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## Hot Rod Helen

Weekly rides on son's bike keep 87-year-old local woman going strong

BY NANCY DEUTSCH  
CORRESPONDENT

Forget Motorcycle Mama. Helen Pigeon is a motorcycle great-grandma. The 87-year-old Canton woman regularly rides on the back of the bike owned by her son, Jim Pigeon. In fact, they have a standing date to ride on Tuesdays, after playing pool at the Shark Club on Ford Road.

Helen Pigeon sounds like an unusual senior, but the widowed grandmother of five (she also has five great grandchildren) says the rest of her weekly activities are more sedate. "I play a little bridge," she said.

While she likes both pool and biking, Helen says she is not too good at either. "Jim says it just gets me out of the house," she said.

Helen has been riding since her son first took to riding motorcycles in 1964, when he was just 18. Jim, a retired Detroit police officer, is now 60.

"It's fun," Helen said. "I like it because you can look up and see the blue sky."

Jim's reasons for riding were originally different. "It's a chick magnet," he admitted, laughing.

The pair usually take Jim's Yamaha touring bike, although he also owns two choppers. "The back seat is more comfortable," Jim said about the Yamaha.

Their usual route is through Hines Park, where they also go for the annual Mother's Day Run, an event put on by ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education). Both Jim and Helen are members, and Jim is also awareness director for the Wayne County division of ABATE.



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PLEASE SEE **HOT ROD, A7** Helen Pigeon of Canton prefers to ride sans helmet, though she thinks riders should have a choice.

## Survey says voters want district to get priorities in order

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters turned down a two-question \$120-million bond proposal in May because they had different priorities than those put forth by the Board of Education.

That was the finding of an \$18,000 post-election survey conducted for the district by pollster Ed Sarpolus of the Lansing-based research firm

### What do you think?

What do you think of the survey results and the way the district handled the bond issues? Let us know by e-mailing a letter to the editor at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com) or calling (734) 459-2700.

EPIC/MRA, which Sarpolus presented to trustees Tuesday night.

"There was a lot of talk it was the economy, stupid," Sarpolus said.

"Your community ... has a perception of what they believe the priorities are in this school district, and any proposal from you has to match their priorities."

What school board trustees discovered during a synopsis of the 73-question survey was voters opposed a new pool at Plymouth High School (22 percent), athletic improvements at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (16 percent), a new theater at Plymouth High School (11 percent), new athletic fields at Canton High School (9 percent) and an auxiliary gym at Salem High School (4 percent).

Despite the fact those issues were placed on the second ballot question for \$24.8 million, voters also turned down the first-question bond of \$95.4 million for building expansions, a new middle school in Canton and a Career and Technical Education (CTE) center at the high school park.

"You have 78 percent of the community that don't have kids in the schools that are voting," Sarpolus said. "So, it's nonparents who are making the decisions for you at the ballot, not the parents."

"You have a core group of parents or interested bodies that show up at every board meeting, but they usually represent less than 3 percent of the voters," he said. "The question is, what about the other 97 percent that make the decisions?"

The school board was apparently listening to the minority when it developed the bond proposals.

PLEASE SEE **VOTERS, A7**

## Todd Caccamo's flag is causing a stir

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Even though Todd Caccamo is thousands of miles away from Canton, he still seems to be able to stir things up when the Canton Township Board of Trustees meets.

Caccamo's family and supporters showed up Tuesday and chided the board for refusing to display an American flag given to Caccamo at the last board meeting he attended before going off to serve in the U.S. Marines. Local business owner Dan McCausland and a group of local veterans, including a Marine color guard, presented the flag to Caccamo on April 24 in hopes it would be displayed at his spot on the board dais during his absence.

However, McCausland said board members told him to take the flag with him that night.

On Tuesday, Kay Caccamo, the trustee's wife, again asked that the flag be displayed at her husband's spot on the dais. She received no answer from Supervisor Tom Yack or other members on the board, except, "Thank you for your comments."

Rosemary Caccamo, the trustee's mother, who traveled with her husband from their home in Auburn Hills, also criticized the board for refusing to display the flag.

"I'm so ashamed of this board," she said.

Kay Caccamo said her husband is in his final weeks of training at the Marine Corps

Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms in California, before he will be deployed to Iraq.

Kay said at the very least, her husband's nameplate should still be displayed at his regular spot on the dais, though she made it clear she would also like to see the flag displayed.

"It should be considered an honor to put that flag out there," she said.

"This gesture is not for Todd, but for all the servicemen currently serving our country in war."

Yack said he realizes he may have looked cold at the meeting, but he wants to make it clear that he and other board members are very much in support of the troops. In fact, they decided to begin flying a

yellow flag that reads "Remember our troops" on the flagpole in front of township hall. The flagpole was dedicated to Trevor Blumberg, a Canton soldier who was killed in Iraq in September 2003 at the age of 22.

However, Yack said he is not in favor of displaying the flag at Caccamo's place because he thinks it "politicizes" the issue.

"Putting the yellow flag outside will serve as a reminder of all the soldiers currently serving. We don't want to focus on one individual," Yack said. "I believe what they want politicizes his (Caccamo's) service."

Rosemary Caccamo clearly doesn't agree.

"He's not on vacation. He's out in a war," she said.



### In step

Flutists Anna Prudhomme (left) and Robin Tramel keep in step during at-home band camp practice last Thursday. The 187-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is spending an intense week of practice at away camp near Traverse City.

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### Coming Sunday in Health

As children return to school, many are burdened by anxieties about their classes, teachers and classmates.





**Orchestra auditions**

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2006-2007 school year Aug. 25-26 at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. In fall 2006 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. 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 part of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Koncert Education Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many

other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan.

To schedule an audition, or for more information e-mail [jane@plymouthsymphony.org](mailto:jane@plymouthsymphony.org) or call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

**Homeschool kick-off**

Parents intending to homeschool their children are invited to kick off the school year with a workshop at the Canton Public Library. The Children's Library is hosting Help for Homeschooling Parents at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Sandra Gould, children's librarian, will show parents how the library can help them achieve their educational goals and learning objectives. The workshop will focus on the library's extensive database collection, how to navigate the library's Internet site, [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org), and how to contact the Children's Department for ongoing help throughout the school year.

A tour of the library will be offered and parents will be provided with a bibliography of resource materials to use in their homeschool curriculum. Parents will also be given the opportunity to network and share contact information during the program.

Registration for the program has already begun, and can be done in person or by phone. This workshop is for parents only. For more information,

contact the children's desk at the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999.

**Newcomers to start new season**

The Canton Newcomers, the community's "social club for the entire family" is kicking off their 2006-07 season at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Sunflower Clubhouse, at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center). Canton's own Lynn Jarrett, a motivational speaker, coach and author of *Why Bother Looking* will be discussing the challenges of balancing all life offers us.

The Newcomers will also have sign-ups for all of the group's interest group activities including Bunko, playgroups, euchre, couples social, men's poker, game night, scrapbooking and more.

For more information, including a complimentary Newcomer newsletter, please visit [CantonNewcomers.org](http://CantonNewcomers.org). You can also call (734) 981-1715 with any questions. Remember, you don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer.

**New graphic designer**

The weekly newspaper *Between The Lines* has hired Canton resident Gwen Dietrick as graphic designer.

Dietrick most recently was an instructor at the International Academy of Design and Technology in

Troy. She formerly worked as creative director for the Michigan Green Industry Association in Bingham Farms and as an art director for Scott Publications in Livonia and Brasch Marketing in Southfield. She received her bachelor of fine arts degree from Parsons School of Design in New York.

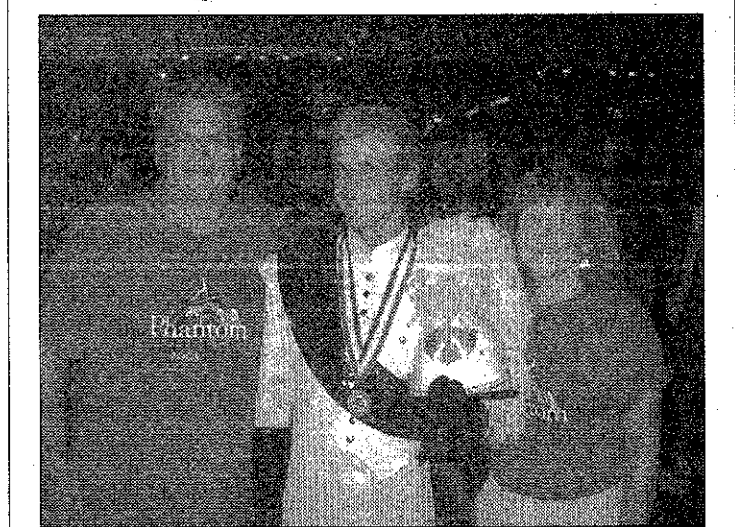
*Between The Lines* is a Michigan publication serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities. It and the companion Web site, [www.pridesource.com](http://www.pridesource.com), are published by Pride Source Media Group.

**Free legal aid**

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. will conduct a free outreach clinic on civil legal services for senior residents of Wayne County, who are 60 years of age or older at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at Summit On The Park in Canton.

Attendees are asked to register before 10:30 a.m., as a Legal Aid attorney will assist only those persons who have done so by that time.

For further information, contact Gina Polley, director of community relations and governmental affairs, by phone at



**Second place finish**

Kyle Peters, with parents Rick and Cheryl Peters, took a moment to pose at a recent band competition. Kyle, of Canton, participated in the Phantom Regiment drum corps this summer. His team took second place in national competition at the Drum Corps International finals in Wisconsin Aug. 12.

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**Soldier reports for duty**

Army Spec. Carson H. Middlebrook has arrived for duty at Camp Red Cloud, Uijong-Bu, South Korea. Middlebrook, a healthcare specialist, is assigned to the Special Troops Battalion. He has four years of military service. His wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Francis X. Kelly of Kingsley Drive, in Canton.

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**Physical Therapy UPDATE**

**Hands On Center**

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**CHILDREN WHO CARRY THE WORLD ON THEIR SHOULDERS**

Recent research again warns that young school children carry backpack loads that endanger their health. The latest study involved five boys and five girls, all aged 13, who wore identical backpacks that were outfitted with pressure sensors in the shoulder straps. At first, the children wore backpacks that weighed 10% of their body weight. Then, they wore backpacks that were equal to 20% of their body weight, followed by backpacks weighing 30% of their body weight. As the weight increased, the children's pain increased. The recorded surface pressure was higher than the pressure threshold at which normal skin and muscle blood flow is obstructed. Parents are advised to reduce children's backpack weight and to use hip straps for even more weight distribution.

Keeping your child's backpack cleaned out, storing old assignments, and leaving extras such as video games and inline skates at home can help to lighten the load. When your family requires physical therapy care, call the **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY** at 455-8370 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.

P.S. Most experts recommend that children carry no more than fifteen percent of their body weight in their backpacks, but any weight that causes pain or strained posture is too much.

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# Rotary works for clean water

## Fund-raiser aims to help developing countries

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Kennedy looked down at the icy cold bottle of water she held in her hand, and paused before the words left her mouth: "Children die every day because they don't have clean drinking water."

Kennedy, who is president of the Canton Rotary Club, has joined leaders from five other local Rotary International clubs - two from Livonia, two from Plymouth, and the Northville Rotary - to take on a little piece of the huge effort to bring drinkable water to the developing world.

"It's a conglomerate of Rotary clubs that are all hellbent to help the clean water effort in Central America," said Greg Greene, Livonia Rotary, of The Agua Project (TAP), one of Rotary International's projects abroad.

To help raise money for the TAP projects, the local Rotary clubs are hosting a fund-raiser this November at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

The two projects will bring biosand water filters to homes in Honduras, and will bring a water pipeline and the filters to a community in El Salvador.

It's just a little help to solve a big problem, said Wayne Titus, who is also on the local TAP committee.

"Three million children die from diarrhea every year," he said, adding that the main cause is contaminated water. Further, in countries where many of the men and women work on farms to provide for their families, they don't have enough water to keep themselves strong, and are susceptible to kidney disease as a result.

"The average American uses about 35 gallons of water per day," Titus said, putting the issue into perspective. "The average person in the developing world uses just three. That's about the same as a single toilet flush."

El Salvador in particular needs help, he said, because its water infrastructure was destroyed during a civil war in the 1980s. Then in 2001, an earthquake shifted the aquifers, making much of the drinking water non-potable.

"Then in 2005, hurricane Stan sat over most of Central America, and caused 2,000 deaths," Titus said. "We never heard about that here in the United States, because we were dealing with our own issues post-Katrina."

And that's something that people ask him about all the time.

"People ask me all the time why we would do something like this in Central America when we have so much need at home," Titus said. "I say



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Plenty of available safe water is a given for most of us. But that's not true in many other countries. Local Rotarians Greg Greene, Lisa Kennedy, Wayne Titus, Martha Snow, and Jan Eisen had joined forces with Canton Super Bowl's Mike Reffitt (standing second from left) to raise funds for the Agua Project. Reffitt passed away earlier this month.

that at least here we do have some kind of social safety net. It's not perfect, but there is something. There, people can't count on anybody for help, not their government, not anyone."

The kick-off event for the local TAP projects is 1:30-4:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

"We're hoping it will become an annual event," Greene said. "The need is not going away any time soon."

In addition to bowling, there will be pizza and soft

drinks served, and there will be prizes and drawings. The group is not only looking for people who want to participate by bowling and donating money, but also groups who wish to help sponsor the event, and who wish to donate prizes.

"Actually, we could use a sponsor to provide water," said Canton Rotary's Martha Snow.

For more information, contact Wayne Titus at wbt@amdgservices.com, or at (734) 737-0866, Ext. 1091.

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# Cops warn Village residents about suspicious man

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
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POLICE BEAT

A Canton neighborhood was on high alert last week after a suspicious man was seen talking to children in a park in Cherry Hill Village.

According to police, the man was seen Aug. 12 talking to a child in the park. When the child's mother approached the man and asked what he was doing, he said he was looking for a dog. The mother of one of the children told him he shouldn't be talking to children and called the police.

The woman who called police wrote in a flier she distributed to neighbors that police told her the suspect may be the same man who earlier in the summer, nearly walked away with a toddler in another part of Canton.

According to police reports, a woman and her mother were having a garage sale in June, when a strange man approached and tried to walk away with the woman's little boy.

"There are some similarities," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "In both cases, there was a white older car. And in

both cases the suspects were men. They were both in subdivisions in Canton."

But there are enough discrepancies that most likely rule out the two incidents being related. The case in June involved a man in his 20s, Pomorski said. The most recent case involved a man in his 50s. In neither case did witnesses get a look at the license plate on the car.

In response to both incidents, the police issued a crime alert to the entire community and assigned extra police coverage to look for the suspect.

"We had officers go to those neighborhoods when they were having some down time, just because it's the right thing to do," Pomorski said.

Police are still looking for more information regarding both incidents. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5424.

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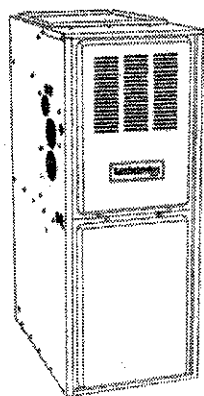
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# Camp designed to get marchers ready

## Plymouth-Canton band hits the field for summer preparations

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

While many students are relishing the respite of the waning days of summer, a group of 187 dedicated local high school artists is already gearing up for a challenging season of performances in the competing marching band circuits.

The nationally acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band filled a sizeable section of the Plymouth High School parking lot the week of August 14, with nine-to-five movement and music during the at-home band camp. That was the second weeklong camp of the summer, not to mention several mini camps.

All that practice has already paid off for the award-winning marchers.

### MARCHING IN TUNE

Here's when the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hits the field this season:

- Sept. 16 - Novi High School
- Sept. 23 - Woodhaven-Brownstown
- Oct. 7 - Bands of America Regional Championships at EMU's Rynearson Stadium
- Oct. 14 - Great Lakes Invitational at home
- Oct. 28 - MCBA State Championships at Ford Field
- Nov. 9-11 - Bands of America Grand National Championships at the Indianapolis RCA Dome

"By now everyone knows each other," said assistant drum major Dave Brooks, a Plymouth junior. "They have their drill now, so it's not just doing the basics everyday. They're getting the excitement of actually putting a show on

the field at this point." Band director Marc Whitlock was pleased with the progress as the band prepared for a weeklong away camp at Lake Ann near Traverse City this week. "From a design standpoint,

we're about a week ahead of last year," he said, "so we're hoping we can maintain that."

So does trumpeter Caroline Williams, a Plymouth freshman. Although this is her first year of high school, it's her second with the band since she started performing while an eighth grader.

"They're pushing us harder this year," she said. "We're getting drill earlier and the show is a lot cleaner already. I love the show. I love the music and the marching. The drill is harder, but it's working really well."

This year's show is entitled "The Passion Within." "We look at certain icons to represent what passion is in an artistic format," explained Whitlock.

The movements include The Dancer; The Painter; The Musician; and Love; and feature music from the soundtrack of "Finding Neverland," Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," "The Prayer," and the theme from "The Red Violin."

"There's a wonderful screaming saxophone quartet in the middle of the second movement," said Whitlock. "It's extremely fast-paced. It starts at 172 beats per minute and by the time it's finished; it will be more than 200 beats per minute."

"That basically means they'll



DIANE HANSON

Sax players Paul Krutty (front and center), flanked by Kathleen Fransioli (left), and Sean Coleman concentrate on musical and marching mastery during a Plymouth-Canton Marching Band practice Aug. 17.

be taking 200 steps per minute or more than three steps per second. They're really moving!"

Whitlock has nothing but kudos for the students, his staff which includes new assistant director Chris Rutt from Pennsylvania, the music boosters, and the community as the fall season begins.

"The kids are great," he said. "The chemistry of the group is

really strong. There is a good work ethic and a positive nature about the group during rehearsal time."

"We are very privileged to be in a community that really enjoys and supports the fine arts," noted Whitlock. "It truly takes a community to make a great product like the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band."

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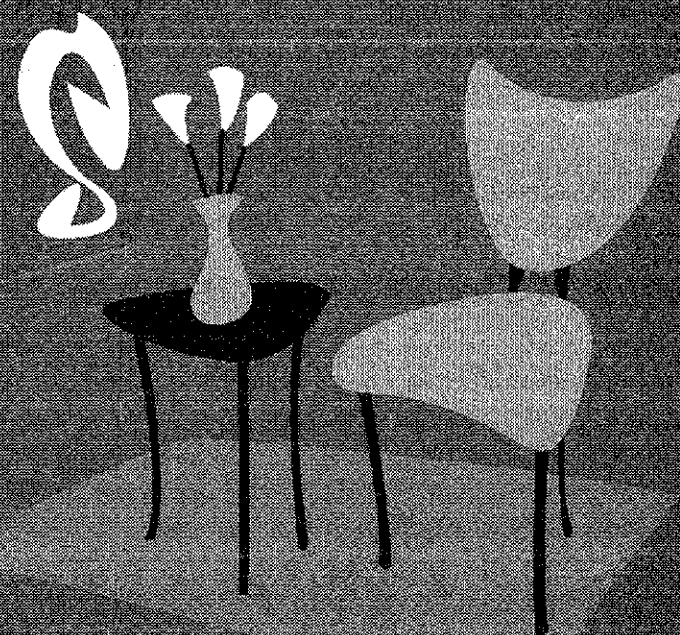


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# District makes state tests must for high school graduation

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials have a request of parents of this year's 11th-graders: Don't plan any trips that will take their students out of school during March.

Beginning this school year, all high school juniors in the district are required to take the state assessment tests as a requirement for graduation.

"It's really important for the kids to take the test," said Charlotte Sherman, deputy superintendent for instruction. "The only requirement is they come and take all parts of the test."

The policy change was approved by the school board Monday evening. While it requires 11th-graders to take the state tests, it doesn't specifically name the test they must take or set a "specific threshold for passing," Sherman said.

OTHER DISTRICTS

Wayne-Westland joins districts like Plymouth-Canton, Howell, Allen Park, Novi, Grosse Ile and New Boston in making the testing a requirement for graduation.

The new policy ties in with the federal No Child Left Behind law which requires that at least 95 percent of students take the standardized tests as well as the state's switch from its MEAP tests to the ACT and supplemental tests at the high school level, possibly this year.

The state is waiting to hear

if the feds will accept the ACT as an assessment test. If there is no answer by Nov. 1, the high school MEAP tests will be given to juniors.

With the MEAP tests, students who missed could be brought in to take makeup tests, but that won't be the case with the ACT. If it is approved, the district will do the testing on March 13, with a makeup date of March 27.

"We'll follow all the test guidelines," said Sherman. "If students are late for the start, we can't give them the test that day or the next day."

The guidelines also require rooms with distinct spacing for the desks and no bells. According to Sherman, the district will have to make the entire high school a test zone.

"With the MEAP, we do late starts for the ninth-, 10th- and 12th-graders and we may follow that pattern in testing 11th-graders with the ACT," she added.

Parents of students who don't take the tests will be notified that their 11th-graders are ineligible for graduation.

"As I understand it, if the student doesn't show up for the test, he'll be called for the makeup day," said school board trustee Cindy Schofield. "If he misses the makeup, parents will be notified that their child isn't meeting graduation requirements, so there won't be any surprises in May of their senior year."

The district is leaving no stone unturned in getting the word out about the new requirement. In addition to the letters that students will receive at registration, information also will be included in the district's newsletter and

aired on the district's cable TV channel.

"It's important to them and it's important to the district that they take the tests," Sherman said.

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She added that taking ACT is a plus for parents and students. Parents will no longer have to pay for the test, the state will pick up the cost.

There's also the potential to get scholarship money from colleges and universities as well as awards from the state itself.

"Kids may do well on the test or get scores that will encourage them to go to college or come up with scholarship money," she said. "It's a valuable score."

"Parents need to know that this is mandated," said school board Vice President Terrance McClain. "They need to know there's state money connected to this test, if it's taken in the 11th grade, but if they take it in the 12th grade, there's no money."

The change comes at a time when districts also are realigning their high school program to meet the requirements of the state's new curriculum which mandates the number of credits students will need for graduation, beginning with the class of 2011.

"Whether it's the MEAP or the ACT that's given in mid-March, we want parents not to schedule any appointments or trips at the time," Sherman added. "The time lines will be so compact that we don't want juniors to miss the test."

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# Focus may shift in 2nd bond effort

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

After listening to details of the EPIC/MRA survey on why voters in May turned down the two-question \$120 million bond proposal for construction and renovations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, bond committee co-chair Kary Amin of Plymouth Township said the results were crystal clear.

"I think it means it was a mistake to go after the second bond," said Amin, who noted he was surprised by the lack of support for a new swimming pool at Plymouth High School. "There were a significant amount of people, such as the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, with concerns about the scheduling of pool events. I thought that would get people out to approve of a pool, but obviously it's considered a luxury and unnecessary."

"The community has spoken," he said. "We'll go back to the drawing board and come up with something scaled down, probably without the athletic and fine art compo-

nents, and hopefully it will pass next time."

School board vice president Judy Mardigian said the survey was an eye-opener.

"I gained a lot of insight into our community, that most don't have kids in the schools," Mardigian said. "I think the next bond will focus on educational needs."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, who did not support the bond during her campaign to be elected to the board, said the survey will give the Board of Education an idea of which direction to go for the future.

"I feel it was a reality check for the school board," Gonzalez said.

"I'm in favor of getting a bond steering committee together and doing some in-depth research of our actual bare-bones needs in the district."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski said the survey results validated his decision not to support the bond proposals.

"There was very definitely a perception of needs versus wants, and we didn't match

them," Ham-Kucharski said. "The repurposing of Central was considered a hard sell on the list, but I would like to approach that. I don't know if we have enough time to educate voters to do a February ballot."

Plymouth Township resident Nancy Conzelman campaigned vigorously against the bond proposals in May.

"I think it's clear the board didn't have its priorities straight with the voters," said Conzelman. "I don't think they will listen the next time."

"I think it will be a challenge for the board to focus on messages that maybe they don't necessarily want to hear," she said.

"People in Plymouth and Canton are concerned about the kind of education their kids are receiving, and I don't think voters agree that these grandiose building projects that take so much of the board's attention away from education are the best for the district."

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## HOT ROD

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This year, it rained on the date of the run and attendance was lower than usual, Jim says, so the trip to Hines Park almost didn't happen, but his mother would have none of it.

"Mom said, the heck with it, let's go," Jim said.

"They had me in a water suit. I was completely covered," Helen said.

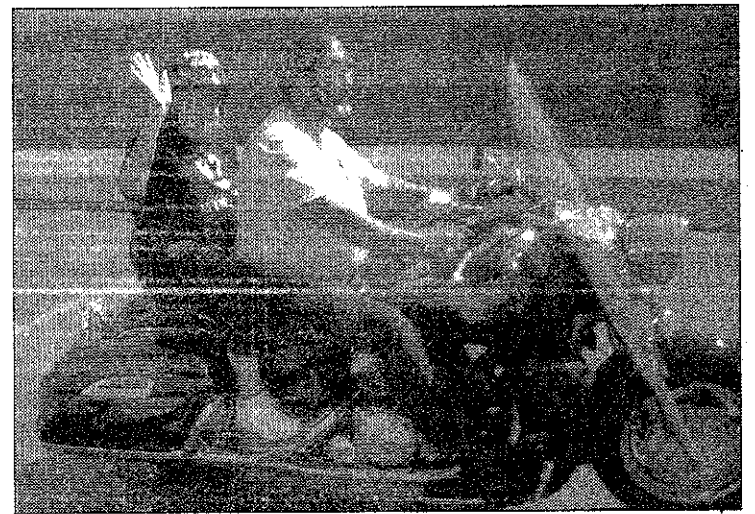
"It was very exciting. I enjoyed it."

Helen admits that their standing date to take the bike out on Tuesdays is rarely canceled due to inclement weather.

"Well, maybe if the snow's too deep," she said.

The duo always wear helmets, as is Michigan law, although Jim says ABATE has tried to get the law changed to make helmet wearing a choice.

"A helmet has never prevented an accident," he said. He's a strong proponent of freedom of choice, so even though he was a policeman,



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Jim Pigeon and his mom, Helen Pigeon of Canton, have been riding a long time. Helen Pigeon turns 88 on Friday.

Jim says "I'm not necessarily in favor of seat belt laws."

Jim, who has been in a few motorcycle accidents, teaches motorcycle awareness to kids in driver's education, and in the class, he stresses overall safety rather than focusing on helmets.

He says he tells the kids that you have to be very wary of car drivers when you're a motorcyclist.

"You would be amazed at

the crazy things people will do - (like) cut right in front of you," he said.

Helen also supports making the wearing of helmets optional.

"I think it's just up to the individual, really."

For now, she always wears hers. Her newest one was a gift a year ago from Jim. The front reads: Hot Rod Helen, and on the back: 87 and Still Going Strong.

## VOTERS

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"At the time, when we went for the second ballot proposal, we thought we were listening to the pool parents who crowded the room," board Vice President Judy Mardigian said, "and the staff at the Park about the CTE. This has been very, very helpful to me."

Survey respondents made it clear on what they would support in a future bond issue.

"Everything is about maintaining, improving, expanding what you have, that's their focus," Sarpolus told the board. "The public is willing to support you, the key thing is what's included in the ballot proposal."

Topping the list of priorities voters would support, according to the survey, were 10 new buses at a cost of \$1 million (71 percent approval); spending \$13 million for adding classrooms, gyms and other improvements to the existing elementary schools (68 percent); adding classrooms, cafeterias and band rooms at the middle schools for \$11.1 million (69 percent); improving the existing Career and Technical Education facilities (64 percent); and construction of a \$28.3 middle school in Canton (63 percent).

"Anything over 60 percent is where I would start," Sarpolus said.

"You're going to have to do more education for anything under that."

That would put a new Career and Technical Education

Center at P-CEP for \$24.3 million (55 percent) and renovating Central Middle School to house current Starkweather Alternative Education students at a cost of \$12.9 million (49 percent) on the bubble, potentially dragging down a bond proposal tentatively set for February, if they are included.

"Central, that's a hard sell," admitted Sarpolus. "It doesn't mean you don't need it, but you're going to have to do more education to get from 49 to over 60 percent."

"You have time to find out if you can educate the community on your needs and move their priorities to match yours," he said. "If you don't have time to do it, it will be a hard sell."

Sarpolus said school officials need six-seven months to educate voters on the needs of the school district.

"We need to get the priorities right, needs versus wants as perceived by the public," said trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski. "We need to get the community in the schools so they can see firsthand what's going on ... what we are doing for the average-and-less students."

"Moving forward with another bond, we need to make sure that we're frugal with this, and meets those priorities," he said.

The Board of Education will begin discussing the formulation of a February bond issue during a workshop session scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

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 Ball, 85, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 12.  
**Mildred Pauline Beers**  
 Beers, 87, died Aug. 14.  
**Marian Bordine**  
 Bordine, 91, died.  
**D**  
**Edwin H. Drescher Jr.**  
 Drescher, 84, of Livonia, died Aug. 10.  
**F**  
**John R. "Jack" Fitzgerald**  
 Fitzgerald, 77, formerly of Livonia, died Aug. 15.  
**G**  
**Janice Tibus Gallesero**  
 Gallesero, 47, died Aug. 17.  
**L**  
**Nancy R. Leonard**  
 Leonard, 89, died Aug. 20.  
**M**  
**Christopher Joseph Mayone**  
 Mayone, 44, of Beverly Hills, died Aug. 20.  
**Dee McMullen**  
 McMullen, 98, of Plymouth, died Aug. 18.

**P**  
**Helene Elaine Pietila (nee Maatta)**  
 Pietila, 86, of West Bloomfield, died Aug. 11.  
**William H. Powell**  
 Powell, 94, of Westland, died Aug. 21.

**R**  
**Helen B. Robertson**  
 Robertson, 89, died Aug. 16.  
**Paul C. Robertson Sr.**  
 Robertson, 89, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 17.

**S**  
**Reta Marie Simons**  
 Simons, 93, formerly of Bloomfield Township, died July 8.  
**Barbara K. Slocum**  
 Slocum, 75, died Aug. 17.

**W**  
**Jennie L. Worley**  
 Worley, 73, died Aug. 15.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A17.

# Canton author's book focuses on rise of the Christian Right

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
 STAFF WRITER



Blaker

Kim Blaker stood in her basement in a quiet Canton subdivision, surrounded by some 13,000 books, stacked neatly on shelves, categorized by subject and author. You could say she's a bit bookish.

In fact, by day (and most nights) Blaker operates an online bookshop from her home. So it just seemed natural when the book lover turned book author.

Blaker published her first book, *The Fundamentals of Extremism: The Christian Right in America*, in 2003, when the United States was still reeling from Sept. 11, 2001.

So far it's sold more than 7,000 copies and an Egyptian publisher this year bought the rights to publish the book in Arabic. The translated version was released earlier this summer.

"When I was taking college courses 10 years ago, I had focused my research paper on the effects of religion on society," Blaker said. "I was intrigued by Christian fundamentalists and the negative effects on those families and society as a whole.

At the end of 2001, Americans were abuzz with talk of fundamentalism

applied to Islam. At the same time, the fundamentalist Christian movement was growing in numbers and political clout, Blaker said.

"I knew it was time to write this book. It had to be released," she said.

And she did. She wrote three of the chapters and called upon other authors and scholars to assist in the writing, then she edited the entire book.

Blaker's controversial viewpoints and critical exposure of Christian fundamentalism have been both highly touted, by scholars and academics, and vociferously criticized, particularly among American conservatives.

The highly controversial book has been dubbed "a blockbuster expose of the activities of the Religious Right," by best-selling author John Shelby Spong, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. It has also been endorsed by world-renowned evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, among other scholars.

The book has been adopted as part of the text for a variety of academic courses within the social sciences. Course

titles include Anarchy, Nationalism, and Fundamentalism; American Culture; to a variety of Women's Studies programs at such prestigious institutions as Bowdoin College, Ohio State University, UCLA, and University of California, at Irvine.

*The Fundamentals of Extremism* is an in-depth examination of the causes and characteristics of Christian fundamentalism and its effects on women, children, African-Americans, gays and lesbians, politics, education, and American society.

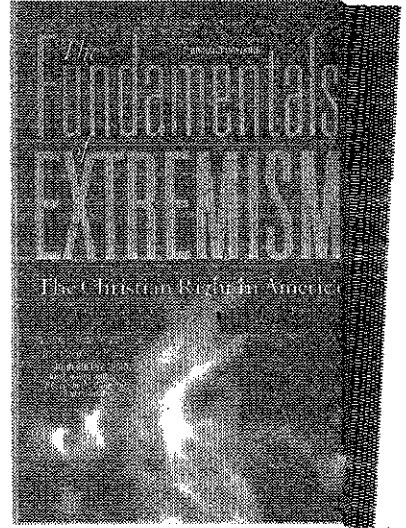
"There is a strong correlation between fundamentalism and an authoritative personality style. Often that leads to aggressive and violent behaviors," Blaker said. "Then there are those who would not be considered fundamentalist but would be considered evangelical conservatives who try to impose their beliefs on the rest of society."

Blaker specifically noted that gay rights and women's rights are impinged upon as the fundamentalist Christian movement has become more vocal in the political arena.

And the political divide continues to grow, she added. "One of the scary things - given the atmosphere with the war and terrorism - is that we'll see more growth in fundamentalist views," Blaker said.

"It's scary because we see so many of our rights and freedoms violated as a result."

When she was approached this year by Shorouk International Bookshop, a



Kimberly Blaker published her first book, *The Fundamentals of Extremism: The Christian Right in America*, in 2003. It has sold more than 7,000 copies and was recently published in Arabic.

leading Egyptian publishing house, about translating the book into Arabic, Blaker was conflicted.

"The book is obviously controversial, but the fact that it's being published and read in the Middle East by the opponents of the fundamentalist right made it more so. I had contemplated not having it translated," she said. "At that time, I was conflicted. I wrote the book to inform people. To say I would censor it from certain groups, I couldn't do that."

Since its Arabic release, a Canadian company has approached Blaker about publishing the book in more languages and selling foreign publishing rights in more countries, she said.

The American edition is available through most booksellers and retailers for \$15.95. The Arabic edition is available at Amazon.com for \$19.95.

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**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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**CANTON DOWNTOWN  
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Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "**Canton Center Road at Geddes Road Intersection Improvements**", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until **3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 7, 2006** at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

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Bid documents are available to pick up at **Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCD), 44978 Ford Road, Suite A, Canton, Michigan 48187**. A nonrefundable fee of \$65.00 will be charged for the bid packet.

Bid documents are on file for review at Northwest Consultants, Inc. Canton Township - 2nd Floor Engineering, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data.

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**Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

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**What's In Your Jewelry Box?**

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## Plan ahead for medical emergencies at school

It's time to start preparing for back-to-school. Beyond pencils, notebooks and a new backpack, emergency physicians are urging parents to prepare for potential medical emergencies to ensure a safe school year for their children.

"Being prepared is key for so many things and this goes for medical emergencies as well," said Dr. Frederick Blum, President of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). "Your child is in a much better position to receive prompt medical attention if emergency personnel do not have to take time to get parental consent, track down medical records or investigate immunization histories."

Many schools include medical forms in the enrollment process, but it is a good idea for parents to make sure their children's schools have their children's most recent medical information. ACEP offers medical forms to help you with this process on their Web site (<http://www.acep.org/webportal/PatientsConsumers/MedicalForms/>) and the following tips for parents:

Complete a consent-to-treat form and give copies to the school or day care provider for them to keep in your child's record and to take with them if your child goes to the emergency department. It's also a good idea to give copies to family members, friends, or babysitters who may care for your child. Your child will always receive lifesaving care in an emergency room, but the form gives a physician permission to treat your child for less serious medical problems when he or she is in someone else's care. Caregivers should make sure to bring the form with them if they take your child to an emergency department.

Organize your child's medical history records and update emergency medical contact information. Provide a copy of this information to your child's school or day care provider with instructions to take it with them to the emergency department if your child is sick or

injured. Phone numbers change often. Make sure your child's records include updated emergency contact information.

"Families often develop a more relaxed daily routine in the summertime and it pays to remind children of some basic safety information once school starts," said Blum. "When medical emergencies happen, it is much easier to follow a plan than it is to try and come up with a plan when people are emotional and someone is hurt."

Review and do a dry run of your child's route to school, explaining potential hazards along the way. This is a great time to discuss safety rules for going to and from school.

Make sure your children know how to use the telephone for help. Post emergency contact numbers by every telephone in your home. Have them practice reciting the information they will be asked for if they call 9-1-1: name, address, and a description of the problem.

Develop a family emergency plan in case something happens on the way to, or while attending school.

Be aware of any emergency plans and evacuation plans your children's schools may have established.

For a free brochure on preparing for medical emergencies involving children, which contains a useful list of important emergency telephone numbers and a consent-to-treat form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to When Your Child Has an Emergency, ACEP, 2121 K Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, D.C., 20037. To get the brochure online, visit [www.acep.org](http://www.acep.org) and click on "patients and consumers" and then "pediatrics."

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OUR VIEWS

## Next bond must be well-crafted

Now we know it wasn't the economy that killed the doomed bond proposals put forth by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education in May.

It was more likely their own greed, overconfidence and behind-the-scenes machinations that spelled the end of the proposals.

According to Ed Sarpolus of Epic/MRA, the Lansing polling firm, the two bond questions failed for one reason: The board ultimately asked for too much. Too much money, too many things voters viewed as "wants" and not "needs."

In a district where officials constantly decry the lack of available funding from the state, voters decided asking for an additional \$30-some million for a pool and a theater and renovations to athletic facilities was simply too much.

The interesting part is those things weren't high on the list of items the bond steering committee recommended. The initial thought was to go for some \$94 million in a single bond question; in the 11th hour, the decision was made to add the \$26 million second proposal.

That decision, according to an interpretation of the study by Sarpolus - and he's one of the best - likely cost the district both proposals.

Now, the question becomes what does the board do about going back to voters.

They have to do it; it's the only way they're going to recoup \$2.3 million they spent buying property. It's too late to do it in November, so February seems the likely option.

It'll take some effort to craft a proposal voters will swallow.

The survey shows they don't want a pool or athletic improvements or a theater, which are favored by one faction. Likewise, voters don't appear to support the idea of building an elementary school in the western end of Plymouth Township, favored by at least one board member.

The school board has gotten burned at least twice now by decisions not to listen to the panels they've empowered to help - once with a redistricting plan and now with the bond steering committee.

When putting together the inevitable February bond proposal, the district must be careful to trim the list down to things they need: Building renovations, a new middle school in Canton, the \$2.3 million recoupment. The other things - the pool, the theater, the athletic facility upgrades - would be nice to have.

Voters weren't nice enough in May, and it'd be a gamble to depend on their niceness in February.

## Support our local growers at markets

August is probably the best time to buy fresh produce in Michigan. As summer winds down, it's time to enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of labor of your local farmers by visiting the local farmer's markets.

Many local communities highlight the summer with a farmer's market. Birmingham, Clarkston, Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth and Rochester are some of the local communities that host these events. The markets offer a great way to visit these suburbs, whether you want to go with a friend or neighbor, spouse or child. It's a great social event and a chance to not only purchase fresh fruit and vegetables, but it serves as an opportunity to shop in these communities.

The produce can't be beat. The only way you'll get fresher tomatoes, summer squash, green peppers or cucumbers, is if you grow your own.

The farmer's market is a great way to meet farmers and their families who you are supporting by buying their products. You putting food on your table helps them put it on theirs.

The market also provides a wonderful link between consumer and farmer. Farmers can see how new varieties sell, and receive direct input on these products before they set up production on a larger scale. The public can try a new variety.

Farmers also can promote other aspects of their farm (i.e. hay rides, family days, tours, pick your own, etc.) It's a great way to promote Michigan's growing agri-tourism.

Farmers have planted, watered and nurtured fields to ensure that they can sell crops to the locals. They've worked hard to bring freshness and nutrition to the table.

Why not support your local grower?



"Great! Now I'll never get out of eating my veggies!"

### Let's help troop morale

Dear Canton community,  
First off, I would like to say thank you so much for your support in the past with Operation Morale and to our troops. Because of communities like this, our troops morale is high. I have recently been contacted by the 101st Airborne Division to be involved in their homecomings. Last year we sent 317 care packages to the 101st Airborne division alone, all items received from the Canton community were sent to this division.

Operation Morale is making a "Thank you Hero" bag to be placed on the single soldiers beds when they return to their barracks room after deployment. The bags will contain shampoos, razors, shave gels, snacks and goodies, towels, etc. Coming home to soft sheets and a comfortable towel means more than we could ever understand. This is where you come in. We need these items. If you would like to be a part of welcoming home these troops, please contact Operation Morale or me by e-mailing operationmorale@yahoo.com or calling (734) 274-1806. Visit www.operationmorale.com for a list of more ideas on what to send and where to send them. Thank you so much for your support Canton. It truly reaches around the world.

Nicole Kline  
Chicago

### Politics is local

I would like to applaud Mr. Kadrich for his editorial following the primary election on Aug. 10 ("Will ugly campaigning cease now that primary is over?"). His advice to the Democratic House candidate Marc Corriveau, that he should be "edgy today," hit the mark - no pun intended. The almost Draconian methods Beth Stewart's opponents used to defeat the moderate candidate are reason for alarm.

I found Tom Hickey's attempt to alleviate guilt, or possibly to save some face, by writing the letter "Setting record straight" to the *Observer* to be lacking. The fuzzy math, attempting to create an illusion of a \$2,500-plus in-kind contribution from the museum to the Stewart campaign, was almost humorous.

Having worked for a campaign which spent roughly \$1,300 on the race, I believe certain individuals need to get honest, the most important being the bulk-rate permit has a one-time fee of \$160. I have a hard time keeping a straight face when a campaign that has a fund-raising capacity of more than \$100,000 splatters the cover of local papers over allegations surrounding \$160. The complaints about the use of the museum by Stewart for a rally was also a farce, as other candidates made use of the property, in the same legal way I did for my graduation party in 2002.

At the end of the day, voters, citizens and the community should know that Beth Stewart lost her job over a \$160 mistake and thousands of dollars in negative campaigning. It is too bad that primary voters validated an ideology that says personal glory trumps personal integrity.

It is a shame to see the local news media allowing a podium for these petty and misleading attacks. In this primary, where complaints that there were no original ideas or unconventional candidates,

### LETTERS

The local papers failed the communities. Non-stereotypical candidates on the right, Don Schmettler and Jason Vorva, were silenced along with Joe Hawver on the Democratic side.

Regardless, I only hope Corriveau is prepared to handle the next negative wave on the other side of the District 20 race. Unfortunately, what Republicans like Mark Abbo do not understand is that, at the end of the day, you have to be able to look people in the eye.

Mike Siegrist  
Canton

have left a lasting legacy of commitment and caring to the greater Plymouth/Northville communities and the western Wayne County. No one can take away their 22-year record of giving of their time and talents so generously. Both have set the bar high for others who choose to follow.

We are fortunate to have individuals such as Beth and John Stewart in our community.

Martha A. Traffi  
Canton

### Money talked

Filthy, nasty, dirty politics and negative campaigning were declared the winners of the 20th District State House race in the Republican Primary Aug. 8.

Money talked. Big money - nearly \$100,000 worth, with strings attached to Lansing, out-state Michigan and Washington, D.C., bought victory for their hand-picked candidate.

Over-the-top newspaper headlines kept spinning the story week after week and kept it going to the benefit of the instigators of the story. The constant barrage of incomplete information and innuendoes planted doubts in the minds of readers, questioned a woman's well-earned honesty and integrity and cost her not only her current job but also the opportunity to serve the members of the communities she so deeply cared about for the past 22 years.

The politics of personal destruction triumphed in our communities on election night.

All of the above sound like the key ingredients for a ready-made best-selling novel, but regrettably it's the true life drama which played out in "Norman Rockwell's" Plymouth this summer.

With inner strength and grace, the family of Beth and John Stewart has endured the allegations, the trail of gossip and misinformation and the verbal assaults on their integrity and standing within the greater Plymouth/Northville communities.

The extent of the nastiness of this campaign has left their daughters, Laura, 24, and Sarah 21, disillusioned with politics and the community in which they grew up. Is this the price an honorable family must pay if one of its members decides to run for office?

To her credit, Beth Stewart steadfastly refused to engage in negative campaigning even after her political opponents/foes crossed the line and went after her.

To her credit, Beth Stewart deflected criticism away from the museum, trying to shield the "community jewel" she had nurtured for 22 years - nearly half of her life. Isn't that what a morally responsible and caring individual would do? Perhaps Beth Stewart's "crime" is that she cared too much about what she had worked so long and hard to build in her hometown.

To her credit, Beth Stewart carried her head high and carried her campaign forward. On the night of the League of Women Voters campaign forum in June, a poised and well-composed Beth Stewart showed up and delivered the most complete responses to the questions in spite of the endless negative publicity being generated by her political foes.

Beth and her husband, John Stewart,

### Love that jazz

I accidentally came upon the first Friday evening concert at the New Town Center plaza and have attended every one (with the exception of the one rainout). What a great way to transition from my working week to the weekend. I look forward to the remaining concerts and just wanted to say what a great idea it was to create this traveling outdoor show. I am looking forward to the Alexander Zonjic concert at the Village Theater, and consider that a great wrap-up to this fun season. Thanks to the township for recognizing a need for some sophisticated outdoor entertainment and to V98.7 Smooth Jazz for putting Canton on the map as a welcoming venue for jazz.

Nicole Parson  
Canton

### Responsible drinking

It would be troubling if the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and state law enforcement is saying literally citizens celebrating Labor Day: "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." This is simply not the case. It is legal in all 50 states (including Michigan) to drink responsibly prior to driving. To put the issue in perspective, studies from *The New England Journal of Medicine*, the University of Utah, and elsewhere show that motorists who drive while talking on a hands-free cell phone are more "impaired" than people driving at the legal limit of .08 percent blood alcohol content. Responsible adults who have had a glass of wine with dinner or a beer at Labor Day cookouts are behaving safely and legally when driving themselves home.

John Doyle  
executive director  
The American Beverage Institute  
Washington, DC.

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## Tigers' success builds bridges between Detroit and suburbs

Excuse me if I gloat a little bit. But I can't help myself. Today, I will be playing hooky for half a day to go down to Comerica Park and take in a baseball game. While most of my colleagues are hard at work collecting the news of the day, I will be sitting in the ballpark watching the Tigers take on the dreaded defending champion Chicago White Sox.

And if recent weeks are any indication, I won't be alone in the stands, as the Tigers have been selling out home games like they haven't done in nearly two decades. Believe it or not, a Tigers ticket is actually a hot commodity again. And just think, all it took was for the club to field a team that was worth watching.

The 2006 Tigers have been the talk of the baseball world – a rags to riches story that almost seems unfathomable, considering how bad the team has been in recent years. I've been to a few games this summer, and the excitement at the stadium has been fantastic.

We are embracing this team with open arms – in Detroit, its suburbs and the rest of the state. Recently I was up in Rogers City, way up in the northeast tip of the Lower Peninsula, and a local bar was filled with people watching the Tigers game. With every run the Tigers scored, the place just erupted with cheers.

The team has been a pleasant distraction – a salve of sorts – for the Detroit area in particular, which has been reeling from all the bad news that has plagued us over the last couple years. Now there is something positive to talk about over dinner, not just discussion about plant closings, lost jobs and the lousy economy.

The Tigers success has reminded us that we are one region – Detroit and its suburbs. When you go to the ballpark, the stands are filled with city dwellers and suburbanites, black and white, rich and not rich – just like our region. All the turmoil that exists between Detroit and its suburbs simply fades away when it comes to the Tigers.

This isn't the first time the Tigers have helped bridge the regional divide. I still remember with vivid clarity the night the Tigers won the World Series in 1984. I was 14 at the time, and rode around in a car driven by an older kid in the neighborhood. Everywhere we went, on every street corner, people were gathered, cheering wildly. It was mass excitement that I will never forget.

The same could be said about the night the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup in 1997. Although I didn't attend the game in which the team clinched the Cup, I did go downtown. After the game ended, people spilled out of the

Perhaps the best example of how a sports team can bring together a region is the 1968 Tigers team, which beat the St. Louis Cardinals to win the World Series in seven games.

Joe Louis Arena and into the streets where an impromptu party broke out. People of all colors and persuasions were dancing in the street. At one point, a black man came up and hugged me. I hugged him back, before he moved on to hug the next person.

Perhaps the best example of how a sports team can bring together a region is the 1968 Tigers team, which beat the St. Louis Cardinals to win the World Series in seven games. The win came a year after the riots devastated Detroit. In many ways, the city hasn't been the same since. Yet, despite the animosities of the time, the Tigers, with a mix of white and black stars, somehow brought people – particularly white people – back downtown.

There is an outstanding documentary that came out a couple years ago called *A City on Fire: The Story of the '68 Detroit Tigers*, which is a must see for anyone trying to understand how the gulf between city and suburbs began. The players on that team – Willie Horton, Earl Wilson, Gates Brown, Al Kaline, Norm Cash, Denny McLain and Mickey Lolich – knew they were doing more than just winning baseball games. They were bringing together a torn people.

The U.S. Census numbers that were released last week indicate what many people already know.

The suburbs are growing more diverse. Towns like Canton, Westland, Dearborn and even Livonia had double or triple digit increases in the number of African Americans residents over the last five years. While some people may not think so, that can only be a good for the future of our region. We have to learn to co-exist, or people will never want to relocate here.

There is much that divides us – water rates, crime rates, bickering politicians and de facto segregation. In the end, however, we – city and suburbs – have much more in common than we often care to admit. We are tied to the same fate whether we accept it or not.

Thankfully, the Tigers of 2006 are reminding us of that fact.

Now, excuse me, I have to go buy a bag of peanuts. Go Tigers!

Kurt Kuban is community editor of the *Canton Observer*. He welcomes feedback at (734) 459-2700 or via e-mail at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com).



Kurt Kuban

## Tale of dead ducks could have been stopped with some care

Now that we have received a couple of reports from the DNR regarding the deaths of ducks in Heritage Park, I think it's time to clear up a few points.

1. I asked for help from the Public Safety Department when foul play (no pun intended) was suspected because Director Santomauro and his team have always been more than willing to seek out the truth. I know that I can count on them for help. If anybody is concerned about the "cost" of the investigation, I will be happy to pay for the time spent. However, I don't think the director or his team would ask for that to be done.



Nancy Spencer

This was a complaint by someone who is a citizen of Canton.

2. Ducks are not geese and geese are not ducks. They are two completely different types of birds. Geese are big, loud, mean, food processors who spend most of their time eating grass and leaving "plops" wherever they go. Ducks spend 90 percent of their time in the water. They are small, delicate, beautiful creatures who would do no one any harm. They do not leave "plops" all over the place.

3. The amount of corn that I provide for the ducks is in no way considered feeding. They get only enough to bring them to me so that I can check on their condition. I check bills, feet and wings and try to assess the condition of any duck who seems to be ill or in need of rescue.

4. I have done this for 17 years, and I work closely with Huron Valley Bird Rescue and have taken many birds in need to Dr. Mark Alsager. He is a blessing to the animals and birds of Canton. I have educated myself by reading and talking to any and all sources who can teach me about these little guys. I would never do *anything* to hurt any person or animal or bird in Canton. Not ever.

5. The DNR originally reported on the very first duck that it had been bitten by a weasel or a mink, in the neck, and had bled to death. Subsequently, we learned that the duck had been killed at the police station with a pair of pliers. This was intended as a humane gesture, but I am amazed that the DNR couldn't tell the difference between pliers marks and a mink bite.

So pardon me if I don't embrace wholeheartedly everything that the so-called "experts" at the DNR or anywhere else have to say.

6. The pond water in the park is full of botulism C and ecoli. This is a simple fact. Since the aerators quit working several years ago,

I worry about the water fowl in the park – but who is worrying about the people and especially the children who come to the park? Even the DNR admits that the bacteria can be harmful to humans if it is ingested or enters the skin through an open wound.

the township has not chosen to have them repaired, hence the lack of movement of the water which helps to dispel the amount of bacteria in the water. Neither the ducks, nor I, are responsible for the proliferation of the bacteria. A simple repair of the aerators would go a long way to cleaning up the ponds.

7. I worry about the water fowl in the park – but who is worrying about the people and especially the children who come to the park? Even the DNR admits that the bacteria can be harmful to humans if it is ingested or enters the skin through an open wound. What happens if a child accidentally falls into the pond and takes a big gulp of that filthy water, or gets the bacteria from a fish they catch and handle when they have an open cut or wound? In a township which claims to be so proactive – why are the simplest of measures not taken to make safety a priority?

8. I will continue to try to be a safety mechanism for the ducks in the park. Right at this moment, there are at least three ducks that have broken wings or feet, or who cannot fly for some reason. They will need to be rescued and taken to an authorized rehab center. My husband and I will do this before the winter comes.

9. If you have a comment to make to me when you see me in the park – please don't scream out your Explorer window at me. If you have the courage of your convictions, talk to me in person. Perhaps you will find out that I am not some ogre, but rather, a Christian woman who believes in God's command to do as much as I can for His littlest of creatures – who have no voice.

10. Parents, please teach your children to respect *all* life, including wildlife. The ducks hate to be chased by screaming boys and girls with sticks. They don't like to have stones thrown at them either. We are all here together on God's planet, and unless children learn respect for every life form, we will never have peace anywhere. The smallest of creatures are still worthy of respect for the life given them by God.

Nancy Spencer is a longtime Canton resident.

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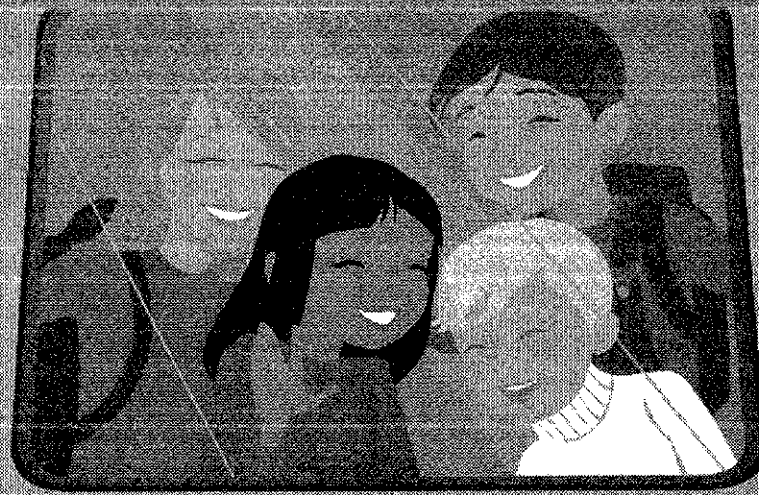
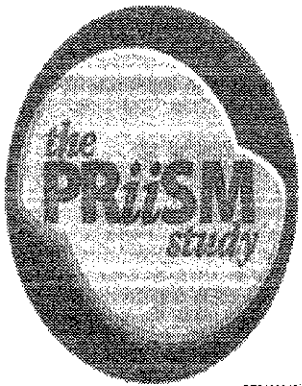
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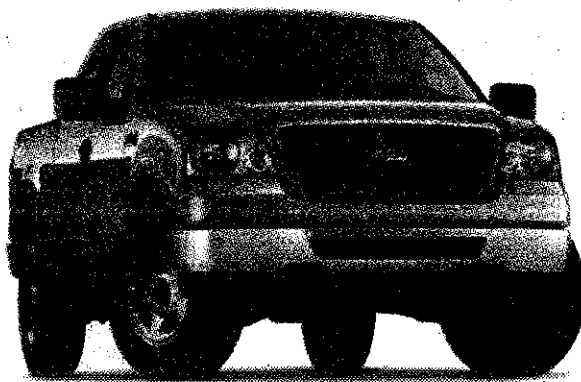




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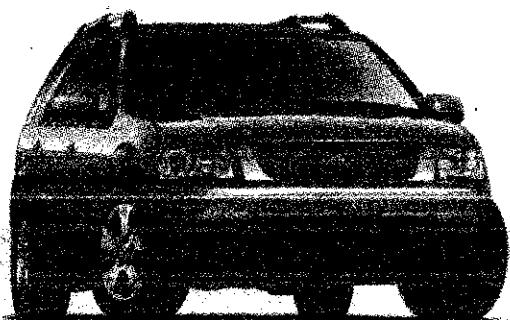


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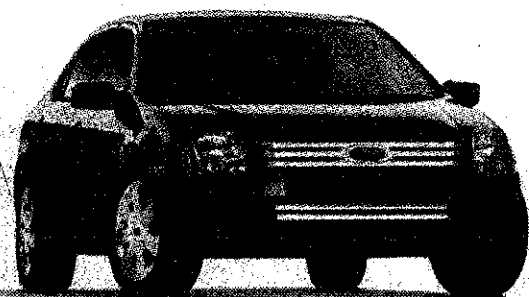


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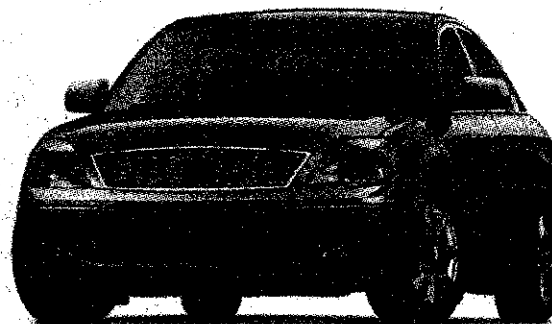


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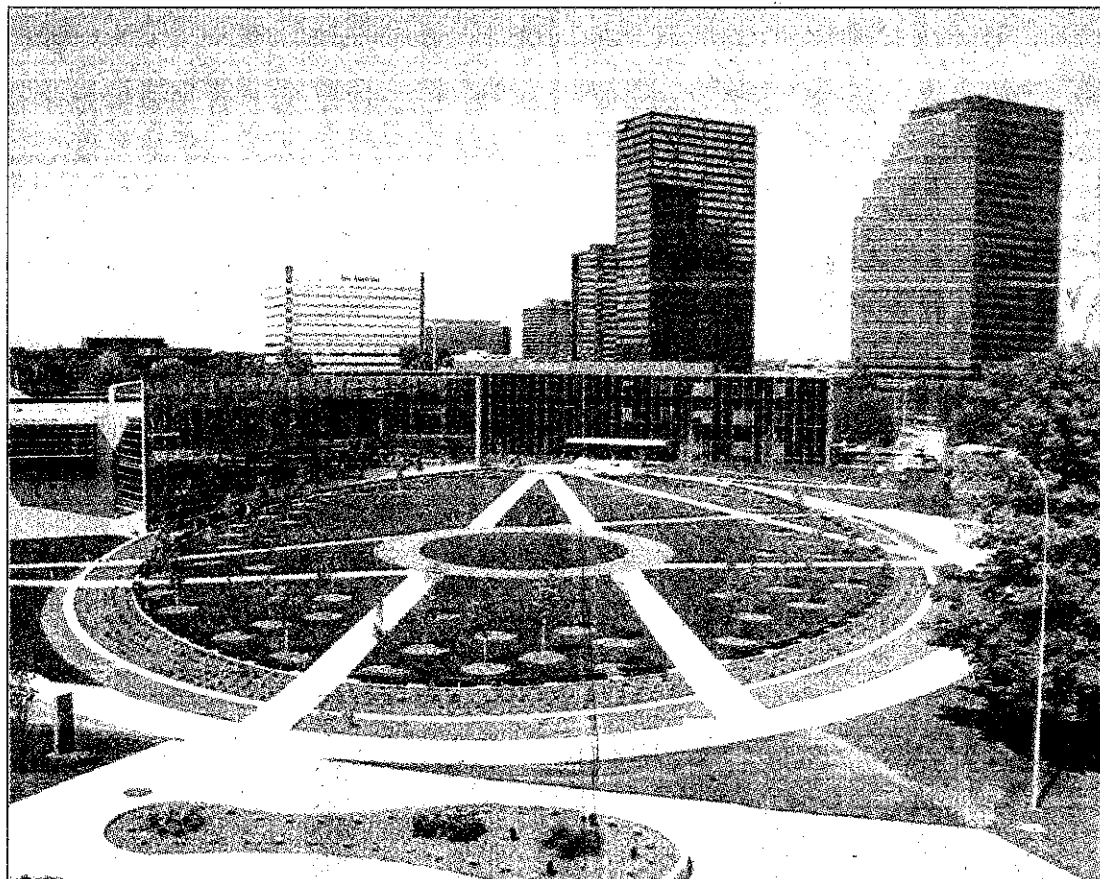
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LTU's Taubman Center will be the focus of a fireworks celebration.

## LTU fireworks show will light September night

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

A celebration for Lawrence Technological University's new Taubman Student Services Center will light the skies Sept. 8.

Southfield City Council members Monday approved a fireworks permit for Lawrence Tech. The 10-minute show will start around dusk in a parking lot near the 10 Mile/Northwestern Highway campus and should be visible to many Southfield/Lathrup area.

Southfield Fire Marshal James Dundas signed off on the display. He's seen to it that the school has picked up the requisite insurance policy and he'll be there to inspect the rig for safety.

University architect and associate Dean of the College of Architecture and Design Joe Verysier said the building

of the Taubman Student Services Center and the redevelopment of the quad were both done with a promise to the city in mind.

"We got a site plan from the city," he said. "Years ago, we agreed to improve the storm water management system on any building we were working on."

Both the center and the quad have features that absorb and divert storm water rather than let it run into the storm sewer system. The Taubman Student Services Center has a green roof and the quad was landscaped with special grasses and soil that soak up water.

This is important because the school, the city and environmental groups are concerned about what goes into the storm sewer system because they empty in the Rouge River.

LTU President Louis

Walker said the dedication of the quad marks the end of the school's capital projects.

"It's the focal point of the campus," he said. "The quad fronts all of the school's academic buildings."

He said the quad has a series of geothermal wells 300 feet beneath it that serve to both heat and cool the Taubman Center. The water/glycol mix is pumped up in the summer to help cool the buildings and again in the winter to heat them. The mixture stays at a near-constant 52 degrees and makes it 34 percent more efficient than traditional buildings of that size.

"It's a lab for environmental and green practices," Walker said.

The entire project was two years in the making and cost almost \$14 million.

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## Center aims to keep jobs in state

Lawrence Technological University has created a new Professional Development Center to provide coaching, consulting, and know-how on business acceleration.

It's designed to help individuals and businesses keep abreast of changing market demands and keep their businesses competitive.

The center is especially designed to help Michigan companies remain competitive so they can maintain and expand their employment levels in the state.

"Michigan faces some tough economic challenges, and companies need access to the best business practices in order to compete successfully," Lawrence Tech President Lewis Walker said.

PDC Director is Benjamin Benson teaches in the MBA program at Lawrence Tech's College of Management and specializes in entrepreneurship, business acceleration, and business readiness. He has more than 20 years of experience consulting for large companies like Caterpillar, La-Z-Boy, and State Farm, as well as with small businesses and entrepreneurs launching new businesses.

"The cost of failure — going out of business or facing unemployment — means that the stakes are high. You don't address these issues with casual or 'canned' training and seminars. You do it one job at a time," Benson said.

Looking for the missing skill set is key, said Tim Meloche, the PDC's program manager.

"We have a number of clients we have helped already. They describe their current challenge and we zero in," he said.

Existing programs already developed to meet industry needs include Leadership Development, Entrepreneurship, Lean and Six Sigma, Program and Project Management, Product Lifecycle Management, Insurance Studies, and International Business.

The PDC also designs and delivers credit and noncredit certificate programs, professional coaching, seminars, and workshops.

These services can be delivered at Lawrence Tech's main campus in Southfield, at one of the university's off-campus learning centers, at the workplace, online, or through a combination.

For more information about Lawrence Tech's PDC, call Meloche at (248) 204-4055 or meloche@ltu.edu or visit www.ltu.edu/pdc.

## New programs to begin

Lawrence Technological University will inaugurate several new degrees and graduate certificates when classes begin for the fall semester on Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Undergraduates now can earn degrees in biomedical engineering, chemical biology, and media communications.

There is a new minor in energy engineering.

Lawrence Tech also is launching a new master's degree in mechatronic systems engineering.

Graduate certificates are

being unveiled in architecture design and practice; architecture history, theory, and criticism; instructional technology; robotics; sustainable architecture; transportation design; and urban design.

"Many of these new programs are being started in direct response to the need to diversify and improve Michigan's economy and take advantage of new opportunities in the global market," said Lawrence Tech President Lewis Walker.

The final day for students to

register without an additional fee is Tuesday, Aug. 29.

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# Pets pitch their tricks in try at 'stardom'

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

She sang a capella, a high-pitched howl that led one listener to comment that she "sang better than some of the *American Idol* contestants."

It was what Tracy Ostasiewicz had hoped. Lilly the dog howling her heart out for the talent coordinator of *The David Letterman Show*.

Welcome to auditions for Letterman's Stupid Pet Tricks where a cat, a duck, a two-toed sloth and even a pony shared the "stage" with a variety of dogs in hopes of land-



Milo the cat had several tricks up his furry sleeve, but couldn't seem to focus on his owner, Nicole Spitz of Canton. Perhaps it was all of the dogs, people, birds, and even a pony also auditioning that freaked him out. Nicole was at the audition with her dad, Ken Spitz.



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Westland's Tracy Ostasiewicz and her border collie, Lilly, make beautiful music, or at least music, when they sing together.

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ing a spot on the late night talk show.

Would-be stars and their owners came from far and near. Ostasiewicz was the closest - she lives in Westland - but others, like Ashley

Kuessner and her father, Mike, drove in from Harrison Township with Daisy the duck.

Daisy's trick was to take a goldfish from Ashley's mouth which she gladly did as

Letterman talent coordinator Brian Teta videotaped it. Ashley, who held the fish between her teeth, was pleased with Daisy's performance, but not so happy about her reward.

"I swallowed the tail, it was slimy," said Ashley.

Blaze the border collie didn't miss a beat, much to the relief of Vanessa Jankowski of Livonia. The dog bobbed and weaved between her legs and picked up her flying discs and

put them away, doing a much better job than the teen, according to Jankowski's father, Mike.

**DRAWING APPLAUSE**

"Blaze does it at home and I thought she'd be good here," said Jankowski.

Inside, Blaze drew applause and laughter as she did her tricks just like other family dog, Princess, a golden retriever who wore sunglasses and passed out hugs.

Jane Wilker of Canton brought her PAWS dog Yukon, who raced back and forth, holding the string to a smiley face kite in his mouth. The kite never quite made it airborne, leading Wilker to admit that Yukon "didn't do so well."

"He's a working dog and it's one of the favorite things he does," said Wilker. "He learned how to do it from the people who raised him."

Another dejected couple was Barbara and Tom Keda of Livonia who had hoped their African grey parrot Swanee would sing and dance. He didn't.

"Now we'll go home and he won't shut up," said Barbara Keda, heading off after their audition.

And quite possibly the most disappointed of them all was Nicole Spitz of Canton, whose cat Milo headed for the bleachers rather than fetch a mouse. His repertoire include sitting, waving and flossing his teeth.

Nicole decided to teach her cat tricks after seeing what her aunt's dogs could do.

"The dogs could do anything and I was jealous," said Nicole. "If the audience wasn't there, Milo probably done his tricks."

**UP A TREE**

One of the more unique tryouts took the Letterman crew outside to watch Juggy the dog climb a tree. Owner Bob Jacques of Troy said the dog learned the climb trees because of his obsession with squirrels and has made it as high as 12 feet off the ground.

Getting a dog to fetch is one thing, but getting it to play catch? That's what Ron Posteff of Rochester Hills discovered when he threw a ball for his border collie Buckeye to fetch. Instead of fetching, the dog picked up another ball and used it to bounce it back to Posteff.

The show stopper, however, may well have been Trudy Hylant of Troy, who came with her Pomeranian mix dog Lulu as Candy and Tori Spelling.

Lulu wore in a gingham dress and sunglasses while Hylant wore a mink stole and tiara. Their shtick? Mom's trying to make up with her daughter, but Tori/Lulu isn't ready to kiss and make up.

"She'll kiss everyone but me," said Hylant.

But when it came to pure schmaltz, it was Jennifer Sullivan of Hartland and her chow-boxer mix dog Ming. "Ming, do you like Oprah? Ming, do you like Rosie? Ming, do you like David Letterman?" she asked. Ming kept his composure until he heard Letterman's name, then jumped and snagged a carrot from her hand.

"I actually taught him to do it as an assignment for a training class. I had him doing it to Michigan State, but changed it," she said. "He's so smart, he picked it up right away."

Those who auditioned will have to wait until sometime in September to find out if they made the cut. That's when producers will send out letters for callbacks.

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Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 7th, 2006 for the following:

**FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB ROOF TOP UNIT REPLACEMENT**

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## Candidates juggle their careers, families and political ambitions

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER



Johnson

Bouchard

Running for any office is a lot of work, running for a statewide office has been compared to a full-time job.

In the current election season, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and County Clerk Ruth Johnson, full-time county employees, are running for U.S. Senate and lieutenant governor, respectively.

Both positions pay \$133,588 a year.

Bouchard said his first job is the job he's got now.

"My duties as sheriff have priority," he said. "I'm sacrificing everything else: personal time, recreation and sleep."

He said a lot of people in Michigan are working two jobs and that's how he's approaching the balancing act between his life as a law enforcement officer and his run for one of Michigan's two seats in the U.S. Senate.

"I'm getting about five hours of sleep a night," Bouchard said.

On Aug. 14, the DeVos for Governor campaign announced that Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson

got the nod to be the GOP's lieutenant governor candidate.

After returning from a trip to the Upper Peninsula's version of the State Fair in Escanaba, she said she's going to do her full-time job before taking time campaigning for her next one.

"I made it clear that the voters of Oakland County elected me to be their clerk," Johnson said. "My first responsibility is to Oakland County residents."

In short: The clerk job needs to be done and she'll be in the office doing it. She said she would be spending her off hours, where possible, campaigning with the DeVos operation. This means a lot of long hours for her in the next three months.

"I flew down from the UP yesterday, did a three-hour interview with PBS on the voting machines and then went to

the Republican County Convention," Johnson said. "Then I went to the office to work."

She said none of this would be possible without the help of her husband, Don, and her mother helping to take care of her daughter, Emily.

President of the Police Officers Association of Michigan James Tignanelli said you can't ask someone to quit their day job while running for office.

"It doesn't bother me, it's typical," he said. "Anyone who runs for anything has a job. I wouldn't expect them to quit their job."

He said Bouchard and Johnson are like executives of any large operation — they have subordinates who know their jobs and can keep them apprised of what's going on while they campaign.

It's not like this hasn't happened before.

"When (Gov. Jennifer) Granholm ran for governor it wasn't an issue that she was the attorney general," Tignanelli said.

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## Businessman is on a mission to promote best practices

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Dilip Pithadia is on a mission to boost the economy of Michigan, the United States and his native India by promoting better business practices.

"My mission is very simple," he said. "That we adopt the golden nugget of knowledge, best business practices."

The Farmington Hills resident is in his second and last year as a member of the board of examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

The awards are presented annually by the U.S. Department of Commerce to businesses which exemplify best practices. The awards are given in various categories, including health care, education and manufacturing. Pithadia serves on the manufacturing expertise group.

The Baldrige looks at seven criteria for the awards: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; human resource focus; process management; and business results.

Pithadia, a senior manager with Visteon in Van Buren Township, is a national ambassador for quality for the Department of Commerce and volunteers his time to spread the word locally and globally.

In May, Pithadia was recognized for his service as an examiner at a dinner in Washington, D.C. Now he is also ready to launch his own foundation to work with small businesses to learn what works best.

He is concerned about the pallid economic outlook for southeast Michigan and has been working with the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"We are losing the battle. I've been doing this for the last 3 1/2 years," he said.

Pithadia said his mantra is "innovation, transparency and agility," which he calls the winning formula for success in the global marketplace.

"Where we target the most is the top and the bottom: leadership and business results," he said. "Leadership is missing, leadership is a thing of the past. They are interested in making an organization non-transparent, we want to return to transparency. We get camouflaged results, not results as they are. We want real results."

He said management needs to be responsible to "stakeholders" not just stockholders. Stakeholders include employees and the community at large.

"How long do we have to bleed before you understand we have to do something?" he said.



Dilip Pithadia meets with Robert Cresanti, Department of Commerce undersecretary for technology, at a ceremony in May recognizing examiners for the Baldrige Award.

The professional engineer has taken his message to the chambers of commerce in Toledo, Grand Rapids and beyond.

### WORKING IN ASIA

Pithadia is a native of Rajkot, Gujarat, India, and emigrated to the United States in 1979. In the last year, he has been meeting and communicating with leaders throughout his native country about how they can develop their fledgling business climate by learning from those who have been successful.

"The president of India (Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam) sent me an

invitation letter, 'What can you do for your country to help us out?' I met with a lot of chief ministers of the state and told them if you don't produce quality goods, it won't do any good," he said.

Pithadia also wrote to Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who challenged him to become involved with the Asian Quality Consortium.

"We need to cut down on inefficiencies, cut down waste and eliminate redundancies," he said.

Pithadia said India has many obstacles to overcome. He said it needs a better infrastructure to provide rail connections, access roads, electricity and potable water.

"There is a lot of poverty, illiteracy, children and women are not given rights. That's what I'm fighting against," he said.

Pithadia will complete his year as a Baldrige examiner and then hopes to launch his Pithadia Foundation.

"I'm launching a nonprofit to preach to medium-scale and small-scale industries that don't have the resources of learning best business practices," he said.

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# New firefighter fills department's staff



Fitzgerald

The Canton Fire Department recently hired Brian Fitzgerald as a firefighter/paramedic to bring the department up to a full staffing level. Fitzgerald, a 28-year-old Canton resident, completed his firefighter training and paramedic license program at Lansing

Community College in May of 2005. Before joining the department Fitzgerald worked as a paramedic for Mercy Ambulance in Lansing, and as a part-time firefighter/paramedic for the Looking Glass Fire Department. Candidates for the Canton Fire

Department go through a rigorous testing process that includes both written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check. To find out more about opportunities at the department visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

# Another Chelsea?

## Theater company aims to stage productions in Plymouth

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, founded by actor Jeff Daniels, has become one of southeast Michigan's biggest supporters of small theater productions by developing playwrights, actors, designers and directors, while drawing audiences from all over.

With that success story in mind, Craig Hane believes Plymouth can become the next Chelsea, and the Plymouth Historical Museum - or even a renovated Penn Theatre - the next Purple Rose Theater.

Hane, a Farmington Hills native who now lives in Plymouth, is more than mindful of the idea; he's banking on it to fulfill his dream of operating his own community theater production company, which will conduct live performances in the Plymouth Historical Museum this fall.

"Plymouth is screaming for a venue like this," said Hane, whose love of community theater has challenged him for 25 years, most recently with a production company in Dearborn Heights. "I can tell Plymouth is supportive of the arts ... there are art events and concerts. But, the one thing we feel is missing is live theater."

"We want to keep it small and intimate, the same kind of intimacy as the Purple Rose," he said. For those reasons, Hane dubbed his community theater company Barefoot Productions.

"We want you to come to the show and feel comfortable and relaxed, for the love and fun of it," Hane said. "I want these shows to be a very intimate connection between the audience and the show, to feel like you're right there in someone's living room."

Hane said the venue may even look like someone's living room, with the stage simply represented by a 5-foot-by-7-foot rug, with handmade costumes and donated props.

### TO THE STAGE

Here's a list of the productions Barefoot Productions plans for its premier season:

- *Talking With...* by Jane Martin; 11 women "talk" among the audience, telling diverse tales; Oct. 26-29.
  - *The Elephant Man* by Bernard Pomerance; the true story of John Merrick, a man whose body is hideously deformed but which covers a sensitive and intelligent being; Dec. 8-10 and Dec. 16-17.
  - *Later Life* by A.R. Gurney; Feb. 14-18.
  - *An Evening of Mystery*; Featuring two one-act murder mysteries, *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard and *An Inspector Answers* by Norman Phillip Hart; April 2007.
- All performances in the lower level of the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main.

Seating will be limited to about 100 people, reminiscent of the old 99-cent theaters. "In the old days, 99-cent houses didn't have to pay professional actors the going rate if there were less than 100 seats in the theater," said Hane. "Many of the smaller stock houses throughout the country had only 99 seats so they could contract with professional actors, but not have to pay the higher wages."

Hane said ticket prices, which have yet to be set, are expected to be in the range of \$10. Sanford Burr, the interim executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum - whose son is an artistic director at 124-year-old Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater - said he likes the idea of live theater downtown.

"It would expose more people to the theater," Burr said. "It would also give potential actors an opportunity to be involved in theater, and learn from the exposure." Barbara Bloom is the president of Spotlight Players - formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild - which holds four productions a year at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton Township. Bloom said there's room for more live theater in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

"I'd like to see one on every corner," Bloom said. "I think Plymouth is a viable area for something like that." "In a survey by the (Canton) Leisure Services Department, the No. 1 entertainment source was live theater, and the No. 1 way to get involved was volunteering," she said. "It would make sense that would spill over into Plymouth."

Hane, 44, has been producing, directing and designing since 1980. He founded and ran Theatre Pacifica in Santa Barbara, Calif., for five years before returning to his roots in Michigan.

Hane's partner in Barefoot Productions is Pete Podolski, 20, of Riverview, a junior at Wayne State University who has trained with Second City-Detroit and the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

Hane said the first production will be *Talking With ...* by Jane Martin, Oct. 26-28, a collection of 11 female monologues with the characters interacting with the audience. It was a production he directed at the Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre that will be transferred to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

While most of the same actors will be pre-cast for the first production, Hane promises future works will include open auditions for local talent, including *The Elephant Man*, which is scheduled for December.

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**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction August 29, 2006 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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1993	Ford	Tempo	2 Dr	1FAPP31X1PK222249
1993	Ford	F-150	P/U	1FTDF15Y8PLA54613
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		Boat & Trailer		14410134
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**Plymouth Paper**

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3048	Smith	Household Items
4042	Ost	Household Items
4207	McGhee	Household Items
4270	Young	Household Items
5202	Peploski	Household Items
6015	Prejon	Household Items
6230	Merritt	Household Items

**Shurgard Storage of Canton South\* 45229 Michigan Ave\*Canton\* 734-398-5416**

4025	Osborne	Household goods
4038	Simpson	Household goods
4274	Bryant	Household goods
3015	Macko	Household goods
4016	Multi Racial Fmly	Learning Dev/Musical instr.
4145	Steele	Household goods
5224	Stevens	Household goods
2003	Viola	Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Dearborn\*24920 Trowbridge\*Dearborn\*313-277-2000**

1024	Gross	Household items
1220	Fowler	Household items
1256	Ponoski	Household items
1486	Klingensmith	Household items
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1011	Everson	Household goods
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6011	Farraj	Household
3095	Gould	Household
5071	Orobledo	Household
9092	Kellerman	Household
5058	Pace	Household
9029	Roberts	Household
5093	Smith	Household
3057	Burch	Household

**Shurgard Storage of Westland\*36001 Warren\* Westland\*734-326-6000**

1158	Hanna-Haas	Household
3090	Towns	Household
4148	Tuttle	Household

**Shurgard Storage of Plymouth\*41889 Joy Rd\*Canton\*734-459-2200**

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## AUGUST

## Rummage sale

Great assortment of merchandise, low cost lunch available, handicap accessible 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 24-25, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

## Casting call

The Passion Play of Detroit is seeking volunteer cast and crew members to participate in a dramatic depiction of Jesus Christ and the events surrounding His death burial and resurrection in "HE'S ALIVE." Bring your talent and passions to this impacting community outreach at the vision/casting meeting 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck, between Five and Six Mile roads, Northville. Passion Play Ministries International is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to equipping people from all nations with the greatest hope message the world has ever known. Visit www.passion-play.org or call (248) 246-6391.

## Lighthouse Cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, cards, board games, ping pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. \$5 payable at the door. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

## Free concert

Members of Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, will meet at the fountain for a free concert featuring Steve King and the Dittles 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. Call (734) 513-9479.

## Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Kensington Metropark, Milford. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

## Women's fellowship

International cuisine potluck 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Room C317 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Guest speaker is Lydia from Taiwan who speaks on how she came to the Lord. Please bring a family dish from your ethnic background. For more information, call Single Point Ministries office at (248) 374-5920.

## Allen Family concert

Featuring Todd Allen, his wife Michelle and their eight children 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at First Baptist Church of Farmington, 33400 Shiawassee. Call (248) 474-0350, ext. 221.

## Mom2Mom sale

Table renters wanted for sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Cost is \$25 for 6-ft. table, \$30 for 8-ft. table. Call Rhonda Harris for rental reservations or more information (734) 532-7818 or send e-mail to Harrisar@aol.com.

## Divorce recovery program

Continues 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays to Sept. 28, and Oct. 19 to Dec. 4 (no workshop Thanksgiving Day), presented by Single Point Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. For information, call (248) 349-0911.

## UPCOMING

## Lifeworks

Dick Bont continues his series on creating and recreating relationships 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No registration or cost for this event. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920. Presented by Single Point Ministries (30 years and older).

## Mackinac Bridge walk

Walk the bridge Labor morning, spend a day on Mackinac Island, enjoy an evening vesper cruise, have devotions in the shadow of the Mackinac Bridge Sunday morning, trip departs Saturday, Sept. 2 and return on Monday, Sept. 4. The price is \$299 (two per room) or \$230 (three-four per room) and includes two nights lodging at Baymont Hotel, bus transportation and ferry crossing to Mackinac Island. To be sensitive to the variety of Christian backgrounds in Single Point Ministries (age 30 and up), there will be no alcoholic beverages and no gambling. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

## Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are

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## Monthly dance

Bethany Suburban West presents a dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 2 (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Call (734) 261-5716 for information.

## Holiday picnic

Noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, in Rotary Park on Six Mile, between Merriman and Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets \$5 adults, \$2 children under age 12, includes picnic foods grilled between noon and 2 p.m., and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass to complement the meal and join us for sun, food, games, fellowship and fun. To be sensitive to the wide variety of Christian backgrounds in Single Point Ministries (age 30 and up), there will be no alcoholic beverages or gambling. For information, call (248) 374-5920.

## Catholic programs

You've been coming to Catholic liturgies for years with your spouse, but just haven't taken the plunge to become Catholic yourself. The opportunity has arrived at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Sept. 5th sees the start of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those who would like to become Catholic. Call David Conrad, Director of Faith Formation, at (734) 425-5950 to discuss your conversion journey and begin formal entrance into the Catholic Church.

## Fall program

Explore contemporary moral issues via sci-fi. Morality, conscience, human dignity - the Catholic Church's understanding of these topics shapes her understanding of today's hot topics: euthanasia, assisted suicide, the theory of just war, stem cell research, and more. Join us for an explanation and exploration of these and other topics using sci-fi episodes starting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

## Remarried workshop

7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6, to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. We can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for 1 session or all 13.

## Prosperity program

Stretton Smith's 4 T Prosperity Program 8 p.m. Wednesdays Sept. 6 to Nov. 22, at unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Sign-up fee including book is \$35. Call (734) 421-1760.

## Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School in Redford. Admission \$1 per adult. Strollers welcome. If you are interested in renting a table at the sale, there are still some available. Call (313) 415-1977.

## Bible study

Explore the Gospel of Mark, chapters 8:22 to 16:8 Thursdays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

## Family festival

Begins with a picnic at noon at First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Highlights include a classic car show, live music, games, moonwalk, face painting, soap box derby cars, hayrides, ice cream novelties, and much more for all ages. Come meet the new pastor Phil DiLernia. The festival is free and all are invited. For more information, call (734) 721-7410.

## Vendors wanted

For Yard and Craft Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton, Belleville. Space available indoors and outdoors. Call (734) 941-2378 or (734) 495-0811.

## Remembrance service

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leveine, Redford, will hold a service of prayer, music, and scripture 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, marking the 5th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. Please join us in worshipping our Lord and Savior as we commemorate/remember lives that were lost and place ourselves in God's hands. Any questions, call (313) 937-2415, or e-mail jmanor@hosannatabor.org.

## Spirituality of aging

A look at our spirituality and our purpose in live now, at this age and time, with Sister Arlene Kosmatka, O.P. beginning 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

## Branch praise and worship

Fall Into The Arms Of Jesus with speaker Robin Sullivan at Brunch, Praise & Worship, Fellowship 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the

Sheraton Hotel on Haggerty, Novi. \$18 per person by Sept. 8, \$22 at the door if available. Order at Robinsullivan.com or by phone at (248) 921-5453. Limited Seating.

## Victorian tea

ROC International Church of Northville will again be sponsoring a Breakfast Tea to celebrate Northville's Victorian Festival 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. A delicious breakfast, the finest teas and an atmosphere of genteel friendship will set the tone for this year's inspirational message of faith. Beginning this season, the Tea introduces the series, A Victorian Romance. The Proposal will be the first of a three part journey of romance and love. Subsequent teas will highlight The Wedding (2007) and finally A New Life Together (2008). Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at Northville Candle Shop, Northville Chamber of Commerce, La Corsetiere or by calling (248) 982-7489. Victorian Dress is optional.

## Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 18-19, at St. Mel's Church activity building, 7506 Inkster road, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (734) 425-0732.

## Re-marriage retreat

Remarried Ministries present a weekend getaway to Maranatha Retreat and Conference Center in Muskegon Sept. 22-24. Cost is \$299 per couple and includes two nights lodging, five meals, speakers Brent and Bonnie Keen, music by Bonnie Keen. Campfires, fun and fellowship. Remarried couples can call (248) 374-5912.

## Religious education

Registration now being accepted for children's religious education on Sundays, sessions begin Sept. 24, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Attend 9:30 a.m. Mass as a family on Sunday followed by separate education sessions for children and adults that runs until noon.

## Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Call (734) 421-8628.

## Crafters needed

Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

## Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

## ONGOING

## Personal ministry

Join us as we study the Word of God. Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

## Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

## Bible and playtime

For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

## Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

## Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools, grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

## Worship schedule

New schedule continues to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, summer worship, coffee hour follows in Fellowship Hall. Sunday school has been canceled for the summer, nursery is still available for infant through 2-years old, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

## TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

## Learner's Bible study

7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

## Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10

a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

## Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

## School registration

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-6 for the 2006-07 school year, at 9600 Leveine, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

## Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

## Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10

a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

## Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

## Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

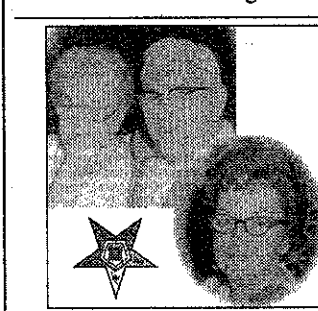


**CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH MAYONE**

Age 44, of Beverly Hills, died suddenly August 20, 2006. Beloved husband of Sharon. Loving father of Sidney and Joseph. Dear son of Jerome and Jeannine Mayone. Brother of Jeannine Marie Ziomek (Steven) and Coryn Mifsud (David). Grandson of Suzanne LaBounty and uncle to 6 nieces and nephews. Son-in-law of Steve and Joan Timko. Chris was a Vice President at National City Bank. He was a graduate of Hillsdale College and the American Graduate School of International Management. He was very active at St. Regis Parish, serving on the Parish Council and the Finance Committee. Family will receive friends Thursday 5-8 PM and Friday 2-8 PM at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) with Scripture Service Friday 7 PM. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 AM at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser. Visitation at church begins Saturday at 9:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Mayone Children's Educational Trust Fund, c/o 2600 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48084. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

## JANICE TIBUS GALLESE

After 47 years of living, loving and laughing, Janice passed away on Thursday, August 17th. Born in Detroit, Michigan on September 25th, 1958 to Barbara Tibus Brice and Joseph Edmund Tibus (who predeceased her in 2005). Janice is also survived by her beloved son John, two sisters, Dawn Charlton and Cheryl Tibus and two brothers, Shawn Tibus and Joe Tibus as well as 2 nieces, 5 nephews, a grand niece and nephew. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. A memorial service will be held on Saturday August 26th at the Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. A celebration of her life will begin at noon.

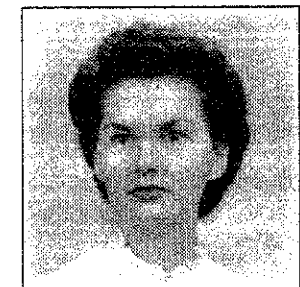


## MILDRED PAULINE BEERS

age 87 began her new adventure and was reunited with husband Maury on Monday, August 14 after resting comfortably at her 30-year residence in Westland, Michigan. After putting up an extremely brave fight against Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma for the last eight years and losing Maurice last January, Mrs. Beers is now reunited with her beyond-life partner and the rest of her family which she missed so much. Born January 24, 1919 in Madison, Ohio to parents Lawrence and Waite Eller of Geneva, Ohio. Mrs. Beers entered life as part of a very large, rural farming family and was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers: Clarence, Merrell and Lawrence Eller Jr and six sisters: Vesta White, Lula Beaver, Mabel Wolcott, Susie Maltby, Ethel Cosgrove, Lela Pethel, Verness (who died in infancy) and, of course, her husband and now eternal partner, Maurice C. Beers. Mr. Beers passed during January 2006. Mildred Beers was a Life Member of Nankin Chapter #238 and the Grand Chapter of Michigan in the Order of Eastern Star. She served in many capacities throughout the years but, most notably, 1972-73 and 1991-92 as Worthy Matron of Strathmore and Plymouth Chapters and was appointed to the Grand Committee of Michigan in 1977 (Meinhart-Malacos). She also was the Grand Representative of Indiana in Michigan in 1998. Through OES and many other charitable organizations such as the March Of Dimes and countless others, Mrs Beers gave both of her time and resources to help others in need throughout her lifetime. If she has any regrets after her long and productive life, we're sure it's that she won't be here to celebrate the Detroit Tigers World Series win this year. (She'll be lending her support from "above".) She is survived by her sons, Richard Beers of Las Vegas, NV and James Beers, currently of Westland, MI. As someone who always tried to supply guidance, love and tolerance to "her boys" she will be deeply missed but always appreciated. She is also survived by her two remaining sisters: Maxine King and Clouris Arden, both of Geneva, Ohio, sister-in-laws Verna Oehlenschlaeger of Wooster, Ohio and Viola Beers of Temecula, CA. She also leaves hundreds of friends, nieces, nephews and extended family. She was loved and admired by many. The world will miss Mildred Beers very much, but her generous nature and lifetime accomplishments will always be remembered and set examples for others. Visitation will be at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd in Westland Michigan on Friday, August 25 from 6 - 9PM and Saturday, August 26 from Noon - 4PM. The funeral service will commence on Saturday at 2:30 PM, finishing with the Order of Eastern Star recognition at 3:30PM. For details, call RJ Griffin at 1-734-522-9400. An OES Luncheon will be held at Wayne Masonic Temple following these services. Mildred will be laid to rest along with husband Maury and his parents at Glenwood Cemetery in Conneaut, Ohio following a service at Marcy Funeral Home in Conneaut on Monday, August 28th. Graveside services will be held the following Tuesday, Marcy Funeral home: 1-440-593-4253. Donations will be made to: Michigan Masonic Home Charitable Foundation, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI 48801. Envelopes will be available at the funeral homes.

## ISABEL LAIRD BUCHANAN

Age 101, a resident of Heather Hills Retirement Community, Grand Rapids (formerly of Birmingham), passed away Sunday, August 20, 2006. Born September 5, 1904, in Onsted, MI, she was the daughter of Donald and Elizabeth (Manson) Laird. She earned her teaching certificate from Ypsilanti State Teachers College, following which she taught school in the Brooklyn area. In 1928, she earned a BA Degree from Michigan Agricultural College, then taught high school classes for three years in St. Louis, MI, and substitute taught in the Flint area. She was a member of the American Association of University Women. Isabel resided in the Birmingham area for many years where she attended the First Presbyterian Church and where she was active with the Ladies Circle. Her husband, James R. Buchanan, preceded her in death in 1969. She was also preceded in death by her two brothers, Edward H. Laird and James M. Laird. Surviving are one son and two daughters, James L. (Joan) Buchanan of Grand Rapids, Judith Anne (John A.) Jordan of Atlanta, GA, and Jean B. Schrage of Atlanta, GA; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Services were held at the chapel of White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI, on Wednesday, with Reverend Carolyn Wharton officiating. Memorials may be made to Faith Hospice, c/o Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. The family is being served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Services, Grand Rapids, MI www.metcalfandjonkhoff.com



## NANCY R. LEONARD

Age 89, August 20, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Arthur for 56 years. Loving mother of Jane Leonard. Dear sister of Ann Richardson. Sister-in-law of Mary E. Leonard. Also leaves many beloved friends. Memorial Service to honor Nancy and Arthur will be held Wednesday, August 30th, 7 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until time of service. No flowers, Please. Memorial contributions to the Tree Remembrance Program for placement at the Governor Warner Museum, c/o City of Farmington; or the SEVA Foundation.

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# Paul Melrose named executive director of Samaritan Counseling Center

The Rev. Dr. Paul Melrose was recently named executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan.

The announcement was made by Carol Turner, chairperson of the Center's Board of Directors. The Rev. Dr. Wesley L. Brun, D.Min., L.P.C., who has been the executive director since the center's founding in 1986, announced his retirement as of July 1.

After a national quest, the Search Committee of the Board of Directors nominated the Rev. Dr. Paul Melrose, D.Min., L.M.F.T. to be the new executive director, and the board unanimously endorsed the selection.

Melrose has been on the staff at the center for the past six years and has been the Director of Clinical Services at the center. He is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York (M.Div.) and Andover Newton Theological School (D.Min.). He did his clinical training at the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute. He is licensed in New Jersey (L.P.C.)



Melrose

Melrose is an ordained "Elder" in the United Methodist Church.

and Michigan (L.M.F.T.), is a "Diplomate" in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and an "Approved Supervisor" in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

He serves the American Association of Pastoral Counselors as chair of the Institutional Accreditation Committee. He brings to this position more than 20 years experience as a center administrator, supervisor and clinician. He assumed his duties on July 1.

The Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan was established by a consortium of churches in the Farmington/Farmington

Hills/West Bloomfield area in 1986, to provide pastoral counseling and psychotherapy to individuals, couples and families in our area.

It has grown now to a staff of 11 counselors working through five offices in the metropolitan area. It is accredited by both the Samaritan Institute in Denver and by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors in Washington D.C. In addition to counseling and psychotherapy,

the center is also an approved training center of the AAPC and provides training programs for clergy and counseling professionals as well as lay persons in church and community groups. It has programs of grief recovery, preparation for marriage, anger management, assertiveness training and substance abuse intervention.

A special service of worship, "A Celebration of Ministry," marked the center's 20th anniversary

and a reception was held to honor Brun for his years of service to the center and the passing of the mantle to Melrose was held on Sunday, June 11 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

For more information about the Samaritan Counseling Center and any of its services, call the center at (248) 474-4701 or visit their Web site at www.samaritancounseling-michigan.com.

## Torch Drive sets \$61 million goal

United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Board of Directors announced it has approved a 2006 Torch Drive goal of \$61 million.

The goal was recommended and unanimously supported by United Way's 2006 Campaign Cabinet, led by Torch Drive General Chair, Richard E. Dauch, co-founder, chairman & CEO, American Axle & Manufacturing. Last year's Torch Drive goal was \$66.5 million. More than \$64 million was raised.

"We are facing tremendous economic challenges, due to the structural changes impacting our region's manufacturing industry and business community," said Dauch. "Those changes, along with rising health care costs, have dramatically increased the need for health and human services. This year's goal was based on in-depth research and thoughtful discussions, with a clear understanding of the importance of attaining our goal in order to best serve those who need our help most. We are grateful to have a chance to serve."

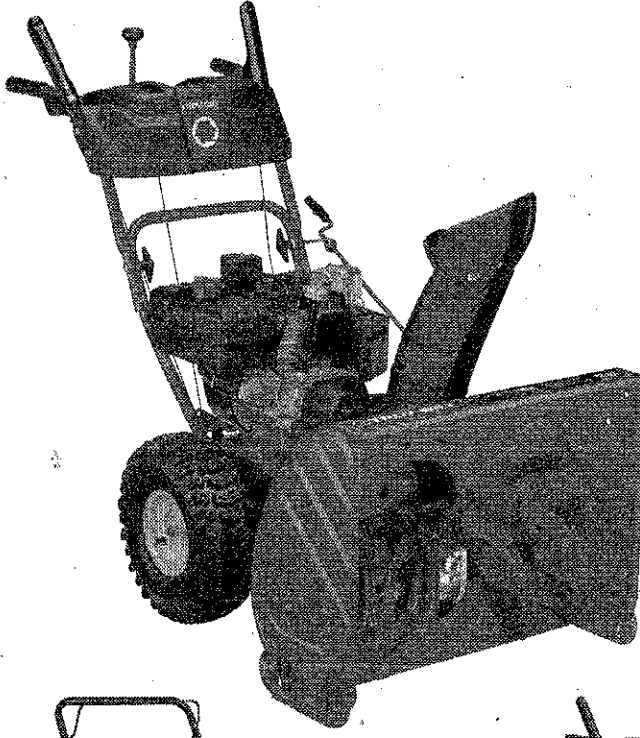
Dauch added, "We invite all businesses, groups and individuals to take an active role in strengthening our region by contributing to United Way's campaign. It is critical that this campaign be a success in order for us to continue to meet the needs of our community. I am confident that with the help of a dynamic campaign cabinet and thousands of volunteers and contributors, we will achieve our goal." United Way's Torch Drive helps support hundreds of programs and services devoted to nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, promoting health and wellness, and empowering neighborhoods and communities throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"We are grateful for the generous commitment of Dick Dauch, the numerous volunteers, and all our supporters and partners who help us attain the resources necessary to improve lives and change the underlying causes of problems in order to make a lasting difference throughout our region," said Michael J. Brennan, president & CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. "Together, we can accomplish what no single group or individual can do alone."

This year's Torch Drive will kick off Friday, Sept. 8, with a 6:30 a.m. lighting of United Way's 54-foot torch in downtown Detroit. There will also be several volunteer activities, including sorting food, painting, beautification projects and agency makeovers where volunteers will create four resource libraries throughout the region to enhance early childhood literacy levels.

The Torch Drive concludes Nov. 15. For more information, call (313) 226-9300 or click on www.onewaytohelp.org.

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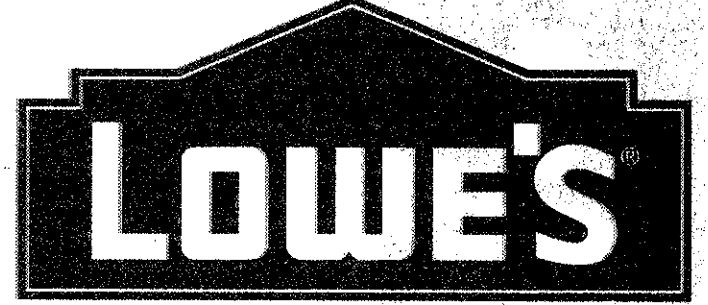


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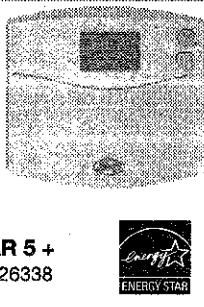
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# SPORTS

## Canton icer is prepared to take OHL by 'Storm'



Canton's Joey Underwood was drafted by the Guelph Storm in the 7th round of May's Ontario Hockey League Entry Draft.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Joey Underwood will be swapping golf for Guelph later this month.

The 16-year-old Canton resident, who was expected to be one of the top returning players on this fall's Canton High School golf team, was drafted by the Guelph Storm in the seventh round (128th overall) of May's Ontario Hockey League Entry Draft.

Guelph is located in southern Ontario, about an hour west of Toronto — or roughly a three-and-a-half-hour drive from Canton.

"I had a feeling Guelph was going to take me because they showed quite a bit of interest in me before the draft," said Underwood, who will move to his new home-away-from-home on Aug. 28. "I'm excited. I've already been up there a couple of times and I've met the family I'll be living with. They're very nice, and Guelph seems like a great place to live. It reminds

me a lot of downtown Plymouth.

"I'll miss playing on the high school golf team because I was just getting to the point where I'm a competitive varsity player, but playing in the OHL is an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Speaking of passing, the smooth-skating defenseman had an eye-opening 2005-06 season for the Detroit Compuware 90s team, tallying 22 assists and 12 goals in just 55 games.

By signing a contract with Guelph, Underwood will receive money toward a college scholarship and \$50 per week from the team. He also relinquishes his rights to play collegiate hockey.

"There were a lot of things about Joe that we like," said Guelph head coach Dave Barr, a former Detroit Red Wing. "First of all, we liked the fact that he was a captain because it says a lot about his leadership abilities. More importantly, he knows how to play the game. He's almost always in the right position on the ice and he doesn't make a lot of mistakes.

"Joe will find out quickly how big and fast the guys in our league are, but we feel he's the kind of player who will adapt to the style of play in the OHL very quickly. That's why we drafted him."

Underwood admits he isn't the same person — at least physically — that he was when the Storm selected him three months ago.

"I've gained 15 pounds over the summer," said Underwood, who has bulked up from 160 to 175 pounds. "After the draft, the team gave me a booklet that had a workout program they wanted me to follow. A friend of mine has some weights in his basement, so I spent a lot of time down there this summer."

Barr said Underwood's added muscle will come in handy once the Storm's OHL schedule kicks in next month.

"He'll be skating against guys that are 190, 195 pounds, so you don't want to be giving away 35 pounds to them," said Barr. "He's only 16, so I'm sure some of the weight he's put on was due to natural

development, but it also shows he's been working hard in the weight room."

Underwood, who will attend Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Guelph, said his family — parents Doug and Tammy; and siblings Ben, Jake and Emily — are as excited as he is about the next step in his promising hockey career.

"Guelph's only three-and-a-half hours away, so I'm sure they'll be coming to a lot of my home games," he said. "With me gone, Jake's happy because he gets his own bedroom now. But at the same time he's bumming because I was the one who was going to drive him to school. Now he's going to have to take the bus."

Like every OHL-caliber player, Underwood admitted he has aspirations to play in the NHL someday.

"But it's not something I think about a lot," he said. "If I make it, that would be great. If I don't, I'll go to college, get a degree, and try to become a doctor."

Or — who knows? — maybe a professional golfer.

### 2006 Prep Football Preview

Fans should think twice before taunting extra-special athletes

As we approach the kick-off of the 2006 prep football season, student cheering sections from Mount Clemens to Iron Mountain should heed the following warning: Directing trash-talk at the opponents' best player can be hazardous to your team's health.

Case in point: Minutes before last year's Division 1 semifinal playoff game between Macomb Dakota and Canton, several Dakota students directed a series of short jokes at Chiefs' two-way star Deshon McClendon, who stands 5-foot-6.

The jokes weren't short as in brief one-liners, but short as in, "Hey, No. 1 (McClendon's number), you're short!"

Needless to say, the strategy backfired.

The ticked-off McClendon, who runs through defenses like a bull in a china shop when he's in a good mood, torched the Cougars' defense for close to 200 yards rushing and three TD's

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Senior quarterback Matt Barrera will be running the show for the Plymouth offense after serving as Brent Jones' back-up in 2005. Barrera can throw accurately with both his right and left arms.

## In good hands

First-year starting quarterback set to guide Wildcats' offense

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Even though the only starting quarterback Plymouth's football program has ever known has left for Hope, the Wildcats' 2006 predicament is far from hopeless.

Former Plymouth field general Brent Jones, who led the team to a 7-3 record and a post-season playoff appearance last season, has graduated and taken his considerable leadership skills to Hope College.

While his departure has left a huge void, it is one that should be filled quickly and more than adequately by last year's understudy, Matt Barrera, a speedy 5-foot-11, 176-pound senior.

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### ALL ABOUT THE WILDCATS

- Head coach — Jay Blaylock (5th season);
- Number of varsity players — 61;
- Returning starters — 8 (3 offense; 5 defense);
- 2005 record — 7-3 (knocked off in opening-round Division 1 playoff game by Detroit Cody);
- 2006 opener — Saturday, 2:30 p.m., vs. defending Division 2 runner-up Hudsonville in the Big Prep Showdown at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium);
- Primary offense — multiple-set veer;
- Players to watch — senior QB Matt Barrera, senior RB Nathan Gholston, senior WR/DB Sam Jones, senior OL Sabatino Ruggero; senior LB Nick Rosochacki; junior LB Spencer Tobin; and senior DB LaBroderic Caldwell.

### 2006 Girls Hoop Preview

## 4-year star Houdek primed for last hurrah

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

No, Becci Houdek has not been playing point guard for the Canton girls basketball team forever.

It's just seemed that way to Western Lakes Activities Association coaches over the past three years.

The 5-foot-9 Houdek, who is about to embark on her fourth year as a starter, possesses a rare blend of ability, court savvy and all-out hustle that has left opposing coaches and players shaking their heads in fits of frustration.

Last year, with Houdek at

the controls, Canton compiled a 19-5 record while earning a Class A District title. The then-junior averaged nine points, four rebounds, five assists and close to two steals per contest.

"Becci's biggest strength is her ability to find the open player," said Canton second-year coach Brian Samulski.

"Becci has great vision and she's a great defensive player, too. She spent a lot of time shooting the ball this summer, so along with being an outstanding point guard, she's increased her ability to score from the perimeter.

"With (last year's leading

scorer) Lisa Ealy gone, we need Becci to score a little bit more than she did last year, but not a lot more. We have some other players who can help pick up the slack, too."

Among the other players is senior forward Ja'nee Morton (5-9), who averaged 9.9 points and five rebounds per contest in 2005. Morton may not be the tallest player in the league, but her unparalleled leaping ability makes her one of the WLAAs' most feared rebounders.

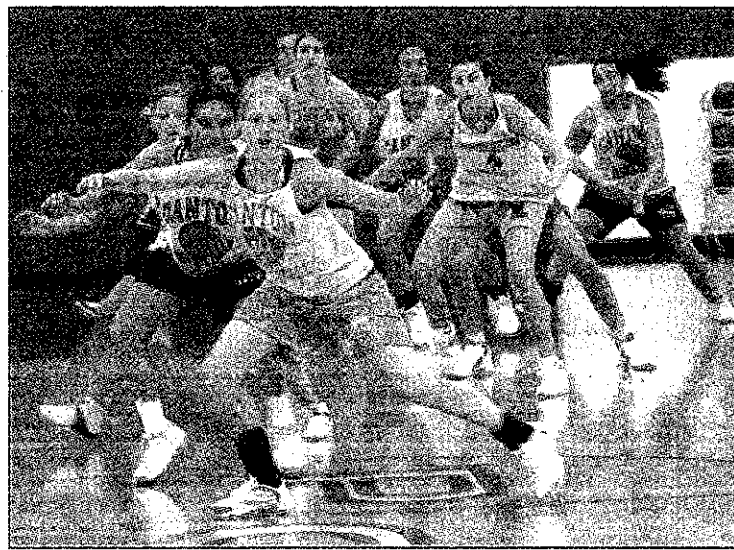
"Ja'nee has great athletic ability," Samulski said. "She knows how to get the ball to the rim and she knows how to

finish. A lot of her points come off of putbacks. Ja'nee's defense has improved a great deal the past two years, too, which has made her a complete player."

Senior Lauren Delapaz (5-7) will join Houdek in the Chiefs' starting backcourt. A two-year letter-winner, she saw significant crunch-time minutes during last year's late-season run.

"Lauren is a great competitor who competes every play, both on offense and defense," Samulski said. "She's definitely one of our strongest defensive

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Senior point guard Becci Houdek leads Canton's basketball team in a defensive drill during one of the team's first practices of the season last week. The Chiefs will be attempting to defend their 2005 WLAAs tournament title this season.

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**SOFTBALL TRYOUTS**

Tryouts for the 2007 PC Pride girls fastpitch softball program will be held Aug. 26-27 and Aug. 30. The Pride offers teams in 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age brackets. The Saturday, Aug. 26, tryout will run from 1-5 p.m. with registration starting at 12:30 p.m. The Sunday, Aug. 27, tryout will run from 1-6 p.m. with registration at 12:30 p.m. The Tuesday, Aug. 30, tryout will run from 6-8 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Saturday and Sunday tryouts will be held on fields 1-4 at the Canton Sports Center, which is located on 46555 Michigan Ave. in Canton. The Tuesday tryout will be held at Heritage Park, located on Heritage Park Dr. in Canton. For more information, visit the Pride Web site at [www.eteamz.com/pcpride](http://www.eteamz.com/pcpride); or call Scott Ampe at (734) 495-0789. Tryouts for the Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball organization will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Softball Center on diamonds 5-8. Tryouts for 10U will be held from 10-11 a.m.; 12U will be from 10 a.m.-noon; 14U

will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 16U will run from noon-2 p.m.; and 18U will run from noon to 2 p.m.

**BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

The Canton Cannons U11 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, on Field 1 at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park. Players who are 11 or under as of April 30, 2007, are eligible to play for the USSSA/Triple-A level team. The Cannons will play approximately 40 games, including four or five tournaments. For more information, contact head coach Chris Tidwell at (734) 891-6116. The Plymouth/Canton Patriots U11 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts Sunday, Aug. 27, from 2-5 p.m. on Field #1 of McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township. For more information, contact head coach Matt Adams at (248) 943-1232. The Plymouth/Canton Cardinals U14 travel baseball team, a member of the Kensington Valley League, will be holding tryouts for its 2007

squad on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at Heritage Park in Canton. The Saturday tryouts will run from 2-4 p.m. while the Sunday tryouts will run from 10 a.m. to noon. Players are encouraged to arrive up to 15 minutes early to register. For more information, contact head coach Doug Heuer at (248) 763-2850. The Plymouth Grizzlies 12U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 10, at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, east of Beck. All players must be 12 or under on April 30, 2007, and reside in or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton. For more information and to pre-register, send an e-mail to [sudzzy190@aol.com](mailto:sudzzy190@aol.com); or call Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638. The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Monday, Aug. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located on Plymouth

Rd., just east of Haggerty. Eligible players must be younger than 13 years old by April 30, 2007. For more information, contact Larry at (734) 812-3280. Tryouts for the 2007 U13 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at Heritage Park Sunday, Aug. 27, beginning at 4 p.m. Players should arrive 20 minutes early to register. The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley Travel League as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season. To be eligible, players must be 13 years old (or younger) as of April 30, 2007. For more information, contact head coach Glen Potter at (734) 844-8941 between Aug. 20-27. The Pirates 2007 14-and-under baseball team, which represents the communities of Plymouth and Canton, will be conducting tryouts on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Heritage is located behind the Canton Township offices on Canton Center Rd., just south of Cherry Hill. Players must have a birth

date on or after May 1, 1992, and enjoy playing at a competitive level. The team is expected to participate in a total of approximately 40 games — both league and tournament — beginning in April of 2007. Players will also have the option of participating in a fall baseball league beginning in mid-September. For more information, contact coach Bruce Price at (734) 635-7497. The Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking an additional player for the fall 2006 season. Interested 11- and 12-year-olds should contact Rob Sudz at (734) 420-058. Players must be residents of or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton.

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# Early indicators are positive for 'Cat kickers Key returners make Rocks WLAA contender

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

If the Plymouth boys soccer team were a stock, it would be wise to invest a few dollars on the Wildcats heading into the 2006 campaign — at least based on Monday's pre-season three-way scrimmage against Rochester, Rochester Stoney Creek and Dearborn.

Plymouth, which served as the host, went 3-0 and yielded just one goal against the formidable competition.

The effort gave coach Jeff Neschich reason for optimism less than a week before the season-opening Gary Balconi Invitational, which is set for Saturday on the P-CEP campus.

"Things look very promising after the way we played Monday," said Neschich. "I couldn't be any happier with the way things went. We beat three top-caliber teams. We were a little shaky in spots, but our defense played great and we're already passing the ball better than we did last year.

"We play in such a tough league. The two teams at the Park — Canton and Salem — are always tough, and then you have to deal with teams like Livonia Stevenson and Northville."

For the second consecutive season, the Wildcats will be led by junior Colin Rolfe, an All-WLAA and Division 1 honorable mention All-State selection in 2005. Rolfe will see time at both mid-field and forward — wherever he's needed the most — this season, Neschich said.

"Colin is such a dynamic and creative player," said Neschich. "He has tremendous skills and he's very smart out there. I'm looking for big things from Colin again this season."

Another key Wildcat will be

senior Anthony Sasinowski, who scored two goals in Monday's games.

"Anthony has a complete game," Neschich said. "He's great defensively and he can score, too."

Plymouth's top defender is returning senior starter Travis Norris, who will serve as the leader of the Wildcats' defense.

"Travis is a very smart player," Neschich praised. "He's very consistent. He'll run our defense back there and help make things easier on our goalie."

Norris will be flanked by fellow defenders Steve Schaeffler and Brad Brennan, both of whom are seniors.

The Wildcats' offense received a boost with the return of senior Andrew Koet, who sat out the entire 2005 season with an injury after leading the team in scoring as a sophomore. He'll combine with senior forward Jeff Lucco to form a potent 1-2 punch.

"I moved Jeff up from defense to forward this season because we lost quite a few forwards from last year's team," Neschich explained. "It's not set in stone yet, but that's the way I'm leaning. He's playing great. He gives us toughness, attitude and his effort is awesome at all times."

Twin brothers Tyler and Trevor Floyd, both juniors, have earned starting spots, according to Neschich.

The goal-tending duties will be shared — at least early in the season — by senior Mike Baretta and junior Brian Rasmann.

Among the players who will provide the Wildcats with valuable depth will be forwards Amir Pakray and Robert Matar;



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Plymouth's Colin Rolfe (14) is looking to lead the Wildcats to a lofty finish in the WLAA's Western Division.

mid-fielders Tommy Etienne, Vinh Nguyen, Gordon Libby and Nick Plescia; and defenders Austin Kasinowski and Mike Corona.

Neschich was especially complimentary of Nguyen, who is just a freshman.

"Vinh's a phenomenal player," he said. "He's very close to cracking the starting line-up."

The Wildcats open Saturday Balconi tournament against Novi Catholic Central. The opening kick is set for 10 a.m.

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## PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

With 12 letter-winners returning from a team that finished 14-6-4 in 2005, Salem's boys soccer team should extend its stay on the Western Lakes Activities Association's "Teams To Beat" list.

"I'm excited about the group we have coming back," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "We have a lot of players with experience returning at key positions."

"I like our balance and our overall depth. I don't know if we'll be dominant in any one area, but we really don't have any glaring weaknesses either. If we're able to defend at the level we did last year with a similar goals-against average, we should be strong."

The most important returning starter may be senior goal-keeper Brian Field, who registered eight shutouts in 2005.

"Brian is definitely going to be a key player if we're going to be successful this year," said McCarthy. "He's played very well for us in the past and he's a leader on this team. He's going to have to be effective for us to be successful."

For the second consecutive season, Field will be backed up by senior Matt Smokovitz.

The team's top two non-goalie returners are senior captains Brooks Belhart, a mid-fielder/forward, and Jon Gibson, a defender.

"Brooks is a strong finisher who is strong with the ball," said McCarthy. "He has good vision and is creative in the final third."

"Jon will be our central defender, like he was last year. He has good size and he's an

aggressive player. He's outstanding in the air."

The Rocks' top returning goal-scorer is senior forward Tom Bennett, who found the back of the net seven times in 2005. Senior mid-fielder Adam Brown also had a productive junior campaign, racking up four goals and a team-high eight assists.

Senior Bobby Towne will provide the Rocks depth in the mid-field while sophomore Kevin Cope is set to begin his second season as a key defensive starter.

Cope could be only the second player in McCarthy's 15-year tenure at Salem — the first being current University of Michigan captain Brian Popeney — to start four consecutive years.

Other returning letter-winners include seniors Baze Eftremov (forward), Dan McLaughlin (defender), Kyle Freeman (defender) and Aaron Florn (mid-fielder).

Top new-comers who are expected to make contributions include junior defender Alex Drake, sophomore defender Jeremy Stoychoff, junior mid-fielders Nick Schreiber and Scott Dreaver, and sophomore mid-fielder Dan Radasovich.

McCarthy predicted Livonia Stevenson, Northville and Canton will be the teams to beat in the always-competitive Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Stevenson is going to be very good," he said. "Northville will be very, very tough and Canton will be right there, too."

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Canton's Marie Martin drives to the basket against teammate Ja'nee Morton during an early-season practice last week.

## HOOPS

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players. Her 15- to 17-foot jump shot is also improving, so we'll look to her for some perimeter scoring this season."

Joining Morton in the paint will be junior center Marie Martin (6-1), a three-year varsity player who gives the Chiefs a solid low-post scoring threat and a shot-blocking threat on the other end.

"Marie is much more aggressive this year than in the past," said Samulski. "Her mid-range shooting is improved, she's a good defensive player and she's a great screener."

Junior forward Baylee Hollowell (6-1) is slated to be the Chiefs' fifth starter. A solid junior-varsity contributor last year, Hollowell is the team's best back-to-the-basket player, in Samulski's estimation.

Canton's top reserves will include junior forward Hilary Payne (5-10), sophomore guard Leslie Weisz (5-5) and freshman forward Kaylie Martin (5-9), the younger sister of Marie.

Samulski projects Salem, Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin as the teams to beat in the WLAA this sea-

**'Our goal is to compete every day, work hard and see what we can get done. If we compete, defend, rebound and take care of the ball like we're capable of doing, we should have a very good season.'**

Brian Samulski  
Canton second-year coach

son.

"The Western Division is very solid from top to bottom as Franklin, Plymouth, Northville and Walled Lake Western should all be competitive," he said. "Our goal is to compete every day, work hard and see what we can get done. If we compete, defend, rebound and take care of the ball like we're capable of doing, we should have a very good season."

The Chiefs own a brutal non-conference schedule that includes Birmingham Marian, Howell and West Bloomfield, the team that defeated them in a Class A Regional semifinal game last season.

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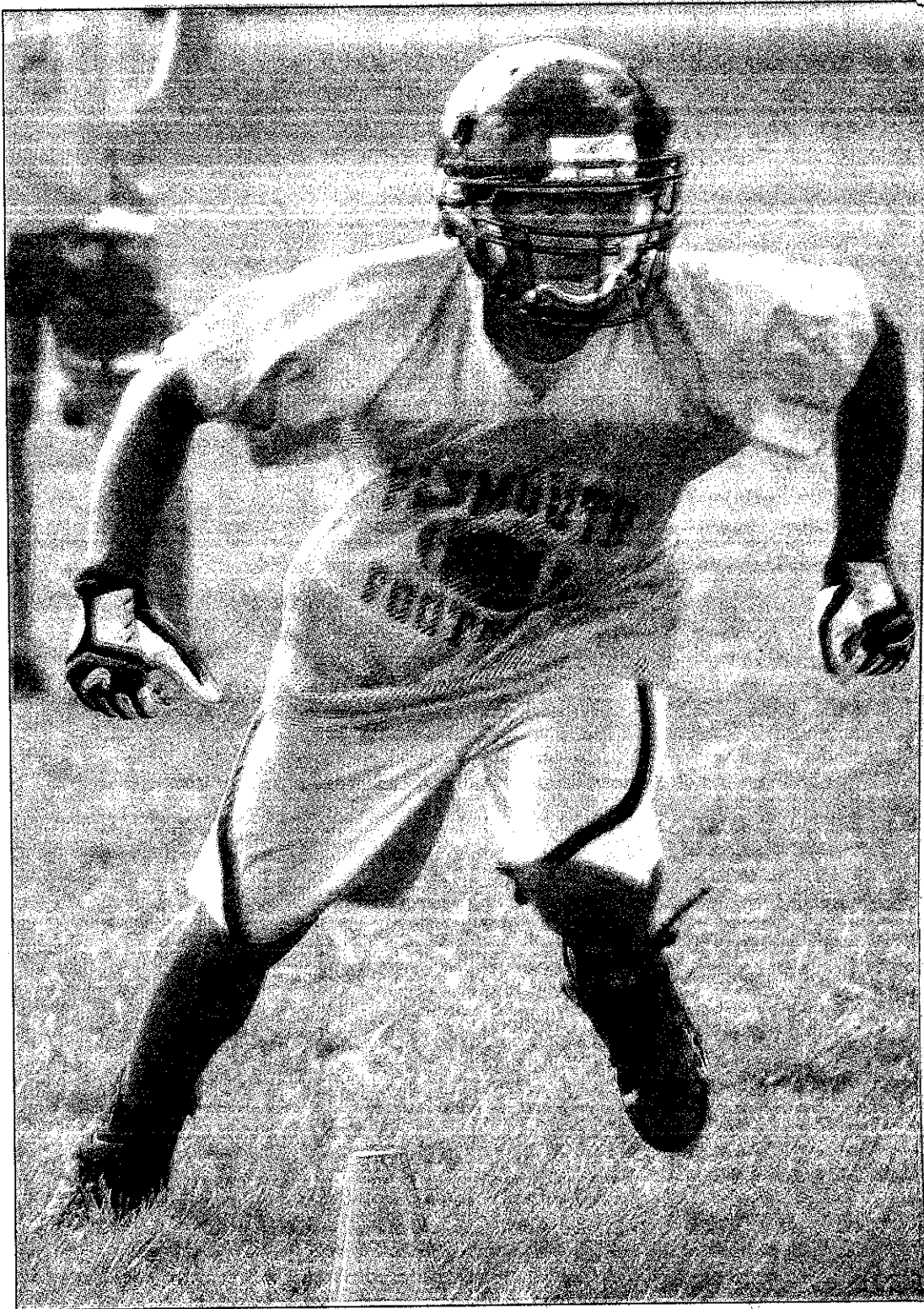


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**PREP FOOTBALL**  
 Friday, Aug. 25  
 Pinckney at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Aug. 26**  
 Plymouth vs. Hudsonville at EMU, 2:30 p.m.  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
 Thursday, Aug. 24  
 Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
 Friday, Aug. 25  
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 PCA at Macomb Christian Crusader Cup, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Aug. 26**  
 Salem, Canton and Plymouth at Gary Balconi Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 PCA at Macomb Christian Crusader Cup, TBA  
**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
 Thursday, Aug. 24

Inaugural Salem Blue/White Meet at Cass-Benton, 4:15 p.m.  
**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**  
 Saturday, Aug. 26  
 Canton at South Lyon, 9:30 a.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
 Thursday, Aug. 24  
 Macomb Christian at PCA at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
 Friday, Aug. 25  
 Canton at Safire Invitational at Brookside G.C., 8:30 a.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Saturday, Aug. 26**  
 Salem at Troy Invitational at Willow Metro Park, 8 a.m.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
**Saturday, Aug. 26**  
 Wildcat Invitational at Canton H.S. pool, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**

Thursday, Aug. 24  
 Wayne State at Madonna Univ., 7 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday, Aug. 25-26**  
 MI at UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic, TBA.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Saturday, Aug. 26**  
 Schoolcraft at Great Lakes Christian, 1 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Saturday, Aug. 26**  
 Madonna at Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 6 p.m.  
 (Univ. of Windsor Tournament)  
 Schoolcraft vs. U-M Club, noon.  
**Sunday, Aug. 27**  
 (Univ. of Windsor Tournament)  
 Schoolcraft vs. James Madison Club, 2 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF**  
**Saturday, Aug. 26**  
 Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.) Invitational, 11 a.m.  
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Senior Nate Gholston's speed will provide the Wildcats' offense with breakaway potential on nearly every play.

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### PLYMOUTH

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"Matt is going to be a great quarterback," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "He played in Brent's shadow last year, but I don't think we're going to miss a beat with Matt at quarterback. He has great speed and a very strong arm."

Barrera — who can throw long, tight spirals with both his right and left arms — will be just one of 14 first-year starters for the Wildcats, who employ a two-platoon system that requires few players to play both offensively and defensively.

"This is a very coachable and hard-working team, which should help us overcome the inexperience," said Blaylock. "I've seen improvement every day at practice. We made a few too many mistakes at our four-way scrimmage (with South Lyon, Warren DeLaSalle and Grand Ledge), but everything is fixable."

A trio of seniors at the offensive skill positions — running back Nate Gholston (5-8, 179), and receivers Sam Jones (6-0, 171) and Chris Sanchez (5-9, 158) — will help make Barrera's transition to the No. 1 unit that much easier. After being hampered most of last season by an arm injury, the 100-percent-healthy Gholston gives the Wildcats sprinter's speed from the tailback position.

"Nate is ready for a breakout year," said Blaylock, referring to his three-year starter. "He's been running very hard in practice."

Before transferring to Plymouth in the summer, Sam Jones was a key member of Birmingham Brother Rice's secondary during the Warriors' 2005 run to the Division 2 state championship. He will contribute on both sides of the ball — as a receiver and defensive back.

"Sam has great speed and instincts to the ball," Blaylock said. "Our other receiver, Chris Sanchez, is extremely strong for his size. He's a great blocker on the perimeter. He's one of those players who can run by you one play and knock you down the next."

Other key offensive weapons for the Wildcats will be junior running backs Rico Tyus (5-10, 184) and Myron Puryear (5-10, 155), and senior receiver Kulraj Sandhu (6-4, 203). Sophomore Ronnie Goble (6-3, 202) and junior Mike Hanchett (6-3, 184) will share tight end

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responsibilities.

Plymouth's offensive line will be bolstered by the play of twin-tower senior tackles Sabatino Ruggerio (6-3, 326) and Dominic Walker (6-2, 291).

"Even though they're over 290, they can move," Blaylock assured.

Other players who will play significant roles on the Wildcats' offensive line include Dean Hubbard (5-11, 286), Junior Falls (5-10, 215), Sam Richards (6-2, 223), Eric Barrera (5-9, 196), Joe Jordan (6-1, 266) and Steve Betts (5-11, 206).

The Wildcats' defense will be paced by three returning senior starters: Nick Rosochacki (6-2, 178), who led the team in tackles last season from his middle-linebacker position; cornerback LaBroderic Caldwell (5-9, 166) and defensive lineman Mo Hakkani (5-8, 239).

"LaBroderic is a lock-down corner with great speed," said Blaylock. "He's also a big-time special-teams player. Mo made a big impact on our defense as a junior."

Hakkani will be joined on the starting defensive line by seniors Gerald Lou (6-0, 210) and Anthony Bono (5-10, 202); and two-way starter Richards, who is a junior.

Joining Rosochacki in the linebacking corps will be returning starter Spencer Tobin (5-11, 181), Vince Darolfi (6-0, 201), Kyle Wallath (6-0, 184) and Derek Bradford (6-0, 191).

Playing major minutes in the secondary along with Sam Jones and Caldwell will be Mike Schwartz (5-9, 163), Jeff Schwartz (5-10, 168) and Andy Price (6-0, 158).

"We are excited to play a very tough schedule," said Blaylock. "We open with the Division 2 runner-up (Hudsonville) and we play the Division 1 runner-up (Canton) in Week 3. Our schedule has seven potential playoff teams on it, but we'd have it no other way. We look forward to the challenge."

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# Ignition, Velocity Sports agree to sponsorship deal

The Detroit Ignition, a Major Indoor Soccer League expansion team based in Plymouth Township, has entered into a corporate partnership agreement with Velocity Sports Performance, Ignition president Greg Bibb announced Tuesday.

The agreement will provide Velocity Sports Performance with numerous marketing and sponsorship benefits with the club as well as being recognized as the "Official Sports Performance Center of the Detroit Ignition."

Through the partnership, the Ignition will receive a variety of training benefits throughout the 2006-07 season. As per club policy, the financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

"The Major Indoor Soccer League is highly competitive

with every team searching for the extra ingredient or edge that will translate into victories," Bibb stated. "The knowledge and experience of Velocity Sports Performance will provide our players with the best in speed, conditioning, and training, which will par dividends for our club as we compete for an MISL championship."

"We are looking forward to having the opportunity to work with the Detroit Ignition in this exciting new partnership," stated Velocity Sports Performance owner Gary Staub. The Ignition will kick-off its inaugural MISL season at Compuware Sports Arena on Saturday, Nov. 4. Call the club at 1-888-436-GOAL (4625), or visit the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com.

## GRID PICKS

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in the Chiefs' 35-21 victory.

The performance brought to mind a line from a song by the late, great Jim Croce, who sang (and I paraphrase), "You don't tug on Superman's cape, you don't spit into the wind, you don't pull the mask off the 'ole Lone Ranger and you don't ... make fun of potential All-State running backs a few minutes before they line-up against your football team."

Here are a few other pre-competition taunts people would be wise to keep to themselves:

■ Dale Earnhardt Jr. fans shouldn't shout "You drive like my grandma!" at Jeff Gordon minutes before the Daytona 500;

■ Chicago White Sox fans shouldn't yell, "I've seen better heat at a slow-pitch senior-citizens softball game!" at Joel Zumaya while he's warming up in the bullpen before an eighth-inning appearance;

■ Telling me, the defending Grid Picks champion, that, "Jimmy 'The Greek' Snyder can pick football games better than you — and he's been dead 10 years!" while I'm typing up my Grid Picks column. (The last time somebody did this to me, I got so fired up, I broke three keys on my computer keyboard); and, finally...

■ Don't tell Joey Harrington he throws like a girl a short time before he plays against your favorite NFL team.

(On second thought, that last one is probably OK.)

The bottom line is: Directing trash-talk at the wrong targets is a lot like spitting into the wind — it will always come back to haunt you.

Like the Observerland football teams, Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons, Garden City/Redford Sports Editor Tim Smith and myself will be looking to get off on the right foot — or "Wright" foot — this week. But be warned: Our won-loss records may be tarnished a bit by first-week jitters.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
(all 7 p.m. unless noted; each team's 2005 final record is in parentheses.)

**Canton (11-3) at Ann Arbor Pioneer (8-3):** The Chiefs thrashed the Pioneers 42-12 last season, setting the tone for a magical season that extended all the way to the Division I final at Ford Field. Considering the hosts are without the graduated Richard Franklin this season and the Chiefs are returning eight defensive starters, it could prove to be a long night for the Pioneers' offense. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton); Emons (Canton).

**Pinckney (0-9) at Salem (3-6):** Judging by Pinckney's winless 2005 campaign and the fact that the Pirates were outscored 254-116 last season, this is an ideal first-game opponent for new Salem head coach Parker Salowich. The one scary thing about Pinckney is that a lot of younger players gained valuable experience last season, which makes them dangerous. The Rocks will unveil their new "West Coast" offense at home before what should be a larger-than-normal crowd. **PICKS:** Wright (Salem); Smith (Salem); Emons (Salem).

**Lansing Eastern (2-7) at Livonia Churchill (1-8):** The Quakers didn't make any of their opponents quake in their boots last season as they were outscored 297-74. Based on their 8-4 mark in 2004, the Chargers are dangerous in even-numbered years. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill);

Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill).

**Garden City (3-6) at Livonia Franklin (10-1):** The host Patriots shouldn't have too much trouble handling the Cougars, who could have a tough time in the trenches during the early going. **PICKS:** Wright (Franklin); Smith (Franklin); Emons (Franklin).

**Livonia Stevenson (7-3) at Lincoln Park (4-5):** Even though they lost several key components from last season's playoff run, the Spartans' wide-open offense should still be of the high-octane variety. The Railsplitters may hang tough for a while, but look for Stevenson to win going away in a track meet-like game. **PICKS:** Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson).

**Westland John Glenn (3-6) at Belleville (2-7):** Both the Rockets and Tigers will be looking to put forgettable 2005 campaigns in the rear-view mirror. John Glenn's offense looked crisp in its pre-season scrimmage, but veteran Belleville coach Bob LaPointe has rarely had back-to-back poor seasons during his illustrious career. **PICKS:** Wright (John Glenn); Smith (Belleville); Emons (John Glenn).

**Wayne Memorial (2-7) at U-D Jesuit (4-5):** This is a crucial game for the Zebras, who would like to have a victory in their pocket before they venture into the ultra-tough WLA Western Division schedule. U-D Jesuit started off 4-0 last year before falling into an 0-5 abyss during the second half of the season. **PICKS:** Wright (Wayne); Smith (Jesuit); Emons (Jesuit).

**Lutheran Northwest (6-4) at Livonia Clarenceville (5-4):** The motto for this game should read, "The few, the proud..." as Northwest will suit up just 20 players while Clarenceville will counter with 21. Northwest won last season's showdown, 28-14, but the Trojans should feed off their rowdy home crowd. **PICKS:** Wright (Northwest); Smith (Clarenceville); Emons (Northwest).

**Lutheran Westland (4-5) vs. Harper Woods (4-5) at Old Harper Woods High School:** Look for Lutheran Westland two-way standout Mike Schatz to have a big impact in this game, which features two teams searching for an identity following lackluster 2005 seasons. **PICKS:** Wright (Harper Woods); Smith (Harper Woods); Emons (Lutheran Westland).

**Redford Union (8-2) at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (6-4):** There's no Chris Brown this year. But coach Miles Tomaisaitis still has plenty of excellent returning seniors in players such as Dezmond Latham and Robert Pennywit. **PICKS:** Wright (RU); Smith (RU); Emons (RU).

**Lakeland (3-6) at Redford Thurston (5-4):** The first game on a brand new field should get the host Eagles pumped up to start the season opener. But the main thing is forgetting the hype and sticking to business. Thurston coach Bob Snell is confident in his offensive line, which should give first-year quarterback Arron Payne plenty of protection. **PICKS:** Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Lakeland).

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
**Plymouth (7-3) vs. Hudsonville (11-3), 2:30 p.m. at Eastern Michigan University:** An interesting sidelight to this "Big Prep Showdown" game is that Plymouth transfer student Sam Jones will be playing his second-consecutive game against Hudsonville. Jones was a key member of the defending Division 2 champion Birmingham Brother Rice secondary in 2005. Perennially powerful Hudsonville is not a team anyone would willingly choose to play in back-to-back games — even if the games are nine months apart. **PICKS:** Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Hudsonville); Emons (Hudsonville).

**Southfield Christian (first year) at Redford Covenant (1-6), 1 p.m.:** It's the second year for Redford Covenant's football program and the first for Southfield Christian. The Spartans have a new coach, mostly new players and a new attitude. **PICKS:** Wright (Southfield Christian); Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant).

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# Salem golfer records a round to remember

BY ED WRIGHT  
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Salem junior Tyler Jeleniewski, pictured during a 2005 meet, fired rounds of 79 and 83 at Monday's East Lansing Fall Classic at Forest Akers East and West golf courses.

The record books. Higgason, a junior, set the school record for the lowest 18-hole round on a par-72 course when he fired a three-under 69 during the first round of Monday's 34-team East Lansing Fall Classic. The old record was 70, which Adam Wilson, the son of current Salem golf coach Rick Wilson, set on the same course — East Lansing's Forest Akers East — in 1998.

"The amazing thing is that Quenton was seven-under with four holes to play," said Rick Wilson. "He chipped in for a two at the ninth hole, then birdied four of the next five holes. There was really a buzz going around the course."

Higgason recorded an 88 on the tougher West course to complete his 36-hole day with a 157 total.

Higgason's historical round helped the Rocks finish the tournament with a score of 659, which placed them "somewhere in the middle of the pack," according to Wilson. Haslett took first with a 608 followed by Okemos (614).

Junior Tyler Jeleniewski turned in his usually solid performance by posting scores of 79 and 83 on the Forest Akers East and West courses, respectively. Also contributing were freshman Aaron Thompson (84-88), junior Brian Fifield (89-89) and sophomore Jeff Szroka (85-96).

"It's a very well-run tournament," Wilson noted. "The state finals are played here, so the kids who are able to make it back here for that are familiar with the course."

## BRIGHTON INVITATIONAL

Saline captured medalist honors by compiling a 295 total at the challenging Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton. Plymouth finished 13th at 321 while Canton placed 19th at 332.

Scoring for the Wildcats were Jeff Selasky (76), Mike Gerisch (78), Matt Talbot (81) and Jimmy Vlcek (86).

The Chiefs were paced by sophomore Andrew Rickerman and freshman Brendan Muir, both of whom fired 82's. Also scoring for Canton were senior Derek Tropper (83) and senior Mike Haar (85). Fifth-man Clark Albers carded an 88.

## CANTON 4TH AT QUAD

In a quad match played Monday afternoon at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon, Canton finished fourth with a 324 total, 18 shots behind first-place Northville, which hosted the

event. Novi Catholic Central placed second at 313 while South Lyon notched third at 323.

"It was our first time out and we don't have a lot of experienced players back, so I thought we did OK," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "It was a respectable showing. We held our own with South Lyon, which usually has a pretty good team. We need to improve, though, as the year goes on."

Rickerman led the way with a four-over 76. Also scoring were Haar (80), Tropper (83) and freshman Zach Conrad (85). Albers (86) and sophomore Jeremy Lindlbauer (87) were just out of the scoring mix.

Northville's Wes Gates earned medalist honors with a three-over 75.

## GOOD START FOR EAGLES

Plymouth Christian Academy is off to its most promising start in the school's history following season-opening victories over Michigan Independent Athletic Conference powerhouses Oakland Christian and Southfield Christian.

On Monday, the Eagles ousted Oakland, 158-162, in a tri-meet held at Bald Mountain Golf Course in Clarkston. The four-player, nine-hole score was the lowest PCA coach Kurt Johnston can remember during his nine years as coach.

Junior Ross Gerulis and senior Derek Elenbaas both registered 38's to lead the Eagles. Junior Mitchell Geracz and sophomore Scott Hampson weren't far behind with 41's. Even though, seniors Aaron



Salem junior Tyler Jeleniewski, pictured during a 2005 meet, fired rounds of 79 and 83 at Monday's East Lansing Fall Classic at Forest Akers East and West golf courses.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lorincz (44) and Matt Saagman (47) failed to break into the scores that counted, they still drew the praise of Johnston.

In the other tri-meet match-up, the Eagles dropped a 149-158 decision to Lutheran Northwest, which was led by Nathan Hall's 34. The medalist's round was punctuated by a hole-in-one on the 193-yard 17th hole.

PCA followed up its outstanding performance Monday by nipping Southfield Christian, 166-167, on Tuesday in a dual meet held at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Geracz fueled the huge victory by carding a round of 37, which included four birdies. Other contributors included Gerulis (39), Lorincz (44) and Hampson (46).

The Eagles' 2-0 start in the MIAC is making Johnston a believer.

"I knew we'd be good this year because we only lost one regular — Keith Boruta — off last year's team," said Johnston. "I expected to be competitive, but I'm pleasantly surprised by how well we've played."

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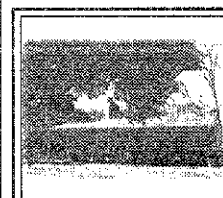
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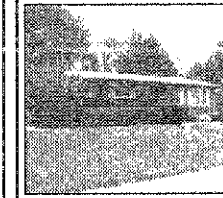
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**By Owner**  
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Challenging fun for ALL ages

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### ACROSS

- 1 Used a shovel
- 4 Like the Kalahari
- 8 Dazzles
- 12 FBI acronym
- 13 Gambling town
- 14 Trace mineral
- 15 Pouched animals
- 17 Reverse
- 18 Red Wings org.
- 19 Hilltop
- 20 Switch, positions
- 23 Corn
- 26 Move quickly
- 27 Half a bikini
- 28 Cut timber
- 31 Double helix
- 32 Make after expenses
- 34 Historical period
- 35 Mil. noncom
- 36 Well-put
- 37 Hoover Dam's lake
- 38 Rodeo prop
- 40 Search engine finds

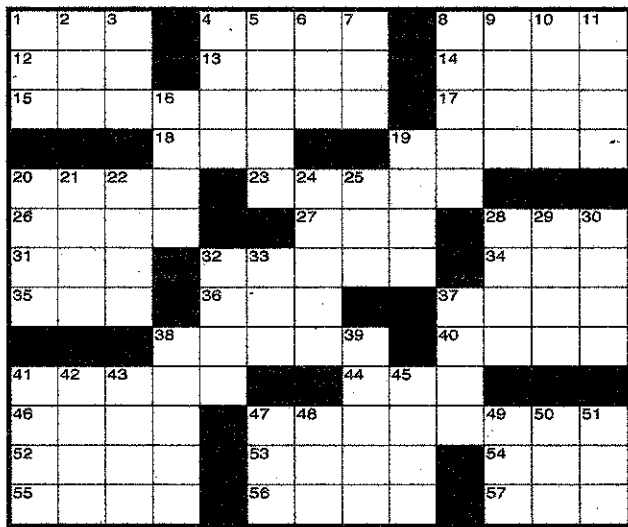
### DOWN

- 1 Chute material
- 4 Shoulder enhancer
- 46 Chits
- 47 Pale cheese
- 52 Throw in the microwave
- 53 Huge hairstyle
- 54 Common ID
- 55 Crude metals
- 56 Amount borrowed
- 57 Laptops
- 1 Fly-fish
- 2 Luau strummer
- 3 pts.
- 4 Foot part
- 5 Domain
- 6 Motel of old
- 7 Writer
- John — Passos
- 8 Sky-colored
- 9 Cellar contents
- 10 Runs its course
- 11 Kill wearer
- 16 Scholarly org.

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

WAD LPGA BEAM  
EUR IDOL TOTA  
PRY SQUEEGEES  
TAROT GRAD  
UK LET EEEKS  
MTN POD MARIA  
AR STS LIL NIA  
TUSKS WEB ADE  
TERI WIG PR  
MIEN TEMPO  
REMAINDER AID  
DAIS DUPE DEE  
SULK SPAS ADS

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## SUDOKU

3				8	4			
			6		7			
				2	5	1		
9	1		4	5	3		7	
	4	7	8			6	2	
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6	1	5				3		

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

### Here's How it Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

- |       |          |            |
|-------|----------|------------|
| BANK  | CHECKING | SAVINGS    |
| BONDS | DEPOSIT  | STOCKS     |
| CD    | DOLLARS  | TELLER     |
| CENTS | MONEY    | WITHDRAWAL |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

A Q E U Y P O W K W  
N B C H E C K I N G  
S O M T N B V T A C  
A N F I O S A H B X  
V D G S M H J D K T  
I S T O C K S R U Y  
N Y T P R E Q A A S  
G R C E N T S W E V  
S T D D O L L A R S  
Y U P O T E L L E R

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

8	9	7	4	3	6	2	1	5
9	6	1	8	2	5	7	4	3
5	6	2	9	4	7	1	6	8
1	4	9	6	9	7	8	8	2
2	9	6	8	1	8	7	4	5
7	8	9	5	2	4	9	1	6
1	9	9	2	8	4	6	7	1
8	2	7	4	6	9	8	5	1
8	4	8	1	7	5	2	9	6

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Y	U	P	O	T	E	L	L	E	R
S	T	I	D	D	O	L	L	A	R
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L	A	S	V	E	S				
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K	Y								
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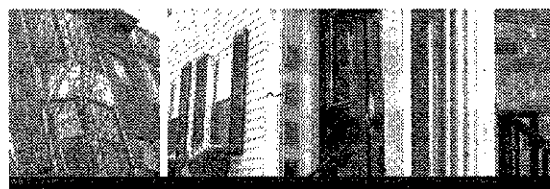
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# GAUGING YOUR RISK FOR AN EMPLOYER



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

You might as well be hard-nosed about it, in tandem with employers. When you're job hunting, you're

focus in the hiring process. It refers to analyzing the company's need and where you fit into it. Roslansky points to the importance of a vision and timing: Most companies look at financial performance on a quarterly or monthly basis.

Review a job description or, if it hasn't been formulated, get the details from the employer, Fetherston suggests. Translate your background into the language of that job description, he says. The more gaps you can fill between the job requirements and your actual professional and academic background, the more accurately you can predict how quickly that you'll be effective in that job.

Roslansky estimates that internal roles, such as operations or marketing, will require about six months and that sales cycles and product complexities stretch business development and sales productivity into approximately nine months to a year.

However, selling isn't enough. You have to be intelligent about what you're offering -- develop a business plan -- and what needs you'll fill. The better the questions (you ask), Roslansky notes, the better the answers. Noting on your resume that you reduced staff 15 percent at a company, for a savings of X dollars, isn't enough. Will you do the same at the new company? Will the positions that evaporate total the same amount? Will you reduce them in less time, for greater or more immediate savings?

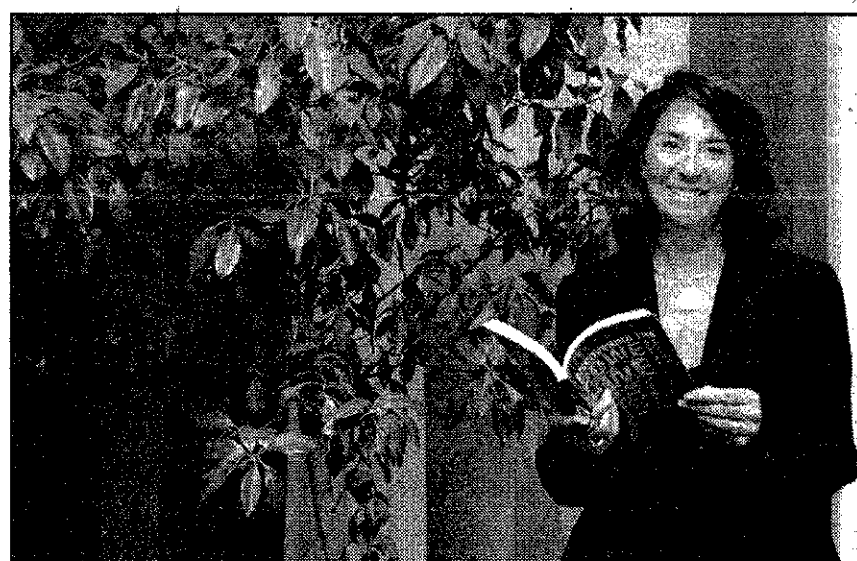
### BUYER'S PERSPECTIVE

It's not all about you, says Fetherston, a former hiring manager. There are buyers and sellers on both sides

of the table. Absolutely, there's a lot about human interaction, and it's absolutely part of it. The brutal reality is that, especially at an M.B.A level and more expensive (positions), you're being hired to fulfill a need for that company. By hiring a more expensive person, they're (anticipating) a payback.

It's not all about the money at all, he adds. The word that's thrown around a lot is fit. From this perspective, organizations are mosaics, collections of people who aren't the same, with different experiences and value to bring to the table. . . Employers want people who can collaborate on teams in flat organizations. (It's important to) create awareness of the value of team-orientation. Non-hierarchical companies want doers. Once you're there, he observes, every encounter, internal or external, is a form of interview. We are always competing and always being interviewed.

Roslansky says to demonstrate your value-added on your resume and in



Judith Glaser

conversation: If you can't, your opportunity to develop your career is hindered. He mentions that because of constant organizational change, where budgets shift, jobs are cut and new products and services are developed, you'll be able to apply this skill over and over. Corporations want to know whom to keep, who not, which functions are helpful, he states. If you're better able to demonstrate your value-added, you're better able to stay employed, move into a new position and find a job you'll be happy at.

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## 2007 Chevrolet Silverado offers smooth ride, better handling, more legroom

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By Tenisha Mercer  
Amanita News Features

Built on a new, stronger platform, the 2007 Chevrolet Silverado adds better fuel economy, a smoother ride and improved handling to General Motors' best-selling pickup truck.

A new boxed frame, front suspension and rack-and-pinion steering support offer increased stability. A revised Hotchkiss-type rear suspension improves handling. There's a choice of five suspension systems that are specially designed for off-road capability, street performance and towing capacity.

Offering a smoother ride and quick handling, the Chevrolet Silverado is powered by six Gen IV small-block V-8 engines that, combined with a strong chassis, delivers one of the industry's highest rated towing capacity at 10,500 pounds. StabiliTrak is standard on certain models, and the Silverado is outfitted with a new anti-lock braking system.

The Silverado has bragging rights of its own: Its light-duty model topped the J.D. Power and Associates large pickup category, while heavy duty models ties for second place with the GMC Sierra, according to the 2006 Initial Quality Survey.

The 2007 light-duty models won't be available until October, while heavy-duty models will go up for sale during the beginning of 2007. There are three cab styles to choose from: regular, extended and crew cab, along with three cargo box lengths that are 5 foot 8 inches, 6 foot 6 inches and 8 foot long.

Available in three trims, WT, LT and LTZ, the Chevrolet Silverado also comes in two and four-wheel drive.

A new exterior design, accented by unique front fenders, grille, headlamps, bumpers, power dome hood, tail lamps, box design and flared rear fenders, give it a stronger presence.

The grille is wider and taller than past models. A sloping windshield increases aerodynamics. A chrome bumper is standard on LT models, while LTZ models have body-colored bumpers. Seventeen-, 18- and 20-inch wheels are available with 18-inch wheels standard on the Z71 package, while 21-inch wheels are optional



2007 Chevrolet Silverado Vehicle class: Pickup truck. Power: V-8, V-6 engines available. Mileage: 15 city / 20 highway. Base price: \$22,843-\$38,330.

on the LT and LTZ models. There are also nine colors to choose from, among them dark blue metallic, silver birch metallic, victory red and desert brown metallic.

Six-way or eight-way power adjustable front bucket seats are available, depending on the trim level. A new 40/20/40-split bench seat available in Silverado LT and Sierra SLE models offers seating for three, as well as concealed, lockable underseat storage and a 12-volt power outlet.

The rear seats in extended cab and crew cab models have more supportive cushion material, firmer support structures and revised seat back angles. Extended cab models offer more legroom.

Entry to the rear seat/storage area of extended cab models is eased with new rear access doors that open 170 degrees.

The WT and LT models offer a more basic design, but the LTZ features luxury touches such as a unique instrument panel, heated, 12-way power seats and six-disc CD/MP3 compatible sound system with Bose speakers.

Crew cab LTZ models include a rear-seat audio system, a large glove box that holds up to 5 liters and more interior color options such as ebony/light cashmere and dark/light titanium.

The LTZ's instrument panel is 5 inches lower and more forward than previous models, while the WT and LT models instrument panels are 3.5 inches lower and more forward for more storage room.

Cloth seats are standard on the WT and LT models, while leather seating and six-way power adjustable driver's seats are optional on the LT. A new, lockable

storage bin that can store objects as big as a laptop computer is built into a new folding bench.

Comfier rear seats for the crew cab and extended seats are bonuses. New, stadium style seating with a 60/40 split design that offers more loading space on extended cabs when folded up. Sections of the seats can be folded up for more storage room and space for backseat passengers.

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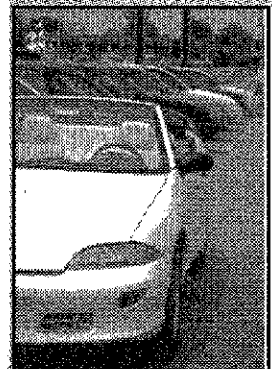
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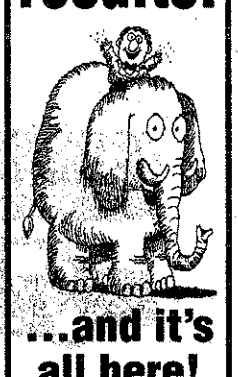
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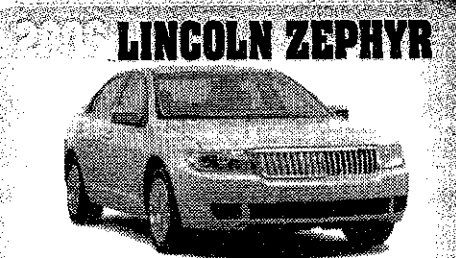


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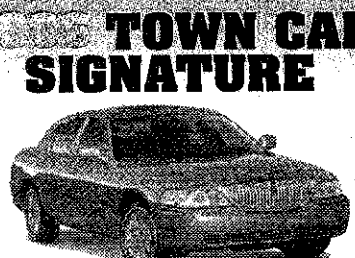


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## Playhouse auction to benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute

Rariden Schumacher Mio (RSM) Interiors was selected by the Karmanos Cancer Institute Partners' Auction Committee to create the theme and design of the interior of this year's main live auction item.

The Birmingham-based interior design firm partnered with Swanson Meads Architects of Birmingham, Sebald & Kage Custom Builders of metro Detroit, Gethsemane Landscape Architectural Builders of Oakland Township and Dillman & Upton of Rochester to create the Karmanos Playhouse for The Partners Give Into the Night event.

The playhouse will be the available for purchase at the live auction at the event, which will take place Saturday, Sept. 9, at Neimah Marcus in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road at Coolidge in Troy.

Proceeds will benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The playhouse is on view during mall hours through Sept. 9 in the lower center atrium at Somerset South.

Somerset Collection and Coldwell Banker Schweitzer of Birmingham are presenting the playhouse.

RSM's inspiration for the playhouse was fashioned by

the festive nature from a historic fabric - a French toile circus scene - and the breeziness of an Eastern seaboard cottage.

"When approached by the Auction Committee, we did not hesitate to accept the challenge," said Rosemary Cotter, RSM founder.

"We consider it an honor to be involved with such a wonderful event and organization."

Cotter, Jill Schumacher and Michelle Mio are principals in the firm.

Other area businesses who contributed materials and services to the playhouse are American Warehousing & Distribution Services, Armstead & Johnston Construction Inc., Bella Cucina, Birmingham Door Company, Carlson Home Luxuries, Cedar Restoration, Crate & Barrel, Creative Hardscapes, French's Upholstery, Giddings Masonry Inc., Jacaranda, Jennifer Haver, Jet Construction, La Belle Provence, Marvin Windows, Nautic Marine Transport, Oakland Finishing Group, Patrick M. Cooney, Pewabic Pottery, Pottery Barn Kids, Pratt & Lambert Paints, Realstone Systems, Reid Glass, Russell Hardware, Scalandre Fabric, Snap Construction, Unilock, Universal Plumbing and Walgren Painting.



Swanson Meads Architects of Birmingham, Sebald & Kage Custom Builders of metro Detroit, Gethsemane Landscape Architectural Builders of Oakland Township and Dillman & Upton of Rochester also created the playhouse. It is on display at the Somerset Collection in Troy through Saturday, Sept. 9.

The Partners is a group of young professionals allied in the fight against cancer.

Over the past 12 years the group has donated more than \$5 million to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute through its fund-raising efforts.

At this year's The Partners Give Into the Night, more than 700 young metro Detroit professionals will enjoy the auction, fine dining, live entertainment and dancing. Catherine and Nathan Forbes will be the honorees. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with cocktails, strolling dinner and silent auction. Tickets are limited.

For information, call the Karmanos Cancer Institute at (313) 576-8112 or visit [kci-partners.com/phpbb/events.htm](http://kci-partners.com/phpbb/events.htm).



Rariden Schumacher Mio (RSM) Interiors of Birmingham created the theme and design of the interior of the playhouse that will be auctioned at an event to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

## Readers share good news about appliances

In a previous column I asked readers to give me some good news about major appliances and boy, did they ever.

There has been more correspondence than I have ever received, most of it dealing with attachment to older appliances.

It is apparent that many consider my favorite saying a fact of life: "They don't make them like they used to."

A very interesting point was made in just about all of the letters: Their appliances needed little or no service at all. Many of these stories talked about appliances going back some 50 years and still operating today.

What a tribute to the manufacturers and the quality they produced once upon a time. I will say no more!

A lady from Livonia wrote about an old timer in the repair business who is now in ill health and how much she depended on him. She told me she really misses Mr. McCarthy.

Chuck in Farmington wrote glowing words of praise for the honesty of Bill & Rod's Service and the parts availability at the Servall Company.

He also said, "Machines are a little more complicated now. Just getting them open for service requires a manual."

I want to thank all of you who read this column and in particular the many who took the time to drop me a note.

You have helped the writing of this column to be a very worthwhile project and given me great enjoyment with your words.

### MAYTAG TESTING

My darling wife, Valorie, is testing a new Maytag Neptune front load washing machine on the cement floor of our basement laundry room.

Three months now of using it and she doesn't have any com-

plaints. As a matter of fact, she absolutely loves it.

Let me say, I bought this washing machine. It wasn't given to me. I also will tell you that I had nothing good to say about this washer when Maytag first introduced it some eight years ago. I used to write and talk about all the negative things that homeowners were communicating to me, and eventually a class action suit was filed against Maytag with a judgment to the benefit of thousands of buyers.

To my knowledge all of the poor engineering put into the older Neptune is corrected and I've been told it's a great front loader today.

Conclusion: The Maytag Company did more damage to its image of dependability in just a few years than some appliance companies can do in a lifetime.

I touch on this subject again because I know that there are homeowners who are waiting for the final results of Valorie's testing before they go out shopping for a front loader.

You will end up waiting a while, and you'll now read why. The conversation goes like this:

"Val, how often do you wash a load of clothes, two or three times a week?"

"Oh, once a week, sometimes every week and a half."

"What! I can't say once a week in my column; people will think we wear dirty clothes."

"Look, Joe, when I was a teacher I bought enough undergarments to last three months. Your favorite Christmas present is shorts and socks so we're both in the same tub."

Now you know why it's going to take a while to test out this machine. But I'll keep reporting as it happens right here in this column. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded.

### GARDEN CALENDAR

#### Bonsai show

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will have its annual show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$6 for adults (which includes the Matthaei conservatory), \$2 for children and teens. Visit <http://www.annarborbonsaisociety.org>.

More than 100 member trees will be on display. Members will be available on the show floor to answer questions. Demonstrations of bonsai design will be offered each day.

Vendors of plants, pots and bonsai tools will be available.

#### Native wildflowers

A free workshop, Native Wildflowers for the Home Landscape: Planting and Maintaining an Earth-friendly Fall Garden, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, in the second floor Multi-purpose Room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall. Sign-in will be at 6:30 p.m.

Advance registration is requested. Call the Westland Community Relations Department at (734) 467-3198 or e-mail [LFDean@aol.com](mailto:LFDean@aol.com). Native plant specialist Vern

Stephens of Designs by Nature of Laingsburg, Mich., will be the guest speaker.

The program will review the origin of native wildflowers, identify easy-care plants for the fall garden, and provide maintenance tips.

Native wildflowers will be available for sale before and after the slide presentation.

#### Summer Faire

Bring the whole family for some good old-fashioned summer fun at Heavenly Scent Herb Farm's 17th annual Summer Faire, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at 13730 White Lake Road in Fenton.

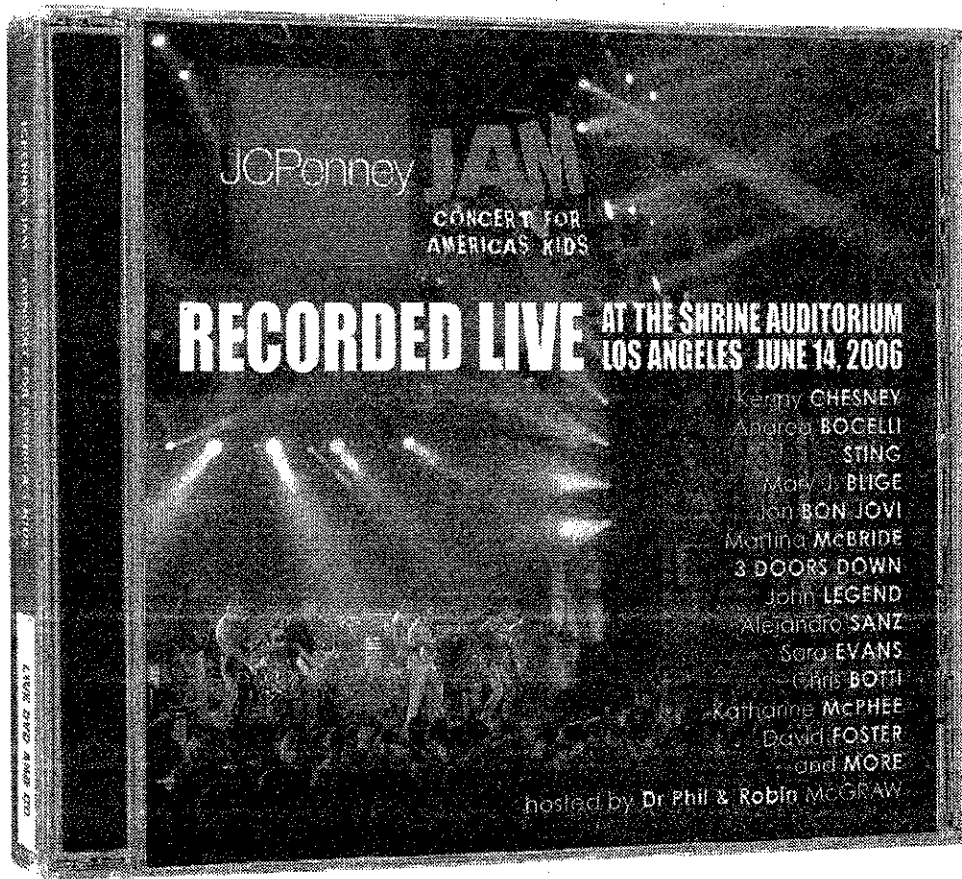
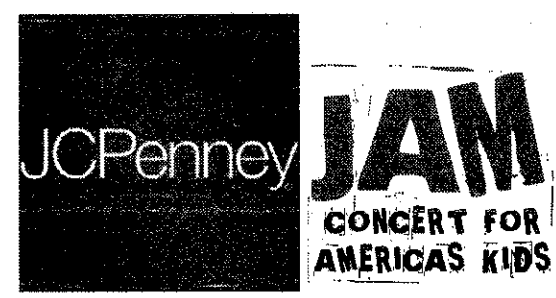
Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, rain or shine. Admission is \$2.

The event will feature complimentary garden tours, lunch by Heavenly Scent, master gardeners on hand to answer questions, a free children's activity center, harp and dulcimer music, and the crafts of many unusual artisans.

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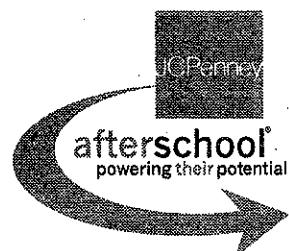
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\*Sting, Jon Bon Jovi & Mary J. Blige were recorded at a different location



**BROIDA**

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ment in Windows Vista is better security.

For anyone who has ever fallen victim to a spyware infestation, virus attack or other malware-related security breach, this should come as good news indeed.

Microsoft's new "layered security" approach promises to prevent these nefarious programs from sneaking into your PC and remove any that may already have taken up residence. What remains to be seen is whether these measures actually work.

Because malware often slips in via your Web browser, Microsoft has focused much of its security efforts on Internet Explorer 7.

This updated browser features built-in protections against nefarious sites and so-called "phishing" attacks, which attempt to trick you into supplying personal information.

IE7 also sports a 21st-century makeover, with a new interface and long-overdue features like tabbed pages and a built-in RSS reader, which automatically fetches updated information from sites you "subscribe" to.

Most users work with a large number of files — Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, digital photos and so on.

But finding a specific document or image can be a nightmare, especially if you're among the organizationally challenged.

Vista's new search tools take all the work out of finding files. Just click the Start button and type a word, phrase, filename or any other relevant info into the Instant Search box; Vista will immediately start locating matching files.

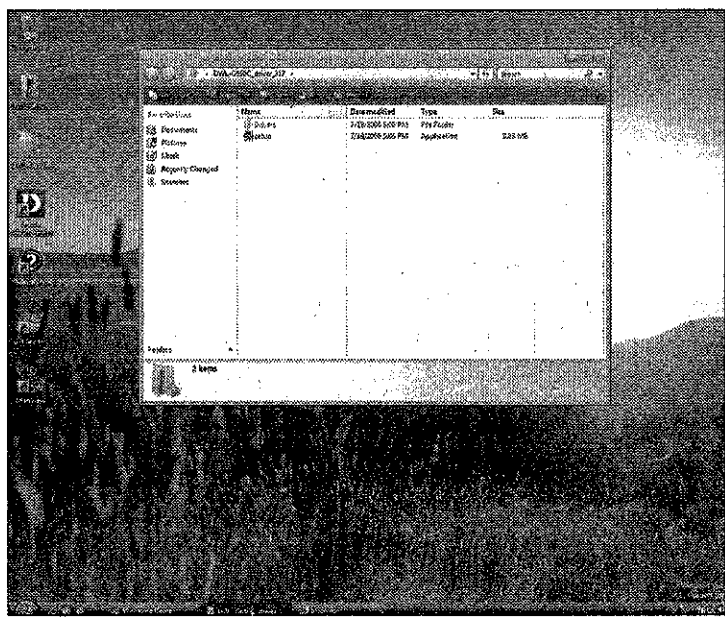
This may not sound like a huge deal, but once you've experienced this simplified searching firsthand, you'll wonder how you ever worked without it.

If you've never been particularly diligent about making backups, you'll appreciate Vista's new Backup and Restore Center.

It features an enhanced version of the System Restore tool that debuted in Windows XP, plus a new backup utility that archives files, settings and even applications.

There's also a Previous Versions feature that can store older versions of documents — great if, say, you accidentally copy over a file you were working on.

Other Windows Vista



The Windows Vista interface has been redesigned with an emphasis on simplicity, but there's still a learning curve.

amenities include easier network setup and management; improved "sleep" modes for both desktops and notebooks; "gadgets," mini-applications that reside on your desktop and show news, weather reports, photos, personal calendars and the like; and even speech recognition (for dictating documents, e-mail, etc.).

Vista also touts improved help and remote-assistance systems and loads of attractive tweaks to the interface.

**WHAT'S BAD**

Although there's a lot to like about Vista, there are a few key downsides to consider.

For one thing, your current PC may not be able to run it. Vista has fairly steep hardware requirements, and certain features won't function unless your system has adequate horsepower.

To find out if your machine will work with the new OS, visit Microsoft's Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor ([www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/getready/default.mspx](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/getready/default.mspx)).

From there, you'll need to decide which of the five versions of Windows Vista you want to buy. There's Vista Business, Vista Enterprise, Vista Home Premium, Vista Home Basic and Vista Ultimate — all with different price tags.

Microsoft hasn't yet divulged all the details on what differentiates the five flavors of Vista, but it will certainly make for a confusing trip to the computer store.

Finally, there's the learning curve that comes from migrating to any new operating system. Vista looks and acts quite a bit differently from Windows XP, especially in terms of system operations and file management.

For instance, Internet Explorer 7 does away with the traditional File, Edit, View and other pull-down menus, instead hiding all these options in a hard-to-find Tools menu. Same goes for the new version of Windows Media Player.

And it'll undoubtedly take you some time to get familiar with the new "breadcrumb" method of folder navigation, which isn't immediately intuitive.

So what's a tech-phobic (or even tech-savvy) user to do? Wait. Whenever Vista does finally ship, you're under no obligation to upgrade. Windows XP won't suddenly stop working, nor will Microsoft stop supporting it with patches and security updates.

What's more, installing an OS upgrade can result in all kinds of problems, not the least of which is a computer that no longer boots.

Better you should wait until you're in the market for a new PC, which will come with Vista preloaded.

In the meantime, head to a computer store and spend some time tinkering with Vista on a demo system. See if you like the look and feel. Read up to see if users have encountered any major problems with the OS.

Even if you're not ready to take the plunge today, chances are good you'll end up using Vista someday, so it pays to be prepared.

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**HOME CALENDAR**

**Ruffles and shams**

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail [ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com](mailto:ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com) or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://www.HabermanFabrics.com). The schedule includes Dust Ruffles and Pillow Shams, Thursdays, Sept. 7-28 (cost is \$80). Spruce up a bedroom by creating a pleated or gathered dust ruffle and new pillow shams to match the decor. The first session will be a discussion of style, fabric choices and supplies. Students will make a custom dust ruffle and pillow shams in the next three

**sessions.**

**Dog training**

The Wolverine Dog Training Club is celebrating "50 great years of training dogs and people." It has classes for every level in obedience and agility, and incorporates Rally in some of its obedience classes. The club's next class session will begin Thursday, Aug. 24. Visit its Web site, [www.wolverinedtc.com](http://www.wolverinedtc.com), for information.

**Detroit walking tours**

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), 10 a.m. Saturdays

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It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week. Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment. Each tour offers a blend of the history of the area and what is happening now. Cost is \$10. Visit [www.preservationwayne.org](http://www.preservationwayne.org) or call (313) 577-7674.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com), fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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# Pets put best foot forward for 'Letterman'

They came from far and near and stood in the hot sun outside the Berman Center for Animal Care, hoping their pets could make the cut for the "Stupid Pet Tricks" segment of the *Late Show with David Letterman*.

More than 50 pet owners brought their two-legged and four-legged friends to the Westland facility Sunday in the first round of auditions.

Forget the cameras and studio lighting. It was talent coordinator Brian Teta with a video camera who captured their antics on tape for viewing by the show's producers.

A duck, a cat, a pony, a two-toed sloth and dogs of all shapes and sizes — wearing everything from Harley Davidson leather to wigs and Superman capes — answered the audition call. It was the show's only scheduled audition for the Midwest in 2006.

Some pets ignored the crowd that ringed the room, and did their tricks, dunking basketballs in kid-sized nets, bouncing a balloon off their nose and taking a goldfish from their owner's mouth.

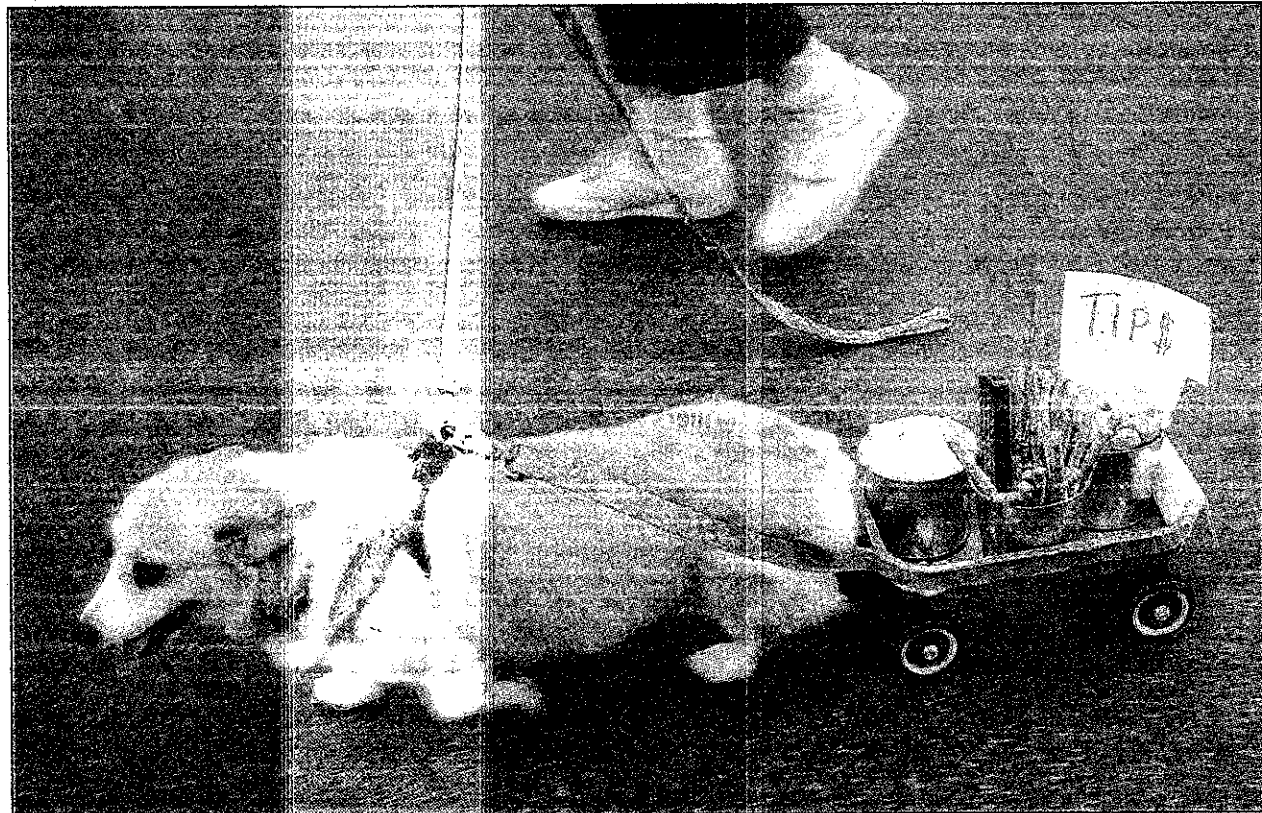
Others did nothing or made a beeline for the bleachers instead of fetching a fake mouse. They left the room with disappointed owners who muttered that they would do it at home or without the crowd.

It's hard to say who did well Sunday. Pet owners have to wait until mid-September to find out if they get a callback from *Letterman* producers.



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Not sure about performing in front of a crowd, it took a little coaxing to get Skippy, a 7-year-old golden retriever mix, to jump through a hoop, much to the relief of owner Susie Marlowe of Ferndale. Stage fright hit some of the *Letterman* hopefuls, who quickly left the room with their human companions.



Emmy Lou, a Welsh corgi owned by Kathleen Tootell of Beverly Hills, delivers snacks and works for tips.



Juggy's trick is climbing trees. Owner Bob Jaques, of Troy, credits his 11-year-old son Tim with training Juggy. "He's obsessed with squirrels," said Tim.



Smokey is a pretty smart canine. Owners O.D. and Lena Bennette hold up three fingers and Smokey barks three times. He's good up to six fingers, and the Eastpointe couple is training him to bark up to 10 times for 10 fingers.



Peanut the pony plays basketball for owner Cynde Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Border collie Buckeye plays catch by bouncing a ball off his nose and into Ron Postiff's baseball glove. They are from Rochester Hills.



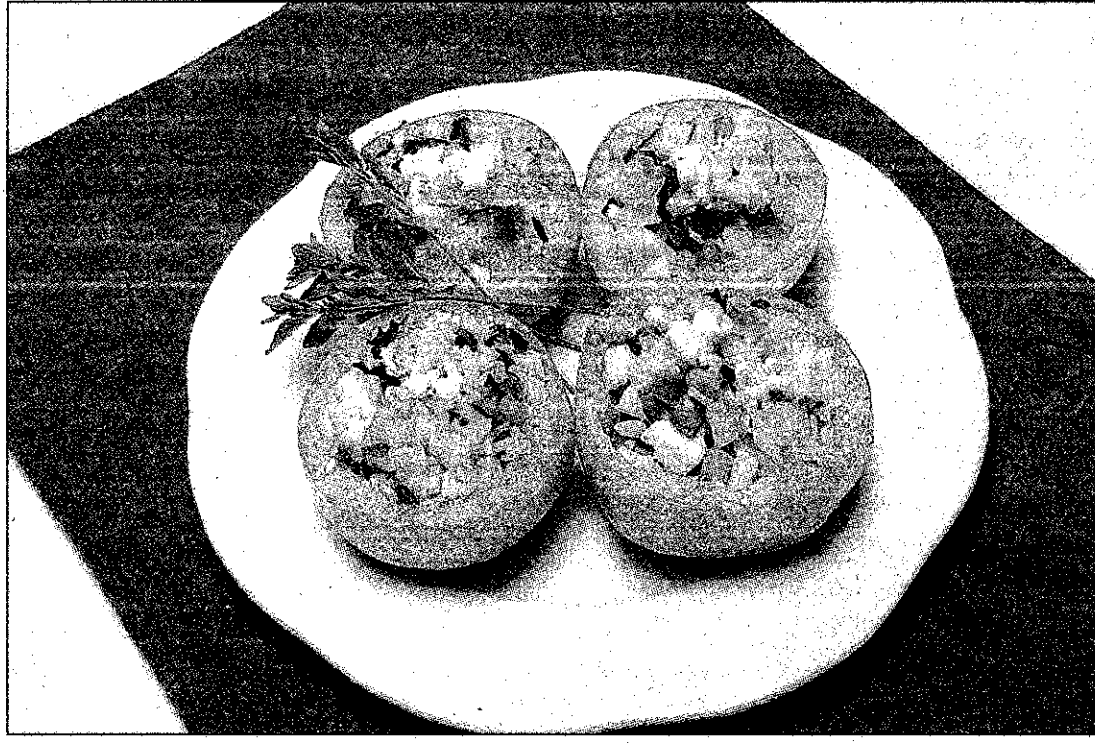
Trudy Hylant of Troy, and 3-year-old Lulu are "Tori and Mrs. Spelling." "She'll kiss anybody, but she won't kiss me," said Hylant.



**TOMATOES**

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ing.  
The choices are endless — baked, broiled, fried, grilled, sautéed and stewed.  
They're great raw with just salt and pepper sprinkled on them. Onion, vinegar and garlic create awesome combinations.  
They combine well with cheeses — Feta, goat, mozzarella and Parmesan.  
Herbs work too, like mint in tabbouleh or marjoram on baked tomatoes. Basil and tomatoes are, of course, culinary legends. Basil, tarragon, thyme or parsley also work well with fresh tomatoes on a summer crostini.  
Use them in combination with other vegetables from the garden, farmers market or local grocer.



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Stuff tomatoes with rice, feta, pine nuts and vegetables.

I cold-smoked about 30 jalapenos for about three hours last week to create some chipotles, about four of which I then piled on a bacon, lettuce and (of course) tomato sandwich. A nice smoky burn, but not overwhelming, as the cooking cuts the heat and mellows the pepper perfectly. More jalapenos will be smoked and will be used shortly in some salsa.  
To make salsa, place about five tomatoes in water for about 15 seconds and then peel them. (Use a variety of tomatoes, if you'd like, but Romas work well.) Chop them in half, rinse and remove the seeds, then chop them. Mix with 1/2 clove of minced garlic and 1/4 cup of chopped onion.  
Roast a jalapeno, let it sit in an enclosed small jar for 30 minutes, then peel and seed that. Use about 1/2 to 1 of that finely chopped jalapeno for the salsa. (Use the seeds too if you like a good hot salsa.)  
Add a bunch of cilantro (OK, about 1/2 cup) chopped, and you've got excellent salsa.  
The choices are endless. Happy harvesting!

**Tomato shows versatility**

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- 3 cups tomatoes, finely chopped, seeded
  - 2 cups cucumber, unpeeled, chopped
  - 1 1/2 cups green pepper, finely chopped
  - 1/4 cup onion
  - 6 cups tomato juice
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1/2 cup parsley, snipped
  - 3 teaspoons chive
  - 1/2 cup and 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
  - 1/4 cup celery
  - 6 drops Tabasco sauce
  - 2 grinds of fresh black pepper
- Mix all ingredients. Chill soup thoroughly. (You can also puree a portion of the vegetables if you prefer a smoother textured soup.)  
Garnish with a dollop of sour cream. (For a little Southwestern flair, also garnish with chopped cilantro and/or guacamole.)  
Note: This soup tastes better the next day, but remember you lose a day of the soup's shelf life.

- 2 tablespoons melted butter
  - 1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
- Halve tomatoes, then lay cut side up in shallow baking pan. Season with salt and pepper.  
Mix crackers, butter and basil, then sprinkle on tomatoes.  
Bake uncovered in a 375-degree Fahrenheit oven about 20 minutes. Serves 6.

- MARINATED HERBED TOMATOES**
- 6 tomatoes
  - 1/2 cup salad oil
  - 1/4 cup vinegar
  - 1/2 cup parsley, snipped
  - 1/4 cup green onions, sliced
  - 1/2 teaspoon marjoram, crushed
  - Romaine lettuce leaves
- Peel tomatoes, place in a deep bowl. In a screw-top jar, combine oil, vinegar, parsley, green onions, marjoram, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Shake well. Pour over tomatoes.  
Cover and refrigerate overnight, stirring mixture over tomatoes occasionally. Serve on Romaine lettuce.

- BAKED TOMATOES**
- 3 large tomatoes
  - 1/2 cup crushed saltine crackers

Recipes from Ken Abramczyk.

**Stuff that tomato with rice, veggies**

It's the too-many-tomatoes time of year. They're at the markets and in back yards. Co-workers leave bags of them on your desk. What to do?  
Stuff them.

Fortunately, tomatoes are welcome in almost any dish. Fragrant herbs such as basil, oregano, dill, parsley and thyme are wonderful seasonings for tomatoes, but more pungent spices like curry powder, cumin, or chili powder also blend well into tomato-based sauces. Tomatoes stuffed with rice, feta, pine nuts and vegetables are delicious too.

Tomatoes are a rich source of vitamins A and C and the potent phytochemical lycopene, one of the few dietary sources of that cancer-fighting antioxidant. Some studies suggest that lycopene especially helps to protect against prostate cancer.

Lycopene is found in red or pink fruits such as watermelon, papaya, pink guava and pink grapefruit as well as in tomatoes. Antioxidants can help protect against the kind of damage that gets cancer started, and the antioxidant nature of compounds within tomatoes has long been known.

Recent studies suggest that tomatoes may help combat cancer in additional ways, at later stages of the process. In the laboratory, tomato components have stopped the proliferation of several cancer cell types, including breast, lung and endometrium. Tomatoes have attracted particular attention from prostate cancer researchers because lycopene and its related compounds tend to concentrate in tissues of the prostate.

The best tomatoes are vine-ripened and deeply colored. They should feel heavy for their size. Unripe tomatoes can be ripened in a paper bag at room temperature. Do not refrigerate

fresh tomatoes because their texture will become mealy and their taste watery.  
Any large, firm tomato will work in the following recipe.

- STUFFED TOMATOES WITH FETA AND PINE NUTS**
- Nonstick cooking spray
  - 1 tablespoon pine nuts
  - 4 large, ripe tomatoes
  - 1/2 cup cooked brown rice
  - 1 green bell pepper, seeded and minced
  - 1/2 cup yellow squash, finely chopped
  - 4 tablespoons feta cheese, crumbled
  - 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
  - 2 tablespoons fresh oregano, minced
  - 2 tablespoons fresh basil, minced
  - Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350° F. Coat a shallow baking pan with cooking spray and set aside.

In small skillet, toast pine nuts until golden brown, shaking pan frequently. Set aside. Slice off stem end (top) of tomatoes. Using a spoon, gently scoop out pulp. Finely chop pulp and place 1/2 cup of pulp in a large bowl (discard any remaining pulp).

Add rice to pulp along with toasted pine nuts, bell pepper, yellow squash, 2 tablespoons of feta, minced onion, oregano, basil, salt and black pepper. Mix well. Stuff rice mixture into tomato shells. Transfer tomatoes to pan and top with remaining feta cheese. Bake 20 minutes, until top is golden. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 120 calories, 4 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 18 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 119 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR's Web address is www.aicr.org.

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# Popularity of Spanish wines explodes

With 3 million acres, Spain has more land under vine than any other country on the planet.

Popularity of Spanish wines has literally exploded. Familiar regions such as Rioja and Ribera del Duero are being joined by new stellar areas such as Rias Baixas and Sardon de Duero.

## RIAS BAIXAS

Rias Baixas is located in the Galicia region of northwest Spain. Representing 92 percent of plantings, the white grape variety Albariño is the foundation of wine production in this cool region.

In this column previously, we've written about the grape variety and wine called Albariño from the Rias Baixas. One we've not noted is 2004 Bodega Don Olegario Albariño (\$23). What's special here is that this is the only wine made at the bodega (winery) and it's produced solely from estate-grown grapes. Floral aromas, white fruit, tantalizing citrus and grapefruit flavors are the hallmarks of this inviting and crisp wine.

## NAVARRA AND RIOJA ALAVESA

Located in northeastern Spain, Navarra borders the



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Basque region. In 1647 Bodegas Julian Chivite was established there. Now, through 11 generations and recent major state-of-the-art renovations, Chivite is the largest producer in Navarra.

If you still believe big is bad, then you need to try wines under the Gran Feudo label, a moderately priced tier of wines from Chivite.

■ 2002 Gran Feudo Crianza (oak aged) (\$13) is a blend of tempranillo, garnacha (a.k.a. grenache) and cabernet sauvignon that was aged 12 months in French and American cooperage. It was aged 12 months further in bottle before its recent release. Try it with grilled burgers.

■ 2001 Gran Feudo Reserva (\$18) is a step up in fuller fruit character and structural complexity, so pair it with grilled pork tenderloin, lamb or steak.

In 1998, Chivite purchased the Rioja Alavesa property. There, under the Viña Salceda label, we recommend three

wines: 2002 Vina Salceda Crianza (\$17) is principally tempranillo, aged 15 months in American oak cooperage; 2001 Viña Salceda Reserva (\$22) has bolder fruit and bigger structure to pair with a grilled steak, while 2000 Conde de la Salceda Reserva (\$51), aged 18 months in French oak, is internationally-styled with big berry fruit and powerful structure to enhance a juicy steak or grilled lamb.

## SARDÓN DE DUERO

Representing ancient vineyard rebirth is Abadia Retuerta in Sardon de Duero. In 1988, Novartis pharmaceutical acquired the Retuerta estate, site of the Santa Maria de Retuerta Monastery and its 12th century Romanesque church.

Today, a revived Abadia Retuerta, under the technical direction of Château Ausone's famed oenologist Pascal Delbeck, is a vast project including 550 acres of vines, harvested individually as 54 different parcels, and one of the most technically progressive winery and barrel facilities in the world.

Wines from Abadia Retuerta to consider are: the generously fruited 2003 Rivola (\$17), a succulent blend of tempranillo

and cabernet sauvignon; 2002 Abadia Seleccion Especial (\$22), principally tempranillo with cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Aging 18 months in primarily French oak enhanced a wine with ripe berry and black cherry aromas with noticeable spice and vanilla. This lengthy wine screams "serve me with grilled lamb." The 2000 Cuvee Palomar (\$51), a 50/50 blend of tempranillo and cabernet sauvignon, is both powerful and elegant.

## LA RIOJA ALTA

Bodegas Roda farms 16 tempranillo and graciano 30 -to- 90-year old vineyards throughout La Rioja Alta. The 2001 Roda II (\$44) is principally tempranillo from the best vintage in the region since 1964. Its more powerful sibling 2001 Roda I (\$66) is 100 percent tempranillo and a deliciously beautiful expression of this notable red grape from Spain.

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## WINE PICKS

Pairing wines generally describes food and wine matches. Not in the case of some "pairs" from **Dry Creek Vineyard** in California's Dry Creek Valley.

**Dry Creek Single Vineyard 2004 Fumé Blancs** (both \$25).

DCV3 is a vineyard planted in 1972. Crisp, fresh citrus and grapefruit are the hallmarks of a slightly spicy wine. **Taylor's Vineyard Musqué** was planted to the musqué clone of sauvignon blanc five years ago. It's a more delicate style showcasing stone fruits, particularly white peach, and complementary minerality.

We like both wines for different reasons. Since the price is the same, try the wines as a pair and make some personal decisions.

**Dry Creek Single Vineyard 2003 Zinfandels** (both \$30).

**Somers Ranch** was planted in 1990 and sings zinf characters of ripe plum, dark cherries and blackberries that explode in the mouth.

**Beeson Ranch** was crafted from vines more than 100 years old. It's opulent and rich with the mellow hallmarks of old vines zinf.

Alcohol for both wines is a reasonable 14.5 percent. Again we highly recommend both wines although the "styles" are different. Try them as a pair with friends and decide which you like - it could be both!

If a retailer does not stock specific wines we recommend, ask that they be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

# Make up this quick spanakopita in muffin tins

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Spanakopita from scratch to finish in under an hour?

It didn't seem likely. Most recipes for this savory "pie" (made from layer upon layer of feta cheese, chopped spinach and parchment-thin phyllo dough) take more than an hour of assembly and baking.

I wanted something a little more weeknight-friendly.

One traditional option was spanakopita triangles. Instead of baking the dish in a large pan similar to lasagna, this method stuffs small parcels of phyllo and folds them into triangles.

This trick certainly cuts prep time, but I find it also results in a less flavorful spanakopita. Phyllo is so delicate, folding it around the spinach and cheese requires that substantially less filling is used. And in my world, more feta is better.

But that got me thinking. I'd recently been impressed by a technique that shaved time off a meat loaf recipe by baking it in muffin tins, rather than as a slower-cooking loaf. Should work for spanakopita, too.

It did, though I learned a few lessons over the course of half-a-dozen batches.

For my first attempt, I lined the muffin tins with phyllo, then heaped in the filling, capping it with several more sheets of phyllo.

It wasn't a success. Traditional spanakopita has many layers of dough and filling. The lack of phyllo layered throughout the cheese and spinach produced a goopy, soggy mess. This was easily fixed. I also learned that while standard muffin tins work, oversized tins are even better.

## QUICK SPANAKOPITA

(Start to finish 45 minutes, 20 active)

- Olive oil cooking spray
- 10-ounce package frozen spinach, thawed
- 1-1/2 cups (about 1/2 pound) crumbled feta cheese
- 1/2 cup cottage cheese
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dill seed
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Twenty 9-by-14-inch sheets phyllo dough

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Liberally spray the muffin tins with olive oil. Set aside.

Place the spinach in a kitchen towel, wrap tightly and twist it over the sink to remove excess water. Transfer the spinach to a cutting board and finely chop.

In a large bowl, combine the spinach, cheeses, onion, eggs, parsley, lemon juice, dill seed, nutmeg and salt and pepper. Mix well and set aside.

Unfold the phyllo sheets on a dry counter, leaving them stacked. Using a

large knife or pastry scraper, cut the sheets into halves vertically. Gently press two or three pieces of the phyllo into each muffin cup. The edges of the dough should fold outward over the sides. Lightly spray the phyllo with oil. Continue layering spinach mixture and phyllo, lightly spraying each with oil. Finish with a spoonful of spinach mixture, then fill the edges of phyllo over the top.

Spray each cup again with olive oil. Bake for 25 minutes, or until the edges of dough are lightly browned. If the phyllo browns too quickly, cover pan with foil.

Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Makes 4 servings.

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## Launch your Dreams

"Ladies Who Launch" LIVE in Metro Detroit

By Wendy Von Buskirk

Have a business idea you're just dying to try? Get the courage and support you need to make your dreams come true at Ladies Who Launch LIVE.

Ladies Who Launch is a national networking organization that brings businesswomen together through a sassy, interactive Website, e-newsletters and in-person 'incubators' that meet in cities across the globe. More than 40 women have participated in Metro Detroit incubator sessions since they were started last year by Kate Richard, owner of miss kate and Shoe La-La in Birmingham. Interest has grown so much locally that LWL will host its first live event in town from noon-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 at The Reserve, 325 S. Eton, Birmingham.

The day will include inspiring speakers, vendor booths, shopping, lunch, mingling, entertainment and gift bags.

"It's a chance to connect with others and celebrate big ideas, entrepreneurial spirits and creative talents," explains Richard. "For those of you with wanderlust contemplating just when-oh-when you will ever get off your derriere and start that creative project

### "LWL LIVE" Speakers

Get tips and motivation from these savvy gals at Ladies Who Launch LIVE:

- **Dr. Terri Orbuch: The Love Doctor**
- **Mary Kramer: Editor of Crain's Detroit Business**
- **Carla Schwartz: Editor of Style the Magazine**
- **Lisa Knoppe-Reed: Founder of Art for a Cause**
- **Kerry Dorman: Founder of After5Detroit.com**
- **Susan Walsh: Founder of Yard Art**
- **Annie Margulls: Founder of girls golf**
- **Georgeann Huszar: Founder of "Me" Mail**
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- **Victoria Colligan and Beth Schoenfeldt: Founders of Ladies Who Launch**
- **Kate Richard: Ladies Who Launch Detroit Leader**

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you've been thinking about — sit no more. This is the day to go for it!"

Expert speakers will offer advice about launching a business from scratch, including start-up nuts and bolts, pitching the press, balancing a busy life, creating rewarding relationships, and unconventional approaches to old habits. Attendees also can sign up in the morning for one-on-one consultations at MiLLie (Masters in

Launching) booths, and learn how to become a "Featured Lady" on LWL.

Power suits and briefcases are quickly becoming passé as women learn modern paths to success through LWL. Richard and the other 'Ladies Who Launch' are proof that anything is possible.

"By announcing your dream, business and desires to the world and putting yourself in a supportive environment that is working toward your goal, you will begin to move forward like magic," Richard says.

Tickets to Ladies Who Launch LIVE are \$100 by Sept. 7, and \$120 at the door. Mention PINK to get \$15 off advance ticket purchases. A percentage of proceeds from vendor sales benefit The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. For more information, visit [www.ladieswholaunch.com](http://www.ladieswholaunch.com) or call Kate Richard at (248) 646-1695.

## pink picks

By Michelle Landry

Michelle Landry, 20, of Bloomfield Hills was second runner-up in our Reader PINK Picks contest. She won a \$50 gift certificate to Rococo in Northville. Here are Landry's picks, and stay tuned to PINK for more of our fabulous reader entries!

**Accessorize It!**  
Wide belts at the natural waist

**Face It!**  
C.O. Bigelow Mentha Lipshine — moisturizes and freshens breath!

**Tivo It!**  
Entourage on HBO Sunday nights

**Eat It!**  
Prosciutto wrapped asparagus — look for the recipe on Oprah.com

**Do It!**  
Slow flow yoga at Yoga Shelter, West Bloomfield

**Experience It!**  
Liquid Salon in Bloomfield Hills

**Wear It!**

Leggings by See You Monday from This Is Me, Birmingham

**DON'T Wear It!**

Uggs in the summer! Why?!

**DVD It!**

Thank You for Smoking

**Kick It!**

Corso Como shoes from Sole Sisters, Royal Oak



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The Bobbi Brown Beauty Team will be doing makeup for Fash Bash, but before they beautify the runway models, they'll set up at Saks Fifth Avenue to offer tips and consultations Aug. 25-26. Book your appointment by calling (248) 614-3337.

#### bella mia Fashion Show

See the season's trends from lines like Free People, Hard Tail and Tulle as bella mia hosts its annual Fall Fashion Show, 12:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at E.G. Nick's Restaurant, 500 Forest Ave., Plymouth. Advance tickets, \$23, include lunch and prizes. Call (734) 656-0057 or stop by bella mia, 535 Forest Ave., Plymouth.

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