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COMMERCE TOWNSHIP: Daughter finds her father slain

A township man was found dead about 1 a.m. Tuesday, and police have ruled it a homicide, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said.

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Michael Gouba's daughter found her father's body after going to his home on the 1200 block of Sleeth. Gouba, 55, hadn't been heard from in several days, Bouchard said.

Gouba died of blunt force trauma to his head.

Police ask anyone with tips to call 888-887-6146 anytime.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP: Woman killed in apparent horse riding accident

A 40-year-old township woman was found dead Tuesday after an apparent horse riding accident.

Police Chief Wayne Walli said the woman went out riding, but her horse returned home without her. The woman's body was found near Old Plank Road in a wooded area, Walli said. An autopsy is expected to be performed by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office.

Walli said investigators are looking into the incident. The woman's name was not released.

BIRMINGHAM: Library board president steps down for new job

Baldwin Public Library Board president Paul VanderMeer resigned his post. He plans to move to Seattle

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The library board accepted his resignation at a special meeting last week.

VanderMeer joined the board in 2001.

Baldwin Library Director Marti Custer said the board will seek applications to fill the term, which expires in November 2009.

WEST BLOOMFIELD: Firefighters to help fight muscular dystrophy

West Bloomfield firefighters are to help raise funds July 25-26 for the local Muscular Dystrophy Association.

They'll collect money at the intersection of Commerce and Orchard Lake roads from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, the local MDA said. The MDA is a health agency dedicated to finding a cure for the more than 40 neuromuscular disorders. For information, call Sheree Askew, director of the MDA's district office in Farmington Hills, at 248-474-0235.

ROCHESTER HILLS: Council agrees to put 2 proposals on ballot

The City Council voted Monday to put two charter amendment proposals on the ballot in November.

Voters will decide whether to move the Accounting Department from the City Clerk's Office to the Mayor's Office. Voters also are to determine whether to require more qualifications for candidates and elected officials, including not being in default on taxes or assessments and not having been convicted of a felony.

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