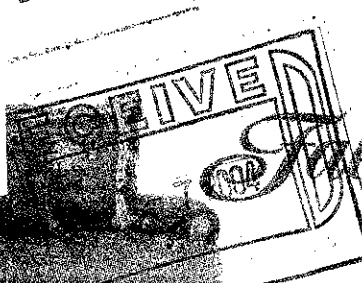


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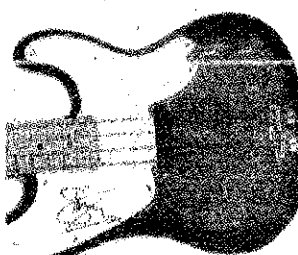
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Twenty-five signed guitars will be the highlight of auction to benefit Beaumont Hospital's Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship program.

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Win weekly prizes and be eligible for a grand prize. See today's Sports section for all the details.

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**Christmas help**

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which also serves all of Canton, will once again be providing food and gifts for children for the Christmas season.

Registration for the Army's annual Christmas assistance program

places place Nov. 1-19. To be eligible,

applicants must have Social Security cards or birth certificates for children, proof of household income, utility bill with applicant's name and address and a valid picture ID.

Applicants must live in the following ZIP codes: 48170, 48187, 48188, 48167 or 48111.

All personal information is needed in order to be eligible for the holiday assistance program.

For more information, call Bill Moritz, the Salvation Army's director of social services, (734) 453-5464.

**Town Hall Forum**

The Canton Homeowners' Advisory Council will host a town hall style meeting with elected officials 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at Fire Station One, next to Township Hall on Canton Center.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, state Rep. Phil LaJoy, County Commissioner John Sullivan and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack will give brief summaries of what's happening at various governmental levels.

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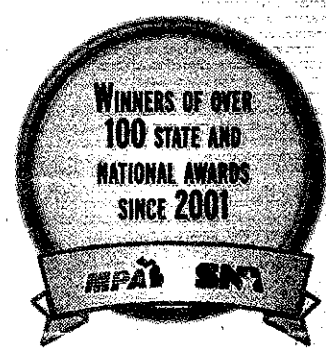
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## Canton site sought by Habitat builders

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Canton may become this area's Habitat for Humanity's 17th site for a new home.

The Canton Township Board met with representatives from Habitat for Humanity's Western Wayne office Tuesday to discuss buying land from a Canton property owner at a reduced rate in exchange for using the spot to build a Habitat for Humanity home.

If the board approves the measure, Canton would buy two adjacent lots on Marlowe, south of Ford, east of Sheldon. Habitat for Humanity, in turn,

would build the home using volunteers.

Karl Zarbo, a Canton trustee, said he was very supportive of being involved in Habitat for Humanity.

"I think it's the right thing to do for society," Zarbo said. "We all have a moral obligation to provide housing for all segments of the community."

Former President Jimmy Carter is a well-known Habitat activist. The Jimmy Carter Work Project 2005 is planned in Benton Harbor and Detroit June 19-24, 2005. The organization, with the help of 3,000 volunteers, plans to build 25-35 homes each in Benton Harbor and

Detroit as part of the project.

Zarbo said that this should be a great time for Canton to join the Habitat ranks. This would be the first Habitat house built from the ground up in Canton.

"It's a great time to be involved with Habitat for Humanity," he said.

Alice Dent, director of Habitat for Humanity's Western Wayne office, said their goal was to help clear up misconceptions about the Christian organization. "A lot of people think we build homes for people who don't work," Dent said.

Before being approved for a Habitat house, applicants must show a housing need, meet

income requirements, agree to put in 250 "sweat equity" hours (which may be used in building their own home) and be able to pay off a 20-year interest-free mortgage. House payments help pay for other new homes to be built.

Dent said that volunteers are the heart of Habitat for Humanity. While building homes, volunteers are overseen by licensed general contractors.

Religious groups provide a large number of Habitat volunteers. In Canton/Plymouth, seven religious organizations, including Crosswinds Community Church; Geneva Presbyterian Church; Muslim

Community of Western Suburbs; NorthRidge; Resurrection; St. John Neumann and St. Thomas a Becket have all stepped up.

Dent said fund-raising by the religious groups for building the home has already begun.

"There's quite a circle of faith at work already."

If Canton approves buying the property, Canton would become the 17th Habitat for Humanity site in western Wayne County.

So far, 14 homes have been built in Inkster; one in Romulus and one in Taylor. Plans are in the works to build in Van Buren Township, Lincoln Park and Inkster.

## Hometown artist creates mural for CHV theater

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

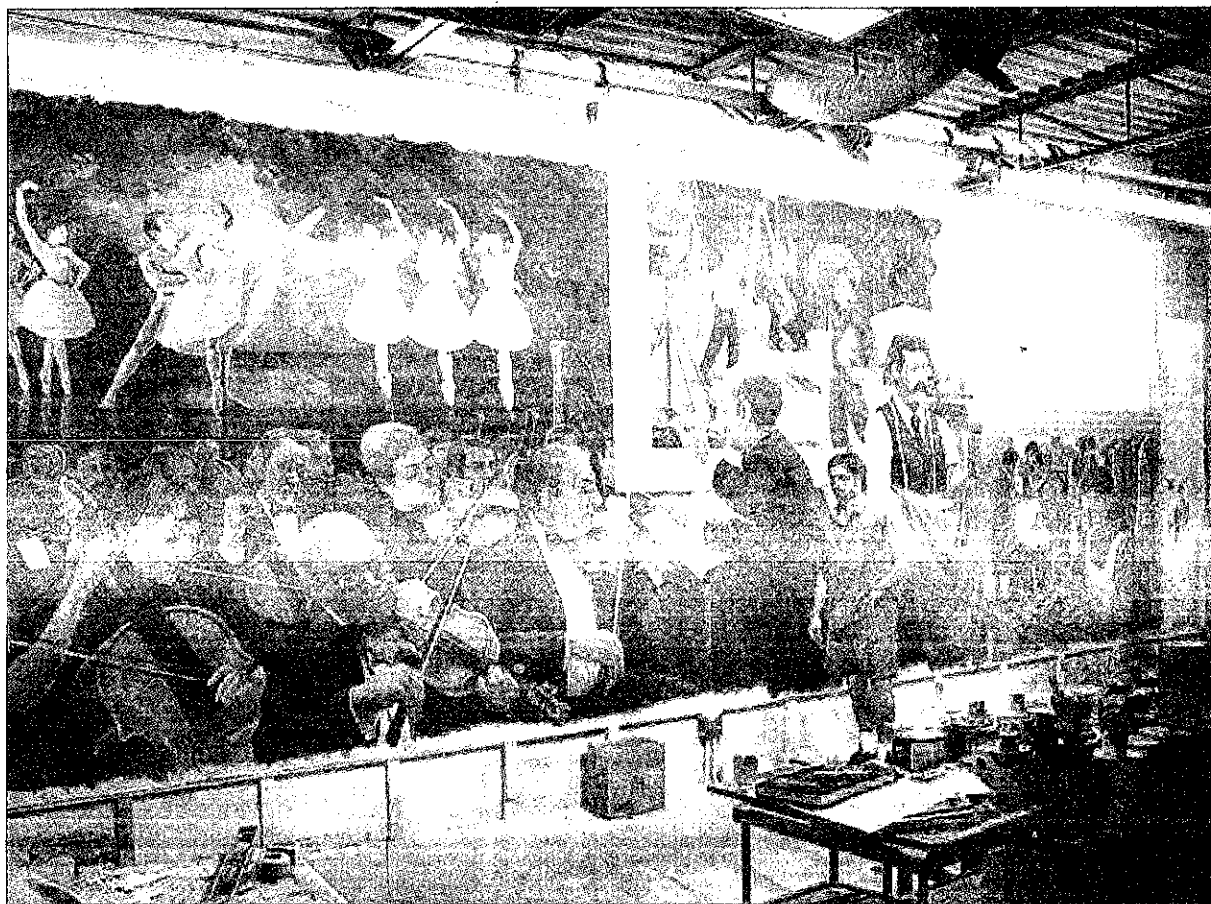
... mural that adorns the vestibule of the new Chrysalis Theater at Cherry Hill. It will be created and worked on for the past year.

"I feel a lot of pride in this result. I live a little way from here so it's close to my house."

Kulczycki has been receiving praise from all quarters following the unveiling of the 90-foot-wide mural in mid-September.

The mural depicts all aspects of the fine arts - particularly the performing arts like theater, dance and music.

To some it may seem like Kulczycki may be channeling regional muralists like Thomas Hart Benton because, even



PLEASE SEE MURAL, A7

Eddie Kulczycki in his studio with a partially completed mural for the theater.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

President Bush speaks to the crowd at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills Wednesday.

## President brings message to Farmington Hills

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County residents poured out in the thousands to hear President Bush explain in person why he should be re-elected this November.

"We're coming down the stretch and I'm here to ask for your vote," said Bush, as he took the podium at the outdoor rally dubbed the Victory 2004 Rally.

Amid tight security, Bush took his message to

as many as 15,000 supporters at the Farmington Hills Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College around 3:15 p.m. Wednesday to a cheering crowd.

Many attendees held signs, giving a personal view of why they supported the president, including women, farmers, sportsmen and others for Bush.

The president appeared in a simple blue shirt and

dress pants. He rolled up his sleeves after being introduced by former Detroit Piston and current Detroit Shock coach Bill Laimbeer.

The crowd appeared most responsive when the president leveled quips against his Democratic opponent, John Kerry, breaking out in chants.

His speech went through a history of his presidency and the hardships Americans have faced since Sept. 11, 2001.

America has already been on the rebound, he said, by creating more than 1.7 million jobs. He added after-tax income has risen 10 percent since he took office.

Bush also defended the U.S.'s role in Iraq by stating taking down its former dictator was a way to stop future terrorists threats.

"We're making America stronger and we're just getting started," he said.

PLEASE SEE BUSH, A5

## Police win grant to aid in trailer park patrols

The Canton Police Department was recently awarded \$35,046, by the Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy, for year three of the existing mobile home parks policing grant.

The grant period will begin Oct. 1, 2004 and continue to Sept. 30, 2005. The grant was secured by Canton's Resource Development Department.

The grant will allow the police department to provide additional community-oriented policing services to the Wagon Wheel and College Park mobile home parks

on Mott Road and the Holiday Estates mobile home park on Geddes Road. Together, the three mobile home parks contain a total of 1,031 home sites.

Canton officers will re-enforce the concept of community policing and encourage residents of the mobile home parks to meet with their designated community policing team leaders on a regular basis to address concerns.

In addition to regular community policing services, the department will utilize the grant money to encourage and/or implement

the following strategies:

■ Provide mobile park home owners with copies of all calls for service and/or incident reports involving residents, at no charge.

■ Develop and run various community relation activities at the mobile home parks in Canton.

■ Continue to remain highly visible in the community to take law enforcement action when necessary.

Canton was recently ranked the 16th safest community in America for towns with populations over 75,000.

Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer

**Breast Cancer Awareness**

New technologies are giving hope to women and men who have breast cancer. In Sunday's Health Section.



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## CANDIDATE FORUM

Candidates for U.S. Congress will square off in a forum from 8-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at the Canton Summit.

The candidates to represent the 11th Congressional District include incumbent U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, seeking a second term, and Democrat Philip Truran, a union president who lives in Novi.

That forum will be preceded by one featuring state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, and attorney Marc Corriveau of Northville, who will battle it out for Stewart's 20th District seat starting at 7 p.m.

The Canton Summit is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

## NEW FIRE INSPECTOR

The Canton Fire Department recently promoted

Nicholas Bishop to the position of fire inspector, taking the total number of inspectors to three.

In his new role as fire inspector, Bishop will be responsible for ensuring that new and existing buildings meet fire code regulations. In addition, he will be instrumental in providing fire prevention education to the Canton community.

Bishop, a 21-year-old Redford resident, joined the department a year ago and previously served as a firefighter and certified paramedic. He received his firefighter, paramedic, advanced life support, and HAZMAT training from Schoolcraft College.

## LAJOY BILLS PASS

The state House today approved a three-bill package that gives local municipalities the authority to enter into contracts with private landowners

to specify certain land uses as conditions to rezoning, announced state Rep. Phil LaJoy, a sponsor of one of the bills.

House Bills 6206, 6166 and 6164, sponsored by state Reps. LaJoy, Ruth Johnson and Chris Ward, respectively, were unanimously approved.

LaJoy said new zoning practices would enable local municipalities and property owners to rezone a parcel subject to explicit conditions to maintain high quality standards during redevelopment.

"Under these measures, there could be more creative and efficient land development uses," said LaJoy, R-Canton.

Johnson said the bills would provide more help for local communities.

"These bills give the communities and property owners the tools to enhance the quality of life for their areas," said Johnson, R-Holly. Ward, R-Brighton, said: "By giving land use planners in counties, cities, villages and townships more resources, we will help ensure that land is re-developed and preserved in sensible, cost-effective and appropriate ways."

The bills also establish a time period during which the conditions applied to the land - whether zoned industrial, residential, farmland or recreational - and if the conditions were not satisfied within that time, then the land would revert to its former zoning classification.

HB 6206 would amend the Township Act; HB 6166 would amend the County Zoning Act; and HB 6164 would amend the City and Village Zoning Act.

The bills now move to the Senate for consideration.

## YOUNG MARINES

Charles Volker wants a few



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Curtain going up

The Spotlight Players (formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild) will present 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' Oct. 8-23 at The Village Theater in Canton. Here, Ashleigh Rotondo as the Narrator, Jerry Carney as the father, Jacob and Nathan Gardner as Joseph rehearse a scene. All three are from Canton. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for youth/seniors, \$15 for groups. Call (734) 394-5460 for adult, youth, season, flexplan tickets; (734) 394-5484 for group tickets.

good kids ages 8 to 18 to help him form a new Young Marine unit in Canton.

The youth group will hold organizational meetings on Mondays at the Summit in the Maple-Oak Room from 5-7:30 p.m.

They will be accepting applications for the group for the next several Mondays, Volker said. Parents are encouraged to come with their son or daughter regardless of age because there are forms to fill out.

Volker, who has the distinction of having served in both the Navy and then the Marines, emphasizes that the Young Marines is "not a recruiting tool" but rather an organization that allows young girls and boys to get involved in youth service. Contact him at (734) 981-5059.

## PLANNERS TABLE TARGET

The Canton Planning Commission Monday night voted to table a site plan request from Target for an expansion of their Ford Road store. They wanted more information; the issue will likely be on the Monday, Nov. 1 agenda for the commission to reconsider.

The planners also OK'd some exterior modifications that had been sought in the site plan and building of the current T.G.I. Friday's restaurant on Ford Road.

## BENTLEY BIRTHDAY

Bentley Elementary will celebrate its 10th anniversary as a Plymouth-Canton school with an open house Friday, Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

School superintendent James Ryan will welcome staff, students and parents at a 7 p.m. program. A computer slide show will highlight the school's staff and students from past years, and then students will sing four songs, two of them specific to Bentley.

Bentley opened in August 1994 and was named for the former principal of old Plymouth High School, now Central Middle, Carvel M. Bentley.

Bentley is known for its February diversity festival honoring Canton residents' different ethnic backgrounds.

## YOUNG LIFE

Plymouth/Canton Young Life is hosting its sixth-annual Fund-raising Banquet,

"Cheering For Kids," at the Summit On The Park in Canton on Sunday, Oct. 17.

For reservations call (734) 207-8674 or (734) 454-4389. Young Life is an interdenominational Christian outreach to teenagers in our community. For more information about Young Life for high school students or Wyldlife for middle school students in our area contact area director, Mark VanAndel at (734) 323-5691.

## CHAMBER CLOSES

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will close for the week of Oct. 11 through Oct. 15 as the organization moves to their new building on Hanford. Also, they are holding a "We're moving" sale of unneeded items at their original location (5820 N. Canton Center Road). On sale are Formica-topped tables, arm chairs, desks, a coffee table, microwave, small refrigerator, shelving, a boardroom table and even some binder notebooks. Call (734) 453-4040.

## MOVIE FUND-RAISER FOR CCF

The Canton Community Foundation will hold a fund-raising event at the new Imagine theater megaplex on Thursday, Oct. 14, starting at 6 p.m. The charity gala night will benefit the Canton Community Foundation's various charity and scholarship recipients.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include a taste fest with food from several Canton restaurants, live entertainment for all ages, first-run movies, free popcorn and pop, and a chance to win a variety of prizes. The P-CEP marching band is expected to play. A four-pack of tickets is \$100.

Canton restaurants Max and Erma's, T.G.I. Fridays, Palermo's, Laurel Manor (Livonia), T.C. Gator, Outback, the new Cherry Hill Cold Stone Creamery, Carrabba's and Red Robin (Westland) have signed on so far according to foundation President Joan Noricks.

## ART CLASSES

D & M Studio, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services, has started fall classes. One new offering is painting for ages 9-12 Thursday at 5:15-6:15 p.m. And on Saturday 1-2 p.m. there will be a studio art class for kindergartners (older 4, 5 and 6 year olds). The next preschool session starts Oct. 26. The studio, which offers classes for all ages, preschool through adult, is in the shopping center west of the airport, 8691 N. Lilley; call (734) 453-3710 for more info.

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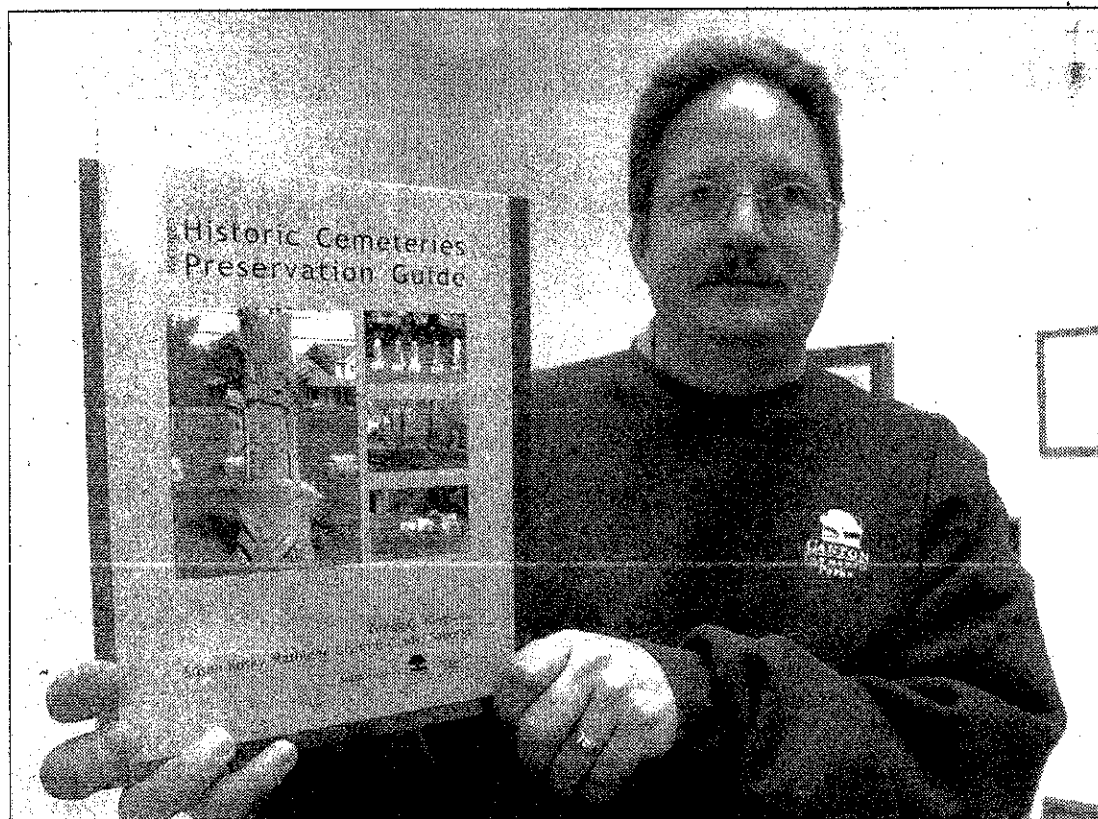
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Gregg King has written the 'Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation Guide,' an outgrowth of his experiences in Canton.

## Preserving the past

### Canton parks' Gregg King pens manual on saving cemeteries

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

When Gregg King's supervisor in the Canton parks division told him to go to Downer Cemetery (at Michigan Avenue and I-275) a few years ago and put some tombstones back together, it seemed a simple enough request.

King is a woodworker, among other things, and his boss said, "If you can put two pieces of wood together, you can put two stones together."

But it turned out not to be that simple. There was more to repairing tombstones than just "putting them back together." King, who has been a member of the Canton Historic District Commission for about seven years, figured help would be needed.

"I thought I'll just call the state historic preservation office and ask them," he recalled. "They had nothing."

Later, when some members of the state office were visiting Canton, the question arose again and King asked "Why doesn't someone write a manual?"

The response was "Why don't you apply for a grant and do it yourself?"

That was the beginning of an

odyssey that King, who has a bachelor's degree in public law and government from Eastern Michigan University, had never considered before.

Before going to work for the Canton parks division he had been a general manager of a Staples Office Supply Store in Ann Arbor.

"But I had this degree and I thought I should use it," he said. "So I applied to Canton Township and they hired me as a laborer in the parks division."

That's when he was told to go to Downer Cemetery and put some stones back together.

In November of 2002 the township applied for a \$5,000 grant from the state Historic Preservation Fund to research and write a manual for the preservation of historic cemeteries. The township would match the grant with \$5,000 from the general fund.

"By the time the board got the grant, I had already done research for a year and a half," King said. "I had a rough manuscript."

The township then hired historic preservationists Susan Kosky, Kathleen Glynn and Gladys Saborio to finesse the manuscript.

Before it was published, King said, it was sent to the

state for "review after review after review."

But the result, which came off the press Sept. 21, was "Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation Guide," a 210-page manual designed to assist volunteer groups or community employees charged with preserving cemeteries.

It's the only such manual for Michigan and, according to King, one of only a handful in the country.

"It could have been hundreds of pages longer," King said. "There's so much involved in this. But it's for a targeted audience."

But that audience may not be as targeted as he thought.

With the book just off the press, King has already gotten requests for copies and has been invited to present seminars.

"I went to Hartland and did a seminar for 18 people," he said. "And I sold another case just the other day." The Association of Gravestone Studies wants copies. The National Parks Service wants copies.

So does the state of Michigan, which wants 100 copies to distribute to libraries throughout the state.

As a condition of the grant, the manual is available in PDF format on the township's Web site, [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

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## Chiefettes variety show this weekend

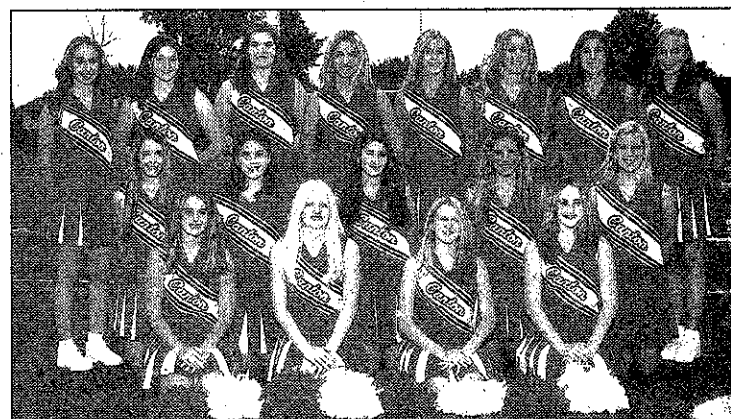
On Friday, Oct. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 9 the Canton Chiefettes will be presenting their annual Variety Show at 7 p.m. in the Salem auditorium. This year's presentation will showcase the Chiefettes and a variety of PCCS students.

There will be guest performances by the Future Chiefettes, Canton's Varsity and J.V. Cheer Teams and the Varsity and J.V. Salem Rockettes. In addition the Chiefette Parent Boosters will be conducting a prize raffle and 50/50 cash drawing at both performances. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Advanced tickets can be purchased from any Chiefette member. Proceeds go to purchase costumes for State High Kick Competition.

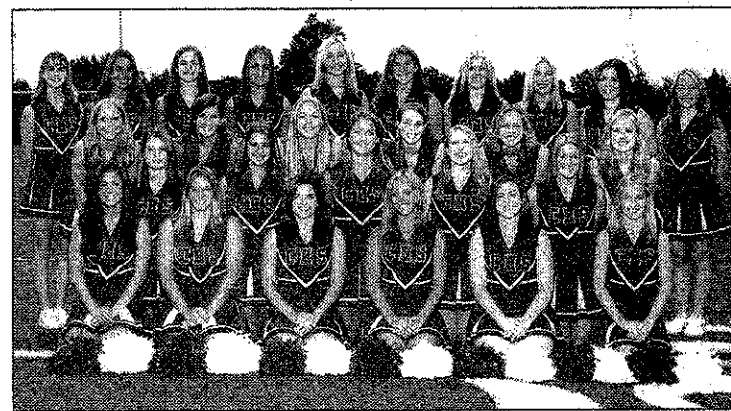
The "2004-2005" Chiefette squads were selected in April. Both the Varsity and J.V. squads were awarded Grand Champ Trophies while attending Mid-American summer camp.

In September the Chiefette season kicked into high gear. The girls performed at the Plymouth Fall Festival as well as doing half time routines at all Canton home football games.

This year both squads will perform at the Canton/Salem girls basketball game Thursday Oct. 21 and the Canton/Plymouth girls basketball game on Thursday Oct. 28.



The J.V. Chiefettes in their official picture: Front row: Suzanne Russell, Kristen Beyer, Destinee Loftis, Brooke Graham; second row: Lindsay Perkins, Jessica Lee, Deanna Janisse, Nicole Battaglia, Racheal Susterka; third row: Brittany MacCree, Nicole Sheldon, Nicole Webb, Susie Sierra, Katelyn Ward, Lindsay Phipps, Cassandra Garcia, Brooke Julien.



The varsity Chiefettes in their official picture: front row: Allison Ruda, Kim Lamb, Rachel Ray, Elise Simpson, Sara Fry, Kelly Collins; second row: Tiffany Richards, Megann Custer, Kayla Powers, Lauren Jasinski, Danielle Carollo; third row: Nicole Lesnau, Katelyn Kerr, Michelle Lager, Victoria Butler, Angie Schommer, Sara Tidderington; back row: Jennifer Novak, Ashley Hoffman, Daryn Gordon, Kim Martin, Lauren Bevil, Katelyn Wade, Kyle Philo, Karly Sasena, Nicole Mark, Britney Myslinski.

## Panera 'breaks bread' for grand opening

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

It's "time for bread."

That is the translation of Italian into English for Panera, a bakery-cafe which opened Oct. 1 at 41950 Ford, on the north side between Haggerty and Lilley.

Manager Jackie Bejma said the opening weekend was a rousing success.

"Everyone seems happy," Bejma said. "I heard many, many customers say, 'Thank goodness you're open.'"

Panera sells a variety of breads, bagels and pastries in addition to sandwiches, salads, coffee and tea. Larger orders

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Six months ago, Bejma said, Panera started at looking at how they could avoid being a taboo place for Atkins dieters shunning carbohydrate-laden foods, such as breads.

"Six months ago we started taking a little bit of notice," said Bejma. Some menu items (primarily salads) are flagged "lower carb," and there are some lower carb bread choices, too.

"It doesn't seem like (the Atkins diet) is going away," Bejma said. "At least in moderation bread is probably OK."

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The Canton store is Panera's 701st store in the United States, and 40th in Michigan. Panera has recently added stores in Ann Arbor and downtown Plymouth, and plans to open soon in Westland, near Westland Shopping Center.

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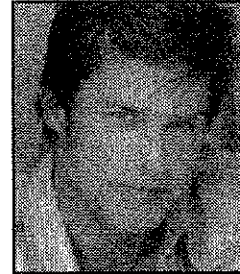
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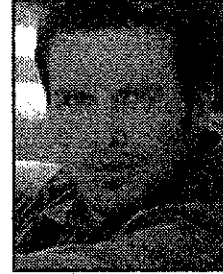


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DEATHS

**B**  
Margaret Bennett Bowen, 96, died.

**C**  
Harold D. Charles, 85, of Hopkinsville, Ky., died Sept. 29.  
Gertrude Proctor "Trudy" Charron, 89, died Oct. 2.

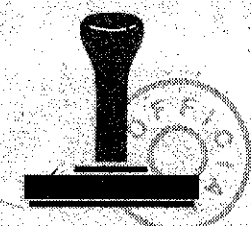
**N**  
Ann C. Nilsson, 90, of Oxford, died Sept. 21.

**S**  
Omer K. Sonbay, M.D., 76, of Farmington Hills, died Oct. 3.

COP CALLS

**Shoplifting**  
A 14-year-old Canton boy was reportedly caught shoplifting at Meijer Sunday, Oct. 3.  
A police report listed a pair of \$9.99 headphones, a \$99.97 Mp3 player and a \$24.93 wallet found on his person.  
He was held at the Canton Police Department until his parents picked him up.

**Drunken driving**  
A 46-year-old Garden City woman was cited for operating while intoxicated and leaving the scene of a property damage accident Sunday.



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports section in *Passages* on page C11.

Oct. 3 near Ford and Haggerty. Police reportedly caught up with the woman and discovered that front end damage on her car was consistent with an accident that had occurred a short time earlier. A Breathalyzer test showed a .11 blood alcohol level.

**Minors in possession**  
Three Salem High School students, two females and one male, were cited for being minors in possession by consumption during last weekend's homecoming dance. Breathalyzer tests were reportedly administered to the students, who were referred by police by an assistant principal.

# Candidates question decisions among Wayne County leaders

BY DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITER

Florida wasn't the only place where political candidates of local interest swapped ideas in a public forum Thursday.

Just before President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry debated, two Livonia candidates seeking a seat on the Wayne County Commission answered questions during a forum at Livonia City Hall. The nonpartisan League of Women Voters sponsored the event.

Republican Laura Cox and Democrat David Garrett - both making their first run at public office - cordially talked about attracting new businesses to the county, improving security and scrutinizing county leaders as they vie for a two-year term on the 15-member county board, a job that pays \$68,500 a year.

The winner in the Nov. 2 general election will replace outgoing Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and represent a district that serves most of Livonia, Plymouth Township and city and Northville township and city.

Cox, 40, is a former U.S. Customs Service agent and the wife of Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox. She called for more legislative oversight of the county's \$2 billion annual budget and added western Wayne County does not get its fair share of services for what it pays in taxes, especially when it comes to road repairs.

"We need more oversight because there are areas where we can trim the fat," Cox said. "Some people have to be called to task. I will replace words with action."

Cox added she would take a closer look at the county's \$525

million mental health budget and question why 133 sheriff's deputy jobs have been cut in recent years when there is a heightened emphasis on security.

"Yet, the county executive (Robert Ficano) added two new positions to his office," Cox said. "That's sending the wrong message to the county."

Garrett, 42, is an electrician at Metro Airport and a leader for his 800-member union for county employees. He said he brings a unique perspective with his 11 years as a county employee since he sees the delivery of county services. He wants county commissioners to take a closer look at their pet projects.

"Nobody wants to talk about programs in their districts," Garrett said, "but we have to focus on funding programs that will impact all districts."

Garrett added that county taxpayers are still paying for

the litigation in the aftermath of a controversial deal two years ago by former Gov. John Engler and former County Executive Ed McNamara to form a new airport authority.

"A lot of good, long-term public servants lost their jobs and got hurt in the deal that doesn't help the citizens," Garrett said.

Both candidates, who are parents of young children and active volunteers, placed high emphasis on maintaining appropriate funding and training for the county's public safety responsibilities at the sheriff's department and prosecutor's office.

The 38-minute exchange between the county commission candidates will be rebroadcast at 8:30 p.m. each Friday this month, starting Oct. 8, on Livonia City Channel No. 8 on Bright House cable systems.

## Observer honored in MPA newspaper contest

Canton Observer reporter Jack Gladden is among the honorees recognized by the Michigan Press Association in its 2004 Better Newspaper Contest.

Gladden's third-place award for news writing was one of 23 awards earned by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Newspapers compete in different circulation categories with other newspapers from across the state.

Gladden was honored for a story about Kirk Jones, the Canton man who went over Niagara Falls earlier this year. Judges said Gladden's story was "quite an interesting story. More than just facts, the reporter sought out family to try to find out the type of person Jones is and why he jumped."

"We are pleased by the recognition of these MPA awards. Each year they give us a chance to gauge our performance against other newspapers in the state. That's most important."

tant award is always the interest and trust of our readers, but the MPAs are a special bonus for the good work done by our staff," said Hugh Gallagher, managing editor of the Observer Newspapers.

Observer & Eccentric award winners:

Darrell Clem, *Westland Observer*, second place for spot news and third place for news story.

Sandra Armbruster, *Troy Eccentric*, honorable mention for spot news.

Steven Kowalski, *Oxford Eccentric*, honorable mention for news story.

Dave Varga, *Livonia Observer*, first place for editorial writing and second place for local column writing.

Brad Kadrich, *Plymouth Observer*, second place for editorial writing.

Matt Jachman, *Redford Observer*, third place for editorial writing.

Sue Mason, *Westland Observer*, third place for local

columnist.

*Southfield Eccentric*, second place, editorial page.

*Rochester Eccentric*, third place, editorial page.

Larry McKee, *Oxford Eccentric*, first place for picture story.

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Dan O'Meara, *Farmington Observer*, second place for sports writing.

Jim Toth, *Troy Eccentric*, third place for sports writing.

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Paul Beaudry, *Redford Observer*, honorable mention for sports columnist and first place for sports feature.

Dan Stickrad, second place for sports feature.

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Former Detroit Piston Bill Laimbeer introduced President Bush to the crowd at Wednesday's rally at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

## BUSH

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Bush also said America needs to cut needless regulations and become less dependent on foreign energy.

"We need to stop the junk and frivolous lawsuits," he said.

Bush also went after Kerry's platform, noting the Democrat would put eight in 10 people in a government medical program.

"He's a tax and spend liberal," Bush said. "I'm a compassionate conservative."

The president, also went after Kerry for changing his views, prompting the crowd to shout "flip-flop, flip-flop" repeatedly.

"I want to use government to empower citizens," he said.

Besides defending his decision to liberate Iraq, Bush said it was important to keep the course in that country.

"The world is better off today with Saddam Hussein in a prison cell," he said. "Our nation is safer - but not yet safe." He said America must remain on the defensive to stop any future attacks.

"America is more secure when freedom is on the march ... I refuse to stand by while



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President Bush speaks to as many as 15,000 supporters at a rally Wednesday.

dangers gather," he said.

He concluded that America must complete its mission in Iraq. Reacting to his opponent's charge of flipping on issues, Bush said, "Not all Americans agree with me, but at least they know where I stand."

Protesters were limited to standing outside the campus Wednesday, mostly gathering on Orchard Lake Road.

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Artist Eddie Kulczycki of Canton and Su Jung Fileccia of Warren are dressed to the nines at the recent opening gala for the theater. Kulczycki painted the mural in the vestibule of the theater; this shows the right one-third of the artist's work.

## MURAL

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though the mural seems grand, it has a Midwest simplicity and realism with clear, even muscular larger-than-life figures.

The mural, which needs two small panels in the upper right and upper left to be complete, will have 65 to 70 people in it in the final form.

"I wanted people to be able to see the images from the street if they looked in the front windows," Kulczycki said. "The mural had to make an impact at night even if the theater was closed. I wanted the figures and panels to be big enough that you could stand and stare at them for awhile."

And, yes, Kulczycki used some of his friends to create the figures. The four draped ladies – perhaps muses for the

arts – that are in the center above the doors all were based on one model. The interior designer and architects gave him samples of the cherry wood and carpet in the theater to help him with the murals' rich, deep palette.

The mural was painted with acrylics on canvas sections and pasted on the wall much like wallpaper. The process of design began with meetings with the township about a year ago. The mural also pays tribute to those who work behind the scenes painting sets or making costumes.

"I showed them several sketches, we narrowed it to two and then a final," he said. "The result had to be simple but elegant."

The mural itself took about three months to paint.

Kulczycki is mostly a self-taught painter, although he did take classes at Macomb Community College and the

College for Creative Studies. "I was majoring in graphic arts but I realized that fine art and illustration is where I could excel."

He was painting murals in nightclubs by the time he was 17; his youthful looks belie 20 years of experience including murals for Taubman Corporation, Vic's Market, Kickers Comedy Club, Fairlane Town Center and Northwest Terminal at Metro.

"I painted for Taubman for three years. Murals are like a giant business card because people ask 'Who did the artwork?'" Canton's Leisure Services director, Ann Conklin, whose department will oversee the theater, said the township was "thrilled with the result."

"It is a great focal point for the theater. The mural reflects all the fine arts. Eddie (Kulczycki) is extremely talented, and was fun to work with. He listened."

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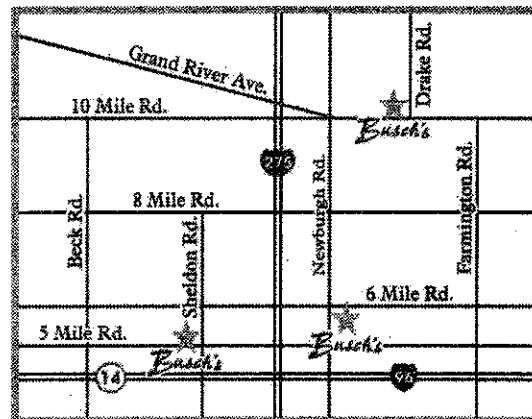
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Joining Commissioner Sullivan at the seminar will be representatives of the Wayne County Sheriff's department, who will provide a live display of the dangers that children face from Internet predators.

Representatives will also provide information about

identity theft and other Internet crimes.

"Crimes committed over the Internet are becoming more common, and citizens need to know what steps to take to protect their children and themselves from predators and fraud," said Sullivan.

Citizens who attend the seminar will receive a free copy of "Computer Cop," a CD-ROM containing software that can scan PCs to identify any possible dangers that exist on the PC.

For more information on the Internet Safety Seminar, please call Sullivan's office at (313) 224-0944.

# Debate continues over impact of marriage proposal

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

With less than a month to go before the Nov. 2 election, there is much disagreement about the ramifications of a statewide ballot proposal which would create an amendment to the state Constitution prohibiting same-sex marriages.

Opponents of the proposal, as well as some legal professionals, believe it is poorly worded and will not only ban same-sex marriages, but might also prohibit governmental entities and institutions, such as state universities or public school districts, from providing benefits to the domestic partners of employees, whether

they are of the same sex or not.

If passed by voters, the proposal would amend the state Constitution to provide that "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

It is the implications of the last six words of Proposal 2 — "or similar union for any purpose" — that have some worried. What those words mean kind of depends on who you ask.

Jay Kaplan, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, said the proposal would definitely impact governmental entities from providing benefits to employees that currently get them for domestic partners.

He also said it probably would impact a private company from doing the same.

"This would create a constitutional amendment. Constitutional amendments apply to private entities just as they do to public entities," he said.

"The purpose of this amendment is to take away rights, to take away benefits from couples that don't fit the view held by the supporters of this proposal."

Attorney Deborah Grace, a member of the Oakland Bar Association's employee benefits committee, said the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, a federal law adopted in 1974, protects the right of private companies to

provide employee benefits to whomever they wish. But she said the way the proposal is worded leaves much to interpretation, particularly when it comes to governmental institutions providing benefits to an employee's domestic partner.

"I can read it to be very restrictive, and see it prohibiting benefits to domestic partnerships. I can see it ending up in a court to be interpreted," she said.

Currently, there are more than 2,000 corporations, including Ford, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler, which provide benefits to same-sex couples. Several state universities, including Wayne State University, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, also provide some benefits to same sex couples, as do a number of public school districts, such as Birmingham Public Schools.

Shirley Bryant, spokesperson for Birmingham Public Schools, says she doesn't believe the proposal would affect the district's policy of offering benefits to employees with same-sex partners. The policy dates back to the 2001 labor contract, and currently applies to only three employees.

"If this ban were to pass, we don't think it would affect our ability to provide the benefits to employees involved with a same-sex relationship. We don't provide benefits to domestic partners of the

opposite sex," she said.

"The only way our policy is affected is if the state passes a law legalizing same-sex marriages. And it doesn't look like we're anywhere near that."

County Commissioner Tom McMillin, R-Auburn Hills, also the chairman of Oakland Citizens to Protect Marriage, the group that collected enough signatures to get the proposal on the ballot, said the proposal isn't about denying benefits.

The real intent of the measure, he said, is to define marriage once and for all as a union between one man and one woman.

A recent poll suggests the majority of Michigan voters agree with that definition. Commissioned by Inside Michigan Politics and conducted by the Lansing-based Marketing Resource Group during the week of Sept. 20, the poll sampled 600 registered Michigan voters.

According to the poll, 61 percent of the respondents approved of the measure, while 33 percent opposed it, with 6 percent undecided.

"This proposal is all about children. One man, one woman is good for children," McMillin said.

"A loving and compassionate society never intentionally creates motherless or fatherless families, which is exactly what every same-sex home does. For the children's sake and for society's sake, Michigan voters must vote yes on this proposal," he said.

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# State to coordinate ash tree removal

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Officials from Gov. Jennifer Granholm's administration unveiled a new plan Monday designed to help financially strapped municipalities and private property owners cut down dead and dying ash trees infested with the emerald ash borer.

By using a bid system, the state will facilitate contracts with as many tree-removal companies as possible, in hopes of securing the lowest price for communities and property owners in the 13 southeastern Michigan counties currently under quarantine because of emerald ash borer infestation.

The program should significantly reduce tree removal costs in the core communities, where there are an estimated 12 million infested trees, according to Mitch Irwin, director of the state's department of management and budget, which will handle the bids.

"Once we get the bids in place, we know it will cost landowners less than if they went out and found a contractor themselves," Irwin said.

Michigan Department of Agriculture spokesperson Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel said the hope is that the savings will end up being "hundreds of dollars per tree." Currently, some contractors charge about \$1,200 or more to cut down a mature tree, depending on its size and location. The cost will pay for cutting down the tree, removing the stump and disposing of the remnants.

According to Pat Lockwood, the state's emerald ash borer policy director, the state is trying to get as many contractors as possible involved in the program, which will not only help get rid of the hazardous dead trees, but also help local economies by giving contracts to local businesses.

"By the sheer volume of these contracts, it's a win-win for everyone involved," she said. "Right now, municipalities are using their own public works people or contracting out to cut down the trees. As a result, these municipal budgets have been hit very hard."

Lockwood stressed that no state or federal money will be used in the program. The state is simply trying to get a better price from contractors because of the large amount of work that needs to be done. After vendors are secured, the state will turn over the process to each individual municipality to coordinate local programs.

The bidding will conclude Nov. 9, with bid awards expected to be announced Nov. 22. Work is set to begin as soon as Dec. 1. There are certain criteria vendors must meet to be eligible for contracts, and all interested vendors must attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting Oct. 26 at the Wixom Community Center.

The 13 eligible counties are Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw, Jackson, Livingston, Macomb, Ingham, Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Lenawee and Monroe.

# Political strategists, spouses, spar at OU

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

James Carville and Mary Matalin, America's first couple of political spin, verbally jousting with one another in front of a rousing crowd during a Wednesday visit to Oakland University in Rochester.

The left-leaning Carville and Matalin, a GOP strategist, who shocked the political world when they married several years ago, characteristically traded barbs with one another, as they have done on countless national political programs such as CNN's *Crossfire*.

They also offered insights into the current presidential election, which they both characterized as a watershed moment in our nation's history.

And they should know. Not only is Carville an adviser to Democratic presidential nomi-

nee John Kerry, he also guided Bill Clinton's successful presidential campaign in 1992. Matalin is an adviser to President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

Carville told the audience the three presidential debates will determine who will win the presidency, and explained what to look for as they unfold. He admitted that Bush has run the better campaign thus far, but said Kerry has a tremendous opportunity with the three debates, the first of which took place Thursday night.

"In the early rounds, Bush has outscored Kerry. There's no doubt about that," he said. "But the challenger always has the better opportunity in the debates because people don't know as much about them."

Admitting not everything has gone according to plan

during Bush's four years in office, Matalin acknowledged the economy has caused hardships, particularly in the Midwest where many manufacturing jobs have disappeared. However, she said this election is about winning the war in Iraq and fighting global terrorism, something she feels the county will be able to do better if Bush is re-elected.

"Everybody is excited about this election for obvious reasons. It is an important election. The times in which we live are challenging and unprecedented in our lives," she said. "We are fighting the kind of enemy that takes on anybody, including children. It's going to take time. We have to make a stand in Iraq."

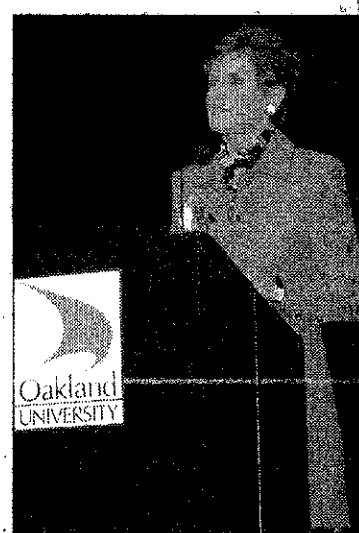
But the two also joked about one another, and both had different takes on how they are able to tolerate one another,

considering political leanings that are so at odds with one another. Matalin called her husband an acquired taste. Carville said there is a mutual respect based on a passion for politics.

"People ask me all the time how I can be married to Mary," he said. "It's much easier for me to love someone who has passion about politics than someone who doesn't care."

Carville also had some advice for the large audience, which included a big contingent of OU students. He told them to get active in their communities, whether it be in politics or some other form of public service.

"Attach yourself to something that's bigger than yourself, and you will be surprised how much bigger you'll become," he said. "You'll get the satisfaction that you played



GOP strategist Mary Matalin takes on her husband, John Kerry advisor James Carville, at Wednesday's forum at Oakland University.

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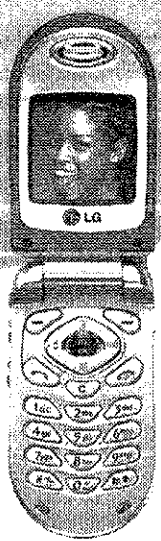
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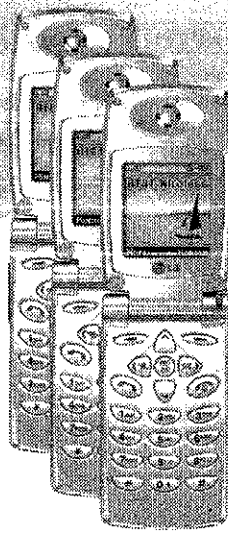
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# Canton has many 'spooky' events planned

From spooky story telling to unusual aquatic events, Canton Leisure Services has plenty of Halloween fun planned for the Canton Community.

Here are some of the thrills and chills planned that are sure to get attendees in the mood for Halloween.

"Stories from the Shadows" features old-fashioned scary stories on three consecutive Tuesdays, Oct. 13, 20, and 27; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

A storyteller will frighten and delight this Halloween season. Oct. 6 and 13 will feature "not-so-super-scary" stories for ages 5 and up. Oct. 20 and 27 will feature scary stories for ages 13 and up. Call the Summit for program location information. Cocoa, cider, & doughnuts included. \$5/advance registration; \$8/at the door.

"Pumpkins on the Pond" is Friday, Oct. 15 from 6-8 p.m. The event is free.

Canton residents are encouraged to carve their jack-o-lanterns at home and bring them out to the Heritage Park amphitheater. Pumpkin drop-off is 5 p.m. The walk/display will run 6-8 p.m. This is not a contest - just a great way to get into the spirit of the season. Take a moonlit stroll around the pond and check out the

array of orange masterpieces that local pumpkin artists have created. Hot cocoa and Halloween music will be provided.

The Seventh Annual OctoberFest is Oct. 16 12-4 p.m. at heritage Park.

This always fun-filled, free family event includes a variety of Halloween-themed activities including stage performances, games, refreshments, the ever-popular Kids Art Workshop and the "Trick-or-Treat Trail." Costumes are encouraged. Heritage Park.

Trick or Treat Trot, a fun run is Oct. 16 at 9 a.m. (registration) with the run at 10 a.m.

All age divisions and skill levels welcome. Awards, refreshments, and T-shirts will be available. Run begins at Heritage Park amphitheater; \$10/person for all ages.

Family Fright Night Fiesta is set for Oct. 22 from 7-9 p.m.

Everyone is invited to a first-ever Halloween dance for families. Canton provide the DJ, light refreshments, door-prizes and costume contests. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Children three years and under are free; \$5/resident.

Teen Night Out at a corn maze will be held Oct. 22 from 6:30-10 p.m. Teens are invited to travel down to Dundee to

Farmer J's Corn Maze for the ultimate challenge - make it through the maze to the finish. How far can the teens get without help? Cost is \$11/resident.

Leisure Club is holding Halloween Party (Therapeutic Recreation Program) Oct. 23 from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Summit's Maple/Oak Room.

Attendees should put on their favorite costume and celebrate Halloween. There will be games, refreshments, costume contests, and more. The party begins at 6:30 p.m. and might end by 10 p.m.; cost is \$10/resident.

Spooktacular Halloween is planning an aquatic special event on Oct. 23 from 5-7 p.m. The Summit Aquatic Center is transforming for one family-friendly spooky evening.

Pumpkin carving, bobbing for apples, and ooey-goey mystery games start the night. At 6 p.m. there will be trick-or-treating. Guests should bring their swimsuit and a costume. Early registration costs \$5. The cost is \$8 for everyone the week of the event.

Ghost and Goblins Cookie Time is Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Parents and children age 2 to 7 can spend time together creating some spooky treats for Halloween and enjoy

a Halloween Tale told by the class leader. Cost is \$21 per child (parents do not need to register).

The Summit Trick-or-Treat Parade is Oct. 29 from 3:30-6 p.m. Canton kids are invited to come in costume and collect some goodies as they parade through the Summit. Rooms will be filled with different Halloween trick-or-treat stations. This is an always fun and safe alternative to traditional trick-or-treating for little ones. Canton residents only allowed for this free event.

Orchestra Canton Spooktacular at the Village Theater is Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. A fun concert with extra Halloween excitement is planned and both the audience and the musicians are encouraged to come in costume. The concert will feature music from some scary classics including: *Ghostbusters*, *Psycho*, and the *Wizard of Oz*.

Ron Lowe's Scary Stories, "A Night in the Graveyard," will be offered Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. This show will feature Halloween stories for kids age 7-12 during the 2 p.m. show while a 3:30 p.m. show will showcase stories for the brave-at-heart age 12 and up at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$5.

# Theater showcases local school performances

With the opening of the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill this fall, the theater management hopes to introduce their audiences to a variety of performance opportunities. They have also stated an interest in showcasing local, youth performing groups.

To that end, The Village Theater launched a program called "Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Showcase."

One Tuesday a month, during the school year, a PCCS group will perform at the Village Theater.

Performances last about an hour and encompass a variety of art forms. Tickets sell for \$5 a seat.

The school groups are not charged for theater use or technical support. Ticket sales are split 50-50 with the performing group, making it a worthwhile fund-raising opportunity for most of the schools involved, since a full house would raise some \$1,000 for the group.

The next performance, Oct. 12, is "Spotlight on

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Tickets can be purchased three ways: At the Summit (46000 Summit Parkway, Canton); by phone, with a credit card, (734) 394-5460; or at the Village Theater Box Office, after 6 p.m.

Scheduled performances the rest of the year include:

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# Canton Chorus seeks more new members

Canton Leisure Services announces that the new Canton Community Chorus is looking for more members.

Director Janine Grady-Creedon, along with the current members, invites those who are looking for an excellent way to get involved with the community to come and join them. This is a new endeavor for Canton.

There are no auditions needed. If you would simply like to learn techniques to improve

your singing, meet wonderful new people, and be involved in the fabulous new theater, the Canton Community Chorus is for you. There is something for everyone. Both youth (ages 8-16) and adults (ages 17 and up) are encouraged to get involved. Practices are on Monday evenings at the Village Theater (corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads).

Youth practices are from 6-7 p.m. and the adults practice from 7:30-9 p.m. Both groups

will perform on the new stage at the Village Theater on Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals have already started; however the chorus will be accepting new members through October.

Please pre-register for the chorus at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 48188; phone (734) 394-5460 for more information.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
9/1/04 RB Schools applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a new noncommercial radio station to serve Plymouth, MI on FM channel 201A, 0.1 KW effective radiated power, antenna 16 meters HAAT at 42°22'51" N Latitude 83°28'41" W Longitude. The sole director and officer of RB Schools is Linda de Romanett. An application copy is available for public inspection at Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main St.  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., October 21st, 2004 for the following:  
**PRINTING OF SPECIAL EDITION DISCOVER CANTON LEISURE SERVICES BROCHURES**  
Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.  
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk  
Publish: October 7, 2004  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA October 14, 2004**  
The meeting will be held at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:  
Pledge of Allegiance to the flag  
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.  
Acceptance of Agenda  
1. Kathy Bakkila of Oxford Park, 7971 Oxford Drive, Canton, MI 48187 representing Estate Millcreek, LLC, 70 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, MI 48068 for property located at 7971 Oxford Drive, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102.33, 3, relative to off premise sign setback variance. Zone R-2.  
Parcel 020-99-0007-707 (Building) **(TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 MEETING)**  
2. James Hillman of Oscar W Larson Co., 10100 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48348 representing Hakim Fakhoury of BP/ Amoco Gas, 125 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188 for property located at 125 S. Canton Center, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102.35, 4, b, regarding ground sign requirements. Zone C-2.  
Parcel 086-99-0004-701 (Building)  
Election of officers  
(Approval of August 12, 2004 and September 9, 2004 Minutes)  
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**STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE**  
Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on NOVEMBER 5, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**  
**UNIT #B-03-FREDIA GREENSHIELDS OF 9029 ROCKER ST., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170.** Clothes, household items, umbrella, boxes, other misc. items.  
**UNIT #126-JENNIFER HAYNES OF 7450 DREW CIRCLE #3, WESTLAND, MI 48185.** Furniture, couch, ladder, (2) bikes, cart, bed frame, chairs, boxes, vacuum, golf clubs, dresser, tables, other misc. items.  
**UNIT #817, 318, 337-GREGORY AUSTIN OF 37625 W. 5 MILE RD., LIVONIA, MI 48154.** Signs, water heaters, restaurant equipment, store fixtures, storage racks, other misc. items.  
**UNIT #339-JAMES ALTER (NWC INC.) OF P.O. BOX 512, DEARBORN HTS., MI 48127.** Brief case, fax machine, clothes, boxes, other misc. items.  
**UNIT #364-JAMES RYAN OF 17640 SUMNER, REDFORD, MI 48240.** Stove, table & chairs, saw, patio, umbrella, bird cages, garden tools, approx. 9 boxes, other misc. items.  
**UNIT #401-CATRINA HAMILTON-LANUM OF 419 CANTERBURY CIRCLE, CANTON, MI 48187.** Antiques, TV, stereo, furniture, boxes, other misc. items.  
**UNIT #405-WILLIAM SHOUSE MOBILE CO. OF 9190 SHELDON, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170.** (12) 20/Ton Jacks, pallets, (2) winches, cinder blocks, misc. pipe.  
**UNIT #528-LINDA ADAMS OF 42507 ADAMS CT., CANTON, MI 48187.** Suitcases, bike, radio, clothes, printer, beds, table, chairs, speakers, boxes, household items, other misc. items.  
**UNIT #646-BURT SIMPSON OF 15696 NORTHVILLE FOREST, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170.** Bike, aluminum bend/brake, tables, cage, elec. keyboard, gas powered air compressor, saw, bench, roll of cable, other misc. items.  
**SALE DATE IS NOVEMBER 5, 2004 AT 10:00 A.M.**  
Publish: October 7 & 17, 2004  
OE02625035

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2004**  
Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.  
Supervisor Mann read the proclamation naming October, 2004, as Plymouth Community United Way Month and presented a copy to Marie Morrow and Jerry Trumpka, representing Plymouth Community United Way.  
Supervisor Mann read the proclamation naming October 3-9, 2004, as Fire Prevention Week and presented a copy to Fire Chief Randy Maycock.  
Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Agenda for the September 28, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.  
Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the September 28, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted, with the removal of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Tuesday, August 17, 2004. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.  
Concerning Mr. Curmi's second request at the September 9, meeting to correct the minutes of the August 17th Special Meeting, and following clarification from Mr. Harry Jachym, a member of the Township Hall Building Committee, Mr. Curmi amended the minutes of the August 17, Board of Trustees Special Meeting, on page 1, 3rd paragraph, 9th line and following the word "increase" by adding the following sentence "A member of the Township Building Committee said he felt if there was a chance that the new township hall facilities would go over budget, the public, and we have an intelligent public, would prefer that over a sub-standard building." Mr. Curmi then moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2004, Board of Trustee Special Meeting, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.  
Mr. Edwards then indicated that he just noticed a typo error on page 6, last paragraph, of the minutes of the September 14, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. The amount of the contract awarded for the Friendship Station building addition should state \$227,100.00, not \$277,100.00. It was agreed this correction would be made.  
Resident Harry Jachym inquired as to how long tapes of the meetings were kept. Mrs. Massengill replied they are kept for six months; however, Mr. Jachym should contact her office as to the possible availability of the tape he's interested in.  
Mr. Edwards moved to approve Applications 1838 and 1845 for rezoning from R-1-E, Single Family Residential and C-2, General Commercial to C-1, Neighborhood Shopping District, as described on the attached amended zoning map. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. AYES: Edwards, Arnold, Herriman, Mann. NAYS: Curmi, Massengill, Munfakh. Motion carried.  
Mrs. Massengill moved to approve filling the position of Emergency Manager/Training Officer, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Letter of Understanding between the Township and the Plymouth Professional Firefighters' Association, I.A.F.F./Local 1496. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.  
Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. C-2004-03, Amendment to the Cross Connections Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.  
Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 04-09-28-41, granting the request from Robert Bosch Corporation to extend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2003-004 for an additional one year, establishing an ending date of December 30, 2013, for real and personal property for property located east of Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, west of I-275 Expressway and north of M-14,

Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.  
Ms. Arnold moved to approve the 2004 Tax Rate Request for the Charter Township of Plymouth and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.  
It was noted that the millage rate would remain the same for 2004, a total of 3.2894 mills.  
Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04-09-28-42, approving the request of Lucrative Productions, Inc., to transfer ownership of the 2004 Class C licensed business located at 555 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, from Best Choices, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.  
At 8:35 p.m., Supervisor Mann called for brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.  
Regarding consideration of awarding the Construction Management Bid for the new Township facilities, Chief Building Official Mark Lewis explained the process followed to narrow the field of bidders to three remaining firms: DeMattia Group; A.Z. Shmina, Inc.; and J.S. Vig. He introduced representatives from each company who gave presentations to the Board regarding their construction management capabilities and experience. Mr. Munfakh and Mr. Herriman expressed their recommendations that the firm located within the Township, DeMattia Group, should receive the bid award.  
Mr. Herriman moved to award the Construction Management Contract to DeMattia Group in the amount of \$431,000, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. AYES: Herriman, Munfakh, Arnold, Curmi, Edwards, Mann. NAYS: Massengill. Motion carried.  
Mr. Mann reminded the Board that a Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6, commencing at 6:00 p.m., at which the Board will inter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing Fire Department contract negotiations. Immediately following the Special Meeting, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a work session will be held.  
Also, prior to the October 12 Regular Board Meeting, a special meeting with the architects for the new Township Hall facilities is scheduled to commence at 6 p.m. to view more detailed site plans and elevations, possibly discussing the first bid package.  
Mr. Edwards informed the Board of the Fire Safety Program to be held on October 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Township offices.  
Mr. Munfakh moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.  
Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
Steven Mann, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on September 28, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on October 12, 2004.  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following: Human Resource Office, 42850 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number (734) 354-3202 TDD units: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Services).  
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OUR VIEWS

# Busy times at clerk's office

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett said there has been a ton — a ton — of interest in this presidential election.

And that is, indeed, a good thing.

Last time (2000) about 32,000 people voted in Canton and Bush beat Al Gore here by only about 1,500 votes. Friday, Bennett said at least 54,000 Canton folks were on the rolls to vote. If Kerry wins in Michigan, Canton could play a part by giving him enough votes in the suburbs to counteract heavy outstate Republican voting.

Either way, we hope Canton voters turn out in droves to improve Michigan's 2000 average of 58 percent participation in presidential votes.

The rush to register by last Monday brought some strange questions about absentee ballots, an entirely separate matter from being registered. (States have various registration deadlines; about 16 have 30-days-before deadlines like Michigan.)

One question Bennett's staff fielded was: The absentee votes are only counted if there is a tie, right?

This may be simple confusion, or fallout from Florida and the Supreme Court, or part of the white noise surrounding the presidential campaign.

Bennett and her staff assured the caller that all AV ballots are counted in AV boards during the election. You can actually vote an AV ballot Saturday before the election and also Monday, but you'll have to do it at township hall. Absentee ballots are only given out the days of the election for serious medical problems.

So the registration deadline is past. The AV ballot deadline looms, and these first forms should be going out soon. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 2, and polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Those in line at 8 p.m. can vote.

And yes, all votes count in Michigan cities and townships. This isn't Florida.

# Newspapers' role 'indispensible'

Noted American humorist Will Rogers once said, "All I know is what I read in the papers." Nowadays, *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno uses newspaper headlines as a comic staple of his show.

It is National Newspaper Week and we believe it's worth noting that for centuries American newspapers have played a vital role in the life of Americans — and usually as more than fodder for laughs.

Before there was a United States, a newspaper printer named Benjamin Franklin and editor named Thomas Paine used their editorial space to argue, among other things, that taxation without representation was worth fighting over. Our Founding Fathers felt that the role of newspapers was so important as an independent source of information that press freedom was codified in the very First Amendment.

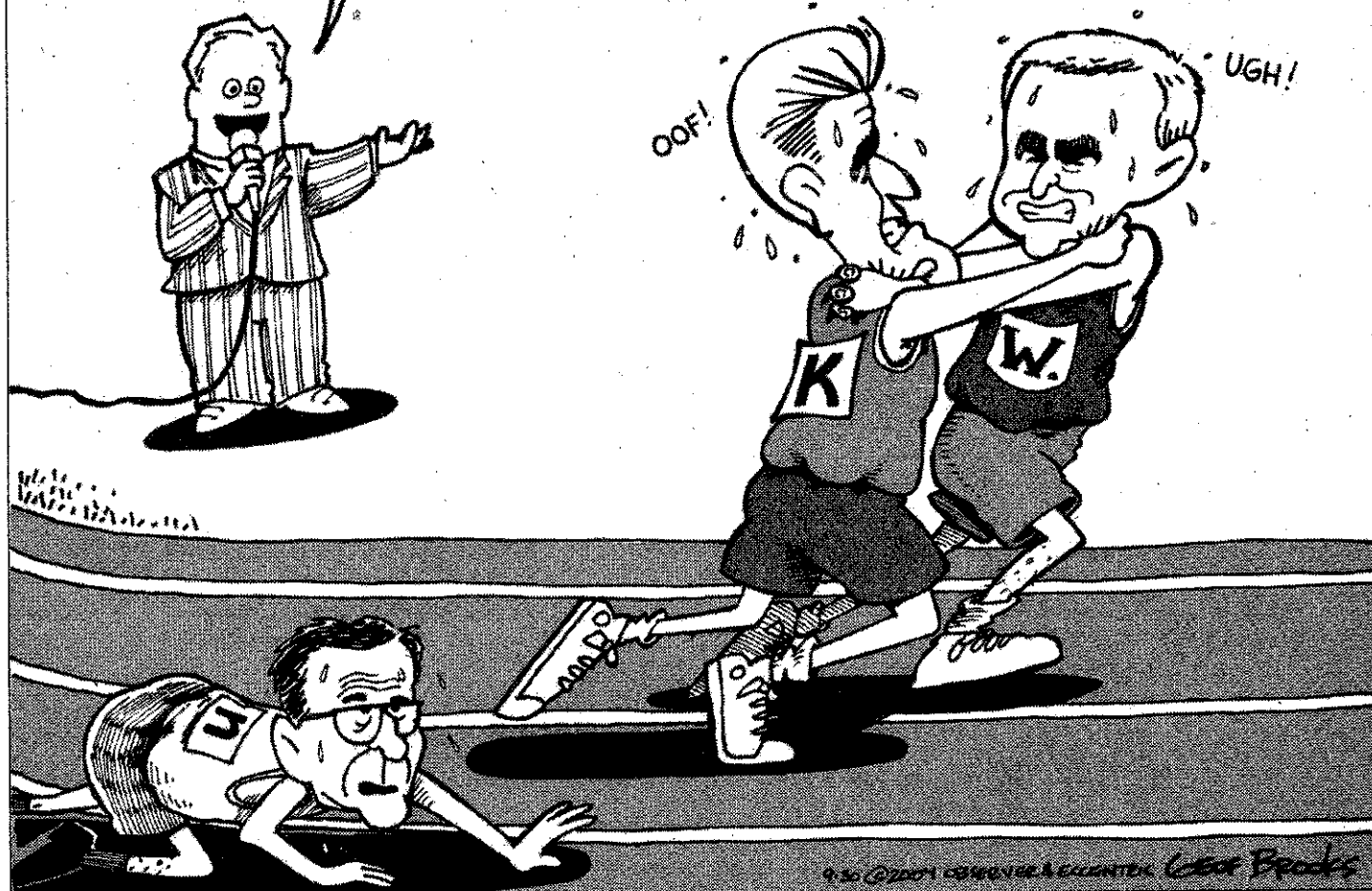
Over the years, our nation's newspapers have shared the stories of our nation. Through reporting, editorials and columns, the press has helped to bring home American troops from Vietnam and shed light on an executive branch coverup that brought down a presidency.

On a smaller scale, newspapers like this one have told the stories of the triumphs and tragedies of our own towns as they've grown and developed over the years. Local historians often look to the records of our *Observer & Eccentric* as sources. We've reflected the interests of our residents and focused on their needs. We've tried to lead through stories and opinion, given municipalities and school districts an effective way to reach residents with advertisements and announcements, and provided a town square-style public forum for residents to share their views through letters and columns. scrapbooks.

Over the years, there have been many threats to the American newspaper industry, which survived the introduction of the telegraph, the radio and television. People have fretted over major consolidations and mergers of media outlets. And, most recently, there's been concern over online competition as sources of information and places to offer advertisements.

Most importantly, newspapers deliver information unfiltered by any branch of the government. As we near election season, it's worth remembering the words of Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart: "Enlightened choice by an informed citizenry is the basic ideal upon which an open society is premised, and a free press is thus indispensable to a free society."

THEY'RE IN THE HOMESTRETCH,  
AND IT'S STILL NECK AND NECK!



## LETTERS

### Thanking voters

As the superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, I write to express my gratitude to all of our community members who voted in the Sept. 28 election. The turnout was rewarding and I believe the results sent a clear message about how our community members feel about their school district.

The passage of both the 18-mill non-homestead renewal and the \$109 million bond issue were wonderful accomplishments. They signaled the beginning of a new era and a new partnership between the school district and our parents and community members.

This partnership will move us forward in our effort to continue to improve the educational opportunities for our students and protect the investments our taxpayers have made in our school buildings. It will also allow us to add needed space and create a neighborhood school in southwest Canton.

Because of you, the future of our school district grows brighter and stronger. We promise to continue to work hard to provide a strong education, manage our funding well, and plan for the future.

Thank you again for your support and the strong message you sent in the Sept. 28 election. I am proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Jim Ryan  
superintendent

### Sign abuse

Name recognition is an essential element to running a successful political campaign. Signs are a valuable tool to achieve that goal and a fundamental expression of one's Constitutional right of free speech.

Conversely, most communities have sign ordinances designed to protect their aesthetic values. These ordinances typically limit the size, number, location and timing of political signs. Some of the restrictions imposed by sign ordinances in other area communities are being Constitutionally challenged in the courts at this moment.

Many responsible candidates choose to respect their community's laws and abide by the sign ordinances by only placing signs on private property with the owner or possessor's permission, which requires melding their Constitutional rights with a community's desire to prevent a blight of signs.

It is extremely hard work to earn the support of people who will allow one to place a sign on their property and to acquire sufficient "good locations." Prime sign locations on private property with permission serve as a powerful endorsement of that candidate.

Other candidates choose to simply ignore the local community's laws and blanket the community with signs in prime locations on public property (which is not allowed in Canton) or private property (which usually begins just inside the sidewalk) without anyone's permission.

The former practice often occurs at night or on weekends when sign enforce-

ment officers do not work and the signs often last at least until Monday when they are then removed at taxpayer expense. The latter practice is even more insidious as the unaware voter cannot easily distinguish between signs that are endorsements by the property owner and those that were placed by stealthy trespassers without the knowledge or permission of the land or business owner.

Sign ordinance officers do not disturb signs on private property. The unfortunate thing is that this deceptive tactic often works to the benefit of the candidate who chose to ignore the law by taking this shortcut and to the detriment of the candidate who worked hard to abide by the law.

This situation has created a very uneven playing field. As long as this tactic works, candidates will use it. To stop this practice property owners can police their properties for unauthorized signs. Voters can ask a business if they have authorized the political sign that is placed on their property. Ultimately it is up to you to determine which candidate has earned your vote.

Mike Gerou  
35th District Court judge

### No more recruiting

As a citizen of Canton Township since 1976, and a former employee of the Canton Recreation and Leisure Department, I was surprised and dismayed that the Summit on the Park will be hosting a Young Marine Unit coordinated by Charles Volker for ages 8-18.

With all of the recruiting that already takes place near our schools and centers of teen hang-outs, as evidenced by Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11*, do we need to further induce our youth into the hideous belief that raising arms is more important than say, oh, going to college?

My son is only two years away from qualifying for Mr. Volker's program, and I would be horrified to see him a member of this organization. There are plenty of opportunities for area youth to participate in community service, through other programs at the Summit, the Scouts organizations, our schools both public and private, and local centers of worship, to name a few.

And, as a veteran and a commandant in the local Michigan Marine Corp, I am sure that Mr. Volker knows his history well, and remembers that it was the propaganda of Hitler which influenced young Germans to dress in Nazi garb, as part of the strong insurgence of hatred against Jewish individuals, which then, ultimately, led to World War II.

Yes, I support and am proud of all troops representing the United States of America, but maybe the Summit and our local government should consider what type of programs they allow into their community center.

Will they show other sides of the issues by sponsoring college and university programs for children and teens, so that they can see that at the age of 18, they have more than military recruitment opportunities open to them?

Dawn Ham-Kucharski  
Canton

### Supports Todd LaJoy

This letter is to encourage Canton Township voters to get out and vote for Todd LaJoy for township trustee.

I have known Todd for many years as an outstanding citizen who has given a tremendous amount of time and expertise to the Canton community. Most recently I served with Todd LaJoy as a board member at the Canton Chamber of Commerce. During his term on the board Todd helped take the chamber to a new level of visibility in the Canton community through development of several new programs.

Mr. LaJoy's dedication and focus also took him to a new level as president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce for 2004. During his year as president Todd continues to lead the chamber with strong skills and ideas which focus on the people of the Canton community.

If you attend any community event you will probably see Todd there. He is a very active leader in Canton. He is an open communicator and active listener with just the right balance needed to serve as trustee.

The Canton community is lucky to have a person of such talent to be willing to serve on the Canton Township board. Please remember to vote for Todd LaJoy.

Sally Bailey  
Canton

### Choosing destiny

I am a student at Discovery Middle School, writing to convince people to vote.

I think people should vote if they have the opportunity for the following reasons. If you don't vote then you give up the opportunity to make things better. People before us have died to make sure we have the freedom and right to vote and it is disrespectful to their memory for us to ignore the right.

Voting allows us to choose the leader we want. It allows us to choose our own destiny.

Sara Schmitt  
Canton

## SHARE YOUR OPINIONS

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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## QUOTABLE

"There is a ton of interest in this election. And that's a good thing. And, based on interest, people need to plan for election day. There will be lines at times at some precincts."

— Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett on a recent surge in voter registration



# Hillegonds makes a mark as governor at Wayne State

People who write newspaper columns always wonder, a bit wistfully, whether their (sometimes) informed, wise and passionate words ever actually make a difference. On occasion they do, which gives us the necessary wisp of courage to keep on scribbling.

However, the subject of this particular column — elections to fill the governing boards of our three great public universities, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University — gives me special cause for pessimism.

Candidates for these positions are nominated at the August conventions of our political parties.

If they are Republicans, they have to swear allegiance to Right To Life and anti-tax orthodoxy; if Democrats, they are obliged to kowtow to organized labor and affirmative action.

Having done so, they duly run statewide, where their hopeful and energetic candidacies are greeted with profound indifference by the media and ignorance by the electorate.

What actually happens is that many voters skip the board races, and normally the party that sweeps the top of the ticket takes most of the university seats, thanks to voters who pull a straight party lever. When Ronald Reagan swept the state in 1984, even the best Democratic board candidates didn't have a prayer. Most Republican university candidates were wiped out in 2000, when Al Gore won the state fairly easily.

But these elections do matter, in themselves, often big-time. A bad board often picks a bad president. A bad president usually messes up a good university. Fixing it takes a long time and a lot of money.

And so, flying in the face of demonstrated voter indifference on the subject, I wish to bring to your attention a remarkable man running as a Republican for re-election to the board of governors of Wayne State University: Paul Hillegonds.

I've known and admired Paul for years. Way back in 1978, he was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. An ally of Gov. William Milliken, he was elected speaker in 1986. He left the Legislature to become president of Detroit Renaissance, a nonprofit civic organization made up of southeastern Michigan's main business leadership that works on economic development and public policy issues.

That skeletal resume does not even hint at the remarkable impact Paul has had on Michigan. Over the years, it has seemed to me that literally every time I went into a worthwhile meeting, Paul Hillegonds was there, sitting quietly for the most

part but occasionally saying something extremely sensible in his thoughtful, low-key way. He's been involved with Ready to Succeed (a coalition working to provide very early childhood learning); the University Investment Commission (which urged the state actually to invest in higher education); the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (which stimulates growth in our economy); and the Michigan Nature Conservancy (which works to preserve the great and beautiful places in Michigan before it's too late.)

The list goes on and on.

Normally, you wouldn't expect a 55-year-old native of Holland, Mich., to care about and become an expert on the problems of Detroit, or of Wayne State University. But Hillegonds has and he does.

Originally appointed to the WSU board by former Gov. John Engler, Paul (a U-M alum, by the way!) feels strongly about the university he helps direct: "Wayne has 200,000 alumni, 90 percent of whom live in Michigan. They make up one out of four judges, 40 percent of the doctors and 12,000 teachers in our state. The human capital Wayne State generates for Michigan is literally priceless."

"Not only that, but the university brings into Michigan \$125 million in research funding, which puts it into that rare class of universities with world stature. Let's face it. The competition is worldwide for investment capital, ideas, research, bright people. Wayne State University is a player for Michigan at this level."

"Not only that, but it's the key to the economic development strategy for Detroit. Historically, it was a commuter school only, specializing in bright but poor kids who were working and who lived at home while going to college. Now it's adding 1,800 units of residence halls that will bring people downtown. And Tech Town, WSU's public-private development project, is bringing high-tech companies like Asterand (a biotech firm) to Detroit."

"Wayne has a vitally important role to play in the future of Michigan, and I'm pleased to have played a small part in helping out."

This is typically modest, thoughtful Paul Hillegonds. He is widely regarded as one of the sanest members of the WSU board, and richly deserves to be re-elected. You'll find his name at the bottom of the ballot in the Republican column, as a candidate for the Board of Governors of Wayne State University. Don't overlook him, even if you are a passionate Democrat.

And I hope against hope that my column this time actually makes a difference.

**Phil Power** was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987-99. He is also the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

# Territorial disputes between city and township part of editor's beat

Emptying out the ol' notebook, *a la* the late Joe Falls:

Steve Mann's skeptical reaction to the idea of conducting a summit bringing together officials from various western Wayne County communities to talk about partnerships comes as no great surprise to anyone who has paid attention the last four years.

Mann has never had any great love for the idea of working with city officials, and he's joined in that attitude by several members of the current township board. Part of his frustration with the city stems from commissioners' decision not to join the township's Downtown Development Authority for the Ann Arbor Road corridor. Former Mayor Bill Graham, a financial whiz, questioned the township's projections and convinced the commission to pass on the DDA. Mann said a couple of weeks ago the DDA is far ahead of what he called "cautious" projections.

City and township officials have also frequently clashed over the operation of the fire department. An intergovernmental agreement requires the township to pay 75 percent of the department's budget, while the city kicks in 25 percent.

However, city officials feel slighted when decisions are made about hiring and spending in the department, although the agreement cedes that authority to the township.

These territorial spats tend to get in the way of other avenues of progress, particularly the formation of a joint recreation program that would probably benefit both municipalities. The city has the programs, and the township has the facilities, a division of assets conducive to a joint program ... except that egos and attitudes frequently get in the way.

It's a sticky wicket incoming Supervisor Richard Reaume is going to have to navigate, although an early meeting with current Mayor Stella Greene reportedly didn't go well. Reaume and Greene say everything is fine and Reaume, for his part, acknowledges the city and township must be able to work together.

Reaume, in the meantime, has been making the rounds of municipal meetings, including visiting with officials in both Canton and Northville, displaying an eagerness to learn that he'll need to negotiate the learning curve.

■ Andiamo is looking at the old Penn Theatre as a possible new location. Reaction seems to vary, with much of it along the lines of, "Great, just what Plymouth needs, another restaurant."



Brad Kadrich

Don't get me wrong. Clearly, Plymouth is becoming more and more a destination location for businesses and for visitors. There is a wealth of opportunities for retail and commercial locations, and a wide range of shopping for visitors.

But it's hard not to sympathize with people who'd like to see something besides a new restaurant come into town. It's too bad no one could find a way to make the comedy club idea work, for instance. Plymouth doesn't have any of those. Plymouth does, however, have 1,318 restaurants, by unofficial count.

Now, for pudgy columnists, that's not a bad thing. However, it's easy to see where people would want something else.

What's not so easy to understand is why no one cried out for the Penn to be saved as a theater. It has a long history in town, yet the hue and cry over its demise never really materialized. Maybe it's because of the availability of several larger theaters in the general vicinity.

■ I was surprised to see the ease with which both questions in last week's Plymouth-Canton schools election passed, not because I don't believe they were good proposals (I do), but because historically it's difficult to get two separate questions passed on the same ballot, especially when you're dealing with money.

It's a testament to the powers of persuasion Jim Ryan possesses. The superintendent of schools, who gets high marks from nearly everyone who meets him for his candor and his passion, was literally everywhere, making some 50 appearances in the weeks before the election to explain exactly why the district needs the money.

There are legitimate questions about where the district is going to put its resources now, but Ryan has, to this point, proven worthy of the district's trust.

■ In the five years I've worked here, I've learned this town has some traffic quirks you don't see too many other places. For instance, if I see one more train in this town, I'm going to scream.

I've never been in a town where you can be stopped by the same train — twice. But it has happened to me, as I'm sure it has to many of you, in downtown Plymouth. Most frequently, I get stopped at the tracks on Mill, then again at Main Street.

The other thing that I think is weird — and I wish city officials would look into — is the timing of the lights at Ann Arbor Trail and at Penniman. There's no earthly reason I should be the second car waiting for a green light at Ann Arbor Trail, and still get stopped by the red light at Penniman.

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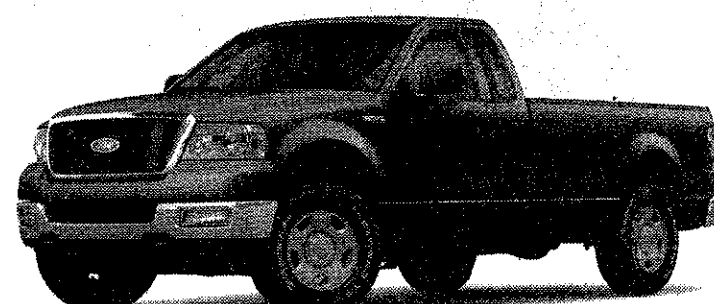
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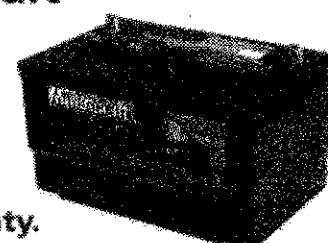
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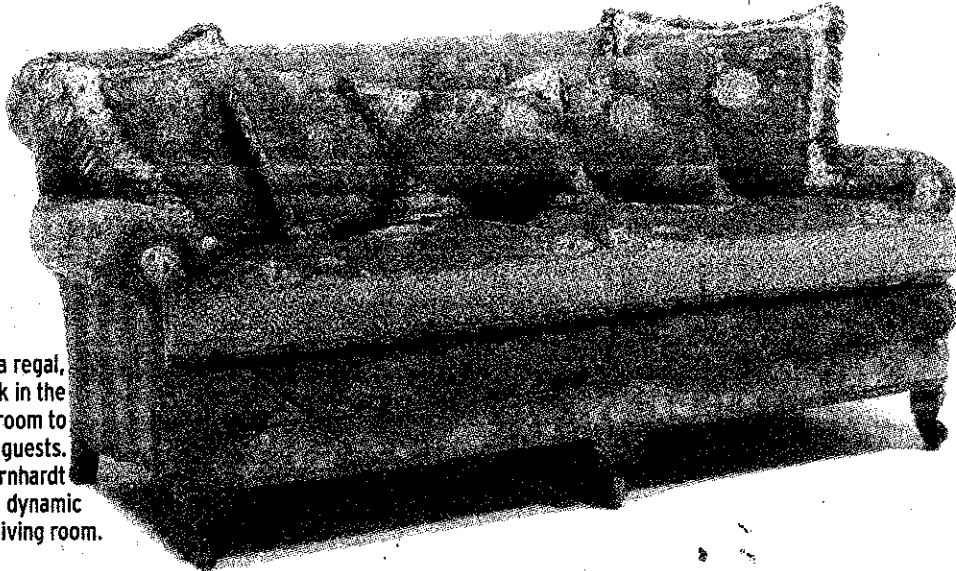


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## The Living Room

Family room, parlor or salon – by any name, a living room should be comfy

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At right, bring a regal, springlike look in the living room to entertain your guests. Above, Bernhardt sofas add a dynamic look to the living room.

The term "living room" is so familiar, we rarely define it. Although its nomenclature varies, the concept is universal. A salon in France, a lounge in England and an American parlor in colonial days, it's the place in a home where guests are warmly received – where conversation flows and families and friends unwind and connect.

With the suburban sprawl of the 1960s and 1970s, many homes were built with more than one such room. The den or the family room became the spot for relaxation and entertainment while the living room was often more formal and off limits to anyone but special company.

Many of today's homes, condos and lofts have spawned the great room or the conversation area – a "new" living room with fewer boundaries, heightened personal style and an invitation to comfort.

### A SURGE OF STYLE

As HGTV, other networks and glossy magazines bombard us with decorating tips, there's a new fervor over decor – and we can't seem to get enough.

Furniture styles now blend, creating genre after genre of new trends. Once either considered traditional or contemporary, we are now enjoying

PLEASE SEE LIVING ROOM, B4

## Basics help you furnish your first home

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Some basic pieces as well as some basics – fundamentals – can help with the challenge of furnishing your first home.

Whether it's an apartment or a house, whether you're a single person or a couple, keeping a few things in mind can make your quest for furniture easier.

"I would do something to make it more eclectic," said

Beverly Stewart, professional interior designer at Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield.

You don't have to try for top end pieces, but keep your financial target in the medium range, says Brian Docherty, home furnishing consultant at Value City Furniture in Westland.

"Don't try to buy the cheapest you can find," he said.

A sofa, a loveseat or chair, an ottoman and a couple of floor lamps are nice "starter" pieces

for the living room.

Leather and microfiber, which looks and feels like suede, are good materials.

Leather is durable and easy to care for, says Stewart.

"Microfibers are very popular," Docherty said. "They are very durable, last a long time, and are very easy to maintain."

Avoid polished cotton, he said. "It will wear thin very quickly."

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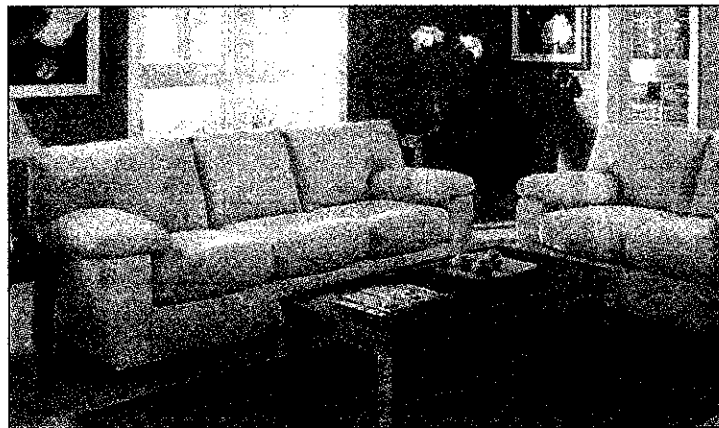


Keep it simple when looking for starter pieces for the home.

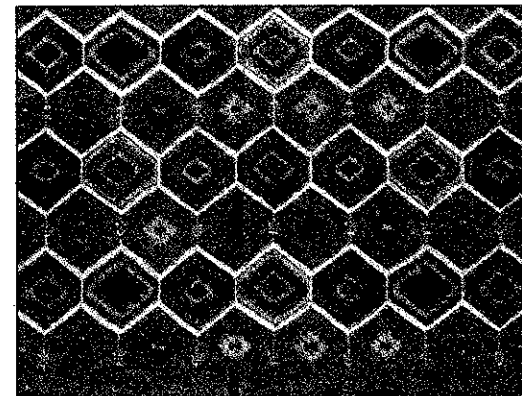
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## BASICS

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Fabric protection is a good idea, Docherty said. Ask the salesperson for recommended products.

"It's a given you should always use fabric treatment," Docherty said. "It makes a night and day difference."

A shelf configuration or an etagere are attractive and functional pieces for holding a television and other items.

"It's airy and open," Stewart said.

Stewart suggests getting a small dinette set - for two to four people - with stylish chairs that could be used for extra seating in the living room.

For example, Johnston Casuals carries the Eclipse collection, featuring cushioned chairs with smooth curves for arms.

A good size dining room table is a 42-inch round, Docherty says.

For the bedroom, you can get

a bed that has just a frame, or a frame and a free-standing headboard. A queen-size bed is a good size.

One or two nightstands or end tables are useful, especially if they feature drawers.

A dresser with a mirror, and a chest, can provide plenty of drawer space.

When you buy your first furnishings, ask the salesperson if they are closeouts; if they are, you won't be able to get matching pieces in a few years.

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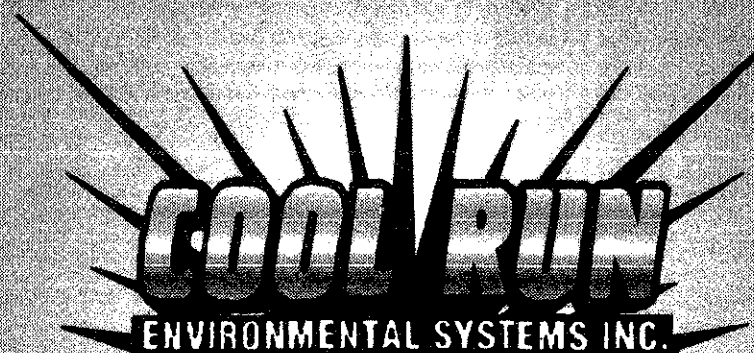
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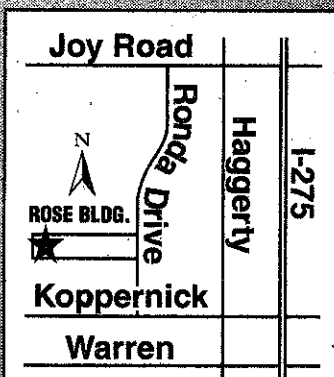
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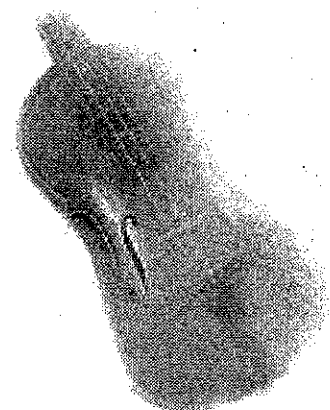
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# Fabulous FURNITURE 2004

## Rethink the how you use the rooms in your home

I live in a colonial style home with a traditional layout. The formal living and dining rooms are completely separate from the rest of the living spaces.



Terri Guastella

Here's my dilemma: We never use these rooms, so how can I best utilize this dead space?

Form follows function. Many have heard this phrase, but few put it into action.

Begin by rethinking the labels we give the rooms, followed by honest thought as to how you and your family utilize these rooms. This is the definition of form following function.

Let's look at a few examples.

By saying, "We never use these rooms," the assumption is that you have no need for formal spaces whatsoever.

With that in mind, first consider a French door separating the dining room from the kitchen prep area to create a home office/computer space.

The next step is to divide the dining area from the living room. The simplest solution is to place a decorative folding floor screen as your dividing wall. A more permanent

option is to build a wall dividing the two rooms. If you are handy or are willing to hire a carpenter, divide the dining room from the living room with a solid wall or a wall with a pair of French doors.

If your personal décor follows a more Asian theme, consider shoji screens as a divider option. These beautiful screens are inspired by the Japanese and operate on a track system.

Now that you have created a home office, we need to address the living room space.

Let's assess your needs. Built-in bookcases or free-standing shelf units could create a home library. Add a comfy reading chair or two, an ottoman, a cozy throw, and you have a Sunday morning spot for coffee and the newspaper.

Do you have children that like to play games or do crafts? Consider a game table that can double as a crafting space.

Be creative with storage to keep the room inviting and not chaotic. Small chests or open shelves with decorative baskets can meet your storage needs.

Does anyone in the home play a musical instrument? Make this the music room. How about a place for homework? The living room loca-

tion in the traditional colonial is perfect for a homework spot. It is separate enough from the principal activities in the home to give the student some privacy, yet it is within a comfortable distance for parents to pop in and check on the student.

When deciding how this room is to be used, keep in mind that this is the first room your guests will see upon entering your home.

Many people use the formal spaces only during holidays and do not want to change permanently the function of these rooms. If you host a formal Thanksgiving dinner for 20 and would like to keep your dining room for this purpose, consider this alternative: Switch the dining room and living room. By placing your dining room table in the original living room space, you have the option of fully extending your table and having comfortable seating around your table.

Most dining room spaces do not accommodate a fully extended table, and rarely allow for adequate walking space around the table with a side bar or china cabinet. You rectify this problem by moving the table into the living room. To complete the look, hang a beautiful chandelier over the

table.

With the living room typically being larger than the dining room, you will have to consider additional lighting. A single chandelier will not be enough. A simple solution is to flank your china cabinet with two striking torchieres. If you have a side bar instead of a china cabinet, place a pair of matching buffet lamps on it, framing a beautiful piece of art or a large mirror.

Adding recessed lights, wired to a dimmer switch, is a good option to use instead of

the lamps. Wall sconces also bring in additional light, while adding ambience and visual interest.

Now let's look at the newly emptied dining room. This room does not have to be separated from the living room with a wall, a door or a screen. A simple sitting area adjacent to your new, large dining room is what you can have. You can keep the existing chandelier; however, you may need to raise it a bit.

A word of caution here: don't neglect the lighting.

Adjusting the lighting to the new uses of each room will make these rooms seem deliberate and not just an after thought.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer, is the newest member to the Observer & Eccentric columnist lineup. Guastella, a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation.

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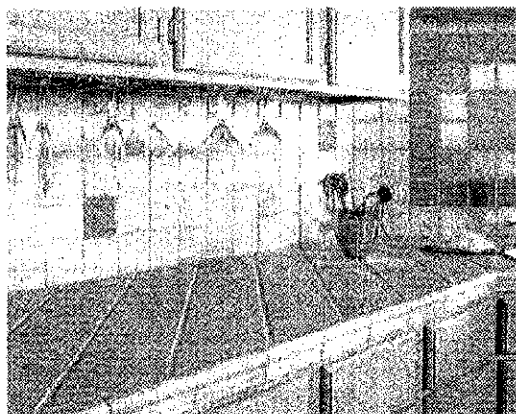
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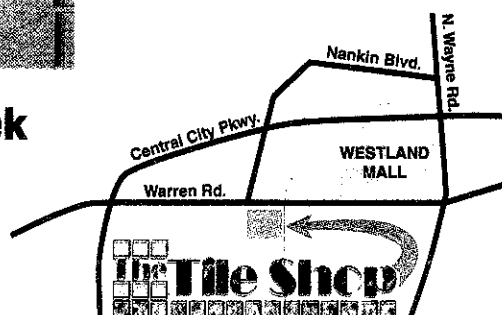
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## LIVING ROOM

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a combination of concepts to form an array of great looks. Eric Buzenberg co-owns Walker/Buzenberg Fine Furniture in Plymouth with his brother David. "It used to be that living room furniture all matched," Eric Buzenberg said. "It came in a set - a sofa, matching chairs, matching tables and standard lamps. There are so many more possibilities today - adding pieces here and there to create an individual style."

Floor manager Karen Servo adds, "It's all based on personal preference, and the trend is toward an eclectic mix. People are re-inventing themselves by mixing pieces, woods and fabrics - and through use of color."

## WHAT'S HOT?

Splashes of color are everywhere - from tomato to persimmon to apple green to claret.

"Earth tones are 'in,' but with more intense color - such as terracotta and orangey reds," Servo said. "People are working longer hours and are seeking fun and boldness at home. Color sets the tone in a room and is customized to a space and a lifestyle."

Vintage and retro are hot tickets. Antiques and reproductions are sought after, as well as period motifs such as Arts and Crafts, Mission, Shaker, Art Deco and the '50s.

As Servo quips, "It's stylish to have a brand new couch that resembles the one from Grandma's attic - one that looks like you could beat the dust out of it!"

Lush fabrics such as tapes, silks, and velvets or a mixture of patterns, textures and details top off the vintage look. The minimalist esthetic is characterized by cool clean lines and European flair with plush Italian leathers, smooth woods, glass accents, soft suede-like micro-fibers and other new fabrics.

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The Zimmerman collection will fit in well in a living room with an antique or Old World motif.

## A GLOSSARY OF STYLE

**Modern Classic:** American and European tradition updated for today's tastes and lifestyles  
**Minimalist and Modernist:** Uncrowded, uncluttered and understated  
**Arts & Crafts, Mission and Shaker:** Simple, clean lines with integrity in craftsmanship  
**Art Deco:** Elegant, streamlined geometric forms and vibrant color  
**European, Italian and Scandinavian:** Strong, clean lines with dramatic appeal  
**Vintage:** Collectibles or reproductions reflecting the rarity and beauty of an earlier time

## COUCH CHAT

Cushy comfort is key - over-stuffed with "throws" and pillows galore, sleek leathers or chic micro-fiber sectionals with large ottomans. Prices range from the lower hundreds to the thousands. Determine your style to determine your price point (Are you a classicist or into trends?) Shop for couch, chairs and bigger furniture first, then follow suit with color and accents. Bring photos to salespeople/design experts to help them realize your individual style salespeople, designers or a savvy friend can be helpful if you're stuck.

tions include monochromatic schemes," says Mark Morganroth, president of Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield.

"Major pieces are in similar tones, and color is added through accents. If people want change, they can easily replace accessories rather than more expensive larger pieces."

Do you enjoy the casual elegance of modern classic, the airiness of shabby chic, or the ambiance of French country? How about the energy of the southwest, the mystique of the Far East, the warmth of the Mediterranean or the sleek lines of Scandinavian?

Colors in flooring, window treatments and lighting are

endless and the accent list is thrilling. Pillows, throws, dynamic area rugs, task lights, arty lamps, and large leather tufted ottomans add richness and dimension.

Chandeliers, framed mirrors, paintings, hand painted or mosaic pieces, wall fountains, large pots, flower vases, wrought iron trim and artistic hardware add charm and vitality.

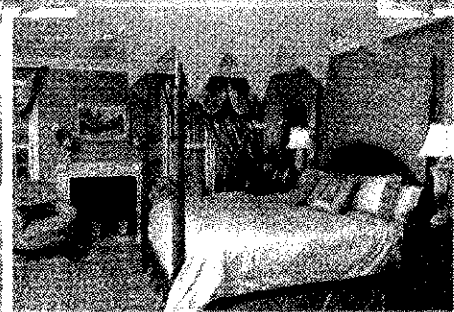
Hold on and enjoy the whirlwind of today's upbeat trends. With fewer rules than ever before, now is the time to stretch your imagination and live your very own "living room" dream.

Marie Perle's essay is a free lance writer who lives in West Bloomfield.

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## Feng shui is first aid for the home office

It's massive in the United Kingdom, huge Down Under and as common as chopsticks in Hong Kong. And it's not just Hollywood celebs and Donald Trump who are catching on to what has been the Far East's best-kept secret.

People like you and your neighbors are getting into feng shui and experiencing amazing results — sometimes, just by arranging the furniture!

So what is feng shui? Pronounced "fung schway," it originated in China about 4,000 years ago and is all about the layout of homes and workplaces and the objects within them, and how they can enhance or sabotage your life.

It purports that all environments are inhabited by a form of invisible living energy called "chi." Block your chi and certain aspects of your life start going down the toilet. Enhance your chi with a few "cures" and, presto! You enjoy success.

Whether the flow of chi is negative or positive depends on the shape of things it encounters: sharp angles from bookshelves or file cabinets, for instance, in a home office creates crankiness; smooth curves keep things centered and cool. Feng shui attempts to create a flow of positive energy by careful rearrangement of furniture, plants and knick-knacks. When the chi flows smoothly, occupants are more healthy, wealthy and wise. But if it becomes blocked: watch out!

### UNLEASH YOUR CHI

Translated literally, feng shui

means "wind and water"—akin to fresh air and Perrier. Symbolically, both elements shape our environment and therefore, our lives and fate. Feng shui experts analyze a space, which varies from house to house, and "treat" accordingly.

All this may sound like Art Van voodoo and un-common sense — and much of it is. We know what kind of home suits us and often practice good feng shui without realizing it.

But a little knowledge of the ancient philosophy can help in these modern times, especially in a home office.

Observer & Eccentric astrologer columnist **Dennis Fairchild** is author of several books on divination, including *Feng Shui—Here & Now*. For information about his Oct. 27 Feng Shui slide show presentation at the Birmingham Community House, call (248) 644-5832.

## Here's how to put feng shui in your home office

BY DENNIS FAIRCHILD

Here are some dos and don'ts for the home office:

Don't combine office and bedroom. The different energies will clash and makes one ineffective in both areas. Where you have a desk in a bedroom, take steps to separate areas symbolically with plants, mobiles or free-standing screens.

Don't use mirror tiles.

They fragment your image/energy and, so, symbolically, fragment and scatter your income and life. Don't sit beneath a skylight. Skylights are said to 'suck' out energy and create confusion.

Don't sit facing the bathroom door or share your wall with a toilet. (Uh-huh: money goes down the toilet!)

Don't have caged animals — birds, gerbils, snakes and such — in the office. Critters in a work space are said to "dumb-down" the thinking that is taking place.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Keep things clean. The single most important "cure" in Feng shui is to clear the clutter—think "coagulated arteries"...not a good thing. A cluttered desk creates confusion and irritation that could lead to mistakes in your productivity.

Sit with your back against a wall. Secure your position by sitting with a solid wall behind you to increase your feeling of being supported.

Face the door. Your desk should face the main entry to the room to avoid surprises, neck swilling and, hopefully, back-stabbing.

Pay attention to the symbolic

messages sent by wall-hangings. You don't see Motley Crue or Metallica posters in any CEO's office at Dean Witter!

Eliminate fluorescent lighting. Switch to full-spectrum or traditional bulbs. Desk and floor lamps are favored versus overhead lighting, trac-lights.

### MAPPING OUT YOUR DESK

Brighten southeastern walls and corners (what's called the Money sector) with shiny metal floor lamps to attract financial opportunities. Rid rooms of shadowy corners to produce opportunity. Dim lighting increases uneasiness.

### COLORS

Certain hues enhance life and productivity, others diminish. Shades of yellow-gold and light green are said to provoke, keep one's mind percolating, creative, active. However, total blue and white colors are said to focus on jobs-at-hand, light for all white spaces.

Now, go pull up a chair, take a seat at your desk or bill-paying table. Feng shui employs many symbolic objects that "power up" what you lack in your life.

For instance, light-reflecting objects like leaded crystals, shiny picture frames or octagonal mirrored coasters beneath your business card holder are said to open doors of opportunity. Living things like round-leaved (like coins) flowers, plants (real or silk, not plastic) and tabletop fountains invite growth.

Is the chair wobbly? To attract stable, better bucks, fix or replace it.

Is the room and desk clean

and clear, or does it look like a Malibu mudslide? A messy desk "breeds" disturbance; organized environments attract extra income.

### ATOP A DESK

The desk area opposite your seat is called the Fame section. This top, center spot symbolizes how others see you. Display business cards (perhaps atop a mirrored octagonal coaster) or a small award of achievement for acknowledgement from peers.

The area to its right concerns relationships—a good spot for photo of lover, spouse—especially in a heart-shaped frame.

Just below and on the right-side is called Family—extended, adopted and otherwise. Here, a photo of Fido or kids works best, and is said to insure good communication with all concerned.

Look and good fortune, which is the area where you will rest your elbow, is said to be in the top left corner.

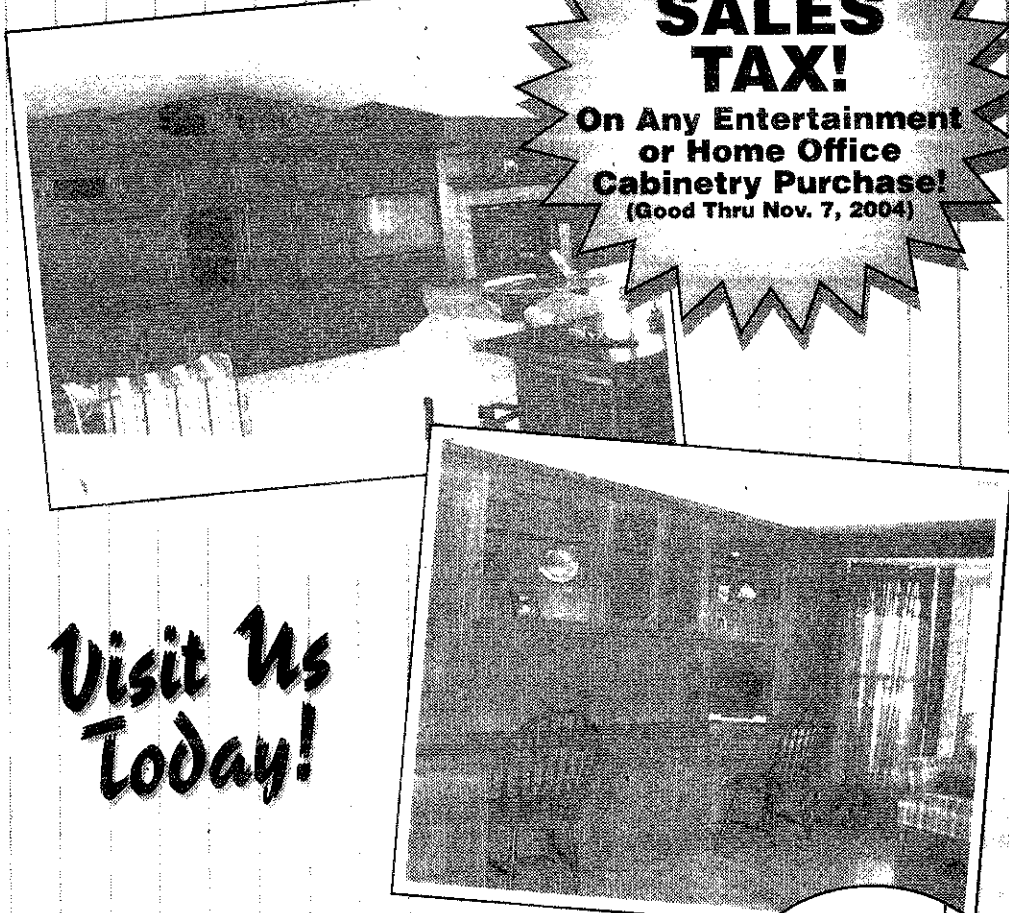
The area where you will elbow rests concerns Learning. This is the spot for delegating a leaded crystal or round-shaped (like a head) paperweight. If you have a glass-topped desk, slide your diploma or newspaper article about yourself underneath.

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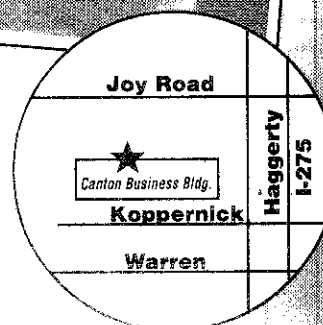
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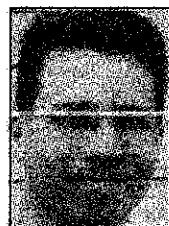
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## Building the wireless home office

It's time to cut the cord. Whether you work full-time, part-time, or just once in a while in your home office, there are countless advantages to making it wireless.



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Rick Broida

you buy your hardware, check the store's return policy.

Better still, a wireless network means multiple machines can get online at the same time, without the need to snake cables all through the house.

The technology that makes all this possible is Wi-Fi, short for "wireless fidelity," which also goes by its technical moniker, 802.11.

The core component you need is a Wi-Fi router, a small box that connects to your cable or DSL modem and broadcasts the high-speed Internet connection throughout the house.

If you don't have a broadband modem - that is, you're still using dial-up - you can still create a Wi-Fi network with WiFlyer ([www.always-on-wireless.com](http://www.always-on-wireless.com)), a router that accommodates dial-up connections.

So, when you install a wireless router, does that mean you also have to add wireless antennas to all your computers?

Not necessarily. Most routers also have standard Ethernet ports, meaning you can plug in, say, your desktop just as though it was plugged into the modem.

But for any PC that isn't close enough for a wired connection, you'll need a Wi-Fi adapter.

Many notebooks have them built in, but it's a simple matter to add one if yours doesn't.

One option is a PC Card adapter, which slides into one of your notebook's expansion slots. Another is a USB adapter, which is also what you'd need for a desktop system.

Let's talk Wi-Fi varieties for a moment.

The two most common are 802.11b and 802.11g.

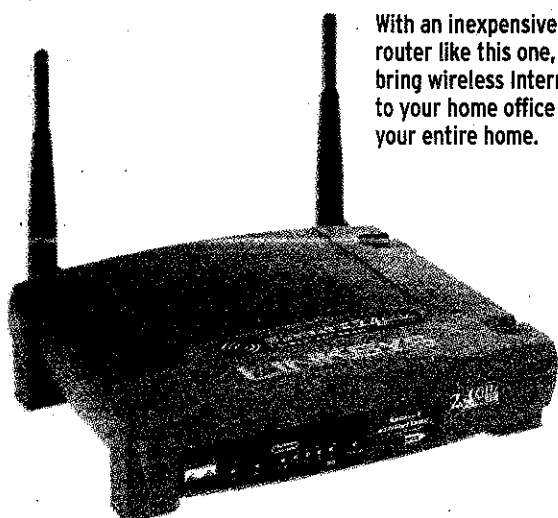
The latter is newer, faster, and more expensive, but it's also backward-compatible with 802.11b hardware.

Therefore, I recommend an 802.11g router, which you can buy for as little as \$60.

A PC Card adapter for notebooks will run you about \$40; USB adapters for notebooks and desktops cost about the same.

If you want to save money, opt for 802.11b adapters instead. They're selling for peanuts these days, and they're just fine for home-office networks.

One word of caution: Before



With an inexpensive Wi-Fi router like this one, you can bring wireless Internet access to your home office - and your entire home.

you buy your hardware, check the store's return policy.

On two separate occasions I've tried installing a wireless network in my parents' house, and both times the hardware had to go back.

Why? For reasons I still haven't been able to determine, the signal simply would not reach from one end of the house to the other - or even from one room to the next.

That's a rare glitch. Most Wi-Fi networks have excellent range and are blissfully easy to

install. Just make sure to enable the security features on both the router and your PCs - otherwise the neighbors could tap into your network and even, horrors, your files.

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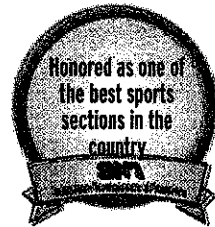
### What else can you do with Wi-Fi?

A Wi-Fi network opens the door to all sorts of cool products - some for business, some for fun. For instance, in my last column I wrote about Skype ([www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)), a slick program for making free phone calls from your PC. With Skype for Pocket PC, which is also free, you can roam your home office (indeed, your entire home) and make and receive calls right on your wireless Pocket PC PDA.

Then there's the Apple AirPort Express, a Wi-Fi receiver that plugs into any electrical outlet. Now connect a set of powered speakers and you can wirelessly stream music from your PC to any room in the house. A similar product, Squeezebox ([www.slimdevices.com](http://www.slimdevices.com)), connects to your home stereo and comes with a remote for easy navigation of your PC-based music collection.

Finally, consider connecting your printer to a Wi-Fi print server. It liberates the printer from the PC, enabling you to store it anywhere you want (like in a closet) and still print from any PC on the network. These products sell for around \$100.





# Rocks shoot lights out on Knights

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Fadeaway jumpers, pull-up threes, hand-in-your-face drives — you name a shot and Salem's girls basketball team made it Tuesday night against Walled Lake Northern.

The Rocks shot the lights out (54.7 percent from the field) to slow down the surging Knights, 66-46. Salem is now 7-3 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Northern slipped to 8-2 and 3-1.

Entering Tuesday night's game, the Knights had allowed a paltry 35 points per game. That's how many they yielded to Salem in the first half.

"We didn't play well defensively tonight," Northern coach John Sharpe said. "The girls picked it up defensively a little bit in the second half, but the way

Salem was shooting, it didn't matter.

"This could be a good thing or a bad thing for our team, and we'll find out Thursday what it will be. If the girls learn from this and come out and play hard, it will be a good thing. But if it starts a new cycle, it's bad."

Salem coach Fred Thomann wasn't surprised by his team's shooting proficiency considering that is the part of the game the Rocks have been focusing on in practice recently.

"We've really been working hard on our shooting, and it came to fruition tonight," Thomann said. "I knew Northern was a zone team that played a lot like Walled Lake Central defensively. We moved the ball well and made the open shots tonight."

Sophomore post player Lauren Kurtz exposed a hole in the Knights' zone in the first quarter when she pumped in eight

of her career-best 15 points. Kurtz connected on seven-of-11 shots and pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

"Lauren really had a breakout game tonight," Thomann said. "The way Northern played its zone, it had one girl who had to cover two of our players, and Lauren took advantage of that early on."

Salem's Ellen Canale and Kathryn Wheatley also had strong offensive games, scoring 14 and 12 points, respectively. Canale also had four steals and dished out five assists.

The Rocks nailed seven-of-9 shots in the first quarter to take a 16-11 lead. Salem extended its advantage to 35-23 at the half. Keiyana Arnold's three-point shot with 1:20 to go in the half gave Salem a 34-23 cushion. The Knights would never break their double-digit deficit again.

Salem's defense managed to neutralize

Northern's top offensive threat, Jessica Knurick, holding the 6-1 center to nine points, although she did grab a game-high 13 rebounds.

"Salem just outphyscled Jessica tonight, especially in the first half," Sharpe said.

Northern's Sandy Johnson was the game's top scorer, finishing with 16. Brittany Essian and Jenny Moraitis both netted seven points for the Knights.

Led by Kurtz and Teresa Coppeillie (five boards), Salem outrebounded Northern, 27-22.

The Rocks hit 29-of-53 field goals, while Northern made just 16-of-51 (31.3 percent).

Salem travels to Livonia Stevenson tonight to take on the Spartans. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

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## Sidelines

### PCA needs coaches

Plymouth Christian Academy needs coaches for its junior varsity and eighth-grade boys basketball teams.

To apply for the positions, send a resume to: Plymouth Christian Academy, 43065 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187, Attention: Doug Taylor. For more information, contact Taylor at (734) 459-3505.

### Alley Cats tryouts

The Canton Alley Cats, a U11 travel baseball team, will hold tryouts for the 2005 season from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 16, at Griffin Park, field No. 1. For more information and to confirm your son's attendance at the tryouts, contact Glen Potter at (734) 844-8981.

### Lions roar

The Canton Lions junior football league team won two out of three games Saturday against the Lincoln Railsplitters.

The Lions' varsity unit saw its record fall to 0-4 with a 31-8 loss to Lincoln. Jimmy Dexter scored the lone touchdown for Canton on a 40-yard TD reception.

The Lions' junior varsity squad upended the Railsplitters, 19-12. Caleb Rankins and Andrew Tidwell combined for all the scoring. Phil Emminger ran the ball well behind strong blocking from Matt Christo. Cody Blakita, Phil Durham and Adam Payne turned in outstanding defensive efforts for the winners.

The freshman Lions ran their record to 4-0 with a convincing 33-0 win. The Lions started fast when Braden Price returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Jordan Smith, Kyle Dexter and Nathan Emminger also found the end zone for the Lions, who received strong play on both sides of the ball from Bobby Riche, Scott Gring, Brandon Lee and Luke Denzer.

### Clarification

The name of Salem basketball player Keiyana Arnold was misspelled in a story that ran on page B2 of Sunday's *Observer*. We apologize for the error.

### Volleyball camp

The Salem Rocks volleyball camp for boys and girls in sixth through eighth grades will be held on two consecutive Saturdays — Oct. 16 and 23 — in the Salem High School gymnasium. The camp will run 12:30-4 p.m. both days. The registration fee \$85 per camper.

The camp is coordinated by the Salem High School coaching staff and Salem players.

For more information, call Jennifer Peterson at (734) 673-7858.

### Cats cheer coach

Plymouth High School is looking for an assistant cheer coach. For more information, contact the athletic office at (734) 582-5700.

## Playoff-bound

Canton gridders qualify for postseason with 74-14 win

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The severe weather warning siren that blared in the distance seconds before the kickoff of Saturday afternoon's football game between Canton and Plymouth was just a test.

It also turned out to be a bad omen for the Wildcats, who got stormed 74-14 by the more experienced Chiefs' thunderous offense and lightning-quick defense.

The inaugural varsity matchup between the two P-CEP neighbors was decided early as Canton scored on all eight of its first-half possessions to secure a commanding 55-0 advantage. The Chiefs' lead grew to 61-0 before Plymouth hit the scoreboard with 4:16 to go in the third quarter.

Canton (6-0 overall, 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division) qualified for the Division 1 state playoffs with the victory. Plymouth slipped to 1-5 (1-3).

Despite the two schools' close proximity, Canton coach Tim Baechler said he doesn't consider a victory over Plymouth more important than a win against any of the other eight teams on the Chiefs' schedule.

"My take on rivalries is that every game is important to us and we don't want to beat one team more than another," Baechler said. "There was talk a couple weeks ago that Northville was our rival now, which I didn't understand."

"Every game is just as important as the next one. Our games against Plymouth and Salem may mean a little bit more to some of the players because they go to school with their players. But for the coaching staff, all the games are big."

Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said he wants his players to remember the final score of Saturday's game when they work out during the off-season.

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## SC kickers still perfect

The beat goes on for the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team, which improved its record to 13-0-0 last weekend by sweeping the Ocelot Invitational.

The Ocelots opened the tournament Saturday morning with a 2-0 victory over a Loyola (Ill.) club team. Megan Romer (Canton) put SC on the board first with her fourth goal in as many games at the 22-minute mark of the first half. She was assisted by Kyle LaPorte (Livonia Churchill).

Nicole Saigh added an insurance goal — her eighth of the year — in the second half. Andrea Dunn and Meagan Farrell split time in net for the winners.

Needing a win or a tie Sunday to claim the championship, SC

downed a Michigan State University club team, 1-0, to earn the first-place hardware for the sixth consecutive year.

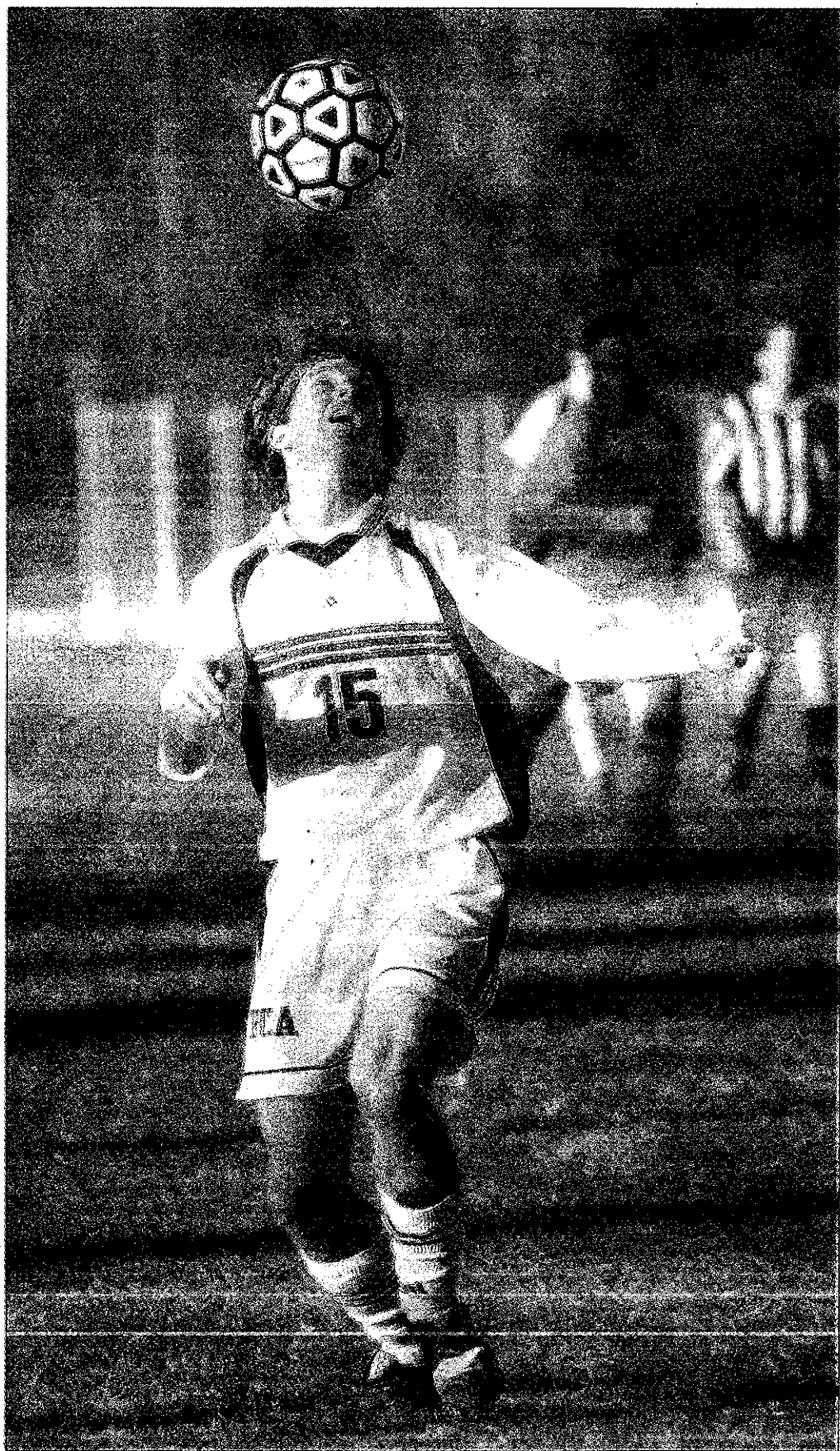
Tiffani Tuzzolino (Sterling Heights Stevenson) scored the game's only goal at the 26-minute mark.

She was assisted by Kara Jean (Dearborn) and Natalie Thomas (Salem), the Ocelots' leader in assists this season.

Farrell played the entire game in net, recording her ninth shutout of the season.

Cincinnati State ousted Loyola, 3-0, Sunday afternoon to capture a second-place tie with MSU.

SC travels to Cincinnati State this weekend for an important regional contest.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Soaring Eagles

Plymouth Christian's Ben Welton controls the ball during the second half of Tuesday's 2-1 shootout victory over Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. Please turn to C3 a complete summary of the match.

## Multi-talented Flaherty excels on court and in classroom

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

### PREP PROFILE

Plymouth girls basketball player Colleen Flaherty can step back and nail a three, beat her defender off the dribble with a hard drive to the basket, or battle in the paint for a rebound with equal success.

Flaherty's versatility is reflected in her stats: the junior scores just under 10 points, pulls down over seven rebounds and distributes over two assists per game.

But the asset her coach, Richelle Reilly, admires the most about the 5-10 guard will never appear in a boxscore or stat book.

"Colleen's best quality, in my opinion, is that she is super coachable," Reilly said. "When coaches talk to her, she makes eye contact and she does what she is asked to do with no questions asked."

"Colleen is a good player, too. She is a great defender, she can handle the ball and she can score from the perimeter. You can tell how committed she is to the game by how hard she works at it. When you watch her play, you can tell she loves it."

Flaherty is a three-sport standout at Plymouth. Following basketball season, she bumps, sets and spikes for the Wildcats' volleyball squad. In the spring, she's a key member of the three-year-old school's girls soccer team.

"If I could only play one sport," Flaherty said, without hesitation, "I'd pick basketball. I like the way the sport is played and the competitive part of it."

Flaherty's year-round athletic regimen — which includes either practices or games following school most of the year — has not adversely affected her perform-

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JIM JAGGELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Colleen Flaherty has been a standout performer both on the basketball court and in the classroom, averaging close to 10 points a game with a 3.7 grade-point average.



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# Week 7 is huge for teams on verge of playoffs

One thing is for certain for two area football teams, Canton and Redford Union, who have already reached the magic six-win figure.



Brad  
Emons

They can plan on playing the week-end of Oct. 29-30 as the first round of the playoffs commences.

Week No. 7 should add some more local teams to the playoff mix, most likely

Livonia Stevenson and Westland John Glenn, both sitting at 5-1. Also still alive are Livonia Churchill, Clarenceville, Belleville and Redford Bishop Borgess, all at 4-2 each; along with a pair of 3-3 teams with a glimmer of hope in Redford Thurston and Salem.

One area school who has been a fixture in the postseason won't be there, Redford Catholic Central, now sitting at 2-4.

The three-time defending Division I state champions have given up only 75 points all season, but have little to show on the offensive side.

Where are you Derek Brooks?

As far as the prognostication race goes, there's a new sheriff in town. Coming off an impressive 14-0 record the previous week, Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright followed up with a 10-2 mark to take over the lead with a total aggregate of 61-17.

What really makes me upset is not losing the overall lead, but my pitiful 6-6 showing in Week No. 6, which leaves me two games behind Mr. Wright with an overall record of 59-19.

And the other new deputy in town, Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith, made me look like a fool, going 8-4. But he remains seven games out of the lead, however, at 54-24.

Now the pressure is all on

## GRID PICKS

out the season and earn Rookie of the Year honors.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)  
W.L. Western (4-2, 2-2) at Canton (6-0, 4-0), 4:30 p.m.: It doesn't matter if Canton plays Friday night, Saturday afternoon or Friday afternoon, the Chiefs just keep rolling through the WLAA at a frightening pace. Western, a 42-25 loser last week to Northville, will have to win its final two games just to get into the playoffs because it won't be happening this week. PICKS - Canton: Emons, Wright, Smith.

Salem (3-3, 1-3) at W.L. Central (3-3, 2-2): The Rocks, who haven't been to the playoffs since 1991, need this game desperately to stay in the postseason hunt. Central has won two in a row and appears to be picking up momentum after downing Walled Lake Northern last week, 39-14. PICKS - W.L. Central: Emons, Wright, Smith.

Westland Glenn (5-1, 4-0) at Liv. Churchill (4-2, 2-2): The Chargers, coming off a last-minute 19-14 win over Salem, need to win two of their next three games to guarantee their first winning season since 1986 and earn their first playoff berth since 1978. Glenn, which handed Livonia Stevenson its first setback of the year, can wrap up an outright Lakes Division title and gain its ninth straight playoff berth since 1996. PICKS - Glenn: Emons, Wright, Smith.

Liv. Franklin (1-5, 1-3) at Plymouth (1-5, 1-3): The Patriots got a much-needed win last week against Wayne (10-3 in overtime), while Plymouth took a 74-14 drubbing from neighbor Canton. Franklin's first six opponents have a combined record of 25-11, while Plymouth's opponents are 23-13. Both teams have beaten Wayne. It's homecoming for Plymouth, so do they bring back the alums from old Plymouth High? PICKS - Franklin: Emons; Plymouth: Wright, Smith.

Liv. Stevenson (5-1, 3-1) at W.L. Northern (0-6, 0-4): The Spartans would like to take back their disastrous first-quarter in last week's 44-34 loss to Westland John Glenn. Stevenson should be able to earn its sixth playoff berth since 1994 against a Northern team that has been outscored 189-59 this season. PICKS - Stevenson: Emons, Wright, Smith.

Northville (5-1, 3-1) at Wayne (1-5, 1-3): Northville, a 42-25 winner last week against Walled Lake Western, takes its high-powered offense into ZebraLand. The Mustangs are seeking their sixth playoff berth in school history, while Wayne is trying to shrug off a 10-3 overtime loss to Livonia Franklin. PICKS - Northville: Emons, Wright, Smith.

Redford Union (6-0, 6-0) at Gib. Carlson (4-2, 4-2): Already locking up its second playoff berth in school history, Redford Union wants homefield advantage and a Mega-Gold title outright with a win this Friday over second-place Gibraltar Carlson. RU's defense will be tested by a Carlson team which is averaging 40 points a game, including a 67-22 win last week over Dearborn Heights Annapolis as Chad

ries and four TDs. RU is coming off a 37-21 win over Willow Run as Ian Iler rushed for 136 yards in 15 carries and two TDs. PICKS - RU: Emons, Smith; Carlson: Wright.

D.H. Crestwood (2-4, 2-2) at Red. Thurston (3-3, 3-1): The Eagles, who beat Woodhaven last week 34-21 thanks to Archie Claxton's 210 yards in 18 carries, need to win out to earn a playoff berth. Crestwood, whose record is deceiving in the Mega-Blue, is coming off a 41-14 victory over River Rouge. PICKS - Thurston: Emons, Wright, Smith.

Garden City (0-6, 0-3) at Dbn. Edsel Ford (3-3, 3-1): Many had picked the Cougars to contend in the Mega-White this year, but things haven't gone according to plan. Garden City is coming off a 37-24 setback to Taylor Truman, while Dearborn Edsel Ford squeaked by Romulus last week, 23-22. PICKS - Edsel: Emons, Wright; Garden City: Smith.

Belleville (4-2, 3-1) at Dearborn (5-1, 3-1): The Tigers, freshman from a 41-7 shellacking from Mega-Red leader Allen Park, finds itself in a pickle once again this week against the Pioneers, who drubbed Monroe last week, 42-14, as quarterback David Shunkwiler hit 8-of-12 passes for 170 and two TDs (along with two rushing TDs). PICKS - Dearborn: Emons, Wright, Smith.

University-Liggett (1-5, 0-5) at Clarenceville (4-2, 3-2), 7:30 p.m.: The Trojans got a big win last week against Madison Heights Lamphre, 30-7, and should be within one game of their seventh consecutive playoff berth against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, which is coming off a 20-14 setback to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. PICKS - Clarenceville: Emons, Wright, Smith.

B.H. Cranbrook (6-0, 5-0) at Luth. Westland (1-5, 1-4), 7:30 p.m.: The Warriors, who suffered a 39-0 setback last week against Macomb Lutheran North, are playing under rented lights for homecoming against one of the Metro Conference's top teams in pass-happy Cranbrook, which routed Hamtramck last week, 47-0, as Cranes quarterback Chris Cooley went 24-for-34 in the air for 288 yards. PICKS - Cranbrook: Emons, Wright, Smith.

SATURDAY'S GAME  
Wyan. Mt. Carmel (1-5, 1-1) at Bishop Borgess (4-2, 3-1), 1 p.m.: The big question is whether Mount Carmel, which got its first win last week against Taylor Light & Life, will show up or forfeit. Borgess, meanwhile, is coming off a thrilling 22-20 victory over Detroit Holy Redeemer as Rashad Campbell was 9-of-11 passing for 189 yards and a 2-yard TD run. Joe Jones added 103 yards on 15 carries, while T.R. Ellis had a 70-yard interception return for a TD. PICKS - Borgess: Emons, Wright, Smith.

SUNDAY'S GAME  
Redford CC (2-4, 0-2) vs. U-D Jesuit (0-3, 3-3), 1 p.m. at Wisner Stadium (Pontiac): The Shamrocks are more than likely to miss the playoffs for the first time since the 1993 and 1994 seasons after losing last week to Orchard Lakes St. Mary's, 14-7. U-D Jesuit, a 21-14 loser last week to Birmingham Brother Rice, has lost three straight but is still in the playoff hunt with a victory. PICKS - Redford CC: Emons, Wright, Smith.

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### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - September 28, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 28, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of September 14, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of September 21, 2004. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Expenditure Recap for September 28, 2004

General Fund	101	\$ 649,702.15
Fire Fund	206	68,428.95
Police Fund	207	104,925.03
Summit Operating	208	89,114.46
Cable TV Fund	230	4,993.12
Twp. Improvement	246	3,734.00
E-911 Utility	261	1,962.47
Auto Forfeiture (wwa)	267	857.06
Federal Grants Fund	274	1,812.40
Auto Theft Grant	289	915.06
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	18,439.26
Cap Proj-Summit Const.	402	96,891.34
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	267,432.38
Golf Fund	584	44,481.66
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,010,518.28
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,261.00
Post Employ. Benefits	736	333.22
Saltz Road Paving	803	1,065.55
Lotz Road Paving	804	8,638.53
Cherry Hill Road SAD	815	605,167.24
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>2,985,673.16</b>

**Board Member Reports:** Trustee Zarbo presented the Board with an article on a different approach on the DDA **PUBLIC HEARING: 1. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO. (SUPV)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to open the public hearing for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No comments. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to close the public hearing for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the resolution approving application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company, Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property.

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the expansion of their facility located within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on September 28, 2004, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before August 23, 2004, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the new equipment installation is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property situated within the following parcel: 00111 PT OF NW 1/4 SEC 1 T2S R8E BEG S89DEG 15M 20S E 769.83 FT FROM NW COR SEC 1 TH S89DEG 15M 20S E 435.50FT TH S 375FT TH N89DEG 15M 20S W 227.70FT TH N28DEG 49M W 431.08FT POB 2.85 AC be and the same is hereby approved.

1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: Parcel No. 71 002 99 0004 000: 00111 PT OF NW 1/4 SEC 1 T2S R8E BEG S89DEG 15M 20S E 769.83 FT FROM NW COR SEC 1 TH S89DEG 15M 20S E 435.50FT TH S 375FT TH N89DEG 15M 20S W 227.70FT TH N28DEG 49M W 431.08FT POB 2.85 AC be and the same is hereby approved.

1. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 3 years, expiring December 30, 2007.

**2. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR SCHULER INCORPORATED. (SUPV)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to open the public hearing for Schuler Incorporated at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No comments. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to close the public hearing for Schuler Incorporated at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving application of Schuler Incorporated Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real & Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF SCHULER INCORPORATED INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, Schuler Incorporated has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the expansion of their facility

located within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on September 28, 2004, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before August 30, 2004, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of

issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of equipment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that:

1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Schuler Incorporated for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the expansion of their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: Part of

the SW 1/4 of Section 1, part of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, and Part of the NW 1/4 of Section 12 T2S, R8E, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the S 1/4 corner of Section 1, T2S, R8E, thence N 02E07'49" W 85.50 feet along the N/S 1/4 line of Section 1; thence S88E45'59" W 49.51 feet to the westerly right-of-way of Commerce Boulevard (99' wide) and the point of beginning; thence along said westerly right-of-way the following three courses: S 02E07'49" E 10.08 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the NE, having a radius of 549.50 feet; and southeasterly 323.08 feet along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 33E41'13" (the chord of said curve bears S 18E58'25" E 318.44 feet); and S 35E49'02" E 96.71 feet; thence S 88E 45' 59" W 933.54 feet to the easterly right-of-way of I-275 Expressway (with varies), to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave to the SE having a radius of 11356.16 feet to which point a radial line bears N 83E08'15" W; thence northeasterly 311.25 feet along the arc of said curve and said easterly right-of-way through a central angle of 01E34'13" (the chord of said curve bears N07E38'52" E 322.24 feet) to the south line of Section 1; thence N 88E45'59" E 22.32 feet along said line and easterly right-of-way to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave to the SE having a radius of 11334.16 feet to which point a radial line bears N 81E 32'53" W; thence northeasterly 86.78 feet along the arc of said curve and said easterly right-of-way through a central angle of 00E26'19" (the chord of said curve bears N 08E 40'16" E 86.78 feet); thence N 88E45'59" E 696.26 feet to the westerly right-of-way of Commerce Boulevard (99' wide) and the point of beginning. 7.18 Acres. Parcel No. 046-99-0008-728 A (7145 Commerce Boulevard, Canton, Michigan.) be and the same is hereby approved.

1. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 4 years, expiring December 30, 2008. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. AUTHORIZE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FROM BMI SUPPLY FOR VILLAGE THEATER. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize a blanket purchase order for BMI Supply, 571 Queensbury Ave., Queensbury, NY 12804 for supplies and materials for the theater with single purchases in excess of \$500 (account no.'s 402-302-975-8000, 101-760-740-0000, or 101-760-818-0000), but within authorized purchasing limits and to charge the purchases to the appropriate accounts. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER FOR GRAND BLANC PRINTING CO., INC. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve increasing PO #44123 for Grand Blanc Printing, in the amount of \$1,954.14, for printing of the Discover Canton Leisure Services Program Guide to be taken out of the following Leisure Services 2004 budget in the amount of \$325.69 for each of the following account numbers. Motion carried unanimously.

208-757-900-0000 (Summit) 101-691-900-0000 (Recreation) 101-672-900-0000 (Seniors) 211-756-900-0000 (Pheasant Run) 101-755-900-0000 (Softball Center) 101-750-900-0000 (Leisure Services)

**Item 3. REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS THEATER** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to the Performing Arts Center operation: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues:		
PAC-Ticket Sales	#101-000-651-7600	\$214,145
Appropriation from Fund Balance	101-000-699-0000	(69,060)
Total	\$146,085	

Increase Appropriations: Contractual Services #101-760-818-0000 \$146,085

This budget amendment increases the Performing Arts Center division budget from \$269,781 to \$415,866, and the General Fund budget from \$25,548,230 to \$25,694,315. **Item 4. BUDGET AMENDMENT-CAPITAL PROJECTS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund for the Performing Arts Center: Motion carried unanimously.

**Increase Revenues:** State Grants #402-000-567-0000 \$300,000 County Grants #402-000-583-0000 400,000 **Increase Appropriations:** Building Construction-PAC #402-302-975-0000 \$700,000 This budget amendment increases the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund budget from \$14,548,798 to \$15,248,798.

**Item 5. BUDGET AMENDMENTS-MMRMA SELF INSURANCE PREMIUMS** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendments in the General Fire, Cable TV and Water & Sewer Funds to cover the increase in self-insurance premiums for the MMRMA for the year ending September 30, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$98,961

**Increase Appropriations:** General Insurance #101-200-911-0000 \$98,961 This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$725,515 to \$824,476, and the General Fund budget from \$25,032,639 to \$25,131,600.

**FIRE FUND: Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #206-000-699-0000 \$28,511

**Increase Appropriations:** General Insurance #206-336-911-0000 \$28,511 This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$9,275,566 to \$9,304,077.

**CABLE TV FUND: Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #230-000-699-0000 \$ 6,479

**Increase Appropriations:** General Insurance #230-250-911-0000 \$ 6,479

This budget amendment increases the Cable TV Fund budget from \$1,213,480 to \$1,219,959.

**WATER & SEWER FUND: Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #592-000-699-0000 \$31,410

**Increase Appropriations:** General Insurance #592-441-911-0000 \$31,410

This budget amendment increases the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$26,395,568 to \$26,426,978. **Item 6. BUDGET AMENDMENT-FIRE FUND-FIRE STATION 3 PROJECT** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund for the Fire Station 3 project: Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenues:** Proceeds from sale of bonds #206-000-698-0000 \$2,500,000

Appropriation from fund balance 206-000-699-0000 (250,000)

Total \$2,250,000

**Increase Appropriations:** Capital Outlay-Buildings & Improvements #206-336-975-0000 \$2,250,000

This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$9,275,566 to \$11,525,566.

**Item 7. BUDGET AMENDMENT-GENERAL FUND-HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for the Federal Homeland Security Grant: Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenues:** Federal Grants-Emergency Preparedness #101-000-545-0000 \$416,630

**Increase Appropriations:** Homeland Security - Training #101-860-952-0000 \$ 12,450

Homeland Security - Capital Outlay #101-860-977-0000 404,180

Total \$416,630

This budget amendment increases the Grants Division budget from \$60,000 to \$476,630, and the General Fund budget from \$25,131,600 to \$25,548,230. **Item 8. BUDGET AMENDMENT-CABLE TV FUND-PAPERLESS BOARD PACKETS** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Cable TV Fund to appropriate additional funds for the paperless board packet project: Motion carried unanimously.

**Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #230-000-699-0000 \$36,284

**Increase Appropriations:** Capital Outlay-Equipment #230-250-977-0000 \$36,284

This budget amendment increases the Cable TV Fund Budget from \$1,213,480 to \$1,249,764, and increases the capital budget for Board Room Production Studio equipment from \$190,000 to \$226,284. **Item 9. CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to reappoint Greg Greene to the Canton Township Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2007, for a three-year term. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 10. APPROVE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the resolution amending the WTUA Articles of Incorporation. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WTUA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation for Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) were adopted by the constituent communities, were duly published and were filed with the Michigan Secretary of State and with the Wayne County Clerk on December 26, 1986; and WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time if adopted by the legislative body of each constituent municipality of the authority; and WHEREAS, changes in Articles IX, X and XVII to the WTUA Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the WTUA Board of Directors at the regular meeting of July 26, 2004; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Canton does hereby adopt the Amendments to the WTUA Articles of Incorporation as presented; and FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that Western Townships Utilities Authority will endorse, publish, certify and file printed copies with the Michigan Secretary of State and the Wayne County Clerk and publish the amendments once in the Community Crier, the Canton Eagle, the Northville Record and the Plymouth Observer.

Motion, Support, Ayes, Nays, Date, **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED Certification** I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 28th of September 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Terry C. Bennett, Clerk

**Item 11. THEISEN/BRAUN PROPERTY SPLIT AND COMBINATION** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the lot split and combination for lots 1665 (036-03-1665) and 1666 (036-03-1666) in Sunflower Village Subdivision Number as shown on the attached survey dated 7/22/04. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. SET DECEMBER 1, 2004 MILLAGE RATES** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to resolve, by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that there be levied on the taxable property of said Township for the year 2004, for general Township purposes, a tax of 2.3660 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$3,062,418,433 Real Property and \$194,145,256 Personal Property, totaling \$3,256,563,689, and the tax amounting to \$7,705,029.69. Be it further resolved, by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that pursuant to Public Act 33 of 1951 there be levied on the taxable real property of said Township for the year 2004, for Fire Protection purposes, a Special Assessment of 2.3580 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$3,062,418,433 Real Property, and the tax amounting to \$7,221,182.67. Be it further resolved, by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that pursuant to Public Act 181 of 1951 there be levied on the taxable real property of said Township for the year 2004, for Police Protection purposes, a Special Assessment of 4.1260 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$3,062,418,433 Real Property, and the tax amounting to \$12,635,538.45. Motion carried unanimously. The proposed millage rates are as follows:

Proposed 2004 2003 Increase  
Millage Rate Millage Rate (Decrease)

Charter millage 2.3660 2.0000 0.3660

Fire Special Assmt. Millage 2.3580 2.6000 (0.1240)

Police Special Assmt. Millage 4.1260 4.2500 (0.1240)

Total 8.8500 8.8500 0.0000

**Item 2. WTUA ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to approve the resolution for the annual budget for WTUA. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** WHEREAS, on August 23, 2004 the Board of Commissioners of the Western Township Utilities Authority adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005; and WHEREAS, the authority is required to present its budget to each of its member Townships for approval. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget for the Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, in the amounts presented, is hereby approved. **Item 3. APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A NEW SMALL WINE MAKER LICENSE, 8515 N. LILLEY ROAD, CANTON** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the Resolution for Kathleen Nowacki, for a new small wine maker license, 8515 N. Lilley Road, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, 48187. Motion carried unanimously.

**Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services Liquor Control Commission**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Canton Township Board of Trustees (Regular, or Special) (Township Board, City or Village Council) called to order by Supervisor Yack on September 28, 2004 at 7:02 p.m.

The following resolution was offered: Moved by Bennett and supported by McLaughlin That the request from : Kathleen Nowacki for a new Small Wine Maker license to be located at: 8515 N. Lilley Road, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, 48187

be considered for Approval "ABOVE ALL OTHERS" Approval Disapproval

Yeas: 7 Yeas: 0

Nays: 0 Nays: 0

Absent: 0 Absent: 0

It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be: Recommended for issuance

State of Michigan) SS County of Wayne)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the:

Canton Township Board of Trustees at a Regular

meeting held on September 28, 2004 (Date)

Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk Charter Township of Canton

SEAL 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, MI 48188

**Item 4. CONSIDER BARNEY D OFFICE BUILDING** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the site plan resolution for Barney D Office Building. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Barney D Office Building**

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bob Bashawaty, has requested site plan approval for Barney D Office Building to be located on Maben Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads, identified as tax EDP # 036-01-0016-302; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Bob Bashawaty, to approve the site plan for the proposed Barney D Office Building conditioned upon revision of the landscape plan to include existing trees and revision of the photometric plans to accurately portray anticipated light levels with the alternate light scheme, and subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 5. CONSIDER BRYANT REZONING** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution for the rezoning of Barton Bryant. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning request of Barton Bryant**

WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested one (1) acre of land located on Joy Road between Ronda Drive and

Haggerty Road be rezoned from LI-2, Light Industrial to LI-1, Light Industrial; and, WHEREAS, the requested rezoning would be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the request; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner, Mr. Barton Bryant, to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #005-99-0001-000 to LI-1, Light Industrial.

**Item 6. ROCHON PRIVATE DRIVE** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution for the site plan for Rochon Private Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

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# Rock linksters 4th in WLAA tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Just call Pheasant Run Golf Course Salem's home away from home.

Pheasant Run, located in Canton, served as the neutral site for Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association Boys Golf Tournament, and the Rocks took advantage of their knowledge of the layout to turn in a solid fourth-place finish (318).

Northville hosted Tuesday's meet, but league rules stipulate that the league finale must be held at a neutral course, Salem's official home course is, ironically, Northville Hills Golf Course in Northville.

"Most of the kids on our team had played Pheasant Run before, so that gave them a slight advantage," said Rock coach Rick Wilson. "Plus, we went over last week and played a couple of practice rounds from both sets of tees."

"The kids played very well. We had four solid scores and came away with two medals."

Not surprisingly, Walled Lake Western finished first with a 309 total. Livonia Churchill was the runner-up (312) and Walled Lake Central notched third (314).

Plymouth earned a seventh-place showing with a score of 327 while Canton drove home in eight (332).

"Our final score was right at our 18-hole average this year," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "We were a much better nine-hole team this year than 18-hole team."

Earning medals for Salem were Jeremy Henderson (78) and Chris Treadwell (79).

"That was a career-best round for Jeremy," Wilson noted. "He really stepped up today."

Mike Cassidy (80) and Dave Porter (81) just missed winning medals for the Rocks. Mike Houston carded an 82 and Matt Smith had an 89 for Salem.

Plymouth received solid efforts from Matt Talbot (78), Jeff Salasky (80), Ryan Hoeman (81), Ryan Lemanski (87), Jimmie Vleck (89) and Nick Taggie (93). Talbot's strong showing earned him All-Division recognition.

Canton was led by Pat Gallagher, who earned All-Division honors with a sterling 79. The Chiefs' other scorers were Corey Bugeja (82), Garrett Hyman (85) and Brandon Eggesfield (86).

## 2004 WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Oct. 5 at Pheasant Run

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Walled Lake

Western, 309 strokes; 2. Livonia Churchill, 312; 3. Walled Lake Central, 314; 4. Salem, 318; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 323; 6. Northville, 325; 7. Plymouth, 327; 8. Canton, 332; 9. Livonia Franklin, 333; 10. Westland John Glenn, 342; 11. Livonia Stevenson, 353; 12. Wayne Memorial, 367.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**Medalist:** Rich Saferian (W.L. Western), 73.

**All-Conference:** 1. Saferian (WLW), 73; 2. Matt Smith (WLN), 74; 3. Justin Williams (WLW), 75; 4. Tony Lis (WLC), 76; 5. (tie) Mike Roberts (WLW) and Corey Codere (WLC), 77 each.

**All-Division:** 7. (tie) Mike Dolmetsch (LC), Mark Umerlik (LC), Tommy Lucko (LC), Mike Fierk (LC), Steve South (LF), Joel McGinley (WLC), Jeremy Henderson (Salem), Matt Talbot (P), 78 each; 15. (tie) Paul Seguin (LF), Matt Haskell (WJG), Jim Gates (N), Chris Treadwell (Salem) and Pat Gallagher (Canton), 79 each.

### REMAINING INDIVIDUAL TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

**Western (309):** A.J. Partenio and Clark Janisse, 84 each; Nathan Kain, 86. **Churchill (312):** Mike Lawton, 82; Matt Robinson, 85.

**Central (314):** Casey Johnson, 83; Joel Catto, 89; Shaun Skelly, 102.

**Salem (318):** Mike Cassidy, 80; Dave Porter, 81; Mike Houston, 82; Matt Smith, 89.

**Northern (323):** Kevin Naylor, 81; Mike Lemanski and Jon Smith, 84 each; Charlie McMahon, 87; Mike Rogerson, 91.

**Northville (325):** Greg Jones and Greg Bendas, 80 each; Justin Kolbow, 86; Matt Long, 90; Campy Smith, 91.

**Plymouth (327):** Jeff Salasky, 80; Ryan Hoeman, 82; Ben Kosmalki, 87; Jimmie Vleck, 89; Nick Taggie, 93.

**Canton (332):** Corey Bugeja, 82; Brandon Eggesfield, 86; Garrett Hyman, 85; Matt Haar, 89; Dominic Gallo, 90.

**Franklin (333):** Justin Weigand, 87; Ryan Leidal, 89; Phil Haapala, 91; Brian Dziurlikowski, 104.

**John Glenn (342):** Jeremy Jozefczak, 85; Mike Galunas and Ryan Rawson, 89 each; Shawn Fournier, 94; Josh Neldon, 95.

**Stevenson (353):** Richard Wyman, 81; Ryan Szczypinski, 88; Josh Pappalardo, 90; Ryan Snyder, 94; Nick Dahlstrom and Brad Fisher, 96 each.

**Wayne (367):** Justin Ables, 85; Michael Zimmerman, 87; Michael Green, 90; James Campbell, 90; John O'Connell, 104; Adam Beyer, 104.

### DUAL MEET STANDINGS

**Lakes Division:** 1. Churchill, 5-0; 2. Salem, 4-1; 3. W.L. Northern, 3-2; 4. W.L. Central, 2-3; 5. Stevenson, 1-4; 6. John Glenn, 0-5.

**Western Division:** 1. W.L. Western, 5-0; 2. Canton, 4-1; 3. Northville, 3-2; 4. (tie) Franklin and Plymouth, 1-4 each; 6. Wayne, 0-5.

### CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

1. W.L. Western, 22 points; 2. Churchill, 21; 3. W.L. Central, 17; 4. (tie) Northville and Salem, 15 each; 6. W.L. Northern, 14; 7. Plymouth, 11; 8. Canton, 10; 9. (tie) Franklin and John Glenn, 6 each; 11. Stevenson, 5; 12. Wayne, 2.



## Flying Falcons

Four athletes from the Plymouth-Canton area are contributing to the success of the Dearborn Divine Child soccer team is enjoying this season. The Falcons are 10-3-1 thanks in large part to the play of (left to right) David Leslie (Plymouth), Jimmy Gutkowski (Canton), Brandon Seifert (Plymouth) and Kyle Blakey (Canton). Leslie is a co-captain and defensive leader; Blakey is a co-captain and leads the team in scoring; Seifert is the starting goalie; and Gutkowski is the starting outside mid-fielder.

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### SECTION 3 - COMMUNICATIONS / MARKETING:

- Copy and mail registration info to past participants (1 per year) at the option of the Canton Soccer Club.
- Flier to the schools (2 per year) will be limited to the schools attended by Canton residents at the option of the Canton Soccer Club.
- Provide a maximum of \_ page in each of the Discover brochure (3 per year) at the option of the Canton Soccer Club.
- Generate program surveys and distribute (2 per year) based on questions provided by the Canton Soccer Club.
- Link to Canton Soccer Club web page from the Leisure Services web page.

### SECTION 4 - ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A Leisure Services staff member from the Sports Division to serve on the Canton Soccer Club board with voting representation as appointed by the Leisure Services Director by September 1, 2004 while this agreement is in effect.
- A township grievance committee for youth sports which will be appointed by the Leisure Services Director to hear complaints that cannot be resolved by the organization by September 1, 2004.

- Complaints are heard and reviewed by the committee
- The township will appoint a cross section of representatives for the committee
- Committee recommends the course of action taken and the decision is final
- The Committee shall be a three person panel consisting of a chairperson, who shall be a township employee and appointed by the Leisure Services Director, a non-board member of the Canton Soccer Club agreed upon by both the Leisure Services Department and the Soccer Club and a Canton Soccer Club Board member appointed by the Canton Soccer Club.

- A Coaches certification program which the Canton Soccer Club will implement by January 1, 2005.
  - Coach's certifications are required for all coaches that work directly with the youth players.
  - The Soccer Club must provide the coaches training using a recognized youth sport coaches training program or Canton Township will provide the training for the Soccer Club if requested. Canton Township will provide training at no cost to the Soccer Club; any other training is the requirement of the organization.
  - Coaches will not be allowed to participate in the program until they have completed the training program. The Soccer Club must submit in writing a list of coaches that have completed the coaches training and the date they completed the training program within 30 days after the start of the season the individual is to coach. All training information must be kept on file and records monitored by the Soccer Club.

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**Minimum Disqualifier List:** A person has been convicted of a crime of:

- Child abuse
- Sexual abuse of a minor
- Physical abuse
- Causing a child's death
- Neglect of a child
- Murder and/or manslaughter
- Any assault against a minor
- Kidnaping
- Arson
- Criminal sexual conduct
- Prostitution related crimes
- Controlled substance crimes
- Terminated parental rights
- Any one with more than one motor vehicle driving while under the influence (DUI) or DUI conviction cannot transport any unrelated minor (player or referee) to or from practice or games.

### THE CANTON SOCCER CLUB AGREES TO PROVIDE TO THE CANTON TOWNSHIP:

#### SECTION 5 - FIELD USAGE:

- Canton Township will receive requests for the use of all Canton fields by January 1 and August 1 for the upcoming season, including:
  - The number of fields needed at each Canton sites
  - The ages and type of play scheduled at all fields including start and end times for games
  - Field dimension needed and special field markings for all games
  - Any special event (i.e. tryouts, practices, playoffs, and tournaments) that is scheduled
- Any field change notification shall be submitted to the designated township employee a minimum of seven days prior to request changes in field usage.

#### SECTION 6 - REGISTRATION / EVENTS:

- A registration facility request form must be submitted to the designated township employee as soon as possible for the upcoming season to verify facility availability and coordinate player registration at the option of the Soccer Club.
- The Soccer Club agrees to participate in Canton Youth Sports Fair.
- The Soccer Club agrees to promote the health training days and camps.

#### SECTION 7 - COMMUNICATIONS / MARKETING:

- Written information to be used for fliers which must be provided 14 days prior to expected distribution date.
- Written program information for the Discover brochure must be received by the following dates; January 15-Spring brochure, April 1-Summer brochure, July 1-Fall brochure, November 1-Winter brochure.
- Submit updated information for the web site which must be provided 14 days prior to requested completion date.
- Results of the all survey data will be provided by December 1 of the preceding season.

#### SECTION 8 - ADMINISTRATIVE:

- The Soccer Club agrees that during the duration of this agreement that priority will be given to all residents of Canton Township as it pertains to field usage.
- A copy of the articles of incorporation, including 501(c)3 authorization, will be submitted annually by December 1 for the new year.
- A copy of the refund policy along with the number of refunds requested and whether they were granted or denied should be provided for the previous year by December 1 of each year.
- The association further agrees not to discriminate against any user of the aforementioned items on account of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.
- A current copy of liability coverage and property coverage for \$1,000,000 naming the Charter Township of Canton as additionally insured shall be provided to the Canton Township by January 1 of each year. It is recognized that the provider of the insurance coverage can be MSYSA.

- The Township will receive one seat on the board with voting power for a staff member to serve for the year effective with the 2004 fall season.
- The Township will receive a copy of the Association's financial records for both the tournament and club accounts by March 1 of each year for the records of the previous year.
- The Township will receive a copy of the By-Laws annually, which includes a succession plan for association officers by December 1 of each year for the upcoming season.
- The Canton Soccer Club will utilize and support the decisions of the Township Grievance Committee for Youth Sports.
- The Township will receive documentation that verifies all coaches have completed coaches training certification program within 60 days after the season starts beginning in January 2005.
- Canton Township will receive documentation of the MSYSA risk management background checks prior to the start of every season or as soon as they become available.
- A program profile including # of participants, demographic breakdown, facility usage, and player wait lists are due by December 1 for the previous season.
- Written Emergency procedures submitted and practiced for each facility, park, play location including armed gunman, blood-borne pathogens, bomb threat, fire alarm, medical emergency, missing child, severe weather, extreme heat as directed by Canton Township. Canton Township agrees to assist in the development of these policies and procedures.
- Canton Township will provide all coaches with an electronic or copies of incident forms two weeks prior to the start of the season with the appropriate e-mail addresses. Incident forms are to be completed for all field related injuries. All completed forms must be submitted to the league director within 48 hrs of the incident unless the injury required the participant to be transported by medical personnel from the field in which case the league director must be notified immediately and the Leisure Services Department must receive a copy of the completed form within 24 hours of the incident. The league director forwards all completed incident forms to the Soccer Club and Canton Township every two weeks.
- A current copy of crime (bonding) coverage for each bonded employee shall be provide to Canton Township by January 1 of each year
- The Canton Soccer Club agrees to defend, pay on behalf of, and hold harmless the Charter Township of Canton, it's employees, volunteers and elected or appointed officials from any and all claims, demands, suits, loss, or liability which may arise out of, or is in any way connected with the use or implementation of this agreement or the operations of Canton Soccer Club except acts or omissions performed by the township employees.
- Canton Township will discuss and coordinate any additional field usage requirements from outside communities with the CSC prior to approval.

**This agreement supersedes any and all other agreements made between Charter Township of Canton and the Canton Soccer Club and is renewable on an annual basis.**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Yack, Canton Township Supervisor  
John Staub, Canton Soccer Club President  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry G. Bennett, Canton Township Clerk

**Item 22. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW CARPET FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase and replacement of carpet at Pheasant Run Golf Club by Shamrock Floorcovering, Inc., 4454 Concourse Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 in the amount of \$8,814.97 from Pheasant Run Golf Club Capital Outlay-Buildings Account #584-756-976-0000, Line Item #1. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 23. PURCHASE OF IRRIGATION SATELLITE BOXES** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the purchase of three (3) irrigation boxes for Pheasant Run Golf Club in the amount of \$9,813.46 to Spartan Distributors, 1050 Updyke Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 from account # 584-756-971-0000 Capital Outlay. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 24. APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PAINTING OF CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the interior and exterior painting at Canton Softball Center to Ponds Painting, 47175 Bartlett Drive, Canton, MI 48187, in the amount of \$8,250 from Canton Softball Center Capital Outlay-Buildings Account #101-755-975-0000 (CSC Capital Outlay-Buildings) Line Item #1. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 25. AUTHORIZE BID FOR NEW ROOF SHINGLES FOR FELLOWS CREEK CLUBHOUSE** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to authorize the transfer of \$24,186 from the Community Improvement Fund to the Golf Course Fund. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this transfer:

#### COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND: Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance #246-000-699-0000 \$24,186

#### Increase Appropriations:

Transfer to Golf Course Fund #246-959-965-5840 \$24,186

This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$2,833,218 to \$2,858,034.

#### GOLF COURSE FUND: Increase Revenues:

Contribution from community Impr. Fund #584-000-676-5841 \$24,186

#### Increase Appropriations:

Capital Outlay-Buildings-FCGC #584-697-976-0000 \$24,186

This budget amendment increases the Golf Course Fund budget from \$2,542,060 to \$2,566,246.

I further move to award the bid for new roof shingles at Fellows Creek Golf Course in the amount of \$21,988 plus an additional 10% contingency of \$2,198 for a total amount of \$24,186 to Barnett Roofing and Siding, Inc., 41700 Michigan Avenue, Canton, MI 48188. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 26. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID PACKAGE #2 SUBCONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATION FOR ROOFING/ROOF CARPENTRY AND AWARD BID FOR VEHICLE EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR FIRE STATION NO. 3.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the award of Bid Package #2 and approve Auch's recommended award amount for the Vehicle Exhaust System for a total PO approval to George Auch Co. totaling \$3,338,875 and for a total Project Budget of \$3,877,096. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 27. REQUEST TO CREATE AND FILL AN CONTINUING PART-TIME POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to approve the creating and filling of a continuing part-time clerical position for the Police Department. (Salaries-Civilian Account No. 207-301-705-0000.) Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** Director Durack stated that next week, Tuesday, October 5th is the next study session, which will be closed for employee negotiations and litigation at 6:00 p.m. and a public study session beginning at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be Habitat for Humanity. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. -Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett - Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site after Board approval.

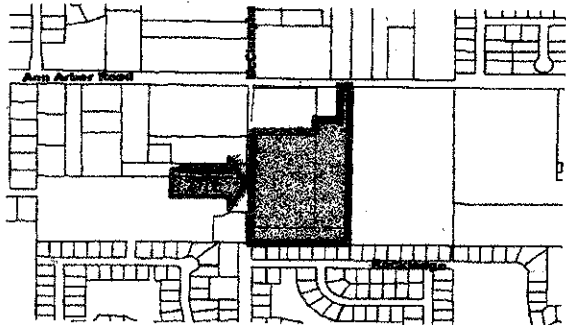
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Recommend Approval of the Single Family Cluster Housing Option  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, October 20, 2004  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 PM.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an Application from Robertson Brothers Co. requesting Approval of the Single Family Cluster Housing Option for parcels 056-99-0003-003-002, 056-99-0001-703, 056-99-0004-000 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, as amended. The property is located on the east side of McChumpha Road, south of Ann Arbor Road. Application 1848



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R78-056-99-0003-002, R78-056-99-0001-703, and R78-056-99-0004-000.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the application be examined in the Community Development Department, located in the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Phone No. (734) 453-8181, ext 87. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number (734) 453-3840. TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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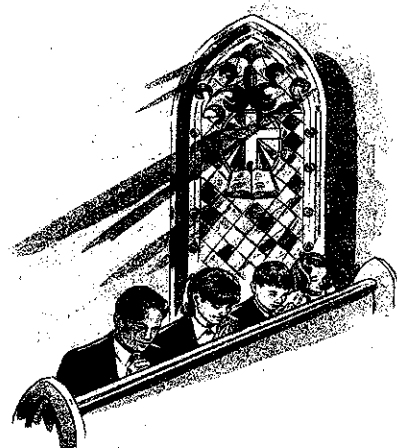
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Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

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### First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth

1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI  
734-453-0970

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Reading Room 9:10 South Main  
Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
734-453-1676

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Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.  
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734-451-1877 Michigan Bible School  
Minister Tuesday & Thursday 7pm  
John Nativ www.churchofchrist-west.org

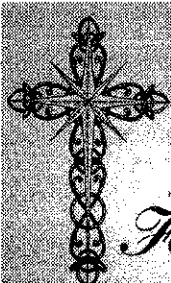
## CHURCH OF GOD

### Riverside Park Church of God

11771 Newburgh Road  
Livonia  
Corner of Plymouth and Newburgh  
734-464-0990

Sunday School.....9:30am  
Sunday Worship.....10:45am  
Sunday Evening.....6:30pm  
Wednesday Evening.....6:00pm

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Thom  
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### Clarenceville United Methodist

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474-3444

Pastor James E. Britt

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Sunday Eve. Bible Study 6:00 PM  
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http://www.StTimothyPCUSA.org

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson

### Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)

9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI  
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(734) 422-0494

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9:00 am  
Traditional Service  
10:30 am

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Rev. Richard Peters, Pastor  
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## It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15



If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

## OCTOBER

## Birthday party

The third birthday party for the Contemporary Service at First United Methodist Church of Troy 11:44 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at the church, 6363 Livernois, Troy. For information, call (248) 879-6363.

## Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, in the Parish gym at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222.

## Concert

Featuring Randy and Marli Brown with their blend of light contemporary/inspirational music 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile, west of Farmington, Livonia. No charge. A freewill offering will be taken. A light meal follows the concert. Call (734) 464-7990.

## Christian concert

CrossChords performs a Christian rock concert of faith and inspiration 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road off of Grand River, between Drake and Farmington road, Farmington Hills. Youth sponsored coffee house follows the concert. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at door, \$4 advance for groups of 15 or more (groups must be advance ticket sales only). Call the church office at (248) 474-0584 or send check made payable to St. John

Lutheran Church and mail by Sept. 30 to CrossChords Concert Tickets, PO Box 531895, Livonia, MI 48153-1895. Be sure to include the number of tickets, a self-addressed stamped envelope for mailing, and a phone number in case there are any questions regarding your order.

## Focus Hope Walk

Registration begins 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at Focus: HOPE's Resource Center, 1355 Oakman Boulevard, at LaSalle, Detroit. Register in advance by calling (313) 494-5500, or through the Web at www.focushope.edu. Proceeds benefit Focus: HOPE programs.

## Christian Motorcyclists Association

Hosts A Biker Sunday/Family Day featuring vendors, children's events, free chili, and a motorcycle show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at R.O.C. Church on Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads. All are welcome and we encourage families to attend. For more information, call (734) 404-0270.

## Looking for classmates

St. Damian School is looking for former students to attend the first annual Alumni Mass and Reception 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. Catch up with your old classmates while touring the new church and gym. St. Damian celebrates 50 years in 2005. The Nov. 28 Mass kicks off the celebration. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be part of the Alumni planning committee, send e-mail to alumni@stdamian.com.

## Lecture series

Begins 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, and continues to Dec. 6, Oct. 11 is an introduction to living the faith in the modern world, balancing between work, home and church, at The Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18200, Livonia. Open to anyone interested in

learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith. Call (734) 422-0010.

## Grief support group

Begins Monday, Oct. 11 for five weeks, at Light & Life Free Methodist Church, Westland. The Connections grief support group is free and available to any child who has experience the death of a loved one. For more information or to register, call Community Hospice at (734) 522-4244.

## Parish Leadership Conference

Tuesday October 12, at St. Scholastica Parish 17320 Rosemont (W. Outer Drive at Southfield Road), Detroit. You can become an Archdiocesan Certified Lector or Eucharistic Minister by attending our workshops. Topics include Parish Council Leadership, Effective Stewardship, Worship, Pastoral Ministry, Spiritual Development and so much more. \$20.00 per person and you may choose two workshops, complementary meal for all attendees. Call (313) 531-0140.

## Soul sisters

The women of the New Testament speak to the women of today 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 21 and 28, and Nov. 4, 11 and 18, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

## Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

## Garage sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, \$2 bag sale after 4 p.m., at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Call (734) 722-1343.

## Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday, at Garden City

Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other will take place Friday-Sunday, Oct. 15-17, and Nov. 19-21, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wme. Craft fair

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, also bake sale featuring a variety of goods, at St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, two blocks north of Six Mile, Livonia. \$1 admission buys a chance to win a raffle prize. Hot lunch available.

## New pastor

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church is pleased to announce that Pastor Dana Runestad will begin to lead worship services on Sunday, Oct. 17, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church located on the north side of Six Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 420-9191.

## Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

## Harvest festival

Begins with crafts, baked goods and white elephant items being sold at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, turkey luncheon follows at noon, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, south of Schoolcraft, east of Inkster, Redford. \$8 for luncheon. Tickets available until Oct. 17. Call (313) 538-2660.

## Garage sale

Sponsored by Rosary Altar Sodality 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, \$3 bag sale at 4 p.m., in the community room of St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1526 Belton, between Marquette and Ford, west of Inkster Road, Garden City.

## Pancake supper

5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Immanuel Church, Hovey Street, Oxford. One block behind Oxford Starbucks. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 children under age 12, \$15 for a family.

## Notre Dame Glee Club

The University of Notre Dame Glee Club perform the final stop on its Fall concert tour 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish located at the northwest corner of Beck and North Territorial roads, Plymouth Township. The 70-voice Glee Club has established itself as one of the outstanding collegiate male choruses in the U.S. renowned for musical excellence. Repertoire includes plain-song, Renaissance polyphony, Romantic and contemporary choral works, along with spirituals, folk songs, and the always popular Notre Dame school songs. Tickets \$10, \$5 students, children age 12 or under free. Available at the door or by calling Brian Broderick at (734) 416-9865 or Fred Gade at (248) 644-4241.

## Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner

Polish dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Hilary Parish 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the church, 23901 Elmira, one block east of Telegraph, one block south of Plymouth, Redford. By reservation only. No tickets sold at door. Tickets \$8, \$4 under age 12. Call (313) 533-5698 or (313) 533-8239.

## Fall Boutique

Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Jude Circle), West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. Call Nancy at (313) 937-1741 or Joan at (313) 937-1670.

## Crafters needed

For annual craft bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 26431 West Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford. For an application, call (313) 937-2880 and leave a message.

## Laymen's Convention

The 52nd Annual Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, in the Student Union Building at Concordia University, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor. Rev. Dr. Walt Winters, Director of International Ministries will be the guest presenter. The theme of the convention is "Seek His Face" based on Psalm 105:4. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., opening service at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call Phil Krauss at (734) 261-4086.

## Sermon series

Continues 10:30 a.m. Sundays to Oct. 24, at Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-9144. Series focuses on Parenting Challenges.

## Conference and concert

A conference by Hope's Call 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, kicks off the Covenant Community Church Ladies Conference 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, featured speaker on Oct. 30 is Cathy Tanana, at 25800 Student, one block north of Five Mile on Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets are \$50 and include Saturday lunch and Friday concert. Call (734) 729-3682.

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### DAVID ANDREW TAYLOR

October 2, 2004 of Bloomfield Hills, age 81. Born in Redford Township, raised in Bloomfield Hills. Loving husband of Patricia B., for 57 years. Loving father of Jane Corning (Beverly Hills), Sarah Taylor (Montana), Anne Schumaker (Wisconsin) and Mary Kirkpatrick (Wisconsin). Also survived by eight grandchildren, a graduate of Cranbrook School and Albion College. Retired President of Taylor-Thompson Machinery Company. Past National President of American Machine Tool Distributors Association; Past President of Huron River Club and Member of Cranbrook House & Gardens Auxiliary. Avid Hunter, Fisherman and Outdoorsman. Memorial service was held at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI, Tuesday, October 5th at 10:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials sent to Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary, 380 Lone Pine Rd., PO Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801 or Cranbrook Schools, Office of Development, PO Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801.

### HAROLD D. CHARLES

Age 85, Hopkinsville, KY, formerly of Livonia, MI, died Wednesday, September 29, 2004 in Evanston, Illinois of natural causes. Services will be 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 6, 2004 at Hughtart & Beard Funeral Home - Crofton, KY with burial to follow in Macedonia Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:00 until 8:00 P.M. at the Hughtart & Beard Funeral Home - Crofton. A native of Dayton, Ohio he was born December 16, 1918 the son of the late David B. and Clara (Marie) Melching Charles. He was formerly employed by the Eccelstone Chemical Co., Detroit, MI. As a United States Army veteran of WWII he was among the first soldiers to be stationed at the then Camp Campbell, KY. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Gladys Anderson Charles. Survivors include: a son, David Charles and his wife Laura of Chicago, IL; a brother, John F. Charles of Lincoln Park, MI; and a grandson, Nicholas Charles of Chicago, IL. Donations in memory of Mr. Charles may be made to: The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation 1440 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL. 60607

### ANN C. NILSSON

Age 90, September 21, 2004 of Oxford and Holiday, Florida. Also formerly of Rochester Hills and Dearborn. She was preceded in death by her husband Walford known as Wally. Loving mother of Margaret (David Bailey) Nilsson of Oxford and James (Patricia) Nilsson of Davisburg, fond grandmother of Kayleen Nilsson, sister of the late Hildur (Walter) Modder Dietz of Pentwater, Michigan, Edwin (Ursula) Young of Youngsville, NC, Carl (Bernice) Young and Harold (Helen) Young of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Ann was a loyal wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was a fitness fan who took walks everyday until her final illness. She loved to shop at garage sales and socialize with old and new friends and keep informed about the news of the world. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service for Ann's northern friends will be held at Alterra-Wynwood Assisted Living Facility near Grand Blanc on Friday, October 8, 2004 at 2:30pm. Friends may call (810) 953-7111 for driving directions. Plans for a second memorial service for her friends in Oxford area to be held later at Immanuel Church, Oxford (248) 628-1610 are incomplete.

### MARGARET BENNETT BOWEN

Born 11/22/1907, The daughter of FF and Clara (Buell) Bennett, in Plymouth Michigan. The family moved to Ypsilanti in 1918. Margaret was graduated from Michigan State Normal College in 1929 after which time she studied music in Chicago with Herbert Wycherspoon. In 1933 she married Olin I. Bowen. The family moved to the Detroit area where they lived for many years, coming to Ann Arbor in 1972. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor and an active volunteer with Washtenaw County Department of Social Services. She is survived by one daughter, Marolin Bowen Bellefleur, six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy Sue (Bowen) Barkham in 2001. A Memorial service will be held at the church, 1432 Washtenaw Avenue on Thursday, October 7, @ 1:00 pm. A reception will follow at the Ann Arbor Womens City Club. In honor of her generous spirit and in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, the First Presbyterian Church Music Fund or, the charity of your choice.

### GERTRUDE PROCTOR CHARRON "TRUDY"

Age 89 returned to her Lord on Oct. 2, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Clare Charron. Dear mother of Charles Proctor (Lori) Charron, the late Clare "Toby" (Mary Gay Jolly) Charron Jr., Susan (the late Doug) Davis, Julie (John) Hanson. Also survived by twelve grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren. Mrs. Charron was a descendant of the prestigious Proctor family of Peoria Illinois and the Storres family of Connecticut. She was married to her husband in Detroit, and they shared a life for 67 years. Mrs. Charron was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church for 27 years, and a member of St. Owen Catholic Church for 5. She was an accomplished pianist, co-founder of the Icon Dei Guild of Bloomfield Hills, was a board member of the Michigan Opera Company and a member of the Detroit Golf Club for at least 30 years. Mrs. Charron led an incredible life, and will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her. Services were held at Holy Name Catholic Church on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. Interment took place at Roseland Park Cemetery. Memorials to Icon Dei Guild, 950 Southdown Court, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

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# St. Mary's deals CC stunning blow, 14-7

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM  
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who believes that low-scoring football can't be exciting should have watched Catholic League Central Division rivals Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Redford Catholic Central fight it out Saturday. The host Eaglets remained undefeated - and probably knocked the Shamrocks out of state playoff contention - with a 14-7 victory.

The key play occurred with 7:57 remaining in the game and Catholic Central clinging to a 7-6 edge. On second-and-21, following a holding penalty, Eaglets quarterback Anthony Alexander hit Dinote Allen in stride behind the defense for a 44-yard touchdown pass. After an illegal block negated St. Mary's two-point conversion, Alexander rolled right and passed to Zach Stogdill, who broke a tackle inside the five yard line and scored, for a 14-7 St. Mary's lead.

"The long pass for a touchdown is probably what did it," acknowledged Catholic Central coach Tom Mach.

Porritt gave two reasons for throwing a home run ball in that situation. "It's hard to drive the ball the distance against a great defensive team like Catholic Central." He also said his team is "always going to throw a couple (deep passes) in there, and we hadn't done it yet and it was time." Porritt added, "We'd been throwing underneath a little bit" so he hoped "when we go for it, it'll be there for us."

The game-winning drive began at the Eaglets' 23 with 1:14 left in the third quarter. St. Mary's converted three straight third downs, including a third-and-seven completion to Allen, who made a div-



Catholic Central's Anthony Sabo runs for a long gain in Saturday's game at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

ing catch at Catholic Central's 33.

The Shamrocks answered St. Mary's touchdown with a strong drive that featured a three-yard option keeper by quarterback Mike McDonald on fourth-and-one from the Eaglets' 38. On the next play, however, Allen intercepted McDonald's pass, intended for Jon Conover, at St. Mary's 14. Allen adjusted to the under-thrown ball quicker than Conover, to secure the turnover with 4:11 remaining in the game.

After the Eaglets went three-and-out, Andrew Vitale's 18-yard punt return set up the Shamrocks offense at St. Mary's 38. But McDonald's fourth-and-six pass to Dominique Fisher was broken up by Lavonte Travis.

Catholic Central's final possession began at its 28 with 54 seconds remaining. The Shamrocks reached their 48 with 17 seconds left, but a fourth-down pass was picked off by Stogdill.

"St. Mary's played a very good football game," Mach said. "Good defense, hard running on offense. They should

be commended, they did a great job."

With both teams featuring running and short passes, the clock kept moving and each team's possessions were limited. The teams had only three possessions each in the first half.

"You know when you're going to play Catholic Central that the clock's going to keep moving," Porritt said. "They're the best ball-possession team that I know of. And we try to do a little bit of the same thing."

Each team showed off its ball-possession offense in the first quarter. St. Mary's took the opening kickoff and drove to the Catholic Central 30. On fourth-and-two, Porritt elected to go for it. "We pride ourselves on the run, and we felt that we were close enough, we had the ball on that side of the 50. Games like this, we've got to be able to execute that and get it done. Those are difference-makers."

J.R. Reed ran six yards up the middle to gain the key first down, at the Shamrocks' 24. A 20-yard touchdown pass was called back due to an illegal



Catholic Central's Dominique Fischer returns an interception as St. Mary's offensive lineman Nick Tootalian tries to bring him down.

block, but a 10-yard run by Malcolm Arrington gave St. Mary's a first down at the nine, where Shawn Windey carried it in midway through the quarter. Brad Wolfe then blocked the extra point try.

The Shamrocks then converted two third downs as they drove to the Eaglets' 15. On fourth down and 10, McDonald completed a pass to Anthony Sabo, but Windey tackled him at the nine to end the drive.

Catholic Central moved across midfield on both its second-quarter possessions, but St. Mary's ended the half with a Stogdill interception.

Catholic Central scored on its first possession of the second half. Sabo's 29-yard run off an option pitch gave the

Shamrocks a first down on St. Mary's 15. Two plays later, Nick Barrett tied the game with a seven-yard run. Kevin Horal then put the Shamrocks on top by kicking the extra point.

A Fischer interception set the Shamrocks up on St. Mary's 44 midway through the quarter. Catholic Central converted a fourth-and-three on McDonald's three-yard option run, then reached the 23 following two more runs. But McDonald's fourth-and-ten pass to Vitale was incomplete, setting the stage for St. Mary's winning drive.

"Our defense made some great stops when (Catholic Central) moved the ball inside our 20, a couple times," said Porritt, whose team improved

to 5-0 overall, 2-0 in the Central Division. "I credit our two captains on the defense, Chris McLaurin and Malcolm Arrington. And the interceptions played big, too. Dionte and Zack's interceptions were big plays."

The Shamrocks fell to 2-4 overall, 0-2 in division play. Despite being knocked out of the playoff race, Mach said his team will "just get ready for the next football game. That's all we're going to do. We're not worried about what happened in the past. We'll look forward to the future and try to get better and win the next game. That's important to us."

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## Accommodate everyone with strategic living room lighting

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

Mom's reading, dad's napping and the kids are watching TV. And they are all in the living room. To accommodate everyone, proper living room lighting is essential.

"You have to be flexible in a living room because it's a place where families spend time doing many different activities," said Beverly Stewart, an interior designer at Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield. "You have to work with lighting so it sets the mood and accommodates the different people and activities in the room."

For living rooms, Stewart suggests recessed lighting, which is lighting installed in the ceiling with only the trim showing. But, she adds, you still need some type of table or floor lamp, too.

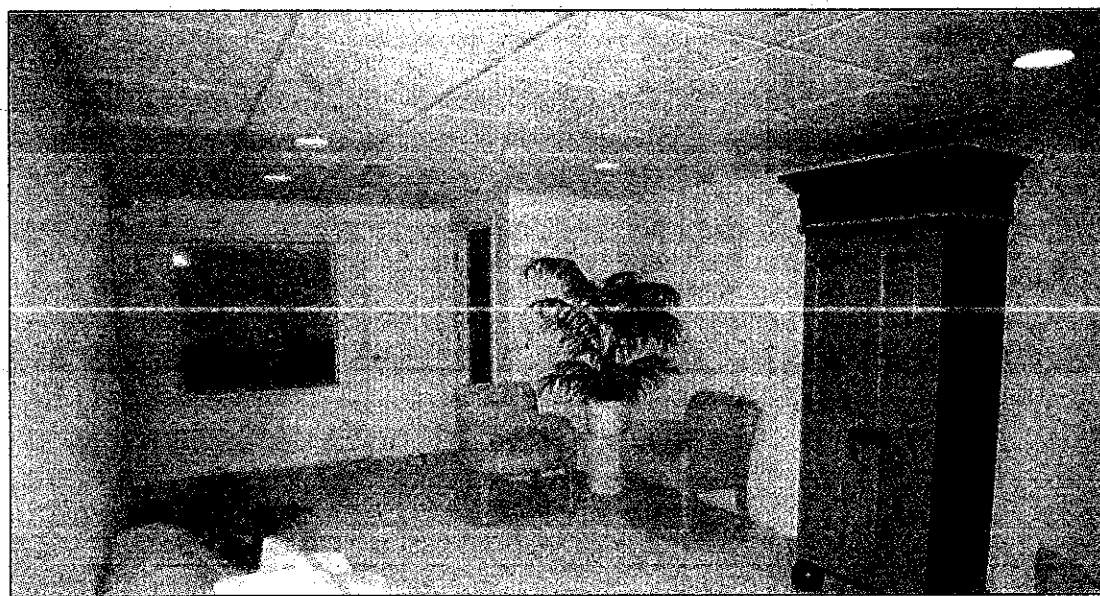
A 20- by 30-foot room may call for nine recessed ceiling lights and then one or two table or floor lamps near sofas or chairs, Stewart said, so people can do personal reading or other activities that might require light.

If you have nine recessed ceiling lights, Stewart suggests having sections of lights connected to different controls. In other words, you might have three controls; one that controls a set of three lights, another that controls a different set of three, and so on.

Using several controls allows homeowners options to use which lights they want, when they want, Stewart said. Dimmer controls vary the intensity of light, and are another option, Stewart said. Both create multiple effects and moods, she said.

Accent lighting is another idea for living room lighting. Perhaps you have a piece of artwork or a painting you want people to notice.

If so, Stewart says you can use recessed or track lighting - which are individual lamps or lighting heads, which are put



Recessed lighting illuminates this seating area, a living room actually located in the basement.

into tracks that are secured to your ceiling - to focus on the painting. She suggests putting the ceiling light 12-18 inches from the wall.

For all lighting sources, she said she prefers halogen lights because they are tiny but provide a lot of light.

"They throw a ton of light without being conspicuous," she said. The bottom line for Stewart when it comes to living room lighting? "Make sure the lighting is strategically placed," she said. Living rooms aren't always traditional living rooms.

Mike Belesky, sales manager at Pine Tree Lighting in Lake Orion, said in many homes living rooms are in "a more formal setting, not used on a daily basis, generally used for entertaining guests, the furniture in the room is generally higher-end, they are less about functionality and more about ambience."

Lighting depends on the ceiling height and decor, but, for two-story living rooms in upper-scale homes, many people have a large chandelier for lighting, Belesky said.

"In most normal homes, those with an eight to ten foot ceiling, wall sconces are popular, placed on the sides of pictures or a mirror," Belesky said.

"Also popular are mini chandeliers, which are placed in the middle of the room."

Semi-flush light fixtures (decorative fixtures) drop about 12 to 17 inches from the ceiling to increase the amount of light reflected off the ceiling space, Belesky said. "Semi-flush light fixtures add a sense of presence and warmth to the room," Belesky said.

"If there is a fireplace in the living room, you can put two recessed lights above the fireplace," Belesky said. "If there is a picture in the living room, you can put a picture light above it or one recessed light above it, or put wall sconces on each side of the picture."

Mark Borus, project manager at Illuminating Concepts in Farmington Hills, said lighting depends on the furnishings and colors within the living room. In dark-colored rooms, more lighting is needed to make the room appear well lit because dark colors are absorbed by light, Borus said. On the other hand, white rooms or lighter rooms require less illumination because light colors reflect the light, thus making the room appear brighter, he adds.

Coloring aside, Borus has a

rule of thumb for living room lighting. "Light all corners of the room," he said. "It makes the room look more spacious."

Plus, he said when all four corners are lit, the light will reflect off the walls and light the room. It will make the room glow and will not be hard on the eyes, he added.

Borus said never to put recessed lighting in front of the TV because it will cause light to reflect off the TV screen, making the TV screen hard to view because of glare. He suggests placing lights next to the TV.

In an average living room (a sofa or a coffee table and end tables), Borus suggests recessed ceiling lighting and an end table light.

He said a lot of people tend to position lights so they focus on the center of the sofa. But that's not good because most people read at the ends of the sofa, he said.

And like Stewart, he suggests

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dimmers because they allow you to "program the feel of the room." Lighting used to be utilitarian, but now it's part of dec-

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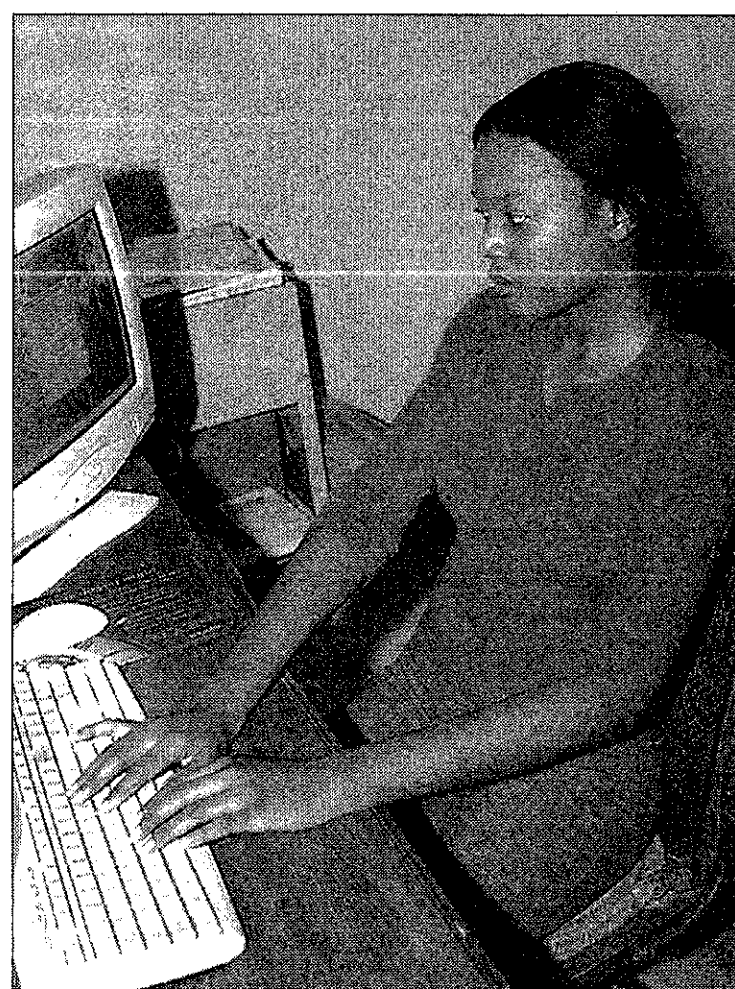
Melissa Marie Jacobs, of All Star Desk in Southfield, said the home office has undergone radical changes in recent years.

"Desks can be really fun, they don't have to be bland," Jacobs said. "One of our more popular desks has a zebra pattern."

If space is an issue, a compact solution is a specialized office armoire that can be used for multiple purposes. New wood armoires include key board work surfaces, printer shelves, two pocket doors, adjustable shelves, wrist rests, electrical receptacle... they are practical yet elegant with Covington finishes, carvings. The armoires, available at All Star Desk, can change a dull home office atmosphere into a rich, classic space.

Jacobs said color is also a trend. Forget all white. Create a color scheme that's uplifting like light greens and pale blues. Use non-traditional accessories like baskets for drawers or fabric boxes to store supplies.

**Computer:** If you travel often and are short on space, a laptop may be more suitable. If you're going to spend the



Whether you live in a tiny city apartment or a sprawling suburban ranch, if you plan on working from home, it's a good idea to set up a serviceable home office.

majority of your time at work in the office, you may prefer a desktop model for its larger keyboard and monitor, which are easier on your eyes than the compressed space of a laptop.

**Printer:** Think carefully before making a purchase. Ink-jet printers are usually inexpensive but can be slower and tend to require more maintenance and ink refills than a laser printer.

**High-speed Internet connection:** Yes, you do need it. Dial-up is much slower than cable or DSL connections and not really suitable for the volume of research and e-mail you'll need to do your work.

**Office phone line:** Separate

your personal life from your professional life with a separate line that rings in your office.

**Make sure you have an answering machine or voice mail so you'll be less likely to miss those important calls.**

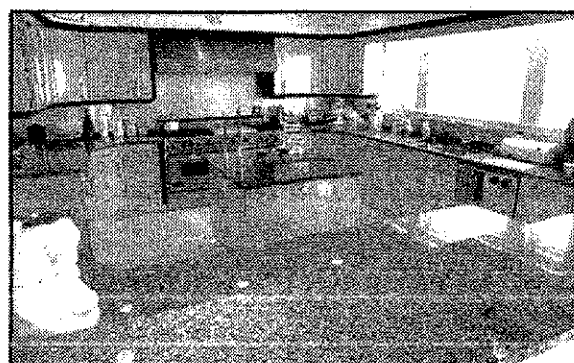
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## Resale route is a dream for furniture shoppers on a budget

You may have the most intricately painted room in the neighborhood, but it won't be complete without the right furniture.

But after endless trips to the local home-supply center to finish your improvement project, do you have any money left to furnish the space? For many do-it-yourself interior renovators the answer is a resounding "no."

Don't despair. You don't need a designer's wallet to score beautiful furniture. A little ingenuity and some time to hunt for bargains will serve you well. It might even make the process more fun.

A nearby resale furniture store is an ideal place to start.

"It certainly reduces the cost," said Tom McDoniel, co-owner of Recherche, an

upscale resale furniture store with locations in Waterford and Farmington that boasts a staff of on-site interior designers eager to assist customers make the tough decisions.

The bargains are so stellar at Recherche that many customers furnish entire rooms with resale purchases, McDoniel said.

"That's actually how we buy furniture, as well," he said, adding, "Our goal in terms of making this work is helping customers who are re-doing a whole room." Most resale furniture stores pack in plenty of used home accessories like glassware and art, too. Both are expensive items that make a big impact on interior style.

Just remember to act quickly and visit frequently. Furniture consignment shops overflow

with wonderful treasures. But since you're not the only budget shopper on the prowl, the real pearls, especially sought-after accessories, move fast.

"We sell an occasional piece of furniture, but we definitely sell accessories every day," said McDoniel.

Here are some other frugal ways to decorate on a budget:

■ **Outlet and clearance bargains:** Head to your neighborhood warehouse store for well-priced items that are within reach for those on a tight budget. You also might want to check out department store clearance centers, where discontinued or outdated furniture is reduced.

■ **Model home mania:** If there's a surge of home building happening in your area, check with developers' sales

offices to find out whether they're selling the furnishings when the models close to the public. Keep in mind that some items may be faded or worn.

■ **Scour the neighborhood:** Many people make a hobby of searching for furnishings in their neighborhood on garbage pick-up day. As they say, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." Don't forget yard sales and moving sales for other sources of low-priced furniture.

■ **Slightly irregular department:** Some furniture stores have areas where they keep furniture that has slight imperfections such as scratches or dents. If you can live with the blemishes, you may be able to haggle a reasonable price on normally expensive finds.



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

You don't have to spend tons of money to have beautiful home decor. Money-saving tips can keep decorating budgets in check.

■ **Consult friends and family:** Have you had your eye on Aunt Jane's chaise lounge? Do you think your best friend's armoire would look beautiful in your bedroom? Don't

be afraid to ask loved ones if they have furniture they can part with. Some may have wonderful pieces hiding out in basements or attics that are just waiting to be discovered.

## Sofa beds now bring comfort to guests

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

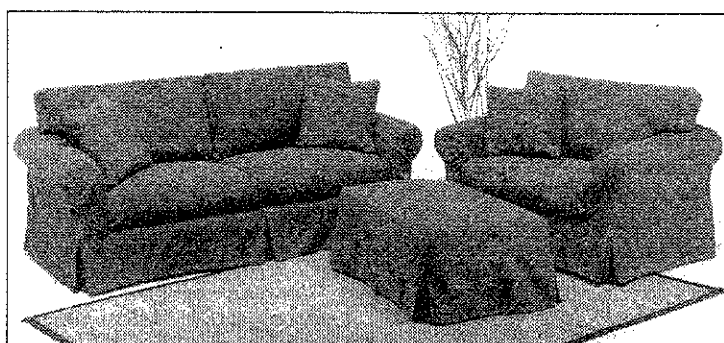
Remember the big, boxy old sofa beds and those tired, old patterns? Remember how they used to be so bulky, broad-shouldered and nothing but trouble to open them up?

And that brutal metal bar that stuck in your back?

Thankfully, that's all gone now. Today's sofa beds are lighter, easier to use and they look better, too.

"Mostly they aren't typical box style units," said Steve Fisher, owner and president of Steven Richards Furniture in Ann Arbor, who carries Ashley and Overnight brands of sofa beds. "They make a nice sofa design. I think that they match up the love seats and other furniture to them, so you have a regular living room that can be converted to an extra bedroom."

The units are built like a regular sofa today, Fisher said. No more foam mattresses, as the name brand companies, such as Serta and Sealy, make today's sofa bed mattresses. Inside the



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This sofa bed adds comfort and convenience and can be purchased with a coordinating chair and ottoman.

recessed, usually about 3 inches below the top of the trampoline spring system," Fisher said. "It takes a tremendous amount of weight to reach the bar."

Units range from \$499-\$799. Microfibers add to the quality of the fabrics.

Sofa beds are seasonal in some respects, Fisher said.

"Typically we get a surge in the beginning of summer for people who might have guests visiting during the summer," Fisher said. "And it happens again for the holidays."

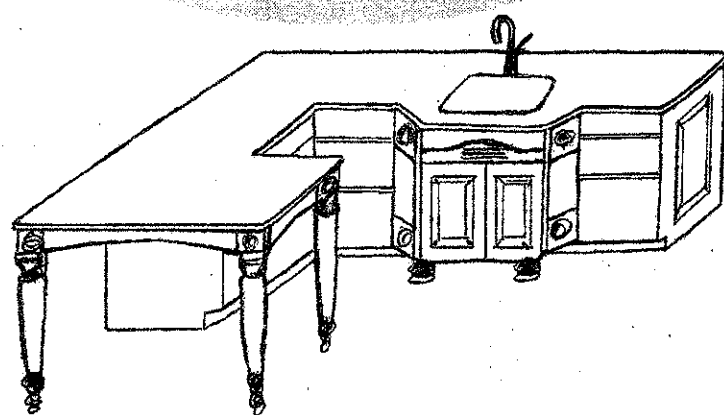
For more information on sofa beds, visit [www.sofabeds.com](http://www.sofabeds.com).

television or reading. So how should you purchase one? Consider who will use the bed (a person or a couple) and how much space you have in that room before you purchase a sofa bed.

Sit on the sofa and lay on the bed to check the comfort level. Check with the sales people to make sure the sofa bed can be folded up with sheets and a light blanket. That will help save time making the bed later when guests arrive.

According to [www.sofabeds.com](http://www.sofabeds.com), the sofa bed is a great choice for a guest room or a room for watching

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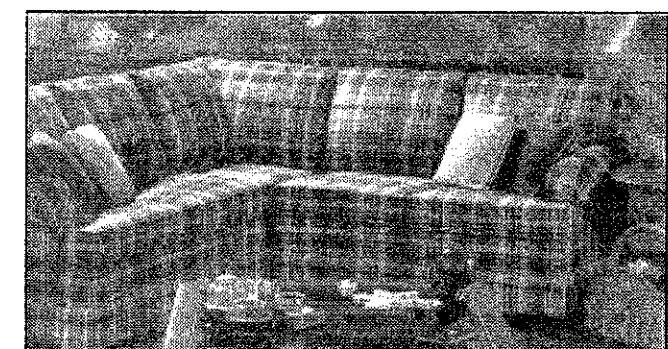
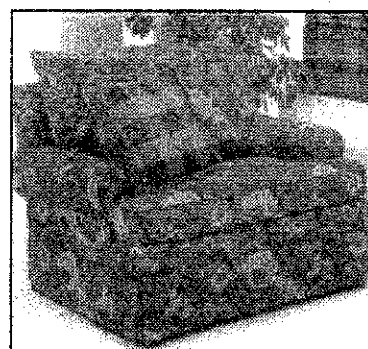
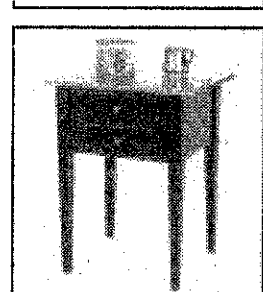
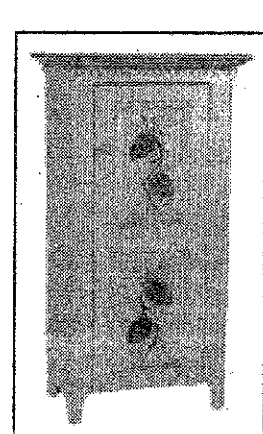
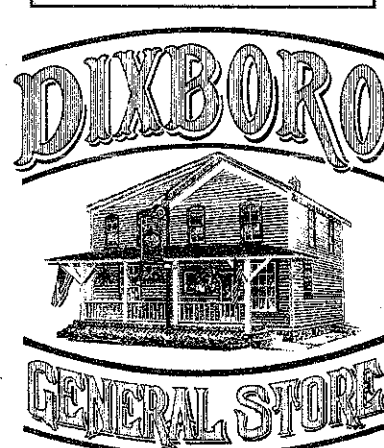
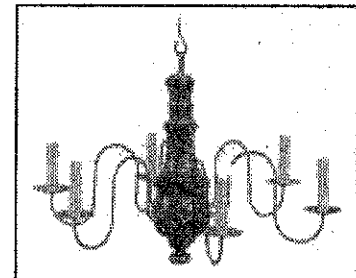
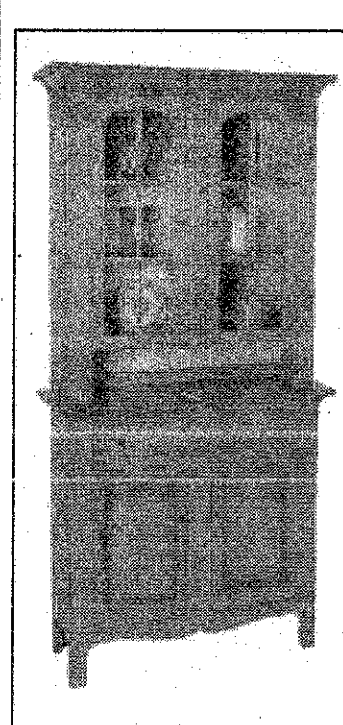
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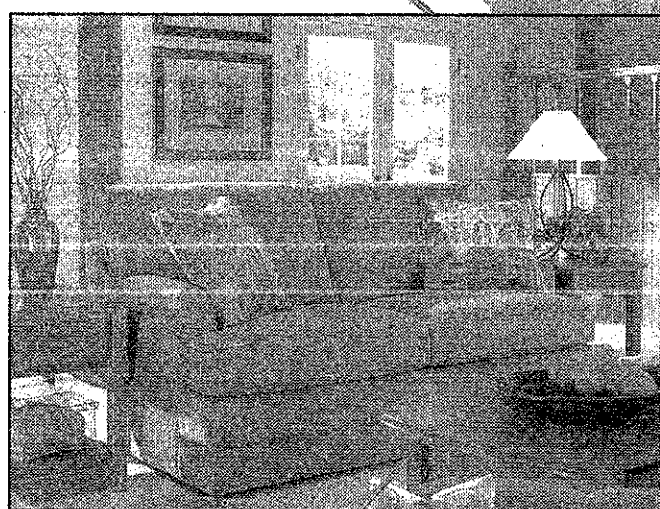


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## Armoires can hide your computer

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Armoires make a statement in the home.

The vertical build of the furniture piece lends itself well to a bedroom or even a bathroom in a larger home.

But more and more of these pieces are finding their ways into the home office. Eric Buzenberg, one of the owners of Walker Buzenberg in Plymouth, said the armoire can hide the wiring from computer systems. In other rooms, such as a living room, bedroom or bathroom, the hand-painted armoires are popular, Buzenberg said. "Because it is handpainted, you can mix it (with other pieces) in a bedroom," Buzenberg said. "They are multifunctional. You can put clothing in it or use it for a television set."

"With it handpainted, it doesn't have to match anything," Buzenberg said.

In the home office, armoires are used for organizing computer equipment and files for information.

"The power strip bars for the monitor and CPU are built into the armoire,"

Buzenberg said. "It's a simple way to manage wiring."

Cherry tones are still popular from light cherry to dark cherry, Buzenberg said. Armoires can be painted black and made with maple or oak.

"It really boils down to what the customer needs," Buzenberg said. "We ask several questions: what their needs are, who would be using it, what they'll be using it for."

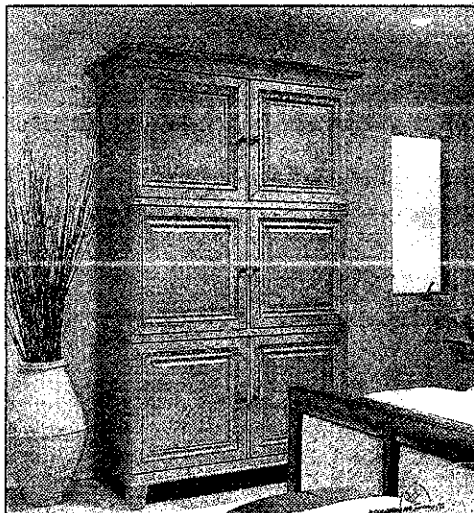
Armoires are typically a bigger than the average furniture piece. "You have to have the room for it," Buzenberg said.

Gwen Geeth, interior designer with Ethan Allen of Birmingham, said the armoire is traditionally used in the bedroom. The pieces are used in home offices.

"They can be specially designed for computers where you can put it away at the end of the day, and it's out of sight, out of mind," Geeth said.

The family room and living rooms also are home to armoires. Pieces aren't specifically designed for a wet bar, but they can be created, Geeth said.

"The glass shelves can hold the glass stemware and decantors, while the draw-



Armoires can be a focal point, a storage solution, a home office, an entertainment center, a closet, and more.

ers are storage for linens and towels," Geeth said. The shelves are adjusted for varying lengths of stemware and a light can be installed where an audio or sound system might normally run.

## Armoire has variety of uses

An armoire is a versatile piece of furniture that can make itself at home in nearly any room of the house.

Armoires can be a focal point, a storage solution, a home office, an entertainment center, a closet, and more, according to interiordec.about.com

Today, armoires can be found made of many types of woods or painted finishes, in new or antique versions. For a versatile piece choose one with adjustable interior fittings that might hold a TV in one home and sweaters in the next.

Here are some pointers from interiordec.about.com:

**Home Office** - Fit an armoire with your computer, printer, and fax machine, and you're set to get to work anytime the doors are open. When you're done, just close the clutter behind the doors.

**TV Cabinet** - Most armoires can be fitted with a television and VCR, and the doors can be closed to hide the television screen when not in use.

**Audio/Video Storage** - An armoire/entertainment center might be the perfect place to stash all of your home audio equipment.

**Guest Closet** - If your guestroom closet is already packed full with your own belongings, then provide some hanging space for guest inside an armoire. Also include a basket of maps, extra pillows and linens, a few

books, and other amenities.

**Child's Room** - Baby clothes are perfect for armoire storage. Items can be hung or folded at your eye level, yet be out of reach as toddlers begin walking.

**Clothing Storage** - Place an armoire in a bedroom and fill its shelves and drawers with clothing and accessories.

**China and Linen Storage** - An armoire is a perfect piece in a dining room. Add extra shelves and use them to store table linens, holiday dinnerware, serving pieces, and seasonal items.

**Homework Help Center** - Keep an armoire full of the supplies kids need for school, including reference books, notebooks, paper, pens, report covers, dictionaries, maps, and more can be easily organized and ready for the busy students in your home.

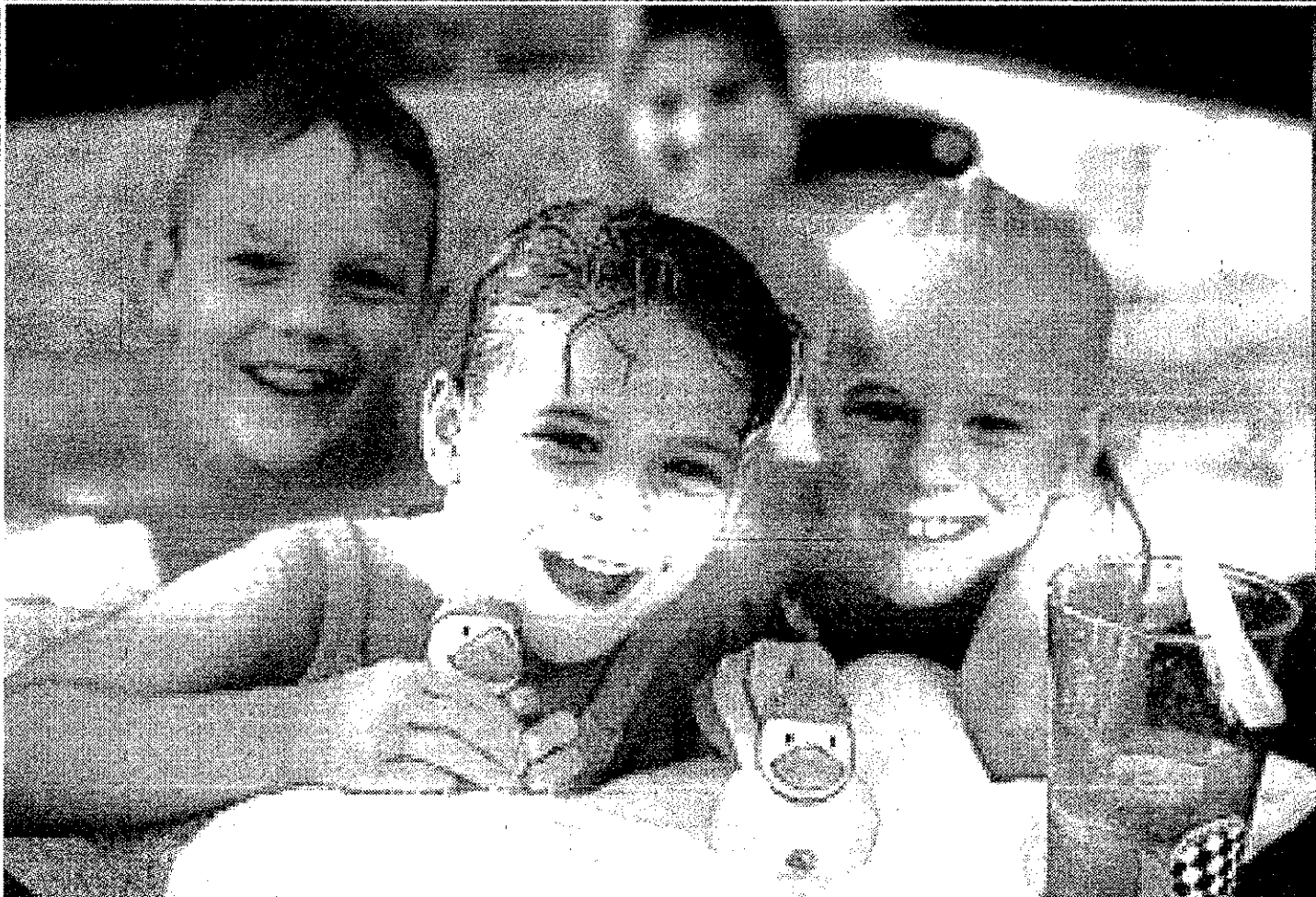
**Game Center** - If your family loves games, then this is the spot to store all of the game pieces, boxes, boards, and stuff. Separate each type of game into plastic storage boxes to keep pieces together.

**Gift Closet** - Use an armoire to hold gift wrap items and gifts that are purchased in advance. Drawers can store tissue paper, gift wrap rolls, and ribbons, and the shelves can hold boxes of gift tags, bows, gift boxes, and other decorative trims.

**Bathroom Storage** - Bathrooms with extra floor space may be the perfect spot for an armoire.

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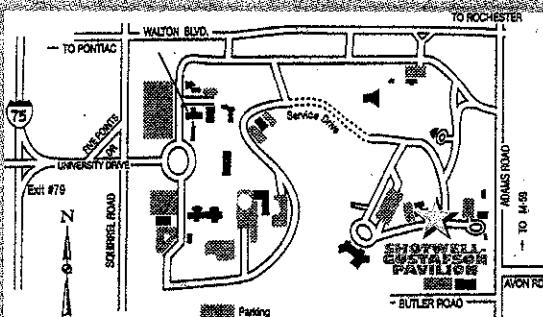
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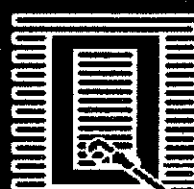
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## RICE

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One great advantage of wild rice is that it can be cooked ahead of time, refrigerated or frozen, and added at the last moment to almost any dish. To prepare this convenient product, simply add one cup of uncooked, cultivated wild rice to three-four cups of boiling water. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 30-45 minutes or until grains just start to open. Drain and store in freezer bags. Cooked wild rice can be refrigerated up to five days or frozen up to six months.

Wild rice adds flair to entrées, soups and salads, lending its nutty texture and unique flavor to each dish it touches. Keep cooked wild rice on hand to add gourmet flair to your meals.

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1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced  
3 green onions, thinly sliced  
1 can (eight ounces) water chestnuts, drained  
1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained  
1 teaspoon chopped cilantro  
2 pounds beef sirloin  
2 teaspoons sesame seed

Dressing (whisk together):  
1 cup stir fry sauce  
1/4 cup canola oil  
2 tablespoons lemon juice

In large bowl, combine all salad ingredients, except sirloin

cherries and toasted almonds to cooked white or basmati rice for a quick but elegant accompaniment to your grilled meats.

Pancakes: Add texture and taste to your Sunday morning brunch by swirling wild rice into your pancake batter. Serve with real maple syrup.

Omelets: Sauté fresh mushrooms in flavored oil. Add cooked wild rice and shredded Swiss or Gruyere cheese for a tasty filling.

Italian Rice Salad: Combine chopped tomatoes, red onion, olives and capers with a splash of Italian salad dressing with wild rice for a lovely, no-fuss accompaniment to grilled tuna,

and sesame seeds; toss with dressing. Grill, broil, or pan fry sirloin; slice into strips. Fan sirloin over top of salad. Sprinkle sesame seeds over top. Six-eight servings.

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## Food Network publishes another cookbook

There is nothing more priceless than enjoying a home-cooked meal with your family.

The Food Network Kitchens team has a new book out to help families achieve great meals in little time with their second book, *Food Network Kitchens: Making It Easy* (Meredith Books, September 2004, \$29.95).



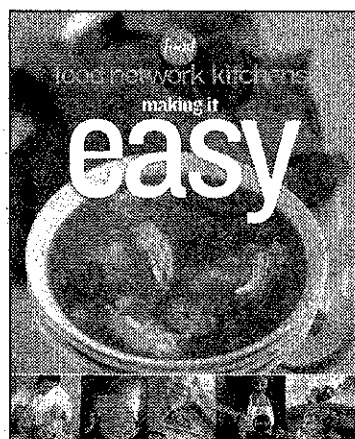
Alford

Katherine Alford, director of Food Network's test kitchens, will visit Border's, 43075 Crescent Blvd. in Novi for a book signing and demonstration noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10. Alford's job is to obtain the recipes produced by talented on-camera chefs, adapt them for use by the home consumer, test and retest them, and then post them on the Food Network Website where they are downloaded by hundreds of thousands of people every day. She develops all the content for the website.

The professional culinary team that cooks behind the scenes of the popular Food Network shows, has developed many tips and time-saving recipes.

Making It Easy offers over 100 recipes and 50 photographs.

Every recipe has been tested to insure that the actual hands on prep takes less than an hour. Whether you are putting it together at dinner time, or planning ahead in the morning with a slow cooker,



Making it Easy has recipes to suit everyone's style and needs.

The cookbook features four cooking strategies: Real Fast, Cool Tools, Double Duty and Pantry Plus.

Real Fast focuses on recipes that can go to table in 30 minutes or less - featuring dishes such as Indoor Grilled Salmon with Fennel and Orange, or Chicken Saltimbocca.

Double Duty means cook once, eat twice or more. The only things you'll have "left-over" are the makings of tomorrow's great meals such as Turkey Enchilada Casserole or Thai Shrimp and Rice Soup.

Pantry Plus gives tips on how to make the most out of your pantry with recipes like Cozy Coconut-Lime Pudding Cake or Chicken with Tomatoes and Pepperoncini.

Cool Tools shows consumers how to make the most out of those labor saving tools that may be currently collecting dust, like pressure cookers or a slow cookers, with recipes for Winter Vegetable Risotto, or Barbeque Brisket Sandwiches.

The recipes include tips, preparation times and accessible ingredients. And just as in the first Food Network Kitchens Cookbook, Making It Easy has a section of Special Features:

■ ShopSmart: Super shopping tips

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Food Network is the No. 1 source for food and cooking information, reaching more than 85 million households. The evidence is clear; consumers want to know how to make quick, easy meals that also taste great, and Food Network couldn't be a better guide.

The experts at Food Network know their audience.

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climate, it was only partially affected by the devastating 1956 frost. As a result, Triguédina has some very old vines, unusual for Cahors.

With a modern winery and lots of new barrels for aging its wines, Clos Triguédina is one of the moving forces for the production of contemporary Cahors wines in several styles.

Wines labeled Clos Triguédina demonstrate regional typicity; Domaine Labrande, adjacent to Clos Triguédina, has a lighter style; Prince Probus is a super blend demonstrating the "power of Cahors," and The New Black Wine, is just that, a modern expression of the region.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

A sampling of the 1999, 2000 and 2001 Clos Triguédina (\$23) left us preferring the 2001 for the moment. All three wines are 80 percent malbec, 15 per-

cent merlot and 5 percent tannat and were aged in one-third new barrels. A minimum 30-year vine age produced darkly-colored wines with intense dark fruit perfume.

The 2001 is most accessible now. However, the 2000 is bursting with slightly-smoky fruit and its full palate with exceptional weight rank it as a wine to age. The 1999 displays leathery notes and a more massive structure than the other two vintages.

1999 Clos Triguédina Prince Probus (\$38) is 100 percent malbec aged in new French oak, coopered in Burgundy. A minimum vine age of 80 years offers the wine intense ripe black fruits and spice-coffee notes from new oak.

A classy, almost exotic wine, is immensely concentrated on the palate with a smooth finish.

The 2000 Prince Probus (\$38) is fuller and fleshier with black fruits over spice and coffee aromas and flavors. A knockout wine that will benefit

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## Malbec made the French way

Generally, when a wine aficionado thinks of malbec, thoughts turn to Mendoza, Argentina, not to the appellation of Cahors in southwest France. That's changing and the wines of Clos Trigueudina will convince you.

Malbec is the key grape variety in Cahors and by French wine law, it must be 70 percent of the blend with the balance merlot (contributing roundness) and tannat (reinforcing the best qualities of malbec).

Historically, Cahors had a reputation for producing dark, heavy wines, dubbed "black wines" that were frequently used to strengthen less substantial wines from Bordeaux.

"Over the last 130 years of its wine history," said Jean-Raymond Clarenc, sales manager for Clos Trigueudina, "Cahors suffered two setbacks: phylloxera in the late 19th century, and a devastating frost in 1956 that decimated vineyards. Recently, the slowly recovered region has been rediscovered. It took time because young malbec wines can be rustic and charmless. They require aging and therefore buck the modern thirst for fruity, accessible wines. Recent vineyard and winemaking practices have changed that."

CLOS TRIGUEDINA

Trigueudina boasts eight generations of ownership by the Baldès family. Following phylloxera, the vineyard was replanted in the 1880s. Enjoying a favorable micro-

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### WINE PICKS

Introduction in 2001 of the now hugely popular Yellow Tail wines from Australia, had wineries around the globe literally chasing their tails to match the competition.

Who has done it? Another Australian brand, the Little Penguin from the Southcorp group, producers of world-renowned Penfolds, Rosemount and Lindemans wines. At \$7 each, the 2003 Chardonnay, Merlot and Shiraz are wallet friendly. In a light style, the Cabernet Sauvignon is also appealing.

A number of U.S. wineries have adopted screw cap closures. However, R.H. Phillips is the only winery that completely redesigned packaging to truly showcase a whole new "twist" that eliminates cork taint. At \$10 each, five R.H. Phillips new twist wines are very good: 2003 Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay; 2002 Shiraz, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.



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Cheese blends with vegetables and rice for this Wild and Zesty Soup.

# SPICY

Add a little zest to your next meal

ONE OF THE SECRETS TO MAKING YOUR MEALS with genuine cultivated wild rice more exciting is to spice it up a little bit.

Specifically, excitement can be found in hot and spicy Wild and Zesty Soup, which incorporates wild rice with pepperjack cheese and seasoned pepper turkey breast tenderloin to create a spicy sensation that makes your mouth take notice.

For those intent on maintaining their summertime physique this fall, Wild Oriental Express might be more your style. This light and easy salad integrates the rich, nutty flavor of wild rice with grilled sirloin and fresh cilantro to create a taste sensation sure to add flair to any menu.

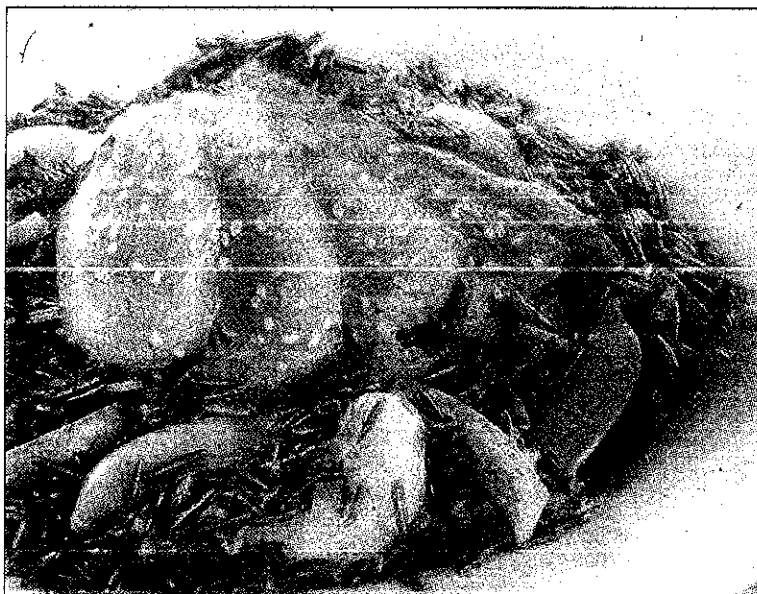
Throw in some sugar snap peas, red bell pep-

per, mandarin oranges and sesame seed and you have a light, distinctively Asian flavor.

Integral to both of these menu options is the unique flavor of genuine cultivated wild rice which elevates any dish from ordinary to a meal to be remembered.

Wild and Zesty Soup and Wild Oriental Express offer quick, easy, healthy and tasty menu options to impress your guests and spice up your meals.

Wild rice is rich with tradition. It has grown naturally in the clean, clear waters of the north for centuries and as an agricultural crop for over 40 years. Often referred to as the "caviar of grains," wild rice really isn't rice at all. It's the seed of *Zizania palustris*, a



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Impress your friends with this colorful, crisp, Wild Oriental Express salad. Serve with crusty French bread and fresh fruit dessert.

### WILD AND ZESTY SOUP

8 tablespoons butter  
1-1/2 cups each: chopped red onions, grated carrots and thinly sliced celery  
10 tablespoons flour  
6 cups chicken broth  
1 tablespoon dried thyme  
salt and pepper, to taste  
4 cups cooked wild rice  
1 package (approximately 2 pounds) seasoned pepper turkey breast tender-

loin, cooked and cubed  
1 quart half and half  
1/2 pound Monterey Jack Cheese, shredded  
1/4 pound Pepperjack Cheese, shredded

In large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Sauté onions, carrots and celery until tender. Stir in flour; cook one minute. Gradually add broth. Cook,

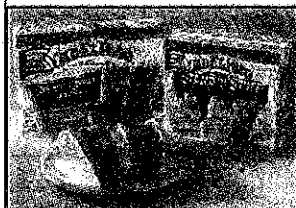
stirring constantly until mixture boils and is thick. Stir in thyme, salt, pepper, wild rice and turkey. Reduce heat to low. Stir in half and half. Add cheeses and stir until melted. Eight servings.

Impress your friends with this colorful, crisp, and wildly delicious salad. Serve with crusty French bread and fresh fruit dessert.

## Side dish

### No more mess

Old El Paso, a brand of the General Mills Meals division, has created a



new taco shell to help keep the shells from tipping while they are being filled.

The new Stand 'N' Stuff shells feature a flat bottom, allowing kids to hold, fill and eat their own tacos. The new shells may make cleanups easier after meals.

The shells are available in packages of 10 for a suggested retail price of \$1.99. The Stand 'N' Stuff dinner kit comes complete with 10 taco shells, salsa and seasoning mix for a suggested retail price of \$2.99.

### Grapes are great

Here are a few ways to use grapes to make healthy snacks and starters:

■ Peanut butter and grapes. Spread a toasted English muffin half with peanut butter, and top with slivered seedless grapes. You can also use whole-grain sandwich bread or crackers.

■ Yogurt with oranges and grapes. Top plain yogurt with orange segments, sliced seedless grapes and chopped pistachios (or other nuts).

■ Arugula salad with grapes. Toss arugula with crumbled blue cheese, halved seedless grapes and your favorite vinaigrette.

■ Mozzarella and grape skewers. Thread seedless grapes, bocconcini (mozzarella balls), and sliced prosciutto on wooden skewers.

■ Frozen grapes. For a quick, refreshing snack, freeze grapes until solid, about 3 hours.

Source: *Everyday Food* magazine's September issue, from *Martha Stewart Living*

### Make paste

Many gardeners face a surplus of ripe tomatoes at the end of the season. After neighbors, family and friends have taken their share, you may still have too many to eat.

The solution, food columnist Amy M. Topel suggests in *The Green Guide*, is to cook tomatoes down to their essence in a paste, so that all through the winter you can add their tangy goodness to pasta sauce, soups, stews and even vinaigrettes.

Wash, core and cut at least 5 pounds of ripe tomatoes into large dice. Place in a heavy pot (enamel-coated cast iron works best), cover and cook over medium heat for 30 minutes; the tomatoes will have a soupy texture.

Remove lid and continue cooking for about 2 hours, stirring frequently and scraping the bottom and sides of the pot to avoid scorching. Stop when a paste forms, thick