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Hot stuff

Sales heat up for salsa business founder

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Some eight years ago, Ron Willis and his wife had a business breakthrough when their two Great Danes tore up the garden.

"We bought our house in Canton," he said. When the dogs tore up the garden, he realized he'd have to put grass in. They had fixings for salsa from the garden and from that beginning grew the Plymouth Township-based business Sweet Heat Salsa.

"I mixed it up to my own tastes," he recalled of that first batch, what's now Amazing Medium and accounts for half of company sales. There's also Must Have Mild and Habanero Hot, with each of those accounting for a quarter of sales.

Ron Willis had worked for Ryder in logistics contracted to Metaldyne in Plymouth, and has just given that up to work full time in the salsa business. Wife Jennifer's a senior buyer at ACH corporate headquarters in Dearborn, and the couple has a 3-year-old daughter, Kylie, and two Great Danes, one a puppy.

He's found his new work life rewarding and less stressful. "I was being too stretched," Willis said of trying to run his business and handle a corporate job. Sweet Heat Salsa now has a 3,100-square-foot production facility on Five Mile between Sheldon and Beck.

"I love making the salsa."



PLEASE SEE SALSA, A4 Ron Willis, salsa king, is proud of his products.

State probes construction accident that killed Canton man

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Jose Covarrubias-Melendez, 23, of Canton was killed and three other Canton workers injured Monday afternoon in a construction accident at a Milford church.

The Milford Police Department reports that police and fire personnel went to the site at about 3:09 p.m. Monday at South Hill Baptist Church. Initial reports indicated that several roof trusses had collapsed on the second floor at the site where an addition was being built, and that at least two workers were trapped under the collapsed trusses.

"We were putting on a new addition to our church," said David Hughes, pastor of South Hill Baptist Church. Hughes wasn't at the church at the time, as he was picking his son up at school.

The men worked for Allied Construction of Milford, the pastor said.

The trapped workers were freed by co-workers just prior to the arrival of emergency responders, according to Milford police. Four workers were injured, two critically and two seriously, when approximately 16 of the 75-foot long roof trusses collapsed. All were taken to area hospitals.

Covarrubias-Melendez was pronounced dead upon his arrival at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township. An autopsy was conducted Tuesday by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office.

"We're going to do a prayer service this Sunday evening at 7 o'clock," said Hughes, adding a collection will be taken for the deceased man's wife, Virginia, also 23. The couple had no children.

"We had kind of an impromptu prayer meeting last night," the pastor said Tuesday morning. Children's programs for Tuesday were canceled at the church.

"Right now, everyone's somber," Hughes said, adding the full impact won't hit until Sunday services. "Just pray for the family" and the injured men, he said. "That's the only resource we have right now."

A Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigator was conducting an investigation. The cause of the collapse remains under investigation. "We had a safety inspector out there late yesterday," Bob Pawlowski, director of MIOSHA Construction Safety and Health Division, said Tuesday. "He is continuing with the investigation today."

PLEASE SEE ACCIDENT, A4

World Series trip has local fans rooting

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The sermon was thought-provoking at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton on Sunday, but talk quickly turned to the Tigers during coffee hour afterward.

"They're doing good," said worshiper Ed Humble of Westland, a former 30-year Canton resident. "That'd be wonderful if they take the Series too. I sure hope they do it."

At 87, Humble's seen his share of Tigers teams.

"When I was a kid, I used to slip into Navin Field," he said of the then-name of the ballpark at Michigan and Trumbull.

Don Petteys of Geneva, a 22-year Canton resident, is equally excited.

"I think it's wonderful," said

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Petteys, also 87. "I think it's really a wonderful tribute to the manager."

Wife Maribeth chimed in noting the high number of Tigers players who've never been to the playoffs.

"I think it's about time," she said.

"Now we have to do something with the Lions, don't we?" Don Petteys added with a smile. His words must have helped, as the Lions defeated the Buffalo Bills that afternoon.

Petteys watched some 90 percent of the Tigers games this season, unlike in the past, he said, "because right off the bat they played like they belonged."

Out at Plymouth Orchards on

TIGERS TALES

The Detroit Tigers' World Series run has captured the spirit of our community and we'd like readers to share their stories of this thrilling ride with their neighbors. Write up your Tigers moments - whether it was snagging tickets to watch the game from inside or outside Comerica Park, celebrating with family and friends in your decorated family room, or joining hundreds of strangers in a pub to share the excitement. Send along a photo or two of the event. The more unique or touching your story, the better. We'll select from those items sent in and share them with readers in upcoming issues of the Observer. Send your Tigers tales to editor Dave Varga at dvarga@hometownlife.com.



Sunday morning, business was brisk, but manager Mary Krause noted the cider mill was less crowded during Saturday's big game in which the Tigers defeated the Oakland Athletics to take the American League pennant.

"It was slow yesterday but very steady," the Canton resident said, noting there were company parties at the cider mill Saturday. "As far as the locals, I think they were all home watching the game."

State shuts doors on care center involved in child's death

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

While a Canton foster mother faces a felony murder trial in the death of her 2-year-old foster daughter, the child care center where the girl spent much of her time has now been closed amid allegations center officials did

not report signs of physical abuse.

State officials Monday ordered Childtime Learning Center in Plymouth to close its doors, suspending its license and announcing an intent to seek revocation as a result of "a recent investigation of a complaint regarding the day care center."

The complaint, made by former Childtime teacher Cher Majeske, involved the center's failure to report what Majeske said were signs of abuse on 2-year-old Allison Newman. Majeske claims she told her supervisor, who did not report

PLEASE SEE CENTER, A5



Royalty

Plymouth High School's Nicole Ambrose and Nate Gholston; Salem's Andrea Spohn and J.P. Truesdell, and Canton's Alyssa Johnson are this year's local homecoming kings and queens. Not pictured is Canton High's King Eric Stanko.

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Coming Sunday in Health

Health care providers aren't expecting shortages of influenza vaccine this season so there's no reason not to get your shot. Vaccination helps reduce the spread of the disease.

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 making processes of Van Buren Public Schools.

Rummage sale

Grace Lutheran Church is having its annual Rummage & Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 46001 Warren (between Canton Center and Beck) in Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its November networking luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, 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.

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.

Shopping Extravaganza

Plymouth First United Methodist Church Shopping Extravaganza will be 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Admission is \$1. Vendors/crafters, bake sale, silent auction, prizes and Bob's Sloppy Joes will be featured. Proceeds to benefit the Chancel Choir outreach tour.

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, contact Sharon Chefan at (734) 397-1777, Ext. 113, or sharonchefan@tricitychristian.org.

Sighting-in days

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold 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.



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Gibraltar cops investigating campaign flap

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Gibraltar police are investigating whether a campaign employee of Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, illegally removed signs of Democratic challenger Mark Slavens on Sunday.

Police are also investigating alleged confrontations by Patterson with a Gibraltar woman and her boyfriend that reportedly ensued.

The parties involved agree there were shouting matches and foul language involved. But that's where the similarities end. How many encounters and who started them is a matter of contention, which Gibraltar Police Chief Lehr is attempting to sort out.

According to 27-year-old Amy Brittain of Gibraltar, and her 32-year-old boyfriend Steve Sorge of Maumee, Ohio, the couple was on their way to lunch when they noticed a man removing Slavens' signs near West Jefferson at Gibraltar roads.

"When I confronted him, he

dropped the signs and ran," Brittain said. "About a half-mile down the road, we saw a green van with the same kid who was taking down the Slavens signs. We drove up, Patterson got out of the vehicle and came over to the passenger side of the truck and leaned inside, screaming at me, calling me a 'dumb b-----'."

The pair say they drove off, and pulled into a nearby subdivision. A few moments later, Brittain said Patterson's van pulled in front of their truck, keeping it from driving away, with Patterson once again getting out.

"He repeated 'dumb b-----' more times than I can remember," Brittain said. "And, he tried to bait my boyfriend, saying, 'Are you the big man trying to protect the little girl?'"

Sorge said he told Brittain three times to get into the truck so they could leave.

"This guy just scared me," Sorge said. "She's a small girl, and I thought he was going to kill her. I slammed the truck into reverse and got out of there."

Patterson — whose version is

much different — said he was filling the gas tank of his rented van while his campaign aide went inside the convenience store when he heard a woman screaming.

"I hear this voice saying, 'Hey, you SOB' — though she didn't put it like that — 'give me back those signs,'" Patterson said. "She yanks the door (of the store) open and yells, 'I'm going to kick your a--. Give me back those signs.'"

Patterson said he questioned his employee about what was happening. "He told me, 'She came after me because she saw me taking Slavens' signs out of there,'" said Patterson, who noted his employee admitted taking the signs from the public right of way. "I told him he's not supposed to do that and said, 'Technically it's litter, abandoned property, as long as you don't take them off private property.'"

Patterson said it was he who drove off, and noticed the couple's truck following them. Patterson said after the truck pulled up alongside his van,

Brittain noticed the campaign worker.

"She said, 'You SOB, I'm going to kick your a-- for stealing those signs,'" Patterson said. "I then said, 'He's going to file a police report on you for assaulting him.'"

"She then said, 'I know who you are, you're Senator Patterson,'" relayed Patterson, who also said Brittain told him, "I'm going to fix you. I work for the state Democrats and I'm going to file a report on you, you SOB."

As for the alleged confrontation in the subdivision, Patterson said, "They're making that up. I don't know anything about that."

Lehr said he's still waiting to find out the identity of the Patterson worker, who was supposed to file a statement with Brownstown Township police, where the couple reported the incident in the subdivision.

"I'm going to ask the city attorney if there's anything to go on for a charge of larceny," Lehr said. "The signs were returned, so there was no larceny in the

true sense.

"Technically, they're someone else's property and he shouldn't have taken them," Lehr added. "The ordinance does say there are no signs allowed in the public right-of-way. If someone is to take them down, they should be taking all the illegal signs down, and turning them over to us."

And, Lehr said, that includes Patterson's campaign signs.

"His are in the right-of-way," Lehr said. "I saw one yesterday (Tuesday) in the same spot at Gibraltar and West Jefferson."

Brownstown Township Police Chief Dan Grant said, "It was a verbal confrontation in Brownstown, so I don't see anything that rises to criminality."

Brittain — who admits to working with the Michigan Democratic Party, but said she's mainly volunteered with non-partisan judge races — said she doesn't even know Slavens.

Patterson said negative campaign tactics once again are labeling him as an intimidator, not surprising considering campaign literature by his state Senate opponent in 2002 described him as a bully.

"I know I'm big and I'm loud," Patterson said. "It's easy to throw mud, and when it's at a big guy you generally don't feel obliged to come to his defense. When you look at the record, I've never been afoul of the law."

Slavens said he ran against Patterson partly because of the incumbent's behavior.

"It's really sad he's acting like this. Obviously, it's part of the reason why I ran," Slavens said. "I believe the citizens of the 7th Senate District don't deserve this type of representation, or this type of embarrassment."

Lehr said he was hoping better heads would prevail.

"I was sort of hoping he would write an apology for any misunderstandings and she would accept it," Lehr said. "I was hoping common sense would come into play here."

Long gone: Tiger fever has a local flair

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With base runners on first and second and two out in the bottom of the ninth and Magglio Ordonez up to bat, Jim Vermeulen on Saturday had his sights on the possible game-winning hit that would propel the Detroit Tigers into the World Series for the first time since 1984.

"I had my digital camera and I said to myself, 'I'm going to get a picture of the game-winning hit,'" remembered Vermeulen of Plymouth Township, who had fourth-row seats along the left field line. "The fans were swinging their white towels, and when Magglio hit the ball, I didn't even see the actual swing. I heard the crack (of the bat) and the crowd go crazy. I looked to

left field and the ball was going into the stands. The whole place erupted.

"It was pretty awesome, like a dream come true," said Vermeulen, a funeral director. "I just hope we can finish and take care of business."

Vermeulen said he's had season tickets to Comerica Park since 2000, the year the new stadium opened, and has been to every playoff game thus far.

"Every family member I know — brother, sister and cousins — keeps telling me, 'Don't forget about me,'" he said. "We had 20 people online or on the phone trying to snag extra World Series tickets (Monday), but we couldn't get any."

Plymouth Realtor Nancy Baldwin was standing and cheering in the left field stands when Ordonez's home run came

heading toward her.

"I saw him swing, and it was like slow motion ... the ball coming at us," Baldwin said. "We were sitting about nine rows behind where the home run landed. The moment it hit, people were screaming. There were grown men crying and jumping up and down."

"It was unbelievable, something I will never forget the rest of my life."

For those who didn't have tickets, many watched the game at area bars and restaurants, including Doyle's Tavern in Plymouth, where business was good during the game that propelled the Tigers into the World Series. "There was standing room only," owner John Doyle said. "When Ordonez hit the homer, the whole place exploded. It was crazy."

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ACCIDENT

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With construction involving trusses, proper temporary bracing is needed, Pawlowski said.

"These things normally take several weeks," he said of the investigation, in which the

supervisor and employees will need to be interviewed.

"We're looking at what health and safety standards apply," Pawlowski said.

"We don't have any history on Allied Construction out of Milford." Some companies are newer and less likely to have such a history, he noted.

Lt. Michael Lauridsen of the Milford police said the injured

men are Luis Barajas-Sanchez, 19, Adan Rodriguez-Benavides, 26, and Jose Concepcion-Rodriguez, 31, all of Canton. Barajas-Sanchez, who was critically injured, was moved out of the intensive care unit on Tuesday night. Lauridsen had been unable Wednesday morning to get updates on the other injured men's medical conditions.

SALSA

FROM PAGE A1

Food sold in Michigan commercially can't be made at home, so the production facility's needed. Sweet Heat Salsa's sold at the 12 area Busch's stores. The Holiday Market at Cherry Hill and Lilley in Canton carries it under a private label, Holiday Market's Fresh Salsa, with the company name in small print.

"It flies off the shelf there," Willis said. "It's been amazing how the business has gone."

He's just picked up the six area Hiller's markets, where a private label is also planned and artwork under way. Willis started at the farmer's market in Plymouth this past May and picked up the Northville farmer's market later in the year. "Whenever people try it, they fall in love with it," he said. "It's just taken off."

Customer Gerry Kruse of Canton agreed: "It's very tasty," he said.

The company's Web site, sweetheatsalsa.net, includes recipes and background information. (The office can be reached at (734) 414-0428.) Willis grew up with Web designer Nate Pride who's been a big help, as have others.

The product enjoyed success at the 2006 Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off, taking second place in People's Choice for chili. Willis works with his brother and another staffer.

"We're going and seeing a lot of these retailers and wholesalers. Just doing your own thing is much more rewarding," said Willis, who holds an M.B.A. from the accredited American Intercontinental University, which he completed online.

He gets compliments on the consistency and taste of the salsa, exact ingredients of which are kept secret. "Not too bad for a food product," he said of growing a business in a tough economy, noting sales pick up with sporting events.

There are two dominant salsa makers, he



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The salsa is made and packaged in the facility on Five Mile west of Sheldon. Ron Willis, Vivian Shoemaker, and Dennis McCollom demonstrate the packaging process.

added, both based in southeast Michigan. "I'm hoping to get up to be No. 3. Everybody has said 'Yes, we want to carry it.' Nobody has told us no."

Denise of Canton submitted this recipe for SHS Meatloaf:

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 2 large eggs, beaten
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Police intervene in fight at Salem High

Canton police responded Oct. 13 to a call at Plymouth Salem High School involving a fight between 16- and 18-year-old students.

The younger boy told police the 18-year-old, whom he said he didn't know, called him names and pushed him "a couple times." The suspect later threw a milkshake at his chest, the boy said.

A custodian later intervened

POLICE BEAT

in the confrontation and told the two Canton youths to go their separate ways.

The older teen indicated he was paid to throw the shake, according to a Canton police report. The younger boy and his parents sought prosecution for assault. An Oct. 31 court date was set.

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the abuse to the state.

Allison Newman died Sept. 22 at Michigan Mott Children's Hospital. The Wayne County medical examiner ruled the cause of death as head trauma. Allison's foster mother, Carol Poole, has been charged with felony murder, child abuse and involuntary manslaughter in the case.

State Department of Human Services spokeswoman Maureen Spoket wouldn't comment further on the state's action, citing the ongoing nature of the case.

"There are a number of reasons for such an action," she said of the center's closing.

"Generally, it's done to protect the children being cared for at the child care center."

State records show the center has had other problems. An employee was disciplined following a January complaint the staff member picked up a 3-year-old girl by the arm, causing an injury. The center was also investigated for having too many children being cared for by too few employees. Records show corrective action was taken by facility management.

Childtime officials said they conducted an internal investigation into Majeske's claims, but found no evidence to substantiate them. In a statement released by Childtime, officials said they are cooperating with the state.

"Childtime is committed to

providing a safe environment and quality care to all of the children we serve," officials said. "The children are our top priority so we are taking the necessary steps to reopen our Plymouth location so that we can continue providing the high level of care that our families are accustomed to."

Sorbet said the center could appeal. If an appeal is made, it would be heard by an administrative law judge, who would make one of three recommendations to the director of Human Services: continuance of the license suspension; revocation of the license; or overturning the original decision to suspend.

"The director of the department would decide what to do," Sorbet said. "If (Childtime) still wishes to appeal, they

could take it to circuit court."

Childtime officials called the closure "unnecessary" and said it "has caused undue stress to the families we provide care for."

"It is important for children to have the reassurance of familiar surroundings, playmates and caring staff, especially at a time when they may still be coping with the loss of their friend Allison," officials said in their statement.

"We hope to have this matter resolved quickly so we can reopen in a timely manner and continue to provide our children with the quality of care that our families have come to expect from Childtime."

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Paula A. Ervin Ervin, 91, of Plymouth, died Oct. 9.	David Michael Martin Martin, 69, formerly of Livonia, died Oct. 15.
M	Florence T. Pankow Pankow, 90, formerly of Plymouth, died Oct. 16.
	Harriet Georgena Pell (Wildmer) Pell, 92, formerly of Farmington, died Oct. 10.

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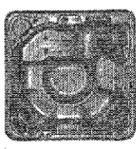
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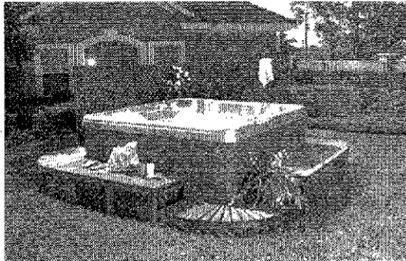
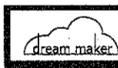


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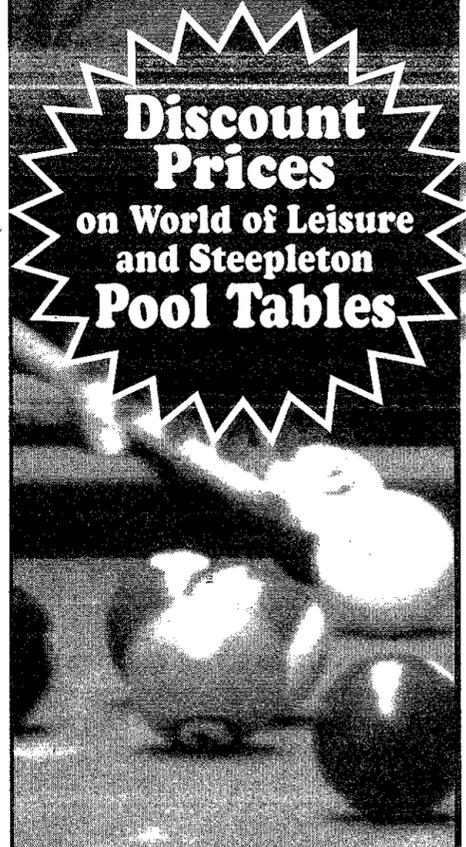
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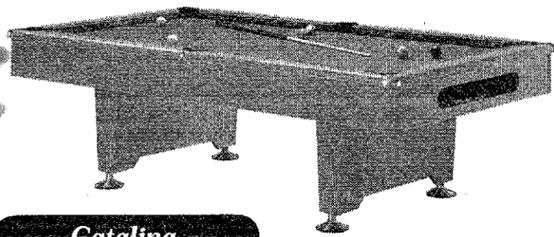
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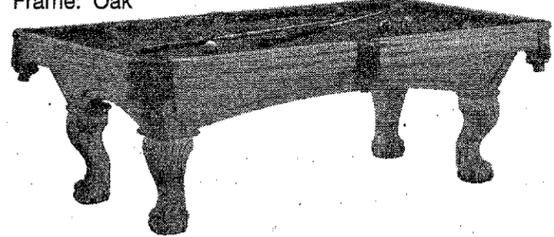
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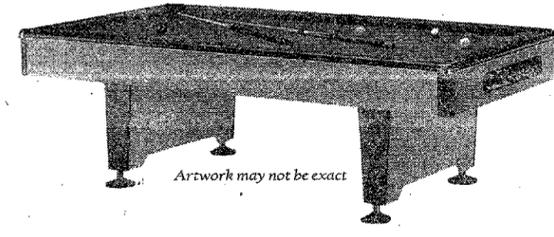
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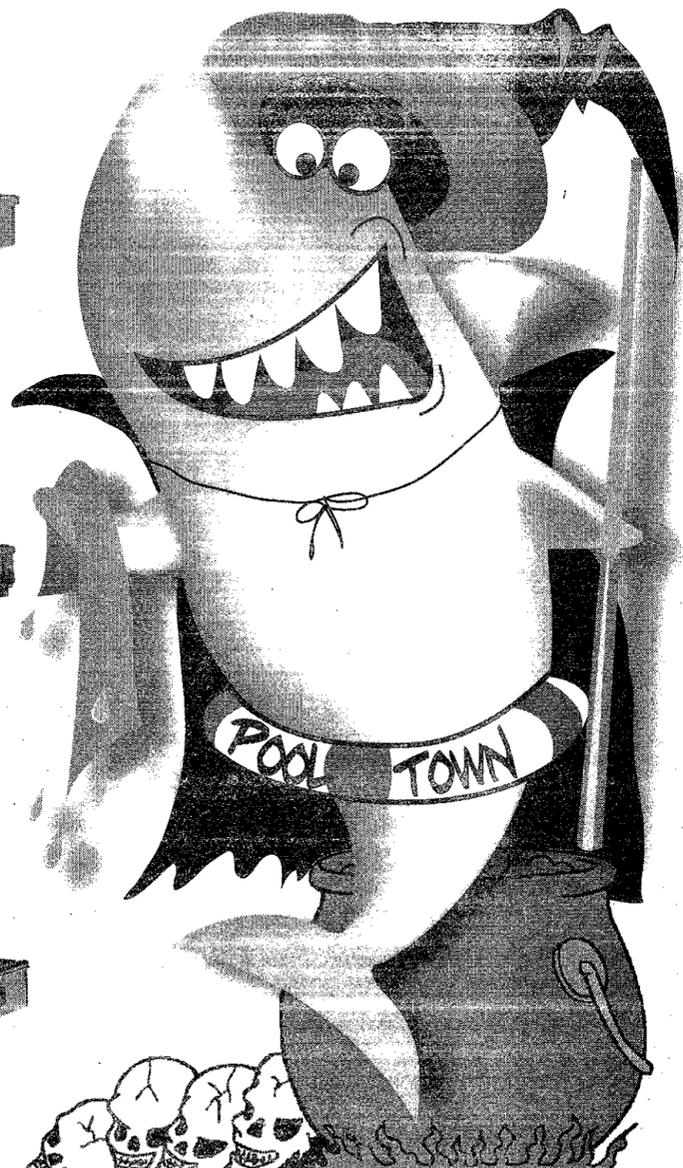


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New eatery stirs up success on Ford Road

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Hungry? You may want to know that bd's Mongolian Grill is opening its eighth metro area restaurant on Ford east of Lilley in Canton Monday, Oct. 23. The restaurant will be at 42089 Ford in the space formerly occupied by Blockbuster.

To introduce people to the restaurant, a fund-raiser will be held 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Organizers hope to raise some \$5,000, said spokesman Brad Russell, who noted the success of a similar fund-raiser at the Roseville location where many gave more than \$10.

"We serve create your own stir-fry," Russell said. Diners choose meat, seafood and veggies and can add sauces.

"I highly recommend the sauces," he said.

The Oct. 21 fund-raiser is a walk-in event designed to attract as many as possible. Diners will pay \$10 at the door for an all you can eat stir fry, soup, salad and soft drinks. (A bar will also be available with a charge.)

"We're looking to grab as many people off the street as possible to come in," Russell said.

The bd in the name is Billy Downs, founder and owner. The first restaurant opened in 1992 in Royal Oak. Canton will be the metro area's eighth, and there are 30 total in 10 U.S. states and one in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia in Asia.

The Canton site will open for business Monday, Oct. 23, including a 10:30 a.m. Canton Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting. The restaurant has some 188 seats and will be a nonsmoking facility. Reservations should be made for parties of six or more for regular dining at (734) 844-5800.

"We're very excited about coming into Canton," said Russell, citing the help of township and chamber officials. "We've been looking at



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It'll be food time when bd's Mongolian Grill opens soon. A benefit for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's on tap for this Saturday at the new restaurant.

the Canton area for a long time."

The 5,600-square-foot location will represent some \$1 million of investment in Canton, company officials note. Guests will enjoy many fresh offerings for their stir-fry as well as appetizers, Mongolian Rice bowls, a variety of desserts and a full bar. The restaurant will also feature free Wi-Fi Internet service.

The Canton bd's Mongolian Grill will also offer Mongo To Go, a carry out service that allows guests to call and place orders in advance. It also allows guests to create their own stir-fry and take it home fresh with rice and tortillas.

Headquartered in Ferndale, bd's Mongolian

Grill is a privately owned restaurant company. Each creation is grilled on bd's 6-foot diameter, 600-degree flat grill.

"We're elated," Canton chamber President Dianne Cojei said of the restaurant's arrival. "I think it's going to be a great asset to the community."

Cojei has eaten at bd's Mongolian Grill sites in Dearborn, Royal Oak, Novi and Ann Arbor. "I think it's really good, great food," she said.

She's pleased company officials have shown interest in local chamber membership and involvement. "That makes it really nice when they're going to be part of the local community," Cojei added.



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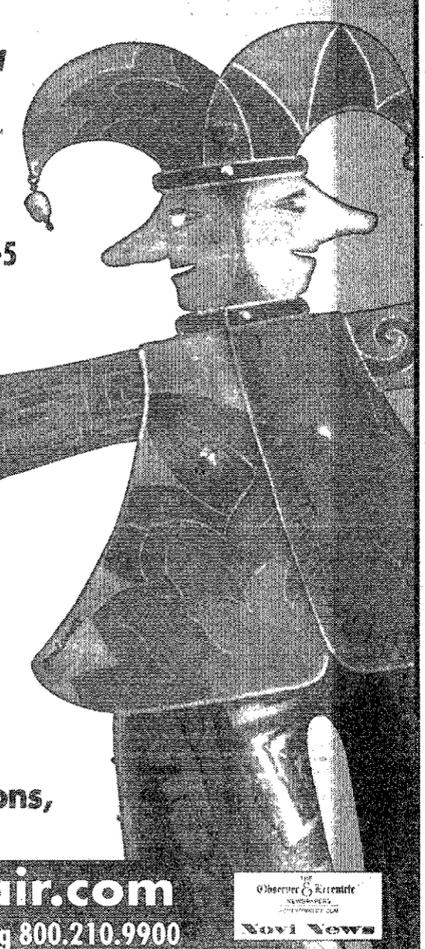
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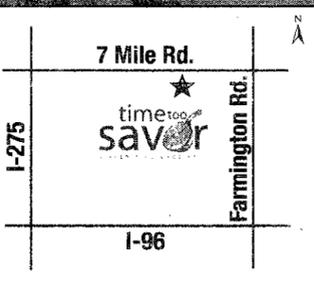
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STAFF WRITER

Ballot Proposal 2 will greatly restrict affirmative action programs; Proposal 5 will lock educational funding for K-12 schools — both of these initiatives either affect millions of people or millions of dollars.

But there are three other ballot initiatives that will appear on the Nov. 7 general election ballot that will affect natural resources budgeting, hunting regulation and public policy related to private property. The latter three don't have the high-profile attraction of the first two, but their passage or rejection will have a definite impact on residents all over Michigan.

Proposal 1 asks voters to amend the Michigan constitution to protect Department of Natural Resource funds by combining them into one fund. The fund, protected by its enshrinement in the state constitution, would be held inviolate and could not be raided by other state departments during

budget time.

On the plus side, when the state goes into annual budgeting, DNR funds could not be used to shore up other state departments. On the minus side, adding the 1,800-plus words to the constitution means any changes needed for functional purposes, no matter how small, necessary or urgent, would have to be first approved by statewide referendum.

DOVE HUNT

Proposal 3 would allow the hunting of mourning doves within the state, something currently allowed as a pilot program.

A yes vote on the measure would change the classification of the mourning dove from song bird to game bird — opening it up to hunting. Construction manager Frank Rewold, a Rochester-based hunter, said the initiative would put the state on the same regulatory footing as 41 others.

"There are a lot of mourning

doves. They reproduce quickly and only live a couple of years," Rewold said.

Those favoring the ban argue mourning doves are popular among bird watchers. They argue the doves are at a low weight during the hunting season and therefore cannot be considered a source of food. To hunt them, they say, would be hunting for hunting's sake at best or target practice at worst.

While he's personally concerned that the opponents of the dove hunting initiative are using it as a gateway issue to ban all hunting in Michigan, Rewold said non-hunters can get behind the initiative because of the impact it will have on the state's economy.

"Hunting and fishing are important," he said. "Hunters represent \$3.3 billion to the economy."

LAND GRAB

Proposal 4 would amend the constitution to further regulate the governmental power of eminent domain. Eminent domain, the ability of the gov-

ernment to take private property for the public good, has long been inherent to the federal as well as state and local governments.

The proposal would allow eminent domain if it served "public necessity of the extreme sort," provide public oversight after transfer to a private entity, and the property is selected based on "facts of independent public significance," rather than the interests of the private entity receiving the property.

According to Farmington Hills Attorney Joel Grand, of the law firm of Grand & Grand PLLC, Proposal 4 is a reaction to situations outside Michigan rather than a reaction to something homegrown.

"In the 2005 decision of *Kelo vs. the City of New London*, the U.S. Supreme Court said it did not violate the federal Constitution to use eminent domain to turn someone's private property over to another private concern for development," Grand said. "Now there's an outcry across the

country to restrict this. Several states are looking at it."

Currently, the Michigan Supreme Court, in the ruling *Wayne County vs. Hathcock*, has set relatively restrictive rules concerning when the government can condemn private property for development use. Most recently, the ruling was cited when the city of Detroit was condemning and consolidating land for the development of riverside casinos.

The problem with Proposal 4, Grand said, is the last provision which refers to the *Hathcock* case.

"If passed, there would be language that refers to language not in the Constitution," he said. "It's not well-written, it doesn't add clarity."

For more information on these ballot issues and exhaustive information and analysis on all ballot initiatives, go online to the Citizen's Research Council of Michigan's Web site, www.crcmich.org.

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American Harvest opens for dinner with new menu

The very best in Michigan and American comfort foods will grace the menu when Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant opens for dinner on October 18. The fall and winter menus will reflect the bounty and quality of local farms and regional suppliers.

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AAA warns drivers 'Don't veer for deer'

With the days getting shorter and the state's deer herd on the move, AAA of Michigan is warning drivers to keep an eye out for migrating animals.

That's a natural, but what they're asking drivers to do, though, may seem counterintuitive. This year, the safety message coming from AAA and the state is "Don't Veer for Deer."

"Statistics show that most motorist deaths and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting the deer and strike a fixed object, such as a tree or another vehicle," said Michigan Deer Crash Coalition Chairman Jack Peet. "No one wants to see a deer destroyed but striking the animal is often the safest action."

In 2004, there were 1,551 car/deer crashes in Oakland County. In 2005, that figure rose to 1,704 — a 9-percent increase. Statewide, there were

58,741 incidents where cars and deer crossed paths in 2005. The crash figure is 6 percent less than the previous year, but significant considering the least impact with a deer can represent a \$1,000 loss.

This year, the MDCC says the deer herd will be as large as 1.75 million head. Crashes, overall, will cost the state as much as \$130 million in damages.

The MDCC estimates that more than 17 percent of all crashes in the state involve deer — nearly half of those coming between October and December — and in those crashes nine people died and another 1,700 were injured.

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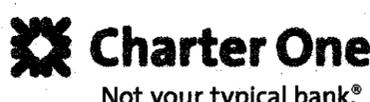
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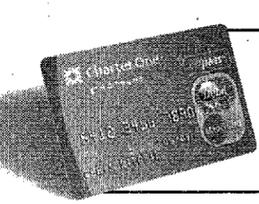
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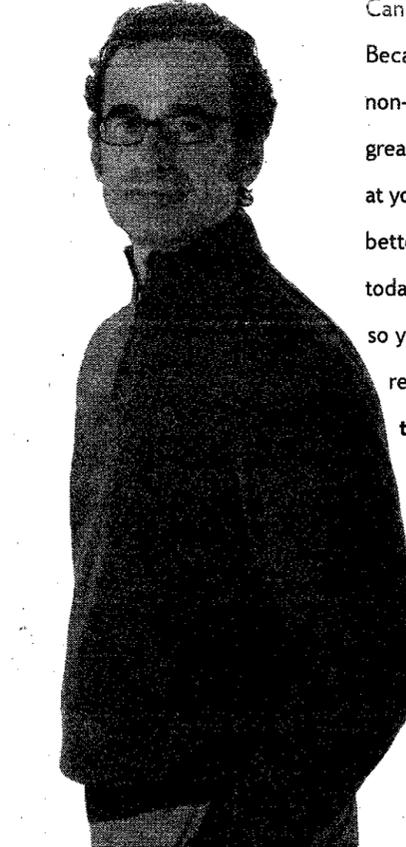
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OUR VIEWS

Lowe our pick for court seat

Judge Ron Lowe, seeking re-election to the 35th District Court in the Nov. 7 general election, is certainly not perfect.

But we believe he's the right choice over attorney James Plakas of Northville to retain the seat he's held the last dozen years.

Lowe has handled more than 40,000 civil and criminal cases in his 12 years on the 35th District Court. Before that, he spent 12 years in private practice, including time as the attorney for the city of Plymouth.

A resident of the district since 1968, Lowe has been instrumental in creating some of the 35th District Court's most effective programs, such as the sobriety court and teen court. The sobriety court focuses on substance abuse of certain qualifying offenders charged with drunken driving. The teen court, a tool used by the court's juvenile probation officer, is a partnership with Plymouth High School (and being renewed this year with the Northville High School) wherein students taking the practical law class are taught about the juvenile justice system, sentencing alternatives and when they would be appropriate, and how to fill the role of teen juror.

Lowe is willing to look at tough questions, such as whether a third judge is still necessary at the court in light of declining caseload and revenues, and at the court's budget, likewise affected by declining revenues and rising costs.

He's active in the community and either currently serves or has served on the boards of most of the major legal associations. His re-election would continue an institutional memory that will be severely hampered in two years when long-serving chief Judge John MacDonald retires.

Speaking of MacDonald, his concerns about Lowe's ability to get along with people and his personality traits should be considered. Lowe certainly should take the necessary steps to ensure a smooth-running, effective courthouse and not let personalities get in the way of doing the job. Most of the lawyers from whom we've heard have said Lowe is capable of doing just that.

Plakas brings a solid resumé and a broad range of experience to the table, but Lowe's institutional knowledge and experience make him the best choice. His continued presence would have the greatest impact. Voters should return Lowe to the 35th District Court.

Roar on Tigers, good luck in World Series

When Magglio Ordonez hit his second home run Saturday night, a collective roar spread across Michigan from Monroe to Copper Harbor.

After 22 years of waiting, the Detroit Tigers finally won the American League pennant. Baseball is special. It's America's game, even though some of the best players come from the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Mexico, Japan and Korea. It's a game that crosses generational lines, racial divides and class differences. It embraces everyone.

It's a game that plays long into the summer and now autumn night. It's a game of precision — by pitchers, batters and fielders. It's a game of managerial chess, at which the Tigers' Jim Leyland is obviously a grand master.

So congratulations to Mike and Marian Ilitch, Dave Dombrowski, Jim Leyland and the wonderful 2006 Detroit Tigers on a great American League season and good luck in the World Series.

As the old song from the Tigers' 1968 triumphant season says "We're all behind our baseball team."

It's a community thing. Get in the game!

No to Proposition 3

Supporters of mourning dove hunting in Michigan say to stop the season would be the first step to curtailing other forms of hunting in Michigan.

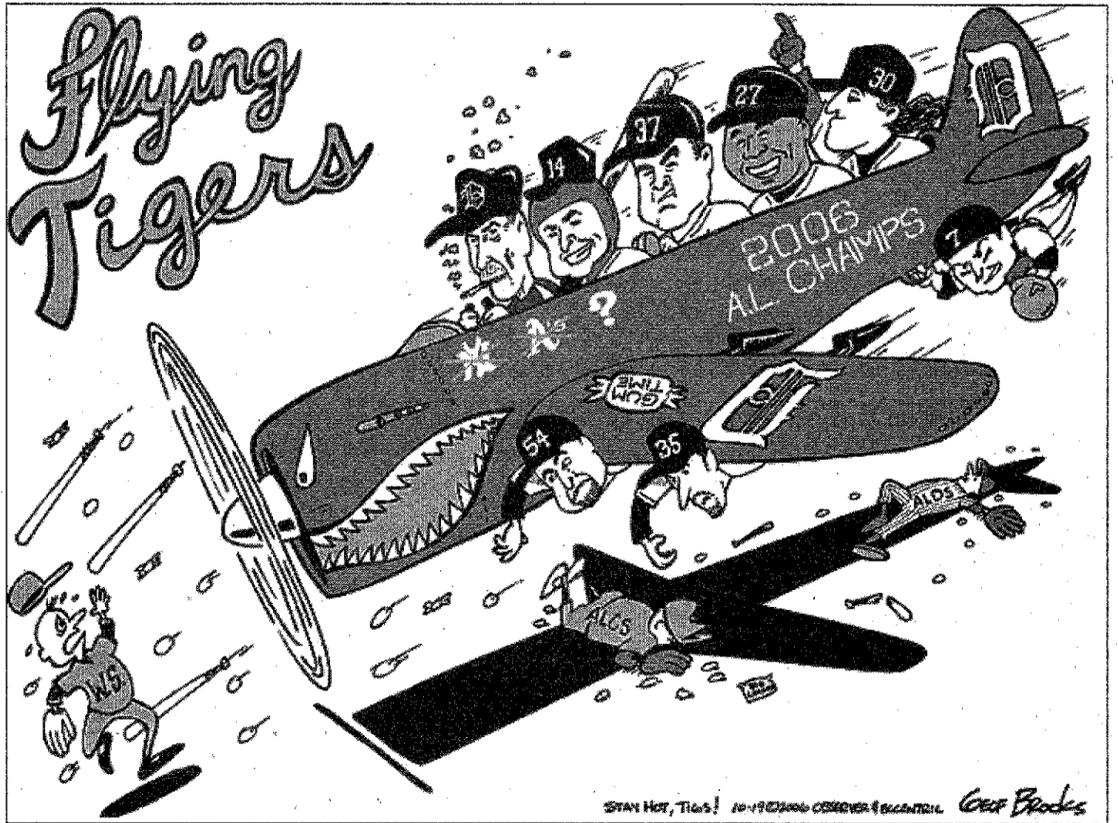
That's highly unlikely and appears to be a scare tactic on the part of supporters of the referendum. Michigan has a rich tradition of hunting that won't be harmed by the lack of dove hunting. Even without doves, hunters have some 40 other species of birds to hunt.

The vast majority of those urging a no vote on Proposal 3 do so to retain Michigan's 100-year-old ban on hunting doves — a traditional backyard songbird.

We urge a no vote on Proposal 3 for the following reasons. Doves are not overpopulated. According to experts, they are not pests and they do not damage farm crops.

Dove hunting will not be an economic boon to the state. Doves are small and, for the most part, will become target practice.

There's no overriding economic or social reason to enact a permanent dove hunting season. Vote no on Proposal 3.



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LETTERS

No more political games

Yet another chance to grasp the olive branch has been missed by Tom Yack. When Mr. Yack plays politics with this issue, it potentially could take one's mind (like mine) off of the mission at hand and that could mean the loss of my life or the Marines in my command. I do my best to forget about the stunts that Mr. Yack pulls. My Marines depend on me and on my focus is on our missions. However, I must admit that this callous action has taken more than its fair share of my attention and emotional energy. Due to recent events created by Mr. Yack and his cronies, I felt it my obligation to respond.

It is now dusk in Fallujah, Iraq. Just before I sat down to write this, I heard the sickening thud and can still see the smoke from yet another IED explosion 1,000 meters away. My first thoughts are of my friends who are on patrol. My second set of thoughts is that could be me tomorrow or the next day. Maybe the helicopters flying overhead will get there in time to save the good guys and obliterate the bad guys. Lighting a cigar, reading the prayer book given to by mother who has to endure yet another one of my deployments and rereading some of the letters graciously sent to me by some very good Canton and Plymouth (and their children) residents helps to take off some of the edge.

Mr. Yack likes to try to get people off topic by calling this flag and my deployment to Iraq a political stunt. Going to wine and cheese tasting events (at taxpayer expense or not) is political. Going to war is about killing the enemy and safeguarding the freedoms that allow politicians like Mr. Yack to go to these wine and cheese events. At least I am doing something about it and not just talking.

Over the last few days, we have been IED'd, sniped at and shot at by rifles and machine guns. We have had grenades tossed at us, had rockets fired at us, driven over mines and have had four suicide car bombers. The sounds of a not too distant firefight can be heard as I write this very sentence. But don't worry my dear critics, this deployment, my tears, my family's tears and this sure to be labeled "melodramatic letter" will be touted solely as political gain for my one night a week, one- or two-term township trustee "political career."

Yack's tossing the cased U.S. flag that was presented to me by the citizens and local veterans into a closet like a used mop is an outrage and is a slap in the face to not only myself but to my family, fellow Marines and other vets. These overtly hostile and unpatriotic actions were certainly of a personal nature. It is outrageous that even as my brothers and I lay our blood as a sacrifice on the altar of freedom, Mr. Yack still plays the politics of personal destruction game. Mr. Yack's actions clearly show that one's contributions to country or community should be overlooked if their politics are not in step with Mr. Yack's.

He couldn't even show an ounce of respect for citizens, my pregnant wife or my elderly mother when they made their simple request to return the flag. His taking down my nameplate as well is an

affront to our political system, the citizens, as well as me. It should also be noted that not one board member had the courage nor the integrity to do the right thing and keep that flag in its rightful place of honor.

Mr. Yack, honoring one's memory is the right thing to do. However, waiting to honor someone after they are gone is a tragedy. Why don't we swallow some pride, along with that wine and cheese, and honor those that are here today because they literally may not be around tomorrow to appreciate your "graciousness."

All any veteran ever wants is to be thanked and appreciated. On behalf of the U.S. Marines, you're welcome, Mr. Yack and company. Feel free to continue your political games, attend your wine and cheese tastings and recklessly blow tens of thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money on a piano for your enjoyment as the guardians of your safety and freedom dig into a bag of field rations.

Todd Caccamo, U.S. Marine and Canton Township trustee
Fallujah, Iraq

Bond clarifications

In the Sept. 28 edition, Plymouth Township resident Clyde Parrott asked the Observer to research the 2004 Bond to see what the school district did with the "22 million" for the remodeling of Central Middle School. I was disappointed that the Observer did not point out in an editor's note that the district only received \$1.4 million for Central Middle School in the 2004 Bond.

In addition, Mr. Parrott needs to know that those funds went for safety work on this 83-year-old building. Work on the exterior brick was done so bricks would not fall off and hit anyone. We made the necessary safety repairs with a majority of this money (\$800,000).

Secondly, Mr. Parrott wanted to know why we did not budget more money for building upkeep and repairs as well as money for building expansion, remodeling and repairs. I hope your reporter does ask us why. He will find out that 95 percent of our funding comes from the State of Michigan and 90 percent of our budget is for personnel.

With one of the lowest foundation grants in the area (even lower than Detroit), we make our funding provide the needs for the quality education we deliver. There is little money left to do the idyllic budgeting Mr. Parrott would like to see. This school district has never had the ability to budget for capital improvements.

I look forward to further inquiries. The public will find out just what a great job our Board of Education does with the funding entrusted to us.

Jim Ryan, Ed.D.
superintendent
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

In a league of their own

I am a Detroit native and an avid sports enthusiast. I follow our teams closely and have had season tickets to many events. I've seen two Stanley Cups and NBA titles won. I worked for the

Tigers in 1997 when on any given game day we had 2,000 people in the stands. I have witnessed the rise and fall of many teams and the excruciating patience that it takes to be a Detroit fan in any sport.

I say excruciating patience not only because of the road involved with any given season but because of the public's perception of Detroit and its people. The media will still show a burning couch from the 1984 World Series before it will stand up and recognize that we truly have the best fan base and behavior in the United States.

They don't show the family atmosphere at these MLB playoffs, no one riding the carousel at Comerica Park because everyone, kids included, are in the seats making memories and paying attention.

They don't show the hospitality of the neighboring businesses who welcome those without tickets still charging \$3 for a beer, burger or hot dog.

They don't show the awesome behavior of everyone at and around the ballpark, saying please, thank you or excuse me.

They don't understand that it doesn't matter if you're from Monroe, Canton, Garden City, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Alpena or some other small town "up North" we are all from Detroit.

They cannot possibly know what it is to be here and be us.

WRIF recently had a promotion called "We're all Tigers." They got it right. Now it is the national media's turn to try.

Mary Lehnert
Canton

Food for thought

I think it was great to include an article about fudge ("Chocolate covering," Sept. 24). It was great you wrote about this company, especially since they were having trouble selling their fudge. It made me hungry and it should make other people want fudge and other sweets from their shop, too. I think that when I grow up I want to be an owner of a candy shop. It sounds like fun to sell sweet treats to people. It would probably smell good in the shop, too. Best of luck to the shop.

Josh Joy
Canton

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"I think we're matching what the public told us in the last bond. While we need a lot in this district, I think we're being mindful of things that are going on in Michigan with the economy..."

Plymouth-Canton school board member Steve Sneiderman on the board's decision to ask voters for a \$63 million bond.

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Tragic lesson shouldn't have to be repeated before state listens

Tom Tiderington generally watches the workings of government with a bemused look, a wry smile crossing his face.

And why not? The government body for which he works is the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, and sometimes the police chief is entitled to the wryness. While being performed by dedicated trustees generally only interested in doing their community some good, government work can often get pretty silly.

But it's not a wry smile on Tiderington's face when he talks about the Michigan Department of Transportation's decision to remove a full traffic signal at the intersection of Ridge and Ann Arbor roads, simply because some traffic manual says it must be taken down.

Tiderington wears a look that is part confusion, but larger parts anger and frustration.

"This defies logic," he said simply. "Last year alone, there were at least six accidents that would have been avoided if that light had been there. If we can't do something this simple, with police and fire and residents and political leaders calling for it, that's crazy."

Residents and leaders in the area have for years been calling for a traffic signal at that intersection. It's dangerous because there's a rise coming from the west that lessens visibility. Drivers wanting to turn east onto Ann Arbor Road off of Ridge have a hard time seeing oncoming traffic, especially if those drivers are clipping along at 55 mph or faster.

The Picnic Basket and the CVS store on the south side of Ann Arbor Road are also popular destinations, particularly for school-age kids headed for an afternoon snack. But crossing Ann Arbor Road is a challenge. That collective sigh you heard a couple of months ago came from residents in the area when MDOT put up the full traffic signal that's there now, in response to the crush of traffic being caused by people trying to avoid the construction on M-14.

The resulting collective groan came from those same people, when MDOT said a couple of weeks ago the light was only scheduled to be temporary and will be taken down, to be replaced by the old flashing signal, when M-14 opens fully to east- and west-bound traffic, sometime in the next week or two. "That signal is scheduled to come out when all lanes are open on M-14," said Mike Budai, traffic and safety engineer for MDOT's Taylor Transportation Service Center. "It's kind of on a week-by-week basis, but we're estimating about three weeks."

Budai said MDOT must adhere to guidelines set forth in the Michigan Vehicle Code and Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. MDOT has agreed to do another traffic study, but Budai said a proper study cannot be done if the signal is already existing.

Budai pointed out there are minimum criteria the intersection must meet in terms of traffic volume and the number of accidents. "The last time we did a study (two years ago), it did not meet minimum warrants," Budai said of the intersection. "Things may have changed since then, but I can't say anything until the data shows us."

Tiderington thinks MDOT could do the study with the light up, because it's going to consist mostly of counting cars, a number that won't change because of the existence of the signal. You could probably make the argument that volume is actually up with the light, because people no longer avoid the intersection at all costs.

Tiderington chuckles wryly when he thinks about the subsequent traffic study, which will show the number of accidents is actually down — because of the light. But Budai said accident figures from before the installation of the light will be used.

Meanwhile, people like Ed Siegner of Salem Township think the hub-bub about a light at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge ignores more serious problems at intersections like Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson, where two people have died in the last year or so.

"The amount of fender-benders at that intersection are not enough to justify the installation of a \$100,000 traffic signal permanently," Siegner wrote in a letter to the editor. "The irresponsibility and impatience of motorists who fail to yield to Ann Arbor Road traffic should not impose such a burden to taxpayers. Maybe if they invest \$500 in signs that read 'Look Both Ways Before Turning' or 'Pay Attention' could save the \$100,000 cost of traffic signals and the monetary mess for insurers."

"If anyone should be fighting for a traffic signal, it should be at the intersection of Gotfredson and Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road, where there have been two fatal accidents in about the last year. This is where alleged drunk drivers traveling on Gotfredson did not notice the lone stop signs and proceeded through the intersection at a high rate of speed, murdering two innocent people in two different crashes."

Mr. Siegner gets no argument here. Let's put up a light at Gotfredson and Ann Arbor Road. Let's be fair to MDOT here: A study is going to be commissioned, maybe sooner than could reasonably be expected, since one was done just two years ago. But it's not enough, not for the police chief, not for the residents, certainly not for potential victims.

"This is nuts," Tiderington said. "This isn't about a couple of people wanting to cross (Ann Arbor Road) to get to the Picnic Basket. This is a safety issue being ignored by MDOT. It appears a tragedy is going to have to occur before anyone listens."

That's the lesson learned at Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson. Is it really going to have to be repeated?

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Brad Kadrich

LETTERS

Newcomers thanks

The Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization whose motto is "where neighbors become friends" and where you don't have to be New, wants to thank Canton's leaders for their recent participation at our "mock" press conference — a spirited question and answer session.

Supervisor Tom Yack, Director of Leisure Services Ann Conklin, Director of the Library Jean Tabor, Superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools Dr. Jim Ryan, and Executive Director, Public Safety and Operation, John Santomauro, were informative and open at this public event, even with the tough questions.

Participation from other community groups including: Arbor Hospice, Orchestra Canton, Canton Community Foundation, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Homeowners Advisory Council, Canton Business and Professional Women's Association, Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club, Friends of the Library and Canton Lions club made it extra special.

Support from Republic Bank and "Tasty Treats" from Cafe Italia (next to Zap Zone on Ford Road) were greatly appreciated.

We stand proud with these leaders and other community groups in contributing to Team Canton. If this community spirit interests you, please call (734) 981-1715 for more information or visit our Web site at Cantonnewcomers.org for a complimentary newsletter.

Sheila Stockdale
secretary/Canton Newcomers
Canton

Thoughts on judge race

In the Oct. 12 Letters section, Tom Yack (Canton Township Supervisor) indicated his opposition to the re-election of Judge Ron Lowe as the 35th district judge. Along with the Chief Judge himself, John MacDonald, that's some weighty opposition. But what did we really learn from Mr. Yack's letter? We learned that he and Judge MacDonald think judges should know the law, treat everyone appearing before them with respect and dignity, be consistent and predictable, etc. OK, I think we can all agree on that. Since he is not supporting Judge Lowe, I guess the implication is that Mr. Yack believes Judge Lowe does not have these qualities. However, we also learned that Mr. Yack has supported Judge Lowe in the past. So, should we conclude that Judge Lowe recently stopped having these qualities? Later, we learn that Judge Lowe has not met Mr. Yack's expectations. However, he doesn't give us any facts or history or really anything to support his conclusion. At the end of it all, Mr. Yack's letter tells us precisely nothing — except, of course, that he won't be voting for Judge Lowe. Lacking any useful information in the letter, and thus left to my own imagination, I choose to imagine some political intrigue — e.g., maybe there was a rul-

ing from Judge Lowe in the past that didn't go in the township's favor.

All I was able to learn in the Sept. 17 *Observer* article quoting Judge MacDonald is that he doesn't seem to care for Judge Lowe personally and that they have professional differences. There are lots of bosses out there who have the same problems; it's part of the professional work environment. These are not my problems and they aren't yours — he's the boss, and they're his.

On another subject (sort of), and since I haven't written a letter to the editor for more than 20 years, please indulge me while I laugh and cry at the same time over the two suspiciously similar letters (to put it as diplomatically as possible) printed on Oct. 5 in support of Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and condemning the bias of the *Observer*. It seems like if you're writing a letter to the editor complaining about the way your candidate is being "painted by previous letter writers" (one of several identical phrases contained in both letters), you might want to set the record straight by presenting a few facts supporting your position, maybe review briefly what the previous writers said and why they were so misinformed, and so on. Alas, there were no useful facts to be found in these letters, either. (Unless you count the experience of both writers: "I have had many dealings with the congressman and his staff over the past couple years and have found [them] both to be extremely responsive and helpful." Wait — would that count as two facts since it was in both letters?) So, left once again to my own imagination, I choose to imagine these are partially-modified form letters planted on the unsuspecting letter writers by Rep. McCotter's operatives. Quoting one of the letters, "I used to think letters to the editor were good because they spurred healthy debate. It's sad to see you've gone away from that." Indeed. But I don't think the *Observer* is doing the straying. I wonder if the editor laughed as hard as I did at the irony of using a form letter (in my imagination, remember) to deplore the rampant ignorance in modern social and political discourse?

To the extent that this rambling exercise in free speech has a theme, it is this: it would be nice if letters to the editor had an occasional fact that I could hang my hat on. It can't be a requirement, of course, because I think it's pretty well covered off in our constitution that I can have a good rant while the rest of you laugh at me. On the other hand, maybe there is at least a little responsibility, in the sense of doing the right thing, for a public figure whose opinion automatically carries extra weight to back that opinion up with something more substantial than obvious generalities. Or maybe not. Even so, a fact here and there along with a coherent argument in support of one's position would be a nice change of pace. Maybe the volume would go down and we could all learn a few things ...

Joel Walter
Canton



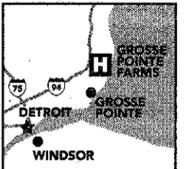
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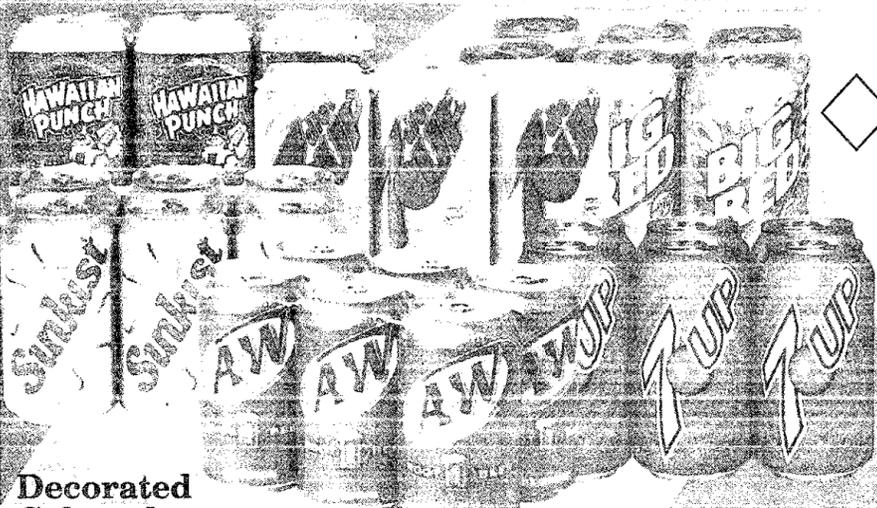
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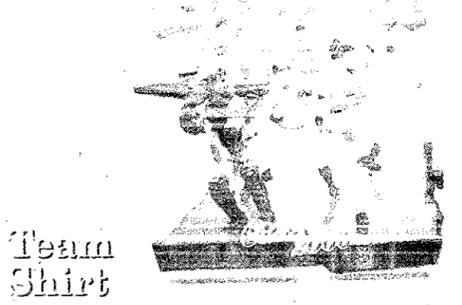
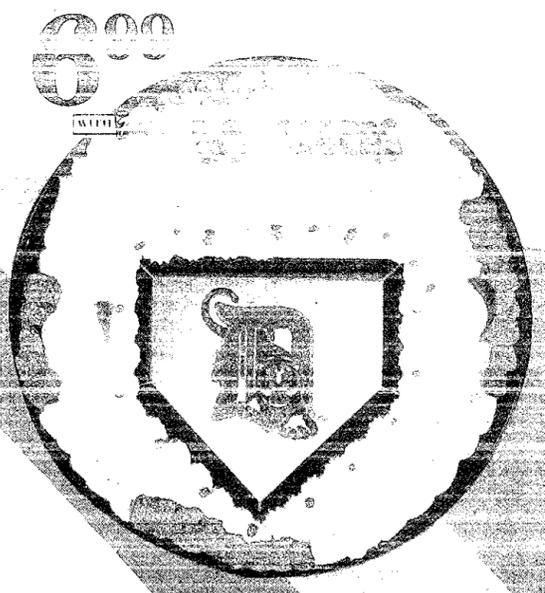
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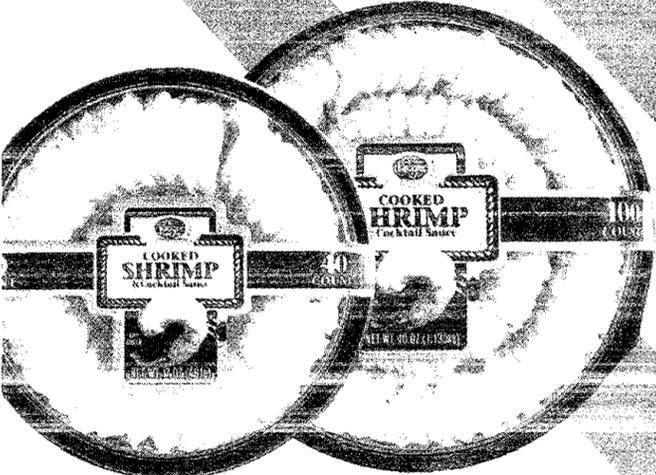


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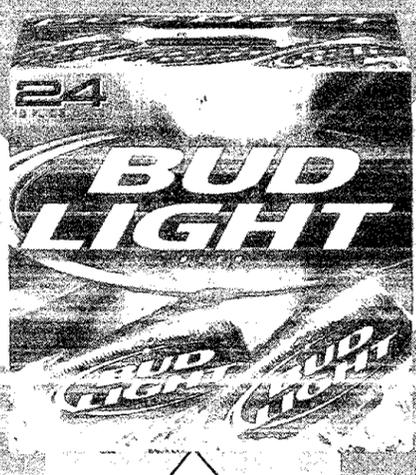
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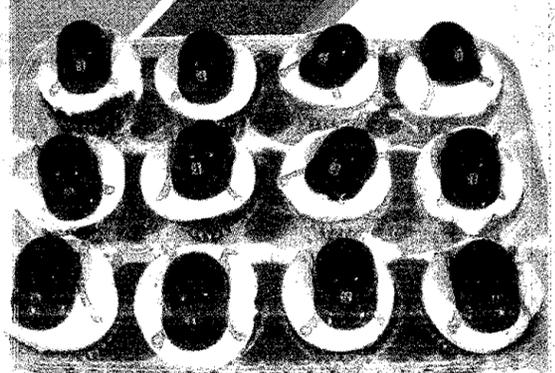
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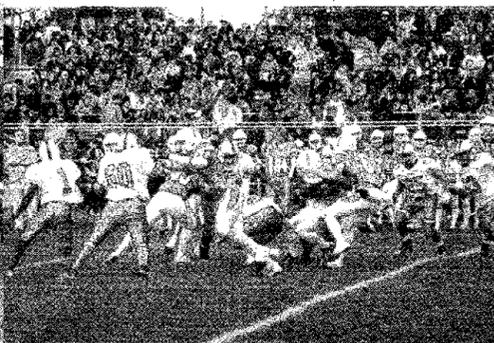
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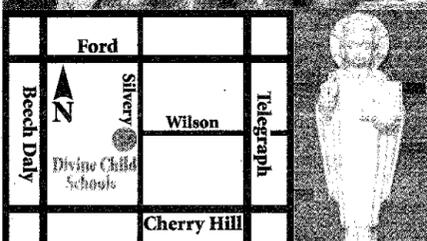
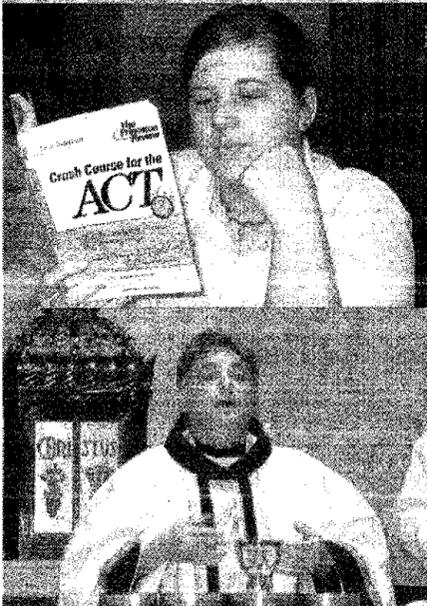
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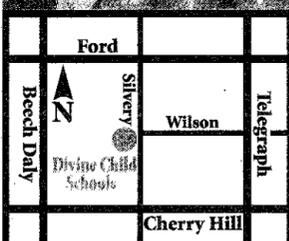
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- October 10, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Bennett, Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding G-23, Approve Waiver from Purchasing Policy regarding Capital Spending. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes of September 19, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of September 26, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments: Bob Stewart, 41160 Gainsborough, stated on his water bill there is a charge for no sump pump and disagrees with this charge. Tom Pellerito, 3159 River Meadow Circle, wished to remind residents to attend the DNR Public Hearing on Hunting in Canton on October 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for October 10, 2006

Table with 3 columns: Fund Name, Amount, Total. Includes General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, Summit Operating, Street Lighting, Cable TV Fund, Twp Improvement, E-911 Utility, Auto Forfeiture(wwa), Federal Grants Fund, Auto Theft Grant, Downtown Dev. Auth., Cap Proj-Summit Const, Cap Proj-Road Paving, Golf Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Trust & Agency Fund, Construction Escrows, Post Employ. Benefits.

Total - All Funds 1,336,971.47

PRESENTATION: PRESENTATION OF SERGEANT BADGES.

The Canton Police Department has promoted police officers, Mark Gajeski and Scott Hughesdon to the rank of sergeant. Sergeant's Gajeski and Hughesdon completed an intensive testing process prior to being selected for the promotions.

PRESENTATION BY JERRY VAN DUSEN OF HIS BOOK, IMAGES OF AMERICA - CANTON TOWNSHIP. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR TAKAO AMERICAN CORP. (SUPERVISOR)

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo, to open the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Takao American Corporation. Motion carried by all members present. No public comment. Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin, to close the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Takao American Corporation. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to consider tax abatement for Takao American Corporation. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF TAKAO AMERICAN CORPORATION INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, Takao America Corp. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility and personal property to be acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on October 10, 2006, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before August 29, 2006, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the expanded facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Takao America Corp. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to real and personal property to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: Parcel # 71-046-99-0008-730 12K1B2A.M1B1.O1L1B2A PT OF NE 1/4 E NW 1/4 SEC 12 T2S R8E DESC AS BEG N 02DEG 07M 49S W 85.50FT AND S 88DEG 45M 59S W 49.51FT AND S 02DEG 07M 49S E 10.08FT AND ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 549.50FT CHORD S 18DEG 58M 25S E 318.44FT AND S 35DEG 49M 02S E 96.71FT FROM N 1/4 COR SEC 12 TH S 35DEG 49M 02S E 103.29FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 450.50FT CHORD S 18DEG 57M 54S E 261.20FT TH S 02DEG 06M 46S E 9.19FT TH S 88DEG 45M 59S W 144.31FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE LT RAD 260.00FT CHORD S 75DEG 59M 21S W 115.00FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 200.00FT CHORD S 75DEG 59M 21S W 88.47FT TH S 88DEG 45M 59S W 761.21FT TH N 09DEG 08M 34S W 66.06FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 11356.16FT CHORD N 06DEG 02M 32S E 636.38FT TH N 88DEG 45M 59S E 933.54FT TO POB 9.14AC be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 12 years in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in M.C.L. et seq. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR ZSI, INC. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to open the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. to consider tax abatement for ZSI, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. No public comment. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to close the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. to consider tax abatement for ZSI, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo, to adopt the resolution to consider tax abatement for ZSI, Inc. Motion carried by all members present.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Singh Executive Park Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, ZSI, Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new personal property to be acquired and installed within the Singh Executive Park Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on October 10, 2006, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before September 1, 2006, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the expanded facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an

amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of ZSI, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new personal property to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Singh Executive Park Industrial Development District, to wit: 35A2 UNIT 2 WAYNE COUNTY COND SUB PLAN NO. 568 AKA SINGH EXECUTIVE PARK T2S R8E L 32631 OF DEEDS P 436 T0 489 WCR Split on 01/13/2006 with 71 138 01 0001 000, 71 138 01 0003 000 into 71 138 02 0001 000, 71 138 02 0002 000, 71 138 02 0003 000, 71 138 02 0004 000; Parcel #71-138-01-0002-000 be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 3 years in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in M.C.L. et seq. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPOINTMENT OF PENSION/DEFERRED COMP PLAN ADMINISTRATOR AND MRRMA MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve the appointment of Rick Eva, Finance Director, as Plan Administrator for all of Canton's Pension and Deferred Compensation plans. I further move to approve the appointment of Rick Eva to be the Canton Member Representative to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. These appointments shall become effective October 11, 2006. I further move to approve the attached resolutions amending the Charter Township of Canton Retirement Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan. Motion carried by all members present. ACTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON THE undersigned, constituting all of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, hereby unanimously consent to and authorize the following actions and adopt the following resolutions: WHEREAS, in accordance with the authority provided in Article 8, of the Charter Township of Canton Retirement Plan as amended and restated (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan"), the Employer has the right to amend the Plan subject to the limitations of Article 8; NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Richard Eva, is appointed to serve as the administrator of the Plan within the meaning of Section 3(16) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. He shall have all the responsibilities and powers accorded to the plan administrator under the Plan and ERISA; Further it is resolved that Daniel G. Durack currently serving as the administrator of the Plan be removed as administrator effective October 10, 2006. AMENDMENT TO CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON MICHIGAN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN BY THIS AGREEMENT, Charter Township of Canton Michigan Deferred Compensation Plan (herein referred to as the Plan) is hereby amended as follows, effective October 10, 2006: 1. Under the terms of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan Deferred Compensation Plan, a Trustee may be appointed or replaced: Now, therefore, Daniel G. Durack is removed as Trustee of the Plan; Richard Eva, is added as Trustee of the Plan. Charter Township of Canton By Employer The Trustee, by executing this Amendment, accepts its position as Trustee and agrees to all of the obligations, responsibilities and duties imposed upon the Trustee under the Prototype Plan and Trust Agreement. The Trustee has signified its acceptance, on this 10th day of October, 2006. Signed: [Richard Eva/Trustee] Item 2. CONSIDER 2007 PLANNING COMMISSION SCHEDULE. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to set the 2007 Planning Commission Meeting schedule as follows: Every first Monday of the month, and the third Monday of the month, as necessary, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, with the following exceptions: January 8, January 22, September 10, September 24, October 22nd. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to re-appoint Randy Blaylock and Steven Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three (3) years terms. (Term expiring August 31, 2009). Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. RE-APPOINTMENT TO BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to re-appoint Joseph Philips to the Building Board of Appeals. (Term expiring 12/31/2008). Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2006 AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH IN CANTON. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution proclaiming October 2006 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Canton. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 14, 2006 AS "MARTIAL ARTS DAY" IN CANTON. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution proclaiming October 14, 2006 as "Martial Arts Day in Canton". Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CANTON CENTER/GEDDES ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the Reimbursement Agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and Canton Development, LC. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER J.C. DEVELOPMENT REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of J. C. Development. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of M.A.L.A.C. LLC WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 33 acres located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Morton Taylor and Lilley Roads be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family Residential and O-1, Office District to C-3, Regional Commercial District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos. 103-99-0001-008 and 138-99-0004-000 from MR, Multiple-Family Residential District to C-3, Regional Commercial District. Item 2. CONSIDER M.A.L.A.C. LLC (No 1.) REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of M.A.L.A.C. LLC. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of M.A.L.A.C. LLC WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 5.68 acres located on the west side of Morton Taylor Road north of Michigan Avenue be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family Residential and O-1, Office District to C-3, Regional Commercial District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos. 133-99-0001-001, 133-99-0001-002, and 133-99-0001-003 from R-2, Single Family Residential, and tax EDP Nos. 133-99-0001-004 and 133-99-0002-000 from O-1, Office District, to all C-3, Regional Commercial District. Item 3. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR JOYOUS HEART YOGA. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for Joyous Heart Yoga. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Joyous Heart Yoga WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Ms. Carrie Honore, has requested special use approval for Joyous Heart Yoga, an indoor recreation facility, to be located on Lilley Road between Joy and Warren Roads, identified as tax EDP #005-06-0003-000; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives of the Township, subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Ms. Carrie Honore, to conduct the special use for the proposed Joyous Heart Yoga subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 4. CONSIDER M.A.L.A.C. LLC (No 2.). REZONING Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution

for rezoning request of M.A.L.A. C. LLC. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of M.A.L.A.C. LLC WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 1.75 acres located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads be rezoned from O-1, Office District to C-3, Regional Commercial District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos. 133-99-0008-000 and 133-99-0009-000 from O-1, Office District, to C-3, Regional Commercial District. Item 5. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR McDONALD'S REBUILD. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for McDonalds Restaurant Rebuild. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for McDonalds Restaurant Rebuild WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Jeff Chase, has requested site plan approval for the McDonald's Restaurant Rebuild to be located on Ford Road between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads, identified as tax EDP # 039-99-0026-002; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Jeff Chase, to approve the site plan for the proposed McDonald's Rebuild subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 6. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR MEIJER GARDEN CENTER AND PHARMACY ADDITION. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use and site plan for Meijer Garden Center and Site Improvements. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use and Site Plan for Meijer Garden Center and Site Improvements WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested special land use for an outdoor garden center and site plan for improvements to the Meijer facility located on the east side of Canton Center Road and south of Ford Road on Tax EDP no. 058-99-0003-719; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special land use and site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL, subject to the items mentioned above; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed request for special land use and site plan approval and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the special land use and site plan for the proposed outdoor garden center and site improvements to Meijer, located on the east side of Canton Center Road and South of Ford Road (Tax EDP no. 058-99-0003-719); subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 7. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR MICHIGAN XTREME CHEER. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the special land use approval for Michigan Xtreme Cheer. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use Approval for Michigan Xtreme Cheer WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested special land use for a Gymnastics/Dance Studio for Michigan Xtreme Cheer located on the west side of Ronda Drive between Joy and Koppernick Roads ; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special land use to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed request for special land use approval and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the special land use for a Gymnastics/Dance Studio for Michigan Xtreme Cheer located at 7855 Ronda Drive (Tax E.D.P. no. 008-99-0001-702); subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 8. CONSIDER EXTENSION OF THE TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR ROSEWOOD PLACE. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for extension of the tentative approval of the preliminary Plat for Rosewood Place Subdivision. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Extension of the Tentative Approval of the Preliminary Plat for Rosewood Place Subdivision WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, has requested a 12-month extension of the tentative approval of the preliminary plat for Rosewood Place Subdivision located west of Ridge Road, south of Ford Road and east of Napier Road (Tax ID # 069-99-0010-700); WHEREAS, the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the request and recommend approval to extend the tentative preliminary plat. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, to extend the tentative approval of the preliminary plat for the proposed Rosewood Place Subdivision for 12 months, expiring October 25, 2007, subject to compliance with any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning and Engineering Divisions, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 9. CONSIDER AMENDED FINAL PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SHELDON ESTATES SUBDIVISION. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for final approval of the amended preliminary plat for Sheldon Estates. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final Approval of the Amended Preliminary Plat for Sheldon Estates WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, has requested final approval of the amended preliminary plat for Sheldon Estates to be located east of Sheldon Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, identified as EDP# 085-99-0005-701; and, WHEREAS, the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the amended plat and made a recommendation to approve the plat as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, to grant final approval of the amended preliminary plat for the proposed Sheldon Estates, subject to compliance with any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any additional conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 10. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DEMOLISH THE VACANT HOUSES AND REMOVE DEBRIS AT 965 AND 903 LOTZ RD. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to award a contract for the demolition of the houses at 965 and 903 Lotz to Universal Consolidated Enterprises in the amount of \$ 9,478.00. I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the Public Improvement Fund for this contract: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #245-000-699-0000 \$9,478.00. Increase Appropriations: Expenditures #248-245-700-0000 \$9,478.00. This budget amendment increases the Public Improvement Fund budget from \$1,735,085 to \$1,744,563. Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2, SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR ROAD REPAIRS FOR COPPER CREEK CONDOMINIUMS SAD 2006-1. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the special assessment resolution No. 2 schedule the Public Hearing of Necessity for road repairs for Copper Creek Condominiums SAD 2006-1 on November 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Motion carried by all members present. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION (Copper Creek Condominiums SAD No. 2006-1) Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Board Room at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in said Township on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time. The following preamble and resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett and supported by Member.

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Strutting their stuff: Invite gives marchers a chance to shine

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

More than 6,000 fans filled varsity stadium at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Saturday for the annual Great Lakes Invitational marching band spectacular hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and booster organization.

"This is one of our largest fund-raisers we have during the year," said booster president Mark Stamper. "It allows us to bring people into the community that have never been here before."

The 29 high school marching bands hailed from as far

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Would you like to see the Regional Championship Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band in action for free?

The hometown champs will perform their award winning competition show, "The Passion Within," as a gift to the community 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, on home turf.

away as Portage Northern and Grand Rapids Northview. The nine-plus hours of musical, marching mastery was coordinated for

the second year by sophomores Karl and Suzanne Widak.

"We filled 370 shifts with volunteers. That's everything from tickets to people in the kitchen, parking and security," he said.

Widak had nothing but kudos for the boosters, especially parents taking on more than one shift as well as help from the National Honor Society.

The P-C Marching Band put on a performance of their award-winning show, "The Passion Within," in exhibition as hosts.

Just before the beginning note and the release of 187 yellow-and-black balloons

representing each band members, three red balloons were released by Kari Miller and her family to honor her husband, L. John Miller, who died this year. Known as "The Apple Man," Miller was loved for his many years of support.

The performance was

considered Plymouth-Canton's best so far this year.

"It was amazing," said baritone section leader Michael Wells, a Salem junior. "I think we stepped it up a notch from last week."

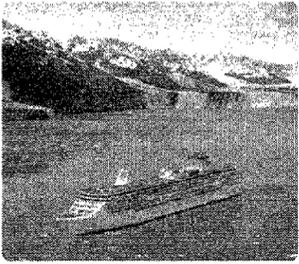
Clarinetist Angela Ayoub, a Plymouth senior, said, "We

worked really hard today and I think a lot of it showed up in our performance."

That's something director Marc Whitlock thinks will be evident in the next few weeks, especially by the State Championships Oct. 28 and the Grand National Championships in November.

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- THE BRIDGE 2 (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 FRI/SAT LS 11:45
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The condition known as "tennis elbow" eventually strikes about half of all tennis players. It develops when the tendon linking the elbow to the muscles on the top side of the forearm becomes inflamed from the repetitive motion of hitting a tennis ball. Specifically, most cases stem from hitting a one-hand backhand incorrectly. The most problematic flaw involves leading with the elbow, which places excessive strain on the joint, thereby raising the risk of tennis elbow. As a preventative measure, it is better to hit the one-hand backhand with the arm moving as a single, nearly straight unit. Preventative measures also include strengthening the wrist and forearm with finger extensions, wrist raises, and forearm rotations.

For further information about today's column, call the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY at 455-8370 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.

PS: The medical term for "tennis elbow" is lateral epicondylitis.

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Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm told members of the Detroit Economic Club Michigan must compete to be the best place to do business.

Republican challenger Dick DeVos asked the Detroit Economic Club the age-old campaign question: "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?"

DeVos, Granholm press their case before Economic Club

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Unlike the two previous gubernatorial debates, last week's Detroit Economic Club luncheon was a chance for Gov. Jennifer Granholm and challenger Dick DeVos to make their claims about who is best-suited to be Michigan's chief executive.

Granholm and DeVos each were given 15 minutes to convince the crowd of Motor City movers and shakers that they were the one with the plan to take the state forward.

The full house, nearly 1,200 people, at the Riverview Ballroom in Cobo Center was

capped off by a cross-section of some of the most powerful names in Michigan politics.

Attending the event were Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, U.S. Reps. John Dingell, John Conyers and Sander Levin, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, members of the Oakland, Wayne and Macomb county commissions and representatives of the Detroit consulates of Japan and Italy.

Granholm won the backstage coin toss and addressed the crowd first. She said comments about it being "time to fire the governor" miss the essential point of elected office.

"My contract is up at the end of this year. This is the world's longest job interview," she said. "I've had a few more job interviews than my opponent."

Similarly, she said focusing solely on what can make Michigan a cheaper place to do business misses the point, too. In a competition with China and southeast Asia, she said Michigan can never be the cheapest place to set up operations. What it can do is offer the best competitive value.

"We have to offer the best workers," Granholm said. "I want to make Michigan more competitive and we can win by investing in our human capital."

To do that, she said she's pushed for a K-12 educational curriculum that's the third-toughest in the nation and set a goal of doubling the current number of college graduates.

"I've pushed for \$4 billion in projects to renovate roads, bridges and other infrastructure that will create 40,000 jobs," Granholm said. "I've also pushed for the largest investment of any state for diversifying the economy — \$2 billion."

DeVos told the crowd that Granholm's skill in job interviews will come in handy and wished her all the best in her next round of interviews. He said residents are asking themselves how they feel about the governor's performance and vowed that his administration would be markedly different.

"I would take charge of the (Michigan Economic Development Corp.) myself and call a special session of the Legislature to replace revenues for the Single Business Tax and repeal the personal property tax," DeVos said.

He also said he would set up a fund to improve teachers and pay for it by cutting the educational bureaucracy around the state. His plans include cutting permit times for new businesses to 30 days and setting up economic trade offices in 10 countries, starting with Japan.

There can be no resurgence of Michigan, he said, without a resurgence of its largest city.

"I will meet with Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick," DeVos said. "Detroit's success is critical to Michigan's success. I will work to make Michigan the state of opportunity we know it can be."

He finished his comments with the age-old political question: Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

"I will get more done in 45 days than Gov. Granholm has in the last 45 months," he said.

Both candidates used the forum to urge people to vote against Proposal 2, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

Waterford resident and Democrat Ray Goodman said DeVos did better in this debate than he has in previous ones, but that didn't change his opinion of the candidate.

"I have more respect for DeVos, but I fear what he might do to the economy," Goodman said.

West Bloomfield resident and Republican Richard Fritz said he's been wavering close to voting against his affiliation and the DEC event changed his mind.

"From a business standpoint, (DeVos) is right for the job now," he said. "Granholm inherited a lot of problems, but she's said that too many times. There are fewer people with jobs now and it's not easy to find one."

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Comedy comes to Canton

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jon Sandberg tries to stay out of the spotlight. Lately, he's been busy building sets, painting backdrops and writing a second sketch comedy show with his group, Not Raccoons.

The 7-member cast takes to the stage 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill at Ridge, in Canton.

Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. For more information, call (734) 812-7860.

The 20-year-old Canton resident began writing comedy in 2001 during his sophomore year at Plymouth Canton High School where he joined the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) Improv Club. Most of the members of Not Raccoons were part of the Sketchy at Best improv group hand-picked by teacher Jordan Brun to produce an annual show. Sandberg performed in his last show at the high school just before graduating in 2005. After living in Chicago for six-

months then returning home to Canton, he reunited with PCEP core members to put on Not Raccoon's first show in July 2006. The second show is rated PG13 and targeted for high school and college students but funny for all ages except those younger than 13.

Cast members range in age from 17-20.

"Our format is we follow one character through the show. You can see how the world around this character," said Sandberg, the director and head writer. Sandberg hopes one day to professionally produce shows and film sketches for their Web site www.notraccoons.com.

"In the first show one character studied science and was supposed to be first man on the moon, but never made it. He was on the moon but the Neil Armstrong character pushed him out of the way."

The second show is a surprise and revolves around two characters that had appearances in the first show.

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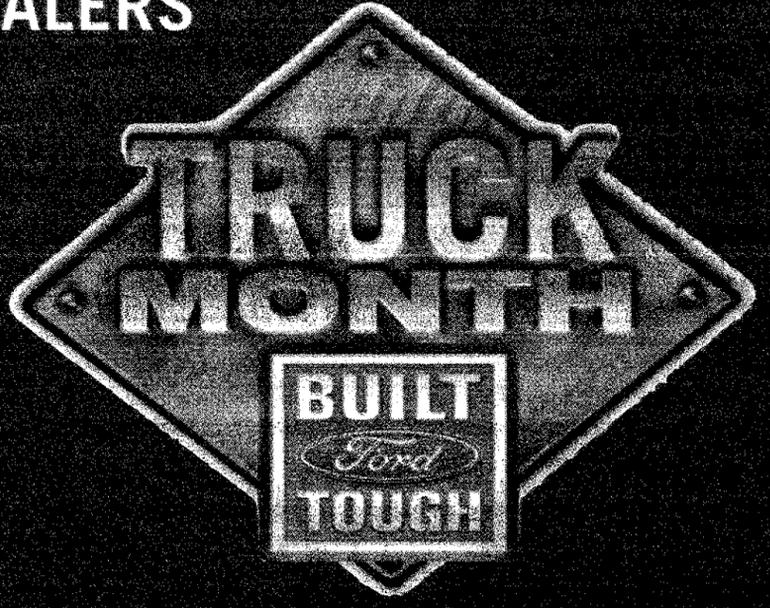
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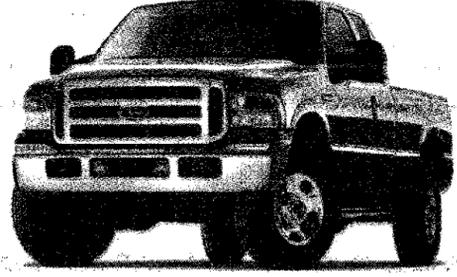
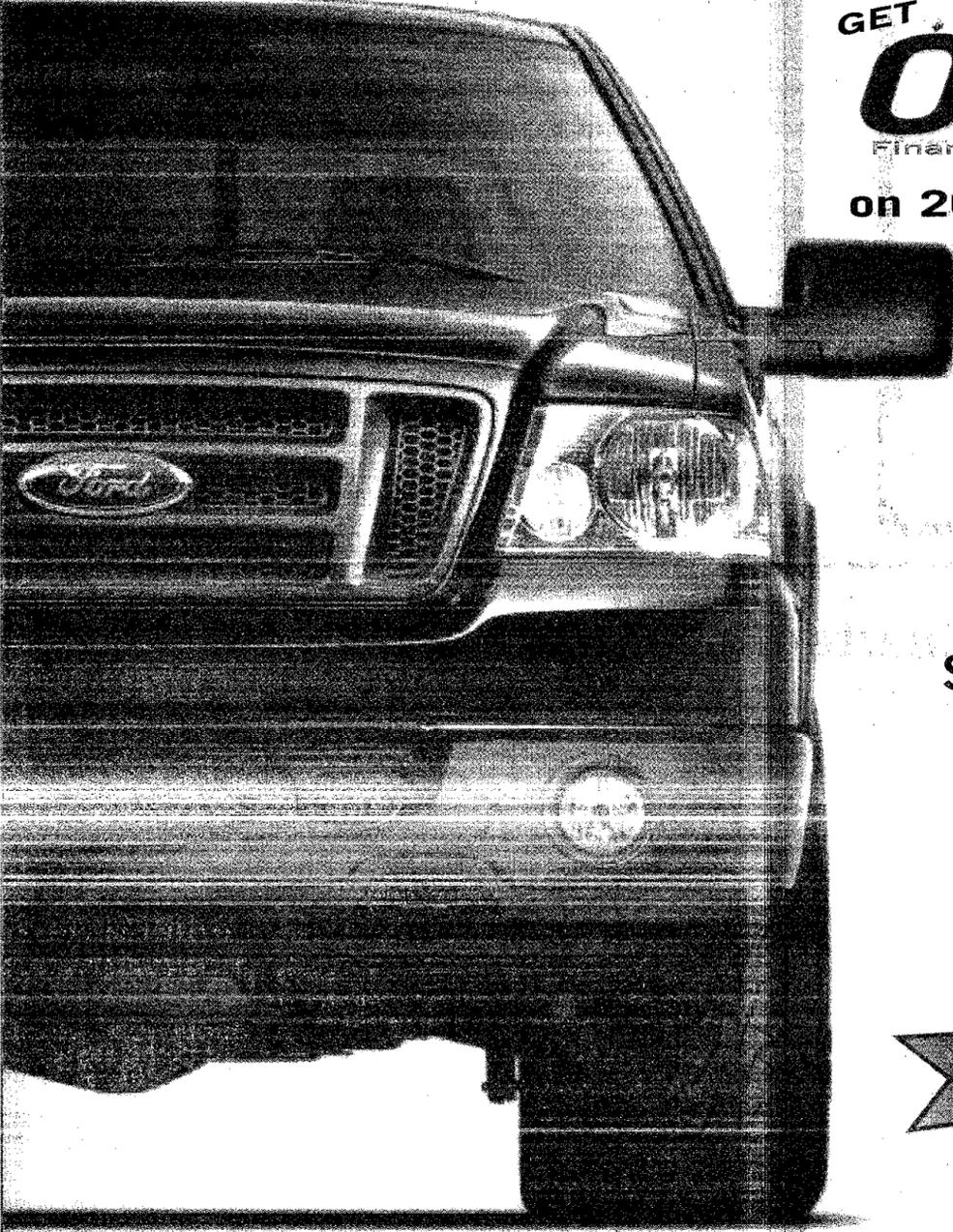
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OCTOBER

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 21, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 8601 27 Mile Road, Washington. Call (586) 781-5567.

Singles dinner
Bus departs from Lot F at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville at 6:15 p.m. for Los Galenas in Mexican Village. Tickets are \$22 for dinner and transportation and must be purchased in advance. Space is limited to 26 people. Call (248) 374-5920.

Dinner theater
Schoolcraft College presents Moon Over Buffalo Friday, Oct. 20, dinner is at 6:30 p.m. in the VisiTech Center on campus. Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, is organizing a group to attend the evening of culture. There will be a limited number of tickets for call. For reservations, call (734) 513-9479.

Meet your candidates
7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, meet your candidates night at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Call (734) 421-7620.

Vegas Night
St. Bernardine Parish at 31463 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman, Westland, is having a Las Vegas Party 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 20. No smoking rooms will be available and hot dogs, potato salad, snacks and pop are included in \$7 admission. Games include Black Jack, Roulette and Beat the Dealer, and there also will be hourly 50/50 drawings and a raffle. Beer will be available at \$1 a glass.

Rummage sale
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 21, in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church fel-

lowship hall, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. \$2.00 bag sale on Saturday. Proceeds to benefit The Smile Train, an organization which provides repair of cleft palate deformities to children in poverty stricken countries; children's hunger in Detroit and an orphanage in Monte Christi, Dominican Republic. In addition, part of the profits will assist the church's youth group who will be traveling to New York on a mission project.

Fall retreat
Heart, Mind & Soul takes place Friday-Sunday, Oct. 20-22, at Gull Lake Bible & Missionary Conference Center near Kalamazoo. Cost is \$219 and includes transportation, lodging and food. For information, call (248) 374-5920.

Quilt show
Christian Union Church at 1046 Wayne Road will hold its second annual juried Quilt Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. There will be quilts on display, quilting demonstrations, vendors, a bake sale, and hourly door prizes. A \$3 donation is requested for admission. For more information, call Mary Surbrook at (734) 721-6871.

Single focus
Relationship seminar, Fulfillment of Life Through Christ as a Single Person, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$10. Call (248) 374-5920 or visit www.ward-church.org/singlefocus.

Women's conference
The fourth annual Women's Conference, (for women of all ages, and young adults age 14 and above) sponsored by The Archdiocese of Detroit, Department of Parish Life & Services, Office of Evangelization 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. This year's conference, A Woman's Journey to the Heart of Christ, will conclude with Mass celebrated by His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 full-time college or high school students, includes conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge, but must register. More information on the conference (including a

downloadable registration form) can be found at www.aodonline.org. If you would like to receive a registration form or for more information, send e-mail to dignityofwoman@aol.com, or call (734) 459-9558.

Monthly breakfast meeting
Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For information, call (734) 513-9479.

Covenant coffee house
Featuring D'Art band performing a selection of contemporary Christian and original music built on a foundation of the classic rock tradition 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in Myers Hall at Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, and Beech Daly, one block north of Five Mile, Redford. Call (313) 535-3100.

Crafters needed
Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 1171 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

Matt Haimovitz concert
The classical cellist performs 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call Joyce Chersesh at (248) 788-9338 or visit www.vivace-series.org.

Singles bridge
Play is by party rule, partners not necessary 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in room 3515 at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Basic knowledge of the game and rules is appreciated but not required. For information, call (248) 374-5920.

Sisterhood tea
"Not So High" Tea will be held by Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood for their opening meeting 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Members are requested to dress for the occasion including hats and gloves. Along with tea, tea sandwiches, scones and cookies there will be entertainment by humorist, singer-songwriter Jack Bailey. For

information, call (248) 477-8974.
Field trip
To the Arab American Center 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22 (admission is \$4, public invited, call (248) 626-7606) from Church of Our Saviour Presbyterian U.S.A. at 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Regular services take place 10 a.m. Sunday (worship and school), Monday Morning Quarterbacks Bible Study meet 11 a.m. Mondays, the Rev. Jim Faile began hosting Wine, Cheese and Theology 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 with an emphasis on religion of our neighbors in Can't We Just Get Along?

Lecture
International speaker/author Janet Smith, Ph.D. presents A Culture of Life, a Culture of Death, 4-5:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 23, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road. Smith holds the Father Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. The author of Humanae Vitae: A Generation Later, and many articles on ethical and bioethics issues, she also is editor of Why Humanae Vitae Was Right: A Reader. Smith taught for nine years at the University of Notre Dame and 12 years at the University of Dallas. She speaks nationally and internationally on many issues including the Catholic Church's teaching on sexuality.

In this eye-opening presentation, Smith looks at the many and surprising connections - philosophical, legal and existential - between contraception, abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, and same-sex unions and how they affect our culture. Smith will shed light on the church's teaching on abortion, euthanasia and same-sex unions. Some may be surprised to learn that what were once considered crimes in the 1960s have become "rights" in the 2000s, and that behind all of these "rights" is a dubious "right to privacy." Attendees will learn how the modern view of man and Christian view of man are very different and how skepticism, relativism, and materialism are behind many modern values. For more information, call (313) 883-8500.

Trunk or treat
6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. Dinner at 6 p.m., games in Fellowship Hall followed by 7 p.m. Trunk or treat. Costumes - kids of all ages. Questions, call (734) 421-8628.

Meeting
Hundreds of millions of people do not have God's Word in their language. Learn how Wycliffe Bible Translators is meeting that need when you attend the Wycliffe Associates Banquet Thursday, Oct. 26 (doors open at 6:15 p.m., salads 6:45 p.m., open prayer at 7 p.m.), at Holiday Inn, I-275 and Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 274-3646.

Divorce recovery workshop
7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 26, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$35, \$15 for previous participants who wish to repeat the workshop. Free child care. Call (248) 374-5920.

Hallelujah festival
Presented by Canton Christian Fellowship 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley, Canton. Come out for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate this alternative to Halloween. For more information, contact the church office at (734) 404-2480, or send e-mail to info@CantonCF.org or www.CantonCF.org.

Lighthouse cafe
7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$5 at the door. Free childcare provided. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Conference
International Christian Education Association presents the 60th Sunday School and Church Workers' Conference Oct. 27-28, in Northville. Non-denominational. Four general sessions free to public. Register now for more than 50 workshops and seminars, Exhibit City, Kids Korner, Make and Take Puppetry, lunches. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Rummage sale
Grace Lutheran Church is having it's annual Rummage & Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck roads, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities.

District convention
54th Annual Michigan Southeast District Convention will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme is Glorify the Lord based on Psalm 35:3. Registration at 8 a.m., opening service at 9 a.m. Guest presenter is Steve Siegel, director of U.S. Ministries for Lutheran Hour Ministries. For more information, call (734) 729-0306. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of Bringing Christ to the Nations-and the Nations to the Church. LHM produces Christian radio and TV pro-

gramming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 40 countries. LHM's flagship program, The Lutheran Hour, airs weekly on more than 800 stations.

Crafters wanted
Deadline to register is Oct. 28. Craft show is 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Table rental is \$20. \$20 registration fee must be paid by Oct. 28 to hold your spot (and will go toward table rental). Remaining balance for additional tables must be paid at time of set up. Mail registration fee by check or money order to Community Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 85139, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call Marge at (734) 729-2578 or Jean at (734) 421-0733.

Trunk or treat
6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in the parking lot at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. Children go from trunk to trunk seeing and hearing a Bible story and receiving candy.

Harvest festival
Fun-filled afternoon of family-oriented activities including carnival games, crafts, funhouse, bake sale with proceeds to benefit Livonia Goodfellows No Child Without a Christmas 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (734) 425-7280.

Organ concert
By Kirk in the Hills organist Glenn Miller 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. Kirk's Sanctuary organ consists of more than 4,600 pipes ranging in size from over 32-feet long to smaller than the average pencil, divided between the four corners of the room. All are welcome to attend. For tickets or information, call (248) 626-2515, ext. 109.

Pastie fund-raiser
Newburgh United Methodist Church is making and selling Cornish Pasties as a fundraiser. Cost is \$3 each and can be ordered by calling the church office at (734) 422-0149 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Call in orders only. Do not leave orders on answering machine. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored. Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early. Only 1000 pasties will be made.

UPCOMING

Caregivers support
Dr. Peter Lichtenberg address the issue of enhancing wellness for adult children caregivers of aging parents New Hope - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Wixom 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 29218 Lyons Oaks Drive, north of Grand River, between Napier and Old Plank. The new support group will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 421-8174. No charge. All are welcome. Lichtenberg is the director of The Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

Crafts and more
Christmas gifts, jewelry, attic treasures, bake sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 3-4, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly. Lunch is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit mission and church programs. Call (313) 937-3170.

Haiti dinner buffet
5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw at Washington, Ypsilanti. Donation is \$18 adults, \$8 children age 11 and under. A benefit for The Haiti School Project, a plan to build and improve schools in northern Haiti. For information and tickets, call (313) 278-4849.

Vegetarian holiday testing
11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist School Gymnasium on Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Reserved tickets at \$14 adults, \$5 ages 6-12. Call (734) 459-0472. Make checks payable to Metro SDA School and send to Holiday Tasting, 695 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48187-4635.

Fundamentalism
A Pastoral Concern. In biblical times the Word in the Scriptures was alive and applied to every situation. Fundamentalism freezes the Word at the time it was written. The pastoral challenge is to make the scriptural Word alive in every age, culture, and social situation. This two-part series will critique fundamentalism's approach to the Scriptural Word. David J. Conrad, Director of Faith Formation, presents Part One: A Descriptive Definition of Fundamentalism, Fundamentalism as a Theological, Pastoral, Social, Personal, and Evangelical Challenge 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8. Part Two: An extended analysis of the theology of Fundamentalism, and the Catholic Church's understanding of the topics

in question 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 in the Fellowship Hall (church building), St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Bagpipe entertainment
During St. Andrew's Day Dinner Sunday, Nov. 12. The St. Andrew's Bagpipe Band will also perform during the worship service, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults, \$5 children Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations

Thanksgiving bingo party
Doors open at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy, Westland. Cost is \$8 for admission. Must be age 18 or older to play. Prizes include all of the Thanksgiving necessities including turkeys, hams, basket of plenty. Hall phone is (734) 525-3550.

SOUEL
Students Of Upper Elementary Activity Night 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at St. Aidan Catholic Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. Our theme is Pirates. Dress as a pirate: there is a best dressed pirate prize. Pillage our free pizza and ice cream. For fifth and sixth graders (feel free to bring a friend). No registration required. Contact David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

Sisterhood luncheon
For paid up members of Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, Canton Harry Jerm will delight with a concert of traditional Jewish melodies. Members are requested to bring in new, unused toiletries to be donated to a local charity. For information on membership or to RSVP, call (248) 477-474.

Hanukkah gift shoppe
Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Hanukkah/Judaic gift shop opens 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday beginning Nov. 19 and continuing Dec. 10. Selection includes holly gift wrap, chocolate coins, dreidels, candles, electric and traditional menorahs and many Judaic gift items. Congregation Beit Kodesh is located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

Thanksgiving choir festival
More than 100 voices will jointly celebrate Thanksgiving with a musical festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by brass, handbell and organ as well as an audience singing of familiar Thanksgiving hymns 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, one mile east of Be Plymouth. Participating choirs from First United, Our Lady of Counsel, First Presbyterian, St. Nicholas Episcopal, and First Baptist. Musicians from the Plymouth Community Band led by Carl Baill will add to the festivities. Admission is free but an offering will be requested to benefit a local charity. Call @ 453-5280.

ONGOING

Worship service
10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes
Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you

Ladies Bible studies
Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at DeHitt First Church of the Nazarene, 260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 48-7600.

Women of the Word offer the Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress 9:30-11:15 a.m. (S\$ registration fee includes interdenominational materials and free childcare for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care).

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

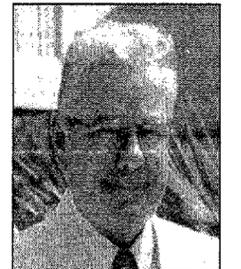
Farmington Women Aglow
Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

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



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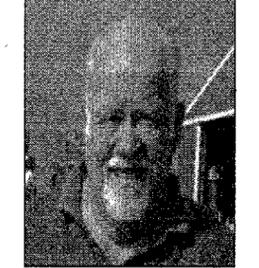
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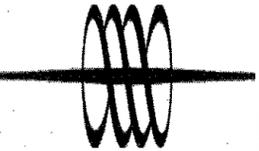
FLORENCE T. PANKOW
Age 90, died October 16, 2006 in Brighton. She was born December 22, 1915. She lived most of her life in Plymouth. She was a retired mortgage broker for NBD and was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She enjoyed Bingo, playing cards, and watching sports. She is survived by her daughter, Kathleen (Rhett) Hanert of Northville and her grandchildren, Matthew and Amanda Hanert. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harvey and her granddaughter, Heather. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

MARJORIE A. WRIGHT
Age 62, October 11, 2006. Beloved mother of Michael (Suzi) and Melissa (Todd) Baughman. Loving grandmother of "Little Michael", Anthony, and Karisa. Beloved friend of "Tommy". Memorial visitation Sunday, October 22, 2pm to 8pm, at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly Rd., between 6 and 7 Mile Rds., Redford.

DAVID MICHAEL MARTIN
Age 69, of Kure Beach, NC died Sunday, October 15, 2006, after a long illness with Alzheimer's. He was born in Flint, Michigan on August 7, 1937, the son of the late Elsie Mickelson and stepfather Maurice Mickelson. David is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jeanne Martin; daughter, Julie Romano and husband Michael of Fraser, MI; daughter, Shelly Johnson and husband William of Wilmington, NC; sister, Diane Mickelson of Taylor, MI; and aunts, uncles, and cousins in the Flint, MI area. He graduated in 1955 from high school in Grand Blanc, MI and received his BBA degree from Michigan State University in 1967. David retired from Ford Motor Company in 1998. After moving from Livonia, Michigan in 1998, David was a volunteer for the Island of Lights on Pleasure Island and a member of the Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed walking on the beach and his classic Corvette. Local memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association located at 400 Oberlin Road, Suite 220, Raleigh, NC 27605-1351 or The Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center, 1406 Physicians Dr, Wilmington, NC 28401. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.andrewsmortuary.com A Valley Chapel Service.



DONALD E. WALL
Age 67, of Canton, died October 15, 2006. He was born April 4, 1939, in Bloomington, Illinois. Don will be remembered as someone who knew everyone and who could strike up a conversation with anyone. He enjoyed giving people a hard time and a good laugh. His life was about loving his wife and taking care of his kids. Don will be greatly missed. He was a life-long member of the Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia. He is survived by his children, Samantha Wall of Canton, and Sean (Kathryn) Wall of Livonia; his grandchildren, Steven and Gabriella; and his sisters, Doris (Jerry) Bailey and Delores Hunter. He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Joyce. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Friday 1pm. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Interment will take place Monday, October 23, in Bloomington, Illinois. Memorials may be made to Sandcastles or Just Love.



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Designer Diva

New director appointed to oversee top labels at Saks

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

It's a tough job to be surrounded by the finest in luxury garments every day, but somebody's got to do it.

At Saks Fifth Avenue, that somebody is now Sharon Eisenshtadt.

Eisenshtadt was recently named Manager of Designer Collections at S5A Somerset. That means the Bloomfield Hills mother of two will oversee 14 employees who head up the most exclusive brands — Armani, Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Prada and Ralph Lauren to name just a few.

"We are very excited about her arrival here — she is smart and fun, and very young to be in this prestigious position for Saks Fifth Avenue," said Cheryl Hall Lindsay of S5A.

According to Eisenshtadt, the key to being successful in retail is sewing up great relationships with customers and staff. We caught up with the bubbly, energetic Eisenshtadt to find out about her new post, as well as her faves for Fall from the sales floor at Saks.

So how is it going?

It's fantastic. It's a dream job really. I've not only walked into a department full of beautiful clothes, I've inherited a seasoned staff who are experts on their lines, and they're able to teach me. We really can service the customer from head to toe, including clothing, accessories, make-up and everything to make them look perfect and feel fabulous.

Tell us about your retail background.

I was the personal shopping manager for Marshall Field's, which obviously doesn't exist anymore. I was doing that for about nine years. Prior to that I was actually working for Kim Nye (general manager of the Troy S5A) as her contemporary sportswear manager for five years, so I have a history with Saks and with Kim, and we had kept in touch. We have a good relationship.

How does your experience as a personal shopper translate to your new position?

I think that in general people are busy and they still like the idea of shopping by appointment. I am able to train associates to set up a fitting room prior to the cus-



GARY R. MILLER PHOTOGRAPHY

Sharon Eisenshtadt is the new Manager of Designer Collections at Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset.

tomers coming in, and giving them a 'wow' experience. That's how I've been trained, and I still live that.

Who is your clientele?

We have the customer who's been loyal to Saks since she was a little girl and shopped downtown, then we have the 25- to 50-year-old customer who's really just designer-driven or label-driven. Our customer is a fashion leader who wants to be ahead of trends.

What about us shoppers who can't afford the top designers?

Sometimes a customer just wants the opportunity to look around, pick up something they've seen in a magazine or get ideas. It's a big bad rumor that the only thing at Saks is expensive. We carry BCBG, Laundry, Diane vonFurstenberg

and other labels that interpret the designer trends at a lower price point.

What do you say to people who are intimidated to stop in your departments?

It's not an intimidating place. We're here to serve. Our goal is to make our customers feel fabulous about themselves and to make their lives easier, so when the customer walks in it's all about them. You come in with your budget and our goal is to help you feel fantastic within that budget. We're just people working for a living who really love fashion.

Speaking of fashion, what are you loving right now?

Well the clothes this season are just beautiful. Personally I love all of the beautiful blouses, and mixing them with the menswear look — wide leg trousers and tweeds. Then there are the sweaters, I love the cable knits and the cowl necks. I love fur-embellished everything. Having fur around your neck I think is always flattering.

What are some of the hottest trends for Fall and Winter?

Velvet blazers are really big right now ... the satchel bag — Chloe purses are a lot of fun ... flat boots ... the narrow pantsuit ... leggings are really big. And I love the idea of a red lip on everybody.

What's one piece anyone can pick up at Saks to be fashion-forward this season?

Elegant high gloves are just fantastic. You can do them with a gown or sleeveless shirt, or a gorgeous coat. A beautiful pair of tight-fitting gloves goes back to old-time fashion, something special that will last. And you don't have to do them in leather. There's velvet, patent leather, metallic. A black coat looks great topped with a red or purple glove.

Have you made any purchases yet?

My biggest splurge so far was my Chanel skirt that's black with different colored ribbons going through it. I'll wear it with high boots and tights, which are really big this season. I also bought a Missoni wrap with all different colors.

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House

House, winner of "America's Next Top Model" second season, will offer tips on building a wardrobe that will take you from work to

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In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the Observer & Eccentric went "Passionately Pink for the Cure" on Oct. 11. Employees, including Linda Pye (left) and Eve Howard-Jones, above, contributed \$857 to the Komen Foundation in exchange for a pink-and-jeans casual day. To learn more about how you can join this new, nationwide effort, visit www.komen.org.

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Leave it to Dreaver: Rocks advance to District final

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As far as Salem soccer fans are concerned, Saturday night's opening game of the World Series will be the *second* most important sporting event taking place this weekend.

That's because the Rocks rebounded from a 1-0 halftime deficit to survive a valiant effort from Plymouth, 2-1, in a Division 1, District 6 semi-final game Wednesday night at South Lyon.

The stirring victory earned Salem a berth in Saturday's 7 p.m. District final against Saline, which edged Canton, 1-0, Wednesday in a double-overtime, shootout thriller.

Junior mid-fielder Scott Dreaver's fifth goal of the season with 25:38 left in the game proved to be the game-winner for the Rocks, who tied it 1-1 two minutes earlier on senior forward

Tom Bennett's goal.

Senior forward Brooks Belhart assisted on both of Salem's scores.

"It was a great ball in from Brooks, he flicked it on to me and I went in from there," said Bennett, reflecting on what Salem coach Ed McCarthy later said was the team's biggest goal of the season.

"At halftime, we talked about staying composed and winning every 50-50 ball," Bennett continued. "Coach told us to keep playing the way we've been playing all season."

The hustling, Colin Rolfe-led Wildcats owned the first half, but led just 1-0 thanks to a Salem own-goal at the 9:10 mark that was credited to Brad Brennan.

"In the first half, Plymouth unquestionably outplayed us — completely and totally," said McCarthy. "We only had one shot on goal, and even that

didn't have a chance to go in.

"After Plymouth dominated the first half, we knew we had to make some changes, so we switched from a 4-4-2 to a 4-3-3 with our big senior captain Jon Gibson up top. We forced the play more in the second half. Tom Bennett and Brooks Belhart were the difference."

The heart-breaking setback left the Wildcats with a 12-5-4 mark.

"I thought we played good enough to win," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "In the first half, we had so many chances to score and we limited their scoring opportunities. We just couldn't stick it in the net like we should have."

"Overall, this was the best season Plymouth's had in soccer so far. I know the players are upset with the loss, but they had a great season and they played right with some of the best teams in the

state all year."

Plymouth came within inches of securing a 2-0 advantage with 29:30 left in the game when Rolfe's laser from 30 yards out banged off the right goal post. Less than two minutes later, Bennett scored to totally swing the momentum to the Rocks' end of the field.

The Wildcats mounted a few other serious threats a short time later, but Rolfe's header from eight yards out sailed just high of the net and Andrew Koet's low, hard shot with 23:00 to go rolled wide.

Salem senior goal-keeper Brian Field sealed the Rocks' ticket to the final when he smothered a tough-to-handle shot that was re-directed with 11:47 left on the clock.

"I think everybody was a little too

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SATURDAY SHOWDOWN

- **What:** Division 1 District 6 boys soccer final;
- **Who:** Salem vs. Saline;
- **When:** Saturday, 7 p.m.;
- **Where:** South Lyon High School;
- **What's at stake:** The winner will advance to Tuesday's 7 p.m. Regional semifinal contest at Saline.
- **How they advanced:** Salem edged Plymouth, 2-1, while Saline nipped Canton, 1-0, in a double-OT shootout.

Canton swim team edges Rocks, 98-87

See complete results on Page B5

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls swim team had to dig deep to preserve its victory over Salem Tuesday night in the two teams' annual showdown in the Rocks' pool. Chief coach Ed Weber pointed to the points his team earned with its fourth- and fifth-place finishes as the key to the action-packed 98-87 triumph.

"Our depth was the key tonight," said Weber, mentioning the efforts of Katie Kuback, Meghan Sears, Hannah Maxam, Maddy McDuff, Christine O'Keefe and Mallory Hudak. "We took first in eight of the 12 events and we won all three relays, but it was the fourth- and fifth-place points that helped us in the end."

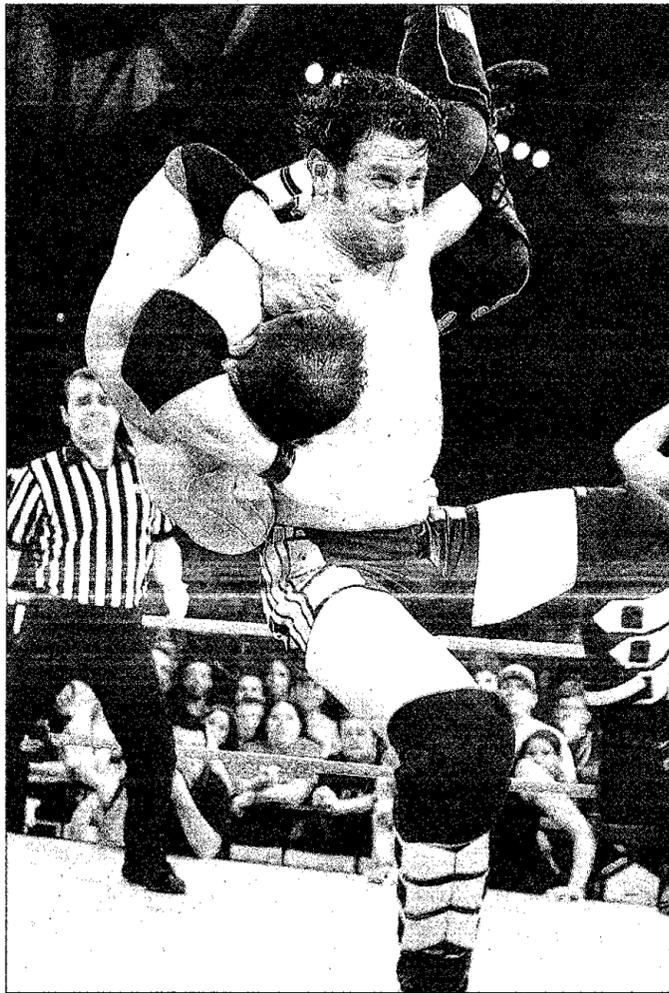
"Everybody did what they had to do tonight to beat a good team like Salem."

The triumph boosted the Chiefs' record to 4-3 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem slipped to 5-1 and 4-1, respectively.

"It was a good meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "I thought our girls swam well; we just didn't have enough firsts."

"Ally Stencel and Andrea Spohn had good swims. It was nice to see the senior captains do well in their last meet against Canton."

Canton junior Allison Schmitt was her usual dominant self, touching first in the 200-yard freestyle (1:52.24) and 100 backstroke (1:01.32) while anchoring the winning 200 and 400 relay contingents.



TNA WRESTLING PHOTO

Plymouth resident Patrick Martin (a.k.a. Alex Shelley) has the upper-hand in a Totally NonStop Action (TNA) Wrestling match held earlier this year. Martin will be competing Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the "Bound for Glory" event at the Compuware Sports Arena.

All the right moves

Plymouth's Martin pins down success in pro wrestling

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday night, while many of his peers from the Redford Catholic Central High School Class of 2001 are settling down in their homes or dorm rooms following a hectic weekend, Plymouth resident Patrick Martin (a.k.a. Alex Shelley) will be applying his patented "ShellShock" move on an unfortunate professional wrestler.

Martin, 23, is one of the marquee performers on the TNA (Totally Nonstop Action) Wrestling tour, which will be making its second stop this year at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Martin's potent combination of athletic skill, charisma and cocky image have made him a rising star in the flashy, never-a-dull-moment world of professional wrestling.

"When I was growing up, I always wanted to be a super hero," said Martin. "Well, this is about as close as you can get to being one."

HEADLOCKS 101

During his early-teen years in Plymouth, while many of Martin's friends were reading comic books and sports magazines, he developed

an interest in an unconventional form of literature.

"Growing up, I always read professional wrestling magazines," said Martin, who was born in Detroit and raised in Redford and Plymouth. "It has always interested me. When I was 13, I ordered a 'How to Make it in Pro Wrestling' book. It was \$15, but it listed all of the pro wrestling schools that were out there and it had a lot of inside knowledge about the profession. It taught me what I needed to know to make it in this business. I learned how you had to start at the bottom and build your way up."

Given his current stature, it's somewhat surprising to discover that Martin discarded his high school wrestling career at Catholic Central after his freshman year.

The primary reason he gave it up is equally stunning.

"I was really into art, so I gave up wrestling in high school and enrolled in art school," said Martin. "I was always sketching something or doing a landscape drawing or an animation drawing. At the time, that's what I thought I was going to do with my life."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's senior soccer captains Travis Norris (left) and Anthony Sasinowski have helped guide the Wildcats to a Top 10 state ranking for the first time in the school's history.

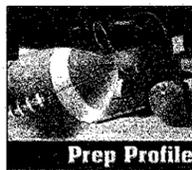
Captains lead 'Cats to unparalleled success

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There are two kinds of leaders — the vocal kind and the ones who inspire others by their actions, not their words.

Plymouth senior soccer captains Travis Norris and Anthony Sasinowski fit both bills, but especially the latter one.

While both are capable of delivering a fire-the-team-up pre-game speech, they prefer to



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has helped the Wildcats achieve a No. 10 state ranking in the latest Division 1 high school coaches poll.

"They're both great leaders —

elevate their teammates' play with their own brand of never-slow-down effort that

on the field and off," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "Probably the No. 1 reason why they're good captains is their work ethic. Travis and Anthony work hard, their teammates respect that and it makes them want to work hard, too."

GAME-SAVER

The two plays that best illustrate Norris's value to the team unfolded in the Wildcats' 1-0 victory over cross-campus rival

Salem on Sept. 19. On two occasions, the fleet-footed, always-in-the-right-place sweeper ventured into the goal crease to knock away shots that had eluded goalie Brian Rissman and, thus, ultimately saved the school's most notable win up to that point.

"Travis is the one who holds our defense together," said Neschich. "He plays a great cen-

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tight in the first half," McCarthy said. "I told them at halftime to stay calm and stay positive in the second half and they went out and got it done."

SALINE 1, CANTON 0 (SHOOTOUT):

The Hornets advanced to Saturday night's District final contest by outscoring the Chiefs, 4-3, in the shootout, which followed 80 minutes of regulation action and two 15-minute, sudden-death overtime periods.

Matt Kaminski, Matt Garza, Alex Ocampo and Kyle Mattson converted shootout goals for the Hornets. Eric Zech, Kyle Gring and Keith Campbell countered for Canton.

Saline net-minder Jon Conzelmann turned away a pair of Chief shots while Canton's Kevin Krause stopped one.

Canton, which finished with a 15-3-4 record, controlled play for most of the game — hitting the post with hard shots on two occasions — but couldn't manage to slide the ball past Conzelmann.

"It's extremely frustrating to lose tonight because we dominated the game but couldn't score a goal," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "Saline plays to tie the game in regulation so that it goes to a shootout."

Tomasso called on junior goal-keeper Kevin Krause during the shootout after senior Parker Laabs manned the crease during regulation play and the two overtimes.

"Kevin made a save, so he did his job," Tomasso said. "I put him in there for the shootout because he's quick with good reactions and he's a big presence in front of the net."

"This loss is tough, but we had a fantastic season. We won the division and the conference, so we didn't leave empty handed. I'm proud of the kids' effort."

All 3 P-CEP soccer squads win in Monday's District openers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In Monday's Division 1 District opener on the P-CEP varsity soccer field, senior Willy Noetzel scored following a scrum in front of the Pioneers' net with 10:51 remaining in the first half to give the Chiefs' a 1-0 victory.

Senior Ryan Dugan notched the assist.

"We had a corner kick that came out to the 18 before it was headed into the mix in front of the net," said Canton coach George Tomasso, describing how the Chiefs' game-winning play unfolded. "It was bobbled around and then cleared again. The ball was headed back in there again and Willy was there to pick up the garbage goal."

Tomasso said the victory was typical of the effort his team has put forth all season.

"These boys just want to win and they do whatever it takes to keep the ball out of the net," said Tomasso. "They show tremendous heart, a great work ethic and an unbelievable desire to win."

The game was a rematch of a Sept. 22 match that Pioneer won, 2-1.

"Our boys were up to the challenge tonight," said Tomasso. "These games can go either way, so we needed to be at the top of our game. Like everyone says, this is one of the toughest districts in the state, so whichever team comes out of this one can win a state championship."

Canton goal-keeper Parker Laabs recorded six saves, the

most impressive coming with 11:15 left in the game when he smothered a shot from close range.

The Chiefs nearly doubled their lead with 4:45 remaining when Eric Piowar connected with Tim Belcher on a pinpoint pass approximately 25 yards in front of the net. However, Belcher's laser-like shot from 12 yards was secured by the Pioneer goalie.

SALEM 1, A.A. HURON 0: On Monday night at the P-CEP varsity football stadium, the game-winner came on Tom Bennett's goal from Bobby Towne with 15:08 left in the first half.

Towne set up the goal when he stole the ball from a Huron defender at the 40-yard line and slid a perfect pass to a cutting Bennett.

"It was a great finish by Tom and a great play by Bobby to get him the ball," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Bobby Towne played outstanding tonight. He was probably the best player on the field."

McCarthy also praised the play of a trio of seniors, who all came up big at different junctures of the contest.

"Brian Field played great in net for us tonight and both of our captains — Jon Gibson and Brooks Belhart — played outstanding after missing a few games," said McCarthy.

"Both Jon and Brooks are still a little banged up, but they made a big difference out there for us tonight."

The River Rats sent a scare through the Salem crowd during the waning seconds of the first half when Victor

Ammons' high, arching shot from 35 yards out sailed over Field's outstretched arms and into the back of the net. The goal was disallowed, however, when the referee ruled that it came after the clock had expired.

"I was watching the clock at the time and I knew he kicked it a good two seconds after the clock hit 0:00," said McCarthy. "The horn malfunctioned, though, so it gave the crowd the illusion that it was a goal."

"Even though the goal didn't count, it was a great lesson for our team. We talked about it at halftime — you can never let up, even when there's only a few seconds left."

PLYMOUTH 5, PINCKNEY 0: On Monday in a Division 1 District opener at Pinckney, the Wildcats broke open a scoreless halftime tie with a flurry of second-half goals. Five different players scored for the winners: Colin Rolfe, Anthony Sasinowski, Jeff Lucco, Tyler Floyd and Brad Brennan.

Michael Barretta and Brian Rissman split time in net for the Wildcats.

AGAPE 3, HURON VALLEY 1: In a Division IV district opener Monday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-18) couldn't overcome a 3-0 halftime deficit in a loss to Canton Agape Christian (9-8-1).

Kurt Metzger scored the lone goal, unassisted, for the Hawks.

Mark Mullett scored twice for the Wolverines, while Jack Anleitner also added a goal.

Jared Miller made seven saves in goal for Agape.

THE MAIN EVENT

- **WHAT:** TNA Wrestling's "Bound For Glory" show.
- **WHEN:** Sunday night at 7:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Plymouth Township's Compuware Sports Arena.
- **WHO:** Along with Plymouth's own Alex Shelley (Patrick Martin), the TNA roster of wrestlers includes Sting, Kevin Nash, Jeff Jarrett, A.J. Styles, Christopher Daniels and the TNA Knockouts.
- **HOW TO ORDER TICKETS:** Log on to www.ticketmaster.com.
- **RE-RUN:** The show will be replayed Thursday night at 11 p.m. on the cable network Spike TV.

MARTIN

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PINS OVER PENS

But in his late teens, Martin's passion for wrestling on canvases overtook his love of drawing on them.

In March of 2002, the 19-year-old graduated from an intense, eight-month professional-wrestling training school. The experience proved to be the groundwork for his flourishing career.

Not long after the training ended, Martin earned his first gig — a show in the Upper Peninsula that earned him a whopping \$8.22.

"I learned quickly that I was going to have to work hard and pay my dues," he said. "I ended up wrestling on the East Coast and getting a lot of exposure. The more I wrestled, the more the hard-core fans liked my style."

Following a six-month stint with TNA in 2004, Martin took his unique talents to Japan, a country that embraces the physical sport of wrestling with a Sumo-like hug.

"They love combat-oriented sports over there," said Martin. "They love kick-boxing, sports along those lines. They respect my sport, too, more than some

people do over here. There are simple-minded people over here who say it's fake and they leave it at that. In Japan, they appreciate everything that goes into it."

ACHES AND PAINS

In his five years of professional wrestling, Martin has already suffered the kind of injuries — a shattered jaw and a broken collarbone — that make his family and friends wince when he steps into the ring.

But their apprehension dissipates as soon as they see the rapport he develops with the crowd and his relentless style of performing.

"Everybody has been very supportive of my career," said Martin.

"My mom questioned it a little when I hurt my jaw, but my family and friends understand that I'm doing what I love doing, so that makes them happy."

What kind of guy is Alex Shelley?

"He's definitely not the nicest guy around," Martin said. "I'm a bit of a jerk when I'm in the ring. I like to mouth off a little when I'm not performing, but when I'm in the ring, it's amplified by 10. That doesn't mean I'm not a nice guy outside of the ring, but I definitely have an attitude when I'm in it."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Web site: www.plymouthtwp.org.

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Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2006, commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider a request for two variance(s) from Marcos Makohon for property located at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth Township and a request for two variances from Robert Cliffe for property located at 11889 Fox Ridge Drive. The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Purpose of Meeting: Request variances from Zoning Ordinance No. 99, for a Stacking Spaces, Signs, Front Yard Setback, and Lot Coverage. For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department at 734-354-3208.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2005 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT

On November 8, 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Rooms, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the above captioned activity. The purpose of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report ("CAPER") is to report on Community Development Block Grant activities for FY 2005 (July 1, 2005—June 30, 2006). The CAPER is available for inspection at the Community Services Division during regular business hours. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CAPTAINS

FROM PAGE B1

tral defender. He has good speed and great field sense. He also brings a calmness to our defense, which is important when things get crazy back there."

"As a captain, I'm just trying to make sure things go smoothly out on the field," said Norris, who started playing rec soccer at the age of 5 before moving onto advanced-level teams a few years later. "Our team chemistry is great this year, which is one of the reasons we've been doing as well as we have. Everybody gets along and there are no fights, no arguments."

POSITIVE PRESSURE

Norris said he thrives on the challenge of being the last man back on defense besides the goal-keeper.

"I like sweeper because a lot of times it's up to me to make a big play," Norris said. "If something goes wrong in front of me, I have to stop it so the other team doesn't score."

Sasinowski is the Wildcats' version of the Energizer Bunny. He never leaves the field and rarely rests when he's on it.

"I probably run a couple miles every game," the senior mid-fielder estimated. "It's amazing the number of runs there are in a game."

Like Norris, Sasinowski said the fact that he doesn't

get many opportunities to put the ball in the net doesn't bother him.

"I played forward my freshman year and I scored 19 goals, so I kind of got that out of my system," he said. "Now the only thing to me that's important is winning the game and doing anything I can to make sure we get that done."

"Anthony has fantastic skills," raved Neschich. "He does a great job of possessing the ball for us and, most importantly, he makes good decisions with the ball."

WELCOMED ROLE

Sasinowski said he was honored to be selected as one of the team's captains.

"It means a lot," he said. "I was a captain my freshman

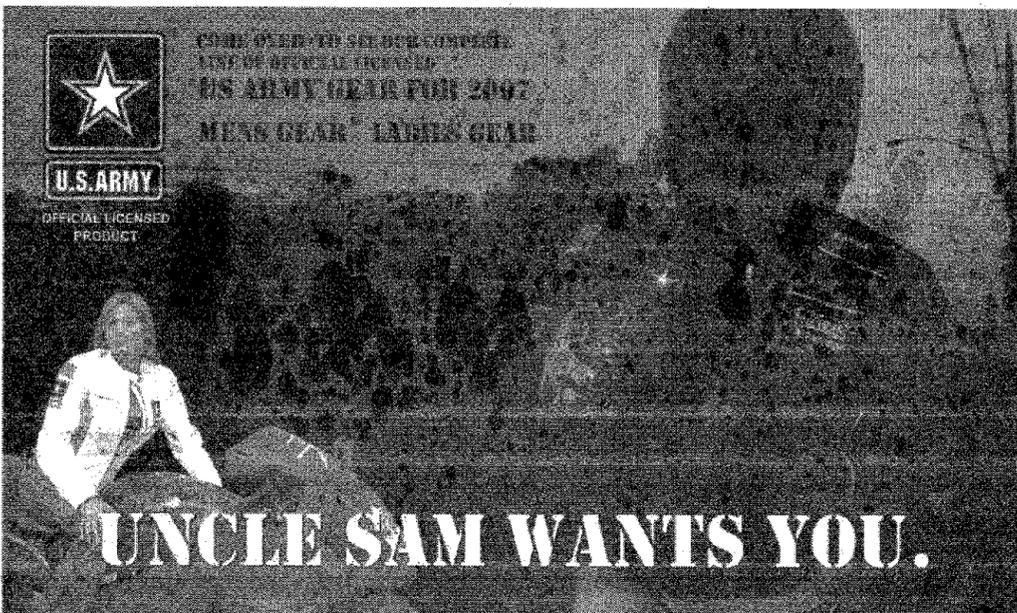
year and I've been a captain on my club team, so I knew what it was like before this year. I like the responsibility and the pressure that goes along with being a captain. I also try to be a role model for the younger kids on the junior varsity and freshmen teams."

When asked why he thought the Wildcats have experienced unparalleled success this year, he said it's due as much to something they lack as opposed to an overabundance of one quality or skill.

"We don't have any big egos on the team this year," he said. "Everyone is unselfish and no one cares about their own stats. It's all about winning."

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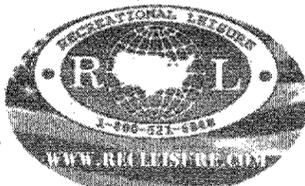
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Rock cagers win 9th straight, 52-31

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Apparently it's going to take a lot more than one shaky quarter to derail Salem's red-hot winning streak this season.

On Tuesday, visiting Walled Lake Northern closed a 15-1 first-quarter deficit to 24-18 at the half, but the Rocks rebounded nicely over the final 16 minutes to pull out a 52-31 Lakes Division victory over the Knights.

The win was the ninth straight for Salem, which improved to 12-2 overall and 7-0 in the division. Northern slumped to 2-12 and 2-5, respectively.

"We did a nice job in the first, third and fourth quarters, but in the second they got back into the game with their outside shooting," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was an effort thing. Instead of getting three feet from their shooters we figured it was good enough to be four-and-a-half feet from them, and they hit some shots."

Thomann said the Rocks' streak has been the result of a combination of factors.

"Offensively, we've been very consistent and our defense has been excellent," said Thomann.

Taylor Langham paced a balanced Salem attack on Tuesday, scoring 15 points.

PREP HOOP

Other making major contributions were Teresa Coppiellie (11 points and five rebounds), Alaya Mitchell (10 points and six assists), Chelsea Davis (10 points and seven rebounds) and Lauren Kurtz (four points and seven rebounds).

Ashley Jolly led the Knights with 11 points while Melissa Guiles chipped in with seven. Eight of Jolly's points came in Northern's big second quarter.

The Rocks can clinch the Lakes Division title with a win tonight at Walled Lake Central, which was one game behind Salem heading into Tuesday night's action. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

NORTHVILLE 42, PLYMOUTH 39: On Tuesday night, the Mustangs overcame a 25-19 first-half deficit by outscoring the visiting Wildcats, 14-6, in the fourth quarter.

Northville improved to 9-5 overall and 4-3 in the WLAA's Western Division while Plymouth slipped to 5-9 and 3-4, respectively.

"It was a very competitive, exciting game — one that I'm sure was fun for the fans to watch," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "I thought we played very hard and with great effort. Northville is a very good, well-coached team."

The Wildcats led 39-38 until the Mustangs drained a pair of free throws with 17 seconds left to seize a 40-39 advantage. Plymouth turned the ball over on its next possession and the hosts buried two more free throws with 5.5 seconds left to put the game away.

Sophomore center Shaakira Haywood had an outstanding game for the Wildcats, netting 18 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Kelsi Robinson also played well, twining nine points.

Chelsea Atzinger led the Mustangs with 18.

Northville led 15-8 after one quarter before Plymouth surged to a 25-19 halftime lead. The Wildcats led 33-28 with eight minutes to go before the hosts mounted their last-minute rally. Plymouth connected on 10-of-16 free throws while the Mustangs went 14-of-20 from the stripe.

CANTON 49, W.L. WESTERN 39: The Chiefs tightened their grip on the WLAA Western Division lead with a solid road win on the Warriors' floor. The victory improved Canton's record to 12-2 overall and 7-0 in the division. Western slipped to 8-6 and 3-4, respectively.

Ja'nee Morton led Canton with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward Baylee Hollowell contributed

20 points and 14 rebounds.

"It was an all-around good team effort for us," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Western is a hard place to play. We played especially well in the second and third quarters. Everybody stepped up and played well."

Carly Zeitlin led the Warriors with 10 points. Canton drained 7-of-12 free throws while Western was just 4-of-9 from the line.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 46, PCA 14: On Tuesday night at PCA, Southfield roared to a 19-3 first-quarter lead and never looked back to improve their record to 11-1 overall and 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. PCA dropped to 6-7 and 1-6, respectively.

Southfield was led by Christina Hall, who poured in 19 points. Sara Ross and Peggy Abraham both twined four for PCA.

"They only have eight players, but they're all very athletic and very talented," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "Christina Hall can shoot the lights out and she can really handle the ball."

Southfield extended its lead to 27-6 at the half and 43-8 after three quarters.

PCA hit 3-of-8 free throws while Southfield canned 9-of-22 shots from the line.

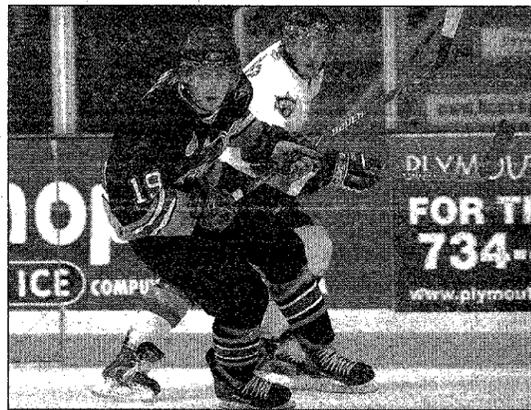


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Plymouth's James Neal continued his hot play last weekend, scoring in both Whalers game. Neal has nine goals and three assists in nine games this year.

Knights outskate the Whalers, 5-2

The London Knights broke open a 1-1 tie after one period of play with two goals in the second period and two more in the third to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 5-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,706 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

London, which also defeated Windsor, 9-2, on Friday, improves to 7-0-0-1.

Plymouth, which lost to Erie, 3-2, on Friday, is now 5-4-0-0.

Veterans and rookies contributed in the London victory. Coverage Sergei Kostitsyn — a Montreal Canadiens NHL draft choice — was the game's first star, with a goal, an assist and several other good scoring chances.

Rookie Sam Gagner, who leads the OHL in scoring, chipped in with a goal and two assists as the game's second star. Gagner now has six goals with 22 assists for 28 points over 8 games. Two

other London rookies — Pat Kane and Tony DeHart — added a goal apiece, while veteran Adam Perry also added a single.

James Neal (team-leading ninth of the season) and rookie Vern Cooper (first OHL goal) opened and closed the scoring in the game for Plymouth.

Steve Mason went all the way in goal for London, stopping 29-of-31 Plymouth shots. Michal Neuvirth stopped 25-of-30 shots in goal for Plymouth.

After Neal (4:09) and Kostitsyn (13:31) traded first period goals, London started to pull away on second period goals by Kane (power play at 0:28) and DeHart (12:42). The Knights pulled away for good in the third period on Perry's power play goal at 1:21 and Gagner's goal at 6:19. Cooper closed the scoring at 16:45 when he scored in the middle of a scramble in front of the London goal.

'06 a roller-coaster ride for some grid teams

Believe it or not, the 2006 high school football regular season wraps up this weekend and there have been plenty of teams on either end of the roller-coaster.

I've witnessed the highs and lows — mostly the latter, unfortunately — in my coverage area of Redford and Garden City.

Only one team, Redford Union, will enjoy the experience of state playoff action, the third season in a row for head coach Miles Tomaisaitis and his squad.

After the Panthers wrapped up victory No. 6 Friday night against Taylor Kennedy, it was the second loud cheer of the evening at Kraft Field. During the first half came the first, when a public address announcer heralded the Tigers' 3-0 win over Oakland in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series.

With RU's playoff berth in hand, Tomaisaitis and his assistant coaches, Ralph Heikkinen, Dennis Kazensky and Kris Westerkamp, watched with pride as seniors Dezmond Latham and Isaac Burris led the players in a celebratory jump for joy out on the turf.

Certainly, the same exact scenario is being played out at a few other high schools where the playoffs are a certainty. We already know that Canton is in. So is Livonia Stevenson,

thanks to Friday's 27-24 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Unfortunately, the remaining 13 Observerland teams won't get to extend their season beyond Friday or Saturday as they are well short of the six-victory requirement.

Just within my beat, this has been a trying season for winless Garden City and 1-7 Redford Thurston. But their coaches, Mike Salter and Bob Snell, respectively, insist that nobody is quitting or not giving it the proverbial 110 percent on every snap.

Win or lose, these players are demonstrating another often forgotten aspect of high school athletics: the importance of finishing what you start, dealing with adversity and coming through at the other end better for the experience.

With that in mind, Observer sports editors also must finish the job, no matter how often the picks have been wrong. We must see things through, just like the players.

For myself, this has been a less-than-exemplary season in the prognostication department. Last week continued my year-long funk, with a 6-6 record, leaving my cumulative record at just 56-37. Hey, at least I'm guaranteed a winning mark.

Livonia-Westland sports editor Brad Emons, meanwhile, keeps rolling toward another office championship. He went 9-3 last week, to improve to 69-24 for the year. He holds a three-game lead over Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright, whose 10-2 record actually was the best for Week 8. Wright's totals stand at 66-

27. The Emons-Wright battle could yet have a dramatic finish, after all.

Meanwhile, for the last time of the regular season, here are this week's matchups.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Thurston (1-7) at Redford Union (6-2):

These teams are at different ends of the standings in their respective Mega Conference divisions. But township pride and a trophy are at stake, and these two teams always gear up to face each other. It should be a night with plenty of offensive firepower. **PICKS:** Wright (RU); Emons (RU); Smith (RU).

Woodhaven (2-6) at Garden City (0-8):

The host Cougars have been more competitive in recent weeks, but have been hurt by turnovers and penalties at inopportune times. The Warriors are coming off a 33-12 defeat at the hands of Wyandotte Roosevelt. **PICKS:** Wright (Woodhaven); Emons (Woodhaven); Smith (Garden City).

Liv. Clarenceville (4-4, 4-2) at Clawson (6-2, 5-1):

In a Metro Conference battle of the Trojans, the home team is fresh off a 61-0 spanking of Hamtramck and enjoys a points differential of 223-66 for the season. Clarenceville is looking to finish on a better note than last week's 26-6 loss to Sterling Heights Parkway Christian. **PICKS:** Wright (Clawson); Emons (Clawson); Smith (Clawson).

Liv. Churchill (3-5) at Liv. Franklin (4-4):

The Patriots, who had playoff aspirations, appeared to be on their way to a victory last week after Michael Wood's fourth-quarter interception was returned for a touchdown, but Stevenson stormed back for a 27-24 win and Franklin now needs a win over the rival Chargers and a miracle to make the playoffs as a 5-4 team. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill); Emons (Franklin); Smith (Franklin).

Brighton (3-5) at Liv. Stevenson (6-2): The host Spartans, fresh off

their playoff clincher, will take on this Kensington Valley Conference opponent in a final tuneup before the playoffs. Stevenson has won the last two meetings. **PICKS:** Wright (Brighton); Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

Wayne (4-4) at Westland Glenn (3-5):

This annual Western Lakes crossover contest wraps up the 2006 season for both teams. The Zebras are looking to build on a 20-6 triumph over Walled Lake Northern, while Glenn would like nothing better than to rebound from a loss to Plymouth. Wayne has won the last two meetings, but Glenn leads the series, 27-7. **PICKS:** Wright (John Glenn); Emons (Wayne); Smith (Wayne).

Luth. Westland (3-5, 2-4) at Roch. Hills Luth. Northwest (3-5, 2-4):

Each of these Metro Conference teams, with identical overall and conference records, will vie to outdo the other. The Warriors have the most momentum, however, having blanketed Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 34-0. **PICKS:** Wright (Northwest); Emons (Northwest); Smith (Westland).

Salem (0-8) at Canton (8-0):

This WLAA crossover promises to be the pits for the visitors. The Rocks have scored 59 points while giving up 317, almost the opposite of Canton's 300-86 points spread. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton); Smith (Canton).

Plymouth (3-5) at Mount Pleasant (6-2):

The Wildcats face a tough road test against this Saginaw Valley Association opponent. Plymouth won 15-7 over Westland John Glenn last week. But the Wildcats' defense will be tested against the Oilers, who have scored 222 points this year. **PICKS:** Wright (Mount Pleasant); Emons (Mount Pleasant); Smith (Mount Pleasant).

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 20

Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Mount Pleasant, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Oct. 19

Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20

PCA at A.P. Inter-City Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

DIVISION I

Saturday, Oct. 21

Finals at South Lyon H.S., 7 p.m.

DIVISION IV

ANN ARBOR GREENHILLS (host)

Friday, Oct. 20: Championship final, 4:30 p.m.

at Greenhills. (Winner advances to the Allen Park Inter-City Baptist regional semifinals vs. Jackson Christian district champion.)

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Oct. 20

W.L.A.A. meet at Willow Metropark, 4:45 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Oct. 20

W.L.A.A. meet at Willow Metropark, 4:10 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Oct. 19

Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 19

Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21

Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, noon.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Oct. 21

Cincinnati St. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct. 21

NJCAA Region Meet at Lansing CC, TBA.

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Plymouth takes inaugural Wildcat Invite

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The first-place trophy for the inaugural Wildcat Invitational boys cross country meet didn't travel nearly as far as the competitors did on Saturday.

The hardware was moved straight to the Plymouth trophy case following the host Wildcats' convincing win in the 5,000-meter race held on the P-CEP grounds. Led by senior Anthony Scaparo's second-place finish (17:08), the Wildcats compiled 26 points, less than half that of runner-up

Birmingham Brother Rice's 64. Filling out the field were Canton (65), Berkley (95), Livonia Franklin (135), Brother Rice "B" (135), Salem (223) and Westland John Glenn (234).

Scaparo battled eventual winner Anthony Wile (Brother Rice) toe to toe for the first 2.5 miles before succumbing to Wile's kick down the stretch.

"I told Anthony to sit behind Wile early in the race, but Wile's coach told him to sit behind Anthony," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "They were together for a while, but once they got out of the wind Wile wound

it up and pulled away.

"It was a nice, low-key event. We do well when we run as a team, and Saturday we did OK. Our sixth runner is injured, so we had to runners — Ty Schroeder and Henry Xu — racing for that spot. They were right together until there was about a half-mile to go when Ty pulled away from Henry."

The girls portion of the race was won by Northville, which finished with 29 points. The only local team competing was Canton, which placed sixth with 175 points. Rachael Brunk paced the Chiefs with a 30th-place finish in 24:18.

PLYMOUTH INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Oct. 14 at Plymouth H.S.
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth (A), 26 points; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice (A), 64; 3. Canton, 65; 4. Berkley, 95; 5. Livonia Franklin, 135; 6. Brother Rice (B), 135; 7. Salem, 223; 8. Westland John Glenn, 234. Individual winner: Anthony Wile (Rice), 16 minutes, 54 seconds (5,000 meters). Plymouth finishers: 2. Anthony Scaparo, 17:08; 3. Derek Lax, 17:17; 5. Patrick Slavens, 17:37; 7. Justin Huey, 17:43; 9. Cristian Chagas, 17:55; 16. Alex Noble, 18:17; 26. Tyler Schroeder, 18:47; 28. Henry Xu, 18:59; 35. Warren Buzzard, 19:28; 42. Justin Scaparo, 19:51; 48. Stephen Ostrowski, 20:28. Canton finishers: 4. Duncan Spitz, 17:20; 10. Kyle Clinton, 17:59; 13. Zach Spreitzer, 18:14;

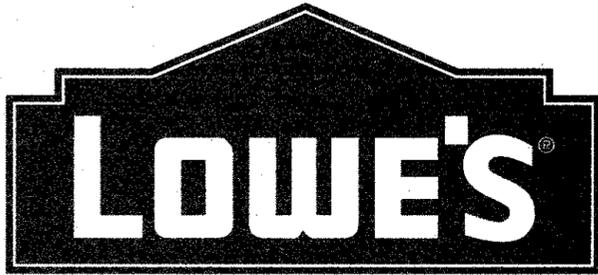
15. Greg Reed, 18:15; 23. Mike Eimers, 18:41; 27. Josh Osinski, 18:50; 46. Aaron McClellan, 20:05.

Salem finishers: 36. Chris Rowley, 19:31; 41. Neal Gerlach, 19:49; 47. Mayur Patel, 20:10; 49. Jared Jones, 20:40; 50. Mike Giles, 20:42; 54. Andy Steinman, 21:08; 55. Ryan Hayes, 21:14.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 29 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 76; 3. Livonia Franklin, 79; 4. Farmington Hills Mercy, 84; 5. Berkley, 87; 6. Canton (B), 175. Individual winner: Lindsay Hagan (Northville), 20 minutes, 30 seconds (5,000 meters).

Canton finishers: 30. Rachael Brunk, 24:18; 33. Jessica Zomermaand, 24:49; 35. Ashley Dupuis, 25:02; 38. Shelby Olsen, 25:32; 39. Breanna Miller, 25:43; 40. Margaret Murphy, 27:03; 41. Hannah Zomermaand, 27:05.

ANN ARBOR GABRIEL RICHARD INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET Oct. 14 at Hudson Hills Metropolitan
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division I): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 31 points; 2. Grand Blanc, 41; 3. Saline, 103; 4. Hartland, 108; 5. Pinckney, 110; 6. Plymouth, 129; 7. Livonia Churchill (B), 190; 8. Belleville, 217; 9. Redford Union, 269; 10. Wayne Memorial, 297. Individual winner: Rebecca Hiemstra (Pioneer), 19:42.4 (5,000 meters). Plymouth finishers: 10. Pam Bhullar, 20:04.6; 16. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:19.3; 31. Molly Slavens, 21:21.5; 34. Lauren Ahearn, 21:27.5; 40. Paula Green, 21:49.4; 47. Julie Forster, 22:20.6; 57. Elise Chagas, 23:21.9.



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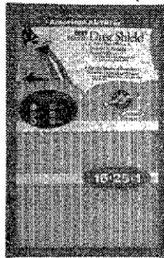
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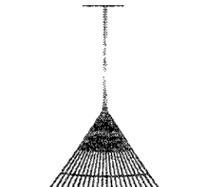
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Offer valid now through 11/26/06. See store for details.



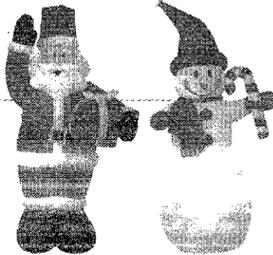
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now **\$2.97**
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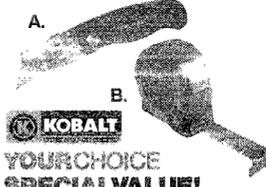
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was \$3.83

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8' Outdoor Inflatable Santa #111021
8' Outdoor Inflatable Snowman #111055



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was \$12.97

A. Lockback Utility Knife •Was \$12.97 #240888
B. 25' Magnetic Tip Tape Measure •Was \$11.48 #171524



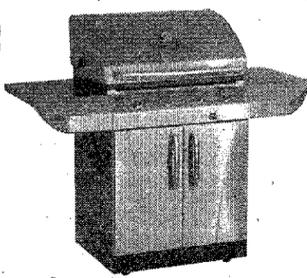
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now **\$39**
was \$49.88

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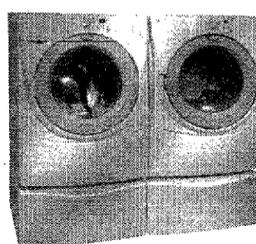
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20% off select full-size gas grills



While supplies last. Priced as marked. Availability may vary by market. See store for details.

10% off all Whirlpool and Maytag washers and dryers



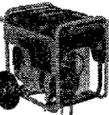
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ASK FOR **ZERO 12 MONTHS** PAYMENTS & INTEREST FOR **IF PAID IN FULL** within 12 Months*

on all kitchen cabinets, countertops, flooring and major appliances. 10/19/06 through 10/29/06

15% off select portable generators



Offer applies to item #45428, 66157, 172697, 227670 only. Selection may vary by store. Offer valid 10/19/06 through 10/22/06. See store for details. Discount taken at register.

20% off all in-stock small appliances



Includes clearance items. Discount taken at register. Selection may vary by store. Offer valid 10/19/06 through 10/22/06. See store for details.

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Additional 30% off already reduced prices. Reduction taken at register. In stock only. Selection may vary by store. Offer valid 10/19/06 through 10/22/06. See store for details.

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Prices may vary after October 22, 2006. If there are market variations, "Was" prices in this advertisement were in effect on October 12, 2006, and may vary based on Lowe's Every Day Low Price policy. See store for details regarding product warranties. We reserve the right to limit quantities. *Applies to single-receipt, in-store kitchen cabinets and countertops, flooring and major appliance purchases of \$299 or more made 10/19/06 through 10/29/06 on a Lowe's consumer credit card account. No monthly payments will be required and no finance charges will be assessed on this promo purchase if you pay the following in full within 12 months: (1) the promo purchase amount, and (2) any related optional credit insurance/debit cancellation charges. If you do not, finance charges will be assessed on the promo purchase amount from the date of the purchase and monthly payments will be required. Standard account terms apply to non-promo purchases. APR is 21% (15.48% for purchases of \$2,000 or more). Min. finance charge is \$1.00 (\$.50 in IA). Offer is subject to credit approval. Excludes Business Accounts and Project Card. ©2006 by Lowe's. All rights reserved. Lowe's and the gable design are registered trademarks of LF, LLC. 061096 0018/09/06/2

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

'CAT SWIMMERS

SHINE AT MISCA

Several members of the Plymouth girls swim team enjoyed outstanding days at Saturday's 2006 MISCA meet at Eastern Michigan University as four school records were broken. Sijia Hao eclipsed her own mark in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:21.31. She also set a new record in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.38).

Also excelling were the 200 freestyle relay team of Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Palczynski, Michelle Chang and Alyssa Liakos, whose time of 1:48.17 set a new Wildcats' record. The other record fell when the 400 freestyle relay team of Emily Clanton, McKinstry, Liakos and Hao touched in 3:58.94.

OLGC RUNNERS EXCEL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel Middle School boys and girls cross country teams continued their success at the Oct. 14 Catholic Youth Organization championships at Cass Benton. The boys were led by individual champion Mitch Clinton as they won their fourth consecutive CYO title. Other members of the team included Ben Spreitzer, Keegan Sullivan, Tom Patterson, Derek Gielarowski, Tyler Schwaegler, Aidan Yee, Kevin Wegienka, Kevin Kullen, Jimmy Hogsdon, Joey Weishaar and Malek Alawich.

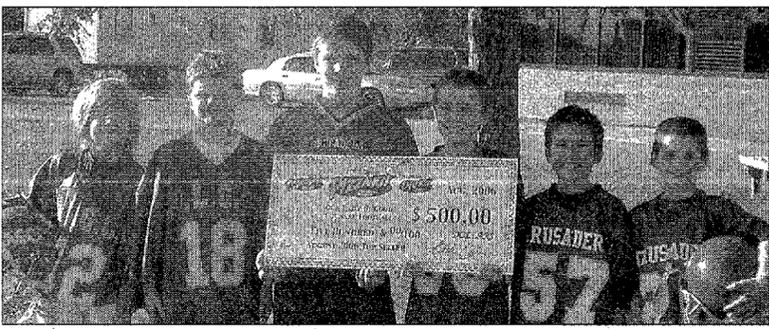
The girls team, running without two of their top runners, fought hard for an exciting second-place finish. The girls team was comprised of Sarah Falvey, Mackenzie Rogers, Kristina Klusek, Rosanna Reynolds, Katie Grimes, Meaghan Flynn, Victoria Tripp and Mandy McSween.

LIONS SWEEP 'SKINS

The Canton Lions varsity football team upended the Dearborn Heights Redskins, 30-12, Sunday afternoon. The winners' offense was paced by offensive linemen Ken Durham, Austin Jatzcak and Clay Behrman. Defensively, Dave Edwards, Devin McMillian and Austin Payne led the way for the Lions.

Canton's JV unit improved to 6-0 with a 43-19 victory over the Redskins. The offensive line was anchored by Luke Denzer, Collin Hall, Zach Salvaggio, Danny Stropes, Daniel Tidwell and Kyle Dexter. Lucas Bunting continued his outstanding place-kicking efforts by kicking three two-point conversions while Zachary Smilo added an extra point with a reception. Leading the defensive charge were Alex Bonifacio, Brandon Lee, Alex Smith and Daniel Zugaj.

The Lions freshmen boosted their record to 5-1 with a 39-25 victory over the host Redskins. Westen Price sparked the Lions with a pair of early TD runs. He finished the game with three scores. Kenny Arnold added two touchdowns, including a coast-to-coast kickoff return. Also playing well for the Lions were Jake Stropes, Andrew Hunt, Daniel Jipping, Cody Sirls, Alex Pantaleo and Tyler Langer. On Sunday, the Lions will host the Belleville Cougars for the Division title.



Rolling in the dough

Members of the Our Lady of Good Counsel football team earned a \$500 check after being top sellers in the Little Caesar's pizza kit fund-raising program. Pictured (from left) are Clayton Rickman, Colin McCormack, Brandon Malinowski, Shane Carpenter, Willie Yanagi and Leo Keyes.

SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 98 SALEM 87

Tuesday at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson, Monica Blaesser, Maddy McDuff, 2:01.98; 2. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Jennifer Grodus, Katie Gorman, Andrea Spohn), 2:03.42; 3. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Rena Clark), 2:06.09. 200 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:52.24; 2. Katie Gorman (S), 2:09.99; 3. Allison Burke (S), 2:10.17. 200 IM: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:22.57; 2.

Alyssa Johnson (C), 2:24.21; 3. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:25.00. 50 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencil (S), 26.51; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 26.71; 3. Andrea Spohn (S), 27.78. 1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 221.70; 2. Chelsea Selden (C), 198.40; 3. Mallory Hudak (C), 152.55. 100 butterfly: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 1:07.36; 2. Laura Landis (C), 1:09.05; 3. Sandy Nahra (S), 1:10.91. 100 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencil (S), 59.03; 2. Andrea Spohn (S), 1:01.50; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 1:01.84.

500 freestyle: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:32.61; 2. Emily Bair (S), 5:41.11; 3. Allison Burke (S), 5:46.64. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Laura Landis, Katie Kubacki, Maddy McDuff, Allison Schmitt), 1:49.05; 2. Salem (Rena Clark, Andrea Spohn, Allison Burke, Ally Stencil), 1:50.09; 3. Canton (Meghan Sear, Hannah Maxam, Christine O'Keefe, Maggie Carlson), 1:53.76. RECORDS: Canton, 4-3 overall, 4-2 in WLAA; Salem, 5-1 overall, 4-1 WLAA.

SWIM TIMES

OBSERVERLAND BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES (as of Oct. 16)

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

50 freestyle

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 24.32 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 25.51 Ally Stencil (Salem) 26.09 Mandy Nameth (Ladywood) 26.26 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 26.56 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 26.69 Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 26.76 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 27.04 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 27.21 Katie Gorman (Salem) 27.25

100 freestyle

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 52.01 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 54.11 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 56.37 Katie Gorman (Salem) 56.77 Whitney Aumiller (Salem) 57.11 Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 57.70 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 58.14 Ally Stencil (Salem) 58.79 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 58.82 Maggie Carlson (Canton) 59.37

200 freestyle

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:52.45 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:59.90 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:00.66 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:01.41 Whitney Aumiller (Salem) 2:01.90 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 2:03.80 Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 2:04.42 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 2:04.48 Jordan Burgess (John Glenn) 2:06.35 Maggie Carlson (Canton) 2:07.57

500 freestyle

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 5:02.66 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 5:17.14 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 5:20.64 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 5:26.21 Amanda Timson (Churchill) 5:29.5

Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 5:34.04 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 5:35.91 Jordan Burgess (John Glenn) 5:37.5 Emily Bair (Salem) 5:38.2 Sijia Hao (Plymouth) 5:40.21

100 backstroke

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:00.91 Whitney Aumiller (Salem), 1:03.30 Alyssa Johnson (Canton) 1:03.91 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:04.07 Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 1:04.30 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:05.42 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 1:07.50 Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:08.88 Kristin Hartwig (Salem) 1:08.98 Samantha Reid (Churchill) 1:09.58

200 backstroke

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 1:07.79 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:09.01 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:10.86 Maggie Carlson (Canton) 1:12.67 Sijia Hao (Plymouth), 1:13.58 Mandy Nameth (Ladywood) 1:14.78 Amanda Foulds (Churchill) 1:15.16 Ellen Palczynski (Plymouth) 1:15.44 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 1:15.89 Sarah Palczynski (Plymouth) 1:16.21

100 butterfly

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 57.13 Ashley Sells (John Glenn) 1:00.86 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:02.99 Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:04.61 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 1:05.52 Sijia Hao (Plymouth) 1:06.10 Emily Hiser (Churchill) 1:06.64 Katie Gorman (Salem) 1:06.91 Katie Kress (Stevenson) 1:07.01 Kelley Hodges (Ladywood) 1:07.96

200 IM

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 2:08.01 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:14.38 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:16.09 Ashley Sells (John Glenn) 2:17.76

Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 2:18.10 Maggie Carlson (Canton) 2:21.68 Sijia Hao (Plymouth) 2:23.10 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 2:23.92 Whitney Aumiller (Salem) 2:25.97 Emily Bair (Salem) 2:26.48

1-meter diving

Carla McNamara (Stevenson) 197.40 points Allison Spitzley (Ladywood) 185.65 Chelsea Selden (Canton) 181.55 Amanda Keadle (Stevenson) 172.57 Kallea Stember (Canton) 158.98 Mikayia Armbruster (Ladywood) 145.60 Julie Kwasnik (Stevenson) 145.12 Catherine Musatics (Churchill) 138.50 Carolyn Musatics (Churchill) 137.45 Mallory Hudak (Canton) 111.00

RELAYS

200 medley

Livonia Stevenson 1:54.43 Westland John Glenn 1:57.25 Canton 2:01.82 Livonia Ladywood 2:02.81 Livonia Churchill 2:04.2

200 freestyle

Canton 1:44.22 Livonia Stevenson 1:46.88 Livonia Churchill 1:47.51 Salem 1:47.84 Westland John Glenn 1:47.89

400 freestyle

Livonia Stevenson 3:44.9 Canton 3:47.53 Salem 3:53.85 Plymouth 3:58.94 Livonia Ladywood 4:01.49

Updates must be sent to Livonia Stevenson coach Greg Phill by 3 p.m. each Sunday at greghill@sbcbglobe.com

(Continued from page A14) resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett and supported by Member. WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, received a petition signed by more than 51% of the Canton property owners to be served by the improvements (petition attached) and deems it tentatively desirable to undertake public improvements consisting of subdivision road repairs in the Copper Creek Condominiums in the special assessment district tentatively designated and described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and make a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused plans to be prepared by registered engineers showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and the estimate of cost thereof; and WHEREAS, the same have been received by the Township Board; and WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the public improvements; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The plans showing the public improvements and location thereof and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination. 2. The Township Board tentatively declares its intention to make the aforesaid public improvements. 3. There is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto. 4. The Township Board shall meet at the Township Hall located in the Board Room on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the proposed public improvements or the special assessment district. 5. The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of the hearing, and shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all record owners or persons with interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the last township tax assessment records of the Township at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing. 6. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form: NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: Copper Creek Condominiums, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan SIDWELL NUMBERS 41-07-0001-000 41-07-0002-000 41-07-0003-000 41-07-0004-000 41-07-0005-000 41-07-0006-000 41-07-0007-000 41-07-0008-000 41-07-0009-000 41-07-0010-000 41-07-0011-000 41-07-0012-000 41-07-0013-000 41-07-0014-000 41-07-0015-000 41-07-0016-000 41-07-0017-000 41-07-0018-000 41-07-0019-000 41-07-0020-000 41-07-0021-000 41-07-0022-000 41-07-0023-000 41-07-0024-000 41-07-0025-000 41-07-0026-000 41-07-0027-000 41-07-0028-000 41-07-0029-000 41-07-0030-000 41-07-0031-000 41-07-0032-000 41-07-0033-000 41-07-0034-000 41-07-0035-000 41-07-0036-000 41-07-0037-000 41-07-0038-000 41-07-0039-000 41-07-0040-000 41-07-0041-000 41-07-0042-000 41-07-0043-000 41-07-0044-000 41-07-0045-000 41-07-0046-000 41-07-0047-000 41-07-0048-000 41-07-0049-000 41-07-0050-000 41-07-0051-000 41-07-0052-000 41-07-0053-000 41-07-0054-000 41-07-0055-000 41-07-0056-000 41-08-0001-000 41-08-0002-000 41-08-0003-000 41-08-0004-000 41-08-0005-000 41-08-0006-000 41-08-0007-000 41-08-0008-000 41-08-0009-000 41-08-0010-000 41-08-0011-000 41-08-0012-000 41-08-0013-000 41-08-0014-000 41-08-0015-000 41-08-0016-000 TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements consisting of road repairs in Copper Creek Condominiums. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$400,000. The estimated cost per property owner is \$800 per year. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 2006, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof. Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk Charter Township of Canton (3) 7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. Item 12. AWARD THE BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF RANGE BUILDING ROOF. (PSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for the replacement of the roof at the gun range storage building to M.W. Morss Roofing Inc., 15423 Oakwood Drive, Romulus, MI 48174 in the amount of \$30,888. Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment in FY 2006 Police Fund Budget for the replacement of the roof at the gun range storage building Transfer to Fund Balance #207 301 999 0000 (\$30,888) Maintenance and Repair of Buildings #207 301 930 0000 \$30,888 This budget amendment will neither increase nor decrease the FY2006 Police Fund Budget. Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FLASHLIGHTS FOR PATROL. (PSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 60-Streamlight Stinger XT Flashlights and chargers from COPsPlus, 38-01 23rd, Ave. #407, Astoria, NY, 11105 in the amount of \$5220. FY2006 Police Operating Supplies Account # 207 301 740 0000. Cost Center # P00049 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. Item 14. CONSIDER TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY. (PSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for the replacement of the transformer that services the Public Safety Department to the Talbot Company, 11887 Belden Court, Livonia, MI in the amount of \$16,800; Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment in FY 2006 Public Safety Police Fund Budget for the replacement of the transformer that services the Public Safety Department. Transfer to Fund Balance #207 301 999 0000 (\$16,800) Maintenance and Repair of Buildings #207 301 930 0000 \$16,800 This budget amendment will neither increase nor decrease the FY2006 Public Safety Police Fund Budget. Motion carried by all members present. Item 15. PLAYGROUND SURFACE REPAIR - HERITAGE, VICTORY, GRIFFIN AND FLODIN PARKS. (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the Playground Surface Repair to Engan-Tooley-Doyle & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 829, Okemos, MI 48805-0829 in the amount of \$6,935.00 to be paid from Account # 101-270-930-0000 (Maintenance & Repair). Motion carried by all members present. Item 16. EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL REPAIR WORK AT VICTORY PARK. (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment for emergency electrical repair work at Victory Park to Van Buren Electric, 141 N. Mill, Plymouth, MI 48170, in the amount of \$7,379.00 to be paid from Account # 101-270-930-0000 (Maintenance & Repair). Motion carried by all members present. Item 17. AUTHORIZE CONCRETE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT SUMMIT AND PRGC. (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve Gaglio P&R Cement Inc., 13320 Mortonview, Taylor, Michigan to perform concrete sidewalk replacement at The Summit on The Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course in the amount of \$7,917.00 to be paid from Account # 246-750-970-0000 Item # 8 (Paved Surfaces on Township Properties). Motion carried by all members present. Item 18. APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF AIR HANDLER UNIT (ACSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve the low bid with Delta Temp, Inc for \$78,300 (Capital Outlay Building and Improvement funds, facility maintenance account) for the installation of a replacement roof air handler unit for the Administration Building. Motion carried by all members present. Item 19. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS-BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND AND RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS (FINANCE & BUDGET DIRECTOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by to approve the transfer of the funds remaining in the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund #402 to the General Fund in the approximate amount of \$1,400,000 to include interest to the date of transfer. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this transfer and appropriation of funds for the projects specified: GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues: Transfer from Capital Projects Building Construction #101-000-676-4000 \$1,400,000 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment-General Government #101-200-977-0000 \$ 20,000 Capital Outlay-Equipment-Finance & Budget 101-223-977-0000 1,600 Capital Outlay-Bldg & Impr-Facilities Maint 101-265-975-0000 98,000 Capital Outlay-Land & Impr-Parks Division 101-270-971-0000 11,200 Capital Outlay-Equipment-Building Svc 101-371-977-0000 20,000 Contracted Services-Performing Arts Center 101-760-818-0000 50,000 Capital Outlay-Equipment-Performing Arts Center 101-760-977-0000 24,500 Transfer to Fund Balance 101-959-999-0000 1,174,700 =Total \$1,400,000 This budget amendment increases the General Government budget from \$694,980 to \$714,980, the

Finance & Budget Department budget from \$1,026,236 to \$1,027,836, the Facilities Maintenance division budget from \$926,583 to \$1,024,583, the Parks Division budget from \$1,629,563 to \$1,640,763, the Building Services division budget from \$1,866,725 to \$1,866,725, the Performing Arts Center division budget from \$704,918 to \$779,418, the Transfers Out division budget from \$3,556,352 to \$4,730,052 and the General Fund budget from \$28,132,425 to \$29,532,425. CAPITAL PROJECTS-BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND: Increase Revenues: Interest Income #402-000-664-0000 \$ 10,000 Interest on Savings 402-000-665-2000 26,000 Appropriation from Fund Balance 402-000-699-0000 1,364,000 Total \$1,400,000 Increase Appropriations: Transfer to General Fund 402-302-965-1010 \$1,400,000 This budget amendment increases the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund budget from \$82,970 to \$1,482,970. Motion carried by all members present. Item 20. ADOPT FY 2007 BUDGETS. (FBD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution adopting the FY 2007 Budgets. Motion carried by all members present. WHEREAS, 1978 P.A. 621, requires that the annual budgets be adopted by resolution and; WHEREAS, The Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton has held public hearings, and has reviewed the budget materials submitted; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenditures and transfers for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2007 are hereby appropriated on an activity (Department) total.

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name and Amount. Funds include General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, Community Center Fund, Street Lighting Fund, Cable TV Fund, Public Improvement Fund, Community Improvement Fund, 911 Service Fund, WVN Forfeiture Fund, Special Investigative Fund, Federal Grants Fund, State Projects Fund, Capital Projects-Road Paving Fund, Capital Projects-Golf Course Fund, Golf Course Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Post Employment Benefits Fund, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenues and transfers for the 2007 Fiscal Year are estimated as follows: General Fund \$26,676,836, Fire Fund 10,165,752, Police Fund 14,647,365, Community Center Fund 2,450,810, Street Lighting Fund 258,655, Cable TV Fund 885,000, Public Improvement Fund 1,448,247, Community Improvement Fund 2,776,497, 911 Service Fund 340,000, WVN Forfeiture Fund 362,038, Special Investigative Fund 105,975, Federal Grants Fund 207,023, State Projects Fund 339,575, Capital Projects-Road Paving Fund 2,810,855, Capital Projects-Golf Course Fund 485,000, Golf Course Fund 2,243,918, Water and Sewer Fund 31,007,275, Post Employment Benefits Fund 953,398.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Supervisor has the authority to make budget adjustments within an activity (department), excluding salary, overtime, fringes and capital outlay, after consultation and recommendation by the effected Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director and in accordance with adopted policies. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall not be any new, full-time positions created and/or filled without prior Township Board approval, and that existing vacant and budgeted positions may be filled by the Township Supervisor only after review and recommendation by the Executive Director and Finance & Budget Director. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all purchases and expenditures will be made in accordance with adopted procedures. Motion carried by all members present. Item 21. BUDGET AMENDMENT-CAPITAL PROJECTS ROAD PAVING FUND-GEDDES & CANTON CENTER RD. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (FBD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment in the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund to adjust the fund balance appropriation for 2005 purchase orders carried over to 2006 and for the Canton Center and Geddes intersection improvement project: Increase Revenues: Contribution-Private Sources #403-000-675-0000 \$ 250,000 Fund Balance Appr-Encumbrances 403-000-699-1000 (285,025) Total \$(35,025) Increase Appropriations: Construction #403-506-969-0000 \$(35,025) This budget amendment decreases the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund budget from \$2,732,401 to \$2,697,376.

Table with 3 columns: Fund Number, Description, and Amount. Funds include 403-506-803-0000 53643 Mansell Assoc. Intersection Improvement \$ 6,240.00 403-506-803-0000 54854 Mansell Assoc. Transportation Study \$ 150,000.00 403-506-803-0000 43754 Cadillac Asphalt Total for this Account \$ 156,240.00 403-506-969-0000 42684 Carrier & Gable Denton Rd. Improvements \$ 49,414.00 403-506-969-0000 54922 Carrier & Gable Mast Arms \$ 15,812.70 403-506-969-0000 55611 Florence Cement Co. Mast Arms \$ 8,985.00 403-506-969-0000 47577 Wade Trim Intersection Improvements \$ 972,027.37 403-506-969-0000 47577 Wade Trim Inspection Days Denton Rd \$ 2,921.62 Total for this Account \$1,049,160.69

Fund Total \$1,205,400.69 Motion carried by all members present. Item 22. AWARD FOUR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT CONTRACTS (ASCD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on North Sheldon Road to F. Lax Construction Co. in the amount of \$23,845 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$2,385 for a purchase order total of \$26,230. • I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Fernwood to F. Lax Construction Co. in the amount of \$6,543 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$654 for a purchase order total of \$7,197. • I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Canton Center Road to George H. Pastor & Sons in the amount of \$12,742 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$1,274 for a purchase order total of \$14,016. • I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Southampton to Complete Construction Services in the amount of \$17,374 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$1,737 for a purchase order total of \$19,112. CDBG Construction Contingency, Account #274 666 972 2005, for a projects grand total of \$66,555. (Base total of \$60,504 for the four projects, plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$6,051.) Motion carried by all members present. Item 23. APPROVE WAIVER FROM PURCHASING POLICY REGARDING CAPITAL SPENDING. (FBD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to waive the Township's purchasing policy requirement that capital funds must be expended by September 30, 2006 and to approve the low price quote of \$3,087 (Capital Projects - Travis Account #101-803-976-0000), submitted by Van Buren Electric for electrical work at the Cady Barn. Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: Trustee LaJoy wished to congratulate Trustee Zarbo for winning the Canton Chamber Community Excellence Award last week. Supervisor Yack stated there will be a study session on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, with Growth Works, and the final results and recommendations from the Regional Transportation Study for the last 12 months with MDOT and an informational item; the statistics over the last 7 years on the household hazardous waste collection program. ADJOURN: Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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It's a return to the Meadowlands o

You could say it all began in the swamp. The second to last game of the 2000 football season, the Lions went to New Jersey and beat the Jets at the Meadowlands. They won two games there that year. A win over the Giants in Jersey happened a month earlier. That victory over the Jets would be the Lions' last road win for the next three years.

The NFL record 0-24 mark on the road would follow that 10-7 win in 2000. Jeff Hartings' fumble recovery in the end zone was the only touchdown for the Lions that day. The infamous loss to the Bears the following week at the Silverdome kept interim coach Gary Moeller out of the playoffs.

Matt Millen was hired as team president in the off-season. He dumped Moeller in favor of Marty Mornhinweg and decided Hartings wasn't worth



Mark Wilson

an extra hundred grand or so. Hartings went to Pittsburgh and won a Super Bowl at Ford Field back in February. Millen has gone 22-64 since taking over.

"Did we make some mistakes? Sure. I just firmly believe we can get this thing turned around," Millen said before the start of this season.

Getting that first win for new coach Rod Marinelli was huge.

Beating the Buffalo Bills last Sunday was a must. Roy Williams' best day as a pro, Kevin Jones rushing for more than 100 yards again and Jon Kitna controlling Mike Martz's offense all helped Marinelli become a winner after six weeks of trying. The team awarded a game ball to its first-

year head coach.

"Those things are nice, but it's not why I am in it," said Marinelli, who claimed that the ball would go into his locker.

Maybe the presence of Tigers manager Jim Leyland and a few Tigers players helped Sunday at Ford Field. That American League championship feeling was in the air during the Lions' win over Buffalo. Leyland got the biggest ovation of the day when he was shown on the big screen. There is no doubt this area is World Series crazy.

It didn't take a genius to figure out why the Lions finally won. They ran the football and let that open up the passing game. Jones had his first 100-plus day since the second to last game of 2004. Twenty-two contests went by without a 100-yard day. Williams set a personal best with 10 catches for 161 yards. Kitna threw a sweet

scoring strike to Roy that was the difference in the game.

The defense was on Bills quarterback J.P. Losman like a cat on a can of tuna. He was pressured all day and James Hall returned to his sacking ways by putting Losman down three times. They simply outplayed Buffalo. Coach Dick Jauron, who played and coached with the Lions, knew that it wasn't his day.

"We knew they were very good coming in. We just didn't pick up their pressure very well or consistently," said Jauron, who was 1-4 as Lions interim coach last year.

Marinelli got off the schneid with the win. Now the Lions need to find a way to win road games. Since they beat the Jets that day in the Meadowlands in 2000, the Lions have won exactly five times away from home. That would be five

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On Sunday for the road-weary Lions

out of 43. That stinks. Forty-three road games and just five wins. It doesn't even look right typing it.

One of the five actually did come at the Meadowlands. The Lions beat the Giants there in October 2004. They ran their record to 4-2 and Steve Mariucci was the toast of the town. A year and change later, Mariucci was just ... toast. He was fired by Thanksgiving last year and replaced by Jauron. Marinelli took over in January and already has three road losses this season.

"Home or away, we just have to find ways to win, no matter where we play," cornerback Dré Bly said.

No doubt about that. Here's a number that may stun you. Since Millen took over, the Lions' longest in-season win streak is just two games. That has happened twice. A two-game win streak is the longest run. Last time it happened was the

first two games of '04. That stinks, too.

In other words, the Lions have had nine one-game win streaks since that last two-game run. Nine times the Lions have won and have failed to follow up with another victory. Lack of consistency when it comes to wins has been the benchmark of the last six years.

"In this game of football, you just keep fighting and believing your skills and fundamentals," Marinelli said.

He is hopeful that can translate to another win this Sunday against the Jets. The two have played since that day in Jersey back in 2000. New York came to Ford Field and won 31-14 back in 2002. Chad Pennington had his best season that year and is fresh off a two-touchdown game in the win over Miami last Sunday. He looks injury-free once again.

"I can't tell you how good this win feels. It was a tough week last week for my team and especially me," Pennington told reporters. The Jets were shut out the week before by Jacksonville, 41-0.

Pennington had a huge day against the Lions in '02. He missed on only five passes and threw four touchdowns. The veteran out of Marshall was a rookie with the Jets in 2000 and was watching when the Lions won that 10-7 road game. Charlie Batch was the Lions QB who, of course, was a part of the Steelers' Super Bowl win, just like Hartings.

The bye week follows this game against the Jets. After that, the Lions will play three of their next four at home. Their next five games come against teams with a combined record of 10-19.

"It's been a long time coming for him, but it's the first of many," Roy Williams said to reporters

about Marinelli after the win over the Bills.

Williams is the ultimate optimist and he's just the kind of guy Marinelli loves. This game against the Jets is another chance for Roy to prove he is becoming one of the elite receivers in football. One guy who can assist him this week is his defensive coordinator, Donnie Henderson. He was with the Jets last year and even though Eric Mangini has changed things in his first season, Henderson knows enough of the personnel to be helpful.

The Lions are only 1-5, but just maybe things are starting to look up.

Mark Wilson is host of the Lions pre- and postgame shows on WKRF-FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sports-caster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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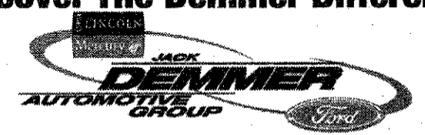
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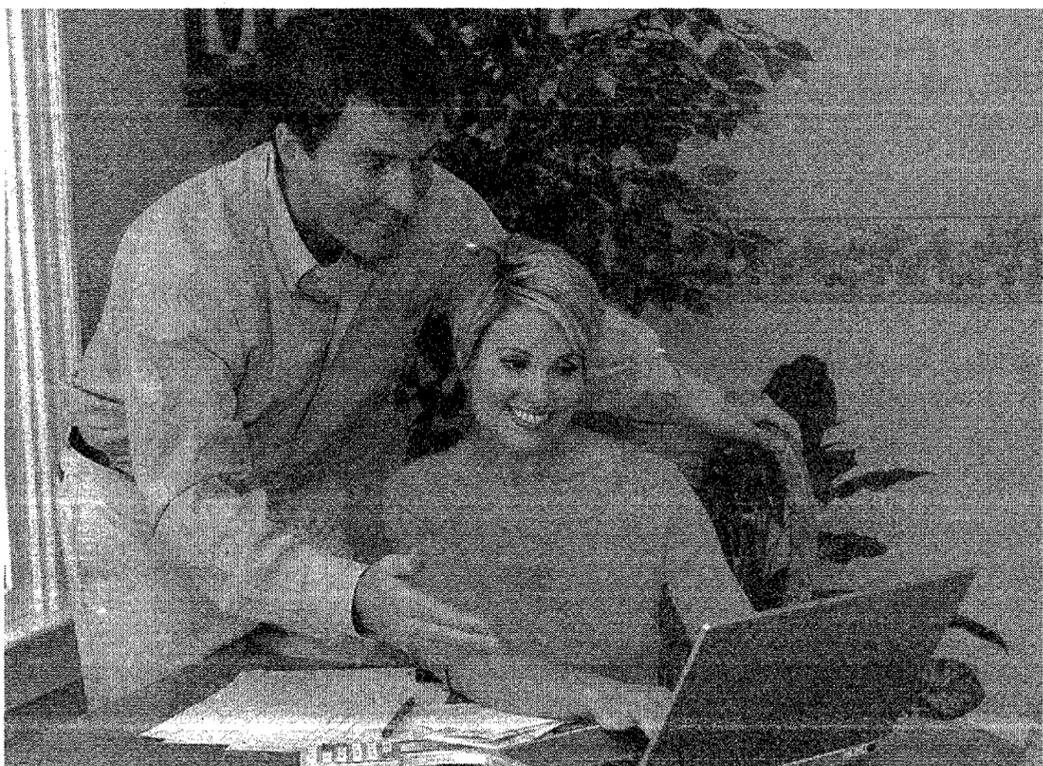
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ACROSS

- 1 Tent holder
- 4 Poetic time
- 8 Use a paper towel
- 12 - Dawn Chong
- 13 Healing succulent
- 14 X-rated
- 15 Memorable time
- 16 Transfers again
- 18 Jack who ate no fat
- 20 Bill, briefly
- 21 Magazine exec
- 22 Natural elevs.
- 23 Turns sharply
- 29 Throw in
- 29 "Who - that masked man?"
- 30 Diver's find
- 31 Numero uno
- 32 Follow closely
- 33 Stripling
- 34 Narrow shoe size
- 35 Wing
- 37 E-mail server
- 38 Kitchen meas.

DOWN

- 1 CEO, often
- 2 Tombstone deputy
- 3 - up (prepared)
- 4 Shopping plaza
- 5 Olsen of vaudeville
- 6 Cooks in embers
- 7 Tree-top refuges
- 8 Rushed the quarterback
- 9 Drumstick
- 10 Possess
- 11 NFL scores
- 17 Not lge.
- 19 - hoc committee
- 22 Kiosk buy, stangly
- 24 Des Moines loc.
- 25 Mardi -
- 26 Whack
- 27 Bombay
- 28 Refute
- 29 Candle drippings
- 30 Good buddy
- 32 Seesaws
- 33 Hawaii's Mauna -
- 36 Minor's st.
- 37 It turns litmus blue
- 38 Taipei locale
- 40 Raises corn
- 41 Mo. part
- 43 For example (abbr.)
- 44 Gets an eyeful
- 45 Proof word
- 46 Tatum's dad
- 47 Noted blue-chip
- 48 Dec. neighbor
- 49 Collect maple sap
- 50 RNs provide it

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SUDOKU

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9	9	8	6	7	9	1	7	1
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8	9	6	7	2	9	8	7	1
2	2	7	8	6	1	9	6	9
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WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Are employees truly wasting time in on-line personal use at work? Wrigley's entertainment site

Haven, Conn.'s The Marlin Co., which specializes in workplace communication, interviewed 751 people over age 18 about the extent of personal online use by coworkers during the work day. While this smacks a bit of snitching, it's likely to be more objective, because the sampling is more inclusive and responses could be more varied.

The Harris Poll indicates that only 34 percent of workers with access online have bought online over the last year, that women (34 percent) are slightly more likely than men (33 percent) to buy online. It indicates that 18- to 34-year-olds spend the most personal time online, using company technology, at one hour or more (27 percent). Most of this use (25 percent) occurs in medium-sized companies, defined as those with 101 to 1,000 employees. Three percent fewer in smaller companies spend that much time in personal online use, while 23 percent in larger companies (over 1,000 employees) do.

Candystand.com questioned almost 1,000 adults about online gaming and finds that: more than half -- 51 percent -- play games at work; a full 61 percent of gamers claim that it is a stress-reliever -- 47 percent maintain that it promotes creativity; 20 percent have been caught red-handed; and -- 13 percent of gamers play even when they're on conference calls.

Of course, an entertainment site is likely to attract respondents who play games; so the numbers likely don't reflect the general working population. The simplicity of the questions and answers (most requiring yes-and-no answers) raises questions about any use of the research, other than to garner publicity.

The survey asked such leading questions as "Do you believe (that) playing online games at work helps you to deal with stress?" and "Do you believe (that) playing online games at work helps you to think more creatively?" There was no multiple choice in these particular questions, just yes and no responses. No well-thought-through answers were allowed or encouraged.

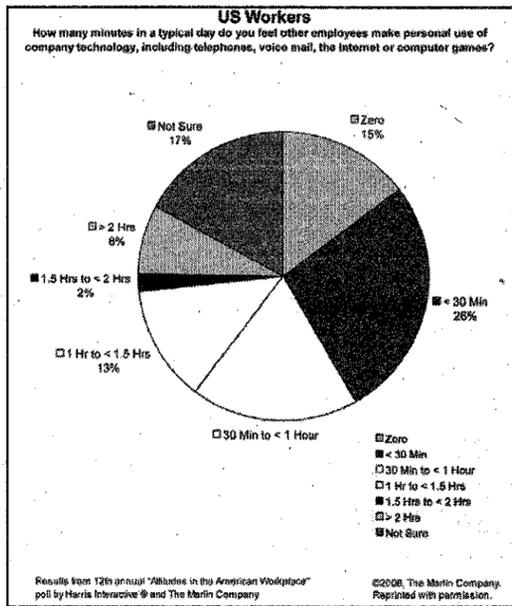
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bored that they're shopping or playing online on company time, why aren't they looking for a better job in today's improving economy? What if they spent the same amount of time reading about industry trends, or discussing them with coworkers? What if they invested the time in internal or external training that might secure them a better job? What if they developed a productive stress-reliever, such as a quick walk down the hall, time-out for yoga or a few minutes scanning The Wall Street Journal? Why, at any age, are they wasting their time? Aren't there constructive alternatives? You bet there are.

The problems behind Internet abuse relate to ethics and lifestyle. (Note that online pornography, an extreme form of abuse, isn't being discussed.) These same problems may be nurtured by product introductions from a company like Snowfly in Laramie, Wyo., that designs Internet games to increase or enhance employee productivity and job satisfaction. At what point do employees realize that gaming is just that?

Perhaps the worklife movement has gone a little too far. Perhaps some employees are missing the point. There are still behaviors and issues that are completely inappropriate in the workplace, whatever your age, job status or income bracket. It may be time to pull back and infuse a little more structure from the top down and from inside out.

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Berkley Estate/Garage Sale - 1359 Catalpa, westside of Woodward. Thurs. & Fri. 11am-6pm & Sat. 10am-Noon. Indoor/outdoor furnishings & accessories.

Beverly Hills Fri. & Sat. 8 AM - Tons of stuff priced to sell! Collectibles, furniture, kids' stuff, & more. 32217 Orchard Way Ct. S of 14 Mile, W/off Lahser. No Early Birds!

Beverly Hills Moving Sale - Sat. Oct. 21st., 10am-4pm. 16980 Birwood Ave., E of Southfield Rd., S of 14 Mile Rd. Baby items: clothes, swing and more. Stereo cabinet, patio and misc. home goods.

Bloomfield Twp. Franklin Ravine Sub (Franklin Rd. btwn 14715 Mile) Fri. Sat. 9-4 Sun. 12-4. Top brands furniture, dishware, home accessories, sporting goods, bedding.

Canton Multi-family Moving Sale. Books, toys, small appliances, etc. Oct. 18-21. 9am-5pm. 44067 Harstad, 1 blk N/Cherry Hill, 1 blk E/Sheldon

Canton - plates, carnival glass, Hallmark, Avon, cages, Barbie, new items, furniture, more. 2100 Morrison Blvd., off Ford, btwn Lily/Morton Taylor. Oct. 19-21, 9am-4pm.

Farmington Estate Sale - 22447 Brookdale. October 21-22. Sat. Sun., 9am-5pm. Sunday everything 1/2 off! (East of Power-Grand River intersection)

Farmington Great Prices! Thurs. Sat. Oct. 19-21. Baby, Kid, Teen Clothes GAP, LittleTykes Toys, Games Puzzles, Oak Furniture, Crib, Household. 34185 State, E. Gill, W/Farmington, S. Grand River

Farmington Hills Garage/Dress/Halloween Sale. New & used costumes & formal Bridal, Backties, Princess, Veils, Auto Show gowns, Christmas gala. \$5 & up! Fri. Sun., 10-5pm. 35232 Quaker Way, off Drake, btwn 13 & 14

Farmington Hills Meadowbrook Park Sub Sale. S of 9, E of Hagerty, Oct. 19-21, 9am-4pm.

Ferndale - Yard Sale 1567 W. Hazelhurst - Oct. 21-22, Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 12-4pm. Art, furnishings, accessories, kitchenware, clothing and designer fabrics.

Livonia Deer Creek Sub 19936 Wayne, btwn Ellen & Pembroke St. Oct. 19th 9-3pm; Oct. 20th 9-4pm; Oct. 21st 9-1pm. Furniture, bedding, housewares, children's books/games/puzzles/beans/stuffed animals & much, much more!

Livonia Thurs., Fri., Sat. Oct. 19-21. 9am-5pm. Antiques, 1940 electric Singer sewing machine, furniture, 33-1/3 records, dishes, golf clubs, luggage, etc. 16967 Woodside S of 6 Mile, E of Levan.

Livonia Yard Sale Multi-Family - Saturday, October 21, 10am - 4pm. 16251 Hubbard (btwn 5 & 6 Mile Roads). Baked goods, baby gear, kitchen and household items.

Livonia - Huge multi-sale. 14557 Susanna, S/5 Mile, W/Newburgh. Oct. 19-20-21, 9am-4pm. Tools, clothes, dishes & much more.

Livonia - Oct. 20 & 21, 9-4pm. 15425 Hubbard, Corner of Roycroft. Furniture, clothes, lots of household, garden tools, misc.

Northville - At the home of Araminta (Liz) Ellison: 552 W. Dunlap. Household, stackable washer/dryer, clothing, jewelry, antique furniture, books (some antiques), fine fabrics. Fri. & Sat. Oct. 20 & 21, 9am-5pm.

Garage Sales 7110

Northville - Oct. 19 & 20, 9am-7. 44922 Gaiway, btwn 8 & 9 Mile. Tons of office supplies, greeting cards, chairs, file drawers, shelving, misc.

Novi Garage Sale - Thurs & Sat. Oct. 19 & Oct. 21, 9am-4pm. 47495 Cheltenham Dr., 9 1/2 Mi. W off Beck. Tools, seasonal, household, etc.

Orion Sale - 10/21-22, 9am-4pm. 5791 Dora Lane, off Maybee, W of Baldwin. Antiques, electric boat, leather couch, 60 inch TV, acetylene torches, banding machine, more. 248-802-0505 or 248-822-1847

Plymouth - Oct. 20-21, 9-3pm. Harvest Dr., Ridgewood Hills. W/Beck, off Ann Arbor Rd. Women's/men's clothes, 8-XL, baseball cards, cradle, household, misc.

Redford - One Day Only Sale! Sat. Oct. 21, 10-5pm. Pool table, leaded glass windows, dressers, household items. 16934 Delaware, off 6 Mile, btwn Inkster/Beech Daly.

Redford Big Garage Sale Sat. Sun., Oct. 21-22, 9-5pm. 14017 San Jose, 3 blks E of Inkster Rd., N. side of Schoolcraft. Some furniture, crafts.

Rochester Hills 618 Ten Point, Avon/Livonia. Lots of kids stuff, furniture, home decor, much misc. 9am-4pm, Oct. 19 & 20.

Rochester Hills Colossal Indoor Garage Sale! October 19-20th 9am-5pm Admission \$1. Preview sale & silent auction Oct. 18, 7-9pm. Admission \$10. In Shottwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Meadow Brook Hall. Shredding avail. Raffle & Bake Sale. More info.: 248-299-3948 Donations accepted Oct 16-17 Sponsored by the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club

Rochester Hills Moving Sale - 2837 Steamboat Springs (Adams Rd, behind Parisian). Oct. 20-21, 10am-5pm. Washer, dryer, clothes, furniture, etc.

Rochester Hills Retired Carpenter sells tools! Huge Garage Sale! Sat. Oct. 21, 8-3pm. 1644 Kingsmere Circle, Avon & Crooks.

Royal Oak - Antiques, furniture, almost new home decor, like new mens' womens clothing, household, toys, misc. Thurs. Sat., 9am-4pm. 817 Gainsborough Ave., near 11/2 Mile, btwn Main/Campbell, follow signs.

Southfield - Couches, bdrm set, kitchenware, wall unit, kitchen & dining room set, small appliances. Sun. 12-5pm. 29393 Laurel Wood Dr., Apt. 104. 248-353-7634

Southfield Moving Sale Household items, furniture, etc. \$10-\$100. Cash please. Oct. 20-21, 10-5pm. 21297 Dartmouth, N. of 696, btwn Evergreen & Lahser.

Westland Huge! 35241 Melton, E. of Wayne & N. of Palmer Rd., Oct. 21-22nd, 9-5pm. RAIN OR SHINE SALE!

Wayne 31532 Taylor St., Michigan & Merriman Rd. Oct. 20-21st 9-5pm. Oct. 22nd 9-12. Treadmill, sewing machine, computer, printers, computer parts, kitchen misc., etc..

West Bloomfield \$1 Sale. Thurs-Fri. 9-5:30pm & Sat. 9-2:30pm. 4978 Green Road, off Orchard Lake, btwn Walnut Lake & Lone Pine.

Garage Sales 7110

West Bloomfield 4121 Blackburn Dr., W. of Middlebelt, S. of Long Lake Rd., Oct. 19-21st, 9-5pm. 40+ years of stuff! 35" brass rocking horse, Wedgewood Blue crib & dresser, cookbooks, kids' bikes, Santa bears, sound system, holiday sweaters, Peg-Perero highchair.

West Bloomfield 7133 Lockin St., Sat. Only, 9-5pm. Baby items, household, men & women's clothing, misc. Cooley Lake/Marlystone.

West Bloomfield Garage & Furniture Sale Too much to list! Fri. Sun., 12-6, 6345 Eastbrook, N. off Maple, 2 blks. E. of Hagerty. 248-624-6354

Westland - 3 Family Sale Large dog cage, lots of misc. 7240 Edwin Street, W. of Newburgh, N. of Palmer. Thurs. Sat., 9-4pm.

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Moving Sales 7130

Beverly Hills Moving Sale 16970 Beverly Rd. - All Living Room, Dining Room, Bedroom, Office and Outdoor Furniture Must Go! Snowblower, misc. 8:30-4pm, Sat., Oct. 21.

Detroit Estate Sale - 16157 Wormer St., Detroit, MI 48219. Sat., 11/21/06, 10am-4pm, Sun., 11/22/06, 10am-1pm. Cash only!

Livonia 20152 Ellen Dr. S. of 8 Mile btwn Gill & Newburgh Rd. Oct. 20-21st 8-4pm. Furniture, dishes, clothes, household goods & one-of-a-kind items.

Livonia Great Sale at 31719 Summers, near 96 & Merriman. Fri. Sun., Oct. 13-15 AND Oct. 20-22. Snowblower, tools, etc.

Northville 21504 Lugon, 8 Mile & I-275, Oct. 20-21, 9-5pm. Furniture and many miscellaneous household items.

Plymouth Giant Sale! 50+ years of stuff! Glassware, sewing, silver, linens, roltor desk, new & collectible books, great vintage stuff. 1754 Old Salem, W. of Sheldon, N. of N. Territorial Rd. Oct. 20th, 10-4pm, Oct. 21st, 10-2pm.

Redford - Lots of things! Oct. 20-21 & 27-28, 9-5pm. 3229 Centralia, S. of West Chicago, N. of Joy, off Beech Daly, turn W. onto Westfield, follow signs.

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Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. ☎980301

HOPE TO FIND YOU

SBF, 48, D/D-free, attractive, mature, brown complexion, black/dark, 5'8", 125lbs, with many interests, sports, music, plays, concerts, etc. Seeking companionship with loving, sincere gentleman. ☎127526

WHY NOT TRY?

SWPF, 49, 5'2", full-figured, working in medical field, enjoys nature walks, camp fires, movies, travel, adventures. ISO SWM, 49-58, with similar interests to connect with. ☎126613

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWF, 45, looks younger, blonde/blue, 117lbs, employed, independent, secure, loves animals, kids, N/S, social drinker, enjoys listening to music, just having fun. Seeking open-minded, honest, dependable man into the same. ☎130599

PETTIE & SEXY...

SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. ☎912553

FIND ME

Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5'3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113901

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Slender, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

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I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

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Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

LOVES BOATING

SWF, 65, 5'8", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. ☎890004

WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. ☎982305

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Female, young 45, N/Kids, loves animals, nature, gardening, old cars, new music, and quiet nights. Seeking a man, 40-50, with a positive attitude and good SOH. Friends first, possible LTR. ☎113552

SEE FOR YOURSELF

SBF, 41, N/S, 5'4", enjoys music, long walks, time at home, seeks PM, 40-49, N/S, who knows how to treat a lady. ☎126108

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

TAKE A CHANCE

SBF, 39, N/S, 5'4", likes movies, walks, seeks hard-working, honest, faithful BM, 35-40, N/S, for friendship, fun, and more. ☎119742

IS IT YOU?

SBF, smoker, likes basketball, movies, seeks spontaneous, adventurous HF, 20-30, with a feisty little attitude. ☎130804

SEEKING SOMETHING NEW

Down to earth, attractive SBF, 36, N/S, 5'7", professional, enjoys movies, dining out, shopping, traveling, seeks WM, 35-55, N/S, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎123659

WHERE ARE YOU?

Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎950732

WHY WAIT?

Down-to-earth, fun-loving SBF, 38, mom, brown complexion, medium-length hair, 5'4", full-figured, great personality, D/D-free, likes dancing, cooking, relaxing at home watching movies etc. Seeking compatible man to share some fun. ☎130211

FRIENDS FIRST

SBF, 37, 5'8", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

GORGEOUS

SWF, 39, 5', attractive, average build, dark/blue, Pisces, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, seeks WM, 35-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎112039

ISO CHIVALROUS MAN

SBFC, 35, attractive, plus-sized, Capricorn, single mom, marriage-minded, N/S, seeks man, 40-55, family-oriented, old-fashioned, possible romance. ☎112291

MADE TO ORDER

SWF, 52, attractive, Pisces, N/S, nice, educated, secure, fun, enjoys sporting events, movies, camping, travel, theater, seeks WM, 45-58, N/S, possible romance. ☎993487

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SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎900106

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5'6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Easygoing SWF, 57, CNA, N/S, N/D, enjoys talks, togetherness, day trips, soft rock. ISO loving Christian man, N/S, N/D, w/children ok, to share talks, dates, simple times, then who knows? ☎126925

SEEKING A FRIEND

SBF, 33, plus-sized, looking for a nice easygoing woman to share good times, get to know and just have some fun. ☎111312

FABOLOUS FIT FUN

Petite, 50s, young at heart, female, looking for one good guy, with SOH. Enjoys biking, water, working out, and life. ☎970277

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎991247

GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎333527

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎121526

ALL OF ME

SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman, 300+ pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO loving, happy, commitment-minded man to share a happy, lasting, loving relationship. ☎956929

NATURAL BBW

SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-80, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. ☎953694

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

Female, 51, 138lbs, seeks independent, respectful male, 45-52, D/D free, who likes outdoors, walks, movies, for LTR. ☎987475

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN

Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381

GREAT CATCH

Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs, brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. ☎111193

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE?

SWF, 56, 5', HWP, easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. ☎128212

SEEKING A LADY?

SBF, 58, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. ☎123905

TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honest, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WILL IT BE YOU?

SBM, 48, light complexion, 5'7", 192lbs, likes sports, shows, cycling, music, more. Seeking loving, sweet lady to be my special someone. ☎128421

WHERE ARE YOU?

WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/blue, athletic, honest, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests, age open. ☎131277

NEW RELATIONSHIP

SBM, 6'3", 42, enjoys writing, entertainment, dining out, dancing. Seeking SF, slim to medium build, tall, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎132042

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC

SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, N/S, enjoys conversations, college football and new activities. Seeking a down-to-earth SF. Age/area open. ☎982364

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269846

SWEET GUY

Good-looking SWM, 52, 6'1", 197lbs, college graduate, financially secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for serious relationship, maybe marriage. ☎255073

DON'T PASS ME BY

SWPM, 43, 6', 220lbs, blue eyes, N/S, N/D, D/D-free, educated, enjoys nature, concerts, movies, walks, more. Seeking SF, 25-45, for friendship and possible LTR. Race open. ☎130128

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SBM, 25, 5'8", 190lbs, dark complexion, long hair, no kids, looking for fun, energetic lady affectionate and real, who knows how to have fun in life. ☎122384

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

OLDER WOMAN DESIRED

SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, muscular, athletic, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

WANTED...

single full-figured WF, 45-65, who believes in Jesus Christ, sought by DWM, 62, 5'10", 175lbs, clean-shaven, brown/brown, N/D, for LTR. ☎954253

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DWCM, 49, 5'10", 180lbs, marriage and commitment-minded, looking for a caring, compassionate, happy S/DCF, N/S, N/D, under 5'8" and 150lbs, healthy and happy, with a big heart and warm smile. ☎126804

GIVE ME A CALL

SWM, 37, smoker, 5'10", brown/blue, loves sports, traveling, seeks WF, 21-35, for friendship, possibly more. ☎121538

MAYBE IT'S YOU

SBM, 35, brown complexion, 5'9", 190lbs, athletic, fun, looking for a sexy, level-headed lady who knows how to have a good time. Friendship first. ☎127341

SERIOUS MAN

SBM, 6', 18, athletic build, marriage-minded, N/S, dark complexion, hazel eyes, seeks truthful SF, 18-30, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎110697

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SBM, 53, muslim, N/S, hard-working, likes having fun, chess, fishing, bike riding, seeks WF, 33-53, N/S, HWP, for friendship, and more. ☎110750

THIS IS THE ONE

SBM, 33, 5'9", black/brown, no kids, never married, looking for a nice straight-up, down-to-earth female, not about games, to share the good times with. ☎130099

INTERESTED?

Easygoing, fun SBM, 29, smoker, 6', 185lbs, well-built, likes working, out, seeks woman, 21-40, for friendship, and more. ☎131326

ECONOMICALLY VIABLE

SWPM, 54, 5'11", 170lbs, trim, Aquarius, N/S, likes music, art, golf, landscapes, architecture seeks WPF, 44-60, attractive, fit, active, financially secure, intelligent, possible LTR. ☎984220

WORTH A CALL

SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

A NICE GUY

SM, 24, black/blue, 5'7", 120lbs, looking for a nice, non-judgmental SF loving and fun, to share the good times in life. Friendship first, possibly more later on. ☎127134

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎924218

LET'S TALK

Laid-back SWM, 52, smoker, brown/brown, likes riding Harley's, the country, seeks open, honest WF, 35-54, for possible LTR. ☎124193

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

FANTASY OR REALITY?

SBM, 50, 5'8", medium-build, N/S, fun-loving personality, likes dancing, jazz/blues, quality time, traveling. Seeking passionate and sexy SF, 20-50, slim-to-medium build, race open, kids ok, for sharing time and romance. ☎946417

LONELY ANN ARBOR MAN

Considerate, intelligent SBM, 51, tall, slim, dark complexion, Capricorn, looking for a sweet, loving woman respectful, faithful and ambitious, to share friendship, good times, possible romance and LTR. ☎122608

LOOKING FOR YOU

Affectionate, honest, trustworthy SBM, 28, looking for playful, outgoing, down-to-earth SF to share talks, good times, romance and much more. ☎126752

WILL IT BE YOU?

Honest, genuine, loving SM, 25, enjoys rap, hip hop, chilling with friends, dancing, drawing, romance. Seeking a special lady I can treat like a princess. ☎127776

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SM, 54, 6', 175lbs, dark brown hair, N/D, intelligent, fun, enjoys laughter, romance, quiet times in, occasional nights out. ISO SF, 35-55, who enjoys the same, for friendship, possibly more. ☎127186

HOPE IT'S YOU

SBM, 33, 5'11", chocolate complexion, likes reading, writing, composing music, playing pool, basketball, more. Looking for mature active lady who knows how to have a good time. ☎127058

LOOKING FOR ME?

SBM, 38, marriage-minded, N/S, 5'11", 300lbs+, likes cooking, playing darts, seeks WF, 24-42, medium to full-figured, good sense of humor, who likes boating, movies, playing pool. ☎125716

SECURE

WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

CUT TO THE CHASE

SBCM, 51, 6'3", 250lbs, N/S, enjoys plays, concerts, country drives. ISO SWF, for friendship and much, much more. Age open. ☎121414



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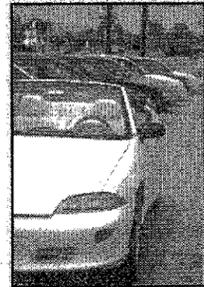
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H3 adds refinement, more power to Hummer lineup

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By Tenisha Mercer
Avanti NewsFeatures

CHANTILLY, Va. You have to admit it: The Hummer isn't for everyone.

There are cracks and potholes the size of large animals on our roads, but how many times in most cities do you really need to go off-road driving? There aren't any mountain roads, steep hills or sand dunes that need driving over where most of us live.

But General Motors is on a mission to convince the public that the 2007 Hummer H3 really is an every day, take anywhere even to your kids carpool lane kind of luxury SUV.

It's adding even more options with the new H3X, a street-inspired vehicle infused with chrome that gives wider appeal to an iconic brand. The chromed-out H3 makes the Hummer more marketable to a wider range of customers with accessories you'd expect on a customized model.

The five-passenger Hummer also comes in a H2 model; the H1 model was phased out earlier this year. The H3X is chromed out, with a chrome tube steps and a chrome appearance package with roof crossbows and chrome fuel door.

Hummer lovers need not fret. Don't worry. What makes the Hummer a Hummer hasn't been watered down. This is still a SUV for the brawny and braggadocios; the meek need not waste their time.

Let's start with the newest model, the H3X. The H3X comes with leather seats and a six-disc CD changer with Monsoon sound system. It's chromed out, with a chrome tube steps and a chrome appearance package with roof crossbows and chrome fuel door.

Add in a body-color grille on the H3X, and you're riding in style, 33-inch chrome wheels and all. Just because you're driving a Hummer doesn't mean you have to drive a drab, bare-bones vehicle.

The H3X comes in two exclusive colors: Desert Orange Metallic and Sonoma Red Metallic or you can pick from eight H3 colors. The H3 is refined; its dark chocolate interior complemented the optional, premium leather seats. Storage areas are built into the back seats. An open/close sliding roof and a DVD-based navigation radio are optional.



2007 Hummer H3 Vehicle class: Luxury SUV. Power: 3.7-liter, I-5 engine. Mileage: 15 city/19 highway. Where built: South Africa. Base price: \$29,405-\$37,545.

The H3 is powered by a new, Vortec 3.7-liter I-5 inline five cylinder engine with 242 horsepower and 242 lb-feet of torque. StabiliTrak now comes standard on all H3 models, expanding from just automatic.

Yes, it looks good, but the H3 performs as a Hummer should. We tested ours on a ranch in the hills of Virginia. The H3 trekked through gravelly roads, water crossings and steep muddy hills with gusto.

Shift the H3 to lower gear and it coasted over steep hills and through a shallow creek. Put it in neutral and four low-lock gear and it moved slower for more control for the tires to roll at an angle over a thick wood log and other steep obstacles. How's that for power!

That's possible thanks to an electronically-controlled four-wheel drive system with traction control, underbody shielding, optional rear locking differential and StabiliTrak. The H3 has two tire choices, a 32-inch all terrain tire and a 33-inch off-road tire. An off-road, 180 inch tire is available for the H3X.

All that power is packed into a mid-size package that is 16.9 inches shorter, 6 inches shorter in heights and 6.5 inches narrower than the H2. It's roughly the same length as a midsize family sedan, but comfortable tools around traffic and fits into standard parking spaces.

Credit the H3's off-road capability with treading through 16 inches of water at 20 mph; 24-inch streams at 5-mph; and climbing 16-inch steps and rocks. But the H3's got the nimbleness of a compact car with a 37-foot turning circle that makes tight maneuvers and turn lightwork, even for a large vehicle.

Smash large obstacles with a nearly 10-inch ground clearance. Drive into a hole and back out of it with

maximum approach and departure angles of 40 degrees and 37 degrees, respectively.

When it comes to design, the H3 is unlike any other SUV on the road. Its wide front, cube-shape, signature seven-slot louvered grille and prominent fender flares are distinctively Hummer.

The H3 is also upscale, with a leather-wrapped and stitched steering wheel and automatic transmission shift handle; brushed trim plants; chrome door release handles; and a chrome H3 emblem in the center of the steering wheel.

The H3 comes equipped with OnStar and Turn-by-Turn Navigation. Press the OnStar button and you're connected to a live operator who sends step-by-step directions to the vehicle that broadcast from the stereo.

It's also equipped with safety features such as a reinforced safety cage that gives passengers extra protection during side and front crashes. The steel cage is wrapped around the passenger compartment.

The H3 also comes with a Passenger Sensing System that uses weight-sensing technology to turn the front airbag on and off. If it detects an unoccupied front seat or a small passenger, it turns the airbag off.

Roof-mounted, side curtain air bags give extra head and rollover protection.

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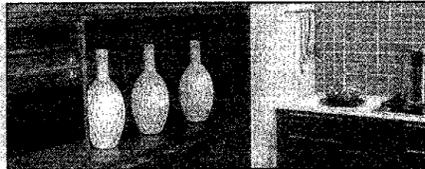
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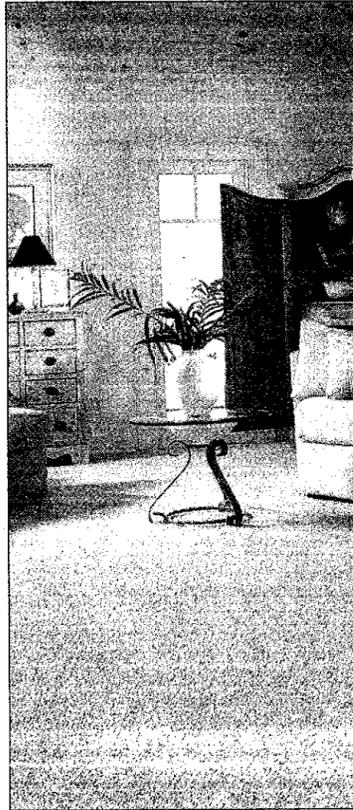
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Serta bedroom sets available in all different sizes and styles - also carrying the finest Restonic mattress selections. Available at Mattress & Futon Shoppe.

New appliances add efficiency

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When shoppers seek a new refrigerator or range, they often are looking at the most efficient, convenient units they can get with a sense of style that can add to a kitchen's modern look.

And, man, do you have choices today. If you are buying a range, you can get a free-standing unit that combines the cooktop and oven, or you can buy the cooktop separate from the oven. Or do you want a wall unit?

Then there's the never-ending debate of gas vs. electric. And do you want (or even need) that convection option, now available on many oven units?

And don't forget to look at how easily the top of the range or the cooktop cleans. That's more important than you might realize.

"The stainless steel and the black appliances are popular," said Linda Legato, co-owner with husband, Kim, of Bill & Rod's Appliance in Livonia. "Customers also like the glass-top ranges."

While the majority of appliance buyers are looking at stainless steel finishes on refrigerators and ranges, others want to follow the latest trend.

Push-button convenience and metallic nickel finishes appear to be the new trend for appliances this fall.

"People shift in their tastes," said Michael Strahan, store manager of Lowe's in Westland. "The metallic nickel finish is new. You remember how the avocado green was big in the 1970s, and in more recent years, black was and still is big. And then, you've got stainless steel."

"You're seeing the nickel in fixtures, faucets and towel bars for a custom look.

"Everybody is getting away from knobs and going with the push-button knobs."

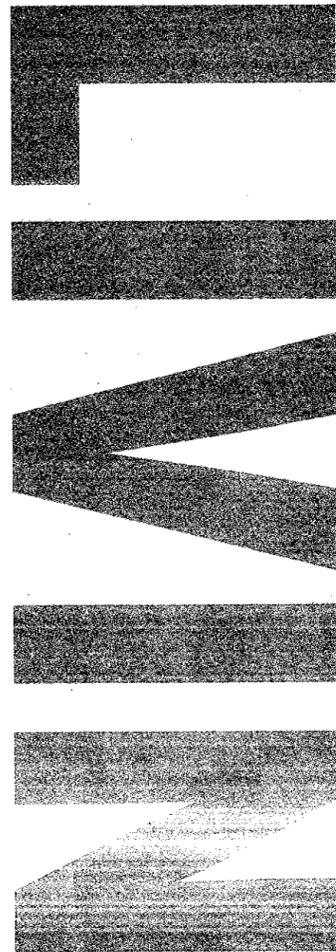
Legato said some cooks like the convection ovens. Those units aren't really "new," but they do cut cooking times by as much as one-third.

"I cooked a chicken yesterday while I was away at church in two hours," Legato said.

Refrigerator manufacturers also are reshaping that unit. Efficiency in shelf use is a key component for most shoppers, with adjustable shelving with cranks, and even the temperatures can be adjusted in the individual shelves of the more expensive models.

Refrigerators have increased in price, as most appliances have, but they help pay for themselves with the energy savings. Many units are more efficient today than they were 10 or 15 years ago.

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Gadgets simplify surveillance, sloth



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Now that I finally have an HDTV in the house (more on that in an upcoming column), I'm more reluctant than ever to leave the couch.

This is America, people. If I want to turn off a lamp or raise the thermostat a notch, I shouldn't have to cross an entire room.

I kid; I'm a kidder. But I really do admire the latest advances in home automation, which enable me not only to control the whole house from the comfort of my recliner, but also

to monitor my house while I'm at work or on vacation.

You've probably heard of those lighting kits from X10 (x10.com), which have been around forever.

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Kitchen, bathroom remodels are good investments

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Kitchen and bathroom remodels continue to be two of the best investments you can make in your house.

That's according to Harry Jachym, licensed builder, instructor of building trades and columnist of Ask Dad for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"If you're thinking about spending money on home improvement projects, these can be the best investments," Jachym said.

"What you'll get back on your investment depends on the value of your house as well as the value of houses in your neighborhood, the housing market, how long after making improvements you plan to sell the house, and the quality of the work and the materials used."

Whether homeowners are looking to remodel a kitchen or bathroom, they need to plan ahead and budget well, according to Jachym.

STEPS TO TAKE

There are steps remodelers can take to make sure they aren't in over their heads financially, he said.

"They need to get a good, firm contract from a contractor," Jachym said. "They also need to do as much advance planning as possible."

"Kitchens and baths are the most expensive rooms in any house and they are the rooms where much of your time is spent."

Allow for adequate time on a project.

"You never know what's behind a wall," Jachym said. "There could be framing issues,

and plumbing or pipes may be running someplace you didn't expect."

Ductwork issues also may pop up.

Here are more of Jachym's tips:

■ Kitchens tend to be a family gathering spot, even a focal point when entertaining with food. Islands with food preparation areas are growing in popularity. Stainless steel surfaces and appliances, granite counters and hardwood floors are hot items.

■ Contrary to popular belief, granite and other natural stone products aren't maintenance free. They require frequent sealing with a product designed for the material. Lighter colored stone stains easily. They are also costly to buy and install.

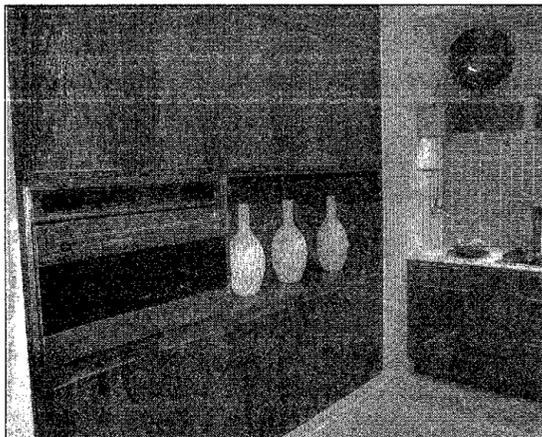
Hardwood floors on the other hand are relatively simple to maintain when they are kept clean and sealed.

■ A homeowner's lifestyle will dictate the type of kitchen and accessories, such as built-in wine storage units, coffee grinding and brewing machines, double ovens, indoor grills and rotisseries.

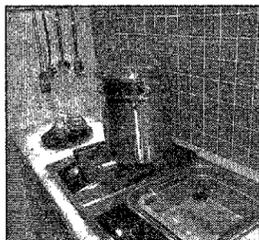
On the other hand, those who spend little time cooking or eating at home don't need much in the way of a kitchen.

■ Most kitchen projects will require some demolition and may involve re-framing. Re-framing usually impacts the home's structure.

Before opening up the walls and attempting any structural changes, be sure to discuss plans with your local building inspection department or an architect; get all necessary permits; follow the relevant building codes and schedule inspections as required.



This rosewood veneer by Irpinia is featured at Extraordinary Works at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. The veneer is offered in a multi-layered light stable polyester finish top coat for durability and clarity.



Today's kitchens feature high-end convenience, like this Wolf electric steamer module, shown on display at Extraordinary Works at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. The steamer, listed at a retail price of \$1,851, can keep food hot for long periods of time without drying it out.

It's a good idea to rent a construction Dumpster to hold all the debris generated by a kitchen demolition.

Demolition and remodeling is best left to professionals unless the homeowner feels confident about doing it.

Remodeling a kitchen almost always involves a considerable amount of mechanical work (electricity, plumbing and heating and cooling work).

■ Be prepared for a lot of disruption, and dust. If you do the work yourself or have it done, plan on eating out often, and cooking with a microwave, toaster oven or electric frying pans. Plan on washing dishes in a bathroom sink or laundry tub.

■ Tubs with whirlpools and large, walk-in showers are great

sellors, but a big walk-in shower is better if you don't have room for both. Another good addition is steam showers and/or multiple-head showers.

■ Don't spend money remodeling the bathroom if it's the only one you've got. Your money is better spent adding a second bath. Adding a bathroom increased the sale price of a house more than twice that for adding a bedroom.

If you're not planning to move in the near future, spend your money remodeling in a way that you'll most enjoy. You can't measure the value you get out of your use and enjoyment of the home improvements.

■ Another important consideration in kitchen and bath remodeling is "adaptable construction."

Adaptable construction refers to building with design features that are easily adapted at a later date to meet the changing needs of the owners.

A simple example is tiling the kitchen floor before fitting cupboards, so that if a cupboard needs to be removed to provide knee-space under a bench later on, the floor remains intact. This means the adaptations require less work at less cost.

Another idea is to attach blocking to studs before drywall is installed so grab rails can be installed later in a bathroom.

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veillance cameras, security system and video extenders (which pipe video signals from one TV to another).

A good place to start is X10's ActiveHome Professional. This \$99 kit comes with lamp and appliance modules; handheld and pocket controllers; a motion sensor; and a computer interface device and software.

The hardware relies on existing electrical wiring and/or radio-frequency (RF) signals, so setup is pretty much plug-and-play. And you can easily add additional modules to control more items.

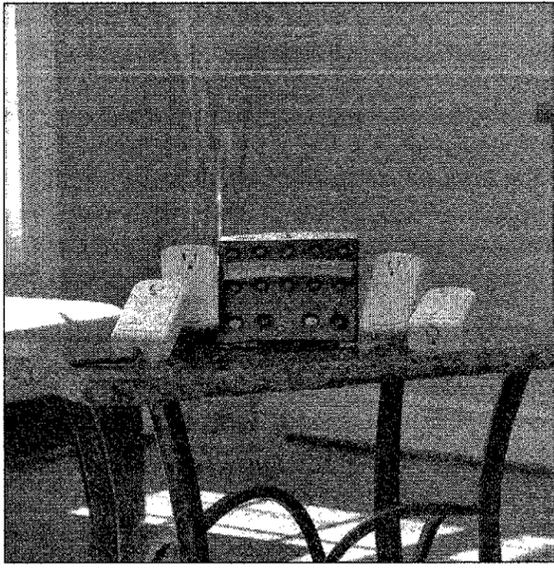
For example, suppose you're coming home to a dark house. While still in the driveway, you can press a button on the pocket controller to switch on one or more lamps.

Better yet, use the ActiveHome software to put all the lights on timers — even a porch light, assuming the bulb fits in the included socket adapter.

21ST-CENTURY AUTOMATION

Of course, the X10 stuff seems a bit antiquated compared with the latest home-automation technologies.

The ones to watch are Insteon, Z-Wave and ZigBee, all of which establish "mesh networks" in your home (using various combinations of wired and/or wireless communication) to enable all kinds of automation magic.



The \$99.99 Insteon Starter Kit comes with four plug-in modules and a remote, and it's compatible with X10 hardware.

For example, let's say it's dinnertime. With the push of a single button on a remote, you can dim or turn off all lights in the house except those in the kitchen, while at the same time turning on the stereo for some nice background music.

From a more practical standpoint, one of these automated systems could alert you via e-mail or text message if it detects a gas leak. Or an intruder.

Indeed, safety and security are among the major benefits of home automation.

Install an inexpensive Web

cam and some software, for instance, and you can watch a live video feed via any Web browser, or even a PDA. That's great for "checking in" while you're away.

Another option is motion detection, in which a system notifies you if the camera detects any movement or activity.

Head to the Web (tinyurl.com/vsmg and tinyurl.com/yzhy4n) for two great tutorials on "Webcam surveillance."

In the meantime, if you want to find out more about home-



X10 kits offer simple, inexpensive home automation that can be expanded over time.

automation products and technologies, check out Automated Outlet (automatedoutlet.com), Smarhome (smarhome.com) and X-10 Superstore (x10-store.com).

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm due back at the couch.

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APPLIANCES

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Consumers can look at the side-by-side models, units with bottom or top freezers, or built-in models in that custom kitchen with front panels (for an additional charge) to blend that unit in with the decor.

Legato said Amana and Maytag have a French door refrigerator with a freezer drawer on the bottom.

"With the side-by-side, you didn't have enough space when the freezer was on the left side," Legato said. "This way, it allows for the full 36 inches across for a tray or a cake in the freezer."

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Kitchen trends have exciting ingredients

It has been said that the kitchen is the heart of the home.

This is a room that multi-tasks as a computer and home-work station, family meeting room, meal preparation space and dining room. Whew! It's no wonder that this room is referred to as the heart of the home. It certainly has its finger on the pulse of American family life.

Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

According to Mike Jenkins, owner of Venture Kitchen & Bath in Plymouth (phone (734) 354-9645), there are some exciting kitchen trends for 2007.

These trends encompass the selections for appliances, floor plans, countertop materials and lighting options.

The biggest trend, according to Jenkins, are the appliances we are putting into our kitchens.

Especially trendy, right now, are the high end, restaurant-quality appliances. These new appliances are sleek, sophisticated and energy efficient.

Many of the new styles are designed with the idea of hiding, or blending, the appliances into the cabinetry and to make the kitchen look less utilitarian, while others draw

attention to themselves, giving the impression of a fine restaurant-style kitchen. It will look like a chef lives in your home, even if one doesn't.

Microwave and refrigerator/freezer drawers have been on the market for a few years, but are becoming more mainstream, along with six-burner stoves from Viking and Thermador.

These stoves are very dramatic and provide more cooking space for large families or for entertaining. Very often, these high end stoves become the focal point in the kitchen with elegant tile surrounds or cabinetry that accentuates the stove area.

Refrigerators are changing, too. Appliance manufacturers have finally come around to making many of their refrigerators flush mounted so they don't jut out into the kitchen, extending past the surrounding cabinetry. This will give an uninterrupted and streamlined look.

FLOOR PLAN

If you are considering a remodel for your kitchen, take a long, hard look at your floor plan.

The trend is continuing toward open kitchen floor plans where the homeowners can prepare food, dine, have a place to relax and even entertain.

Many of the newer homes come equipped with fireplaces, a television area and a home-work/computer station in the



This kitchen, designed by Venture Kitchen & Bath, shows some of the continuing trends for 2007, including an island with a finish different from the perimeter cabinets, granite counters, a six-burner stove and a refrigeration drawer.

kitchen.

This trend toward an open kitchen is not a new one, but just a continuation of a trend that began several years ago.

While preparing a meal, the cook doesn't want to be secluded from family activity and conversation.

It is also true that when entertaining, it can be very difficult to get your guests to leave the kitchen. Capitalize on this and create your kitchen for the way your family lives and entertains.

CABINETRY

Cabinetry, itself, has undergone a change in the last couple of years and will continue to evolve.

Jenkins confirms the continuing trend toward glazed finishes on wood cabinetry, along with using medium to darker wood tones.

Some popular wood species for kitchen cabinetry right now are maple and cherry. There are still some painted finish cabinetry options; however, these are also glazed or

antiqued for a more sophisticated look, just like their stained, wood counterparts.

A few years back, we saw the introduction of cabinet finishes and stains being mixed together within the same kitchen. This trend still continues, but with more subtlety.

The most common way to bring an additional wood finish into your kitchen is to have the island finished completely different from the perimeter cabinetry. This will give the illusion that the island is a separate piece of furniture and not just more of the same cabinets in the room.

This variation in finishes adds interest to a kitchen, but be forewarned to not go overboard with the mixing of finishes. It can end up looking very chaotic and will certainly date your kitchen much sooner than a more subtle approach.

Now that you've selected your cabinets, you need to consider all of the options for countertop materials. Laminates are still a viable option for the low to moderate price range for kitchens and are more commonly used in bathrooms and lower level projects. The big name companies like Formica and Wilsonart have kept up with the color trends and faux stone looks.

Solid surface materials, such as Corian, are also still plugging along, but have seen a drop in popularity recently. Since Corian is priced competitively with granite and quartz,

many homeowners are choosing the natural stone look.

One way to achieve the natural stone look, but with a man-made product, is to choose one of the new quartz products. Venture Kitchen & Bath sells Silestone, Cambria and Zodiaq brands of quartz countertops.

Some of these quartz products look just like granite, but with none of the maintenance. Quartz also provides a consistent look and patterning that is difficult to find in any natural stone product.

Granite counters are still leading the pack for popularity. Prices for granite vary depending on the supply available.

As mentioned earlier, granite will have some inconsistencies in its pattern. Some people love this inconsistent and sporadic patterning, while others are very disappointed with this look after installation. It is imperative that you hand select your slab of granite so you know what you are getting.

LIGHTING

Once your counters have been installed, you need to address the lighting.

Gone are the days of the single fluorescent fixture in the center of your kitchen. Pendant lighting options have continued to grow in popularity and are most often used over islands or snack bars.

Many lighting companies provide kitchen table chandeliers with matching pendants and island lights. This is a good way to have a coordinated look throughout the kitchen.

Keep in mind that once you've eliminated that fluorescent fixture and have installed an island light or a small chandelier in its place, you will notice a significant drop in the amount of available light for your kitchen.

This is when you need to bring in additional perimeter lighting. This can be in the form of recessed can lights or fixtures hidden under the cabinet that shine directly on the counters.

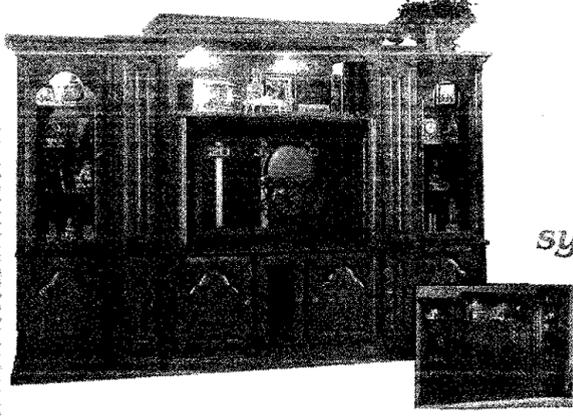
Kichler makes a product called Xenon that Jenkins has used in many of his remodel projects. He says that Xenon is 15 percent cooler than halogen lighting, has 3,000-hour bulbs and gives off a warm, natural light. His customers love it.

As the American lifestyle evolves, so must our homes. The kitchen is the heart of the home where all activity centers around. Create a space that is functional, looks beautiful and is a pleasure to be in. You'll be glad you did.

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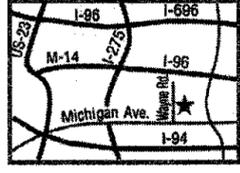


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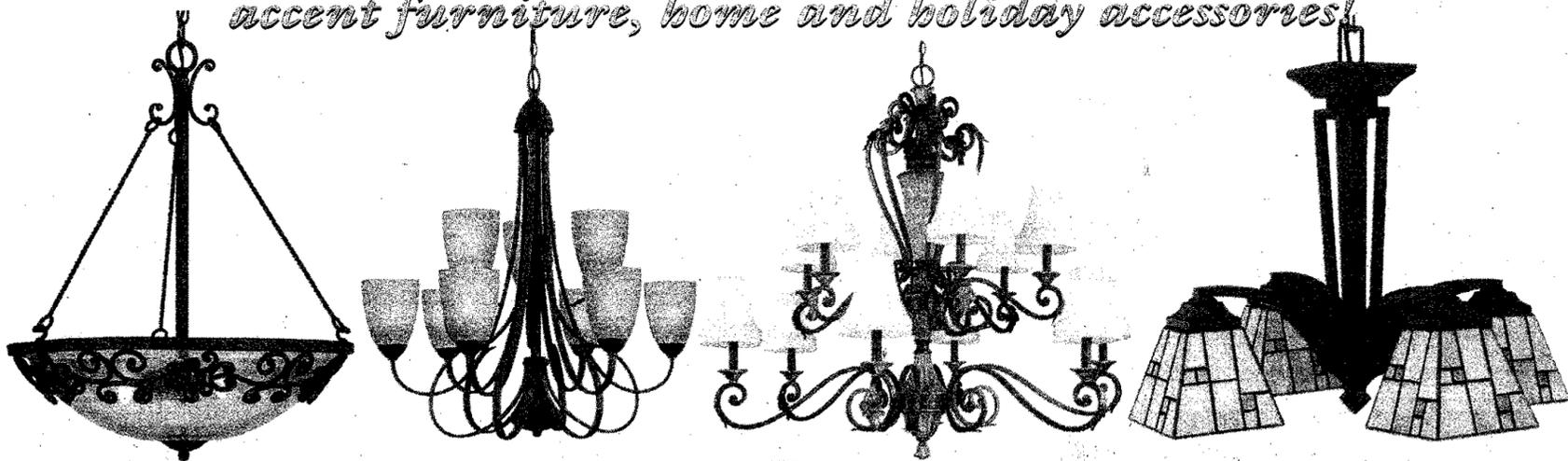
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Natural materials are popular for counters

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Countertops are more than work surfaces. They can be individual style statements as well.

And with a wide variety of materials from which to choose, many homeowners are warming to natural stone and man-made quartz for their distinctive kitchens.

This is a personal selection, matching a distinctive personality.

"It's a matter of taste... It's a lot like (buying) jewelry," said Michelle Biondo, sales representative, LRA Stoneworks Inc. in Clarkston.

"There is a big push to natural products," said Andy Hoffman, production manager at Dixie Cut Stone, which has showrooms in Novi and Petoskey and recently opened a new showroom at its corporate headquarters in Bridgeport.

"We are seeing a rise in quartz and granite," Biondo said. "A lot of people are doing it to sell their homes, keeping up with new built construction."

Technology has made it easier to obtain and fabricate stone, Hoffman said.

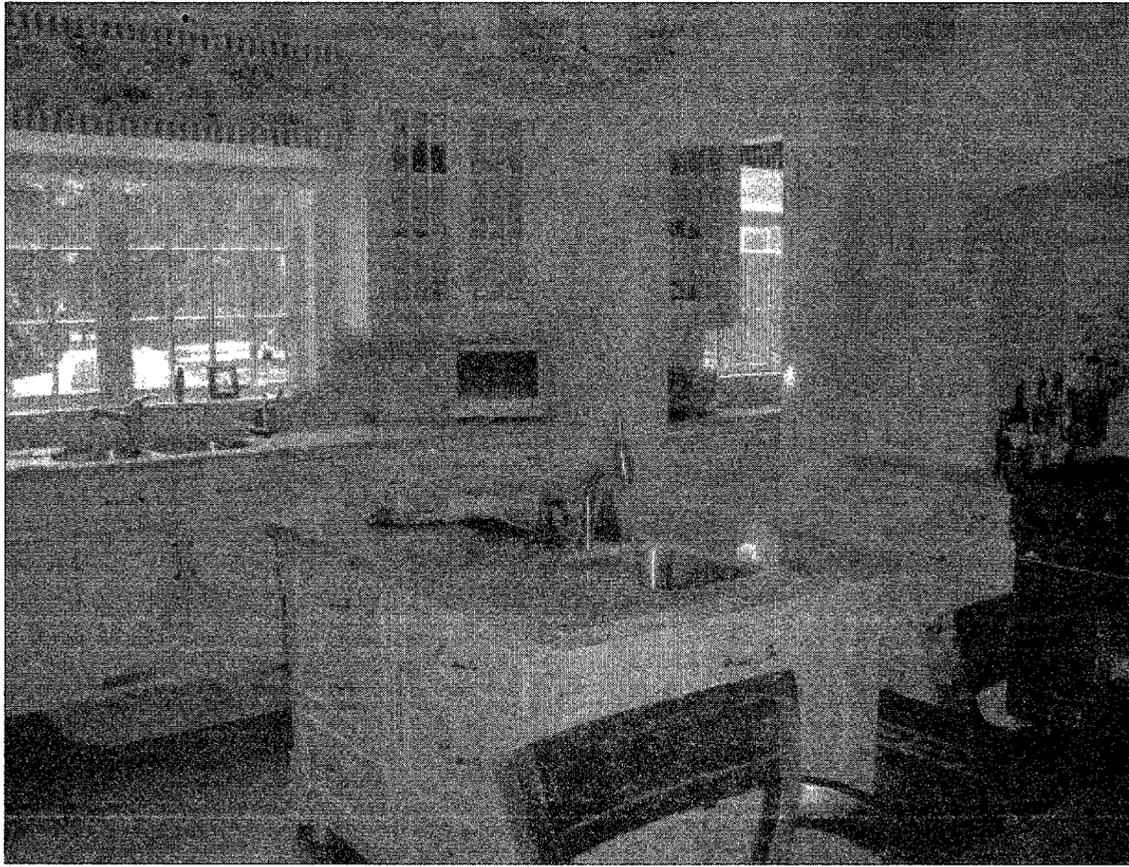
The use of Zodiaq, a quartz product, is also increasing. Zodiaq is 93 percent pure quartz crystal. It's durable and nonporous, and doesn't need polishing, sealants or waxes.

Zodiaq is heat- and scratch-resistant. But it isn't impervious to heat and scratches, so trivets, hot pads and cutting boards are recommended.

Also popular is Corian, which has a seamless appearance and can be cut and trimmed for a customized look.

It's nonporous and never needs to be sealed.

Literally hundreds of colors and patterns are available. Colors include blue pearl, antique white, and tones of



This kitchen features countertops in giallo cecelia granite with standard flat-polish edge profile, stainless steel undermount sinks, full tile backsplash and a cherry-framed table.

blue, green, red, black, yellow and cream. Small particulate and large vein are among the patterns.

New Corian colors are speckled winter wheat, silver birch, oat, rye, pine and granola.

Saddle brown, woodland gray and chestnut are new hues for Zodiaq.

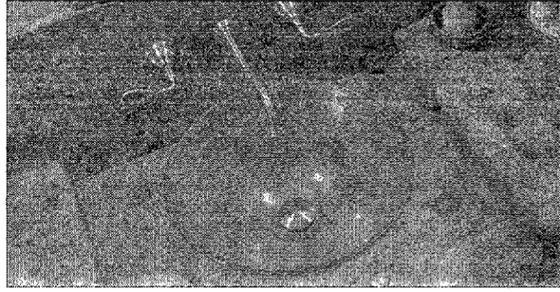
Most slabs come with a gloss finish, but honing, leather and antiqued finishes are now a trend, Biondo said. Consistency is something

to keep in mind about granite, Hoffman said.

Customers seeing a sample of granite may expect the pattern to be the same throughout, and that isn't the case.

If consistency is important, "Something you might want to consider is Zodiaq," Hoffman said.

Lee Rogers, LRA Stoneworks co-owner, advises customers to bring a sketch of the room with its dimensions with them when



This two-tier powder room vanity counter is in jurassic green granite, with natural rockface edge profile, custom backsplash and green-glass vessel bowl.

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they visit a showroom. "That gives us the foundation for discussion," he said. Solid bamboo is another option for countertops today. A company called Totally Bamboo markets planks that are 1-1/2 inches and 2 inches thick, ready to be fabricated into counters or islands. Bamboo is durable, as it is 16 percent harder than maple, according to the company.

The countertops are laminated with a completely non-toxic, food grade, and formaldehyde-free adhesive.

Cross-band laminates called Multilam are used to construct the counters.

This keeps the planks flat and reduces the tendency to twist or warp, and gives a striking edge profile, the company says.

Edges can be routed to go with any individual kitchen style.

Totally Bamboo countertops are available in four different grain patterns.

The company also offers a variety of inlaid or solid bamboo backsplashes and an edge trim.

Many other choices are available for countertops, including ceramic tile, stainless steel, laminates and soapstone.

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Having a checklist helps with estimation process

LRA Stoneworks of Clarkston offers the following checklist to help customers compare accurate information in the estimating process.

All of the information on this checklist should be readily available to any customer for the purposes of accurate pricing, quality assurance and customer satisfaction with the finished product, LRA Stoneworks says.

Make sure all of the follow-

ing are included in your price:

JOB INFORMATION

- Are all pieces requested measured and priced? (Don't settle for just a square foot price.)
- What edge treatment is included?
- Are backsplashes included (if needed)?
- What is the backsplash thickness?

- Are sink cutouts included?
- Is sink cutout polishing included?
- Is faucet hole drilling included?
- Are cook top cutouts included?
- What range type (slide in or freestanding) does this price cover?
- Are template charges included?
- Are delivery charges included?

- Are taxes included?
- Is there an import fee?
- How thick will the seam be?
- How many seams will there be?
- What grade stone is being used?
- What is the template and install fee?
- Is there a "bump out" fee?
- What is the delivery time?
- Do you use wax on the edge profiles?

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New products help upgrade bathroom

(MS) - Oftentimes one of the smallest rooms in the house, the bathroom can easily be overlooked when designing for maximum light flow and style in the home.

"Bathrooms are a private place, but that doesn't mean they can't be bright and welcoming," said home improvement expert Don Zeman.

"Many homeowners view the bathroom as their private retreat, so it's important to pay attention to these rooms with upgrades like enhanced lighting, ultra-quiet ventilation systems and designer sinks."

Zeman, who was a contractor for 25 years before starting his nationally syndicated radio show *Homefront with Don Zeman*, says there are numerous ways for people to upgrade their bathrooms.

"There are hundreds of companies catering to homeowners with unique bathroom products such as towel warmers, anti-fog mirrors and spa sensory systems."

"Researching your upgrade options is like being a kid in a candy store - there's always something new and exciting coming out from manufacturers."

According to Zeman, there are several ideal ways to upgrade a bathroom that will be seen as long-term investments in your home.

The key is to select products that resist the high humidity levels found in bathrooms, withstand mold and moisture problems, and hold up well over time.

Upgrade projects Zeman recommends that meet these criteria include:

■ **Project No. 1 -** Replace hard-to-reach large windows over a bathtub with a fixed, non-operable window.

Choose from clear glass, obscure glasses in decorative patterns or privacy-assured acrylic block windows. All can be ordered with energy-efficient glass packages to help keep energy bills low.

■ **Project No. 2 -** Add a wall niche to the bathroom or shower wall. Decorative and functional, the niche can hold bath accessories or accent pieces.

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■ **Project No. 3 -** Splurge on a new showerhead. Select from energy-saving low-flow, multi-functional and simulated rain showerhead, or even an all-steam shower.

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■ **Project No. 4 -** Warm your toes during cold winter mornings by installing radiant heating below bathroom tiles or flooring. With the flick of a switch, your floor warms up so that facing the day gets easier.

■ **Project No. 5 -** Add non-operable transom windows high on the exterior walls of the bathroom to allow more light in the room.

A design of several transom windows can be placed horizontally across the exterior wall to protect privacy while offering views of the sky during the day and the stars at night.

Select vinyl-framed windows, like those from Simonton Windows, so you don't have to deal with warping or rotting wood frames from the high humidity levels in the bathroom.

■ **Project No. 6 -** Install a set of urethane pilasters on both sides of your shower stall and a door crosshead overhead to

upgrade the look of your bathroom.

If you have a garden tub or a whirlpool in your bathroom, add window panels made of urethane to surround the base.

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■ **Project No. 8 -** Solve your storage problem by adding decorative urethane window crossheads to the walls to serve as easy-access shelving.

Create an extra towel rack by drilling holes in the center of two brackets. Insert a dowel rod and you have an instant way to hang hand towels.

■ **Project No. 9 -** Shine more light in the bathroom by surrounding mirrors with acrylic block panels that have miniature lights sealed in the units.

These energy-efficient lights are ideal for daily grooming activities and applying makeup.

■ **Project No. 10 -** For pure fun, add amenities to your bathroom that pamper you.

These days you can have a coffemaker, refrigerator or even a mini-wine cooler in your bathroom. Marry them with a sound system or in-shower television and you could live in your bathroom!

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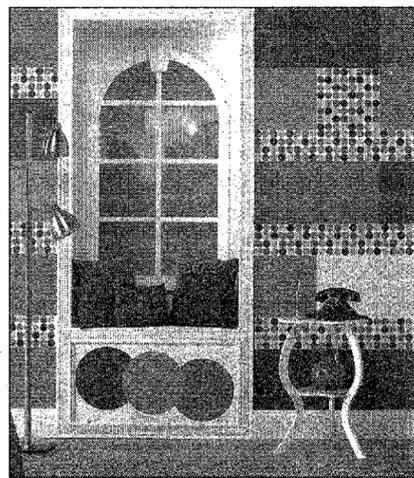
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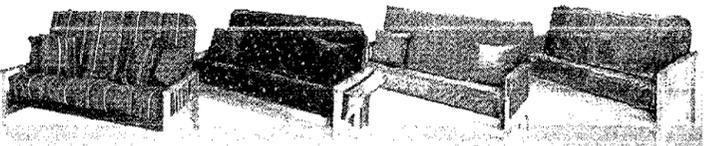
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