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# Chiefs a step from history

t is time for the 120,000-plus residents of Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township to unite.

At around noon on Saturday, slip on a red sweatshirt, hop in your car and drive to Ford Field.

Plop down \$9 for a ticket then get ready to be entertained by a group of Canton Chief football players who have defied the odds and their opponents all the way to the Division 1 state final football game.

For the price of a movie ticket and a small pop, you can witness the final chapter of a real-life version of Remember the Titans that has unfolded in your own back yard.

Twice during the past month, Canton has overcome huge deficits in do-or-die games to keep its state championship dream alive. The Chiefs have defeated big teams (Monroe), fast teams (Detroit Cody and Detroit King) and a big and fast team (Macomb Dakota) to advance to the game thousands of high school



Wright

players dream about, but only a relative handful are invited to play in.

#### TV NOT THE SAME

True, you can watch the Canton-Rockford game live on Fox Sports Detroit beginning at 1 p.m., but that would be like watching fireworks on TV. The colors aren't as bright, the sounds aren't as booming and most importantly - Canton's players can't hear you cheering from your La-Z-Boy.

#### **SEEING IS BELIEVING**

If you haven't been fortunate enough to see a Canton football game this season, I'll give you a thumbnail sketch of what you've missed.

The Chiefs run the Wing-T offense from a full-house formation. The best way to describe it is "Simplicity meets Electricity." Thanks to a potent combination of execution, deception, 300-pound linemen and a quartet of running backs that could outrun the train that stops me every time I drive through downtown Plymouth, the Chiefs' offense has proven to be all but unstoppable this season.

The Chiefs' ball-faking skills alone are worth the price of admission. I'll make you a deal: If you attend Saturday's game and you don't get fooled by the Canton running backs at least five times, I'll personally come over and shovel your driveway after the first big snowfall this winter.

And you won't believe it when you see Canton's best player, Deshon McClendon, run with the football. He may be only 5-foot-6, 165 pounds, but he's about as easy to tackle as a run-away piano rolling down a staircase.

Canton's defense is good. too, and seems to be getting better every week. Its leader is

senior Jeff Piper, who tackled a Detroit Cody running back so hard a few weeks ago that the running back thought he had been run over by a train. I think the poor kid's mouth guard is still orbiting the P-CEP football stadium.

#### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Everyone who grew up in a small town with a good football team knows how the residents of those towns become unified during their teams' playoff runs. When I worked in Marshall in the mid-'80s, every business in town would put a sign in its window that read, "GO REDSKINS!", "WE'RE BEHIND YOU, REDSKINS!",

Wouldn't it be cool if the businesses along Ann Arbor Road, Ford Road and every other road within the Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township boundaries did the same thing Thursday and Friday? All it would take is some poster board, a red



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton fans whooped it up Saturday as the Chiefs beat Macomb Dakota, 35-21, PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, A8 to advance to the first state championship game in school history.

# Dream come true

# Canton woman finally gets chance to be in Thanksgiving parade

STAFF WRITER

This Thanksgiving morning, Debbie Siewinski had to be up pretty early. It's not because she had to get the turkey in the oven, though. Instead, she has to be suited up in an aquamarine sequin jumpsuit and be on Woodward Avenue in Detroit by 8:30 a.m.

Siewinski's lifelong dream has come true, and she's going to be marching in the annual Thanksgiving parade, which she has attended nearly every one of her 54 years.

"This is something I've always wanted to do and now I finally

have the chance," said Siewinski, of Canton.

Her employer, Aco Hardware, is sponsoring a float in the parade and held a contest among employees. Anyone interested in marching with the float threw their names in a hat and a couple of weeks ago, Siewinski and 10 of her colleagues were told they had won the chance to be in the parade.

Siewinski's jumpsuit is supposed to represent water on the Mother Nature-themed float.

"My head dress is all full of feathers and it's sparkly. It looks like something out of Las Vegas, she said.

Siewinski was born in Detroit



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Debbie Siewinski (right) will fulfill a lifelong dream and march in the Thanksgiving Day parade next to the float sponsored by her employer. Her daughter, Jennifer Perpich, gets to cook Thanksgiving dinner because Mom will be busy with the parade.

and has lived in the metropolitan area her entire life. She started going to the parade when she was

just a toddler and it was held on

PLEASE SEE PARADE, A8

# Local man, 46, shot in chest after argument

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Monday was just an average afternoon, until an argument went terribly out of control, and a 46-year-old Canton man was shot by one of his son's friends.

'They were just all at the man's house - the victim, his son, the (alleged) shooter and the (alleged) shooter's brother," said Sgt. Rick Pomorski of the Canton Police Department. "For some reason an argument erupted, and it escalated. They argued to the point where they were face to face with

each other, at which point the shooter took out a .380-caliber semi-automatic handgun and pushed it toward the victim's chest and shot him once."

The victim's son, fearing that he would be shot next, ran out of the home in the West Point mobile home community near Haggerty and Michigan Avenue. But when he saw his friend run out of the house, he ran back in to check on his father, Pomorski said.

"His father told him to go call 9-1-1. There is no telephone in the house, so the son had to run to a neighbor's house to get his father

help," Pomorski said.

It was a through-and-through shot, with entrance and exit wounds, and police have recovered the bullet.

Canton Police and the Western Wayne Community Response Team located the suspect, a 20year-old Wayne man, and arrested him in a bar on Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

The victim was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where he was at presstime in stable condition. Police are still looking for the gun, and were on Tuesday waiting for the Wayne County

**Canton Police and the Western Wayne Community Response** Team located the suspect, a 20-year-old Wayne man, and arrested him in a bar on Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

Prosecutor's office regarding the specific charges.

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# Classroom movie draws questions

STAFF WRITER

In the mid-1980s, parents filled the board office on Harvey Street in Plymouth to voice strong opinions - pro and con - to the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education because high school teachers were showing the movie The Breakfast Club in class.

The film depicted relationships among students and teachers, and had its fair share of loose characters and profanity.

"Given the behavior of the students in the movie, it upset the community that it was being shown in class," said Roland Thomas, a former school board trustee. "We had a lot of parents on both sides of the issue."

"From that, came the board policy that teachers follow to show a movie in class," remembered Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents district teachers. "Teachers present the movie to the administration for approval, and a letter is sent home to parents, at which time they can have their student opt out and do another assignment.

"The teacher contract does have a clause deal ing with academic freedom," he said. "We know there will be controversial issues that will come about, and we'll be able to deal with them."

That policy came into play this week, when Shannon McBrady decided to show Wag the Dog to her Advanced Placement government class at Plymouth High School to illustrate the roll the media plays in politics.

"It's such a great movie for generating discus"

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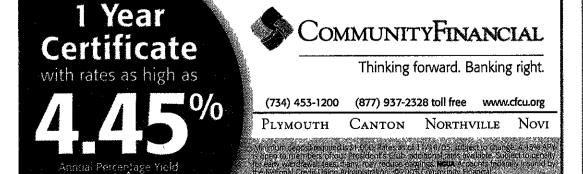
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#### Game to air on radio

88.1FM, The Escape will air Canton High School's state championship game on Săturday at 1 p.m. at Ford Field in Detroit.

The Chiefs will take on the Rockford Rams in the Class A Division 1 State Finals. 88 IFM's Sports Director Mark Maletic and Assistant Sports Director Ryan Winn will broadcast the game.

"Ryan and Mark have been following the Chiefs throughout the year and they've developed into a really strong team,' said Bill Keith, Station Manager. "We're really excited for the Chiefs."

88.1FM's live sports broadcasts are sponsored by Wordhouse Wealth Coaching in Canton.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

#### Student honor

Sarah Jose, of Canton, has been accepted this fall into the Albion College Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management. Sarah is in her first-year at Albion College. She is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Students are chosen annually for the Gerstacker Institute and must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in a wide range of business settings.

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"Statistics have shown a marked increase in alcoholrelated crashes around the holiday season. The goal of this effort is to proactively address the problem of impaired driving through aggressive enforcement," said Canton Sgt. Todd Mutchler.

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with a .08 blood alcohol level or higher. A drunk driving conviction carries with it an assortment of penalties, including court costs and fines, increased car insurance rates, legal fees, and \$2,000 for the driver responsibility fees pro-

In 2004, Michigan experienced 418 alcohol and/or drug related traffic fatalities.

#### DFCU honored

For the second consecutive year, DFCU Financial has been named one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best & Brightest Companies to Work For" by the Michigan Business & **Professional Association** (MBPA).

According to the MBPA, companies selected to receive the "101 Best & Brightest Companies to Work For" award represent the leading edge in human resources practices in industries as diverse as automotive, financial, staffing, technology, healthcare, and non-profit. National and multinational companies as well as local businesses are represented on the list. For more information, visit www.101michiganbest.com.

DFCU Financial, formerly named Dearborn Federal Credit Union, is headquartered in Dearborn. With more than \$1.7 billion in assets, DFCU Financial is the largest credit union in Michigan. It currently operates nine full-service Detroit-area branch offices in Canton, Dearborn, Livonia, Commerce Township, Detroit

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## A holy groundbreaking

Members of CrossWinds Church in Canton recently broke ground on their new church facility on Cherry Hill Road. As part of the groundbreaking ceremony, church members honored Ruth Wiles, the previous owner of the land where the church is being constructed. 'Our desire is for this property to be a place where people of all ages come together as an authentic community to express their heart for God in worship, but also a place where people are trained and sent back out into our community to eagerly serve the real needs and people they encounter in their 24-7-365 lives,' said Jon Beyer, lead pastor of the church, which currently holds worship services at 10 a.m. on Sunday at Dodson Elementary School in Canton. For more information go to www.crosswindscanton.org.

and Visteon Village, in addition to educational studentrun branches at Dearborn High School and Livonia Franklin High School. For more information, visit www.dfcufinancial.com.

### Holiday concert

The Canton Concert Band will hold its second-annual holiday concert, "Gather Round the Tree: A Family Christmas," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8.

The stage of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be transformed with trees, sleighs and all the sights of the holidays. The band will play traditional and holiday favorite music. Sing along as the sounds of familiar carols bring back your favorite Christmas

Tickets are \$8, and are available at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway (734) 394-5460

For more information about the concert or the band, call director Jim Blough at (734) 495-1608, or go to www.cantonband.com

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### Youth orchestra

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The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be presenting a concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets are \$5.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and is conducted by Ariel Toews, the Plymouth Symphony's assistant conductor. The orchestra is comprised of two ensembles - the Celebration Strings and the Celebration Sinfonia. The group debuted in fall 2003 for orchestral musicians ages 9 and up. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is presented with time letter therewas the

the Canton Community Foundation. It is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program, which will impact more than 5,000 students this year. Donations to the Symphony's

No Kid without a Koncert **Education Campaign help** fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout southeast Michigan.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by phone or in person at Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460, by phone or in person at the Plymouth Symphony Office, (734) 451-2112, or at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance. For more information please

contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org.

### Singing auditions

Destination Theatre is looking for 16-24 voices for the choir that will accompany the dramatic performance of "John Brown's Body," the epic poem to see a Vin chi I net. Ta score is traditional, Civil Warera music sung in four part harmony, with several solos. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing from "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," engage in various vocal exer-

**Gerald Gotthelf** Gotthelf, 76, of Birmingham, died Nov.

cises and sight-read from the

William J. (Bill) Hall Hall, 69, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., formerly of Birmingham, died Nov. 14.

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Karhu, 27, died.

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Mary Ann Leone Leone, 60, of Royal Oak, died Nov. 20.

The audition will take place in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. The per-formance will be Feb. 10 and 11 on the main stage at The Village Theater. Please direct any questions to Patrick Persons at

personsp@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 416-9883.

#### Adopt a family

score.

The Canton Goodfellows "Be an Angel" Christmas program is in full swing. "Angels" may call and adopt a child or a family for whom they will purchase Christmas gifts. It's a great way to make sure that the Goodfellows reach their goal of "No Canton Child without a Christmas."

All monies raised go to the children and families in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-8975.

#### Holiday fair

Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is holding a Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tri-City Christian Center is located at 3855 Sheldon Road (Just north of Michigan Avenue). More than 75 crafters will be selling their wares. There is a \$1 admission. There will also be refreshments available and a bake sale. For more information, contact Cindy at (734) 495-3363.

### TAG screening

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are screening students for admission to the district's Talented and Gifted program for the 2006-07 school year.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the P-CCS district boundaries and be in grades 2-7. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms need to be back to school principals or counselors by Dec. 23.

Nomination forms also are available online at www.pccs.k12.mi.us. Nominations for non-public school students should be returned to the TAG Office at Nalley I lementary School, 13721 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing, including the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test.

For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page 85.

Carol Lynn Patterson

Patterson, of Canton, died Nov. 16.

Carol J. Voytas, M.D. Voytas, 51, died Nov. 15.

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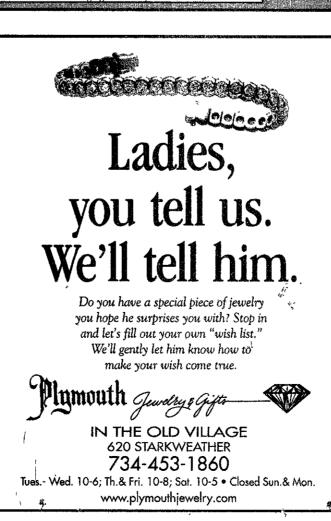
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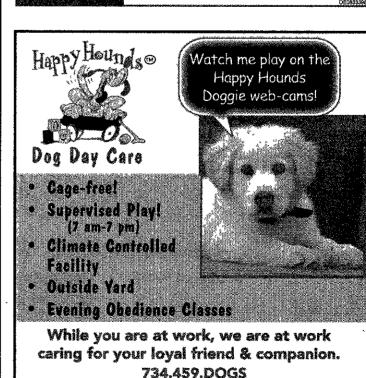
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#### **Electronic Books**

Download these materials to your computer or PDA.

■ The Don't Sweat Guide to Holidays: Enjoying the Festivities and Letting Go of the Tension by the editors of Don't Sweat Press

■ Hearth to Heart: A Collection of Holiday Short Stories edited by Jac Eddins

#### **Adult Fiction**

■ Home for the Holidays by

Debbie Macomber

■ Simple Gifts by Judith McNaught

■ The Gift by Nora Roberts ■ This Year It Will Be Different and Other Stories: A Christmas Treasury by Maeve Binchy

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**■** FamilyFun Homemade Holidays edited by Deanna F. Cook

■ Frugal Luxuries by the Seasons: Celebrate the Holidays with Elegance and Simplicity on Any Income by Tracey McBride

Survival Handbook: Holidays by Joshua Piven

■ The Worst-Case Scenario

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■ Holiday Lights. Brilliant Displays to Inspire your Christmas Celebration by David Seidman

■ The Complete Kwanzaa: Celebrating Öur Cultural Harvest by Dorothy Riley

■ The Lights of Hanukkah by Barbara Rush

# Suspect in one bank robbery charged; another bank hit

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him the money

and he left the

bank on foot.

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#### BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Canton police are looking for another bank robber who Saturday held up the TCF Bank on Michigan Avenue.

in Canton this month. According to police, the man walked into the TCF Bank on Michigan Avenue at 9:35 a.m., Nov. 19.

The bank robbery is the second

"Once he got inside, he pulled a ski mask down to cover his face," said Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "The three tellers, independent of one another, knew they were going to be robbed and all of them hit the alarm button at the same time.

The robber pulled out a handgun and demanded cash



drove away on westbound Michigan Avenue.

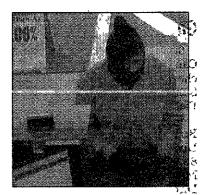
Just 48 hours after the robbery, another man suspected of robbing a Canton bank appeared at the 35th District Court in Plymouth for his preliminary examination. Russell Rasmussen, a 28-year-old Garden City man, was charged with robbing the Charter One bank on Ford Road on Nov. 3, and robbing a Westland bank

on Nov. 1. He was in court on Nov. 18 for the Westland charges, and on Nov. 21 for the Canton case. In both appearances, he waived his right to a preliminary examination. He was bound over for arraignment at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, and will be charged in Circuit Court early next month, said Pomorski.

Rasmussen is also a suspect in a bank robbery in Dearborn, which occurred the same week.

Rasmussen is being held in jail, and bond was set at \$1 million. If found guilty, Rasmussen could go to prison for life.

Rasmussen was charged as a habitual offender. If Rasmussen is found guilty of the bank robbery, this will be



Canton police released this photo of the man who robbed the TCF Bank on Michigan Avenue on Saturday.

his fourth felony conviction.

Rasmussen was reported on Oct. 11, 2005, by Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor police for absconding from parole, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections records. Among his prior convictions are unarmed robbery, for which he was convicted in 1998, and third-degree fleeing and auto theft, for which he was convicted in 2000. He was released from prison in April.

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# Woman irate after home hit with hunter's bullet

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

When Patricia Pellerito woke to the sound of gunfire, she knew enough was enough.

"That's when I called the police," she said. The gunfire, she said, is

coming from hunters' rifles, and the hunters are firing where they have no business doing so.

"I've got nothing against hunting," Pellerito said. "But you can't hunt in my backyard."

Pellerito said for years hunters have continued to fire off guns in the open field not far from her home in the River Meadows subdivision, off Geddes Road, west of Canton Center. But this year, the hunting activity has become worse, she said, and the hunters are more persistent, despite continued residential development of the area.

Just like clockwork, on Nov. 15, the opening day of firearms hunting season, Pellerito heard the hunters. In the nine years she's owned her home, she'd heard them before, but it's only recently she began to hear them as close to her house as they are now. Close enough, she said, that at some point one of them shot a bullet into the siding on her house.

"They're just too close," Pellerito said. Hunting is not prohibited in

Canton Township, according to Canton Police Deputy Chief Laura Golles, but hunting with a rifle, close to homes is illegal. The Michigan Department

of Natural Resources specifies where hunting is legal, she said, and certain areas of Canton are still huntable,

according to the DNR.

However, the township can make laws to control hunting activity, and it has.

"The DNR says where you can hunt, but we say how you can hunt," Golles said.

For starters, hunters who go on permitted property must have verbal permission from the property owner to hunt there. It's quite possible that the hunters near Pellerito's home did have permission. But if they were hunting with a rifle, they've violated township ordinances and state law, which prohibits using a rifle to hunt in southeast Michigan. The township allows hunting in DNR-approved areas, but only with bow and arrow, or a shotgun with shot no larger than a No. 6.

And if the hunters were too close to homes, they've broken township laws.

"You cannot hunt within 150 yards of an occupied building, dwelling, house, residence, cabin, bar or any other kind of structure. That's what pretty much blocks Canton from hunting because there's a house everywhere you go," Golles said.

Last year Canton officials, including Public Safety Director John Santomauro, were hoping to enact an ordinance that would ban all hunting in the township. However, only the Michigan Department of Natural Resources can ban hunting in areas where it is currently allowed.

Currently, hunting is allowed only west of Canton Center, from Warren south to Michigan Avenue. There are a few exceptions, which is why the township has a map avail-

able that shows designated hunting areas, which are classified as open or restricted. The map is available at the township clerk's office. Pellerito called police on

Nov. 17 and again a day later. The second time she called, officers were able to talk to one of the hunters who said he owns the property where he's hunting, and he has 20 acres, which by law is enough to hunt on, according to Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

But Pellerito said she feels like she's in a war zone some days in autumn.

"We have a bunch of yahoos who don't know the difference between a subdivision and the country," she said. "They're taking pot shots at whitetails in our neighborhood because they're too lazy to go up north and hunt for real."

'We have a bunch of vahoos who don't know the difference between a subdivision and the country. They're taking pot shots at .... whitetails in our neighborhood because they're too lazy to go up north and hunt for real." Patricia Pellerito \*\*\*\*

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# Road work could snarl busy M-14

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

It takes Laurel Thomas Gnagey of Plymouth roughly 30 minutes door-to-door to get to her job in Ann Arbor.

Since her primary route is M-14, her travel time is about to increase significantly. The Michigan Department

of Transportation announced plans for a \$37.8 million project to reconstruct M-14 from Haggerty to the Washtenaw/Wayne County line. Construction is set to begin in March and run

through November.

With traffic counts of up to 100,000 drivers using the route daily, construction zones are expected to make for a tough commute.

"It's always congested now," said Gnagey, executive editor of the University of Michigan Record. "There are several other ways there, but that's obviously the quickest, so it'll be difficult." According to Michigan

Department of Transportation officials, the project is designed to upgrade the surface condition of the roadway and do repairs to some 17 bridges, along with work on the ramps to both Sheldon and Beck.

Those ramps will be closed at various times, but MDOT officials said motorists will be able to exit M-14 at one or the other. "We're going to work on the

interchanges at Beck and

Sheldon," MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said, "but we won't work on them concurrently. Drivers will be able to use one or the other, both getting on and off the freeway."

The rub for drivers? Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction along the fourmile stretch. The project is scheduled to start in March and continue through November.

That could force drivers such as Gnagey onto surface streets, but those are already fairly clogged, she said.

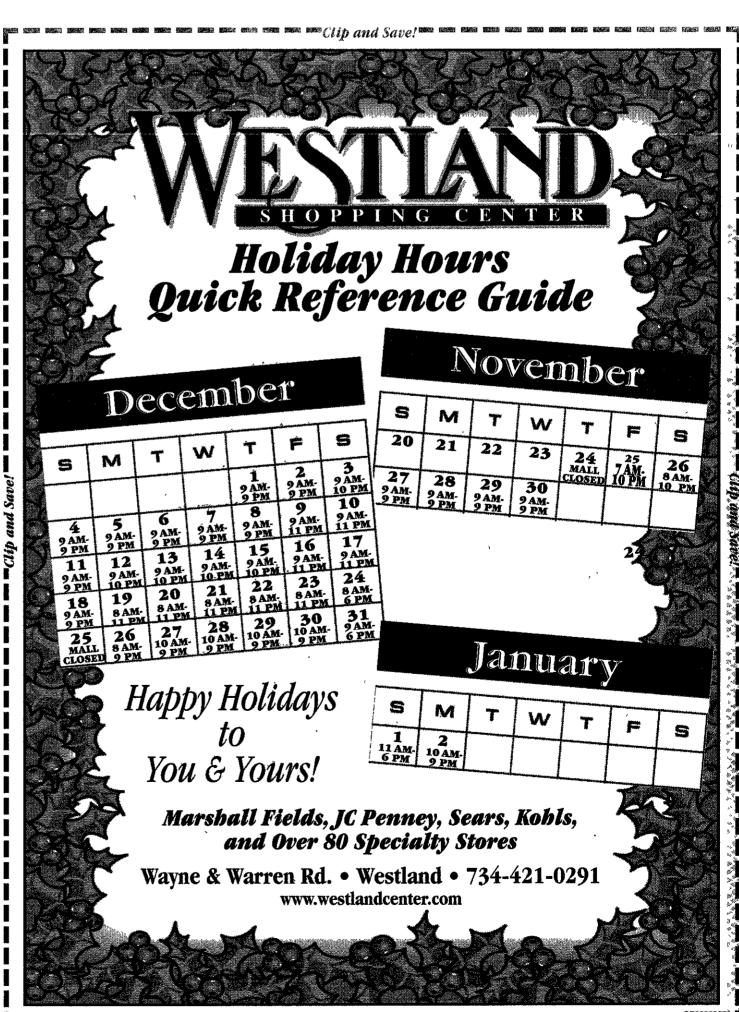
"Sometimes when M-14 gets backed up, I try to go crosscountry," she said. "But that seems like it takes 40-45 minutes. And there's already pressure on some other routes because of construction."

The news isn't all bad for drivers. Anticipating this project, MDOT officials said repairs on I-94, the other primary route between Ann Ârbor and Detroit, should be done in the next month.

"Local traffic will have to work its way through the closures," Morosi said. "The goal is to get the Ann Arbor traffic going into Detroit, and drivers going the other way, to use alternate routes. That's why I-94 is being done now.

"Obviously, this is going to be a major impact," he added, "but I think anyone who travels it realizes the need."

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# Talk to your children

# Expert says parents shouldn't try to shelter children from images of war and suffering

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Tana Bridge says the images are almost impossible to escape. Nary does a day go by when we aren't bombarded by scenes of war and human suffering. And when our televisions and newspapers aren't bringing the war into our living rooms, there have been plenty of destructive natural disasters for them to report, like Hurricane Katrina or the tsunami that devastated parts of the Pacific.

Bridge, a Canton resident, says these images have a far greater impact on us than we sometimes know or care to admit. This is particularly the case with children, she says, who can be traumatized by the

images they see.

If anyone is qualified to make such evaluations, it is Bridge, who is an assistant professor at Eastern Michigan University, where she teaches in the school of social work. She has been teaching at EMU for 13 years, and is an expert in trauma and loss, particularly how they impact children and families.

Bridge, 41, says no matter how much we want to insulate our children from distressing world events, the encroachment of the media into our daily lives makes it almost impossible. Children are going to see the images anyway, whether we want them to or not. Bridge says the best thing a parent can do is to talk to their children.

What a fresh idea!

"We need to give our children normal outlets of communication. We need to talk to them about their feelings. Without that, we leave it up to our kids' own capacity to make sense of an issue," she said. "Kids do have the ability to make sense about issues if it is explained to them. One of the biggest mistakes we make is to try withhold information from them."

In addition to her teaching, Bridge does trauma response training around the country. For instance, she says she helped Plymouth Christian Academy -- where her son goes to school -- develop a trauma response plan. She said most schools in Michigan now have such plans in place, largely to deal with local tragedies.



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Canton resident Tana Bridge, an assistant professor at Eastern Michigan University, says parents should talk to their children about traumatic events.

"After the school shootings in Columbine, there was this huge anxiety in America. It raised community awareness. People began to realize how these larger incidents could affect our children," she said. "But you can also have a lot of local incidences. You might have a school where a student died unexpectedly, or a car crash where some teens are killed. Schools need to have

plans in place to deal with something of that nature."

Bridge says trauma impacts people in different ways. Some can digest it and move on. For others, nightmares will develop and a sense of fear can overtake them. For that reason, Bridge says parents need to pay attention to their children. Look for signs of abnormal behavior, and always keep lines of communication open. She

says a good way to get kids to open up is to ask them what kinds of things they are afraid of or worried about.

"A 9 year old, 10 year old, or 12 year old has much more capacity to understand things than we sometimes give them credit for," she said.

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# Salon plans purrr-fect fund-raiser

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

After seeing how dogs, cats and other pets suffered miserably through Hurricane Katrina, a Westland hair salon owner was impressed that the Michigan Humane Society stepped in to help displaced animals.

Now, Lori Cicirelli, manager of E Salon at 141 Wayne Road north of Cherry Hill, wants to show her appreciation.

Cicirelli, daughter-in-law of Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, has announced that the humane society will receive 100 percent of proceeds from haircuts at her salon from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

"I'm really big into animals, and after Katrina and everything else, I just thought this would be a good thing to do," said the salon manager, who has three cats and a dog of her own.

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also will offer free eyebrow waxing, normally \$13, for customers who bring in items from the Michigan Humane Society's wish list.

Those items include dog and cat food, collars, leashes, 9v batteries, cat litter, dog treats and rawhide chews, grooming brushes, blankets, rubber gloves, non-porous toys.

No appointments are necessary. For more information, call the salon at (734) 721-8881.

The Michigan Humane Society welcomed the

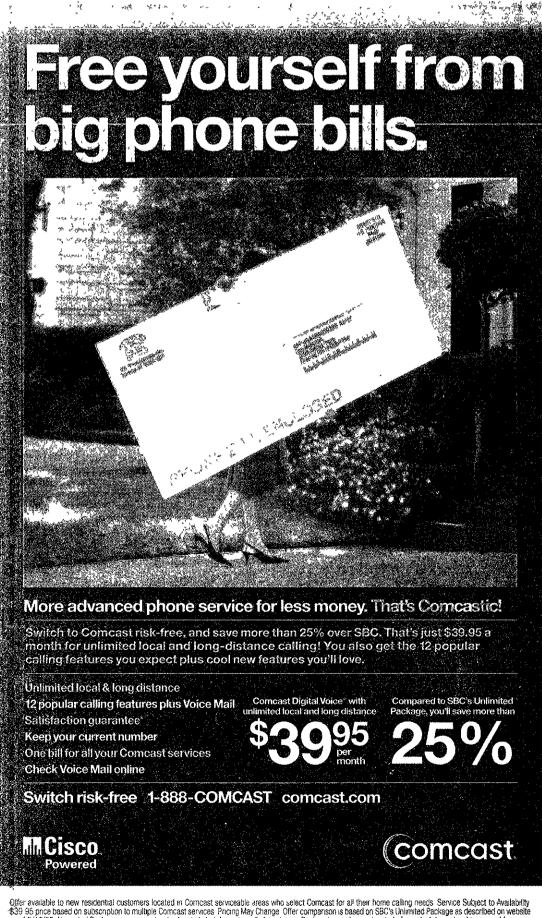
The Michigan Humane Society welcomed the E Salon event.
"The Michigan Humane Society sincerely

appreciates the support of E Salon and their clients who participate in this event, making the holidays brighter for the needy animals in our care," spokeswoman Nancy Gunnigle said.

Gunnigle asked that any other businesses interested in doing a benefit for the MHS call (866) MHUMANE, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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# Canley Cup winners

Drive helps keep Salvation Army cupboards full

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Many food banks throughout the United States are finding bare shelves this Thanksgiving holiday because people gave so much to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, they're literally tapped-out.

However, while handing out nearly a hundred Thanksgiving meals Tuesday at the Plymouth Salvation Army - along with winter coats and mittens, hats and scarfs donated by the Knitting Guild - social service director Bill Moritz said the need was up this year, and the Plymouth-Canton community came through.

"We haven't seen any problems with feeding people this Thanksgiving," said Moritz. "Last year we had 85 families come in for Thanksgiving dinner, and this year it was up to

97.
"We've had some successful food drives, and people have donated turkeys and given money to purchase pies." Moritz added. "Fortunately, this community always comes through."

Some of those turkeys came from golfers who received a free round of golf last Saturday at Fox Hills Golf Club for bringing in a 20 pound bird.

"We were hurt a bit by the Michigan-Ohio State football game, but the weather was good and so was the turnout," said Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way, which helped distribute the 86 turkeys. "They went into food baskets being distributed by the Salvation Army, Community Opportunity Center and our collaborative with area organi-

zations and churches. The Salvation Army pantry was filled with nearly 7,000 cans of food donated by stu-

dents as part of the Plymouth-



Plymouth High Spanish teacher Alicia Maturen and Canton's psychology teacher Christina Shaffer are tough competitors in the annual canned food drive. Salem High Congress president Sarala Sarah knows that Salem has both of the other schools beaten.

Canton Educational Park annual Student Congress Canned Food Drive.

The schools at the Park have held the event for more than 20 years. During the last three years, teachers whose classes donated the most cans of food got their names inscribed on the prized Canley Cup, a coveted trophy topped with a Campbell's Soup can they can show off for the next year.

Alicia Maturen, a Spanish teacher at Plymouth High School, is already looking ahead to defending the Canley Cup in next year's competition.

"I think it's important for the kids to give back to the community," said Maturen, who collected 1,166 cans of food. "As a parent, as a teacher, as an adult it's important to instill those qualities. Not everyone is as fortunate as you, and if you can make life better for

somebody else, then let's do it." Mike Seneker, a U.S. History teacher, finished first at Salem with 1,066 cans. Christina Shaffer, a psychology teacher,

Canton man's business adopts

Louisiana police officers, families

collected 562 cans of food to win the Cup competition at Canton High School.

"When the students ask me where the cans are going, and I tell them they are for this community, that surprises them and kicks up their willingness to give," said Shaffer. "They aren't aware that so many people in this community are in need, and they want to reach

The Student Congress gets approximately 30 teachers at the Park to participate in the canned food drive competition.

This is one of our biggest participating activities," said Sarala Sarah, a Salem senior who lives in Canton Township. "I've heard of rivalries between classes, and the teachers have a hefty competition going on.

"By asking kids to bring in cans of food, they really do start to understand there are less fortunate people out there," she said.

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In recognition of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and its affect on law enforcement offi-

cers in Slidell, La., Sterling Solutions & Systems

#144 and leading the effort to provide 34 offi-

cers and their families with Thanksgiving dinners under the "Adopt-A-Cop" initiative.

The dinners will be donated by Michigan-

"Despite losing everything as a result of the

Katrina tragedy, those officers in the Gulf Coast

region continue to uphold the law and do the. job they've sworn to do," said Canton resident

Systems. "As a member of the law enforcement

community and the owner of a business that

supports law enforcement, I feel compelled to

Donahue currently serves as a reserve officer

get the word out to others in uniform to see

with a suburban police department.

Jim Donahue, CEO of Sterling Solutions &

based HoneyBaked Ham Company, a value

totaling \$3,000.

what we can do to help."

Inc. of Plymouth is partnering with Metro Detroit Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge ate to reach out to families in need at this time.' The donated meals will come in the form of a redeemable dinner certificate from HoneyBaked Ham. The certificates will be express delivered

today to the officers of Slidell, Louisiana along with an individual note of support from Michigan adopters. There are six HoneyBaked Ham retail stores located in Louisiana. Still in its initial stages, Adopt-A-Cop was

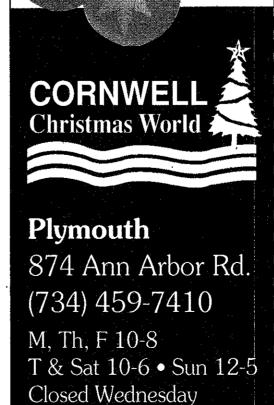
born from a lone officer's call for support from his uniformed brethren around the country. The program evolved to become a proactive measure, eventually reaching out to those uniformed survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

Under the Adopt-A-Cop initiative, law enforcement agencies and/or individual officers from the Detroit Metro area will each adopt an officer family in an affected area. Currently there are approximately 250 Metro Detroit officers involved in the program. Adopt-A-Cop is an ongoing program that

pledges to continue support until those affected by the recent tragedies are able to reestablish and support themselves. In Michigan, adopting officers are encouraged to remain in contact with their adoptee families as well as offer their Sterling Solutions & Systems has been

involved with the law enforcement community since its conception. Currently, as a nationwide service for officers, the company facilitates its "COPS-L" program. Under COPS-L, an Internet-based email discussion forum, officers from around the country exchange ideas and materials pertaining to training, officer safety, emerging threat awareness and other related topics of importance.





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# Parade gets 'craving' for briefcase sponsor

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STAFF WRITER

The estimated crowd of a million people who line Woodward Avenue for the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown Detroit will be craving for the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team.

For the first time in the 20year history of the Plymouthbased brigade, the group will lay down their trademark briefcases in exchange for a corporate logo.

White Castle is donating \$25,000 to The Parade Company in exchange for the 16 business-like men in blue suits, red ties and red stocking Plymouth Realtor Fred Hill and his caps marching down Woodward with white briefcases that will look like the fast food chain's trademark

hamburger Crave Case.

"People love White Castle, and poke fun at the fact you don't eat just one," said Jamie Richardson, director of marketing — and self-anointed Keeper of the Crave — for White Castle. "And, the Brief Case Brigade acts serious, but does their march tongue-in-cheek.

"Our Crave Case has a handle and is like a briefcase, so why not bring the two together," he said. "It seems like a natu-

Hill said the only other time the drill team performed without its traditional briefcases was in 1997, when the group marched in the victory parade for the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings, which swept the Philadelphia Flyers, 4-0. That time, the 16 drill team members used brooms instead of brief-

Hill admitted he had overtures last year from General Motors to march with suitcases at the North American International Auto Show! And, in the past, from medical centers to march as doctors. But, they've always declined to become commercialized.

"That's not who we are," said Hill, the self-appointed General, about taking on sponsorships. "White Castle called us with the idea, knowing we probably

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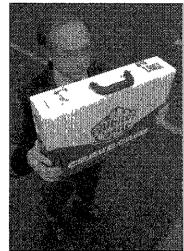
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legendary Briefcase Drill Team get their marching orders - and nifty new briefcases — from White Castle for today's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

members, he agreed to scrap the brief cases for Crave cases. "The big deal for us is that this is a huge financial benefit to the parade," said Hill. "We

wouldn't go for it.'

After Hill dis-

cussed the promo-

tion with a few of

the drill team

think the crowd will enjoy it. It's the antithesis of what the drill team seems to be. "Are we their

(White Castle's) demographic?" questioned Hill. "Maybe we are."

After the parade, each drill team member will sign his briefcase, which will then be auctioned on eBay, with the

money to go to charity. We're still finalizing where the money

will be donated," said Richardson. "It's all in the spirit of Thanksgiving, which is what it's all about."

This will be the 17th Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade for the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team. The group marches at the Cherry Festival in Traverse City, and has performed at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, and the Indianapolis 500.

But, always, the only money changing hands covered expenses.

"I don't care what a group's rules are, there's always an exception," said Jim Eldridge of Plymouth, who has marched with Hill for 16 years. "When we're out there, we make the crowd laugh. And, if we can use it as a fund-raiser, that's even better. We can't take ourselves too seri-

Tavi Fulkerson of the Fulkerson Group, the sponsorship consultant for The Parade Company, said the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team's efforts will help trim some of the expenses associated with the annual parade.

# Giving up drinking has made life better

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

The holidays are tough for Tom, a recovering alcoholic from Canton.

"It's a hard time of year," the 59year-old professional said. With families getting together, he decides what gatherings to attend "and not feel guilty if I have to avoid some."

Tom has some family members who have also fought alcoholism. He attends Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for help, and cited the marathon sessions held during the holidays.

"You can go to meetings that run the whole day, Christmas Day for example." He follows AA's 12-Step program and recommends that alcoholics get help from their sponsors/mentors.

An informal meeting at a restaurant with a sponsor/mentor is all that may be needed to avoid drinking, he said. He urges recovering alcoholics to avoid bars and office parties as well.

Friends and family can do a lot to help a recovering alcoholic. Make sure you have nonalcoholic drinks and food available if you're entertaining, he said. Some hosts can be aggressive when it comes to drinks: "So they kind of push drinks on people."

Drunken driving's a serious problem too and Tom urges hosts to make sure all their guests get home OK. "No one should ever let someone leave their house if they feel they're a little under the weather, and drive. There can be serious consequences."

A designated driver is an excellent plan, he added.

Tom, who drank for 10-15 years. feels better these days. "I feel a lot better, better physically, emotional-

Tom praises AA for all the help it's afforded him. Some family members have been more supportive than others, and he's had to steer clear of certain places.

Going to AA and seeing what's

what is a good idea, he said. There are various groups/including some for women only He still attends

regularly. Depression can be common this time of year too, with missing loved ones. "That's why fellowship is so important. You don't want to get

too lonely." Professional counseling's often required, Tom said, and AA is meant to be a supplement to that. He has words of encouragement for recovering alcoholics.

"Not to give up hope, to despair." Drinking should be avoided, but if you do slip and drink don't give up,

he emphasized. Alcoholics Anonymous of Greater Detroit can be reached at (248) 541-6565 or (877) 337-0611. There are a variety of meeting sites and

times throughout the metro area. The Northwest/Wayne Alano Club is at 2903 Wayne Road in Wayne. For information, call (734) 727-4725.

# Drinking problem a yuletide challenge

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Experts agree the holiday season is a challenge for people recovering from substance abuse.

"Absolutely, because a lot of people associate celebrating with alcohol," said Linda Cunin, director of Oakwood Healthcare System's Employee Assistance Program.

Those in recovery can get caught up in the holidays, she said, and not see their therapist or go to meetings such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous or Women for Sobriety.

'There are a lot of ways to reach out for help and support," said Cunin, a licensed master social worker. It's important to make plans with others in recovery.

"You don't want to delude yourself into thinking 'Oh, I can stop by with it old director,

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buddies." Those in recovery need a plan for family gatherings, perhaps a signal to leave such as saying there's another commit-

Cunin emphasized the need for a designated driver when alcohol is served.

Those in recovery may

go back to old behaviors, she said, isolating themselves or overdoing by such things as excessive spending. It's important to stay focused on recovery, she said, paying attention to anger, sadness and guilt.

"Learn to say no and practice that." Some recovering alcoholics are comfortable saying they're in recovery, and Cunin said people often respect that.

is Alanon for friends and family and Alateen for young people affected by alcoholism. "It's an excel-lent group" Cunn said of hore thank my

In addition to AA, there

can go to forever. With the support groups, they're always there for you." The Rev. Bryan Smith

are something that people

is pleased to host an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at his church, Geneva Presbyterian of Canton. It meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the church, on the west side of Sheldon north of Ford.

"It's something that's pretty covered up," Smith said of alcoholism.

Hosting the AA group goes back a number of years, predating Smith's arrival at the Canton church. He believes it's an important initiative and what the church should be about. "There's been a lot more

people here in the group in the last month," the pastor said. "I think times are very difficult for certain people in our economy now. There's a great deal of

turnou and auxiet, in

our society, he said. We're living in an age of dread. People are very depressed by a lot of concerns."

Some turn to alcohol to numb that, Smith said.

Cunin emphasized having soft drinks and juice available at parties, and letting people know with a small sticker if there's alcohol in punch. "It's always a good idea to let people know they're going to be consuming alcohol, she said, adding some people on certain medications shouldn't drink.

She's found fewer compánies have alcohol-heavy holiday parties. Cunin tells those in recovery to focus on the negative aspects of their past drinking.

"For a few hours of intoxication, the price they pay may be very significant," she said. "You have to think about the negative things that happened, and not glorify those times.







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Second Avenue, before it moved to Woodward Avenue.

It was a tradition. We used to get up at 5 a.m. and go out for breakfast," she said. "Then wad go and wait on the curb for hours, waiting for the parade."

The sounds of the drums from down the street would have Siewinski and her family so excited that by the time the parade made its way to the curbside spot she'd staked out, she was ready to be part of the

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"I was always one of those people sticking my hand out to shake hands with the clowns," she said. "To be on the other side of it - to be part of it and to see the kids and feel the excitement - that is going to be the best."

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### **CHIEFS**

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marker and a little window space, but I guarantee you it would mean the world to the players.

#### **UETIMATE FAN**

On Monday, Canton coach Tim Baechler told me the story of Brad Wells, who played for Baechler's first Canton team in

Wells is getting married Saturday afternoon.

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sion," said McBrady. "It's a college-level class, and the movie directly relates to their essay question, which evaluates the extent the media has in poli-

some who feel R-rated movies, especially one with profanity. shouldn't be shown to high school students. That's the feeling of at least one parent, David King of Canton Township, who decided to have his 16-year-old son opt out from seeing the film.

Wag the Dog, but looked at a review on the Internet, and able material. King believes Plymouth High Principal Michael Bee didn't make the correct call by allowing

"My opinion is that the principal failed us miserably," said King. "Maybe we need to look at how we decide what materi-

and when we stoop to use it gives tacit approval for that language," added King. "If he

Which is one of the main of the American Family Association of Michigan, the organization King contacted.

"It's astonishing that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have a lower standard than the Hollywood industry, itself," said Glenn. "We hope parents don't think it's appropriate, and will communicate that to the school board."

It's not unusual for McBrady to show clips of the television show West Wing, Schoolhouse Rock public service announcements, and portions of Mr. Smith Goes to Washington after school during the unit on media, political parties, inter-

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### MOVIE

For all its value, there are

King said he's never seen was appalled to find there was profanity and other objection-McBrady to show the movie in

als come into the classroom.

"We don't allow them to use that kind of language in school, under the guise of education, it went to see this movie at a theater, he wouldn't have been let

points of Gary Glenn, president

est groups and elections.

information for a standardized essay test they'll take May 11, which - if they pass - will gain them college credit while still in high school. The national average for passage of the AP government class is 48 percent. McBrady's is near 75 percent.

"My kids work really hard, and I design a curriculum that's really intense," said McBrady. "The essay question I give for this unit is a former AP question, that goes along with the movie"

Bee said he's seen the movie, and was aware of the profanity when he approved McBrady's lesson plan.

"For our basic law class we have an actual courtroom where they practice law; we have a long-distance learning room where we bring the outside world in," said Bee. "That makes a profound impact on learning.

"We try to supplement, and sometimes it's a tough call," he said. "We go to great lengths to make sure kids understand we don't condone this type of language."

The movie was shown during class on Monday and Tuesday, and only two of McBrady's 90 students opted out. Students leaving second-hour class Tuesday appeared to spend more time discussing the movie than the profanity.

"In this kind of movie, it's kind of expected," said Alyssa Mastic, a Plymouth Township senior. "The way they show emotion is through swearing.

"You can only learn so much through textbooks and lectures, but seeing it played out in real life through a movie helps to connect the dots," she said.

"I didn't feel offended by the swearing," added Ian Gillespie, a junior from Canton Township. "The characters would have used that kind of language, and it brought realism to it."

"Because it's a college-level class, I can be treated as a college-level student," he said. "The movie showed how politics can be manipulated so easily, and how the American public doesn't really know what goes on, except for what they see on the 11 o'clock news."

# **Published**

# Serial killings basis for book

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

There's excitement in Robyn Stockwell's voice as she announces that she found the book on amazon.com. It's not just any book, it's her book ... her first published book.

The 30-year-old Westland woman is on Cloud Nine with the release of Archetype, a fictional piece about obsession and serial killings, by PublishAmerica.

The first letter I sent out (to a publisher), got a response," said Stockwell. "When I wrote PublishAmerica, I never dreamed I would be published."

The title is a Greek word for pattern, and the tale that Stockwell weaves through her book is that of a young man, Ryan Balander, who becomes obsessed by the infamous coed killings in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor in the late 1960s.

Balander is a transfer student at Eastern Michigan University where his obsession with the killings leads him to visit cemeteries where the victims are buried, the crime scenes. Hallucinations lead him to believe that the ghosts of the dead coeds are stalking him, seeking the truth about their deaths. It changes his own life and that of seven innocent women as he recreates the fear and frenzy of the late 1960s in the two college

"I created an outcast," she said of her character. "It gets to the point where he eats, sleeps and drinks the case. It gets to the point where he can't control himself and snaps. He losses it totally and starts hunting girls."

Stockwell's interest in convicted killer John Norman Collins was picked while she

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# was a student at Concordia

College in the late 1990s. Situated at U.S. 23 and Geddes Road, the college sat across the street and half mile down the road where three of the victims were found. "No one at Concordia wanted

to talk about," she said. "It wasn't a taboo subject, it was just something they didn't want to remember."

So Stockwell did what her main character did. She visited the cemeteries, the crime scenes, houses and went everywhere in the EMU and UM campuses related to the killing

She talked to a close friend of one victim, the woman who discovered the body of the third slain co-ed and the fiancé of the sixth victim. Using an Internet people search, she found a friend of the first victim and a friend of the third victim.

She went to the towns where the victims had come from -Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Romulus. She even corresponded with Collins, who serving out his life sentence at Marquette State Prison for the murder of EMU freshman Karen Sue Beineman in 1969.

She changed her name and presented herself as a married woman in hopes of getting some additional information from Collins.

"I was at the point where I  $\cdot$ knew he was guilty, but I wanted to know why," she said. "I worded the letters in a way that I could get some subliminal information from him."

She gave up when it looked as though Collins was about to hit her up for some money, but points to a paragraph in a letter he wrote to her on Nov. 7, 2001, as quite telling. "You mentioned reading the

Keyes' book (author Edward Keyes' 1976 book, Michigan Murders) that is 'SUPPOSED' to be about me," Collins wrote. "You may not believe this, but I've had that book in my cell for the past 25+ years and NEVER read it from cover to cover . only portions of it. Whenever I opened it and began to read it, it seemed like I was reading about someone else - CERTAINLY NOT ABOUT ME."

Stockwell grew up in Westland, moved to Plymouth and then Las Vegas before returning to her roots. She decided to write her book because Keyes' tome "has aged." "I feel for the victims. If I do

make any significant money, I'll donate some back to their families because they've been through enough and I don't want to profit from what they lost."

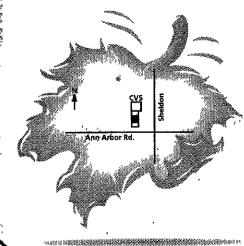


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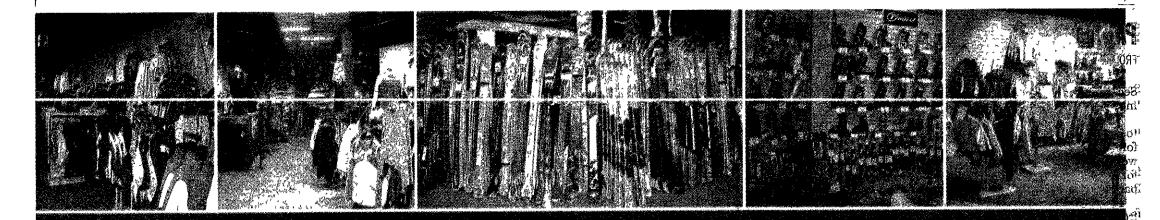


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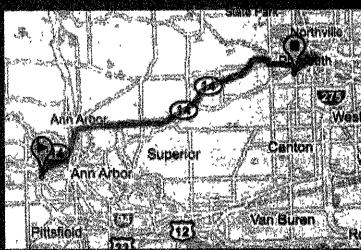
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# **Enjoy state** title game

This will be a week of a lifetime for the athletes on the Canton High School football team, which will be traveling to Ford Field in Detroit on Saturday to play for the Division 1 high school football state championship against Rockford. It is the first time the school — or any school in the district, for that matter — has played for a football state title.

If last week's thrilling, come-from-behind 35-21 victory over Macomb Dakota in the semifinal was any indication, the game against Rockford, the defending state champ, should be exciting for spectators. It certainly will be for the players and coaches, who will get to experience what so very few players and coaches do.

When the season began back during the heat of August, hundreds of teams around the state dreamed of winning a state championship. The Chiefs are within one game of

living that dream. For the roughly 70 Canton football players, this will be one of the great experiences of their lives. Some might say that this is just a high school football game, and is insignificant compared to what these young men will experience in future years.

But those people obviously don't know the energy and effort the players have expended, from the extra sprints and blocking drills in the grueling summer heat, to winning seven games during the regular season and three playoff games. During that time, they have overcome adversity and come together as a team, with a single purpose and focus. And Saturday's game will be the culmination of that effort.

Although football is just a game, these student-athletes have learned tremendous life lessons that they will take with them in everything they do as adults.

Whatever happens Saturday, these young men will never forget what it was like to play for a state championship. Win or lose, they should be proud of their accomplishments this season, and know they were the first team in school history to carry the Canton High banner into a football state title game. The community should applaud their efforts.

Go Chiefs!

# Count your blessings for special people

While pausing to give thanks for family, friends and food before devouring your holiday meal, consider those little-noticed folks who truly make life a lot easier.

For instance, remember the last time your kid got sick at school, really sick? You weren't there, so it was likely left up to the school maintenance personnel to clean up the mess. That's not all they do. Both men and women, they make sure school is welcoming for our children in the morning, and they are there to close up in the evening after such groups as the local PTA.

They deserve our thanks, as do others.

When your car died on the expressway, the tow truck driver rescued you, as well as your car. Bet you were thankful to get away from the traffic whizzing by.

■ How about the time you combined two chemicals to unplug the drain? The dispatch driver was calm and professional as she patched you through to the local fire department. No doubt you were thankful for the quick response.

You see them only once a week, but you sure notice if they aren't there. Dependable and hard-working, we're talking about our sanitation engineers. Hey, someone has to take the garbage away, because you sure don't want to have anything more to do with it. We ought to be very thankful that there are people willing to do that, week in and week out.

■ When you go into the mall this holiday season, don't lower your head and look away from the Salvation Army bell ringers. The Salvation Army and the many other charitable groups in Wayne and Oakland counties deserve our thanks — and our cash — for the wonderful work they do for those in need.

No doubt we will someday either need help ourselves from the people in these examples, or know someone who will. It's not something to be ashamed of; stuff happens.

So as you grasp each other's hands to say grace before your holiday meal, try giving everyone around the table a chance to say who they are grateful for. You'll likely find there's more to be thankful for than you think.



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#### **LETTERS**

### Financial irresponsibility

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education had better get back to the "sharpen your pencils" mode, as noted in your A1 (Nov. 10) article, "District eyes \$118 million in school bonds." I, as do many people I've spoken to, firmly support (and have supported) school resources which prepare our students for technical careers. The Board of Education is showing foresight in both improving existing technical facilities and expanding the technical curriculum.

While applauding the board's leadership, I can only wonder "what were they thinking" when \$12.9 million was earmarked for Central Middle School. That is a significant sum of money, and as trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski points out, financial times are tough and could get tougher. Spending \$12.9 million on a facility which has serious structural and environmental deficiencies, and whose usability will be marginal at best, is irresponsible. While this bond funding is certainly needed and is otherwise supportable, including this \$12.9 waste of money could (and certainly will in my mind) jeopardize voter support it.

Another issue the board must address is asking tens of thousands of taxpayers in the Plymouth-Canton school district to support over \$100 million in expenditures while essentially giving 10.2 acres of land, called Miller Woods, to a few dozen adjoining property owners. It is irresponsible of the board to take a district asset, bought for the sole purpose of building a school, paid for with tax dollars, and encumber that asset with a deed restriction which will significantly lower its market value, in order to protect it from development. As Superintendent Jim Ryan stated, "no new school will be built in northwest Plymouth Township." Therefore, this is a district asset that is no longer needed and should be sold just as it was purchased.

This property belongs to ALL the taxpayers in the district, and Ryan should not be taking "clear direction - if not quite a mandate - from the Plymouth Township trustees." If the Friends of Miller Woods want this 10.2 acres preserved they should either buy it at fair market value, unencumbered by any deed restriction, or ask Plymouth Township to negotiate these restrictions with whomever purchases this property for development.

While Miller Woods may be a good example of untouched nature, developing it as a nature preserve would be an additional cost to the district and would be a redundant facility. As school board Vice President Judy Mardigian points out, "many of our schools have built outdoor learning classrooms," and there are a number of welldeveloped and staffed nature study facilities in the immediate area available for use by students in our school district.

Financial times are tough, and spending \$12.9 million on an obsolete building and essentially giving 10.2 acres of district property to Plymouth Township is not acting responsibly and in the best interests of ALL the taxpayers in the district. Should voters reject the proposed school bonds it will be the students who will suffer the loss. However, it will be

these acts of financial irresponsibility that will likely be the cause.

Thomas P. Gamache

#### Canton Liability rests with store

I read the article in your newspaper, "Dog attack at local pet store has parents seeking answers." I am Tanner Zidzik's cousin. I am absolutely shocked to find out that pet stores have NO liability for accidents that happen within their store. I am not saying that they need to be completely liable, however I believe they need to be liable for what happens in their store. They should treat any accident the same; writing an incident report and getting names and addresses of all that are involved. They would do this if someone were to fall or get injured in any other way in their store, so why should a dog bite be any different?

I also believe that the stores (that are not taking liability for such cases) need to have a disclosure or at least post a notice that they do not take any responsibility for any dogs entering the store. The public need to be aware of cases like this. I know for my own sake I assumed that the store would be responsible since they are willingly allowing owners to bring pets into their store.

Michelle Monaghan

#### Elk Grove, Calif. Pet store responsibility

I read the article in the Observer on Nov. 10 on the boy, Tanner, being bitten in the pet store by a woman's dog. I feel the pet store should have taken a report for insurance purposes in case that little boy would have had repercussions from that dog bite. I don't think animals should be left loose in a pet store for little guys to just go up and pet without an employee present with the animal.

Mary Grady

### **Maybury fund raising**

I am a member of the Voices for Maybury Farm. We are an all-volunteer group of people who truly loved the animals and the farm.

We wanted to do something to help bring it back, so we sold T-shirts and calendars. We also helped Sara Marino and Kathy Blank with their fund-raiser by selling their book Maybury Had a Little Lamb.

We now have a new fund-raiser. We've taken donated pictures of the Old Farm, and had them put on Christmas ornaments and collector plates. What a special way to remember the Old Farm, and at the same time help the New Farm.

We have raised over \$15,000 for the New Farm. We have donated \$500 to the farm's "Buy a Board" campaign. We would like to donate a sleigh, a sugar shack or a community garden to the New Farm, so that all of our supporters know where the T-shirt money has gone. On Oct. 24, we reiterated these offers. We await approval from the farm's management.

The ornaments and plates are available at the Barn Antique Store on Eight Mile in Northville, or you may call me at (248) 349-4289. Also they will soon to

be available on our Web site at voicesformayburyfarm.com.

I'd like to thank everyone who has supported our fund raising and reassure you that our intentions are honorable.

Joyce Stowell Northville

### Deserving name

After having worked at the high schools in Plymouth for 31 years I have no candidate for the name of the new Cherry Hill elementary school.

However, I cannot believe the five names the board has selected. Please don't misunderstand my position. These are all wonderful people and they all have made fine contributions to the district.

But, out of all of the hundreds of elementary teachers that have worked in this district there must be one outstanding enough to be honored in this way. We should have someone who has given their life to the face to face pattle of the elementary classroom.

**Donald Chumbley** 

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### Don't drill in ANWAR

Once and for all, the Congress of the United States should stand up to those whose regard for special interests monumentally outweighs their regard for the interest of our nation, and oppose drilling in ANWAR. The reasons why drilling in ANWAR would be harmful are many and grave, concerning our dangerous reliance in fossil fuels, environmental damage to our nation's wild lands, and the serious issues posed by global warming. The reason for promoting oil exploration in this pristine national refuge is simple - to promote the interests of the oil industry. Proponents of drilling argue that we need immediately to address the growing concerns over the price of oil and availability of supplies to meet our energy needs, but the amount of oil that could be recovered is insignificant and it would be years before the oil from ANWAR would be available for use anyway.

It is time for Congress to acknowledge that our energy problems will not be solved by drilling in ANWAR and that time would be better spent trying to come up with a real solution.

> Katie Jacob Birmingham

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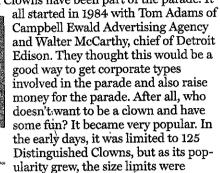
"I've been coaching for 17 years, and you always talk about something like this happening, and now it's here."

- Canton High football coach Tim Baechler, referring to the Division 1 state championship game the Chiefs will play at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit; they will face defending state champ Rockford

# It's fun to be a clown on Thanksgiving Day

n Thanksgiving Day, many of Detroit's corporate executives will leave their business attire in the closet and don a fancy clown costume, use clown makeup instead of after shave or fancy cosmetics, grab handfuls of beads and march down Woodward Avenue in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Depending on the weather, long underwear is also a necessary part of the costume.

Sounds rather silly, but this is The Distinguished Clown Corps. Over the years, more than 2,000 Distinguished Clowns have been part of the parade. It



removed. It has also raised significant dollars; membership is \$1,000 for the parade.

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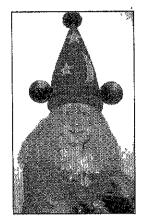
This year, the Clown Corps includes Maggie Allesee (17 years), Peter Schweitzer of J. Walter Thompson (9 years), his wife Elaine (1 year) and David and Jan Brandon of Domino's Pizza (14 years). David Brandon will also serve as the 2005 Distinguished Grand Jester, leading the parade of clowns.

You can tell how long someone has been a clown by the type of costume and the arms bands. Each year of participation, a clown receives an arm band. At fiveand 10-year anniversaries, the costume changes. Years one to four are a one-piece costume; five through nine are a two-piece costume; years 10 and longer are a two-piece costume, but the top is gold..

I became involved 10 years ago, when I was recruited by some friends (?) to join the Distinguished Clown Corps. I was apprehensive at first, but it has been a blast ever since.

Here's how it worked for me. I submitted my application and after review I was accepted. I then provided my measurements so that the volunteers at the Parade Co. could make a costume for me. The onepiece costume arrived and, as clown costumes go, was fashionable and fit well. Unfortunately, being a male, I discovered a significant and potentially fatal flaw there was no front zipper. Off to the local seamstress I went to have a zipper put in. When nature calls, you have to be quick.

Thanksgiving morning starts off early, 6 a.m., at home getting dressed with all of the various layers so that you are comfortable, but not too warm, and you still are able to move. You're marching down Woodward Avenue for approximately two miles.



The author dressed up as a clown at a previous parade.

must. Do you have your clown shoes on or do you wear waterproof shoes? What about a transparent poncho to protect yourself from the rain? And how many layers do you wear? All important questions that require answers.

Driving down the expressway getting to Comerica Park in a clown costume must be a sight. That's where we gather, have breakfast and get our faces made up. Professional clowns do the makeup and they do a fine job. You have to be careful with drinking too many liquids that morning because there's no rest stop

once the parade starts. Individual pictures are taken and then, in front of the tiger at Comerica Park, a group picture is taken. (The picture of me here is from a prior year). We're loaded onto buses and taken to our starting point, Woodward Avenue and I-94, waiting for the signal to start our march down Woodward.

It's at the starting point where we receive our beads. Beads are tossed to the curbside spectators, kids and adults alike, along the parade route. We have a chase vehicle loaded with beads so we don't run out. If you have ever attended Mardi Gras parades, the beads are similar.

Did you know that America's Thanksgiving Parade is the second largest distributor of beads after Mardi Gras? In my early years as a clown, we received either candy or cans of silly string. Silly string got a little silly and sometimes dangerous, so it was discontinued. Beads were introduced as a replacement.

Even today, some kids along the parade route arm themselves with silly string just waiting for the clowns. Once you spot the silly string, you stay away from that section.

Reaching the end of parade happens very quickly and the clown adventure is done for another year. Now comes the difficult part of removing all that makeup. The lasting memory of smiling children's faces is worth any aggravation that I have to go though. Being a clown is like being a kid again; it's a lot of fun. Why not join us next year?

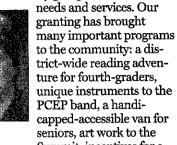
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Correction: In last week's column, written before Monday night's Birmingham City Commission meeting, I said that they should get moving on the Shain Park proposal. That night the commission approved a plan for a two-level underground parking facility, and of the a in to the votors in 2006 for the capping

# Community foundations offer perfect chance to help others

ife in Canton is good, a fact that has been especially apparent the past year. We don't have to fear tsunamis, hurricanes or earthquakes, or worry about famine or rampant disease. We have a school system working hard to help our children reach their full potential, a township government progressively improving services to meet continuing growth, and a caring population that rises to help citizens throughout the country and world.

The Canton Community Foundation is proud to be a part of Canton, working together with many groups to coordinate



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trict-wide reading adventure for fourth-graders, unique instruments to the capped-accessible van for seniors, art work to the Summit, incentives for a library card program, a

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We also provide more than 30 scholarships to local students so they can pursue their education beyond high school. Caring individuals and businesses are funding these scholarships to encourage growth and to make an investment in the future. This is another example of the Foundation's investment in Canton: citizens helping fellow citizens.

Last week was Community Foundation Week across the country, so it is a great time to educate citizens about the advantages of this type of philanthropic giving. Community foundations build and strengthen communities by making it possible for a wide range of donors to create permanent, named component funds to meet critical needs. Working with families, individuals, attorneys and estate and financial planners, gift plans are designed to ensure that donors receive the most benefit from their charitable contributions and that their philanthropic dollars are used to the fullest extent.

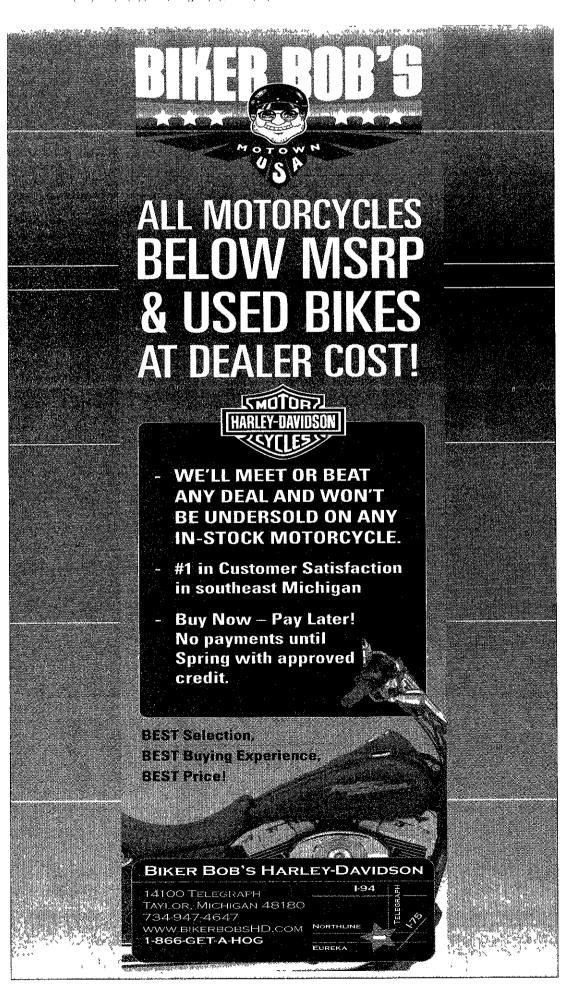
- There are nearly 700 community foundations in the U.S., with assets of nearly \$39 billion. In 2004, community foundations granted more than \$3 billion to a wide range of nonprofit activities, including urbin offices the arts, education, environLast week was Community Foundation Week across the country, so it is a great time to educate citizens about the advantages of this type of philanthropic giving. Community foundations build and strengthen communities by making its possible for a wide range of donors to create permanent, named component funds to meet critical needs. Working with families, individuals, attorneys and estate and financial planners, gift plans are designed to ensure that ... philanthropic dollars are used to the fullest extent.

mental projects, health and disaster relief. But what makes community foundations especially appealing to donors is the fact that their donations stay in the community. Donors can see their funds at 10 8 work every single day, helping their neighbors, friends and the community as ,, a whole, fulfilling a community's most critical needs. And when needs arise elsewhere, donors can direct their gifts to meet those needs as well.

Community foundations receive gifts of various sizes and types from private citizens, corporations, government agencies and other foundations. Nearly every type of gift - including real estate, closely held stock and artwork - can be con-Gifts are made from bequests and by living donors through various and deferred giving vehicles.

One of our most exciting partnerships at 'ana the Foundation this past year was the Canton-to-Canton effort we collaborated on for hurricane relief in Mississippi. It was Yaf. extremely fulfilling to team up with another 100 community and fill a critical need for people ic in crisis. That effort highlighted the ways . 211 community foundations can come together 101 to meet a community's more critical needs. , ',

Joan Noricks is the president of the Canton Community Foundation. The Foundation can be reached at (734) 494-1200





# To the future: Children's Summit discusses Kids Count survey

Kids Count in Wayne County! - the .2005 Children's Summit offers an important opportunity for Wayne County leaders on children's issues to learn and comment on the statistical status of children throughout Wayne County, with the release of the Kids County Data by Michigan's Children.

The Summit will be held 8:30 am. to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, from at the Fairlane Center North of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. Marianne Udow, director of the

Michigan Department of Human Services, will provide a keynote address at the Summit on the need for increased emphasis on prevention services for today's at-risk children

Representatives from Michigan's Children will release the statistics for the more than 30 communities in Wayne County, followed by a reaction panel of Wayne County leaders in education, health, human services, and the legislature. Panel participants are Ismael Ahmed, executive

director, ACCESS; Dr. Marlene E. Davis, superintendent, Wayne RESA; Dr. Jeffrey M. Devries, director of Pediatric Education, Oakwood; the Honorable Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Michigan State Representative; Perry Jones, president and CEO, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency: and Dr. Anahid Kulwicki, director. Wayne County Health Department. Moderator for the panel is Sharon Claytor Peters, president and CEO, Michigan's Children.

Honorary chairs for the event are

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Skillman President Carol Goss, who are being joined by an honorary committee of business, education, social services, and government

Kids Count data for Detroit children was released in 2004, so the focus of the 2005 Children's Summit is on the more than 30 communities surrounding Detroit.

The event, which is offered at no charge, begins with a continental breakfast and concludes, following

audience questions, at 11:30 a.m. Funding for the event is through a grant from Michigan's Children. Collaborator on the planning committee include Child's Hope, The Colina Foundation, Everybody Ready, The Guidance Center, The Wayne County Health Department and involved community leadership on children's issues.

Please contact Child's Hope at childhpe@umd.umich.edu or by calling (313) 583-6401 to receive an invitation to the event. Space is limited.

# Toys for Tots campaign comes to area malls

Jim Harper & The Magic Morning show begin their 27th season of with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and the Toys For Tots Campaign. The annual Toys For Tots Campaign ਾtours area shopping malls collecting new, unwrapped toys for the U.S. Marine Corps program. This year's schedule includes: Laurel Park Place on Friday, Nov. 25; Twelve Oaks Mall, Monday, Nov. 28; Oakland Mall, Tuesday, Nov. 29; Briarwood Mall, Wednesday, Nov. 30; Macomb Mall, Thursday, Dec. 1;

Lakeside Mall, Friday, Dec. 2. Each year the men and women of the Magic Morning Show compete to collect the most toys. Jim Harper & The Magic Morning Show are asking their listeners to come up with the very best "stunt" that the losing team will have to endure.

5 Jim Harper & The Magic Morning Show will be live each morning from 6-10 a.m. A complimentary light breakfast will be served at each location. Santa as well as other special guests will be at each of the broadcasts.

Those unable to come to the malls to donate toys can stop by any Colley Collision location or at Eastland Mall

For more information, contact Lindsay Warren at (248) 591-6866 or lwarren@greatermediadetroit.com.

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# Children can vote for book

The Library of Michigan has rannounced the five finalists for the 2006 "Michigan Reads!" .one-state, one-preschool-book program, set for March 2006, and invited preschoolers and book lovers of all ages to cast their votes now through Dec. 9. People can take part in the voting in one of two ways: by casting their ballots online at www.michigan.gov/michiganreads or by voting in person with a paper ballot at their local . Michigan public libraries. 1. The five books on the 2006 Michigan Reads! ballot are: → **Bed** Hogs by Kelly DiPucchio

~ → Imogene's Antlers by David ີSmall

□ ■ In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming

Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy

Carl Sams II and Jean Stoick "The Reading early and often to whildren is one of the most important things parents and caregivers can do," said State **Eibrarian Nancy Robertson.** vin Michigan Reads! was launched in 2004 by the Library of Michigan in partnership with the Michigan Center for the Book. This year, the program is sponsored by Brogan & Partners, Michigan Education Savings Program, Michigan Education Trust and the Library of Michigan Foundation.



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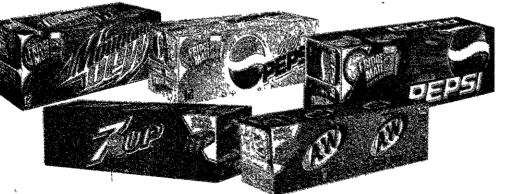
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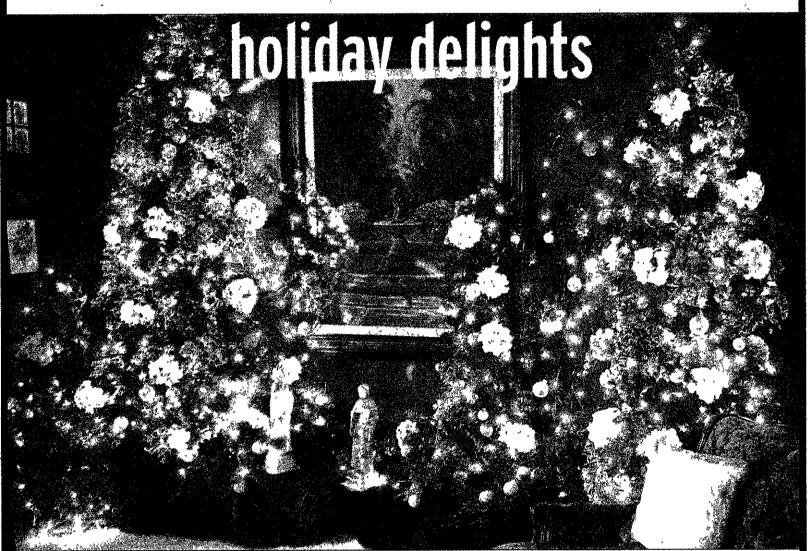
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# **Festival of Trees decorator** fills home with



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A painting is the centerpiece among the Christmas decorations in the Osborne family's living room.



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Maureen Osborne stands along the Christmas decorations in the foyer of her Farmington Hills home.

# Maureen Osborne starts taking down some Halloween decorations and putting up Christmas decor before Halloween

BY MARY KLEMIC I STAFF WRITER

\* t's a sparkling sight in pink and silver and white: a little airplane carrying a decorated tree through the clouds, scattering shimmering packages.

Called Up and Away, it's one of the dazzling displays that will be seen at this year's Festival of Trees, an event that sends spirits soaring. Festival of Trees is a benefit for pediatric research at Children's Hospital of Michigan. It features hundreds of wonderfully decorated holiday trees, vignettes, gingerbread houses, wreaths and

The above display is by Maureen Osborne of Farmington Hills and 14-year-old Chelsea Schneider, formerly of Livonia and now a Clinton Township resident.

Osborne has been involved with Festival of Trees for 20

"I was blessed with two healthy children," she said. "It's just a way

of giving back, in a little way." The 21st Festival of Trees begins Friday and continues to Dec. 4,

offering a variety of events and activities.

### **HOLIDAY CHEER**

The vignette was set up at the Osborne home last week for a photographer. It wasn't the only beautiful holiday decor feature at the resi-

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PHOTO COURTESY OF FESTIVAL OF TREES

Dave Simpson of Madison, Ohio, designed the 2005 Friendship Ornament for the Festival of Trees. The blown-glass ornament sells for \$50. For more on the festival see Page B4.

# Interactive video games Walk to benefit Greenmead get kids off the couch

t's holiday season again, and I'll just bet you know a kid who's clamoring for a new GameCube, Xbox or PlayStation game. (Maybe you're even doing a little clamoring yourself.)



Tech Savvý

Rick Broida

Do that kid (or yourself) a favor and buy a game that can't be played lying down. Or even sitting. I'm talking

about dancing games, which are instantly familiar to anyone under the age of 16. Dance Dance Revolution (more commonly known as DDR), a mega-

popular arcade staple, has morphed into various console clones, all of which guarantee a good time,



With the EyeToy for PlayStation 2, kids not only get a little exercise, they also get to see themselves on TV.

calories burned, and freedom from potential public embarrassment. For example, there's Dance Dance

Revolution: Mario Mix, a new release for the Nintendo GameCube. Priced at \$50, it comes with a dance mat and focuses on the ever-popular Mario, making it a

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B3

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Friends of Greenmead are friends indeed. For 17 years now, they've put together an annual Christmas Walk, benefiting Historic

Greenmead's restoration and preservation. Seven homes decorated for the holidays will be on this year's walk, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, throughout Livonia.

The money helps fund the renovation of buildings throughout Greenmead, a historic village at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

"We're still finishing up the Hill House," said Janet Bennett, president of the Friends of Greenmead. "We're not totally finished with the upstairs (renovation).

Previous walks have helped fund new stained glass at the church and the pouring of the concrete basement for the Blue House at

Greenmead. "All sorts of things pop up, and we come to the rescue when we can," Bennett said.

Bennett is pleased with the walk's longevity, saying that when it first started 17 years ago, the Friends "had no idea" that it would last this long.

Variety and beauty are home qualities the organizers look at when organizing the annual

Christmas Walk. "We look for homes that are tastefully decorated," Bennett said. "We'll put together a walk with homes that have a variety of styles in decorating. Some people like homespun, others like modern and we try to get a variety. It's really flexible and loose."

Bennett and Patt Kirksey, who is also a volunteer with the Friends of Greenmead, start looking for homes in September.

Sometimes we'll get calls during the holidays from people who say, 'We've got our house decorated, why don't you come and look at it,' and we'll ask them the next year. We try to get large and small, colonials and ranches, for the walk. We try to get varieties."

Organizers recommend visitors begin this year's walk at the Livonia Civic Center, on Five Mile just east of Farmington Road. Visitors will proceed to seven homes, then end the walk at the Hill House, where hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be served.

Tickets are \$9 per person in advance, \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets can be bought at any of the Livonia libraries, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, Greenmead and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of the Livonia Civic Center. Shoes

must be removed before entering homes. For information, call (734) 466-3540 or (734) 425-4855.

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## Artisan featured

Local artist Kelly Darke, whose handbags and jewelry are at Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery, 4301 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, will be fear tured on That's Clever! on Home and Garden 🗅 Television (HGTV)

Thursday, Nov. 24. That's Clever! presents artisans from all over the country demonstrating their skills.

Darke will be shown creating an original 🔏 leather and crocheted silver handbag at noon and 5 p.m. Thursday.

The handbag can be seen at http://www.ketlydarke.com/gallery/photo. php?photo=216.

### Privy to prizes

Ugly and old could win big in American Standard's 2005 Ugliest Bathroom Contest. w

The annual contest, lin which owners of ugly to bathrooms compete for a dream bathroom makeover from American Standard, has expanded this year to include a search for the oldest. American Standard toir let. Homeowners mayപ് enter in one category only.

Consumers have until Wednesday, Nov. 30, to

Entries may be submitted online at www.americanstandard-us.com/ua est, or mailed to American Standard Ugliest Bathroom Contest, c/o Carmichael Lynch Spong, 800 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Prizes this year take on

a vintage theme. The owner of the bath room judged the ugijest will win a beautiful bathroom remodel including classic vintage-styled fixtures from American Standard and complete mentary design services from nationally recogni nized interior designed

Barbara Schmidt. The owner of the American Standard toilet determined to be the oldest will receive a new toilet from the company's Champion® series with the Champion flushings system, and may choose from six different models in vintage, traditional or transitional styles. d

If you think your entire bathroom needs a vin@ tage makeover, submit a 100-word essay explaining why, along with photos of your current bathroom.

The owner of the bathroom judged the ugliest will have the opportunity to choose American al Standard products from the Standard or Retrospect® collections.

If you think you have the oldest American at Standard toilet, submit a photo of your current toilet and a description of why you think it's the oldest. Only American Standard toilets are eligible, and all entries must include the toilet's madel number for verification purposes.

For more information on American Standard call (800) 899-2614 or visit www.americanstag dard-us.com.

# Appliance owners want to try to fix it

read an article recently about broken appliances and I strongly disagreed with the author's premise.

She wrote: "Chances are you have a broken household appliance collecting dust in your garage or basement. And chances are you're never

Appliance Doctor

Joe

Gagnon

going to take
the time to
find a repair
shop to fix that
appliance."
Judging
from the calls I

receive on my

radio show and e-mails I receive through this newspaper, I believe plenty of people want to fix appliance

There are still millions of consumers who feel that they are capable of doing their own repairs on major appliances. They are certainly willing to try, and if it's beyond them, they admit it.

themselves.

The author also reported that prices are coming down on products such as microwaves, DVD players and washing machines and cost of repairs equal half the cost of a new product.

Folks, the cost of products are *done* coming down. The cost of a washing machine

today has gone through the roof with many models. And while a front load washer can cost as much as the reported figure of \$350 to service, that figure is also on the high side.

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My years of experience in giving out information has proven over and over again that homeowners can do it themselves. Sometimes it's as simple as giving a person a little service secret that gets the repair headed in the right direction. People are smart enough to take it the rest of the way and if they need service, most homeowners know who

If you don't know who to call for appliance service, then make some inquiries. Ask your neighbor or fellow worker or do a little shopping around and make calls. Find out what repair shops charge for a service call and labor in the home. If you ask a question and describe your problem, some service companies will give you the advice to fix it yourself.

Make sure to ask them if they'll help you do it yourself.

The many simple things that fail on appliances can cause a service call and it's almost embarrassing when a technician fixes it, and you see how easy the repair was done.

Take a light switch in a refrigerator that doesn't shut off the light bulb when you close the door. The bulb gives off enough heat to warm up the whole refrigerator section. It's very simple to replace the door switch. The thermal fuse on a clothes dryer, a plugged drain on a refrigerator, a dishwasher that won't fill with water and many hundreds of problems can be resolved with simple remedies that you can perform.

Don't go throwing away an appliance because you were influenced by a newspaper

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 and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

### GARDEN CALENDAR

Festive welcome

Engnsn Gardens nosts 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. Festive Front Doors and Entryways will be the topic Nov. 30. Welcome visitors to your home with unusual ideas to decorate your front door and entryway. This seminar will show you how to use wreaths, garlands, greens and ornaments to reflect your own personal style.

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.michigangardening.com.
The schedule includes: Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems, four sessions beginning Thursday, Dec. 1, in Livonia or Friday, Dec. 2, in Pontiac (fee is \$137); and Computerassisted Design, Fridays, Dec. 2-16, in Livonia (\$137).

Holly Berry Brunch
The Garden Club of De

The Garden Club of Dearborn will host its ninth annual Holly Berry Brunch

fundraiser Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Dearborn inn.

Tickets are \$30 per.person. Advance ticket sales continue through Nov. 25, with reserved seating available for groups of 10. To order tickets, call Mary Bugeia at (313) 562-7524.

Consisting of a raffle and silent auction beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a brunch, the event is a holiday season kickoff for many local residents and garden club members from throughout Michigan.

Raffle items donated by members and area businesses range from overnight and entertainment packages to garden benches and garden art. Silent auction items include many antique and handmade pieces.

The event benefits scholarships for

students of environmental science and natural science at the University of Michigan and Henry Ford Community College, landscape development projects at Henry Ford Centennial Library and Fair Lane Mansion, the club's Horticulture Therapy program involving senior residents of Oakwood Commons in Dearborn, and regional conservation and environmental programs sponsored by organizations such as the Friends of the Rouge.

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, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.









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# Rest easy for now about dog, bird flu

t seems like every year there's a néw disease that's going to devastate every a) person, b) pet, or c) person and pet. Sometimes the fear is reasonable, and people need the information.

At Michigan State in the mid '80s, I interviewed a biologist about this new disease he was working on, called AIDS, and wrote an article for the State News about what researchers knew, and what people should know to protect themselves.

The editor turned the story down, saying, "I think this AIDS thing is pretty much



About **Animals** 

Dr. Brad Davis

over." While you don't want to underestimate a possible epidemic, often news reports with partial truths, taken from people guessing at what data could mean, listing the most frightening aspects of a disease, and mixing in fresh rumor, make the fear of a new plague rush like wildfire

throughout society. A few years ago it was Lyme's disease. Don't forget the terror elicited at the mere mention of West Nile

Virus. Despite the fact West Nile doesn't affect dogs, there were reports of dogs dying from it, likely started through rumor, Internet messaging, or possibly a veterinarian with an overactive imagination.

Let's welcome the new Plague Du Jour, the Dog Flu.

Scores of people have called my clinic, fearful of this new disease. They want to secure their dog's safety by getting the vaccine, before this awful scourge wipes every dog off the planet.

(It makes me think of Planet of the Apes, in which people started owning primates after all the dogs and cats died from an uncontrolled disease outbreak. Then I realize how big a nerd I am, and I stop thinking about such things.)

The reports of this disease certainly do scare people, which means they love their pet and care about trying to help before a

problem starts. Should people in our area already be afraid of this disease?

Ned F. Kuehn, DVM, MS, DACVIM (SAIM), Chief of Internal Medicine at Michigan Veterinary Specialists, located in Southfield, says no.

"At this time, people owning dogs in Michigan should not be scared of canine influenza," Kuehn said.

"As of Oct. 7, 2005, canine influenza has NOT been confirmed in pet dogs or racing greyhounds in Michigan. The infection has been confirmed in pet dogs in 10 states: Florida, New York, California, Oregon, Washington, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania and also in Washington, D.C."

#### **CAUTION**

Caution never hurts.

"People traveling with their dogs to states known to have the infection should avoid having their dogs visit places housing large numbers of dogs such as kennels or unfamiliar dog parks," Kuehn added.

The disease began in January 2004 at a Florida greyhound track, and "was first identified in the pet population in spring 2005 as a cause of serious respiratory illness in dogs in shelters, humane societies, boarding facilities, and veterinary hospitals in Florida," Kuehn said.

"The canine influenza virus is a mutated strain of an equine influenza virus that has been detected in horses for over 40 years . . It is thought that the feeding of raw horse meat to greyhounds may have allowed the equine influenza virus to mutate to this highly contagious virus now infecting dogs."

The disease can affect the dog in a mild or severe form. The mild form resembles kennel cough, with a 10-30-day cough, and possible nasal discharge, Kuehn said

Severe cases develop high fevers and pneumonia, with a fatality rate of about 5-8 percent, Kuehn said, adding that veterinary care is needed for severe forms, but not for the mild form.

"Since this is a new disease, all dogs, regardless of age or breed, are susceptible to infection and have no immunity," Kuehn

said. "Virtually all dogs exposed to the virus become infected and nearly 80 percent will show clinical signs of disease.

"Most dogs infected with canine influenza, however, do not develop severe disease and will recover from this virus without any treatment."

What about those vaccines everyone calls about? When should we start thinking about vaccinating against this disease? It might be a good idea, but there's just a little problem: There's no vaccine yet.

"Although researchers are working on a vaccine to prevent canine influenza, one does not exist at this time," Kuehn said.

Vaccination for canine influenza would be advised once a vaccine is made available, especially in dogs frequenting boarding facilities, animal shelters or dog parks."

There's another disease on the horizon, the Bird Flu. While this sounds like the answer to a pun ("How did the bird get south for the winter?"), this disease is scaring a lot of people, including bird owners.

"Avian influenza can be transmitted to pet birds," Kuehn said. "The movement of birds is under intense scrutiny and control at international borders throughout the world.

"Since avian influenza is not a problem in the United States, there is no concern owners should have for their pet birds being infected. Also, people in the United States do not have to fear being infected with bird flu from their pet birds."

So you can rest easy for now, as the Chief of Internal Medicine at Michigan Veterinary Specialists, Dr. Ned Kuehn, a man with more letters after his name than I have in my-entire name, feels it's not time to worry

Keep in contact with your vet about your concerns. It is hoped these problems will stay as just unfounded fears.

Dr. Brad Davis is Medical Director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk (visit www.Animaltalkradio.com). E-mail questions or comments to questions@animaltalkradio.com.

### **HOME CALENDAR**

Christmas in the Village

Kick off the holiday season with Christmas in the Village, at Cherry Hill Village in Canton Township Friday-Saturday, Nov. 25-26. The annual event offers a variety of activities for young and old alike.

Cherry Hill Village is at the corner of Ridge Road and Cherry Hill Road. Highlights will include a Christmas home tour, live entertainment with both a main stage and strolling performers, food and beverage, children's crafts and games, a petting zoo and pictures with Santa.

The festivities will begin with a series of home tours 4-9 p.m. Friday. All of the residences will be beautifully decorated for the holidays, with the assistance of local florists and decorators. In addition, neighbors will compete in the annual holiday lighting contest. The fun will continue noon to 6 p.m. Saturday.

The day will wrap up with the official tree lighting 5:30 p.m. in front of the Village Theatre, also at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

The Toronto All-Star Big Band, a swingtime group, will perform holiday favorites 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday in the Village Theatre.

Home tour tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets may be bought at Summit on the Park in Canton (phone (734) 394-5460), Petite Maison in Northville (phone (248) 348-9710) and Remerica Hometown One in Cherry Hill Village (phone (734) 495-3400).

Tickets for the Toronto All-Star Big Band are \$15 for the 4 p.m. show and \$18 for the 7 p.m. show, and are available at Summit on the Park. Home tour/performance packages are available for \$27 at Summit on the

Christmas in the Village is created by the Christmas in the Village Association, in cooperation with the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton Township, with support provided by Canton Leisure Services.

Visit www.christmasinthevillage.com for more information.

**Holiday Shop** 

The Holiday Shop at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center in Birmingham offers eclectic and extraordinary holi-

day girts. Champagne & Shop, the annual champagne preview party, will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the BBAC, 1516 Cranbrook Road.

Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door, \$100 patron. The whole family can come and shop

for one-of-a-kind artistic gifts. Shoppers will receive a 10-percent discount during the event. Fine foods, beverages and entertainment will also be featured. After Champagne & Shop, the BBAC's

Holiday Shop will continue Dec. 2-17. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. This year, more than 100 renowned ( ) 10 artists from across the country will best selling all types of wares, including pottery and textiles. Purchases include complimentary wrapping. For more information, call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.bbartcenter.org.

Ornament personalizing Artisans will personalize a holiday. ornament with an individual name or holiday motif, creating a special keepsake for a loved one, 1-3 p.m. Saturday." Dec. 3, at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia (phone (248) 478-8870).

One ornament per person. There is no charge for the ornament or the artistry.

#### Gift gallery

The Holiday Gift Gallery at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester offers original gifts handcrafted by Michigan artists.

The PCCA is at 407 Pine. The gallery is 1 open now to Jan. 7. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 23 and 30; closed Dec. 24-26 and 31. Call (248) 651-4110 or visit

www.pccart.org.

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good choice for younger kids. PlayStation 2 owners looking for something a little more challenging than DDR should check out In the Groove (www.inthegroove.com). It sells for \$10 il me or around

570 with a dance and I particularly like in the

Groove because it has so many game choices, including a calorie-counting fitness mode and various two-player options.

Then there's Pump It Up: Exceed (www.piu4home.com), available for PS2 and Xbox. It's quite similar to DDR, except that the dance mat adds arrows in the corners - giving

tautice-gaine veterans on eatircly new challenge

The Pump It Up package

sells for around \$60. It's worth noting that once you own a mat, it should be compatible with just about any dance

Finally, there's the Sony EyeToy (www.eyetoy.com), a little camera that connects to the PS2 and puts you "in the game" by projecting a mirror mage of you on the IV serven

The basic EyeTov: Play and EyeToy. Play 2 packages are

great for getting kids up and moving, with lots of cute, fun mini-games.

My 6-year-old daughter, for instance, loves the fireworks game, in which she uses her hands to pop rockets as they stream through the air. And she likes watching me slug it out with an onscreen boxer. It's

tan for me too, and dang if it doesn't get my he ut pumping Then there's EyeToy: Groove, a game that focuses expressly on dancing. The difference here is that you're mostly mov-

ing your arms, not your feet. The latest title in the series, EyeToy: Kinetic, is aimed more at adults.

This "interactive fitness product" delivers a workout inspired by such activities as Tai Chi, ka kboxing, aerobics, and roga

Now that winter is upon us

and going outside feels like a punishment, it's important that kids and adults alike stay active. These games offer a fun and inexpensive way to do it.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of ~ Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com

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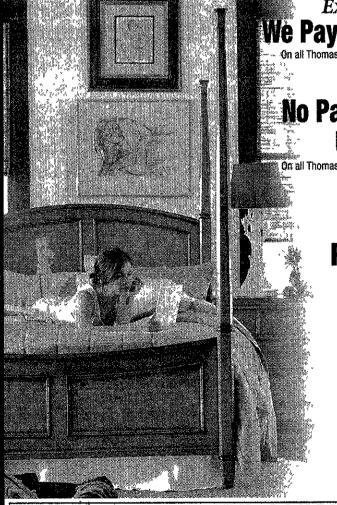
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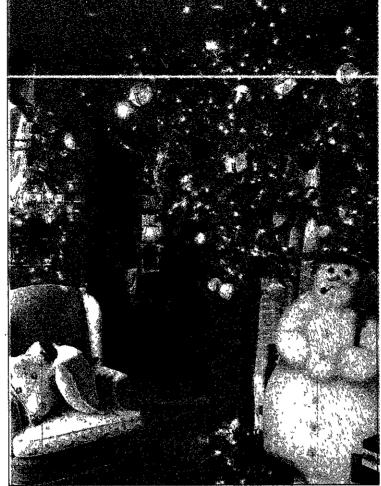
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Upside down Christmas trees are a popular decorating trend, according to Maureen Osborne.

#### **21ST FESTIVAL OF TREES**

- What: A fund raising event benefiting Children's Hospital of Michigan that includes a public display of hundreds of professionally designed holiday trees.
- When: Friday, Nov. 25, to Sunday, Dec. 4.
- Hours: Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Saturday, Nov. 27 through Dec. 3; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.
- Where: The Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River in Novi
- Admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and for ages 2-12, free for under age 2.
- Among the features: An elaborate gingerbread village, handmade wall hangings, wreaths and centerpleces, entertainment for all ages, a festive gift shop, children's activities, photos with Santa, a Secret Santa Shop just for youngsters, and rides for children.
- Related events: The Festival of Trees Gaja, Saturday, Nov. 26. Gala-tickets are \$250 for dinner and reception (admission 6:30-11 p.m.), \$150 for the reception only (admission 7/30-11 p.m.). Reservations are required.
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  Lunch with Santa, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on two Sundays, Nov. 27

  and Dec. 4. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for ages 2:12, free

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- for under age 2. Reservations are required. Red Hat Luncheon, noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29. Dance Party, 9 p.m. to l.a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Tickets are \$25.
- For Lickets and more information: Visit www.fot.org or call (313) 966-TREE

### **DELIGHTS**

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"It's Christmas all year 'round," said Osborne, whose decorating talent has graced many sites, including the window of a bridal store in Farmington and the Farmington Garden Club's recent Holiday Tables event.

At the house, Osborne starts taking down some Halloween decorations and putting up Christmas decor before Halloween, she said.

She usually decorates between seven and 10 Christmas trees in the house. "I just love it," Osborne said.

"I just love it," Osborne said. A painting of a garden scene that she bought in the South this year is on a wall. Osborne played with elements in the painting, setting up an arrangement around it of trees are greenest actornee with large white magnotias are a convergence and outdoor metal pieces; and green velvet

and taffeta.

"Every year I do something different in my house," Osborne said.

In the entryway is a topiary tree dressed in burgundy, deep green and gold. Winding among the greenery are ribbons with a vine design the same color as the surrounding toile wallpaper and drapes.

In another room is an upside down tree. The decoration includes giant sleigh bells, on the tree and the garland around the room.

These trees are now the rage, Osborne said.

"My husband had one in his office 25 years ago," she said. Osborne keeps an eye out for

items for Christmas decor through the year. She also likes to work with and around what she has at

home.
This is the third year that
Osborne and Chelsea have col-

creative duos tree was in a vignette with a retro spin, the theme of a 1950s tree farm.

A child-size plane, buffalo snow and feathers are among the components in Up and Away.

The pink plane is a Radio



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPH

Maureen Osborne and Chelsea Schneider created this dazzling display for this year's Festival of Trees. The display features a little airplane carrying a Christmas tree.

Flyer reproduction. It is from Osborne's daughter-in-law's

tather, Dave Schneider, built the platform.

"We always try to do something a little different," Osborne said.

"When I saw the event last year I was truly inspired," said Kandi Karban, executive director of Festival of Trees.

"Every tree is different and you see something different every time you look at them."

#### OTHER FEATURES

Trees aren't the only elements of the event. Festival of Trees will have a new stocking area, a storytelling stage where groups can perform, rides for children, a gift shop, a black tie gala, lunches with Santa, a Red Hat luncheon and a dance party.

The 2005 event is in a new and bigger location: the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The site has almost 65,000 square feet; last year's location was 10,000 square feet. More activities for youngsters will be featured.

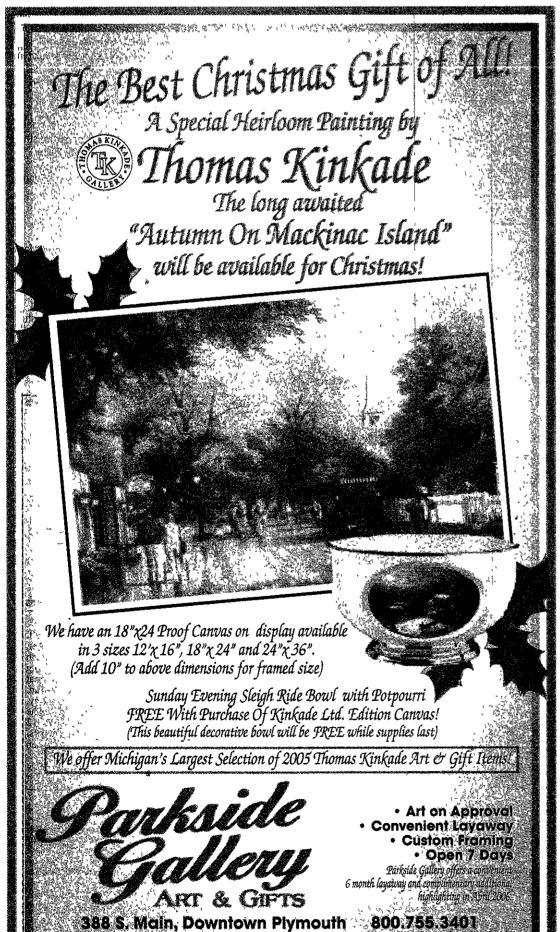
Every year, Festival of Trees

commissions an artist to design The Friendship Ornament, unique to the event.

I vervone who buys an ornament for ~50 is listed on a sign next to a giant tree that displays the items at Festival of Trees.

The 2005 glass-blown ornament is by Dave Simpson of Madison, Ohio.

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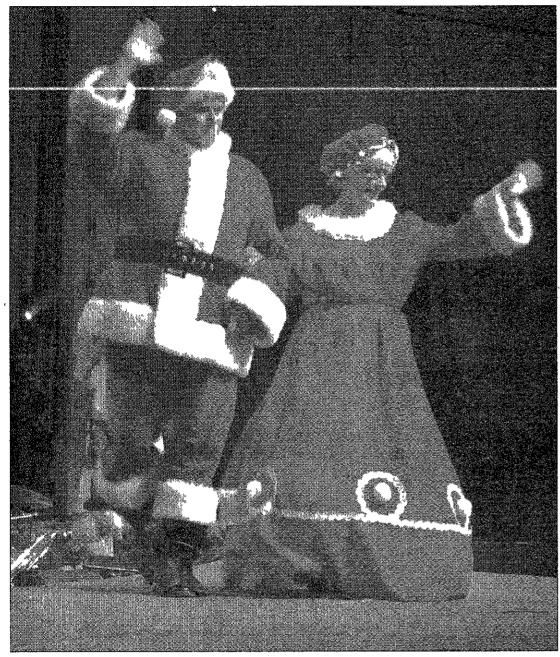
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Star Craighead plays Santa in "The Gift." His character illustrates the commercialism of Christmas.

# The Gift

# Church spectacular celebrates birth of Jesus

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The stage of NorthRidge Church is bubbling with excitement as Santa rides through on a sleigh. The Broadway-style production is everything we've come to know as Christmas. A full orchestra and choir perform cheers renditions of Wimer Houserland and Let o Snow as an ice skater twirls on a rink in a park scene.

Everyone is in the holiday spirit, but behind the frolicking Rockette-like dancers is a sadness. Then a child takes center stage to sing Happy Birthday *Jesus*. This is only a rehearsal but her words convey the message. The Glory of Christmas, the church's 2005 production, takes audiences along on a doctor's journey to find her "Gift." It's a feel-good family show meant to lead hearts back to the manger. Flying angels, ; pyrotechnics and a contemporary quartet remind us there's more to Christmas than just Decking the Halls.

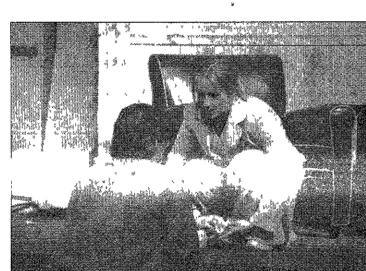
"It's a musical production with a spattering of drama and comedy," said Roxann Powell, director of creative arts including the drama team. Each Sunday, the drama team presents a mix of music and choreography to illustrate her husband, senior pastor Brad Powell's sermons.

"Every year we change the story line of Glory of Christmas then choose songs, fun Christmas songs and write a script."

It's difficult to come up with a new theme and script to please the more than 23,000 people who come to experience the spectacular every holiday season. NorthRidge, which was founded in 1927 as Temple Baptist Church in Redford, began putting on Christmas productions in 1992. This year the clausen's drama team is hoping audiences will relate to the story line based on the television series Joan of Arcadia. Every week the high school student is visited by God, but never knows who he or she is by the way they're dressed. Some weeks God is a janitor, others a pigeon lady.

Vita Pouget of Canton is the Pigeon Lady in the NorthRidge production, but instead of God she is an angel. An RN at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Pain Clinic in Ann Arbor, Pouget devotes several hours a week to the drama team. She's counting on the audience reaping what she sows.

"The Pigeon Lady is a fun role," said Pouget. "Gabriel is helping the doctor to reach her goal to find her gift - that Christ came to the earth as our savior.



Cindy Schaap talks with drama director Steve Childerston before a full dress rehearsal on Nov. 20 at Northridge Church in Plymouth Township. Schaap plays the role of a doctor who is visited by a series of angels leading her to 'The Gift."

Through a relationship with him there is eternal life. That is the seed I throw as the Pigeon Lady."

### **ALL VOLUNTEER**

Between 600 and 700-volunteers are involved with the production so it's not possible to find roles for all of them. Jordan Thomas was lucky enough to play a reindeer three years ago and returns as a drummer boy.

"I'm pretending I was there for the birth of Jesus," said Thomas, a 10-year old from South Lyon, "I'm just a poor boy so I gave him my drum.

The theme of the Gift reappears time and again throughout the show. Dr. Catherine McGrady (played by Cindy Schaap) is trying to buy a gift for her mother on Christmas Eve as a store owner (Greg Mocadian of Dearborn) turns her away.

"She's on the phone explaining why she can't go home for Christmas. She's just too busy, but tells her mother she sent a gift. Of course she hasn't," said Cindy Schaap, an insurance broker analyst in Ann Arbor. 'God wants to get her attention."

Schaap, like many of the actors and singers, has performed only as an amateur in high school and college productions. Stephen Sommerville first sang with the choral group at Temple's Christian school. The Plymouth resident is part of the quartet which provides comic relief.

"We try to relax the crowd and let them know we can have fun and participate in worship," said Stephen Sommerville who's been a member of the church most of his 47 years. An export manager at an air freight company at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, he spends many evenings at rehearsals with his wife, Suzanne, pianist and instrumental music director for

the production. Their daughter Megan, 17, is in the dance num-

"While it's very entertaining it helps people realize the true meaning of Christmas."

Unlike most Christmas productions, The Gift doesn't conclude with the birth of Jesus. Star Craighead is one of the Roman soldiers who crucify Christ. As with many of the actors, his wife Diane also is involved with the production. She plays several roles including one of the winged angels in heaven.

"At the beginning I'm Santa to pull people in to what they think Christmas is," said Star Craighead of Salem Township. "As a solider, it draws a lot of energy out of you. Emotionally it takes you down. If I don't come off there with some kind of tears I know something's wrong?

The Glory of Christmas does have lows as well as highs. It's sure to be a hit with families from the time they enter the church. Long before the house lights go down volunteers pass out candy while wearing funky hats that light up.

"We have a blast," said Rick Harris, communications and marketing director. "It's an outreach. We try to get Christ's message to people, communicate why Christ came and the true meaning of Christmas."

NorthRidge Church is at 49555 North Territorial at Ridge in Plymouth. Tickets are \$13.75 and \$15.75, and available at all Meijer locations or by calling (800) 585-3737. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 and 8, and Friday, Dec. 2 and 9, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4 and 10-11. For more information, visit www.northridgechurch.com or call (734)

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#### NOVEMBER

#### Fun event

Movies, crafts, clown, and more for children 2-12 years old (limit of 25 children) 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at New Beginnings Church, 16175

Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Serving soup and salad lunch to children and parents when being picked up. No charge but donations welcome. Call (313) 255-6330 and ask for Rhevelle. Coffeehouse

7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, for singles, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920. Cost is \$5. Bible study

Parents with young children Bible study 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, Call (734) 699-3361, Dinner and childcare provided.

From Broken to Good An 8-week transformational journey began Oct. 9, at Solid Rock Bible Church, 670 Church, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-7711. We invite you to consider your mind, heart, soul, thoughts, feelings and relationships of your life in need of renovation. Times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., child care available both times. All ages welcome.

#### UPCOMING

#### Marian Advent retreat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in Madonna University Center and Chapel, 14221 Levan, Livonia. This year's theme is Mary's Christmas and Rev. Daniel Jones, professor, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will lead events. Activities include reflection and prayer, 3 conferences, lunch, individual reconciliation, Exposition and Benediction of the Bless Sacrament, the mysteries of the rosary with meditation prepared and led by students. and Sunday Mass in the University Chapel at 4 p.m. The cost is \$18 and includes lunch and refreshments. Reservations required, call (734) 432-5524. Craft show

at St. Thomas a'Becket Church 555 S Tillev at Cherry Hill Canton Bake Sale and unch avoilable Admission \$2 children under age 12 free Call (734) 981-1333 Holiday marketplace 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at

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### Cookie walk

After 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday, Dec., 4, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361. Stock up on yummy treats for the holiday.

### Open house

For the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1390 Quarton and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, Meet the Jesuits and discover the programs and ministries offered to the community. For information, call (877) MANRESA or visit www.manresa-si.org. The mission of Manresa is to help men and women grow spiritually through prayer, reflection and teaching according to the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola.

#### Concert

Birmingham Concert Band present Holiday Ornaments 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple at Chesterfield, Birmingham. The band will be joined by the Lutheran High Northwest Concert Choir. The band is looking for instrumentalists to fill several sections. Call Grant Hoemke, musical director, at (248) 474-4997.

#### **Nativity story**

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors The Story of the Nativity As Told in Icons, a presentation by the Most Rev. Nathaniel, Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America, 6:30 p.m.» Sunday, Dec. 4, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Church, 18405 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. The program includes a concert of Orthodox Nativity Carols and Liturgical Hymns of the Nativity by the COCC Inter-Orthodox Choir, a sing-a-long of familiar western Christmas carols, and a visit by St. Nicholas for children. The event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. For fur-

information, contact Janet Damian at (313) 706-0666 or send e-mail to damianj@juno.com.

#### Christmas with family

Celebrate the holiday season with music, drama skits, dance numbers. flying angels, bic screen video and more at Christmas with the Family 2005 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10, at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Desserts will be served at end of performances. Rickets \$5 before Dec. 3, \$10 after and at the door. Call (313) 255-2222, ext.

Detroit World Outreach is a nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, a great place for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

#### and 7 p.m. Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 12th Annual Cookie Walk is Saturday, Dec.10, doors open at 8 a.m., sale starts at 9 a m. and lasts until sold out. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut and poppyseed rolls, and more than 50 different assortments of ethnic (kiefle, kolachy, rugela, Kolhourakia hiscotti linzer) and traditional cookies and condy will be for sale at the cource, 36075 W. Seven Mile, east of Newburgh, Livonia.

### Cookie walk

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at St. Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster, Redford. Cookies are sold by the pound. Come early for best selec-

### Holiday craft fair

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Avenue, Canton. Admission \$1. Bake sale and refreshments available. Call (734) 495-3363.

### Advent concert

The fifth annual Advent Concert, featuring the Langsford Men's Chorus, will be held 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. Rosedale's own Campanelle Handbell Choir will also be featured. For information, call Dave Conrad at (734) 717-6356, or Ron Muresan at (248) 540-0621. For information about the church, visit www.rosedalegardens.org or call (734) 422-0494.

### Christmas concert

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia, presents their annual Christmas Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Decago 11, in the sanctuary at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 522-6830. . . . . 🏂 Featured will be the Christ Our Savior Festival Choir, the Jubellation Handbell Choir, the Ringers of Joy Youth (grades 1-6), the Confirmation Choir (grades 7 & 8), a Brass Choir, and various instrumentalists providing holiday much ing holiday music. The concert is free

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Continue with traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. and adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m., at Garden City. Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. The Beatitudes are now the stock focus of the school curriculum which features music, computers, games and story telling. Nursery care available. The Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. offers an informal, casual environment, Handicap accessible, Call (734)

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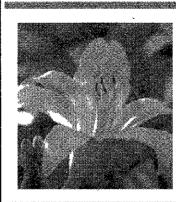
all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

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A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adat-shalom. shalom.org.

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### CAROL LYNN PATTERSON

November 16, 2005 of Canton. Loving wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Scott (Cheryl), Cynthia (Skip) Powelson, and Barbara (Kenneth) Drain. Sister of Irene Deptuck, Barbara Griffin, and Helen Sparka. Funeral service held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. Father Leo Sabourin officiated the services on Tuesday, November 22nd.

### MARY ANN LEONE

Age 60, a 27-year resident of Royal Oak, died Sunday, November 20, 2005, at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was born February 5 1945, in Detroit, MI. Surviving are her children, David (Alayna), Gina (Mark) Goodin and Russell Nicholas; three granddaughters; brother, Mark Manko; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 26 at Our Shepard Lutheran located at 2225 East 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, MI 48009.

### **BRENT C. VERROT**

Age 46, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2005 at home. He was born July 8, 1959 in Wayne, MI, the son of Raymond and Mary Ann (DeMara) Verrot. Brent was a master chef for many years in various restaurants in the Washtenaw County area. He was also an avid gardener and received the Suburban Eight Football and Wrestling award in 1978. Survivors include: one daughter, Danielle Verrot of Westland; one son Brent Verrot of Westland; his mother, Mary Ann Verrot of FL; four brothers, Mark (Mary Beth) of Canton, Bruce (Mary), twin brother, Brad (Kathy) and John (Callie), all of FL; six nephews; and one niece. He was preceded in death by his father. The funeral service will 2:00 P.M. Wednesday November 23 at STARK FUNERAL SERVICE Moore Memorial Chapel with Rev. Rudy Shankle officiating. Cremation will follow. The family did receive friends at the funeral home 6-9P.M. Tuesday. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

### **GERALD GOTTHELF**

Beloved husband of Shirley Gotthelf. Dear father of Gail (Mark) Fisher, Dennis (Maria) Gotthelf, and Beth (Steven Miesowicz) Gotthelf. Loving grandfather of Sarah and Dana. Great grandfather of Emma and Nolan. held Monday Services were Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills: Chapel, 248-569-0020 www.irakaufman.com

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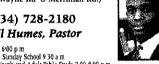
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# leitovers

Thanksgiving might be the only time of year when leftovers actually have some appeal.

If you're brave enough to join the throngs at the mall on Friday for what is considered the busiest shopping day of the year, it's tough to beat a turkey sandwich with a few of the fixins that afternoon once you return home after being on your feet all day.

But there are other things you can do with that leftover bird: turkey casserole, turkey enchiladas, turkey pizza or turkey tarts.

Chef Peter Engelhardt, who

TURKEY CHILI

1/2 of a medium onion,

2 teaspoons olive oil

6 cups whole peeled toma-

(black, kidney, pinto) can diced green chilles

1 pounds turkey, chopped

**Edwards** 

3 cans assorted beans

I cup corn kernels

2 teaspoons garlic,

chopped

1 cup red wine

chopped

discussed turkey preparation with the Observer & Eccentric last week, has several suggestions for leftovers.

The executive chef at The Community House in Birmingham likes turkey chili. turkey dumpling soup and turkey streudel.

"And if you like salad, you can make a turkey Cobb salad, with vour favorite greens," said

Engelhardt. For the streudel, you can incor-

l tablespoon cumin

2 tablespoon parsley

2 teaspoons dried oregano

Heat a large stockpot and

Add red wine and reduce

Add rest of ingredients,

bring to a boil, reduce and

sauté garlic and onion in oil

1 teaspoon black pepper

chopped

I teaspoon salt

for 5 minutes.

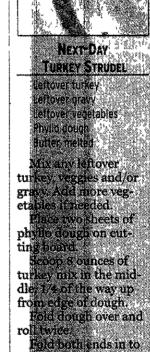
porate some of the other leftovers such as the gravy as a base or vegetables such as sweet potatoes.

New angles on old favorites

"You can make that a day ahead, and the phyllo will hold up great," Engelhardt said. Or you can make bowls of chili and freeze them, he recommends.

See inside today's Taste section for his recipes.

Recipes courtesy of Peter Engelhardt, executive chef of The Community House in Birmingham.



folding until it looks like a burnte Brush the lop with melted buitter, bake at 400° F for 20 minutes.

make a pocket. Brush with melted

butter and continue

# 2 tablespoons chili powder simmer for 2 hours. New master sommelier hails from Michigan

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD CORRESPONDENTS

TURKEY DUMPLING SOUP

1 gallon chicken stock

1 tablespoon olive oil

3 carrots, peeled, diced

Z tablespoons parsley.

\*2 cups cooked: rice,

2 pounds turkey,

Salt & pepper to taste

1 tablespoon water

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon peoper

In a large stockpot sauté

carrots, omon, celery and bay leaves in oil for 5 min-

Add wine and reduce by half, add stock, bring to a

In a bowl mix together

the flour, eggs, salt and pepper and slowly add water to make dough.

Using a small spoon,

scoop dough into boiling stock, stir occasionally.

Once dumplings are cooked add turkey, parsley

Simmer for 20 minutes.

add salt and pepper if

and rice.

chopped

Dumplings

1 cup flour

2 eggs

noodies, potato

3 celery stalks, diced

1 small onion, diced

2 cups white wine

chopped

3 bay leaves

Count them. Only 127 in the entire world. It's an elite group and Michigan garnered its third member in London on Nov. 5 when Ron Edwards passed a rigorous tasting exam to become a master sommelier.

In the wine, spirits and alcoholic beverage service, the Master Sommelier Diploma is the ultimate professional credential anyone can attain worldwide.

The 36-year-old Edwards, formerly sommelier at Five Lakes Grill in Milford and legendary Tapawingo in Ellsworth, is well known to area diners. A native North Carolinian, he graduated from

N.C. State with a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering.

"During my university days, I waited tables in restaurants," Edwards said. "I had an epiphany one day and fell in love with pinot noir and from every corner of the

globe for one year, that's all I drank. Except for co-op jobs associated with earning my

degree, I never formally practiced engineering." **EXPANDING INTEREST IN WINE** 

During the last two summers at N.C.

State, Edwards signed on for missionary work in Honduras where he met his wife Julie, a native of Romeo, and followed her to her home state where he took his first hospitality industry job, managing Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield.

Later he began building the wine program for chef/proprietor Brian Polcyn at Five Lakes Grill in Milford. At a trade tasting where Edwards was searching out wines for the wine list, he had a fortuitous introduction to master sommelier Madeline Triffon, now wine director for the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group. Through Triffon, he learned about the

PLEASE SEE EDWARDS, B10

# Roast a rack of lamb

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This is a stylish dish that could grace a holiday occasion or make a good choice for entertaining any time of year. Don't worry that its preparation will mean the cook has to lose a lot of social time toiling away out of sight in the kitchen. The lamb roasts in about half an hour and while it's in the oven, the savory, rosy-red sauce can be prepared simply and easily.

PLEASE SEE LAMB, B10

# Carve turkey with confidence

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A successful Thanksgiving or other holiday dinner may mean having the right tools at the right time - when it's time to carve the turkey, for example.

Specialists at Cutco, the cutlery manufacturer, offer suggestions with the following list of turkey-day tools to have ready: Carving knife. A thin,

sharp, recessed edge on your carving knife will ensure you have smooth cutting and beautiful slices. ■ Trimmer (utility knife).

A trusty sidekick, the trimmer will be called on often during stuffing preparation. ■ Paring knives. A kitchen staple; you may need more

than one for dinner prepara-■ Carving fork. Sharp, sturdy

tines anchor the meat firmly. ■ Cutting boards. Don't use just any cutting surface. Polypropylene (plastic) is an edge-friendly surface that will

keep your blades sharper longer. Glass, ceramic and

metal cutting surfaces will dull straightedge knives quickly. Kitchen shears. Shears are handy for snipping everything from herbs for your stuffing, to cutting the trussing chord

binding the turkey legs. Basting spoon. A longhandled basting spoon is used for basting the turkey, but it's also good to have on hand for removing stuffing from the cavity of the turkey.

■ Vegetable peeler. Peeling that mound of potatoes is a pleasure when you have a sharp and comfortable veg-

etable peeler on hand. There's more than one way to carve a turkey.

Whether carving is done center stage at the table or behind-the-scenes in the kitchen, these simple steps to carving a whole bird will help you carve with confidence:

### TRADITIONAL METHOD

■ Insert carving fork into the meaty part of the drumstick. Place carving knife between drumstick and thigh, and cut through skin to joint. Next, place carving knife between thigh and body and cut through skin to joint. Remove entire leg section by pulling outward and using the point of the knife to disjoint it. Then, separate the

thigh from the drumstick. Disjoint wing and separate from body in the same manner.

Make a horizontal base cut across the bottom of the breast with the carving knife.

■ Starting parallel to the breastbone, slice diagonally through the meat down to the horizontal base cut. Lift off each slice, holding it between the knife and fork. Continue slicing the breast by beginning at a higher point each time until the chest bone is reached.

#### **BREAST-OFF-BONE** METHOD

Anchor the turkey firmly on the cutting board with your carving fork. Carve each breast section away from the rib cage by cutting along the bone and around the contour of the body next to the ribs.

■ Lay the breast section flat on the cutting board and carve it into thin, even slices cutting against the grain of the meat.

### **CARVING THE DARK MEAT**

■ Insert carving fork into the meaty part of the drumstick. Place carving knife between drumstick and thigh, and cut through skin to joint.

Hold thigh firmly with carving fork and cut even slices parallel to the bone.

(Source: Cutco) On the Web: http://www.cutco.com.





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1½ teaspoon ground cumin, or to

1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice, or

4 ounces reduced-fat Neufchâtel

cream cheese, softened Salt and freshly ground black

Tabasco or hot chili pepper

sauce, to taste (if desired)

Soak dried tomatoes in hot

water for 5 minutes. Drain well,

In a food processor, purée

red peppers, tomatoes, garlic,

and scallion until smooth and

enough of the reserved tomato-soaking liquid to thin the

dip to the desired consistency

(scraping down the side of the bowl occasionally). Blend until

smooth. Blend in salt, pepper

and hot sauce to taste. Adjust

seasoning, adding more garlie,

cumin, or lemon juice if need-

Transfer to a container with a

cover. Cover and refrigerate for

24 hours before using. Bring dip

Serve in a small, attractive

rounded with assorted cut-up

Makes 10 servings (about //4-

cup each). Per serving: 67 calo-

ries, 3 g. total fat (2 g. saturated

fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. pro-

tein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 303 mg.

Recipe courtesy of the American

Institute for Cancer Research.

to room temperature before

bowl placed in center of a

large serving platter, sur-

vegetables and, if desired,

baked tortilla chips.

sodium.

cumin, lemon juice, cilantro

well blended. Add cream

cheese and purée, addana

reserving 3 tablespoons of the

soaking liquid.

¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro

¼ cup chopped scallion

to taste

This Southwestern-style dip uses roasted red peppers and sun-dried tomatoes that have not been packed in oil and are nearly fat-free.

# Make your dips healthy this holiday season

Party dips are good to have on hand for the holidays. Commercial dips are often high in fat, calories and sodium, but you can make low-fat, vegetable-based dips that are quick, easy and flavorful with ingredients you usually have in the kitchen.

Chickpeas, spinach and tomatoes make rich but healthful bases for party dips. Each is high in phytochemicals. Spinach, for example, is rich in several of these natural substances. Two, lutein and zeaxanthin, are also believed to protect against age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in people over 65.

Tomatoes are a rich source of lycopene, which has been linked to reduced prostate cancer risk and is now being studied for its potential to protect against other cancers.

Chickpeas (garbanzo beans), which make a creamy base for dips, are rich in protein, fiber, vitamin B6 and many important minerals. They contain a group of phytochemicals, called isoflavones, that may help prevent hormone-related

Many healthful dips contain garlic, which is rich in phytochemicals called organosulfides. They offer a variety of heart- and cancer-protective

The following Southwestern-style dip uses roasted red peppers and sundried tomatoes that have not been packed in oil and, therefore, are virtually fatfree. It includes a small amount of reduced-fat Neufchâtel cream cheese, which has a more satisfying flavor than "lite" or "fat-free" cream cheese.

#### SANTA FE SUNSET DIP

- 3 ounce (1 package, or about 30) sun-dried tomatoes (not packed in oil)
- 2 jars (7-ounces each) roasted
- red peppers, drained 2 gar in cloves choosed time

# Appetizer tarts piled with turkey and extras

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cooking for the holidays is a never-ending round of presenting favorite foods, in various ingenious - and wonderfully tasty - ways.

This recipe for appetizing mouthfuls assembled as easyto-bite little turkey tarts calls for cooked turkey, cooked winter squash and chestnuts, among other ingredients.

Aha, cooks may say - perfect for leftovers. They're quite

On the other hand, you might opt to make the tarts even if you haven't got a pile of leftovers to use up, starting from scratch.

Either way, this is not a complicated recipe. You don't have to make pastry for the tarts pick up won ton wrappers along with a few other simple ingredients at the grocery

And either way you'll have a rich and satisfying appetizer to hand (and no one but your pocketbook will ever know if you used "leftovers").

#### TURKEY TARTS

24 won ton wrappers 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

1/4 cup shredded Parmesan

cheese ¼ pound (4 ounces) cream cheese, softened

4 tablespoons finely chopped

areen onions 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh sage

½ teaspoon salt (optional) ¼ teaspoon white pepper 1 cup diced cooked turkey 1/2 cup pureed or mashed cooked winter squash (see note) ¼ cup coarsely chopped cooked, peeled chestnuts (see note)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray cavities of 12-cup muffin pan with pan spray; press 12 won ton wrappers into cavities.

In food processor or with electric mixer, combine cheeses, cream cheese, eggs, 2 tablespoons of the green onions, sage, salt and pepper until smooth and well blended. Stir in turkey, squash and chestnuts. Spoon half of mixture into won ton cups. Sprinkle with additional green onions. Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until set. Repeat with 12 remaining won ton wrappers and filling. Cool slightly to serve.

Makês 12 servings, of 2 tarts each.

Note: Acorn or butternut squash wörk very well; almost 🏾 any other squash, except maybe spaghetti squash, also would work. For chopped chestnuts, if preferred, substitute pine nuts.

Nutrition information per 1tart serving: 90 cal., 5 g total fat (2.5 g saturated), 50 mg chol., 195 mg sodium, 7 g carbo., 0 g dietary fiber, 5 g pro.

(Recipe for AP from Wilton Enterprises.)

crystallized ginger

2 tablespoons lemon juice

Butterball® Turkey

1/3 cup chopped celery

2 cups chopped leftover cooked

6 green onions sliced (about a

1/3 cup stivered armonds, toast-

2 oranges, peeled, sectioned

3 tablespoons chopped fresh

Combine broth, curry powder

and chopped

into halves

parsley

3/4 cup mayonnaise

# Try these recipes for holiday leftovers

#### ARTICHOKE TURKEY PIZZA

1 baked thin Italian pizza crust (12 inches)

1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese

1 can (145 ounces) Hunt's diced tom to ac with basiligarl and oregano orane f

1 cup chopped rettover cooked

1 can (14 ounces) artichoke hearts, drained, coarsely

1 can (2.25 ounces) sliced black olives, drained

1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 450°F. Place crust on ungreased baking sheet. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Top with tomatoes, turkey, artichokes, olives and Parmesan

Bake 10 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Makes: 4 servings (1/4 pizza each).

#### **CURRIED TURKEY COUSCOUS SALAD**

1 cup chicken broth 1/2 teaspoon curry powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 3/4 cup couscous, uncooked 1/2 cup golden raisins

2 tablespoons finely chopped

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and salt in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over mediumhigh heat. Stir in couscous, raisins and ginger; cover. Remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Uncover; fluff with fork. Cool.

Mix mayonnaise and lemon juice in large bowl until well blended. Add turkey, celery, onions and almonds; mix well. Add couscous mixture, oranges, grapes and parsley; mix lightly. Cover.

Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours, or until chilled. Makes: 4 servings (1-1/2 cups each)

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# Sichuan-style lo mein made easy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The change in season and cooler weather renew the appeal of comfort food.

We start scrabbling hopefully, hungrily, through recipe books, looking for a new, ideally fresh-fromscratch dish. Something a step up from defrosting a frozen dinner or opening a can of soup.

Hold the search. Here's an easy answer to feed the family and send them happily out to sweep leaves or stack

Philip Jones, president of Jones Dairy Farm and a Paris-trained chef, developed this one-dish meal that takes only about half an hour to make.

The recipe starts by borrowing from Chinese cooking, then absorbing other flavors before a fast simmer to a tasty finish.

"I based this recipe on a traditional lo mein I encountered during my early training as a chef," Jones said.

It's in the genre of what he refers to as "the meal-ina-bowl – soups, stews and noodle dishes." He suggests that for many Americans they're the new style of comfort food, "hearty, healthful and full of fresh ingredients."

Jones says that his Sichuan-style lo mein includes classic Asian ingredients - garlic, ginger and soy. Bok choy, an Asian green, adds a hint of sweetness. Red bell pepper gives flavor and color, and - a contemporary twist -Canadian bacon provides a smoky, flavorful protein.

#### SICHUAN-STYLE LO MEIN

(Start to finish: about 25 minutes)

8 ounces vermicelli or thin spaghetti, broken in half 2 tablespoons sesame oil,

2 teaspoons bottled or fresh minced ginger root 2 cloves garlic, minced ½ teaspoon crushed red pep-

per flakes 2 cups sliced bok choy or Swiss chard 1 red bell pepper, cut into short, thin strips

1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth ¼ cup reduced sodium soy

6-ounce package Canadian

bacon slices, cut into strips 2 green onions, cut diagonally into % inch pieces ¼ cup chopped cilantro ¼ cup chopped peanuts or cashews (optional)

Cook vermicelli according to package directions; drain and toss with 1 tablespoon of the oil and set aside.

Meanwhile, heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a large, deep skillet over medium heat. Add ginger root, garlic and pepper flakes; stir-fry 30 seconds. Add bok choy and bell pepper; stir-fry 2 minutes. Add broth and soy sauce; bring to a simmer. Add green onions; simmer until vegetables are tender, about 2 minutes. Stir in vermicelli and Canadian bacon; heat through. Transfer to 4 shallow bowls; top with cilantro and, if desired,

Makes  $4 (1-\frac{1}{2} \text{ cup})$  servings. Nutrition information per serving: 365 cal., 10 g. fat, 23 g. pro., 20 mg. chol., 1,271 mg. sodium, 3 g. fiber, 48 g. carbo.

Recipe for AP from Jones Dairy Farm.

# Applesauce recipe asks for toasted cinnamon sticks

BY J.M. HIRSCH ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) -Kitchen gadgets for the sake of kitchen gadgets don't do it for

For a gadget to get into my kitchen it really must be a performer. That means it must make a task faster and simpler. It also means setup and cleanup can't be a chore.

I've long resisted those oldfashioned hand-crank apple peeler-corer-slicer devices. They seem a complicated machine for a simple process better done with a hand peeler. Plus, I like peeling produce. Get into a groove and it can be a soothing rhythm.

Then my son came along. Such Zen moments are hard to come by these days.

As it happens, I own one of those apple gizmos. It was a gift, the sort you set in the back of the pantry with every intention to give to Goodwill but never get around to. I'd never used it.

That changed when I recently contemplated how to peel the peck of apples I'd picked earlier in the week. That is, how to do it while preventing

my son from biting the cat's tail, climbing into the kitchen cupboards and crawling down the heating ducts.

Oh. My. God.

How did I live without this thing? Intuitively named the Apple Peeler Corer Slicer, this handy device peeled, cored and sliced a large apple in less than 5 seconds. Then again. And again. And again. All in less time than it took my son to catch the cat.

I was astounded. Clamp it onto a counter or table. Jam an apple onto a fork-like prong, then turn the handle. The turning action rams the apple into a series of blades - one peels, one slices and one cores.

Setup was as simple as clamping it down. Cleanup was even easier - just a quick rinse under warm water. And according to the instructions, the device also does wonders for potatoes. Curly fries, anyone?

So now I had a new gadget for my kitchen. I also had a heap of peeled and sliced apples. What to do with them?

This time of year, applesauce is always a wonderful choice. Nothing smells better on a chilly autumn day than a pot of apples

and cinnamon bubbling away. And what could be easier?

My recipe for applesauce is simple. Fill a large saucepan with peeled and sliced apples. Add about 1/2-inch of water. Season to taste with cinnamon. nutmeg and ground cardamom, then cover and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until apples are very

Whatever you do, don't add sugar. Talk about ruining the natural - and already extraordinarily sweet - taste of fresh apples. I've never understood this. Sugar deadens the tart bite of seasonal apples, a bite that's necessary to appreciate the true flavors.

soft, about 10 minutes.

For another take on (unsweetened) applesauce, try this version from Michel Nischan's Homegrown Pure and Simple (Chronicle, 2005, \$35). He spikes it with just a touch of fresh lemon juice and toasted cinnamon sticks.

#### **APPLESAUCE**

(Start to finish: 35 minutes) 2 cinnamon sticks 2 pounds tart apples, peeled,

cored and sliced

2 tablespoons fresh temon juice 1 teaspoon fine sea salt

Using tongs, hold the cinnamon sticks about 1 inch above a high gas flame and toast about 1 minutes, or until they darken a shade and are fragrant. Alternatively, set them directly on a hot electric coil and turn the sticks as they toast, about 20 to 30 seconds. Regardless of method, be sure to wear oven mitts.

Juice 3 cups of the apples in a juicer, producing about% cup of juice and//<sub>3</sub> to//<sub>2</sub> cup of pulp. (If you don't have a juicer, use 2/2 cup freshly pressed apple juice or cider and only 1-1/4 pounds of apples.)

In a nonreactive saucepan, combine the remaining apples, juice, pulp, cinnamon sticks, lemon juice and salt and bring to a simmer over a medium flame. Reduce to low, partially cover and cook, stir- \*; ring often, for about 30 minutes, or until the apples are tender and have broken down to a saucelike consistency.

Remove the cinnamon sticks. For a smoother consistency, process the applesauce in a food processor.

Makes about 2 cups.

From Michel Nischan's Homegrown Pure and Simple (Chronicle, 2005,

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### **EDWARDS**

FROM PAGE B7

Court of Master Sommelier's certification program.

#### **BECOMING A MASTER** SOMMELIER

The first successful master sommelier examination was held in the United Kingdom in 1969. By 1977, the Court of Master Sommeliers was established as the premier internationally-recognized examining and certifying body, exacting passing three stages of examinations.

Edwards passed the introductory course in 1997 and the advanced level the next year. He estimated that for the second level, he studied four hours each day, six days a week for six weeks. Between this and his recent success several life responsibilities, including the birth of four daughters and work, spread out his passing exams in practical service, theory and the final blind tasting identification over the succeeding seven years.

"I didn't keep exact track of the time involved to study and pass' all the tests for master sommelier," Edwards admitted. And the cost in addition to time? "Chef Brian Polcyn helped with costs for the first two levels," he said. "For the master sommelier's level, it was out of pocket and being awarded scholarships from the beverage industry that helped with travel expenses to both California and London for various exams."

WHAT'S NEXT?

The title "master sommelier"

offers Edwards a worldwide passport to a top position in the hospitality industry.

He's taking that route but on his own terms by establishing his company Five Star Sommelier Services as a service and beverage specialist offering hospitality and service training; wine, spirits and beer education; restaurant systems development; and a private wine club. Among his clients are The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Tapawingo and Galley Gourmet in Bay Harbor. (Those interested in any aspect of beverage development can check out his Web site at

www.fivestarsommelier.com or by e-mailing ron@fivestarsom-

melier.com.) With startup early in December this year, Grapevine School of Wine will have multiple bases in Oakland County with plans to take the project national and international. Plans are now on the drawing board for introductory through specialized classes and travel are one-of-a-kind and welcome additiond to wine education in the area. Check out the Web site, www.grapevineschoolofwine.com, to learn about education opportunities offered by Edwards and his wine school partners Trevor

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine,

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spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com. done). Remove from oven and let

This recipe for a fast frittata Meanwhile, heat olive oil in

Wine magazine.

He's one of the confirmed brunch fans who, in addition to preparing brunch for others, himself likes to eat eggs for dinner after a long night of cooking at his restaurant.

His frittata is filled with chanterelle mushrooms - for which cremini or oyster mushrooms can be substituted - along with tarragon, and fontina cheese.

Makes 6 servings.

Fall fare

Casseroles are one-dish answer for dinner

(Note: Tabasco chipotle pepper sauce is available at your local supermarket.)

Nutrition information per serving: about 295 cal., 13.26 g pro., 46.12 g carbo., 7.06 total fat (1.82 g saturated), 9.90 mg chol., 736.96 mg sodium, 8.77 g fiber.

#### SPICY POLENTA LASAGNA

8 ounces sweet Italian sausage links 1 medium onion, diced 141/2 ounce can diced tomatoes

2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce

2 tablespoons butter or mar-18-ounce tube prepared polenta, cut into/r inch-thick slices

fontina cheese ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 cup shredded mozzarella or

Preheat oven to 400º F.

Remove casing from sausage links; break up meat. Cook sausage until well browned on all sides in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Remove sausage to bowl. In drippings remaining in skillet. cook onion until softened over. medium heat. Add to bowl with sausage. Stir in tomatoes and

their liquid and hot pepper sauce. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in same skillet. Cook polenta slices, half at a time, until browned on both sides. Repeat with remaining butter and polenta slices.

Spoon half of sausage mixture into a 9-by-9-inch baking dish. Top with half of polenta slices, and half of mozzarella cheese and Parmesan cheese. Repeat layer again, ending with Parmesan cheese. Bake 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and mixture is hot and bubbly. Makes 4 serv-

Nutrition information: about 436 cal., 19.63 g pro., 20.42 g carbo., 31.27 g total fat (14.44 g saturated), 77.58 mg chol., 1,152 mg sodium, 2.21 g fiber.

Recipes for AP from Tabasco/McIlhenny Co. .\*

# Chanterelle and fontina frittata fast, flavorful

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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thoughts hungrily to warming

dinners, what's more welcom-

ing for diners and easier for

bubbling hot from the oven,

wreathed in tasty aromas?"

1 cup couscous

sauce

1 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon olive oil

size chunks

bite-size chunks

1 medium red onion, diced

SMOKY VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

1 cup vegetable or chicken broth

1 medium zucchini, cut into bite-

1 medium yellow squash, cut into

1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded

1 green bell penner, cored, seed-

ed and cut into bite-size

19-ounce can chickpeas, drained

and cut into bite-size chunks

1 tablespoon chipotle pepper

cooks than a hearty casserole,

As fall weather turns

For many people, a great brunch dish is something that tastes great any time of day - for lunch, too, or a late, light dinner.

Eggs adapt perfectly to this free-spirited outlook: They are quick to cook, and combine easily with a lively variety of other ingredients and flavors.

comes from Marc Meyer, New York City chef and restaurant owner, author of Brunch (Rizzoli, 2005, \$24.95), who includes it in a "brunch and beyond" feature in the October issue of Food and

and rinsed

9-ounce package frozen arti-

choke hearts, thawed

½ cup shredded Gruvere or

Swiss-style cheese

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Combine couscous, broth, 2

teaspoons chipotle pepper sauce,

and/2 teaspoon salt in 2-quart

saucepan. Heat to boiling over

from heat; let stand 5 minutes.

skillet over medium-high heat.

Cook zucchini, yellow squash, red

onion, red and green peppers and

remaining/2 teaspoon salt about 5

minutes until vegetables are ten-

Combine couscous, vegetable

hearts and shredded cheese in 2-

der-crisp, stirring occasionally.

Stir in remaining I teaspoon

mixture, chickpeas, artichoke

quart shallow casserole dish.

Bake 20 minutes at 350° F or

until mixture is heated through.

chipotle pepper sauce.

Meanwhile, heat oil in 12-inch

high heat. Cover and remove

Fontina is mild-flavored and melts smoothly and easily, so it cooks up nicely in this combination, but Gruyere could also be used.

CHANTERELLE AND FONTINA FRITTATA

8 large eggs, beaten 1 tablespoon chopped tarragon 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil ½ pound chanterelle mushrooms, sliced if large Salt and freshly ground pepper 2 ounces fontina or Gruvere cheese, shredded (1/2 cup)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a medium bowl, beat the eggs with the chopped tarragon. In a large, nonstick ovenproof skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil until shimmering. Add the chanterelle mushrooms, season

with salt and pepper and cook them over moderately high heat, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms are browned, about 8

Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil to the skillet. Add the beaten eggs and cook until they begin to set at the edges, about 30 seconds. Using a spatula, lift the edges and tilt the pan, allowing the uncooked eggs to seep underneath. Cook until the bottom is set, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle the cheese on top and bake the frittata for about 8 minutes, until fluffy and set. Slide the frittata onto a platter, cut into wedges and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

### LAMB

FROM PAGE B7

This is a dish that will look as good as it tastes.

#### ROAST RACK OF LAMB WITH CRANBERRY AND RED WINE SAUCE

3 racks (7 or 8 ribs each) lamb, trimmed and frenched (see

1 teaspoor olive oil cup (2 ounces) chopped shallots 10 whole cloves 8-ounce can jellied cranberries

1 cup red wine 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves 1 teaspoon vanilla extract ½ teaspoon balsamic vinegar Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 425º F. Season lamb to taste with salt and pepper. Place racks upright, with bones supporting one another, in small roasting pan. Roast at 425º for 24 minutes (for rare), to 30 minutes (for well

stand 5 minutes before carving. Pour meat juice into small bowl and skim off fat layer with teaspoon; set aside.

small saucepan. Add shallots and saute over medium heat for 3 minutes or until golden; stirring frequently. Add cloves and saute for 20 seconds. Add jellied cranberries, red wine and thyme and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, strain into clean pan and return to boil. Stir in vanilla, vinegar and salt.

Pour reserved meat juice into sauce and return to boil. Strain into serving dish. Serve with lamb. Makes 6 servings. Note: A butcher will trim

racks of lamb for roasting; trimmed racks ready for the oven are called "frenched."

Nutrition information per serving: 320 cal., 27 g pro., 13 g carbo., Og fiber, 14 g fat, 5 g saturated) 90 mg chol., 115 mg sodium.

Recipe developed for AP by the Cranberry Marketing Committee.

Cuisine du Jour Michelle Bommarito, culinary instructor

and pastry chef discusses Appetizers and Desserts on Thursday, Dec. 8 at a hands-on culinary training session at Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke Road, Auburn Hills. 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, çall Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu ■ Hands-On

Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequi-

**CALENDAR** 

site of the Cooking 101 Skill Development class or instructo is approval F an to wear a white cle 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 informa-

tion on these classes and others: Garde Manger 101- Cold Food Preparation,

530 830 pm Tuesday and Wednesday Novi 29 and 30 Cookie Decorating into Royalling 6-9 pm Dec a Liv Lobsterfest, 530-830 p.m., Dec 8, Cooking Beef Tenderloin, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 15; Holiday Appetizers, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 17.

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Busch's cooking classes focus on easy appetizer recipes for adding elegance to holiday entertaining. Learn Busch's favorite shortcuts and garnishes. Make

rimple yet elegant crostini and canapes with tellicolloin and smoked samon fork with pastily with crabmeat-avocado stuffed gougeres and wild mushroom purses. Use frozen and shelf stable appetizer "shells" for various fillings (pear, leek and gruyere; and chocolate cups with honey mascarpone mousse). Classes begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 at Busch's, 15185 Sheldon in Plymouth and Dec. 6 at 24445 Drake in Farmington.



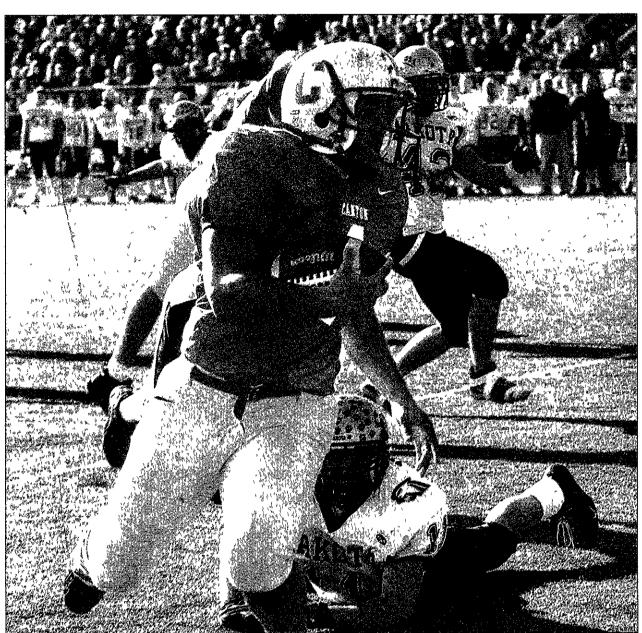




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# State final showdown: Canton vs. Rockford



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Deshon McClendon leaves a Macomb Dakota player in his wake during the Chiefs' 35-21 Division 1 semifinal victory Saturday. McClendon finished with 151 yards on 19 carries.

# He's all heart

# Canton's McClendon is No. 1 when it comes to determination, desire

BY ED WRIGHT

All 5-foot-6 of Canton running back Deshon McClendon appeared to be swallowed alive by the massive Macomb Dakota front seven during a critical third-down play

mid-way through the first quarter of Saturday's Division 1 semifinal football

The apparent stuffing of McClendon couldn't have come at a worse time for the Chiefs, who were

trailing 14-0 and facing their third punting situation in three possessions. "At first, I ran into one of my own blockers,"

McClendon remembered. "Then when I bent back, one of their linebackers got his arm around me." But a split second before the referee blew his whistle, before the chain gang rolled the down

marker from "3" to "4" and before the Dakota stands could erupt with exhilaration, something Barry Sanders-esque happened on the Troy Athens High School football field.

McClendon escaped.

"I pushed the guy's arm off me, took a step back, then ran as hard as I could," McClendon said. "I think the defensive guys thought I was down, so they may have relaxed for a second."

PLEASE SEE MCCLENDON, C2

Prep Profile

# Canton's goal: dethrone multi-talented Rockford

### DIVISION 1 FINAL FACTS

- **Who:** Canton (11-2) vs. Rockford (11-2)
- **wnen:** Saturday, 1 p.m., **Where:** Ford Field
- Tickets: \$9 (general\* admission) available at Canton High School athletic office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, and at Ford Field. on Saturday. Tickets are good for all four Saturday games.
- Mewsworthy notes: This is Canton's first trip to the state finals; Rockford is the defending DI state champion after knocking off Sterling Heights Stevenson in the 2004 finals:

BY ED WRIGHT STALL WPITER

"Wings & Things" is not the name of a fastfood restaurant, but it's given plenty of high school football defensive coordinators indiges-

"Wings & Things" is the moniker Rockford football coach Ralph Munger has given his team's multi-dimensional offense, which has averaged close to 35 points per game this season after leading the Rams to the Division 1 state championship last fall.

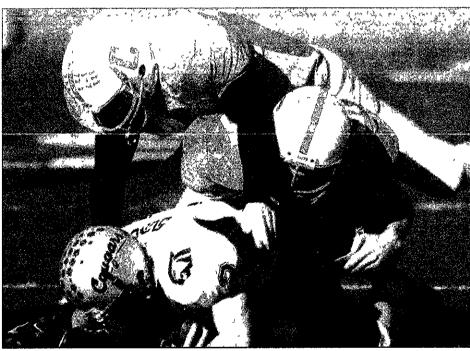
The Rams' multiple-set offense will provide the latest test for Canton's young but talented defense in Saturday's Division 1 state title game at Ford Field. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

"I am amazed how many offensive formations they use," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, after reviewing films of recent Ram games. "Their main set seems to be the same full-house formation we use, but they also have a couple of spread packages, too.

"Like I told our kids, it will be like a final exam for them. We've faced teams that have run all of the formations Rockford uses, but we'll be seeing them all in one game on Saturday."

Steering the Rams' offense is first-year starter

PLEASE SEE GOAL, C4



Canton's defense shut out Macomb Dakota during the second half of Saturday's Division 1 semifinal football game at Troy Athens High School. Jeff Piper (44) and Andy Rossow (31) are pictured bringing down the Cougars' John Schultz.

At the 2004

ishing eighth in

the 500 freestyle

# **Lakers derail Chiefs**

STAFF WRITER

The tale of the ugly duckling and the beautiful swan played out in its entirety Monday night at Northville High School.

When it was over, the swan emerged in an exciting finish for West Bloomfield, which used a punishing interior defense in the second half to stifle

(42) and

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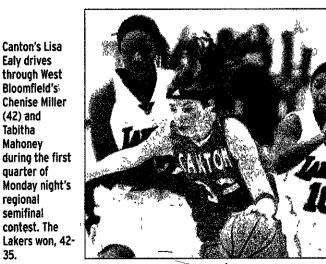
regional

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Canton and beat the Chiefs 45-38, in a Class A regional girls' basketball game.

The win earned the Lakers a spot in the regional final Tuesday against Auburn Hills Avondale, a 54-51 winner over Birmingham Marion. Results of that game weren't available at press time.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Schmitt sparkles at D1 meet

Please see complete Division 1 state swim results on Page C3.

> BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Nervous? Not Canton sophomore Allison Schmitt prior to Saturday's

Division 1 state finals swim meet at Eastern Michigan University. The cool, calm and collected Schmitt finished second in both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle

events before leading the Chiefs' 400 freestyle relay foursome to a 12th-place finish. Along with the silver-medal performances, Schmitt earned All-American status with her 23,93 time in the 50 free preliminaries and her 51.27 clocking in the 100 finals.

"I don't get nervous at big meets, or any meets, because I know I'm going to do my best and I'm going to be happy with the outcome," said Schmitt.

Schmitt said the state final meet setting is conducive to record-shattering times.

"The atmosphere is good at the finals, plus it's the meet everyone

has trained for all season so we're



Allison Schmitt

and sixth in the 200 freestyle. Schmitt started swimming competitively at the age of 10 for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers. Two years later, she joined the elite Ann Arbor Swim Club.

"I swim 50 weeks of the year," she said. "My goal is to swim for a big college some day and qualify for either the 2008 or 2012 Olympic trials."

There is no rest in the near future for Schmitt, who will be training hard the next two weeks for the U.S. Open national meet in Auburn, Ala.

"I never get tired of swimming," she said. "I love it."

Thanks to its talented 10thgrader's performance, Canton finished 14th overall with 44 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer swam away with the title, earning 433 points, 190 more than runner-up

Farmington Hills Mercy. Rochester Adams (184), Holland (145) and Northville (139) rounded out the top five spots.

"Swimming the shorter events like Allison did, you have to be perfect," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "And she was perfect. Her turns were amazing and she was quick off the blocks.

"Allison is a great person to coach because she listens to everything we have to say and she's very, very open to our ideas."

Salem finished with nine points, which placed the Rocks in a 33rdplace tie with Fraser. "We turned in our fastest times of the year, but they just weren't quite fast enough," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Everyone gave it their best, which is all you can ask."

The Rocks' best finish was senior Kelsey Lincoln's ninth-place showing in the 100-yard backstroke. She was clocked in a personal-best time of 1:01.47.

Lincoln earned a 17th-place finish in the 200 individual medley (2:14.95).

Salem freshman diver Katie Koetting also had a good state final meet, finishing 26th, which was the best finish for a freshman.

### Good sports

Plymouth Christian Academy's girls varsity volleyball and girls valsity soccer teams were presented with the Michigan High School Athletics Association's "Good Sportsmanship" award Oct. 27 at the school. The award, which is sponsored by the MEEIC Insurance Company, is given to teams that exhibit the highest levels of sportsmanship during the state playoffs.

The selection process includes input from officials, tournament managers, police security personnel, crowd-control volunteers, ushers and members of the MHSAA staff. The observers judge the conduct and sportsmanship of the teams' coaches, athletes, students and adult spectators. Also taken into account was the effort by each school's fans to cheer positively and enthusiastically for their team.

The awards were presented by Detroit Piston assistant coach Steve Moreland.

"We are so proud of coach Missy Henry (volleyball) and coach Bob Lorion (soccer) for the way they led their teams: last year," said PCA athletic director Doug Taylor

### Family run/walk

The Family With a Cause Run/Walk will be ... held Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton Township. All proceeds from the event will be used to help fight epile

There will be youth and adult divisions. The registration fee for adults is ~ \$22. Kids under 12 years old will be charged \$10.

For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 483-5600; or visit their Web site at csc.canton-mi.org.

### Travel baseball

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) will hold a travel baseball meeting on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., in the media center of Scranton Middle School located at 8415 Maltby Road (east, of Rickett and south of Lee) in Brighton. This meeting is for the 2006 season and is for any new or returning U9 -U18 teams.

For further information contact Jeff David at (586) 206-7646 or ieff.david@kvbsa.com; or~ visit the league's Web site at www.KVBSA.com.

#### **Wrestling club** Practice for Salem's 2006 Team Chippewa

begins Thursday, Dec. 1, ~ in the Salem High Schoolwrestling room. Team Chippewa will be participating in the Michigan Youth Wrestling . Association (MYWAY) season, which begins in January. Registration for the team is free. Kids 15and under are eligible to compete.

For more information, call (734) 239-2922.

### MCCLENDON

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McClendon not only escaped — he reeled off an electrifying 43-yard run, setting up Canton's first touchdown and energizing his teammates and the Chiefs' crowd.

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While the run came early in Canton's 35-21 victory, it may have been the most significant play of the afternoon considering the consequences the Chiefs would have faced had he been tackled for no gain.

"That run gave us a huge momentum boost," said Canton coach Tim Baechler.

#### **ILL-ADVISED MOVE**

Baechler said members of the Dakota student cheering section unknowingly charged up McClendon's already high intensity level during pre-game warm-ups.

"I guess some of their kids were ripping on Deshon, calling him short," Baechler said. "It fired him up. Deshon went over to one of our assistant coaches and said, 'Do they know who I am?' My assistant coach said when they got on him, it was like poking a 10-foot-tall grizzly bear with a

Stopping McClendon will be the No. 1 task for Rockford's defense in Saturday's Division 1 state final contest at Ford Field.

"From what I can see from the films I've watched, (McClendon) is one of those players that runs with every ounce and every fiber of his body," said Rockford coach Ralph Munger. "I'm very impressed with him. He plays hard and we respect that in a player."

McClendon, a junior, has been playing football for half his life, having strapped on his first pair of shoulder pads at the age of 8. It didn't take long before McClendon's first Plymouth-Canton Steelers coach, Phil LaVallee, noticed the youngster's potential for

"Deshon didn't play a lot when he was 8 because he still had a lot to learn," LaVallee reflected. "But it was obvious right away that he was going to be something special. By the time

he was 9, he was doing the same kinds of things in little league that you see now with Canton. He's always had the moves, plus he ran kids over like he does now.

"I'll never forget one run he made for us. He was running down the sidelines when, out of the corner of his eye, he saw a defensive player coming at him. As the defensive player dove at him, Deshon leaped over the kid and into the end zone. No one could believe it."

McClendon was instrumental in the Steelers' string of WSJFL Super Bowl appearances during his little league tenure.

"Before one of our first practices during Deshon's junior varsity season when he was 12, he came up to me and said, 'Coach, I don't know how quick I'm going to be this season," LaVallee said. "He said, 'I haven't grown much and my thighs are rubbing together when I run.' Well, his thighs were rubbing together because of the muscles in his legs, but he was still as quick as

"The things I'll always remember about Deshon is that he always gave his linemen credit for his success and he still comes back to the Steelers' practices to help out. He's a special kid."

#### **RAPID PROMOTIONS**

It didn't take long for McClendon to work his way up the ladder of success and to the top of Canton's depth chart. As a ninth-grader, he led the Chiefs' freshmen team to a 9-0 record, but from a new position - quarterback.

"I wanted to play running back, but coach (Rich) Mui said they liked their best athletes to play quarterback, so I was all right with it," McClendon said.

McClendon was called up to the varsity squad that year for the playoffs and he made a quick and positive first impression on the coaches.

"I did pretty good with the scout teams in practice, so they put me in for a few plays against Wayne," McClendon said. "I gained about 20some yards."

A star was born. Last year, McClendon started as a sophomore and played a key role in

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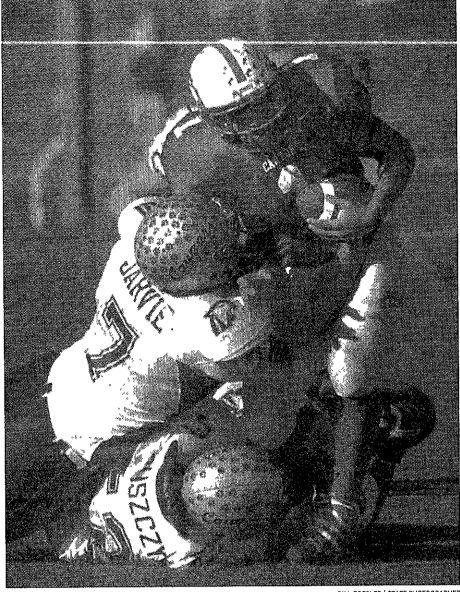
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Canton junior running back Deshon McClendon tries to elude Dakota defenders Josh Jarvie (7) and Brad Puszczyk during Saturday's state football semifinal game at Troy Athens.

the Chiefs' 10-1 season.

This year, he's destroyed the school's rushing records, piling up 1,908 yards and 32 touchdowns through 13 games. The 165-pound player is also a stud

in the weight room. His 325-pound bench press and 450-pound squat are near the top of the team's charts.

"He never misses a workout, and when he is in the weight room he

works his butt off," Baechler said. "The things that make Deshon great are his heart and his confidence. Plus, he has great instinct and savvy for the game of football.

"People look at his size and his speed, and they wonder where he'll play college football. I don't know where he'll play, but I do know this: We're lucky to have him on our team." ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

# Finals tickets are on sale

Tickets for the 2005 Michigan High School Athletic Association Football Finals are now on sale at the Ford Field Box Office all week, and at the Canton High School athletic office on Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All tickets are general admission, and will admit an individual to all four games in one day. Tickets are \$9 each.

Parking in over 2,000 spaces adjacent to Ford Field and Comerica Park in Olympia Entertainment lots West of Woodward Avenue and along Montcalm will be \$6.

A number of privately-operated parking lots and garages are also located in the general vicinity of Ford Field which/may charge different prices.The Olympia Entertainment lots offering \$6 parking will be marked with signs bearing the Olympia Entertainment name and logo. A parking map is located on the Football page of the MHSAA Web site.

The continuous schedule each day will have games starting at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Friday, Nov. 25, the games in the even-numbered divisions will take place beginning with Division 8, followed by Division 2, then Division 6 and Division 4.

The odd-numbered divisions will have their championships on Saturday, Nov. 26, beginning with Division 7, followed by Division 1, Division 5 and Division 3.

Contact the Ford Field Box Office at (313) 262.2003 daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

No public sale of tickets will take place at the MHSAA office. Tickets will be available at participating schools the week of the event, and at the door on the days of the event.

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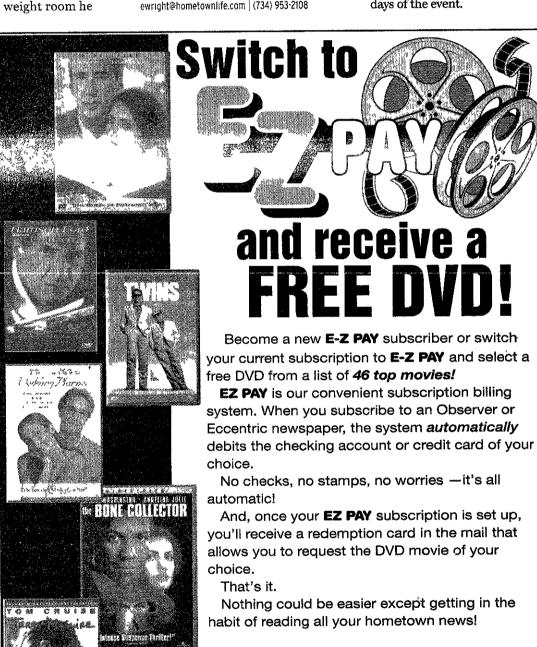
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Canton's Becci Houdek drives past West Bloomfield's Lauren Davis for two of her 17 points in Monday night's regional semi-final game at Northville High School. The Lakers won, 42-35.

### **CAGERS**

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Both teams came out tight and missed numerous early opportunities, including several layups at both ends, before the Lakers (18-4) took control after halftime.

"We missed a lot of shots early," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We were at the rim a lot, but we came up short. We had the lead at half-time, but if you make those shots, it's that much bigger a hole (West Bloomfield) has to climb out of"

What little scoring there was — Canton led 17-16 at halftime — came from balanced scoring. The Chiefs got seven points, including the first five of the game, from junior guard Becci Houdek and four each from Ja'nee Morton and Lisa Falv.

But the Lakers, who got strong inside games from freshman Chenise Miller and sophomore Ari'Elle Durham, scored seven of the first nine points of the third quarter and never looked back. The Lakers outscored Canton 11-3 in the third quarter to seize the lead for good.

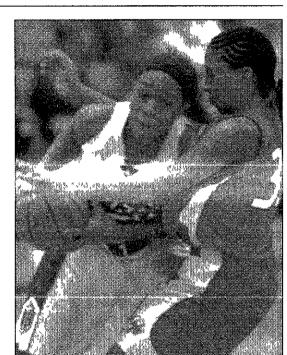
The key, according to West Bloomfield coach Larry Moore, was taking Canton's Morton who was able to penetrate in the first half — out of the equation in the second half.

"We came out and took the middle away," Moore said. "They couldn't get in any kind of rhythm."

Miller blocked a shot by Canton's Ealy with about six minutes left in the third, then hustled downcourt to hit a short jumper to put the Lakes up 23-20. She closed out the third-quarter scoring with a tough leaner in the lane after taking an entry pass from junior Bojana Popovic.

When West Bloomfield's Brittney Jones hit a 3-pointer to start the fourth, the Lakers stretched their lead to 10. They stretched it to 12 — 38-26, their biggest lead of the game — on a baseline jumper from sophomore Tabitha Mahoney.

"They changed their defense a little" at halftime, Samulski said. "We caught it, but we didn't do a good job of finding open people."



Canton's Ja'nee Morton (right) draws a charging foul against West Bloomfield's Chenise Miller during Monday night's 42-35 Laker victory in a Class A regional semi-final game played at Northville High School.

Then the Chiefs roared back, closing to within two with some stifling defense of their own and some clutch outside shooting from Houdek. The 5-foot-8 junior hit back-to-back 3-pointers to close the gap to 39-33.

Morton then stole the ball, got it to Ealy for a layup, then put back a missed Ealy free throw and suddenly it was 39-37.

But Miller hit a tough, hanging jumper from the free-throw line to stop the bleeding, and the Lakers hit 4-of-6 from the free-throw line down the stretch to hold off the Chiefs.

Brittney Jones led the Lakers with 16 points, while Miller added 15. Houdek's 17 paced Canton; Morton had nine points, 11 rebounds and three steals, while Ealy added nine points, nine rebounds and three steals.

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#### **GIRLS SWIMMING STATE FINALS RESULTS**

L.P. DIVISION Í STÀTE FINALS (Nov. 19 at EMÚ)

TEAM SCORES - 1. Ann Arbor Ploneer, 433.5; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy, 243.5; 3. Rochester Adams, 183; 4. Holland, 145; 5. Northville, 139; 6. Zeeland Unified, 131; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 126; 8. Rockford, 82; 9. Moriroe, 74; 10. Jenison, 62.5; 11. South Lyon. 62; 12. East Kentwood, 56; 13. Pinckney, 48; 14. Plymouth Canton, 44; 15. Holland West Ottawa,, 38; 16. (tie) Holt, 36; Ann Arbor Huron, 36; 18. (tie) Milford, 32; Troy Athens, 32; 20. Farmington, 31; 21. Grand Haven, 28.5; 22. Saginaw Heritage, 26; 23. Howell, 21; 24. Grosse Pointe South, 18; 25. Walled Lake Central, 17: 26, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern-Eastern Unified, 16: 27. (tie) Utica Ford II, 14; Kalamazoo Central, 14; Novi, 14; 30. Lake Orion, 13; 31. (tie) Dearborn, 11; Grosse Pointe North, 11; 33. (tie) Fraser, 9; Plymouth Salem, 9: 35. Westland John Glenn, 7: 36. (tie) Filnt Southwestern Academy, 6: Rochester, 6; 38. (tie) Churchill, 5; Troy, 5; Jackson, 5; Bay City Western, 5; 42. Brighton, 4; 43. Clarkston, 2; 44. Traverse City Unified, 1. 200 MEDLEY RELAY - 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer (Ashley Cohagen, Carlye Ellis, Margaret Kelly, Leigh Cole) 1:43.63; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy, 1:50.59; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 1:50.64; 4. Zeeland, 1:51.18; 5. Holland, 1:51.77; 6. Monroe, 1:52.63; 7. Rochester Adams, 1:53.20; 8. Clarkston, DO.

CONSOLATION — 9. Grosse Pointe South, 1:53.08; 10. East Kentwood, 1:53.88; 11. Holt, 1:54.27; 12. Farmington, 1:55.15; 13. Ann Arbor Huron, 1:55.49; 14. Holland West Ottawa, 1:55.71; 15. Saginaw Heritage, 1:55.86; 16. Novi, 1:56.65.

200 FREESTYLE - 1. Kristyne Cole (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:49.88; 2, Liz Koselka (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:50.04; 3. Claire Tyler (Rochester Adams) 1:53.49; 6. Caryn Switaj (Farmington Hills Mercy) 1:54.29; 7. Ashley Bronkema (Zeeland Unified), 1:54.65; 8. Megan Craig (Farmington Hilfs Mercy) 1:55.43. CONSOLATION - 9. Ashley St. Andrew (Jenison) 1:56.17; 10. Emily Cox (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:57.82: 11. Abbey Green (Dearborn) 1:57.88: 12. Emily Roesch (Lake Orion) 1:58.67: 13. Melissa Faletti (South Lyon) 1:58.94; 14. Marie Stuve (Fraser) 1:59.16; 15. Allison Gorine (Ann Arbor Huron) 2:01.02; 16. Christina Gerometta (Farmington Hills Mercv) 2:01.15. 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - 1. Ava Ohlgren (Northville) 1:59.23 (New Division 1 record, previous record held by Ava Ohlgren (Northville), 1:59.48, prelims, 2005); 2. Carlye Ellis (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:05.62; 3. Grace Frediake (Northville) 2:07.70; 4. Sasha Lewerenz (Rochester Adams) 2:08.70; 5. Lauren Shanley (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:09.00; 6. Kara Small (Farmington Hills Mercy) 2:09.39; 7. Elaina Hogle (East Kentwood) 2:09.52; 8, Carleigh Schwartz (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:13.77. CONSOLATION - 9. Laura Timson (Livonia Stevenson) 2:10.35; 10. Alison Van Kampen (Zeeland Unified) 2:10.53; 11. Melissa Spahlinger (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:12.75; 12. (tie) Natasha Mason (Farmington Hills Mercy) 2:13.17; Shannon Kohl (Jenison) 2:13.77; 14. Kirsten Smith (Monroe) 2:13.18; 15. Andrea Gregorka (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:13.24; 16. Kristine Savoie (Bay City Western) 2:14.95. 50 FREESTYLE - 1, Lisa Butler (Holland) 23.84: 2. Allison Schmitt (Plymouth Canton)

24.07; 3, Katie Bylsma (Pinckney) 24.09; 4. Ashley Cohagen (Ann Arbor Ploneer) 24.12; 5. Kim Baughman (Farmington) 24.33; 6. Sarah Lugema (Zeeiand Unified) 24.41; 7. Sarah Kosmak (Jenison) 24.54; 8. Erinn Wertz (Rockford) 24.70.

(Rockford) 24.70. CONSOLATION - 9. Kelli Dewey (Grand Haven), 24.79; 10. Jenna Faletti (South Lyon) 24.91; 11, Sarah Lawless (Holland) 24.99; 12. Katie Brooks (Jackson) 25.01; 13, Meg L. Noble (Farmington Hills Mercy) 25.08; 14. Kara Wackerle (Bay City Western) 25.11; 15. Alyssa Vela (Clarkston) 25.18; 16. Megan Lawless (Holland) 25.21. 1-METER DIVING — 1. Alex Miller (Pinckney) 413.40 points; 2. Stephanie Fura (Walled Lake Central) 407.65; 3. Natalle Stitt (Holland West Ottawa) 400.50; 4. Stephanie O'Callaghan (Holland West Ottawa) 390.20; 5. Marcella Barretta (Utica Ford II) 389.30; 6. Susan Kennedy (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 380,60: 7, Tiffany Wright (Rockford) 362.15; 8. Rachel Ropeik (Ann Arbor Huron) 246.80; 9. Kirstin Pickett (Monroe) 343.00; 10. Hillary Wenlund (East Kentwood) 338.95; 11. Caitlin Dunphy-Daly (Rochester) 336,70: 12, Lauren Northway (Ann Arbor Huron) 335.85: 13. Kristine Hintz (Ann Arbor Huron) 334.95; 14. Amy Glubzinski (Novi) 333.70; 15. Jessica Elzinga (Holland West Ottawa) 329.60; 16. Rachel Strom (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern/Eastern Unified)

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West Ottawa) 1:02.45; 16. Katle Spoelman (Grand Haven) 1:02.52.

100 BREASTSTROKE – 1. Carlye Ellis (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:02.82 (New Division 1 record, previous record held by Carlye Ellis (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:02.95, prelims, 2005); 2. Brynn Marecki (Livonia Stevenson) 1:06.40; 3. Alisont Van Kampen (Zeeland Unified) 1:06.72; 4. Tonion Musto (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern/Eastern Unified) 1:07.56; 5. Shannon. Moceri (South Lyon) 1:07.65; 6. Kirsten Smith (Monroe) 1:07.71; 7. Laura Timson (Livonia

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CONSOLATION – 9. South Lyon, 3:40.72; 10. Troy Athens, 3:41.59; 11. Zeeland, 3:41.97; 12. Plymouth Canton, 3:42.97; 13. Grosse Pointe

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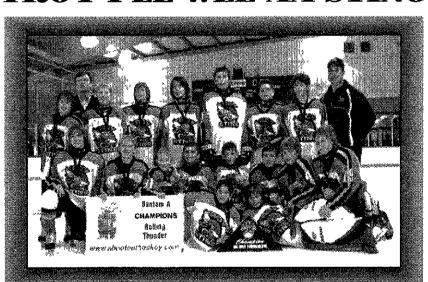
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#### THE ROCKFORD FILE

Following are some quick facts about Rockford, Canton's opponent in Saturday's Division 1 state final:

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- Mickname: Rams
- Head coach: Ralph Munger (14th year)
- Record: 11-2

Team stats: The Rams outscored their opponents 453-199 this season. Their lone losses were to Grandville (13-10) and Jenison (19-14). Rockford earned redemption for its first loss when it white-washed Grandville, 48-0, in the second round of the playoffs.

Key players: Quarterback Jon Von Eschen (6-2, 190) has completed over 50 percent of his passes and thrown for over 1,900 yards. Other key offensive players include junior running back Zach Breen (5-11, 180), guard Nate Host (6-0, 215) and All-State receiver Callan Sherd. Defensively, defensive tackle lan Bartholemew (6-1, 264), linebacker Ryan Sheafer (6-1, 205) and linebacker Lucas Galganski (6-2, 195) lead the way.



### GOAL

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Jon Von Eschen, Rockford's 6foot-2, 190-pound quarterback. He's completed over 50 percent of his passes this season and thrown for close to 2,000 yards, according to Munger.

Von Eschen will be facing a Chiefs secondary that has improved each week of the playoffs. Last week, Canton defensive backs held Macomb Dakota's James Stallons to just 84 yards passing. Canton was also bolstered by a pair of key interceptions by Chris Bogdanski and Deshon McClendon.

"Our defensive backs felt bad after the Monroe and Cody games because they gave up some big plays," Baechler said. "But they were playing against some very good athletes. They've gotten much better the past two games."

Baechler said he gained further appreciation of Bogdanski's diving, secondquarter interception - which set up the Chiefs' second touchdown - after watching it over and over again on film.

"He made an incredible play." Baechler said. "When you watch it, you think he'd be lucky to just deflect it, but he made a great catch."

Munger said he's proud of his team's return trip to the finals after suffering several hits to graduation.

"This has been a season of growth for us," said Munger, who is about to cap his 14th season at Rockford. "We've been a project in the making all year. We only returned two starters on each side of the ball this year and we graduated 37 kids off last year's team, so it's been a season of ups and downs, and all arounds."

Munger admitted his team will have its hands filled with



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Canton running back Dalton Walser runs over Macomb Dakota cornerback Michael Romanchik during Saturday's 35-21 Chief victory.

the Chiefs' potent Wing-T offense. Which has averaged 47 points per game in the playoffs.

'Obviously, they have a very

good offense that has put a lot of points on the board," Munger said. "When you play teams like Canton, it's important that you play very disciplined and you read your keys. It's similar to playing against an option football team. We have to make our reads and keep them in front of us."

Baechler said his team is not basking in the glow of its monumental semifinal victory over Macomb Dakota.

Everyone was very focused at practice today," Baechler said Monday evening. "They had until Sunday at 4 p.m. to enjoy it, and then it was back to work. They were excited to still be practicing today, but as soon as practice started, they were asking us, 'OK, what defenses are we going to play against them?"

On Wednesday, Canton shifted its practice to the University of Michigan's Oosterbaan indoor football

"It will give us a chance to practice fielding punts and kickoffs in an indoor facility." Baechler said.

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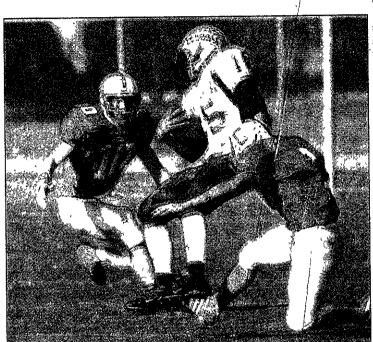
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Canton's Matt Sweda (10) and Deshon McClendon close in on Dakota's Greg Gay during Saturday's Division 1 semifinal game.

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# Young Rocks look to fill holes created by graduation

STAFF WRITER

The early-season theme song for Salem's young and inexperienced hockey team may be,

"Getting to Know\You." The Rocks' roster includes 14 first-year players from the 2004-05 unit that finished 12-12-2. Among the losses to graduation Salem suffered were Brandon DeMars, who was one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's premier goal-tenders, Tommy Cooper, Adam Gillikin, John Maurer 🛝 and John Peterson.

"We only have three seniors this year and we have 14 new guys, so the main thing for us is going to be learning how to play together," said Salem coach Fred Feiler.

The Rocks' key returners are senior defensemen David Carey, John Helcher, junior defenseman Jason Sharrow and junior forwards Kris Brant, Nathan Werda, Evan Meibers and Joel Cheesman. Carey and Sharrow should give Salem one of the top blue-line duos in the WLAA.

"Defense will definitely be one of our strengths this season," said Feiler. "David Carey was one of the best defensemen in the league last year. He'll be on the ice a lot - on his regular shift, on the powerplay and on our penalty-killing

"Jason will be seeing a lot of time, too. We were toying with the idea of moving him to forward this season, but we'decided he's just too valuable to us back on the blue line."

Offensively, the Rocks will be paced by Werda, Meibers and Cheesman, along with newcomers Steve Hiesler, a junior who played for the Detroit Trackers last season, freshman David Russell and sophomore Roman Kahler.

"I expect Brant, Hiesler and Werda to be among our top scorers this season," Feiler said. "Steve is a good skater with good hands and he sees the ice

Stepping in for DeMars will be in mornet-munder Ralph Aspenwall, who was a team mate of Hiesler with the Trackers last season. Aspenwall displayed his talents in the Rocks' season-opening 1-0 victory over 1roy on Friday night when he stopped 35 shots.

"He pretty much won the game for us," Peiler said.

Who does Feller expect to contend for the WLAA title this season?

"I definitely think Livonia Churchill will be in there again," said Feiler referring to the defending conference champion. "Northville and Livonia Franklin will be good, too."

The Rocks will be hosting the Salem Thanksgiving Invitational on Friday and Saturday. They will be joined by Canton, Chippewa Valley and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.

PLYMOUTH

First-year coach Chuck

Dubois inherits a talented roster that suffered no graduation casualties.

Dubois, who has served as an assistant coach at Allen Park Cabrini and Allen Park High School, said he has been impressed by his team's work

"The kids are really working hard and listening to everything I've had to say so far," said Dubois, a Melvindale police officer. "The key for us doing well is to play disciplined hockey. We had 16 penalties the other night against Dexter (a 2-0 loss), so we were always playing shorthanded. But this is a great group of kids."

Dubois said his style varies from his predecessor.

"I'm more of a defensive coach than the coach they had last year," Dubois said. "I like to start at the goalie and work my way out. They're used to playing more of an offensive style, so I think they may be a little confused right now. But they listen and they want to learn, which is the most important thing."

Serving as captains for the Wildcats will be seniors Ryan Stamm, Michael Barile and Nick Rosochacki.

"All of our captains our great leaders who really love the game of hockey," Dubois said.

Barile, Stamm and Rosochacki are not only good leaders - they're also three of the 'Cats leading scoring

Other offensive forces include Nick Cote, who scored a pair of goals in Plymouth's season-opening 7-2 victory over Bay City Central, Billy Gauthier, Tyler McCarthy, Brett Kavulich, Charles Webb, John Knoerl, Mark Olivier and Justin Michalek.

Defensively, the Wildcats will be led by Joe Perkovich, Cody Brown, Brandon Winowiecki, Mike Manner, Jason O'Guinn, Kyle Goll and Adam Lazorka.

Possibly the Wildcats' most talented player is starting goalie Justin Desilets, a junior. De Het chin de Dhomouthe · Oloss to Dane er - 1 rda

Dubois said. Backing up Desilets will be sophomore Christian Blick and

He kept us in the game,

Nathanial Gibson. "Our goal right now," Dubois said, "is to play hard every

### game. So far, we've done that" **PCS Penguins**

The P-CEP girls hockey team enjoyed a stellar 2004-05 season, finishing third in the state. They finished the regular season 14-5-1 (third in the Metro Michigan Girls High School Hockey League), outscoring opponents 98-40.

PCS coach Lori Callahan lost five key players to graduation: Olivia Pennefather (the team's leading scorer), Amanda Rowley (its top defender), Eric Perkovich, Lauren Coleman and Sharla Gillespie.

"Although we lost Amanda Rowley, we are looking to our six defensive players — Kelli Bargowski, Sarah Skonieczny.

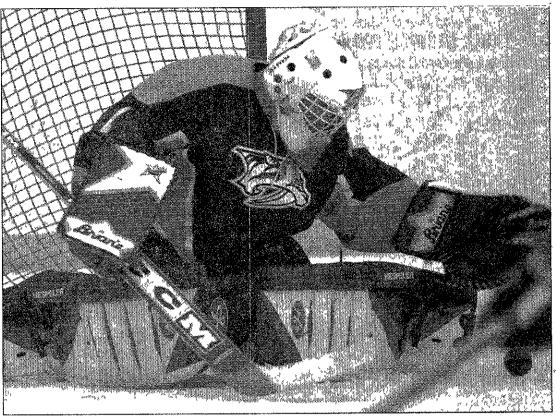
Kristin Callahan, Stephanie Matusiak, Keely Kowalski and Samantha Wiedendorf — to step up and play strong," Callahan said.

Anchoring the defense will be sophomore Kristie Kowalski, who chalked up a league-leading six shutouts last season.

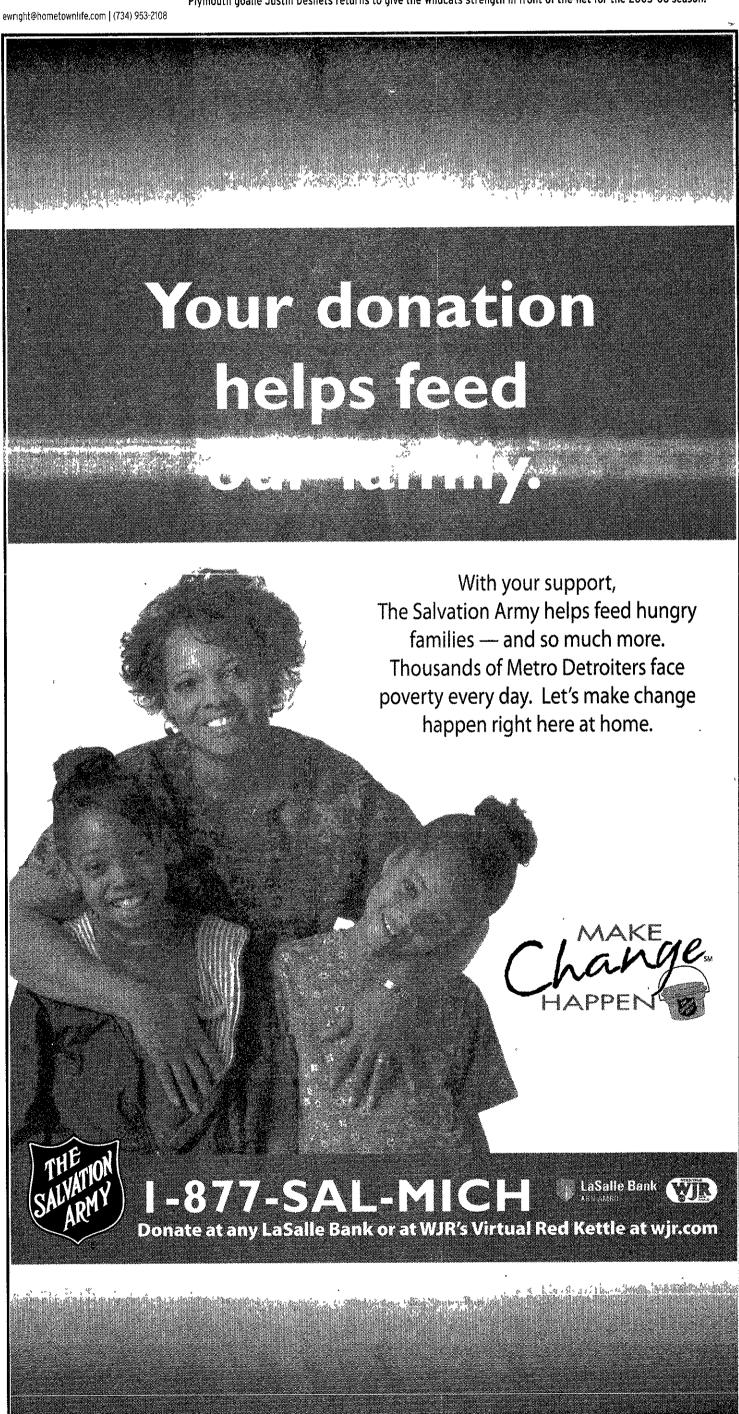
Returning forwards include Kristen Schwan, Adrienne Cercone, Stephanie Murray, Amy Coleman, Nicole Sensoli, Emily Patton and Lisa Ealy.

The Penguins' roster has been replenished with the addition of seven new players: Stephanie Matusiak, Edra Burris, Katie Zimmerman, Kelsey Nikkila, Ashley LaBlanc, Samantha Wiedendorf and Annie McTurner.

"All of the new players seem to have a lot of enthusiasm," Callahan said. "Although we lost five seniors, I'm counting on the returning players, along with the new players, to put forth the extra effort to fill those skates."

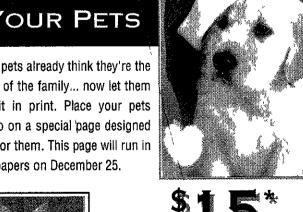


Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets returns to give the Wildcats strength in front of the net for the 2005-06 season.



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generation to generation. So rather than dwell on the negative, let's get into the holiday spirit with some words about

Jamie Samuelsen

Ignore the Dallas game when you're judging this unit. Yes, it seemed like the Cowboys had about 10 drives that lasted 15 plays each. And I know the Lions committed so many penalties that even mus-

cle-bound ref Ed Hochuli got

the defense. Here are three to

State with Thorothly good.

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a little pooped out from making so many calls. We're giving defensive coordinator Dick Jauron a mulligan for that one because that wasn't the real Lions defense. When Shaun Rogers, Earl Holmes, Boss Bailey, Dre Bly and more are watching from the sideline, you get a

But even with those absences, the defense still played at a pretty remarkable level. Half of those penalties were bad calls and the defense stood strong time and time again when the offense was ineffective.

And that pretty much sums up the season doesn't it? When the offense has been ineffective, the defense has kept them in it. Can you imagine where this team would be with a good offense? Heck, we'd settle for a mediocre offense.

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#### 'A MIRACLE' - ALMOST

It's almost a miracle that the Lions defense has gotten to be so good given that Millen has been so obsessed with the offense in the first round since he took over the team.

Number of Millen first round draft choices:

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on defense. Zero. Number of years left on Millen's contract: 5. The irony is that Millen's philosophy on how

to build his defense has been so successful. He has made shrewd draft choices outside of the first round (Rogers, Bailey, Terrence Holt). Through free-agency, he signed reliable, though not spectacular players who have performed better than expected (Holmes, Dan Wilkinson). And his one big free agent splash (Bly) has been a success. You wonder why he won't do the same on offense where he seems obsessed with flashy college players who have proven nothing in the pros.

We talk to Lions fans every morning on the radio, and they are all beaten down. The glass isn't just half-empty, it's dirty and cracked as well. And it's hard to blame them. But just because the team has caused you so much pain through the years, don't let the atmosphere

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win. Yet the effort is always at a maximum and the results are usually very good. There will likely be a new coach here in 2006. Only Millen has any idea right now who

that might be. Here's hoping whoever it is

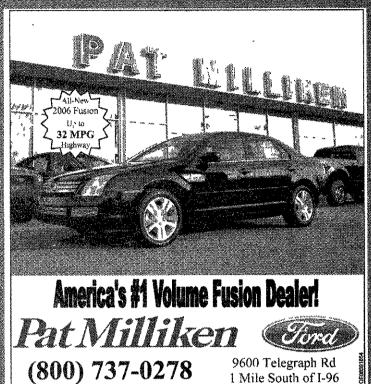
takes a long look at this team and decides to do two things. Blow up the offense and start over and make minor changes to a defense which has quietly become one of the best in the NFL.

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### Super season

The Our Lady of Good Counsel Varsity 8 girls soccer team captured the CYO title this fall by compiling a 9-0-I regular-season record. The team was coached by Bob Varner and Todd Roney. Pictured (front row from left) are Allison Coligado; Monica Thibodeau, Julie Lyon, Stephanie Stacey, Mellie Shmyr, (second row from left) Kelley Zimmerman, Erin Varner, Alexis Calcaterra, Devon Corby, Emily Pichan, Erin Roney, (third row from left), Jessie Ronayne, Jannel Skiver, Alyssa Gendron, Merideth Houska, Paige Verderbar, Kelly Childs, (back for from left) Bob Varner and Todd Roney.

# **Brampton ousts Whalers, 3-2**

The third time was not a charm on Saturday night for the Plymouth Whalers.

For the third straight Saturday, the Whalers battled the opposition to a 2-2 draw through 65 minutes. The Whalers won the last two Saturday night games, 3-2, in shootouts. But on Nov. 19, the Brampton Battalion marched home with a 3-2 victory in an Ontario Hockey League contest played before a seasonhigh crowd of 3,724 at the Compuware Ice Arena.

Howie Martin's shootout goal on Brampton's third shot gave the Battalion a 2-0 lead and the victory after the Whalers did not score on their

The game was close throughout as neither team enjoyed more than a one-goal lead. Brampton's Wojtek Wolski and Plymouth's Gino Pisellini traded first-period goals and the Whalers' Tom Sestito and the Battalion's Luke Lynes traded goals in the second period.

The goal-tenders took over

the rest of way through the third period and in the overtime. Plymouth's Ryan Nie stopped 38 of 40 Brampton shots and Brampton's Daren Machesney stopped 36 of 38 Plymouth shots through 65 minutes of play.

Wolski scored Brampton's first goal in the shootout and then Martin sealed the victory.

With the loss, Plymouth (12-7-1-2) dropped to second place in the OHL West Division with 27 points, one point behind Saginaw (14-7-0-0).

# Haslett's running game too much for Harrison, 27-13

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Just when Farmington Harrison closed within seven points of Haslett in the second half Saturday, the Vikings did what they do best.

Haslett kept the ball for nearly the entire fourth quarter and scored the clinching touchdown for a 27-13 victory in a state semifinal football game at Jackson High School.

"That was a signature drive for us in the fourth quarter," Haslett coach Charlie Otlewski said. "We didn't want to give them the ball back. We wanted to control the ball and clock.

"Against my better judgment, the kids convinced me to go for six instead of the field goal."

On fourth-and-1 at the Harrison 2-yard line, Vikings halfback A.J. Rahar picked up the first down and scored his third rushing touchdown of the game on the next play with 2:24

Quarterback Barron Cline scored both Harrison touchdowns on short runs of 5 and 1 yard. His second came on the final play of the third quarter, and Dan Sirovy's extra point put the Hawks within seven, 20-13, with plenty of time left.

But the Vikings (13-0), who started at their own 31 with 11:58 remaining, ran 19 plays and used up 9:34 of the fourthquarter clock before scoring the decisive touchdown.

We got a good stop on the quarterback, but they ran the fullback trap on third-and-10 and made eight yards," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"If we had stopped that play, I thought we'd have a good chance to get the ball back and do something with it. But they got the first down and were able to go down and score.

"I hoped that wouldn't happen, but I'm not surprised that it did. That's what they've done against everybody."

Following the 8-yard gain by fullback Curtis Schaibly, Haslett quarterback Nate Turner picked up 3 yards on fourth-and-2 at the Harrison 47 to keep the

drive going.
The Hawks (10-3) got the ball one last time at their 20, but they were unable to get a first down. Harrison turned the ball over on downs with 1:43 remaining, and Haslett ran out the clock.

The victory sends the Vikings to the state finals for a second time, and they will meet Caledonia from the Greater Grand Rapids area in the Division 3 title game Saturday night at Ford Field in Detroit.

"I was nervous, with their tradition and being there so long," Otlewski said of the 12-time state champion Hawks. "But we were confident - not cocky but confident in what we could do.

"Basically, we beat the best football program in the state of Michigan over the last 30 years, and Detroit had better look out. We're going there to win. We're not satisfied with being there."

Harrison played a bad first half in which it committed four turnovers and found itself down 20-0 midway in the second quarter.

Haslett scored on its first possession as Rahar capped a 57yard, nine-play drive with a 3yard run at 5:39 in the first quarter.

The Hawks lost a fumble at the Haslett 7-yard line, and Turner returned an interception on the next possession 32 yards to the Harrison 16. Rahar scored four plays later from a yard out, and the Vikings had a 14-0 lead early in the second period. On the kickoff, a fluke play

resulted in Haslett recovering a fumble at the 50. It might have looked like an onside kick, but the Vikings intended to squib a kick through the Harrison receiving team. The ball bounced hard on the ground and hit a blocker up front.

"Our goal was to squib it into the wind, and (the kicker) put it on the ground," Otlewski said. "He happened to hit it just right."

On fourth-and-2, Turner lobbed a 42-yard touchdown pass over the Harrison secondary to Chris Stewart for a 20-0 lead with 7:39 remaining in the first half.

"We played terribly," Herrington said. "It was a terrible first half. I was beginning to think (nothing would go right).

"We were still in the game, because at the end of the half we were stopping their offense pretty good. I'm glad we fought back and made a game of it."

Harrison cut the deficit to 20-6 at halftime. Cline's 54-yard pass to Sidney Stewart set up his first scoring run at 5:42 in the second quarter.

"We worked hard to get to the football (in the first half)," Otlewski said. "We were fortunate to have the ball coughed up. It wasn't easy; it was difficult every step of the way.

"Harrison had a great scheme coming in. The fullback wasn't there for us today, but it's a four-headed monster in our offense and you can't take it all

The Hawks held Schaibly, Haslett's leading rusher, to 27 yards on 10 carries, but Rahar came through with 85 on 24 attempts.

Turner added 56 yards and Mike Mukuna 29.

Turner also completed seven of 12 passes with two interceptions (by Mark Dell and Bobby Rhinehart) for 100 yards as the Vikings outgained the Hawks, 297-183.

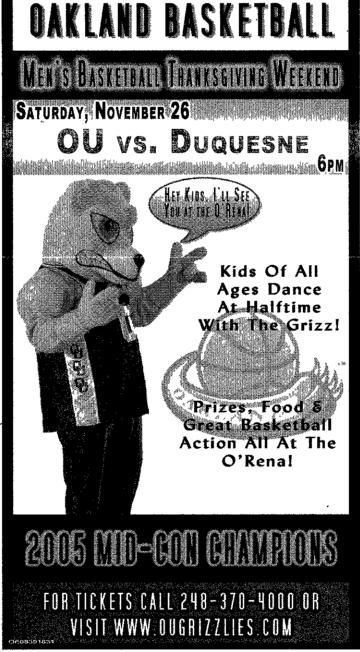
Cline was 9-of-18 passing for 145 yards, but Harrison had just 38 yards on the ground. Donald Connelly carried eight times for 26 yards and Deante Thompkins five for 12.

Stewart and Calvin Mann caught three passes apiece for 82 and 62 yards, respectively. Dell, the team's leading receiver, was double covered and limited to two catches for 8 yards, which forced the Hawks to go elsewhere, Herrington said.

"They were better defensively than I thought they would be," Herrington said. "I thought we would be able to run the ball better than we did.

"We weren't in a position where we could just go power-I. Their linemen were diving at our linemen's feet, and we couldn't drive them off the ball."







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# Fracassa calls Brother Rice's latest win among best

BY JIM TOTH STAFF WRITER

More than four decades of coaching. Over 300 victories and six state championships and Saturday's triumph over Rochester Adams was "one of the greatest wins Brother Rice has ever had?'

Those were the words of praise ringing out from Rice head coach Al Fracassa moments after seeing his Warriors dodge not only one, but two late-game scoring opportunities by the Highlanders and hanging on to post a nail-biting 14-7 victory in Division 2 state semifinal play at Berkley.

"This was one of the greatest victories we have ever had at Brother Rice," said Fracassa, now in his 46th year of coaching, including 37 with the Warriors. "It's wonderful to make it our turn this time because they beat us in 2003 (state championship game) and it's just a great feeling to be able to beat them this year.

"We beat three teams (in playoffs) now that had no losses, Fracassa went on. "That's pretty damn good. This is one of the best victories we've had at Brother Rice in a long, long

Fracassa's comments may not be directed so much to the great play in the game, but the manner in which both teams battled the elements and opposition for an entire 48 minutes.

A stiff breeze and strong defensive play on the part of both teams kept scoring opportunities to a minimum. Fortunately for the Warriors, they were able to convert their scoring chances, while the Highlanders fumbled theirs away.

Senior running back John Goebel staked the Warriors to an early lead when he rambled 46 yards for a touchdown late in the first half, and backfield mates Joev Henry and Chris Colasanti helped set up a second scoring drive with nifty runs of their own. That possession ended with junior quarterback Mike Cappetto slinging a 6-vard touchdown pass to Kaunda Hancock for a 14-0 Rice lead.

But just before the half, the Highlanders jumped right back into the game when senior quarterback Jacob Ball found senior Brian Hollett open in the Rice secondary. Hollett grabbed the pass, slipped a tackle and raced 80 yards to paydirt.

Seeking a trip back to the finals, where the Highlanders defeated the Warriors 28-7 in '03, head coach Tony Patritto's squad did everything but find a way to put points on the board in the second half.

Their first two possessions ended with a punt from midfield and a failed fourth down conversion from the Rice 22.

It got worse after that. Down by seven with 4:30 remaining, the Highlanders staged a miraculous drive heading into the wind. Four consecutive pass completions moved the Highlanders to the Rice 43. Then on second and one, Ball lofted a pass to a streaking Mike Hauser down the left sideline. The Adams senior, as he has so often done during his prep career, laid out to make another sterling catch at the Rice 3-yard line. But on the next play, Ball never got complete control of the snap and Rice linebacker Mike Radlick fell on the pigskin with 1:57 remaining.

A three-and-out by the Adams defense forced a punt, however, and one final shot at tying the game.

This time two completions moved the ball to the Rice 10 with 1:00 showing on the clock. But on the next play, disaster struck again when Adams senior running back John Stirzinger snared a short pass from Ball at the Warriors' 7-yard line. Fighting for extra yards, Stirzinger was hit and the ball jarred loose. Rice defensive end Charlie Gantt fell on it to preserve the win.

"It's happened to us, so I know how that team feels," Fracassa said, "It doesn't make any difference how you win. The scoreboard read 14-7 and we've made those mistakes, too. We've lost games like that, so I know how they feel. They are a very gallant football team and we beat a very good football team."

The Highlanders, who finished 12-1 and lost for the second straight season in state semifinal play, held a decisive

advantage in yards gained. Ball adjusted to the breezy conditions to complete 17-of-23 pass attempts for 327 yards. Hollett was on the receiving end of six for 148 yards, while Hauser

hauled in four for 105 yards. The Warriors, now 11-2 and seeking a seventh state championship Friday when they battle 11-2 Hudsonville in a 1 p.m. kick-off at Ford Field, totaled 253 yards, including 247 on the ground. Goebel was the workhorse, gaining 123 on 24 carries. Henry collected 70 on 11 rushes and Colasanti chipped in 56 on six attempts.

"Boy, we were really worried about their passing," Fracassa said. "Their quarterback is unbelievable. He's really a good quarterback. We're happy we won and there's no shame to losing the way they did. They are a fine team."

Maybe no shame, but certainly a lot of disappointment was streaming from the Adams sideline after the game.

"The bottom line of the whole game was we couldn't take advantage of the scores when we had it down there," Patritto said. "We've not beaten ourselves all vear, and we did it today. They're are a great football team. They have great coaches and they're my friends, but the bottom line

is our offense stopped itself. You can't do that against a good team.

"I have a great deal of respect for coach Fracassa," Patritto went on. "I've looked up to him since I was a little kid. This is my fifth game against him and it's something really special. It doesn't make it any easier to lose, but I wish them the very

Patritto, who has placed

Adams among the elite pro- .. grams in the state in his three seasons, praised the season-long efforts of his players. "No one believed in them. No one thought they were going to beat anybody," Patritto went on. "But they never doubted themselves and today was a great life lesson. If you believe in yourself and set expectations for yourself and don't let someone else do it, you can achieve personal greatness."





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#### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

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#### **HOCKEY CLINICS**

Suburban Hockey Schools will hold a number of two-day Christmas clinics for kids between the ages of 6 and 14 at the Novi Ice Arena Dec. 22-23 and 29-30. The clinics will focus on Mite Power Skating for kids between the ages of 6 and 8, Mite Puck Skills (6-8) and Squirt/Pee Wee Power Skating for 9- through 12-yearolds.

For more information on classes and schedules, contact the Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com.

#### **HVS CAMPS**

Management at High\* Velocity Sports in Canton Township has decided to offer its popular summer kids camp

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-

November 15, 2005

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter

Township of Canton held Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 1150

Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the

Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy,

Present: Director Durack, Director Faas, Director Minghine,

Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION

**TOPIC** Item 1. Water & Wastewater Cost of Service - Final

Report. The Water & Wastewater Cost of Service report was

originally presented for discussion at the August 16, 2005 Study

Session. At that time the Board requested several issues be

reviewed. The final report will be presented for approval.

Establishing appropriate rate adjustments requires balancing the

financial health of the utility with the financial impact on

customers, cost of service results, and the environmental objectives

of the utility. In addition adjustments were made to each utility's

tevenue requirement to prevent potential double charging of

customers between connection charges and utility rates. For Board

consideration, we have identified alternative rate tracks and each

one is designed to meet specific objectives. We have also included a

recommended rate track that attempts to balance each objective.

The three rate tracks are: 1) Rate track that matches targeted

operating income established in the cost of service study 2)

Establishment of rate track to match minimum level of cash

reserves (allowing cash balance to fall to minimum levels and

postponing rate adjustment) 3) Recommended rate track for Board consideration. The cost of service study identified a rate

adjustment of 18.1% in 2005 followed by a 20.5% rate adjustment

in 2006. Canton Township has sufficient reserves to postpone

substantial rate adjustments and minimize the financial impact on

ratepayers. It is important whenever reserves are used to temper

rates that the Township review cash reserves on a regular basis to

ensure the financial integrity of the system. Wastewater Utility -

Projected Financial Statements 2005 - 2011 Canton Township is

experiencing increasing wastewater costs resulting from

anticipated changes in treatment charges from both the City of

Detroit and improvements to the WTUA/YCUA treatment systems. Without rate adjustments, operating losses are projected to

increase from \$1.0 million in 2005 to over \$6.0 million in 2011, and currently healthy cash balances (in excess of \$14 million) are projected to decrease each year and become negative in 2008.

Approximately 73% of wastewater costs are to represent treatment

charges from WTUA/YCUA and the City of Detroit. Homes

constructed between the 1930's and 1970's, often included footing

drains that collect rainwater that is discharged into the sanitary

sewer system. This unbilled flow increases the cost of treatment to

the wastewater utility. To help ensure customers are charged the

cost of treating wastewater from their location, we reviewed the

additional flow discharged by footing drains using specific data accumulated by Canton Township. Customers with footing drains

discharge an average of 9,600 gallons more per year into the wastewater system than homes without footing drains and cost an additional \$2.18 per month. To provide the correct price signal to customers, it is recommended this cost difference be reflected in the charges to customers. Sprinkling Meters: Wastewater discharge

cannot be economically or accurately metered and this results in

customers paying wastewater usage for lawn sprinkling. To prevent the utility and customer from incurring additional costs to install.

maintain, and read subtract meters, a usage cap is proposed for

residential customers with a one inch or less meter. Additionally,

this approach eliminates a potential area for fraud that occurs

when users re-route normal water use through irrigation meters.

(This results in corresponding reductions in wastewater treatment charges) Development of the usage cap required Canton Township

to provide additional information on the reduction in billing units

that would occur as a result of implementation of the usage cap.

Estimated Customer Impacts of Proposed Wastewater Rate Design:

A typical residential customer using 9,000 gallons per month would

see a 14% increase for an additional \$3.95/month (\$11.85/Quarter)

(Please note many customer usage will fluctuate and these

customers may see reductions in bills during the summer season as

a result of implementation of the billing cap for residential

Manual Changes and Additions. Policies F:10 and F:15 have

been modified to better communicate sound purchasing practices. Vendor Selection Policy (New) and Vendor Protest Policy (New) have been created to aid employees in the procurement process. Item 3. Procurement Card Program. Public Procurement is

always evolving and will strive to evaluate best practices to insure

efficient purchasing of routine needs of the Township. Thought of the Program is based on: Vendors not accepting Purchase Orders, Cost Savings, Rebates. Local Vendors have stopped accepting Purchase Orders: Meijer, Home Depot, Sears, Target. Cost Savings: Reduce time and steps involved in acquiring a purchase order, \$\$ of processing a paper PO versus manager review of a monthly statement, Rebates, Can we derive a return on our expenditures? These are based on \$ spent and average fileturn (payment received) State law caps credit card limit at 5% of the total budget (Act 266 of 1995) Item 4. Board Goals. A consensus was reached on goals for 2005-2008. This was the third review of the Board goals. Item

Discussion - Canton Boards, Commissions & Committees. 4 types of citizen's involvement: State Law requirement for certain Boards, Local Ordinances established committees, Over time established boards, commission and committees, and Ad-hoc committees. A letter of interest from a volunteer must be presented to the Supervisor for recommendation. Other: There will be a Regular Board meeting on November 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI. Adjourn Motion by Bennett,

çustomers with 1"meters or less). Item 2.

AcLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff

meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Director Conklin, Director Santomauro Adoption of Agenda

programs during the fastapproaching holiday breaks this winter. Scheduled camps include all-sports, crafts, basketball and soccer.

The all-sports camp will include a variety of activities, including soccer, flag football, floor hockey, basketball, kickball, volleyball and an array of backyard games like capturethe-flag and hide-and-seek.

The camps will be offered on

a full-day basis (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for 8- to 12-year-olds or half-day (9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) for 5- to 8-yearolds. The cost is \$45 a day or \$189 a week. The camps will be offered Nov. 25, Dec. 27-29, Jan. 2-6, Jan. 16, Feb. 27-March 3, April 14 and April 17-21. For more information, about the school-break camps at HVS, visit

www.hvsports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT.

#### **GCYBSA NEWS**

As it prepares for the 2006 season, the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association has developed a short survey that it would like residents to fill out so that it can get feedback and suggestions for the upcoming year. The survey can be found at the following Web site: csc.cantonmi.org.

Mail-in and walk-in registration for the GCYBSA's 2006 campaign will begin Jan. 16 at the Summit on the Park and the Canton Sports Center. Two general mass registrations will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. and on Sunday March 12 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Summit. For more information, call (734) 394-5489.



## Ocelots tame Kellogg CC, 98-84 BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Wallace Hall wasn't about to let the doldrums last too long Saturday.

The Schoolcraft College sophomore guard sparked his team when it needed a boost at the start of the home game against Kellogg Community College, and he wound up scoring 28 points to pace the Ocelots to a high-octane 98-84 Michigan Community College Athletic Association crossover

Schoolcraft head coach Carlos Briggs said his team lost a bit of steam waiting for the scheduled 3 p.m. game to begin, because the Bruins were late to arrive - forcing the opening tip-off back about 20 minutes. Kellogg's team bus arrived late for undisclosed rea-

"Sometimes when you have kids that sit around they lose focus," Briggs explained. "We got off to a sluggish start, but luckily, Wallace's energy carried through the team."

Hall (nine of 13 from the field, including three triples) scored 15 points in the first 10:08 of the game, spurring the Ocelots to a 29-14 advantage.

He tallied a fast-break lavup (set up by sophomore center James Davis' block and a nice feed from sophomore guard Marcus Jenkins), turnaround jumper and trey in quick succession to start Schoolcraft on its way.

But teammate Jarred Axon picked it up for a while with less than four minutes remaining in the first half.

The sophomore guard drained three consecutive triple tries, all within a minute or so, to help the Ocelots extend their 33-26 lead to 42-26. Axon ended the day with 23 points, including 21 on seven treys, which Briggs said was a couple shy of Schoolcraft's record.

The teams went into the intermission with Schoolcraft up 49-40, and the Ocelots soon started adding to the margin.

Davis (13 points) and sophomore forward D'Mario Curry (15 points, 11 rebounds) registered back-to-back dunk shots and freshman guard Cedric Sims (Canton/Wayne Memorial) made a field goal to give SC a 67-48 lead with about 13 minutes remaining.

Free throws by sophomore guard Cory Browles (26 points) brought the Bruins to within 15 points (85-70) with about five minutes left.

But Axon bagged a triple from the left corner and the Ocelots then connected on six successive free throws to make

In the final minutes, specta-

tors watched to see whether Schoolcraft could hit the 100 point mark, but several missed foul shots foiled that bid.

According to Briggs, although Hall's early fire lifted the Ocelots up, the entire squad had something to do with the

final result. We knew Kellogg would keep fighting, no matter what the score was," Briggs said. "But I thought our guys did a good job of maintaining the lead." And Briggs cited the dominant work in the low-post by Davis (seven rebounds, four

blocks) for enabling Hall and

Axon to enjoy their long-range

success. "He (Davis) gives us a lot of presence (down low) which opened the outside shooting for Jarred and Wallace," Briggs said. "He's just a force to be reckoned with out there."

Schoolcraft outrebounded Kellogg 47-28 in the contest and tallied 10 blocks to the Bruins, illustrating how strong the Ocelots were around the basket.

Sims also had a solid allaround game with nine rebounds and nine assists for the Ocelots.

Also in double figures for Kellogg (2-3) were freshman forward Toriano Adams (17 points), sophomore guard Lewis Goode (12 points) and sophomore forward Jordan Cunningham (11 points).

Schoolcraft will play in a Thanksgiving tournament in Florida, facing St. Johns Community College at 1 p.m.

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#### **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 7:00 P.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z 05-17 359 McKinley

Non-Use Variance Requested Rear Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Del & Linda Bosling

Z 05-18 656 S. Harvey

Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Maria & Robert Martin

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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6230	Merritt	boxes, TV stand, office equipment, end tables		
6238	Ringo	boxes, plastic tub, Christmas items		
9023	Bien	dining room furniture, luggage, boxes		
9027	Bien	file cabinet, desk, boxes, dresser w/ mirror, vacuum		
9055	Bien	king sized bedroom set, leather sofa and matching chairs		

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Osborne	4025	Hand tools, Power Tools, Sporting goods, 2
		Bedsets, Rolling toolbox, Entertainment Center, computer desk, Dressers 25 boxes
Bustamante	4030	Computer box, bike, Dresser Sofabed,
		Microwave, cabinet, Desk, Kitchen table, Garden tub, 20 boxes, Love seat, tire.
Purnell	4110	10 hand tools, refrigerator, stove, snow-blower,
		mower, sewing console, hat, 8 boxes.
Pittman	4210	Dryer, chairs, toolbox, King bedset, heater, metal
		make up stand, coffee table, fan, CB radio, hand
		tools, 10 boxes and bags
Clements	4213	Ladder, chest, dresser, trunk, end table wall
		hangings, card table set, vacuum, lamps and 10
		boxes.
Nobles	5017	6 boxes.

Shurgard S	torage of Dearborn*2492	O Trowbridge*Dearborn*318-277-2000
1006	Blay	stroller, car seat, toys, couch, vacuum, dinette set, 60 misc. boxes and bags.
1022	Washington	desk, filing cabinets, office furn, office equipment, chairs, and display racks.
1074	Ochs	9 boxes, and baskets.
1078	Wettstein	couch, serving tray, tools, misc. boxes and storage containers.
1414	Hollie	clothing, small girls bike, storage container.
2006	Garrard	sectional couch, queen mattress set, twir mattress set, 6 misc. boxes.
Shurgard St	orage of Livonia*80300	Plymouth Rd*Lavonia*734-522-7811
2009	Kenney	Tub, Stove, Beds, Drum Set, Dinning Set, Bike Toys
2011	Maddox	Beds, Lamps, BdrmSet, Dressers, Dinning Chairs, Kitchen Ware, Sofa
2037	Davis	TV, Chest, File Cab., Sofa, Dresser, Office Chair

Bed Spring
Mattress, TV, Folding Chairs, Shelf, Kitchen
Items, Bags, Boxes

Shurgard Storage		Rd* Taylor*313-292-2950
3004	Smith	desk, dresser, 5 boxes, kitchen table and chairs
8031	Schweizer	12 boxes, dining set, stereo, Microwave, telescope, floor cleaning device, monitor
3032	Корр	bags, oxygen tank, tv, wheelchair, sewing machine, boxes
3057	Burch	boxes, misc household
3066	Mandler	dn mattress set, dresser, end tables, sofa and chair, boxes and bags
3078	Roop	household items
4020	Gilley	Fridge, truck bumper, Antique rocking horse, car parts, tools fishing equipment, bed, boxes, lots of books and magazines
4073	Green	TV, bed, boxes, misc household items.
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Shurgard Storage	of Westland*36001 Wa	rren* Westland*734-326-6000

	¥	books and magazines
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1096	HINOJOSA	LUGGAGE, TV STAND, BLANKETS, 2
		GROCERY BAGS
5152	ALLISON	DINING TABLE W/4 CHAIRS, HEADBOARD
		& FOOTBOARD, DRYER, CHEST FREEZER.
		STOVE, FRIDGE, LAWN CHAIRS, BOX
5090	ROOP	DINING ROOM SET, 2 TV'S, DRESSER,
		ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, DINING
		TABLE, 40 TOTES & BOXES, KIDS
		FURNITURE, PARK BENCH
5170	REECE	LEATHER SOFA & LOVE SEAT, GUN SAFE.
		END TABLE, GRILL, DINING SET W/10
		CHAIRS, WHEEL CHAIR, HEAD BOARD
4102	HUCULAK	ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, MICROWAVE,
		SOFA LOVE SEAT TABLE MONITOR BOY

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY 2004 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

On December 5, 2005, at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Rooms, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be hearings on the above captioned activities before the CDBG Advisory Council. The purpose of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report is to report on Community Development Block Grant activities and projects for the FY 2004 CDBG program. There will also be a hearing on the proposal to reprogram CDBG activity funds to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency, for housing rehabilitation and/or the purchase of vacant lots for affordable housing construction The reprogramming would not cancel an existing project or create a new activity. The amounts proposed for reprogramming are: FY 2002 Vacant Lots Purchase, \$62,808.24, FY 1999 Adult Day Care, \$1,270, and FY 1996, Recreation Building Renovation, \$12,843.93. Total to reprogram: \$76,922.17. The recommendations of the Advisory Council will be presented at a second public hearing before the Board of Trustees on December 13, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room at the address above. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist. Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

TERRY BENNETT,

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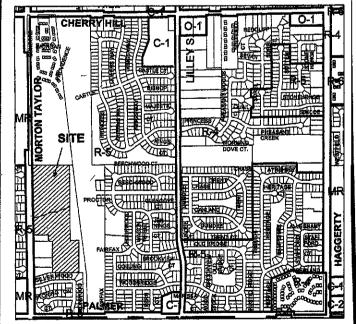
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#### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 5, 2005, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CHERRY HILL PUD AMENDMENT NO. 8 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PUD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 091 99 0001 7 12 and 091 99 0001 7 13. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Morton Taylor Road



**SECTION 23** 

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, December 1, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: November 10 and 24, 2005

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site ww.canton-mi.org after Publish: November 24, 2005

Bennett, Clerk -

supported by McLaughlin at 9:38 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G.

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# Longtime Michigan Bucks GM Duggan steps down

The Detroit-based Michigan Bucks announced last month the retirement of Livonia native Jim Duggan as general manager of the minor league soccer franchise he co-founded in 1995 with his bother Dan and the late Paul Scicluna, effective at the end of the year.

The Bucks expect to name his replacement by Nov. 1.

The long-time promoter of soccer in Michigan will be pursuing non-soccer related opportunities from his current hometown of Saginaw, while remaining in the sport as a consultant and continuing to lead the efforts to bring a Major league

Soccer (MLS) team to Detroit.

The Duggans will continue to own the Bucks in the foreseeable future.

"We would consider selling the franchise, but only to the right group – one that can build upon what we've done over the past 10 years," Jim Duggan said.

Duggan began his coaching career in 1984 as an assistant to Scicluna with the Detroit Catholic Central High School varsity boys team and subsequently held head coaching positions with the Livonia Paragon men's amateur team and with North Farmington and Saginaw Heritage high schools.

He was also the CEQ of the original Detroit Rockers pro indoor squad and remained a part owner through the team's National Professional Soccer League championship season in

In 1991, Duggan was tapped to lead the 1994 World Cup Michigan Bid Committee's effort to lure the world's largest sporting event to the Pontiac Silverdome as Executive Director, a position he kept through 1994 when the bid group succeeded, becoming the Host Committee.

The committees also promoted two games leading up to World Cup, including what was then the largest gate in the history of US Soccer – the 1993 US Cup match featuring England vs. Germany.

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Scicluna and the Duggans created the Mid Michigan Bucks and began play in the Premier Development League (PDL) of the United Soccer Leagues (USL) in 1996.

One of the most successful, and recognizable, minor league soccer franchises in the history of this country, the Bucks played out of Saginaw for six years before moving to the metro Detroit area, the hometown of the owners and most of its players. in 2002.

Covering the past ten seasons, the Bucks lead, or share the lead, in 15 PDL statistical categories, including most: overall wins (150), division titles (7), consecutive winning seasons (10), playoff appearances (9), PDL quarterfinals appearances (7) and U.S. Open Cup wins (7).

While only seven PDL team have ever advanced to play one MLS team, the Bucks have done it five times.

The Bucks have averaged 15 wins per year (including Open Cup and PDL playoffs) over the past decade.

"I think the records Dan and I are most proud of, because they were the most difficult to achieve, are those from the Open Cup and in qualifying for the PDL playoffs nine times," Jim Duggan said.

In 1974, Duggan participated in the very first soccer league (four U-16 teams at the YMCA) in Livonia, a modern soccer hotbed that was the breeding ground for the now Michigan Hawks/Wolves Soccer Club.

As a senior in 1978, he played on Livonia Bentley High School's first varsity team, leading the Bulldogs to the state semifinals, while establishing school records for goals and

Bentley is where Duggan would first meet Scicluna, who was in his first boys high school head-coaching position, and a relationship was formed that would affect Duggan the rest of his life.

"At first, we all thought Paul was just nuts, but his passion for the game and his emphasis on doing the things the right way really resonated with his players," Duggan said. "There is no question that he is the reason I, and thousands of others, have spent all these years in the

sport."

Duggan also captained the U-19 MSYSA State Champion, Livonia Florist in 1979 and went on to play for coach Joe Baum at Michigan State from 1979-1981.

In addition to playing for Scicluna, Duggan reflected on some additional personal highlights from his coaching and management experiences, beginning with North Farmington High School in 1988.

While this team would be the only one with which Duggan was associated that had a losing record over the past 30 years, it was a memorable experience.

"My first head coaching job in high school stands out because it is where I really grasped the power of what a 'team' could do that talented individuals could not do alone," Duggan said.

The Raiders went winless in the first half of the year, but finished strong, knocking off the state's tenth ranked team in the state playoffs before losing in overtime to undefeated, and eventual state champion, Livonia Stevenson.

"Really, the first years at every level bring back fond memories, from Bentley, Livonia Florist, MSU, Livonia Paragon, the Rockers and the Bucks," Duggan said. "I will also never forget the championship Rockers team and, obviously, the 2000 Bucks team."

Duggan's Premier Development League (PDL) squad became the first in U.S. history to defeat an MLS side in the U.S. Open Cup.

After beating New England, 1-O, at Foxboro Stadium, the Bucks hosted the Miami Fusion of MLS, a 3-3 tie that the Bucks lost in a penalty-kick shootout 6-5, in a one of the most exciting matches in the 90-year history of the Cup.

The 2000 team also won the regular season PDL title and advanced to the league championship game, before losing 1-0 to the Chicago Sockers.

"Certainly, one of the pinnacles for me, though, was being a part of the group that landed the World Cup games for Detroit," Duggan said. "We were listed as 28th out of 28 bidding cities to get the games in 1991. Supposedly, no one wanted to come to Detroit, and many leaders in Detroit thought we were wasting our time.

"But not only did we get the bid, we hosted it successfully as well. Our chairman, Roger Faulkner, and executive committee (including Metro Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau President Bill McLaughlin, the Governor's Chief of Staff Dan Pero, Pontiac Silverdome Executive Director Mike Abington and long-time Ann Arbor soccer booster Mike Malley) were phenomenal to

work with."

Like most players who finally the put away the boots, Duggan too will miss the personal relationships above all, including those made over the past 10 years in the USL.

"The great rivalries and work," ing with all the selfless people within the USL and in the Michigan soccer community is surely what I will miss the most," said Duggan, who will also retire from his position as Chairman of the PDL Executive Committee on Oct. 31, a post he has held for eight years. "I look at how far the PDL has come and can't help but feel proud to "V" have been a part of building



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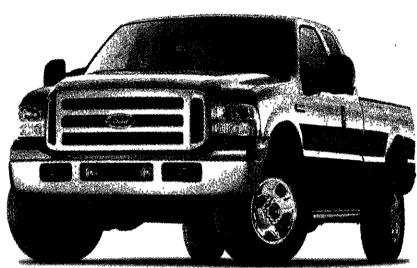
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# Survey: Realtors have good public image

Public opinion of the nation's Realtors has reached an all-time high for the third straight year, according to an annual tracking survey conducted to measure the effectiveness of the eighth season of the National Association of Realtors' multimillion-dollar Public Awareness Campaign.

The survey's composite image score of 19 beliefs, opinions and attitudes about Realtors rose from 56 percent in 2004 to 59 percent — up 11 points since 2002. The survey also found that the likelihood of consumers to use a Realtor over a real estate licensee who is not a Realtor rose 4 points to 64 percent this year.

Some of the consumer beliefs and opinions that improved most over the past 12 months are: "Realtors bring the latest technology to buying and selling a home" (up 6 points to 63 percent); "Realtors have the expertise to help sellers price their home fairly" (up 4 points to 64 percent); "Realtors earn their commission" (up 6 points to 50 percent); and "Realtors advocate private property rights of homeowners" (up 12 points to 54 percent).

"Public support for Realtors and the value Realtors bring to the real estate transaction is higher than it has ever been. Consumer attitudes toward Realtors have been improving steadily for the past few years due to many factors, especially the effectiveness of the Public Awareness Campaign," said NAR President Al Mansell of Salt Lake City.

Nanci J. Rands, 2006 president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, agreed those in her profession have a lot to offer buyers and sellers. Rands is with Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating of Birmingham.

Real estate is drawing more professionals "who have made it their career to be very informed about what's going on," including in the community, Rands said. More are working full time and have more invested in their work.

The demands of technology réquire Realtors to stay current. "I think the public really appreciates that," she said.

Total awareness of NAR's television and radio advertisements reached the highest level in the history of the campaign.

Awareness rose 2 points to 73 percent — reaching nearly three out of four real estate consumers in America. In 2005, 55 percent of consumers recalled seeing or hearing at least one of the NAR advertising executions, an increase of 2 points over 2004.

Awareness of the call to action introduced last year, "Ask your agent if they're a Realtor, a member of the National Association of Realtors," increased from 32 percent to 39 percent.

Beliefs about Realtors that improved the most this year were: that they have the best network of sources to help buyers and sellers (79 percent, up 6 points over year ago); that they are best qualified to promote the sale of a home (73 percent, up 12 points); that they are professional (70 percent, up 13 points); that they conduct business with ethics and integrity (69 percent, up 11 points); and that they get the job done properly (68 percent, up 10 points).

Rands noted many Realtors are involved in their communities, serving in government and doing charitable work with such

groups as the Scouts, Red Cross, March of Dimes and others. "They're really leaders in the community," she said, which amplifies effectiveness when dealing with clients.

Buyers who purchased a home in the past 12 months reported a jump from 39 percent to 56 percent in agents identifying themselves as Realtors, while sellers reported an even more dramatic 23-percentage point gain, from 41 percent to 64 percent.

The National Association of Realtors Public Awareness Campaign kicked off its eighth season last February and it recently ended. New ads this season featured people talking about their real estate experiences.

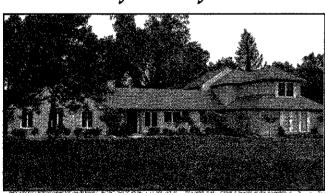
The \$25 million advertising campaign featured four new television commercials this year and four new radio spots. Commercials included NAR's first-ever Spanish-language television ad. The new spot featured Hispanic Americans sharing their stories about trying to achieve the dream of home ownership.

Rands said Realtors are a good source of other professional contacts, such as a real estate attorney or someone to do cabinetry. "Realtors are willing to go the extra mile. We know it's a competitive environment," and the process of buying or selling must be as enjoyable and stress-free as possible.

Clients have so many choices now, a full-service Realtor shouldserve them well and wisely, Rands said: "I think Realtors are delivering on that."

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

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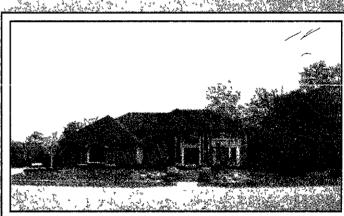
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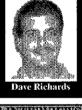


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finished bamt great room

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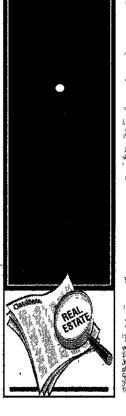
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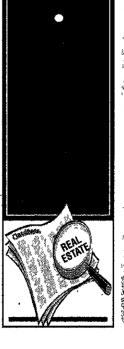
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Q. I loved my stay in Prague and am

thinking about having a summer home

in downtown Prague, do you have any

idea of what the real estate prices are

A. Apartments in downtown

comparable to the prices of

condominiums and apartments in

Prague in the old city are

New York City and Paris.

ur current market is unique in that it is difficult for us mortgage professionals to identify from borrower to borrower a clear line as to what mortgage product to recommend. Under normal circumstances, we mortgage loan officers can say with good confidence whether a borrower should use a long- or a short-term mortgage product. Right now, the decision-mak-

ing lines are quite blurry. Part of the problem is that there is so much uncertainty in the economy. Are we in a recession or in a recovery? Are you sure? Will you have the same job in the same location two or three years from now? Will your career field even exist at that time?

Q. I am interested in starting a business

overseas, principally in Paris around

the Louvre, and I am wondering what

the opportunities are for purchase

A. You no doubt want to run a

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space in that area and there is relatively few new commercial

to pay top dollar for such

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since you are considering running

exclusive areas of Paris. All of the

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buildings going up. You can expect

commercial space, although you

will also be in a position to attract

high-end customers because of the

location of your business which is

and/or rental of property?



Timothy Phillips

Compound those tough questions with the fact that the difference between interest rates for short-term mortgages and long-term ones are very small, and you are left very short of solid answers. One mortgage solution that makes a lot of sense for many people right now involves a "pick-a-payment" option. These mortgages go by many different names, but they are, in essence, the best of several different funding solutions

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Pick-a-payment mortgages allow borrowers to choose every month how much or how little they want to put towards their home. Each month, borrowers in this type of mortgage may choose from three or four payment options, depending on the lender and the specific product parameters. Normally, borrowers may opt to make their payment based on a fixed-rate schedule either 15- or 30-year amortizations - or an interest-only or deferred-interest schedule.

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of many years. Today's TIMBIT! As with all mortgage solutions, pick-a-payment mortgage plans have their benefits and their costs. In today's market, however, they are a viable solution for those who need flexibility to offset uncertainty.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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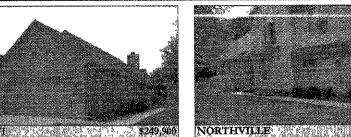
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Great ranch condo nestled within complex. Good size Downtown Northville end unit condo with wooded lot and first floor master. Updated kitchen has rooms. I teshly painted throughout Fireplace in great refaced kitchen cabinets and Corian counters. Freshly yashei & drver & microwave. Neutial déco rainted New light fixtures. Finished lower level. EP39CO-25114593



Walk to Limes Park! Brick ranch on almost 1/2 acre pacious living & dining room. Retro eat-in kitchen Knotty pine 3rd bedroom of den w/powder room unroom overlooks huge fenced yard FP815T-25150242



Reduced - great buy! Spacious 3 bedroom, 25 bath condo with fiteplace in living room, during room w/ wer bar, parnally finished basement, large master bedroom with bath and walk-in closet. All appliances.



emodeled. Flegant living & dining rooms w/doorwall to covered balcony. Open kitchen w/ all new appli-

Gorgeous Lake Pointe quad Immediate occupancy

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\$2500 For closing cost Livonia Estates-low traffic street 3 bedroom ranch-move in condition Family oom w/heater Numerous updates



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HAVE IT ALL! Immaculate brick ranch featuring a roomy kitchen with oak cabinets, recessed lights and ceramic tile. Spacious living rm. w /fireplace, newer c/a, new roof 2004 - tear off, crown moldings, ceiling fans and super clean. \$134,000 (P-638HU)



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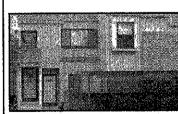
JUST ANOTHER...Pretty with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a fabulous open floor plan with a newer kitchen and great room combination. Finished basement, newer windows and super clean. Totally turn key. \$229,000 (P-557PO)



THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE...Can be found in this Pheasant Run colonial w/ soaring ceilings, sweeping staircase and Oak & ceramic kitchen w/butler's pantry and an unbelievable setting backing to \$299,900 (C-084ST) woods. \$399,900 (P-436SA)



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SCENIC VIEWS 2 bedroom - 2 bath end unit backing to the woods with neutral décor, vaulted ceilings, newer roof, Wallside windows, a carport and walking distance to downtown Northville. \$144,900

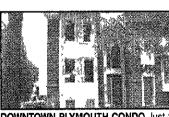


HOME BUYERS DREAM Everything has CONTEMPORARY been updated in this wonderful 3 bedroom disappointments in this open and bright ranch. Furnace and roof less than 5 yrs. condo. 2 bedrooms each with a full private, room fireplace, all newer appliances in a occupancy, seller has relocated and old, new carpeting, updated kitchen and bath, a cozy fireplace, a garage baths, 2.5 car garage, home warranty & a appliances remain, new windows and windows and many upgrades Call great location. \$147,000 (C-437MC)



flooring. Common pool and tennis for summer enjoyment. \$179,900 (C-910PQ)





colonial with 2.5 baths, formal dining, family blocks from the park! Immediate large eat in island kitchen, 2 car garage and looking at all offers. Large floor plan, 2 car for more information. \$234,900 (C-389HA)







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#### **Education Seminars**

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 - "Quality Construction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 — "Condominium Nuts and Bolts: When To Consider Using a Condominium Format" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, "Builder's License Preparation Course" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, construction drawings,

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■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, "Convention Strategies" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, "Extreme Success" seminar at Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafavette, Royal Oak, A discussion on risks that yield better results, new ways to deal with fear and how to break free from the "Struggle Syndrome." Registration fee is \$59 for sales and marketing council members, \$89 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$109 for non-members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 8, "Codes and Quality Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group will discuss setting performance expectations, a superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and will provide tips to enforce code compliance on the job site. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, "Managing a Business for the Long Term" seminar at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Richard G. William, CPA, of Polk and Associates PLC will discuss strategic planning for the small to medium size business, exit strategies and business valuation. Registration is \$20 for BIA or AAM members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

**8** a.m. to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, "Managers Roundtable" discussion at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. The program is free for Property AAM, PMC and BIA members and \$15 for guests. Coffee and bagels will be provided. (248) 862-1033.

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■ Builder's Pre-License Class -This course will help those who want to subcontract the construction of their own home, real estate investors, developers and building trades peo-

Classes will be held 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 28, 30 and Dec. 5, 7, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Rd., Room 133, Bloomfield Hills, \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, (248) 433-0885; 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 28, 30 and Dec. 5 and 7 at Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, \$201 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, (734) 744-2602; and 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7, 12 &14, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, (313) 317-1500, \$189 for residents and \$208 for nonresidents, plus a \$20 textbook and sample question fee; and 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Dec. 6, 8, 13 & 15, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 203-3800, \$190 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions.

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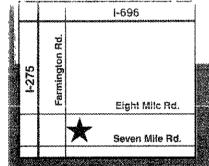


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Deeds office. Listed below as	e cities,
addresses, and sales prices.	
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43506 Abbey	\$314,000
48267 Antique	\$278,000
48483 Antique	\$166,000
47220 Bartlett	\$262,000
45959 Baywood	\$286,000
40468 Deer Creek	\$85,000
44760 Dionne	\$288,000
420 Filmore	\$190,000
45681 Graystone	\$185,000
49068 Hawksbury	\$220,000
49077 Hawksbury	\$214,000
1140 Heritage	\$182,000
4401 Hunters	\$157,000
42723 Lilley Pointe	\$125,000
41870 Metaline	\$265,000
43439 Michigan	\$75,000
43439 Michigan	\$95,000
604 N Willard	\$208,000
2289 N Woods	\$320,000
49060 Northhampton	\$468,000
1633 Orchard	\$113,000
1226 Paddington	\$260,000
1957 Pinecroft	\$194,000
1459 Prestbury	\$236,000
49294 Stanton	\$525,000
48587 Stonebriar	\$54,000
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8461 Donnelly	\$108,000	7358 Central
277 Farmington	\$129,000	7448 Central
1462 Rush	\$171,000	
Livonia		7448 Central
9364 Antago	\$149,000	7358 Central
1415 Ariżona	\$181,000	7394 Central
027 Beatrice	\$115,000	31958 Charley
7042 Bennett	\$247,000	33094 Chief
1710 Boston Post	\$150,000	448 Filbert
2942 Brookside	\$271,000	31227 Geraldii
936 Cardwell	\$116,000	30585 Hogan
1307 Cavell	\$165,000	33442 Hunter
4107 Cranston	\$230,000	8436 Ingram
3365 Fargo	\$76,000	35730 Manila
1686 Farmington	\$200,000	31228 Merritt
862 Fremont	\$140,000	6826 Moccasi
871 Fremont	\$161,000	1295 Portland
0519 Fremont	\$164,000	7656 Ritz
4852 Grove	\$220,000	1248 S Carlsor
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7358 Central	\$88,000
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7358 Central	\$80,000
7394 Central	\$90,000
31958 Charlevoix	\$76,000
33094 Chief	\$170,000
448 Filbert	\$173,000
31227 Geraldine	\$166,000
30585 Hogan	\$244,000
33442 Hunter	\$172,000
8436 Ingram	\$137,000
35730 Manila	\$92,000
31228 Merritt	\$162,000
6826 Moccasin	\$165,000
1295 Portland	\$186,000
7656 Ritz	\$160,000
1248 S Carlson	\$129,000
36116 Schley	\$137,000
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810 Summerfield	\$170,000
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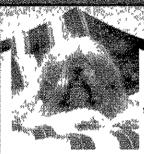
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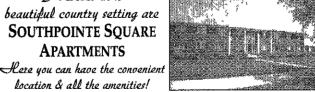
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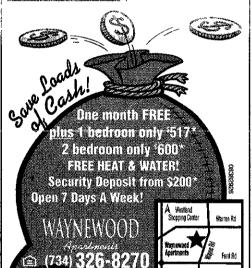
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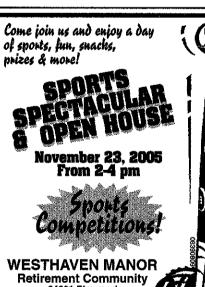
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Alan Stafford, president of Strategix Consulting Group Inc., in Charlotte, N.C., says that you must enlist the support of senior management, even if your department isn't "a key in the organization" or otherwise "worthy of attention." He further states that, lacking "gold-plated authority from senior management, you'll find that employees will totally undercut your authority by ignoring you or bypassing you and going upstairs.

While offering no guarantee of success, Stafford suggests, "Get an audience with the pope. Convince him that the operation of the department is critical to the bottom line of the organization," affecting the brand or image in the marketplace. He further advises pointing out that the situation negatively "impacts customer service not just the money or brand but reputation, future purposes, and employee recruitment and retention." As the new person on the block, you'll be considered a threat.

Ron McMillan, chief delivery officer in charge of training at VitalSmarts L.L.C., in Provo, Utah, calls this one of a group of "crucial conversations, characterized by high stakes, opposing opinions and strong emotions. Even communicators have difficulty with these," he adds. "Because high emotion tends to derail us, we'll go in to a crucial conversation and be aggressive, push, threaten or argue. Or we'll water down (sugar coat) our message to keep from hurting feelings or making them angry with us. Sometimes, people (even) refuse to talk to the person, which leads to a horrible impact on the relationship."

McMillan advocates making the boss feel safe -- not blaming, but emphasizing how you can fix problems that are frustrating everyone there. "Share your good intent," he advises "so people realize they don't have targets on their back."

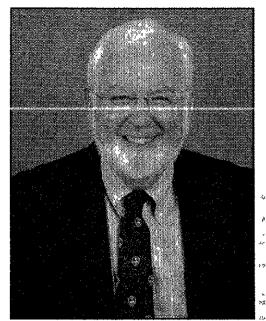
**EMPLOYEES (AND PEERS)** Let the same spirit guide you when you speak with employees. Gary Neilson and Bruce Pasternack, co-authors of "Results: Keep What's Good, Fix What's Wrong and Unlock Great Performance" (Crown, \$27.50) write, "The fundamental challenge is to . . . (make certain that) the individual's self-interest coincides with the company's agenda." Of course, this applies to peers, too.

You'll lose if you don't encourage employees to contribute to decisions, Stafford maintains, and they won't buy into change. "Many times," he continues, "people within an organization already know what needs to be done. Ask them individually or in group sessions. You may come up with heretofore unknown solutions. At the very least, your people will have felt heard and understood. Share financial information and information about customer retention." McMillan stresses that you must create a safe atmosphere to avoid defensiveness. Remember that for peers, too.

If your area is functioning without integrity, you can tackle that problem, too. Wally Bock, based in Greensboro, N.C., is a consultant on one-on-one leadership. He recommends being "symbolic." By this he means communicating your own integrity in ways that others can't miss.

Bock recalls a new plant manager whose workers felt ignored by management. "In conversations," Bock mentions, "he found that many of their grievances would take time to fix, but that there were some that he could handle immediately. He chose things like erecting an awning over the door where folks stepped outside for a break, and putting a pay phone in the break room as the first things to do. He figured they were quick and also visible." Notice the potential impact of a visible act that communicated non-verbally about how he wanted employees to be.

Bock says to strive to change behavior, not attitude. Doing so requires



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disseminating "a limited number of messages in two kinds of communication -- one-to-many, with a statement to all via e-mail or a memo clarifying what you want, and one-onone communication.

"My mother used to say," he adds, "Here are the consequences of whatever you decide. You choose the consequences you want."

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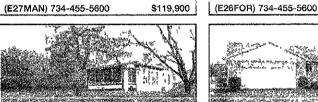


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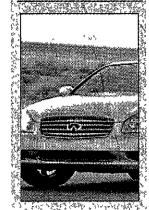
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# The Ford Freestyle & Mercury Mariner

Advertising Feature

# Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Clearly, the environment for selling sport-utility vehicles in the American marketplace is getting increasingly difficult. Over the last few years, more and more entries by nearly every significant auto manufacturer have been appearing in the segment, making the SUV market increasingly competitive just because of that dynamic alone.

For the traditional U.S. Big Three auto makers, an additional complication has been the fact that effective foreign competition has been flooding into niches of the SUV market that the Americans once dominated, including mediumand large-sized vehicles.

And now, of course, \$3-a-gallon gasoline is forcing all but the most stubborn consumer fan of SUVs to consider whether carrying around all that extra weight and room all the time is worth it, all the time, because of the great sacrifices they're making in fuel economy. This last factor stands the biggest chance of any of the elements of turning the Big Three's long dependence on SUVs for profits into a terrible albatross rather than the golden goose that it's. been for many years.

Yet while GM soon will be debuting new replacements for some of its biggest and best-selling SUVs, it might be Ford Motor Co. that is showing its Detroit rival the smartest way to proceed through what looks to be an increasingly perilous future for the American-made SUV. Ford began by trailblazing the Big Three's entry into hybrid versions of SUVs with its new hybrid Escape.

At the same time, Ford has added an entirely new line of SUVs with its Ford Freestyle mid-size model and continues to improve the conventionally powered Ford Escape and its cousin, Mercury Mariner. These additions and enhancements help add up to an SUV-segment strategy that may allow Ford to sustain the worst damage that can be wrought by \$3-a-gallon gasoline without too-terrible effect.

Mercury began offering Mariner in a 2005 model after Ford had introduced the Escape in 2001 and also gave Mazda a version of this same vehicle, Tribute. And Ford's stepchild division has made the most of this vehicle. It shares Escape's basic structure, platform and power trains. But when it comes to styling, Mercury appropriately sets itself apart with Mariner.

Mariner's grille is definitively rich looking, and the vehi-



The Ford Freestyle gets 19 miles per gallon in the city and 24 miles per gallon on the highway.

cle's distinctive 16-inch aluminum wheels and sleek rocker moldings clearly set it apart from both Escape and Tribute. Mercury has optimized the opportunity to move this vehicle platform upscale for Ford without trying to make Mariner seem like it should be a Lincoln instead.

Under the hood, Mariner shares with Escape and Tribute a decent capability when it comes to the increasingly important criterion of fuel economy, yielding 18mpg in the city and 23mpg on the highway for the Premier version that I drove. For 2006, in fact, Ford is introducing a hybrid version of Mariner, which will allow Mariner customers to achieve even better results in the increasingly important fuel-economy consideration.

For 2005, Mariner's standard power train is a 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine that obviously gets better fuel economy, but I was happy with the combination of capable performance and OK mileage provided by the 3.0-liter Duratec V6 engine under the hood of the Mariner Premier. With 200 horsepower and 193 pound-feet of torque, coupled with four-wheel-drive capability, Mariner Premier is a little powerhouse.

Inside, Mariner's big distinctive, in the top-of-the-line Premier version, is two-tone leather seats with suede-like inserts, which set it apart definitively from Escape and Tribute underneath the roof. The Premier version also offers heated outside mirrors, a premium audio system

with subwoofer and heated seats. All that for a suggested, price of \$27,845.

In coming up with Freestyle to plunk in the middle of its SUV lineup, Ford demonstrated a bit of inventiveness and the fruits of corporate acquisitiveness that are increasingly evident across the spectrum of the globalized auto industry. Freestyle, you see, is based partly on the S80 platform designed by Volvo, Ford's acquisition of not too many

The S80 heritage gives Freestyle a solid pedigree when it comes to both refinement as well as safety. Freestyle is a true "crossover" vehicle, bearing as it does both the cargo characteristics of a truck or large SUV as well as the drivability of a sedan. Ford's new Five Hundred sedan also emerged from Ford's same recent impulse to broaden its product lineup.

Freestyle contrasts with Ford's older, trailblazing Explorer SUV in that it has a lower ride height for easier entry and exit as well as more nimble handling and a quieter, more passenger-focused cabin. Even so, the Limited, all-wheel-drive version I drove can seat seven and retails for a reasonable \$33,720.

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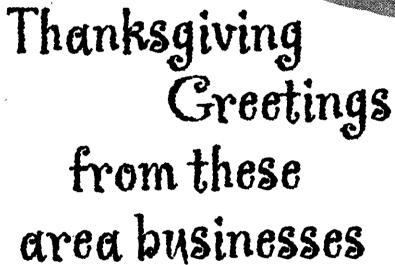


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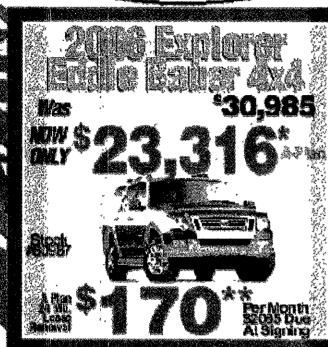


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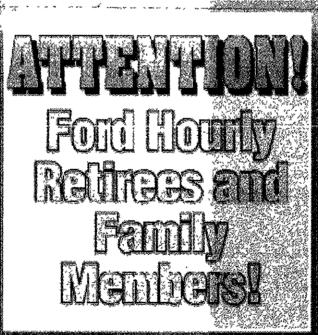


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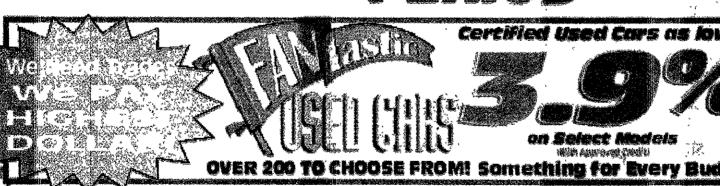
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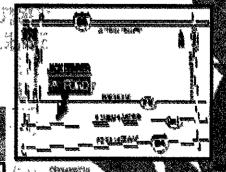












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