed first and second, respectively, at the Catholic Youth Organization City Championship meet. Pictured are (front row from left) Ryan Prebenda, David Bindon, Matt Solarz, Rachel Kullen, Mandy McSween, Brianna Lax, (top row from left) Cole Forfinski, Mike McNally (assistant coach), Nathan Wilson, Sean Yanik, Lauren Walker, Laura Murphy, Ellen Grimes, Lydia Plencner, Mike McSween (head coach).

## CLINTON

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ments at Canton is nearly as long as the 5,000-meter courses he runs during meets. He's a two-time All-League representative, two-time All-Division runner and was voted the Chiefs' co-MVP last year along with Duncan Spitz.

Clinton's 16:33 clocking at last year's state meet was the fourth-fastest time ever for a Canton runner.

Clinton's stellar career took flight in seventh grade when he ran sprints for the Our Lady of Good Counsel track-and-field team along with current teammates Spitz and Zach Spreitzer.

"When I was in eighth grade, they added cross country at OLGC and I tried it

because I figured it would help me in the sprints during track season," Clinton recalled. "I ended up taking a liking to long-distance running, and I've done it ever since."

Excelling in cross country requires a year-round dedication to the sport, Clinton said. "It's tough sometimes because you have to train throughout the summer," added Clinton, who estimated he runs close to 50 miles a week during June, July and August. "You have to run even though you'd rather be hanging out with your friends. But it all pays off in the end."

Clinton, who has compiled a stellar 3.9 grade-point average at Canton, has applied to both the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

"If I attend either one of those schools, I don't think I'll run cross country in college," he said. "But if I end up going to a smaller school, I'll keep my options open."

Clinton is one of two Clintons on the Chiefs' roster this season. His younger brother, Mitch, is an up-and-coming freshman.

"It's not as bad as I thought it would be," Clinton joked, when asked how he likes having a younger sibling on the team. "He's actually a big part of the team and we'll need him to come through if we're going to make it to the state meet."

"Having Mitch on the team actually motivates me to run faster because I don't want to get beat by him," he added.

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## CANTON

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back Kevin Delapaz (4-for-5 for 88 yards and two touchdowns) and a turnover-forcing defense (three picks, two fumble recoveries), the Chiefs surged to a 35-3 half-time lead and were never threatened thereafter.

Canton's lone punt of the night came in the fourth quarter while its first-string offense was on the bench.

"I give a lot of credit to Canton and how good they are," said Salem coach Parker Salowich. "They have a great scheme and great players."

"Unfortunately, we didn't answer the bell tonight. It's disheartening because this is a great group of seniors. The disappointing thing is that a lot of our games came down to five or six plays that we didn't make. If we can eliminate some of those mistakes and let-downs next year, the wins should come."

The Chiefs outgained the Rocks, 343-180, in total yards.

"Our pass coverage was very good tonight," Baechler said. "We finally created some breaks and got some turnovers, but we're still

not tackling as well as we should be."

The Chiefs led 14-0 after one quarter thanks to a 33-yard TD run by Daniels just 1:03 into the contest, a 7-yard run by Davion Stackhouse and a pair of extra points from senior kicker Daniel Stoney, who nailed all seven PAT's he attempted.

Salem regained a slice of momentum early in the second quarter when Ethan Walsh split the uprights from 33 yards out to bring the Rocks to within 14-3.

Canton answered with a nine-play, 65-yard drive that was capped by Ron Gaudi's 2-yard plunge.

The Chiefs put the game on ice with a pair of TD's in the final minute of the first half.

The first came on a 28-yard Delapaz-to-Todd-Turfe connection with 55 ticks left before the intermission.

One play after Canton's Arron Boudreaux intercepted a Heath Parling pass and returned it to the Rock 20, Delapaz threaded a perfect spiral to Daniels, who made an over-the-shoulder grab in the corner of the end zone to expand the Chiefs' lead to 35-3 with 0:04 left.

Senior Nick Sweda

returned an interception 39 yards to paydirt two minutes into the second half to bump the Chiefs' advantage to 42-3.

Stackhouse put a lid on the scoring with a 9-yard TD run with 5:34 left in the third quarter.

Sweda enjoyed a memorable night, registering a pick and a fumble recovery while leading the team with 5.5 tackles.

"That was nice to see because nobody works harder than Nick," said Baechler. "Hopefully, it builds some confidence in him heading into the playoffs."

Canton junior fullback Adam Payer picked up 46 yards on six carries while Stackhouse finished with 39 on seven hauls.

Al Ibe led the Salem ground attack with 32 yards on three carries. Senior tailback Anthony Mullins was held to 31 yards on nine attempts.

Parling completed 5-of-13 passes for 74 yards.

Senior David Wilcox notched an interception and Kevin Wheelock recovered a fumble for the Chiefs.

Canton won the first-down battle, 17-9.

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### Thunder take tourney by storm

The All Saints Catholic School girls JV Thunder volleyball team won the St. Edith's JV Volleyball Tournament Oct. 18. The Thunder compiled a 7-3 pool-play record before ousting Our Lady of Victory in the semis and St. Edith's in the finals. Pictured (front row from left) are Hannah Stefanek, Sara, Soffis, Faith Ellis, Hadley McCausland, Taylor Smith, (back row from left) Coach Anne Ellis, eighth-grade helper Lauren McCausland, Brianna Risi, Alexys Krauss, Katie Birecki, Hannah Cohen, eighth-grade helper McKenna Fahlman and Hailey Hodgson.

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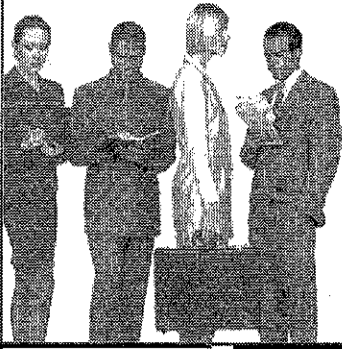


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Guthridge's first score — an 8-yard run — came mid-way through the third quarter and brought Plymouth to within 24-7.

A short time later he sprinted 25 yards to paydirt to make it 24-14.

Guthridge capped his huge third quarter with a 4-yard run to bring the Wildcats to within 24-20.

Mid-way through the fourth

quarter, the senior speedster surged in from 15 yards out to put his team in front, 27-24.

However, Romulus converted a 10-yard scoring pass with approximately 2:30 left to win it.

"Just before their touchdown, they had a third-and-15 play," Sawchuk said. "Their quarterback threw up a prayer and we had three guys right there, but somehow the receiver came down with it. They scored on the next play on a fade."

Kelly Waite picked off a pass for the Wildcats.

Skubik finished 6-of-18 for 61 yards and two interceptions.

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The Canton Soccer Club's girls U15 White team placed first at the Great Lakes Soccer Challenge in Naperville, Ill., last month. Pictured (top row from left) are Brienne Miller, Bridget Kassing, Lauren Chipman, Stephanie Sheridan, Lexy Barman, Niki Gilo, Michelle Bellovary, Amanda Dalton, (front row from left) assistant coach/team manager Joe Sheridan, Kamary Miller, Annie Marshall, Ashley Meinick, Megan Pepinski, Gabby Malec, Kayla Berendt, Kerstin Hall, Tori Tripp and coach Pete Alexander.

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# Ocelot spikers upend Macomb in 4

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team secured the 2008 Michigan Community College Athletic Association-Eastern Conference title last Tuesday night at home by upending Macomb CC, 25-17, 25-18, 26-28 and 25-22.

But the top-seeded Ocelots couldn't stand prosperity, losing in the first round of the MCCA playoffs Friday at Kalamazoo CC in an upset

to No. 4 seed Lansing CC of the Western Conference in five games, 21-25, 25-14, 23-25, 25-18, 15-2.

The Ocelots are now 30-7 overall, while Lansing is 19-13.

Schoolcraft finished 15-1 to win the Eastern Conference after beating Macomb earlier in week.

Leading the Ocelots' charge were Jen Brunink and Virginia Butler, who recorded 17 and 11 kills, respectively; Brittany Denter (43 assists and two aces); Jordan Kerr (20 digs and a 26-of-27 passing success rate); Kaitlyn Litteral (five blocks) and Emily Bronkema

(four blocks). Butler also contributed 13 digs.

"This is a great win for our sophomores (Sarah Button, Hillary Colomina, Marissa Damon and Butler)," Schoolcraft coach Rich Lamb said. "With this being the last home game of their careers here at Schoolcraft, it is quite an exclamation point to everything they have done over the past two seasons.

"We changed our line-up around the first set and it really seemed to throw Macomb off of their game. Katie Williams started in the first set and had a strong serving performance at the beginning of the set. We were

able to use the momentum she provided to get the win."

Schoolcraft will continue to rely on its seniors and now focuses its attention on the NJCAA District E Tournament, Friday through Sunday, at Grand Rapids CC's Ford Fieldhouse.

"They finish their careers with a record of 59-23 (including 16-0 at home) and still have the opportunity to improve that with district tournament," Lamb said. "The four of them are a huge reason that we have been successful over the past two years and will continue to be a factor in our future success."



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# Canton hangs on to defuse John Glenn in 5 games

Westland John Glenn girls volleyball coach Julian Wargo used a boxing analogy to describe Thursday's KLAA-South Division match with visiting Canton on Senior Night.

"I knew we'd be playing with a lot of emotion," he said. "I just didn't know how long we could sustain. This was like two boxers slugging away at each other - each of us delivered a lot of blows, but neither one of us was willing to go down and stay down."

Canton got the decision in five games - 25-19, 24-26, 25-23, 18-25, 15-8 - to improve to 28-5 overall and 8-2 in the KLAA-South.

Glenn now stands 17-12-7 overall and 5-5 in the division.

"It was definitely an exciting match tonight," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "Both sides made some great plays that kept the games tight. We're still working out some things in our new line-up. It's tough having changes this late in the season."

"At times we struggled with serve receive and overall we had way too many attacking errors. We had some great net play and our blocking has improved and is really helping out the defense."

The Chiefs received a spectacular effort from senior Gina Waite, who recorded a career-high 40 assists. Jordan Kieley (22 kills and 23 digs) and Kristen Muir (17 kills and 20 digs) turned in excellent all-around efforts while Alaina Turner chipped in with four blocks.

Senior Brittany Holbrook,

bound for Oakland University, had a big night for Glenn finishing with 19 kills, three solo blocks and a 29 digs. Halie Baker added 10 kills and two blocks, while Stacey Truskowski finished with 10 kills and 29 digs.

Other leaders for the Rockets included Brooke Zywick (37 digs) and Brittani Robinson (six kills, one block).

Glenn had five aces and 11 service errors in 74 attempts.

"I'm very proud of the way my players responded tonight," Wargo said. "Taking the second game was huge for us and the girls made the adjustments needed so that we were always in position to win games three and four. Our middles (Holbrook and Baker) kept Canton's defense hopping and our outsiders (Robinson, Truskowski and Jennifer Michalek) kept pounding away. Our defense was up to the task against Canton's big swingers."

Wargo said the key to Canton's win was serving in the final game.

"They had been serving well all night and number seven (Jordan Kieley) came up big with some tough serves when she needed to," the Glenn coach added.

### Wildcats tame Zebras

Plymouth made short work of Wayne Memorial Thursday night, winning 25-13, 25-15 and 25-8.

The sweep left the Wildcats with a 16-15-4 overall record and 5-5 mark in the KLAA South Division.

Dani Risi notched 12 kills

for the winners while Meg Quinlan registered five kills and four blocks.

Sophomore Alex Roberts, who was promoted from the junior varsity earlier in the day, recorded five kills.

Other notable efforts came from Jenna Livingston (17 digs), Briana Beyer (16 digs) and Erin O'Connor (13 set assists).

### Rocks cage Lions

Salem earned a season-defining four-game triumph over South Lyon Tuesday night: 27-25, 25-15, 22-25, 25-17.

The victory improved the Rocks' to 7-2 in the KLAA Central Division.

Senior setter Jansan Palcusan continued her stellar play, tallying 47 assists, six kills, four aces and 12 digs.

"She is the total package," Suder said of her senior captain. "Her attacking and serving as a setter are the best I have ever seen."

Kelly MacDonald also had a big night for the winners, chalking up 18 kills and 20 digs.

"She is really coming through for us and being a leader," said Suder.

Nicole Merget dominated at the net for the Rocks, racking up 21 kills and two blocks.

Other key contributors for Salem were Kerry MacDonald (career-high 34 digs), and Katie Janda, who played solid defense while recording 10 digs and two aces.

"Tracy Whalen and Jillian Somerville were also outstanding," said Suder. "I am

very pleased with the way we're playing as the regular season winds down. We're going into the post-season very nicely."

### Chargers block 'Cats

State-ranked Churchill knocked off Plymouth Tuesday night, 25-16, 25-20 and 25-22.

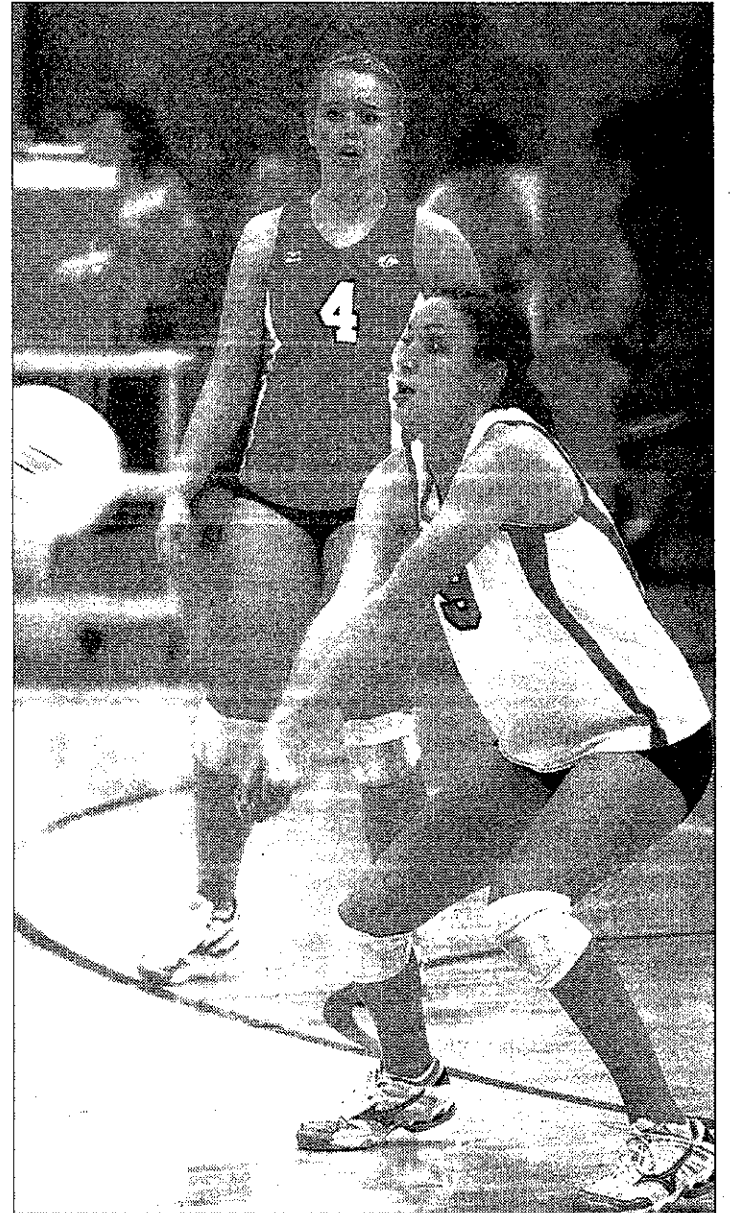
"We started the match very slow, allowing balls to drop defensively and making unforced errors at the net," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "We had an injury going into game two, but I am proud to say that my players did not use the new line-up as an excuse. Instead, they used it as an instrument for change. They came out playing competitive volleyball and went on an eight-point run, which sparked the intensity."

Defensively, Jenna Livingston sparkled for the 'Cats, recording 14 digs. Briana Beyer added 10.

Meg Quinlan, Dani Risi, Kayla Bridge and Mandy McManus all recorded a team-high seven kills for Plymouth.

McCausland praised the Churchill program for an off-the-court effort. The Chargers raised \$700 for the family of Plymouth freshmen volleyball coach Kim Renzi, who is battling an advanced case of melanoma.

"On behalf of the Renzi family and the entire Wildcat family, I would like to give a special thanks to Mark Grenier and the entire Churchill program," McCausland said. "It was a true display of competitive compassion within the volleyball community."



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Canton's Kristen Muir, pictured during a match earlier this season, played well in the Chiefs' five-game victory over Westland John Glenn Thursday night. Pictured behind Muir is Shelby Anthony.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Kim Renzi Invitational

The Kim Renzi Invitational volleyball tournament will be held Monday beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Proceeds from the junior varsity tournament will go toward the family of Kim Renzi, who is battling an advanced case of melanoma.

Donations will be accepted at the door. If you cannot attend, but would like to contribute, send a check made out to "Honor Foundation" to: Honor Foundation, 19428 Gill Rd., Livonia, MI 48152.

For more information, visit [www.caringbridge.org/visit/kimrenzi](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kimrenzi).

#### 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.chiefs-wrestling.com](http://www.chiefs-wrestling.com).

#### Saberettes clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a kids clinic from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

The clinic, which costs \$38, is open to children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The cost includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack.

All children participating in the clinic will be invited to perform at the Saberette Variety Show on April 3 and a Plymouth varsity basketball game.

For more information, call Lisa Krahel at (734) 397-3005.

#### Ignition tryouts

The Xtreme Soccer League's Detroit Ignition will hold open tryouts from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at High Velocity Sports, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The tryouts will give area talent and international players alike an opportunity to compete for a spot on the team's 2008-

09 roster. Following the tryouts, a select group of participants will be asked to return to an invitation-only combine slated for Nov. 22 and 23 at High Velocity Sports.

To register or to get more information, contact Mark McNulty at (248) 304-2855, ext. 1264, or visit [www.detroitignition.com](http://www.detroitignition.com).

#### Coach needed

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are seeking a wrestling coach at Central Middle School. Interested candidates should contact Mark LaPointe at (734) 416-6172.

# It's at Drake's Lanes: 'lights, camera, action'

While making my usual rounds of local bowling centers and seeking newsy items for my loyal readers, I attempted to enter the parking lot at Drake's Lanes in Farmington Hills where I was abruptly stopped before I could even seek a parking place.

The lot was completely filled with a variety of strange looking trucks, trailers and other vehicles. I was then approached by a guy who I did not recognize. It was then I learned that Drake's Lanes was being used by a Hollywood movie production company to shoot scenes for a forthcoming movie.

I was not allowed to enter the premises, as a previously issued pass was required to gain entry. Even my newspaper

credentials would not get me in.

The title of the film is "Demoted," a comedy directed by James B. Rogers which features a bowling scene followed up with a serving of the city's best pizza (where it was filmed last Thursday).

Without giving away the story line too much, I can tell you the film's stars include Sean Astin, Michael Vartan, David Cross and Constance Zimmer, the latter whom plays the part of Elizabeth, their boss.

The scenario is that of a large tire store with the interplay of the tire salesmen, who constantly harasses the others. But the tormentor gets demoted to the job of secretary in a twist of events and then the fun begins.

Thus far, filming of this movie has occurred in Southfield, Milford, Ann Arbor and Farmington Hills.

Drakeshire proprietor Jerry Harris was there for the shoot and said, "It was a most

enlightening event." Jerry and his staff were able to make a brief appearance in the scene and that in itself adds a lot of class to the flick. This motion picture will be lots of great entertainment for bowlers and non-bowlers as well.

For more information, go to Google under Demoted.

No release date is available yet, so just watch the movie listings.

■ One of the bowling highlights of each year is the Pro Bowlers Tour which is coming to town Sunday Nov. 9 at Taylor Lanes with a new format and more pro-am opportunities.

Taylor Lanes is located at 24800 Eureka Road, one half mile west of Telegraph.

For more information, call (734) 946-9092.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. He can be reached via e-mail at [tenpinalley710@yahoo.com](mailto:tenpinalley710@yahoo.com).

# Hartland puts big dent in Franklin's plans

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Franklin's football team's mission was to play on Halloween.

But the Patriots, needing six wins to make the state playoffs, were haunted by Hartland in Friday night's regular season finale, 31-6, leaving their postseason hopes to a computer point system.

Franklin made the playoffs last year as an at-large 5-4 team and won two rounds before being ousted, and will once again await word about its fate following Saturday's games.

"We've had four consecutive winning seasons, which hasn't

been done since the 70s and 80s - we've got a good football team," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We just got beat by a better team."

Hartland, 7-2, appears playoff ready after dismantling the host Patriots in virtually all phases of the game.

The Eagles scored on their first three possessions to take a 21-6 halftime lead as Kyle Summerfield scored on 12-yard run; following by a Chris Cagle-to-Matt Poches 24-yard pass, and a Cagle on a 1-yard run.

Two of the three TD drives came when the Eagles converted a fourth-and-one and a fourth-and-

11, along with a third-and-seven. They also got three points in the second half when they got a first down on fourth-and-two.

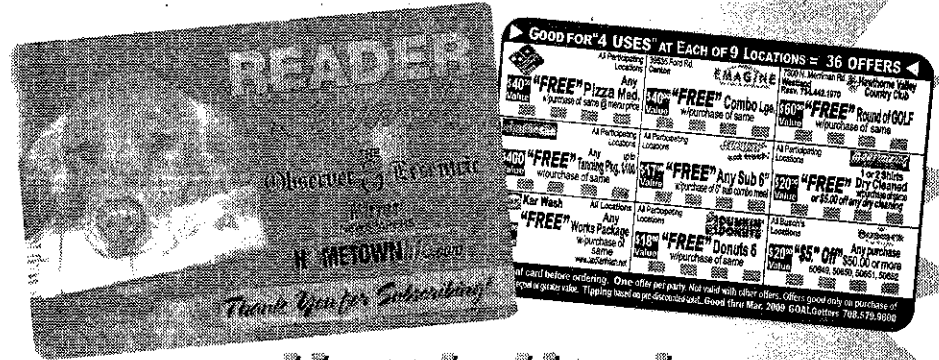
"Our offense has been that way all year, whether it's fourth-and-100, they feel they can convert," Hartland coach John Dukes said. "In their heads it's not an unimaginable down."

Franklin's offense sputtered after scoring on their first drive, a 12-play, 74-yard march resulting in a David Fortin 1-yard TD run.

"We got beat on both sides of the ball, and when we struggle, it's because of the physical play on both sides of the ball and that was the case tonight," Kelbert said.

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## Leave mother nature alone

Last Sunday was a sad day. The fawn who visited our back yard all summer arrived unable to put any weight on one of its front legs. My sister and I didn't know what to do, so I called the Michigan Humane Society which was closed but directed us to local police.

One of our neighbors had already called and an officer was dispatched, but luckily the fawn escaped into the woods. I had no idea if you called police they come and shoot the injured animal. We wanted to help the fawn if possible.

A friend suggested we call Howell Nature Center where I reached Dr. Maxine Biber, wildlife rehabilitation supervisor and a veterinarian. She said it was a good sign the fawn was still with its mother and sibling. We hadn't seen them for nearly a week so the fawn had probably been unable to travel but was improving and getting around. Max, as she's known in the infirmary, said deer have a tremendous capacity for healing.



Linda Chomin

A Department of Natural Resources directive doesn't allow rehabilitation groups to help injured white-tailed deer at this time because of chronic wasting, a transmissible disease causing weight loss and death, but Max could offer advice. The goal at the Howell Nature Center is to rehabilitate then release wildlife whenever possible.

"Give them three or four weeks, a chance to heal," said Biber. "The best thing to do is offer them a safe space where they have access to water and plants."

Don't let dogs bark obnoxiously or chase them and if you need advice, call the Howell Nature Center at (517) 548-5530 or a wildlife rehabilitation group.

"If at least they can move enough the mother's going to protect it. Tell them not to call police," said Biber. "If it was a hawk or any other animal we are set up to take them in, just about any species of Michigan wildlife except bats and skunks because of rabies, and raccoons or pigeons. If there isn't actually anything we can do, we can at least give them advice or point them in the right direction."

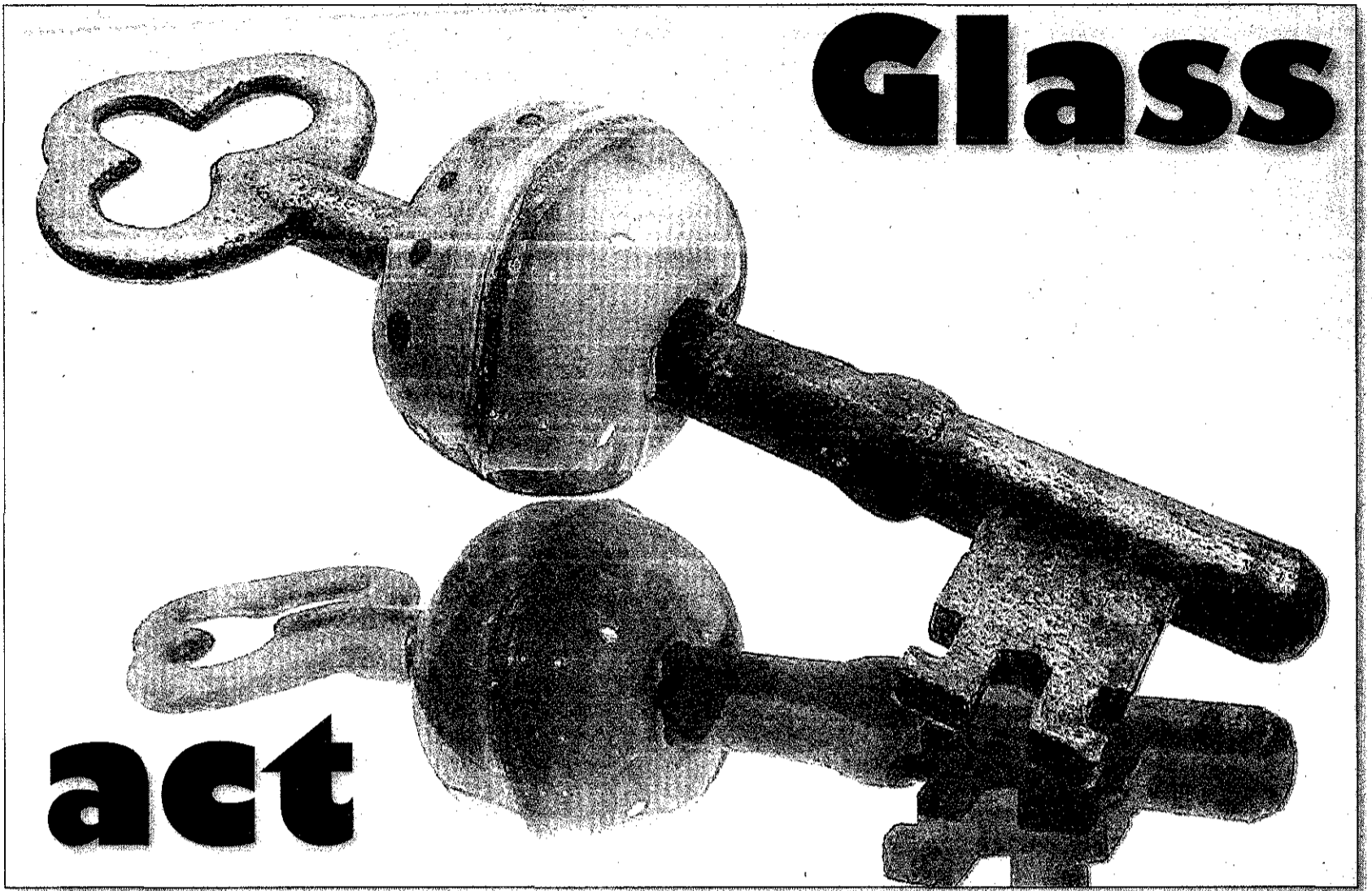
Karen O'Connor is concerned about what will happen next spring when she receives calls from homeowners saying they've found a fawn. O'Connor specializes in rehabbing deer for Friends of Wildlife based in Ann Arbor. This year, she took in 21 fawns, but only 13 survived. She says fawns in spring are curled up in a natural position on the ground. Their mothers leave them in a safe place as not to attract predators and come to feed them three to four times a day, so leave the fawn alone.

"People find fawns all the time in the woods, near their homes, sometimes abandoned, sometimes not. Do not pick up a fawn unless you have seen its mother dead by the road, wherever, or if a fawn walks up to you kind of emaciated, eyes look a little sunk in, the coat is dull not shiny, or just cries all the time or if there's fecal matter on the fawn — because the doe keeps them immaculately clean," said O'Connor. "You can't feed a deer cow's milk. They're closest biologically to a goat. Without feeding them the formula the fawn's going to die."

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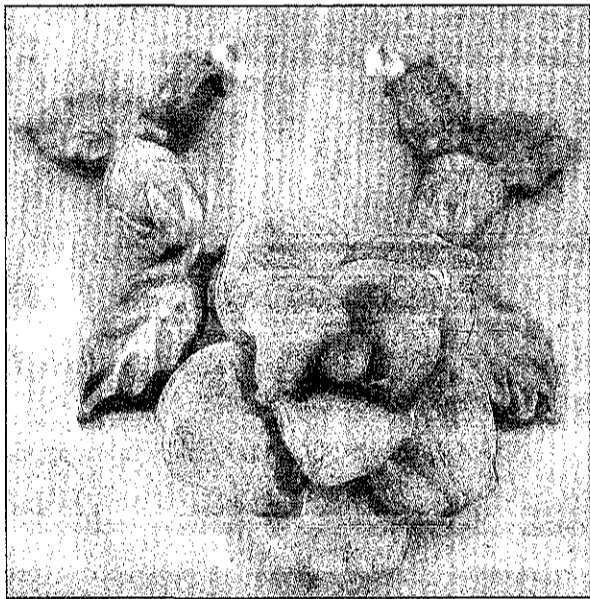
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Patsy LeBlanc of Livonia wraps glass beads around old skeleton keys.

## Holiday show sparkles

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER



Bethany Adams of Canton makes glass beads into roses.

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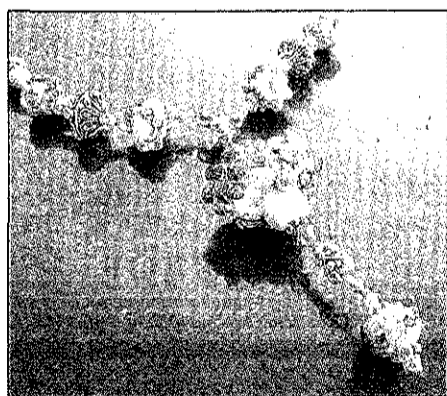
**What:** Holiday Glass Show presented by the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild, includes demonstrations

**When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1

**Where:** Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave. at Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills

**Admission:** \$2. For more information, call (734) 461-2854 or visit [www.glassact.org](http://www.glassact.org).

Cindi Brunell of Livonia likes to create floral beads. She used a variety of colored glass rods for this necklace.



The first time Patsy LeBlanc took a lamp working class on turning hot glass into art she hated it.

But that was 2002. Since then the Livonia woman has let her imagination run wild twisting glass rods over a torch. Along with creating beads in multiple colors for jewelry, LeBlanc wraps the molten wonders around old skeleton house keys she buys on eBay. On Saturday, Nov. 1, she and more than two dozen members of the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild showcase their work at the Holiday Glass Show at Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills.

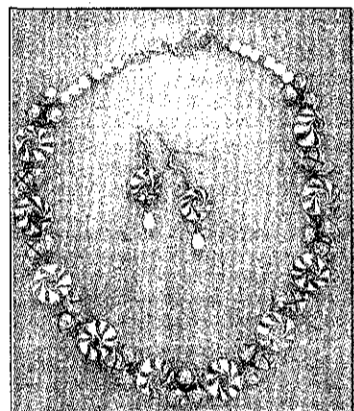
LeBlanc originally began working in stained glass in 1980 but eventually switched to lamp working which allows her creativity to sparkle. Artists can blend an infinite amount of colors over a flame to make a rainbow of beads.

"Six months after that class I started thinking I would really like to have this kind of a bead for this or that," said LeBlanc, who sells her work at [patsybeads.com](http://patsybeads.com). "I didn't realize there are no boundaries. You can make any size, shape, thickness. I could make flowers, animals, anything I could think of. I do a little bit of everything because I get bored."

Buyers won't be bored with the shapes, colors and sizes of LeBlanc's beads. Just in time for holiday gift giving she brings three-piece bead sets that could be used to make a necklace and pair of earrings, or a bracelet.

"Lamp working is miniature art, little pieces you can take along with you wherever," said LeBlanc, who grew up in Westland. "People are buying focal pieces, one piece of art glass and using it for a necklace. The keys are not my idea. I saw it posted on one of the forums. People seem to really like them. I've made them into flowers, a skeleton head, Santa Claus, Frankenstein. I make the bead on the actual key over the torch."

Bethany Adams never ceases to be amazed by the variety of art works created from glass. The Canton woman expects this year's show



Denise Billups Walker of Troy is one of the glass artists showing their work in the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild show at Birmingham Unitarian Church on Nov. 1.

to spotlight everything from sculptures to jewelry, bowls, plates, wall hanging pieces, wine stopper tops, and pens in addition to beads. Adams and Joy Cichewicz are co-organizing the event which began in 2003. Adams has been making jewelry since age 15 but didn't turn to glass until 2000.

"Artists will be demonstrating glass torch work techniques throughout the day," said Adams who makes glass beads in the shape of roses ([gwacbeads.com](http://gwacbeads.com)). "I really like doing this show. We have food available. A lot of shoppers stay all day and don't have to leave when they get hungry. It's very good for gifts, but there will be loose beads for people who want to make their own jewelry."

Cindi Brunell fell in love with glass after seeing the medium at Art in the Park in Plymouth. The Livonia woman is president of Glass Act, the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild. She took her first lamp working class four years ago.

"I saw beads that looked like marbles and it piqued my interest. When they used to have the glass workers in the mall I used to stand for hours and watch them," said Brunell, who creates florals in glass. "I use every color. The nice thing about glass you can use any color you want. It's like having the largest crayon box you can imagine."

"The range of work in the show is unbelievable. It's cool to see the many different things people do with the same medium. Joy does an animal type of design. People do very geometric and modern, and more traditional florals. I usually have an idea of what I want to work with. When I get on the torch it evolves into something totally different."

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## Internationally known pianist returns to open recital series

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

James Tocco knew from age 6 he wanted a career as a pianist. Over the years his dream came true. By age 12, Tocco was making his orchestral debut with the South Oakland Symphony. On Nov. 14, the Detroit native returns to Michigan for a recital at Schoolcraft College in Livonia after concertizing around the world.

Tocco performs about 50 times a year as an orchestral soloist, recitalist and chamber musician in addition to teaching piano at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Manhattan School of Music in New York City. He's also the founder and artistic director of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival in Bloomfield Hills.

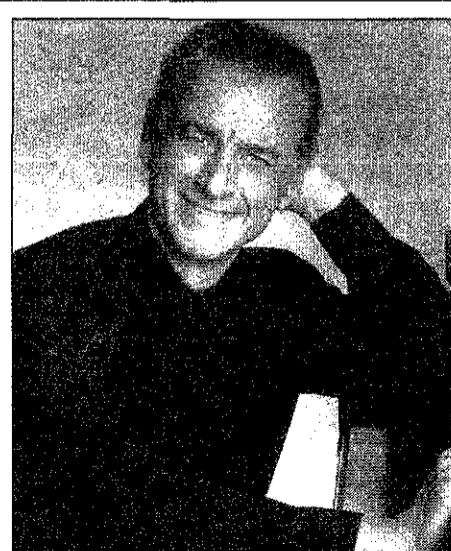
Tocco, who loved music as a child, now takes every opportunity to introduce audiences of all ages to the classics. The Nov. 14 recital is part of the Friday Evening Music Series at Schoolcraft College.

"My mother listened to music all the time, opera but also symphonic," said Tocco from his home in Cincinnati. "We went to Belle Isle, the Fairgrounds. We took every opportunity to hear good music. My mother played an old beat-up upright. A couple of my siblings had lessons with the neighborhood piano teacher. I was always playing the piano by ear. I can't ever remember not playing the piano. I was in first grade at St. Catherine's parochial school where a piano teacher came in once a week. She came into the class and asked if anyone wanted to take piano lessons. I remember my hand shooting up in the air."

### EUROPEAN STUDIES

Tocco went on to study piano on a scholarship to the Salzburg Mozarteum and a French government grant with Magda Tagliaferro in Paris. He completed his musical education with Claudio Arrau in New York and became internationally known

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Internationally known pianist James Tocco opens the Friday Evening Recital series on Nov. 14, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

### FRIDAY EVENING RECITAL SERIES

**What:** Pianist James Tocco performs  
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Or mail to Sharon Dargay at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Be sure to include a telephone number and your city of residence. Submissions must be received by Monday, Nov. 3.

# Hot water tank company on a hot seat again

I received e-mail from Robert who is having a terrible time keeping the flame lit on his hot water tank. Before I show you his correspondence, let me tell you that I wrote about this problem and you saw the article here on April 24, 2008. I talked about the class action lawsuit filed against Whirlpool, American Hot Water Co., A.O. Smith Corp., and Lowe's HIW Inc. You can go to [www.waterheatersettlement.com](http://www.waterheatersettlement.com) to get more information on the suit itself.

May I point out to you that very few people know of this defective hot water heater issue and it is a shame that these manufacturing companies can get away with it.

Here's what Robert wrote to me: "In 2003 we had a plumber install a new A.O. Smith water heater. Within 18 months the water heater quit heating. We were told the electronic igniter system failed. We had it serviced with replacement of the igniter. The new igniter lasted only a few months before it began to fail. As a note, the system attempts to start three times and then locks out. The only solution was to

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clean the igniter, which I was doing on a weekly basis.

"I contacted A.O. Smith and they asked where the heater was installed. The heater is installed in a utility room with my furnace, well water tank and water softener. They blamed the moist salt laden air being sucked into the water heater and corroding the flame sensor. Please note the brine tank has a cover and is not open to the atmosphere and is only opened when being filled.

"After persisting with A.O. Smith they eventually replaced the 2003 water heater in 2005 with a newer version insuring me the igniter design will not fail. It is now 2008 and this last new

and improved water heater is doing the same thing and I am getting the same exact feed back from A.O. Smith as to the heater's location and the softener tank being the problem, not their igniter design. My feeling is that locating a hot water heater in a utility room where a water softener is located is not unusual in a house and A.O. Smith should have taken this into consideration in the design and testing of their heater. Have you heard of anything on A.O. Smith igniter system failures?"

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Joe Gannon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734)971-1600, ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to [kabramcz@hometownlife.com](mailto:kabramcz@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gannon.

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## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Metro Detroit Hosta Society

Andy Torvinen shows photos and offers descriptions of favorite hostas seen at American Hosta Society conventions, during the monthly meeting of the Metro Detroit chapter, 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27, at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham. There is a \$3 charge for guests. For more information call Bev Wolf at (248) 232-3079.

### Holiday greens

Register by Nov. 1 for Livonia Garden Club's Annual Fresh Greens Workshop, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. Cost is \$24 to make a centerpiece using fresh pine, cedar and love apples. To register, send a check to Livonia Garden Club c/o Diane Bergendahl, 7841 Oak Knoll Drive, Northville MI 48168. No refunds will be given after Nov. 1. For more information, call (248) 486-9676 or


### (734) 261-5091.

### 63rd Annual Greens Market

The Ann Arbor Branch of Woman's Farm & Garden Association plans its annual sale of fresh-cut Oregon greens, holiday wreaths, swags, forced bulbs and other arrangements from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The market also will include custom-made accessories, jewelry, clothing, toys and gifts; homemade baked goods; antiques and collectibles and decorative craft demonstrations at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The market is open only to members of Woman's Farm & Garden Association and Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum from 10 a.m.-noon. Doors open to the public at noon. No admission fee. Free valet parking will be available. Lunches from Afternoon Delight will be available for purchase. (734) 647-7600 or [www.annarborfarmandgarden.org](http://www.annarborfarmandgarden.org).

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What the physician can do is limited. With the information at hand, he can allay concerns of the patient. With a high degree of certainty, the physician can tell the patient that the pain does not represent a hidden malignancy or a rare type of infection. The information, which usually includes an x-ray and possibly an MRI of the back, allows the doctor to encourage the patient to keep active, that doing so will not cause injury.

Treating the patient's pain poses a problem. If a pain reliever such as acetaminophen does not work, and nonsteroidal and anti-inflammatory medications fail, then narcotics are in order. But choice of narcotic, dosage and interval between doses is never obvious. Furthermore, in older people, sensitivity to narcotics, manifesting as unsteadiness, is common; that makes drug selection even harder.

Treating puzzling back pain is difficult for both patient and physician.

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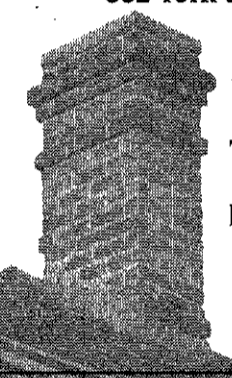
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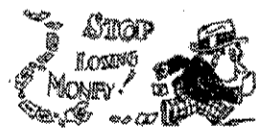
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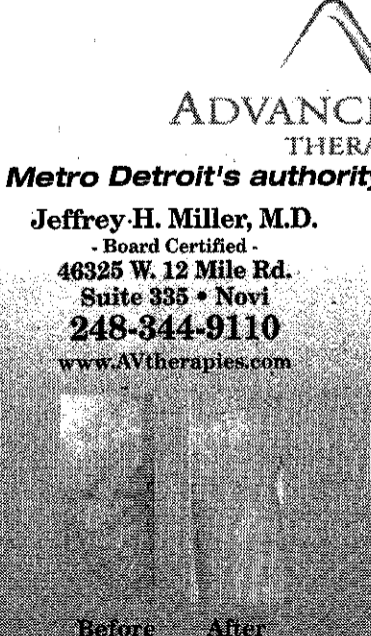
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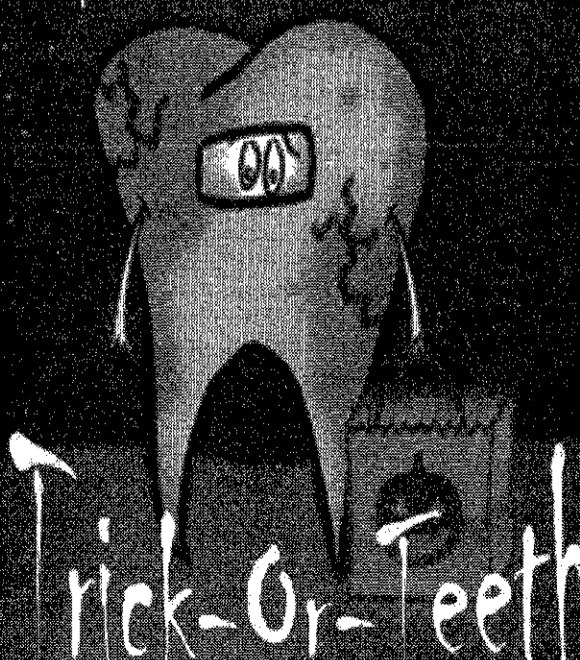
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AGES 3-10 WELCOME!



# Shopping event to raise money for Polish programs

The Polish National Alliance District X Women's Division presents an afternoon of shopping and pampering just for women noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Hall, 28945 Joy Rd., east of Middlebelt, Westland.

Visit vendors and home-based businesses all in one place as you treat yourself to a

massage or pedicure. Shop for crafts and many other gift and home items. Included in the event will be a Polish boutique selling various items from Poland including crystal, pottery and many gift items.

Tickets are \$3 and available at the door.

For more information, call Barb Martin at (734) 643-7780

or Gloria Platek at (734) 422-1731.

The money raised by the shopping afternoon goes to the November Presentation Ball to introduce students to society in an elegant event. Funds are also used throughout the year for a variety of activities, including Polish dance, to keep the culture alive.

# Keep pets safe this Halloween

Halloween can be a fun holiday for families and their pets but there are dangers lurking out there. Petland in Westland offers some advice for keeping the holiday safe for four-legged family members.

While the ghouls and goblins that come knocking on the door Halloween night are part of the fun, pets may feel differently. Strange and unusual sounds can scare dogs and cats. Keep your pet inside out of harm's way. If you plan to walk your pet outside on Halloween use a shorter than normal

leash to keep them away from costumed children and other pets. And make sure the pet is wearing an ID tag so they can be returned if they do manage to get away.

Use caution with candles and lit Jack o'Lanterns. Pets could knock over these items and burn themselves. Many Halloween decorations and candy wrappers can be dangerous for cats and dogs if swallowed or eaten so exercise caution.

Some pet owners love to dress up their dogs and cats all

year round. Never leave pets unattended while dressed up to avoid any harm. Make sure the costume fits well. Avoid using tight elastics like rubber bands that restrict blood flow and become tangled in fur.

Pet owners should not share any candy with their animal. Chocolate contains theobromine which can be fatal to pets.

Call your vet if they experience symptoms such as severe stomach pains, vomiting, diarrhea, labored breathing, and seizures after eating chocolate.

## PIANIST

FROM PAGE C1

after winning first prize in the International ARD Competition in Munich.

Tocco likes to mix and match different centuries and traditions on his programs. The Schoolcraft College recital is no exception.

"I like to play the music I love and feel has something to communicate to the audience, something that will leave them with a sense of fulfillment," said Tocco. "Some is virtuoso music. People like to experience pianists playing music that is technically challenging, taking human effort to the maximum, kind of like the Olympics. Some music is

very contemplative and leads the audience to a meditative state to experience their innermost feelings."

### ENRICHING LIVES

Tocco is especially excited about the Friday Evening Recital Series which is much like the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival in that it brings music to the community. The series is only in its second year unlike the festival, which just finished its 15th season. Tocco came up with the idea for the series of chamber music concerts in conjunction with his brother, the Rev. Anthony Tocco, pastor at Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. Donald Mbrellock, chairman of the Schoolcraft College music department, created the concept for the recital series as a

way of expanding musical offerings to audiences in Wayne and Oakland counties.

"It's an enrichment of the human spirit. It makes people live more fully to be exposed to great art, music, theater," said Tocco. "We have plenty of entertainment everywhere, but there's a spiritual component, a part and parcel of great musical literature people need to be aware of to be more fully human so anything we can do to bring this into the community and offer it. A great community needs to provide a great variety of cultural experiences to its people. We had a terrific audience response last year and have a lot of friends in the area. I just enjoy getting out on stage and making music and feel I'm touching people and giving them such enjoyment."

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The couple spent their honeymoon in Washington D.C. and have made their home in League City, Texas.

BIRTH



Nicholas John Seale

Kevin and Christy Seale of Plymouth Township announce the birth of their son Nicholas John Seale. He was born Aug. 16, 2008 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

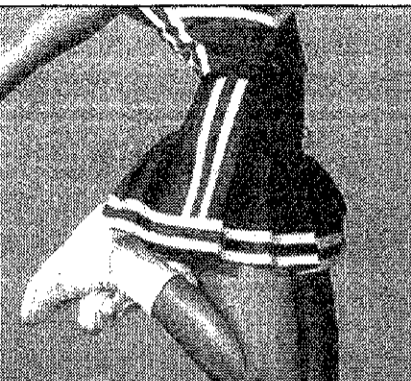
It's time to go nuts for Girl Scouts products

Everybody knows about Girl Scout cookies, but not about the Girl Scouts Fall Product Sale Program which features a variety of edible and practical items that make great gifts.

are now taking orders and will be staffing booths at numerous locations Nov. 1-16. A complete list of items with prices and booth locations will be posted on the Web site www.gsosale.org by Oct. 30.

maintenance, support for the Equestrian Center and farm animals, membership, and volunteer training. Girl Scouts participating in the Fall Product Sale Program gain entrepreneurial experience as they set goals, practice decision-making, and serve the public.

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KNOW THE SCORE check out the numbers in today's SPORTS section

Dog park organizers gather for 'FenceFest'

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

If you've never celebrated a fence installation before, here's your chance.

The Royal Oak Animal Mission, (ROAM) a group of dedicated dog owners, present FenceFest, a fund-raiser to enclose the city's new dog park, from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Sky Club, above Sangria Restaurant, 401 South Lafayette at Fourth, Royal Oak.

Admission is a minimum \$20 donation. The gathering will include appetizers, cash bar, 50/50 raffle and a "tin can" auction with such prizes as local restaurant certificates.

Margaret Whitfield, one of the organizers, said ROAM has netted about \$11,000 from various fund-raisers since it was created in February. She hopes FenceFest will generate the additional money needed to install fencing before the ground freezes this winter.

"We need about 150-200 people to come to the fundraiser," she said. "Please come. We really need the support."

Fencing is just the first phase of construction at the Mark Twain Park, located on Campbell just south of 14 Mile, where the dog play area will be enclosed. The second phase will include parking and sidewalks and the third, benches, water and other amenities.

"The woods for the park is four acres and will not be fenced in. The large fenced area is approximately three acres," she said, adding that a smaller fenced area will be used for small dogs and senior citizen canines.

The park is located just south of Clawson and Troy, near Madison Heights and a few miles east of Birmingham. Whitfield hopes the fund-raiser will draw dog lovers from those bordering communities. They'll have access to the park after it is fenced, although the gate eventually will lock and be regulated by a pass system.

"The pass system has to be worked out with the city of Royal Oak. We're looking at a security system," Whitfield said. "Until we get it, it's totally open. Everyone is welcome."

Dog owners use the park now, although Whitfield pointed out that Campbell is a busy road.

"That's why the fence is so necessary."

FenceFest tickets are available at the door, through PayPal at www.royalokaniamission.org or at Shine, a store located on Washington, between Lincoln and Sixth in downtown Royal Oak.

Other Dog parks: West Bloomfield residents and their dogs can access the city's off-leash park at Karner Farm, 5911 Halstead, for \$20 annually. Register at the Parks

and Recreation Center in the Civic Complex, 4640 Walnut Lake Road. The three-acre park is fenced.

Orion Oaks Park Park, operated by Oakland County, offers 14 fenced acres with benches, tables, water, restrooms, trash cans and more on Joslyn south of Clarkston Road, in Lake Orion. The site is a mix of wooded and field areas. There's also a diving dock for dogs into Lake Sixteen. An annual or daily Oakland County Parks pass is required for entry.

Visit www.oakgov.com and click on parks for information about fees.

The Pleasant Ridge dog run is a half-mile long by 150 feet wide and includes benches and water. It's open to both residents and non-residents and located on Indiana, south of I-696 and east of Woodward. Register for park pass card and pay fees by calling the city at (248) 541-2900.

The Anne Fracassa Memorial Dog Park, at the end of Pauline, south of 12 Mile and west of Van Dyke, in Warren, is open to residents and non-residents.

The fenced-in area is 350-feet by about 150-feet and includes water, benches and some toys. Register for a park pass and pay fees at the city clerk's office, 29500 Van Dyke, in Warren. Or call the city at (586) 751-0168.

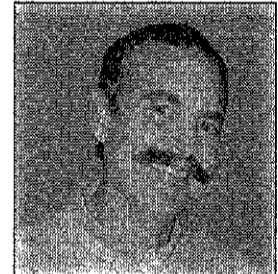
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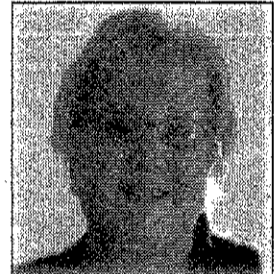
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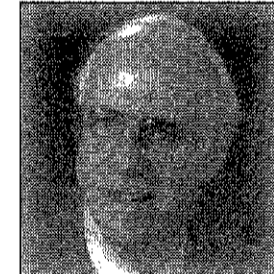
BRENT KENNETH KJOLHEIDE

Age 55, October 21, 2008 after a long battle with cancer. Of Gainesville, Florida, formerly of Birmingham, Michigan. Loving husband of Heidi; beloved son of Marie and the late Kenneth; dear brother of Freda (George), Karl (Sue), and Dirk (Katie); and proud uncle of two nieces, Jacqueline and Janine. Brent grew up in Birmingham and spent summers at the family cottage on Lake Charlevoix.



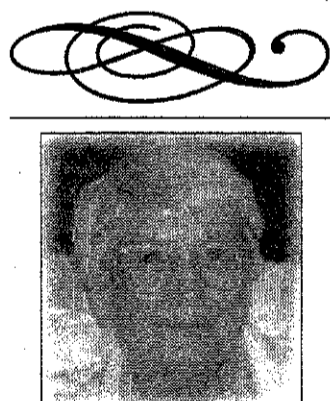
JAYNE L. MILLER

A life-long Birmingham resident, daughter of the late James and Geneva Lowman, passed away Monday, October 20. Jayne was born October 11, 1947, in Pontiac and married John Miller in 1984. Their son Jack was born in 1986. He is currently working on his Masters of Accounting at Michigan State University.



RAYMOND J. MALONEY

October 23, 2008, age 81. Beloved husband of 51 years to Jeanette "Jan". Dear father of John (Lee), Julie (John Goetz), Brian (Suzy) and the late Patrick. Loving grandfather of Austin, Jessica, Samantha and Caleb. Founding Headmaster of Kensington Academy (1968-1983); former English instructor at Cranbrook Academy (1965-1968); founder of The Self-Esteem Center (1983-1995); published author of numerous articles and books, including Ten Ways to Turn Out Terrific Kids and Pieces for Puzzled Parents; accomplished and award winning artist and internationally known for his collage works developed while he had Alzheimer's.



MARGARET J. HESS

Age 93 Born in Ames, Iowa, died Oct. 21, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Rev. Bartlett L. PhD (Founding pastor of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia). Loving mother of Deborah, Janet, the late Daniel and the late John. Mother-in-law of Cherie. Dear grandmother of 9. The family will receive visitors at the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 4000 Six Mile, Northville, Saturday at 9 AM until time of Funeral Service at 11 AM. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734-422-6720). Share a memory of Margaret at www.rggharris.com.

ROSINA "SHARON" LIPKA

Of Summerfield, Florida died Oct 17 at the age of 68. Sharon was a bus driver for the Plymouth/Canton Schools before retiring to Florida with her husband John. She is survived by her brother John Hagy. Sons Michael Kaza, Martin Kaza, Greg Lipka and Grant Lipka. Daughters Gayle Grady, Gwen Lipka and 13 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Monday Nov 10 at 10:30 am at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton Michigan. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd, Tavaras, Fl 32778.

CHRISTINE (HONSHUL) PAYNTER

8/9/28-10/19/08. Long time Redford Township resident Christine Paynter, formerly of Vicco, Kentucky, lost her battle with pancreatic cancer Sunday, Christine, 80, was the daughter of Charlie and Frankie Jane Honshul Sergeant, sister to Rosalie Breeding-Risner and William O. Honshul. Beloved mother of Sheila Ann Smith, Christine is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Recently retired from Target, she began her career with S.S. Kresge in downtown Detroit. Local viewing took place at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Tuesday 10/21, from 3-8pm. Funeral Service took place at Letcher Funeral Home in Whitesburg, Kentucky, Friday 10/24. Interment took place at Green Acres Cemetery. Donations can be made to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Angela Hospice Home care.

KAREN SOKOLOSKI

October 19, 2008. Age 56. Born in Brown City. Died unexpectedly in her Redford home where she resided for 30 years. The beloved wife of Patrick. Dear mother of Matthew (Diane) and Katherine (Rodney) Nastal. Grandmother of Josephine, Charles and Allissa. Sister of Karla (Tim) Lahrs, Denise Schultze, and Randy (Kirsten) Schultze. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road (S. of 6 Mile) on Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 9 p.m. Scripture Service Thursday at 7 p.m. In State Friday 9 a.m. until time of Mass 9:30 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Please share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com

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# 'Yoga at the Wall' authors to host workshop at JCC book fair

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
OSE STAFF WRITER

Yoga at the wall is more than just a series of poses. It's also a method of discovering and unblocking oneself from one's own emotional "walls" said Nancy McCaochan, 62, a yoga teacher and resident of Royal Oak.

"One of the benefits of yoga is it teaches us to be introspective without being reactive," said McCaochan, the primary author of a new book, *Yoga at the Wall, like stanzas in a poem*. She collaborated on it with fellow yoga teachers Lynn Medow of Bloomfield Hills and photographer Susann Spilkin of Birmingham.

Working with the support and resistance of a wall can help identify how negative emotions have been turned into chronic discomfort and then help unlock them.

"As we work with the resistance in our physical bodies, we stretch and strengthen and we also open ourselves to greater understanding," she said. "The union of opposites: This is yoga."

### SPECIAL EVENTS

The authors will be among those at the 57th Annual Jewish Book Fair, Nov. 5-16 at the Jewish Community Centers in West Bloomfield and Oak Park. The largest and oldest Jewish Book Fair in the

### 'YOGA AT THE WALL'

What: 57th annual Jewish Book Fair

Where: D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building on the Eugene & Marcia Applebaum Jewish Community Campus, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park

When: Wednesday, Nov. 5, to Sunday, Nov. 16

Activities: Special events, book discussions, books for sale

Cost: Admission fee for select authors

For more information: [jccdet.org](http://jccdet.org); or (248) 432-5692

United States, it offers special events, book discussions and books for sale.

At 8:15 p.m. on opening night, Wednesday, Nov. 5, Abraham Foxman, will speak at the West Bloomfield JCC on his book *The Deadliest Lies: The Israel Lobby and the Myth of Jewish Control*. Foxman is the national director and chairman of the Anti-Defamation League. There is an admission fee for Foxman's presentation and other select authors; other events are free and open to the public.

McCaochan and her co-authors will give a free stress management workshop at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the West Bloomfield JCC.

"I am very thrilled and grateful to be there," said McCaochan, whose co-authors are Jewish. All teach

at Karma Yoga in Bloomfield Township.

Medow was the primary model for the photo illustrations of poses, or asanas, and Spilkin photographed the book.

"We will be talking about the book and the concept of using walls for yoga, but we will use the chairs to facilitate our yoga practice," said Medow, 56, of the workshop.

### USER FRIENDLY

For all three, the book is a first publication.

They taught or practiced yoga techniques using a wall and decided to collaborate on the book when they saw there was none available.

The book uses information and techniques synthesized from yoga teachers, chiropractors, classes, workshops and professional conversations.

"I think it's a beautiful piece," said Medow. "It's clear, concise and very user-friendly."

She added, "It is unique in that the three of us are in our middle age. You don't have to be young and flexible to do yoga. It can be a benefit at any age."

In addition to the Jewish Book Fair, "Yoga at the Wall" is available at the following locations: Karma Yoga, 3683 W. Maple at Lahser; Namaste Yoga, 309 S. Troy St., Royal Oak; Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park; Blue Lotus, 32644 Franklin Road, Franklin; and Inspired Wellness, 1185 S. Adams, Birmingham.

For more information, go to [yogaatthewall.com](http://yogaatthewall.com); or [jccdet.org](http://jccdet.org).



Lynn Medow is pictured in this pose on the cover of 'Yoga at the Wall.'

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According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse Web site, more than 20 percent of high school seniors reported non-medical use of at least one prescription medication.

Robin Walsh, a therapist at Henry Ford Health System's Maple Grove Center, says there are six simple ways to help keep prescription drugs out of the hands of your children:

- Properly dispose of all prescription drugs from your home if they are no longer in use.

Non-prescription medications with dextromethorphan, dimenhydrinate and diphenhydramine hydrochloride should also be removed.

- Lock up all prescription and non-prescription medications. Don't let your guard down and leave them unlocked or out in the open.

- Educate yourselves about the latest trends in drug use including inhalants, 'pharming' parties and non-prescription cough medicine, and the dangers involved. Call community youth coalitions or treatment centers for information, assistance or guidance. They often offer helpful lectures or workshops. Also, the NIDA Web site is a great source of accurate information. Visit [www.nida.nih.gov](http://www.nida.nih.gov).

- Talk to your kids. Explain the dangers of prescription drugs. Once you have information, share it with your kids to replace the misinformation they may have. You can debunk the myth that prescription drugs are a 'safer' high than illegal drugs.

- Get to know your kids! Keep the lines of communication open and listen to them. Look up information on the NIDA Web site for warning signs of drug use.

- Know your kids' friends and their parents. Look for any changes in the behavior of your children's friends. You may be safeguarding your home and watching your children but are other parents doing the same?

"Keeping communication channels open is important because kids can feel safe talking to their parents about drugs if something does occur," said Walsh. "They will be more open to asking questions of parents especially if parents are willing to listen and have exhibited some knowledge on the topic. Remember, the best way to communicate to your child is through the example you set, meaning actions speak louder than words."

Henry Ford Health System's Maple Grove Center provides a full spectrum of substance abuse treatment and support services for people of all ages.

Maple Grove is located at 6773 W. Maple Rd., West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-6100 for a Maple Grove evaluation.

## Keep kids safe on Halloween

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dr. Gary Pilchak admits Halloween is a free-for-all when it comes to his daughter eating candy. Although over-indulgence is the main reason children end up in the Emergency Department at Garden City Hospital, Clara won't be among the patients because he makes sure the 11-year-old eats before going trick or treating. It's one of the tips Pilchak has for parents as medical director of emergency services at Garden City Hospital.

"Kids get upset stomachs and end up vomiting," said Pilchak. "Feed the children before they go so they're not so inclined to gorge themselves. If they vomit more than a couple of times, seek advice. For younger children it's the issue of dehydration or if they vomit anything that has the appearance of blood or unusual contents. Candy and clearing the gut is to be expected but start while trick or treating to limit the number of hours they're eating and then restrict it after. My wife and I make donations to church. We buy it back from the children. You can donate these to any number of organizations.

They lose interest after a day or two anyway."

Pilchak warns parents to sort through all of their children's candy before allowing them to enjoy the treats.

"Don't eat any open packages. Be careful of hard candy with children because they're choking hazards," said Pilchak. "As parents we got a notice from the school about Pop Rocks, the carbonated candy. There's been some rock cocaine reported as being passed off as such in the school yards."

Halloween safety for children is a common-sense issue. Pilchak says make sure children wear light colored clothing, use reflectors, do not wear masks and that any type of head covering has eye holes large enough to give good peripheral vision. Dress children appropriately. It's not uncommon for the temperature to reach freezing levels. Make sure they carry flashlights and cell phones and know how to access their home phone and 9-1-1. Pilchak keeps an eye on Clara by tagging along with her and a group of fathers and their children from his wooded Brighton community.

"We don't see a whole lot of trauma

here (in the ER) but they do occur," said Pilchak. "There are teens driving up and down the roads going fast. Children should be crossing at the corner and walking on sidewalks as opposed to streets and have adults with them. They can watch the children. My personal experience is I've seen them fall when they're running from place to place. There's dew on the grass and they get minor injuries. It's important for adults to encourage them to take their time, walk on sidewalks instead of grass. In back of your mind, there's always the thought there are predators out there. A vigilant parent is always very good."

Dr. Gary Moorman is concerned about children on Halloween night even though his offsprings are adults. As chief medical officer for Garden City Hospital he's especially excited about offering parents an alternative to trick or treating from door to door. On Wednesday, Oct. 29, little ones can collect candy during a Community Safe Halloween Party sponsored by the Emergency Department. He's expecting 1,200 to 1,500 kids, ages 12 and under, to come to the fifth annual event on the lower level of the hospital.

Like Pilchak, he has some tips for parents if their children do go out on

### COMMUNITY SAFE HALLOWEEN PARTY

**What:** Trick or treating for children ages 12 and under. Halloween Party is sponsored by the Garden City Hospital Emergency Department

**When:** 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29

**Where:** Lower level of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. For more information, call (734) 458-4259.

### Halloween night.

"Safety is the issue when you have children out on the streets. I think it's important parents understand when putting the costumes together length is important too. You don't want them to wear something they might trip and fall. When they go to different houses, they have decorations around their porch and sometimes put candles in pumpkins. You have to be aware of the fire hazards," said Moorman, a practicing ER physician for more than 20 years.

Overindulgence can be an issue as well for adults coming into the ER.

"On occasion adults do come in on Halloween because they've had a little too much celebration," said Moorman.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### OCTOBER

#### Lung cancer walk

12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at Drake Park, West Bloomfield. All proceeds donated to the Melissa Lumberg Zagon Memorial Research Fund at the LUNgevity Foundation. For information, visit [www.lungevity.org/detroitwalk](http://www.lungevity.org/detroitwalk).

#### Flu shots

For adults and children over 6 months of age available at Oakland County Health Division locations at 1200 N. Telegraph in Oakland County Complex Bldg, 36 East in Pontiac; 27725 Greenfield, north of 11 Mile at Catalpa Road in Southfield, and 1010 E. West Maple at Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Cost is \$11 (cash only). Medicare and Medicaid accepted. Bring photo identification and insurance cards. For information, call (800) 434-3358 or visit [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health).

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#### Free seminar

To educate men and women about treatment options for erectile dysfunction and incontinence 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Botsford Hospital Community Room, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills, and Thursday, Nov. 6, at Henry Ford Hospital Warren Campus, Classroom BB, 13355 E. 10 Mile. To reserve a seat, call (734) 261-7401.

#### Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Do you ever wish you had an understanding person to talk to? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer support and assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones and offers valuable information at meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month 10 a.m. to noon at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile Road in Redford. Morning and evening options available. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the evening group meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. For information or if attending for the first time, call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, ext. 233.

### UPCOMING

#### Butterfly ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan hosts its black tie fund-raiser 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets \$250 per person and include The Butterfly Ball will be highlighted by music and will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica Jimenez, Development Specialist, (248) 784-2018 or [jjimenez@aalam.org](mailto:jjimenez@aalam.org).

#### CHADD meeting

Child & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meets Monday, Nov. 3, at Way Elementary School, 765 W. Long Lake Rd., east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The Parent group will have Maria Godette speaking on AD/HD in the Black Home: The Real Truth. The Adult group will have Arthur Robin, psychologist and author, speaking on Can Your Marriage Survive AD/HD. Registration

opens at 7 p.m. Meeting runs 7:30-9 p.m. Meetings free for CHADD members and up to a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call (248) 988-6716. The Web site is [www.chadd.net/527](http://www.chadd.net/527).

#### Girls' night out

Presented by Henry Ford Health System 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Pine Lake Country Club, 3300 Pine Lake Road, Orchard Lake. Enjoy a gourmet, heart-healthy dinner while learning about how to treat your heart right. Experts from the Heart & Vascular Institute will be available for small group discussions throughout the evening as well as present four short lectures. Tickets \$20 per person. Space limited. Call (800) HENRYFORD (436-7936) or visit [henryford.com](http://henryford.com) and click on Find Henry Ford classes.

#### Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

#### Stomp out diabetes

Wine Tasting Benefit 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel in Bloomfield Hills. Guests will enjoy an evening of sampling and socializing all in support of the American Diabetes Association's efforts to prevent and cure diabetes. For tickets or more information, contact Debbie O'Leary at (888) 342-2383, ext. 6636 or [doleary@diabetes.org](mailto:doleary@diabetes.org).

#### Thyroid & your health

7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, on the 3rd floor of Livonia Civic Center Library-3rd floor, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington Roads. Seating limited, call (734) 425-8588 to

register. For more information, visit [www.KarlWellnessCenter.com](http://www.KarlWellnessCenter.com) and [www.KarlHolisticHealthcare.com](http://www.KarlHolisticHealthcare.com).

#### Fibromyalgia workshop

By Dr. Daniel Clauw, director of the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center at the University of Michigan 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Rd., Garden City. For information, contact Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768 or [lucyrowley23@hotmail.com](mailto:lucyrowley23@hotmail.com). No charge for the workshop presented by the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group.

#### Chocolate Jubilee

To benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter noon Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008 at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Held annually, Funds will support programs and services to more than 70,000 metro Detroit families affected by the disease as well as fund research. The luncheon is followed by a chocolate tasting with over 20 exhibitors offering up their sweetest creations. Luncheon and Jubilee tickets still available. To purchase or participate in the 50/50 Raffle or Sweet Chances, call (248) 351-0280 or visit [www.alzgm.org](http://www.alzgm.org) for details.

#### Get ready to have a baby

Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Childbirth Education Weekday programs held 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, to Nov. 19; Mondays, Nov. 17 to Dec. 15, and Wednesdays, Dec. 3 to Jan. 14. Childbirth Education One-day workshops 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. There is a fee. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1162 for information or to register.

#### Gala evening at the movies

A benefit for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the Uptown Palladium Theater, 250 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. Evening

includes the premiere of a new feature film and an hors d'oeuvres and dessert pre-glow reception. The honoree for the 31st annual Gala Evening at the Movies is The Michael Yendick Foundation for Children. To attend the event, purchase a listing in the Movie Gala Souvenir Journal from \$75-\$5,000 and receive complimentary tickets. Call (248) 737-0900, or email [michigan@cfa.org](mailto:michigan@cfa.org) for more information.

### ONGOING

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#### CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at [www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar](http://www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar) or call (248) 937-3314

# On Halloween

West Bloomfield couple say 'I boo!' in ceremony at haunted house

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Marie Rodriguez, 50, will tie the knot with Stan Wildman, 61, in her dream-come-true wedding Friday, Oct. 31.

Dressed in a black gown, she'll carry a bouquet of black roses and sport a grim reaper-style mask over ghoulish makeup featuring fake empty eye sockets.

Her husband-to-be will wear matching-black, with a deathly mask and bony-looking gloves.

The Wolfman will officiate as they exchange rings — hers is bat-shaped — and recite their vows on the lawn of Erebus, a haunted house in Pontiac.

Afterward the West Bloomfield couple will celebrate with costumed friends and eat spooky-looking wedding cake, likely coffin-shaped.

"The old classic horror films have been my interest since I was a kid. Instead of dolls, I wanted those little Aurora models. Dolls creep me out," Rodriguez explained. "I don't like any of the new splatter films. I like the classic horror films and I always said if I'm going to get married, it's going to be on Halloween."

Wildman doesn't totally share his fiancée's passion for all things scary, although the retired science teacher has always enjoyed the *Creature from the Black Lagoon*.

He was watching *Nightmare Sinema* on TV-20 early one Sunday morning and heard local movie horror show host, Wolfman Mac, invite couples to marry at Erebus on Halloween. Mac Kelly, who plays Wolfman, has the legal credentials to perform weddings.

"We were planning on getting married on Halloween anyway. The timing was perfect," Rodriguez said.

He'll marry six couples, including Rodriguez and Wildman, outside the haunted house. The ceremony will move inside if it rains. Afterward, couples will celebrate at Crofoot Ballroom, located within walking distance.

"It's pretty nice," Rodriguez noted. "They're going to have food, chairs and tables for us. We have to bring our own cake."

Her boss, Christine Scott, a veterinarian at Birmingham Veterinary Hospital where Rodriguez is a licensed veterinary technician, will serve as matron of honor and plans to make the wedding cake.

## HALLOWEEN YEAR-ROUND

The spooky wedding environment seems only natural for Rodriguez, who has decorated their home with classic horror movie posters and photos of favorite actors, such as Bela Lugosi, the original *Dracula*. Their doorbell plays spooky music year-round and Rodriguez answers her cellphone when it creaks and screams. For their first anniversary together, Wildman bought her a hearse, complete with coffin. She has since sold it, but now decorates her SUV with skull-theme accessories.

"I like skulls. I have a big hanging ghostly type of skull guy and we put a Santa hat on him last year at



Christmas. We'll have him out there all year. He'll wear a bandana in the spring," she said with a laugh.

"Until she came along I did the whole gamut. You know, six-foot Christmas tree and all the decorations," Wildman added.

Their much smaller tree last year sported Christmas ornaments, but included a caravan of hearses at its base.

"As much as I like all this horror stuff I don't ever take in movies or books about the devil or voodoo," Rodriguez said. "I don't like witches and that sort of thing. I don't want to bring any of that stuff into the house."

## NATIVE CULTURE

The couple met about 2 1/2 years ago through the Internet and were drawn together because they share Native Indian heritage. She's half Apache and Wildman's mother was from a native tribe in Newfoundland, Canada.

Wildman crafts drums, dream-catchers, pouches and other items from leather, birch bark, feathers and fur that reflect their culture. The art decorates his home office and the couple has used the items in pow wows.

The pair also shares a passion for dog rescue. Rodriguez has always loved and owned Dachshunds. Wildman likes big dogs, such as gentle Newfoundlands. They rescue both breeds, as well as other dogs.

"When we go to shelters we'll pick up any dogs in dire need that are going to be euthanized," Rodriguez said. "We've got four right now — a Lab mix, two Aussies and an English Red Tick Coon Hound. They were all from a shelter in Clair County. They were all scheduled to be euthanized the next day so with pulled them. We just placed a very sweet yellow Lab."

They travel to shelters in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, rescue dogs, make sure they've been vaccinated and spayed or neutered before advertising them for adoption on Craig's List. E-mail their organization, "Chipper's Doxie and Newfie Rescue," at [iluvweiner-dogs5@hotmail.com](mailto:iluvweiner-dogs5@hotmail.com).

"I was lucky to find someone who loves animals as much as I do," Rodriguez said.

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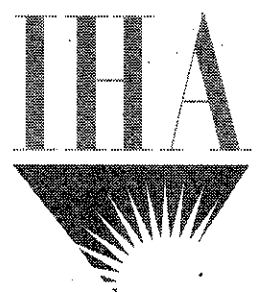
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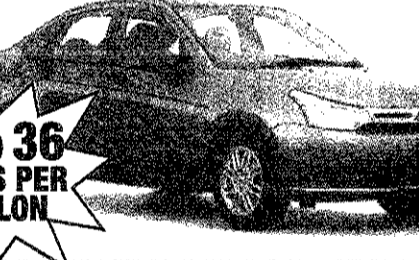
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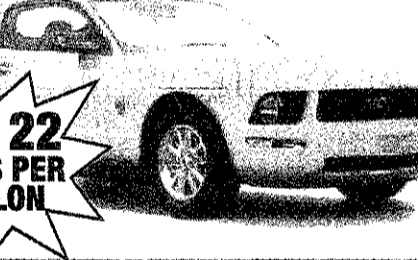
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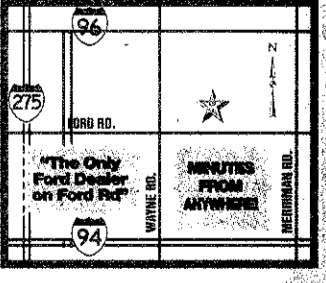
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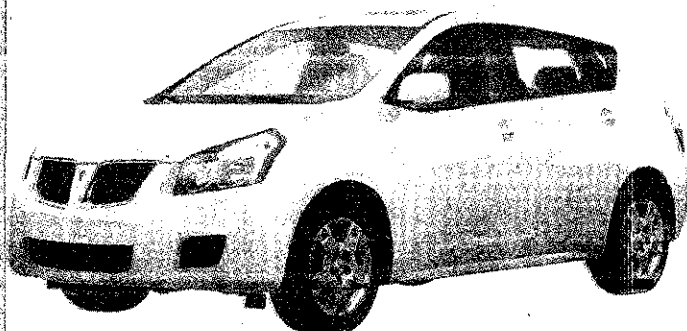
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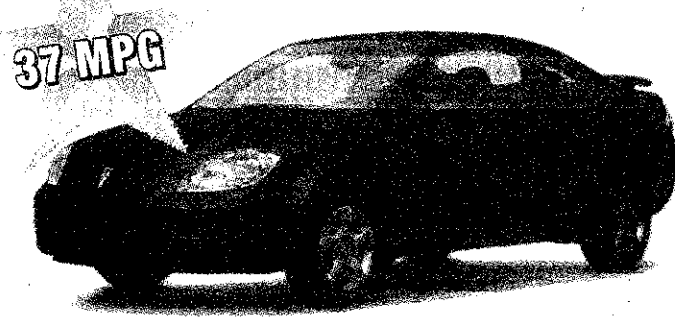


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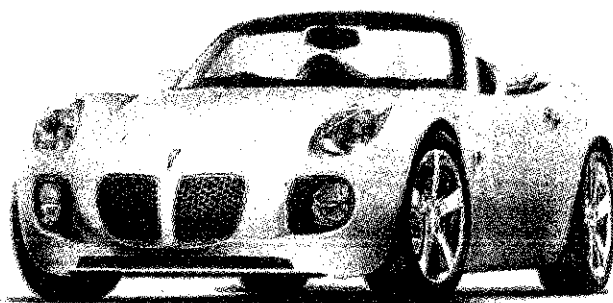


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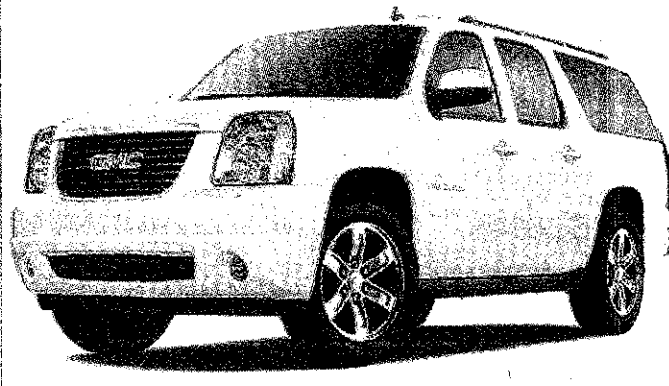


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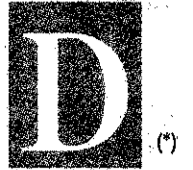
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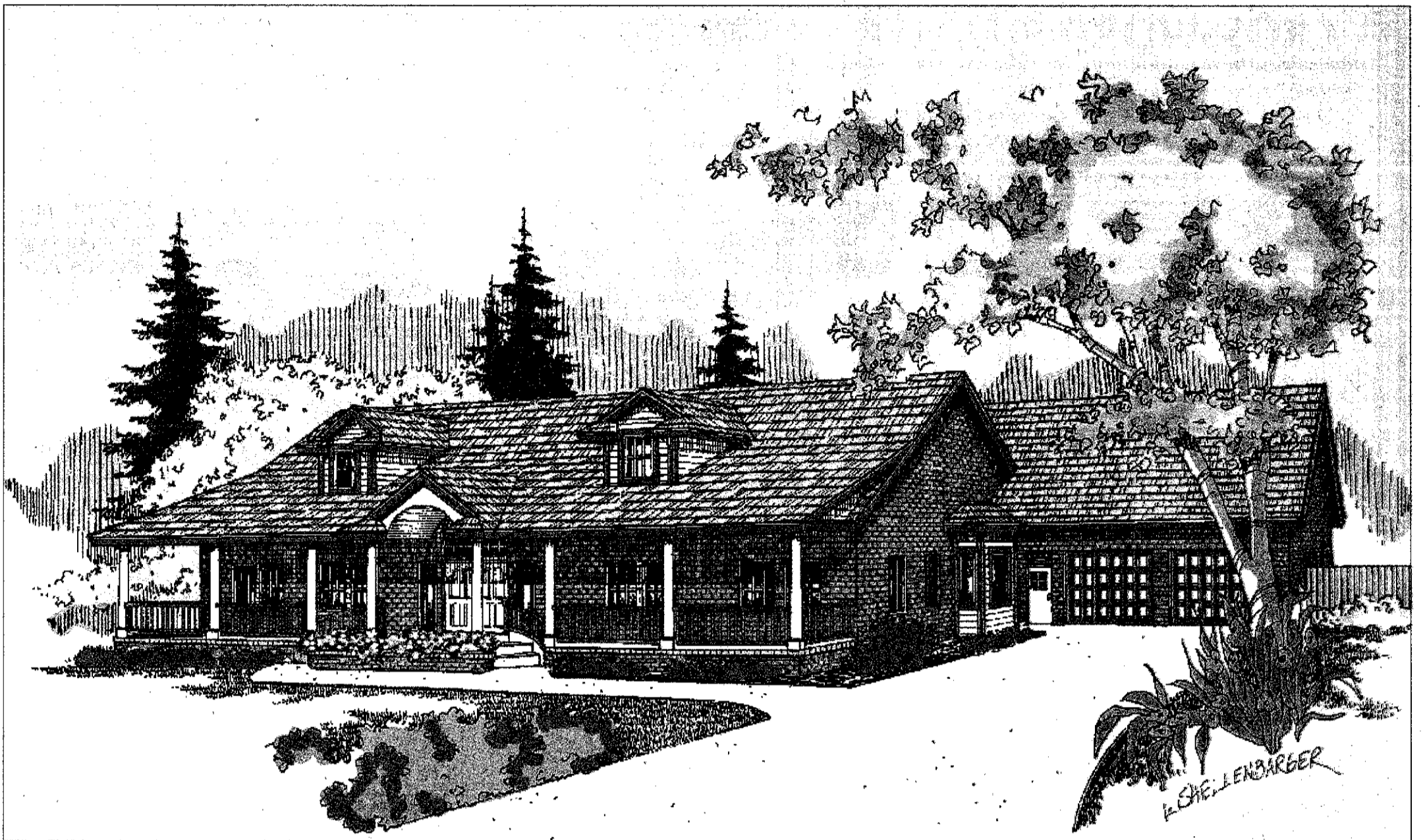
# New Homes



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## Brick Pontian's big selling point is comfortable lifestyle

A portico entry with turned steps on each side of a planter filled with assorted flowers welcomes one into the Pontian (338-022). Standing in the vaulted entry, the barrel vault creates an arch that extends from the massive double door entry to the rear of the home where light pours in from patio doors topped by another arched transom. This solid brick home of 2,533 square feet also offers an optional basement plan of 2,440 square feet.

Coat closets and double doors on each side of the basement stairs continue the exterior symmetry. To the right is a formal dining room, lighted by two windows in the front and a dormer window above.

The large, vaulted, country kitchen has a triple basin sink lighted by a garden window, and a dormer window above. Amenities include a separate freezer to allow extra storage of frozen food, a large walk-in pantry, a center island, and a raised dishwasher to avoid uncomfortable bending during cleaning up. Between the garage and the kitchen is a large utility room equipped with a pre-wash sink and counter space.

Between the kitchen and dining room, on the far right of the home, is the master suite. A walk-in closet offers enough room to change one's clothes inside. The bath has double his-her sinks, along with an oversized shower and tub.

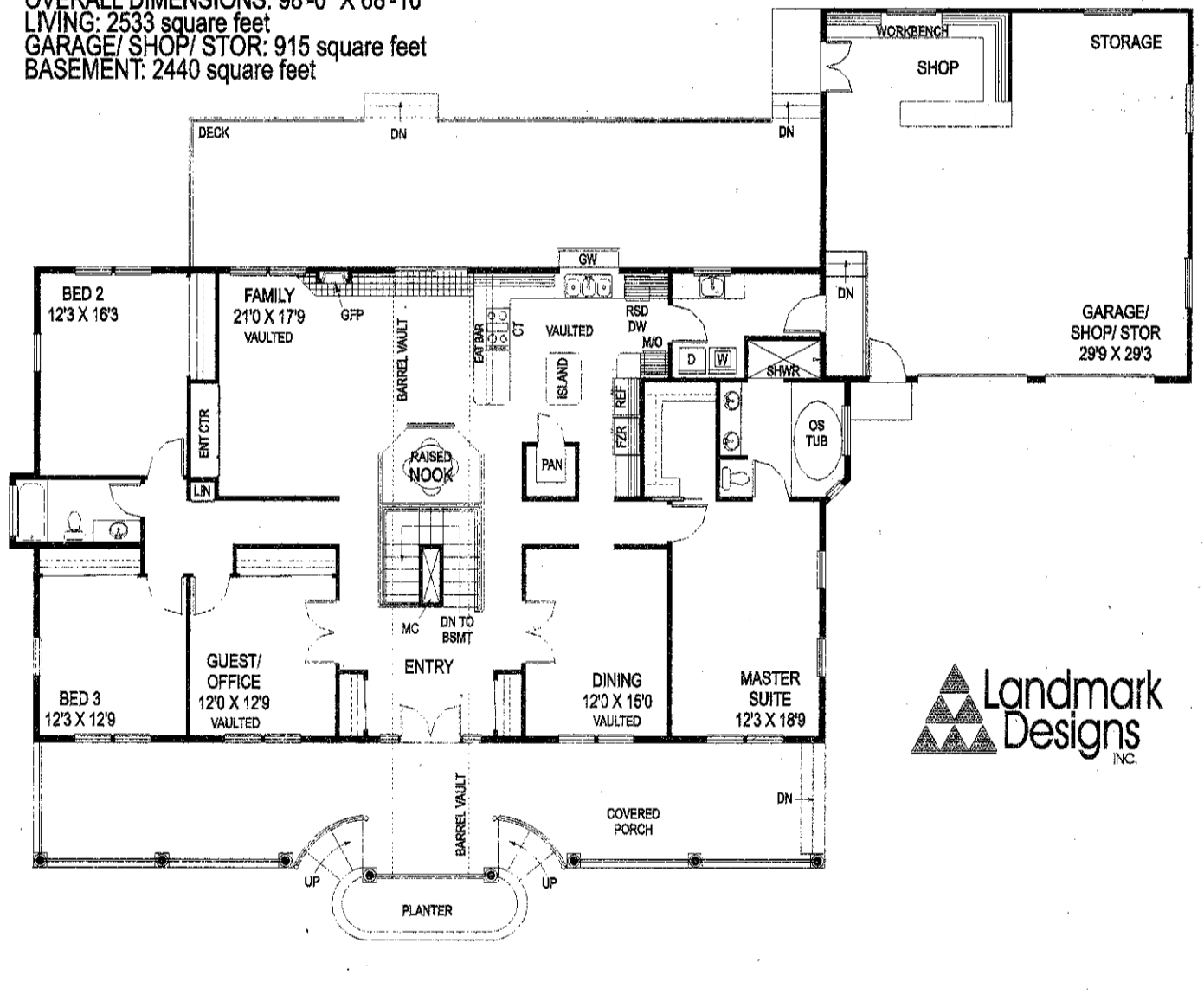
On the left of the Pontian, the first set of double doors could remain closed for use of the room by a guest, or open for use as a den or office area. Straight ahead is the family gathering area, with a high vaulted ceiling, fireplace, and built-in entertainment center. Access to the rear deck is central, next to the eating bar.

Down the hall to the far left of the home are bedrooms two and three, separated by a full bath. Both rooms are quite large with two windows on one wall and a single on the other. Each has a wall closet and shares a linen closet in the hall.

The Pontian offers formal spaces for operating a home business or entertaining guests, as well as the informal, relaxing spaces like the large family room and great deck.

For a study plan of the PONTIAN (338-022), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5.00 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at [www.lidiplans.com](http://www.lidiplans.com). Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate Continuing Education course on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

#### Hills.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education.

Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Goal Setting: Not Just A Dream — A Real Goal" on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Dave Tear, "The Sales Coach" of Sales Coaches' Corner, will show participants how to set S.M.A.R.T. Goals and how to stick to them.

Registration fees are \$10 for SMC

members, \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. The event includes a continental breakfast. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Leasing 101: The 2008 Tour" seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. The seminar is valuable for newly hired leasing personnel as well as seasoned ones.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its National Association of Home Builders Professional Remodelers (NAHBR) will hold a "Project Management" course on Friday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations as well as the CGR designation. Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group will present participants with the skills needed for successful on- or off-site production operations management. The course covers the three phases of a successful venture:

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will hold a Lien Law seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law Act."

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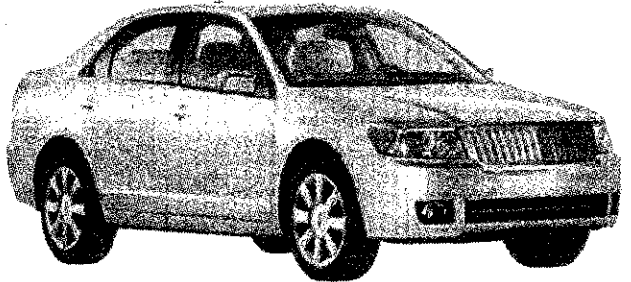
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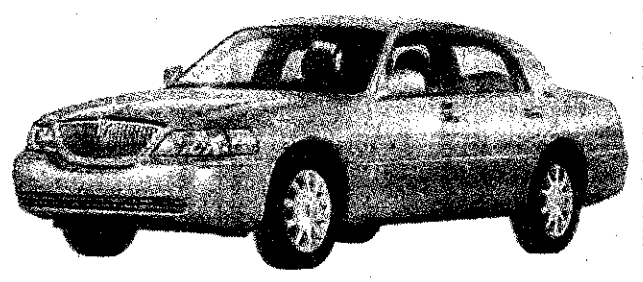
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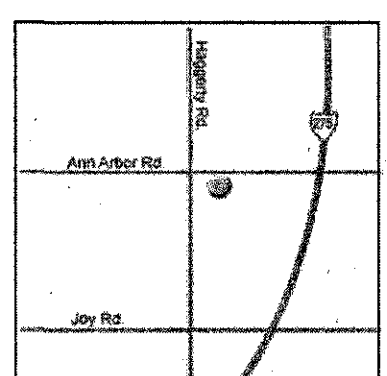
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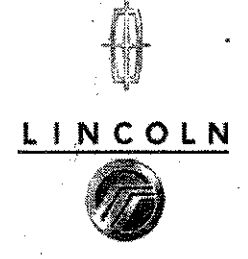
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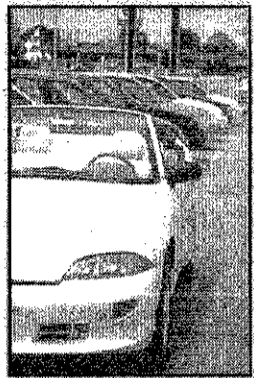
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### CAReport



By Kevin Koloian  
Avanti News Features

Set to go on sale in early 2009, the all-new Pontiac Solstice Coupe will wow with its dramatic styling and go to work with its balanced performance.

Drawing inspiration from classic sports cars, the new Solstice also resembles the original Dodge Viper GTS Coupe.

This is not a big surprise considering that GM Vice President Bob Lutz, the man who brought the Viper to life as a Chrysler exec, personally oversaw the Pontiac Solstice Roadster Concept back in 2002.

That notwithstanding, the Solstice Coupe has carved out its own niche.

It has all the same design elements that made the convertible model successful while offering a greater range of all-season driving opportunities.

In cold-weather driving, you can lock the roof into fixed roof pillars. This design makes the Solstice able to withstand the coldest winters, provided you buy the required tires.

For drivers who want an open-air experience, the coupe features a removable roof panel that completely opens the cockpit up for the true wind-in-your-hair feeling.

As for functionality, removing the roof panel from the passenger compartment reveals an optional soft roof cover that stores in the cargo area.

In replacing the roadster's folding soft top and contoured rear deck with targa-style roof panel, where the panels directly over the driver and passenger's head can be removed, the Solstice Coupe got significantly more practical.

Buyers have the choice of either soft or hard top removal panels. The 30-pound, magnesium-rendered roof panel doesn't add much curb weight over the soft cloth top and Pontiac claims the 31-pound roof can be removed by one person. The fixed roof design also adds rigidity. So when whipping the Solstice Coupe around corners at



The new Solstice also resembles the original Dodge Viper GTS coupe.

high speeds, this superior handling will be felt by your assurance in safety.

Much of the coupe's interior remains the same as the convertible's. However, the area behind the seats was redesigned for easy access to the cargo area, and a storage tray was mounted directly behind the headrests.

At 6 cubic feet of cargo space behind the seats, that's three times more space than the roadster with its top down. And removing the folding-top mechanism allowed Pontiac engineers to put in a new, flat cargo floor that houses several storage compartments.

Despite all of the new inside blueprint mock-ups, Pontiac made only minor structural changes to create the Solstice Coupe's exterior. The rear fenders and rear fascia are the same as those on the convertible. New taillights are integrated smoothly into the tapered roof line.

The coupe will be available as a base model or sports tuned GXP trim.

The Solstice Coupe shares almost all of the same drivetrain and suspension components as the regular Solstice, including a five-speed manual transmission.

The base model will get a 173-horsepower, 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine. A 260-horsepower turbocharged 2.0-liter engine standard on the GXP version and optional on the base.

Fuel economy ratings haven't been released, but should be close to the 19 miles per gallon in the

city and 25 mpg on the highway that last year's manual got.

Standard safety will be provided by anti-lock disc brakes, with ABS optional on the base and standard on the GXP. The GXP also comes with stability control, which is optional on the standard Solstice.

Side airbags won't be offered, but in National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash testing, last year's Solstice scored four stars out of five for both frontal- and side-impact tests.

Pontiac is making sure to have a GXP model available at launch to reiterate its designation as GM's performance brand. But with the new functionality of the Solstice, it is turning into GM's Everyman brand.

With stunning styling, a removable top and more interior room, the coupe adds to the convertible's prowess and offers an all-season alternative for people who enjoy open-air driving.

Kevin Koloian covers General Motors Corp. for Avanti NewsFeatures. Write to him at [avanti1054@aol.com](mailto:avanti1054@aol.com).

### 2009 Pontiac Solstice Coupe

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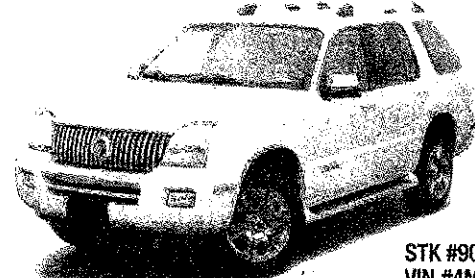


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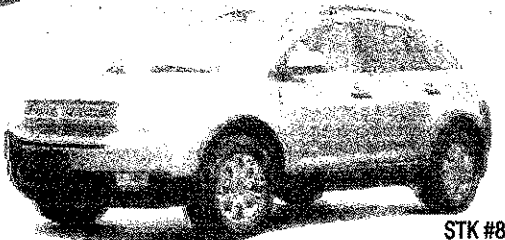


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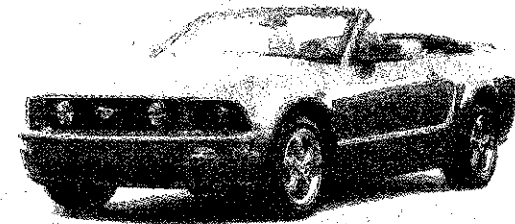
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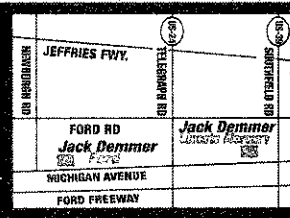
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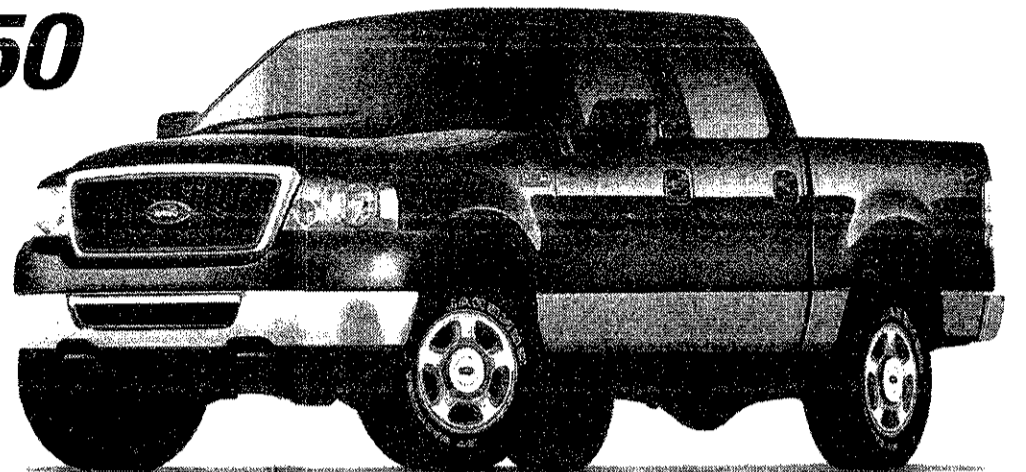


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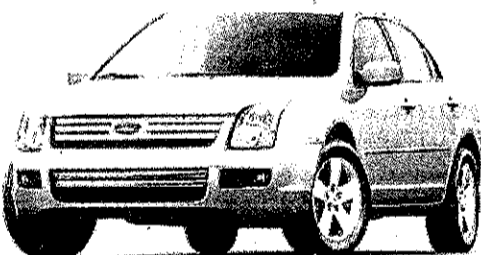
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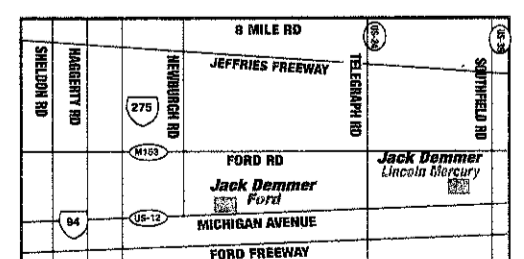
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