

# Canton a major player for Super Bowl

**BY CAROL MARSHALL**  
STAFF WRITER

In just 95 days the world will converge on the metro Detroit area to watch Super Bowl XL. And in Canton, we'll be waiting for them. Canton has several events planned for the first week of February, and one NFL-sanctioned charity event at the Super Bowl bowling alley on Ford Road that will include a number of former NFL greats.

"There are two major portions of the charity event," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack. The first, he said, is an event which will welcome inner-city youth to participate in a bowling clinic.

"From what I hear, Barry Sanders will engage in teaching the kids how to bowl," Yack said.

On the second day of the event, 50 NFL Hall of Famers and other sports celebrities will compete in a bowling tournament, sponsored by ESPN.

"I guess a lot of football players also like to bowl," Yack said. The second of the events will be partly by invitation only, but a limited number of spectators will also be allowed to attend, he added.

"The NFL Super Bowl XL Bowling Charity event is one of only two recognized Super Bowl XL events, and we are delighted to have them choose our own Super Bowl," said Downtown Development Authority Director Kathleen Salla.

In warmer climates Super Bowl charity events involve golf, said Chamber of Commerce President Diane Cojei of other charity events in southern Super Bowl host cities. "But here in cold climates we bowl!"

Non-sanctioned township events will include a Super Bowl bash at Diamonds Bar and Grill near the

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## LaJoy bill would hike local district funding

**BY TONY BRUSCATO**  
STAFF WRITER

While having breakfast with state Reps. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, and John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, last December, then-school board member and now state Rep. Mardigian was not on the line.

The proposed 2005-06 projections showed Plymouth-Canton Schools with a budget deficit of \$8 million.

"I wanted to give them a heads-up of where we were going, and how bad the situation was," said Mardigian. "I pointed out to them that what really bothered me was that we share the same labor market with districts around us for substitute bus drivers, special education teachers, and other hard-to-get employees. But, those districts get at least

\$1,000 more per student in funding than we do and it's hard to compete."

LaJoy took that new-found information to the House Policy Committee, which found Plymouth-Canton indeed received at least \$1,000 less per pupil than its contiguous districts - Northville, Livonia and Ann Arbor.

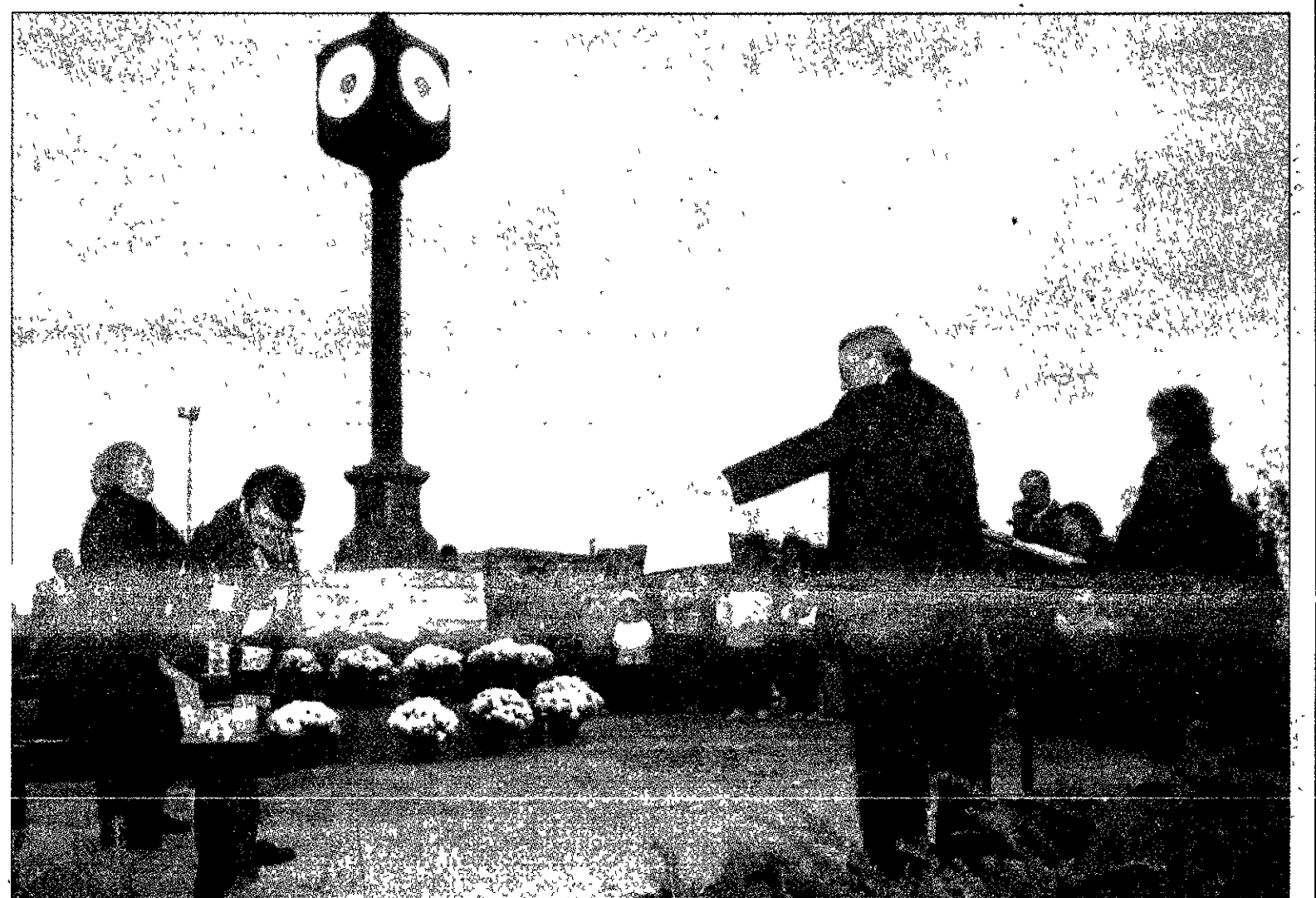
With the help of a number of his colleagues in Lansing, LaJoy calculated the \$1,000 per pupil totaled a loss of \$18 million a year for Plymouth-Canton.

"The message is we have a district that's doing a lot of things well as far as administrative costs, dollars going to the classroom, MEAP scores ... all kinds of different factors," said LaJoy. "The school district is being

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State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, makes a presentation to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education. A LaJoy bill, if passed, would increase the per-pupil foundation grant for Plymouth-Canton schools.



Canton Rotary President Roger Haslick points out engraved bricks that represent donations from Canton families and businesses that adorn the new clock plaza at Heritage Park during the clock's dedication last week.

## Rotary clock ready to stand test of time

**BY KURT KUBAN**  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Rotary Club unveiled last week what it hopes will be the community's official timepiece, as members of the group dedicated the Rotary Clock Plaza in Heritage Park.

According to Lisa Kennedy, former president of Rotary, the clock project coincided with Rotary International's centennial anniversary. Clubs around the country marked the anniversary in various ways. She said the Canton club chose to erect the clock and surrounding plaza, which also features brick pavers, benches and some trees.

"To me, Rotary is a timeless organization, and the clock tells time, so the project made sense," said Kennedy, who spearheaded the effort with much help from the Canton Community Foundation.

Kennedy said right from the beginning, the club targeted Heritage Park as the place it wanted to place the clock.

"I think Heritage Park is the perfect setting for it. It is one of our flagship parks here in Canton. Liberty Fest and lots of other events take place here, so the clock will really be showcased," Kennedy said.

The club funded a good chunk of the clock, which cost \$35,000, by selling individualized bricks and benches. According to Kennedy, the Rotary Club is still selling engraved bricks, benches and trees. For more information, call the foundation at (734) 495-1200, or download an order form at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

## Senior citizens often the target of scams

**BY CAROL MARSHALL**  
STAFF WRITER

It's a crime that happens quietly, even pleasantly. The phone rings, and you answer. The caller is collecting money to help a cause you care about, whether it's animal rescue or helping survivors of a natural disaster. The caller engages you in pleasant conversation and you gladly get out your checkbook or credit card. You may not even know it, but you've just been scammed.

Not every telemarketer is scamming you, said Canton Police Department Sgt. Scott Hilden, but more frequently they are. To help senior citizens protect themselves from scammers and swindlers, the police department is presenting the annual Canton Senior Citizens: Safe, Sound & Secure Seminar. This year's focus will be on cons and scams.

"Seniors are often victims of these kinds of crimes," Hilden said. "They grew up in a society that was more trusting. You used to be able to make a deal and seal it with a handshake. They have

different values than we have, so a lot of times telemarketing scams and con games take advantage of senior citizens."

Hilden will discuss prevention and steps you should take if you do become a victim of a con.

"There are literally thousands of different scams out there," he

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# Super Bowl to host major tourney in 2008

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The women will number 40,000, and will trickle into Canton for 90 days in 2008 for the second largest bowling tournament in the country.

"It'll be more like a flood than a trickle," said Mike Reffitt, general manager of the Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton.

Super Bowl has been selected to host the 2008 United States Congress Women's Championships. The 60-lane center will accommodate team, doubles and singles competition for the tournament, which is the largest participatory sporting event in the world for women.

"Super Bowl was the perfect venue because we prefer to host all three events in the same center whenever possible," USBC Chief Tournament Officer Roseann Kuhn said. "The center is also very close to shopping, restaurants, hotels and the airport which will make it convenient for our bowlers."

Though the bowling center itself was a strong sell in winning the bid to host the tournament, it didn't hurt that Canton has a variety of excellent dining and shopping venues, according to Super Bowl Director of Operations Roger Philipi.

"We were in stiff competition with Livonia, Allen Park and Taylor," Philipi said. "But Canton is such a beautiful community, and things like shopping, convenience to the airport, and the availability of restaurants and hotels definitely made a difference."

Further, the township's involvement in making the presentation to the selection committee put the community over the top, Philipi said, adding that Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Public Safety Director John Santomauro, and Downtown Development Authority Director Kathleen Salla assisted with the bid.

The tournament, which will be during the months between April and July in 2008, marks the first time in more than 50 years the Detroit area has hosted the event.

"The last time this area hosted



Super Bowl managers Mike Reffitt (rear), Janeen Foreman, and Roger Philipi, have a big job ahead of them, organizing a major tournament that will draw thousands to Canton in 2008.

ed the event was 1953," Philipi said.

The economic impact for the community is huge.

"There will be 40,000 competitors and 20,000 spectators who will stay in this area for three or four days at a time," he said. "What that adds up to is \$3-\$4 million pumped into our local economy because these people will stay at local hotels, eat in local restaurants and shop in local stores."

Janeen Foreman, who works at Super Bowl, was excited her employer won the bid, but not for professional reasons.

"As a bowler, and as someone who lives here, I was just thrilled that this is going to be in my own back yard," she said. "It's just huge in the bowling world, and I can't wait."

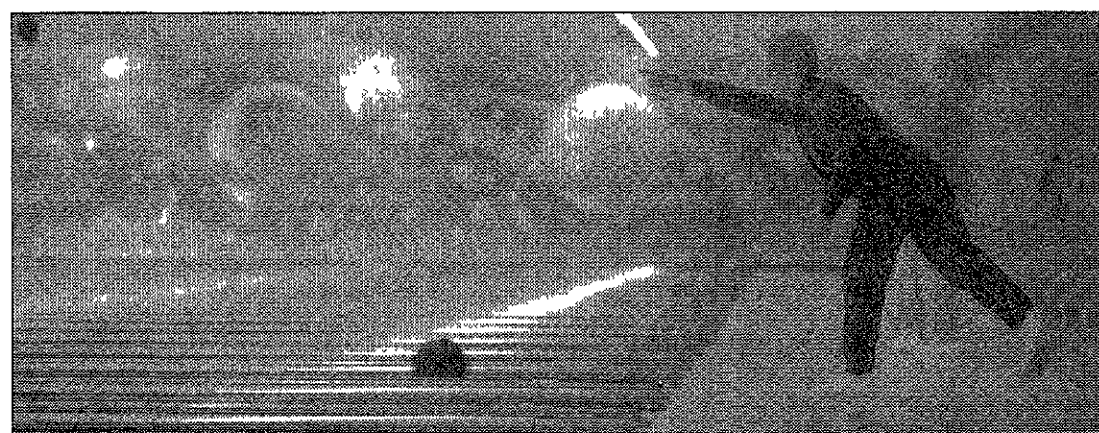
Leading up to the 2008 event, the Women's Championships will be conducted in Reno, Nev., next year and in Charlotte, N.C., in 2007.

Beginning in 2010, the event will move to an arena setting similar to the USBC Open Championships.

Open to all women who hold USBC adult membership, the Women's Championships consists of five divisions: Classic for bowlers with averages of 190 and above; Division 1 for averages of 170-189; Division 2 for averages of 150-169; Division 3 for averages of 130-149; and Division 4 for averages of 130 and below.

Team captains can enter the 2006 Women's Championships in Reno by calling (414) 423-9006 or by visiting USBCwomenschampionships.com.

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The lanes at Canton's Super Bowl will be packed with female bowlers when it hosts the 2008 United States Congress Women's Championships, which is the second largest tournament in the country.

## CANTON TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Canton's planning services is currently considering the following items:

■ Site Plan approval for The Corner at Cherry Hill Village, located south of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge Roads.

■ Site Plan approval for Torrey Hill Site Condominium, preliminary plan, located south of Saltz and east of Beck Roads.

■ Site Plan approval for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company, Addition, located south of Joy and west of Haggerty Roads.

Canton's Planning Commission will meet on Monday, Nov. 7, 2005 at 7 p.m. on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda included:

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

■ Future land use text amendment - Consider request to amend the Future Land Use element to add language creating a Mixed Use Designation along the Michigan Avenue corridor.

■ Township initiated future land use amendment (Michigan Avenue/Morton Taylor Road) - Consider request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan from Light Industrial to Mixed Use, from Light Industrial to Low Density Residential, and from Very Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential, and from Very Low Density Residential to Community Facilities, and from Light Industrial to Community Facilities. Property is located north of Michigan

Avenue between Sheldon and Lilley Roads.

■ Township initiated future land use amendment (Belleville Road/Michigan Avenue) - Consider request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan from Light Industrial to General Commercial. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Belleville Road.

■ Schafer/Township Future Land Use Amendment - Consider request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan from Light Industrial Research to Regional Commercial. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Beck Road.

### SITE PLANS

■ Canton Friendship Church - Consider request for site plan approval. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Ford and Saltz Roads.

■ Charing Cross Phase 2 and 3 site plan and PDD amendment - Consider request for final plan and PDD amendment (minor revision). Property is located north of Geddes and west of Beck Roads.

### NEW BUSINESS-STAFF REFERRAL

■ Sprint Nextel - Refer review of proposed site plan. Property is located south of Joy between Haggerty Road and I-275.

■ Torrey Hill Site Condominiums - Refer review of proposed preliminary site

plan to staff. Property is located south of Saltz and east of Beck Roads.

■ Texas Corral Grill & Saloon (formerly Damon's) - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located north of Ford and east of Sheldon Roads.

■ Cherry Hill Village Phase VI - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge Roads.

■ The Corner at Cherry Hill Village - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located at the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Denton Roads.

### NEW BUSINESS - SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOV. 21

■ Hidden Creek Subdivision variance - Set public hearing date for November 21, 2005 to consider a variance to the Subdivision Ordinance. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road south of Saltz Road.

### NEW BUSINESS - SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEC. 5

■ Cherry Hill PUD amendment No. 8 - Set public hearing date for Dec. 5, 2005 to consider request to amend the PUD. Property is located on the east side of Morton Taylor and north of Palmer Road.

■ Bordine rezoning - Set public hearing date for December 5, 2005 to consider request to amend. Property is located south of Ford and west of Ridge Roads.

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# One-room schoolhouse takes students back in time

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A group of Wayne-Westland students traveled back in time Wednesday for a history lesson in a one-room schoolhouse.

Fourth-graders and teacher Debbie Perkovich left Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton to spend a day at the old Perrinsville Schoolhouse in Westland.

Girls donned pinafores and boys wore suspenders as Perkovich used 1800s-era teaching manuals and schoolbooks to teach inside the school, which has a pot-belly stove, a bell tower and other old-fashioned amenities.

"It's cool," 9-year-old Page Crews said, sitting at a wooden desk inside the school on Warren Road, west of Merriman. "It's smaller than our school. I like the picture of George Washington on the wall and the huge bell outside."

Before she started her lessons, Perkovich wrote on the old blackboard, "Today is Oct. 26, 1865." Her students used smaller slate boards for their math and spelling.

"This place has stuff I've never seen," 10-year-old Bradley Minor said. "It has a bell, and you can put your books in the desk instead of on the floor or on the shelf."

Shameka Stewart, 9, compared the Perrinsville Schoolhouse to Walker-Winter Elementary School.

"We're writing on slates here, but at our other school we write on paper," she said. "I think I like this school better because it's different and it's exciting."

Perkovich has brought her class to the one-room school for several years now.

"It gives the students a hands-on learning experience," she said. "With our social studies curriculum, we go through the different time periods. Instead of reading about it, they can come to the one-room school. It's more like reality for them."

Perkovich had her students memorize a poem, *The Swing*, by Robert Louis Stevenson. She also planned to have them write about their visit to the one-room school, built in 1856.

The school was renovated years ago after local historians initiated an effort to save it. Teachers in the Wayne-Westland, Livonia and Garden City school districts can choose to bring their students to Perrinsville for a day.

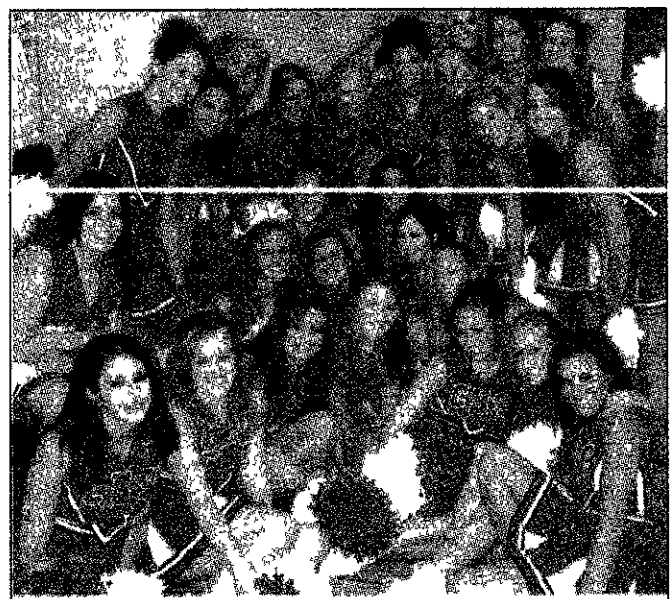
Perkovich said the visit is rewarding for her as an educator.

"I like seeing how excited the students get, and I really believe that it teaches them about history."

The school is available for visits Monday through Friday.

Teachers who want to arrange a visit or who want more information may call (734) 427-4648.

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## Strike up a cheer

The Canton Chieftettes will be competing in the Mid American Dance Team Championship on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. It is a competition the team has traditionally performed well at. The varsity team won the state championship high kick title in 2003-04 and will be making every effort to recapture that title again this year. The team invites everyone in the Plymouth-Canton community to come out and cheer them on.

**Leoná P. Becoskey**  
Becoskey, 92, formerly of Plymouth, died Oct. 28.

**Agnes Carlsen**  
Carlsen, 94, of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 27.

**Diane S. Corby (nee Orselli)**  
Corby, 58, died Oct. 29.

**Robert C. Keller**  
Keller, 77, died Oct. 27.

**Angelo V. Lotti**  
Lotti, 93, died Oct. 30.

**Olive L. McAdams**  
McAdams, 86, of Farmington Hills, died Oct. 21.

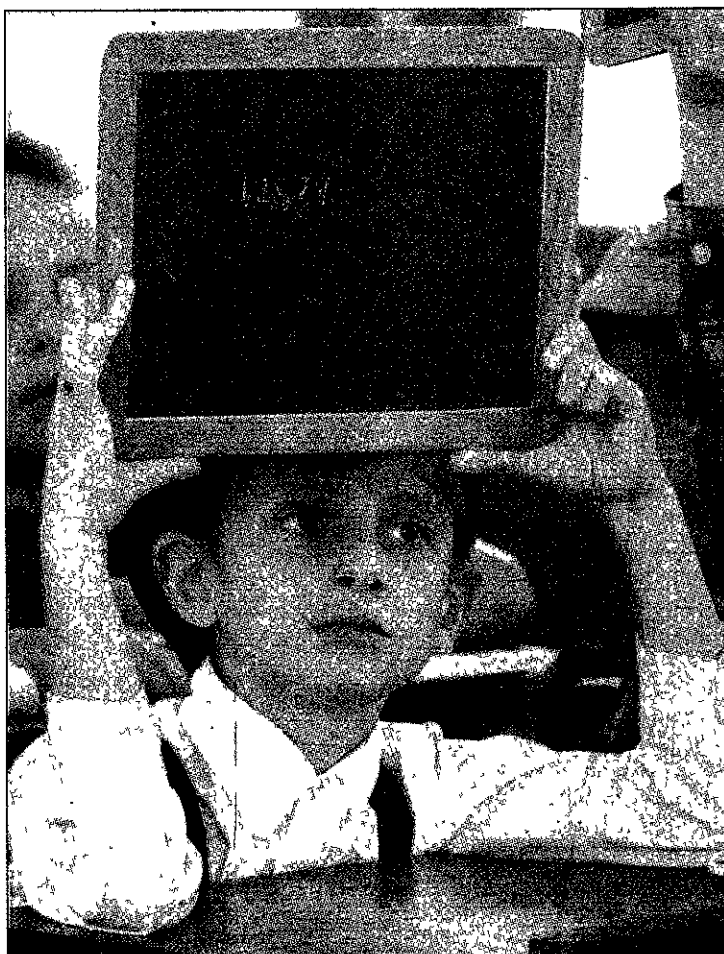
**Dr. Alan Wilson Morgan**  
Morgan, 77, formerly of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 27.

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**John Stymelski**  
Stymelski, 87, formerly of Livonia, died Oct. 26.



Angelica Lilly offers doughnuts to the classmates, as Shameka Stewart reaches in for hers during snack time.



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Spencer Dyal holds up his slate board showing that he is counting with the odd numbers in an exercise at the one-room school.



Winter-Walker Elementary fourth-grader Bradley Minor (left) spells his word as teacher Debbie Perkovich listens during the an 1800s-style spelling bee. The students spent the day at the old one-room Perrinsville Schoolhouse in Westland.

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# Chinese trade mission cements ties for county

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Some called it an eye-opening experience. Others called it a cultural awakening of sorts. But almost all of the business leaders that traveled to China last week with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said the trip made them realize the tremendous opportunities that exist for American companies to invest in China, and vice versa.

Ficano and the business leaders went on a weeklong trade mission to several Chinese cities, including the major industrial city of Chongqing. In addition to several county officials, the delegation consisted of 15 people representing 10 local companies. Most, like the Plymouth Township-based Superior Controls, are related to the automotive industry, but the delegation did include representatives from the local legal and real estate fields.

"Cheap labor isn't the only thing China has to offer. There are so many opportunities over there," said attorney Jerome Hill of the law firm Butzel Long, who served as a language and cultural translator for the Wayne County delegation. "I don't think Americans have the slightest idea about China. The capabilities of the Chinese is something we don't understand."

On Monday, some of the Chinese officials returned the favor by visiting Detroit, including Chongqing Vice Mayor Wu jia'nong. Wu and Ficano signed a formal agree-



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano shakes hands with Wu jia'nong, the vice mayor of Chongqing, at the Compuware headquarters in Detroit on Monday.

ment that will cement ties between Chongqing and Wayne County. Both will set up committees that will look for investment opportunities both here and in China.

It was Wu's fourth visit to Detroit in the last two years. He said the Chongqing government will actively promote the new partnership with the county. He said his city, with its large industrial base, has much to learn from Detroit.

"I will continue to come here and visit Detroit, and Chinese entrepreneurs will continue to come to Detroit to better understand how business is

done here," Wu said through an interpreter.

Mulugetta Birru, director of economic development for Wayne County, was largely

responsible for setting up the trip to China. Before he came to Wayne County, Birru already had numerous business ties in China, and utilized them during the trade mission.

"The trip exceeded our expectations and exceeded the expectations of the businesses that went," he said. "The companies were very happy. They were able to meet with groups of people they would've never met on their own. We really helped facilitate for them one on one meetings with business officials over there."

The mission did produce some immediate results. Covisint, a subsidiary of Detroit-based Compuware, announced Monday that it will set up an office in Shanghai to support its growing Asian business. In addition, Ficano announced that Century Automotive, a division of China-based Tempo Group, is opening a research and design facility in Canton Township, which will employ 200 people. According to Birru, company officials from Tempo Group are expected to be in town on Monday to meet with Ficano and staff to discuss other possible investment opportunities in the area.

John W. Carroll, Jr., who is the executive director of the Detroit Regional Economic

Partnership, also went with the delegation. He said Americans are wrong to fear the growing economic power of China. In addition to the Tempo Group, he said other Chinese companies are currently looking to invest in the area, though he would not give specifics.

"I see Americans wringing their hands about losing jobs to China, but this is globalization taking place," he said. "There are so many opportunities over there. So many companies are going over there to get into that market."

Randall Brodzik, co-owner of Superior Controls, which has been in Plymouth Township for six years, said he went on the trip to try to cement ties with American automotive facilities already in China. He said his company's biggest client is Ford Motor Co., and he was able to meet with Ford officials in China, as well as other automotive officials. Although he didn't make any deals during the mission, he said his company will try to utilize the contacts he was able to make.

"It's an opportunity. How great, we'll have to wait and see," he said.

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## @ THE LIBRARY

The Canton Public Library will close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 to prepare for the Silver Anniversary Gala.

November is Family Stories Month. Let the library help you tell and record your family's history and favorite stories. Use our scanner in the Copy Center to scan and preserve old photographs. Search our two genealogy databases, AncestryPlus and HeritageQuest Online, to learn more about your family. And visit [www.cantonpl.org/teller](http://www.cantonpl.org/teller) to learn how to tell stories to your children.

National Young Reader's Day is Nov. 8. Visit the Children's Department Web page for suggestions of age-appropriate material for your young reader at [www.cantonpl.org/kids/reading.html](http://www.cantonpl.org/kids/reading.html)

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## SUPER BOWL

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Canton Sports Center. Partiers can watch the game on a big-screen during the bash. There are also a number of Play Station and Texas Hold 'em poker tournaments in the works during the big game, according to Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board Bart Patterson. Pheasant Run Golf Course will also host the Ultimate Football Party, he added.

The whole region is getting in the game, according to Canton resident Michael O'Callaghan, executive vice president of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

O'Callaghan spoke to the members of the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon Wednesday.

The eyes of some 800 million television viewers will be on Detroit during the Super Bowl in February, and more than 3,000 credentialed members of the media will have an up-close view of the region. The economic impact

will be in excess of \$300 million, he said.

"The Super Bowl Host Committee can't do this alone," he said.

The committee is relying on the hospitality of metro communities to help deal with the hundreds of thousands of visitors the game will bring to Michigan.

However, events downtown will appeal not only to visitors, but also to those who call Detroit home. The Motown Winter Blast will be Feb. 2-4, in conjunction with the Feb. 5 game.

Last year, the event featured some 55 local bands and 20 restaurants, ice skating and snow sculptures and laser light show. This year's event will have all that and more, he said.

"Seriously, if you didn't go last year, you just have to go this year," said Canton resident Karyl Niemi. "It's just a blast, like the name says."

For more information on other Super Bowl events, visit [www.sbxl.org](http://www.sbxl.org).

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## LAJOY

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efficient and performing well, but getting less money."

As a result, LaJoy last month introduced House Bill 4828, which if passed would increase per-pupil funding for school districts that are performing well and surrounded on three sides by schools receiving at least \$1,000 more per pupil.

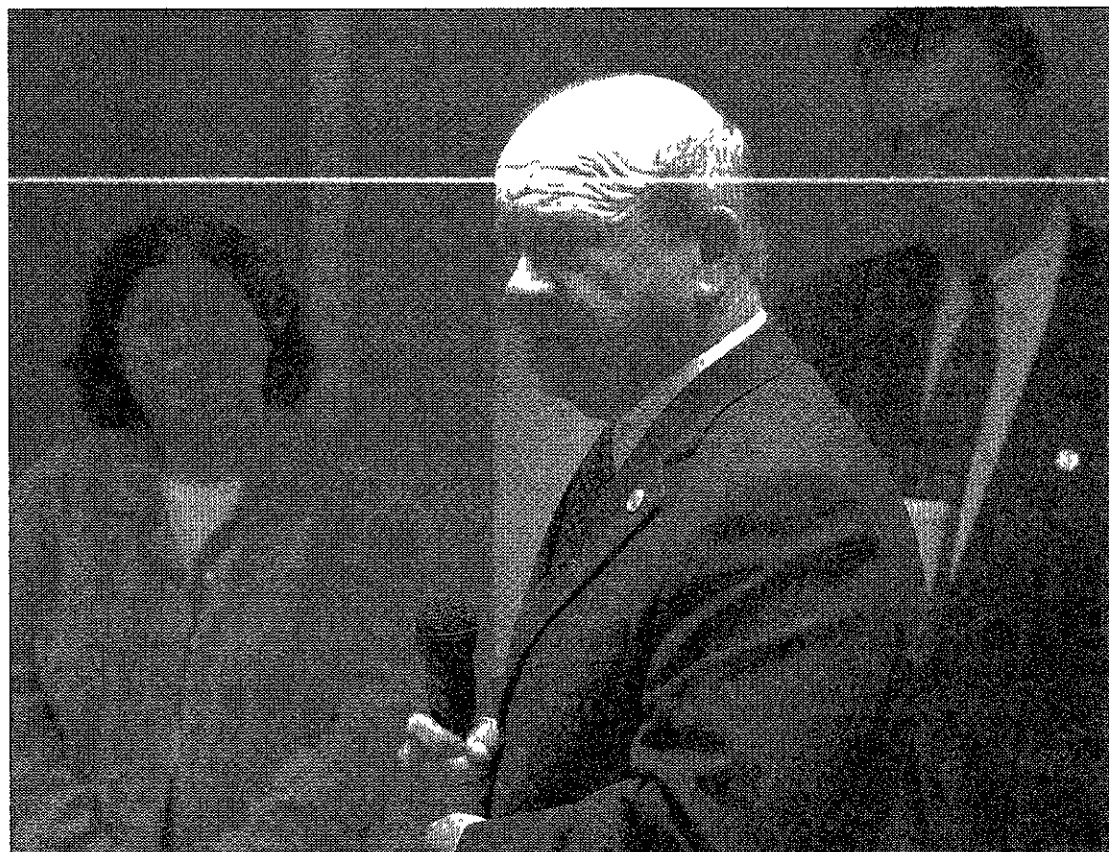
"My bill would give those districts about \$750 more," said LaJoy. "We need to look at long-term equity in funding, and I think we have a vehicle we can do that."

For Plymouth-Canton, that would mean about \$13 million added to its coffers. With the latest increase of \$175 per student doled out in the new state budget, Plymouth-Canton receives \$7,200 per student, while Ann Arbor gets \$9,176; Livonia \$8,280; and Northville \$8,225.

Along with Plymouth-Canton, districts that would be in line for an increase include South Lyon, Dearborn Heights, L'Anse Area Schools, Madison Public Schools and Ewen-Trout Creek. South Lyon is the House district represented by Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Nowi, which certainly doesn't hurt LaJoy's chances.

LaJoy said he expects the House Education Committee to consider the bill in the first quarter of next year, and is hopeful it will be passed on to the full House, where it needs at least 56 votes to move forward.

"The bill is based on per-



Plymouth-Canton school board member Judy Mardigian and House Education Committee chair Brian Palmer listen as state Rep. Phil LaJoy (foreground) makes a pitch at the school board meeting.

formance and efficiency, and that's a whole new concept," said LaJoy. "I think the timing is good. I'll work it like I've never worked anything."

Board of Education President Mark Slavens, who started Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding nearly eight years ago and conducted summits with state legislators trying to change Proposal A, said he's pleased with LaJoy's bill, but inequities would remain in the

present legislation.

"Obviously, any increase in funding for Plymouth-Canton is a good thing," said Slavens. "I'd eventually like to see equity brought about for all districts in the state."

Mardigian isn't buying any argument the bill is specifically designed to get Plymouth-Canton more money.

"After 11 years of Proposal A, isn't it time to address some of the inherent problems, and one of them is inequity," said

Mardigian, who plans to testify in front of the House Education Committee. "There isn't anything more clear in the definition of inequity than having districts that touch yours that get \$1,000 or more to do the same job you're doing."

"It's fundamental inequity, and it's something Lansing can do to address that," she said.

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## SAFETY

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said. "Like right now, many will take advantage of a crisis. You'll get fictitious groups calling to collect for hurricane victims. They capitalize on a specific event like the tsunami. It's a horrible way to do it."

Often the caller plays on the senior's sympathy and sense of decency, Hilden said, then they take advantage of the senior's sometimes failing memory, and his or her unwillingness to deal with the hassle or shame of going through the prosecution practice.

Hilden will discuss a dozen common scams and will stress that no one should give out personal or financial information on the phone, and should never send money or checks to anyone.

If you suspect you have been victimized by a scam artist, the first thing you must do is to call the local police department, Hilden said.

"They can determine if a crime occurred. It may be investigated by local police, or the U.S. postal inspectors, or by a unit of the FBI," Hilden said.

scammers are caught, but that statistic could change, he added.

"With improvements in our investigative tools our ability to track transactions and with credit card companies, I think that is getting much better," Hilden said.

The seminar will be noon - 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Summit Ballroom, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.

This year's seminar will feature Canton's Community Relations Sergeant Scott

Scams for Senior Citizens," and Fire Marshal Frank Barrett discussing home fire safety for the holiday season. Special guest speaker Robert A. Ficano, Wayne County Executive, will begin the afternoon. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is required and can be done by contacting the Canton Senior Citizen program at (734) 394-5485. This event is being sponsored by Canton Public Safety, Waltonwood Cherry Hill, Waltonwood Carriage Park and the Assisted Moving Company.



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# Kindness of strangers buoys family's spirits

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

As 29-year-old Duane Sues of Westland battles a form of cancer rare for his age, he and his family are heartened by the kindness of strangers.



Sues

Duane and his wife, Stacy, have received more than \$3,000 by mail and more than 100 encouraging cards and letters since an Oct. 16 article in the *Observer* detailed their troubles.

"We want to say 'thank you' from the bottom of our hearts," Stacy, 25, said Monday. "When I'm sad, I look at all the cards and letters from people we don't even know. I just keep reading them over and over. Some of these letters really touched me."

Duane has battled head and neck cancer for two years. A

self-employed carpet installer, he had to quit work in August because he became too sick, too tired.

The situation for the young couple and their children — Kyler, 3, and Kayla, 8 — has declined as their income dropped while bills continued piling up.

Personal checks and well-wishes came to their home from Westland, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Redford and other communities.

"We didn't expect this," Stacy said. "The money has been put to good use. We paid things like medical bills."

Many people also have offered their prayers for the Sues family.

The story originated from a fund-raiser that Duane's mother, Jeannie Mazur, said is still planned for 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Club Canton, 39651 Michigan Ave., east of Haggerty Road.

For a \$10 door charge,

there will be a live disc jockey, food, T-shirt sales and raffles for prizes. The money raised will go to Duane and his family.

For more information, call Mazur at (734) 612-0186.

Duane continues to receive chemotherapy at the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. He also has had surgery and radiation, but he faces an uphill battle as he fights a form of cancer that typically strikes much older men who are heavy drinkers and smokers.

"He doesn't do either," Stacy said.

She wanted everyone who has contacted the family to know that it is appreciated. She even met a neighbor — an elderly woman — who she didn't know until the woman read about the Sues family's situation.

Said Stacy: "It's been amazing."

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## Feeding the hungry

Melissa Rakovitis (from left), Samantha Sensky, and Rachel Rebandt add additional ingredients to packaged meals before they're sealed. The three were among 44 students volunteered to stay after school recently at Discovery Middle School to measure and package 9,024 meals to be sent to people along the Gulf Coast and perhaps even around the world. The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth and the Kids Against Hunger Coalition teamed up to raise money and provide volunteers to feed the hungry.



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# Couple marks 25th anniversary with their own run for the border

BY DAVE VARGA  
STAFF WRITER

When Steve Belsley decided to surprise his wife, Patti, in celebration of their 25th anniversary, he was definitely thinking outside the bun. Steve, whose friends call him "Taco Belsley," set up a bash for about 40 friends and family members at his favorite restaurant, the Taco Bell on Middlebelt, south of Five Mile. Besides the fact that the Livonia couple visit the restaurant regularly – Steve reportedly goes in twice a day sometimes – their run for the border held sentimental value: Their first date 30 years ago was at a Taco Bell in Redford. With crepe paper streamers, balloons, cakes and cameras ready, and the Carpenters' "We've Only Just Begun" flowing from the speakers, the happy couple walked into the restaurant just a little after 2 p.m. Tuesday. Patti stopped at

After the reception, the Belsleys were set to ride off in a limousine – complete with extra-large Taco Bell cups tied to the back – with children Amanda, 19, Courtney, 16, and Jared, 15 (son Josh, 22, was out of town).

the door when she saw all the familiar faces, tears began to stream and she was given a crown. After plenty of kisses and hugs, Steve hoisted a glass of non-alcoholic champagne to toast his wife. He talked of the rest of their first date, going to see "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" at the show. "It was very appropriate because I was very cuckoo in love with Patti," he said, eliciting an elongated "awwww" from the



Patti and Steve Belsley of Livonia cuddle up for a brief moment during their 25th wedding anniversary party at Taco Bell.

guests. Longtime friend John Connelly offered a toast to the couple. "The love you two share, I know it's just like a walk in the park," he said. Patti, who works midnights, had gotten only an hour of sleep when her husband woke her to go out Tuesday. Knowing it was their anniversary, she decided to "just play along." Still, she was quite surprised. "After 25 years, I can usually figure him out," she said. Restaurant owners Tim and Jeannine Thurman worked with Steve for many weeks on the plans. Decorations started going up

at 10 a.m. that day, leading to explanations for some perplexed customers. One man said, "Boy, if I did that my wife would divorce me," Jeannine stated. Husband Tim said it was a team effort to put on the party, adding, "It's not very often that you get a customer like Steve and his wife." After the reception, the Belsleys were set to ride off in a limousine – complete with extra-large Taco Bell cups tied to the back – with children Amanda, 19, Courtney, 16, and Jared, 15 (son Josh, 22, was out of town).

# Tickets go on sale for 2005 Taste Fest

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine sampling food from more than a dozen restaurants and running up a mere \$20 tab. Consider it done. Tickets have gone on sale for the Westland Chamber of Commerce's seventh annual Holiday Taste Fest. "There's a little different mix of food this year," chamber President Lori Brist said. Holiday Taste Fest is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Hellenic Cultural Center at 36375 Joy Road, east of Newburgh. The "gourmet adventure," as one chamber flier calls it, also will include music, entertainment and a silent auction. The event serves as a fundraiser for the chamber and for the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund, in honor of the late community volunteer who served Westland in many capacities, including his job as liaison

between the Westland City Council and local residents. Brist has released a list of participants for this year's Holiday Taste Fest, including Fire Mountain, Le Cakery Bake Shop, LongHorn Steakhouse, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Max & Erma's, Red Robin, Souper Sandwich Carver, Westland Big Boy, UNO Chicago Grill, Applebee's, La Shish, the William D. Ford Career Technical Center culinary arts program, the Hellenic Cultural Center and, from Canton, Taj Mahal. O&W Inc. and Vintner's Cellar – distributors, respectively, of beer and wine – also are expected to be on hand. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens (55 and over) and children (12 and under). Tickets are on sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the chamber office, on Ford Road east of Newburgh.

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# Human rights film fest set for November showings

A Human Rights Film Festival, "Four Nights in November," will be offered by the Citizens for Peace and Madonna University on Wednesdays, Nov. 9, 16 and 30. All movies will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Madonna University's Kresge Hall. The first film, to be shown Nov. 2, is *Oil Factor: Behind the War on Terror*. Narrated by Ed Asner, this film explores why Iraq was attacked by the U.S., even though it was not a threat, but has the second largest oil reserves in the world. *Forsaken Cries*, an Amnesty International Film showing on Nov. 9, documents why and who is responsible for the killing of close to one million people in a planned and systematic genocide in Rwanda, and why the international community failed to respond. The carnage continues today in Sudan's Darfur region. Of special interest to Livonia residents is *Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price*. Set for

7:30 p.m. Nov. 16. This behind the scenes look at the world's biggest corporation is scheduled to be seen simultaneously throughout the country by more than 1,900 groups. On Nov. 30, the movie *Slavery: A Global Investigation* reveals the plight of an estimated 27 million people who are held in bondage – more slaves than at any other time in history. They are working in factories, building roads, weaving carpets. If they are children, they may be forced to be soldiers or become sex slaves. Opportunities for discussion will follow each film. A \$5 donation per film is requested. There is ample, free, well-lit parking available at the Madonna University campus, located at the intersection of the I-96 freeway (Schoolcraft) and Levan Road in Livonia. The public is invited to all of these films. For information, call Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

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# Bouchard plans to retain sheriff's post during run for Senate

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

For the second time this year, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard has put himself in the running to unseat Democratic U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in next year's election.

He now joins a race for the Republican Party's nod with Southfield-based Rev. Keith Butler and Grand Rapids-



Bouchard

the Senate in early February, but dropped out just two weeks later citing "health issues" that were not life-

based Jerry Zandstra.

Bouchard announced his re-entry to the campaign Oct. 31. He had originally announced his candidacy for

threatening. Now, with those issues put to rest, he is getting back into the political ring.

"I've been looking at this over the last couple of weeks," Bouchard said. "I looked at the timeline and talked to family and supporters."

Bouchard, 48, currently serves as Oakland County sheriff and has been an elected official since his first term on the Beverly Hills village

council in 1986. He served in the state House and Senate until 1999, when he was appointed sheriff. He was elected to the post in 2000 and has been re-elected twice since then. His term of office expires in 2009.

He said he would not step aside from his position as the county's top law enforcement officer while he runs for a desk in Washington D.C.

"I'll just have to squeeze

more time out of the day," Bouchard said. "I've been doing (office) paperwork at night. There's going to be less time for me. It's a sacrifice, but it's worth it."

He said his platform was about security in terms of jobs in Michigan as well as national defense. In those regards, he said, he was eminently qualified.

"These issues run through my life experiences," Bouchard

said. "I was a small business owner and worked on jobs in the state Senate. From my experience in law enforcement, I have an insider's view of homeland security in my profession."

Bloomfield Township treasurer and county chairman for the Bush 2000 and 2004 campaigns Dan Devine said there might be more candidates for the Senate seat by the filing deadline in May.

# Zandstra: Policy changes are the right Rx for economic ills

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
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Michigan's problems are the country's problems. If our outlook on how we do business, at every level, doesn't change, we can only expect our economic fortunes to worsen as time goes by.

That's the policy stance of Republican Senatorial candidate Jerry Zandstra of Grand Rapids. The first-time politician threw his hat into the ring earlier this year to replace Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, in the nation's capitol. The Rev. Keith Butler and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard have announced their candidacy for the Republican nomination.

Zandstra is running for the Senate to clean up some of the policy situations he says are dulling Michigan's, and the nation's, competitive edge.

"A big part of what I see as the challenges we face are the same as they are in other parts of the world," he said. "Bad policies lead to bad economies."

Michigan, sitting at an unemployment level 40 percent higher than the national

average, is about as bad as it gets. He said a lot of the blame for that can be laid at Gov. Jennifer Granholm's feet, but an equal portion can be laid at the national doorstep, beyond the governor's realm of influence.

"Everything we manufacture in the U.S. is 22 percent more expensive than our closest trading partners," Zandstra said. "It's not the cost of (borrowing) capitol or the cost of labor, either. It's the tax structure, tort abuse, the cost of health care and the cost of education."

He said tax compliance — the time and money putting annual taxes together for the IRS — eats up between \$250 billion and \$500 billion every year. It's the structure of the tax system, he said, and not the rate that's keeping the country from being as competitive as it can be.

Tort reform, he said, is necessary as well. "The cost of abuse has become a significant portion, 2



Zandstra

## JERRY ZANDSTRA

Party: Republican

Age: 41

Marital status: Married, three sons

Profession: director of Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty; pastor, Christian Reformed Church, Cutlerville; M.B.A. professor at Cornerstone University  
Education: B.A., psychology, Calvin College; M.A., divinity and historical theology, Calvin College; Ph.D., administration, Trinity University

percent, of what we manufacture," he said. "We want to protect people, but we don't want to make (a lawsuit) an opportunity for a judicial lottery."

He said part of the job has been done now that the practice of jury shopping — arguing cases in communities known for high jury awards — has been stopped. He said

there still has to be a reform of the assigning of indirect damages so that insurance companies will fight more cases than they settle.

For health care, he said the system is set up in a way that keeps people from taking care of the most common illnesses themselves. Heart disease, diabetes and obesity are related, controllable and largely preventable. The system doesn't reward people for avoiding them or dissuade the behaviors that cause them.

"If there's a economic incentive to being healthy, people will be healthy," Zandstra said. "Right now, that's illegal. If being healthier, lowering your cholesterol, cuts the per-month premium for health care, wouldn't you do more to be healthier?"

He said a nationalized system, like the ones in Canada and Europe, would only drive the cost of health care upward through inefficiency. As if by parallel, he said the education system needs to be more efficient as well.

"Many public school districts are well-performing, but some have failure rates of 45 percent. That's staggering in light of the global economy,"

Zandstra said. "We are not a manual labor-based economy anymore."

The ultimate responsibility, he said, rests with parents, but they have to have more

tools to make their wishes known within the schools. Zandstra said parents have to be able to hold schools accountable for the service they provide.

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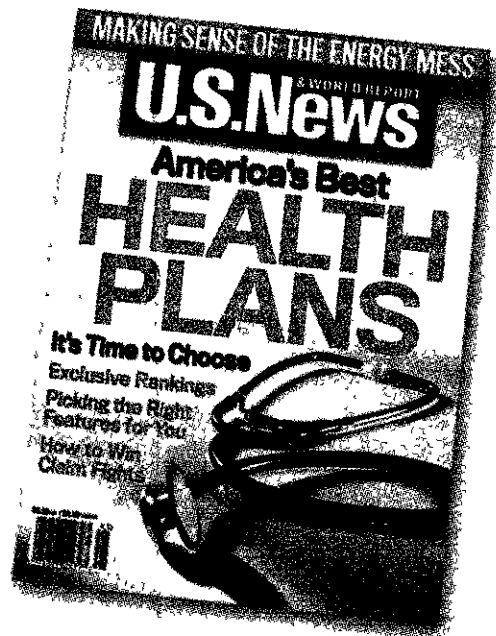
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# Globalization comes to town

The recent announcement that Century Automotive, a division of the China-based Tempo Group, will be buying the Ashley Capital building on Michigan Avenue is just another sign that Canton is starting to attract more than just new subdivisions.

When Century takes over the 477,000-square-foot building on Michigan at Beck Road, it is expected to occupy about 70,000 square feet at first. As the company grows, it will take over more of the building. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who just returned from a trade mission to China, met with Tianbao Zhou, the founder and chairman of Tempo Group, and said the company is opening a research and development facility, and is expected to employ about 200 people.

Research and development businesses are highly coveted, and exactly the kind that any community would like to attract. They usually bring with them high-quality, well-paying jobs. Not only will the taxes from such a facility bolster the township's coffers, chances are, some of those employees will also end up choosing Canton as their home. So the impact on the local economy could be huge.

In addition, Century is just the latest major foreign company to locate in Canton. The community is already eagerly awaiting the 2006 opening of IKEA, the giant Swedish furniture retailer. And of course, there is Yazaki North America, which initially opened in 1986 and expanded in 1999, and now employs 1,700 staffers.

This trend shows that Canton is taking advantage of globalization, or that globalization is taking advantage of Canton, and all it has to offer. While globalization is a word many in the community have come to dread — does “Toyotaville” ring a bell — communities such as Canton should do all they can to reap its rewards.

This is especially the case when it comes to China, which is in the midst of a major economic boom right now. According to John Carroll Jr., the executive director of the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership who went on the trip with Ficano, there are many Chinese companies like Century trying to invest in America. While these companies are based in China, they will be setting up facilities that employ American workers and pay local taxes. Canton and Wayne County should do all they can to attract them, because, if they don't, other communities will.

# Do whatever you can to help local charities

Your local charity desperately needs your help this holiday season.

Donations are down 50 percent this year compared with last year, yet the need is up 25-50 percent, according to representatives from Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan and several nonprofits it serves.

Hurricane relief efforts have diverted monetary and food donations to other parts of the country at a time when more and more Michigan workers are finding themselves out of work because of the state's poor economy.

“People are just struggling,” said John Kastler, vice president of program services for Gleaners, which provides surplus food from national companies to 440 agencies in southeast Michigan.

The charities need monetary donations most.

Readers who donated to hurricane victims may think they can't afford to help anymore. But a little bit goes a long way toward feeding hungry families.

At Gleaners, \$1 translates into 16 meals.

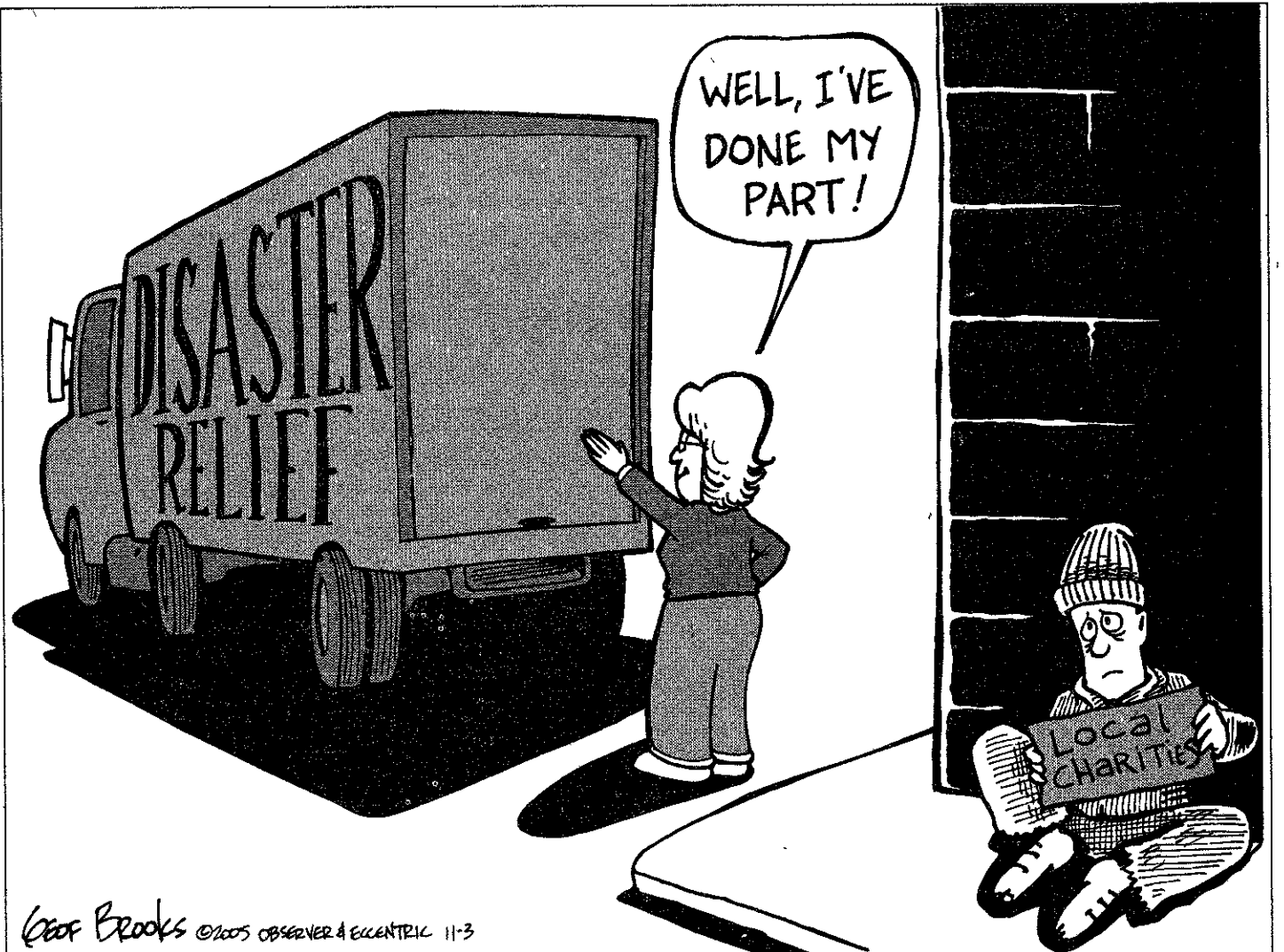
Cash can also be used by charities to help people pay rent or utility bills to avoid being evicted or having their heat or electricity shut off.

Those who really can't afford to give money can organize nonperishable food drives at their offices, churches or schools.

Or they can volunteer to answer phones, sort clothes or repack food for distribution.

Charities sometimes get a lot of help for Thanksgiving and Christmas, so consider volunteering after the holidays. The regular volunteers will appreciate the extra help.

However you can assist — whether it's donating money, food or time — please do so. Your local charity — and needy families in your neighborhood — are counting on you.



## Thank you

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) would like to take the opportunity to thank Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) for sponsoring Public Act 106 of 2005. This important legislation, which amended the Code of Criminal Procedure to include dating relationships in the definition of domestic violence, was signed into law Sept. 15, 2005.

It is critical that we, as a society, work to prevent and respond seriously to violence that occurs in dating relationships. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the highest rates of domestic violence affect women ages 16-24. Public Act 106 helps to ensure that victims of violence in dating relationships are given access to the same legal remedies as victims of domestic violence. MCADSV commends Sen. Patterson for his leadership on this issue.

**Kathy Hagenian**  
executive policy director  
Michigan Coalition Against  
Domestic and Sexual Violence

## Drugs benefit humanity

Bobbie Jones asks whatever happened to the days when the strongest thing we had in our medicine cabinet was aspirin, and the cure for everything was a good bowl of soup and a good night's sleep? (“There’s a pill for that,” *Observer* Life, Oct. 16). Does she mean the good old days when we lived an average of 47 years and died from now easily treated or preventable illnesses? When there were no effective treatments for infections, asthma, epilepsy, depression and cancer? What about today, with AIDS and malaria devastating Africa and threats of an avian flu pandemic?

Soup, anyone?  
Every five years, American life expectancy adds a year, with 60 percent of this improvement attributed to prescription medications (the rest due to sanitation, diagnosis, nutrition, surgery, etc.). For every \$1 spent on prescription medication, \$6.17 in health care costs is saved (including \$4.44 by avoiding hospitalizations and surgery). Drugs account for 11 percent of the American health care dollar, and rank well below alcohol and tobacco, car repairs, telephone and entertainment among annual consumer spending. Sure some people need extra help, which is why companies offer samples and indigent care programs.

Health professionals and consumers share the responsibility for optimal use of medications, and indeed the rising demand for medications is the primary culprit (73.5 percent) in soaring drug expenditures rather than just cost (26.5 percent). Some of this increased use is beneficial as stated above; some of it is harmful as, Ms. Jones voices in her article. In response to her charges of “relentless assault” and “bombardment” by pharmaceutical companies as we seek to improve patients’ lives: “You’re welcome, Ms. Jones.” Keep enjoying the healthiest times in human history.

**Dr. Thomas Constance**  
pharmaceutical manufacturer employee  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Desperate argument

Leonard Poger must be getting desperate as he attempts to justify Israeli behavior in the occupied territories by using stale rhetoric that lost relevance decades ago. Instead of talking about Israel's ongoing expansion of Jewish only settlements, Mr. Poger prefers to dwell on 1930s. Instead of talking about the Arab League's outstanding offer of full peace with Israel, he prefers to remanufacture the Jordan is Palestine ideology. Perhaps he has forgotten that Israel has a peace treaty on the books with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

All the Palestinians are demanding is an independent state living in peace beside the state of Israel. The Palestinian state should comprise the Gaza Strip and the entirety of the West Bank. These are the terms of the Oslo Accords. Poger appears to care more about Israel's hold on the West Bank than a historic reconciliation between Jew and Arab.

**Ibrahim Kandah**  
Canton

### Tired of the hecklers

One evening I watched with interest a tape of the Oct. 11 Canton trustee meeting and quickly became nauseated listening to four individuals who regularly cost the Canton taxpayers time and progress by their public banter and constant conflict at the important issues our trustees have to deal with. Funny, it's the same four hecklers at all the trustee meetings.

One, who lives in Northville but has a business in Canton (that has benefited by the township's success in the form of an appreciated property value) that is regularly in violation of one ordinance or another (go figure); one resident who doesn't even have the decency to remove his cap while inside a building, in the presence of women or just out of plain respect at the podium (maybe he thinks it's a sports bar); one who considers himself an expert in obtaining facts on issues that he supposedly researches and writes editorials on with his own negative twist; and one trustee who sits at the dais constantly posturing and badgering the township supervisor. It's pretty transparent what his ambition is by the targets he has chosen to direct his attacks on in the past to get elected and now in the present to stay in the limelight.

If I felt these individuals made any kind of contribution to Canton (and I don't mean monetarily) I could respect their ability to analyze issues to a positive resolution right along with the elected officials, but all they do is slow things down with their attitudes of opposition and contradiction. This is not what has brought Canton to the level of success it has achieved and will achieve.

I believe in the right to free speech and the right to express opinion in a public forum like the trustee meetings, the planning commission meetings, etc., but the rhetoric from these individuals has gotten old and they simply oppose things for opposition sake. It is quite frankly child-like and uncalled for. I hope the majority of Canton citizenry sees through all this. As the old saying goes, if you don't have anything nice to say, sit down and shut

up. OK, so I paraphrased it a bit. Maybe they'll get the message, though.

**Greg Greene**  
Canton

### Arts are important

As the current board president of the Wayne County Council for Arts, History and Humanities (WCCAHH), I have become acquainted with many arts and cultural leaders and organizations throughout the county. Suffice it to say there is an amazing amount of cultural activity going on at any given time. This is certainly true for the greater Canton community, which has come to the forefront with the opening of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The facility has provided a venue for professional performances and equally as important, a place for local community performers, performances and events.

While some may question the expenditure for such a facility and the financial commitment required to support facilities and programs, it is important to consider the benefits that are derived, not the least of which is the economic impact realized by the community. The Michigan Cool Cities initiative has helped to re-enforce this idea of economic impact and the value to not only our individual communities, but also collectively to our state. Much has been written in recent years about the importance of the arts and their impact on economic development. ArtServe Michigan and the Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies are excellent sources for the latest information on this subject. The bottom line, however, is that it all starts at the community level. A community's commitment to a rich cultural life speaks volumes about its obligation to ensure a rich and rewarding quality of life for its residents, to retain these residents and at the same time attract new residents and businesses.

Canton has shown itself to be a leader in taking the steps to strengthen the arts and culture through its facilities, its programs and commitments. We on the WCCAHH Board applaud this commitment and appreciate the added strength and enhancement this brings to our county as a whole.

**EmmaJean Woodyard**  
president, WCCAHH

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“It was a very good arrest. When you move this kind of weight around, you are usually connected to a larger ring.

Hopefully this is the first step of breaking up a larger drug network.”

— Matthew Albence, a deputy special agent for the U.S. Immigration and Customs, on the drug bust the agency made last week in a Canton parking lot near Joy and Haggerty, which netted 450 pounds of marijuana and resulted in the arrest of four Ontario residents

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# Restructuring only option left for struggling auto industry

With Delphi Corp. in bankruptcy and General Motors and the United Auto Workers cutting a deal to drastically reduce health care costs, it's absolutely clear that a long and stable — but now totally unsustainable — economic era in Michigan is coming to an end.

The question, of course, is whether that end will be followed by economic apocalypse ... or an overdue but valuable recognition of reality on which we can build for the future.

Last week, I sketched out the apocalyptic scenario. This week, I'll propose the more optimistic one.

Begin with Benjamin Franklin, who famously remarked upon the signing of the Declaration of

Independence in 1776, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

Those are wise words. And that's a concept that the leadership of the UAW must have had in the back of their minds as they struggled to find a way to help the struggling company without creating a political firestorm among the union rank and file.

What a change! In the old days, labor relations between the auto companies and the UAW were a strange combination of hostility and co-dependence. Union negotiators would rattle their swords across the bargaining table at management. Even though they battled over the wage and benefit increases, both sides figured that eventually they could administer any increased costs to an essentially closed market.

But as the years passed, this pattern of expedient — but economically indefensible — collaboration began to look more and more like a mutual suicide pact.

Take GM as a case in point. Its market share has plummeted from more than 45 percent a decade ago to 28 percent this year.

In 1965, GM had 409,000 hourly employees represented by the UAW; today there are only one-fourth as many. If not for astonishing productivity gains at GM's factories — vehicle output per worker has doubled over the past two decades — the company would have gone bust trying to pay benefits for its 460,000 retirees.

Today the market is no longer closed, and American consumers are all too ready to buy cheaper and better foreign vehicles. Or cars produced on these shores by non-union labor.

Something has to give, and that something is old-fashioned adversarial bargaining, workers vs. management.

David Cole, the head of the Center for Automotive Research and one of the most respected industry analysts, put it in crisp terms: "It's very simple. It's change or die."

GM Chairman Rick Wagoner told his employees, "a cooperative approach to problem solving

clearly gets the best results." UAW President Ron Gettelfinger is in uncomfortable agreement.

They can read economic history just as well as anyone, especially the history of other old-line unionized industries that got trapped by escalating costs and a globalizing world economy.

The case of the steel industry is especially instructive. Steve Miller, Delphi's CEO, knows that all too well; he was the guy who led Bethlehem Steel into bankruptcy in 2001.

Back in the 1990s, the domestic steel industry was near death. Most of the great integrated American mills had closed, victim of cheaper steel from abroad. Under enormous cost and market share pressure, the industry started transforming itself, with the relatively silent cooperation of the United Steelworkers Union.

Twenty-five years ago, steel companies employed around 400,000 workers and it took around nine man-hours to produce a ton of steel. By 2004, there were only 120,000 workers in the industry, each making a ton of steel every two hours.

Between 2001 and 2003, the failing steel companies dumped their pension plans for some 250,000 workers and retirees onto the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., an estimated \$10 billion obligation, while more than 200,000 retirees and dependents lost their health care benefits.

The pain was extreme, but today the domestic steel industry is reasonably prosperous. Louis Schorsch, CEO of Mittal Steel USA, told *The New York Times* that labor-management relations have improved markedly: "The union has recognized that the old way of doing business doesn't work. We shouldn't talk about how to carve the pie, but about how to make this industry more competitive."

The auto industry — in an optimistic scenario — could follow the example of the steel companies in developing a route to restructuring and renewed competitiveness.

But in practice, all kinds of pitfalls are lurking out there. The kinds of wage and benefit cuts Delphi is demanding from the UAW could provoke an enormously damaging strike.

The negotiations between the auto companies and the union over the labor contracts that expire in 2007 will be difficult and tense.

Gettelfinger is also taking a major political risk with UAW members and retirees by arguing that cooperation with the auto companies, although necessarily painful, is the only way to salvage jobs and preserve the industry.

We're all holding our breath. But the choices we all face are pretty clear. They're apocalypse or restructuring. And only the second option offers hope for any future prosperity. Yes, it will hurt. But it always hurts when a baby is born.

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Phil Power

# Thieves steal more than just valuables during home break-in

There it was in black and white: Solvability factor, zero. I read the police report and found that the case had been closed less than an hour after it was opened. And just like that, I was finally able to wrap my brain around one of the worst days I've had in the last decade. It was the day my family became victims of a home invasion.

The day was early last month. My son and I got home first that day. As usual, I had on my mind all the things that had to be accomplished in the two hours between the end of the school day and the start of my son's Cub Scout meeting.

It took a minute to realize that the house had been ransacked. And it took a few seconds for me to realize my son was upstairs, and I wasn't so sure that the thief wasn't.

I shuffled my son outside quickly, and I'd like to believe I looked calm, but I doubt I did. I called the police, and would not go back into the house until police (or my significant other, as it turned out) showed up to make sure we were alone.

The Detroit Police Department closed the case almost immediately. But the three thieves, who my neighbor witnessed leaving the house, have turned our lives upside down while we sort out issues with the insurance company and replace those things that can be replaced.

Then there are the things that can't. Like a sense of security in my home. Like my son's belief that no matter what, he's safe as long as I'm there.

The thing is, even in communities that have top-notch police departments, about the best you can hope for is that one in five home invasion cases will be solved.

"Really, if you can catch 20 percent of these guys, you're doing exceptionally well," said Deputy Chief Alex Wilson of the Canton Police Department.

The reason is that it's a crime that produces very little evidence. It's also a crime that's committed quickly with no witnesses, and even where there are witnesses (as there were in my neighborhood), the thieves can get in and out of your house faster than patrol cars can get there.

Almost no burglars are caught in the act, Wilson said. Some are caught immediately

Your best bet is to not become a victim in the first place. We made mistakes, to be sure. Ours is the only house on the block with no security doors. It was also the only house on the block with no cars in the driveway the day the thieves kicked in our side door. Other signs of insecurity — like an air conditioner in a ground floor window — also made our house look like an easy target.

after the crime if a witness calls with a very good description. Some are caught by accident, like when they get pulled over for a burned out tail light and observant officers find stolen goods in the car. But the trail of evidence runs cold in the vast majority of cases, even in the best of police departments.

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While there's nothing you can do to keep a determined thief from breaking into your house in broad daylight, there are certainly things you can do to make your home less attractive to criminals.

The Canton Police Department will be helping to keep our senior citizens from experiencing the unsettling experience my family has had, as it offers a Nov. 16 seminar, "Canton Senior Citizens: Safe, Sound and Secure."

The presentation will include information about avoiding cons and scams, keeping your home safe from fire, and will include guest speaker Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

For more information or to register for the event, contact Canton Senior Citizen programming at (734) 394-5485.

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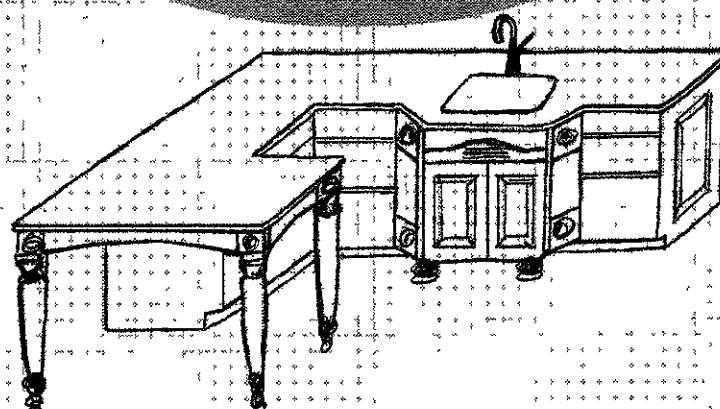
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# Off-duty deputy acquitted in road rage shoot-out

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER

The off-duty Wayne County deputy involved in a road rage shoot-out in Southfield has been cleared to return to work after being found not guilty by an Oakland County Circuit Court jury.

But Derrick A. Wade will be on restricted duty pending the outcome of an internal affairs administrative investigation, Sgt. Larry Crider, a spokesman for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, said Tuesday.

Wade, 35, was charged with felonious assault and reckless driving after the April 2 incident during which, "bullets were flying all over," according to one witness.

One of the eight bullets fired grazed a motorist scuffling with Wade, and another went through the window of a business on Eight Mile, between Greenfield and Southfield Roads, according to investigating officers.

Jurors were not sure who to believe, Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Craig Pavlock said after a jury returned the not guilty verdict in the courtroom of Judge Rae Lee Chabot.

Jurors deliberated a total of five hours over two days before returning their verdict

Monday, Pavlock said. The prosecutor quoted unnamed jurors as saying they were not certain which witness—who gave vastly different versions of the incident—was telling the truth.

James Manley Jr., 47, of Detroit testified that he was driving home from work around 7 a.m., when he stopped at a light next to a vehicle driven by Wade who was accompanied by a woman.

As he testified in Southfield District Court, Manley said he briefly glanced inside the vehicle and noticed an "attractive" woman. But no words were exchanged, he said, and he did not make any gestures or eye contact.

Moments later, as he was driving west on Eight Mile, the car driven by Wade came beside his and words were exchanged, and they scuffled, Manley testified.

Wade was the first to pull a gun, Manley testified, and they scuffled. Manley testified he pulled his weapon, for which he had a concealed weapons permit, and shots were exchanged.

Manley, a heavy equipment operator, said the shot that grazed his foot may have come from his own gun.

The testimony of the woman riding with Wade gave a vastly different

account of the incident. Jody Trottier, a Wayne County jailer and Wade's fiancée, testified she felt "uncomfortable" when their vehicles were stopped at the light and Manley was looking in their vehicle.

Moments later, Manley's car pulled along side theirs, Trottier testified, and Manley brandished a handgun.

Trottier also testified Wade stopped Manley's vehicle, and

Wade identified himself as a police officer as he approached Manley's vehicle, before shots were fired.

Defense attorney Henry M. Scharg was not available after the trial. After Wade's preliminary examination, however, he said the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office had been overzealous and filed charges against the wrong party.

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## Madonna University holds open house

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an Open House for prospective students 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, and learn about the more than 70 career-oriented undergraduate majors and 22 master's degree programs offered during the day, evenings, and weekends. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available, and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Madonna University's Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339, email: muinfo@madonna.edu or www.madonna.edu. Classes are also offered at the Orchard Lake Center and the Downriver Center in Southgate.

## Glusac new chairman

The gavel has been passed to a new chairman of the Wayne County Airport Authority Board. Vice Chair Michael M. Glusac was elevated by his fellow board members to chair of the Authority which operates Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Willow Run Airport. Secretary David Treadwell is the new vice chair and board member James Settles Jr. is the new secretary.

Glusac has been a WCAA board member since the inception of the Authority.

A senior adviser to Detroit Renaissance from 1997 to 2005, Glusac served as the organization's chairman in 1995 and 1996. While vice president of government affairs for Chrysler Corp., Glusac worked with all levels of government to develop the Chrysler World Headquarters in Auburn Hills and the Jefferson Avenue North Assembly Plant in Detroit. He also served as executive director of SEMCOG for eight years and was Detroit Mayor Roman Gribbs' corporation counsel from 1970 to 1974.

An attorney with a degree from Wayne State University Law School, Glusac also served as a mayor and councilman for the City of Highland Park, as chairman of the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau, and president of the Michigan Municipal League.

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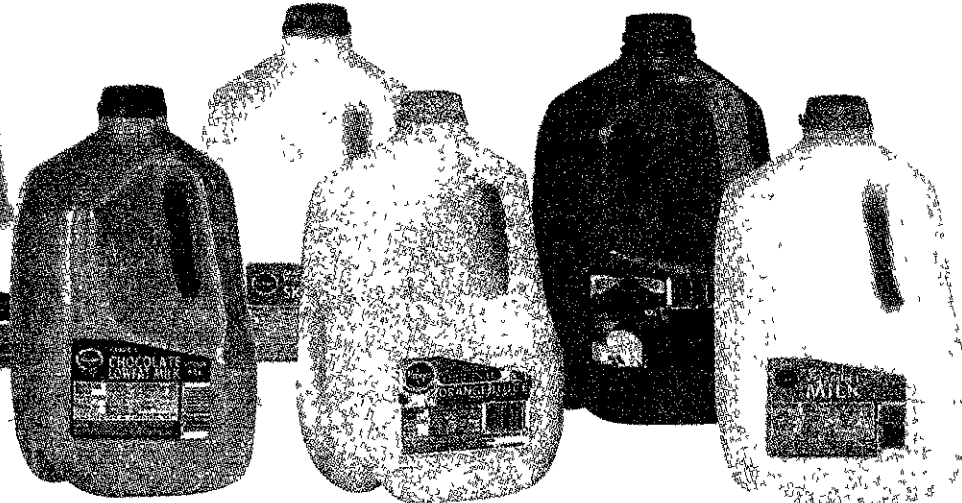
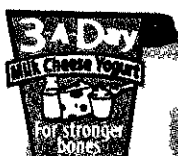


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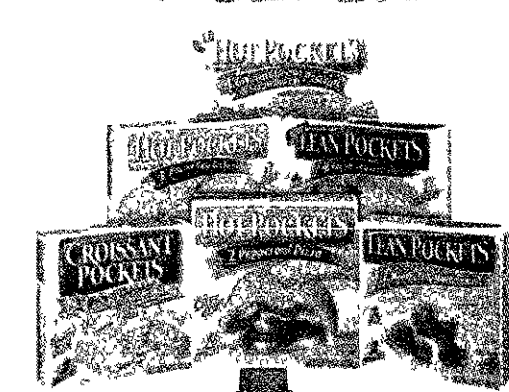
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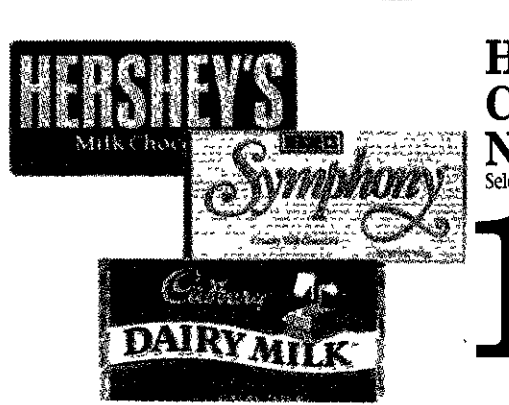
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## Goodwill hunting

More than 50 premier antiques exhibitors from across the country will offer a wide variety of items at the Goodwill Antiques Show.

The Goodwill Antiques Show offers a wide variety of items. The 58th annual event, with antiques from more than 50 exhibitors from across the country, will take place Nov. 12-13 at Oakland University. Photos shown here were taken at last year's show.



### Volunteers, workers among treasures from antiques show

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

There are different kinds of treasures in and from the Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. Some of the treasures are human — the people working and being trained, the instructors and other staffers, and volunteers, such as those who refinish and refurbish a variety of items that will be sold at the Goodwill Booth.

These donated pieces — including furniture, toys, jewelry and collectibles — are another kind of treasure. The Goodwill Booth is just part of the annual Goodwill Antiques Show (see related item).

"It's probably one of the best things I've done," said a volunteer, Sharon Pulte of Rochester Hills, who goes to Goodwill

headquarters in Detroit once a week to work on the items.

"You always go home feeling better," Pulte and Sheila Biehl of Bloomfield Hills are co-chairs of the antiques show, which is sponsored and organized by the Junior Group of Goodwill, a volunteer auxiliary of more than 200 members.

The event, now in its 58th year, is the biggest fund-raiser for Goodwill Industries. It used to take place on the State Fair grounds; in recent years, the site has been the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University in Rochester.

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"The antique show is really fun," said Pulte, whose other activities include the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council Designer Showhouse.

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#### 58TH ANNUAL GOODWILL ANTIQUES SHOW

■ **What:** More than 50 premier antiques exhibitors from across the country will offer a wide variety of items at the event.

Among the featured antiques will be Americana, Continental and English furniture and accessories, including fine and folk art, pottery, jewelry, Oriental items, silver, fine glass and china, pewter and toys.

The Goodwill Booth is always a show favorite. It will feature hundreds of collectibles, jewelry and furniture restored by talented volunteers. Bids on special donated items can be made at a silent auction, which will begin during the preview party and conclude on the afternoon of Nov. 13. Other features of the show will include gift items handmade by volunteers and local artists, a pantry with canned goods and a lunch cafe. The Junior Group of Goodwill, a volunteer auxiliary, sponsors and organizes the show.

All proceeds from the event benefit Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, which provides job training and placement services to people with disabilities and other special needs.

■ **When:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13.

■ **Where:** Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University, off Adams between Avon Road and Walton Boulevard in Rochester Hills.

■ **General admission:** \$10. Tickets may be bought at the pavilion door or through Junior Group members. Parking is free.

■ **Gala preview:** 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11. The black tie optional party will feature music, cocktails and a strolling supper by Forte Belanger Catering.

Partygoers will have the first opportunity to select pieces before the show opens to the general public. Preview tickets are \$80. To order, call the Junior Group at (248) 909-1492.

■ **Information:** Call (248) 909-1492 or visit [www.goodwilldetroit.com](http://www.goodwilldetroit.com).

## Accents

### Kiss stain goodbye

"Lipstick stains aren't so tough to get out anymore, especially when they occur on white cotton," say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"In a spray bottle, mix three equal parts of laundry bleach, water and milk. Spray it on the stain, and then scrub with a toothbrush. It's great for strawberry stains, too.

"Don't use this formula on anything but white cotton; colors and other fabrics can be damaged."

### Hardwood help

Interested in new kitchen cabinets or countertops but concerned about matching with your hardwood floors? Not sure how to remove white rings and water marks from furniture? Need to remove a pet stain or silence a squeaky step?

Helpful hints, ideas and answers are just a click away at [www.hardwood-info.com](http://www.hardwood-info.com) — the American Hardwood Information Center's comprehensive and user-friendly Web site.

With new tips each week, the site is a reliable one-stop source for practical information about American hardwoods and American hardwood floors, furniture, cabinetry, millwork and built-ins.

The information is organized into easy-to-navigate categories, with helpful advice for every stage of a design or remodeling project. Checklists, how-to's and details are found in About American Hardwoods, Ideas and Trends, Product Choices & Considerations, Care & Repair, Materials & Methods and Green Design & Building.

A popular feature is the guide to American Hardwood Species, which encompasses everything you need to know about 23 major American hardwoods from oak, ash and aspen to hickory, basswood, walnut and maple. You'll learn the woods' characteristics and how they look in light, medium or dark finishes.

Practical tips help clear up the confusion on a wide range of topics, including how to tell what type of finish is on your hardwood floor and whether it's time to refinish, considerations for using hardwood floors over concrete slabs or radiant heat, ideas for adding hardwood molding and trim throughout the home, and the sustainability of American hardwoods and their prominence in environmentally friendly interiors.

The site also offers the weekly Ask Rose feature, in which author and columnist Rose Bennett Gilbert answers visitor questions about decorating and remodeling. You can submit your own questions if you can't find the information you're looking for on the site.

The Web site is sponsored by the American Hardwood Information Center, an independent, nonprofit organization.

## Local companies deliver range of high-tech services



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Michigan may not be Silicon Valley, but you'd be surprised by some of the high-tech solutions coming out of businesses right in your neighborhood.

Take Greenview Data, an Ann Arbor company that's helping organizations stop the onslaught of spam.

Greenview's SpamStopsHere ([www.spamstopshere.com](http://www.spamstopshere.com)) is what's known as a server-side solution, meaning it filters out spam before it ever reaches a company's mail servers.

The service actually employs six levels of filtering, which Greenview claims will block 99.5 percent of all spam, without interfering with legitimate e-mail.

Sounds great, right? I was all ready to sign up (especially now that America Online is cruelly shutting down my beloved Mailblocks service — more on that in a future column) until I learned that SpamStopsHere isn't available for individual users. It's strictly a business product, one designed for companies with at least 1,000 employees.

Bummer! Founder Ted Green, who started Greenview Data back in 1980 (with a then-famous software program called VEDIT), told me that his relatively small shop simply isn't equipped to handle the support needs of a consumer version of SpamStopsHere.

Guess I'll have to find another way to banish spam from my mailbox. But for businesses, SpamStopsHere looks like a killer solution.

Another Ann Arbor company, Ilium Software ([www.iliumsoft.com](http://www.iliumsoft.com)), develops soft-

ware for PDAs and smartphones.

I'm partial to NewsBreak, which feeds all manner of personalized news and information to your device, and eWallet, a secure (and really handy) database for your account numbers, passwords and other private data. Good stuff.

Of course, not everyone owns a PDA or smartphone, but just about everyone has a cell phone. That's the thinking behind PageBoy ([www.pageboy.biz](http://www.pageboy.biz)), a clever service

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GARDEN CALENDAR

**Farmington Garden Club**  
The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Nov. 7, at Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 11 and 10 Mile.  
Jane Suhail of Planterra Tropical Greenhouses will speak on How to Bloom Anything Tropical.  
Guests are welcome.

**Wreath decoration**  
English Gardens hosts free seminars for the holiday season 7 p.m. Wednesdays at its stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900) and Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100).  
For more information, call the stores or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).  
How to Make a Bow and Decorate a Wreath will be the topic Nov. 9. Learn how to make a bow from a step-by-step demonstration, or grab a bolt and tie one on.  
English Gardens designers will help you create one of your own, and will conduct a step-by-step demonstration on how to create a beautiful wreath - from selecting the materials to hanging it on the door or above the mantel.  
Decorating with Dept. 56 Houses and Accessories will be the topic Nov. 16.

**Thanksgiving centerpiece**  
Learn how to make a Thanksgiving centerpiece in a class Tuesday, Nov. 15, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Fee is \$20, plus a \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor. Bring a small paring/pocket knife, pruning clippers and scissors.  
To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).  
In the class, learn how to bring the beauty of the Thanksgiving season to your dining table through the use of seasonal flowers and foliage. Creative design tips and information will be 2 fall-themed centerpiece. No experience necessary.  
The instructor will be Robbin Yelverton, co-owner of Blumz by JRDesigns.

**Holiday open house**  
Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville, will have a Holiday Open House 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. Call (248) 380-8881.  
The store will be transformed into a holiday home tour unto itself. Buyer and designer Lori Jermont, creator of the holiday magic, will be on hand to answer questions and help with decorating tips.  
The Northville High School Boys Acapella Choir will perform 11 a.m. to noon, and the Girls Choir will perform 2-3 p.m.  
Gift certificates (\$50) will be given away every hour from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Complimentary holiday refreshments of cookies, eggnog and cider will be served.

**School of Gardening**  
The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph.  
Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit [www.michigan-gardening.com](http://www.michigan-gardening.com).  
The schedule includes: Vines and Vertical Features, Mondays, Nov. 7-14, in Pontiac (fee is \$72); Estimating Landscape and Garden Work, three sessions beginning Thursday, Nov. 10, in Pontiac (\$120); Garden Design, five Mondays beginning Nov. 14, or five Tuesdays beginning Nov. 15, in Pontiac (\$168); and Care of Tools, Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Livonia (\$42).

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net), fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314

Tips to help save money in energy costs

The subject making news these days is called Energy, and the cost of that product is going up like never before.  
I've seen the same information repeated over and over in all forms of media, including many new commercials, and all designed to inform you.

In reality, what we have is a problem that we can overcome by using some smarter methods of energy conservation.

You may ask, "How much smarter can we be when it comes to different ways of applying money-saving ideas?"  
The rest of this column will help many homeowners with some information that applies to millions of consumers.

Let's take the typical refrigerator in the American kitchen, which is the costliest appliance to run in the house.

When you open the door to remove something from the freezer side or refrigerator section, heat is pouring into the compartment that's opened and must now be removed after you close the door.

I must now say something here that will offend some readers because sometimes the truth hurts: "You are the slowest responding person in the world when it comes to closing a refrigerator door." Sorry, but that's true.

Pay attention to your wife or husband as they remove something, especially if it's a container of liquid that has to be poured and returned right away.

Watch the kids, who have a habit of simply walking away and not closing the door at all.

I know a woman who used to open the freezer door every time she baked something in the stove because she didn't want her air conditioning to run too much.

We all have our own way of doing things, and usually learned or copied from someone else while we were very young. Closing a refrigerator door falls into this category as well.

I heard a person say the other day that changing five light bulbs could save \$50 in energy cost for each home in America. I don't doubt that is true and it probably would save billions of dollars in operating costs of utility companies across America.

With that in mind, what does a dirty condenser on a refrigerator cost in extra energy consumption? Oh, wait, hang on a second!

Did I hear you say that there aren't many dirty condensers on refrigerators? Let me tell you something! I personally have cleaned thousands, and most refrigerator service technicians will tell you it's the most common of service calls.

Talk to young people today and ask them where and what a condenser is on a refrigerator. It's no wonder they don't know about it, they never saw anybody clean one.

No, it has nothing to do with being raised clean. I've seen many kitchens so clean you could eat off the floor and the condenser was still plugged up with dirt.

All that you have read here today is simple common sense that is offered in hopes of saving you money in energy cost. It all points to one major factor, and that is: We must lessen the operating time of our refrigerators.

These lessons I have preached for years, or have you forgotten? A freezer compartment should have 3/4 of a food load.

If you don't have food, freezer some empty milk jugs, etc. until you have the proper amount in the freezer section. This fact can save a lot of run time on the refrigerator.

You will read a lot more money-saving ideas in this column as the cooler weather rolls in.

Maybe the higher energy cost won't seem as offensive this year because you read this paper.

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

Get home, budget ready for the winter ahead

As cooler temperatures signal the start of another heating season, MichCon, DTE Energy's natural gas subsidiary, suggests customers prepare their homes and their budgets for winter.

The price of natural gas has been increasing all over the country - not just in Michigan - and heating bills are expected to be significantly higher this winter.

Energy saving steps taken now can pay big dividends for customers, since about 75 percent of most homes' annual gas usage occurs during the winter months of November through March.

MichCon offers the following tips to help manage winter energy costs and save money on energy bills:

**BUDGET WISELY**

DTE Energy's Budgetwise Billing program can take the seasonal ups and downs out of your energy bills.

DTE Energy will calculate an average monthly payment, based on your previous year's usage. You pay that amount for 11 months; the 12th bill of the year will reflect the difference between the energy you actually used and the 11 payments you made.

Enroll online at [www.my.dteenergy.com](http://www.my.dteenergy.com) or by calling (800) 477-4747.

**DIAL DOWN**

While you can't control the weather or the price of natural gas, you can manage your energy costs by using natural gas wisely. For every degree you lower your thermostat, you can save about 3 percent on your heating bill.

One way to accomplish this is with an automatic set-back or programmable thermostat, which can automatically lower the temperature when you're away from the house, and automatically increase it before you get home.

Homes with proper humidity levels will provide greater comfort at lower temperatures. When humidity is kept at a proper level - about 35 percent at 70 degrees - windows won't sweat and the air won't feel dry. Replace the humidifier pad or clean it of calcium deposits for best results.

**FINE TUNE YOUR FURNACE**

Schedule a heating system check-up. A qualified heating contractor will make sure your heating system operates efficiently and delivers the maximum energy savings.

Clean or replace your furnace's air filters as needed during the winter season. Dirty filters block the warm airflow in the home, which causes the furnace to work harder and less economically.

Clean and vacuum ducts, vents and heat registers. Check heat registers to ensure that drapes or furniture don't block airflow.

**ADD INSULATION**

Install attic and basement insulation to keep out drafts and make your home more energy-efficient and warm. Adding blown cellulose on top of rolled fiberglass insulation will increase the insulation value of your attic.

Insulate all heating ducts located in attics and unheated crawlspaces, and make sure there are no leaks in your ductwork.

Place an insulation blanket around your water heater. Electric water heaters should be placed on an insulated surface, such as foam. Adjust water heater temperature to the warm setting (about 120 degrees Fahrenheit).

**LET THE SUN SHINE IN**

Open curtains on south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home. Be sure to close the curtains at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

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Here's how to go with the flow

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
AP

Terri asks: "We have a small sink in our family room. The faucet ran hot and cold water slow, but it came out. Then one day it just stopped, no water at all. Why?"

This is a very common problem that can be fixed in one of three ways: by cleaning the aerator at the tip of the faucet spout, by changing the faucet valve gasket(s) or by replacing the nipples (short pipes) that protrude through the wall beneath the sink.

The first thing you should check is the faucet spout. Unscrew the aerator tip to remove it and turn on the water. If water comes out it means your culprit is a clogged aerator. Clean it with vinegar and a toothbrush.

If the aerator isn't the problem, then the next step would be to remove the valve stems to see if the gaskets inside are preventing the free flow of water. For detailed instructions and a picture, type "faucet repair" into the search engine.

If your investigation of the faucet proves fruitless and nothing looks clogged, then it's time to scrutinize the nipples that come out of the wall.

The nipples are connected to angle stops (shut-off valves) that reside below the sink and against the wall.

The first thing you should check is the faucet spout. Unscrew the aerator tip to remove it and turn on the water. If water comes out it means your culprit is a clogged aerator. Clean it with vinegar and a toothbrush.

The nipples and the shut-off valves are almost always made of different materials. Electrolysis occurs when dissimilar metals are in contact and the resultant corrosion can completely clog the inside of a nipple.

Shut off the main water valve, remove the shut-off valves, remove and replace the nipples with modern Teflon-coated nipples (they won't corrode because they prevent electrolysis from occurring), and put everything back the way you found it.

WARNING: The fittings and pipes in the wall could possibly be corroded as well. This means that the project could turn out to be a really big job. Be prepared for that possibility, and keep in mind that most of the time the job is reasonably simple. And, good luck!

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### BROIDA

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from North Point Communications of Livonia.

Designed for medical/dental offices and other appointment-driven operations, PageBoy is an automated notification system that sends text-message appointment reminders to patients' cell phones. (E-mail and automated voice reminders are also available.)

According to North Point's Walt Kliza, PageBoy not only saves manpower by automating these important reminders, but also saves money by reducing the number of missed appointments.

Finally, no business, medical or otherwise, should operate without a reliable data-backup system. And by "reliable" I mean something off-site, where it's less likely to be affected by fire, flood, theft or a disgruntled employee.

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Oxford-based service that offers remote backups for small- and home-office businesses.

Started by owner Scott Watson in 2003, the company's Remote Data Backup Service works automatically: Just leave your computer on overnight and it transmits the backup files to Acme Data's servers.

The backup can consist of everything on your system or just the files that have changed since the last backup. Whatever options you choose, everything's encrypted for maximum security.

Prices for the service start at \$29.97 per month, and there's a free 30-day trial.

**Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

## Pressure doesn't affect toilet flushing

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If your toilet gives you trouble by not flushing properly, you might suspect the problem is low water pressure. But pressure has nothing to do with it.

The water in the tank does the job. It fills the bowl and starts the flush-and-siphon action in the P-trap below. Gravity starts a

flush and natural siphoning draws it through. When a toilet doesn't work right, something is inhibiting water flow. First, check the tank's water level. If low, adjust it by raising the float. Then try cleaning the water ports using vinegar and a coat hanger. If that doesn't do it, call in a sewer and drain specialist to clean up your "water closet" lines.

### GOODWILL

FROM PAGE B1

Quality dealers from across the United States take part in the show. Among other elements are a silent auction, gift items handmade by volunteers and local artists, a pantry with canned goods and a cafe.

A preview party will feature music, cocktails and a strolling supper. Mary Kramer, publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business* and past president of the Detroit Athletic Club, is honorary chair of the preview.

This year's show will feature a collection of Southwestern pieces, including Indian prints, Indian rugs and rare quill baskets.

The event has appeal for beginning or experienced collectors, young people starting out, and people who just want a special object.

"A lot of young people don't realize that when you're talking antiques you don't have to have a house full of Louis XIV furniture," Pulte said.

The popular Goodwill Booth offers beautiful and functional items at great bargains.

Pulte bought a Daum candy dish and a rope bed at past Goodwill Booths. She refurbished the bed herself, using dental tools to remove paint lodged in the wood.

### RESTORATION

Like other volunteers, Pulte learned furniture restoration techniques from Milton Hunter, an octogenarian who has been involved with the antiques show since 1951.

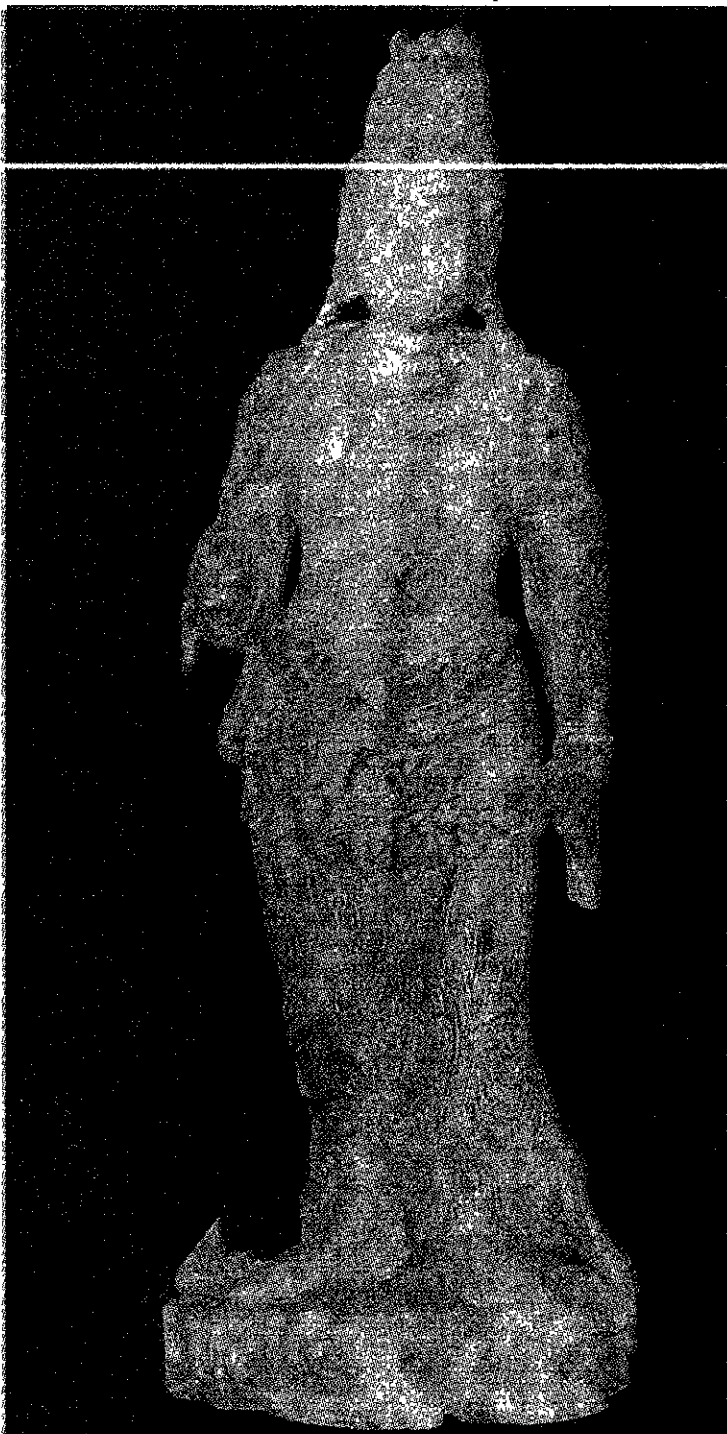
"I only missed the first three (shows)," said Hunter, a Grosse Ile resident.

"He's a wonderful inspiration," Pulte said.

Hunter, who used to run a woodworking shop in New York, has taught and done all aspects of restoration.

The table leg he carved to replace a missing one couldn't be distinguished from the others. He found curved glass to fit the side of a china cabinet, an especially elegant piece that will be offered this year.

On a recent morning at the Goodwill building, Hunter and Bob Pettigrew of Bloomfield Hills reattached a widening



A variety of items will be up for sale at the annual Goodwill Antiques Show.

mechanism to the underside of a table. They had stripped, sanded, restained and varnished the table, which was originally from Boblo Island.

Elsewhere in the room, other volunteers were tackling other types of restoration, sorting collectibles, and wrapping finished pieces in plastic.

Many different types of furnishings were on view, in different stages of readiness:

A set of ice cream parlor chairs with copper frames,

backs and legs. A large brass bed.

A compact, light pink dresser. A heavy sideboard with four different grains of wood arranged in symmetrical patterns.

A small armchair with a dainty floral design on the upholstery. Big chairs with square, wooden frames and a bright design on the cushions.

A telephone table with a chair that has false drawers on the back. A doll with a head

with four different faces.

A hefty, wrought-iron bell. A small wooden wine rack.

A few pieces, such as a piano that had been tuned but still needed restaining, may not be ready for the show this year.

Donations for the Goodwill Booth are accepted all year. (Everything except appliances and clothes is accepted; call (248) 909-1492 to donate items.) Restoration work is done year-round.

Other help for the antiques show – such as loading, moving and setting up – comes from the Mariners Inn, the sheriff's department boot camp, and volunteers from various banks.

### GIVING A CHANCE

Elsewhere in the building, various training and working activities were going on.

Goodwill provides job training and placement services to people with disabilities and other special needs.

Other Goodwill service locations include Wayne County Employment and Training in Westland, and North Oakland Career Centers in Oxford and Highland.

Resume writing and job interview techniques are some of the training services offered. Internet access is available to look for job openings.

Goodwill is a tier one supplier to DaimlerChrysler, Ford and General Motors, and works with DTE in product investment recovery.

For its store in the Computware center in Detroit, Ben and Jerry's hired people trained at Goodwill.

Employees of Certified Cleaning Concepts, which provides high-quality janitorial services to businesses and organizations, are certified graduates of Goodwill's intensive seven-week janitorial training program.

GoodTechs offers computer repair services.

"This is a wonderful show and it helps a wonderful cause," said Mary Hunter, Milton's wife.

"What is Goodwill's motto?" she asked her husband.

"Not charity but a chance," he replied.

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## UPCOMING

### An angel Christmas

Annual church fair 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 3-4, at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, at Michigan Avenue and Wayne roads. Coffee shop opens at 9:30 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., dinner 5-7 p.m. (\$7.50 adults, \$3.50 children). Call (734) 729-7550.

### Spaghetti supper

And silent auction 5-7 p.m. (dinner) Friday, Nov. 4, at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, east of Middlebelt, Garden City. Tickets \$6, \$3.50 ages 3-11, free under age 3. Call (734) 427-3660.

### Book and bake sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5, in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six

Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman Livonia. Everyone in the community is welcome. The Women of the ELCA are sponsoring this sale as a fund-raiser to assist Habitat for Humanity and the Tanzanian Raise the Roof Project. The church holds services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with nursery, adult Bible study and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit <http://holycrosslivonia.org>.

### Laugh out loud

Comedian Justin Fennell 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, in Knox Hall, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Tickets \$5. Call (248) 374-5920.

### Brunch with rabbi

Meet Rabbi Jason Miller at a dairy brunch and sanctuary rededication ceremony noon Sunday, Nov. 6, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Reservations required. Cost is \$5, free for children age 12 and under. Call (248) 477-8974.

### Concert

7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, Concert of God's Faithfulness featuring hymns and gospel songs presented by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of

Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 374-7400. Reception following concert.

### Share the bounty

Holy Trinity's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America group invite you to their 14th Annual Share the Bounty at 39020 Five Mile, east of I-275, Livonia. The raffle of donated art, craft and purchased items and certificates will be held 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11. Tickets are 12 for \$10 and will be available at the door. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and entertainment included. The proceeds will provide Christmas gifts and meals for families in need. For more information, call (734) 464-0211.

### Craft and bake sale

Homemade baked goods, handmade crafts, hot dog lunch on Friday, Nov. 11, turkey dinner on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Redford Church of God, 2619 Southwestern, Redford. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. All proceeds go to the church. Call (313) 937-8520.

### Crafts and more

Christmas gifts, jewelry, attic treasures, bake sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly.

### Filmed documentary

The Consciousness of Jesus Christ 7 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Cost is \$10. Call (734) 421-1760.

### Shopping extravaganza

Just in time for holiday shopping members of the music ministry of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church welcome over 30 vendors to participate in its 4th Annual Shopping Extravaganza fundraising event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at 45201 N. Territorial (between Sheldon and Beck Roads) in Plymouth, the event is open to the public. Babysitting and lunch available. Door prizes awarded throughout the day.

Proceeds benefit the music tour outreach efforts of the PFUMC Chancel Choir and Festival Bells. For information, call (734) 459-5212. The PFUMC Chancel Choir and Festival Bell musical ensembles have taken their music to other churches. In June 2006, the group returns to the Chicago area where a number of concerts are planned. There are many opportunities for music lovers of all ages to participate. Singers, hand bell ringers, instrumentalists, concertgoers, and dedicated volunteers are all a valued part of this growing ministry. For information about how to get involved, call the music director at (734) 453-5280.



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Rabbi Jason Miller demonstrates how he will place a mezuzot on the doorpost of the sanctuary at Congregation Beit Kodesh in Livonia. Behind him are Jeff Kirsch of Farmington Hills (left); Phyllis Lewkowicz, Livonia and Martin Diskin, Farmington Hills.

# Congregation Beit Kodesh growing for the future

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Phyllis Lewkowicz couldn't be happier about welcoming new members to the family at Congregation Beit Kodesh in Livonia. Several months ago, she and members of the temple had formed a Save Our Synagogue committee. When Lewkowicz first came to the area in the 1950s, the synagogue didn't exist, but grew over the years until membership began dwindling. On Sunday, Nov. 6, members will celebrate the congregation's rebirth by dedicating the renovated sanctuary at noon.

"This will be a special occasion," said Phyllis Lewkowicz, one of the visionaries who began holding Shabbat (Sabbath) services at Clarenceville Central Elementary School in 1958. "It's part of the entire plan to improve the sanctuary and building."

Although Beit Kodesh still doesn't have a rabbi, they are welcoming Jason Miller who'll serve as a consultant to help them grow for the future. Rabbi Miller will speak about his position in the congregation and give the Shehechi'anu blessing of thanksgiving, present a new Kiddush cup used for wine sanctification during Shabbat and holiday services then affix three of the 15 Mezuzah blessings to doorposts in the synagogue before sharing brunch with the congregation. Each of the Mezuzah contains a parchment with the Shema prayer from the Torahthe books of Jewish scriptures.

Jeff Kirsch originally sought the help of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism to connect with Rabbi Miller who will guide the congregation until they're able to have a full-time rabbi. Currently members like Kirsch lead the services.

"We believe there's potential," said Jeff Kirsch, vice president of the religious committee and a Farmington Hills resident. "We've already seen very positive changes. Membership has gone up."

"We're a viable organization,"

added congregation president Martin Diskin, a Farmington Hills resident. "I feel at home here. I've broadened my Jewish education over my 30-years with the synagogue."

Rabbi Miller believes the congregation, which serves not only Livonia, but Farmington, Canton, Westland, Novi and Northville, will continue to grow because of offerings such as the Sunday school. The 29-year old rabbi feels there are many young families like his who are looking for a synagogue to meet their needs. Rabbi Miller has a 21-month-old son and his wife is expecting twins in the next 4- to 5-weeks.

"Beit Kodesh is an amazing place. The people are a more dedicated community of Jewish people that I've ever seen," said Rabbi Jason Miller who by day works as assistant director of the University of Michigan Hillel, a program for Jewish college students in Ann Arbor.

"In terms of geography they're situated in an area with many young Jewish families who are unaffiliated and looking for a community just like this. They're going to need the religious education."

Along with educating youth in the Jewish faith another plus for new members is sure to be the congregation's acceptance of interfaith marriages.

"Beit Kodesh is committed to reaching out to those families and bringing them in," said Rabbi Miller. There a lot of Jewish families in this area not being reached. We're proud of who we are, a conservative congregation with people in times of grief, in times of joy. That's what people are looking for in today's age."

To RSVP for the sanctuary rededication and brunch with the rabbi, call (248) 477-8974. The cost for the brunch is \$5, no charge for children age 12 and under.

Congregation Beit Kodesh is located at 31840 West Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.beitkodesh.org](http://www.beitkodesh.org).

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### OLIVE L. McADAMS

Age 86, October 21, 2005, of Farmington Hills. Beloved wife of the late Eugene. Loving mother of Shirley (James) Bailey, David McAdams, and Richard (Betty) McAdams. Cherished grandmother of 4 and great grandmother of 9. Memorial service Sunday, 12:45 pm, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

### KEITH A. NESBITT

Age 81, October 27, 2005. Beloved husband of Carolyn. Father of Dr. Teresa Nesbitt (James) Bachar, Stephen C. Nesbitt and the late David E. Nesbitt and Suzanne Nesbitt Albrecht. Grandfather of Robin C. Nesbitt. Brother of Jack Nesbitt, Jean Nesbitt Smiley and the late Byron Nesbitt. Funeral service and interment was Wednesday, November 2, 2005. Tributes may be made to charity of choice. Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham, MI.

### LEONA P. BECOSKEY

Age 92, formerly of Plymouth, died October 28, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Dearest mother of Geraldine (Lester) Kitchen and Mariene (Robert) Stawski. Loving grandmother of Michael (Denise) Kitchen, Marie (Robert) Bruce, and Robert S. (Tamara) Stawski. Also survived by great-grandchildren Lori, Colin, Alexander, Anna, Amanda, and Ashley. Services were held Monday, October 31, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### FRANK E. OSTROW

Colonel, USAF Retired, Age 89, of Bloomfield, died peacefully on Monday, October 31, 2005. Beloved husband of Jeanne, father of Margaret (Christian) Uppler of Royal Oak, and Sharon (William) Somerville of Greenlawn, New York. Grandfather of Donald, Jeanne, Bill, and Brendan; and two great-grandchildren. He retired from Hydron Brand Electrical Co. He was very active in his church and at Selfridge ANGB, and loved to travel. Memorial service at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple, Friday, November 4, 11am. Visitation at The William R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham, 820 E. Maple, Thursday, 2-4pm and 6-8pm.

### CHESTER W. ZAWACKI

October 31, 2005 in Beaverton, Oregon. Age 88. Formerly of Birmingham. Retired Engineer for Manufacturing Development for Ford Motor Co. Husband of the late Angela V. for 57 years Dear father of William (Giselle Bawnik), Barbara Couture (Paul), Elizabeth Casazza (Alfred), and Mary DaPoZ. Grandfather of Daniel and Michael Zawacki, William, James and Catherine Casazza. Brother of the late Henry. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (between 13 and 14 Mile, Friday, 3-8pm, and Saturday, 11am until funeral service at 12 noon. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48206. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



### DIANE S. CORBY

(nee Orselli), October 29, 2005 Age 58. Beloved wife of Francis M. Corby, Jr. Dear mother of Francis M., III (Emily), Brian A. (Lindsey), and Christopher S. (Barbara). Sister of Ronald J. Orselli (Kristine). Funeral Mass was Wednesday at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, Bloomfield Hills. There will also be a Memorial Mass Saturday, 10:00am, at St. John Vianney Church, Brookfield, WI. For further information, please call A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

### ROBERT C. KELLER

Age 77, October 27, 2005. Beloved husband of Helen. Dearest father of Debbie (Jeff) Dork, Jane (David) Cartwright, and Robert (Leigh) Keller. Dear grandfather of Joel Cartwright, Alan Cartwright, Carl Dork and Christina Dork. Memorial contributions suggested to the American Legion Post #32, 9318 Newburgh Rd., Livonia.

### AGNES CARLSEN

Beloved mother of Sonia Carlsen Fedak (Robert) of Rochester Hills and Karen Carlsen Mueller (Laurence) of Plymouth Township, passed peacefully in her sleep Thursday, October 27 at the age of 94 at Waltonwood with Cranbrook Hospice Care in Rochester Hills. She was married to Capt. H. Kurt Carlsen for 51 years until he passed away in October of 1989 in Woodbridge, New Jersey where they both resided since 1944. Mrs. Carlsen was born in Blaavand, Denmark in 1911 and her husband was born in Elsinore, Denmark in 1914. They met in Denmark when her employer introduced her to the young navigation student who was employed to take his boats in and out of his docks. Mrs. Carlsen joined her fiancé in the United States in 1938. While in the United States as a Danish Merchant Marine, he was conscripted by the United States Navy as a convoy leader in World War II. After the war they settled in Woodbridge, New Jersey. Mrs. Carlsen was active in the Woodbridge Garden Club and took great joy in helping to create and volunteer in the Icelin Garden for the Blind. Capt. Carlsen made headlines around the world in 1951 and 52 when he stuck with his sinking ship, the Flying Enterprise, in the North Atlantic. She is the loving grandmother of Kim Fedak Brunstad (Eric) of Avon, Ct., Sherie Fedak Macgregor (Charles) of Cave Creek, AZ, and Cindy Mueller Hall (Ruffin) of Charlotte NC. She was a dear great grandmother to Eric, Robert and Alexandra Brunstad, Caitlin and Megan MacGregor and Abigail, Margaret and Thomas Hall. There will be a Celebration of Life in July with the entire family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cranbrook Hospice, 281 Enterprise Court, Suite 300, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302.

### JOHN STYMELSKI

87, beloved father and friend, passed away at Hospice of NE Florida October 26, 2005 in Jacksonville, FL. He was born in Hamtramck, MI and resided in Livonia, MI after retirement. He had been a resident of Jacksonville since 1989. John was predeceased by his wife, Helen, of 59 years in January of 2005. He is survived by his daughter Valery (Dave), grandchildren Cynthia and Alexander. John served 22 years in the U.S. Army, obtaining the rank of MSGT. He was stationed in the Philippines during WWII as a member of the 31st infantry HQ/HQCO, fought on Bataan and Corregidor, was a prisoner of the Japanese for 32 months, endured the Bataan Death March and a survivor of the sinking of the Hell Ship Shinyu Maru. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry at the Battle of Abucay Hacienda, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation and National Defense Ribbon, Combat Infantryman, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medals and numerous other awards during his exemplary service to his country. After retirement from the Army, he served as a U.S. Postal Carrier, and an active member of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled America Veterans and American Legion. He served as Volunteer Veterans Director for the City of Livonia, was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Memorial Rock and ceremonies, and also numerous Memorial Day parades for the city. He served as a member of the Livonia School Board for several terms. The City honored him with dedication of "The John Stymelski Veterans Memorial Park". Funeral Services in celebration of his life will be held at 10:30 AM Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at St. Catherine Catholic Church, 1649 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM; Rosary at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 31, 2005 at Jacksonville Memory Funeral Home, 111 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL. MSGT Stymelski will be interred with his wife at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Donations may be made to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, 2403 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. Please sign guestbook at [www.jacksonvillememorygardens.com](http://www.jacksonvillememorygardens.com)

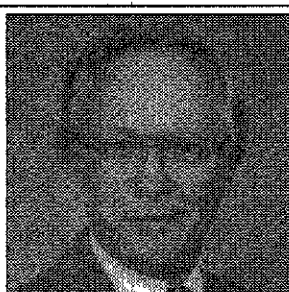


### ANGELO V. LOTTI

October 30, 2005 Age 93 Husband of the late Ida H. (nee. Hoenicke). Dear father of Linda Locken and Laura Cass. Grandfather of Angela V. & Anthony A. Locken and Jody L., Jeffrey and Jason Cass. Also survived by 3 great grandchildren. Brother of the late Louis B. and Gene Lotti. Son of the late Antonio and Angelina (nee. Bolzan). Great friend of Dr. Jerry Morof and the late Vernon Trigger. Funeral service Wednesday 10:30am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Tuesday 2:00-8:00pm. In lieu of flowers the family will use memorial tributes to plant trees in his honor. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

### JAY J. VAN ZOEREN, M.D.

Jay Van Zoeren was born on July 10, 1924, on a farm in Vriesland, Michigan, to George and Dora Van Zoeren. As a boy he worked in the farm fields and attended school at the nearby one-room schoolhouse. He graduated from Hope College and proceeded to the University of Michigan Medical School, from where he graduated in 1948. Following his service in the U.S. Navy from 1952-1954, he studied at the Western Psychiatric Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the Assistant Medical Director at the Haven Hospital in Rochester, Michigan from 1954-1960, after which he established a private practice in Birmingham, Michigan. During thirty years of practice, he became the Chief of Psychiatry at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where he also served as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry for the Michigan State University School of Medicine. He served as the Medical Director of the Maple Clinic in Birmingham for fifteen years. He was elected a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association in 1986. He was a consultant to the Michigan State Psychiatric Ethics Committee, and served as Chair of the Committee from 1986 to 1994. Dr. Van Zoeren was an active and engaged member of the community. He was a charter member of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Troy, where he was an active member for fifty years, and where he was a member of the church Session. He was also an active volunteer with several community service agencies in the Detroit area, including Habitat for Humanity and Respond. He served as Board President at the Oakland Child Guidance Center, which provided mental health services to at-risk adolescents. He married Betty Kathleen De Korne in 1947, with whom he raised four sons. The family took many trips together, and spent summers at Glen Lake in Leelanau County. Following Betty's death in 1987, he married Carolyn Lewitt. Together, they enjoyed traveling throughout the United States to view birds on their migratory routes. He was a lifelong summer resident of Leelanau County, Michigan, where he celebrated his birthday with extended family every July. He thoroughly enjoyed his seven grandchildren and took pride in the differing paths taken by his four sons: Jay Van Zoeren was deeply respected for his professionalism, his humanity, and his humility. He believed in the value of all people and worked for justice throughout his life. He led quietly, through the example he set for others. He died on October 29, at his home in Bloomfield Hills following a one year illness. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Van Zoeren; by four sons, Steven (Pei-Shan), Thomas (Alice), Michael, and Douglas (Patricia); by a daughter, Janice Lewitt Pope; and by his seven grandchildren, Eli, Janet, Allison, Nicholas, Ian, Samantha and Nathaniel. He is also survived by sisters, Eva Neuman, Ellen Woerner, and Carol Vander Well. Arrangements by: A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Troy 248-362-2500. Memorial Service: Saturday, November 5, 2005 - 3:00 PM at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3633 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan. Lieu of Flowers Memorial Tributes may be made to: Northminster Presbyterian Church, for causes in which he believed. Share memories at: [obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



### DR. ALAN WILSON MORGAN

September 1, 1928-October 27, 2005 Dr. Alan Wilson Morgan, age 77, of Cedaredge, Colorado died Thursday, October 27, 2005 at home in Cedaredge. He was born in Rubio, IA to Earl and Edith Wenger Morgan. He married Sue Milne on January 4, 1980 in Rochester Hills, Michigan. He practiced Urology for 34 years. He graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Missouri in 1952. He served his residency in Urology at the University of Michigan. He had practiced medicine for two years in Canon City, Colorado before returning to Michigan to complete a residency in Urology. He was on the staff at Oakland General, DOH, Bicounty Hospital, Mt. Clemens General and Crittennton Hospitals. He was the first Urologist in the Osteopathic Profession in the U.S. and started the first urology residency program in the USA. He was a member of the AMA, AOA, ACOS, all professional organizations. He was also a member of the Surface Creek Lion's Club. In his active life he enjoyed sailing, skiing, hiking, woodworking and spending time in Mexico. He is survived by his wife Sue Morgan of Cedaredge, CO, two sons, Thomas Morgan of Sheridan, MI, Jeffrey Morgan of Bloomfield Hills, MI, a stepson Patrick Kelley of Peoria, IL, two daughters and their husbands, Jenny & Paul Fortino and Judy & Kal Hannawa both of Bloomfield Hills, MI, two stepdaughters, Megan & husband David Pygott of Golden, CO, Kathryn Kelley of New Orleans, LA, a brother Owen & his wife Maryfloyd Hamel Morgan of Tempe, AZ, a sister Margaret Rusk of Richland, IA. Nine grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, one sister, and a brother. Donations may be made to Charity of giver's choice. Private family services will be held at a later date. Please sign the guest registry and view the memory tribute on-line at [www.mesaview.net](http://www.mesaview.net). Funeral arrangements are being handled by Mesa View Mortuary-Cemetery, 682 1725 Road Delta, Colorado 81416. (970) 874-8633

### JOHN WALTER HAGEN

Age 81, of Harrison, MI, formerly of Birmingham, MI, passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2005. Services will be Friday, November 4, 2005 at 12:30 pm from Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, MI. Visitation will be Thursday, November 3, 2005 from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm, with Lodge of Sorrow, Elk's service at 7:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be considered to the Crohn's Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Avenue South, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10016-8804. To share an on-line condolence with John's family, please visit: [www.stockingfuneralhome.com](http://www.stockingfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810

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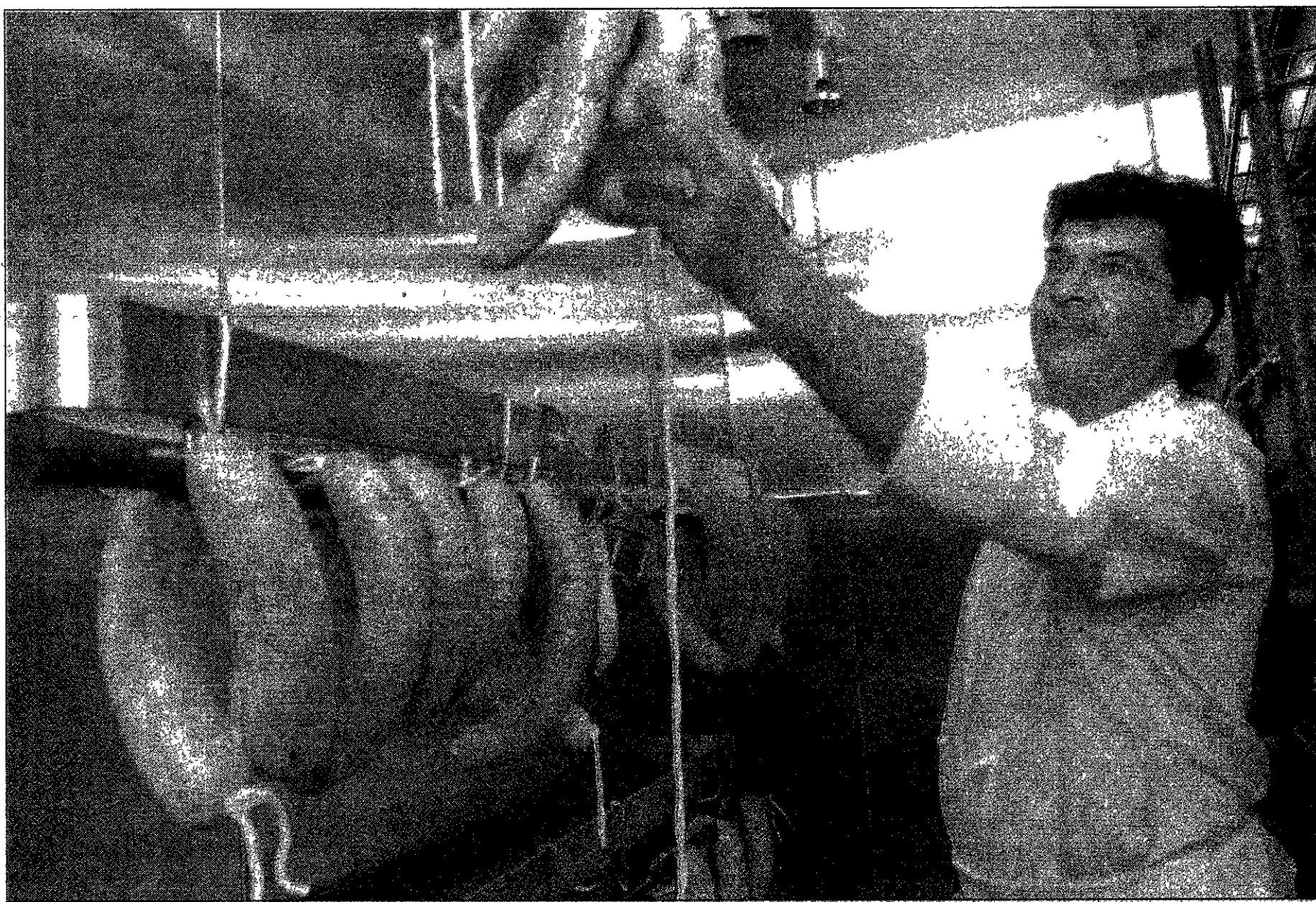
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Chef Brian Polcyn, instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford, has highlighted some of his favorite sausage recipes in *Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing*, including chorizo (left) and garlic sausage.

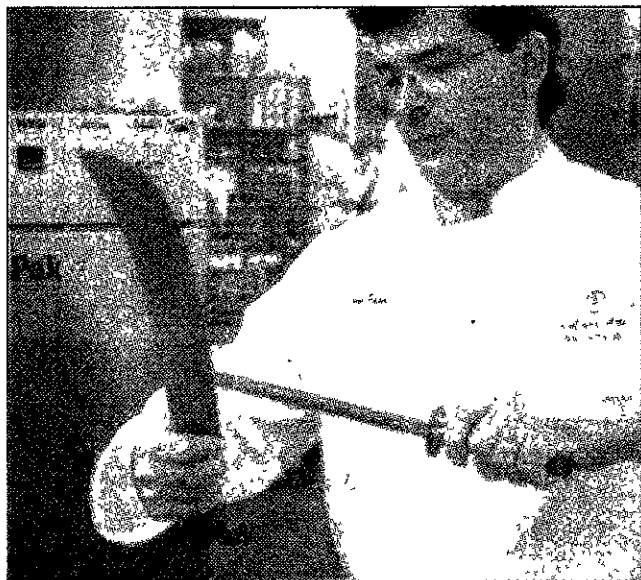
## The soul of charcuterie

Chef Polcyn teams up with 'The Soul of a Chef' author in new cookbook

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

'For me, charcuterie is the most beautiful part of the kitchen, the most satisfying work there is. Its rich history, its diverse cultural variations, and the delicious results of these techniques, some of them as old as humankind, that's what does it for me.'

- Brian Polcyn, as quoted by Michael Ruhlman in "Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing."



Polcyn sharpens his knife with a steel.

Michael Ruhlman first met Brian Polcyn in 1997 at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Ruhlman was researching a magazine assignment for the *New York Times Magazine* and Polcyn was taking the Certified Master Chef Exam, a grueling 10-day marathon of cooking.

Only one chef passed the exam and it wasn't Polcyn. Ruhlman's article was published (the *New York Times Magazine* killed the piece, but Ruhlman's piece was published in *Food Arts* magazine, and he won a James Beard Award in 1998 for it).

Ruhlman later expanded upon Polcyn's experience in *The Soul of a Chef*.

### AN 'INTRIGUING' COOKBOOK

Seven years later, Polcyn and Ruhlman teamed up to create what *Publishers Weekly* called "one of the most intriguing and important cookbooks published this year" on a topic and techniques that Polcyn teaches at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and expands upon at his Five Lakes Grill restaurant in Milford.

*Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing* will hit bookstores Nov. 21. This book highlights the art and craftsmanship of creating sauerkraut and pickles, duck confit, sausages, terrines and patés.

"It's something I've always loved doing, since the days of the Golden Mushroom with Chef Milos (Cihelka), growing up with my mother's fresh kielbasa, when my brother and I helped with the grinding of the sausage," Polcyn said. "That began my thirst for knowledge."

"I tell my class, 'Doctors practice medi-

cine, lawyers practice law, and we practice charcuterie.'"

And practice makes perfect.

Curing the meats and sausages won't take as long as it did for Polcyn and Ruhlman (Ruhlman actually did the writing, Polcyn provided the recipes) to put together the cookbook: Three years.

### 'COLORFUL' CHEF

Ruhlman remembers meeting Polcyn at the CIA.

"Brian was the most articulate of the chefs,"

Ruhlman said. "There was another chef, who was also a teacher who could articulate himself well, but Brian was just funny. 'I learned a lot just hanging around him. He talked about why he was doing what he was doing with the food. He was colorful. When you're a reporter, it just makes your job easier when you find someone who's colorful.'"

Polcyn's exam also had drama to it, as he was on the verge of attaining master chef status during the exam, Ruhlman said.

The two kept in touch, as Ruhlman continued to use Polcyn as a source for articles.

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PLEASE SEE POLCYN, B9

## Biodynamics, organic farming gaining favor in vineyards

California wineries are leaders in the concept of developing earth-friendly grape-growing techniques.

Some call their methods "sustainable," while others follow the rules of certified organic farming. Mike Benziger, founding partner in the Benziger Family Winery in Glen Ellen, Calif., decided that biodynamic methods were the best way to improve his vineyard and wines.

Last year, after practicing biodynamics for eight years, the Benzigers released the first wine under the name Tribute, a rein-



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Ray and Eleanor Heald

arnation of the brand originally created in memory of their father, Bruno.

### BIODYNAMIC FARMING

Based on the early 1920s work of Austrian scientist Rudolf Steiner, biodynamic

agriculture is one of the oldest forms of organic farming. In the biodynamic concept, a farm, ranch or vineyard, is designed to be a self-contained, self-sustaining organism.

Internationally known biodynamic practitioner Alan York of Holistic Estate Management in California, is Benziger's biodynamic farming consultant. "Biodynamic farming is site specific and a self-regulating system; the resource base is a closed system," he said.

All organic waste is recycled. Pests and diseases are controlled using biological diversity and emphasis on grape-growing practices such as canopy management, vineyard floor management, fertility and irrigation. Since biodynamic's objective is authenticity, anything that comes from outside the system jeopardizes that.

According to Benziger, vine performance in fair and poor vintages is the principal advantage. "Using biodynamic principles, we've developed

healthier soil and better vine root systems, so our vineyards can endure heat spells and drought. The goal is to create wines that are completely authentic to our vineyard.

"Biodynamics allows the wine to exhibit site personality. This is accomplished by identifying the ecologies present on the property and enhancing their health without the use of chemicals. Our biodynamically-grown wines reflect the grape varieties, vintage, place and passion of the people who grow and produce

it." York added, "However, great wine cannot be made from an inferior site even if it's biodynamically farmed."

### UNIVERSE CONNECTIONS

Biodynamics also emphasizes connections in the universe; through the sun which drives photosynthesis, with the earth via root systems and ultimately, it connects us with each other through the enjoyment of wine.

PLEASE SEE GRAPES, B10







# Ruhlman and Polcyn's quick hits

Here are a few excerpts from *Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing*, by Michael Ruhlman and Brian Polcyn, Norton Publishing, New York, \$35:

## A SAUSAGE PRIMER

Sausage should contain 25 to 30 percent fat. "Fat is fundamental to the quality of a sausage, its succulence and flavor," Ruhlman writes. "If you must avoid fat for dietary reasons, avoid sausage: we don't recommend trying to make or work with low-fat sausages – low-fat sausage is an oxymoron to us."

## HOW TO COOK A SAUSAGE

"Cook it the way you would a

pricy beef tenderloin or rack of lamb: carefully and to a precise internal temperature."

Most meat sausages have pork in them (even if it is fat). Pork should be cooked to a temperature of 150° F with an internal temperature of 155° F. Chicken and turkey sausages should be cooked to 165° F internally.

Polcyn says sausage is the second most overcooked food in America. "Second only to the chicken breast," Polcyn says with a smile.

Check the temperature with an instant-read thermometer.

## BRINING

"Salt in solution penetrates meat faster, it is the most effective marinade possible because

it can flavor the meat down to its center via osmosis, and it results in a juicier finished dish," Ruhlman writes.

Chefs often brine pork, chicken and turkey. For the brine, the authors recommend 1 cup of kosher salt per gallon of water.

## HOT VS. COLD SMOKING

Polcyn and Ruhlman recommend hot smoking at or above 200° F in a smoker.

Cold-smoking (temperature less than 100° F) is difficult to achieve without the proper equipment. It is possible to cold smoke in a Bradley smoker by placing ice between the food and the smoke, but it is difficult to maintain low temperatures over

long periods, according to Ruhlman and Polcyn.

## SANITATION

Use one capful of bleach mixed with one quart of water for a cleaning solution of your grinder, stuffer and work surfaces. Read the book for more tips.

## SALT

Don't skimp. Always use the amount of curing salts recommended in the recipes. Sodium nitrate (pink salt) prevents bacteria from growing, but be sure to keep the sodium nitrate far away from children as it can be dangerous if ingested accidentally. (The book highlights nitrates and salts in further detail.)

## POLCYN RECIPES

### BRIAN'S HOLIDAY KIELBASA, AKA WIEJSKA (KIELBASA WITH MARJORAM)

"This was my introduction to charcuterie, so it's a very personal recipe," says Brian Polcyn.

"This is what the family ate every Christmas and Easter. Mom used to take all the food to the priest to have it blessed – her deference to the magic element in charcuterie."

"The real key is to buy good pork. Find a butcher you like, whether at a specialty market or at a grocery store, and develop a relationship with him or her. The second key is to toss the ingredients together well and refrigerate them overnight to allow the seasoning to develop and disperse."

"Mom's instinct is to trim away some of the fat because she's watching her fat intake, but I leave it on so the kielbasa will be more juicy."

"Also, Mom puts the whole coil on a baking sheet, adds water, and in effect steams the sausage in the oven, then slices it to serve. I think this sausage benefits from dry-cooking – that is, sautéing or roasting – rather than moist heat (steaming or poaching), though a combination of the two, a quick braise, also works well."

5 pounds (or 2.25 kilograms) boneless pork shoulder butt, diced  
1½ ounces (40 grams) kosher salt (about 3 tablespoons)  
½ cup (80 grams) minced garlic  
3 tablespoons (20 grams) coarsely chopped fresh marjoram (or 1½ tablespoons freshly dried marjoram)  
1 tablespoon (10 grams) ground black pepper  
½ cup ice water  
10 feet (3 meters) hog casings, soaked in tepid water for at least 30 minutes and rinsed

Combine all the ingredients except the water and toss to distribute the seasonings. Refrigerate overnight.

Grind the mixture through the small die of the grinder into a bowl set in ice.

Add the water to the meat, mixing with the paddle attachment (or a sturdy spoon) until the water is incorporated and the mixture has developed a uniform, sticky appearance, about 2 minutes on medium speed.

Sauté a small portion of the sausage, taste, and adjust the sea-

soning if necessary.

Stuff the sausage into the hog casings and twist into 6-inch (15-centimeter) links. Refrigerate or freeze until ready to cook.

Gently sauté or roast the sausage to an internal temperature of 150° degrees F.

Yield: About 5 pounds (2.25 kilograms) sausage; or about 20 6-inch links.

### SPICY ROASTED POBLANO SAUSAGE

5 pounds (2.25 kilograms) boneless pork shoulder butt, diced  
1½ ounces (40 grams) kosher salt (about 3 tablespoons)  
3 tablespoons (24 grams) ancho chile powder  
2 teaspoons (3 grams) ground cumin  
2 teaspoons (6 grams) dried oregano  
1 tablespoon (20 grams) minced garlic  
1 tablespoon (8 grams) Spanish paprika  
1 cup (120 grams) diced roasted, peeled and seeded poblano peppers  
½ cup (60 grams) chopped fresh cilantro  
1 cup ice water  
10 feet hog casings, soaked in tepid water for at least 30 minutes and rinsed

Combine all the ingredients except the poblano peppers, cilantro and water and toss to distribute the seasonings. Chill until ready to grind.

Grind the mixture through the small die into a bowl set in ice.

Add the peppers and cilantro to the meat mixture. Mix with the paddle attachment (or a sturdy spoon) while slowly adding the water. Continue mixing until all the liquid is incorporated and the sausage has developed a uniform, sticky appearance, about 2 minutes on medium speed.

Sauté a small portion of the sausage, taste, and adjust the seasoning if necessary.

Stuff the sausage into the hog casings and twist into 6-inch links. Refrigerate or freeze until ready to cook.

Sauté or roast the sausage to an internal temperature of 150° F.

Yield: About 5 pounds of sausage; or about 20 6-inch links.

Recipes from *Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing* by Michael Ruhlman and Brian Polcyn (WW Norton, New York)

## SOURCES

Because it's so basic, so elemental, charcuterie requires few special ingredients and tools, but those it does require – curing salts, for instance, or farm-raised pork for dry-cured products – can be fundamental to the success of the recipes.

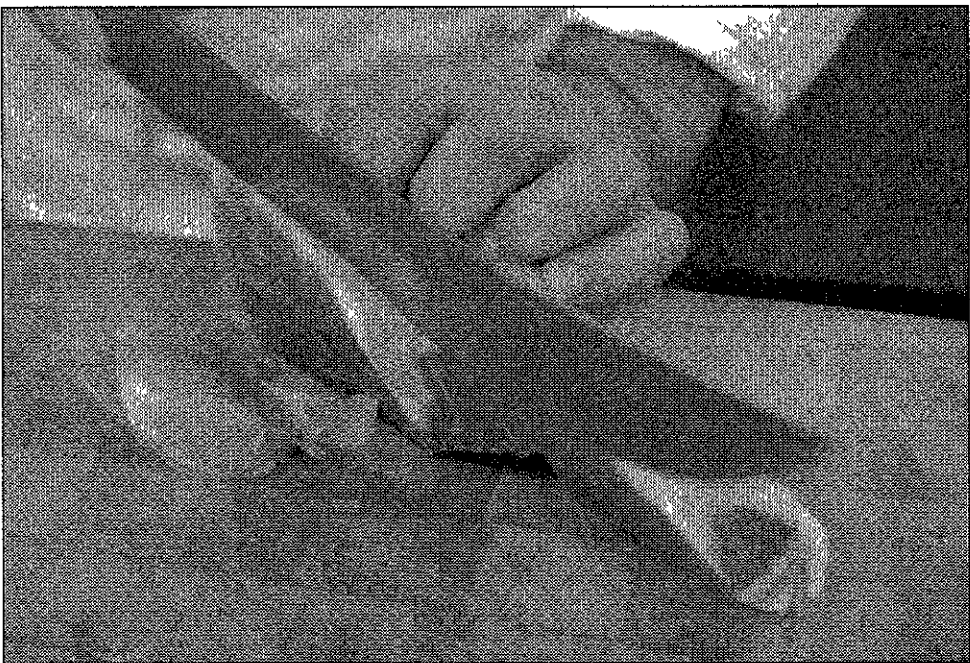
### SAUSAGE-MAKING SUPPLIES

■ For Bactoferm (live starter culture for fermented sausages); pink salt (theirs is called DC Curing Salt); sheep, hog and beef casings, as well as a broad range of tools and supplies:

Butcher and Packer Supply Company, 1468 Gratiot Ave., Detroit 48207; (800) 521-3188; www.butcher-packer.com.

■ For Insta Cure No. 2 (sodium nitrate), pink salt (theirs is called Insta Cure No. 1), soy protein concentrate, and Fermento, as well as a broad range of sausage-making supplies:

The Sausage Maker Inc., 1500 Clinton St., Building 123, Buffalo, NY 14206; (888) 490-8525; www.sausagemaker.com.



Brian Polcyn slices up samples of duck prosciutto created from a split boneless duck breast seasoned with salt and pepper and cured for seven days.

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## POLCYN

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One day Polcyn talked about charcuterie with Ruhlman, and he mentioned his \$14 lab manual for the Schoolcraft students, described by Polcyn as "rudimentary."

Ruhlman suggested to Polcyn that they work on a book together.

"It was always in the back of my mind," Ruhlman said. "I knew there wasn't anything out there like it, there hadn't been books on it in a few years, and I knew we could find a publisher."

"And Brian – here he teaches, owns a restaurant, and has five kids, and he said, 'You bet,'" Ruhlman said of the indefatigable chef.

Ruhlman wrote a proposal and W.W. Norton agreed to publish the book. That was in 2002.

*Charcuterie* was a different venture for Ruhlman from his other books.

"I never had to work on (publishing) recipes before," Ruhlman said. (Polcyn provided recipes, and Ruhlman, who received culinary training at the CIA, tweaked and revised them when it was necessary for publication.)

"Secondly, (charcuterie) was so new to me. I wanted to write the book, because I knew so little about it."

Usually cookbooks take two years for Ruhlman to complete.

"It was a challenge and a lot of work," Ruhlman said.

## SALT OF THE EARTH

This book could become the literal salt of the culinary book world. *Charcuterie* is an integral part of the world's culinary history in preserving food.

Salt is the foundation of food preservation, and as the book says, "the only member of the rock family that humans eat." Sausages, bacon, ham, smoked salmon, smoked trout and lox are all forms of food preservation.

*Charcuterie* is derived from the French words *flesh* (chair) and *cooked* (cuit), the term described the shops in 15th century France that sold pork, Ruhlman writes.

Ruhlman quotes Polcyn: "Practicing charcuterie is the right way to phrase it for two different but related reasons."

"The first and most important is that you're always learning, always practicing, never perfecting, because the conditions are always changing on you."

"Much of the charcuterie is in your control, but much isn't – the humidity, the water content of the fat you're using; whether it is hot summer or chilly fall; how hot your grinder got while grinding those things and more come into play, so that for me, I always feel that I'm practicing, always learning..."

Polcyn and Ruhlman highlight

dry cures, salt, brines, smoking, hot smoke vs. cold smoke, sausage making, safety issues in dry-curing sausages and meats, and patés and terrines. Duck, goose and pork confits are presented in the chapter on Fat: The Perfect Cooking Environment.

And there are recipes on how to make your own homemade corned beef, pastrami (corned beef under a smoky crust of crushed coriander seeds and peppercorns), pickles, sauerkraut, whiskey-glazed smoked chicken, hot-smoked duck ham and maple cured smoked bacon. Of course, there's smoked salmon.

## CHELKA CREDITED

Polcyn credits Milos Cihelka, Michigan's first certified master chef and now retired chef, in teaching Polcyn about charcuterie at the former Golden Mushroom. Polcyn pays tribute to his mentor on the cover of the book as Cihelka's chef's knife is photographed next to Thüringer (a German sausage), Tuscan salami, Spanish chorizo and duck prosciutto.

To learn more about charcuterie, Polcyn took a class at Iowa State University, a leading institution in meat science. He visited Mario Batali's restaurants in New York and visited Italy, Salumeria Biellese in New York City and spoke with CIA instructors.

The book isn't a 30-minute meal book, either.

"If you're buying the book for a 30-minute meal, close the book and give it to a friend," Polcyn said.

Still, the book is written for a home chef with some culinary competency as well as the professional chef.

The recipes require equipment: A KitchenAid mixer with a grinder attachment, 11-cup capacity food processor, a digital scale, instant-read thermometer, a sausage stuffer and a terrine mold.

Recipes help cooks prepare five-pound batches of sausage.

Hunters can make venison sausage from Chef Milos' Country Venison Sausage, a tribute to Polcyn's mentor and a recipe Polcyn teaches to his Schoolcraft students.

Chapter names are long, but fun. Polcyn suggested topics for each chapter, such as Salt, How the Most Powerful Tool in the Kitchen Transforms the Humble beef under a smoky crust of crushed coriander seeds and peppercorns, pickles, sauerkraut, whiskey-glazed smoked chicken, hot-smoked duck ham and maple cured smoked bacon. Of course, there's smoked salmon.

Just don't tell your cardiologist about Fat: The Perfect Cooking Environment.

But the book's true highlight is the "how to" explanation of sausage making.

Polcyn discusses and Ruhlman writes about methods used in dried artisan sausages.

"It's an acidic event," Polcyn said. "The lactic bacteria feeds the sugars, which lowers the pH. It is placed in a drying room at 60 degrees and 70 percent humidity. That brings an introduction of the fermentation process."

"If you would stick pork in a room at 60 degrees, you would get something that turns green in about a week," he said.

But the salt and the dehydration prevent that, as the pH level is brought to 4.9 percent and the dehydration process gets rid of the moisture, Polcyn said.

Brian's Holiday Kielbasa (Wiejska) contains diced pork shoulder butt, kosher salt, garlic, fresh marjoram and black pepper.

"I loved that we would make the sausage," Polcyn said of his childhood, growing up in Farmington. "My dad would set up two chairs and put a broom handle between them, we'd hang them and let them dry over night."

The Tuscan salami "has nice distinct layered pieces of fat." It contains Chianti, the prominent red grape of the region. In Parma, Italy, where pigs are raised and fed Parmesan cheeses, the cool climate and the Mediterranean air "is perfect for

drying a ham," Polcyn said.

Polcyn slices into a duck prosciutto and Tuscan salami.

"The duck breast draws in the same flavors as ham (as it is prepared in a similar fashion)," Polcyn said.

Hunter sausage (Jagerwurst) has easily defined fat, as it is a pork sausage with a chunky, country-style grain with active seasons of mustard, coriander, garlic, nutmeg and ginger, engineered sustenance for the hunter walking through a forest primeval.

"To me it's like the history of the world," Polcyn said. "These recipes are probably 200 years old. Did I modify them? Yes."

Polcyn didn't do any writing for the book. That was all Ruhlman. Polcyn sent the recipes to Ruhlman, who tested them.

"He interviewed me and he made me sound very smart," Polcyn said.

Ruhlman spoke highly of Polcyn.

"He's a fantastic guy, a great chef and a good friend," Ruhlman said.

Polcyn asks, what would our food consist of without charcuterie: no kielbasa and sauerkraut main dishes, a paella without chorizo, and gumbo without tasso and andouille?

"It's part of our culture," Polcyn said. "It keeps food alive."

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CALENDAR

Pancake breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 110 will host a pancake breakfast Sunday, Nov. 6, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall, 23815 Power, south of 10 Mile and east of Farmington Road in Farmington. Breakfast will be served continuously from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat sausage, pancakes, fruit, juice and coffee. Minimum donation \$12 per immediate family, \$5 per person. In addition to helping Troop 110, some of the proceeds will support South Oakland Shelter in recognition of Homeless Awareness Week (Nov. 13-19).

Handcrafted pastas

Handcrafted pastas and complimentary sauces will be featured 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market & Catering, 34244 Woodward Avenue in Birmingham. Executive chef William Hall and his culinary team have created five different pastas and twelve different sauces. Guests can observe the Papa Joe's

Gourmet Market & Catering culinary team creating pasta dishes with a unique American twist on European favorites. The market's culinary team will discuss how to cook pasta dishes and ideas for pasta preparation. Ravioli, tortelli, classic agnolotti, orecchiette triple spaghetti will be created and available, along with 12 different sauces, including: Vodka, Pomodoro, Roasted Garlic Alfredo, Palomino and Arrabbiata.

For information, call (248) 723-9400.

Cuisine du Jour

Chris Hessler, chef at Kruse and Muer, discusses Holiday Brunches 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at a hands-on culinary training session at Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke Road, Auburn Hills. Class fee is \$40. Michelle Bommarito, culinary instructor and pastry chef, discusses Appetizers and Desserts on Thursday, Dec. 8. For information, call (248) 377-2300.

Schoolcraft classes

Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft

College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), in Livonia this fall. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu

Hands-On

Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101: Skill Development class or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others: Chowder and Bisque Soup Workshop, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3; Pasta Recipes, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10; Garde Manger 101- Cold Food Preparation, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29 and 30; Cookie Decorating with Royal Icing, 6-9 p.m., Dec. 6; Live Lobsterfest, 5:30-

8:30 p.m., Dec. 8; Cooking Beef Tenderloin, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 15; Holiday Appetizers, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 17.

vegan cooking class

Rocky Poudel, executive chef at Katmandu Chullo, will give free tips on vegan cooking 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 at Katmandu Chullo, 411 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Call (248) 546-7286.

The Community House

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, has scheduled fall cooking classes.

Unless otherwise noted, each class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Community House and has a fee of \$30. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

■ After Thanksgiving, don't make turkey sandwiches all week - learn to make turkey dumpling soup, turkey chili and turkey strudel. Peter Engelhardt instructs this class 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. Fee is \$30.

WINE CALENDAR

Wine Exploration

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights. The classes take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

You must be 21 years of age to attend. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna are the instructors.

Daher, certified sommelier, has been working in the wine industry covering restaurants, hotels, retail and consulting for wholesale distributors for more than 15 years. Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog scribe for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs, founder and president of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine Cellars for custom designing and building of wine cellars and cooling equipment.

Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America.

Classes are:

■ The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Nov. 9 (\$26). Instructors will provide eight wines and a clear explanation

of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions.

■ Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Nov. 16 (\$26). Learn the history of champagnes and sparkling wines, the regions and the process of producing them. Learn about matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and examples of great matches. A tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included.

Taste of the Vines

Taste of the Vines, a wine auction and dinner, will be held at The Community House in Birmingham on 5:30-10 p.m. Nov. 10. Reservations to the private wine reception, dinner and auction are \$500. Reservations to the patron reception, dinner and auction are \$250. A multi-course dinner catered by Executive Chef Peter Engelhardt will be served at 7:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., attendees will have the opportunity to bid on rare and highly allocated wines. Restaurant packages will be offered including a golf and lunch outing at Orchard Lake or Oakland Hills Country Club with Gary Cowger and Al Kaline. Several luxurious vacations will be auctioned. In addition, a specially commissioned commemorative "Taste of the Vines" oil pastel drawing will be auctioned. The event is sponsored by General Motors. All proceeds will benefit The Community House outreach programs. For reservations, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832.

GRAPES

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Rather than use fertilizer to influence plant growth, planting a cover crop between the vine rows can either speed or retard vine growth. "If we want to speed up growth," Benziger noted, "we plant legumes. To retard, we plant grasses and to maintain growth rate, we plant clover."

Benziger plants crops that attract beneficial insects. Instead of spraying to rid the vineyard of harmful insects, and in the process kill beneficial ones, biodynamics attempts to balance the bad bugs with a population of good ones by attracting the beneficial insects to the property. With York's assistance, the Benzigers achieved biodynamic certification (one of a handful in North America) in 2000,

through the Demeter Association, an independent third-party certifier for traditional biodynamic farming practices.

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The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally 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.

WINE PICKS

The following Chardonnays are not biodynamically grown but earth-friendly farming is practiced.

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2002 Dry Creek Vineyard

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Robert Young Vineyard \$25

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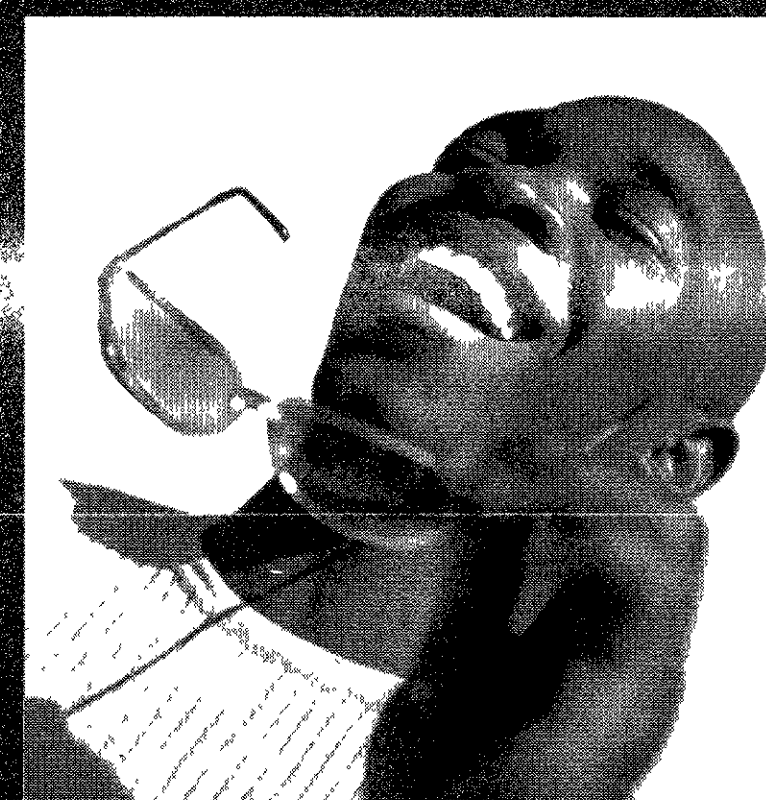
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For the next few seconds, pretend you're a high school middle line-backer. On the other side of the line of scrimmage is Canton's potent Winged-T offense, which is to ball-faking what Houdini was to magic.

Chief quarterback Shawn Little calls out the signals, receives the snap from center Andy LaFata, then proceeds to carry out a series of fakes to the three running backs behind him. Little either hands the ball to Matt Sweda, Deshon McClendon or Andy Rossow — or he keeps it.

Your job: figure out who has the ball, then tackle the ball-carrier.

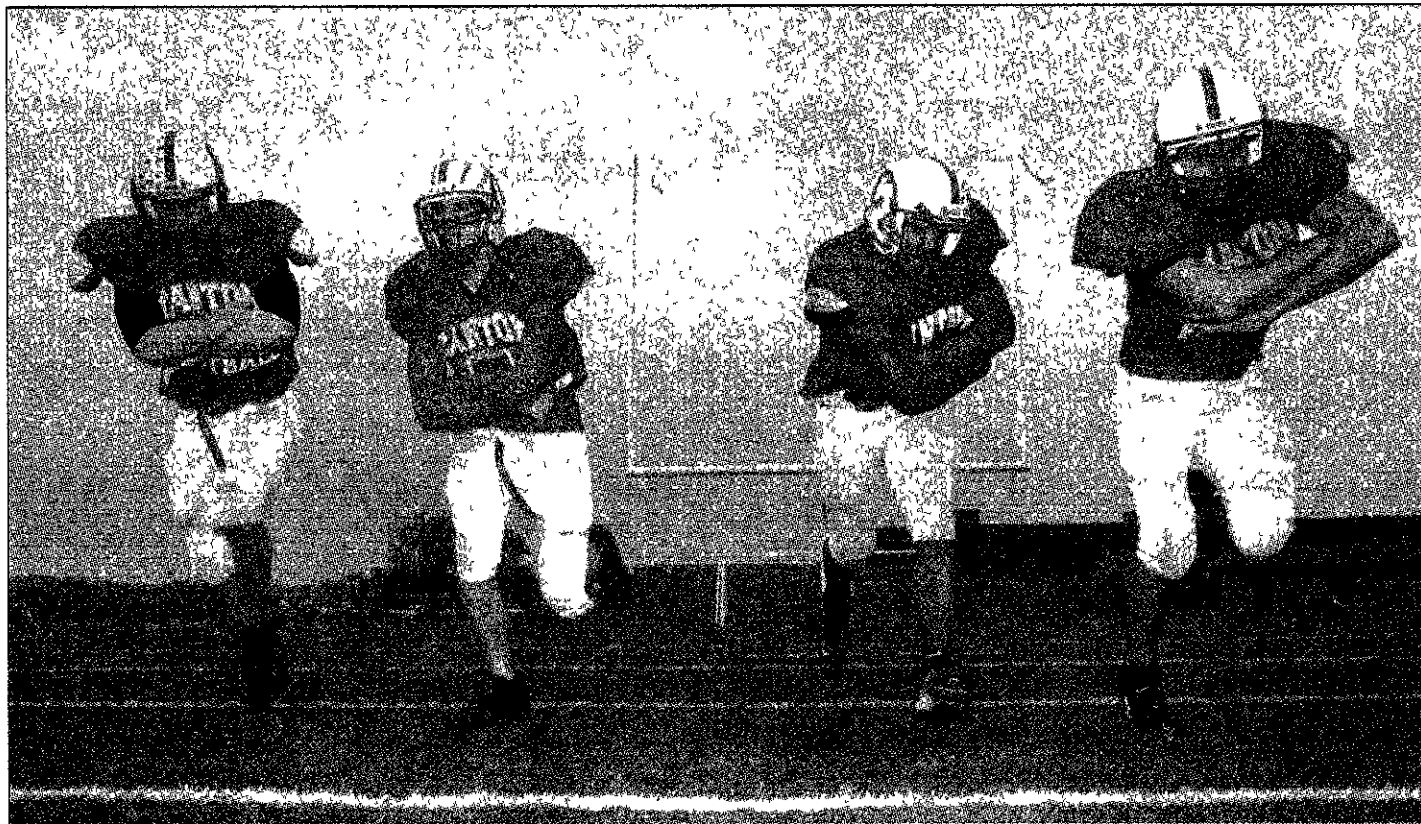
For a better idea of how difficult your task is, use the photo above as a visual. One of the four players in the photo is carrying a football. Can you figure out which one? (The answer is revealed at the end of this column.)

Uh-oh. While you were deciding who to tackle, Canton's 6-foot-5, 305-pound right tackle Ryan Jonik pancaked you into the artificial turf. As you adjust your helmet so that your nose isn't sticking out of the ear-hole, the Canton ball-carrier crosses the goal-line 20 yards behind you and hands the ball to the referee.

It's official: You're the latest victim of one of the most difficult offenses around to defend. But don't feel bad. You're not the first victim, and you won't be last.

### ART OF THE FAKE

What goes into a successful fake? "To execute a good fake in our offense, the player has to run excited, the same way he does when he has the ball," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "I even tell them to make a cut or do a



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One of the four Canton offensive backs pictured above is carrying a football; the other three are carrying out the kind of fakes that make defending the Chiefs difficult. Pictured (from left) are Matt Sweda, Shawn Little, Deshon McClendon and Andy Rossow. To find out who really has the ball, read Ed Wright's column at left.

spin move without the ball. For the first second or two of each play, the faking is very important. If they can just get one or two defensive players to make one step away from the ball-carrier, they've done their job.

"The player who has faked the best since I've been at Canton was probably Travis McKinney. Deshon's pretty good, too. Overall, we still don't fake as good as I'd like us to, but we're better this year than we've been in the past."

### FAST AND DECEPTIVE

McClendon, the Chiefs' leading rusher this season with well over 1,000 yards, is a touchdown waiting to happen every time he touches the ball. For that reason — and because he's an accomplished faker — he often psyches out even the most observant defenders.

"In our game against Monroe last week, one of their defensive backs was

staring at me while I carried out a fake about 10 yards downfield," said McClendon. "While he was staring at me, Sweda ran right by both of us and scored."

Rossow said he's had defensive players chase him 15 yards or more downfield while carrying out fakes.

"We work on the faking a lot in practice because it's such a big part of our offense," the three-year starter said. "It's all about selling the fake, making the defense think you have the ball."

"The most important thing *not* to do when you're carrying out a fake," Sweda added, "is watch the player who really has the ball. That will get you in trouble with the coaches."

### NO REST

Faking can be tiring for Canton's

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### DETROIT CODY (7-3) AT CANTON (8-2)

When: Friday at 7 p.m.

Where: P-CEP varsity football stadium

What's at stake: A berth in next week's regional final game against the winner of Saturday's Detroit Mumford (8-2) and Detroit King (8-2). With a victory, Canton will host next week's game as well.

How they got here: Cody won, 34-28, in overtime at Plymouth; Canton defeated Monroe, 42-34.

Players to watch: Cody QB Allen Adams and RB Louis Beal; Canton RB Deshon McClendon and LB Jeff Piper.

For an in-depth preview of Friday's game, please see page C2.

# Stunner: Franklin upends Salem in WLAA tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

On paper, Livonia Franklin was the eighth and lowest seed heading into Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association first-round game at Salem.

On the court, the Patriots were much better.

Franklin shocked the top-seeded Rocks, 37-31, to advance into tonight's semifinal game at home against Walled Lake Central.

Just two weeks earlier, Salem

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pulled away in the second half for a 42-23 win after being knotted 15-all at intermission.

The loss snapped a nine-game winning streak for Salem.

"We wanted to go out and prove that we were better than an eighth seed," said Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen. "We played our best game as a whole team this season. We had fewer turnovers than steals, which is something we haven't done all

year."

Junior forward Robyn Whalen, the coach's daughter, scored a team-high 10 points for the winners.

"Robyn also stepped up and played huge on the defensive end in the fourth quarter," Whalen said.

Freshman guard Briauna Taylor (eight points) and senior forward Trisha Morrill (five points and nine rebounds) also made major contributions for the Patriots, who improved to 10-8.

"It was nice to have Briauna's

ability to handle the ball out there tonight," Whalen said. "All of our guards stepped up and played well tonight."

Sophomore guard Alaya Mitchell paced the Rocks with 10. Junior forward Teresa Coppiellie chipped in with eight and senior guard Keiyana Arnold netted seven.

"They packed in their zone against us and we didn't make our shots," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, whose team slipped to 14-3. "Franklin played very, very well. All eight of their players that played

scored for them, so they got nice contributions from everybody."

The Rocks looked like the co-WLAA regular-season champions in the first quarter when they built a 13-8 lead.

However, Franklin outscored its hosts 16-5 over the next 16 minutes to secure a 24-18 advantage with eight minutes to play.

Both teams netted 13 fourth-quarter points.

Franklin drained 7-of-14 free throws; Salem was 7-of-11 from the stripe.

# Kapadia is prepared for 3rd straight state meet

Please see complete D1 boys regional cross country results on Page C5.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The race number affixed to the front

of Dan Kapadia's royal blue Salem cross country uniform during Saturday's Division 1 regional meet was more than appropriate.

Kapadia wore No. 100, which matches the percentage of effort the three-year state-qualifier has put into this, his senior season.

On Saturday, the Rock co-captain covered the 5,000-meter Schoolcraft College course in 16:05.72, which was good enough for second place behind Livonia Churchill's Timothy Howse (15:47.16). Kapadia's stellar performance helped Salem's team to a third-

place showing and a berth in this coming weekend's Division 1 state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"My goal when we started back in August was to run a 15:40 or 15:35-ish time before the end of the season," said

Kapadia, who set a personal-best time of 15:52 at the Oct. 21 Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet. "The MIS course is flat and relatively fast, so, hopefully, I can get it there."

Salem coach Geoff Baker had nothing but praise for the job Kapadia has done in leading his team to its fourth straight state meet.

"Throughout his career, Dan has gotten better and better every year," Baker said. "When he came in, he was

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Salem's Dan Kapadia helped lead the Rocks to a third-place finish in last Saturday's Division 1 regional cross country meet at Schoolcraft College. Kapadia finished second overall and will be competing in the state meet.

# Spartan girls earn x-country crown

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

There was no doubt Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill would be heading back to the Division 1 girls state cross country meet.

The only question that lingered on Saturday was which school would take home the regional trophy from Schoolcraft College.

In another tightly contested matchup between the two state-ranked teams, Stevenson came away the winner by four points, 41-45. Salem also earned a trip this Saturday to Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn by taking third with 85 points. See complete results.

Despite a first-place finish from freshman Courtney Calka and a second from junior Kristen Frey, along with a sixth from senior Lisa Arrowsmith, the Spartans needed clutch performances from junior Amber Cicala (15th) and junior Stephanie Perez (17th) to hold off the Western Lakes Activities Association champion Chargers.

Calka, the WLAA individual champ, finished first

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## Sidelines

### Lions win 2-of-3

The Canton Lions junior football league program earned its second consecutive "Black-and-Blue" trophy Saturday when the Lions won two of three games from the cross-town Plymouth Steelers.

The Lions won the varsity contest, 26-6, over the Steelers. Canton led early, 8-0, thanks to a 5-yard TD run by Shawn Mueller and Anthony Seling's two-point conversion kick. Plymouth roared back on a 25-yard run by Enrique Pardo to make it 8-6. Jordan Brooks and Brandon Pilligan played well offensively for the Steelers while Tyler Hult and Tyler Russin shined on defense. The Steelers captured the junior-varsity battle, 16-6, over the Lions. The victory earned the 5-2-1 Steelers a spot in Sunday's playoffs. Tommy Rodriguez, Ben Merbler and Josh Gifford played well on offense for the victors while Tyler Goble, Tony Rhodes and Patrick Salo shined on defense.

The Steelers jumped in front with a pair of TDs in the second and third quarters to secure a 16-0 advantage. The Lions got on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter when Jacob Morris hooked up with Braden Price on an 80-yard TD pass. The Lions' defense received strong efforts from Brad Trubowski, Adam Payne, Brandon Cicciotti, Eric Haase and Joshua Nolen. The Lions finished third in its division of the Western Suburban Junior Football League with a 6-2 record.

The Lions freshman unit earned its fifth straight playoff berth by upending the Plymouth Steelers, 19-7. The freshmen Lions took a 19-0 lead in the first half on touchdowns by Malcolm Hollingsworth (two) and Kyle Durham. Leading the blocking was Danny Stropes, Luke Denzer and Daniel Tidwell. The Lions defense held the Steelers scoreless until the final minute of play.

The defense was led by Nathan Emminger, Daniel Jipping, Lucas Bunting and Alex Smith, who recovered a fumble. The freshmen Lions will face the Lake Area Hawks in the first round of the playoffs Sunday at 10 a.m. at Dearborn Heights. Turning in stellar performances for the Steelers were Alex Calles, Kyle Topper, Kyle Cameron, A.J. Covertino and Matthew McKay. The Steelers finished 4-4.

### Holes-in-one

The following local golfers recorded aces recently at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth Township:

■ Jacqueline Chance of Plymouth aced the eighth hole on the Strategic Fox layout Sept. 28. Chance, who shot a 38, used a 9-iron.

■ Jonathan Banas of Plymouth carded a hole-in-one on the 126-yard sixth hole on the Classic Hills layout Sept. 29. Banas finished with a round of 34.



# Give me the real stuff instead of the fake turf

miss the grass. You know, the plush, thick, green stuff that used to cover all of the area's high school football fields back in the day.

OK, it was more patchy than plush and there were as many brown blades of grass as green on many of the local high school fields, but I still miss it.

Don't get me wrong: FieldTurf, the official brand of fake grass that now covers just about every Observerland football field (the only Western Lakes Activities Association team that still has real grass is

Northville) is very, very nice (and green, and plush...), but it's too clean, too sterile.

Football fields that don't need to be cut just don't cut it in my book.

Did you know that the white yard-

lines and their accompanying numbers on FieldTurf fields are actually *sewn* into the fields now? That just seems too Martha Stewart-ish for the rugged gridiron. You know the old saying: "There's no sewing in football!"

What would Woody Hayes have thought of FieldTurf, which is basically a layer of plastic grass laid upon an undercoating of chewed up tire rubber. If Hayes were alive today and still coaching, his famous "three yards and a cloud of dust" offensive philosophy would have been referred to as "three yards and a trail of grounded Uniroyals."

It just doesn't have the same ring to it.

In my opinion, there was nothing like watching a prep football game played in a steady rain when the middle of the field was nothing but a mud bath. You needed more than a program to tell who the mud-covered players were — you also needed a power-washing hose.

"Back when I played at Salem, and

it rained before or during a game, you'd get down in your three-point stance and the mud was so deep, it would come up to your wrist," remembered Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "I prefer the stuff we have now."

"There's nothing like playing on a perfect, grass field," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "But I like the turf we have now. We're very spoiled."

In a way, I compare the passing of real-grass fields to the passing of Tiger Stadium. The last couple of years at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull, I accepted the fact that the old stadium was past its prime and I was ready for the new, modernistic Comerica Park. Now, I'd pay quite a bit to see just one more game played at The Corner.

I can't say I'd pay a lot to see another high school football game played in slop, but if I did see one, I'd appreciate it more.

Both of Friday night's state playoff football games involving Observerland teams will be played on

the fake stuff, which is probably a good thing, at least preparation-wise. After all, Ford Field has FieldTurf, and that's where Livonia Franklin and Canton hope to be playing in three weeks.

There was nothing artificial about my 4-1 record in last week's Grid Picks games. It moved my overall mark to 84-24 and all but assured me of my second consecutive Grid Picks title.

The odds are better that the value of Joey Harrington's rookie card will rise in value the next couple of weeks than of Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons (79-29) or Redford/Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith (68-39) catching me. Following are this week's games.

## FRIDAY'S GAMES (both at 7 p.m.)

**Detroit Cody (7-3) at Canton (8-2):** Cody is one of the most offensively balanced and athletic teams the Chiefs will play this season. The Comets rely on senior quarterback Allen Adams and junior running back Louis Beal to move the first-down chains. Adams

is a Michael Vick-like scrambler who also possesses a strong and accurate arm. He's most dangerous when the play breaks down and he has to improvise. Adams doubles as a defensive back, the position his coach, Vernon Brown Jr., predicts he'll play in college.

The Chiefs possess the most potent power running game the Comets will see all season. Canton didn't throw one pass in last week's playoff opener against Monroe, but it didn't have to, racking up 429 yards on the ground while tallying 42 points. The Chiefs are led by a strong offensive line that includes Andy LaFata, Mike Edwards, Ryan Jonik, Joe Zugaj and Keil Price. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton); Smith (Cody).

**Birmingham Brother Rice (8-2) at Livonia Franklin (8-2):** This is the inaugural meeting between these two teams. Rice is a perennial playoff powerhouse while this is the first post-season appearance since 1975 for the Patriots, who have never lost a playoff game. Franklin will enjoy a rousing home-field advantage. The Warriors cruised last week with a 55-15 rout of Redford Union while the Patriots squeaked past Detroit Henry Ford, 19-12. **PICKS:** Wright (Brother Rice); Emons (Brother Rice); Smith (Brother Rice).

## FOOTBALL

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backs, who often run 25 yards or more downfield without the ball.

"It takes a lot of energy and effort to do it right," Baechler said. "And most of our running backs play both ways, so it can take a lot out of them."

Everyone who's watched a Canton game from the stands knows how difficult it is to figure out who has the football when the Chiefs are on offense. I can't tell you how many times I've started to record the result of a run in my stat book, thinking the play was over, only to hear the crowd erupt when they realize the guy with the ball is 40 yards downfield with no defenders in sight.

Baechler admitted he's even been fooled.

"Last week, while we were going over the game film, I got on Jonik a little for missing a

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blitzer," Baechler said. "No one said anything and Ryan looked at me and kind of said, 'Huh?' When I re-wound the film and watched it again, I realized that he didn't miss his block — I was watching the wrong running back. It doesn't happen to me much, but it happens."

So, now that you've had ample time to study the photo on C1, can you figure out who has the ball?

It's McClendon, the second back from the right.

The good news is now you know who has the ball.

The bad news: Now you have to try and tackle him.

# Canton, Cody equipped with potent offenses

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

For one of the few times this season, Detroit Cody's football team will play on a field with a working scoreboard Friday night when the Comets face Canton in a Division 1 district final at the P-CEP football stadium.

Judging by the fireworks both teams' offenses are capable of generating, it may be a well-lit scoreboard.

Senior quarterback Allen Adams (6-foot, 180 pounds) and junior running back Louis Beal (6-3, 210) helped light up the scoreboard last week when the Comets knocked off Plymouth, 34-28, in overtime. Adams, who runs a 4.58 40-yard dash, is being recruited by Eastern Michigan University, Toledo University and a couple of Big Ten teams, said Cody

coach Vernon Brown, Jr.

"When you play without a scoreboard and without a clock like we did a lot this year, it's important to get ahead early," Brown quipped. "If you're ahead, and you ask the refs how much time is left in the game and they don't tell you, you don't have to go into panic mode. Now, if you're behind and they don't tell you, well..."

As of Monday night, Brown had yet to see Canton on film, but he's well-educated on the Chiefs' strong points.

"I know they have a powerful team and they like to run the football," Brown said. "They have some good running backs and their quarterback is pretty good, too, from what I understand. We've never encountered a team that likes to run exclusively like Canton, but we're going to have to prepare our team to be ready for it."

These kids are very even-keeled and they're not in awe of anything."

Brown said he was proud of the way his team overcame four turnovers against Plymouth.

"We moved the ball pretty well," he said. "And our defense made plays when it had to, which was the key. Allen Adams is a good quarterback, but he's even a better defensive back. He locked up Plymouth's best receiver (Josh Le Duc) pretty good."

The Comets' defense will have its hands full Friday night when it squares off against a Chiefs' offense that has been nearly unstoppable the past month. Canton scored on six of its eight possessions against Monroe last week and did not have to punt once. One non-scoring drive ended with a fumble and the other ended at

the Monroe one-yard line when the final gun sounded.

Canton coach Tim Baechler said his team will have to be at the top of its game on both sides of the ball if it is going to capture its first district title since 2002.

"They like to run their tailback (Beal) 20-something times every game," Baechler said. "He's a workhorse. He's big, he runs hard and he's elusive. Their quarterback is very athletic and he has great feet. He throws well and he makes plays. He made a couple of plays against Plymouth when he scrambled, ad-libbed and made something happen."

The winner will move on to next Friday's regional final against the winner of Saturday's Detroit Mumford-Detroit King contest.

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# Plymouth dims Knights, 33-30 Whalers alone in second place

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth advanced to the second round of the Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament Tuesday night, but not before getting a tough test from Walled Lake Northern.

The second-seeded Wildcats turned back the host Knights, 33-30, to earn a berth in tonight's semi-final WLAA match-up against Canton. The game will tip-off at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The Wildcats improved their record to 15-3 while the seventh-seeded Knights fell to 9-9.

"It just goes to show you that anything can happen when the tournament starts," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "I'm pleased with the win. The girls did the things they needed to do to win in a high-pressure, loud environment."

"One of our pre-season goals was to win this tournament, so, hopefully, we keep playing hard and stay focused so we can reach that goal."

Senior forward Jeanine Moise led the Wildcats to victory, netting 15 points and 13 rebounds, both team highs. Senior forward Kim Olech contributed seven points and four boards, while senior guard Janet Hanchett chipped in with five points, six rebounds and plenty of defense.

"Janet did a great job defensively on Northern's best player (Ashley Jolly)," Reilly emphasized. "She had a tough assignment, but she handled it well. Plus, she didn't come out of the game all night."

Jolly finished with a hard-earned 15 points for Northern.

Northern, which lost to the Wildcats by 19 points in the teams' first encounter last month, led 10-9 after one quarter. The game was deadlocked at 14-14 at the half before the Wildcats secured a 23-16 advantage with eight minutes to play.

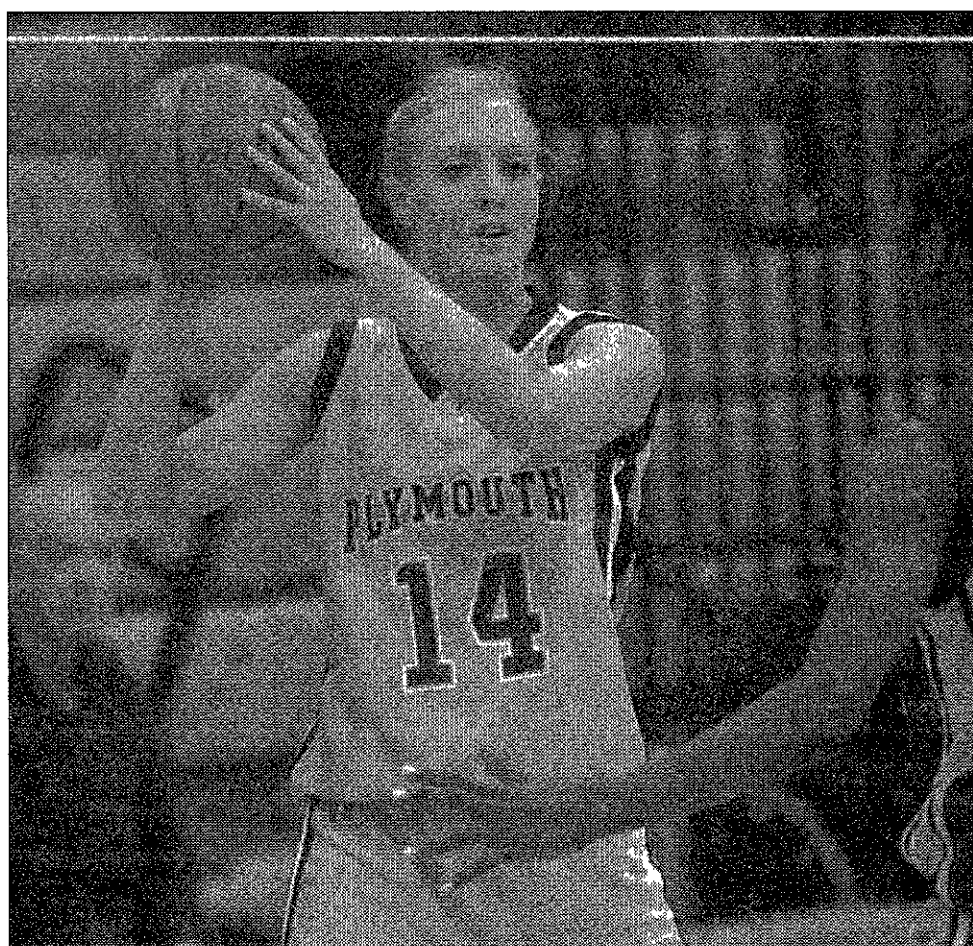
The valiant Knights fought back to tie the game in the final stanza, but Plymouth hung on for the key win.

Plymouth was hampered by shaky free-throw shooting. The Wildcats managed to nail just 7-of-22 shots from the charity stripe (31.8 percent). Northern hit 2-of-4 free throws.

**CANTON 41, LIVONIA STEVENSON 26:** Lisa Ealy, a 5-foot-9 senior, scored 11 of her game-high 17 points from the free throw line to propel Canton to a victory over host Livonia Stevenson in the opening round of the WLAA conference tournament.

Canton, 14-4 overall, moves into the Western Lakes Activities Association playoff semifinal tonight at Plymouth. Stevenson, which falls to 12-6, moves down to the consolation round tonight at Walled Lake Northern.

"Early control things were the key to the ball," Stevenson coach Tom Newman said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Janet Hanchett, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored five points, grabbed six rebounds and played outstanding defense in the Wildcats' 33-30 victory over Walled Lake Northern Tuesday night.

"She takes the ball strong to the basket and has good court vision."

"Canton passes well and they shoot high percentage shots. The ball was dropping for them and not for us."

Becci Houdek and Ja'nee Morton each added eight points for the victorious Chiefs, who led 21-14 at halftime and 32-20 after three quarters.

Canton was 16-of-24 from the foul line, while Stevenson was 9-of-15.

Senior guard Danielle Smith led the Spartans with seven points.

"The score was not indicative of how we played," said Newman, whose team took a 50-24 pasting by Canton on Oct. 25. "We had many, many more scoring opportunities tonight. The ball just did not fall for us."

**JOHN GLENN 71, WAYNE 47:** Four players scored in double figures Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (6-12) downed rival Wayne Memorial (2-15) for the second time this season as senior Jennifer Swartz led the way with 15 points and nine rebounds.

Senior Heather Lindon and junior Brandi Jones each chipped in with 12, while freshman Chanel Payne added 10. Brittany

Holbrook also grabbed eight rebounds.

Wayne led 14-12 after one quarter, but Glenn went on a 24-5 second-quarter run to take command.

"We just got more intense and more focused in that second quarter and it carried over to the second half," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said.

Wayne's LaDwan Jones scored 20 points to lead all scorers, while Nastassia Goines contributed 12. Carrie Laubernds finished with eight.

Wayne was 11-of-27 from the foul line, while Glenn was 18-of-29.

**W.L. WESTERN 46, CHURCHILL 34:** In a WLAA consolation game Tuesday, host Walled Lake Western (4-14) turned the tables on host Livonia Churchill (4-14) as Malissa Moore led the victorious Warriors with 11 points.

Nicole Gooding contributed 10 as Western avenged last Thursday's 54-44 setback to the Chargers.

Stephanie Bradshaw scored eight for Churchill, which trailed 28-20 at halftime.

Seniors Katie Schmidt and Alicia Jones were providing the final home games added seven and six, respectively.

The Plymouth Whalers sit alone in second place in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division following a split of two games played at the Compuware Sports Arena.

On Saturday, the Whalers, who are now 8-5-1, dropped a 2-1 decision to Guelph. The Storm's Tyler Doig scored with 3:40 left in the second period to give his team a 2-0 cushion. The victory was the third consecutive for the Storm; the loss marked the third setback in a row for the hosts.

Guelph grabbed a 1-0 lead at 1:45 of the first period on a short-handed goal by Rafael Rotter, his fifth of the year.

Plymouth's lone goal against Storm goalie Ryan MacDonald came at 10:37 of the third period when John Vigilante slid the puck into the net while the Whalers were short-handed. James Neal assisted on Vigilante's sixth goal of the season.

Plymouth pressured Guelph throughout the third period, and pulled goal-tender Ryan Nie in the final minute of regulation, but the Whalers could not manage to manufacture the equalizer.

Guelph outshot Plymouth, 30-29.

Tom Sestito's power-play goal at 7:48 of the third period broke a 5-5 deadlock and led the Whalers to a 6-5 victory over the Owen Sound Attack in a Sunday afternoon contest played before 2,424 at the Compuware Sports Arena. The victory lifted the Whalers to within three points of Western Division-leading Saginaw, which had won six consecutive games through Sunday.

Besides Sestito, Andrew Fournier, Neal, Cory Tanaka, Jared Boll and Gino Pisellini scored for the winners.

Rookie Chris Terry added three assists. Buffalo draftee Andrej Sekera recorded a hat-trick for Owen Sound, which received single goals from Bobby Ryan and Mike Angelidis.

Special teams ruled the day

as referees Brad Beer and Ryan O'Neill whistled 24 power-play situations. Owen Sound went 4-for-15 with the man advantage; Plymouth was 2-for-9.

Sekera gave Owen Sound a 1-0 lead on a power-play goal at 13:23 of the first period, but the Whalers came back to lead 2-1 on goals by Fournier at 15:42 and Neal at 17:27 of the first period. Tanaka scored on a penalty shot at 6:58 if the second period and Boll gave Plymouth a 4-1 lead 43 seconds later.

That set the stage for a wild third period. Pisellini gave Plymouth a 5-1 advantage at 0:57 of the period, but the Attack came all the way back to tie the game at 5-5 on a pair of goals by Sekera, sandwiched around power-play markers by Angelidis and Ryan. But Owen Sound's Jeff Kyrzakos was whistled off for interference and Sestito scored on the subsequent power play on a scramble at the side of the Owen Sound goal to give Plymouth a 6-5 lead.

Owen Sound goal-tender Russ Brownell was pulled with 1:37 left and, although the Attack pressured, they could not find the equalizer.

Nie played well despite giving up five goals, stopping 39-of-44 Owen Sound shots.

Neil Conway started in goal for Owen Sound and was lifted for Brownell after Plymouth seized a 4-1 lead in the second period.

Conway stopped 8-of-12 shots in 27 minutes of work. Brownell went the rest of the way, stopping 9-of-11 Plymouth attempts.

Owen Sound outshot Plymouth, 44-23.

Plymouth is idle until Thursday when it travels across the border to play Windsor in a game set to commence at 7:30 p.m.

The Whalers' next home game is Saturday when they host Toronto at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400.

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in 18 minutes, 20.02 seconds, while Frey added an 18:28.92.

Arrowsmith also broke 19 minutes with a clocking of 18:45.26, while Cicala came through with a personal best 19:16.1. Perez finished in 19:25.37.

"We did not talk strategy," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "We just said, 'Go out and run.' We arose to the occasion. It was our best meet of the year. I'm excited about the state meet. We had three under 19 (minutes)."

Frey, who has been battling a quadricep injury, bounced back from her fourth-place finish at the WLAA meet. (She finished sixth in last year's Division I state finals.)

"Kristen was about 85 percent today," Holmberg said. "We just told her to go out and have a quality run. This is the only meet that counts because the regional is an elimination meet, and with that there's a lot of pressure."

They (Churchill) were only four points behind and that was as well as we could run."

Churchill's runner-up performance was nothing to sneeze at.

The Chargers, who had beaten Stevenson by a combined 13 points in three previous WLAA meetings, placed fourth in the top 10 led by sophomore Rachel McFarlane's third place showing in 18:32.18.

Freshman Alyssa Mira added a fifth (18:42.33); junior Megan Maceratini, eighth (18:59.14); senior Kylen Cieslak, ninth (19:01.43); and freshman Hannah Otto, 20th (19:40.68).

McFarlane's time broke the Churchill school record of 18:36 held since 1996 by Ashley Fillion. Mira's time, ironically, broke McFarlane's ninth-grade school mark.

"I couldn't more proud of my girls, we had some excellent times and we hope it carries over to the state meet," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "It always exciting when you have girls breaking records. It was also good to see Megan (Maceratini) break into



Pictured competing in Saturday's Division I regional cross country meet at Schoolcraft College are (from left) Livonia Stevenson's Kristen Frey, Salem's Hannah Cavicchio, Stevenson's Courtney Calka and Livonia Churchill's Rachel McFarlane.

the 18:00s. I was really impressed with the times in our region."

It's Salem's third-straight trip to the state finals and fifth in school history.

The Rocks were led by fourth-place finisher Hannah Cavicchio. The junior ran 18:41.31 followed by senior Marisa Carpinelli, 12th (19:08.32); senior Allison Vraniak, 19th (19:33.83); senior Allison Janda, 23rd (19:48.61); and junior Sarah Kosteva, 27th (19:58.48).

"We had a little bounce today," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach, whose team recovered from a disappointing fourth-place showing at the WLAA meet. "It was one of those situations where you have to forget about the conference meet, just move on and refocus. We had a big opportunity today and I told them you've got to make the most of that opportunity. We had four PRs."

Additional individual state qualifiers (top 15) from the Schoolcraft Regional included Northville senior Bryn Smetana, seventh in 18:57.72; Livonia Franklin junior Meghan Horgan, 10th in 19:05.88; Canton freshman Sarah Thomas, 11th in 19:07.66; Northville sophomore Jennifer Murphy, 13th in 19:14.49; and Novi senior Meghan Bannatz, 14th in 19:15.16.

So just how strong was this field? Plymouth senior Amy Ostrowski, who took 16th and just missed qualifying, finished in 19:21.02, a clocking that would make the cut in most other regionals.

"We had seven great teams fighting for three spots," Gerlach said. "It's got to be one of the top two regionals in the state and the toughest to get out of. It was a challenge. I told them not to worry about their times. Instead, the focus was competing with other teams."

The Stevenson-Churchill rivalry, meanwhile, continues this weekend at MIS.

"It's nice there are two teams in the area who can share the awards," Holmberg said. "Churchill winning the league and us the regional is a good reward for both of us. It's a shame somebody would have to get shut out."

Salem runners qualify for state meet at MIS

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Gentleman, start your engines.

Three area teams made the cut for this weekend's Division I state boys cross country finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Included in the group was Salem, which took third place, a mere one point ahead of neighbor Plymouth, 75-76.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Meanwhile, Novi and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central finished one-two during last Saturday's regional held at Schoolcraft College with 63 and 67 points, respectively.

Six individuals also earned spots in the MIS field led by Livonia Churchill senior Timothy Howse, who covered the 5,000-meter course in personal best 15 minutes, 47.16 seconds to lead all runners.

Salem was led by regional runner-up Dan Kapadia (16:05.72), a senior who was coming off a first-place showing just a week earlier in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

The Rocks also received strong performances from senior Jimmy Walsh, 10th (16:33.57); junior Andrew Cassidy, 16:48.77; senior Cameron Loftus, 23rd (17:06.43); and sophomore Craig Cowing, 26th (17:11.24).

"We're on a pretty good roll right now," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "This is our third (trip) in a row and I think our 10th overall. All seven of our guys finished 17:17 or better. We were ready to race today. Our number three man (Cassidy) dropped by 20 seconds; our No. 4 (Loftus) by 21 seconds' and a our No. 5 (Cowing) by six seconds."

Howse, who finished sixth at the WLAA meet, jumped out from the start and ran away from the field, duplicating a feat achieved by his father Ken, a former regional champion from Detroit Finney High School who went on to run at the University of Illinois.

"Timothy ran what he wanted to do at the conference meet," Churchill coach John McGreevy said. "I said to him, 'There's no pressure, just run what you've been doing all year.' He's had a great season."



Plymouth's Patrick Slavens earned a fourth-place finish in Saturday's Division I regional cross country meet held at Schoolcraft College.

He ran what he's capable of."

Churchill also got another additional state qualifier in when sophomore Brandon Grysko turned in his best effort of the season with a third-place clocking of 16:09.44.

"Brandon ran a gutsy race," Churchill coach John McGreevy said. "He put it all together. He has a lot of talent and a tremendous heart. He's a great competitor."

Despite missing the team cut by one point, Plymouth qualified two individuals in fourth-place finisher Patrick Slavens, a senior who ran 16:13.15, and junior Anthony Seaparo, who placed seventh in 16:17.02.

"It's been close two weeks in a row," Baker said. "Last week at the league (WLAA) meet it was 89-89 and we won (vs. Plymouth) on the sixth man."

"It looks CC is back on track after last year and Plymouth keeps getting better and better. It's tough when you have five guys (Plymouth) go under 17:15 and can't go (to MIS)."

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## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL  
CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS  
(all Saturday, Oct. 29)

## DIVISION I

## at SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet):** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 41 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 45; 3. Salem, 85; 4. Northville, 126; 5. Plymouth, 131; 6. Novi, 138; 7. Canton, 141; 8. Livonia Franklin, 247; 9. Westland John Glenn, 274; 10. Garden City, 312; 11. Redford Union, 313; 12. Wayne Memorial, 341.

**Individual winner:** Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 18 minutes, 20.2 seconds.

## TEAM-BY-TEAM FINISHERS

**Stevenson (41):** 1. Courtney Calka, 18:20.02; 2. Kristen Frey, 18:28.92; 3. Lisa Arrowsmith, 18:45.26; 15. Amber Cicala, 19:16.1; 17. Stephanie Perez, 19:25.37; 22. Denise Meier, 19:46.57; 47. Meghan Burke, 21:22.1.

**Churchill (45):** 3. Rachel McFarlane, 18:32.18; 5. Alyssa Mira, 18:42.33; 8. Megan Maceratali, 18:59.14; 9. Kylene Cieslak, 19:01.49; 20. Hannah Otto, 19:40.68; 25. Erica Hope, 19:55.18; 26. Amy Drinan, 19:56.61.

**Salem (85):** 4. Hannah Cavicchio, 18:41.31; 12. Marisa Carlinelli, 19:08.32; 19. Allison Yrniak, 19:33.83; 23. Allison Janda, 21; Sarah Kosteva, 19:58.48; 40. Kristen Donzila, 20:27.23; 55. Rachel Gizecki, 21:48.95.

**Plymouth (131):** 16. Amy Ostrowski, 19:21.02; 18. Beth Heldemeyer, 19:31.17; 28. Pam Bhullar, 20:00.68; 30. Molly Slavens, 20:09.91; 39. Sarah Sherwood, 20:33.27; 43. Jacqueline

Beeler, 20:50.94; 50. Nichole McLaughlin, 21:37.24.

**Canton (140):** 11. Sarah Thomas, 19:07.66 (sq); 21. Katherine Galpin, 19:42.05; 29. Rebecca McCormack, 20:03.7; 32. Jennifer Thomas, 20:22.1; 48. Lisa Clinton, 21:27.82; 54. Anne Murphy, 21:47.82; 57. Kristen Ward, 22:17.99.

**Franklin (247):** 10. Meghan Horgan, 19:05.88; 52. Karl Saarela, 21:43.77; 60. Laura Marshall, 22:21.6; 61. Kelsey Kaplan, 22:25.7; 64. Elizabeth Reinke, 22:47.97; 73. Megan Wilson, 23:59.82; 77. Meghan Brownlee, 24:37.84.

**John Glenn (274):** 38. Stacy Richardson, 20:32.04; 53. Joslyn DeGroot, 21:46.96; 58. Megan Nikula, 22:18.58; 62. Jessica Savolainen, 22:26.67; 63. Michelle Gutowski, 22:40.17; 71. Rebecca Barrett, 23:48.69; 72. Melanie Stawkey, 23:51.34.

**Garden City (312):** 44. Alexandra Borlace, 20:56.45; 45. Courtney Plummer, 20:57.15; 68. Christine Milne, 23:28.21; 78. Nicole Renaud, 23:11.27; 80. Alyssa Chambo, 25:49.05; 82. Whitney Spencer, 26:16.16.

**Redford Union (313):** 49. Allison Patra, 21:28.51; 56. Melanie Reece, 22:14.47; 59. Sara Miller, 22:19.29; 75. Stephanie Reamer, 24:21.83; 76. Karl Price, 24:22.58; 79. Amanda Fross, 25:39.61; 83. Suzen Valaj, 26:44.0.

**Wayne (340):** 66. Claire Moro, 22:58.72; 67. Shawnee Baughan, 22:59.36; 69. Kathryn Trudeau, 23:34.13; 70. Chelsea Barrett, 23:48.69; 74. Melissa Smith, 24:20.39; 81. Jaime Williams, 26:02.95.

**Other additional state qualifiers (top 15):** 7. Bryn Smetana (Northville), 18:57.72; 13.

Jennifer Murphy (Northville), 19:14.49; 14. Megan Bannatt (Novi), 19:15.16.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet):** 1. Novi, 63 points; 2. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 67; 3. Salem, 75; 4. Plymouth, 76; 5. Livonia Churchill, 101; 6. Northville, 146; 7. Canton, 178; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 215; 9. Wayne Memorial, 278; 10. Redford Union, 300; 11. Livonia Franklin, 333; 12. Garden City, 352; 13. Westland John Glenn, 396; 14. Detroit Western International, 437.

**Individual winner:** Timothy Howse (Churchill), 15 minutes, 47.16 seconds (5,000 meters).

**TEAM-BY-TEAM FINISHERS**

**Novi (63):** 5. Mike Wheat, 16:14.84; 8. Alex Prasad, 16:27.64; 11. Scott Wagner, 16:35.54; 17. Lukas Barnes, 16:50.80; 22. Joshua Lumley, 17:04.28; 24. Kenny MacDonough, 17:07.17.

**Novi CC (67):** 6. Jason Morad, 16:15.50; 12. Alex Toloff, 16:37.57; 15. David Champagne, 16:49.51; 16. Zachary Oleski, 16:50.20; 18. A.J. Huber, 16:51.55; 35. Michael Nienhaus, 17:21.78; 38. Adam Gasior, 17:23.51.

**Salem (75):** 2. Dan Kapadia, 16:05.72; 10. Jimmy Walsh, 16:33.57; 14. Andrew Cassidy, 16:48.77; 23. Cameron Loftus, 17:06.43; 26. Craig Cowling, 17:11.24; 29. Colin McGorey, 17:15.90; 30. Kevin deBeer, 17:17.00.

**Plymouth (76):** 4. Patrick Slavenis, 16:13.15; 7. Anthony Scaparo, 16:17.02; 19. Sean Dillon, 16:53.48; 21. Derek Lax, 17:02.52; 25. Cristian Chagas, 17:09.63; 39. Justin Huey, 17:24.63; 46. Justin Magill, 17:44.65.

**Churchill (101):** 1. Timothy Howse, 15:47.16; 3. Brandon Grysko, 16:09.44; 20. Joseph Varlone,

16:54.50; 37. Paul Folk, 17:22.87; 40. James Waterbury, 17:31.98; 42. Mark Pilat, 17:37.40; 60. Matthew Hecksel, 18:26.63.

**Canton (78):** 31. Derek Hoermer, 17:17.76; 32. Trev Wolfe, 17:18.97; 33. Kyle Clinton, 17:19.93; 34. Duncan Spitz, 17:20.99; 48. Aaron McClellan, 17:49.31; 52. Greg Reed, 18:00.46; 72. David Catalan, 19:37.90.

**Stevenson (215):** 27. Dan Wilson, 17:11.90; 43. Justin Black, 17:40.03; 44. Jeff Niemi, 17:40.50; 45. Dave Antishin, 17:42.04; 56. Matt Lipsky, 18:11.96; 61. Bryan Betke, 18:33.72.

**Wayne (278):** 28. James Holbrook, 17:13.93; 50. Kevin Lewis, 17:58.01; 53. Jordan Janowitz, 18:05.63; 68. Abraham Mendez, 19:03.53; 79. John Robertson, 20:10.14; 82. Christian Smith, 21:02.26.

**Redford Union (300):** 51. Mike Lewis, 17:58.65; 54. Matt Macek, 18:06.51; 62. Ronson Webster, 18:34.20; 63. Christian Jemlich, 18:35.40; 70. Nick Levinson, 19:18.57; 71. Sean Mexiner, 19:36.26; 74. Ross Holme, 19:45.06.

**Franklin (333):** 57. Evan Sirena, 18:14.36; 64. Pete Walblay, 18:37.02; 67. Dylan Taylor, 18:57.85; 69. Josh Walker, 19:07.18; 76. Andrew Kent, 19:55.80; 80. Stuart Gregory, 20:34.23; 81. Allen Soonenburgh, 20:37.83.

**Garden City (352):** 55. Mike Nordby, 18:07.45; 65. David Dares, 18:46.15; 73. Egan O'Callaghan, 19:44.35; 75. Brandon Coffey, 19:46.29; 86. Dan McDermott, 21:47.53; 89. Mike Danes, 22:35.28; 90. Dustin Ashley, 22:45.36.

**John Glenn (396):** 66. Tim Boes, 18:54.07; 77. Mike Jacobs, 19:56.55; 78. Nathan Scarlett,

20:09.63; 87. Matt Jarvis, 21:55.19; 88. Brandon Nikula, 22:00.85; 92. Rob Weck, 23:06.89; 93. Eric Myrner, 23:22.88.

## DIVISION II

## at METRO BEACH METROPARK

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet):** 1. Birmingham Marjahn, 77 points; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 78; 3. Harper Woods Regalia, 79; 4. Detroit Renaissance, 89; 5. Farmington Hills Harrison, 116; 6. Royal Oak Dondero, 117; 7. Madison Heights Lamphere, 159; 8. Royal Oak Kimball, 208; 9. Ferndale, 219; 10. Hazel Park, 308; 11. Detroit Northwestern, 330.

**Individual winner:** Ramzee Fondren (Renaissance), 18:50.8.

**Ladywood finishers:** 6. Amanda Field, 20:33.9; 12. Emily Bambach, 21:09.5; 16. Becca Zajac, 21:20.6; 18. Laura Bou-Maroun, 21:31.3; 26. Katie Aurand, 22:05.0; 27. Mallory Tomaszewski, 22:12.2; 36. Allison Krueger, 22:45.7.

## DIVISION IV

## at JACKSON'S ELLA SHARP PARK

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet):** 1. Vandercook Lake, 52 points; 2. Hudson, 71; 3. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 79; 4. Morenci, 107; 5. Lutheran Westland, 120; 6. Grass Lake, 169; 7. Adrian Lenawee Christian, 170; 8. Sand Creek, 196; 9. Adrian Madison, 226; 10. Jackson Christian, 257; 11. Ottawa Lake Whiteford, 281; 12. Waldron and Britton-Macon, no team score.

**Individual winner:** Mike Glinski (Sand Creek), 16:41.

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 4. Spencer Lyle,

17:15 (sq); 18. Steve Schmit, 18:02; 26. Zack Fabris, 18:18; 36. Josh Rice, 18:53; 44. Aaron Zeile, 19:32; 55. Dan Krzyske, 20:51; 56. Ross Purisfull, 20:54.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet):** 1. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 50 points; 2. Hudson, 60; 3. Vandercook Lake, 85; 4. Lutheran Westland, 123; 5. Allen Park Cabrini, 131; 6. Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, 134; 7. Sand Creek, 201; 8. Grass Lake, 215; 9. Morenci, 217; 10. Plymouth Christian, 242; 11. Waldron Britton-Macon, Adrian Lenawee Christian and Adrian Madison, no team score.

**Individual winner:** Alexa Glencer (Greenhills), 18:43.0.

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 11. Nicole Barnaby, 21:23 (sq); 14. Miriam Pranscke, 21:39 (sq); 29. Katherine MacKenzie, 23:13; 30. Ashley Taylor-Voss, 23:17; 47. Liz Kemp, 25:22; 53. Katie Krueger, 26:36.

## KAPADIA

FROM PAGE C1

a typical freshman — quiet, just taking in the scenery. He wasn't a great practice runner either, but he'd get up for the races.

"This year, he's practiced hard and run hard in the races. He's really shown a drive and determination that have helped make him the runner he is today."

Baker said Kapadia has more than earned his captaincy.

"Dan not only leads our team by example," Baker said, "but he also always there to cheer his teammates on and give them a shot of encouragement when they need it. The younger kids listen to him, too, because they know he's been to the state meet

twice already and that's where they want to go."

With a solid showing on Saturday, Kapadia could leave a lasting mark on the always-competitive Salem cross country program.

"Many of our runners in the past have dropped about 15 seconds off their personal bests at the state meet," Baker said. "If Dan does that on Saturday, he'll be right there with the school's all-time best cross country runners."

Through hard work and a year-round running regimen, Kapadia has improved his 5,000-meter time nearly three minutes from his freshman season's personal-best clocking (18:39).

"One of the most important things I've learned here at Salem is that it's very important

to have confidence in yourself and your training," said Kapadia, who estimated he runs 50 miles per week during the summer months and 35 during cross country season. "I've learned to never give up and to run through everything."

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# Time for Lions' celebrated draft pick

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When a team has a selection in the first 10 picks of the draft, it is usually because it had a poor record the previous season. Usually if a team has four consecutive selections in the top 10, one or more will become very good players. Unfortunately, the word usually in this case does not apply to the Detroit Lions.

In 2002, the Lions selected quarterback Joey Harrington with the third pick in the draft. The following year, wide receiver Charles Rogers was picked No. 2 overall. Last season, Roy Williams, a wide receiver from Texas, became a Lion with the seventh pick. And this past April, the Lions selected Mike Williams, another wideout, with the 10th pick.



Mike Williams

## POOR DRAFT PICKS

Thus far, the Lions have received very little in return for the millions they have invested. Harrington has never developed into a solid quarterback. Marty Mornhinweg never wanted him and with good reason. Harrington does not have the mobility or the accuracy to excel in this West Coast offense.

Rogers started out on fire, scoring a touchdown in his first game. He then broke his clavicle during a practice during the bye week and his rookie season was over. Last season, he broke it again during the first game of the season and this season he never looked comfortable, complained about his lack of opportunity and then missed four games due to a violation of the league's substance abuse policy.

Roy Williams appeared headed for greatness last season before an injury hampered his season. This season, he ran the wrong route in a key situation in Chicago, complained when Kevin Jones yelled at him and then hurt a muscle in his leg. He missed three games with the injury, which seemed to tick off both his coach and some teammates.

Mike Williams' rookie season has been Lionesque. He was late to several meetings. He has dropped several passes, fumbled several times and has run several poor pass routes. The only thing that has not registered as several is the positive contributions to the football team.

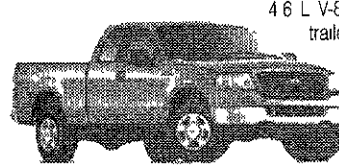
I won't question Harrington's desire, although his ability appears as weak as his willingness to take any blame before his deserved benching. The trio of diva wide receivers is another story. They have not been able to get any separation from defenders when they are able to play.

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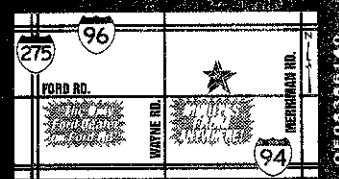
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# icks to step up, perform like pros

Teammates question the way they practice and Roy Williams' desire to play hurt has been questioned by teammates, coaches, fans and the media.

## TIME TO PERFORM

The bottom line is that these three receivers have to get their acts together and do it in a hurry. The offense remains as creative as this column, so their contributions are needed big-time.

It's not too late; these guys are young. And while they do not have the gyrations, flamboyance and attitude of Terrell Owens or Chad Johnson, they don't have the results, either. Give me a diva with talent anytime. It's the wannabe divas that drive me nuts ... and right now these three are just that.

## WHO'S NEXT?

If the Lions fail to make the playoffs, I believe

Steve Mariucci will be fired as Lions head coach. Here are five names to think about as a successor to Mariucci.

■ **Greg Williams** — Washington Redskins defensive coordinator. He has put together an aggressive defensive scheme which before Sunday's debacle at the Meadowlands was one of the best. He previously was the head coach at Buffalo.

■ **Tim Lewis** — New York Giants defensive coordinator. He has done a solid job in New York and in his previous stop with the Steelers.

■ **Mike Martz**, the "mad scientist head coach" of the St. Louis Rams, who is sitting out the rest of the season due to health problems. An offensive genius (just ask him). His offensive system is productive and entertaining. His game time decisions are bizarre at times.

■ **Russ Grimm**. The Pittsburgh Steelers offensive line/assistant head coach is a hard-nosed type of guy who played with Matt Millen

in Washington. He interviewed for other jobs and was very impressive. He would provide toughness.

■ **Pete Carroll** — USC head coach. Great success with defending collegiate champs. A big-time success as defensive coordinator in the NFL. Average record as head coach of New England Patriots. Would probably command huge dollars.

■ **Sean Payton** — passing game coordinator/assistant head coach Dallas Cowboys. A very good play caller. He is young and considered a bright mind. He even looks like a younger Bill Parcells

■ **Jerry Gray**, Buffalo Bills defensive coordinator, has done a nice job in Buffalo. The former Pro Bowl cornerback coached under Jeff Fisher in Tennessee as well.

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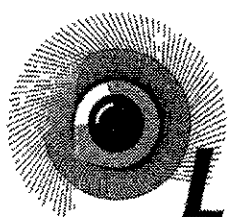
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# Madonna kickers edge Cornerstone

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

On a cool, windy day at Livonia's Greenmead Field, tenacious Cornerstone University nearly put Madonna University's postseason run on ice.

But the Crusaders' men's soccer team bounced back from a shaky first half to score two goals and eke out a 2-0 victory Tuesday over the Golden Eagles in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference semifinal match.

With the victory, MU (13-5-1) moves on to the WHAC tournament championship game 12 noon Saturday at Greenmead. The Crusaders will face Davenport, which defeated Siena Heights 1-0 in double

overtime in Tuesday's other WHAC semifinal.

"Cornerstone played a great first half," said Madonna head coach Tino Scicluna. "I don't think that I've been outplayed that badly since I've been here. And, luckily we weathered the storm."

The Golden Eagles (14-3) outshot MU 9-5 in the first half, but the game remained scoreless.

Scicluna then challenged the Crusaders to turn things up a notch in the second half.

With 6-4 junior forward Derrick Mudri leading the charge, making his presence felt all over the pitch and registering seven shots on goal, MU did just that.

Of course, it didn't hurt to

score early in the half on what Scicluna called a lucky goal.

At the 2:35 mark of the second half, junior forward Endri Xhacka's shot toward Cornerstone goalkeeper Justin Breckan glanced off a defender's leg and wound up in the net.

"I don't think they (Golden Eagles) did anything particularly wrong when we scored that goal, it was an unlucky deflection (for Cornerstone) and that gave us the confidence to come out and just play," Scicluna said. "It took the pressure off. The goalkeeper was reacting to the direction the ball was going to go, it hit a defender and went the other way and he couldn't recover."

With about 23 minutes

remaining, Cornerstone's Patrick Wilson nearly knotted the score. But his shot couldn't get past MU junior goalkeeper Darrell Quinn, diving to his right.

About two minutes later, the Crusaders tallied an all-important insurance goal.

Xhacka chipped the ball to senior defender Ryan Mallord, who tore up the left side of the field before making a perfect pass to junior forward Rod Asllani on the other side. Asllani buried the ball behind Breckan for his 12th goal of the season.

"A guy that goes unnoticed a lot of the time is Ryan Mallord," the coach emphasized. "He works so hard defensively all game, he's a guy who even



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Madonna University's Endri Xhacka gets a leg up on Cornerstone's Aaron Wilkie in Tuesday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference semifinal.

toward the end of games likes to get those last few runs going forward."

Down the stretch, however, aided by MU penalties, the Golden Eagles showed life.

But on a free kick with about 24 minutes left, midfielder Tom Skilling sailed his shot high over the goal.

MU junior goalkeeper Darrell Quinn later helped preserve the shutout with a couple of daring saves.

On a corner kick, Quinn raced out into traffic and snared the ball about 10 yards in front of the goal.

With about two minutes remaining, Quinn dove to stop a header from bouncing behind him.

The victory could be a costly one for MU, however. With less than three minutes to play, a Cornerstone player tripped up

Mudri. The Crusader needed help getting off the field, favoring his lower left leg.

"I still don't know the extent of his injury," Scicluna said. "But I think he's going to be able to get through it. I don't think it's a knee."

Scicluna said losing Mudri for any period of time "would be a tough thing because he's had a great season. He does so much for us on both ends of the field."

Other Crusaders lauded by Scicluna included freshman defender Adam Nesbitt, sophomore midfielder Peter Bierzynski (Plymouth) and freshman forward-midfielder Stefan Japowicz.

"Those are three guys who are all underclassmen," said Scicluna, "who are out there playing like veterans."

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## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- October 25, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Staff Absent: Director Durack **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda removing the Public Hearing - Consider Tax Abatement for RMT Acquisition Company, LLC. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Regular Minutes of October 11, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for October 25, 2005		
General Fund	101	\$ 530,876.28
Fire Fund	206	166,706.58
Police Fund	207	259,971.49
Summit Operating	208	54,425.56
Cable TV Fund	230	1,852.56
Twp Improvement	246	65,230.70
E-911 Utility	261	322.58
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	5,291.58
Federal Grants Fund	274	3,513.43
Auto Theft Grant	289	17,289.35
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	33,031.57
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	2,000.12
Golf Fund	584	28,053.02
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,343,638.84
Trust & Agency Fund	701	5,790.00
Construction Escrows	702	1,746.75
Post Employ. Benefits	736	40,773.33
Total - All Funds		2,560,513.74

**PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR RMT ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC. (SUPERVISOR)** Deleted from the agenda. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SET THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM MONGOLIAN OPERATING COMPANY, LLC, 42089 FORD ROAD (PARCEL ID # 053-99-0012-008), CANTON, MICHIGAN, 48188.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing date for November 8, 2005 with a publication date of November 3, 2005 in the Canton Observer for Mongolian Operating Company, LLC., 42089 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, Wayne County, for consideration "above all others" of a Class C Liquor License. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES REQUEST FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A RAFFLE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the Friends of the Canton Public Library for a raffle held on Saturday, November 5, 2005 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188. Motion carried unanimously.

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE BY THE CANTON LIBRARY

Whereas, the Canton Public Library is celebrating 25 years of service to the Canton Community; and Whereas on Saturday, November 5, 2005 a reception and raffle inclusive of a silent auction will be held to grow the Canton Library Endowment Fund; and Now, therefore, be it resolved the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees does hereby recommend to the Charitable Gaming Commission the issuance of a raffle license for the above listed purpose. Furthermore, the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees thanks the Canton Library for its 25 years of service and extends its congratulations.

## LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES (Required by MCL432.103(9))

At a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton, called to order by Supervisor Yack on October 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. the following resolution was offered: Moved by Bennett, and supported by Kirchgatter that the request from the Friends of the Canton Public Library of Canton, County of Wayne, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license, be considered for approval.

APPROVAL	DISAPPROVAL
Yeas: 7	Yeas: 0
Nays: 0	Nays: 0
Absent: 0	Absent: 0

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Clerk at a Canton Township Meeting held on October 25, 2005. SIGNED: **Terry Bennett, Canton Township Clerk, 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48170**

**Item 3. AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR PRODUCTION OF FALL DISCOVER. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve payment of \$980 to S&N Graphic Solutions, P.O. Box 871296, Canton, MI 48187 for additional costs for production of the Fall Discover be paid from account #101-691-900-0000 (Recreation Services-Printing and Publishing). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER 2006 PLANNING COMMISSION SCHEDULE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the 2006 Planning Commission Meeting schedule as follows: Every first Monday of the month, and the third Monday of the month, as necessary, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, with the following exceptions: January 9, January 23, July 10, July 24, September 11, September 25th to accommodate the holiday calendar. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST. THOMAS A'BECKETT'S CRAFT SHOW. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs (20 at major intersections) advertising St. Thomas a'Becket's Craft Show at 555 Lilley Road on December 3, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR BASKETBALL PLANET. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for Basketball Planet. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Basketball Planet** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has requested special use approval for a private indoor recreation facility to be known as Basketball Planet, located on Haggerty Road between Koppernick and Warren Roads and identified as EDP# 046-99-0003-710 and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the

Township and recommended approval based upon the findings included in the Planning Commission recommendation; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, to conduct the special use for the proposed Basketball Planet subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR ROSEWOOD PLACE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for Rosewood Place Tentative Preliminary Plat. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rosewood Place Tentative Preliminary Plat** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, has proposed the development of a residential Subdivision to be known as Rosewood Place, located on west of Ridge Road, south of Ford Road and east of Napier Road (Tax ID # 069-99-0010-700 and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the Tentative Preliminary Plat and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant tentative preliminary plat approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, to grant tentative approval of the preliminary plat for the proposed Rosewood Place Subdivision, subject to compliance with any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning and Engineering Divisions, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 3. CONSIDER AWARING THE CHERRY HILL/SHELDON AND SALTZ/SHELDON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO FLORENCE PAVEMENT PROVIDERS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to award the Intersection Improvement Projects Cherry Hill/Sheldon and Saltz/Sheldon to Florence Pavement Providers in the amount of \$931,740.37 plus a 5% contingency of \$46,587.00 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$978,328.00. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CREATION OF TAX MAP BOOKS AND PURCHASE MAP EDITING SOFTWARE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Project Sponsor to purchase the services and software for the Tax ID Map Book project, And, Further, move to award a purchase order contract to North Arrow Technologies in an amount of \$13,020 for the professional services needed to create the Tax ID Map Book, using funds available in the accounts listed below and affecting the necessary budget adjustments to transfer the amounts below to the following account #101-853-818-0000.

Division	Fund Type	Account #	Amount
Planning Services Prof. Consultant	101-853-808-0000		\$ 1,325
Printing & Pub.	101-853-900-0000		\$ 5,000
Conf. & Seminars	101-853-951-0000		\$ 1,700
Capital Equipment	101-853-977-0000		\$ 4,995
<b>TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED:</b>			<b>\$ 13,020</b>

And; Further, move to authorize the purchase of Layout Manager and the Advanced Legend Symbol Label Tool software from MapLogic as described on the attached quote, not to exceed \$1,289, from the following account:

Division	Fund Type	Account #	Amount
Planning Services Capital			
Equipment	101-853-977-0000	\$1,289.	Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 5. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE XPLORE TABLET PC'S FOR FIELD INSPECTORS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the reprogramming of capital funds and extension of the capital purchases deadline for the purchase of fourteen (14) Xplore iX104C2V tablet computers; And; Further, move to award a Purchase Order contract to Abetech Bar Code Solutions for the purchase of fourteen (14) Xplore iX104C2V tablet computers as specified herein an amount not to exceed \$59,394.00 including shipping to be charged to account numbers 101-853-977-2580, 101-371-977-0000, 101-371-977-2580, 101-447-977-0000 and 101-447-977-2580 as detailed above. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE V, SECTION 46-324, DIVISION 2, ELECTRONICALLY AMPLIFIED SOUND SYSTEMS IN VEHICLES. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the Ordinance Chapter 46, Section 46-324, Article V, Division 2, Electronically Amplified Sound Systems in Vehicles with publication and effective date on November 3, 2005. Motion denied unanimously. **Item 7. APPROVE AGREEMENT TO ADD INTERNET PAYMENT OPTION TO LOCKBOX SERVICE. (FBD)**

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Pay Connexion agreement with JP Morgan Chase for internet payment of water bills. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. AWARD FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the food service contract for Summit on the Park to Continental Services, 44800 North I-94 Service Dr., Belleville, MI, 48111, effective November 1, 2005, for a period of 5 years with three (3) two (2) year renewals. I also move to allow Clerk Bennett and Supervisor Yack to sign the contract on behalf of Canton Township. Role Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. **Item 9. INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER TO PAY INVOICE FOR WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve increasing P.O. #51394 (Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland MI 48185) by \$16,143.79 of which \$7,938.54 will come from account number 101-691-830-0000 (Recreation Services-Charter Bus Expenditures) and \$8,205.25 will come from account number 101-691-860-1000 (Recreation Services-Transportation TR). Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated the Board Study Session for November 1, 2005 is cancelled. The next Regular Board meeting will be on November 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, First Floor, Board Room. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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## CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction Nov. 08, 2005 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48186. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA NOVEMBER 10, 2005

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005 AT 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- Mike Batmanghelichi of Somerset Construction Co., 362 Syeamore, Bloomfield Hills, MI representing David Kam, manager of JZN Realty, LLC, Canton Center Medical Building, 155 Canton, Center N., Canton, MI 48187, for commercial property located at 155 Canton Center N, north west corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.09, A, 3, requesting 10" variance on roof overhang. Zone O-1 Parcel 064-99-0015-701 (Planning)
- Dave Hardy of Hardy and Sons Sign, Inc., 22340 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 representing Jeff Hurand of Marathon, 40401 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI 48188, for commercial property located at 40401 Michigan Ave., south side of Michigan Ave. between Lotz and Hannan Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), b, d, ground sign variance. Zone C-4. Parcel 141-99-0027-708 (Building)
- Charles McBay, 6205 N. Ridge, Canton, MI 48187 representing Charles and Jo McBay, 6205 N. Ridge, for residential property located at 6205 N. Ridge, west side of Ridge Road between Ford and Hanford Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.03, D, 3, setback variance. Zone R-1. Parcel 028-99-0002-702 (Building)
- Arnold Randy Schmitt of Allied Signs, Inc., 33650 Giftos Dr., Clinton Twp., MI 48035 representing McDonald's Corporation, 1021 Karl Greimel Drive, Brighton, MI 48116 for commercial property located at 40241 Michigan Avenue, south side of Michigan Avenue between Lotz and Hannan Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-31, 12, height variance. Zone C-3. Parcel 141-99-0028-701 (Building)

Approval of the September 8, 2005 Minutes

Approval of the October 13, 2005 Minutes

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# CC gridders bury Stevenson, 42-14

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
CORRESPONDENT

It was like video game foot-  
ball.

With the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central controls working better than Livonia Stevenson's.

The Shamrocks had eight offensive possessions Friday night and scored on five of them, blending in one defensive touchdown for a 42-14 over the host Spartans in a first-round Division I-Region 2-District 1 playoff game before an overflow crowd.

CC (7-3) will play this coming weekend at Milford (8-2).

"This doesn't take away from what we accomplished this season," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel, whose team finished 7-3 overall. "We were searching for an identity early in the season. But the team aspect of this season has been fun to be around."

The Spartans came into the game knowing their video game controller had to be well-oiled and with a hair-trigger to give them a chance to bump the bigger, stronger Shamrocks out of the playoffs.

"This was the type of matchup we mostly avoided all year and were hoping to avoid a little longer," Gabel said. "To stop them, we had to use a '60' front (six-man) and that opened up some opportunities for them out of play action and that sort of thing."

CC had a size advantage on the line and was able to exploit that.

"Against teams that use the spread, we were able to handle that," Gabel said. "But teams that like to pound the ball were probably going to give us trouble."

The Shamrocks slapped the Spartans on the third play of the game, when Alex Campbell stepped in front of a Chad Casey pass at the Stevenson 35, picked it off and ran it in for a TD.

Stevenson had two profitable running plays and then Casey

made a play to handle with a 55-yard scoring pass to tie the score, 7-7. The Spartans held the Shamrocks 18 yards shy of the end zone, thanks to a pair of penalties, and took over on downs to begin their own long drive.

The possession ended in heartbreak for Stevenson fans when Chandler, at the end of a 37-yard pass that looked like it was going end with his team taking a 14-7 lead, was hit and fumbled.

Brad Wolfe was credited with the goal-line hit that caused the fumble and Chris Davis recovered in the end zone.

Some felt Chandler got the ball across the end line before he fumbled, but others disagreed.

That group included the officials on the scene.

"I don't think it boiled down to one play," Gabel said.

"It was a big play at that point of the game," CC coach Tom Mach. "It was 7-7 and it looked like they were going ahead, 14-7. But it was a great hit and worked out for us. It took away some momentum from them and gave it to us."

The Shamrocks went 80 yards for their own TD and 14-7 lead -- with the score coming in a 44-yard pass from quarterback Rob Forte to tight end Chris Harding, who was all alone behind the defense.

Forte missed his first throw, but completed his other four for 100 yards including two other TDs. His second was of 35 yards to junior Dustin Hess and made it 28-14 at halftime.

"We've been happy that we've been able to pass a little more the last couple of games," Mach said. "We don't throw a whole lot but we do like to throw enough to keep teams off balance."

Stevenson went 3-and-out after falling behind and a 48-yard punt return by Jake Marmul gave CC the ball at the Spartans' 18. Junior Jeremy Bednarz-Gray took it 18 yards up the middle for a 21-7 lead.

The Spartans responded with their own 80-yard scoring drive, fullback Ryan McMillen scoring on a 2-yard spin through the middle on third down.

"Our guys came to play and I feel happy about that," Mach said. "We were able to control the ball and that was something we wanted to do to keep them off the field. They have an explosive offense."

"It doesn't hurt," Gabel said, "when you keep us off the field and are able to score, too."

The Shamrocks came out in the second half and drove 71 yards, with Harding catching a 9-yard scoring pass that made it 35-14. The Spartans lost their second fumble and the Shamrocks ground out another score, Michael Parrelly getting

the touchdown. "They did a great job," Gabel said. "They gave us holes to run through and time to throw. We were able to do what we wanted to. That's a credit to our kids. We stopped ourselves more than they were able to stop us."

Casey threw for 230 yards, completing half his 22 passes. But he was intercepted twice as the Spartans turned the ball over four times. Pat Clasgens ended his football career with 11 rushes for 47 yards.

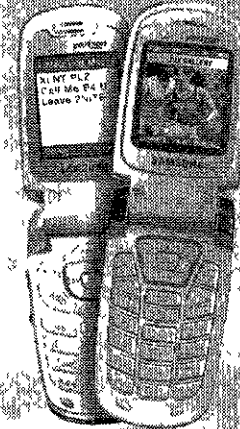
The only down note for CC was when Bednarz-Gray had to leave the game with a leg injury, the seriousness of which was not known. He gained 125 yards on 16 carries, while Parrelly ran 16 times for 111 yards.



## Volleyball champs

The St. Raphael Middle School volleyball team captured the CYO championship Oct. 19 at Livonia Ladywood. Pictured above are (bottom row from left) Allison Chiti, Jamie McKenna, Shelby Sheehan, (middle row from left) Lauren Wiltshire, Stephanie Saranas, Ashley Hines, Kelly Gillikin, Allison Schultz, (back row from left) coach Teresa Stevens, Lindsey Williams, Carly Shappee, Brittany Walker, Stephanie Neiger, coach Anjanette Kaminski.

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**LOVING LEO**  
Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. ☎759316

**59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR**  
Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

**WILDFLOWER**  
SWF, 63, 5'6", average build, Aries, N/S, enjoys dancing, dining out, seeks WM, 58-75, N/S, with a sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. ☎720594

**A KIND HEART**  
SBF, 56, mother, enjoys dining in/out, swimming, horseback riding, camping, picnics. Seeking sociable, honest, fun, employed man, N/S, to share happiness, friendship and possible LTR. ☎780769

**TALL BRUNETTE**  
SWF, 51, marriage minded, N/S, has a great smile, likes romantic comedies, music, plays, outdoors, seeks SWM, 49-60, N/S, for LTR. ☎790785

**VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE**  
Refined, full of life, easygoing, well-dressed, professionally employed, affectionate, romantic, kind, early very youthful 60s, 5'3", feminine, shapely, fit, enjoys dining, travel, music, theatre, dancing, family and friends. Seeking a handsome, educated, college graduate gentleman, over 50s, N/S, with a youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

**SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP**  
Loving, attractive SWCF, 74, trim, fun, N/D, N/S, homebody type, seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s. Let's talk! ☎794040

**CUTE AND CLASSY**  
SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. ☎574342

**GREAT COMPANION**  
SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎633527

**HAPPY & SECURE**  
DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. ☎669606

**HAS ZEST FOR LIFE**  
Youthful blonde, 60, 5'2", with family values, shapely, medium build, professional, N/S, light drinker, enjoys travel, theater, dining out and much more. Seeking well-groomed, financially secure gentleman, 55-68, similar characteristics. ☎697194

**SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS**  
DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. ☎548938

**GOOD LOOKER**  
Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR. ☎725001

**ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS**  
Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 58-68, N/S. ☎672174

**CALL ME**  
Attractive, charming ex-business woman, 60, loves movies, plays, concerts, dining, dancing, traveling, financially comfortable, gourmet ☎743556

**KIND HEART**  
Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60. ☎742466

**SOCIAL SENIOR**  
SWPF, 64, Leo, N/S, enjoys dining out, casinos. Seeking a fun-loving elder, a WM, 60+, N/S, who can lead the walker. ☎755240

**GOD BLESS US**  
SBF, 31, employed, brown complexion, brown eyes, 170lbs, mother, looking for independent, stable man, interested in a friends first relationship. Possible LTR/marriage. ☎829474

**CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?**  
Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. ☎962703

**THICK AND HEALTHY**  
SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. ☎534802

**HOMEBOODY**  
SBF, 63, 5'8", 155lbs, retired (but does work part-time), very honest and caring, Scorpio, N/S, seeks BM, 58-65, honest and caring. ☎553674

**I LISTEN WITH MY HEART**  
Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

## MEN SEEKING WOMEN

**LET'S TALK SOMETIME**  
Affectionate, honest, light-hearted SWM, 40, seeks SF, 18-40, full-figured A+, to share friendship, fun times and possibly more. ☎828517

**LET'S TALK**  
SBM, 37, 6'3", Gemini, smoker, likes to fish, bowl, hunt, seeks nice SWF, 37-45, who wants to talk and have fun. ☎840203

**LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND**  
SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark hair, moustache, father of one, loves children, outdoors. Seeking SWF, 35-46, to enjoy life together. I want to know your inner soul. I'll treat you right. ☎266345

**WELL, HELLO**  
SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. ☎597126

**WHAT'S GOING ON**  
SM, 25, 6', 290lbs, very attractive simple, easygoing, fun, looking for a nice lady to chill with. Interested? ☎834075

**CUTE TEDDY BEAR**  
SWM, 29, 5'8", 180lbs, a lot of curly brown hair, looking for SWF, 21-35, who likes to talk and is a night owl. ☎836249

**ISO FRIEND & CONFIDANT**  
Youthful 72-year old SWM, college degreed, non-smoker, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, movies, walking, classical music, travel. Good listener and respect woman. ☎962358

**MAN WITH PIZZAZZ...**  
Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy, cultural events, outdoor activities, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎517123

**PATIENTLY WAITING**  
SBM, 37, 185lbs, 5'8", no kids, never married. Seeking caring, attractive SF, no kids, never married, for great relationship. ☎710917

**GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL**  
Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. ☎210772

**READY FOR ME?**  
Employed, affectionate, genuine SM, 42, 5'10", 285lbs, down-to-earth, outspoken, outgoing, N/S, N/D, dark complexion, brown eyes, smooth, likes movies, church, plays, park walks, cuddling. ISO down-to-earth, good-humored, goal-oriented, sweet lady. ☎836564

**NEW TO THIS**  
BM, 40, 5'11", 230lbs, employed, would like to meet a woman, 35-45, who will respect me as I will respect her. ☎837025

**TRUE LOVE ALWAYS**  
Open-minded, easygoing SWM, 48, 5'7", 200lbs, short brown/blue, enjoys dining, fishing, casinos. Seeking attractive, easygoing female, 27-57, H/W-proportionate, Caucasian or African American, N/S, no children. ☎814373

**ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY**  
SWM, 46, 5'10", athletic build, Libra, smoker, enjoys walks on the beach, cabin getaways, wants to meet SWF, 39-48, for friendship, possible romance. ☎836810

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

**GREET AND MEET**  
SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active, enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports. Seeking easygoing, friendly, light-hearted SWF, age open. ☎241526

**CUTE & CUDDLY**  
Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else. Would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops. ☎478746

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
DWM, 22, 5'1", 105lbs, brown eyes, slim build, looking for a secure BF 20-25, who enjoys the simple things in life. ☎822555

**CHRISTIAN**  
SBM would like to meet a college-educated, very special female, 30-39, N/S, N/D, with a great sense of humor, who loves the Lord. ☎822731

**VERY CREATIVE**  
SWPM, 39, dark brown/green, interior designer, likes photography, fine arts and sporting events. Seeking WF, 26-42, with the same qualities and enjoys going out and doing things. ☎823955

**HOPE IT'S YOU**  
Attractive, down-to-earth SBM, 37, 5'9", looking for a good woman with a kind heart, a good mind and a sweet smile to share the special times. ☎827634

**YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO**  
SBM, 39, light complexion 6", 210lbs, very attractive, fit, ex-military, employed, easygoing and affectionate, looking to meet a fit, active, fun lady to share the good things in life. Call! ☎830400

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
SM, 38, self-employed, 5'11", 185 lbs, brown/brown, slim N/S, father, cat owner, honest, compassionate, kind-hearted, enjoys cooking, quiet evenings, autumn nights, snuggling. ISO loving, like-minded lady. ☎831158

**ARE U OUT THERE?**  
Mature, intelligent, attractive, SM, 24, independent, employed, always a gentleman, looking for a cool, level-headed, goal-oriented girl to share fun times. ☎834901

**TAKE A DIP W/ME**  
DWM, 44, 6'1", 195lbs, educated, professionally employed, well-traveled, enjoys cycling, beaches, and swimming. Seeking woman, 36-46, for LTR. ☎837199

**QUIET EVENINGS AND MORE**  
SWM, 56, 5'8", brown/blue, physical build, N/S, enjoys every moment of life, ISO SF, 45-58, who loves motor, cycles and freedom. ☎491099

**IN A GOOD MOOD**  
SWM, Capricorn, N/S, likes the spice of Mexican cooking, finds music to be very important, seeks woman, 18-50, for possible romance. ☎840070

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes ☎798519

**A GENTLEMAN**  
SWM, 39, N/S, works in the construction business, interested in sports, art, likes to have a lot of laughs, seeks SWF, 27-37. ☎808365

**JUST PLAIN TALK**  
A strong shoulder to lean on! Nice-looking SWM, 43, kind, considerate, romantic, seeks feminine lady friend. ☎733275

**LET'S TALK!**  
SM, 47, employed, secure, easygoing, fun-loving, homeowner, enjoys sorts, weightlifting, fishing, boating, keeping active. Seeking health-conscious, energetic with similar qualities and interests. ☎818838

**OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING**  
Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. ☎547524

**ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC**  
Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. ☎642092

**WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?**  
SBM, Native American, never married, 40, 5'8", 170lbs, enjoys cooking, soft music, and stormy, rainy nights. Seeking SF, 30-40, with similar interests. Honest and N/S. Enjoys evening walks. ☎854016

**COULD WE MEET?**  
and have fun while getting acquainted? Good-natured, good-looking SWM wants to meet interesting SWF, 30s-40s. ☎764071

**HAPPY DAD**  
Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. ☎715711

**TALL**  
DWM, 47, 6'5", 215lbs, likes music, camping, jazz, cooking, sports, brown/brown, seeking a woman with SOH, compassion, honesty. ☎765375

**SEEKS SPECIAL LADY**  
SWPM, 49, tall, dark/dark, N/Drugs, N/S, seeks attractive, sensitive, kind-hearted, good-natured SF, 42-52, N/S, N/Drugs, who enjoys home-cooked meals, nights on the town or home, for dating, possible LTR. ☎765893

**VERY FIT**  
WM, 29, 6', 170lbs, light brown/hazel, athletic build, looking for a SF, 18-35, for dating. Race unimportant. ☎769924

**NEED 2 BE TREATED LIKE...**  
a lady? I'm your man. DWM, 49, 6', 190lbs, easygoing, fun-loving, seeks romance with 30-50-year-old woman. Don't miss your opportunity to be treated the way you deserve. ☎781311

**NICE GUY**  
SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. ☎708126

**MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC**  
SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors workout, new activities. Seeker higher div SF, age, location open. ☎831308

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. ☎833911

**ARE YOU OUTDOORSY?**  
SM, 35, 6', 180lbs, athletic build, enjoys biking, rollerblading and more outdoor activities. Looking for a female, 30-40, H/W proportionate, for dating. ☎750433

**WEST SIDE GUY**  
Easygoing SWPM, 46, brown/brown, tall, slim, enjoys arts, museums, outdoors, more. Seeking slim WF, 35-47, for summertime fun and LTR. ☎749445

**ROMANTIC BIKER**  
SWM, 40, 6'1", 155lbs, brown/hazel, N/S, loves the beach, shooting guns, and dining out. Seeking woman, 18-45, for friendship, possibly leading to more. ☎758605

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Attractive SWPM, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food, see. Seeking romance with shapely, like-minded SBF, someone to share/explore life with. ☎761586

**WELL-GROOMED ARTIST**  
desires younger, sweet, fun lady 45-65, who dresses like a lady, curvy ok. DWM, 66, 5'10", 180lbs, likes computers, art shows movies, dining out, romance. ☎836336

**KIND OF SHY**  
SM, 50s, 5'4", 140lbs, enjoys going out, boating, fishing, amusement parks, more. Would like to meet a nice, loving, sweet gal, 30-40. ☎825826

**LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH**  
SM, 34, likes nights on the town, plays, movies, dining(mexican, seafood) cuddling at home, most music. Seeking like-minded, honest, affectionate, respectful SBF, 25-47, into having fun and good times. Possible LTR. ☎828941

**HEY BABY**  
SBM, 21, honest, confident, 5'5", brown complexion, looking for a loving lady full-figured/thick A+. 25-30, who knows what she wants in life and knows how to have a good time. ☎830191

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SBM, 31, 6'3", 340lbs, employed, easygoing likes dining out, fine wine, bowling, movies, relaxing times at home. Looking for romantic, affectionate respectful lady to share the special times in life. ☎831115

**LET'S TRY IT OUT**  
Just call this friendly, social, easygoing SWM, 40s, humorous, optimistic, seeks kind, sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. ☎513284

**SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL**  
Good looking, friendly SWM, 41, 5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S, easygoing, enjoys movies, music, travel, dining. Seeking very attractive, pretty SH/A/WF, 28-39, friendship, possible relationship. ☎760359

**I'LL HELP YOU...**  
finding true love. Cynical, yet hopeful SWM, 43, seeks attentive WF, for caring relationship. ☎568641

**JUST SAY WHEN...**  
Willing to go anywhere in the tri-county area. SWM, 44, articulate, friendly and gentle. Enjoys art, nature, dancing and romancing. Seeking sincere lady companion. ☎604683

**STARTING ANEW WITH...**  
just me and you! Sociable, gentlemanly SWM, 40, likes to go to interesting places. Seeking nice female companion, LTR ok, no marriage right now. ☎660062

**I REALLY BELIEVE...**  
Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM, easy to talk to, active, adventurous, seeks pleasant, playful SWF, 35-50. ☎686509

**FATHER OF ONE IN LIVONIA**  
Handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure SWM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, w/daughter age 11, enjoys reading, biking, running, family activities! Seeking positive, fit SWF for great relationship! ☎71245

**I PREFER KINDHEARTED...**  
with a lady's touch. SWM, 45, seeks good friend and true partner. Looks and age not that important. I just want someone real! ☎783752

**ROMANCE AND YOU...**  
over due? If you are a SWF, 40-55, decent-looking, and somewhat romantic, then we might connect. This gentle, optimistic SWM could make you really happy. ☎799032

**LOOKING FOR SOULMATE**  
SBPM, 36, 5'6", Leo, N/S, seeks, attractive SW/H/age and height open, who is outgoing, honest, and seeking friendship leading to LTR. ☎837750

**LOOKING FOR SEXY WOMAN**  
SBM, 33, 185lbs, 5'10", slim to medium build, no kids, N/S, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous, open-minded, sexy SBF for fun, friendship. ☎804331

**SEARCHING IN WATERFOOT**  
I'm 50 years old. DWM, 5'7", 170lbs, N/S, Sagittarius, hazel eyes, likes water sports, movies, dinner. Seeking pretty female, 45-51, 5'-5'8", N/S, for LTR. ☎812505

**SECURE**  
WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

**EASY ON THE EYES**  
Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. ☎259844

**SEEKS SOMEONE TRUE**  
SWM, 67, retired, secure, 5'8", 195lbs, golfing, dining out, spending time at home, walks. Seeking like-minded SWF, 56-63, same interests, friendship first, possibly more. ☎831666

**FUN-LOVING**  
SWM, 34, 190lbs, down-to-earth, hard-working, enjoys dining out, quality conversation, cuddling. Looking for a nice lady to share talks, good times, friendship, fun, possible LTR. ☎829750

**ONE-WOMAN MAN**  
SWM, 50ish, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/brown, employed, homeowner, no children, looking for attractive woman, 35-50, to build life-long relationship. ☎663251

**STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY**  
Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings, charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more. ☎548455

**NEW DREAM TEAM?**  
Spend some time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. ☎550046

**MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW**  
Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading, etc. Seeking SWF companion. ☎114862

**PICK A WINNER**  
SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking, youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. ☎730508

**THE QUIET STORM**  
SBM, 33, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, works out on a regular basis, seeks single woman, 22-35, N/S. ☎740487

**LIFE'S A CABARET**  
Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's share life, romance, and laughter. ☎480718

**COUNTRY BOY AT HEART**  
Nice-looking SM, young 66, healthy, 6', 190lbs, N/S, N/D, trustworthy, spiritual, ISO attractive SWF, 50



# Sanctions over, Schoolcraft College Ocelots are ready to jam

BY RYAN DOHERTY  
CORRESPONDENT

They've paid their dues and now it's time.

The 2005-06 Schoolcraft College men's basketball team is stockpiled full of size and talent, and if you ask head coach Carlos Briggs about the 2004 season, he simply says, "We're ready to play games that count again, and that's what our school and these players deserve."

Last season the National Junior College Athletic Association hit Schoolcraft's men's basketball program with sanctions after a college-

owned vehicle was used to transport nine Schoolcraft players to the JUCO All-American Challenge in Indianapolis, Ind. in July of 2004.

The school never appealed the NCJAA's decision, and Briggs and his players received one year's probation, and were also banned from competing in any post-season play after finishing the regular season 27-3. Meanwhile, Briggs is entering his eighth year at Schoolcraft, and the former Baylor University standout has built one of the most revered junior college programs in the country.

He's coached the Ocelots to a 226-32 record in his time at Schoolcraft, and this season with four Division I transfers in the lineup, the national pre-season polls have the Ocelots pegged for success.

The NJCAA has Schoolcraft ranked 11th, while Street & Smith's Magazine has Brigg's team ranked ninth.

Division I transfers Marcus Crenshaw (Kent State), Darryl Garrett (Eastern Michigan), Wallace Hall (University of Buffalo), and Derrick Coleman (Oakland University), will play a big factor for a Schoolcraft team that lost their entire starting lineup from a year

ago.

"One thing that they bring is Division I experience, and that will be a big advantage for us," said Briggs.

But the biggest presence on the court for Schoolcraft this season will be 7-foot center tower James Davis.

The 280-pound powerhouse, who happens to be the sixth-ranked player in all of junior college basketball, signed with the University of Minnesota last season, but was ineligible for academic reasons.

"We hope James becomes a more dominant player, and then hopefully he will control the paint for us at both ends of

the floor," said Briggs.

Hall, Garrett, D'Mario Curry, and Marcus Crenshaw will lead the Schoolcraft backcourt.

Briggs is hoping that Crenshaw will decide to stay at Schoolcraft, even though Crenshaw has already accepted a Division I scholarship to play at Cal-State Fullerton.

Crenshaw is still trying to determine if he wants to play another year of junior college basketball, or move on to Division I where he could play three seasons.

"We're not going to wait for him," explained Briggs. "We will push on as a team, and Marcus knows the deadline."

Briggs is no stranger when it comes to helping his players advance to the next level.

"We work hard, and were all about education," said Briggs.

is program sent seven players from last season's team on to Division I schools, and he knows what place basketball comes in when it comes to education.

"The fact that are kids are graduating is the most important aspect, and parents and players starting to see that," added Briggs.

Finally, Briggs said he's just happy to have last year over with, and be able to move forward.

## CC golfer Hogue honored

Plymouth resident Adam Hogue, a senior at Novi Catholic Central High School, was named an honorable mention Rolex Junior All-American by the American Junior Golf Association on Oct. 25.

Hogue has four top-10 finishes in his AJGA career, including a victory at the Fidelity Investments Junior Shootout at Rich Harvest in July. Hogue won the event by six shots with scores of 74-74-71-220. In June, Hogue finished tied for fifth at the Midwest Junior Players Championship at Whisper Creek Golf Club in Huntley, Ill.

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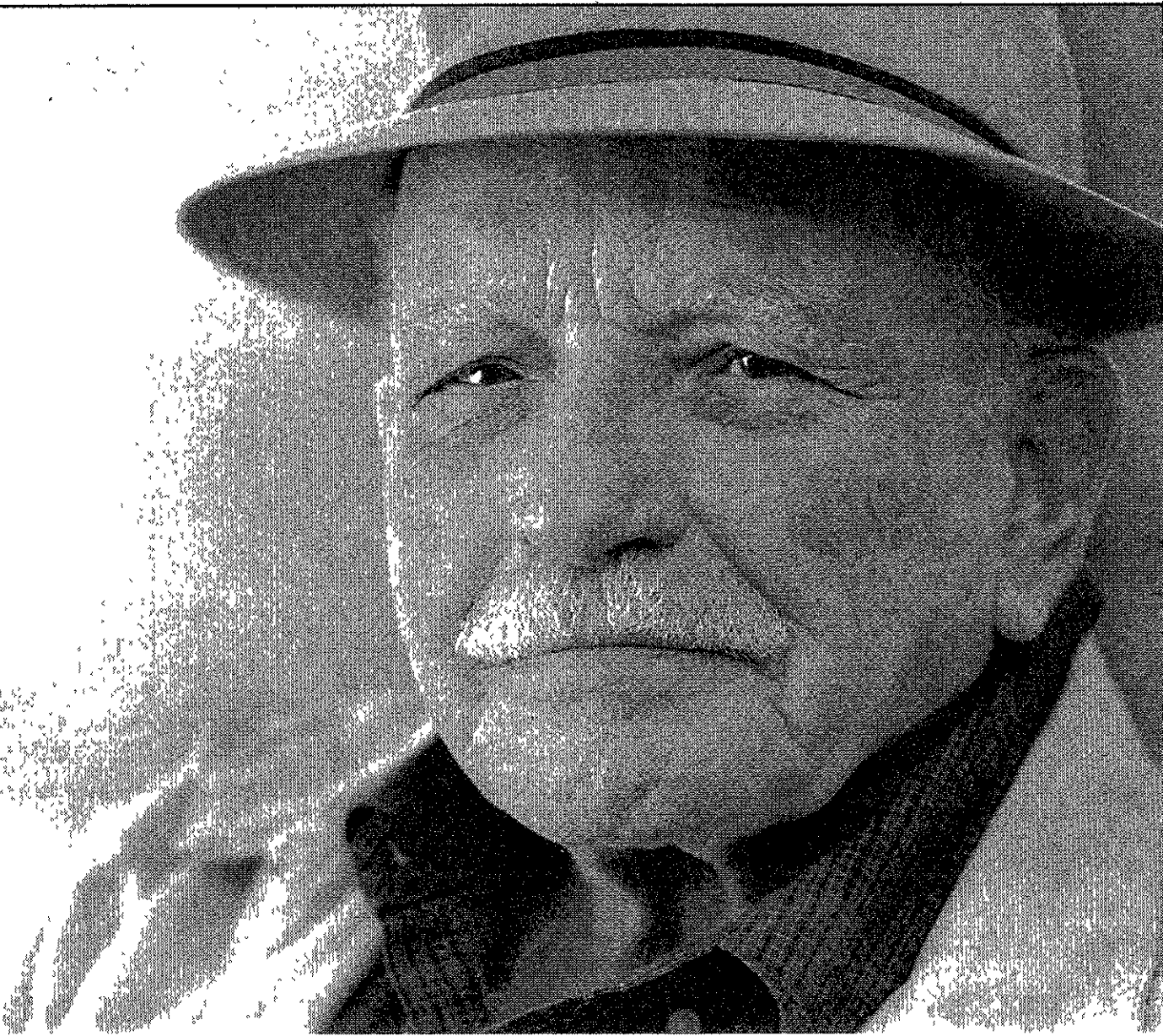
The teams are comprised of 135 junior golfers, ages 13-19, from 29 states and three foreign countries. These standouts will be recognized Nov. 20, during the Rolex Junior All-American Awards Banquet held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center in Jekyll Island, Ga.

Former Role Junior All-Americans comprise the top

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players on both the PGA and LPGA tours. Of the PGA Tour's current top-10 money leaders, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelsen, David Toms, Jim Furyk and Sergio Garcia were all Rolex Junior All-Americans. On the LPGA Tour, Paula Creamer, Cristie Kerr, Hee-Won Han and Candie Kung were named Rolex Junior All-Americans as junior golfers before working their way to the top of the pay-for-play ranks. Other AJGA alumni who help make up the list of past Rolex Junior All-Americans include Justin Leonard, Sean O'Hair, Scott Verplank, Billy Mayfair and Jennifer Rosales.

The American Junior Golf Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the overall growth and development of young men and women who aspire to earn college golf scholarships through competitive junior golf. The AJGA, the largest association of its kind, has a junior membership (boys and girls ages 12-18) of approximately 5,000 junior golfers from 50 states and 30 foreign countries.



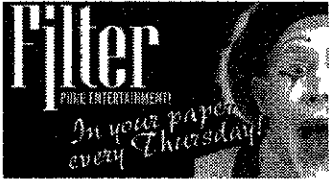
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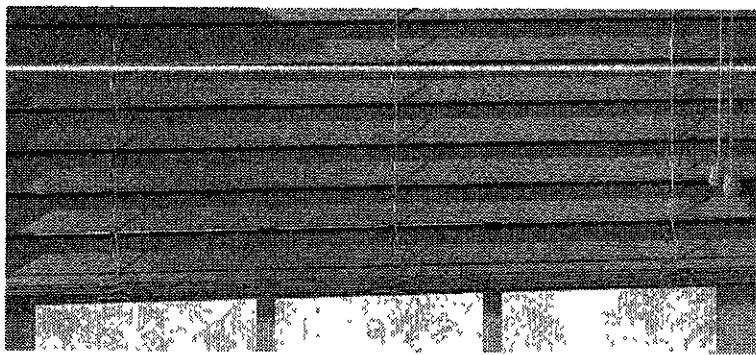
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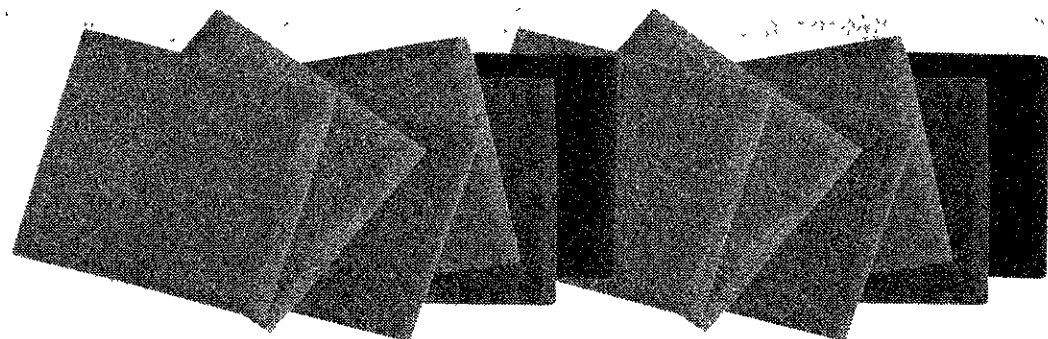
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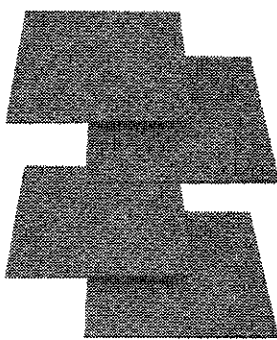
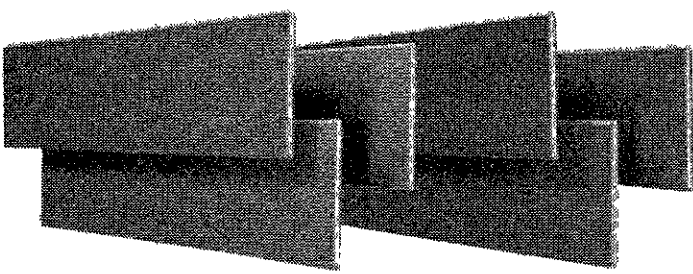
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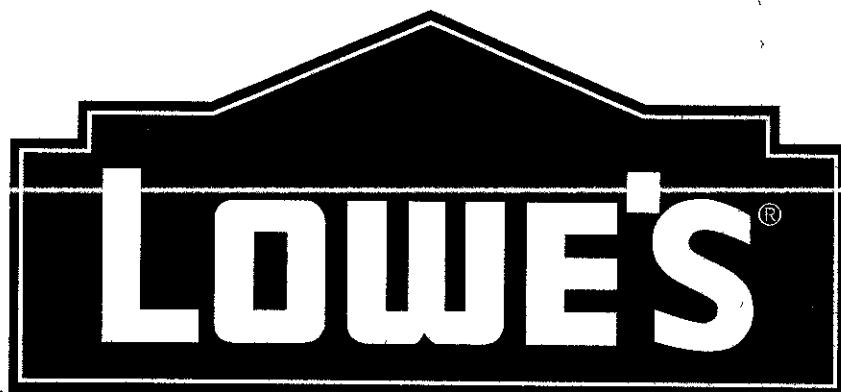
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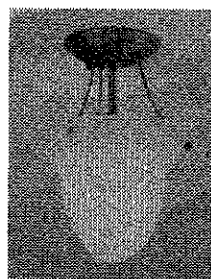
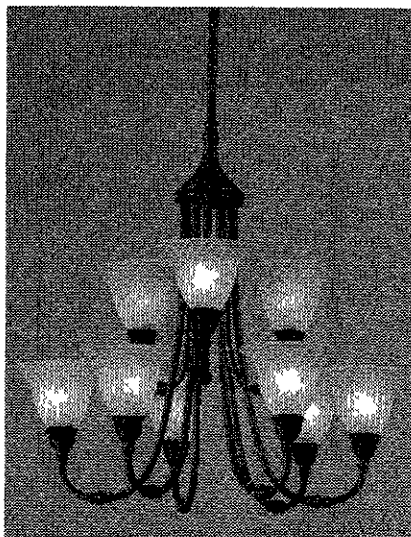
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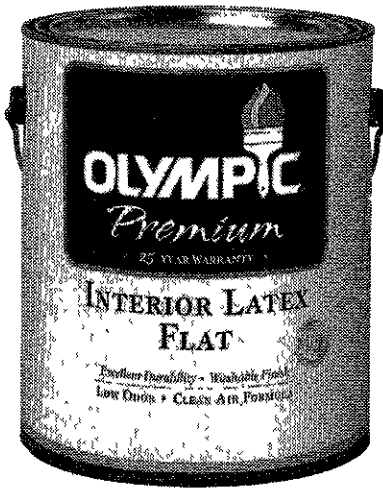
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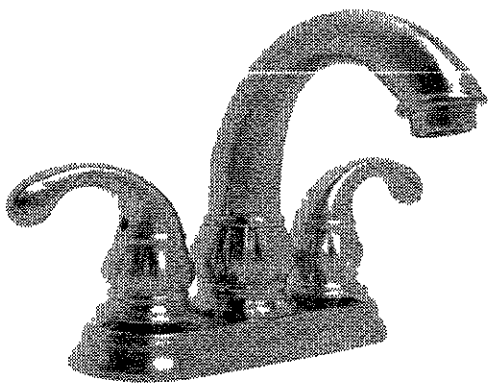
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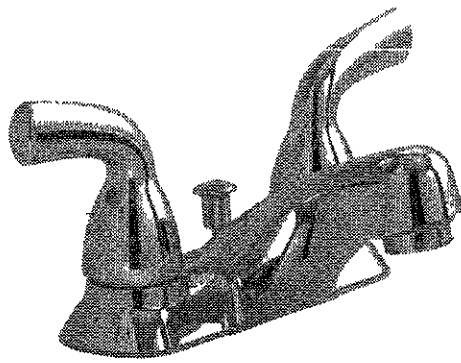
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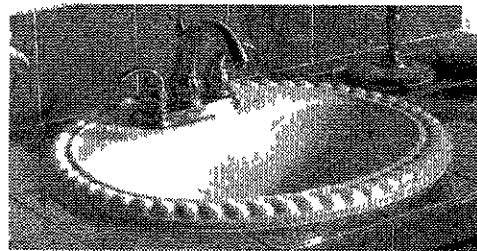
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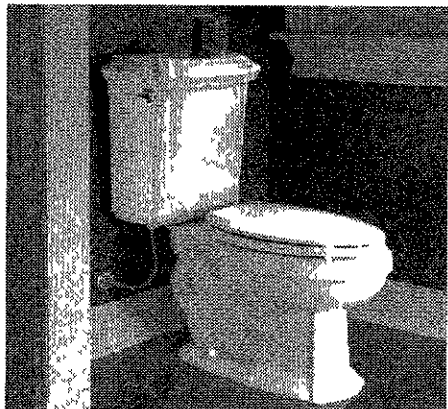
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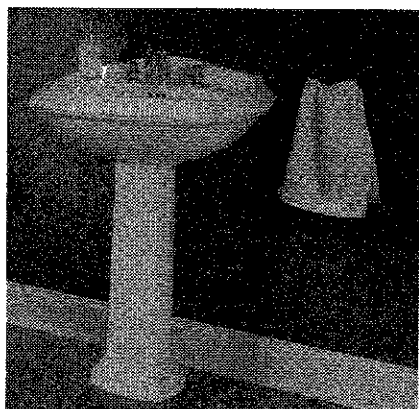
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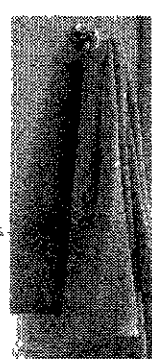
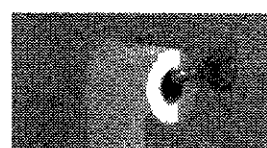
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## Real estate commissions not always 6 percent

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Realtor Tracy Katz knew the local real estate market was changing, and wanted to keep up.

Katz, with Kessler and Co. Realty in Troy, lists properties on the MLS (Multiple Listing Service) at a lower cost than customary. It starts with a half-percent paid up front for the listing.

"If it sells, they pay the other half percent" to Katz. If she sells it, the total would be 2 percent, 4 percent if there's another agent as well.

"We'll keep it on there for as long as they want," the Birmingham resident said. "It's been well-received."

"I think the market is changing," with people losing their jobs. "It has to change to be able to accommodate people's situations."

The arrangement appeals to some selling their own homes, who don't pay the full commission when the home sells. Katz makes appointments for those sellers, who often find that difficult to do with work and other demands. A lock box is also included.

"I've had a great response. People seem to be really happy with it," she said, adding the arrangement also appeals to some who haven't decided just what to do in selling.

It's only been implemented this fall, and has attracted some builders and others. "And of course people want to make the most money they can on the sale of their home," said Katz, who can be reached at (248) 225-9407.

She added that her company is independent and can adapt to

the market. "I think we've hit on something that people are really happy with."

Realtor Nanci J. Rands of Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating in Birmingham noted that commissions are always negotiable. In challenging markets like now, she said "agents work even harder for their commission than they have in a long, long time."

Days on the market for a property translate to higher costs for such things as advertising and administration of the listing, Rands said. She believes the seller and Realtor should be partners working hand in hand to get property sold for the best price.

If property sells for less, then the Realtor receives a smaller commission, Rands noted, as it's percentage-based. "The Realtor is getting less than they might get in a market that is better," she said.

Many local homes have a 6 percent commission, but it's not unusual for the commission to be raised as an incentive for the agent to sell the home. Rather than pay for landscaping, painting or new carpet, a seller may opt for this.

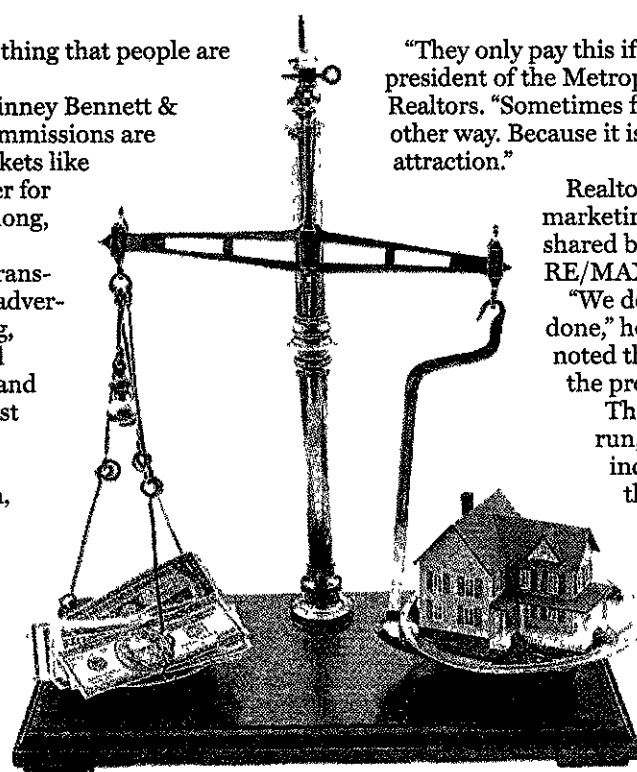
"They only pay this if the house sells," said Rands, 2006 president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. "Sometimes for a variety of reasons it could go the other way. Because it is not an upfront cost, it does have an attraction."

Realtors should be diligent in exploring all marketing avenues, Rands added, a view shared by Jason Miller, broker/owner of RE/MAX Home Sale Services of Plymouth.

"We don't like to do it, we don't like to see it done," he said of reduced commissions. He noted the commission is negotiated between the property seller and the agency.

The seller could lose money in the long run, Miller said, with there being less incentive and marketing dollars to sell the home in today's challenging market. Realtors work on a contingency basis.

"The seller is not necessarily getting the benefit they expected to get by it," Miller said. The commission is often split between two agents representing different companies, so a reduced commission has even greater impact.



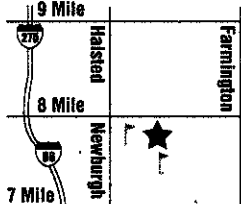
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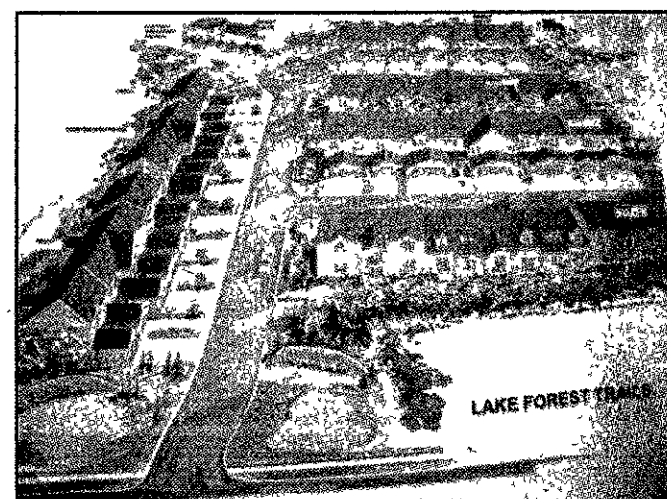
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The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:  
■ 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 — “Contact/Time Management” at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration is \$20 for BIA or

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■ 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 4 — Super Leasing Extravaganza seminar at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$69 for Property Management Council members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. (248) 862-1033.  
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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of June 6-10, 2005, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		
2482 Amber	\$237,000	
43635 Antietam	\$203,000	
1921 Bellingham	\$210,000	
42735 Boulden	\$230,000	
4118 Bridgeview	\$52,000	
1741 Brookdale	\$345,000	
7506 Capri	\$245,000	
7822 Charrington	\$285,000	
48661 Cherry Hill	\$350,000	
1763 Christopher	\$153,000	
296 Constitution	\$166,000	
7073 Copper Creek	\$175,000	
4005 Cornerstone	\$46,000	
1614 Crestview	\$310,000	
46535 Doubletree	\$280,000	
45669 Drexel	\$285,000	
44227 Duchess	\$242,000	
1435 Elmhurst	\$169,000	
8160 Elmhurst	\$283,000	
7451 Embassy	\$273,000	
442 Filmore	\$360,000	
3075 Greenwich	\$313,000	
50131 Harding	\$170,000	
2527 Hogan	\$231,000	
3935 Hunters	\$151,000	
7865 Kaiser	\$175,000	
42544 Lilley Pointe	\$130,000	
41180 Maplewood	\$191,000	
41270 Maplewood	\$208,000	
2087 Morrison	\$213,000	
6133 N Canton Center	\$225,000	
282 N Village	\$40,000	
288 N Village	\$40,000	
8412 New Haven	\$419,000	
46725 Newton	\$120,000	

47213 Northgate	\$285,000	
2219 Preserve	\$258,000	
45663 Radnor	\$315,000	
42309 Saratoga	\$208,000	
44781 Seabrook	\$350,000	
329 Sheffield	\$230,000	
46335 Spinning Wheel	\$283,000	
44021 Vassar	\$268,000	
908 Wellington	\$312,000	
40026 Woodale	\$308,000	
2596 Woodcreek	\$320,000	
2130 Woodmont	\$218,000	
46533 Woodside	\$325,000	
48974 Woodson	\$372,000	
43801 Yorktown	\$110,000	

Garden City

29438 Balmoral	\$143,000	
29609 Balmoral	\$157,000	
30065 Beechwood	\$103,000	
6858 Belton	\$222,000	
28945 Birchlawn	\$109,000	
30552 Bock	\$153,000	
31945 Bock	\$125,000	
32922 Bock	\$160,000	
32568 Bridge	\$200,000	
29000 Dawson	\$115,000	
29051 Dawson	\$107,000	
181 Deering	\$100,000	
33155 Donnelly	\$152,000	
29734 Florence	\$131,000	
1845 Harrison	\$132,000	
495 Helen	\$140,000	
6142 Helen	\$140,000	
6821 Helen	\$139,000	
29538 John Hawk	\$153,000	
33452 Kathryn	\$155,000	
28722 Leona	\$120,000	
31456 Leona	\$146,000	
6701 Mansfield	\$152,000	
29664 Marquette	\$150,000	
29448 Meadow	\$148,000	
28980 Rosslyn	\$125,000	

28339 Sheridan	\$123,000	
32954 Sheridan	\$145,000	
29598 Winter	\$129,000	

Livonia

27815 Six Mile	\$235,000	
32410 Six Mile	\$299,000	
14153 Alexander	\$170,000	
32943 Allen	\$240,000	
35986 Ann Arbor	\$121,000	
19335 Antago	\$147,000	
14845 Arden	\$171,000	
15335 Ashurst	\$217,000	
20390 Beatrice	\$120,000	
10332 Blackburn	\$237,000	
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8400 August	\$82,000	
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Credit Union One (800) 544-5567	6.375	0	6	0	J/A	Peoples Mortgage (800) 730-5087	5.875	0.25	5.5	0	J/A
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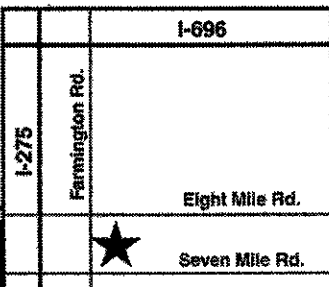


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# Seize the moment: Flat home values prompt call to action

It's crazy. Michigan home values are struggling while home prices elsewhere are skyrocketing. Consider this column my personal call to action for each of you. Hopefully, I can arouse some slumbering champions who are willing to spark some grass-roots changes that will help our values and our living standard in the near future.

First, let's look at what home values mean to you. The terms of any mortgage you get will be very dependent on an important ratio called the loan-to-value, or LTV. The higher your home's value is as compared to the principle amount of your new loan, the lower that LTV ratio becomes. Lower LTVs mean better rates, better terms and faster approvals.

The opposite is also true. Flat or declining home values make that ratio increase thus making it tougher to get loan approvals and attractive terms. Increasing



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the loan amount while decreasing the value, especially as that ratio gets closer to 100 percent, can make life pretty rough for borrowers.

So, here's the game plan. First, let's all agree that we have to lose this "as the Big Three go, so goes the Michigan economy" attitude. We've got a lot to offer the world in terms of natural beauty, infrastructure, resources, education, culture and sports. Next, let's agree that "Michigan Rules!"

Then, let's collectively invite and even entice people and businesses from around the world to come join us here.

Here's the magic. You have to

be territorial about your neighborhood, your city and the state. Don't wait for somebody else to fix problems. You do it. If you need to organize a neighborhood cleanup, do it. If you are fed up with your city wasting money, sound off. If you believe our leaders can do better to entice non-automotive businesses into our state, tell them about it and hold them accountable.

Today's TIMBIT: Our property values and our lives will improve when we are all fed up enough to insist on change. Do not tolerate excuses from yourself, from the unemployed, from the educators, from your neighbors and from the politicians.

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**NOVI** \$476,900

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**GARDEN CITY** \$245,000

Amazing custom home in Fall Timbers sub offers lots of open living space! Great room w/ 2 story ceiling & stone fireplace, white kitchen w/ island & appliances. Family room off kitchen. Upper loft 650 sq ft.

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**CANTON** \$184,900

Three bedroom 2 bath, colonial located in Stonegate. Double doors lead to lower 440 sq ft two tier deck. Huge tree in back yard for lots of shade. Freshly painted inside and out. Open kitchen into library.

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**NORTHVILLE** \$166,900

Reduced! Great Buy! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo with fireplace in living room, dining room w/ wet bar, partially finished basement, large master bedroom with bath and walk-in closet. All appliances.

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**EXTRAVAGANT RANCH.** Premium upgrades in this Canton home with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths in mint condition. Amenities include: a brick fireplace, sprinklers, pool, spa, appliances, central air, attached garage and finished basement. \$449,900 (C-52AM)



**STYLISH CONDO.** Townhouse condo with 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and very tastefully done. Nice sized floor plan as well as a full basement and attached garage. Great location in West Bloomfield. Call to see this one today. \$174,900 (P-104GR)



**A PUTTING GREEN!** Well almost... It's a picture postcard lawn that surrounds this 5 year new colonial in a golf course community. 4BR/2.5BA, a study, gourmet kit, luxurious master, 3 car garage and more. What are you waiting for? \$439,900 (P-440LE)



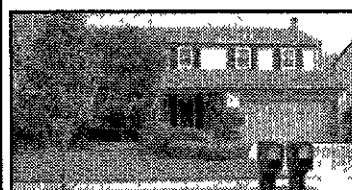
**PRETTIEST STREET IN TOWN.** Sprawling ranch on a wooded acre in one of Southfield's finest subs. Nice floor plan with a full finished basement w/wet bar, oversized heated garage, 2 dual sided fireplaces & an enormous LR overlooking a beautiful yard. \$249,900 (P-550MU)



**WHO DESERVES IT MORE?** Pamper yourself in this 4 bedroom colonial loaded with extras like 3.5 baths, a luxury master with vaulted ceiling, jetted tub & walk in closet, finished basement for entertaining, paver walkway & sprinkler system. \$314,900 (C-732PO)



**RIVERFRONT IN CANTON!!!** Very unique home with a finished walkout offering a theatre room & Italian ceramic bath. Oversized windows & spacious deck offer breathtaking views year round. Patio to sloping yard, river & protected woodlands. Rare. \$319,900 (C-130RI)



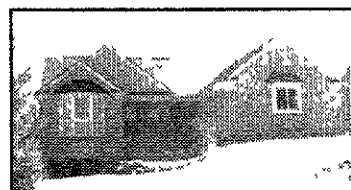
**IF CONDITION COUNTS...** You'll want to see this fully updated Canton home with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths in mint condition. Amenities include: a brick fireplace, sprinklers, pool, spa, appliances, central air, attached garage and finished basement. \$227,900 (P-169RO)



**QUIET CUL-DE-SAC SETTING.** Backing to a commons in this 1900 square foot cape cod with a huge family room and fireplace. Large kitchen, deck, attached 2 car garage, 1st floor master and lots more. Call to make an appointment to see this one today. \$214,900 (P-708BE)



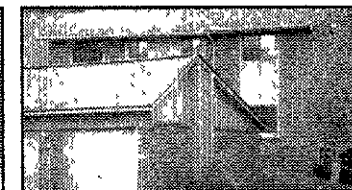
**GREAT LOCATION.** For this immaculate end unit ranch in Canton. Amenities include skylights, cathedral ceilings, updated roof, furnace & central air. Bright kitchen w/appliances, full basement, pool, clubhouse and more. \$129,900 (P-374SO)



**RURAL SETTING-CITY CONVENIENCE.** High quality ranch w/finished walkout lower level. 4 bds, 3 ba, Dining Room, large Kitchen w/stainless steel appl. & extensive use of granite. Breakfast room, large lot, and lake access. Immaculate w/quick occupancy. \$359,900 (P-317DE)



**GORGEOUS SPLIT LEVEL.** 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths with oak floors, dimensional shingles, prof landscaping, sprinklers & patio w/stone stencil. Huge basement, walk in closets, dual sinks & Jacuzzi tub. Great location \$294,800 (C-251SU)



**EASY LIVING.** Maintenance free Plymouth condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths and in unit laundry. Generous 1185 sq. ft. floor plan, lots of storage space and many updates. Ready to move into. Great price too! \$141,900 (P-773SY)



**A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.** Enjoy peaceful country living in this 2001 built home. Great room floor plan with 4 beds, 2.5 baths, 1st floor laundry, skylights, soaring ceilings & formal dining. Quiet cul-de-sac on 1 acre. \$389,900 (C-870SC)



**IMPRESSIVE DEXTER COLONIAL.** Backing to a commons on 1.5 acres. Walking distance to metro parks, 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, exceptional detailing, crown moldings, hardwood floors, recessed lights, fireplaces, soaring ceilings and lots more. \$464,900 (P-938BR)



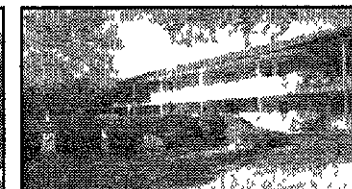
**BEYOND YOUR EXPECTATIONS.** Roomy home with all features you desire, 1st floor laundry, attached garage, finished basement, large kitchen w/appliances, master w/private bath & WIC, sound and security systems, central air and award winning schools. \$239,900 (P-127FA)



**REFRESHING CHANGE.** Open great room floor plan w/ fireplace, roomy kitchen & dining area, volume ceilings add to the ambience. Nice master & a cul-de-sac location. \$249,900 (C-977T)



**FABULOUS 4 BR COLONIAL.** In a popular Farmington Hills Sub. Huge floor plan w/1st floor laundry, great rm w/ gas fp, doorwall to lrg private deck w/ hot tub. Updated windows, huge finished basement. Treed lot backs to common area. A must see! \$370,000 (P-636VA)



**NO CAR NEEDED!** This 2 bedroom ranch condo is within walking distance to everything. Kitchen w/appliances, common basement, pool, laundry facilities, new carpet and paint. In the city of Plymouth. \$69,900 (P-450AN)



**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME.** On this beautiful 5 acre parcel with a paved road. Approximately 500x440 with 4 cleared acres and one wooded. Successful perk test on file. Located just a cross the street from the church. \$129,900 (C-000DE)



**NORTHVILLE CAPE COD.** Unbeatable value in this end unit condo with a finished basement, 1st floor master, vaulted great room w/fireplace, a private study, 1st floor laundry and attached garage. Backs to a ravine & woods. \$309,900 (C-203ST)



**CONDO LIVING AT IT'S BEST!** Spectacular view of the woods from every room in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit. Master w/separate tub & shower, 1st floor laundry, a private study w/French doors, 2 car garage, cathedral ceilings and a fireplace. \$310,000 (P-865WE)



**NEAT AS A PIN.** Awesome ranch with coved ceilings, vinyl insulated windows, finished basement with a full kitchen and updated ceramic floors in the kitchen & bath. Come take a look! \$175,000 (C-051BR)



**VACANT LAND IN NORTHVILLE.** 1.2 acres zoned general business. Sites were appraised in "as is" condition with approximate costs for demolition and topographical in-fill being considered in value. Appraisal is available. Call for more info. \$779,000 (C-800NO)



**AFFORDABLE LIVING!** Upper unit condo in Livonia with one bedroom, large living room, dining room & updated bath. Clubhouse w/pool. Carport, assoc. fee includes heat & water. Perfect for a first time buyer! Don't wait, call now. \$87,900 (P-512BO)

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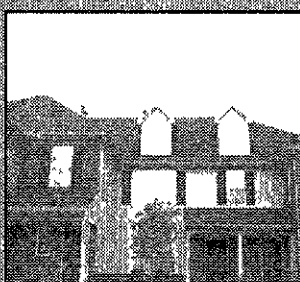
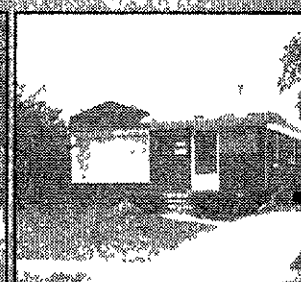
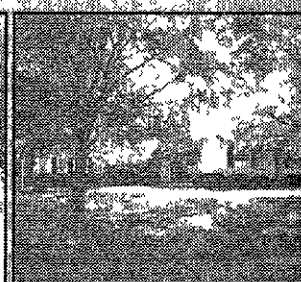
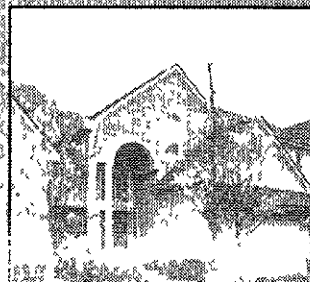
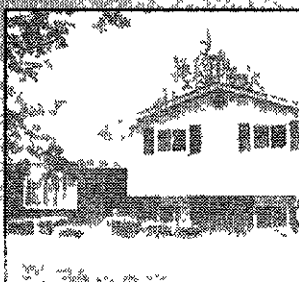
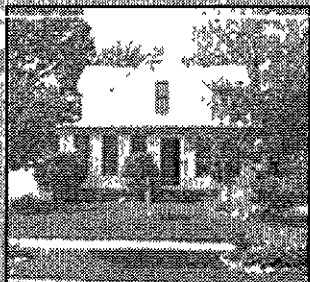
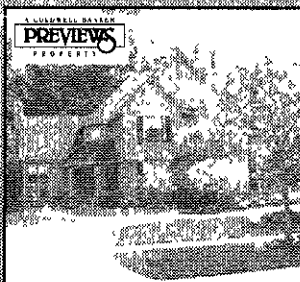
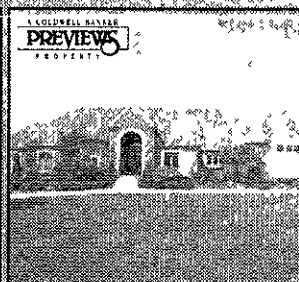
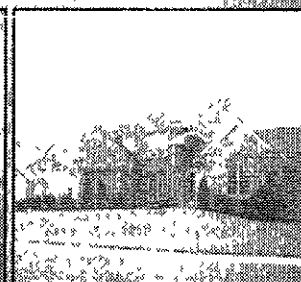
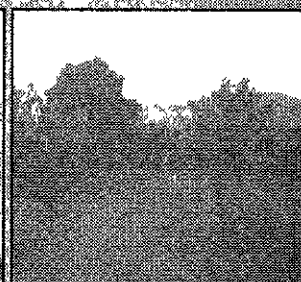
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Absolutely stunning! Island kitchen w/nook, corian counter tops & sink, 42" cabinets, drwl to priv balcony. LR has gas FP w/custom mantle. Prof fin. walk-out lower lvl, 2 car att gar. Premium location! MLS# 25154632 248-347-3050**CANTON** \$257,900  
End unit ranch in much desired golf course community. Lux master suite w/vaulted ceiling, WIC & fashion bath. Open airy GR w/vaulted ceiling & gas FP. Kitchen is open w/good-sized nook. Must see! MLS# 25108493 734-453-6800**CANTON** \$159,000  
This is a gem! Loads of upgrades: appls, carpet, ceramic tile, HDWD flrs, kit cbnts & cntrops. Both BR's have WIC. LR has vaulted ceiling w/gas FP, mantle plus marble trim/hearth. Large master BR w/dowall. MLS# 25134615 734-453-6800**CANTON** \$150,000  
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2 1/2 car garage, 2-story foyer w/w/d flr, half bath & kit, bridge overlooking 2-story fr w/vaulted ceiling & wet bar, kit w/tons of cabs w/Corian counters, sunrm, fin bsmt w/2nd kitchen, wet bar, recrm, bath & office. MLS# 25136786 248-347-3050**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$275,000  
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3 BR brick ranch w/2 car att gar (gar has its own 100 amp service, house has 200 amp). Wood burner in FR has been converted to gas. Kit is lg w/eat-in area. Some open HDWD flrs. Updated fur, AC, HWD, some new crpt. MLS# 25116821 734-453-6800**LIVONIA** \$269,900  
maintained all brick ranch in Laurel Park S sub. Mstr bath w/vaulted ceilings, skylights, jacuzzi. Vaulted ceiling family rm w/dowall to deck w/gazebo & built-in BBQ grill. Prof finished bsmt, roof, water heater. MLS# 25149483 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$269,900  
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Spacious starter home w/2 bedrooms (possible 3rd upstairs) & tons of possibilities. Extra large eat in kitchen w/all appliances included. Partially finished basement & 1 car detached garage. MLS# 25147380 734-453-6800**NOVI** \$1,498,534  
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3 Br, 2 1/2 Ba Sharp Cape Cod Has Highceilings, Gas Log Fp, Mantle, Marble Surround, Mirrorwall, Bay Windows, White Kitchen, Dining Rm, First Flr Mstr Ste W/ Sep Tub & Shwr & Wic Appls Incl Deck, 1st Flr Laundry. MLS# 25152332 248-347-3050**PLYMOUTH** \$1,200,000  
Truly exceptional Menard built 4 BR, 4 1/2 BA executive ranch home w/beautifully finished w/o & you will love the attached indoor pool & spa room for year round enjoyment. 4 car garage. Hurry! MLS# 25151397 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$484,900  
Exceptional 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA Cape Cod on an interior setting. Gourmet kitchen-nook w/Corian cntrops t/o home & Brazilian cherry hardwood floors in many rooms. 1st floor master, GR w/2-way FP to kitchen. Must see! MLS# 25153391 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$369,900  
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Nature lovers dream! French country quad on 1 acre wooded lot (\$100,000 in Indspng) HDWD flrs t/o. Updated kit w/new floor, b/l micro & oven. Florida rm w/hot tub. Putting green, gazebo, decks & boardwalks in yd. MLS# 25131562 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$289,900  
Cute & charming 3 BR, 2 BA bungalow on prof landscaped interior setting. Updated kitchen w/maple cabinets & all appls. Coved ceilings. HDWD floors. Updated bathroom. Newer siding, roof, furnace, driveway etc. MLS# 25149016 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$269,900  
custom home w/private setting. Professionally remodeled kitchen & baths, newer roof, garage dr & hot water heater, family rm w/fieldstone frpl. Oak hrdwd flrs on main & upper levels. Finished bsmt w/ample storage. MLS# 25153622 248-347-3050**PLYMOUTH** \$229,900  
Great curb appeal is the start of this charming updated 3 bdrm ranch w/full finished basement. All a walk away from downtown! Kitchen w/newer maple cabinets, Appliances to stay. Fresh interior paint. Detached garage. MLS# 25096477 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$209,900  
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park-like lot w/over 1/3 acres, kitchen w/cherry wood cabinetry, Corian counters & ceramic flr, living & dining rms w/hrdwd flrs, fr off kitchen w/mstr frpl, family rm w/dowall to deck, Rec rm in bsmt, Newer windows. MLS# 25155184 248-347-3050**SUPERIOR** \$990,000  
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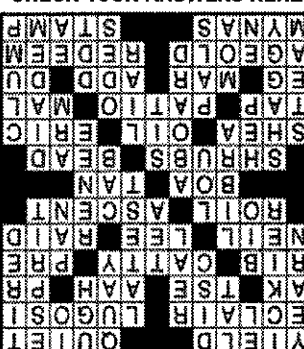
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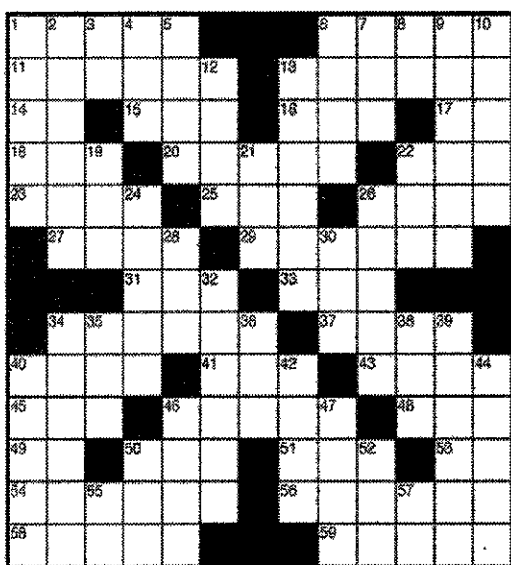
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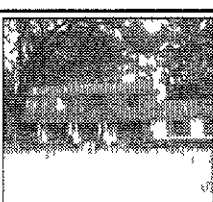
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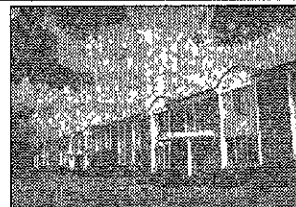
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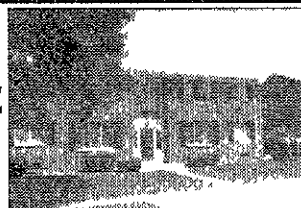
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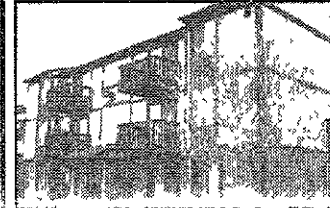
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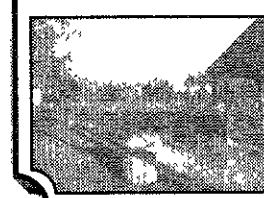


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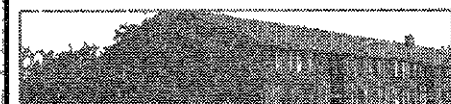
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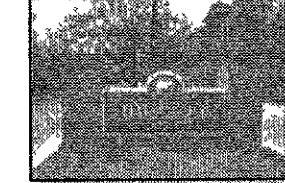


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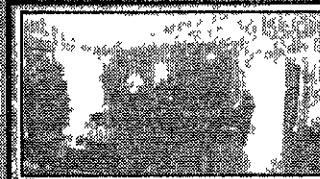


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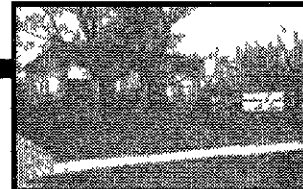
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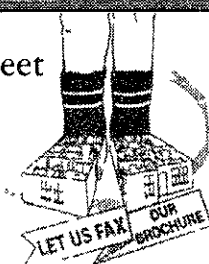


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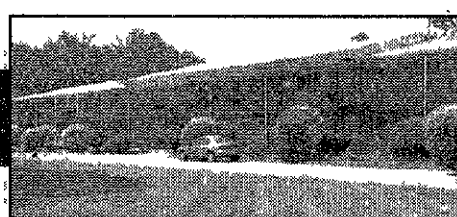
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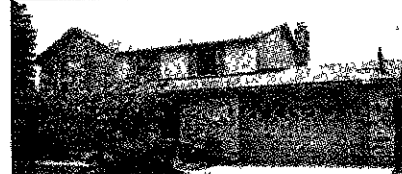
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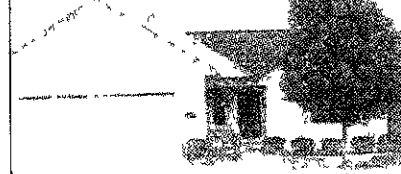
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**CLINTON TOWNSHIP Numerous Updates**  
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**CANTON Curb Appeal & Updates**  
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**CANTON Unbelievable Value!**  
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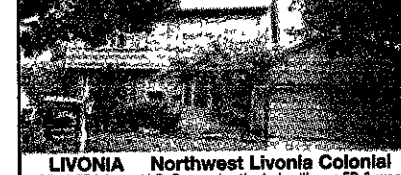
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WONDERFUL HOME Nicely updated. Desirable Nottingham Wds sub. New roof, updated kitchen & baths, Andersen windows, brick walkway & Livonia Stevenson High School area. 349-6200 (25148476) \$324,900



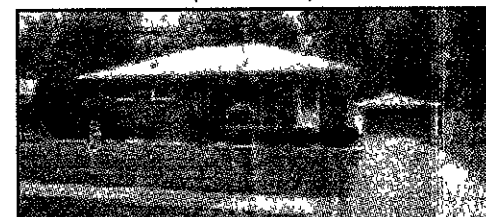
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**WARREN** 734-591-9200  
Custom built brick ranch in prime area. Neutral decor with no wallpaper. Newer C/A, remod half bath & bsmt bath. Newer kit, part finished bsmt w/bar & newer crpt provides cozy liv area, full brk gar. (25088887) \$169,500



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch w/finished basement. Neutral t/out, FR w/ fireplace, garage, fenced yard, fire pit. Click "Featured Properties" at [www.doortodreams.com](http://www.doortodreams.com). (25136766) \$167,900



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**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
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**GARDEN CITY** 734-591-9200  
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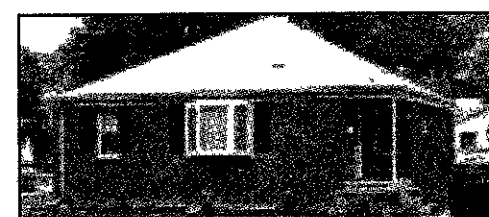
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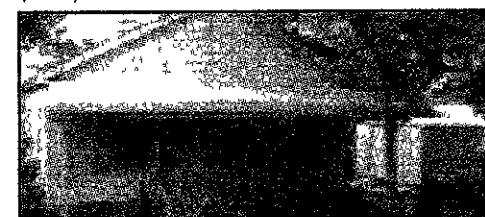
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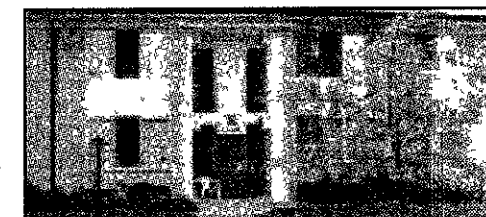
**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Great 3 BR bungalow, home feats: updated BA, fin bsmt w/bar, form DR w/HDWD flrs, newer crpt main fir, custom paint T/O, mstr BR w/lots of storage, newer furn & more. (25127983) \$119,900



**REDFORD** 734-326-2000  
CUTE-CUTE-CUTE DOLLHOUSE refnshd hrdwd fir, Updtd wndws, new fixtures, updtd elctrol, newer kit fir, fresh paint, located 1 blk from golf course, 1 car gar, perfect for the 1st time buyer. (B167) \$109,000



**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
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**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
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**BELLEVILLE** 734-455-7000  
PERFECTLY INVITING SPACIOUS COLONIAL 4BR, 2.5BA, fin'd bsmt, FR w/cathedral ceiling and stone FP. Great deck w/view of commons. (23A208) 25128903 \$223,000

**BRIGHTON** 248-348-6430  
7+ SPLITTABLE ACRES backing to Shenandoah Sub. Wooded. Great for small development, prvt estate. Convenient to Brighton, Expressways! 349-6200 (24080021) \$174,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
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**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
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**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
ROOMY YET COMPACT is this Unique 3 BR Tri-Level with 1 1/2 BAs, refn'd Hdwd Flrs, FR, LL w/FP, C/A, and 2 Car Gar. (D325) 25142267 \$154,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY Available today is this 3 BR bungalow w/1.5 BAs, fin'd bsmt w/frpvc & 2 car gar, C/A. (G594) 25132171 \$139,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-455-7000  
"COTTAGE IN THE WOODS" 2 BR brick ranch situated on 1/4 acre treed lot. Lots of updates, good-sized rooms, remodeled kit and BA, and much more. (23S31441) 25122765 \$127,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Hurry to this beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial in Francavilla Sub! Fabulous curb appeal, FR w/FP open to kit. Bsmt, 2 car att gar. Clean great 500 sq ft deck. Liv Stevenson HS. (25080889) \$289,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Affordable brick ranch/North of Five Mile. Ever popular Country Homes Sub offers, 3 BR brick ranch w/fin bsmt, 2 car gar & costly updates T/O. Interior lot. (25100660) \$210,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Charming air conditioned 3 BR home has many updates. New kit, BA, roof, beautiful fr, fin'd bsmt w/glass block wndws. 2 Car gar w/ a very pretty yard. (25111786) \$179,900

**MILAN** 248-348-6430  
BLOCKS FROM DOWNTOWN MILAN New pergo flrmg in formal DR & kit. Updated BA w/oak cabinets, newer roof, Andersen wndws, circuit breakers, drywall & lighting. 349-6200 (25088663) \$136,000

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
3.5 ACRES. Beautiful property. Secluded yet close to everything. Custom bit ranch. Tons of upgrades. Granite kit, amazing LL w/2020 add'l sq ft. 349-6200 (25137886) \$589,900

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
OVER 2250 SQ FT OF LIVING IN WOODED CONDO Hrdwd entry & kit, crown molding, 3 BR, 3.1 BA condo, walking distance to downtown N'ville. 2 frpvc, fin w/o, deck & paver patio overlooking woods. 349-6200 (25140118) \$320,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
BROADMOOR PARK SUB! Let Madison Homes build your dream home on this prem-sized lot! Close to schools & shopping with easy frwy access! Super Novl schools! 349-6200 (25032373) \$595,000

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**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
2.2 ACRES w/Plymouth-Canton schools. Tons of features including new oak kit, new roof, vinyl wndws, hrdwd flrs. Spacious room sizes w/4 BRs & 2 full BAs. 349-6200 (25141161) \$319,000

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Lots of home for the money! 3 BR brick ranch, 2.5 BAs, full bsmt, and enclosed breezeway to att gar. Must see. (25133401) \$158,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
BRICK BUNGALOW 3 BRs, 2 BAs, fin'd bsmt, and large lot. Home features F/P, C/A, vinyl wndws and much more. (25126396) \$129,900

**SOUTH LYON** 734-455-7000  
ADULT COMMUNITY Walkout ranch. 2 BR, 2 BA. Gated courtyard entry. Galley kit w/skylight. Cathedral ceiling, open flr pln, CA, some newer wndws. (23P25357) 25064509 \$113,500

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ADULT CO-OP-2 BR RANCH STYLE 55+ park-like setting. Lg nicely fin'd back porch. All kit appliances included. Lots of storage. Full bsmt. 348-6430 (25146146) \$70,000

**WAYNE** 734-591-9200  
Fabulous decor! Most updates have been completed. 3 BR, 2 BA, bsmt, gar, deck w/hot tub. Fantastic kit/DR w/loads of cabs. All appls stay. (25116710) \$145,000

**WAYNE** 734-326-2000  
COUNTRY IN THE CITY 3 BR ranch, 1.5 car gar & a 16x16 shed. Newer wndws & rf, mud rm, MBR w/WIC. 257' Lot. (B370) 25127909 \$108,000

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
NEWER BUILT BRICK RANCH 3 BRs, 2 1/2 BAs, GR with gas fpvc, att 2 car gar, central air, rec room, nice yard w/patio & more. (C171) PC 220132 25131708 \$239,900

**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Why wait to build? Job transfer forces owner to sell this beauty completed 9/04. Brick, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2000 sq ft cape cod, 1st flr Mstr w/sep shower & tub, oak in kit. Lrg loft. (25080744) \$229,900

**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Welcome Home! Clean 1,140 sq ft brick ranch updated kit & BA, fin'd bsmt, 2 car gar with carport. Westland w/Livonia Schls. (25108602) \$175,000

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
IDEAL OPPORTUNITY In this 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA 2 story condo. Full fin'd bsmt, 2 car att gar, 1st floor laundry, C/A. (D702) PC 220082 25142567 \$168,000

**WESTLAND** 734-455-7000  
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**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
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# Returning From Active Duty, One At A Time



## WORKWISE

by  
Mildred L.  
Culp

It isn't easy to imagine what life is like for a person on active duty. Glimpses of television news or scenes in a movie offer not much more than

reality TV. The amendment to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) signed into law on December 10, 2004, requires companies to notify citizen-soldiers of their employment rights. A mini-industry of vendors, both legal and HR, has sprung to the aid of companies, but such standardization doesn't tell the whole story. Companies must do more. They must remember that each member of the National Guard or Reserves is an individual. Soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors and members of the Coast Guard are first and foremost individuals, returning.

David St. Germain, executive director of the Massachusetts Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a national committee headquartered in Arlington, Va., says that employers tend to follow USERRA or go beyond it.

"A lot of problems we're having result from lack of communication between employer and reservists, and vice-versa, and lack of knowledge of what the law requires," he states.

"We try to gain information from the reservists to find out who the employer is. Then we pry open the lid by calling the employer and offering him participation in programs, for managers and business owners." He speaks of reservists who failed to notify employers and "just show up at the plant."

Bryan Zawikowski should know about these returnees as individuals. He is general manager and division director of Lucas Group's Military Division, which places more than 1,000 military veterans in corporations per year. His company has offices throughout the United States and in Berlin.

"Most returning reservists have a job that's still available -- or a similar one," Zawikowski says, "and the company is willing to take them back, but they don't necessarily want to go back."

Part of this has to do with improving economic conditions. The grass seems to be greener elsewhere. The bond with fellow employees (in some cases) is gone; so they're returning to a job as opposed to career." He indicates that an employee who left unhappy is most likely not to return. Serving on active duty can create a clean break for them.

"Then again, some can't wait to get back to their companies," he adds.

### CIRCUITOUS ROUTES

There's a great deal of discussion about how

multiple jobs affect the American worker.

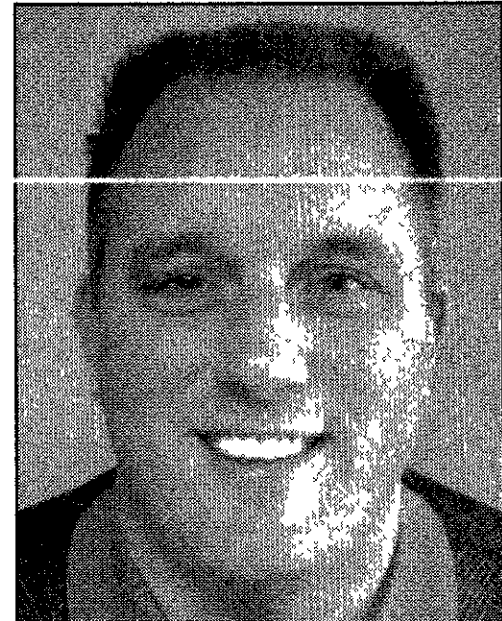
But there's less about reservists with jagged service records caused by changing needs of the American military. Jeremy Burkes, currently of Fayetteville, N.C., is in transition, finally available

to work full-time in industry this month. He's looking for a position in the central U.S. after three years with the Army Reserve, more than three years with the National Guard during college, then three years of active duty, a three-month break, National Guard for more than a year, active duty for two years, all of this by age 30. Value in his pronounced ability to adapt can't be underestimated by civilian employers, who often have to counter employees resisting change.

Wil Mitchell, currently of Denver, Colo., is a Naval Academy graduate who subsequently served in the Marine Corps, then worked in a Fortune 100 company before deployment after 9/11.

He chose not to return to his previous employer, a decision totally unrelated to his feelings about the company. Mitchell was worn out, in need of a break. He'd been gone long enough to have forgotten his boss's telephone number; so he used the company Web site to find a number for HR.

HR understood his need for a rest, he recalls: "There was nothing negative. They asked me to send a letter of resignation." Mitchell took that rest and is now seeking an operations management position to capitalize upon on his management experience. (At 32, he's led 60 people



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or more at a time.). He values the Marine Corps's belief that "there is nothing more important than taking care of those who work for you." Experienced with teamwork, "I can police up after myself, too," he comments.

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#### A KIND HEART

SBF, 56, mother, enjoys dining in/out, swimming, horseback riding, camping, picnics. Seeking sociable, honest, fun, employed man, N/S, to share happiness, friendship and possible LTR. ☎780769

### TALL BRUNETTE

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### CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. ☎574342

### GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎633527

### HAPPY & SECURE

DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. ☎669606

### HAS ZEST FOR LIFE

Youthful blonde, 60, 5'2", with family values, shapely, medium build, professional, N/S, light drinker, enjoys travel, theater, dining out and much more. Seeking well-groomed, financially secure gentleman, 55-68, similar characteristics. ☎697194

### SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. ☎548938

### GOOD LOOKER

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for fun/love, good times and LTR. ☎725001

### ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S. ☎672174

### CALL ME

Attractive, charming ex-business woman, 60, loves movies, plays, concerts, dining, dancing, traveling, financially comfortable, gourmet. ☎743556

### KIND HEART

Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good natured single man 44-60. ☎742466

### SOCIABLE SENIOR

SWPF, 84, Leo, N/S, enjoys dining out, casinos. Seeking a fun-loving elder, a WM, 60+, N/S, who can lead the walker. ☎755240

### GOD BLESS US

SBF, 31, employed, brown complexion, brown eyes, 170lbs, mother, looking for independent, stable man, interested in a friends first relationship. Possible LTR/marriage. ☎829474

### CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?

Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. ☎962703

### THICK AND HEALTHY

SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. ☎534802

### HOMEBODY

SBF, 63, 5'8", 155lbs, retired (but does work part-time), very honest and caring, Scorpio, N/S, seeks BM, 58-65, honest and caring. ☎553674

### I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

#### LET'S TALK SOMETIME

Affectionate, honest, light-hearted SWM, 40, seeks SF, 18-40, full-figured A+, to share friendship, fun times and possibly more. ☎828517

#### LET'S TALK

SBM, 37, 6'3", Gemini, smoker, likes to fish, bowl, hunt, seeks nice SWF, 37-45, who wants to talk and have fun. ☎840203

#### LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND

SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark hair, moustache, father of one, loves children, outdoors. Seeking SWF, 35-46, to enjoy life together. I want to know your inner soul. I'll treat you right. ☎266345

#### WELL, HELLO

SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. ☎597126

#### WHAT'S GOING ON

SM, 25, 6', 290lbs, very attractive simple, easygoing, fun, looking for a nice lady to chill with. Interested? ☎834075

#### CUTE TEDDY BEAR

SWM, 29, 5'6", 180lbs, a lot of curly brown hair, looking for SWF, 21-35, who likes to talk and is a night owl. ☎836249

### ISO FRIEND & CONFIDANT

Youthful 72-year-old SWM, college-degreed, non-smoker, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, movies, walking, classical music, travel. Good listener and respect woman. ☎962358

### MAN WITH PIZZAZZ...

Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy, cultural events, outdoor activities, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎517123

### PATIENTLY WAITING

SBM, 37, 165lbs, 5'8", no kids, never married. Seeking caring, attractive SF, no kids, never married, for great relationship. ☎710917

### GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL

Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. ☎210772

### READY FOR ME?

Employed, affectionate, genuine SM, 42, 5'10", 285lbs, down-to-earth, outspoken, outgoing, N/S, N/D, dark complexion, brown eyes, smooth, likes movies, church, plays, park walks, cuddling. ISO down-to-earth, good-humored, goal-oriented, sweet lady. ☎836564

### NEW TO THIS

BM, 40, 5'11", 230lbs, employed, would like to meet a woman, 35-45, who will respect me as I will respect her. ☎837025

### TRUE LOVE ALWAYS

Open-minded, easygoing SWM, 48, 5'7", 200lbs, short brown/blue, enjoys dining, fishing, casinos. Seeking attractive, easygoing female, 27-57, H/W-proportionate, Caucasian or African American, N/S, no children. ☎814373

### ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY

SWM, 46, 5'10", athletic build, Libra, smoker, enjoys walks on the beach, cabin getaways, wants to meet SWF, 39-48, for friendship, possible romance. ☎836810

### A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

### GREET AND MEET

SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active, enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports. Seeking easygoing, friendly, light-hearted SWF, age open. ☎241526

### CUTE & CUDDLY

Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else. Would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops. ☎478746

### ARE YOU OUT THERE?

BM, 22, 5'11", 165lbs, brown eyes, slim build, looking for a secure BF, 20-25, who enjoys the simple things in life. ☎822555

### CHRISTIAN

SBM would like to meet a college-educated, very special female, 30-39, N/S, N/D, with a great sense of humor, who loves the Lord. ☎822731

### VERY CREATIVE

SWPM, 39, dark brown/green, interior designer, likes photography, fine arts and sporting events. Seeking WF, 26-42, with the same qualities and enjoys going out and doing things. ☎823955

### HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SM, 38, self-employed, 5'11", 185 lbs, brown/brown, slim N/S, father, cat owner, honest, compassionate, kind-hearted, enjoys cooking, quiet evenings, autumn nights, snuggling. ISO loving, like-minded lady. ☎831158

### ARE U OUT THERE?

Mature, intelligent, attractive, SM, 24, independent, employed, always a gentleman, looking for a cool, level-headed, goal-oriented girl to share fun times. ☎834901

### TAKE A DIP W/ME

DWM, 44, 6'1", 195lbs, educated, professionally employed, well-traveled, enjoys cycling, beaches, and swimming. Seeking woman, 36-46, for LTR. ☎837199

### QUIET EVENINGS AND MORE

SWM, 56, 5'8", brown/blue, physical build, N/S, enjoys every moment of life, ISO SF, 45-58, who loves motor-cycles and freedom. ☎491099

### IN A GOOD MOOD

SWM, Capricorn, N/S, likes the spice of Mexican cooking, finds music to be very important, seeks woman, 18-50, for possible romance. ☎840070

### COULD IT BE YOU?

SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes. ☎798519

### A GENTLEMAN

SWM, 39, N/S, works in the construction business, interested in sports, art, likes to have a lot of laughs, seeks SWF, 27-37. ☎808365

### JUST PLAIN TALK

A strong shoulder to lean on! Nice-looking SWM, 43, kind, considerate, romantic, seeks feminine lady friend. ☎733275

### LET'S TALK!

SM, 47, employed, secure, easygoing, fun-loving, homeowner, enjoys sorts, weightlifting, fishing, boating, keeping active. Seeking health-conscious, energetic with similar qualities and interests. ☎818638

### OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. ☎547524

### ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. ☎642092

### WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

SBM, Native American, never married, 40, 5'8", 170lbs, enjoys cooking, soft music, and stormy, rainy nights. Seeking SF, 30-40, with similar interests. Honest and N/S. Enjoys evening walks. ☎854016

### COULD WE MEET?

and have fun while getting acquainted? Good-natured, good-looking SWM wants to meet interesting SWF, 30s-40s. ☎764071

### HAPPY DAD

Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. ☎715711

### TALL

DWM, 47, 6'5", 215lbs, likes music, camping, jazz, cooking, sports, brown/brown, seeking a woman with SOH, compassion, honesty. ☎765375

### SEEKS SPECIAL LADY

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# The 2006 Hyundai Sonata

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## Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

It's good to be a Hyundai Motor executive or dealer these days, because this Korean make is definitely on a roll. The company's vehicles are moving up smartly in quality surveys. Sales numbers are looking good. Kia, the company's one-time rival for the Korean auto-making crown, has been vanquished. And Hyundai is in the process of re-launching every model in its lineup over the next several months.

In fact, Hyundai not only is targeting American automakers who have been having to get used to its aggressiveness and accomplishments lately – the company also is clearly going after the top-notch targets among Japanese automakers, the Toyotas and Hondas whose staple strength at sedan making is being challenged by a Korean company that no longer can be labeled just an upstart.

The 2006 Hyundai Sonata is a great illustration of what's going on with the company overall. Clearly, Sonata has competitors such as the Honda Accord and Toyota Camry in its sights. And it's getting close enough to get off a good shot!

Sonata's styling is very understated and Accord-like certainly, although there was one thing about the LX model I drove that especially stood out to me: its color, which Hyundai calls "dark cinnamon." It's very rich and very appealing, and I haven't seen anything quite like it on any other vehicle.

Anyway, Sonata's charms begin with the fact that it's far from a Far East-made, fuel-sipping econobox. Measured strictly by its exterior dimensions, the new Sonata qualifies as a "mid-size" car, even though the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency actually classifies it as a "large" car because of its interior volume – 120 cubic feet. Its main rivals are all classified as mid-size.

Its trunk also belies the idea that Sonata is just some sort of poor man's Camry. It is a nice space with full carpeting, a power outlet, a fuel-filler release and a



The Mazda MX5 gets 30 mpg on the highway and 23 mpg in the city.

child-escape handle.

But it's behind the wheel where Sonata really gets your attention. The car is eminently driveable, very smooth in both acceleration and cornering. It is very responsive and quite quiet. The suspension features a pair of double-wishbones in front, like the Accord, and multiple links in back for benefits such as more sophisticated wheel control and flexibility. This is a big mark in Sonata's favor.

Sonata offers two engines: the standard 2.4-liter, four-cylinder which produces 162 horsepower, which I understand is adequate, and the engine in the version I drove, the 3.3-liter V6 that puts out 235 horsepower. Even with the V6, Sonata produces an EPA-rated 20 miles a gallon in the city and a remarkable 30mpg on the highway, which deserves huge kudos because the vehicle is so largely proportioned.

The styling inside Sonata isn't anything in particular to write home about, including rather drab styling and upholstery patterns. But functionally, it does better, including a clear gauge cluster, efficient consoles and useful compartments, and radio and climate controls mounted where they belong. And the LX version is loaded with plenty of important amenities, includ-

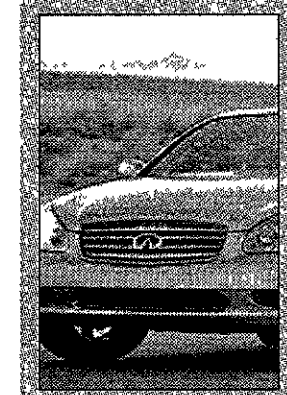
ing front-seat-side and side-curtain airbags, keyless entry, an MP3 capability in the audio system, leather-wrapped steering wheel, driver's lumbar support, leather seating surfaces, heated front seats, a power driver's seat and a telescopic as well as tilt steering wheel.

Sonata also is remarkable for the amount of room in the rear of the vehicle. There's more space in the second row than practically any rival provides, ensuring long-ride comfort even for three rear passengers. The windows go all the way down. And yet it's clear from the capaciousness of the trunk that Sonata's designers didn't simply steal space from the cargo hold to create a nice pod for rear-seat passengers. Come to think of it, the vehicle that is actually more reminiscent to me of the Sonata is Toyota's Avalon rather than Honda's Accord. Avalon, too, presents surprisingly large interior dimensions in a highly driveable package.

For a list price beginning around \$18,000 and coming in at about \$23,000 for the LX version, Sonata has a lot to recommend itself. And it only starts with the price.

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