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Looking somewhat worn out by the marathon budget battle, Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, waited for a press conference in Plymouth to begin last week.

Politics 101

State budget battle a 'hardball' lesson for freshman lawmaker

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, became the surprise winner of the 20th House District seat last November, little did he realize opponents would be working almost immediately to bring the district — which had been in Republican hands for decades — back into the GOP fold.

Reflecting on his first budget battle as a member of the state Legislature, Corriveau said much of the process had more to do with politics than budget balancing, with Republicans having targeted him since January, the beginning of his two-year term.

During the latest state budget process which resulted in an income tax hike and 6-percent tax on many services, Corriveau said he was marked by Republicans who shunned bipartisan efforts in order to have his name associated with a tax increase, which could be used against him during re-election in 2008.

Corriveau voted in favor of raising the income tax rate, but voted against the sales tax on services.

"From a political standpoint, it became very clear to



State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, said he's been targeted by Republicans who want to regain his 20th District seat.

me early on that (Republican House Minority Leader) Craig DeRoche and his side of the (political) aisle was hell-bent on doing whatever they could to make things difficult," Corriveau said. "They never proposed anything. They sat with their arms crossed and said, 'You guys do the heavy lifting on this.'"

"It wasn't enough they wanted us to do the job, they wanted to use it as a political

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New record

Canton resident Louis Paspal was one of three Canton residents who were on hand when Ford Motor Company's Ford Fusion Hydrogen 999 set a land-speed record of 207.279 mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah earlier this summer. Jeff Cowell and Jas Dhillon were the others. The three work for Ford and are members of the elite Ford Fusion Hydrogen 999 Team that developed the record-setting vehicle — the world's first and only production car-based fuel cell race car. It was the big winner at the Salt Flat's annual Bonneville Nationals, where hundreds of teams gather to try and set land speed records in a variety of mostly experimental vehicles. "This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to be on a team that accomplished such a goal in such a short amount of time. Even if the record is broken we will always be known as the first group to have set the 200 mph record," said Paspal, a product design engineer and 15-year Ford veteran.

Panel to study election shift

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A week after former Plymouth-Canton school board president Mark Horvath began an online petition drive asking the current Board of Education to move the school board elections from May to November to save as much as \$100,000 annually, current board President Judy Mardigian announced an ad-hoc committee has been set up to look at the pros and cons of moving the election.

"I've asked (Supt.) Dr. (Jim) Ryan to compile data ... to look at the cost for a May,

August and November elections every year, and the similar election dates every other year," Mardigian said Tuesday night, "as well as consult with the MASA (Michigan Association of School Boards) on the feasibility of different alternatives of holding elections."

"We want the committee to help us understand the pros and cons of different election dates, and come back to the full board with the information," she added.

Mardigian appointed trustees Barry Simescu, Steven Sneiderman and Nancy Eggenberger to the sub-com-

mittee. However, Simescu stepped down, citing an already-crowded schedule.

Three board members — Mardigian, Simescu and John Jackson — could potentially be affected by the timing of the final decision as all are up for re-election in May. Mardigian said she's "not sure" if the committee will be able to make its decision before Dec. 31, which is when the state needs to be notified of an election date change for 2008.

"I'd like to review how much it would cost the district to have the election in August versus November," Trustee

Dianne Gonzalez said. "I think it's a good idea to have a committee to look at it closer, and we should make a decision before December so we can affect next year's budget."

Horvath, who has received hundreds of signatures on his online petition, said he doesn't see what's left to study.

"Judy thinks it will be too expensive for her to run next time (if the election is moved to November)," Horvath said. "I think it comes down to controlling elections versus putting money in the classroom. Call for a vote and let the public see where you stand."

Yet another Ford Road project gets under way

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Just as one Ford Road project wrapped up, another one began Monday.

In the never-ending quest to ease the flow of traffic on the township's commercial hub, the Canton Downtown Development Authority is paying for the installation of a right-turn lane for eastbound Ford Road traffic wanting

to travel south onto Canton Center.

The project, which has been in the works for several years, began Monday.

DDA Coordinator Kathleen Salla said the organization was made aware of the need for the additional lane and had hoped to have it in place by now.

The project stalled after the work on the Fellows Creek Bridge was put on hold. The renovation of the bridge, which

is located near Meijer on Ford, wrapped up last month.

"We've always talked about ways to help the traffic flow smoothly," Salla said, adding that in addition to the right-turn lane, decorative mast arms with illuminated signs will go up at the busy intersection.

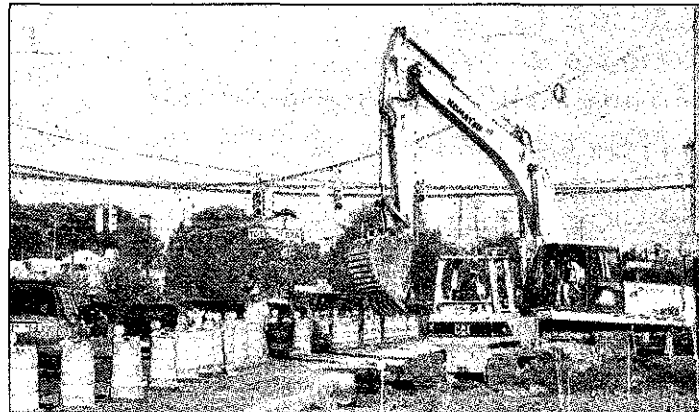
"Not only is it aesthetically pleasing, having the street names up higher is (a bonus)." The total project will cost the

DDA about \$200,000.

In order to create the right-turn lane, construction crews have had to close the Ford Road entrance of the Rite Aid located on the southwest corner of the intersection.

"We have noticed that not as many people are coming in," said David Hetterscheidt, Rite Aid assistant store manager. "They think it's a hassle. I came

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On Tuesday evening, construction for eastbound right turn lanes at Ford and Canton Center backed up traffic nearly to Beck Road.

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Republican presidential hopeful makes local stop

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

California Congressman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who is seeking the Republican nomination for president, used E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth to outline the Restore Manufacturing Act he'll introduce in the U.S. House of Representatives, one he says will eliminate all federal income taxes on domestic manufacturers and level the playing field against low-cost global competition.

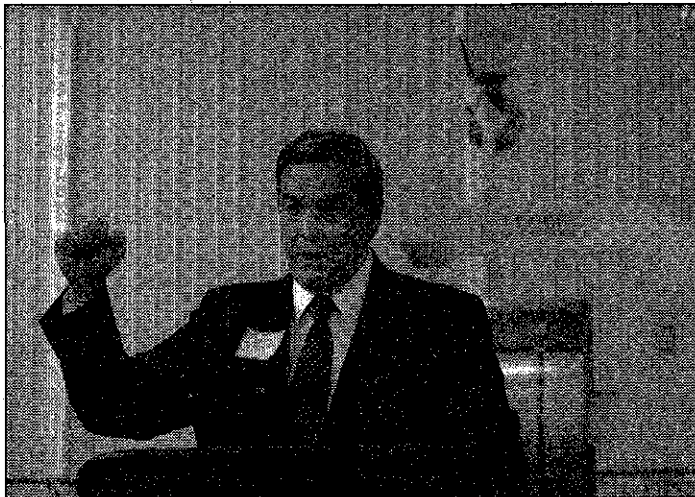
"If you stay in the United States and you employ Americans and don't go off shore, my bill cuts your manufacturing taxes to zero," Hunter told several hundred workers, supplier representatives and others at E&E Monday afternoon. "That will keep our industry here, and stop the ones that are being tugged off shore from going off shore. And, I think that will bring some jobs back."

Hunter was in town to participate in Tuesday's presiden-

tial debate in Dearborn, which gave E&E owner Wes Smith an opportunity to show his support for Hunter. Smith said while the federal government announced 110,000 jobs were created last month, the manufacturing sector lost 18,000 jobs, a total of 148,000 for the year and 3.4 million since 2000.

"Some of our friends in Washington will tell you these losses are the result of a more efficient, productive workforce," Smith told the audience. "The real efficiencies are in the purchasing departments of our largest multi-national corporations. They are working harder than ever to bring all their products, except components, from every low-cost country they can find."

"The economic and military might our nation has been built on the foundation of our vast manufacturing strength," he said. "This foundation is crumbling by the constant chipping away of low-cost and communist countries employing illegal trade practices."



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U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter stopped by Plymouth Township's E&E Manufacturing to tell folks why he should be President.

Hunter received applause when he told workers he'll restore the nation's industrial base.

"I will stop China from cheating on jobs, and I will make sure we maintain and bring back to our country high-paying manufacturing jobs," Hunter said. "That's my promise to you."

That was good news to E&E employee Shirletha Garby, 43, of Detroit. "I'm concerned about illegal immigrants and China taking all our work," Garby said. "I just want to see our jobs come back and our people back to working."

Smith, chairman of the national Precision Metalformers Association which is supporting Hunter's new bill, said there are better-known candidates, but he's supporting Hunter in his bid

for the Republican nomination for president.

"When you listen to the presidential debates, he's the only one who really talks about manufacturing, and he talks about it from the small- and medium-size point-of-view," Smith said. "Others will tell you things are great, wonderful, but it's not."

On other issues, Hunter said he's supportive of the current U.S. strategies in Iraq, and will work to stop illegal immigrants from crossing the U.S. borders.

"When people want to come into America, they'll have knock on the front door," Hunter said. "You have to enforce the law, and that means deporting people who are here illegally."

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■ MS Word III: Oct. 16, at 9:30 a.m. Learn to create text boxes, columns and more to design a newsletter. Registration required.

■ Teen 3-D Art: Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. Learn about 3-D art from a toy designer and comic book artist. Supplies included. Registration required.

■ Excel I: Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Instruction in the basics of spreadsheet creation. Registration required.

■ Envelopes, Labels, Mail Merge: Oct. 18, at 9:30 a.m. Learn to format and print envelopes and mailing labels, create a mail merge document. Registration required.

■ Library Board Meeting: Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public.

■ ABC Activity Time: Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. Drop in play with books, puzzles, toys and more

for ages birth through five years old, with caregiver.

■ Internet II: Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. Better search techniques for the Web, library catalog and online databases. Registration required.

■ Genealogy Online: Oct. 20, at 9:30 a.m. Explore your roots with Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest databases. Registration required.

■ Get Your Game On: Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. Drop in and play board games with other fifth and sixth graders.

■ Teen Board Games: Oct. 20, at 2 p.m. Drop in play for teens. Snacks included.

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Police need help identifying man photographing women in store

Canton Police are looking for help in identifying a man they believe has been photographing women while they changed in a dressing room at a local store.

Police released photos from a security camera taken Sept. 30 at Plato's Closet on Ford Road. In the photos, an unknown male is suspected of photographing women under the stall of a changing room. The

photographs were taken without the victims' permission, and most may be unaware the photos were taken.

One victim observed the unknown male's feet under the stall and then saw him place what appeared to be a camera under the stall. After she yelled, the male suspect quickly exited the store.

The investigation and video surveillance obtained from the business clearly shows a white or light-skinned ethnic male appearing to be shopping in the store. The male can be seen looking around for surveillance cameras but never looking directly into any of them. Prior to entering the changing room, he is seen wearing tan pants and a blue-striped, long-sleeve collared shirt with sandals on. The man is also wearing a white and blue baseball cap with a white and red logo on the front. When exiting the



Canton Police are trying to identify this man, who they say was photographing women while they changed Sept. 30 at Plato's Closet on Ford Road.

store in a hurry, he left behind his baseball hat and was photographed without it.

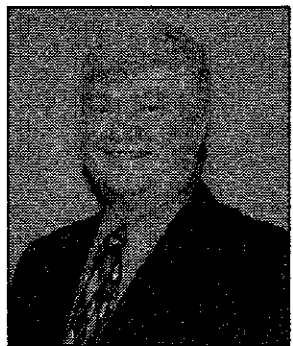
Anyone who recognizes this person of interest, or has other information relating to this investigation is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

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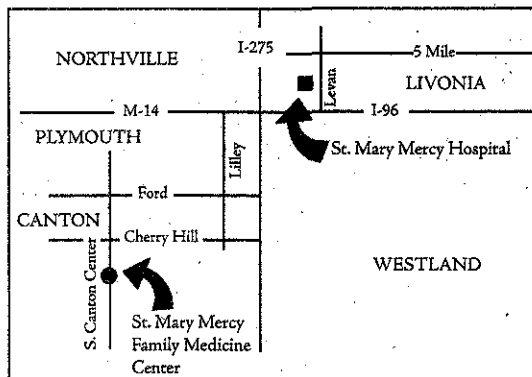
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Farmer's market

Time is running out for area residents to enjoy all the best of this season's harvest at Canton's Farmers Market. The last two markets are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Cherry Hill Village. Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers and specialty products from area vendors will be available.

Be sure to stop by and check out these participating vendors on Oct. 14: Boblin Honey; Paluch Farms; DL Creations; Parran's Greenhouse and Farm; Pam's Stained Glass and Jewelry; The Bartz's Wood Working; Cherry Hill Perk; Jeans Fused Glass Art; Helen's Walnuts and Crafts; Ammie's Unbeadable Beads; The Black Forrest; 10,000 Villages; Sweet Heat Salsa; Springbrook Gardens; 2 Chicks and a Bucket Halloween Bags; Rich's Pen and Ink Works. Market patrons can enjoy the entertaining sounds of the Barbershop Quartet, provided by Canton Leisure Services.

On Oct. 21 all of the above vendors will be on hand, in addition to Dave's Wood Art and Décor and Heart to Heart Aromatherapy Candles and Soaps. Enjoy the magic of Magician Eugene Clark, provided by Canton Leisure Services.

During these last two Farmers Markets, Arts and Crafts for Kids will be provided by Camp Canton and docent-led tours of the historical Bartlett-Travis House and the Cady-Boyer Barn will also be available.

There is no admission fee to attend. Farmers who are interested in participating in next year's market should contact the Market Master at (734) 394-5323. For more information on Canton's Farmers Market, visit www.cantonmi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Marching band competition

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band (PCMB), recently named Bands of America Regional Champions for 2007, is hosting an all-day marching band competition called the annual Great Lakes Invitational (GLI) from 11

a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Canton High School. PCMB is an annual host of a Michigan Competing Band Association sanctioned-competition.

The annual competition is a celebration of the dedication and effort of thousands of high school students from across Michigan. Fifteen bands will participate in the all-day competition, including Crestwood, Farmington Harrison, Ferndale, Flint Carmen-Ainsworth, Gibraltar Carlson, Hudsonville, Jenison, Lake Orion, Lakeland, L'Anse Creuse, Milford, Novi, SCS South Lake, Taylor Kennedy, and Walled Lake Central. The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will end the day with an exhibition at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children/students 18 years and under at the gate. For more information, call (734) 416-7535.

Memorial art show

The colorful watercolors of Nancy Walls Smith will be featured at D & M Art Studios in a Memorial Art Show and sale Oct. 22 through Nov. 16.

An artist's reception will be held 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, as an opportunity for friends, family and fellow artists to celebrate the life and talent of this popular area artist and writer who passed away suddenly June 29.

The show may be enjoyed during regular business hours at D & M Art Studios, 8691 N. Lilley in the Golden Gate Shopping Center in Canton (across from Mettetal Airport). For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

Positive parenting seminar

The Canton Police Department and Canton Leisure Services are partnering together to present their fourth Positive Parenting Seminar on Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, from 6-7:30 p.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park.

This fourth in a series of informative parenting seminars will feature a guest speaker from Growth Works, a local nonprofit agency working with youths and their families. Topics to be discussed include peer pressure, conflict resolution and communicating with your teen.

Canton Police Community Relations Coordinator Sgt. Deb Newsome will also update parents on some teen-trends going on in the community, parents may not be aware of.

Parents attending the presentation are also invited to bring their children to enjoy activities and Summit facilities free of charge. Child care will be provided in the following manner: Ages 3 and under will be supervised in the Kids Corner; ages 4-6 may swim as long as an older sibling is present (otherwise, an alternative activity will be provided) and ages 7 and up are welcome to swim. Ages and activity intentions will be asked upon registration. Parents are invited to join their kids afterward for some family fun.

The seminar is free of charge, but seating is limited. Canton residents interested in attending should stop by or call the Summit front desk at (734) 394-5460 for reservations.

Stories from the Shadows

On Oct. 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the historically eerie Cherry Hill School in Cherry Hill Village will host Stories from the Shadows, an evening of spooky stories from a local professional storyteller ready to frighten and delight us with stories of the spirit world. Stories at the beginning of the evening will target younger age groups with "not-so-super-scary" stories ensuring age-appropriate entertainment. Later stories will feature scarier legends and lore more appropriate for older audiences. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Not recommended for children under the age of 4.

Basically Bats

Summit on the Park will host Basically Bats on Thursday, Oct. 18, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. The event will feature bat handlers from the Cranbrook Institute and their program. The fee is \$18 per parent/child resident pair. Children age 3-6 are welcome. Please make childcare arrangements for younger children.

Music at St. Michael's

St. Michael Christian School and the youth ministries present a family event with Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express - a musical program for all ages, from toddlers to grandparents at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in the Koinonia room. St. Michael Christian School is located at 7000 North Sheldon, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

Adult flu vaccinations

Oakwood Healthcare System is hosting several flu vaccination clinics through the month of October. The clinic dates, times and locations are as follows:

■ Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huron Township Seniors, 28245 Mineral Springs, Waltz Road, in Huron Township.

■ Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon, Independent Village, 14707 Northville Road, in Plymouth.

■ Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, in Belleville.

■ Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon, Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton, 7300 Canton Center Road, in Canton.

■ Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis Avenue, in Wayne (in the lobby).

The vaccines are intended for adults 18 and older who want to be protected from the flu or pneumonia. The cost of the shot is \$25 and \$40 for the pneumonia vaccinations. Both are a covered benefit for those who have Medicare Part B and bring their card to the clinic. For more information on the clinics, visit www.oakwood.org or call (313) 586-5492.

Cancer awareness benefit

Indigo Salon and Day Spa (50545 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 300-400 in Canton) is partnering with St. Mary Hospital and St. Mary Image Recovery Center to hold its first Cancer Awareness Benefit from 1-5 p.m., Oct. 28.

The event will feature \$1 raffle tickets with a chance to win tickets to many dif-



Emergency Nurses Week

Oakwood Healthcare Systems nurse Mary Jo Plank recently worked on a carotid stent in the emergency room. Canton is one of five local municipalities (Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton, and Wayne are the others) that has adopted a proclamation honoring Oakwood's many emergency nurses in recognition of Emergency Nurses Week, from Sunday, Oct. 7, through Saturday, Oct. 13. Each of the towns is a location for one of Oakwood's five emergency departments in southeast Michigan, which combined, sees nearly 200,000 patients annually. For the past 18 years, the Emergency Nurses Association designates the second week of October as Emergency Nurses Week. This year's theme is Stepping into their lives when they need you the most. Oakwood will recognize its emergency nurses throughout the week with a number of scheduled activities and events. To learn more about Oakwood, visit www.oakwood.org.

ferent major sporting events, a full day at the spa, and various product baskets valued at \$300 each.

There will also be mini seminars: 'Ask the Doctor,' featuring Cynthia Aks, DO, breast specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; 'Ask the Dietitian,' featuring Judy Swancutt, RD, CDE, dietitian, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; and 'Feel Good Inside & Out,' featuring Trish Tyl, cosmetologist and clinical specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. Also learn how to do a self breast exam.

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Anúna to perform at Borders

The dynamic Irish musical group Anúna will be performing and signing copies of its Celtic Origins CD at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 25 at the new Borders bookstore in Canton, 43425 Ford Road.

For more information, call the store at (734) 844-2090.

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle

"It takes more than An apple a Day" will be the subject of a talk by Rosanna DeGrood, MD, medical director of St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Women's Health Program at the annual meeting of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth.

All women in the Plymouth and Canton communities are welcome to attend.

Ticket price is \$10 and can be paid at the door. A reception and short business meeting will precede DeGrood's talk.

Giving Hope is a new philanthropic organization of local women who believe that together they can make a meaningful impact on the lives of women and families in need through pooling their charitable dollars for grants.

For more information about the giving circle or the annual meeting, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail lwadington@cantonfoundation.org.

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Catholic leader: Immigrants must be treated like people

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

A Catholic bishop, who has Texas roots near the Mexican border, told a group Tuesday that America needs to come up with a humane way to deal with its immigration problem. Detroit Bishop Daniel E. Flores, who grew up in Corpus Christi, spoke at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton. The church's social justice committee invited Flores to speak on the issue of immigration. Flores, who was ordained a bishop with the Archdiocese of Detroit in 2006, said the Catholic church has been debating the issue of immigration for a number of years. In fact, the pope has a pontifical council that deals specifically with migrants, political refugees, and itinerant peoples.



Bishop Daniel Flores speaks about immigration issues Tuesday.

He said the issue of immigration in America is causing a dilemma because two "principles" are odds with one another. "It is the right of a sovereign

nation to protect its borders. It's also a right for people to leave dire situations to look for better conditions to support their families," he said. "How do we reach an accord of these two principles? "We have a serious political problem to solve." Flores said there are several issues that the church believes should be dealt with to help solve the problem. First, he said economic reform must be sought in Mexico, including revisiting the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), to improve the life of poor Mexicans, so they won't be compelled to leave their home

and families to seek work in America. Secondly, America should develop a workable visa system "that doesn't take a decade to work through" to encourage legal immigration. Also, he said America needs "a more transparent recognition of who is here" and giving immigrants already here legal status. He said this would be in America's best interest because leaders would know who is here, but it would also protect immigrants who might "fall prey to unscrupulous employers." In the meantime, Flores said it is the obligation of every Catholic, and all Christians for that matter, to treat immigrants, and all people with compassion.

"You can't just say they're not here, because they are. They're here. And they are people," Flores said. "The human dignity and human rights of a migrant must be respected and protected." St. Thomas a' Becket member JoAnn Erpelding, a Canton resident, was impressed with Flores. She said the topic of immigration was a pertinent one, with no easy answers. "He is a very kind man. He has the right ideas on some of these issues," she said. "These are important issues that we have to think about and talk about."



Bishop Daniel Flores conducted Mass before speaking on social justice and immigration issues Tuesday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

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weapon to destroy people, me specifically," he added.

Corriveau said from Day 1 in Lansing, Republicans put a "tremendous amount of votes and amendments" on bills aimed directly at the freshman lawmaker, putting him in an unenviable position when he seeks re-election.

"I'm the number one guy, Ground Zero," said Corriveau, who believes the 20th House seat is high on the list for Republicans in 2008. "They can't believe they lost this seat, and I'm convinced they will do what they believe is in the best interest of getting the seat back."

Not surprisingly, DeRoche thinks Corriveau is just showing his true colors.

"Marc Corriveau is a liberal Democrat, and he wanted to raise taxes," said DeRoche, a Republican from Novi. "He simply wanted the Republicans to do it for him, but we are principally opposed. Democrats dragged us through 18 days and nights to save Marc Corriveau from himself."

"Lansing has enough money and should be more respectful of taxpayers," he added. "Representative Corriveau has to answer to his district."

Corriveau said he knows he'll be criticized for voting in favor of the income tax hike.

"But now I can stand by it because it was part of the

solution," he said.

"I don't get to craft the solution, that's left up to the leadership. I get to vote on the solution."

As for the 6-percent sales tax on services such as skiing, investment advice and palm reading, Corriveau said lobbyists took center stage in helping to craft the list.

"There were interest groups very, very involved in making that list," Corriveau said.

"I didn't like it."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, is a former member of the House who believes Corriveau is "whining" about the political aspects both of the job and of being a target.

"What did he think, he was going to kindergarten?"

Patterson said. "It's hardball politics. Marc Corriveau has been given all sorts of bills about which he knows nothing; he has gotten public acts because he's in a vulnerable position. Isn't that playing politics?"

Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*, said it's no surprise Corriveau is being targeted because he won a seat the Republicans were counting on last November.

"For somebody to win in that district as a Democrat, they have to vote more like what they think the majority of people in their district is than their own conscience," Ballenger said.

"He put himself in a bad light in that district by taking the vote he did, voting for one tax increase,

THE CORRIVEAU FILE

- Who: State Rep. Marc Corriveau
- Where: 20th District (Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton)
- When: Elected November 2006; serving first term
- Background: Lawyer with family firm in Northville, he ran (and lost) in 2004 before winning the term-limited seat last year. Surprise pick, since the district has been Republican stronghold for decades.
- Votes: Voted yes on income tax increase; voted no on service taxes; voted no on teacher health care reform

but not the other. He was careful, but not entirely.

"All he had to do was vote the way the Republicans did, and then they couldn't blame him for marching lock-step to (Gov. Jennifer) Granholm," Ballenger added.

Corriveau said he wants to be the guy who goes to Lansing and doesn't get wrapped up in politics,

instead voting "for what's best for my district."

"Some political people think it's foolish, and I will go down because I refuse to play the game people detest," he said.

"If I continue to maintain my conscience in making decisions for this district, and I'm asked not to come back, I'm OK with that."

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FORD

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in myself like 'what's going on?'"

As Canton resident Patti Miller loaded a few Rite Aid shopping bags into her trunk on Tuesday, she said the end result of the project will be worth dealing with the batch of orange barrels blocking one of the store's entrances.

"As they build out more on

Ford (west of Canton Center) it has become necessary," she said. "It's always congested here so this is a good thing."

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9166 - Tina Vanhorn - Dresser, Lamp, Misc Items

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Penn State doctorate

Bethany C. Bray, daughter of John and Paula Bray of Belleville, was awarded her Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University in human development and family studies on Aug. 18. Bethany is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She received her B.S. from The University of Michigan-Dearborn and went on to receive her M.S. and M.A.S. from Penn State. Currently she is the assistant director of the Methodology Center at Penn State in State College, Pa.



Bray

MSU graduate

Canton resident Scott Foess graduated with honors from Michigan State University in August, placing in the top 10 percent of his class. The 2003 graduate of Salem High School is the son of Barbara and David Foess of Canton.

While at MSU, Foess partici-

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pated in MBS (Multicultural Business Students), was a MBS executive board member, and traveled to Atlanta, New York, and Chicago for MBS corporate site visits. He was also an accounting tutor for two years, and participated in intramural volleyball and soccer. During his sophomore year, he was a member of Tower Guard, an honorary student organization for the top five percent of the class and MSU's oldest organization. Last summer, he studied abroad in South Africa.

Foess is currently attending the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where he was the recipient of the "Dean's Scholarship."

National Merit Scholarship semifinalists

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Those from Canton High School Katherine Lu, Xin-Kan Su, George R. Wasylshyn, Wenxin K. Zhu. Those from

Plymouth Christian Academy are John P. Lutz. Those from Plymouth High School are Aaron J. Goodman, Jessica J. Liu, Emily S. Movsesian, Theodore M. Wakar and Siyang Yu. Those from Salem High are Ryan C. Hoffman and Yuhao Zhao.

Canton students awarded scholarships

Helen Merenda of Canton and Rohen Shah of Canton were named recipients of the H. T. Ewald Foundation scholarship in August at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms. Scholarship recipients were chosen based on their overall scholarship record, leadership abilities, community work, character and financial need. Eleven scholarships were awarded for 2007.

Merenda graduated from Plymouth Canton Educational Park. While in high school, she was an exchange student in Germany for one year and a member of National Honors Society. Her community service activities included working with Habitat for Humanity, coaching athletes in the Special Olympics, volunteering in senior residential centers and serving as an aid in a kindergarten classroom. Merenda plays the piano and flute and takes ballet, tap and jazz at Dancin' Feet dance studio. She will further her education at the University of Michigan - Residential College studying linguistics and biochemistry.

Shah graduated valedictorian with a 4.11 grade point average from Plymouth Canton Educational Park. He will attend the University of Michigan to study medicine. A national AP Scholar, he was president of the National Honor Society, secretary of the Indian Student Association, and member of the Key Club, Cross Country Team, Student Congress and Salsa Club. He has attended classes at University of Michigan-Dearborn and volunteered with the Special Olympics. He is also a dancer and rapper.

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Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the McDowell Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

District should move elections

In discussing the idea of moving the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education elections from May to November, to coincide with other elections in the municipalities that make up the school district, board members have used reasons ranging from (and we're paraphrasing here) "with the superintendent search and the budget redesign, we don't have time" to "the political parties would control the elections and we wouldn't get the right kind of people to run."

Those reasons range in degree of believability from naive to disingenuous.

The issue has come up again because former board president Mark Horvath of Canton is running an online petition seeking enough signatures to convince the current board to make the move. Shifting the school board election from its current May slot to November could save, by the district's own estimates, some \$100,000 every two years.

The board had previously considered, and discarded, the idea. When asked about it recently, board president Judy Mardigian said the board has other priorities, and the suggestion would almost certainly not come up for any sort of vote before the Dec. 31 deadline to move the 2008 election.

We think that's a mistake.

Moving the election to November was one of the options the Michigan Secretary of State urged districts to consider when they took control of the elections away from school districts and gave it to local municipal clerks.

The district has spent more than \$186,000 on its last three board elections (and that doesn't count the \$98,000 they spent on the special bond election in February). Local clerks have indicated they wouldn't charge the district if its elections fell in line with their own.

Even if the district's own estimates are inflated, there's still a significant cost savings to achieve here, and the district should take advantage of it. The argument board members have made that political parties would step in and control a November election, or that a November election would fail to draw "the kind of people who have come up through the system and have served on district committees," seems weak, particularly in a district where the unions have basically controlled the outcome for years.

The other problem — what to do with the terms of current board members — is an equally easy fix. All it would take, according to the Secretary of State, would be a motion to extend the terms of current board members.

To us, this is a no-brainer. Moving the election to November would save the district money and increase voter participation (school board elections generally draw single-digit participation, while general elections are more like 60-75 percent).

The board should move on this before Dec. 31, and let the savings begin.

Budget wrangling not over

If you thought efforts to reach the state budget agreement were *troublesome*, hold on. *Chaos is about to ensue*.

While the governor and legislators touted the agreement, the fact is it's only a temporary, continuation budget. A permanent agreement must be reached by the end of the month. If reaction to the taxes agreed upon is any indication, things are about to get a whole lot more rancorous as legislators try to cut \$440 million from the budget.

An increase in the state income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent and an extension of the state 6-percent sales tax to some services passed with the narrowest of margins.

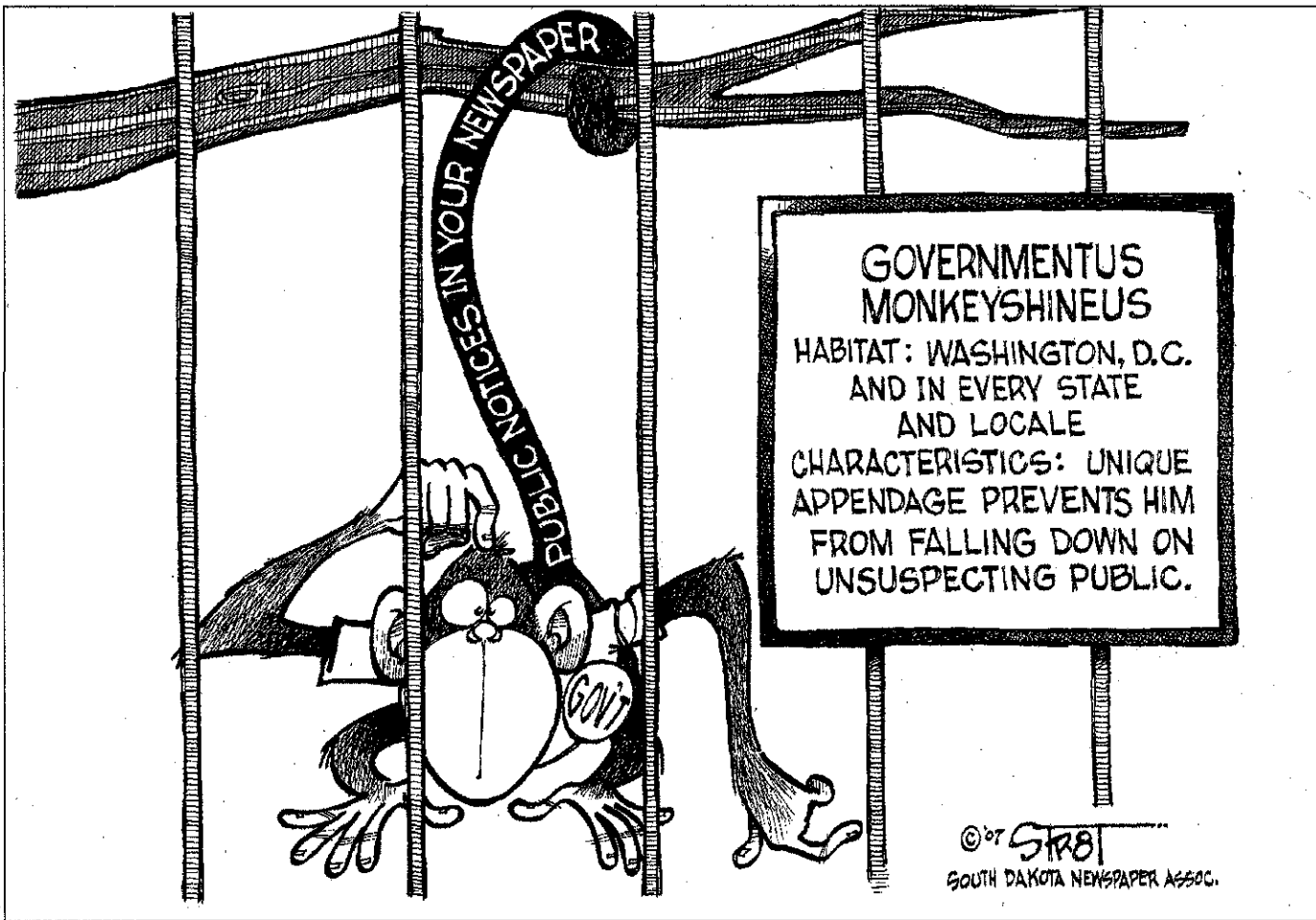
Many legislators made their votes with an eye on potential voter backlash, including aggressive threats of recalls by anti-tax groups.

The Legislature has known that passing a budget that addressed the state's revenue and spending problems was its No. 1 priority, and yet real forward motion came down to a hectic weekend that included a threatened shutdown of state services and careful deals to protect vulnerable legislators from voter wrath.

The results of all this drama are inconclusive. In a speech last week in Troy, Tom Clay of the respected nonpartisan Citizens Research Council pointed to two problems with the agreement, the phasing out of the income tax increase back to 3.9 percent by 2015 without reference to economic conditions and the uneven and arbitrary application of the new tax on services.

A movement within and outside the Legislature is already making headway on working toward repeal of the service tax that goes into effect Dec. 1. We question a tax that exempts golf fees but taxes skiing, among other arbitrary decisions. Critics also complain that the tax penalizes some services that are important to the state's economic recovery. Speaker of the House Andy Dillon has floated the idea of a ballot proposal to raise the sales tax to 7 percent across the board in return for reducing the tax on services and giving homeowners a bigger income tax credit.

Moving forward, it is important that the Legislature identify areas where substantive reforms can be made, including state health care and pension programs and the Department of Corrections.



LETTERS

Don't take naysayers seriously

I find it interesting that those who are calling for the head of Gov. Granholm for the recent tax increases say nothing nor give realistic solutions or ideas to fix our budget shortfall. They utter the same old tired mantra, no taxes, and slice to balance the budget. Never have I heard what exactly the people of Michigan should cut to fix this fiscal mess we are in. All the Republican Party can give us is "I'm in the minority. It is not my problem."

The current fiscal mess we are in is the result of a shrinking domestic auto industry coupled with tax cuts that were probably more than what the state could afford for the future. This is not the fault of our governor.

Again, what should we cut? Education? Road repair? Environment? Universities? State police? Until we get some answers to these questions, we simply cannot take these naysayers seriously. Please do not ask me to recall Gov. Granholm.

Khalif S. Kandah
Canton

Unions should reach out

Believe it or not this is not an anti-union letter. I hope this helps the unions wake up and realize they need to serve a new purpose.

As the global economy brings more competition against the U.S. labor market, the unions need to reach out and level the playing fields. Instead of negotiating to keep jobs in an unequal labor market they should be fighting to balance the market globally!

For example, one of the top reasons U.S. companies are moving jobs out of the U.S. is because our laborers cost too much. Well this is a fine example of the unions doing their jobs right! They fought hard for good wages for American workers. They fought hard for good benefits including health care and retirement packages, and the unions should be proud of all these achievements. But now they cannot sit back and try to save what they have achieved. There are some very simple laws of economics at work here, the goal of corporations is to maximize profits and equity for their shareholders! Plain and simple. And many of these shareholders are American investors or retirement funds entrusting their own savings to these corporations. In order to achieve this the corporate leaders must reduce expenses and improve their product lines. So when they see cheaper labor, they are going to use it. I don't blame them.

This being said, now the unions must change their tact and focus their energies on the new labor forces of the world, as well as changing the labor force here in the U.S. The unions must fight for higher wages, health care benefits, retirement and safe working and living conditions in other countries. Once the gains begin there, the cost of doing business will level out across the world. Additionally, American laborers have always been lauded as innovative and determined. Unions must help the existing labor force transform themselves into a labor force for new products and services. Provide skills-enhancement training to all laborers, make research and development the number one target for U.S. jobs in all sectors. With this the U.S. will remain strong and vital in the global economy, bringing

new products and services, which are more profitable to the world, while maintaining wages, benefits and retirements.

This is a win-win for everyone. The corporations get vibrant innovative work forces, and the laborers of the world come up to higher standard of living. So unions please stop fighting a losing battle here in America, and fight for the workers of the world!

Rich Ham-Kucharski
Canton

Move election

It's amusing to see that I am still the focus of so much angst among the Plymouth-Canton school establishment. I'm not surprised, as I was the only school board candidate earlier this year to publicly support November elections, and I'm glad to see this common-sense idea is gaining traction with the public.

The school board has until Dec. 31 to allow November elections starting in 2008. That decision could be simply motioned up and voted on at any time. No public body is ever so busy that they don't have the time to act on a simple motion, and for anyone to suggest otherwise is laughable.

The issue is not partisanship. The political parties and unions were involved in school board races long before I moved to Plymouth-Canton, as they have every right to be.

The issue is control. It's no secret that some would rather have elections in the dead of winter or early May when the "right people" can run and the "right people" get out to vote. Control the process and you control the outcome.

As I said throughout my school board race, there is an unfortunate disconnection between our school board and the public it serves. Failed bond elections, hiring Lansing pollsters to gauge public opinion, and the board's refusal to appoint the third-place finisher to this year's vacant position (ignoring the will of both local papers and nearly 2,500 voters) are all examples of this problem.

The board's failure to move elections to November may turn this disconnection into a chasm. November elections would save money, bring more public attention to the school board race, and far greater participation in the process. Wouldn't you rather have school board members elected with a 60 percent voter turnout than 6 percent?

Message to the establishment: This is not about me. November elections are about saving money for our kids and classrooms, electoral fairness, and more public involvement.

What are they afraid of?

Kurt L. Heise
Plymouth Township

Cut benefits for legislators

Since May 23, HB4580 and HCR26 have been sitting in a Michigan Senate committee not moving. HB4580 passed the House as an elimination of legacy benefits to legislators. They currently are covered for life after they leave office. HCR26 is a 5-percent pay reduction across the board for all legislators.

When we asked Sen. Mike Bishop's office why the Senate Government Operations and Reforms Committee had not taken up these bills since May 23 and

passed them, we were told by his office that they were too busy working on budget issues to take this into committee. When I reminded them that this *was* a budget issue and could have immediate effects, I was told they would get back to us. Everyone call Sen. Bishop's office and demand this be taken up in committee immediately (they meet weekly). Demand this be part of this budget package. Also demand this take effect for current legislators, not just future elected officials.

This would help balance the budget. Rep. LaJoy's office was very helpful in helping research this. Sen. Bruce Patterson's office never replied to phone calls nor answered e-mails on the subject, except to write "how many times do we have to tell you?"

Contact Sen. Bishop at (517) 373-2417 or via e-mail at senmbishop@senate.michigan.gov.

A. Hudak
Canton

Keep term limits

Short-term memory is tantamount to a non-learning experience. Too many have forgotten that we had already allowed politicians embedded in the bowels of the hallowed halls to become careerists. They were unfathomable failures and it led to the public demand for term limits.

Term limits is not a failure. We have failed it. The failure lies in the fact that when its legislation was drawn and the wagons were circled a gap was left open. This kept the space open for the pogo stick syndrome.

Thus the careerists could continue to jump from one political entity to another. The hue and cry that we have too many beginners in the Legislature is a false premise. What we really have are too many who have jumped from one political body to another and know the ropes only too well. The pathetic part of this story is that they become soon elected again in another branch because an apathetic public doesn't judge them on their competence but on their name recognition.

This is the other gap between wagons which was left in the Michigan law and which has tended to make it ineffective relative to its original intention.

The concept that we need experience in the Legislature is an erroneous premise not backed by legislative history.

George M. Haddad
Franklin

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"It's an area we definitely have to look at, but with everything we have going on with the superintendent's search and budget redesign, it's not at the forefront right now ... There are other ways to garner savings in the election area, and the board will have to look at the options."

- Judy Mardigian, school board president, on the possibility the board will take up a motion to move elections to November

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Newspapers play a vital role in keeping government open

Editor's note: The following column is being printed in recognition of National Newspaper Week, Oct. 7-13, and the importance of ensuring open government.

My mom used to have a small, three-legged wooden stool. I don't remember the stool being used for any reason, just something to set a newspaper or magazine on for a minute.

It was small and thus not sturdy enough to hold anything of weight.

But no matter if it was strong and sturdy, the three-legged stool was no good if something happened to one of the legs. It couldn't stand on just two.

You're probably already wondering what a three-legged stool has to do with the newspaper business.

Open government is a three-legged stool.

It takes open meetings.

It takes open records.

It takes public notices.

Any of the three being absent you don't really have open government.

I would wager that the news side of newspapers thinks all of government can be "open" if just its meetings and records are kept public. And I would wager an equal amount that the advertising/business side would argue without public notices, government really can't be open.

In reality, they are both right.

It takes all three. Together. If one of the three is missing, any one of the three, open government is off-balance.

OPEN MEETINGS

Much can go on behind closed doors and much does. The law gives public agencies the right to enter into closed meetings under certain conditions. The law limits the presence of people at those meetings and nothing can

be finalized. Any final action must be done in public.

Open meetings also give the citizens the right to speak on a particular subject. Much like lobbying in some respect but the comments play an important part of a public agency's decisions on most items.

OPEN RECORDS

Much like open meetings, most records are open. Those records can be closed to the public under certain conditions but the records are important for a variety of reasons.

Often, government records will reveal what has happened behind the scenes, with agencies trying to restrict knowledge of what has happened in certain situations. Maybe it's a financial settlement with a fired public agency employee. Maybe it's what happened in a court proceeding. Maybe it's just simple communications between agencies.

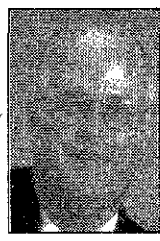
Open records are much more than that, I know, but open records are an important part of that three-legged stool.

PUBLIC NOTICES

These probably get overlooked when compared to open meetings and open records. Newspaper editorial departments won't understand the reason for them, why government agencies should pay to have information published. Newspaper ad departments will favor this one over open meetings and open records. Those are good but with public notices certain information has to be published and that information could be very revealing.

On their own, each is important and each plays a role in open government — government of the people, for the people and by the people. True open government can only be open with the three-legged stool in perfect balance.

David T. Thompson is executive director of the Kentucky Press Association.



David Thompson

Providing dignity to people with disabilities

Today, beautiful upscale condos and a new shopping plaza are going up to grace the west and east corners of Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Northville Township.

Yet memories of isolation, human warehousing, neglect and abuse come to mind when I pass this intersection. This isn't a case of an overindulgent imagination, but rather documented cases of abuse that took place on this site to some of our community's most vulnerable people — people with developmental disabilities.

Ironically and pathetically, the name of this institution of abuse was the Plymouth Center For Human Development (PCHD). It was part of "care" provided by the Michigan

Department of Mental Health that I would later lead under Gov. James Blanchard.

The PCHD was out of sight and out of mind for many in the metro area. Today, with I-275 and M-14 humming just a stone's throw away, it is difficult to imagine that this corner was once part of the Michigan countryside when this state-of-the-art institution opened in 1960 and had as many as 1,200 people housed there at its peak in 1970.

The conventional wisdom at the time from the "professional help community" was if your child was "disabled," give them up to the state. Why anyone would think the state was a better caregiver seems bizarre now, but that was the common wisdom not that many years ago. "Give up your disabled child and get on with your life" was the refrain.

As a nation and a state, our history of care for people with disabilities was vile and ugly. While we have come so very far, there are places in our state today that you would not want your loved one to be "placed" by the state.

Why bring up this unseemly history, you ask? Because "Those who cannot remember the past are con-

demned to repeat it" wrote poet and philosopher George Santayana in 1905.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." — Mahatma Gandhi

Last month, I witnessed just how far we have come from this corner of abuse while attending the annual Friends of Community Living Services, Evening with Friends Awards Ceremony. The evening was a celebration of the freedom that persons with disabilities have gained over the years. It was a major dose of adrenaline that made the nearly 1,000 attendees trumpet the value of their friends and family members who happen to have a disability and are there to help provide support.

First there were the "old warriors," Alice Saules and Mary Davis, founders of the parents and advocates group who have been fighting for freedom and dignity for their children and countless others for many decades. Today, people with disabilities are living in their own apartments and own homes with friends they chose to live with, are working at jobs they choose and have created their own businesses.

Saules and Davis and many other parents fought the system so that people with disabilities could live with dignity and respect in their community, not isolated from it. They laid the foundation and others built the homes and hope.

If there ever was a cure for depression or being a sourpuss, it was attending this event. The triumph over adversity, love, friendship and pure, raw human decency wrapped itself around you every second during this celebration of life, dignity and respect.

My personal evening highlight came in meeting Oak Park resident David Taylor. Taylor, the energetic and outgoing advocate, told me a year ago he would not be recognizable from the man he is today because he was so withdrawn and depressed.

Today, he is a confident young man who invests his time as a motivational speaker and advocate for people in need. And what a moti-

vation he is! His mentor, Dr. Alex Bailly, the recently retired Oak Park Schools superintendent, has helped give David the support, encouragement, love and friendship to help polish David into a "true diamond in the rough" who shines bright and stands tall today. Amazing what we are capable of doing with a little help from our friends!

The man who captured the essence of human decency and brought tears to my eyes for his humility and sense of human decency was Lake Orion resident Joe Johnson, the outreach coordinator and lead trainer at Community Media Network, located in Troy.

Johnson has trained hundreds of community members in video production. When people with disabilities signed up for his class, he did not create a "special" segregated class for these men, but enthusiastically included them in his "regular" class. The fact that Johnson has the active support of H. Jay Wiencko Jr., executive director, just adds icing to the cake of human decency.

In accepting his award, Joe said he was honored and, like all before him that had given so much of themselves to be a friend, he felt he received much more than he gave.

Yet it was the simple truth that had the greatest wallop to me and the hundreds in the audience when he graciously accepted his award and said, "I long for the day that common human decency to our fellow man, being kind, thoughtful and giving to ALL people is the norm and not something to be singled out for recognition."

Yes, Joe, it will be a great day of celebration when that day comes but, until then, thank you and Community Media Network for helping to set the stage and lead the way for us all!

Remember, dignity is nothing more than the freedom of allowing people to be themselves.

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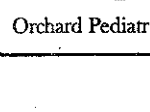
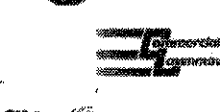
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The Wayne County Conservation District is hosting its 39th Annual Fall Tree and Native Plant Sale. The order deadline is extended to Oct. 12 and the pickup date is Oct. 19 at the barn at 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne, Michigan.

If you cannot make this date, alternative pickup dates can be arranged. The order form is available by either calling (313) 418-0700 or (734) 727-7248 or by downloading it from our Web site, www.waynecdc.org.

In addition to conifers such as balsam fir, jack pine, red pine, white pine, blue spruce, white spruce, black spruce, and red cedar, the fall sale hosts a large variety of wild flowers for dry soils (such as yellow and purple coneflower, sand coreopsis, spidewort, butterfly weed, lupine, blue aster, compass plant) and wet soils (bellflower, cardinal flower, blue flag iris, marsh marigold, monkey flower, swamp rose mallow, blue verbain, spotted Joe-Pye weed), native prairie grasses (bluestem and Indian grass), and bulrushes and cattails.

Trees and native plants add natural diversity to the landscape, provide habitat for birds and wildlife, assist in carbon sequestration to mitigate climate change, conserve natural resources, increase property values, and save time, energy, and water in plant maintenance. Exotic plants such as the tall phragmites are eliminating our beneficial native plants such as cattails and bulrushes. Eliminating native plants and native habitats is partially responsible for many of our threatened and endangered bird and wildlife populations.

The Conservation District's fall and spring tree sales help to support natural conservation efforts in Wayne County.

County wins grant

Wayne County's Department of Health and Human Services has been awarded a federal grant of \$3 million over three years to help eliminate the lead poisoning of children in Highland Park and Hamtramck.

Highland Park has the highest rate of elevated blood lead levels in Michigan among children under the age of six, based on state testing. More than 46 percent of the children

tested with levels higher than normal.

In Hamtramck, 29 percent of children had elevated lead levels, among the highest percentages in the state.

The grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development will be used to inspect about 500 houses built before 1940 for lead hazards, including paint chips, paint dust and soil.

Fieger the latest 'Dining With Stars' guest

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger.

Fieger is one of the most successful and controversial trial attorneys in the country.

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No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

Government notices protect the public

Protecting the public's right to know through publication of government public notices is the theme of National Newspaper Week now through Oct. 13.

Since 1940, the Newspaper Association Managers, an organization of state, regional and national newspaper association executives, has sponsored and supported National Newspaper Week, a weeklong celebration of newspapers in America.

Few things are as vital to a thriving democracy as the free flow of information between government and the governed.

Public notices published in newspapers provide citizens a window into government. Most of the information for the following questions and answers comes from the booklet "Public Notice: An American Tradition, An

Examination of the Role of Newspapers in Public Notice," published by the Public Notice Resource Center and American Court & Commercial Newspapers.

1) What is a public notice?

A public notice is information informing citizens of government or government-related activities that affect citizens' everyday lives.

2) Why do we need public notices?

An important premise found in both federal and local governments is that information about government activities must be accessible in order for the electorate to make well-informed decisions. Public notices in newspapers provide this sort of accessibility to citizens who want to know more about government activities.

3) What is the history of public notices?

The history of public notice begins long before the emergence of newspapers. The concept has existed since early civilizations posted notices in public squares. This crude method was eventually refined with the publication of the first English language newspaper in 1665 — a court newspaper called *The Oxford Gazette*.

In America, the Acts of the First Session of the First Congress in 1789 required that all bills, orders, resolutions and congressional votes be published in at least three publicly available newspapers.

Upholding the public's right to know has been essential to our country's way of life since day one. Our government governs with the consent of people, and this consent must be informed.

4) What are some exam-

ples of a public notices?

There are many kinds of public notices. Publication of proposed budgets for local governments, notices of local government hearings, bid notices, board and agency meeting minutes and pre-election notices are just a few examples.

5) Are newspapers the most effective vehicle for public notices?

Public notices published in newspapers ensures readership by those most likely to be interested in or affected by the notices. Plus, the notices arrive at readers' homes or places of work in a newspaper filled with local news and information that compels readership.

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Detroit. Please RSVP by Oct. 4, by calling (313) 347-0726.
Pumpkin patch
Oct. 12-31. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and closes at 8 p.m. both weekend days, at Orchard

United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 626-3620. This year marks the 11th anniversary of Orchard's youth sponsored Pumpkin Patch Fund-raiser. Orchard United Methodist Church will once again receive several thousand pumpkins grown by Navajo Native Americans in New Mexico. Proceeds of the sale have traditionally been used to support the youth groups annual mission trip. For more information call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org. On Sunday, Oct. 21 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for Storytime In The Pumpkin Patch with stories, face painting and simple games for children. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (248) 626-3620, Ext. 30.

Celebration of the arts

The annual juried art show, Sharing the Gift Within, continues through Oct. 12, at the historic First Presbyterian Church in downtown Northville. Guests can enjoy the displayed artwork, much of which is for sale. For more information, call Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-0911, Ext. 206, or visit www.firstpresnville.org.

Conference

Sunday School & Church Ministries Conference Saturday, Oct. 13, at First Nazarene, Eight Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Non-denominational, 30 workshops to update your skills, scores of publisher exhibits to show you the latest materials. General sessions. Free to the public. All-day free Kids Korner. Lunch included in registration fee. For more information, call the International Christian Education Association at (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Singers wanted

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. Choir practice meets once a month on Saturday and sings the following Sunday at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Upcoming practices 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, Oct. 13, at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren, Westland. There will be more than 100 items to auction off all of which have been donated by congregation members or organizations in the Westland community. Tickets \$8 for adults, \$6 for children under age 10. You do not need to come to dinner to attend the auction. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the Silent Auction to begin at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Youth & Children's Ministries. For information or tickets, call pastor Rick Jewett at (734) 458-7301.

Pumpkin patch

The pumpkin patch of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church opens Saturday, Oct. 13, and continues until Halloween, Oct. 31, at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Besides Michigan pumpkins, fall decorations will also be available. These include gourds, bales of straw, cornstalks, and decorated 1/4 and 1/2 bales of straw that have been treated to last six months. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Music workshop

The Music Ministry of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts a workshop on the Divine Liturgy and liturgical music Oct. 13 at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Alton Road, Dearborn. Morning session begins at 9 a.m., with the Divine Liturgy; an Icon of Spiritual Growth, presented by the Very Rev. Paul Jannakos, rector of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton. Afternoon sessions, begin at 1 p.m., with Liturgical Music for Small Choirs, presented by Matushka Victoria Kopistiansky, chair of the COCC Music Ministry and choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit. It will feature music reading of hymns from the Divine Liturgy suitable for small choirs. Lunch will be served between sessions. The workshop is open to the public. Registration fee is \$30 and includes lunch and music. There will be on-site registration at 8:30 a.m., but advance registration is encouraged. Make checks payable to Janet Damian, and sent to her at 3036 Syracuse St., Dearborn, MI, 48124-4527. For information, contact her at (313) 706-0666 or jdamlanlapko@yahoo.com.

Fall worship schedule

Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m. and includes simple worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays we will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St.

Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web Site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Concert

Dave Wagner is the featured organ soloist with the Birmingham Concert Band 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at Christ Church Cranbrook, corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. No charge.

Pumpkin fund-raiser

Get your pumpkins for missions 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the weeks of Oct. 15 through Oct. 27, at Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, west of Newburgh on the north side, Livonia. Also, gourds, etc. for table decorations.

Course in Miracles

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20; 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in Miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.com@hotmail.com.

Breast cancer awareness event

Luncheon and card party 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets available at the door or call (734) 722-1343. All proceeds go to breast cancer awareness.

Fall craft show

Get a start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Entertainment tonight

Clark and Company presents An Evening of Taste and Sound, Saturday, Oct. 20, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. Deluxe catered dinner at 6 p.m., Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. The evening features Gordon and Carol Bleich (piano and vocal artists), Miguel Cruz (dramatic tenor), Tim Schoenherr (piano and vocals), Linda Freeze (soprano), Don DeGrazia (drums) and Dr. Thomas Clark (organ and master of ceremonies). Tickets can be purchased at the church during normal business hours. Dinner & Concert Combo is \$30 (by Oct. 15). Concert only \$15. For more information, call (248) 626-3620.

Craft show

And bake sale presented by Women's Guild of St. Michael the Archangel Parish 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, Livonia. All table space has been rented and crafters are ready to display their finest wares for early holiday shopping. For details, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Sisterhood tea party

It's time to dust off your favorite hat, put on your fancy lace gloves and join us for an afternoon of tea, sandwiches, pastries and the lively entertainment of Jack Bailey at the Second Annual Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Tea Party, Dressed to a Tea, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information or to RSVP (by Oct. 16), call Phyllis Lewkowicz (248) 474-8676. Please bring the buttons you have been collecting for Lisa Anderson and her Language Arts students at Frost Middle School. We will be presenting the buttons to Anderson and some of her students for their project Buttoning your mouth shut against Stereotyping. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org.

Contemporary Christian music

The free concert takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, two blocks west of downtown Farmington between Grand River and Freedom roads.

Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

Many voices/one song

The season continues with St. Nicolas by Benjamin Britten 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21. Britten's music magically illustrates the adventures of Saint Nicolas from birth to death, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. No charge, but a free-will offering will be collected. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

Concert

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be hosting a concert featuring Gordon and Carol Bleich, former Michigan residents and Ward members 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at the church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The Bleichs musical selections will be a variety of Christian music. They will be joined in concert by Miquel Angel Cruz, a lyric tenor and pastor originally from Cuba. There is no charge for the concert. A free will offering will be taken. Childcare provided for children through age 4. A reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Lutheran laymen's convention

The Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Convention takes place Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme for the convention is Let Your Light Shine based on Matthew 5:16. Guest speaker Andrew T. Fitzgerald is Manager of International Volunteer Services in the International Ministries Division of Lutheran Hour Ministries. He is responsible for the ministry's Global Care Packages program (which includes By Kids ... For Kids, The Mothers Touch, and Teacher to Teacher) and its Global Work & Witness international mission trips. Registration begins at 8 a.m., worship at 9 a.m. followed by first convention session. An afternoon session follows the 12:15 p.m. luncheon. For more information, call (734) 729-0306.

Rummage Sale

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday.

Rummage/Bake sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities. For more information, call (734) 355-0497.

Women's health fair

Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills) is sponsoring at Women's Health Fair presented by Farmington Medical Center Saturday, Oct. 27. Focus is on mind, body and spirit taking a stand for optimal health. Presenters include keynote speaker Hellen Greenblatt PhD, Chief Science Officer Legacy for Life, International Speaker Immunologist/Microbiologist. Presenters 9 a.m. to noon, and 12:15-2 p.m. with health booths, live entertainment, appetizers and refreshments available at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15 pre-event, \$20 at door. Seating limited so reserve a space early. RSVP by Oct. 15. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to breast cancer research. For more information, call (248) 330-3001 or e-mail womenshealthfair@yahoo.com.

Catholic women's conference

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Tatry dancers

The PRCUA Tatry Dancers give their annual Graduate Presentation Dance Saturday, Oct. 27, at Robert Jones K of C Hall, 25160 W. Outer Drive, Lincoln Park. Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$40 per person. Must be purchased by Oct. Call for information, call (313) 274-0183.

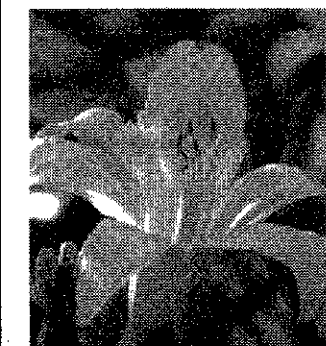
Cantata Academy Chorale

This & That Amen concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 seniors/students, and can be purchased in advance or at the door (if available). Call (248) 358-9868 or visit www.cantataacademychorale.bravehost.com, or send e-mail to CantataAcademyChorale@msn.com.

Pontifical visit

Of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of Catholics of All Armenians Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, at St. John Armenian Church, 22001

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ALFRED A. AGLI

Fred was born in N.Y.C., October 28, 1914 and passed away September 06, 2007 at 12:05 a.m. He moved to Malibu, CA. after his beloved wife, Etta preceded him in death June 23, 2007 in La Jolla, CA. where they had resided after 60 years in Bloomfield Hills. Father Bill Kerse celebrated Fred's memorial mass at Our Lady of Malibu Church and poignantly expressed, "Fred died from a broken heart". Fred chose to celebrate Etta's birthday August 29, as he had done for all the years he had been devoted to her prior to her passing. He mentioned at the birthday dinner he had never missed her birthday or their September 7th anniversary...and so the tradition continued...Fred was reunited with Etta to celebrate 67 years of marriage. Alfred was the youngest son of eight children born to Antonio and Nunziata Agli, Italian immigrants who left Capri D'Orlando, Sicily and arrived at Ellis Island in 1901. Their youngest son Alfred was a scholar. He received degrees from City College of New York, Brown University and Rutgers University. He was a voracious reader right up to his final hours. He was sitting on the couch reading the LA Times when the intracranial bleed occurred that ended his life six days later. A civil engineer, his notable accomplishments are extensive. Cobo Hall Convention Center, Disney World (FL), Providence Hospital, University of Michigan, Ford assembly plants, Northville State Mental Hospital, Sinai Hospital, Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Washington Post (D.C.), Kirk in the Hills, etc. He retired from Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. Architects and Engineers. The firm and clients benefited from Fred's dedication to his job and his extensive knowledge of the design and construction industry. His wisdom and integrity were well respected by contractors throughout the country. He was proactive in his St. Hugo of the Hills parish, a devout Catholic. A longtime usher and among those responsible for the construction fund drive for parochial high schools, Marian and Brother Rice. Fred was a modest man with an endearing love for family and animals. His granddads, St. Bernard, Luca and Bernese Mountain Dog, Maya gave him enumerable days of pleasure and joy. He also possessed an unparalleled gift, a great wit. Of the many who remember him fondly, all make reference to this loyal friend's wit, warmth, sincerity and passion for great food. Alfred Agli is survived by his children Nancy Agli, Carole Agli, Christine Agli, Robert Agli, granddaughter, Elizabeth and great granddaughter, Laura. In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to World Wildlife Fund, www.worldwildlife.org, in Memory of Alfred A. Agli.

ARTHUR N. STUMP

Age 45, October 6, 2007. Dear father of Michael Stump, Allen Perria and Dillon Stump. Son of Carole & Lloyd Stump. Brother of Rhonda Rumsey. Uncle of Robbie Plummer, Ryan Rumsey and Joey Rumsey. Memorial Service Saturday, 11:00am at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill (east of Middlebelt). Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.

CAMILLE IVICE WIMSATT

Ann Arbor, passed away suddenly Sunday morning, October 7, 2007. Beloved wife of John Simms Wimsatt for 22 years, she is survived by three sons: John Simms Wimsatt II, Ann Arbor; Thomas C. Wimsatt and wife Leslie, Frankennuth; and Robert M. Wimsatt, Ann Arbor; grandchildren Maureen and Gregory Wimsatt; dear niece and nephew, Pamela and Jeffrey Conn; and grandniece Mackenzie Conn. Her sister, Perine Conn Snell predeceased her. Camille was born in Detroit on August 3, 1917. She helped her husband run Wimsatt Appliance in Plymouth and was a long time member of the Plymouth Women's Club. After her husband's death in 1963, Camille attended Eastern Michigan University where she graduated with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in speech/language pathology. Following graduation, she served the Plymouth Community School District until she retired in 1986. Visitation will take place on Friday, October 12, 2007 at Muehlhig Funeral Chapel in Ann Arbor from 2-8 pm, funeral service at 6 pm. Private interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Detroit. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the National Wildlife Federation or www.savethe-manatee.org.

CLARENCE ALAN MALESKY

Age 61, Farmington Hills, MI. 10-6-2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home



KATHERINE KOCH BLUNT

Age 96, of Tryon, NC, died Friday, September 21, 2007 at Ridge Rest, an Assisted Living Facility in Columbus, NC. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio 25, 1911, she was the daughter of Rupert W. and Octavia Podesta Koch; they lived in Ann Arbor and Detroit, Michigan. Katherine graduated from the University of Michigan in 1932 Phi Beta Kappa with Honors in English. In 1934 she received her MA in English from the Univ. of Michigan. In 1957 she earned a teacher's credit from Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI. Before moving to Tryon, NC in 1984, Katherine lived in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, MI, where she was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. She was a social worker at the Children's Aid Society, Detroit, and editor of The Detroit News, Women's Page. From 1957 to 1972, she was a teacher, department head and director of the Flex Program at Seaholm High School, Birmingham, MI. She was active in the PTA, League of Women Voters, AAUW, the Birmingham Village Players, and in local politics. While living in Tryon, NC Katherine was a Board member of the Lanier Library, the League of Women Voters, and the AAUW; she was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Thermal Belt Friendship Council, and Great Books. She was consultant to and an organizer on the Polk County Community Relations Council; a volunteer at Polk County Outreach Ministry Board, and a member of the Polk County Partnership for Children, and the Gov. Hunt's "Smart Start" program. Mrs. Blunt was a scholar of Virginia Woolf until her death and an accomplished amateur Chinese watercolor brush painter. When awarding her their Distinguished Service to the Community Award, the AAUW said she was "the conscience of the community," working quietly and efficiently behind the scenes. Katherine married Charles Nash Blunt at Woodfield Inn, Flat Rock, NC in 1937. Mr. Blunt died in 1988 in Tryon, NC. Surviving are her daughter, Sarah Blunt Barnett of Washington, DC, three grandchildren: Charles Blunt Barnett, married to Maureen Pao, of Washington, DC; John Henry Barnett of Brooklyn, NY; and, Dorsey Woodward Barnett Horowitz, married to Stephen Horowitz, of Pelham, NY; one great-grandchild, Olivia Horowitz; one nephew and two nieces. Her daughter, Penelope Anne Blunt, predeceased her in October 1997 in Los Angeles, CA. A Memorial service will be held October 20, 2007 at 1:00 pm in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Tryon, NC with the Reverend Dr. Michael Doty officiating. Burial will be held in Oakdale Cemetery, Hendersonville, NC following the Memorial service. The family suggests that memorial tributes may be made to the Katherine Blunt Memorial Fund, Thermal Belt Friendship Council or to Virginia Perrenod, Treasurer, 251 Carolina Dr., 7C, Tryon NC 28782. Katherine supported the TBFC which has promoted racial diversity and cooperation through social activity and community activities from its inception.

NORMAN DIXON HASTINGS

Age 84, October 6, 2007, of Boyne City, formerly of Rochester. Beloved husband of Mary, loving father of Norman and the late Suzanne, grandfather of Holli and Kyle, brother of Marvel Rook, father-in-law of Patsy and Lynn. Served with U.S. Army during WWII. Former owner of Culligan Soft Water of Rochester. Visitation Tuesday 5pm-7pm at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City, Wednesday 9am-11am. Funeral 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Church. Arrangements by Hastings Funeral Home, Ellsworth, MI.

THEODOSIA J. GRINNELL

Theodosia J. October 2, 2007 Age 87 of Birmingham. Wife of the late Donald E. Mother of the late Marcia. Sister of Elizabeth Halleck, Bruce Blancher and Hollis Blancher. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



LINDA "Sue" PHILP

Age 66, resident of Mission, passed away on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at Rio Grande Regional Hospital. She was born February 8, 1941 to Weber and Della Levi in Knightstown, Indiana. Mrs. Philp was a homemaker and firefighter's wife volunteering countless hours for community organizations such as The American Legion Auxiliary and the Farmington Township, Michigan Fire Department Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband Ralph M. Philp; children, William (Melissa) Philp, James (Camille) Philp, Rebecca Philp, & Michele (Christopher) Korff; grandchildren, Amanda (James) Lauletta, Douglas Philp, Bonnie Brown, Caitlin Deneau, Kathryn Philp, Tyler Korff, and Laura Korff; and great-grandchildren, Shae and Ian. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Herman and Robert and sisters, Winona and Martha. A private service was held for the family and a memorial service will be held in the future in Michigan where she was a long-time resident. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Houston Down Syndrome Association or the American Diabetes Association.



VIRGINIA LEE DICKERMAN

Age 87, October 6, 2007. Former owner and operator of the Dickerman Dance Studio in Farmington for 48 years. Beloved wife of the late Clarence. Loving mother of Marcia (Rainer) Schwager. Cherished grandmother of Heidi and Erik; great-grandmother of Shiloh, Creek and Julian. Dear sister of Marguerite Honerkamp. Memorial Visitation Friday 6-8 pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Road). No flowers please, just have positive thoughts. www.thayer-rock.com

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Northwestern Highway, Southfield. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Hrshapar Service followed by Armenian Heritage Collection Costume Show and Afterglow Coffee and Dessert in the Cultural Hall (no charge, children are encouraged to attend. Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cultural Hall. Cos is \$55, children under age 18 \$25. Space is limited. For tickets, call (248) 569-3405.

UPCOMING

Angel baby service

A special remembrance and healing service for parents grieving over the death of a baby takes place on All Saints Day 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Hope Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. All those who remember and grieve are invited to attend. There is no cost and no obligation of any

kind. For more information, call (734) 425-7280.

Benefit

Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night Of Card Games & Mahjongg 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25, 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family. Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007, Julie Horn, (248) 914-7533, or Allison Berlin, (248) 770-4890.

Alternative Christmas Fair

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission of \$1 will be charged at the door. Call the church at (248) 553-7170 for more

information.

Sisterhood luncheon

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. In honor of Veteran's Day, the luncheon will have a Patriot theme from the food to the entertainment. In the spirit of the season, we are asking members to bring new items such as knit hats, gloves, socks, personal care items, and toys to be donated to those in need. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org

ONGOING

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of

Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue

the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Fall schedule

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program began 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. The group will be undertaking an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans, the longest and often considered the most systematic presen-

tation of the disciple's thoughts on salvation. Informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. MOPS recognizes the years from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and filled with unique need. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades four to 12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more information or registration forms, visit www.funorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

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Location has a minimal impact on fund's performance

I was having a discussion with a group of investors and one of the topics that came up was whether there was any correlation between where a mutual fund portfolio manager was located and returns.

The thought was that managers located in financial hubs such as New York and Chicago may have an advantage over managers located in other areas.

I don't believe there's an advantage and, in fact, sometimes there's a disadvantage. Portfolio managers who are located outside the traditional financial hubs gain a different perspective of the economy. Therefore, where a fund management company is located is only a minor issue.

With the Internet and instant communications, a portfolio manager in Michigan has as much access to information as one located in New York. In fact, many people are



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LOCATION A BONUS

The fact these funds are located in Michigan should not be the only reason to consider investing in them. Judge the funds based on performance — the fact that they are in Michigan is a bonus.

The funds are totally different. The Utopia Funds are a relatively new group managed by FIM Group in Traverse City. Although the FIM Group has been managing money for

surprised to learn there are successful mutual fund portfolio managers located in Michigan. Two examples are the Utopia funds, www.utopiafunds.com, and the Ave Maria

20 years, Utopia Funds are relatively new.

They are somewhat hard to categorize because they are known as go-anywhere funds. That means the portfolio management team believes the goal is to make money whether that means investing in large companies, small companies or international. The mission is to look for values and opportunities for investors no matter where.

UTOPIA FUNDS

Unlike many mutual fund companies, Utopia Funds are a small family and there is a distinct difference between funds. Utopia includes two growth funds — Utopia Growth and Utopia Core Growth. Utopia Growth is an aggressive fund geared for investors with at least a 10-year horizon, while the core fund is more moderate and geared for an investor with at least a five-year time horizon.

AVE MARIA FUNDS

Ave Maria Funds is a unique group of in that it is a morally responsible family of funds. In selecting investments for the portfolio, the manager, by prospectus, must not invest in companies that violate Catholic values. Determining whether a company is in line with Catholic values is not as simple as you might think. For this reason, the fund family has a board of directors that makes the determinations and the board members include individuals such as Larry Kudlow from CNBC and Lou Holtz, the former head football coach of Notre Dame. Some of the companies that would not be eligible for inclusion in the fund are those that publish or promote pornography, offer same sex benefits to their employees or those that support or promote abortion.

Ave Maria Funds should not be confused with socially

responsible funds. Although they both screen out companies based upon set criteria, the criteria they screen for is different. Socially responsible funds, in general, tend to have a more environmentally focused mandate. Many will not invest in defense or cigarette manufacturers and some funds specifically look to invest in companies that offer same sex benefits to employees and their partners. So whether you want a morally responsible or socially responsible fund, it is important to read the prospectus and understand the specific objectives of the fund.

One note regarding the Ave Maria Fund. The portfolio manager, whom I've had on my radio show a number of times, does not feel handcuffed by the criteria set by the board of directors. In addition, just because a fund family like the Ave Maria Funds screens out certain

companies does not mean that performance is not a major factor. It is.

Both the Utopia Group of Funds and the Ave Maria Funds are no-load and can be purchased directly from the companies or from one of the mutual fund supermarkets, such as Charles Schwab, if you prefer a consolidated statement.

Location has little impact on the performance of funds. Whether someone is located in New York, Michigan or Alaska, in today's world they all share the same information. The key to success is what's done with the information.

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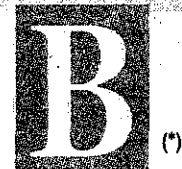
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Fire officials have urgent message – get out!

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is issuing a special call to action this Fire Prevention Week 2007 (Oct. 7-13) — Practice Your Escape Plan! Local fire departments, including Farmington Hills, are joining in to remind people of the importance of an escape plan.

During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of home fires and teaching residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in case a fire occurs.

According to the latest NFPA research, 3,030 people died in 2005 in home fires — that's roughly eight people every day. Being alerted to a fire and knowing what to do to escape from one are extremely important, yet only 23 percent of households have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan.

"Many times when we speak to residents who have experienced a fire in their home, they recall becoming confused and disoriented by the conditions and severity of the situation — but they realized they needed to get out fast," said Farmington Hills Fire Inspector Denny Hughes. "Sometimes there are only seconds to escape, but there's no question that having a plan in place that has been practiced saves precious time and makes survival more likely. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will prompt folks in our community to plan and practice their escape."

Are you prepared for a fire? Although it's difficult to prepare for the unexpected, reviewing the infor-

mation below and taking action based on it to plan for a fire is strongly recommended ... and don't forget to practice your escape plan during Fire Prevention Week.

■ Install working smoke alarms on every level, and inside and outside each sleeping area.

■ Develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.

■ Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household (i.e.: handicap, elderly etc.). If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.

■ Practice using the plan, at least twice a year.

■ Some studies have shown that some children and adults may not awaken to the sound of a smoke alarm; they may need help waking up.

■ If the smoke alarm sounds: go to your closest exit, and if you run into smoke, turn and use another way out. If you must exit through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to the nearest exit. Don't take time to pick up belongings, just get out and help others out. Move fast but stay calm. Once safely outside, do not go back inside for any reason.

"It is not enough just to have a home fire escape plan in place; it is vital that everyone living in the home practice the plan," said Judy Comoletti, AVP of public education for NFPA. "You can have as little as two minutes to get out when fire strikes."

Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's official mascot, is asking the public to practice their escape plan by participating in The Great American Fire



Drill™. Visit www.fireprevention-week.org to learn more.

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org.

The NFPA Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities was developed with input from the disability community to provide general information on this important topic.

It provides information on the five general categories of disabilities: mobility impairments, visual

impairments, hearing impairments, speech impairments, and cognitive impairments. It also outlines the four elements of evacuation information that occupants need: notification, way finding, use of the way, and assistance.

The Guide features a checklist that building services managers and people with disabilities can use to design a personalized evacuation plan. The annexes give government resources and text based on the relevant code requirements and Americans with Disabilities Act criteria.

Nuisance claim may have merit

Q. A subdivision abuts a facility which is about to be constructed which will contain electricity generating outlets and other utility facilities. We are concerned about the adverse impact and wonder whether, as homeowners, we have any basis to pursue them, particularly since the state has apparently approved the location of the facility. Do you have any comments?

A. While each case is fact intensive, I am aware of a recent case where a group of homeowners sued to enjoin the construction of a wind farm a short distance from their residences. The West Virginia Supreme Court ruled that their private nuisance claim was not barred



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by the fact that the facility had been approved by the state utility regulators. The court reasoned that the common law of private nuisance was not expressly abrogated by state law granting a public utility commission exclusive jurisdiction over the licensing and site of electric generating facilities. Moreover, the court concluded that the injuries of the plaintiffs were not too speculative to support the granting of a prospective injunction against the construction of the wind farm. You may have a basis, therefore, to pursue your claim and you should consult with a knowledgeable real estate lawyer in that regard.

Q. We have a tenant in our building who has a history of intimidating behavior and who indeed had previously brandished a firearm at visitors and other tenants. We have told the property manager, but are fearful for our safety. So far, no one has been hurt, but I am wondering if someone does get hurt, do we have a claim?

A. A landlord can be sued for failing to take at least minimal steps to alleviate the risk posed by a violent tenant based on a recent case from the California Court of Appeals. The plaintiff in that case was a former tenant of the landlord's apartment complex who occasionally returned to visit family still living there. A tenant with a history of intimidating behavior had previously threatened visitors and other tenants with a gun. The court concluded that it was reasonably foreseeable, based on prior similar criminal incidents, that liability would accrue to the landlord and that it did not require a showing of prior nearly identical criminal incidents. In effect, the court concluded that the brandishing of weapons rendered the danger posed foreseeable enough that undertaking one or more minimally burdensome measures was not, as a matter of law, beyond the scope of the landlord's duty of maintenance. You are best advised to tell your landlord about its potential liability or move to another location.

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Rands tapped as Michigan Realtor of the Year

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Rands

The Michigan Association of Realtors has named Nanci J. Rands as its 2007 Realtor of the Year. The award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership and service for the association, the community and the real estate industry.

Rands, a Bloomfield Hills resident, was chosen by a selection committee comprised of her peers and was recognized at the annual Michigan Association of Realtors' Convention & Expo held in Mount Pleasant Sept. 26-28. Nominees are evaluated on their community service, education and business accomplishments and service to the Realtor organization at the local, state and national levels.

"It's thrilling. It's not just an individual recognition," said Rands,

a University of Michigan graduate and an associate broker at SKBK Sotheby's International in Birmingham. She's proud to be part of an organization that does so much for the

public, clients "and really for private property owners. We're in a challenging environment now." Rands is impressed by the great job the 32,000 MAR Realtors have done day in and day out "in a very professional way is just terrific. For me, it was a wonderful recognition by my peers. I'm thrilled to be part of an organization that does so much for so many people."

She found out at the state convention in Mount Pleasant, where

Rands, Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors Realtor of the Year, was honored along with others from across the state. "It was a very humbling experience standing among all those people. Each one was very deserving and has really achieved lots of good things in their own Boards of Realtors."

"There is no doubt in my mind that I really stand with a number of extraordinary individuals who have been recognized before me." There is no national Realtor of the Year, she noted.

"I am so pleased to be the one people point to and say 'She's a Realtor.'" In the state award, Rands likes to represent all members of Michigan Association of Realtors and "the work they do every single day."

Realtors are licensed by state and uphold Code of Ethics, she noted. Rands, who works with SKBK

Sotheby's International as an associate broker where she mentors other agents, is actively involved at the state, local and national Realtor level as well as in her community. She has been dedicated to RPAC and protecting the real estate industry in Michigan and will serve as the 2008 MAR RPAC chair.

MCAR Chief Executive Officer Walt Baczkowski Jr. was pleased when Rands received the state recognition. "The association is delighted that Nanci Rands was selected as Realtor of the Year," he said. "She still devotes countless hours to the association." Rands is active in supporting local Realtors, he noted, citing a Fair Housing poster contest and lobbying efforts.

"Nanci has been a very dedicated volunteer and active in the sales field," Baczkowski said.

HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 11-15, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
41810 Coventry Way	\$205,000
50525 Federal Blvd	\$167,000
50230 Harding St	\$284,000
2287 Lexington Cir N	\$262,000
2041 N Arbor Way Dr	\$112,000
2188 Paddock Ln	\$237,000
2214 Paddock Ln	\$239,000
43470 Proctor Rd	\$200,000
3439 Shepherd Ln	\$235,000
8273 Trafford Ct	\$512,000
2128 Trinity Rd	\$469,000
44887 Weymouth Dr	\$279,000
Farmington	
32020 Marblehead St	\$171,000
22784 Orchard Lake Rd	\$120,000
35520 Tall Pine Rd	\$283,000

Farmington Hills	
29941 Fox Club Dr	\$360,000
35472 Fredericksburg Rd	\$228,000
28954 Glenbrook Dr	\$365,000
28200 Green Meadow Lane	\$225,000
21652 Hamilton Ave	\$126,000
38996 Holsworth Ct	\$290,000
29514 Juneau Ln	\$192,000
21615 Oxford Ave	\$160,000
31139 Perrys Xing	\$275,000
31887 Snowden St	\$225,000
30056 W 12 Mile Rd	\$95,000
37760 W Greenwood Dr	\$250,000
26172 Westmeath St	\$227,000
Garden City	
30540 Barton St	\$135,000
6669 Cardwell St	\$95,000
29824 Chester St	\$40,000
7044 Helen St	\$110,000
28840 Hennepin St	\$272,000
Livonia	
34214 Bretton Dr	\$280,000
33033 Brookside Ct	\$290,000
9980 Garvett St	\$148,000
13995 Golfview St	\$183,000
29632 Grandon St	\$159,000

29735 Mark Ln	\$185,000
20003 Mayfield St	\$150,000
15935 Norwich St	\$213,000
32800 Vermont St	\$161,000
Milford	
860 Barbary Dr	\$215,000
2725 Charms Rd	\$190,000
Northville	
16710 Abby Cir	\$352,000
18503 Clairmont Cir E	\$790,000
16539 Cottonwood Ct	\$360,000
49189 Rainbow Ln N	\$373,000
725 Randolph St	\$122,000
Novi	
22174 Chase Dr	\$405,000
27785 Hopkins	\$166,000
27887 Hopkins Dr	\$168,000
27891 Hopkins Dr	\$167,000
27897 Hopkins Dr	\$169,000
41638 Kenilworth Ln	\$210,000
25821 Lochmoor Ln	\$385,000
22599 Sheridan Rd	\$195,000
47290 Stratford Ln	\$343,000
24379 Surfside Rd	\$225,000
Plymouth	
633 Fairground St	\$180,000

101 S Union St	\$187,000
Redford	
25301 Five Mile Rd	\$42,000
9945 Centralia	\$155,000
13488 Farley	\$130,000
18267 Indian	\$95,000
14239 Lenore	\$157,000
19983 Lexington	\$98,000
11329 Lucerne	\$131,000
11388 Riverdale	\$108,000
13521 Royal Grand	\$101,000
26306 Student	\$119,000
18811 Wakenden	\$78,000
South Lyon	
26583 Blackwood Ct	\$407,000
1024 Equestrian Dr	\$248,000
209 Maplewood Ct	\$74,000
220 Oakbrooke Ct	\$129,000
1089 Polo Dr	\$350,000
26240 Shumans Way	\$326,000
Westland	
37017 Amhurst Dr	\$150,000
8277 Bristol St	\$172,000
211 Dawson Ct	\$170,000
7863 Hugh St	\$180,000



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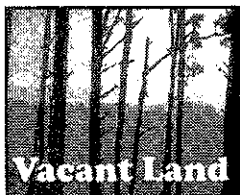
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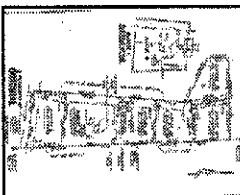
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(P-000VA)



IMMACULATE JEWEL
This 3 bd ranch is ready to move in & features newer windows, roof, carpet, paint, entry doors, furnace, hwh, remodeled Kit & Bath, & maintenance free yard.
\$115,000 (P-675LE)



BUILDABLE LOTS
2 lots still available in Superior Twp w/Plymouth mailing address. Both lots nestled among mature trees & set off a private rd. Plenty of options. Lot sizes are 2.25 acres & 2.49 acres. Call for details.
\$175,000 & up (P-847AN)



IMMACULATE CONDO
Priced below market value! Nestled in Brighton's popular Northridge Sub. 2 bd, 2.5 baths, 3 full bath, vaulted ceilings, appl's stay, 1st fl Master w/ WIC & bath, 1st fl laundry, & Deck.
\$223,000 (P-233CE)



GREAT LOCATION
3 bd, 1 bath brick ranch in convenient Garden City location. Kitchen w/hwd floors & eating area, doorwall to Patio, newer furnace, roof, A/C, 2.5 car Garage, & an above ground pool.
\$190,000 (P-542FL)



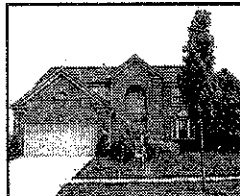
CANTON COLONIAL
Nice 3 bd home featuring an open Kitchen w/all appl's & nook, Liv Rm w/frpl, large Master w/WIC, prof finished bsmt, fenced yard, updated roof & windows, & a Deck.
\$190,000 (P-632GE)



MOVE IN CONDITION!
Charming 3 br brick ranch with a full basement, hardwood floors, 2 car garage, & all appliances stay. Very well kept.
\$124,900 (C-740GL)



5 BEDROOM CAPE COD!
Awesome location for this brick home. So much to list. .5 bd, 3.5 ba, finished walkout bsmt, inground pool, Patio, Deck, fenced yard, 1st fl Master & laundry, 3 car Garage, & Livonia Schools.
\$315,000 (P-572MC)



GORGEOUS PRINCETON MODEL
4 bd, 2.5 ba colonial featuring vaulted ceilings, Kitchen w/all appl's, formal Liv & Din Rms, 2 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, & Deck overlooking pond. A must see!
\$250,000 (P-115SH)



CANTON RANCH CONDO
Are you ready for this? Move right into this beautiful 2 bd condo featuring large Master, cathedral ceilings, big bsmt, fresh paint & new carpet, & close to everything.
\$124,900 (P-388SO)



GREAT BUY
Beautiful 3 bd home w/lots of updates inc, newer furnace, water heater, 1st fl windows, kitchen floor, fresh paint, finished bsmt, & home warranty provided.
\$65,000 (P-411BE)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN
Completely remodeled ranch w/2 Garages, enormous Kitchen w/ fireplace, 3 full baths, new furnace & C/A, new flooring, updated elec, & minutes from downtown Plymouth shopping & events.
\$399,900 (P-988EV)



GORGEOUS CUSTOM HOME
One of a kind home loaded w/custom features on premium secluded lot. Large Kitchen/Sunroom w/stone counters, finished bsmt w/2nd Kit & hot tub w/built-in ceramic Deck. A Must See!
\$469,900 (P-821FA)



LIVONIA SCHOOLS
New on the market! 3 bd, 2.5 bath brick colonial offering a large Kitchen, ceramic floors, crown molding, library, new neutral carpet & paint, & a very scenic private lot.
\$272,900 (P-185FO)



A DREAM IN THE MAKING
Here's the opportunity you've been waiting for! A great lot in Westland w/ Livonia schools. New construction in the area & more on the way. All amenities nearby.
\$45,000 (P-203FR)



DEARBORN BUNGALOW
1 year free housekeeping for buyer! 3 bd, 1.5 bath features a new front porch, landscaping, & front entry. Freshly painted, loads of storage, bsmt rec room w/wetbar & bath. Close to schools, parks, & shopping.
\$134,900 (C-315HO)



PERFECTLY MAINTAINED
Open foyer w/hwd, gourmet Kit w/ nook, Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/wetbar & bath, great Deck w/hot tub in fenced yard, & convenient Canton location.
\$235,000 (C-325QU)



DESIRABLE RANCH
Open & spacious ranch featuring Great Room w/french doors, fireplace, hwd floors in Foyer & Kitchen, granite in Kit & bath, prof finished bsmt, & 2 tier Deck.
\$369,900 (P-799SU)



BETTER THAN NEW!
This luxury home offers more than you could imagine! Dramatic 2 story foyer, circular staircase, Master Suite w/private sitting area, Liv Rm w/frpl, granite Kitchen, Library, finished bsmt, & Patio.
\$799,000 (P-131SU)



LOCATION LOCATION!
Fabulous 4 bd, 3 ba Plymouth colonial featuring Fam Rm w/frpl, updated roof, siding, elec, & windows. Formal Din & Liv Rms, ceramic Foyer, bsmt, 2 car Garage, & fenced yard w/Deck.
\$250,000 (P-969TH)



CHARMING BUNGALOW
Check out this 3 bd, 1.5 bath home priced under market value! Hwd floors, Master w/large closets, finished bsmt, Garage w/workbench, covered Patio, & fenced yard.
\$89,900 (P-519VI)



LOCATION, LOCATION
Great interior location for this end unit condo w/new windows on main floor, furnace, hwh, neutral decor, 6 panel doors, private Deck, pool, clubhouse, full bsmt, & Garage.
\$150,000 (P-430WO)



AFFORDABLE
Why rent when you can own this beautiful 3 bd brick ranch that has been lovingly cared for & offers hwd floors, six paneled doors, 2 car Garage, large private yard, & so much more.
\$128,900 (P-269AL)



ALMOST NEW
Priced under duplication cost, this almost new Canton colonial is ready to move in to. Dream Kitchen w/ cherry & all appl's. Formal Liv & Din Rms, Library, Fam Rm, & Master w/ spa bath.
\$429,900 (P-339AN)



METICULOUS RANCH
3 bd Livonia ranch that looks like new! Well maintained w/great features such as finished bsmt, new furnace, vinyl windows, sprinklers, C/A, fireplace, Livonia Schools, & great location.
\$149,000 (C-057BA)



MOVE IN AND ENJOY
Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious double lot, new furnace, vinyl siding, oak Kit, carpet, glass block, neutral decor, 2.5 car Garage w/openers, & room for an RV.
\$129,900 (P-543BI)



UNBEATABLE PRICE
Come see this beautifully decorated home w/a breathtaking view of the pond. Beautifully updated t/o, Farmington Hills schools, & so much more.
\$237,000 (P-754BU)



WHAT A FIND!
Beautiful Trilwood offers this colonial w/desired updates such as a granite Kitchen, prof finished bsmt w/ bath, neutral decor, & pool table, hot tub, & large screen TV all stay!!
\$339,900 (P-740CA)



DESIRABLE LIVONIA LOCATION
Situated on a quiet tree lined street, this spacious quad is perfect for entertaining! Open floor plan, formal Liv & Din Rm, updated maple Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, bsmt, Garage, & more.
\$239,000 (P-305CR)



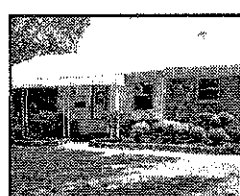
THE JEWEL OF ROMA RIDGE
This beautiful colonial backs up to wetlands on a corner lot. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, oversized Master Suite, updated & freshly painted t/o. Priced to sell.
\$319,900 (P-889CF)



PLYMOUTH COLONIAL
Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath home within walking distance to downtown. Updates include roof, gutters, furnace, C/A, windows, paver Patio, & partially finished bsmt.
\$285,000 (P-656GL)



FANTASTIC BUY
Quiet court setting on this 4 bd, 2 bath cape cod. Many updates in 2006 including furnace, C/A, fresh paint, carpet, new driveway, & minutes to downtown Plymouth.
\$229,500 (P-955HA)



WESTLAND RANCH
3 bd, 1 bath home w/Livonia Schools, great curb appeal, clean & well maintained, new bathroom, 2 car Garage, great landscaping, & more.
\$139,000 (P-350HE)



STATELY PRESENCE
Beautifully situated on a corner lot backing to golf course. Open floor plan, dream Kitchen, Master w/spa bath, intercom, maintenance free Deck, 3 car Garage, & too much more to list.
\$435,000 (P-333IV)



MAINTENANCE FREE BUNGALOW
Check out this 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring large bedroom w/2 WIC's, finished bsmt w/fireplace & bar, 2 car Garage, private backyard, updated furnace, shingles, & windows. A must see to list.
\$127,900 (P-685NO)



COUNTRY IN THE CITY
Updated 4 bd country colonial w/hwd kitchen, furnace, C/A, roof, & baths. Oversized lot, Living Rm w/frpl, large Deck, circular drive, & lots of trees.
\$164,900 (C-437PA)



BRICK RANCH W/WALKOUT
Huge 4 bd brick ranch w/3.5 baths, finished walkout bsmt, Great Room w/frpl, 2.5 car att Garage, backs to commons & great location.
\$279,900 (C-281PA)



COZY & AFFORDABLE
Move in & relax in this ranch offering an updated Kit w/stain steel appl, Liv Rm w/hwd flooring, new roof in 2006. Garage, part finished bsmt, & party Deck in fenced yard.
\$119,900 (C-213PH)



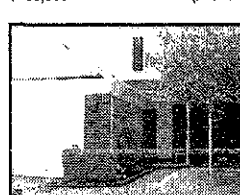
PLYMOUTH CONDO
Fantastic 3 bd, 3.5 bath condo w/an easy walk to downtown. 2 car attached Garage, lots of updates done in the last 2 years, too many to list.
\$214,990 (C-405PI)



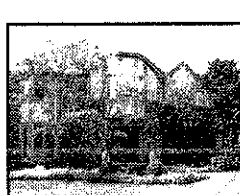
RAISED RANCH CONDO
Not many like this available. Very well taken care of 2 bd, 2 bath Plymouth condo offering finished bsmt, open floor plan, newer fixtures, beautiful Kitchen, & good location.
\$159,900 (C-471PO)



CHARMING CAPE COD
Spacious home w/over 2200 sq ft. Updated Kitchen, formal Liv Rm w/ new carpet, 1st fl laun, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Master w/WIC & bath, updated roof, furnace, C/A, carpet, flooring, & more.
\$235,900 (C-266PO)



JUST REDUCED!!
Recent price drop on this Westland condo w/Livonia schools. 2 bd, 2 baths, frpl, basement, Deck & master w/bath. All appliances included, plus low assoc dues.
\$125,900 (C-708PR)



FABULOUS LOCATION
Parklike 68 acre lot in farm Hills. 3000+ sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 bas, Deck w/ gazebo, Kit w/granite & corian, Fam Rm w/cath oeil, finished bsmt w/bath & sauna, 3 car Garage, & lush landscaping.
\$525,000 (C-811RA)



BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL
4 bd, 2.5 bath full brick home featuring ceramic flooring, large island Kitchen, 1st fl laundry, central vacuum, Fam Rm w/frpl, paver Patio, & sprinklers.
\$220,000 (C-740RA)



BETTER THAN NEW!
The work is done for you! Fresh paint & decorator touches t/o. Upgraded light fixtures, top of the line appl's, island Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl, Master w/vaulted ceiling, & area pool.
\$199,000 (C-756RA)



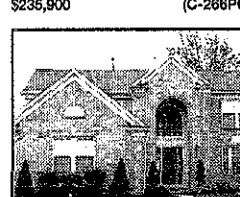
WHY RENT?
Own this lovely ranch on a corner lot. 1490 sq ft, huge new Fam Rm addition, Liv Rm w/frpl, appliances stay, excellent location, Garage, updated Kitchen, & more. A must see!
\$138,000 (C-754RE)



SUPERB PLYMOUTH RANCH
Welcome home! Spacious floor plan offers 2000 sq ft of living space, Great Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, Master w/2 WIC's & bath, finished bsmt, cedar closet, & 3 tier Deck.
\$299,900 (C-127RE)



STUNNING COLONIAL
Immaculate 4 bd colonial featuring 2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic baths, Master w/jetted tub & large WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laundry.
\$335,000 (C-755SH)



GREAT LOCATION
Beautiful 4 bd, 2.5 bath home in popular Canton sub. Open Kitchen w/hwd, all appl, formal Liv & DR, luxury Master w/jetted tub, 2nd floor laundry, & more.
\$269,900 (C-904ST)



FORGET ABOUT BUILDING!
Cape Cod w/premium lot backing to protected woods. Walkout bsmt w/ rec room, 5th bd, bath, & storage areas. Great potential for in-laws quarters, 2 story GR w/frpl, gour kit, 1st floor laun, & so much more.
\$374,900 (C-143SU)



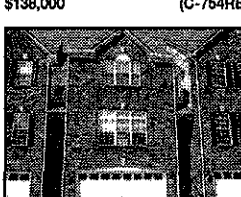
STOP, LOOK, BUY!
This turn key 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo has an excellent location, huge Master w/WIC, open floor plan, neutral decor, hwd floors, updated carpet, full bsmt, private Patio, & much more.
\$124,900 (C-599AR)



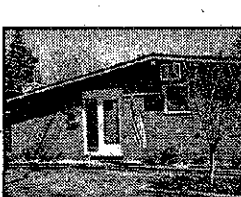
GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION
Pretty tree lined street, just a short stroll to downtown. 3-4 bds, 2 baths, hwd floors, coved ceilings, updated Kit & baths, large Fam Rm, screened rear porch, Library/Den, & brick paver Patio.
\$275,000 (C-478AR)



A BARGAIN IN THE CITY
Enjoy all the amenities that living in Plymouth has to offer. This super cute bungalow is loaded w/updates, too many to list. You have to see it to believe it! Don't wait to long.
\$179,900 (C-799AR)



PERFECTLY APPOINTED
This 2002 built Canton condo has it all! Gourmet Kitchen flooded w/ sunshine, 3 spacious bedrooms, loft, 2.5 baths, granite, Master w/bath & WIC, 2 car Garage, & finished lower level.
\$199,900 (C-654CH)



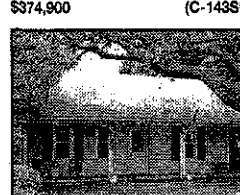
READY TO MOVE INTO!
Nice & open 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Westland, freshly painted & new carpet t/o, updated Kitchen, finished bsmt, large Great Room w/frpl, fantastic backyard, & more.
\$154,900 (C-274DO)



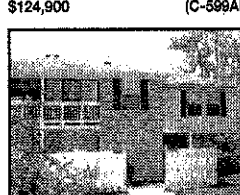
GREAT LOCATION
Situated on an oversized corner lot, just a short walk to neighborhood clubhouse, pool, park, & schools. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, 2 car Garage, huge backyard, & over 2000 sq ft.
\$249,900 (C-636ED)



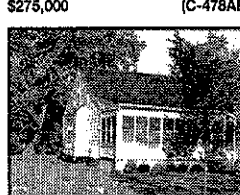
BACKS TO TREES & PARKS
Immaculately maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath Canton home. Updates include roof, windows, Kitchen, whirlpool tub, fresh paint, fresh landscaping, 1st fl laun, pool w/Deck, & more.
\$219,500 (C-607FA)



DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
Motivated seller offers this 4 bd, 1 bath home featuring a new oak Kitchen, freshly painted, 2 car Garage w/workshop, oversized lot, & 1st floor laun. Needs some more work but has potential.
\$99,900 (C-173GA)



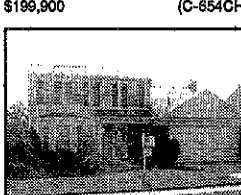
GREAT FIND!
Fabulous 2 bd, 2 bath condo in popular South Lyon neighborhood. 1139 sq ft, neutral decor, Master w/WIC, 3 season Florida Room, vaulted ceilings, & area pool & tennis.
\$99,900 (C-133GR)



HUGE YARD!
Lovely updated home on almost 1 acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, refinished hardwood floors, vinyl windows with warranty, & a 2 car garage.
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POPULAR NOVI LOCATION
Open floor plan w/extensive upgrades. 2 story Foyer, Liv & Din Rm, Fam Rm w/frpl, gourmet island Kitchen w/granite & cherry, Master w/frpl, finished walkout, paver Patio, & Deck.
\$419,999 (C-908LA)



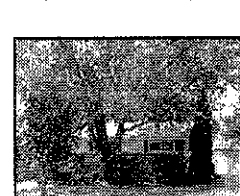
FANTASTIC HOME
This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, skylights, & too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see!
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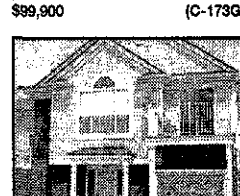
GREAT PLACE
Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd floors, updated Bath, newer furnace & C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, large yard w/fruit trees, & a home warranty.
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If you love extras this house is for you! New carpet, remodeled Kitchen, hot tub, indoor/outdoor speakers, new trees & an abundance of flowers in gorgeous fenced yard.
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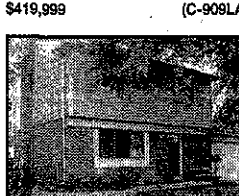
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Reduced for quick sale! This condo has it all...Master w/bath & WIC, spacious Great Rm w/doorwall leading to Deck, maple Kitchen, direct access Garage, & so much more.
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NOTHING TO DO BUT MOVE IN!
This beautifully updated ranch is sure to delight w/all rooms freshly painted, remod Kit w/ss appl's & granite, newer windows, roof, all appl's, & perfect fenced lot w/Deck & Patio.
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Cute ranch within walking distance to schools. Updates include newer roof, windows, & Kitchen cab's. 2.5 car Garage w/workbench, neutral decor, & so much more.
\$116,500 (C-730GL)



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Great 4 bd home on an oversized lot. Super clean, basement, 2.5 car Garage, appliances stay, & close to schools & shopping. Immediate Occupancy. Sellers transferred, must sell.
\$139,900 (C-541GL)



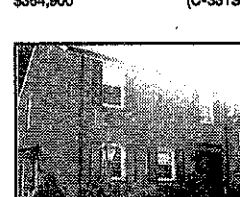
A RARE FIND
You'll fall for this park-like setting! Formal Liv & Din Rms, private Den, eat-in Kitchen w/hwd & all appl's, large Master w/spa bath & WIC, part finished bsmt w/home theater.
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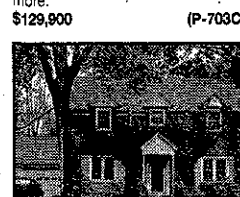
POPULAR BRADBURY CONDO
Unique open floor plan w/2 bd, 1.5 baths, large Master w/WIC, 1st fl laundry hook-up, part finished bsmt w/1/2 bath, new Deck, Adult community w/pool & clubhouse w/ activities.
\$128,500 (P-877NE)



DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE
This 3 bd, 2 bath Cape Cod features a remod Kit w/Pergo, remod baths, new carpet, updated elec, plumbing, furnace, C/A, & siding. Beautiful home, a must see!
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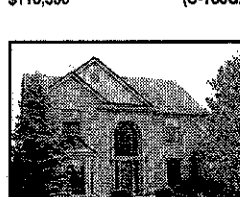
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\$139,900 (C-515RO)



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Come to a six-hour presentation to Learn How To Do a Mortgage Short Sale (discounted mortgage sale). Curtis Brooks, C.L.C. (certified life coach), will be the speaker. Presented by the Real Estate Investors Assoc. of Oakland 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy, Michigan. Cost \$49/person. Call (800) 747-6742.

Career Seminar

For anyone interested in a career in real estate, Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar on Friday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. and again on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Each seminar will take place at the Plymouth Market Center, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 (48170), a half city block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

Seminar

A "Foreclosure Homebuyers Seminar" will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. Learn about: How, Why and Where to Buy Foreclosures. Title? Mortgage? Inspections? Presented by Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate. Call to reserve a seat: (248) 293-0000.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present Real Advice for Builders, Part III: "Closing the Sales: Innovative Ways To Succeed In Today's Economy" on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Marriott Detroit Pontiac at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. The roundtable discussion will give participants an opportunity to network and exchange ideas on how to survive the current economic

conditions. A brief panel presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session between audience members and experts.

BIA First Vice President Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. will serve as moderator. Speakers include Wende Boerema of Boerema Chaben & Co., Barbara Gates of MJC Companies, Anita Blender of Bluerock Management, and Denise Contreras and Linda Spencer of New Home Resource.

Registration fees, including hors d'oeuvres and beverages, are \$50 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate Continuing Education course on Monday, Oct. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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

Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for Building Industry Association members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market, Part II" on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at LaSalle Bank Headquarters, 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Conference Rooms C & D.

Anita Blender of Bluerock Management will be joined by a local economist and a mortgage expert from LaSalle Bank to discuss how on-site sales professionals can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success.

Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$20 for BIA or AAM members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelers Council present an Off-Site Project Management seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified

Graduate Builder (CGB) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will review the role of the off-site project manager on a construction project. The seminar also will cover project planning, scheduling, reporting and documenting for record keeping and control purposes. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan residential builder's license examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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

Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "How To Conduct Outreach" course on Friday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

The course will focus on answers to these questions: What are we selling? Where can we market it? What is outreach and where do I begin? What is partnership marketing? How can I fit this into my existing schedule?

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

■ Apartment Association

of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "HVAC Heater Trouble Shooting" course on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive in Farmington Hills. The course will be a hands-on HVAC training program for your professional maintenance staff and will cover all of the gas and electric heater components and functions, trouble shooting and preventative maintenance.

Registration fees are \$40 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present a "How to Make the Parade of Homes Work for You" seminar as part of its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the LaSalle Bank Headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy. Attendees will learn how to take advantage of Parade of Homes as a comprehensive marketing program. Reservations are required to attend, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and new home sales representatives. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ The Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents its Master Certified New Home Sales Professional course (MCSP) "Essential Closing Strategies" on Wednesday, Nov. 14. In addition to MCSP credit, the course gives the students 2 units of credit toward a Council of Residential Specialists (CRS), Certified New Home Marketing Professional (CMP) or Member, Institute of Residential Marketing (MIRM) designation. The course provides participants with an opportunity to practice and rehearse the key words and phrases appropriate in a range of sales situations. Through realistic simulations, future sales leaders learn how to minimize common objections and win the confidence of prospective buyers. The class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. Registration fees are \$159 for SMC members, \$179 for BIA members and \$199 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present a scheduling seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Tuesday,

Nov. 20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will present methods to keep your projects running smoothly by learning how to set workable schedules. Participants will become comfortable with the latest tools for information and time management. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Are You Giving Away Your Asset? Leasing 101" seminar on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Condominium operation

Attorney Robert Meisner will offer a course on "Condominium Operation: Introduction to the Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 16 through Nov. 6, at the Bingham III Office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Price is \$110 for an attendee. The course is offered through the Oakland Community College Business Technology Center. Continuing education credit available, advance registration needed. For registration details, call (248) 522-3618.

Oakland Builders

■ Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Wayne-Westland Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, Oct. 30, Nov. 1, 6, and 8, from 6-10 p.m. at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland.

The course is for those who want

to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Oct. 26, to Wayne-Westland Community Education. Please call (734) 419-2425 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ Rochester Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars will offer a 16-hour seminar,

How To Build Your Own Home on Tuesday/Thursday, Oct. 30, Nov. 1, 6 and 8, from 6-10 p.m. at Adams High School, 3200 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills.

Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities. The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and more. Many hand-outs and guidance from an instructor who is also a builder. The seminar costs

\$199 plus \$30 for textbooks to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition.

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■ Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Bloomfield Hills Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Monday/Wednesday, Oct.

29, 31, Nov. 5 and 7, from 6-10 p.m. at Andover High School, 4200 Andover, Bloomfield Hills.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, Oct. 25, to Bloomfield Hills Community Education. Please call (248) 433-0885 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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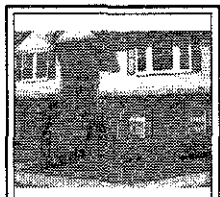
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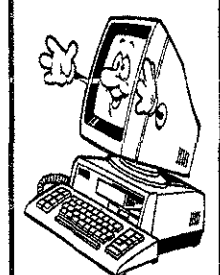
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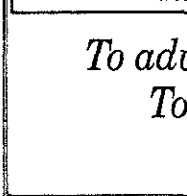
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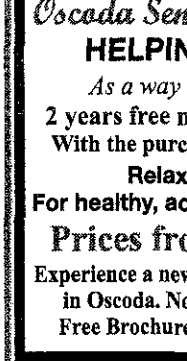
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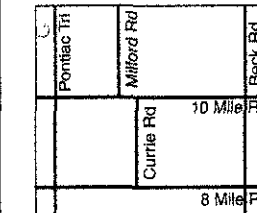
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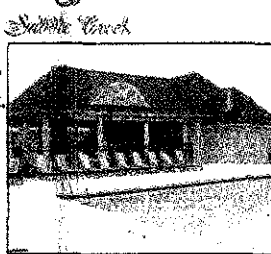
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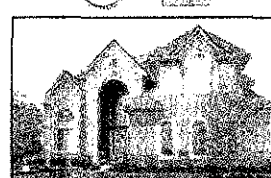


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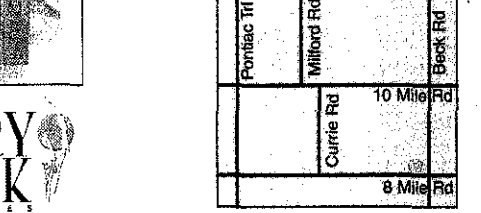
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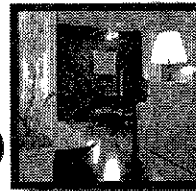
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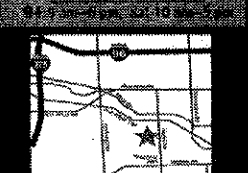
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DEVELOPING CONNECTIONS FOR SATISFYING EMPLOYMENT



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Many job seekers rely almost completely upon the Internet, to the near-exclusion of other methods by

which people find jobs. The

Internet seems easy to people who don't have connections and, further, don't know how to build them. Ripe for harvest are external customers, job fairs, former employers and networking.

EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS

Geologist Jon Trujillo is special projects manager at the Tucson office of War Eagle Mining Co., which specializes in recovering germanium, an advanced electronics material used, among others, by the military, and General Motors' products for night vision. He developed his own connection while working at a company that consulted to War Eagle. His current position, drawing on his strong computer modeling background, involves liaison with marketing, sales and the geology team. "It fits my skill set a lot better," he says. "There's a large commitment to travel (domestically and internationally), and the rhythm isn't predictable. Some months I'm out of the office 20 out of 30 days; others, I'm in the office 25 out of 30 days. I'm able to travel and be comfortable in different settings." He believes that if he hadn't been willing to travel, he never would have been hired.

JOB FAIRS

If current or former customers are dead ends, consider the story of the over-40 Anthony Ingram, who was out of work in Knoxville, Tenn., at the end of February. The

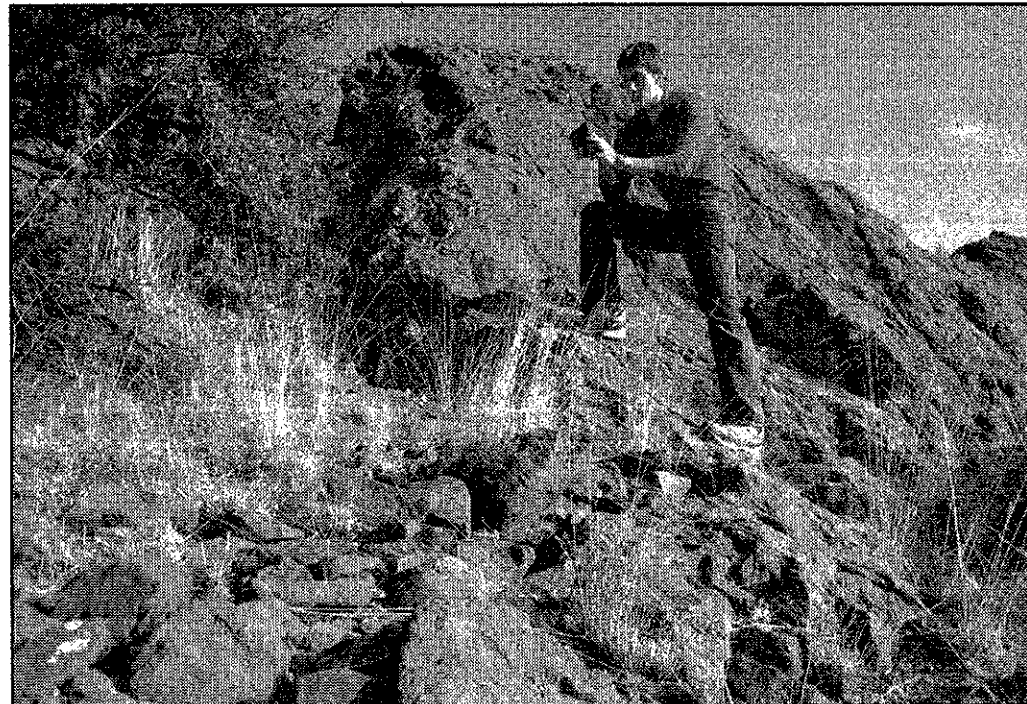
Knoxville News Sentinel was sponsoring a job fair in mid-May, but none of the jobs listed appealed to him. He wasn't going to go, until he realized that he could obtain free copies of his resume. He had another motivation -- the knowledge that job seekers can't predict where the best opportunity will crop up.

Dressed in a suit, unlike the misguidedly-popular dirty t-shirt, "I made a sweep of the entire room and returned to those who might be a good fit," Ingram says. "On my second walk-around, I approached two men, who turned out to be Boy Scouts." He's an Eagle Scout with Palms. The fact that he communicates well was a plus, especially when he said, "If you get me, you get my family. If I'm going to work 45 to 50 hours, I want to bring my wife in so she's fully on board." Asking that his wife be included made the connection. He holds the job of district executive in The Empowerment Zone in diverse inner-city Knoxville, which has a high poverty level.

FORMER EMPLOYERS

Reviving ties with a previous boss may open still another avenue. Based in St. Louis, Bill Keaggy is knowledge and content manager at XPLANE Corp., headquartered in Portland, Ore. He's on his second round with the company, which converts business information into compelling visual stories. Keaggy is creating a library that is both visual and written, and helping to develop a training system. He left the company for personal reasons in 2004 after a five-year stint. "I reconnected at the beginning of this year," he says. "I had never lost touch."

Keaggy credits the ease of the Internet to keeping current with a former company, then "reconnecting when it's appropriate on their Weblog or you see their company is hiring or



Jon Trujillo, geologist for War Eagle Mining, in the field inspecting geological samples.

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changing in some way. I approached (the process) from the standpoint of wanting to learn more." His low-keyed method put him to work.

CONTACT-BUILDING

Debbie Dettore of Freedom Organizing & Administrative Services in Phoenix clears administrative bottlenecks for companies to facilitate workflow. She demonstrated opportunity development acumen early. Illustrations in a college textbook on forms design caught her eye in the 80s. She liked them enough to track down the illustrator, a small business owner in Cleveland. Dettore

created a connection by making contact and was subsequently hired. "Since then," she comments, "most of the jobs and clients I've had have come through networking." One notable exception was the blind ad she responded to, which led to five happy years at a Fortune 500 company, building relationships and moving up, cut short only when she moved to Phoenix.

Job hunters with and without contacts can still make connections.

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Brighton 248-348-6430
Lovely Cape Cod Beautiful home on cul-de-sac. Enjoy wildlife of this area! Two story foyer, GR w/gas flr, Fin'd w/o LL, library, formal DR, mstr suite w/ jetted tub, 3 car gar.

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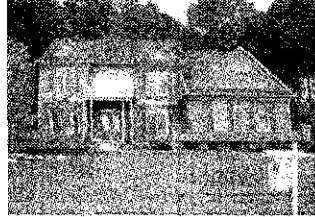
\$325,000



Brighton 248-437-3800
Gorgeous custom cape cod! Beautiful carved woodwork located near highways. Large lot size and quiet location makes this the perfect home. 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Large kitchen, much more!

(27082031)

\$299,000



Canton 248-348-6430
OUTSTANDING LOT! Fabulous 4 br, 3.2 ba colonial backing to woods, hrdwd flrs, spacious kitchen w/granite, 3 car garage, large deck, garden windows in basement.

(2714448)

\$650,000



Canton 734-455-7000
GLENGARRY COLONIAL W/1ST FLOOR LIBRARY! Spacious colonial w/4BR, 2BA, 1st flr library, hardwood flrs; huge 2nd flr laundry rm; elegant master suite w/shower & corner tub; newer deck.

(27170291)

\$316,000



Canton 734-455-7000
SO MUCH TO OFFER! Ceram flr in kit & foyer, Cath cell & skylights in fam rm. 2-tier deck, fin. bsmt w/wet bar & bath. Spotless! Home Warranty & Assoc. Dues for '07 pd at closing!

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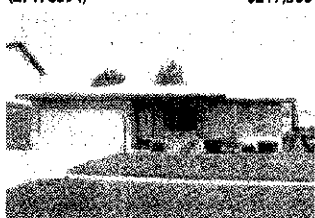
\$265,900



Canton 734-455-7000
UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! The Dalton offers 3BR/2.1BA, 2 car garage, balcony, geo-thermal heating & cooling, no gas bill. Upscale Brownstone in popular Uptown Canton.

(27178394)

\$217,500



Canton 248-348-6430
A joy for your family to live in Classic 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch. Hrdwd flr, oak cab, Corian cnts and ceramic bkspsh in kit. Gas FP and Skylight in FR. Mstr w/2 closets. LL w/lrg rec rm and office.

(27135370)

\$189,900



Canton 734-455-7000
FIRST-TIME BUYER ALERT! Lovely 3BR/2.1BA colonial. Spacious kitchen w/lots of storage. Family rm w/wood burning stove, finished bsmt. Full fenced yard with patio and goldfish pond.

(27092478)

\$161,900



Canton Twp 734-455-7000
GORGEOUS CONDO ON A CUL-DE-SAC! Backs to huge open field w/park-like setting. Col w/4BR/2.1BA. Many upgrades! Mstr ste w/whirlpool tub & his/her WIC closets. 1st flr Indry, LG deck & patio.

(27139771)

\$274,900



Commerce 248-684-1065
4 br, 2.5 ba home on lg wooded lot. 2 sty foyer, lib w/ french drs, DR w/ arched cell, LG kit w/ hrdwd flrs, dbl ovens, maple cabs & center island. Brkfst rm.

(27157000)

\$378,000



Farmington 248-348-6430
MAINTENANCE FREE BRICK RANCH 3 BR, 1.5 BA, basement, 2 car garage, frplc in LR, Lite, bright family room. Newer kit, all appliances, fenced yard & on a beautiful tree lined street.

(27091309)

\$179,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
3584 SF ON THE PARK Impressive home. Huge rooms & open flr plan. Oak flrs. 2007 carpet, paint, landscaping. 2006 windows. Newer shingles, doors, kitchen, vanities. Backs to neighborhood park.

(27134176)

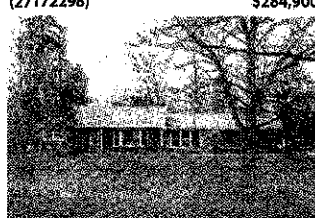
\$397,500



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
Home With An Up North Feel Home snuggled on almost 1/2 acre wooded lot. Remodeled KIT, LG DR, Spacious LR, partially fin'd bsmt. A gardener's delight w/ prized perennials & lots of trees.

(27172298)

\$284,900



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME ON 1 ACRE Backs up to wooded area. Newer furnace and AC. Beautiful fireplace, HWF in family room, Corian countertops. Lots of room to expand. Ready to move in!

(27179060)

\$169,900



Fenton 248-684-1065
Peaceful cul-de-sac. Mature lot w/ trees. Updated brick ranch w/ fin W/O. Mstr br w/ ba. Canal front leading to Dollar Lake & Little Long Lake. Nice park/beach.

(27098116)

\$195,000



Garden City 248-851-1900
LIKE HITTING THE JACKPOT! Totally remod corner lot w/ side entry garage. Cinder block construction. New Roof (rear off) Wet plaster walls, cove ceiling, hrdwd flrs. Just need cosmetics!

(27070414)

\$134,900



Garden City 734-326-2000
SO MUCH POTENTIAL! Desirable fenced corner lot w/ side entry garage. Cinder block construction. New Roof (rear off) Wet plaster walls, cove ceiling, hrdwd flrs. Just need cosmetics!

(27174800)

\$99,900



Hamburg 248-437-3800
Great family home! Newly remodeled main floor. New kitchen and bath. Finished walkout basement with full bath. Beautifully landscaped including 3 ponds. Open Sunday 12-4.

(27028879)

\$229,999



Highland 248-684-1065
Historical farmhouse on 5 ac. GR w/ hrdwd flr. Br in corner cab. Kit/Dining w/ D/W to deck. Huge barn. Mstr br w/ full ba & WIC. New carpet. 1st flr laun.

(27168093)

\$229,900



Howell 248-684-1065
Priv wooded setting. Open flr plan. Fr in LR, french doors to lib. LG bsr. Sitting area in mstr ste. Fla rm overlooking woods. Walk to downtown.

(27107498)

\$109,000



Huron Twp 734-326-2000
3 BR CAPE COD ON 1/2 ACRE Sold as is. 3 Bd, 1.5 BA. Good condition on wooded lot. 2nd fl if plumbed for full BA. All buyers must be pre-qualified by Countrywide at no cost to the Buyer.

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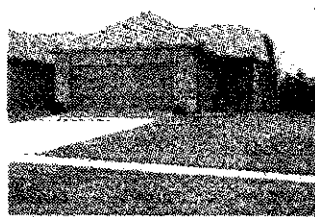
\$168,900



Linden 248-684-1065
Custom ranch on 5 wooded acres off private road. Open & airy floor plan w/ 10' ceilings, hickory hardwood floors. Dining area w/ bay window.

(27171868)

\$349,900



Linden 248-684-1065
Dare to Compare! Large side & back yard. 3bedrooms, 3 full baths. Partially finished basement. Huge master w/ bay window seat!

(27133778)

\$164,800



Livonia 248-348-6430
ENJOY PEACEFUL SETTING IN BACK OF SUB. Fantastic col w/updtd kit featuring granite counter & maple cabs. All newer appl stay. Relax on brand new deck or patio overlooking beautiful gardens & fountain.

(27089435)

\$269,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Livonia 3 Bath Colonial 2-story, living room w/stairway to master suite. Country kit fin BSMT, brick FP. LG deck & deep lot.

(27164829)

\$234,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Beautiful addition includes Fam RM w/FR MBR w/full ceramic BA 1st flr Indry rm or 4th BR. Updt maple kit, main BA, wins, roof, furnace, carpet, paint & more. Fin BSMT w/full BA & office.

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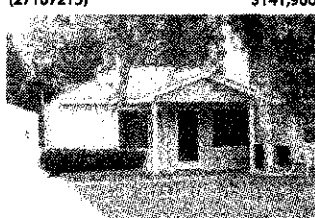
\$199,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
A beautiful house in a quiet nrbhd Beautiful 3BR/2BA (Possible 4th in Finished Basement) Ranch w/ att 2 1/2 side entry gar. Hrdwd flrs, two full baths. Fr in FR. Gorgeous deck in an enclosed bkyrd.

(27107215)

\$141,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Affordable Country Living In The City. Updated And Looking Good. This Is The One For You. Nice Quiet Street. Generous Room Sizes. Open Floor Plan. 1.5 Car Garage To Hold Your Car And Yard Tools.

(27144766)

\$127,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Cute brick ranch! 1700+ Sq. Ft. Brick Ranch, 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 2 Car Garage On A Half Acre Lot.

(27103600)

\$112,500



Lyon Township 734-455-7000
GREAT RANCH CONDO!! 2BR/2BA, lg. great rm/dining rm. Open kitchen and nook for easy entertaining. Cathedral ceilings, skylights and more. Still time to choose features and upgrades!

(27073963)

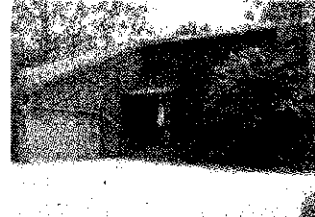
\$242,852



Milford 248-684-1065
3 car gar att & 3 car gar det. Deck & kol ponds. 2 st foyer & FR w/ fp. Dual stairs. Braz cherry flrs in LR, DR & FR. Limestone flrs in kit & foyer. Kit w/ SS.

(27121891)

\$725,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Updated home on 3 wooded acres. Open GR w/ cath cell, fp & DW to deck w/ 4-person hot tub. Kit & DR w/ hrdwd flrs, corian counters, dbl sinks. 1st flr mstr ste.

(27081484)

\$329,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Location and acreage! Open floor plan. Huge living room w/ stone fireplace. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Pull down attic storage, large laundry/mudroom.

(27150244)

\$189,800



Milford 248-684-1065
1.5 acres-secluded. Ranch w/ open flr plan. FR addition w/ double doors to fenced yard. Wood burning stove in LR. Aboveground pool. Workshop area in gar.

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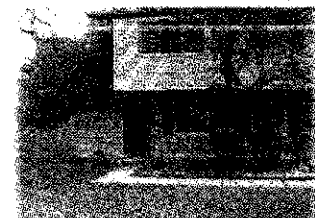
\$189,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Bargain hunter? This is the best deal in village. Great flr plan w/ tons of wndws & storage. GR w/ vaulted cell. Huge eat-in kit. Deck off DR. Mstr w/ ba. Bsmr.

(27152144)

\$134,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Adorable, updated end unit condo. Priv entry & patio w/ view of Moore Lake. Spacious bsr, lg LR, washer & dryer in unit. Kit remodeled in 2007.

(27167612)

\$98,000



Northville 248-851-1900
RELAXING VIEW OF LAKE! BEAUTIFUL Like new 2001 brick colonial w/2 story foyer & FR, oak flrs, open flr plan, dual staircases. 9' ceiling on 1st flr. MBR cathedral ceiling. 4 BR, 3 full BA, 3 car gar.

(27157360)

\$537,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Executive 4 BR 2.1 bath colonial, gourmet kitchen w/island & Corian. 2nd flr laundry, newly painted inside & out, brick paver patio, view of park

(27172744)

\$525,000



Northville 248-348-6430
4 BR, 3.5 BA HOME Owners have lavished care and charm into this lovely home. Move in just when the gardens burst w/brilliant color. Lovely hrdwd flrs, stunning kit, fin LL.

(27078291)

\$429,900



NORTHVILLE DELIGHT! Spacious, 1st flr newer 2BR/2BA condo. Better than new! Open contemporary look. Nice complex w/modern clubhouse.

(27127708)

\$169,500



Northville 248-348-6430
3 car gar att & 3 car gar det. Deck & kol ponds. 2 st foyer & FR w/ fp. Dual stairs. Braz cherry flrs in LR, DR & FR. Limestone flrs in kit & foyer. Kit w/ SS.

(27095957)

\$149,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Spacious Ranch on Large Lot Orchard Hills on a lg lot. GR w/FR doors. Kit w/isld cooktop. Title entry w/2 lg closets. LR & sep den. Fin'd bsmt, LL laundry and glass block. Home Warranty.

(27139268)

\$219,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Urban hip condo with suburban comfort Beautiful newer condo in great location near downtown Novi. 2 br, 2 ba, finished LL. Upgrades include hardwood floors, security system, gas fireplace in GR.

(27172319)

\$200,000



Novi 248-348-6430
OUTSTANDING VALUE ON THIS END UNIT CONDO! Wonderful condo w/new flr in entry, kit & breakfast nook w/sliding door leading to priv fenced patio. 2 lg br w/priv ba & new crpt. Comfortable LR w/frplc.

(27096094)

\$152,500



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Location & Great Price! Very well maintained condo that is tastefully decorated in neutrals, newer flooring, windows, roof & more, basement is partially finished, private patio.

(27166924)

\$115,000



Plymouth 248-851-1900
QUEEN ANNE STYLE Addition/remodel in 2001. New MBR suite, breakfast & family rooms, 1st flr laundry. 2 HUAC systems, wood floors, stainless appliances, deck, fenced.

(27033422)

\$389,500



Redford 248-437-3800
Custom Cape Cod! Remodeled in '02. Home has 2 beautiful fireplaces, large spacious rooms, oversized 2 car garage and more!

(27148702)

\$149,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Newer colonial on 1+ Acres! Large living room w/gas fireplace. Formal dining room w/bay window, country kitchen. Bonus room, master suite, first floor laundry and full basement.

(27155807)

\$299,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Tastefully decorated home! Open kitchen with rich granite counters, soaring ceilings with custom stone fireplace and mantel. Upper loft offers a private retreat and much more!

(27093343)

\$298,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Newer quality built colonial! Home has loads of up-grades! Living room has gas fireplace, kitchen with breakfast nook, 1st floor laundry and master w/2 walk-in closets. Bonus room and more.

(27140023)

\$289,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Exquisite Cape Cod! On cul-de-sac. Loads of upgrades. Kitchen w/breakfast bar and dining area. Loft overlooks 2 story great room! 1st floor master w/b

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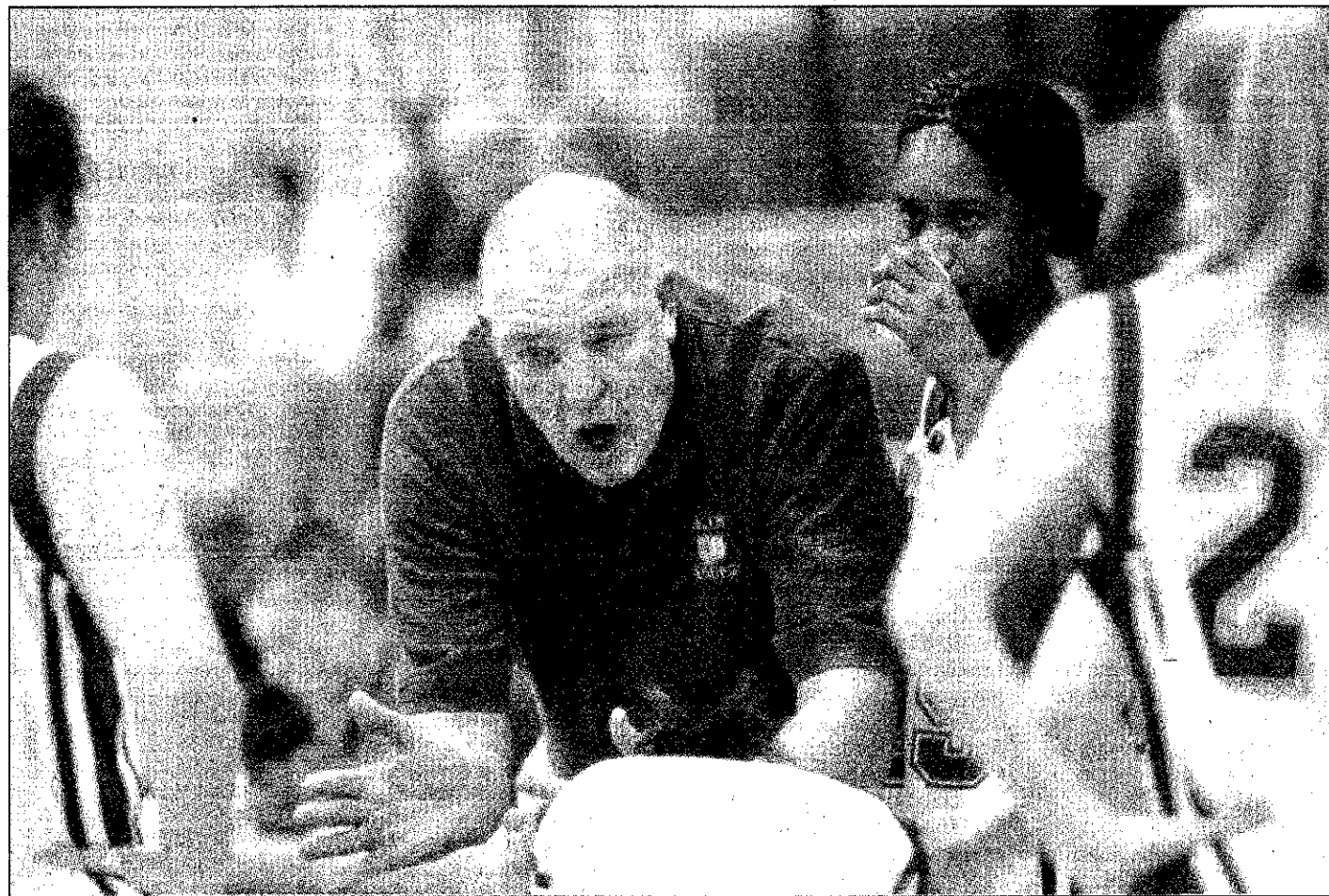


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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall of Fame Friday during a ceremony in Lansing. The former Michigan State University standout has chalked up 673 victories in 40 years of coaching.

The ultimate honor

Salem's Thomann inducted into BCAM Hall of Fame

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Fred Thomann remembers his first official day of coaching high school basketball almost like it was yesterday — even though the 40th anniversary of that day is right around the corner.

"I walked into the gym at Willow Run High School in 1967 and there were about 100 young players there for try-outs," Thomann reflected. "I thought to myself, 'What in the heck am I going to do with these guys?'"

What he did was lead the Flyers to a

Please see **THOMANN, C2**



Fred Thomann (center) is pictured at the BCAM Hall of Fame induction ceremony with his current assistant coaches Rick Berberet (left) and Bill Mair.

MHSAA seeks your opinions

An unprecedented online survey to measure attitudes toward educational athletics was launched Monday by the Michigan High School Athletic Association — a poll that will be used to help plot future extra-curricular programming for schools.

"Have Your Say: The High School Sports Opinion Poll" is a 54-question survey that the MHSAA wants everyone affiliated with high school sports, sports fans in general, and the general public to take part in. Questions will be asked about media sources people use to follow high school sports, their attendance at high school sporting events, corporate sponsorship of high school sports, sportsmanship and the role that high school sports serve.

All questions will ask participants to respond on a scale of "Strongly Agree" to "Strongly Disagree," using a sliding button to submit their answers. An opportunity to provide additional comments, school affiliation and involvement in school and non-school sports are other pieces of information survey takers will be asked to provide.

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

"We are exploring a number of issues affecting schools sports, and doing this first-of-a-kind survey to find out what people think about educational athletics will help us plan to keep these activities relevant to kids and schools through the next generation," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA.

The survey, available on the MHSAA Web site, will run through Nov. 5.

Roberts added that the survey has been structured so it can be repeated on a scheduled basis to measure how views and attitudes about different aspects of school sports may change over time.

The survey can be found at www.mhsaa.com/haveyoursay.

Sidelines

YMCA basketball

YMCA basketball leagues are currently forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 14 years old. The fall session will run from Oct. 22 to Dec. 14. The winter session will run from Jan. 14, 2008, to March 14, 2008. There will be one practice per week and one game per week. The cost of each session is \$72 for program members and \$104 for community members. Players who register for both programs prior to Oct. 11 will receive a free basketball. All participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, which costs \$15. Call (734) 453-2904.

Compuware job

The Plymouth Whalers and Compuware Arena are looking for a front office coordinator.

The position calls for assisting with all aspects of Compuware Arena front-office needs. In addition, the role will support additional arena ticket sales and arena service sales to current and potential customers. The person will work flexible hours including weeknights and weekends.

If interested, send resumes to (734) 453-3427 or to jobs@plymouthwhalers.com.

MISL on TV

Fox Soccer Channel and the Major Indoor Soccer League announced a two-year broadcasting agreement to televise league matches beginning this November through the 2008-09 season. The partnership represents the MISL's most comprehensive national television coverage in its seven-year history.

The 20-match regular season telecast schedule for 2007-08 commences on Friday, Nov. 16, with the three-time MISL champion Baltimore Blast hosting the expansion La Raza de Monterrey. The complete schedule, which concludes March 28, 2008, will be announced at a later date.

Salem's Jamie Bricker blasts out of a sand trap during Tuesday's WLAA conference meet at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course. Bricker carded an 18-hole score of 125 on the challenging par 72 layout.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustangs run away with WLAA golf title

See golf tournament results, C3.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill senior Shannon Warner hadn't won the Western Lakes Activities Association girls golf tournament since her freshman year when she shot a course-record 71.

After a two-year WLAA drought, the two-time defending Division 1 state medalist turned in a blistering 18-hole round of 67 Tuesday at Canton's Pheasant Run to regain medalist honors, nine shots ahead of runner-up Sarah Johnson of Walled Lake Central, who shot a 76. Defending champion Alicia Weber of Northville was third with a 78.

But despite Warner's 67 and junior Lexi McFarlane's 84, the Chargers were eight strokes off the pace in the team standings

and had to settle for second place behind Northville, which finished with 345.

Churchill, the dual meet champion with an 11-0 record, and Northville, which finished 10-1, share overall first-place WLAA team honors.

"We played well, but Northville shot a great score today," Churchill coach Gary Harper said. "A 353 (team total) is a winning score almost at any tournament. We hope to shoot that number Thursday at the (Division 1) regional (at Giant Oak), and if we do that we'll be all set."

"We had a good year. We gave it a good run at the conference meet and have nothing to feel bad about. We still had a successful year."

Warner had a total of seven birdies on hole numbers 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 18. On No. 12, the senior was slightly off the green and chipped in. She bogeyed numbers

7 and 8.

"I tried to play well, not force anything, go with the flow and be patient," Warner said. "I wanted to keep it in the fairway and hit greens. That's the key to every course. I played well. My one bad drive I got lucky. It was a centimeter from being out of bounds (on the par-5, No. 4) and I ended up with a birdie."

Even more remarkable is the fact that Warner is juggling two sports during the fall season. She plays as a back-row defensive specialist for the defending state Class A champions. Warner had to miss volleyball practice Tuesday, which goes normally from 3-to-5 p.m., to play in the WLAA golf tournament.

There's only one drawback. "Sometimes I have to rush (to volleyball) when I have league matches," Warner said.

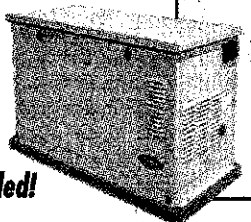
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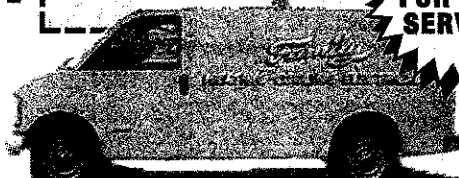
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THOMANN

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Class B state championship.

Not bad for a 25-year-old elementary school physical education teacher with no prior head-coaching experience. The amazing feat proved to be just the tip of the coaching iceberg for Thomann, who has gone on to earn 673 victories.

On Friday night, the 65-year-old Thomann was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing.

"You don't know what you don't know until you're the head coach," said Thomann, looking back at his early days of coaching. "I started attending basketball clinics every summer to learn as much as I could — and I still try to get to at least one clinic a year because there's always a new innovation or a new wrinkle you can pick up."

Longtime Rock

The bulk of Thomann's wins have come at Salem High School, where he's coached either the boys or girls teams since 1972.

"I have the utmost respect for Fred as a person and a coach," said Bob Blohm, a longtime girls basketball coach at Canton and Salem who retired in 2005. "It was an honor to have worked with and competed against Fred over the past 30 years."

"Fred's an outstanding coach because of his ability to teach the game and prepare his teams for competition. His hard work and dedication to basketball have not only benefitted his teams, but also many coaches like myself as well as the Plymouth-Canton area."

Health scare

Thomann's induction came just six weeks after he underwent a triple-bypass procedure that improved blood flow to and from his heart. An EKG a few days before the operation revealed that three of Thomann's arteries were blocked as much as 80 percent.

"I feel a lot better now than I did two or three weeks ago, but I'm still not close to where I was earlier this year," said Thomann. "I'm really looking forward to coaching the girls this year. I have a good group of players coming back and they had a nice summer. Four or five of them came up to see me in the hospital, which was nice."

Illustrious playing career

Although he had no head-coaching experience when he took over at Willow Run in '67, Thomann had some serious basketball credentials. Following a stellar high school career at Taylor Center High School during which he was named All-State his senior season, the 6-foot-9 Thomann excelled at Michigan State University.

Among the players he battled in the paint were future NBA stars Jerry Lucas and John Havlicek of Ohio State; the University of Michigan's Cazzie Russell and Bill Buntin; and Iowa's Don Nelson, who's currently coaching the NBA's Golden State Warriors.

"We tied for third in the Big 10 my senior year," remembered Thomann. "But back then only 16 teams made it to the NCAA's, so we didn't get in."

"After I graduated from Michigan State, I had a try-out with the Knicks, then I played semi-pro ball for a couple of years before I got into teaching," Thomann's first coaching job came as a volunteer assistant for Bill McCartney at Detroit Holy Redeemer.

"I knew then that I'd eventually end up being a head coach somewhere," he said. "I loved the sport and I loved coaching it."

Thomann coached the boys basketball team at Salem from 1972 to 1984.

He coached both the boys and girls teams in 1984 before focusing on just the girls program the following season.

Thomann's teams have advanced to the state semifinal round four times.

He's also engineered six Regional titles, 20 district championships and 21 league crowns.

"The best part about it for me has been having the opportunity to work with so many young players who have dedicated themselves to taking their game to the next level," said Thomann. "Every season is exciting because I get to work with a new group that has different dynamics than the year before. I enjoy having to figure out how to get the most out of each team."

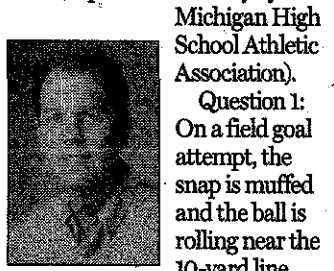
"Some years you figure it out, some years you don't." Most years Thomann's figured it out — and he has a Hall of Fame plaque to prove it.

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Let's see if you really know football rules

So you think you know your high school football rules?

Before you yell at your local referee at the next game you attend, see you if can correctly answer these two sample questions (as provided recently by the



Brad Emons

Michigan High School Athletic Association). Question 1: On a field goal attempt, the snap is muffed and the ball is rolling near the 10-yard line.

The kicker, who also plays soccer, kicks the rolling

ball off the ground and through the uprights. The correct ruling on the play is ...

A. Successful field goal; score three points.

B. Foul for an illegal kick; if the penalty is accepted, penalize 15 yards from the previous spot and replay the down. If the penalty is declined, the field goal is good, score three points.

C. Foul for an illegal kick; if the penalty is accepted, penalize 15 yards from the previous spot and replay the down. If the penalty is declined, the result of the play is a touchback by virtue of the illegal kick.

D. None of the above.

Question 2: MHSAA playoff game. The visiting team runs a play, which is followed immediately by the home team's band playing the school fight song. The band must stop playing ...

A. Whenever it feels like it; there is no regulation that deals with bands.

B. When the visiting team breaks the huddle or when the ball

GRID PICKS

is marked ready for play if the visitors are using a "no huddle" offense.

C. The home team band may play as long as the visiting team band is playing at the same time.

D. None of the above.

As you mull over the correct answers, let's go upstairs and review the local playoff scenario with only two weeks left.

As we all should know, both Livonia Stevenson (7-0) and Livonia Churchill (6-1) are already ticketed for the postseason. Meanwhile, Redford Covenant (5-2) gets a bye this week by virtue of a forfeit win over Waterford Mount Zion and will join the playoff qualifiers.

Among the 4-3 teams knocking on the door are Canton (58.875 points), Westland John Glenn (54.871) and Plymouth (52.714).

Canton closes out its season against 6-1 Churchill and 1-6 Salem, while Plymouth gets an easier path against 1-6 Salem, a team it has already beaten, and 0-7 Romulus. Glenn probably has the toughest task beating 3-4 Livonia Franklin and 3-4 Wayne Memorial. Among 3-4 teams are currently on life support include: Redford Union (46.817), Franklin (44.714), Wayne (43.0) and Lutheran High Westland (28.714).

RU doesn't get much help from its last two opponents, 0-7 Lincoln Park and 1-6 Redford Thurston.

Wayne has a rematch this week with 2-5 Walled Lake Central and finishes with Glenn, while Franklin takes on Glenn this week in a rematch and finished with Churchill.

Lutheran Westland takes on 3-4 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and 2-5 Rochester Hills Lutheran

Northwest to end the season.

As far as the prediction race, I reestablished myself last week going 11-1 to improve to 59-21 overall. Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright went 9-3 and now stands 55-25, while Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith also went 9-3 and is 53-27, six games off the lead.

Answer to Question 1 (C); and Question 2 (B).

Here is a look at this weekend's slate of games:

FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 7 P.M.)

W.L. WESTERN (6-1, 5-0) AT LIV. STEVENSON (7-0, 5-0): The state-ranked Spartans are gunning for their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association championship. Walled Lake Western hopes that a competitive week-in and week-out Western Division schedule will pay off with an upset win.

PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

CANTON (4-3, 3-2) AT LIV. CHURCHILL (6-1, 4-1): After divisional losses to Plymouth and Walled Lake Western, the Chiefs appeared to be dead in the water. Now given new life, a win over playoff-bound Churchill will put the Chiefs in prime position for their eighth straight playoff berth.

PICKS: Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Churchill).

LIV. FRANKLIN (3-4, 3-2) AT WESTLAND GLENN (4-3, 3-2): Franklin had high expectations during the preseason, only to be derailed by the Rockets in the season opener at EMU, 26-17, sending the Patriots in a three-game spiral to start the season. Glenn, meanwhile, is fighting for its playoff life.

PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Smith (Franklin).

WAYNE (3-4, 2-5) AT W.L. CENTRAL (2-5, 2-3): These two teams met in the second week of the season with Wayne rolling to a 33-14 win. If the Zebras could hold second half leads, they might be a perfect 7-0. Central, meanwhile, is coming off a 39-8 loss to Stevenson.

PICKS: Emons (Wayne); Wright (Central); Smith (Central).

PLYMOUTH (4-3, 2-5) VS. SALEM (1-6, 1-4) AT P-CEP:

These two teams also met during the second week with the Wildcats cruising 31-14. Salem lost last week to Glenn, 43-6, while Plymouth has to regroup after falling to Walled Lake Western, 40-27.

PICKS: Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth).

REDFORD UNION (3-4, 2-5) AT LINCOLN PARK (0-7, 0-5): The Jekyll-and-Hyde Panthers whipped up on Taylor Kennedy last week in a Mega-White matchup, 44-26, while Lincoln Park, which has scored only 18 points all year, fell to Wyandotte, 41-0.

PICKS: Emons (RU); Wright (RU); Smith (RU).

MELVINDALE (6-1, 4-1) AT GARDEN CITY (2-5, 1-4): The Cardinals are in the playoff after romping past Thurston last week, 41-2. The Cougars, meanwhile, hope to parlay their 24-14 win over Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

PICKS: Emons (Melvindale); Wright (Melvindale); Smith (Melvindale).

ROMULUS (0-7, 0-5) AT RED. THURSTON (1-6, 1-4): Late-season pride is on the line in this week in this Mega Blue encounter. Thurston lost to playoff-bound Melvindale, 41-2, while playoff-bound Ypsilanti routed Romulus, 42-7.

PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston).

MONTROSE (6-1, 4-1) AT LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (1-6, 1-5): This is a non-conference matchup with playoff-bound Montrose, coming off a 35-12 win over Durand, leading the Genesee Area Conference's Red Division and a playoff rating of 69.285. Clarenceville played virtually mistake-free football in last week's week 26-14 setback to 6-1 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

PICKS: Emons (Montrose); Wright (Montrose); Smith (Montrose).

SATURDAY'S GAME

LIV. WESTLAND (3-4, 2-3) AT B.H. CRANBROOK (3-4, 3-2, 1P.M.): The Warriors led 6-1 Macomb Lutheran North 15-14 at halftime last week before crashing and burning in a 49-15 loss. Cranbrook is coming off a 35-14 victory over winless Hamtramck.

PICKS: Emons (Cranbrook); Wright (Cranbrook); Smith (Cranbrook).

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Chief kickers battle Pioneer to draw

Canton's soccer team prepared for Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game with Livonia Stevenson by playing state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer to a 1-1 draw Monday night at the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

The draw left the Chiefs with a 11-3-4 record.

Junior forward Sherif Hassanien spotted the Chiefs a 1-0 advantage just over two minutes into the second half when he scored off passes from Kyle Breitmyer and Tim Belcher.

The Pioneers countered with 25:12 left to knot the game at 1-1.

Nick Turnbull was spectacular between the pipes for Canton, stopping 10 Pioneer shots.

Canton opens the Division 1 District tournament on

PREP SOCCER

Monday when it hosts Livonia Stevenson in a game slated to kick off at 7 p.m. on the PCEP varsity soccer pitch.

NORTHVILLE 1, SALEM 0: On Monday, the Rocks closed out their regular-season slate with a hard-luck loss to the visiting Mustangs that dropped their record to 6-5-10.

The game's lone goal came on Mustang forward Masato Morioka's penalty kick midway through the first half. The PK came after a Rock player was whistled for a hand ball in the 18-yard box.

"We had plenty of time to get the equalizer, but we couldn't get it in," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Even though we lost, I thought we played very, very well against a very good Northville team."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO 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. Thursday, October 25, 2007 for the following:

CARNIVAL ATTRACTION - 2008

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, 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

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- October 2, 2007

A regular joint study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton and the Planning Commission held Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo, Kirchgatter Staff Present: Director Faas, Cathy Johnson, Ron Leiberman, Vic Gustafson, Greg Greene, Angela Wolosiewicz, Jeff Goulet, Katie Bovitz (7:15 p.m.), Damon Garrett (7:15 p.m.) **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. 2007 Land Use and Zoning Study** These changes will respond to current trends in residential/commercial, balance tax base and adopt new market segments for new housing options. Topics discussed: Office/Residential Future Land Use Designation, Condominiums in the R-1 through R-5 Zoning Districts, Active Adult Residential Communities (AAs) - Zoning and Density, Future Land Use on the South Side of Michigan Avenue, Residential Densities on Ford Road West of Ridge, Lotz/Ford Road Corridor - South of Ford Road, Residential Development Completion Policy, Private Road Requirements for Commercial Developments, Commercial-National Tenant Logos/Signs/Design **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 9:54 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - 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 Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: October 11, 2007

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4039 - Paula Williams-Hesterly - Mattress, Desk, Stereo
4047 - Jeffery Ensign - 2 Totes, Misc Items
4053 - Jennifer Gebhardt - Couch, Twin Bed, Dresser
4148 - David Fuller - TV Stand, Misc Items
4155 - Toni Venturrella - 8 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
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4226 - Toni Venturrella - Washer, 12 Boxes, Mattress
5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

RFP-USF FORM 470/YEAR 11 - Plymouth Canton Community Schools is accepting Bids for telecommunication and internet access services for Universal Services Fund (USF) E-rate Program - Year 11 funding (2008-09 School Year). Specifications are available at the following web site: <http://triple-r.us/erate/RFP-PCCSY11.pdf>.

Bidders may also obtain, upon request, a copy of the RFP at the **MERGEFIELD "Building Name" E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170**. RFP's will be received in the Technology Department until 2:00P.M., October 15, 2007. All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to James Casteel at 734.416.2708. The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education reserves the right to reject or decline any/all Bids received.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

WAYNE COUNTRY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Oct. 6 at Willow Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Detroit Mumford, 102 points; 2. Salem, 105; 3. Northville, 118; 4. Dearborn Fordson, 127; 5. Grosse Pointe South, 134; 6. Livonia Churchill, 141; 7. Canton, 204; 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 205; 9. Livonia Franklin, 225; 10. Plymouth, 246; 11. Wyandotte, 259; 12. Trenton, 273; 13. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 362; 14. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 370; 15. Westland John Glenn, 476; 16. Gibraltar Carlson, 505; 17. Lutheran High Westland, 516; 18. Detroit Cesar Chavez, 523; 19. Redford Union, 546; 20. Riverview, 581; 21. Southgate Anderson, 615; 22. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 626; 23. Allen Park Cabrini, 633; 24. Allen Park, 644; 25. Detroit Cass Tech, 656; 26. Belleville, 707; 27. Garden City, 756.
Individual winner: Isaiah Ward (Mumford), 16 minutes, 12 seconds (5,000 meters).
Salem finishers: 5. Kevin deBour, 16:30; 7. Rob Curtis, 16:38; 9. Craig Cowing, 17:07; 27. Mike Charara, 17:15; 51. Jason Smith, 17:57; 58. Alex Volstromer, 18:03; 59. Eric Voistromer, 18:03.
Churchill finishers: 8. Mark Waterbury, 16:42; 9. Joe Varilone, 16:43; 31. Nathan Wise, 17:20; 37. Brandon Grysko, 17:35; 62. Paul Folk, 18:05; 76. Michal Schmidt, 18:23; 90. Mark Freyberg, 18:40.
Canton finishers: 13. Duncan Spitz, 16:53; 20. Kyle Clinton, 17:08; 34. Derek Hoerman, 17:24; 57. David Catalan, 18:02; 93. Gregory Reed, 18:43; 97. Michael Elmers, 18:51; 120. Aaron McClellan, 19:26.
Franklin finishers: 17. Evan Sirena, 17:03; 30. Michael Kratochivich, 17:19; 61. Dylan Taylor, 18:05; 63. Peter Walblay, 18:06; 69. Douglas Cole, 18:12; 96. Jason

Riffel, 18:47; 110. Robert Freed, 19:15.
Plymouth finishers: 23. Justin Huey, 17:12; 36. Derek Lax, 17:30; 56. Matthew Neumann, 18:01; 70. Alexander Noble, 18:13; 78. Warren Buzzard, 18:27; 105. Lucas Seibel, 19:07; 108. James Eiben, 19:14.
John Glenn finishers: 83. Daniel McCahill, 18:29; 94. Tim Boes, 18:44; 101. Michael Gardner, 18:57; 112. Jeffrey Adkins, 19:16; 124. Eric Mlynar, 19:47; 175. Gary Lawrence, 22:18; 183. Ryan Vichinski, 23:22.
Garden City finishers: 103. Michael Nordby, 19:01; 173. Matt Westra, 22:16; 176. Masson Mitchell, 22:31; 178. Mark Brissette, 22:53; 186. Josh Avery, 24:36.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 43 points; 2. Northville, 84; 3. Plymouth, 127; 4. Canton, 150; 5. Salem, 203; 6. Trenton, 216; 6. Grosse Pointe South, 231; 8. Livonia Ladywood, 252; 9. Wyandotte, 255; 10. Allen Park, 264; 11. Southgate Anderson, 264; 12. Grosse Pointe North, 282; 13. Detroit Renaissance, 306; 14. Livonia Franklin, 313; 15. Belleville, 348; 16. Westland John Glenn, 384; 17. Garden City, 387; 18. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 524; 19. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 534; 20. Allen Park Cabrini, 547; 21. Gibraltar Carlson, 631; 22. Lutheran Westland, 646.
Individual winner: Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 19 minutes (5,000 meters).
Churchill finishers: 1. McFarlane, 19:00; 4. Alyssa Mira, 19:41; 5. Sara Kroil, 19:46; 12. Amanda Southwell, 20:16; 5. Hannah Otto, 20:40; 33. Michelle Verellen, 21:09; 35. Kim Verellen, 21:14.
Plymouth finishers: 3. Kelly Hahn, 19:34; 13. Molly Slavens, 20:17; 20. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:35; 40. Paula Green, 21:28; 51. Brianna Hessler, 21:54; 56. Sarah Brown, 22:05; 82. Elise Chagas, 22:54.
Canton finishers: 6. Rachel Rohrbach, 19:54; 11. Sarah Thomas, 20:15; 27. Blanca Kubicki, 20:56;

39. Katherine Rymond, 21:24; 72. Abigail Gorzalski, 22:31; 94. Paula Schubas, 23:16; 113. Katherine Galm, 23:56.
Salem finishers: 26. Jordyn Moore, 20:55; 30. Kelly Determan, 21:02; 42. Linda Ling, 21:35; 44. Shannon Griffiths, 21:38; 65. Sabrina, 22:22; 79. Lauren Olson, 22:40; 102. Kortney Marsh, 23:30.
Ladywood finishers: 24. Megan Yanik, 20:49; 34. Amanda Field, 21:11; 62. Becky Babon, 22:19; 69. Cathy Wojtanowski, 22:26; 77. Julia Kenney, 22:38; 100. Emily Bambach, 23:27; 118. Mallory Tomaszewski, 24:11.
Franklin finishers: 46. Megan Wickens, 21:43; 54. Brittany Dilley, 21:58; 59. Mallory Church, 22:14; 81. Kelly Walblay, 22:53; 87. Victoria Church, 23:01; 105. Breanna Minnick, 23:41; 116. Shannon Niznik, 24:02.
John Glenn finishers: 32. Stacey Richardson, 21:03; 37. Ashley Bailey, 21:17; 68. Megan Nikula, 22:25; 130. Evi Cenoli, 25:08; 136. Michelle Levy, 25:28.
Garden City finishers: 8. Courtney Plummer, 20:06; 75. Bobbi Beveridge, 22:35; 90. Christina Milne, 23:07; 103. Rachel Szczembara, 23:30; 133. Olivia Longuski, 25:19; 141. Whitney Spencer, 25:42; 163. Jennifer Nichols, 29:27.
Lutheran Westland finishers: 110. Hannah Mielke, 23:53; 134. Miriam Pranske, 25:20; 146. Danielle Voetberg, 26:11; 148. Megan Kozt, 26:20; 150. Amber Pniwski, 26:27; 157. Ashley Pniwski, 27:02; 160. Megan Fisher, 28:27.
Wayne finishers: 117. Claire Moro, 24:03; 144. Esmeralda Rivera, 25:55; 147. Melissa Smith, 26:13; 158. Chelsea Gilbert, 27:21.
RU finishers: 52. Sara Miller, 21:56; 55. Amanda Milley, 22:03; 107. Virginia Sentman, 23:43; 140. Amanda Fross, 25:39.

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TUESDAY AT CANTON
200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Mandy Nameth, Annemarie Brinkman, Shannon Kelly), 2:07.99; 2. Canton, 2:10.31; 3. Canton, 2:16.40.
200 freestyle: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:07.43; 2. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:16.42; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 2:16.78.

200 IM: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 2:07.77; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:23.65; 3. Keri Santeu (LL), 2:35.54.
50 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 26.81; 2. Shannon Kelly (LL), 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 27.82.
1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 168.85 points; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 184.20; 3. Robyn Prowar (C), 162.75.
100 butterfly: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 1:10.42; 2. Kelley Hodges (LL), 1:11.97; 3.

Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 1:14.42.
100 freestyle: 1. Shannon Kelly (LL), 1:01.81; 2. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:02.19; 3. Meghan Sears (C), 1:02.61.
500 freestyle: 1. Keri Santeu (LL), 5:58.33; 2. Sara Schmitt (C), 5:58.63; 3. Maddy McLean (C), 6:05.99.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Maddy McDuff, Meghan Sears, Maggie Carlson), 1:51.13; 2. Canton, 1:52.94; 3. Ladywood, 1:53.46.
100 backstroke: 1. Brianna Wilson (LL), 1:10.12; 2. Kayla Eyster (C), 1:11.81; 3. Lindsey Kubacki (C), 1:18.01.
100 breaststroke: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:11.73; 2. Mandy Nameth (LL), 1:17.39; 3. Mollie Pelon (LL), 1:23.47.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Shannon Kelly, Keri Santeu, Brianna Wilson, Kelley Hodges), 4:14.31; 2. Ladywood, 4:17.10.
DUEL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 4-2; Ladywood, 4-4.

Rock netters 2nd in tourney

The change of seasons apparently didn't affect Salem's boys tennis team. Led by No. 1 singles player Lawrence Washington, the Rocks wrapped up a second consecutive successful season Saturday by placing second in the Western Lakes Activities Association's conference tournament, which was held on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's courts. The Rocks racked up 19 points to place second behind front-runner Northville's 27. Livonia Churchill (16) and Livonia Stevenson (13) placed third and fourth respectively. Canton garnered nine points to earn a fifth-place tie with Walled Lake Northern while Plymouth netted eight, which was good enough for seventh. Washington was one of two Salem singles players to win his flight, downing Northville's Melvin Joseph, 6-0, 6-1, in the final. The victory proved to be redemption for Washington, who lost to Joseph during the teams' dual meet earlier in the year. Salem junior Dave Benson took gold at No. 4 singles when he ousted Northville's Mike Hagan in a thrilling three-setter. Two Salem doubles duos advanced to the championship match before falling: The No. 1 team of Brock Foster and Eduardo Diaz was edged in three sets by Northville's Andy Mills and Graham McHenry; and the No. 2 tandem of Jake

Burnstein and Tyler Jeleniewski lost in straight sets to Northville's Lee Schecter and Phil Irvine. Canton's lone player to reach the finals was No. 2 singles player Mike Darouie, who dropped a hard-fought match to Livonia Churchill's Nick Payne. **WLAA CONFERENCE 'BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT'**
SATURDAY AT P-CEP TENNIS COURTS
OVERALL STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 27; 2. Salem, 19; 3. Livonia Churchill, 16; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 13; 5. (tie) Canton and Walled Lake Northern, 9; 7. Plymouth, 8; 8. Walled Lake Western, 6; 9. Walled Lake Central, 4; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2; 11. Wayne Memorial, 1; 12. Westland John Glenn, 0.
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Melvin Joseph (N), 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: Nick Payne (LC) def. Mike Darouie (C), 7-6(3), 6-2.
No. 3: Askashay Moorhly (LC) def. Tim Wasielewski (N), 2-6, 6-2, 7-5.
No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Mike Hagan (N), 6-0, 6-7, 7-5.
No. 1 doubles: Andy Mills-Graham McHenry (N) def. Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (S), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.
No. 2: Lee Schecter-Phil Irvine (N) def. Jake Burnstein-Tyler Jeleniewski (S), 6-2, 6-3.
No. 3: Dan Mills-Brian Lovett (N) def. Chris Oflos-Clayton Northey (LS), 6-2, 6-0.
No. 4: Nick Kalweit-Evan Gatz (N) def. Evan McWilliams-Grant Campbell (LS), 6-1, 6-0.
FINAL REGULAR-SEASON STANDINGS
1. Northville, 11-0; 2. Salem, 9-1; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 8-2; 4. Canton, 7-3; 5. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Plymouth, 6-4; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 5-5; 8. Walled Lake Western, 5-6; 9. Walled Lake Central, 3-8; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2-9; 11. Wayne Memorial, 1-10; 12. Westland John Glenn, 0-11.
FINAL STANDINGS
(DUAL MATCHES COUNT FOR TWO-THIRDS; TOURNAMENT RESULTS ONE-THIRD)
1. Northville; 2. Salem; 3. Livonia Stevenson; 4. (tie) Canton and Livonia Churchill; 6. Plymouth; 7. Walled Lake Northern; 8. Walled Lake Western; 9. Walled Lake Central; 10. Livonia Franklin; 11. Wayne Memorial; 12. Westland John Glenn.

GOLF RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Oct. 9 at Canton's Pheasant Run
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 345 strokes; 2. Livonia Churchill, 353; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 395; 4. Walled Lake Western, 402; 5. Walled Lake Central, 411; 6. Canton, 433; 7. Livonia Franklin, 436; 8. Westland John Glenn, 460; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 462; 10. Plymouth, 492; 11. Salem, 521; 12. Wayne Memorial, no team score.
Individual medalist: Shannon Warner (Churchill), 67.
ALL-CONFERENCE: 1. Warner (LC), 67; 2. Sarah Johnson (N), 76; 3. Alicia Weber (N), 78; 4. Lexi McFarlane (LC), 84; 5. Brianna Roberts (N), 86; 6. Kirsten Freisen (N), 88.
ALL-DIVISION: 7. Chelsea Osburn (Canton), 91; 8. Kelley Hill (N), 93; 9. (tie) Kara Gregory (Canton) and Michelle Cha (WLW), 94 each; 11. (tie) Dana Thomas (WLN) and Kelsey Williams (WLN), 95 each; 13. (tie) Gabrielle Sabatini (LS), Paige Scarpace (LP) and Marni Weinstein (WLW), 96 each; 16. Allie Buttery (WLN), 98; 17. (tie) Amanda Dobos (LC), Melanie Wilkerson (WLW) and Amy Berstein (N), 99 each.
OTHER INDIVIDUAL SCORERS
Northville: Joanne Weber, 100.
Churchill: Jessica Burdette, 103; Danielle Lesniak, 108; Samantha Proben, 121.
W.L. Northern: Stephanie Bogos, 107; Vikki Zolkewsky, 111; Rachel Blanzly, 117.
W.L. Western: Amanda Schwandt, 113; Radhey Ravai, 114; Leah Carlson, 119.
W.L. Central: Kelly Miller, 109; Jenni Abraham, 111; Riley Collins, 115; Lauren Mozak, 117; Rebecca Rosevear, 151.
Canton: Johanna Alexander, 123; Alexandra

Wie, 125; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 129; Erin Lixie, 148.
Franklin: Heather Bacon and Samantha McAtae, 113 each; Natalie Polakowski, 114; Lauren Beahon, 117; Georgia Patrick, 119.
John Glenn: Heidi Irvine, 103; Jamie Young, 111; Dakota Howell, 114; Courtney McKinney, 132; Samantha Baker, 136; Justine Woodard, 143.
Stevenson: Natalie Cicchelli, 116; Shelby Pichota and Claire Massman, 125 each; Elizabeth Grace, 132; Andrea Burford, 141.
Plymouth: Patricia Burns and Missy Gosbee, 108 each; Liz Cizek, 131; Megan Haggerty, 145; Maggie Kelly, 148.
Salem: Jamie Bricker, 125; Natalie Barnett, 131; Lizzy Mazorwicz, 132; Mary Johnson and Kelli Janiczek, 133 each; Ewa Zajac, 139.
Wayne: Berlynn Beaver, 106; Taylor Tuttle, 126.
FINAL TEAM STANDINGS
Dual meet: 1. Churchill, 11-0; 2. Northville, 10-1; 3. W.L. Northern, 9-2; 4. W.L. Western, 8-3; 5. Franklin, 6-5; 6. (tie) W.L. Central and Stevenson, 5-6 each; 8. (tie) Canton and John Glenn, 4-7 each; 10. Plymouth, 2-9; 11. (tie) Salem and Wayne, 1-10 each.
Lakes Division: 1. Churchill, 5-0; 2. W.L. Northern, 4-1; 3. (tie) Stevenson, W.L. Central and John Glenn, 2-3 each; 6. Salem, 0-5.
Western Division: 1. Northville, 5-0; 2. W.L. Western, 4-1; 3. Franklin, 3-2; 4. Canton, 2-3; 5. Plymouth, 1-4; 6. Wayne, 0-5.
Overall: 1. (tie) Churchill and Northville, 22 points each; 3. W.L. Northern, 19; 4. W.L. Western, 17; 5. W.L. Central, 13; 6. Franklin, 12; 7. Canton, 10; 8. (tie) Stevenson and John Glenn, 9 each; 10. Plymouth, 5; 11. Salem, 3; 12. Wayne, 2.

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How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2007 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$269 monthly at 5.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2007, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

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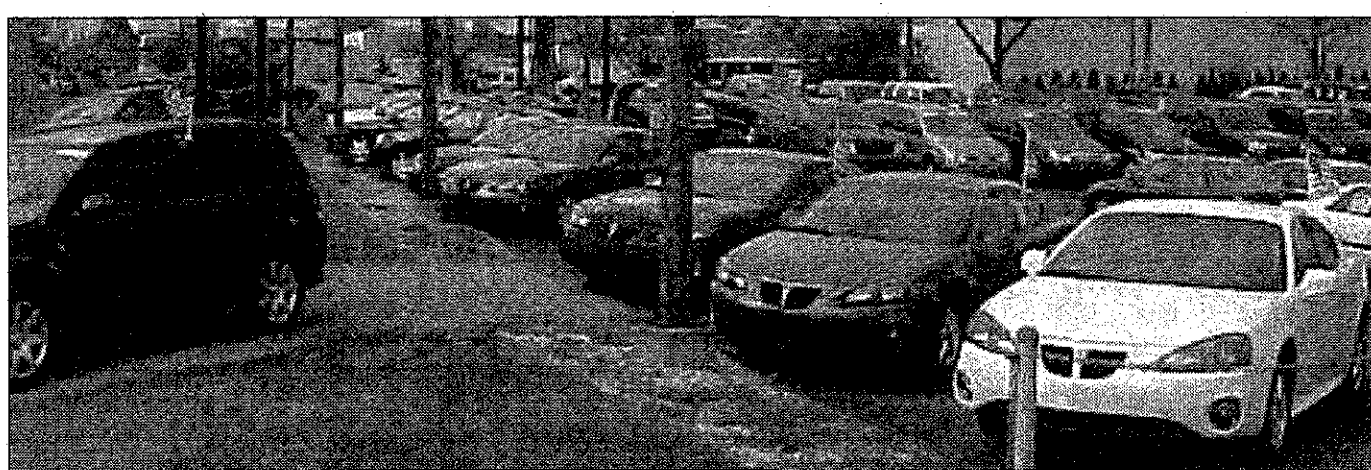
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Your question is a very common one when considering area rugs. Why should you spend \$2,000 when you can find one for \$250? Rest assured, not all area rugs are created equal.

Before going rug shopping, you need to decide if you are buying for long term aesthetics or buying with the idea that you may be redecorating again in a couple of years. Try and educate yourself first, then establish a realistic budget based on your needs and desires.

The main factors that affect the price of a rug are the fiber content, pattern detail, and whether or not the rug is machine produced, hand-knotted, or hand-tufted. To help answer Karen's question, I spoke with Carlos Tovar, an 18-year veteran sales consultant at Hagopian World of Rugs, located at 43223 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Novi (248) 449-7847.

"When purchasing an area rug, arm yourself with anything you may deem helpful (paint samples, fabric swatches, wallpaper cuttings) before heading into the showroom and educate yourself about the products available," Tovar said. "We will help guide you through the process from beginning to end."

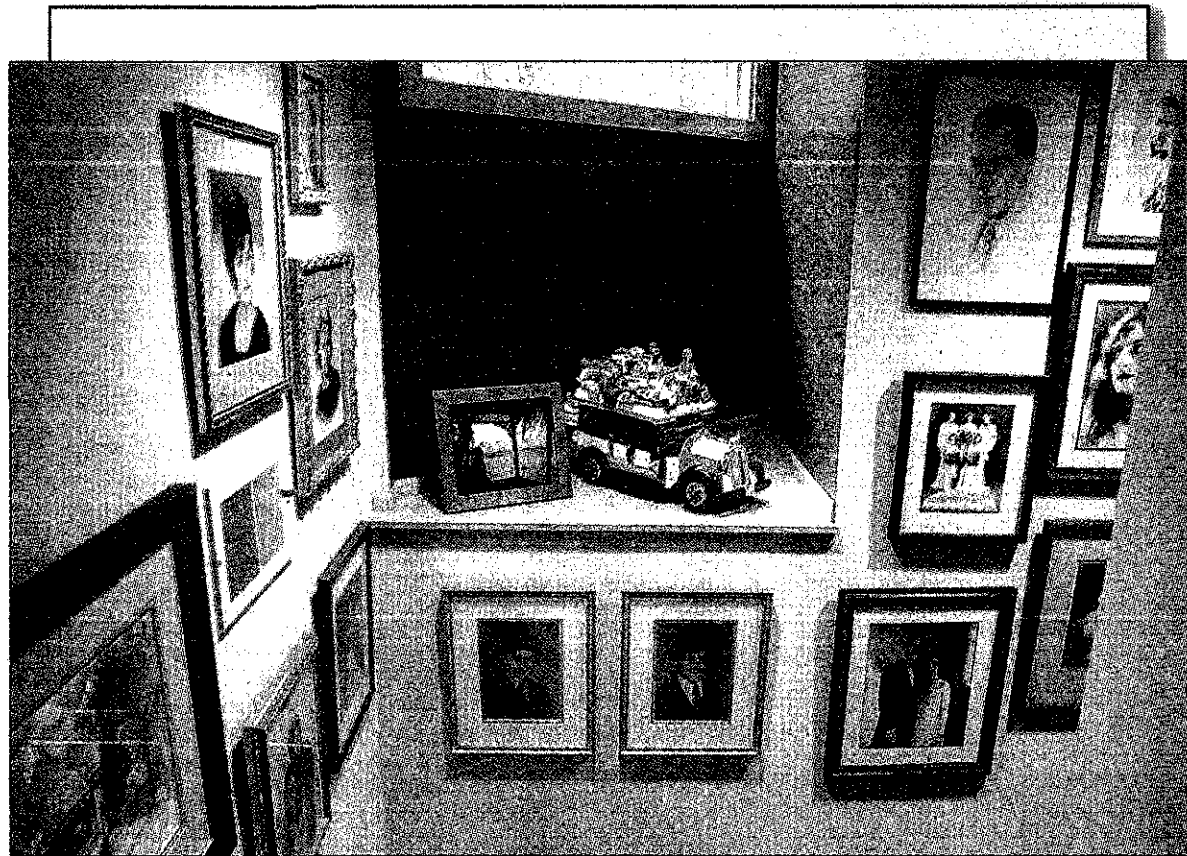
"As we work with you to achieve your specific needs, keep in mind some of the basics. Wool will generally cost more than synthetic fiber rugs. They will also last much longer and clean up better. Also, if you buy wool it should be soft and supple to the touch not brittle and dry. Another basic fact is the more colors the rug has in it and the finer the details, the more it will cost."

One of the biggest considerations that will affect your purchase is whether or not you are starting with the rug or trying to find a rug that will work into an existing design scheme.

If you begin with the rug you will have an enormous selection of rugs to choose from based solely on what you find pleasing. If you have an existing design scheme, it will narrow down your selections based on what is available in the current market that works with what you already have.

Always keep in mind that there are good, better, and best qualities of rugs in all categories from machine made to hand knotted. Take some time to visit a qualified rug dealer and let an expert guide you through this purchase.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.



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Accenting walls or spaces with an emerald shade like this inset window in Jeannette Saquet's Bloomfield Hills home can add depth and interest to the space.

Coating bold

Coat your walls in rich jewel tones this fall

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Homeowners might not think to check the fall fashion runways or Hollywood Red Carpet entrances for inspiration when choosing colors to coat their walls. But that's just where the trends come from, according to John Wohl of TVI Interiors in Royal Oak.

"If you can turn down the volume on Joan Rivers, that really is a signal to the beautiful, deep tones, the very very rich colors," he said.

This fall paint shades go bold. From emerald greens to aubergine, rich plum to warm goldenrod, colors are nothing less than sophisticated. Wohl's personal favorite shade-of-the-moment is a deep rusty red he calls Algerian Red, which has pinkish undertones. "It can work great in a larger room, where you want to create a sense of warmth, where you have four

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Jeannette Saquet says she trusts interior designer John Wohl, owner of TVI Interiors, to always get it right when it comes to decor and color.



Interior designer John Wohl said vibrant paint colors like this deep emerald green are in style for anyone remodeling or redesigning their space.

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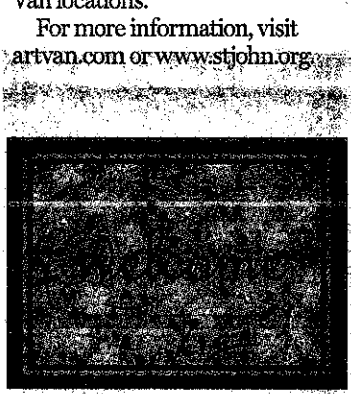
PILLOWS FOR A CURE

One in every nine women has a chance of being diagnosed with breast cancer within her lifetime. This October, Art Van Furniture has joined the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign by introducing a pillow program where a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The program will run throughout the year, as supplies last.

"It's hard to imagine a family today that has not been touched by cancer — and breast cancer is among the most common cancer diagnosed in women," said Ken Van Elslander, president of Art Van Furniture. "Our hope is that our efforts here will not only assist current research programs, but will also serve as a reminder throughout the year that ongoing support is needed for cancer initiatives."

The collection of 27 throw pillows (18" x 18"), in several colors and designs, retail for \$24.99-\$29.99, and will be available in all 29 Art Van locations.

For more information, visit artvan.com or www.stjohn.org.



Wild Flowers, designed by Brittany Hammel of Denton, Texas, won Carpet One Floor & Home's "Design for Pink" contest. It's among seven floor mats benefiting The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

PINK RIBBON FLOORING

Carpet One Floor & Home will continue its support for breast cancer research and awareness with "Shop for Pink" and "Carpet One Floor & Home Welcomes Your Support" events at stores across the country. Starting this month, the retailer will donate a portion of sales from select pink ribbon flooring and specially designed welcome mats to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The durable indoor/outdoor floor mats include seven designs ranging from Ticked Pink, which features a retro pink and brown pattern, to Pumpkin Patch and Autumn Branches, perfect for fall.

Twenty-five percent of the \$21.99 purchase price will benefit the cause. To find the Carpet One Floor & Home nearest you, visit www.CarpetOne.com.

Today's windows offer more options than ever



This kitchen's beautiful double-hung windows and bay window have rich white interiors to complement the surrounding cabinetry and woodwork, and enhance the room's overall interior design.

(MS) — Many people choose to build a new home or remodel an existing home to create a dwelling tailor-made for them. Homes today are customized to their owners — from the entry door to the patio door; from the peak of the great room to the choice in flooring. Windows are no exception.

Window and door manufacturers continually refine their products to increase their energy efficiency ratings, and aesthetically, windows have become an integral part of homes' exterior — and interior — design.

"Windows have become a much more integral piece of a home's architecture and interior design in the past several years," said Dave Koester, brand manager for Weather Shield Windows & Doors. "As a manufacturer, we try to stay ahead of the trends and offer homeowners the choices they want when design-

ing their homes. We continually expand our options in exterior colors, interior wood trim species, grilles and hardware in order to create windows and patio doors that appeal to homeowners' varied tastes."

According to Koester, home designs no longer have a single obligatory window in each room but rather feature multiple windows that add dimension and character to a room, bring in sunlight and views, and artfully follow the pitches of the vaulted ceilings inside and the rooflines on the outside.

Monumental patio doors, transoms and custom-shaped fixed windows, along with double hung, casement or awning operating windows create huge glass expanses, particularly for the back of a home. More homeowners and builders are using telescoping patio doors and bi-fold patio doors up to 23- or 24-

feet wide to add dramatic effects to a room's aesthetics, opening up a room to more light, outside air and bigger views. These doors are tailor-made for blending indoor and outdoor living areas.

Window exteriors are available in several materials; one of the most popular is aluminum clad wood. Through advanced painting systems, select manufacturers can paint cladding in virtually any color imaginable. Whatever your pleasure — Indigo blue, dark night blue, Aegean blue, they're all available on the market today.

Homeowners looking to further the historic look of their New England Saltbox or the rustic nature of their ranch home often use grilles, either in between the two sheets of glass or on top of the glass, in a variety of standard

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Designer John Wohl of TVI Interiors said when it comes to painting, don't fear bold colors. They make a confident statement and can be used to highlight artwork from across the globe - as they do in Jeannette Saquet's home.

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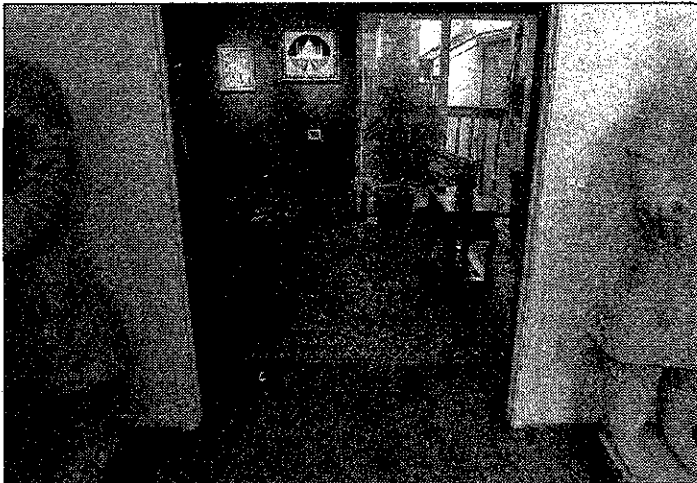
walls with no great architectural interest," he said.

Gone are the medium tones that have basically "become the new beige," Wohl said. In their place are tones like intense turquoise or flirty fuchsias. Colors can reflect places you've been and express influences from around the world.

The interior of Jeannette Saquet's Bloomfield Hills home, designed by Wohl, certainly expresses her extensive travels. The intense blues, greens and reds and golden tones highlight artwork and artifacts she's collected and reflect her interests.

The lower level of her home doubles as her office. The bright walls are sunshine gold and complemented by print draperies and a pale blue-green carpet that she said reminds her of the environs when she's scuba diving. The lush greenery outside becomes part of the whole palette. When she began working on the home seven years ago, she had no particular colors in mind. Saquet said she knew she wanted to avoid autumn colors but she didn't hesitate to go bold.

Whatever you choose, Wohl warns "don't be afraid of color." This season paint shades take their cue from nature, rich greens and golden tones found just outside the window. Follow their lead and you can't go wrong, Wohl said. "Too often people fall into the mode of doing something neutral," he added. And



This true blue shade in Jeannette Saquet's Bloomfield Hills home is the perfect accent for a meditation room.

at all costs, he tells his clients to avoid what he calls "tenebrous beige."

Bold colors can be a statement of confidence, according to Wohl. "It's a great train to be on," he said.

Before committing to a color, Wohl suggests painting a piece of foam core or cardboard with the shade you're contemplating. That way you can see what the paint color looks like in various parts of the room - next to the fireplace, the baseboards, the carpet, the moldings, behind art work, lamps and furniture.

Wohl said it's a myth that deep tones will make a room look smaller. When painting a smaller room he might suggest keeping the trim light "to create a polished effect." The trim around a window and door might remain white or off-white to contrast an intense shade. Because darker colors are prone to showing smudges, Wohl said they should have a pearl or eggshell finish.

"Earth tones are still really

popular," Wohl added. So the color-phobic can still be in high style with earthy neutrals. Living in such a seasonal climate, Michigan homeowners can choose warm or cool colors of paint, or even use both in a living space successfully. Wohl said one feature wall might be a dark, warm tone, and surrounding it might be more neutral shades.

When choosing an accent or feature wall, he suggested a wall without an outside corner to avoid giving a two-tone effect. Walls surrounding a fireplace or an entrance way can make good accent walls and can add depth to a room.

Preparation is key, Wohl said. If it's confidence you lack, find a professional to handle the painting itself. "Good paint is expensive and it takes a lot of work and a lot of time," Wohl said. But for homeowners like Saquet, it's well worth the effort.

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New wireless modems offer liberation from Wi-Fi hotspots

Earlier this year I wrote about tethering, which turns your cell phone into a high-speed wireless modem for your notebook PC.

I still think it's a great solution for folks who need fast Internet access everywhere they go, not just in proximity to Wi-Fi hotspots. Just one problem: If your phone is plugged into your PC, you can't make or take calls.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Tethering drains your phone's battery pretty quickly, too. All the more reason to consider a dedicated wireless modem, one that plugs directly into your PC and leaves your phone out of it.

I tested the latest offerings from Sprint and Verizon Wireless, both of which have recently upgraded their wireless broadband networks to "Rev. A." That's geek-speak for "faster."

Let's start with Sprint. The company sent me a Sierra Wireless AirCard 595U, a USB modem that's about the size of a small cell phone.

After installing Sprint's Mobile Broadband software (available for Windows and Mac), you simply plug in the modem, then click the software's Go button. Wait a few seconds and presto, you're connected.

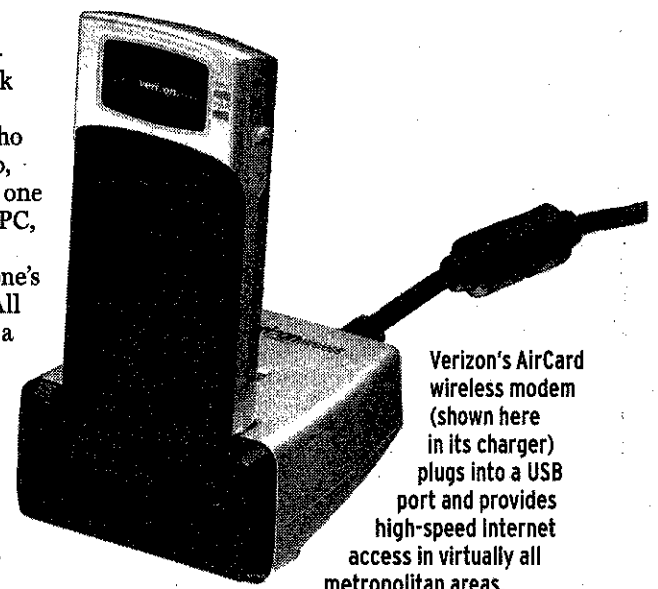
I don't rely on "burst rates" and other nebulous performance numbers to test modem speed. Instead, I open up some satellite maps in my Web browser. I also fire up LogMeIn to connect remotely to my home PC. These two activities require serious bandwidth; if the connection is slow, I'll know it immediately.

Nothing slow here: The AirCard ran like a champ. In fact, my Internet access seemed faster over Sprint's network than it did over a typical office Wi-Fi network.

I particularly liked Sprint's Location Search feature, which automatically determines your whereabouts and helps you find the nearest restaurant, bank, hotel, gas station, or anything else you type into the search field. The results appear on a Windows Live Search map in your Web browser.

Verizon's connection software (also Windows- and Mac-compatible) offers no such capability, but the mobile-broadband experience is virtually identical in other respects.

The company started me with a Novatel Wireless USB720 modem, but a few connection-related glitches suggested it was a faulty unit. So they replaced it with an AirCard 595U—the



same one provided by Sprint.

My informal testing showed similar results: easy, speedy Internet access.

So, how can you decide between the two? Start with price: Sprint's version of the AirCard sells for \$80 (after a \$50 mail-in rebate), provided you sign a two-year contract. The actual broadband service runs \$60 per month.

Verizon also charges \$60 per month for service (and for the record, so does AT&T), but the AirCard will cost you \$130. Plus, you need to be a Verizon voice subscriber as well. Sprint doesn't impose this requirement.

You can lower your hardware costs a bit by opting for a card-style modem, one that slips into your notebook's PC Card slot (freeing a precious USB port in the process). Both Sprint and Verizon sell them for around \$50. And a current AT&T promotion will get you one for free (after mail-in rebate), but again that's with a two-year contract.

Much as I'm a fan of free Wi-Fi hotspots like the one at Coffee 'N' More in Wixom, there's something to be said for a hotspot that goes where you go. If you travel a lot or find there's never a wireless network around when you need one, one of these broadband-anywhere services might be just the ticket.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Edible Plants Feast

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center will host a Wild Edible Plants Hike and Feast 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Join a naturalist for a hike in Holliday Nature Preserve to learn about common local plants used for food, medicine and other daily needs. Afterwards, taste dishes prepared using wild native plants at Café Nankin. Recommended for ages 8 and up. \$4 per person. Pre-registration required. Nankin Mills is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Call (734) 261-1990.

Detroit Zoo Events

The Detroit Zoo offers one of the best fall color displays in southeast Michigan.

Learn to build your own garden masterpiece during seminars 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 3. Take an in-depth look at the elements of garden and landscape design - site analysis, making a base plan, texture, color, shape, line, focal point, harmony, contrast and repetition, \$140. Visit www.detroitzoo.org.

The Community House

Staging Your Garden for All Seasons, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23; \$24, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Good Earth Landscaping

Mimicking Mother Nature, 7 p.m. Oct. 11, \$34, continuing education class at Waterford Kettering High School, (248) 682-1088; also Beautiful Bulbs,

12:30 p.m. Oct. 8, Oxford Garden Club, at Oxford Library, www.goodearth-landscapelc.com.

Michigan Orchid Society

Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn, in Bloomington, Ill., on the growing and care of the Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper Orchid), 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21, First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St., free (248) 528-1453.

Lily Bulb Sale

The Michigan Regional Lily Society will host a sale at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Rd. (at Woodward), 9-4 p.m. Oct. 26-27. Find hundreds of colorful, high quality hybrid lily bulbs (Orientals, Asiatics, Species, Martagons and more) for reasonable prices. Visit www.mrls.org.

HOME CALENDAR

Get Treasures Appraised

Three professionals from the International Society of Appraisers will help residents discover how much family heirlooms, treasured antiques and collectibles are worth with a verbal appraisal of approximate value at the Second Annual Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Bring jewelry (old & new), furniture, china, glassware, pottery, silver, dolls, toys, collectibles and memorabilia to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Rd., South Lyon. Entry fee, \$2 at the door; appraisal fee, \$6 per item/two items for \$10. Call (248) 437-8810.

Decor Seminar

Local author and realtor Kathi Jones-Cutler will host a Cashing in on Design seminar 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at

Century 21 Town & Country, 294 E. Brown St. in Birmingham. Jones-Cutler will offer tips on real estate and decorating. The seminar is free with purchase of her book, "Cashing in on Design" (\$19.95), which will be used as a guide. For information, call (313) 218-3956 or visit www.cashinginondesign.com.

Update on Design

Steve Piersall, CEO of Huntington House, and Michael Kirby, director of merchandising for Huntington House, will visit Art Van Furniture locations to give an overview of how to update a single room or entire house. The seminars will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the Novi store, and Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the Shelby Township store. Refreshments will be served at this complimentary event, and the Art Van's Kids Castle at

each location will be open, offering a free supervised play area for children. Reservations are requested. Call (888) 619-2199.

Colossal Garage Sale

Find treasures of every description at the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club hosts its annual Colossal Indoor Garage Sale. Antiques, china, art, rugs, household goods, small appliances, sporting goods, toys, books, baked goods, raffle tickets and more will be on sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18-19, at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University, admission, \$1. A Preview Night & Silent Auction will be held 7-9 p.m. Oct. 17, admission, \$10. There will also be a Brown Bag Sale 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 20, admission, \$3. Proceeds benefit Meadow Brook Hall Gardens. Call: (248) 608-0485.

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Masi evolves with modern wine tastes

We're often asked, "What is your favorite wine?" That question is impossible to answer. If it is narrowed to, "what is your favorite Italian wine?" we'd definitely include, Masi Agricola in Verona, amarone's internationally-renowned homeland.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Once, we've answered about a favorite, people don't end it there. They then ask, "why?" For Masi, that's easy. Its modern-style amarone is a true celebration of the senses — depthful ruby-red color,

heady red fruit scents and captivating tastes, spiked with not only red fruits but almonds and anise. Flavors are velvety rich, concentrated and full. For many years, amarone was almost forgotten because it's a classic wine and some consumers considered it out of fashion. Today, though, it has come back on the world stage. Along with barolo and brunello, it's among the three top Italian wines sold in the U.S. Americans are curious about amarone and the way it's made and that it originates only from one region of Italy, Valpolicella Classico. Also important is that it's about the only Italian wine region of renown where wine pricing has not escalated absurdly.

HOW AMARONE IS MADE

Amarone production is limited due to the area, which has

a climate as mild as Tuscany, with similar vegetation, such as olive and lemon trees. Climatic conditions are created by the pre-Alps and Dolomites that block frigid air from the north. Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake and located west of Valpolicella, creates warm air flow. Grapes from the region, therefore, have the finesse associated with cooler regions, along with structure stemming from a warmer area.

Three indigenous grape varieties (corvina, rondinella and molinara) contribute to the unique character of amarone. Masi is the only Valpolicella Classico vintner to produce four amarone selections, three of which are single vineyard. This concept was not considered in the region until Masi conducted research to determine which vineyards had optimal exposure, soil and altitude to produce the best amarone expression.

Masi has produced wines in this Venetian region since 1772 and today, using modern technology, has managed to maintain fidelity to its origins while making modern, recognizable wines with personality, and in addition to amarone, has introduced new wine tastes from the region and beyond.

ALL MOLD IS NOT BAD

With its compact bunches, corvina is the lone grape in the amarone blend that's susceptible to botrytis cinerea, which develops into Noble Rot during the unique temperature-controlled drying process known as appassimento. This beneficial mold reacts with the grape skins reducing both color and

tannin, while simultaneously generating large amounts of glycerin, that creates a luxurious mouthfeel.

Rondinella makes up for any color loss suffered by corvina and adds floral aromas and cherry-like flavors. Molinara contributes both cherry and raspberry notes, but more importantly, a backbone of acidity, without which amarone would lack vitality and overall balance.

At Masi, grapes are dried on large bamboo racks from harvest until the middle or end of January. A rule of thumb is about 100 days of drying, during which grapes dehydrate and lose an average 35 percent of their weight.

RIPASSO

Masi adapted an ancient Veronese vinification system of double fermentation, known as ripasso and has taken its unique drying process known as appassimento to other grape varieties and parts of the world, such as Argentina and 2005 Masi Tupungato Passo Doble \$17, a double fermentation of malbec blended with a percentage of lightly-dried corvina grapes. The method has produced a full-flavored, well-structured wine with elegant tannins that you'll love with a grilled American Kobe rib-eye steak.

Until April 2008, Masi Tupungato 2005 has exclusive availability by the bottle and glass at Bacco Ristorante, 29410 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield (248) 356-6600.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the internationally

WINE PICKS

More wines to buy from Masi

2006 Masi Masianco \$13, if you like pinot grigio, you'll love it with 25 percent verduzzo, an indigenous Veronese grape that had appassimento for three weeks. Superb marriage.

2004 Masi Campofiorin \$15, produced by Masi's double fermentation, where fresh corvina, rondinella and molinara grapes are fermented with a percentage of lightly dried grapes of the same variety. Smooth and delicious.

2001 Masi Brolo di Campofiorin \$25, a Masi specialty, blending corvina and rondinella grapes only. Available at Papa Joe's, Red Wagon and Bacco Ristorante.

2001 Masi Costasera Amarone Classico \$55, complex, full and rich.

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If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it directly from the winery.

respected "Quarterly Review of Wines" and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the fall, including Pure Food, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14 (\$55); Fabulous Holiday Party Plan, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1 (\$55); Cookie Exchange, 3-7 p.m. Nov. 18 and 5-9 p.m. Nov. 23 (\$75); 4303 Delemere Court (south of 14 Mile, two blocks east of Coolidge), Royal Oak, (248) 549-5242, www.twounique.com.

Pronto! Cooking Classes

Brush up your culinary skills at these classes: Brunch: The Best of Breakfast and Dinner, Oct. 17; Appetizers, Hors D'oeuvres & Starters, Oct. 24; The Dinner Party, Oct. 30; Quick Fix: 25-Minute Meals, Nov. 7; Holiday Magic, Nov. 13 and 14, 4343 Normandy Court, Royal Oak, \$30-\$40,

(248) 549-1519.

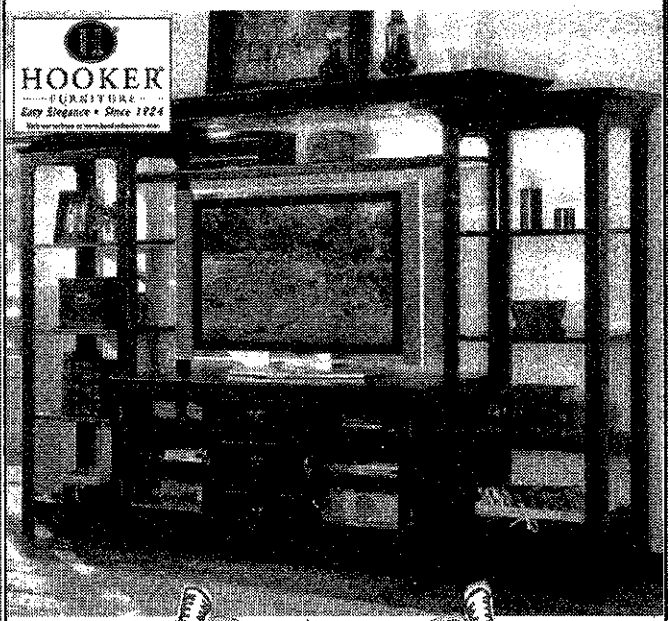
Wine Exploration Series

Sessions include Italian Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 24; South of the Equator: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 31 (\$162 for seven sessions, \$26 for single session, except for introduction and California session, \$28); Champagne and Sparkling Wines, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 14, instructors are Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

The Community House

More classes are offered at The Community House, including Soups to Warm Your Soul, 7 p.m. Oct. 16; Verdure Per Tutti! I Gusti: Italian Passion for Vegetables! 7 p.m. Oct. 22; Hearty Squashes and Pumpkins, 7 p.m. Nov. 5; Italian Holiday Sweets, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5; to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or at www.communityhouse.com.

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Window manufacturers offer extensive trim options

inside that can match a home's base and crown moulding, built-in shelves or even hardwood floors. Homeowners can request windows in wood species such as character alder, oak, mahogany, cherry, ash, maple, and American fir. Interior trim styles with rosettes provide strong and attractive window framework, whether it be above the kitchen sink or head board in the master bedroom.

Exotic styles and unique

hardware finishes also contribute to the interior design of the home. A variety of contemporary or traditional hardware styles are available for window and door locks and handles, including hand-cast bronze hardware providing old-world charm. And finishes like oil-rubbed bronze, brushed nickel and antique brass, offer subtle hues to complement any décor.

Many manufacturers highlight some of the more impressive interior and exterior design ideas on their Web sites.

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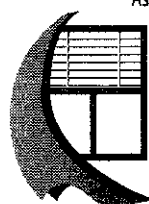
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Clinton Kelly makes over metro Detroit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Clinton Kelly was only grabbing his morning coffee at Au Bon Pain in Detroit Thursday. He wasn't patrolling for fashion emergencies. But the co-host of TLC's makeover hit *What Not To Wear* admitted he "saw a couple of doozies."

Caffeine was hardly necessary after he encountered a man dressed "head-to-toe in mustard" and a woman wearing "pink jeans, red shoes and a purple jacket." Clearly his skills were needed here.

While on hiatus prior to the show's sixth season Kelly has been touring the country for Macy's spreading his fashion sense and style tips with the masses. On Oct. 4 he stopped at Troy's Somerset Collection to host a runway show and discuss how to look great at any size, any shape. "I love doing it," he said. "I do miss my own bed. Other than that I get to meet the people who watch *What Not To Wear*."

Though he'd always had an interest in fashion, Kelly began his career as a writer. He earned his master's degree at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and worked as a freelance writer in New York City. He has been on staff at fashion magazines like *Marie Claire* and *DNR*. That eventually led to his high-profile hosting gig on TLC.

It wasn't the first time he'd been in front of a camera though. Clinton shared a little-



BRIAN WINKLER

"What Not To Wear" host Clinton Kelly made a stylish stop at Troy's Somerset Collection recently.

known fact. In the early '90s he worked as a Home Shopping host on Q2, a secondary channel run by QVC. "Every decision I've made was based on whether I thought the job would be fun," said Kelly.

His charm and comfortable style is evident on *What Not To Wear*, a reality show that aims to revamp the wardrobe of unsuspecting people. Those chosen to participate receive \$5,000 to shop for an entirely new wardrobe. Kelly and London team up to guide their guests toward clothes and styles most suitable for the life they lead. When they finally got tired of fielding fashion questions from fans, they wrote a book on the subject. *Dress Your Best: The Complete Guide to Finding the Style That's Right for Your Body* was published in 2005.

Around the same time Kelly

THE NOT-HOT LIST

With more than 185 episodes of "What Not To Wear" under his belt, we asked Clinton Kelly to share some serious fashion faux pas. Here are a few gasp-worthy items he'd love to banish:

Overalls: "I've not seen overalls look good on anyone. If you do not own a pig, you cannot wear them."

The Mommy Jean: "I think it should be illegal." Kelly said women wearing high-waisted, light-washed tapered-leg denim are "giving Mommies a bad name."

Athletic sneakers: While they have their place in a workout, he said these white aerobic shoes have no place in fashion. "I know Seinfeld did it. No one should be taking fashion cues from a show that's been cancelled."

Baggy, oversized sweat shirts: "It's making you look like a big,

shapeless lump." And don't use the "comfort" excuse because Kelly believes clothes that fit can be comfortable too. "It's about choosing the right pieces."

A chunky-clunky heel: "It's that black squared-off toe with a thick heel." For reference watch an early episode of "Friends."

Dressing like a child: Cartoon character T-shirts are strictly for women ages 14 and under. "After a certain age," Kelly said he wonders "does she have brain damage." And he feels the same about an adult sporting a football jersey when there isn't a game in progress. He compared it to a child playing dress up.

Learn more: Watch "What Not To Wear" 9 p.m. Fridays on TLC.

Compiled by
Stephanie Angelyn Casola

connected with Macy's and began a campaign to "help people form their own sense of personal style and learn how to dress their body." From petite to full-figured women, he said, fit makes all the difference. Kelly suggests spending less time shopping and more time having clothes tailored to suit your body. He believes that narrowing sleeves or hemming a pair of trousers can make a difference. "Sometimes they don't want to do the work," Kelly said. "It's a necessary step if you really want to look stylish."

He's a vocal proponent of

dressing appropriately, respectfully and confidently. "I feel like that's what this country needs — a dress code," said Kelly. "It doesn't have to be that casual." Just don't call him a fashion-isto.

"What motivates me is not the clothing on the runways in Paris and Milan," he said, "that's not why I get up in the morning. I think every woman has the potential to look and feel beautiful. They just need a little information and a little inspiration."

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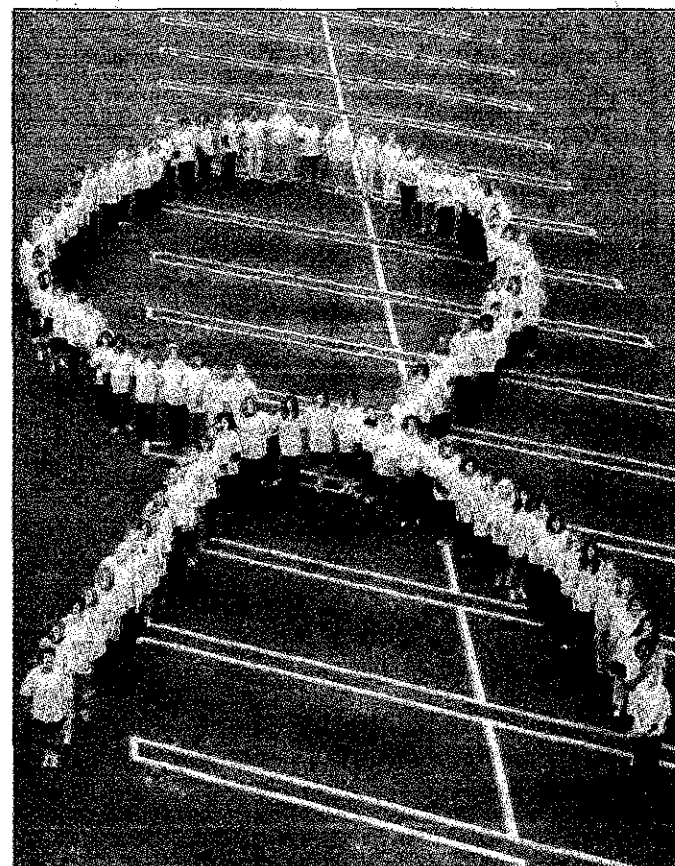
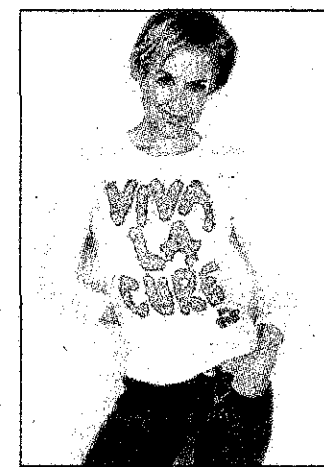


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panel of physicians and other survivors. Register for the event or Webcast (\$25 per person) by Oct. 10. Call (800) 372-6094.

PILATES FOR PINK

Ladies Workout Express of Canton will host "Pilates for Pink" 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. The class is part of a nationwide event sponsored by Shape Magazine. Cost, \$10, benefits the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Call (734)254-0030.

BREAST HEALTH FAIR

Beaumont Hospitals will host the "Second Annual Breast Health Fair," 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at Beaumont, Royal Oak; and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Beaumont, Troy. The free fair features information on breast health screening; cancer genetics; lymphedema prevention; meditation; educational programs; treatment; cancer clinical trials; diet and survivorship programs. It also will feature "Lilly Oncology on Canvas: Expressions of a Cancer Journey," an art exhibit with works by people affected by cancer. Call (248) 551-1219 or visit www.beaumont-hospitals.com.

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Brighton Collectibles is offering a 2007 Power of Pink jewelry collection to benefit the Breast Cancer Research

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Cyrano cast to be well-dressed for opening night

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The Costume Shop tucked back into the far-reaches of the Detroit Opera House has been a hotbed of activity for months, as the crew constructs a wardrobe to suit the extensive cast and chorus of *Cyrano*, Director David DiChiera's first opera.

Work began in December, according to The Costume Shop's Suzanne Hanna, starting with petticoats and undergarments. "We called it petticoat junction," she said. From April to June the costume designers and seamstresses went on a hiatus to handle the opera season. Work on *Cyrano* costumes resumed by summer as they stitched, sewed and hemmed each of the 167 pieces that will see stage lights this weekend. Costumes, as well as sets, were designed by John Pascoe, who purchased materials locally from Royal Oak's Haberman Fabrics.

Earth tones will denote the middle class characters in this opera. The chorus will



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Suzanne Hanna shows some of the costumes her crew is making for "Cyrano."

be decked in an array of deep browns and blue hues, terra cotta and cream with silver and gold embellishments sure to shine on stage. Bakers will wear buttercream colored aprons, Hanna said.

Then comes the regal cadet

blue suits of the musketeers. Cyrano himself will don suits in blue and grey. The patterns and fabrics used in his clothing will be repeated in the clothing of his friends.

Hanna said "the clotheshorse of the play" is clearly our hero-



Laura Brinker, of Livonia, works on a costume for one of the more than 167 members in the cast of "Cyrano."

ine, Roxane. Like all principal characters the costume-makers must duplicate each of her outfits. And her wardrobe is plenty.

It's full of corsets, gold satin fabrics, wool cloaks and elegant gowns lined in taffeta or detailed in brocade. "She will just glow," said Hanna.

The *Cyrano* world premiere is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Read more about the show in today's FILTER. For ticket information, visit www.motop-era.org.

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