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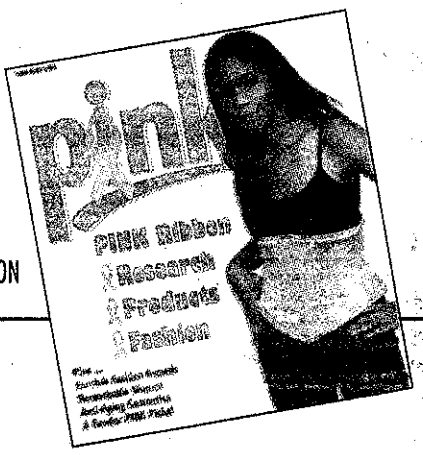
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## Oakwood looking to build major medical facility at Beck/Geddes

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Right now, it's a vacant 60-acre parcel located off Geddes and Beck. But soon it could become a hospital campus, complete with emergency care, specialists and a state-of-the-art medical imaging facility.

Oakwood Healthcare Systems is working with the Canton Township Planning Department to develop a planned development district (PDD) agreement to build the facility. "It's fairly early in the process now. Later this month we'll be at a planning commis-

sion meeting, and we have PDD applications on file, but we're pretty far out from developing an actual site plan," said Mark Lezotte, corporate director of legal affairs for the Dearborn-based Oakwood. The tentative plan, he added, is for a 100,000-square-foot facility on the property.

The development would be built in phases, and would ultimately become a medical campus with a variety of services. But it could be even more, said Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "Oakwood has made no

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Tom Cinzori, resident of Central Park South subdivision, is a little nervous about the Oakwood Healthcare Systems plan to build a medical center on the 60-acre parcel behind his home. He and his neighbors are planning a major protest.



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### We are the champions - again

Mike Chaperon, Jeff Phillips, Deshon McClendon and other members of the Canton Chiefs hoist the WLA championship trophy after defeating Walled Lake Central 20-14 Thursday night. It was the fourth time in five years the Chiefs claimed the conference title. For the story, please see page B1.

## DNR hearing could help seal hunting's fate in township

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

For generations, people have been hunting on the old Hawk farm near Barr and Geddes roads. But that could all change if officials with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources approve a request from Canton Township officials to prohibit hunting in the township. Dave Valdivia, who married into the Hawk family, has hunted for years at different farms around Canton, and still occasionally bow hunts for deer on the Hawks' 60-acre farm. He isn't surprised with the township's most recent efforts to prohibit hunting. "They've been trying to do this for years," said Valdivia, who, with his wife, Mary, owns Dario's restaurant in Garden City. He's right. This is not the first time the township

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## Sister of slain man baffled by murder

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Suzy Melfi is looking for answers. "My question is why? Why did this happen?" Melfi has asked that question nearly every day since her brother, Robert Lee Armstrong, 46, was found dead the morning of April 16 in his home in Canton. She hopes to find the answer to that question when the man suspected of killing her brother

- 33-year-old Andre Marcel Adams - is extradited back to Michigan. Adams, who has an extensive criminal record, was arrested last week in North Las Vegas, and was charged with open murder. He should be back in Michigan soon. Melfi wants to know why anyone would have hurt her brother. The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office determined that he died of blunt force trauma to the head, and police believe the murder

weapon was a flashlight, which was found in Armstrong's bedroom. A bloody fingerprint on the flashlight helped police track Adams and link him to the murder. "They didn't even know each other," Melfi said. Melfi says Armstrong was a dedicated father who doted over his two children, 8-year-old Kyle and 10-year-old Ashley, who found him the morning of April 16. "He was just a great father.

He loved doing things with his kids," Melfi said. The family was looking forward to sprucing up their new place, where they had lived for just six weeks at the time Armstrong died. The day before his death, he got approval from the Mott Road mobile home park management to install a small fountain, and do some landscaping, and build a garden shed. "The kids were excited that

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### Coming Thursday in Filter

Party hopping this Halloween? The coolest events are listed in Filter!



Marjane Baker

**RARE hero**

Retired Plymouth-Canton teacher Marjane Baker received a RARE Foundation (Recognizing Achievement Rewarding Excellence) 2006 Everyday Hero Award, given annually to ordinary individuals in the workplace who, through extraordinary dedication, selflessness, courage and integrity, are changing lives and inspiring others. Each winner received a \$1,000 honorarium and a crystal award at the foundation's annual dinner Sept. 28 at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.

Baker, who now lives in South Lyon, earned the award for her dedication to the natural environment, and her efforts to instill in her students that same dedication. A decade ago, she led a campaign to convert the carefully mowed landscape that bordered the creek behind Tonda Elementary into a fully developed natural habitat so that students and families could study the environment in their own living labo-

ratory. The place is now named the Marjane Baker Natural Habitat. Mary Strimel, a Harvard-trained lawyer and former student, nominated Baker for the award.

"Mrs. Baker made learning fun and exciting every day. Her method was to delve deeply into every subject from many different angles, creating an aura of mystery and adventure. Her most important gift to us was the understanding of the value of life-long learning," Strimel wrote in her nomination letter.

**Van Buren board meeting**

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will hold a special meeting/study session at 7 p.m., Oct. 16 at the district's administrative building at 555 W. Columbia Avenue in Belleville. Agenda items include a review of Supt. Pete Lazaroff's contract, and long range strategic planning review. For more information, please call (734) 697-9123.

**Van Buren health advisory committee**

The Van Buren Public Schools Health Advisory Committee invites parents in the district to participate on the committee. By law, the committee is required to have 51 percent of its membership made up of parents. The Health Advisory Committee reviews and provides input on the sex education curriculum for the elementary schools, the middle schools, and Belleville High School. They are also involved in health and wellness issues for all schools.

The committee meets once a month on a Wednesday evening from 4:30-6 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Dec. 13, 2006.

Contact Rill Currie at (734) 697-0700 for more information on this opportunity to be involved in the decision mak-

ing processes of Van Buren Public Schools.

**Chamber luncheon**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its November networking luncheon 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages, dessert and a guest speaker presentation. This luncheon is open to the public.

The event's guest speaker will be Chuck Gaidica, director of meteorology at WDIV-Channel 4 News. Gaidica is known for his on air weather-cast. The topic will be "No one can motivate you but you!"

Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is noon on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

**District office hours**

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will office hours to meet with constituents from 3:30-5 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road. Local residents can meet with LaJoy to discuss state government concerns or issues. No appointment is necessary.

**Bentley Fall Fun Fest**

From 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, Bentley Elementary School at 1100 S. Sheldon Road is having its Fall Fun Fest. There will be games, food, and a haunted house. To kick off the event there will be a costume parade at 5:30 p.m.. Tickets, which are three for a \$1, will be sold at the door. The event is being sponsored by the Bentley P.T.O.

**Crafters needed**

Crafters and Vendors are needed for The Plymouth Salvation Army's Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, Oct. 14. The fair runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to rent an eight-

foot table is \$25. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Call Cassie at (734) 453-5464 or e-mail cassie\_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org for more information.

**Looking for crafters**

Tri-City Christian Center is currently accepting applications for its Annual Craft Fair on Dec. 2, 2006. Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road, just north of Michigan Avenue in Canton. For more information please contact Sharon Chefan at (734) 397-1777 ext. 113 or sharonchefan@tricity-christian.org.

**Sighting-in days**

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will be holding its annual sighting-in days for firearms deer season seven days a week through Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$8 for up to two guns and 75-cents for extra targets. Sighting-in days are open to the general public. There will be qualified range officers on duty to make sure all shooting is done according to club safety rules. W.W.C.C.A. is located at 6700 Napier Road in Plymouth Township, between North Territorial and Five Mile. For more information, call the club at (734) 453-9843.

**Scholarship winner**

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation has awarded the E. Wayne Kay High School Scholarship to Alex M. Mihelick of Canton, who is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering at Michigan State University. The foundation provided more than \$380,000 in 2006 scholarships to students pursuing a career in manufacturing engineering and technology. Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 2007/2008 academic year. Log on to www.sme.org/foundation to review and apply for a scholarship.

**A toast to Canton**

A wine and food tasting event to benefit the Canton Historical Society, Canton Christmas in Action and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

**White Elephant and Bake Sale**

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a White Elephant, Craft and Bake sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and lunch are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

**Family Harvest**

Trinity Church invites you to attend their Family Harvest Festival Wednesday, Oct. 25. A special kid-friendly dinner will begin at 6 p.m. (reservations needed) followed by a presentation of the Jack O Lantern story, fun games, activities, candy & prizes. If you cannot make it for dinner join in at 7 p.m. for the rest of

the fun. Wear costumes and bring friends, organizers say.

For reservations or more information call Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, west of Plymouth at (734) 459-9550.

**Vegas night**

The Knights of Columbus Clement H. Kern Council is hosting Vegas Night from Oct. 20-21 2006 6 p.m. to midnight at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton. Games will include Black Jack, Let It Ride, seven card stud, Big Wheel, Texas Hold 'Em. On Saturday night there will be a 140-player Texas Hold 'Em tournament. Food, pop, beer, and wine will be served.

**Craft show**

Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

The show will feature more than 85 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission is \$2. For more information, call (734) 254-0849.

**Coping with grief**

Heartland Hospice announces a new support group for widows and widowers.

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is held from 10-11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 N. Lilley Road in Canton. The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss.

The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice Bereavement coordinator, toll free at (888) 973-1145.

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# Sparks fly at race forum

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

A League of Women Voters candidates forum Thursday erupted into an emotional and vituperative exchange between Republican U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and his Democratic challenger Tony Trupiano.

McCotter and Trupiano participated in the forum at the Livonia City Hall auditorium with candidates John Tatar of the Libertarian Party and Charles Tackett of the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

The exchange came during closing statements by the candidates. Trupiano criticized McCotter for campaign advertising showing Trupiano being abducted by space aliens with the tag "Far left, far out Tony" and saying that Trupiano favors "amnesty" toward illegal aliens. Trupiano called the ads "lies" about his position on the issue.

He said McCotter was out of touch with the district and offered to provide him with a map. He also challenged McCotter to a one-on-one debate. The League forum is the only joint appearance that McCotter has accepted.

A grim-faced McCotter shot back.

"Politics is the only place where a skunk says you stink," he said. "The only liar in this



Thaddeus McCotter



Tony Trupiano



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Candidates running for the 11th congressional district answer questions during a candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters held at Livonia City Hall Thursday night. Left to right are Thaddeus McCotter, Tony Trupiano, Charles Tackett and John Tatar.

campaign in you."

McCotter said Trupiano had lied about McCotter's use of his franking privileges to mail out circulars to 11th District residents. Trupiano said the mailings were not done according to Congressional rules. McCotter said he followed the accepted procedures, had full approval and that a phone call by Trupiano would have cleared up the matter.

McCotter said the offer of a map was an insult to him and to his family, who have had to put up with McCotter being away from home to attend numerous community events.

A segment of the sharply divided audience began to shout back at McCotter. "You will not shout me

down," he yelled.

He said he would not allow for amnesty and that Trupiano had changed his position on the issue and was a "chameleon." McCotter said he offered the "hard truth with teeth."

In response to Tackett calling him a Bush rubber-stamp, he said he has never been a rubber stamp for the President.

His comments were met with a loud mixture of cheers and boos. After the forum, the two major party candidates shook hands.

Prior to the closing verbal fireworks, the candidates drew strong audience reaction on their views on the war, and the budget deficit, key issues throughout the country where the Republican Party is trying to maintain its majorities in the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Department of Peace proposal also caused sharp response.

Despite being in his hometown, McCotter, running for a third term, appeared uncomfortable and grim during the entire forum, giving his views in a clipped, rapid-fire manner. This was in contrast to the loose, blunt spoken delivery of Tackett, whose observa-

tions often drew chuckles from the audience.

On Iraq, McCotter said it was time to reduce the number of troops and create a counter insurgency that would more effectively fight the enemy and to work at creating a viable government from the town council level up rather than from the top down.

Trupiano drew a chorus of boos when he said it was necessary to separate the war in Iraq from the war on terror.

"We need to start to bring the troops home, certainly by the end of 2007," he said.

He was applauded by his supporters when he said the war in Iraq "has made us more vulnerable and less safe" since 9/11.

The candidates were asked their views on establishing a Department of Peace.

McCotter has made known his opposition to the idea. Trupiano led the response by saying he couldn't see how anyone would not favor a department of peace. Tackett responded that he believed in love and Tatar said he would support such a department.

McCotter said the idea was a "secular panacea for a spiritual problem."

"We have things that promote peace, churches and families," McCotter said.

He said the idea was just an example of "radical secularism" designed to build a wall between church and state.

On the deficit, Tatar called it the number one issue in the campaign. He said the deficit was hurting everyone and that not enough was being done to cut government programs.

McCotter drew laughs when he said that the "Republican Congress has been responsible" on deficit reduction. He responded angrily to the laughter.

McCotter and Trupiano had sharp differences on the Medicare prescription law and on universal medical coverage.

"We need to take Medicare Part D and dismantle it. It was a flawed plan to begin with," Trupiano said. "No one should have to decide between medicine and other needs."

McCotter said there was no need to dismantle the pro-

gram.

"It was designed to help seniors pay for their drugs and this district had one of the highest sign ups," he said.

He called the payment gap or doughnut, when prescriptions reach a certain point a necessary cost containment feature.

On medical coverage, McCotter said he opposed a single-payer government insurance system and favored efforts to bring more universal access to medical care through federal qualifying health clinics and medical savings accounts.

Trupiano said he does favor a single-payer system and that the current model isn't working.

When asked to name some important accomplishments of his time in Congress, McCotter cited an amendment to preserve community block grants, the establishment of an assistant secretary for manufacturing in the U.S. Department of Commerce and preservation of delinquent tax revenues for deficit reduction rather than for more spending programs.



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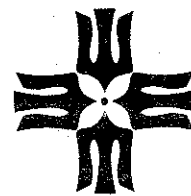
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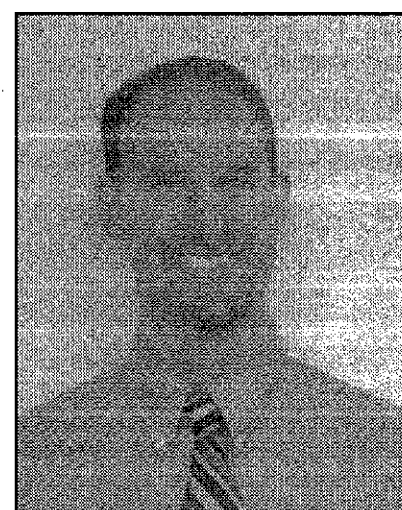
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# Historic barn dedication to honor man who saved it

Though you can't rewrite the past, sometimes you can rebuild it - or at least a little piece of it.

That's exactly what happened in Canton this summer, and later this month Canton Township will dedicate the Cady barn, which was disassembled, moved and re-assembled at its new home in Cherry Hill Village.

The barn's dedication ceremony will be an opportunity to give the 100-year-old barn a new name. It will be renamed the Cady-Boyer Barn, in honor of the Canton resident, Bob Boyer, who funded most of the project to move the barn from its former site at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus to township property at Ridge and Cherry Hill. Boyer, who made his career as a butcher, once hauled cattle out of the old Cady barn; he said he came forward after reading about efforts to save it had failed. He said what really touched him was the work of some Salem High School students, who formed a project around the barn and even offered a tour to the public.

Late last spring, Boyer read about plans to demolish the barn to make way for new tennis courts at the school. He couldn't bear to see a piece of Canton's agricultural heritage be wiped away, so he paid some \$75,000 to hire Amish

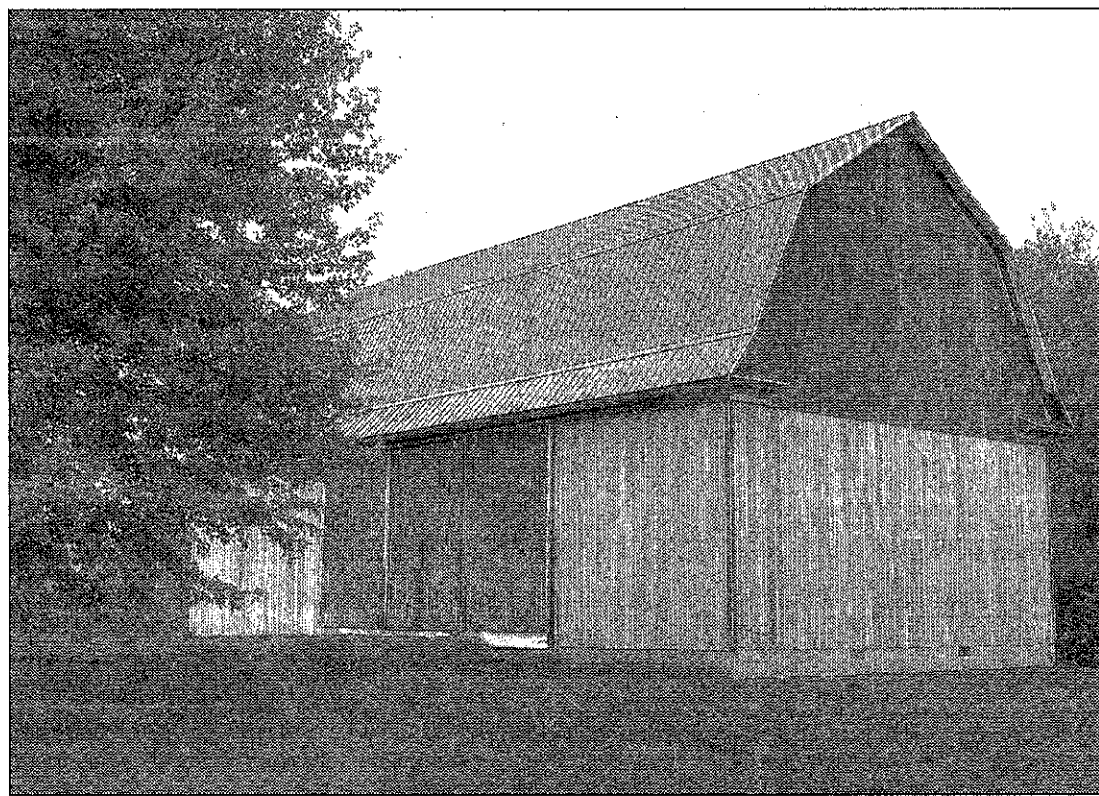


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The reassembled historic barn, shown here waiting for paint, will be renamed the Cady-Boyer Barn in honor of the original owners and Bob Boyer, the resident who paid for it to be moved to Cherry Hill Village.

skilled tradesmen to take down the barn, piece by piece, transport it to Cherry Hill Village, and re-assemble the barn near the township's historic Bartlett-Travis house. The Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed to pay \$30,000 to prepare the site for the barn.

The process itself was some-

thing to see.

"I haven't seen anything like that," said Brad Sharp, Canton parks manager.

"It was great to see the process, thriving and living right here in our neighborhood. The barn just fits the site so well; it's a great location for it."

The barn will stand as a

reminder of the township's agricultural past, and expand the historic flavor of Cherry Hill Village, according to township officials.

The dedication ceremony will be at the barn at 5 p.m. on Oct. 24. Refreshments will be served.

By Carol Marshall

# Local businesses to show off at Expo

More than 50 local businesses will show off their products and services Thursday evening at the biannual Consumer Expo at the Summit on the Park. The event, which begins at 5 p.m., is being co-sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said

Dianne Cojei, president of the chamber. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and October. For more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Admission is free. The expo is open to the public.

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# Even at age 3, he's 100 percent Tigers

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Kaden Dailide of Westland may be the biggest little Tiger fan.

He's only 3 years old, but he already had been to 21 Tigers games this season – even before the American League championship series started with the Oakland Athletics.

"When I take naps, I get to go to the game," Kaden said Friday.

He became a Tigers fan even before the team hit its winning streak.

"I took him to his first Tigers

game when he was 5 months old," grandfather Bud Somerville of Westland said. "We almost got hit by a foul ball."

Kaden has become quite the celebrity since then.

No wonder. Just look at his Tigers costume and face paint.

Television cameras can't get enough of him, and he even graced an inside page of *Sports Illustrated* that recently hit newsstands.

"Full families stop him on the street to get their picture taken with him," Somerville said.

Kaden answers quickly when

asked to name his favorite player.

"Magglio," he said, referring to right-fielder Magglio Ordonez.

Why Ordonez?

Kaden mumbled his response, prompting his mother, Tawny Somerville, to translate.

"I think it started with my dad," she said. "They would go to the games, and my dad would scream, 'Come on, Magglio.' Now, all Kaden talks about is Magglio."

Almost. But he also likes pitcher Joel Zumaya.

Kaden seems humble for a

youngster with sudden star power.

When asked what he thinks of his costume and face paint, he said, "It's fun."

Who knows? Kaden may graduate to donning a real Tigers uniform one day. His grandfather, long active in the Westland Youth Athletic Association, plans to sign Kaden up with WYAA when he's old enough at age 5.

Until then, he'll have to settle for being the little Tiger fan with the big heart.

"I think it's awesome. He's loving it," the grandfather said. "He's a little ham, anyway. He's



Little Tiger fan Kaden Dailide, 3, of Westland is drawing attention everywhere he goes.

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## SISTER

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they were going to get to do that with their dad," Melfi said.

Armstrong was the baby in a family of five children. He worked hard – he was a shipping and receiving clerk at Eby Brown – had lots of friends, was a drummer and for a while played in a band. His passions were wood-working and photography, though he hated having his picture taken, and in snapshot after snapshot, Armstrong is seen alongside smiling family members, flipping "the bird" to the various photographers.

"It was kind of his trademark," Melfi said, and laughing at her brother's playful gesture.

Armstrong loved cooking, particularly barbecue. He had a love of heavy metal music and was an avid NASCAR fan.

"We buried him in a Dale Earnhart jersey and jeans," Melfi said, delicately spreading jam on a slice of toast, then stopping to put down her knife and wipe tears from her face.

The day Armstrong was found dead, his family members' lives were turned upside down. Melfi had custody of the children until August, when they went to live with their mother.

"They're definitely hurting," she said of Armstrong's chil-

dren. "How can this make any sense to them?"

The crime doesn't make sense to Melfi either.

It wasn't a robbery. There was \$150 in cash left on top of the clothes dryer. She says her brother wasn't a drug user (Captain Morgan rum was his drink), and he had no known enemies.

She doesn't understand why Adams, who had been in and out of prison for 13 of the last 16 years, was even out on the streets at the time of Armstrong's murder. Adams had a long list of felony convictions, including felonious assault and felony firearms. Earlier this year, Adams pleaded guilty and spent 11 days in jail on a misdemeanor assault and battery case from February, according to Livonia court records. At the time, he had multiple warrants for his arrest in Washtenaw and Kent counties.

"Why wasn't he in jail when this happened?"

Armstrong rarely went out since his divorce, since he had custody of his children and almost asked family members to baby-sit. So how Adams would have wound up at Armstrong's home is a mystery to Melfi, she said.

She hopes that having some answers will help her move toward closure, and maybe even forgiveness, she said.

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## Event fills Corps' pantry shelves

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Christmas came early for hundreds of local residents, and they don't even know it yet.

That's because volunteers from the local area, the Plymouth Salvation Army and Comcast collected, sorted and boxed more than 10,000 items in the "Fill the Pantry" project for which the Salvation Army and the cable giant partnered.

Nearly 100 volunteers spent hours Oct. 7 sorting through the donations, boxing them to be used for distribution this holiday season. The donations, which came from local government, churches, schools and businesses, helped ease some concern there wouldn't be enough to help this holiday



Comcast employee Michelle Ruggiero and Walled Lake Central High School volunteers Kelley and Stacey Armstrong sort and box items donated for Comcast Cares Day.

season.

"We feel truly blessed to have had Comcast do this for us," said Bill Moritz, social services director for the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville. "I was getting worried as our pantry was very low on the basic necessities that we give to our families."

Moritz said he expects to assist more than 200 families this Christmas.

For the cable company, Comcast Cares Day, a nationwide effort, gave employees a chance to give back to the communities they serve.

"Comcast Cares Day is a

national effort," said Maria Holmes, Comcast's local corporate affairs manager. "It's an opportunity for us to demonstrate our commitment to improving the lives of citizens in the communities we serve."

Holmes said programs like this are critically important to the people who need them.

"The economy in Michigan is tough, and there are going to be a lot of people in need this winter," Holmes said. "It's imperative people understand the crisis organizations like the Salvation Army are going to be in in trying to help that need."

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## FACILITY

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bones about it. They would like to have an inpatient hospital facility in Canton," Yack said.

But that could be at least a decade into the future.

"Michigan is a very regulated state for hospital construction," Lezotte said. "Hospitals must acquire a certificate of need from the state in order to build a facility like that, any time you build or expand a hospital or even move beds from one hospital to another."

Right now the state is taking the position that Michigan doesn't need any new hospital capacity.

"Essentially, it's illegal to build a hospital at that site,"

said Oakwood spokesman Tom Worobec.

That could change over time - typically over 10 years or more - Lezotte added, provided Oakwood demonstrates with studies and analysis that the hospital is needed based on population growth or population shift, and that Oakwood is working with a long-term plan.

But then again, fly-by-night hospitals simply don't exist.

"The revolution in health care technology is very exciting, but it's also very expensive," Lezotte said. "The key here is we are committed to the long vision here."

But that vision has Tom Cinzori, resident of Central Park South subdivision, a little nervous. He lives on Wall Street, just west of the pro-

posed site, and he's not happy with the idea of ambulances and traffic at all hours.

"This will be in my backyard," he said after attending a hearing with Oakwood and residents near the proposed facility. "Their plans are to build a complete hospital, two buildings at about six stories each."

Cinzori and his neighbors are putting together what he describes as a major protest. He'll be distributing informational fliers, in hopes of persuading Oakwood to consider a different site.

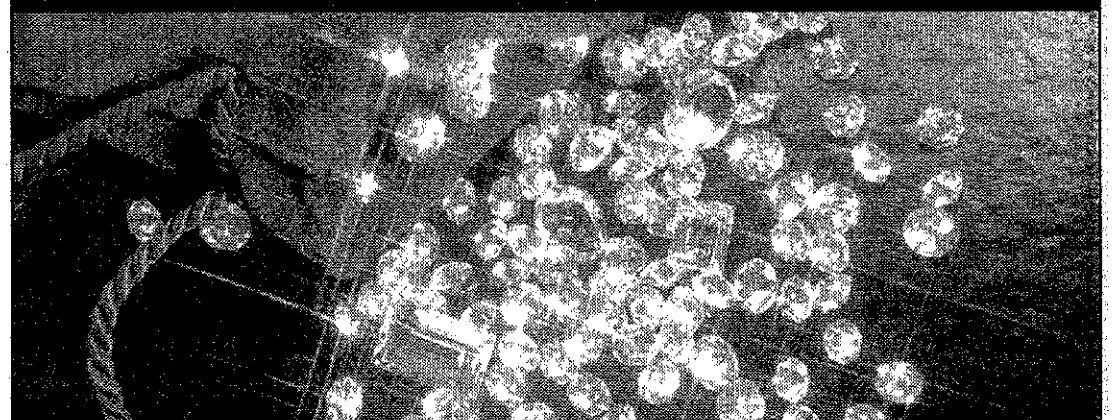
"Everyone says they want a hospital here in Canton," Cinzori said. "We just don't want it this close to our houses."

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## HUNTING

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has appealed to the DNR, which has sole authority to regulate hunting within the state of Michigan. Over the years, more and more of the township has come under hunting restrictions, either an outright prohibition, as is the case on all land east of Canton Center Road, or limits on the kind of firearms that can be used.

### DEVELOPMENT FACTOR

Lt. Bob Kerr of the Canton Police Department said the township wants to prohibit hunting in the areas that remain open "because of the amount of development that has occurred, is occurring, and will occur in the future."

Kerr says the days of large farmlands where hunting was common are long gone, and the farms that still exist in pockets around town will soon follow suite.

"Development has taken care of this question in a lot of areas, and the areas that are still open to hunting today will soon be developed depending on the economy," Kerr said. "We feel there is a safety issue involved, and the people of Canton would be better served if there wasn't any hunting going on."

Before the DNR will approve or deny the township's request, it will make an investigation to see if there is any merit to changing current regulations. The first step in that process is to hold a public hearing, which is Thursday night at township hall.

Sherry Chandler of the DNR said anyone that has a stake in the battle should come to the meeting and provide testimo-

ny. She said all testimony should deal strictly with safety issues. She said DNR officials will then investigate all complaints, as well as go over all the previous complaints that have come to either the DNR or the Canton Police Department.

One hunter who has had complaints filed against him is David Blendea, who owns 10 acres of woods and hunts a total of 22 acres along the Lower Rouge River just east of Beck Road. Last year, a neighbor called police on multiple occasions to report Blendea and another companion were hunting illegally on his property. The woman accused a hunter from Blendea's property of shooting her home, though she recanted that claim during an interview for an *Observer* story last year.

However, every time police officers or DNR conservation officers have come out to Blendea's property, they have determined he was hunting legally. In fact, his hunting spot is no less than 500 yards from the nearest occupied dwelling. But that hasn't stopped his neighbor from complaining. The neighbor called police last month to report hunters firing weapons on the property, even though Blendea was at work.

### HUNTER'S VOICE

Blendea thinks the reason is because some of his neighbors just don't like hunting in the first place. He will be at the DNR meeting to make sure the hunters have a voice to combat that attitude.

"These people claim they are not against hunting, but I don't believe it," he said. "They will do or say whatever it takes to get their way. What makes me mad is they are trying to take away my right to hunt on my property. The only reason I

keep my property wooded is because I can still hunt on it. If I lose that right, my neighbors aren't going to like what I do with it."

Despite Blendea's issues with his neighbor, Kerr conceded that the township has received very few complaints in recent years, certainly nowhere near the number they used to receive when development was just beginning to occur in the western part of town. However, he said the department will strictly enforce all state and local hunting ordinances this year. He stressed it is illegal to hunt or discharge a firearm within 150 yards of an occupied building. He also said people should be aware what areas are open to hunting and more importantly which ones aren't. Careless and reckless discharge of a firearm is a misdemeanor, punishable by 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

A map detailing the open, closed and restricted hunting areas in Canton is available from the clerk's office at the Canton Administration Building.

Dave Valdivia has no problem with strict enforcement, because he wants reckless hunters out of the woods just as much as anybody else.

"When I hunt, I never hunt unsafe. Anyone that is ever allowed to hunt on my property is very conscientious about safety," he said.

"If someone is hunting safe they should be left alone. If they're not, then they should be prosecuted."

The DNR public hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 in the Canton Administration Building Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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## Congressional campaign takes a turn to the ugly

Clearly there is no love lost between Thaddeus McCotter and Tony Trupiano. A tepid handshake at the end of Thursday's forum for 11th District congressional candidates didn't erase the angry



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response McCotter made to a complaint by Trupiano about campaign advertising showing Trupiano with space aliens on the "left-wing mothership."

Funny but wrong. Trupiano's position on the issue is closer to President Bush, hardly a crew member on the left-wing mothership, than it is to McCotter's and the House majority's hard

line. But it is in line with the Senate immigration bill and argues for a strong border defense. He said in an interview with the *Observer* that he has moved toward a stronger position on controlling illegal immigration after visiting the Southwest and seeing the problems caused by that immigration.

The advertising comes on the heels of McCotter's own meeting with *Observer* editors during which he bemoaned the divisive partisanship on Capitol Hill and the lack of mutual respect. He said he was disturbed by the influence of such polarizing groups as the conservative Club for Growth and the liberal moveon.org.

"One of the right, one of the left. Moderates, the middle ground, ends up being cut from under you," he said.

A good point but completely negated by the tone of the advertising.

The congressman is usually not one for sound bite politics. In conversations, he presents often complex thinking on public issues. Though a reliable vote for the conservative Republican leadership, McCotter has staked out positions that go against the party grain. While supporting the original attack on Iraq, he has argued that the Bush administration made serious errors in its handling of the insurgency and the creation of a new Iraqi government. He voted against the Central America Free Trade Agreement and has argued vigorously that we need to demand fair trade concessions from China (a position he shares with Trupiano).

It may be true that "all's fair" in love and

politics, but this election year seems particularly strained. Perhaps it's because there is so much at stake.

For McCotter, Trupiano represents a different challenge than his previous opponents. In his first congressional campaign, he ran against former Redford Supervisor Kevin Kelley. Kelley came out of the same political environment, attended the same Catholic high school and knew the same politicians. They were friendly political rivals.

In the 2004 election, McCotter ran against labor leader Phil Truran. Truran was a well-intentioned political novice, who was clearly uncomfortable in areas away from his labor expertise.

Trupiano is running a hard campaign in a district that many in his party had already ceded to McCotter. As a former radio talk show host, motivational speaker and media consultant, Trupiano is neither the old school Kelley or the novice Truran. He's media savvy. He believes he can win, and he's taking the battle to the Internet, the streets and as many public appearances as his campaign can schedule.

The political winds seem to be blowing in the Democrats' favor. The public is disillusioned with the Congress and the president. Voters seem upset by an unpopular war, the stability of the economy, lobbying scandals and a sex scandal that raises questions about whether the GOP leadership was protecting one of their own. A switch in just a few districts could move one or both houses of Congress to the Democrats.

Of course, political winds are known to shift in the opposite direction pretty quickly.

Perhaps it is politically astute for McCotter to avoid further meetings with Trupiano. After all, the smart money seems to be on his re-election. Why give his less-known opponent another forum?

On the other hand, McCotter's constituents would be better served if he took up Trupiano's challenge for a one-on-one discussion of the issues without the sound bites, artificial time restrictions and the dim-bulb labeling in the now-notorious "alien" ads.

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## There may be no solution to tragic school shootings

Crime knows no boundaries. Neither does madness.

In recent weeks we have seen a spate of school shootings around the country. All are shocking, but none stands out as much as the murder of five Amish children and wounding of five more in a one-room school house in Pennsylvania.

Who in the world could imagine that such a thing could occur in such a place?

The Amish are noted for their deep respect for life. It is unthinkable for such a thing to happen.

Yet it did.

In other recent incidents, a student in Wisconsin shot a school principal, and a man shot a 15-year-old girl in a school in Colorado. In fact, there have been more than 40 school shootings around the world since 1997, ranging from Sanaa, Yemen, to Dunblane, Scotland, to Littleton, Colo. You may have forgotten Littleton, but you surely remember Columbine High School, the location of the most infamous of all the school shootings. There, 14 students were killed and 23 were wounded.

Many of the school shootings took place in schools that are not in inner-city areas where crime is usually higher but in upscale neighborhoods or areas where crime is rare.

Taber, a town in Alberta, Canada, does not leap to mind when one thinks of violent crime, yet a 14-year-old student killed one student and wounded another there in 1999. It was the first high school shooting in all of Canada in 10 years.

We almost added to that terrible list of tragedies locally. Last week two students were nearly carjacked in the parking lot of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Township. Fortunately the students escaped without being harmed. This happened on a school day morning, in just about the last place you would expect such a thing to happen.

Yet it did.

The schools acted properly. Indeed, there is nothing to indicate that the school have not acted responsibly at any time to protect the students.

In the wake of the recent shootings the government has promised to take a good look at school security nationwide. Don't expect much from the effort. It's not that they won't try to come up with some answers as to why these things happen and what can be done to prevent them. But most schools are already doing everything possible. And there is no real protection against madness.

A lunatic with a gun, whether it's a student or an adult, will find some way to do harm if he's determined to. That's not to say that proper precautions shouldn't be taken. Some schools use metal detectors and have police officers in the hallways. There's even a movement to arm teachers or administrators so they could take action against an armed intruder.

Whether more guns are the solution is debatable.

Perhaps the best thing the schools can do is to be aware of what the students are doing and saying, watching for signs of trouble. The Bloomfield Hills schools have already initiated a program to watch for signs of trouble — but it relates more to potential ethnic conflicts related to the Middle East. The schools also need to watch for more traditional dangers, like bullying and anti-social behavior, although realistically trying to distinguish anti-social behavior in an adolescent is a challenge, indeed.

And not all the danger comes from within the schools. The man who shot the Amish children was a determined intruder. Short of a man with a shotgun at the front door, it's hard to see how he could have been stopped before he did damage. And there's no guarantee that an armed guard would have made a difference.

So while there are things that can be done to protect the students, they will remain at risk.

It all sounds rather bleak, but it isn't, really. One reason school shootings gather so much attention is because they are rare. That doesn't lessen the pain of any of those tragedies or reduce the need to be more vigilant than ever.

But so long as there is madness in the world these incidents will occur despite the best efforts to stop them.

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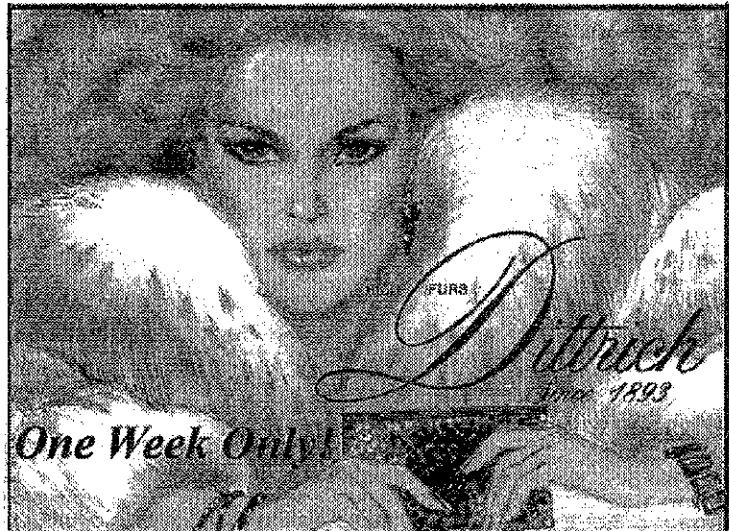
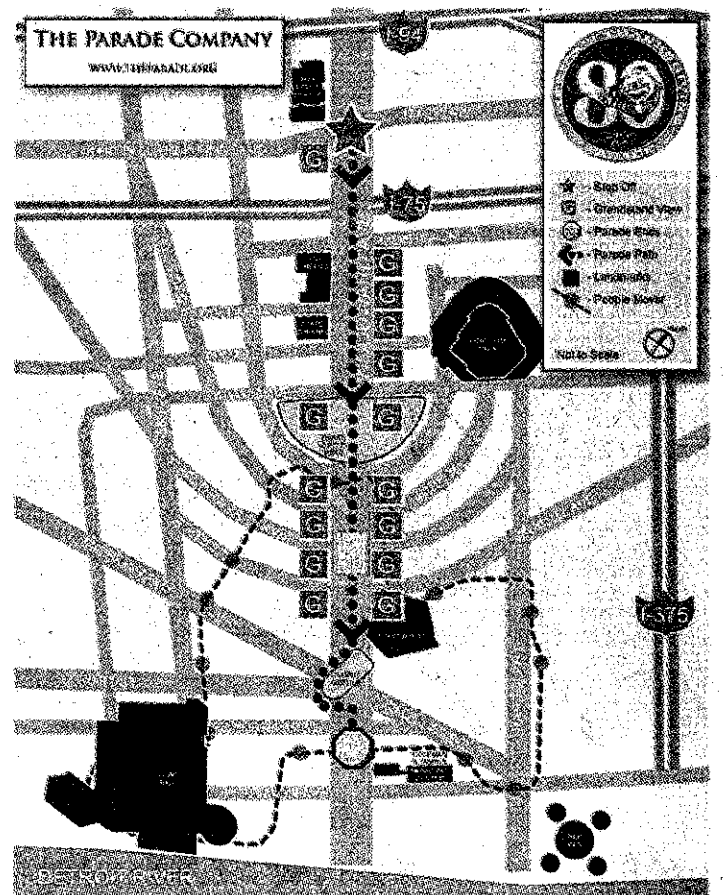
# Thanksgiving Parade adopts new 'old' route

The 80th America's Thanksgiving Parade has a few route this year, modeled after the original parade route in 1924 along Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit. The new route highlights some of the City's architectural treasures, such as the Fox Theatre, and some of downtown's latest development including Merchants Row, Compuware World Headquarters and Campus

Martius Park. The Parade steps off at Woodward Avenue and Mack on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 9:20 a.m. in downtown Detroit and ends at Woodward Avenue and Congress. "We are excited that our new route brings America's Thanksgiving Parade to the heart of downtown Detroit, continuing the great family tradition that has captured the hearts of millions over the last 80 years," said Deborah I.

Dingell, Chair, Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation. "In a sense, we are coming home, and it was made possible by the collaboration of our many community and corporate partners and the continued support from the City of Detroit and the entire region." "Detroiters have enjoyed the rich tradition of going downtown to celebrate Thanksgiving for generations," said Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick. "This year's route will honor the Thanksgiving Day tradition that began more than 80 years ago, while providing parade-goers the opportunity to enjoy the transformation of our great City." America's Thanksgiving Parade(r) is one of the country's oldest and most celebrated parades - America's Thanksgiving Parade(r) and

the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade(r) are both celebrating 80 years. More than one million people will be watching America's Thanksgiving Parade(r) as it makes its way down Woodward Avenue. This year's Parade will have crowd favorites and new surprises with more than 75 Parade units including floats, balloons, award-winning marching bands, clowns, specialty acts, celebrities, and The Parade Company's own Distinguished Clown Corps. The original Parade route in 1924 began on Second Avenue through Cass Park and Elizabeth Street to Woodward and ended at Hudson's Department Store. As in the early Parade, Woodward Avenue plays a significant part and central point of the Parade route.



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# Airport CEO elected to U.S.-Canadian aviation panel

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common issues and concerns, and ACI-NA has been a powerful voice across the U.S., Canada and the world." ACI-NA is the largest of the six worldwide regions of Airports Council International (ACI). The mission of ACI-NA is to advocate policies and provide services that strengthen the ability of air carrier airports to serve their passengers, customers and communities. Robinson will serve with the CEO's or directors of airports

located in Salt Lake City, Louisville, St. Louis, Las Vegas, Jacksonville and Sarasota among others. Robinson currently serves on the organization's Goals & Programs Committee. "I look forward to working with the new leadership team in 2007," said incoming Board of Directors Chairman Rick Piccolo. "We have a challenging year ahead with the FAA reauthorization pending and we'll use

all the resources at our disposal to accomplish our goals." Other representatives from WCAA's management team with leadership positions in ACI-NA include Senior Vice President Steve Economy, who serves as the chair of ACI-NA's International Air Service Committee and Business Diversity Manager and Lori Ballard who serves as vice chair of the Economic Affairs Committee.

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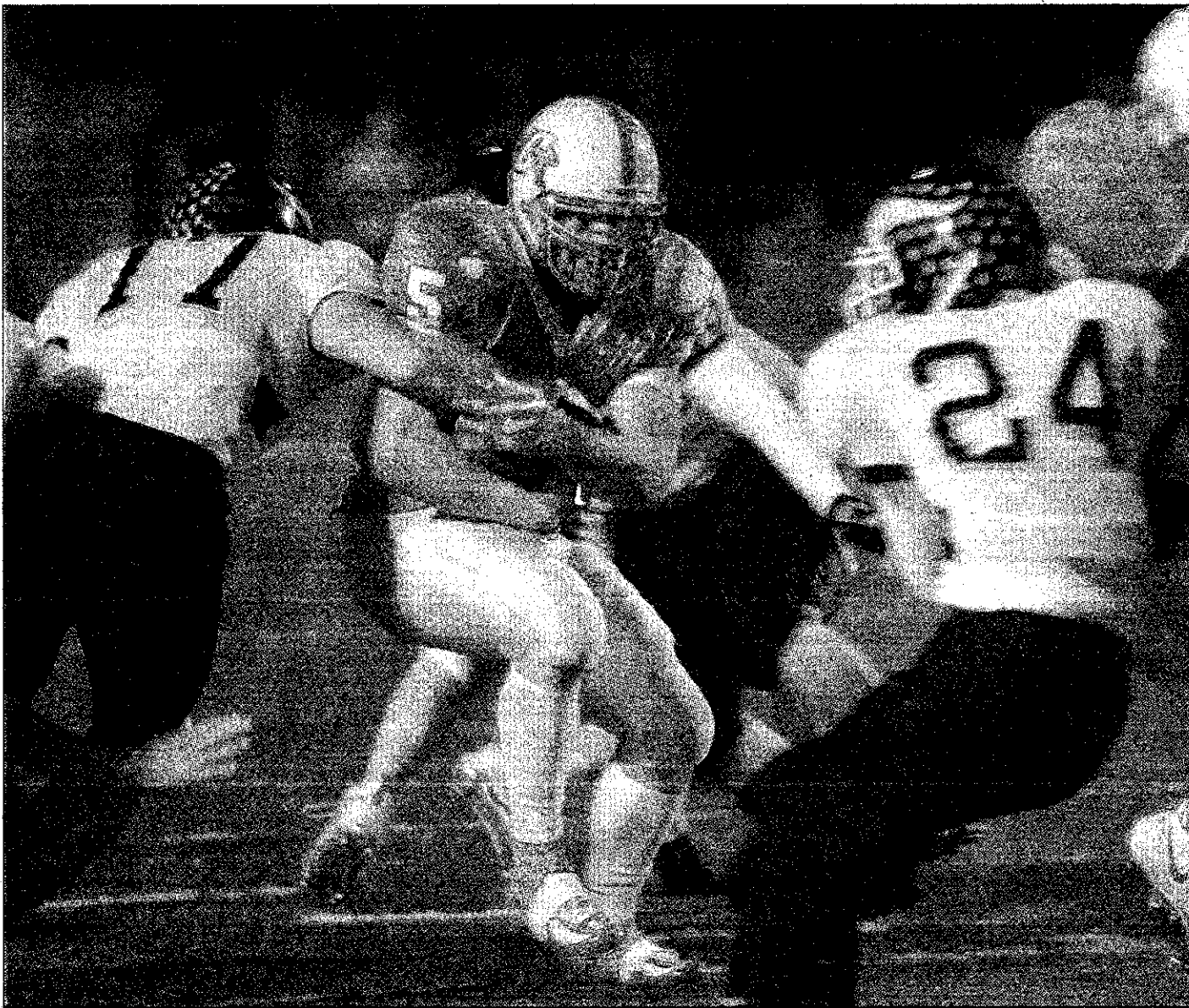
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## WLAA football championship game



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Canton's Nick Moores fights through an attempted tackle by Walled Lake Central's Adonis Adonakis during Thursday night's WLAA championship game. Moores scored a pair of TD's in the Chiefs' 20-14 triumph.

## Moore's than enough

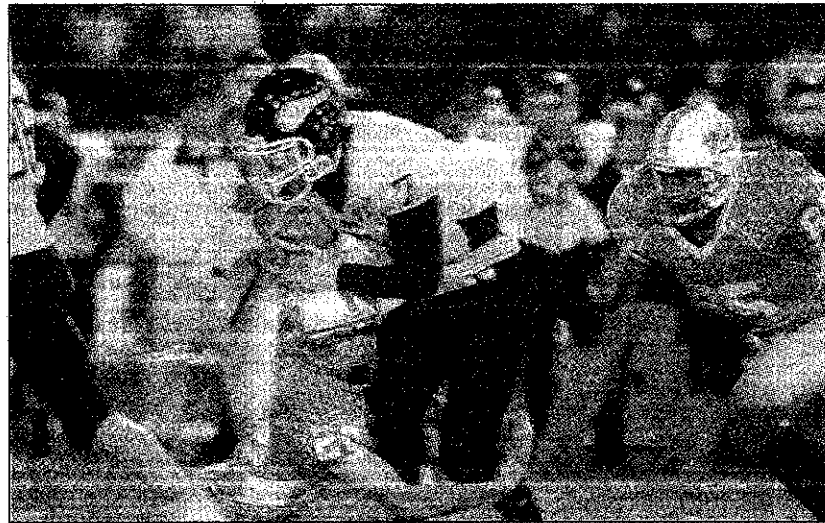
### Canton reclaims league title with 20-14 triumph

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Nick Moores invented a new form of anti-freeze during the opening seconds of Thursday night's WLAA conference championship football game.

On a brutally cold, windy night that was better suited for ice-fishing, Moores sent a heat wave through the Chiefs' sidelines and the home crowd when he returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown against Walled Lake Central.

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Canton's Derek Perino puts the wraps on Walled Lake Central quarterback Torrey Stimson.

## Plymouth swimmers nip N'ville

See complete meet details on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

There was a significant WLAA Western Division power shift in girls swimming Thursday night in Northville.

The epicenter of the ground-breaking occurrence was the Mustangs' pool, but the movers and shakers were wearing black-and-white Plymouth suits.

The Wildcats opened eyes and the record books by out-stroking Northville, 95-91, to earn first-place from the perennially strong Mustangs.

"This is obviously the biggest win in the history of our program," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade, whose team improved to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the division. "It's another milestone in a five-year building process for us. Northville is a great team and they have a lot of state-level swimmers, so it was really fun to see our depth serve us as well as it did."

The Wildcats can clinch the Division title with a victory over Walled Lake Western Thursday night in the Salem pool.

Among the many swimmers who shined the brightest for the Wildcats were freshman Sijia Hao, who touched first in both the 100-yard butterfly and the 500 freestyle.

Plymouth's trio of Hao, Maricat Eggenberger and Beth McReynolds swept the 500 while its 200 freestyle relay teams also took the top three spots in their event.

"Alyssa Liakos won the 50 free because she won the start by two yards, won the turn by a yard and had a flawless finish to win by a couple tenths of a second," said Schade.

What's been the secret to Plymouth's incredible success this season?

"We are a good team with a lot of depth," said Schade. "We don't have any state-caliber swimmers like a lot of the teams we face, but we are extremely versatile. One of our strengths is that we can match up with a team just about any way we want because we stress the importance of swimming multiple events with our girls."

"I can't communicate in words how proud I am of this team. Working with girls like this is a rewarding experience for our entire coaching staff."

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## Sidelines

### Rock gridders fall

The Salem football team dropped a 44-13 decision to Northville Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game played on the Mustangs' turf.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 0-8 while the Mustangs improved to 2-6.

Regrettably, results of the game were not called in to the Observer.

### MU boots Ind. Tech

The Madonna University women's soccer team earned a 2-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph Friday over host Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne.

Kelly Japowicz scoring her 16th goal of the season 6:53 into the match with Dina Allie being credited with the assist.

Kaila Moore added another at the 58:48 mark for the Crusaders, now 11-3-2 overall and 9-1-1 in the WHAC.

MU goalkeeper Traci Anderson notched her ninth shutout of the year.

Tech goalkeeper Jennifer Sanow had 16 saves for the Warriors (1-5, 1-9).

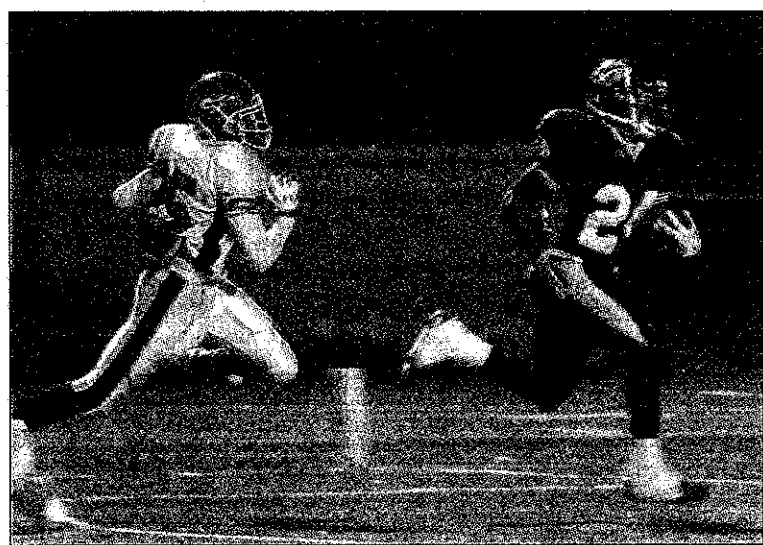
### LaFata honored

Former Canton High School football standout Michael LaFata, a senior at St. Joseph's (Ind.) College was named "Defensive Player of the Week" in the Great Lakes Football Conference earlier this month after he forced a fumble, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass in the Pumas' 38-24 victory over the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners.

LaFata's performance helped the Pumas improve their record to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the GLFC.

### Salem X-country

Members of the Salem girls cross country team competed in the Ann Arbor Invitational Oct. 13 at Willow Metro Park. Following are how the Rocks fared (no team scores were kept): Megan Grady (15th in 22:33), Emily Rossman (17th in 22:38), Alli York (19th in 22:40), Freyal Shah (28th in 22:46), Emily Willer (31st in 23:41), Annie White (32nd in 23:43) and Rachel Morrison (35th in 23:45).



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Plymouth's Nate Gholston outraces John Glenn's Ian Thornton to finish off his 49-yard touchdown run in the third quarter of the Wildcats' 15-7 victory.

## Happy homecoming

### Gholston's royal night lifts Wildcats to 15-7 win

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

A few minutes after Friday night's Plymouth's homecoming/senior night game against Westland John Glenn, Nate Gholston removed his black-and-silver football helmet and put on a black-and-silver crown.

The change in headgear was fitting considering Gholston had a night fit for a king.

The senior running back ran for a game-high 115 yards on 22 attempts to lead the Wildcats to a 15-7 triumph over the Rockets in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-

over game.

Both teams now share 3-5 overall records.

"We haven't lost a homecoming game yet at Plymouth, and we didn't want to start tonight," said Gholston. "Even though this season hasn't gone how we wanted it to, the seniors didn't want to end our legacy on this field with a loss, so we all came out tonight together and focused."

Gholston said being named the school's homecoming king at halftime was nice, but the honor paled in comparison to winning the

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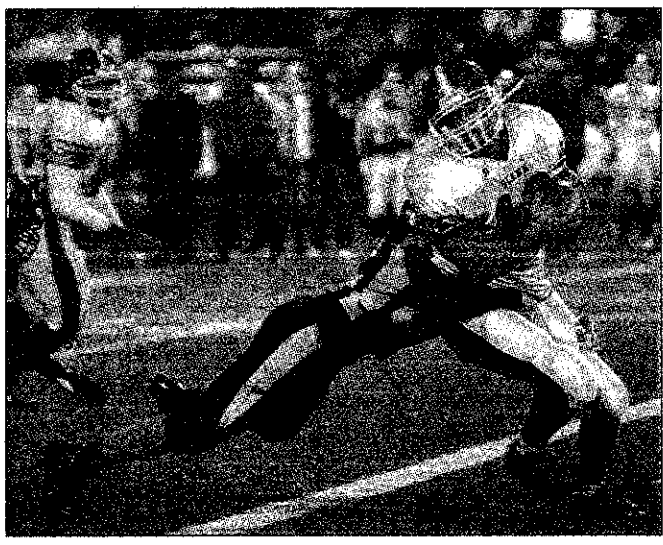


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Plymouth senior linebacker Nick Rosochacki sacks Westland John Glenn quarterback Kyle Acuna during the second quarter of Friday night's WLLA cross-over game won by the Wildcats, 15-7.

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game.

"The win is way more important because this group of guys has fought through blood and sweat together since the summer, so walking off this field for the last time with a win is very special."

Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said Gholston's "Senior Night" performance was typical of his speedy, giddy offensive sparkplug.

"Nathan's been playing hurt all year, but he's still played great," said Blaylock. "He's just an awesome running back. He blocks, he's a great pass protector, he's just a very unselfish player. It was nice to see him have a breakthrough game tonight."

Gholston's backfield mate, junior Rico Tyus, all had a royal night, compiling 102 yards on just nine carries. Altogether, the Wildcats rushed for 201 yards.

On the flipside, the Rockets' offense struggled, managing just 115 yards on the ground and 42 through the air. Junior quarterback Kyle Acuna was pressured all night, which explains his two sacks — one each by Nick Rosochacki and Anthony Bono — and one interception — by Jeff Schwartz.

"I'm disappointed with the loss, but I'm not disappointed with our effort," said John Glenn coach Todd DeLuca. "The kids did everything we asked them to do, we're just having a hard time scoring partly because of the injuries we've had on our offense."

"We knew we were going to be in a battle with Plymouth tonight. On paper, they run a very simple offense, but you have to be on top of them every play, otherwise they're going to break a couple big ones."

Break a couple of big ones is exactly what the Wildcats did in the pivotal third quarter when they turned a 7-3 deficit into a 15-7 lead on back-to-back possessions. The first scoring drive was capped by Gholston's 49-yard burst up the middle with 3:47 left in the stanza. The second game two minutes later when Tyus shot out of the backfield and to paydirt from 52 yards away.

"We called a 'Right Red 24' play and their middle linebacker stepped into the

gap and blitzed into the wrong hole," Gholston said, walking through his long TD sprint. "As soon as I got the ball I saw nothing but green grass ahead of me and there was no one between me and the end zone."

"When I ran through the hole, I didn't know quite what to do because there was nobody there."

Glenn drove all the way to the Plymouth 38 on its opening drive, but was thwarted on a fourth-and-1 play when Plymouth's Spencer Tobin dropped Charles Woodford in the backfield for a three-yard loss.

The Wildcats countered by driving to the Rocket 18 before senior Jeff Lucco made it 3-0 with a 35-yard field goal with 53 seconds left in the first quarter.

Glenn grabbed its only lead of the night, 7-3, when Woodford capped a five-play, 65-yard drive with a 4-yard scoring run. Andrew Hein added the extra point. The key play in the drive was Jerry's Smith's 50-yard run around the left end.

The Rockets moved to the Plymouth 37 late in the second quarter before the once-promising possession crumbled on an illegal-block penalty, Rosochacki's nine-yard sack of Kyle Acuna and Schwartz's interception.

The only thing that didn't work as planned for the Wildcats were their two extra-point attempts. Lucco as wide left on the first one, leaving the score at 9-7. Following Tyus's TD, the Wildcats' two-point conversion attempt was foiled with a John Glenn sack.

Smith had a nice night for the Rockets, gaining 97 yards on 14 carries. Acuna completed 5-of-12 passes for 42 yards.

The Wildcats' stellar defensive effort was led by defensive tackle Mo Hakkani, Bono and Rosochacki, who drew raves from Blaylock.

"Pound-for-pound, Nick's the best defensive player we've ever had here at Plymouth," said Blaylock. "He weighs 170, but he plays like he's 200. He's all over the ball and all over the field, which is why he always is in on a ton of tackles."

The Wildcats close their season next Friday at Mount Pleasant, which was 5-2 entering Friday night.

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## CANTON

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The quick-strike play, combined with a stellar performance from the Chiefs' defense, led Canton to a 20-14 victory over the Vikings.

The Chiefs will take an 8-0 record into Friday's regular-season finale at home against O-8 Salem.

It was the fourth WLLA title Canton has earned in Tim Baechler's nine-year head-coaching tenure. Central, which had outscored its opponents 300-86 heading into Thursday's title clash, dropped to 6-2.

"They kicked the ball right to me and I went right up the middle," Moores said, recalling his tone-setting 80-yard return. "I got one key block then it was wide open. I was so excited that I started yelling as I got close to the end zone. I wasn't saying anything in particular, just screaming."

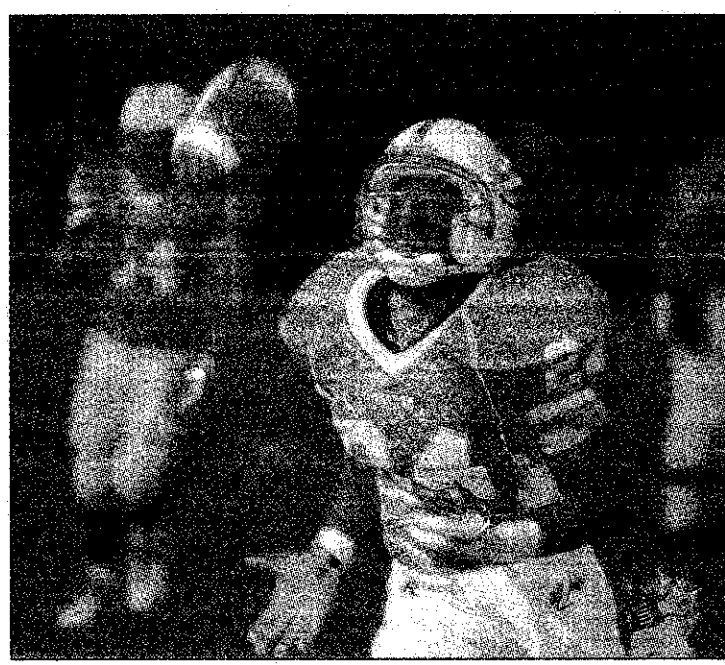
"It was a great way to start a big game like that," said Baechler, speaking of Moores' game-opening sprint. "Putting seven points on the board in the first few seconds gave us a lot of momentum."

Moores, a first-year senior transfer student from Novi Catholic Central, also paced the Chiefs' ground game with 55 yards on 17 carries.

"We run basically the same offense we ran at CC, so I knew what I was doing right away when I came over here," said Moores. "But I had to improve on a lot of things, especially blocking, which is something coach Baechler has really helped me with. Our offense is all about running people over and running hard."

The Chiefs expanded their lead to 20-0 before the Vikings scored two late TD's to make it close.

"Too little, too late," said Central coach Bob Meyer, refer-



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Canton's Antwaun Hawkins focuses in on an Adam Powers pass during the third quarter of Thursday night's WLLA championship game. The pass eventually eluded Hawkins, but the Chiefs grabbed the league title, 20-14.

ring to his team's fourth-quarter rally. "You can't put yourself in a hole like we did against a good football team like Canton. We had a nice drive going late in the first half, but it fizzled out. It would have been huge to go into the half trailing by just six."

"Canton is a very good football team. They're Division 1 and we're Division 2, so we won't see them in the playoffs, but I told my team before the game that they represent the best team we'll see in the playoffs. They're big and they play with precision, both offensively and defensively."

Baechler said winning the league crown was especially satisfying considering the Chiefs' long list of injuries to key players and because of the disappointment of not winning the first-place trophy last season.

"It feels really good," said Baechler. "We had won three in a row heading into last season and we felt we were the best team last year, but we didn't get

it done with the guys we had. Livonia Franklin got it last year and they deserved it."

"We thought it was ours last year, but there was nothing we could do about it except try to get it back this year. It's very satisfying because we've had a lot of injured kids this year, but others have stepped up and done a great job filling in."

Led by their defense — whose points-allowed-per-game average matched Thursday night's wind chill — the Chiefs dominated the first half, running 33 offensive plays to Central's 21. The Vikings didn't record a first down until the 1:30 mark of the second quarter.

Canton's mobile, wide-bodied defensive line of Jay Bailey, Donnie Laramie and Wardell Fuqua — who tip the scales at a combined 840 pounds — combined with linebackers Colin O'Shaunessy, Dan Wanshon, Bill Turner and Chris Hasse to put the clamps on Central's vaunted

Wing-T running game.

And when Viking starting quarterbacks Torrey Stimson (first half) and Cody Rzeznick (second half) tried to pass, they were often thwarted by the Chiefs' defensive backfield of Chris Bogdanski, Chris Woudstra, Deshon McClendon and Derek Perino.

The Chiefs extended their lead to 13-0 with 5:52 left in the second quarter when Moores' 4-yard scoring run capped a clock-eating 12-play, 53-yard drive. The key play in the possession was junior quarterback Adam Powers 10-yard hook-up with tight end Brandon Fender on a third-and-9 from the Viking 28.

Behind Rzeznick, who replaced an ineffective Stimson at the half, the Vikings drove to the Canton 33 before they were stymied on a fourth-and-9 pass play.

Canton then countered with the most significant possession of the game — a 16-play, 67-yard clock-eater that ended with Powers' third-down, 7-yard TD pass to Fender. O'Shaunessy's extra point made it 20-0.

The Vikings scored a pair of fourth-quarter TDs, the first coming on Kevin Long's 40-yard sprint down the sidelines with 10:07 left in the game. Their last hurrah came on Rzeznick's 1-yard QB sneak with 27 seconds left.

Canton barely outgained Central, 172-167, in total yards, although it dominated the first-down battle, 14-6. Junior full-back Jordan Raiford picked up 29 yards rushing for the winners while Antwaun Hawkins and Powers both churned out 28.

Powers completed 3-of-6 passes for 32 yards.

Long paced the Vikings' sluggish offensive effort with 48 yards rushing — all but eight coming on his fourth-quarter TD run. Stimson went 2-of-9 passing for 18 yards. Rzeznick was 1-of-3 for 25 yards.



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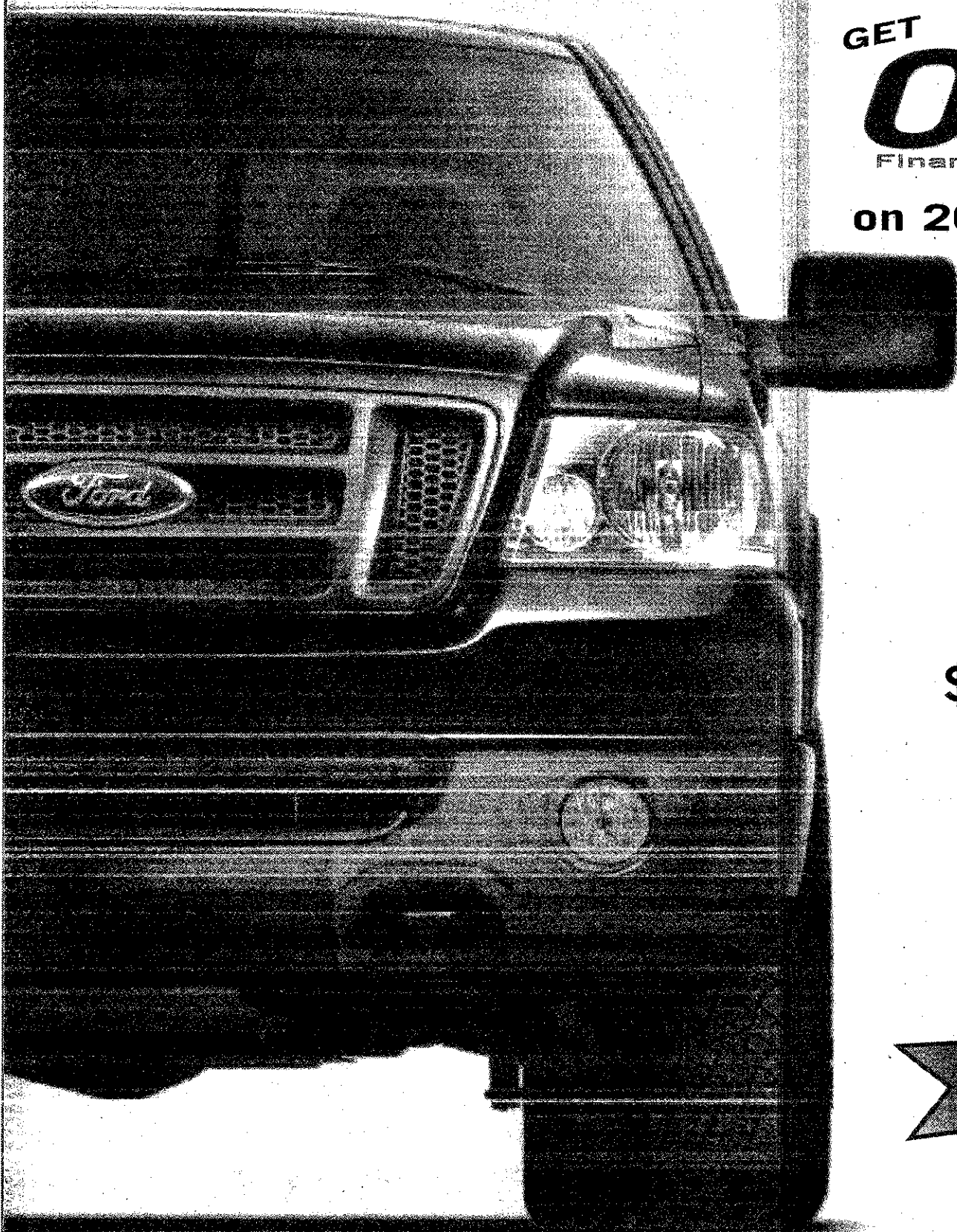
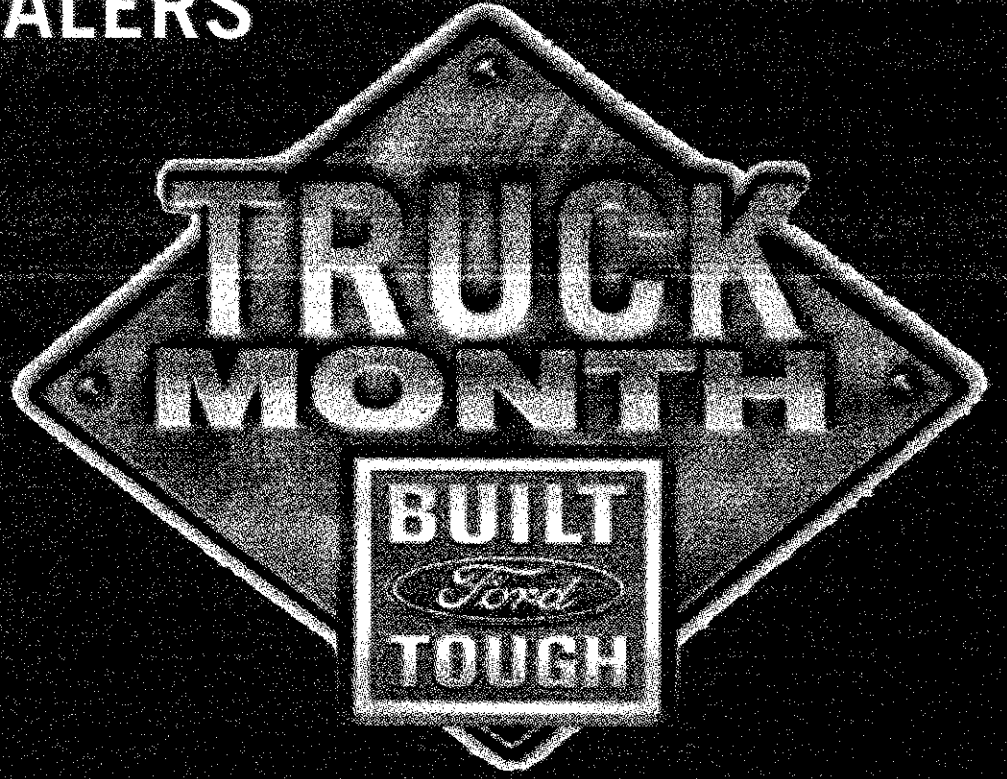
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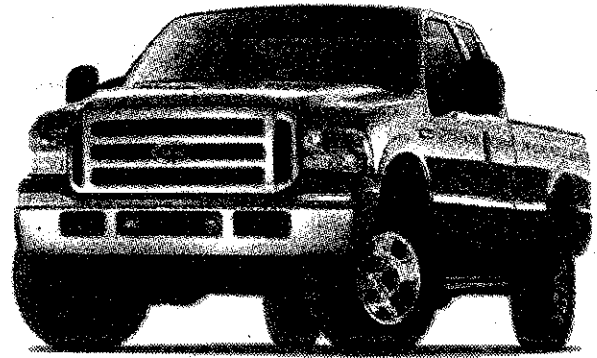
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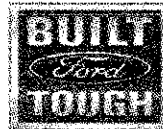
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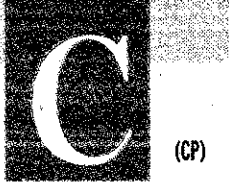


**Beating diabetes: Vegan diet improves blood sugar control**

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Tori Sue still needs a home. She has undergone two eye surgeries but is in need of a third.

**Party helps pets get homes**

**B**irthday parties should never be nerve wracking, but my sister, Gwen, and I were not looking forward to celebrating the arrival of Clancy, our big blond Irish Wolfhound one year ago. We worried that he was still a puppy and even though the

event was a fund-raiser for homeless animals it could turn into a disaster. There would be cake for dogs and humans. Would we be able to control him?

All of our dog obedience classes at the K-9 Academy in Wayne paid off. Clancy stood for four hours as little girls pawed and cooed over him in the treat aisle at Pet Supplies Plus in Canton.

More importantly, the event was a success for animals in need of homes. Out of the 30 dogs and cats available that day, nine were adopted. Guests brought blankets, towels, laundry detergent, bowls, and money. Human guests were treated to cake courtesy of the store. Dogs enjoyed cake from the Doggy Deli in Clinton Township (www.doggydeli.com). Deli owner Diane Ingram says she was just happy to be part of the fund-raiser because she lives with four rescued dogs and works with rescue groups.

Everyone went home happy except for the animals that weren't adopted. Tori Sue still needs a home along with the rest of the dogs and cats rescued by Critter Connection. The boxer/American bulldog was taken in by Kathie Brown, a Farmington Hills volunteer with the non-profit, after she was found in Detroit.

Carrie Marsh began rescuing dogs from the streets when she was a police officer in Detroit. Today the Canton woman is still bringing strays home so she was grateful for the donations guests brought to the Sept. 23 event. Marsh still needs dog and cat food. Critter Connection has a no kill policy. Volunteers bring animals to the Canton store on Ford Road from noon to 4 p.m. every Saturday; until they're adopted, volunteers must feed them. Prospective parents are able to foster animals for a week before finalizing the adoption.

"I still have two kittens now five months old, all black, Ben and Miranda and two rottweilers to feed," said Marsh.

Kathie Brown feeds her foster animals Pro Plan when possible so as not to upset their digestive system by changing foods all the time. She still needs medium size no-slip collars but also small sizes for a litter of puppies born three weeks ago. Of course, gift cards to Pet Supplies Plus or money would be ideal. Tori Sue needs one last surgery on her eye which was badly infected when found. One visitor to the Canton store has already donated \$1,000, but \$300 is still needed.

"Pet Supplies Plus has been good giving us broken bones or treats," said Brown.

For more information about the Critter Connection, call (248) 615-0560. Animals can be viewed at www.petfinder.com, click on rescue groups in Wixom.

Their next fund-raiser, a Halloween Costume Contest, is being held noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Pet Supplies Plus at Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Prizes will be awarded for best animal and human costumes. On Oct. 28, the nonprofit will not be at the Canton store with adoptable pets, only the Livonia store but returns to Canton the following Saturday.

Several of the Pet Supplies Plus stores carry goodies from The Doggy Deli including its HealthSmart treats made with all natural ingredients and no preservatives. For more information about the deli, call (586) 228-WOOF.

The Doggy Deli cake was delicious and almost remained on the table until the party ended. Clancy just had to snatch a piece at the very end.

Linda Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. She can be reached at (734) 953-2145 or lchomin@hometownlife.com.



Christine Cole Johnson traveled to Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia with her husband, Bruce, in early August to visit their son, Philip, who is in the Peace Corps. Behind them is a yurt, a structure where shepherds live.

**Feature remains popular with readers over the years**

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Christine Cole Johnson loves her *Observer* so much she took the newspaper to Kyrgyzstan in central Asia in early August.

Over the years, readers have taken us with them when vacationing and traveling worldwide. Back in the late 1980s, Sue Mason, then editor of *Street Scene*, an alternative section for young people, asked readers to mail in their vacation photographs. The idea evolved to include in the composition the newspaper they received at their homes in Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, and Farmington. The response was so overwhelming that the community editors began running *Wish You Were Here* in their specific cities.

Christine Cole Johnson and her husband, Bruce, were visiting their son in the Peace Corps and took their photograph in front of a yurt, a structure where shepherds live. It is a common sight in the countryside where Philip teaches English to children. He is a 2001 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia.

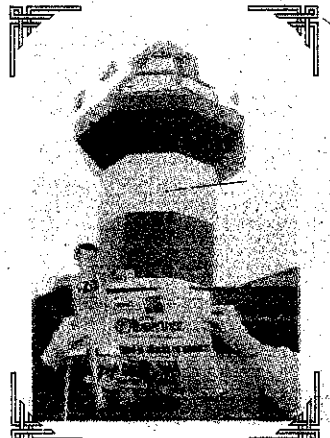
"We always read our *Observer* and always get a kick out of the pictures," said Christine Johnson, director of epidemiology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. "We were looking for a place that looks really exotic to take the photo. We were there nine days and it was an incredible experience. We stayed with the families (of students). We had their native drink - fermented mare's milk. You feel like you're in biblical times."

Erin Rzepka brought her *Livonia Observer* to Heredia, Costa Rica, at the suggestion of her parents, Colleen and Jerry. The Rzepka family has the newspaper delivered every Sunday and Thursday.

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Livonia residents Steve, Bill, 12, Jimmy, 10, and Joan Crandall enjoyed building a sand castle in Garden City Beach, South Carolina. The family spent a week on the beach in June with their *Observer*.



Patrick Dahlin never actually visited the lighthouse in Hilton Head, South Carolina. The photograph he mailed to the *Observer* was part of a class project, Flat Self, at Webster Elementary in Livonia.



Erin Rzepka brought her *Livonia Observer* to Costa Rica where she spent a month studying and volunteering. She is pictured outside the local soup kitchen with a group of children she met while serving meals.

**Relax: Spa event on Oct. 26 to raise funds for Phoenix Mill women's history project**

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The dream of documenting women's history is one step closer to reality thanks to volunteers, but without the support of the community it could be years away from completion. That's why a Spa Pampering fundraiser is so important. The Phoenix Mill Women's Museum project needs money to produce panels that can be taken into the classroom, libraries or clubs to tell the story.

From 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, guests can travel from vendor to vendor receiving free samples or services at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft near Inkster, Livonia. Tickets are \$25. Call (734) 522-0227.

Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be

available as well as a cash bar.

"Women will receive a shopping bag when they come in," said Lyn Bankes, executive director of the Phoenix Mill Museum project. "The Pampered Chef will have food samples. It's really a fun evening. Women can get hands and backs massaged, a facial. They should be able to go around the room and feel pampered. In addition there will be jewelry, purses and clothing so they can shop for Christmas."

Bankes is still in need of items for the silent auction.

"We really need women's support if we're going to keep this going," said Bankes. "This is not going to go forward without the support of lots of people."

"We have people in Michigan trying to include women's history in

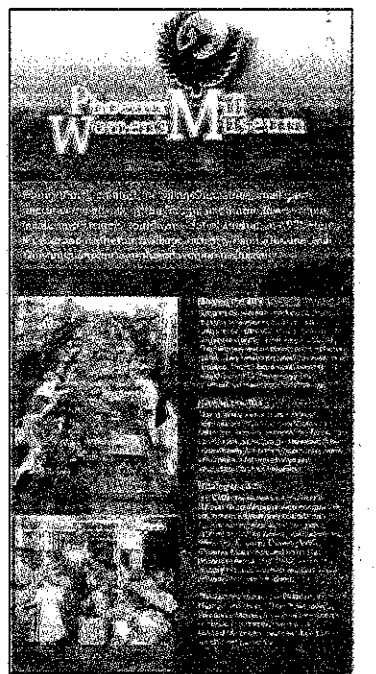
textbooks for years without success. We found a fun way to create women's history and take it into the classroom."

Bankes says to picture a movie screen that pulls up 6 feet from the ground with content covering the 1920s to 1940s.

"The panels will have different segments of history on each one," said Bankes. "In the 20s women get the right to vote, the 30s was the Depression, and the 40s World War II. Schools, libraries or clubs will be able to request these. It will stimulate conversation in the classroom."

The project is offering women's clubs like the League of Women Voters the opportunity to sponsor panels to relay their story. The board

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Proceeds go toward producing panels that can be taken into the classroom, libraries or clubs to tell women's history.

**AROUND TOWN**

**Olivet scholarship**  
Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equalling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to choose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or e-mail admissions@olivetcollege.edu

**Genealogical societies**  
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Local historian/librarian Al Smitley will speak on "The Ditch That Built Northville: The Erie Canal." A tour of the library or genealogy video will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome to the free meetings.

Margie, (734) 522-4050 or visit [www.rootsweb.com/~miwvcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwvcgs/)  
On Saturday, Oct. 28, the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program titled "Finding Your Irish in the Canada/U.S. Border Crossing Records," with Jan Zaleski, the author of "Guide to Records of Border Crossings Between the United States and Canada 1895-1954." The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave., (four blocks west of Tiger Stadium). Fenced-in parking is available behind the building. The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge. For more information, call Michael Brautigam, (734) 454-3495.

**Sommelier Dinner**  
The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 15th-annual Sommelier Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Earle in downtown Ann Arbor. Sponsored by JP Morgan Chase, the event features local community leaders who act as wine stewards to benefit the Art Center's community outreach programs. The event traditionally sells out with nearly 300 guests attending each year. The 18 sommeliers participating in this year's event include Richard Biffle, Foster's Wine Estates; Newcombe Clark, Bluestone Realty; Greg Cook, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, "The Ride"; Charles Crone, Comerica; Clay Johnson, Technical

Engineering Consultants, Inc.; Kristin Jonna, Vinology; Jim Jong, Key Bank; Barbara Kaye, Dykema Gossett PLLC; Jason Minock, Toll Brothers Inc.; Karim Motawi, Motawi Tileworks; together with local community members including James Cook, Deb & Max Hutton, Jane Lumm, Ray Noellert, Hina Papo, Steve Slack and Natalie Surovell. The sommeliers will donate an evening of their time and expertise to pour wine while The Earle staff prepare and serve a three-course gourmet meal. A pre/post party will be held at the Art Center from 5-9 p.m., which will include sparkling wine, a private viewing of the Annual All Media Exhibition and a discount at the Gallery Shop for attendees. The Earle is located at 121 W. Washington in downtown Ann Arbor. For more information on ticket prices or to reserve a table at the 6 p.m. or 8:15 p.m. seating, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

**Crafters needed**  
The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3. For information please contact Sue or Paul, (734) 844-3128.

**Circle of Hope**  
St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts the 14th-annual Circle of Hope Gala 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 13, at Dearborn Inn in Dearborn. Musical entertainment. Rhythm Society

Orchestra featuring vocalist Paul King, is a 16-piece dance band specializing in swing music. Guest reservations are \$125; proceeds contribute to hospital renovations in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and new, leading-edge technology. For information, call (734) 655-2980.

**ABWA craft show**  
The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co-host the 19th "Holiday Art & Craft Festival" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., in Ann Arbor. The fair features more than 150 artisans featuring pottery, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, tile painting and more. Admission is \$2, children younger than 12 are admitted free and parking is free. Proceeds go to ABWA Maia Chapter Education Fund for Scholarships and Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information, call (734) 663-0671.

**Ann Arbor Art Center**  
The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th-annual All Media Exhibition through Nov. 11. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery 2, located on the Art Center's second floor. For more information, contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore [www.annarborartcenter.org](http://www.annarborartcenter.org) or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

**Hospice training**  
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

**Literacy Council tutors**  
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

**Grief support**  
New Hope Center for Grief Support is

a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

**CLUBS**

**Rotary A.M.**  
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

**Plymouth Newcomers**  
Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or [robertplusjanet@aol.com](mailto:robertplusjanet@aol.com)

**Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue**  
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

**MOPS meet**  
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

**Mosaic**  
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and

equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or [resha@juno.com](mailto:resha@juno.com)

**Moms Club**  
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

**DAR**  
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

**German/American Club of Plymouth**  
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

**American Legion**  
Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

**Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth**  
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

**Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club**  
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

**Mothers & More**  
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Erin spent a month studying and volunteering in the area through the Amistad Institute (www.amistadinstitute.net). She is pictured outside the local soup kitchen with a group of children she met while serving meals.

Rzepka is a full-time student at Madonna University double majoring in marketing and Spanish. On her first trip to the area in 2005, she traveled with a group from Albion College. She decided to return on her own this summer.

"I'll bring the newspaper with me the next time I travel," said Rzepka, 21. "We always have it around the house. It's just a fun thing to do."

The Rev. Steve Schafer can't take credit for bringing the newspaper along on a group tour of Israel in late June. It was Glen Lundgren's idea. Schafer was too busy planning the itinerary for the members of Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia.

Dolores Kapanke never leaves home without her *Garden City Observer*.

She's taken it with her to Poland, the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Ohio, and Quebec where she had her photograph taken on the Rosary Bridge in August. This was her 16th visit since 1966 to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape. So far, she's mailed the *Observer* four Wish You Were Here photos just for the fun of it. The first time was after



Noah Thomas Erickson, of Farmington, brought his Farmington Observer with him to the banks of Green Bay at Eagle Bluff Lighthouse in Peninsula State Park in Door County, Wis.

visiting the Ohio shrine.

"I sent it in on a lark to see if they would publish these things," said Kapanke, who might be taking a trip to Italy with her *Observer* in the coming months.

Livonia residents Steve, Bill, 12, Jimmy, 10, and Joan Crandall enjoyed building a sand castle in Garden City Beach, S.C. The family

spent a week on the beach in June with their *Observer*.

Patrick Dahlin never actually visited the lighthouse in Hilton Head, S.C. The photograph that he mailed to the *Observer* was part of a class project, Flat Self, at Webster Elementary in Livonia.

The school's third- and fourth-graders sent photographs of their flat

selves to locations around the world. Flat Patrick traveled to Kuwait, took a road trip to Texas, and visited Colorado and Turin.

"We thought it would be fun to get our picture in the paper," said Patrick's mother Marlene. "The kids learned about different places they went to kind of like a geography lesson."

**HISTORY**

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meets with Exhibit Works in Livonia on Monday. Bankes plans to leave there and start raising money for this educational program.

"It's not exclusively for the classroom because education needs to be done everywhere," said Bankes. "We don't have a women's museum except in Lansing."

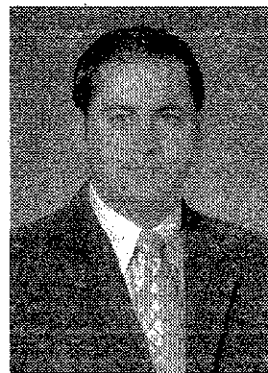
The project will have a permanent exhibit at Plymouth Historical Museum where workers are already building a replica of the Ford factory facade on Northville Road. Inside Gary Stone, a Plymouth Historical Museum board member, is designing an interactive assembly line.

The women's museum board still has plans to renovate Phoenix Mill and turn it into a women's history museum. Wayne County has hired a firm to do a feasibility study on the restoration. Until recently the facility was a Wayne County roads yard but has been vacated. In 2009-2011 it will be turned over to Wayne County parks.

"The museum idea has not been given up, but we can't wait for women's history when we have good ideas right now," said Bankes.

For those who can't attend the event, but want to support the Phoenix Mill Women's Museum project donations should be sent to Lyn Bankes at 16834 Bell Creek Lane, Livonia MI 48154.

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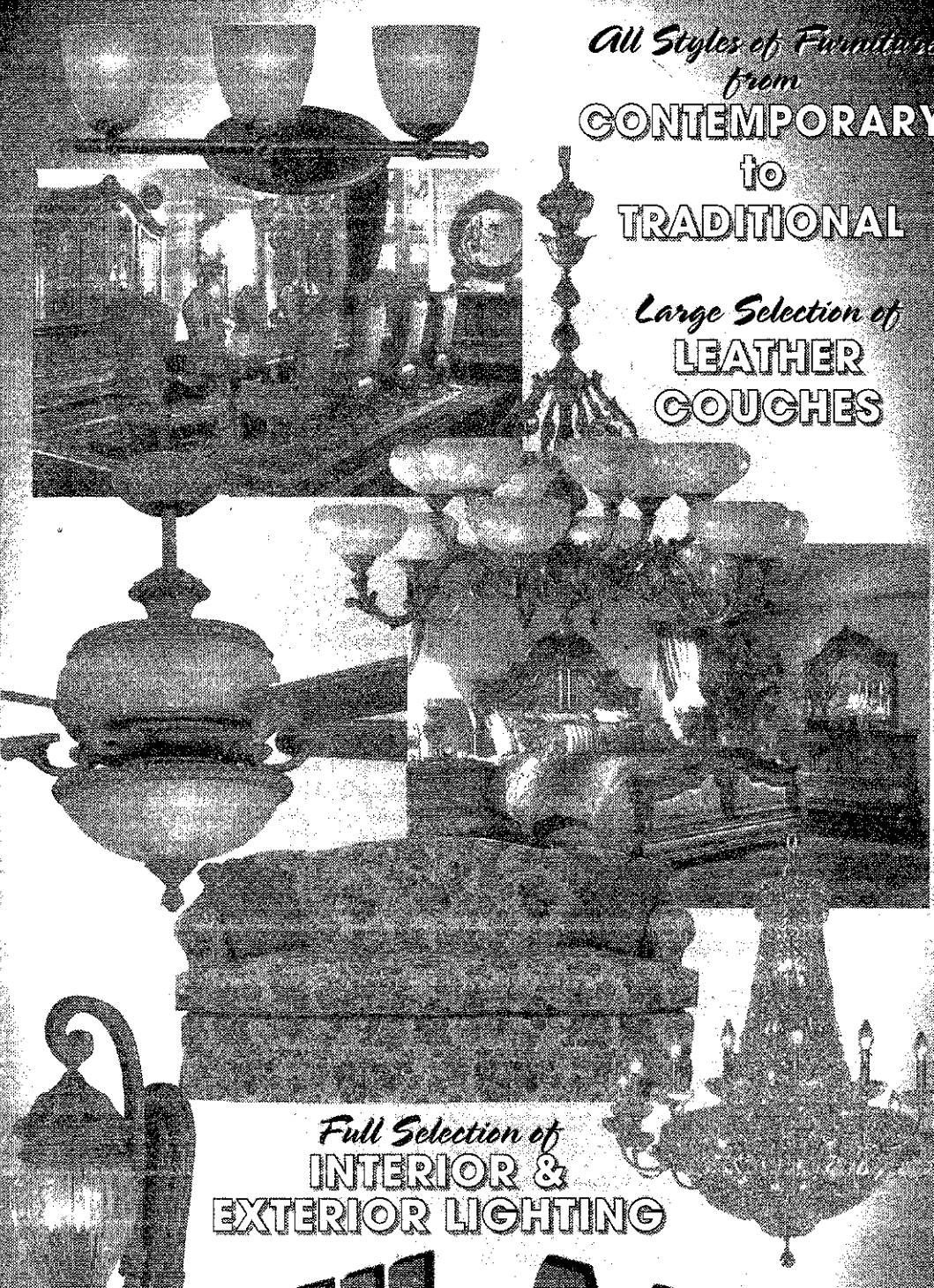
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- 1. Set specific goals.** Goals define what financial independence will look like for each of us. Goals, particularly specific goals written out with timetables, can motivate us to initiate and stick with the other keys to financial independence.
- 2. Consistently spend less than you earn.** Yes, your mother probably taught you this when you were receiving an allowance as a youngster, but so many of us forget this basic principle. Unless you spend less than you earn, it's impossible to become financially independent — short of winning the lottery. Consistent saving is even more important than the investment rate you might earn with that savings. Aim for saving at least ten percent of your pre-tax income. If you're unable to save ten percent now, saving a smaller percentage will help you — especially if you start saving while you're younger and can let the power of compounding work for you.
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This article was submitted by the Financial Planning Association, the membership organization for the financial planning community. FPA members are dedicated to supporting the financial planning process in order to help people achieve their goals and dreams.

## How to raise your credit score

Credit scoring is a method lenders use to make lending decisions. Your credit score is a numeric value based on the information in your credit report. It tells lenders how likely you are to repay loans and credit-card bills on time. It affects whether you can get credit and how much you pay for that credit. In general, the higher your credit score, the more likely you are to be approved and to pay a lower interest rate on new credit, reports the Michigan Association of CPAs.

To determine your credit score, most lenders use a system developed by Fair Isaac Corporation. The system uses five factors to arrive at your credit score. Each factor counts as a percentage of your total FICO score: payment history (35%); how much you owe (30%); the length of your credit history (15%); new credit (10%); and other factors, such as having a mix of credit types in your credit report (10%).

**Check your credit score**  
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**Pay all bills on time**  
One of the best ways to improve your credit score is simply to pay your bills on time. Late payments lower your credit score. Since your credit score changes as new information is reported by creditors, you can improve your score by catching up on back payments and staying current. Although late payments generally remain on your report for seven years, as time passes, and your payment habits improve, those late payments will have less of an impact.

**Keep balances low**  
High outstanding balances on credit cards and other debt can lower your

score — even if you are making timely payments on your current debt. Lenders know that the more debt you have, the more difficult it would be to pay your bills if you were to lose your job, face a sudden illness or get divorced. Try to keep your outstanding balances below 50 percent of your credit limit.

Don't apply for credit too often. Every time you apply for credit, an inquiry is placed in your file. A large number of inquiries within a short period of time may be interpreted as a sign that you are having financial difficulties and lower your credit score. Do not open new credit just to have a better credit mix or to show that you can get approved. This strategy isn't likely to raise your score, nor will closing a zero balance account.

**Pay off debt**  
Consolidating your credit card debt on one card or spreading it over multiple cards isn't likely to change your score. In fact, frequently moving your balance from card to card may raise a red flag to lenders. It is better to pay off your debt rather than move it around.

**Check your credit report regularly**  
Don't let your credit score suffer as a result of incorrect information. Check your credit report at least once a year and report any errors to the credit reporting agency and to your lender. Requesting a copy of your own credit report won't affect your score.

**Avoid quick credit fixes**  
A good credit score is created over time and reflects a number of interrelated factors. Don't fall for any quick-fix deal that promises to improve your credit score. A better idea is to consult with a CPA who can provide practical advice for managing credit.

You seek the expertise of CPAs at tax and audit time, of course. But CPAs also promote personal and professional financial security year round. Visit the CPA Referral Service on the MACPA Web site to search for a CPA in your geographical area or specific area of expertise.

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For example, you could have three egg-white omelets, packed with high protein and low fat, and that's only 36 calories. In addition, you can also have a bowl of puff rice cereal, a half of an English muffin and I'll even let you have your coffee (if you have it black). And all that together equals 300 calories! Psychologically, that's mind-boggling! The choice is definitely yours! So make sure when choosing foods, you're making your calories work for you, not against you.



**Peter's Principles**

Peter Nielsen

Samantha from Allendale e-mails asking about workout safety tips.

Samantha, without the right precautions, a trip to the gym can turn out to be downright dangerous. It's especially sad when a healthy young athlete dies while working out. They usually have some type of heart disease that may have gone undetected by their doctor. But even healthy people can die during a workout. A crushing blow to the chest area is particularly dangerous. It can actually stop the heart beating in its tracks. At least five people die annually from a severe blow to the chest while bench pressing. They have also found that many accidents happen at home without proper supervision.

These tragedies hammer home the importance of always using the right techniques during workouts and having someone standing by in case you run into any trouble.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com).

## Beating diabetes

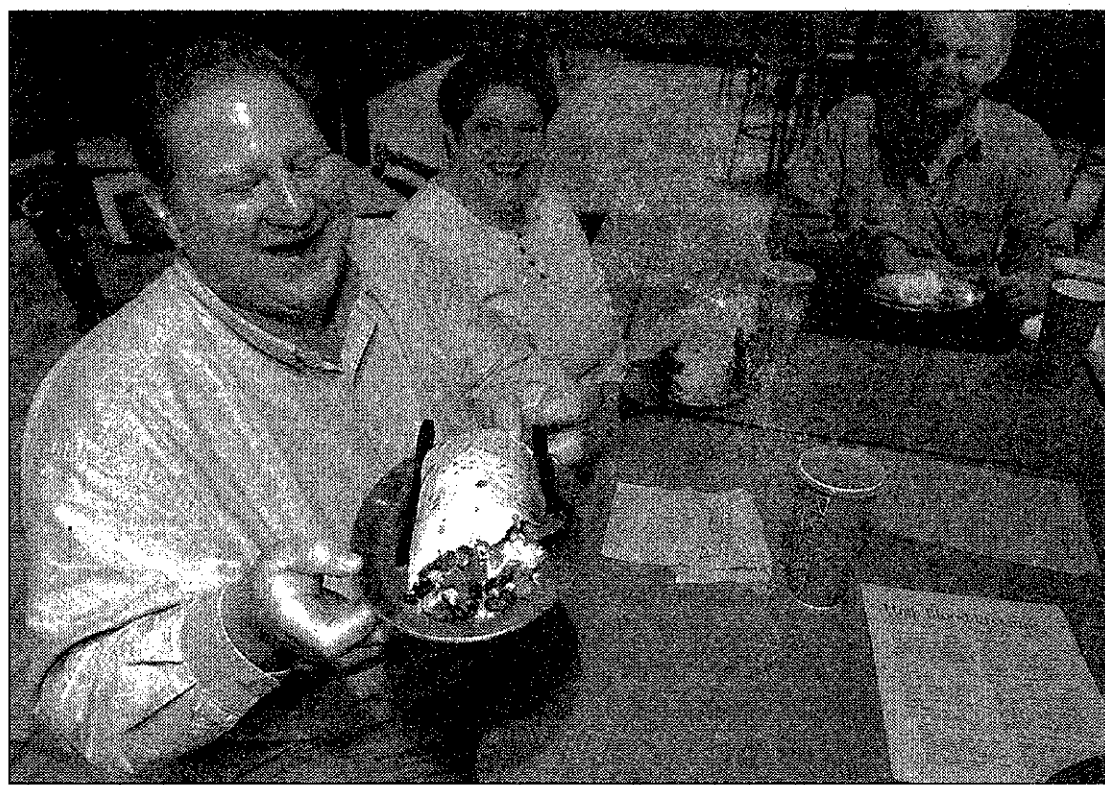
### Vegan diet improves blood sugar control

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Caroline Trapp is convinced that consuming a vegan diet reduces the incidence of type 2 diabetes and its complications. A recent National Institutes of Health-funded study by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), George Washington University and University of Toronto confirms her conviction. A nurse practitioner, Trapp has been treating patients with the disease for 20 years. She found even though she was writing increasing numbers of prescriptions for oral medications and insulin, diabetics continued to develop kidney and heart problems and required even more medication. Frustrated, she began researching the disease and discovered PCRM's recommendation for a plant-based, high fiber, low-fat diet.

At the same time Dr. Neil D. Barnard was just completing the PCRM study which demonstrated the vegan diet was more effective in controlling blood sugar and cholesterol in type 2 diabetic patients than a diet based on American Diabetes Association guidelines. When the opportunity arose to become part of a PCRM pilot project that spun off from the research Trapp was eager to introduce healthy eating to diabetics seen at the Millennium Medical Group in Southfield. The cooking classes ran seven-weeks and included a field trip to Pancho's Mexican Grill in Southfield. The pilot project took place in Washington, D.C. where PCRM and George Washington University are located.

"We focus first on foods that don't come from animals," said Trapp, director of diabetes care for Premier Internists and Northwest Internal Medicines, Divisions of Millennium Medical Group. "The concern is that something as healthy as chicken or fish has almost as much fat as beef. Low fat diets have not been effective in curing diabetes. The old way of thinking is focusing on sugar and starch. Fat intake interferes with the body's ability to utilize insulin."



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Ira Goldberg, West Bloomfield, holds up a vegetarian burrito as his wife Nancy and Paul Hogston, Redford, look on at Pancho's Mexican Grill in Southfield on Sept. 25. The three were learning to eat out as part of a diabetes cooking class.

At Pancho's class participants were treated to a burrito made with grilled veggies and beans.

"With this diet you can eat as much as you want of beans, peas, lentils. The thinnest people on the planet are the rural Asian people. They eat rice and noodles," said Trapp of Farmington Hills.

"But probably the most important thing we teach is these foods taste good. People come in thinking how can I live without eating meat. People find over time if they get dairy products out of their diet, joint problems may clear up. If they get fat out of their diet, they find stomach problems go away."

Barnard isn't saying the American Diabetes Association (ADA) diet doesn't work. He wants people to be aware "there's a healthy alternative that doesn't require weighing and measuring portions." Barnard's research findings were published in August 2006 in *Diabetes Care*, an ADA journal. The study randomly assigned individuals with type 2 diabetes to a low-fat vegan diet or a diet following ADA guidelines. After 12-weeks 43-percent of the vegan group and 26-percent of the ADA group reduced their diabetes medications.

"The low-fat vegan diet was very effective at controlling blood sugar and with good side effects

- weight loss, better digestion. And it's surprisingly easy. We actually asked people how they felt about it. Following a vegan diet was easier than people thought it would be. You don't have to count calories, carbohydrates, don't have to eliminate anything. Some things you're never going to eat at all - meats, eggs, cheese. If you go to Taco Bell, you can't eat meat but can have as many bean burritos as you want," said Barnard, author of *Breaking the Food Seduction: The Hidden Reasons Behind Food Cravings - and Seven Steps to End Them*. Barnard, an adjunct associate professor of medicine at George Washington University, releases his latest book in January from Rodale Press - *Dr. Neil Barnard's Program for Reversing Diabetes*.

Ira Goldberg is proof the vegan diet works. Since taking the cooking classes he says he feels better, has lost 45-pounds and his blood sugar is finally under control.

"What was good is that spouses can come (to the classes). If you have a support network it makes it easier," said Goldberg, a 41-year old West Bloomfield resident who teaches at Berkley High School.

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Deadline to register is Oct. 16 for a session with Master (Dr.) Wan Su-Jian from Beijing, China. Sessions will take place at the Quality Inn and Suites Hotel on Plymouth Road, north of Middlebelt, Livonia. To register, call (734) 591-3530, or pick up a health form at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, 38121 Ann Arbor Road at Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, or fax a request to Sally Rich at (248) 338-1739.

Wan is director of the Beijing Red Cross Traditional Medicine Exchange center and the Beijing Shijing Shan District Red Cross ShaoJiaPo Rehabilitation Hospital. Through medical research he has developed a special qigong treatment for various physical conditions. He will be in the Livonia area from Oct. 26 to Nov. 2 to conduct instructional seminars on the Chinese healing art of qigong (chee gong).

## Exercise classes

For men and women with Jeanie Weaver, personal fitness train and certified physical education teacher and group exercise instructor, classes continue through December at Metropolitan School Gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. An exercise therapy class geared for seniors wanting to improve balance, strength, stamina, and bone density 8:45-9:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Core strength and performance class runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and includes jump rope, weights, bands and full body weight training loads to increase strength, dynamic flexibility and core strength. Intensity is intermediate to advanced.

Cost for both sessions is \$6 drop in fee. For information, call (248) 446-9176 or send e-mail to jeanieweaver@charter.net.

## Flu shots

From the University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses, cost is \$33 for flu shots, \$82 for pneumonia shots. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, as well as Medicare Part B, M-Care, CareChoices and HAP, all of which cover the entire cost of the flu shot. Clinics are open to the public and most clinics are limited to people 18 and older. For a weekly listing of flu clinics, call MVN's flu hotline at (888) 547-7295 or visit [www.umvn.org](http://www.umvn.org). Clinics are scheduled 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Busch's, 24445 Drake Road, Farmington Hills; 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Michigan Visiting Nurses, 2850 S. Industrial Hwy. #75, Ann Arbor; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Busch's, 15185 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Busch's, 3188 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills.

## Health savings seminar

A free presentation on how to save for health care costs by using a health savings account, a fast-growing health care option combining a qualified high-deductible health care plan with a tax-free savings account 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. To register, visit [www.WhatISHSA.com/Seminar](http://www.WhatISHSA.com/Seminar).

## Fall tea

Presented by the Women's Committee for Hospice Care 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Birmingham Country Club. During the event members and guest will have an opportunity to visit with the different hospice organizations that WCHC supports. For more information, call (248) 646-9601 or visit [www.wchcinc.org](http://www.wchcinc.org).

## Breast health fair

With information about guided imagery, genetics, breast self-exam, lymphedema, support, nutrition, and Mark Moyad, M.D. on Fad Diets, Supplements and Rx from A to Z. What Works and What's Worthless Thursday, Oct. 19, breast fair is 4-6 p.m., reception and Dr. Moyad's presentation from 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Breast fair will be held in the Imaging Center, reception and Moyad in the Administration Building. No charge for the fair, \$20 for the reception with hors d'oeuvres by chef Peter Julian of Hiller's Markets and Moyad's talk. To order tickets, call (800) 633-7377.

## Michigan's best healthy recipes sought for contest

As a way to raise awareness of diabetes in Michigan, the American Diabetes Association has teamed with the Amylin-Lilly Alliance to host the second year of Michigan's best healthy recipes contest for Michigan residents. Recipe submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, with a cook-off among the top finalists on Nov. 6, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The goal of the contest is to share creative and tasty recipes that can be enjoyed by individuals adhering to a diabetic diet.

Three prizes will be awarded in each of two recipe categories - main course and dessert. The first-place winner in each category receives \$150. The second-place winner receives \$100 and the third-place winner \$50. One recipe entry per person is allowed and entrants must be 21 years of age or older. Entrants cannot be professional chefs. Recipes can be submitted to the American Diabetes Association via email: [cscott@diabetes.org](mailto:cscott@diabetes.org) state Recipe Contest in the subject line; fax: Recipe Contest, (248) 433-1095; or mail to Recipe Contest, American Diabetes Association, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 117, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-

4507.

Recipes will be judged by a panel of Michigan food experts to be announced in late-October.

Maintaining a healthy diet is a key to managing diabetes, which affects more than 826,000 (7.9 percent) Michigan residents, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Michigan Department of Community Health studies indicate an additional 227,900 Michigan adults have the disease but remain undiagnosed.

All eligible entries must adhere to the American Diabetes Association's guidelines for a diabetic diet and practicality. More information on the ADA's food guidelines is available at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

Qualified entries will then be reviewed in a first round of judging by Gordon Bowman, executive chef for William Beaumont Hospital. Ten recipes in each category will be selected as finalists. Recipes will be judged on taste (70-percent), ease and practicality of preparation (20-percent), and creative appeal of prepared dish including color and texture (10-percent).

## Bouquets promote breast cancer awareness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

When Thrifty Florist approached St. John Health about promoting breast cancer awareness by selling a pink bouquet of carnations, daisies and baby breath, Karen North knew exactly where she wanted the money to go. \$1 from each St. John Health Hope Bouquet benefits the system's cancer centers including Providence Southfield and Providence Assarian, Novi.

The St. John Health Hope Bouquet retails for \$7.99 plus tax and is available at all 16 Thrifty Florists in metro Detroit.

"It will be put into a general breast care fund and go primarily toward education and research," said North, administrative director, Providence Cancer Centers in Southfield and Novi.

St. John Health regularly presents educational programs for health care

providers to remain current on breast cancer. Lunch and Learns with physicians answers questions about the topic in the community. The money will also fund Breast Care Navigators to coordinate care for patients with breast cancer and genetic counseling for those concerned about breast cancer. Any woman with questions about breast care or breast cancer can call (800) 341-0801 for information.

Some of the funds will support clinical trials for treatment as well.

Thrifty Florist is located locally at 1088 E. Maple at Adams, Birmingham; 29410 Five Mile and Middlebelt, Livonia; 211 S. Telegraph at Vorhees, Pontiac; 35363 Ford and Wayne roads, Westland; 26989 Woodward at 11 Mile, Huntington Woods, and 50992 Van Dyke at 23 Mile, Shelby Township. For other locations, visit [www.thriftyflorist.net](http://www.thriftyflorist.net) or call (888) 847-4389.

## VEGAN DIET

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"It's something you can implement in your daily life without much effort. For years I never even considered it because of the perception there wouldn't be things to satisfy me. There's an entire universe of options."

Goldberg starts his day with a peanut butter sandwich. Lunch can be a bean burrito or a Middle Eastern mujadra made from cracked wheat, lentils and

caramelized onion. For dinner out he usually chooses a veggie stir fry. At home he'll cook up a pot of whole grain pasta with a marinara sauce, mushrooms and chick peas.


"There was so much information in the classes," said Goldberg. "I hope they're (Trapp and Barnard) on the cutting edge of a dietary revolution."

For more information about the low-fat vegan diet or the cooking classes, visit [www.pcrm.org](http://www.pcrm.org) or call (202) 686-2210.

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#### DUPUYTREN'S CONTRACTURE

The name of this condition honors the Frenchman, Dupuytren, who was the first to publish on it in 1873. The features he described then remain valid today. Dupuytren's contracture refers to a thickening in the palm of the hand that runs between the two creases in the palm. The effect of this thickening is to bind down the tendons that run throughout the palm into the fingers. When those tendons cannot move, your fingers are caught in a manner that prevents the tendons from shifting from a flexed position back to a straight or extended position.

Your fingers begin to hurt and your ability to hold an object becomes impaired. The sustained flexion is harder to reverse in the morning because at night your body temperature lowers. Cooling even to a slight extent makes Dupuytren's worse as cold contracts body tissues.

If you are a diabetic, have hypothyroid condition, or repeatedly use vibrating tools, you are at risk for Dupuytren's contracture. However, most people with Dupuytren's have no association with the risk factors noted above. The problem can come in only one hand, and not necessarily the dominant one.

Treatment consists of heat to the involved hand, often running the hand over warm water in the morning suffices to bring the fingers back to their usual flexibility. A paraffin bath provides a more efficient form of heat. Injection of local anesthetic cortisone may give prolonged relief if Dupuytren's affects only the 4th or 5th fingers. If these measures fail, then you should look to surgery.

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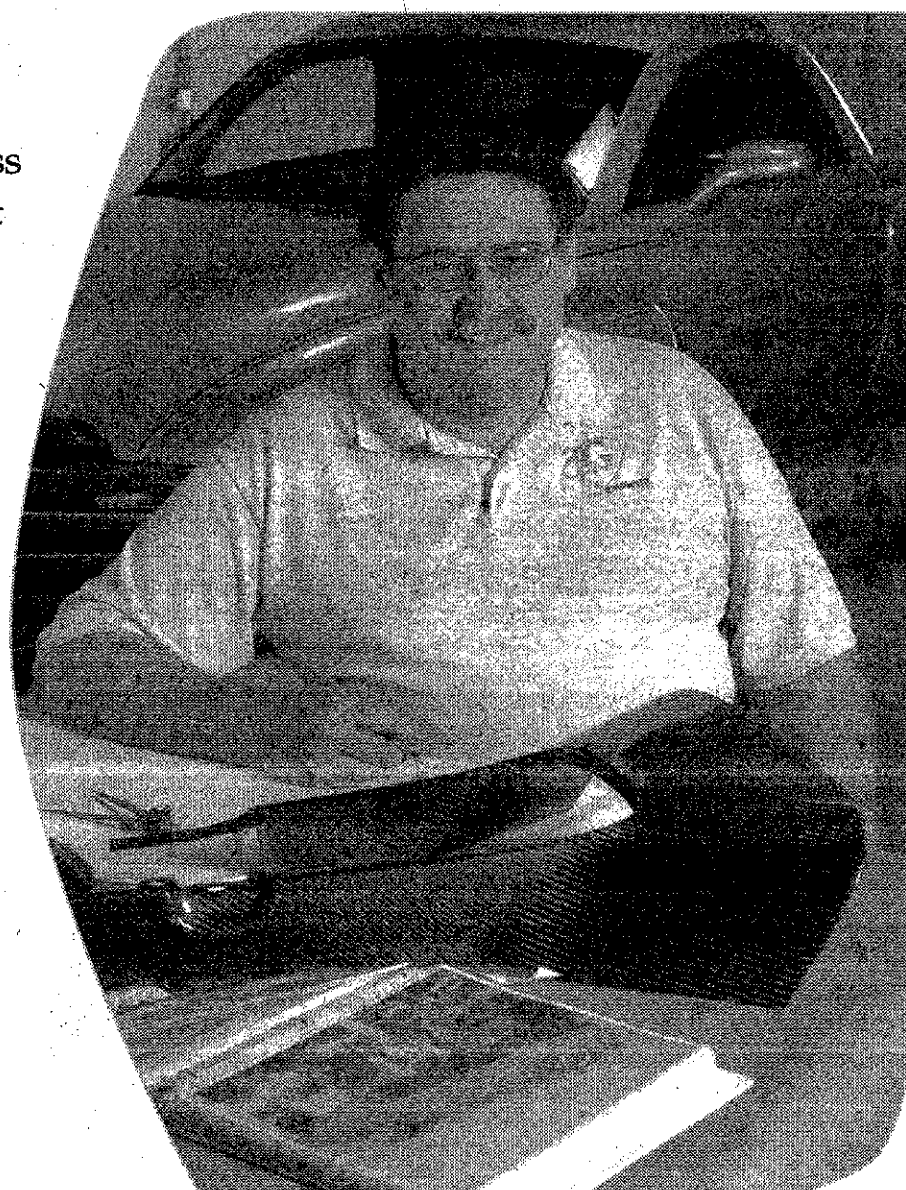
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FICTION

1. "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
2. "The Thirteenth Tale," Diane Setterfield
3. "Under Orders," Dick Francis
4. "The Road," Cormac McCarthy
5. "The Book of Fate," Brad Meltzer

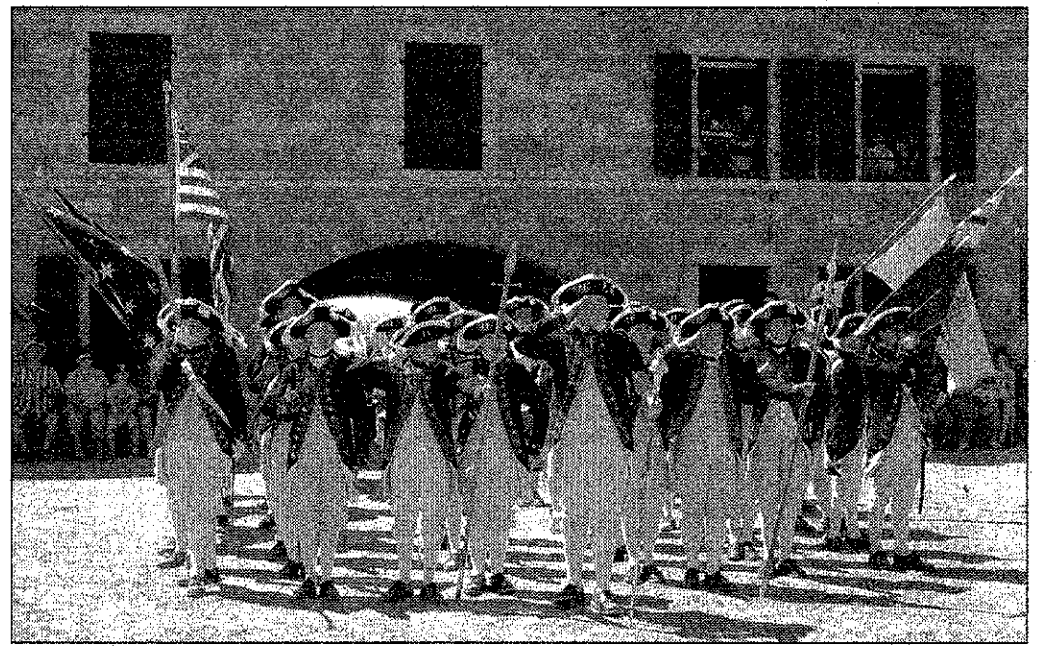
NON-FICTION

1. "Cultural Warrior," Bill O'Reilly
2. "State of Denial," Bob Woodward
3. "The Greatest Story Ever Sold," Frank Rich
4. "Saving Graces," Elizabeth Edwards
5. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron

PARENT'S CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Daddy Goes to Work," Jabari Asim
2. "Animal Strike at the Zoo, It's True," Karma Wilson
3. "It's My School," Sally Grindley
4. "Pig Little," Mike Thaler
5. "The New Girl and Me," Jacqui Robbins



Fife and drum recruiting

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, shown here performing at Fort Ticonderoga in New York, holds an informational recruitment meeting at Canton High School 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, in the orchestra room. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to learn more about PFDC, which consists of students from a variety of communities and range from 12-18 years of age. They perform 40-50 times per season at parades and festivals throughout the Midwest, New England and Canada. Recruiting efforts will be for open positions in fifes, drums, and color guard. No previous musical experience is necessary. Instructional information is provided by PFDC instructors. Uniforms are provided by PFDC. For additional information or to contact the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, refer to the PFDC web site at www.pfdc.us

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|-------|-------------|------------------------------|
| #2111 | Buehrl      | Couch, Dresser, Boxes        |
| #4099 | Taylor      | Boxes, Furniture, Equipment  |
| #2051 | Gebhard     | Couch, Mattress, Boxes       |
| #2079 | Frazier     | Boxes, Furniture, Mattress   |
| #2137 | Guidash     | Appliances, Totes, Equipment |
| #3069 | Zonca       | Couch, Mattress, Boxes       |
| #3111 | Field       | Boxes, Furniture, Equipment  |
| #4047 | Baerwalde   | Boxes, Appliances, Couch     |
| #4130 | Flumerfelt  | Couch, Tables, Chairs        |
| #4145 | Masterpeice | Tools, Equipment, Totes      |
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| #B017 | Johnson    | Dresser, Mirrors, Microwave                    |
| #B054 | Coleman    | Couch, Loveseat, Television                    |
| #C011 | Mickel     | Entertainment Center, Toys, Stereo             |
| #C024 | McGuinness | Dryer, Washer, Couch                           |
| #C112 | Hayward    | Chairs, Entertainment center, Dresser          |
| #C113 | Graham     | Couch, Chair, Mattress                         |
| #D060 | Guary      | Bed, Bicycle, Boxes                            |
| #D082 | McFall II  | Couch, Chair, Microwave                        |
| #D164 | Touchette  | Couch, Microwave, Totes                        |
| #E027 | Rogers     | Refrigerator, Television, Couch                |
| #E030 | Berger     | Office Equipment, Office Tables, Office Chairs |
| #E071 | Bennett    | Dresser, Shelving, Mattress                    |
| #E081 | Holston    | Dresser, Couch, Television                     |
| #E124 | Prather    | Tables, Televisions, Exercise Equipment        |
| #F014 | Petties    | Electric Piano, Couch, Televisions             |

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| #7032 | Dunlap    | Couch, Totes, Mattress          |
| #1132 | Fields    | Dresser, Couch, Television      |
| #1142 | Merideth  | Totes, Couch, Equipment         |
| #1314 | Colwell   | Mattress, Tables, Couch         |
| #1320 | Biedron   | Boxes, Appliances, Couch        |
| #3038 | Witkowski | Tables, Chairs, Mattress        |
| #3120 | Hannum    | Couch, Televisions, Boxes       |
| #3170 | Hannum    | Mattress, Totes, Equipment      |
| #4036 | Hickman   | Boxes, Couch, Appliances        |
| #4072 | Rose      | Totes, Tools, Equipment         |
| #4166 | Mulrenan  | Tables, Chairs, Boxes           |
| #5136 | Rowe      | Mattress, Furniture, Appliances |
| #5178 | Jackson   | Tables, Chairs, Boxes           |

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| #1001 | Blarze   | Dresser, Couch, Television |
| #1006 | Marshall | Totes, Couch, Equipment    |
| #2030 | Owens    | Mattress, Tables, Couch    |
| #4052 | Austin   | Boxes, Appliances, Couch   |
| #9209 | Caruana  | Tables, Chairs, Mattress   |
| #9210 | Caruana  | Boxes, Appliances, Couch   |

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| #5249 | Hollinsworth         | Dresser, Mirrors, Microwave                    |
| #3046 | Smith-Gordon         | Couch, Loveseat, Television                    |
| #3034 | Park Avenue Cleaners | Entertainment Center, Toys, Stereo             |
| #3048 | Smith II             | Dryer, Washer, Couch                           |
| #4012 | Pearl                | Chairs, Entertainment center, Dresser          |
| #4030 | Simpson              | Couch, Chair, Mattress                         |
| #4209 | Hayes                | Bed, Bicycle, Boxes                            |
| #4233 | Broughton            | Couch, Chair, Microwave                        |
| #4279 | Gaffka               | Couch, Microwave, Totes                        |
| #4294 | Jacobs               | Refrigerator, Television, Couch                |
| #5009 | Dona law office      | Office Equipment, Office Tables, Office Chairs |
| #5264 | Rooks Jr.            | Dresser, Shelving, Mattress                    |
| #8053 | Oconnell             | Dresser, Couch, Television                     |
| #6203 | Knighton             | Tables, Televisions, Exercise Equipment        |
| #6205 | Pitts                | Boxes, Couch, Televisions                      |
| #6208 | Jendrusik            | Dresser, Couch, Television                     |
| #6222 | Smith, L             | Tables, Televisions, Exercise Equipment        |
| #2030 | Moore                | Boxes, Couch, Televisions                      |

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| #3018 | Pen and Pad Products | Totes, Couch, Equipment    |
| #3027 | Knight               | Mattress, Tables, Couch    |
| #3028 | Laster               | Boxes, Appliances, Couch   |
| #4022 | Wright               | Tables, Chairs, Mattress   |
| #4141 | Lemma                | Couch, Televisions, Boxes  |
| #4161 | Lowery               | Mattress, Totes, Equipment |
| #4274 | Bryant               | Boxes, Couch, Appliances   |

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| #1006 | Green    | Dresser, Couch, Television |
| #1059 | Walton   | Totes, Couch, Equipment    |
| #2006 | Royce    | Mattress, Tables, Couch    |
| #2025 | Brode    | Boxes, Appliances, Couch   |
| #2064 | Brandt   | Tables, Chairs, Mattress   |
| #3035 | Green    | Couch, Televisions, Boxes  |
| #4094 | Holstein | Mattress, Totes, Equipment |
| #5002 | Lawal    | Boxes, Couch, Appliances   |
| #7013 | Summers  | Mattress, Totes, Equipment |
| #8014 | Smith, J | Boxes, Couch, Appliances   |



**CLASS REUNIONS**

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**REUNIONS**

**Birmingham High School**

**Class of 1956**  
Oct. 20-22, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. For more information, contact Barbara Sweeney Drisko, (248) 644-8797 or barbaradrisko@hotmail.com.

**Clawson High School**

**Class of 1973**  
6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 28, at the San Marino Club, Troy, \$75, contact Linda (Morrill) Hale, (248) 761-5550, or Dave Lake, (248) 684-4200.

**Detroit Chadsey**

**Class of 1956**  
Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

**Class of 1957**

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

**Detroit Western**

**Class of 1962**  
A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at jscranton@yahoo.com

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**Class of 1957**  
A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

**Epiphany Grade School**

**Class of 1966**  
A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

**Fordson High School**

**Class of 1969**  
Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

**Garden City High School**

**Class of 1987**  
Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryl (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

**Class of 1996**

A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, e-mail gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net.

**Garden City East**

**Class of 1976**  
Oct. 21 at Roma's of Garden City, contact Linda Fischer at (734) 591-9103 or sunniedai@twmlr.com for more information.

**Garden City West**

**Class of 1981**  
A 25th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Summit on the Parkway in Canton. For more information, please e-mail: gcwestclassof1981@yahoo.com.

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**Class of 1991**  
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**Class of 1966**  
The Bentley High School Class of 1966 will host a reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, 53503 W. 10 Mile. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact Bob Mundy at (248) 427-0320.

**Livonia Churchill**

**Class of 1976**  
A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Barnstormers, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. Cost \$10 per person includes hot hors d'oeuvres and DJ. Cash bar. To RSVP, call Erin Leedle Atkins at (734)449-8223 or Mike Fox at (313)268-5200.

**Livonia Franklin**

**Class of 1969**  
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com.

**Livonia Stevenson**

**Class of 1976**  
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Marriott Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$55/person and are available now. Send checks payable to "Stevenson Class of '76 Reunion" - mail to Dave Lindenmuth, 34357 Burton Lane, Livonia 48154. For more information, e-mail dlindenm@hotmail.com.

**Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem**

**Class of 1996**  
Ten-year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets, go online to www.pcep1996.myevent.com.

**Redford Thurston**

**Class of 1976**  
A 30-year class reunion, Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West at Laurel Park. Registration/cocktails 6-7 p.m., food-entertainment 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket cost is \$55, plus cash bar. Contact Cheryl Caskey at (313) 592-0345.

**Redford Union High School**

**Class of 1986**  
A 20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. For more information, go to www.ruhighclassof86.com or call (734)787-9954.

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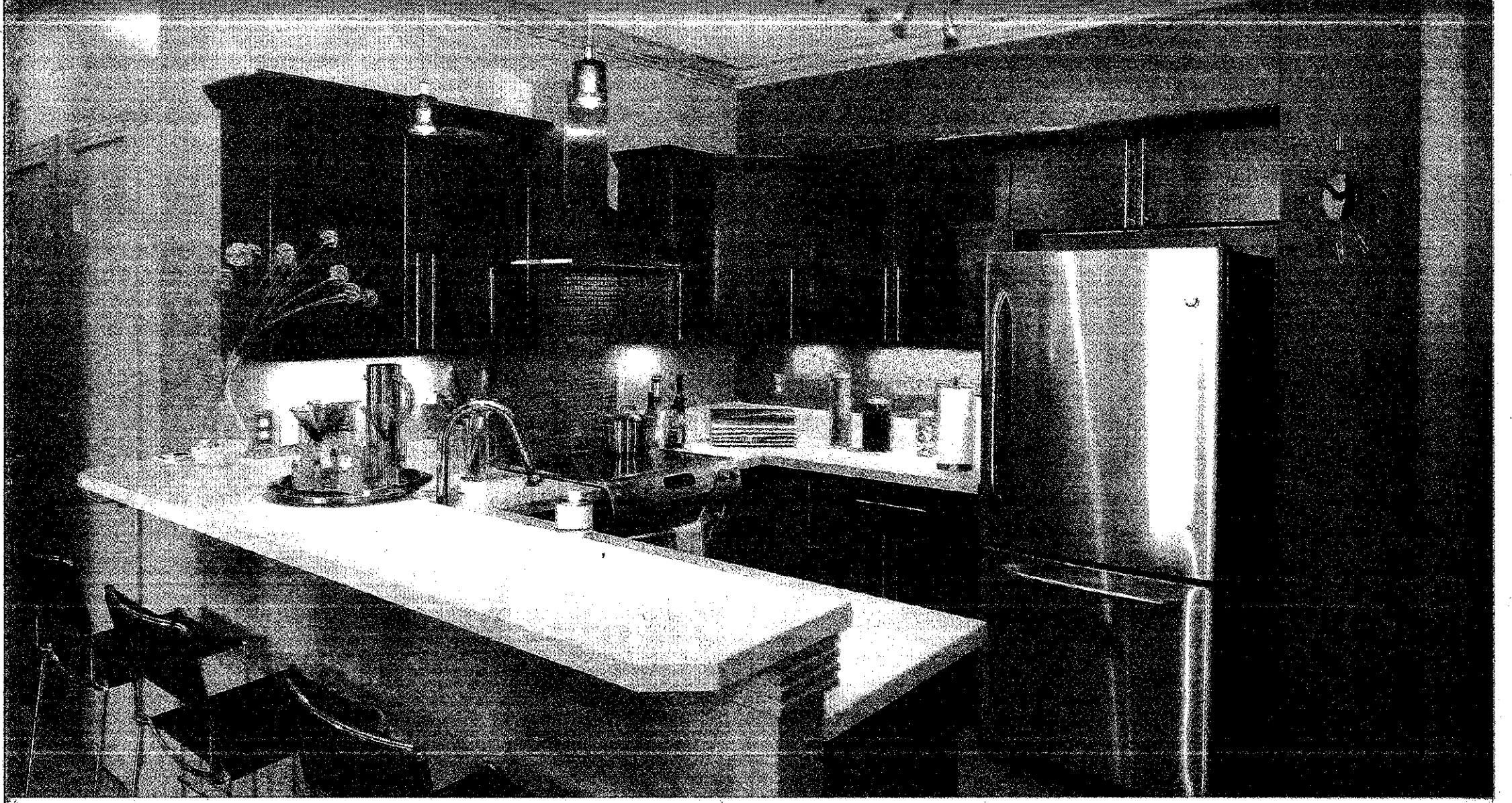
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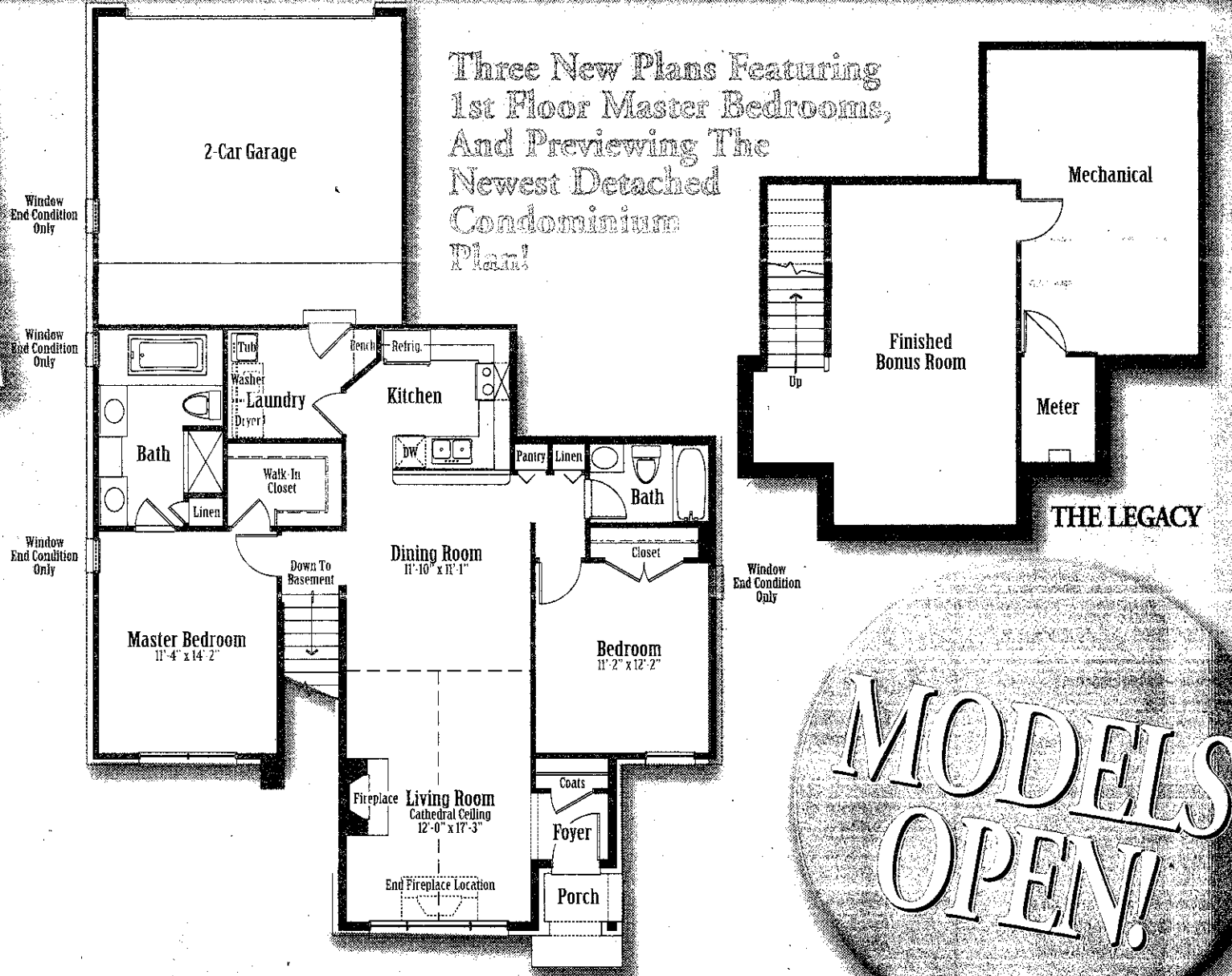
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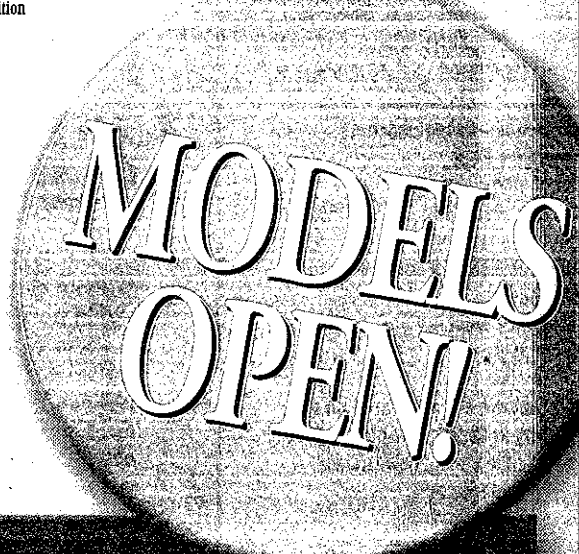
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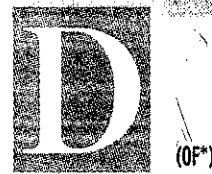


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## Job networking calls for diligent, widespread approach

BY JULIE BROWN  
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If you're looking for a job, Chris Brant recommends enlisting the help of friends, family - and beyond.

"Tell everybody you know that you're looking for a job," said Brant, director of career services at Madonna University in Livonia. "It's amazing how people know somebody who knows somebody."

She urges job seekers to pursue jobs fairs and help from college/university placement offices, even if they've been out of school awhile. Those you know socially often learn of job openings, Brant has found.

Help wanted ads have their use, but shouldn't be your sole source, she said. "You're missing a whole group of jobs that may never get an ad."

Attending a conference in your field, you just may hear "I heard that they might be having an opening in a month," Brant said. Having the name of someone who knows a potential employer helps to put your resume at the top of the stack.

She recommends that

Madonna students and graduates check Web sites and apply directly for jobs, taking a more proactive approach. Brant agreed some people feel uncomfortable asking for job search help, but usually others are willing to help.

"A lot of people are willing to help you if they can," she said.

Bob Thomas, director of career services at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, agrees that networking matters for younger job seekers and those more experienced. "It never stops," he said. "You just keep doing it. It's kind of a way of acting. Be active in your community, be active in professional organizations. You look for connections."

One recommendation is doing volunteer work in your field, in part to make contacts. A consideration for experienced professionals is attending chamber of commerce and service club meetings. "You can meet a lot of local business people that way," Thomas said.

Networking's a mutually beneficial exchange of information. Thomas recommends to gradu-

ates they make a list of all they know and contact them for informational interviews. How you'll approach each one depends on the nature of the relationship, he said.

A lot of schools have alumni mentoring programs, some online, Thomas noted. Professional organizations, some of which have student chapters, are a good networking source as well.

OU and other schools have career fairs at which alumni can collect business cards and make connections. In addition, some companies have information sessions on campus, either on the business itself or on such topics as resumes.

Thomas finds the follow-up informational interviews help job seekers. "People like to talk about themselves and that's how you establish relationships." It's essential to follow interviews with thank you notes, Thomas said, and to offer assistance to the other person.

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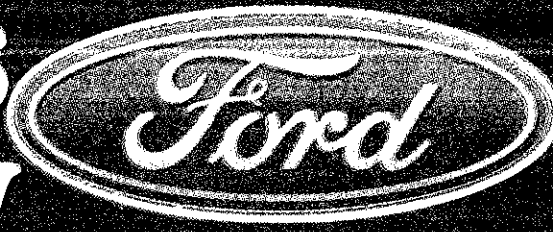








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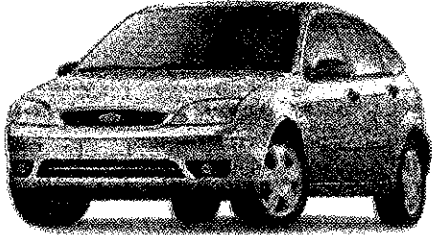


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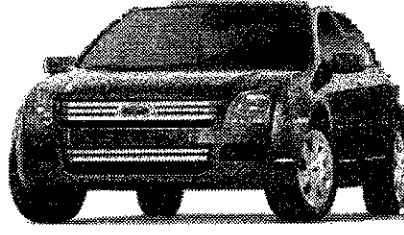


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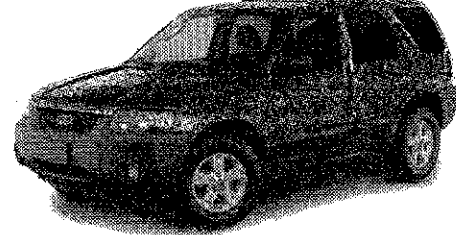


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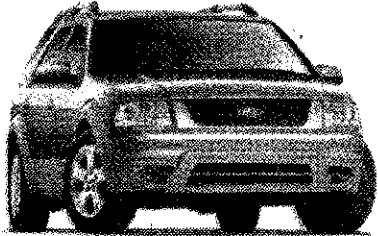


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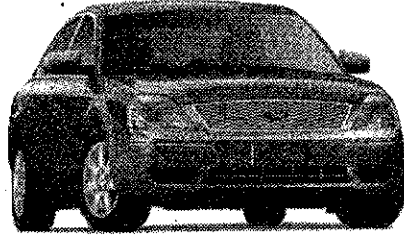


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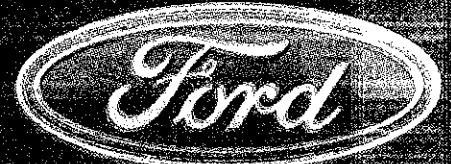
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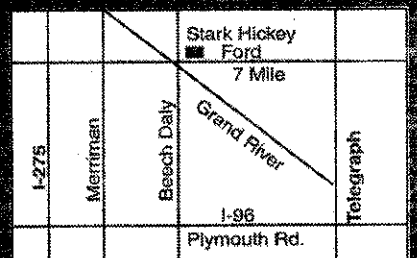


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## Cooking up a colorful kitchen remodel

(NAPSI) — As floor plans are becoming more open and the kitchen is more integrated into the main living areas of the home, it becomes increasingly important to carry good design practices into the kitchen. This includes decisions on appliances, cabinetry, accessories, backsplash color, among other things.

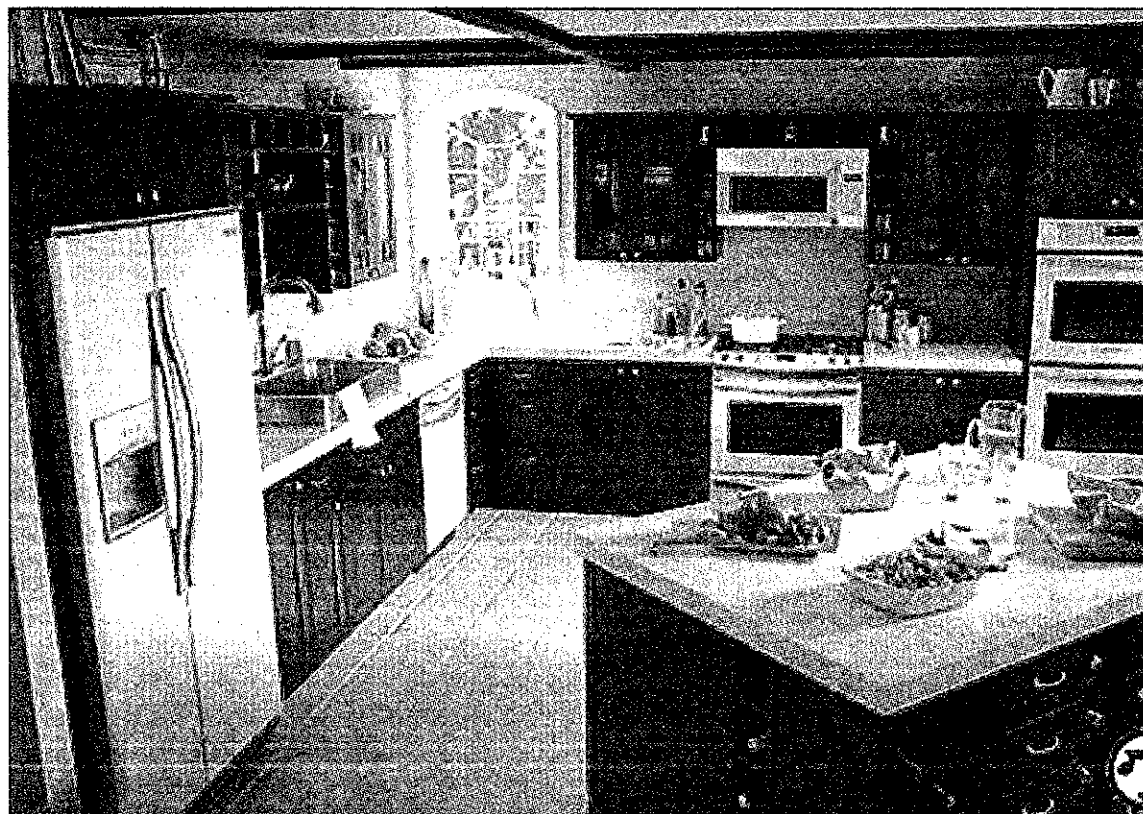
The kitchen is seeing renewed attention as an area to make improvements, particularly among do-it-yourselfers. According to a recent survey, more than 70 percent of women homeowners surveyed said they feel prepared to be solely responsible for their home, including maintenance, repairs and improvements.

Nearly all of these female homeowners said they prefer to take on these projects without professional help, a significant increase over what they said just three years ago. According to the survey findings, the kitchen is the most popular room to upgrade.

Renowned design expert and HGTV host Sarah Richardson recommends a starting point to help make sense of kitchen design trends. "It's important to consider three main points when determining design direction: color, materials and the function the space will serve for the family," she advises.

When people think about introducing color into kitchen design, they generally go directly to the wall color or backsplash pattern or flooring. Today's color choices extend beyond those areas to dishes, glassware, small kitchen appliances, pots and pans, cabinetry, countertops and furniture.

"Yesterday's neutrals have given way to an intense color palette. A few hot trends are poppy red, blue-gray and lumi-



Kitchens are often redone by homeowners looking to make changes in their lifestyle. According to a recent survey, more than 70 percent of women homeowners surveyed said they feel prepared to be solely responsible for their home, including maintenance, repairs and improvements.

nous, metallic finishes," according to Richardson.

Even homeowners not ready to make a bold color choice on the walls can add colorful accents to the room by choosing bright accessories or adding beautiful fabric upholstery to the kitchen chairs.

As color choices in the kitchen are evolving, so are appliance finishes. In the past, solid colors, such as white and black, were the standard options for appliances. Now stainless steel is a top-seller and trends point toward the growing popularity of a new metallic neutral. For example, the Frigidaire Elements line offers an industry-first metallic nickel

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Essential to any kitchen design is the work and traffic flow. A traditional theory on

kitchen layout is the triangle relationship among the refrigerator, oven and sink. That shape has evolved into circles, squares and many other configurations as unique as the individuals who use them.

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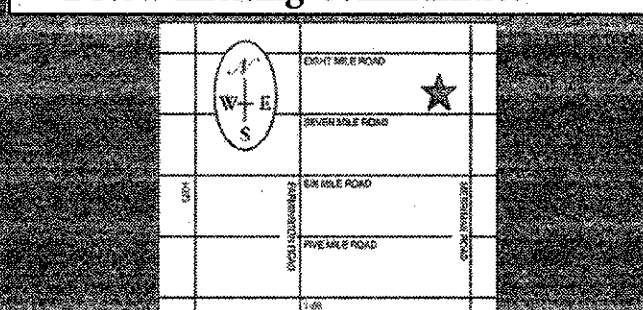
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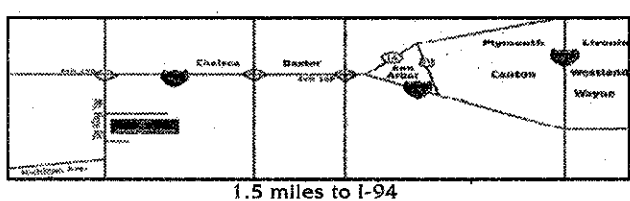


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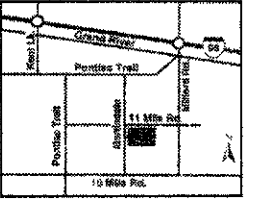
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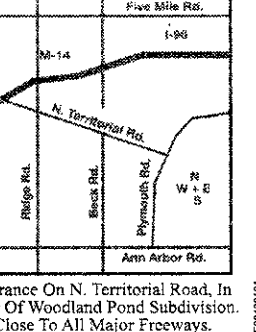


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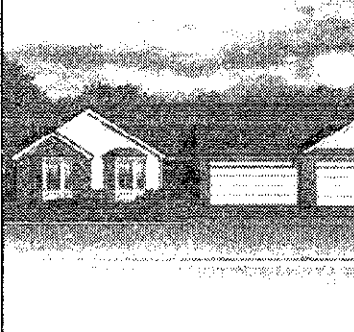
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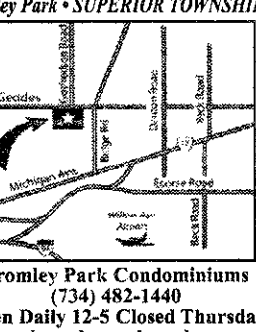
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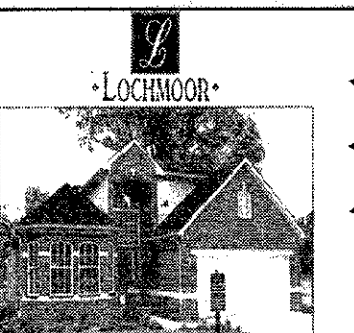
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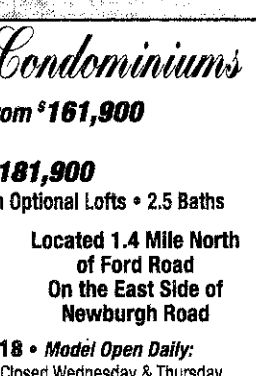
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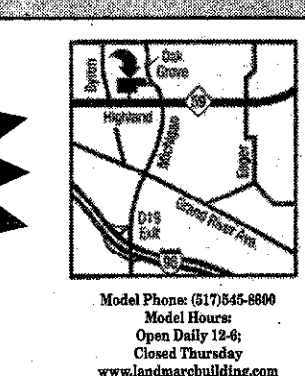
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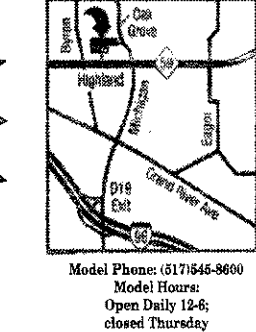
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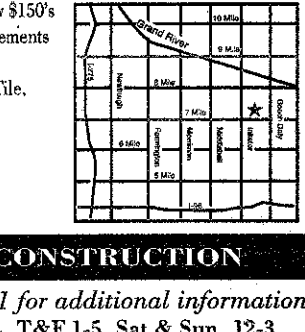
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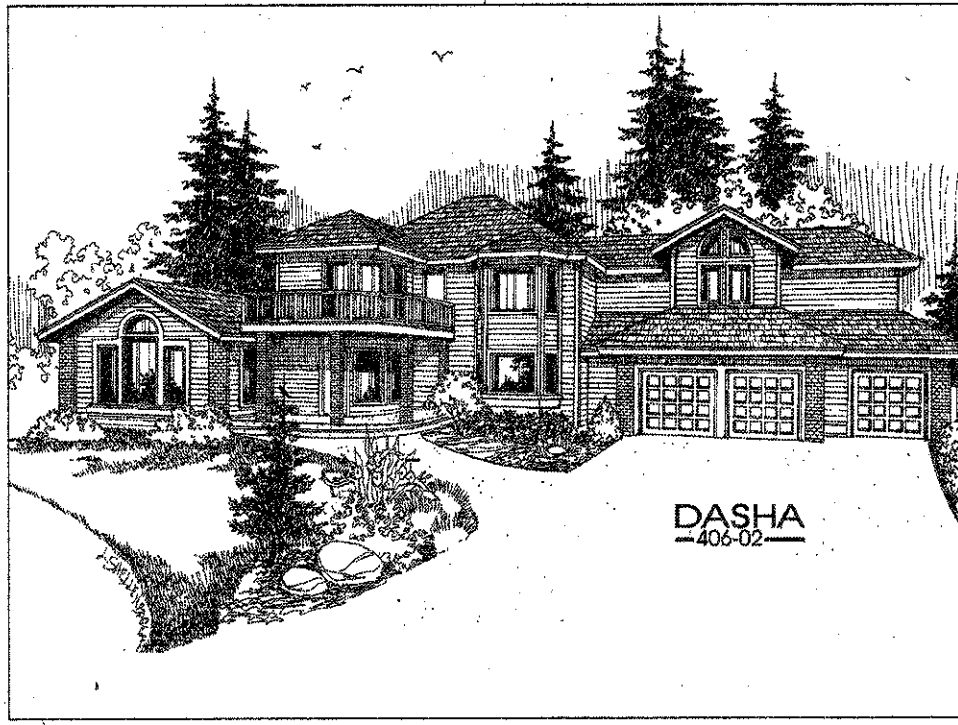
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At its heart is a combined kitchen and family room with a

sunny eating nook nestled into a bay window. The V-shaped center island, which houses both a range and a vegetable sink, also doubles as an eating bar. There is plenty of counter and storage space here to cook and serve large gatherings of family and friends.

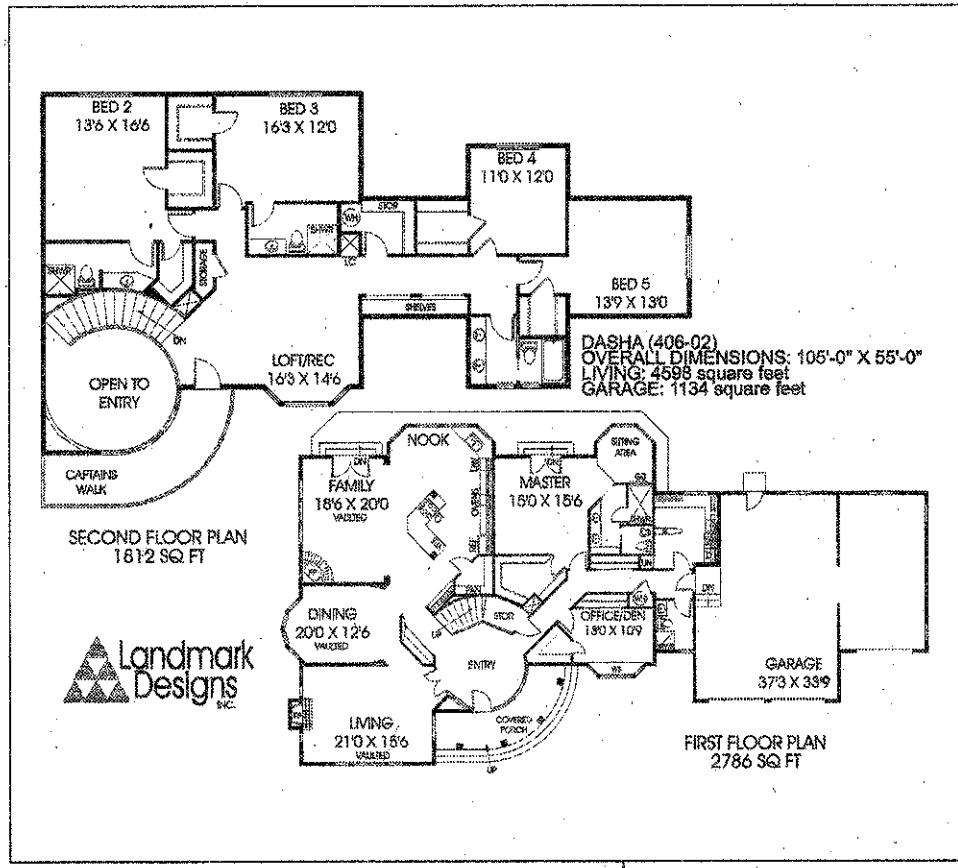
The master suite is downstairs, separate from the other bedrooms. It features a large walk-in closet and double vanities located outside the water closet. A raised bay could either hold a spa, or serve as a bright sitting room.

The utility room has plenty of cupboards, counter space for folding clothes, and a fold down iron-

ing board. Clothes, bed linen and towels from upstairs, arrive via a laundry chute.

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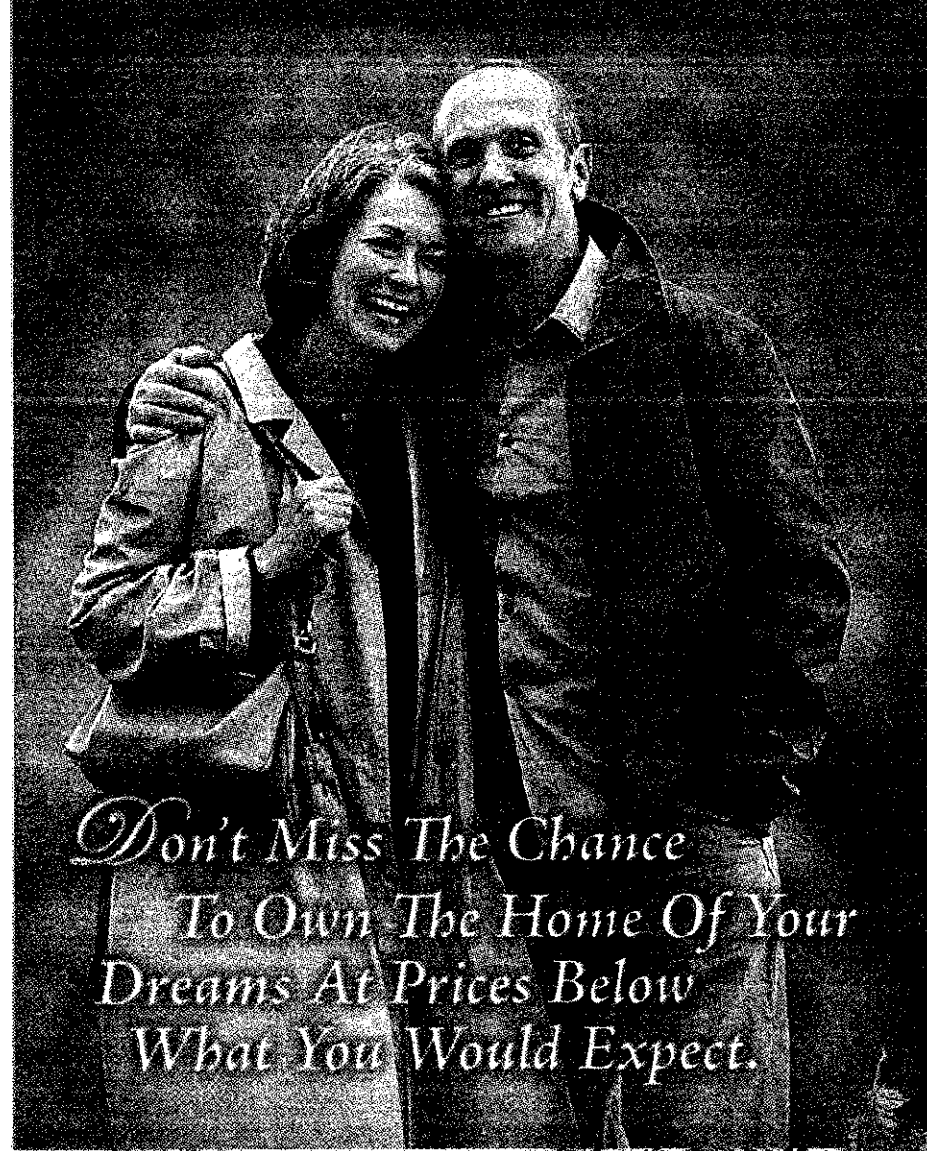
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First Advantage Mortgage presents a free workshop: The Key to becoming a smart investor in real estate from 6:30- 9 pm Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Farina's Banquet Center 2485 Coolidge in Berkley. This is an informational workshop where you will learn what to do, how to do it, and when to get professional help. Learn important tips and tricks from professionals such as Realtors, lenders, real estate attorneys, certified personal consultants/financial planners, insurance agents and many more. Please call to reserve your seat today. (866) 394-4444

## Prime Time is Coming

Get your questions about real estate issues answered during Prime Time on Thursday, Oct. 19. Call the Real Estate One Novi/Northville office at (248) 348-6430 and a professional will take your call. Do you have questions about market information in your neighborhood or mortgages and credit? Are you moving out of state and need information on your destination city? Or perhaps you're looking at a career in real estate. For these questions and more, call in between 6-8 p.m.

## Halloween fun

Weir Manuel Realtors will host a Halloween dog parade and costume contest at its Birmingham office 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. Weir Manuel and its agents will be contributing donations to animal welfare, and the public will be invited to donate as well. A number of dogs will also be available on site for adoption. Weir Manuel agents from its four offices in Birmingham, Rochester, West Bloomfield and Plymouth will bring their costumed dogs, and prizes will be given in a number of categories, such as "Miss/Mister Congeniality," "Most Outrageous Costume," "Tiniest/Biggest Dog," "Most Comical Outfit," "Most Unique Dog." Weir Manuel is at the corner of Brown and Old Woodward. After the contest, the annual Halloween Parade in Shain Park will begin at 4

p.m.

"We thought this would be a great fall event for families and children," said Kelly Sweeney, broker/owner of Weir Manuel Realtors, "and it's the perfect way to draw attention to the number of pets that are in distress and need to be rescued. We hope we can help to educate the public and the community we serve about animal welfare. It's a worthy cause, and we're looking to find wonderful homes for some deserving dogs. We hope the public will join in."

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## Buying a home

Shore Mortgage and Remerica Country Place Realtors will offer a free seminar for homebuyers. Some of the topics at this educational seminar will include: finding a home to fit your needs and price range; how to buy a home with nothing down; credit scores and how they affect their buying process. It will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Remerica Country Place Realtors.

Call K. Williams at (734) 218-0338 or R. Pasieka at (734) 776-5635 for reservations.

## Mortgage Credit Coaching Seminar

This free seminar is for you if your credit score is holding you back from buying a home, you've been turned down for a mortgage or loan, can't pay off those collection accounts or want to improve your score but don't know how. The seminar is from 2-4 pm on Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Public Library of Westland located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516-8043 to register.

## Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

■ **Effective Business Management Seminar,**

**"Creating Sanctuary: Using Feng Shui & Design"** 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Susan Haifleigh of Environments & Energy will discuss developing sanctuary in site plans and home designs and model homes that outperform competing products. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$60 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Remodelors Council** will have a "Know Thy Customer" seminar 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Rick Ritvov of Mr. Fix It Building Co. will discuss how to fire bad customers, how to cut the number of clients in half yet double business, landing customers before competitors and knowing what customers are buying. Fee is \$30 for Remodelors Council members, \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$50 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1008.

■ **MIOSHA safety seminar** 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 23, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Patrick Sullivan of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth will discuss a new MIOSHA directive for residential construction, the builder's responsibility for Fall Protection, review of Fall Protection criteria and practices, and Fall Protection liability. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Field Superintendent course** on "Codes & Quality Control" 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to set performance expectations based on quality control foundations. The course

will outline the superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and provide tips on how to enforce code compliance on the job. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council** will sponsor a "Fair Housing - For the Birds" seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Star Southfield Theaters, 25333 W. 12 Mile in Southfield. Nadeen Green, senior counsel with *For Rent* magazine, will discuss fair housing. Fee is \$35 for PMC members, \$40 for AAM or BIA members, \$55 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

■ **Effective Business Management Seminar,** "Are You a Corporation, LLC or Partnership? Choosing the Right Legal Structure for Your Company" to be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Lawrence Stawski of Foley, Baron & Metzger PLLC will discuss various types of legal structures. Also covered will be who actually owns the business and how its activities are defined. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Effective Business Management Seminar,** "An Introduction to Land Development Using Other People's Money" to be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kenneth Silver of Hertz, Schram & Saretsky will discuss raising money safely, deal structuring and managing investors. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **"How To Make the Parade of Homes Work for You"** seminar as part of the Sales & Marketing Council 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at LaSalle Bank headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy. Reservations are required, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and their representatives. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **A series of builder's license preparation courses** 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to pre-

pare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fee is \$200. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **"Systems and Interior Finishes"** seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will be presented by Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. and is part of the Certified Graduate Builder series. It will identify codes and requirements affecting the design and installation of mechanical and interior finish systems. Fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Effective Business Management seminar,** "A Guide to Condo Conversions," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Anita Blender of Bluerock Management and Jeffrey Kaftan of Kaftan Enterprises will discuss condo conversions and how to know if a property is conducive to converting. Fee includes continental breakfast and is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Sales & Marketing Council** will present "Essential Closing Strategies" seminar 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Charter One Bank in the Backman Center, 1250 W. 14 Mile in Troy. Henry A. Thomas of Henry Thomas & Associates will be the instructor. The course is part of the Master Certified Sales Professional series. Fee is \$149 for SMC members, \$169 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council** will sponsor a "Super Leasing Extravaganza" 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 10, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will cover the entire leasing process. Fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or BIA members, \$99 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

■ **BIA will sponsor a lien law seminar** 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 14, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The focus is "What's New in Michigan Construction." Fee is \$50 for BIA members, \$75 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **"How To Sell, Serve and**

**Succeed"** seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at The Radisson Hotel, 39475 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. This is presented by the Sales & Marketing Council and will feature Henry A. Thomas of Henry Thomas & Associates. Fee is \$45 for SMC members, \$65 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **"Off-Site Project Management"** seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar, part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler series, will be presented by Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. It will review the role of the project manager off-site on a construction project. Fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members, \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Field Superintendent course** on "Safety and Security" 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 21, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to protect the job site by learning essential components of a safety program. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **"Customers for a Lifetime"** seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Janine LaPorte and Rick Weaver of Executive Image Group will present the program. Fee is \$45 for Apartment Association of Michigan or BIA members, \$65 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

## Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ **A 16-hour comprehensive seminar** to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license examination. It will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, Oct. 21-22, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$205 including manual and sample questions and the test application. Deposit of \$25 by Oct. 19 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton,

Rochester Hills 48306. Call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register.

■ **A 16-hour comprehensive seminar** to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license examination by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with the institute. It will be 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Oct. 23, 25, 30 and Nov. 1, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions; \$208 plus \$20 for nonresidents.

Preregister with payment by Oct. 19 to the college. To register, call (313) 317-1500.

■ **A 16-hour comprehensive seminar** to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license examination by Livonia Community Education in cooperation with the institute. It will be 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Oct. 23, 25, 30 and Nov. 1, at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia. Cost is \$220 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions. Preregister with payment by Oct. 19 to Livonia Community Education. To register, call (734) 744-2602.

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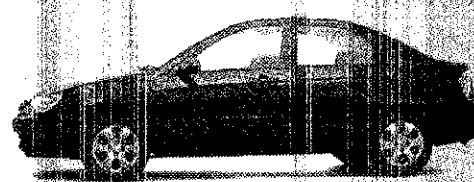




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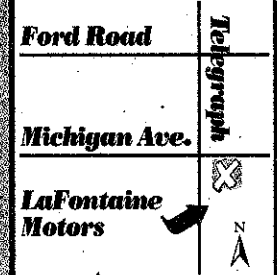
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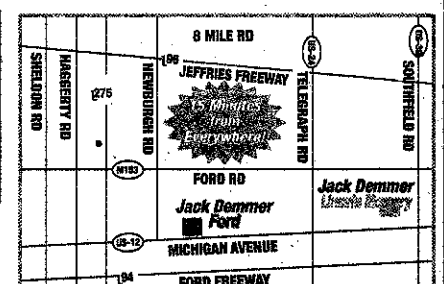
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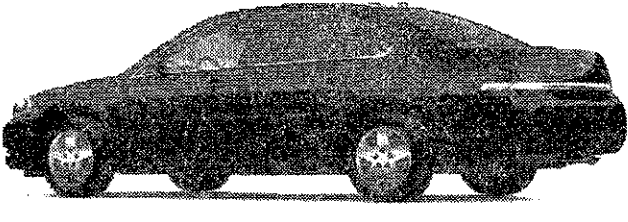

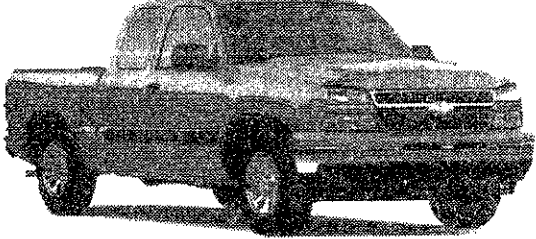

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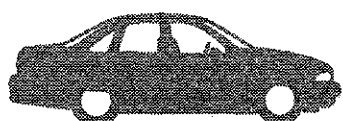
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We're in the process of getting our daughter a car to drive back and forth to college (and yes, she's going to contribute), so when I scheduled the 2006 Volkswagen GTI to review, I had one eye on it as a possibility for her. I'm sorry to say the GTI isn't on the list any longer.

She'd have way too much fun driving it. That pretty much sums it up—the GTI is fun to drive, with some sharp styling and a hip factor that might make her a little too popular. Nice problems to have, right?

Although the GTI has been redesigned for this year, it's still built on the Golf platform, as it has been since it was introduced in the U.S. in 1983. Although it shares a platform with the Golf, the GTI is different. It's much more aggressive-looking, with a black honeycomb design front end, and a red frame strip outlining the radiator; the brake calipers are painted red, which looks sharp. The lower grille is also done in the honeycomb style and it houses the standard fog lights. High-intensity Xenon headlamps with washers are standard, as are power, heatable outside mirrors, 17-inch alloy wheels (18-inch wheels are available as an option) and a rear spoiler over the rear hatch. The rear hatch opens by pushing in the VW logo on the back, which is kind of a neat feature.

The GTI is powered by a new 2.0T turbocharged four-cylinder engine, rated at 200 hp and 297 lb.-ft. of torque. The engine incorporates dual overhead camshafts, four valves per cylinder and a fully electronic engine management system, which includes drive-by-wire throttle control and direct fuel injection. The engine is mated to either a six-speed manual transmission, or an optional six-speed automatic direct-shift gearbox. Paddles shifters are located on the steering wheel, if you feel the need to use them. The test car had the automatic, and it shifted quickly and smoothly; without having driven the manual, I can guess it would perform very well.

Either way, the car accelerates nicely and will give you plenty of power for passing and merging. It's recommended you use premium fuel, but you can use regular in a pinch. It's EPA rated at 25/31 mpg.

You'll like the way the GTI rides and handles. The front



2006 Volkswagen GTI. Vehicle class: Compact car. Power: 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 25 city / 31 highway. Where built: Wolfsburg, Germany. Base price: \$21,990. Price as tested: \$25,065.

suspension is a MacPherson strut system with lower wishbones that includes a tubular anti-roll bar. In the rear, the four-link system includes coil springs, telescopic shocks and a tubular anti-roll bar. The ride is comfortable without being mushy, and benefits from the standard traction control. The power rack-and-pinion steering allows for tight cornering and easy maneuvering. The standard anti-lock brakes are very good.

Inside, the GTI looks and feels like a German sports car. Cloth seats are standard; you can order leather seats, which can be heated. The seats are adjusted manually (power seats are an option) and take a few minutes to a good driving position. The three-spoke steering wheel is leather-wrapped and includes controls for the audio system. Alloy touches are placed throughout the cabin, and contribute to a modern look, and the gearshift knob and the handbrake lever are leather-wrapped, as well.

The instrument panel is well laid out and includes a tachometer, and a coolant temperature gauge. In addition, you'll find a message center in the middle of the cluster that displays the time, compass and gear selection, for the automatic transmission. In addition, the trip computer can also display current fuel consumption, miles-to-empty, and radio station selection. There are two power outlets in the center console and another in the trunk.

The GTI comes with easy entry for the two-door model. A special handle moves the seatback forward for easier entry to the rear seats. While it is fairly easy to get into those rear seats, you might not want to stay there long. Leg room is rather tight, particularly if you have that

combination of tall driver and tall passenger. The rear seats fold down in a 60/40 arrangement that allows more storage area in the rear.

Volkswagen has equipped the GTI with lots of standard features, including air-conditioning, cruise control, power windows, keyless entry, tilt steering column, and an anti-theft alarm. A power sunroof, leather seats, and dual zone automatic climate control are available as options.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system, which also reads mp3s and features 10 speakers, and it sounds great. You can add either of the two satellite radio services (XM or Sirius) into an integrated receiver as an option, and you can also add a GPS navigation system.

Since the reason we're getting a new car is that my daughter wrecked the one she was driving, we're paying close attention to the safety features of the cars we're looking at. The GTI comes with front airbags, driver and passenger side thorax airbags, a side curtain supplemental restraint system, and crash active front headrests.

Volkswagen backs up the GTI with a four-year/50,000 warranty, and a five-year/60,000-mile powertrain warranty.

The 2006 Volkswagen GTI starts at about \$22,000. Add the automatic transmission, power sunroof and satellite radio, and you're at about \$25,000.

If you decide to grab a GTI, be sure to let us know how you like it. One thing is for sure—our daughter won't get that chance.

Write Dave Menard at avanti1054@aol.com.

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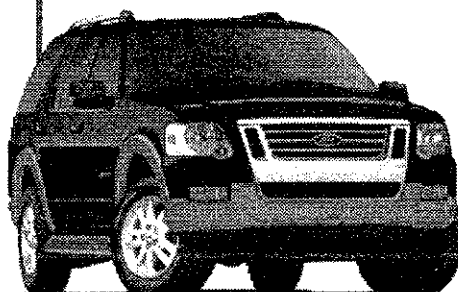
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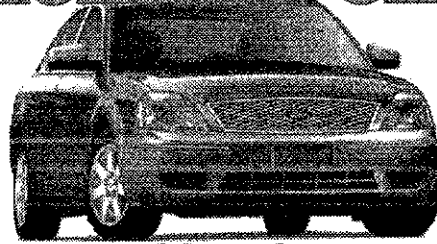
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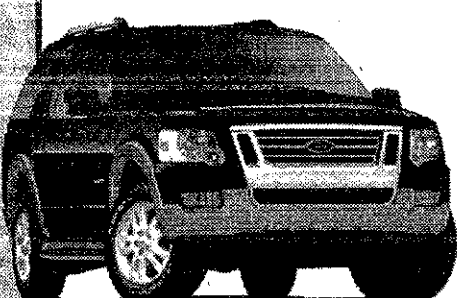
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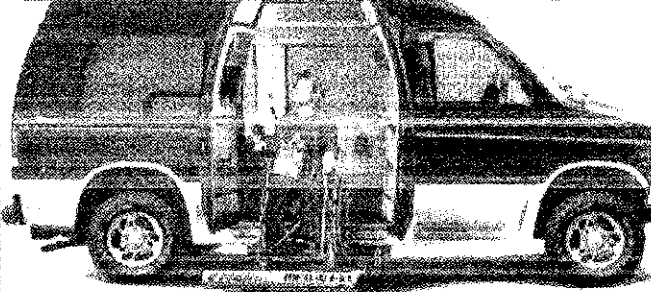
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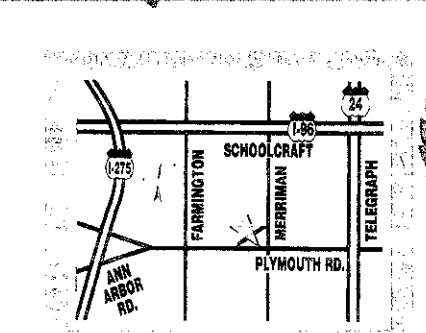
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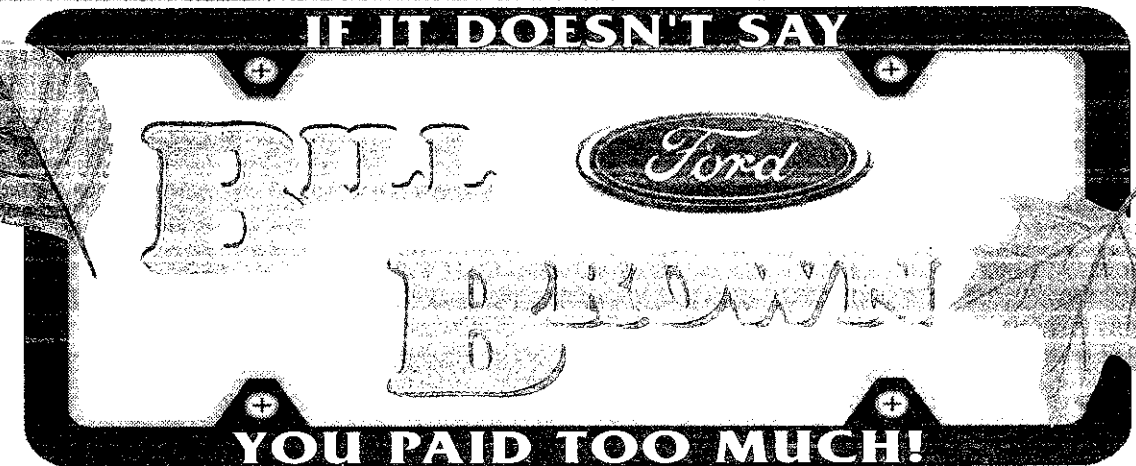
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