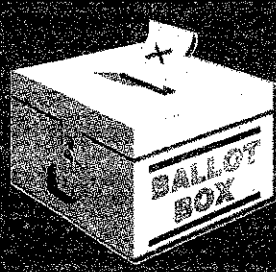




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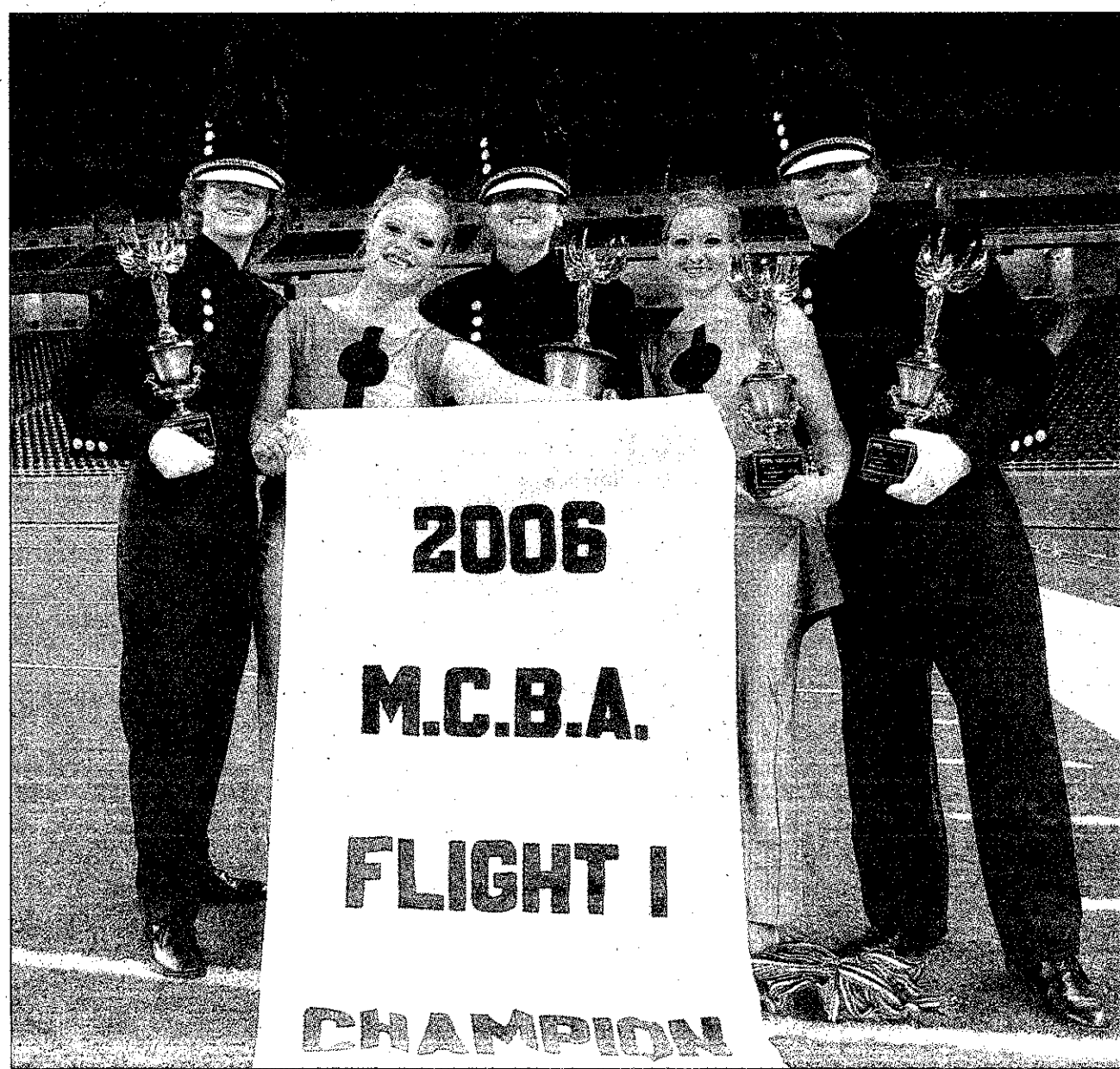
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Officials might eliminate 3rd judge, cut staff at district court

TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The 35th District Court Authority, in the face of declining revenues, has formed a committee to look at ways to cut court costs. Among the items on the table are the future of the third judgeship, eliminating programs like the teen and sobriety courts and court personnel.

The money generated by traffic tickets, civil infractions and misdemeanor offenses and returned annually - after costs - to the court's five communities as excess revenues has been consistently on the decline, while the court's operating expenses have gone up.

That trend has members of the Court Authority - representatives of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township - concerned that unless a long-range plan is in place the communities will soon be paying out of their budgets to keep the court operating. That occurred last year, when Canton was the first community to pay the court for services, to the tune of \$60,000.

In 2005, after revenues and expenses were considered, 35th District Court paid back \$324,663 to the five communities, which divided it according to a formula. That is down from the \$1.3 million the communities portioned in 2000.

"If you're looking at significant

cost reductions, then you're looking at those reductions that are attributable to the judgeship, or the magistrate, and staff," said Chip Snider, Northville Township manager. "I don't know any other way to look at it."

When the state legislature approved a third judge for 35th District Court nearly four years ago, the state paid for the salary, as it does with all judges. However, 35th District Court is responsible for approximately \$150,000 in costs related to medical benefits for the judge, as well as salaries and benefits for a court reporter and court officer.

Judge John MacDonald, who has been on the bench for 22 years, will retire because of age restrictions in two years as required by law. Some believe it will be a good time to determine if the third judge is really needed.

"I truly believe the judge isn't what's costing us ... and my proposal would be to keep the judge," said Debra Kubitsky, court administrator. "But, perhaps not hire a court officer when his staff is going to retire. And, evaluate the court reporter position for that incoming judge, perhaps making it a part-time position where benefits wouldn't be involved, and save us on salary."

"We've been proactive in salary

PLEASE SEE COURT, A7

Day care director charged for not reporting abuse



Hadwin

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman who runs a child care center in Plymouth Township is being charged with failing to report signs of abuse on a Canton toddler who eventually died while in the

care of her foster mother.

Jacqueline Hadwin, 36, director of Childtime Learning Center, faces 93 days in jail or a fine of not more than \$500, or both, if convicted of misdemeanor failure to report suspected child abuse. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym

Worthy announced the charges Monday.

The charges stem from the death of 2-year-old Allison Newman, the Canton girl who died Sept. 22, a death the Wayne County medical exam-

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Incumbent, school board vet square off in state senate race

Patterson touts commitment to issues

Challenger: Economy top priority

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As the chairman of the state Senate Technology and Energy Committee, Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, said Michigan needs to become a leader in the development of alternative fuels.

"Long range energy is a huge issue," Patterson said. "A year before the governor called for alternative fuels in her State of the State address, I said we've got to go this way. We've got to do cutting-edge change in this state."



Patterson

huge anchor on our economy," Patterson said. "Everybody is looking at ethanol as if it's the silver bullet, and farmers are investing in it. It's very regional - if we grow it here, we'll use it here. It may help us."

Patterson is campaigning for a second four-year term in

the state Senate's 7th District, which includes the Plymouths, Northvilles and Canton Township. If re-elected next Tuesday, it would be his last because of term limits. Patterson said he signed petitions in 1992 for term limits, and even voted for the measure.

However, he now believes term limits are a deterrent to developing long-range plans for the state, especially with business leaders who - over a 20-year investment span - could see multiple governors

PLEASE SEE PATTERSON, A2

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In his quest to wrestle the state Senate 7th District seat away from incumbent Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, next Tuesday, Democrat Mark Slavens said he and his campaign staff knocked on more than 12,000 doors to deliver his message.

Slavens, who wants to represent constituents from Northville to Gibraltar, said he's also taken away a message from those he's met.

"No matter whose door I've knocked on - whether it be



Slavens

leadership, protection of jobs, diversification of the economy and they're scared to death about their health care.

"This is a 48 percent Democratic district, and I believe this is going to be a strong Democratic year," he said. "Along with the fact

there's a real anti-incumbency move out there and a real mood for change."

Slavens, in his seventh year on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, said he's focused those years on a few issues - academics, school funding and anti-bullying - in order to accomplish them. As a member of the state Senate, Slavens said he'd be focused on several important issues, with the state economy at the top of the list.

"I don't think we're using the Michigan Economic

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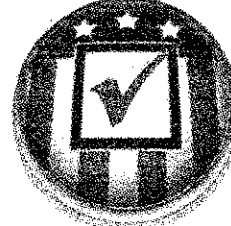
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Coming Sunday

We recap our endorsements for
Tuesday's general election.



AROUND CANTON

MEAP training

Overcoming MEAP anxiety will be the topic as Penny Joy, middle school curriculum coordinator at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, addresses parents and students at the Canton Public Library on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

Learn about the role MEAP testing plays in schools, how curriculum is shaped by MEAPs and how to give your student the best chance at a good score and how to interpret results. The program is free and open to any PCCS students and parents. Register online at www.cantonpl.org.

First Step fund-raiser

Red Head Salon (168 Ridge Road in Canton) and the New Hope Church are collaborating in a fund-raiser for the Cut It Out Adopt-a-Shelter domestic violence program, which will benefit First Step in Plymouth. On Nov. 14, from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., all proceeds from cutting and styling services at the salon will be donated to First Step.

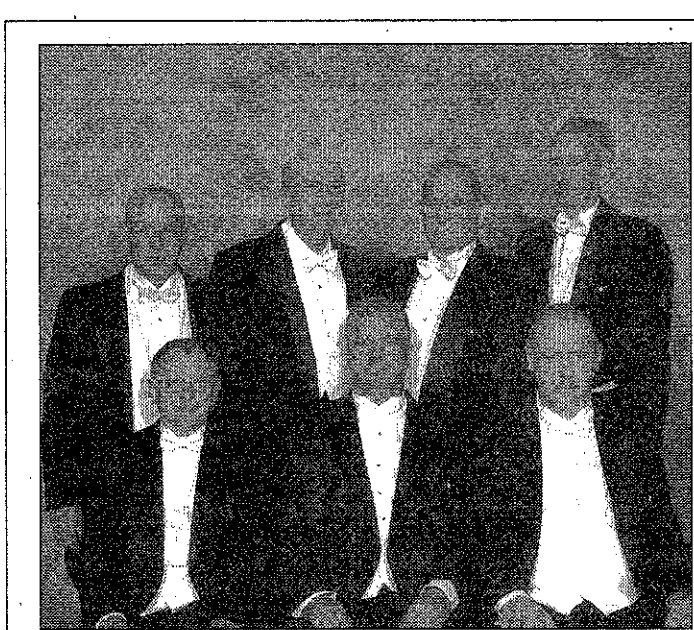
Adopt-a-Shelter is a new program sponsored by the Salons Against Domestic Abuse Fund and Cut It Out, a three-year initiative to help salon professionals learn to recognize, respond and refer victims of domestic abuse.

Multi-Cultural Committee needs participants

The Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage has recently developed its Multi-Cultural Committee. This newly established committee's vision is "Building relationships with our neighbors through the arts." To work towards its vision, the committee would like the input of other groups and organizations.

The committee invites interested groups and organizations to bring their information and a calendar of events scheduled for 2007 to an upcoming Multi-Cultural Committee meeting. The plan is to put together a calendar of events and resource guide. The Multi-Cultural Committee will start meeting on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the lower level of Canton's Administration Building, Room D. The next scheduled meeting is Nov. 16.

The committee's upcoming initiatives also include planning an event to be held at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are



Mason to the Thirty-third Degree

James Vivian, a retired tool and die maker from Canton (back row at right), was among a group of Masonic leaders from Michigan recently elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity. Nationally, 234 members received the honor at a ceremony in Chicago. The Michigan group included (front row, from left) Robert Helmic of Lansing, Richard Newman of Clio, and Elbert Taylor of Dearborn. In the back row from left are Robert Doerr of Kalamazoo, James Resau of Grand Rapids, Jimmie Hobaugh of Sault. Ste. Marie and Vivian.

Hill to bring together all the theater art organizations and produce a multi-cultural show and finding ways to incorporate various cultures into Canton's Liberty Fest.

The Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage serves as advocates in promoting public awareness of culture, arts and heritage in the greater Canton community.

Through the implementation of its Strategic Plan, adopted in 2004, this commission has established numerous active sub-committees to sponsor various community projects which embrace all aspects of culture, arts and heritage.

This commission's members are a very dedicated group of volunteers who are striving to encourage high quality programs for the culture, arts and heritage are accessible to all. Programs include, but are not limited to, visual arts, drama, music, dance, historical heritage, and humanities.

Spotlight Players show

The Spotlight Players theater company is presenting the show *The Lion in Winter*, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18, 24-25, and Dec. 1-2, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday Nov. 19 and 26 at 2 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are

\$15-18. For tickets or information call (734) 394-5460.

Author visit

The Canton Historical Society will host author Rand Bitter, who penned *Minty and His Cavalry. A History of the Saber Brigade and its Commander*, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Cherry Hill School, located at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

His book is a biography of General R.H.G. Minty, who was a commander of cavalry from Michigan during the Civil War. Originally with the 2nd, then 3rd, and finally 4th Michigan Cavalry regiments, he was assigned command of a Brigade composed of the 4th and several other units early in the war. This was the equivalent position of George Armstrong Custer (from Monroe), who commanded the "Michigan Brigade" of cavalry. Minty's men fought in the western theater (Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama), and were the ones who captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis as he was fleeing after Lincoln's assassination. Minty also opened and closed the battle of Chickamauga in another memorable episode.

The book consists of his pre-war background, and the writings from his own hand (as well as those of his several closest officers) about their experiences in the war, and

concludes with the "soap-opera story" of his post-war years. Unlike Custer, his fame was not perpetuated by a massacre and a promoting widow.

Several men from Plymouth and Canton served with Minty. Harvey Heywood was on his staff as a topographical engineer. Ephraim Truesdale was a private who built the house on Haggerty between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

For more information about the event, please call the museum at (734) 397-0088.

Holiday Extravaganza

The Plymouth/Canton Direct Selling Women's Alliance (PCDSWA) invites shoppers to a day of shopping the easy way, where Arbonne, Creative Memories, Daisy Blue Naturals, Lia Sophia, Romance 101, Southern Living at Home and Warm Spirit will be available.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford.

The DSWA promotes a spirit of cooperation, mutual support and respect for each individual's desire for success in a no cross recruitment atmosphere. For more information, go to www.dswa.org or contact the PCDSWA at pcdswa@yahoo.com or call (734) 667-2930.

Church fair

The First Congregational Church of Wayne is holding its 60th annual holiday fair Nov. 2-3, from 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. The church, which is located at 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne, will feature lunch (a la carte) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and dinner from 5-7 p.m. (\$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children). The event will also feature items for sale including aprons, attic treasures, books, boutiques, candy, gift baskets and more. There will also be a raffle.

For more information, please call the church at (734) 729-7550.

Shopping fun

The Plymouth First United Methodist Church Shopping Extravaganza is scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth. Admission is \$1.

The event will feature vendors/crafters, a bake sale, silent auction, prizes and Bob's sloppy Joes.

PATTERSON

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and hundreds of legislators in and out of office.

"There is such a risk that can't be calculated because of term limits," said Patterson, "that capitalists and entrepreneurs aren't going to make investments in our state."

Patterson said he's concerned about Proposal 5 on next week's ballot, which - if passed by voters - will guarantee annual funding increases for public school districts, colleges and universities. He said it could mean an additional billion dollar expenditure from the already-taxed general fund.

"Even it were well-intentioned, I think it would be a mistake," Patterson said. "It would hamstring the legislature and the governor, who has to be in a position to propose the budget based on the circumstances at the time. And, to remove that level of funding from the general fund, I just don't know how we would responsibly fund the government."

"The comprehensive budget of the state is \$40 billion, and

we spend 40 percent of it on K-16 education," he said. "I think we've done a fairly good job keeping public schools whole."

As for the state budget, Patterson said the time has come for consolidation of public services.

"We're going to have to look at how much government we need in this state ... how many layers of bureaucracy are warranted ... what kind of consolidation is going to have to occur, whether it's school districts, police, fire or public safety," Patterson said. "We're going to have to make some serious changes. Things won't be able to stay as the status quo."

Patterson, who noted he's only missed nine votes during his tenure as a state lawmaker - all during his four years in the House - said he likes to be known as an independent thinker.

"I have shown a commitment to learn the issues and work on both sides of the (political) aisle," Patterson said. "This is an extreme privilege and an awesome responsibility, making informed decisions that affect the entire state."

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Development Corporation enough," Slavens said. "Last year they helped bring in Bosch and Karmann Ghia to this community (Plymouth Township). We've got to diversity and bring in more high-tech jobs, like Google (in Ann Arbor)."

"We need to invest in improving the quality of life in this state, and invest in our schools, public roads, fire and police," added Slavens. "We're not doing that, and it's hurting us. We need to promote this state as a high tech state."

Slavens said he favors the K-16 Coalition's Proposal 5, which - if passed by voters - will guarantee annual funding increases for public school districts, colleges and universities.

"The only reason this is happening is because the legislature has failed to adequately fund school districts," Slavens said. "I don't think it's a perfect solution, but it's gotten so bad that this is the only thing they can do at this point in time."

"We're at a crucial point where we have got to invest in education," he said. "Our kids can't afford to go to school, and now - more than ever - they need four-year universities."

Slavens said promoting the state as a vacation spot, a leader in alternative energy and a place where stem cell research is welcome would

bring credibility to diversification of the economy, as well as jobs.

"We need to look into alternative energy," Slavens said. "I'm really excited about ethanol 85 (E85) and hydrogen fuels. Especially with ethanol, we could help our farmers create an industry."

"We are keeping people away from this state because we aren't actively supporting stem cell research," he said. "We need to invest in it for moral reasons. There are people with physical ailments, and if we have the ability to create a cure for them, then we have a social responsibility to do that. It also promotes a better economic climate."

Slavens is critical of Patterson for the incumbent's actions as chairman of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee.

"I'm a small businessman, and I believe in profit," Slavens said. "But, I don't believe a monopoly or an oligopoly like the big energy companies, should be allowed to engage in gross profit-taking, like they're doing right now and overcharging customers."

"Is he (Patterson) investigating anything about what they're doing?" questioned Slavens.

"He talks about a 30-year plan to investigate energy. People don't have 30 years to wait for an investigation."

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Canton men among those charged in armed robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Four young men - accused of barging into a Westland man's apartment, torturing him, robbing him at gunpoint and taking his car - were arraigned this week on multiple felony charges.

Livonia police also want to question the defendants about recent home invasions they are investigating.

James Michael Hobson, 18, DeCory Lamar Sharpe, 19, and Harry James Taylor, 23, were arraigned Monday on charges of torture, first-degree home invasion and armed robbery for an incident that happened around 2 a.m. Sept. 20 at Westwood Village Apartments, at Joy and Hix roads.

On Tuesday, McKnight arraigned a fourth defendant, 19-year-old Laquinta Terry on charges of armed robbery, first-degree home invasion and driving the stolen vehicle.

Hobson and Taylor, who are both Canton residents, also have a felony firearms charge against them.

Taylor also is known by the last name of Miller, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said during the arraignment in front of Westland District Judge Gail McKnight.



Taylor



Hobson



Terry

Sharpe lives in Westland and Terry in Southfield.

McKnight ordered Hobson, Sharpe and Taylor jailed on \$1 million cash bonds. She set Terry's bond at \$500,000 cash.

She entered not-guilty pleas for the men and set a Nov. 9 hearing that will determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

In court Monday, Borisch said the 47-year-old victim was in his apartment

when intruders entered his doorwall, ordered him to lie on the floor and robbed him at gunpoint.

Packing tape was placed around the victim's head and mouth.

"He could still breathe," Borisch said.

The intruders dragged the victim into a back room and tied his arms behind his back, Borisch said. A vacuum cord also was used to tie his feet together, the detective said.

In all, the intruders spent about 30 minutes ransacking the apartment, Borisch said. They robbed the victim and took guns, liquor, credit cards and a cell phone, and they left in his 2005 Monte Carlo, Borisch said.

Westland police arrested the suspects after allegedly linking fingerprints to one of the defendants from another investigation in Canton.

A search warrant also was executed in Canton, and Borisch said in court that evidence was found of more than one home invasion.

Guns stolen from the Westland home invasion still haven't been recovered - nor has the pistol used during the incident, Borisch said.

McKnight set a \$1 million bond for three of the defendants after Borisch said the victim remains fearful.

Moreover, Borisch said, "This was predatory behavior that seems to be part of a crime spree."

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Giant puppet star of theater company's take on 'Little Shop'

BY MELANIE HEARSCH
CORRESPONDENT



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Cast members of Destination Theatre's *Little Shop of Horrors* which runs through this weekend at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, had a few choice words for the "star" of their production during the recent weeks of rehearsal.

"Demanding."

"Rude."

"Difficult to work with."

Their explanation? The real "star" of this cult-favorite musical isn't a living, breathing cast member - it's a nearly 10-foot tall plant with cannibalistic tendencies. Welcome to the world of Audrey 2, the unusual piece of greenery with a voracious appetite and a riotously bad attitude.

"There was no doubt going into this production that we had to make Audrey 2 a real showstopper," says director and local theater veteran Wendy Sielaff. "We had the opportunity to work with local puppet and prop guru Brian Myers of Saline to really give our show a professional edge, and the result has just been outstanding."

Bringing Audrey 2 to life each night is no small task, requiring six adults just to make the magic happen through several sizes and stages of "plant growth." Linzi Joy Bokor is a key part of Audrey 2's "scene stealing" action, along with five other puppeteers throughout the show.

Sharing the stage and dealing with the bizarre behavior of this perplexing plant is a cast comprised of many area theater veterans who jumped

at the chance to be involved with Destination Theatre's fifth production.

Little Shop of Horrors tells the story of Seymour (played by Anthony J. Provenzola), a down-on-his-luck flower shop clerk with a secret yearning for co-worker Audrey (Caitlin Frankel), who only has eyes for her sadistic dentist boyfriend (David Rowe). Seymour's fortunes change suddenly after he discovers a mysterious plant, which he decides to name "Audrey 2." Shop owner Mushnik (Patrick Persons) aggressively promotes the strange and interesting plant, leading to fame and success. But once Seymour figures out the unconventional technique needed to keep the little pod alive and thriving, Audrey 2 quickly develops into an intelligent and demanding presence with an insatiable appetite.

"This is the third time I've directed *Little Shop*," said Sielaff, "and the professional quality of this show is just incredible. The cast is top-notch, coming to us from all over Canton, Ann Arbor and Livonia. We're so thrilled that Destination Theatre is taking root, so to speak, and that we're able to bring such high-quality entertainment to this gorgeous venue."

"Little Shop of Horrors" is the second full-scale musical production and fifth produc-

tion overall for Destination Theatre, a new amateur theater company founded in 2005 by veterans from other area companies. Destination Theatre's previous shows include April's *A Chorus Line* and the summertime review *Journey Through Broadway*.

"When we had a chance to see the Village Theater and the incredible venue that Canton Township residents can now enjoy, we knew there could be a place for a high-quality regional theater company," said Destination Theatre president Tiff Crutchfield. "The theater does a tremendous job of bringing in exceptional shows and entertainment for area residents, but we wanted to be able to give more talented performers from all over Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland County the chance to participate in productions as well."

Little Shop of Horrors runs today, Friday and Saturday (Nov. 2-4) at 8 p.m. All performances are at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads. All seats for Thursday, Nov. 2 are \$15; tickets for Friday and Saturday Nov. 3-4 are \$19 or \$16 for students (18 and under) and seniors (60 and over).

For tickets, call (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460.

Murder suspect arraigned

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, 33-year-old Andre Marcel Adams, of Ypsilanti, was arraigned at 35th District Court on the charge of open murder, in the death of Robert Lee Armstrong, 46, of Canton. If convicted, Adams faces the possibility of life in prison for the April 15 murder.

Judge Ronald Lowe denied bond and set a preliminary examination date of Nov. 10 at



Adams

35th District Court.

Adams, who was recently extradited back to Michigan, was arrested Oct. 4 by North Las Vegas Police

Department after an extensive investigation by Canton police detectives.

Armstrong, who lived in a trailer park on Mott Road with his two children, was found

dead in his bed by his 10-year-old daughter. The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office determined that he died of blunt force trauma to the head, and police believe the murder weapon was a flashlight, which was found in Armstrong's bedroom. A bloody fingerprint on the flashlight helped police track Adams and link him to the murder.

Armstrong's family said the two men did not know each other.

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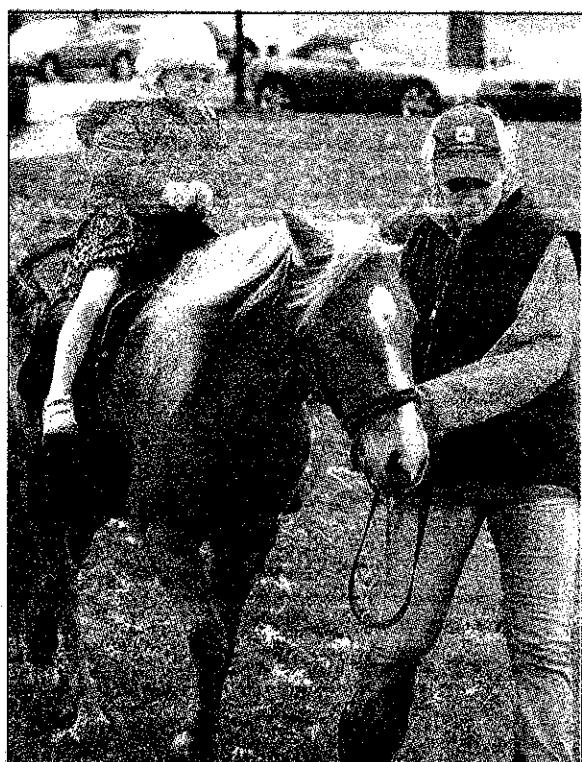
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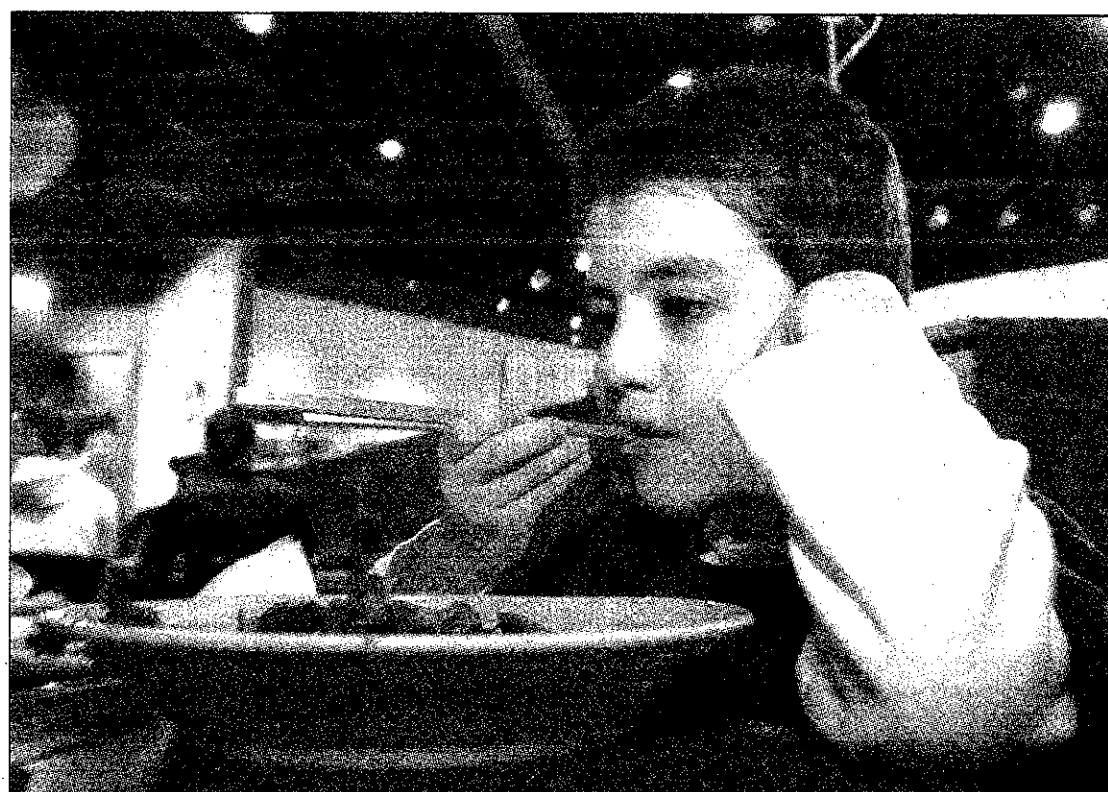
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Tori Taylor, 3, of Canton rides a pony during the 100 year anniversary celebration of the United Methodist Retirement Communities in Chelsea last week. Tori's great grandmother, Jane Moore, lives at the community.



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Michael Eadeh, 7, does a pretty good job with chopsticks. He was at bd's with his mom and dad, Claudette and Mazen Eadeh.

bd's fires up grill in Canton

Amid much fanfare, the Ferndale-based bd's Mongolian Grill opened the doors to its eighth metro area restaurant on Ford Road east of Lilley in Canton on Monday, Oct. 23.

The 5,600-square-foot location at 42089 Ford, in the space formerly occupied by Blockbuster, actually provided the public with a sneak preview two days earlier when bd's held a fund-raiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Garrett Supples, a bd's manager, said the fund-raiser went "really well." He also said the new restaurant's first week has been a success.

"Business has gone real well. We've been busy every day," Supples said.

The bd's chain is known for the 6-foot diameter, 600-degree flat grill, which is used



Adam Krist and T.J. Lavere work the grill during Saturday evening's fund-raisers.

to cook all the stir-fry meals.

The first bd's (named after founder and owner is Billy Downs) 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 location has some 188 seats. Supples said people are encouraged to make reservations, but he said walk-ins are welcome. Reservations should be made for parties of six or more for regular dining at (734) 844-5800.

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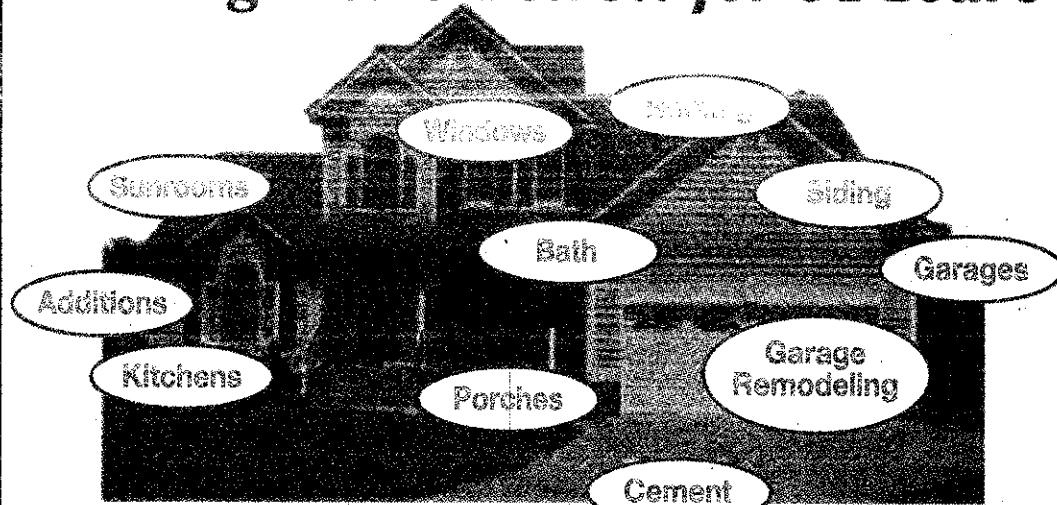
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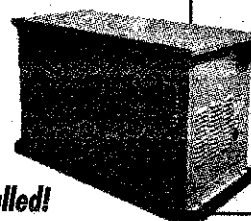
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ents and students. Registration required.
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The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dearborn DPW, located at 2951 Greenfield Road. This free event open to all Wayne County residents and is an opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected on Nov. 4 include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, medicine, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, propane tanks, computer monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mouse, cell phones, fax machines, VCR/Cable boxes, televisions and passenger vehicle tires (limit 10 per vehicle).

Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, smoke detectors, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, asbestos, 55-gallon drums, unknown/unlabeled wastes, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances and concrete.

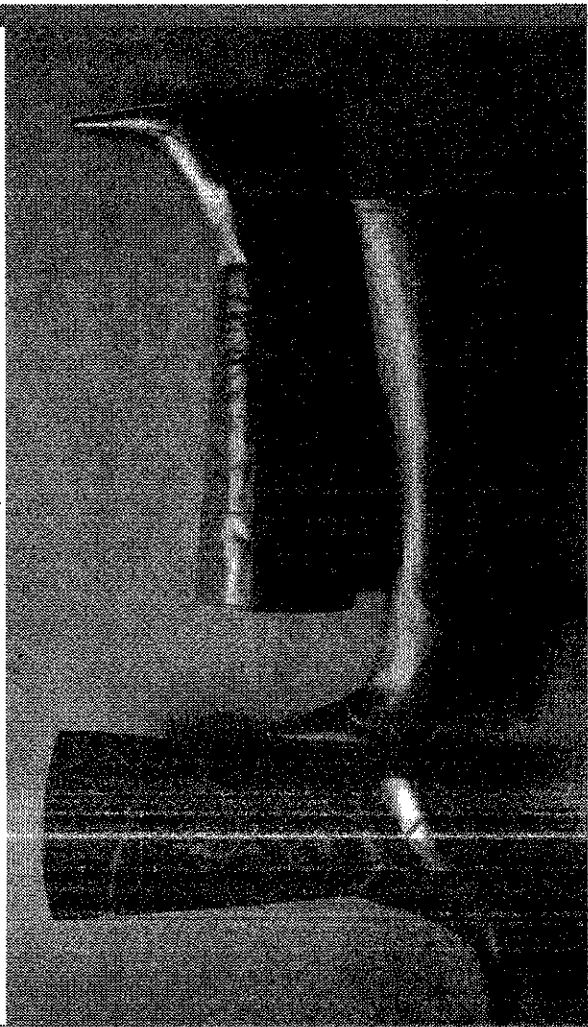
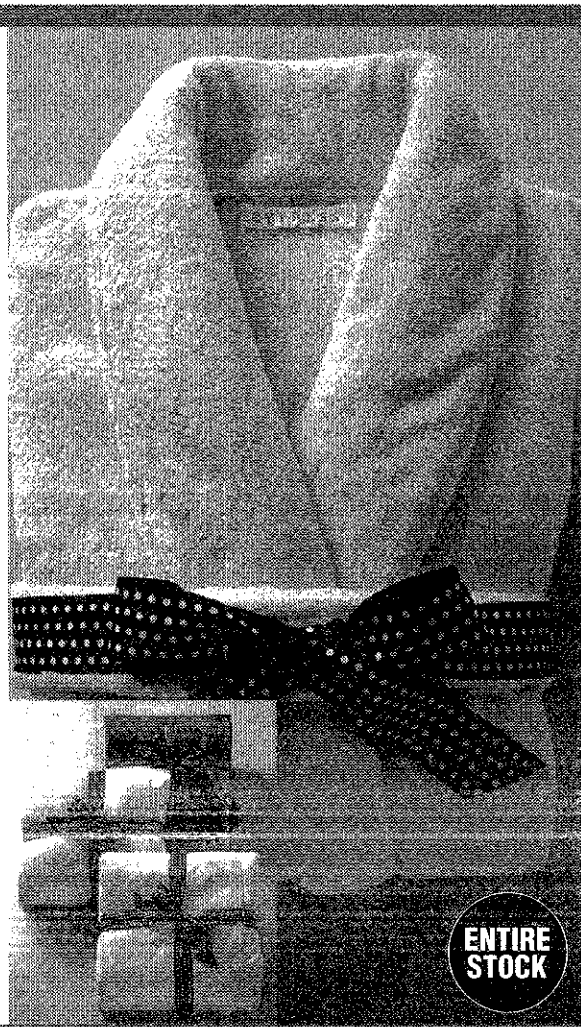
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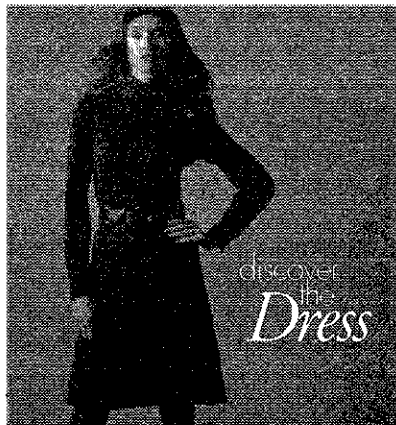
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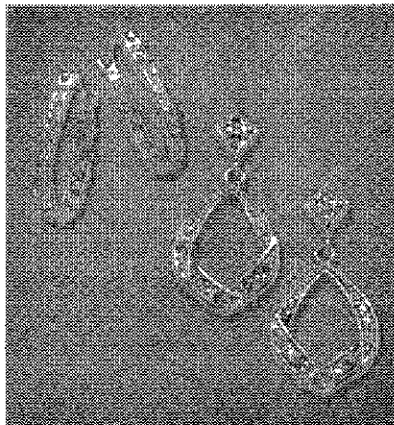
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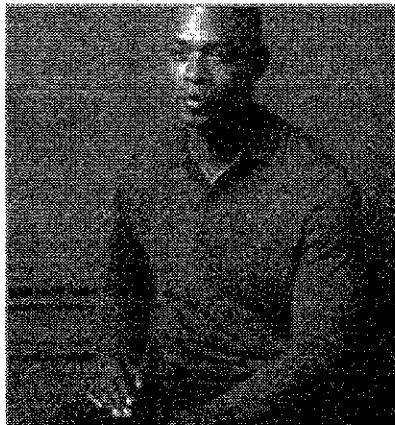
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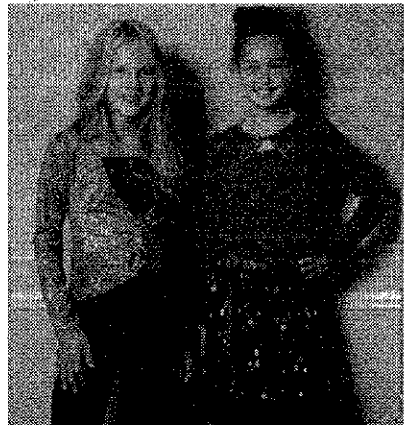
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Antonio Solis, Myles Aten, Vinnie Lizzio focus on the task at hand during Saturday's performance at Ford Field.

New home, same result as band claims state

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

For the 18th time in the 27-year history of the Michigan Competing Band Association, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band captured the Flight I first-place trophy at the State Finals on Saturday at Ford Field.

While this was a new venue for the event that has traditionally taken place at the Pontiac Silverdome, the 187 hometown marchers continued the tradition of excellence by additionally earning all three caption trophies for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect in Flight I as well as achieving the highest score, 88.45, of all 40 competing finalist marching bands (10 in each of Flights I, II, III and IV) from across the state.

"I think we did pretty awesome today," said Salem senior Tony Bastianelli immediately after the 10-minute performance of their competition piece, "The Passion Within."

"This show is a lot harder compared to last year's show. It is

so much faster."

Salem senior Kara Reynolds, who plays the mellophone and is in her fourth year with the band, agreed.

"I think we did really well today," she said. "We all pull together for states and nationals. Practices are a lot more focused and a lot more intense."

The P-C marchers normally put in about 20 hours of practice each week, not including competitions.

For mellophone player Dave Arrasmith, a Canton freshman and first-year band member, that's just fine.

He described his experience: "It's awesome and nerve-wracking, but it's all worth it in the end."

That's the kind of spirit Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park, appreciates in his students.

"These kids worked hard this week and there were moments today where it was our best ensemble performance yet," he said.

"We have a lot more work to do, but I think we're on our way. Each show gets better and

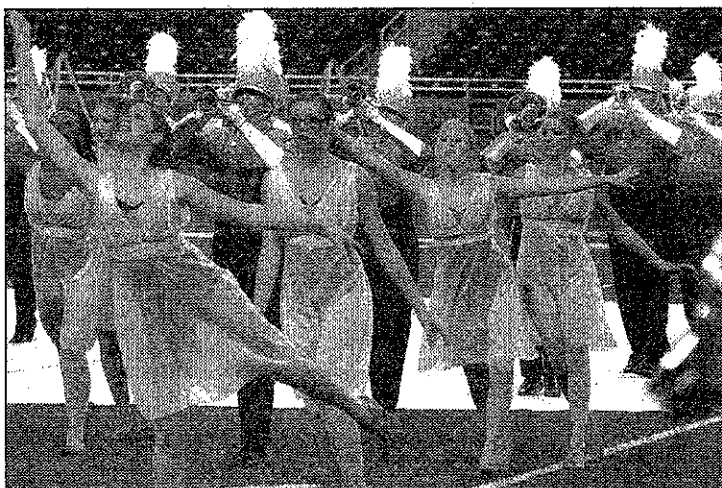
better."

One of the things Whitlock said he and his staff would need to work out is the pros and cons of the electronics used in the show. On a number of occasions, including the Regional Championships and the State Finals, the microphone clipped onto vocalist Caitlyn Eckles has failed, leaving a noticeably too-quiet moment in the otherwise music-packed performance.

Other flight champions on Saturday included Muskegon's Reeths-Puffer in Flight II with a score of 86.25; Ferndale in Flight III with an 81.80; and Durand in Flight IV with a score of 75.05.

The P-CMB will be traveling to Indianapolis next week to compete in the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome.

The hometown marchers are scheduled for preliminary competition early afternoon Nov. 10.



Above, Josh Etim, Corey Archambault, Steve Hensel stay in tune and in time during Plymouth-Canton's state-winning performance Saturday. At left, color guard members Emma Bardelli, Liz Ickes, Stephanie Rohrbach and Kelsey Price float onto the field for Saturday's performance at the state competition at Ford Field.

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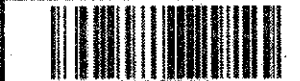
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iner ruled was caused by head trauma. Carol Poole, Allison's foster mother, has been charged with felony murder, child abuse and involuntary manslaughter in the case.

The state closed Childtime last month after two witnesses came forward to say they'd reported their suspicions of child abuse to supervisors at the center. On Monday, Worthy announced the charges against Hadwin.

Hadwin was arraigned Monday before 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe. She was given a \$1,000 personal bond and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Nov. 20.

"Deciding on child care, particularly for a young child, is one of the most stressful, time-consuming, and important decisions that a parent makes," Worthy said in announcing the charges. "And still you always worry if your child is safe. It is critical that all child care providers strictly follow reporting laws.

Perhaps if this had been done, little Allison might be alive today."

In a statement released Monday, Childtime officials called the charges "surprising," but vowed to "continue to cooperate with all the appropriate authorities."

"Everyone at Childtime takes their responsibility of being mandated reporters very seriously. While child abuse is a rare but sad reality, we have never hesitated to notify the appropriate authorities when we suspected that a child might have been in danger," the statement read.

"In fact, we have promptly reported suspicions of abuse and neglect both in Michigan - and around the country - in those cases where it was warranted."

Poole, scheduled for a Nov. 13 preliminary hearing in 35th District Court, faces a mandatory life sentence if convicted on the felony murder. Involuntary manslaughter carries a maximum 15-year penalty.

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reductions, hiring part-timers instead of full-timers, to cut down on health care costs," she said.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack suggested personnel cuts may be in order in light of a recent three-year contract given unionized employees at the court.

"We're locked for three years on the salary and fringe benefits ... and increases realized in the entire health care, fringe benefit package are eating the court alive," Yack said. "Between longevity buyouts, longevity payments and medical, I'm not sure there's enough cases we can increase to match the increases in costs."

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who noted the city has reduced its workforce by more than a third full-time staff because of budget constraints, is also looking at staffing at the court.

"You're not going to get this budget down without using

technology and creativity to decrease staff," said Dwyer. "The City of Plymouth has reduced tons of staff, yet continues to provide the same services. We do it with part-time staff, contractual staff, we make people work harder and work smarter."

The Michigan Supreme Court, which has been auditing caseloads of various courts - including 35th District - will release a report next summer with its recommendations, including judge requirements. However, MacDonald

Authority against dropping the third judge in favor of saving money.

"Let's suppose you get rid of the third judge, and all of a sudden you need him again," MacDonald said. "It's not that easy to get back. If you get rid of a judge and the caseload goes up, that won't work too well."

Kubitskey noted three of the five communities reported increases in the number of tickets issued in 2006, which should return nearly \$387,000 to the five communities.

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RECEIPTS	YTD	YTD	
Community	Sept. 05	Sept. 06	+/-
Plymouth	176,583	245,810	39%
Ply Twp	361,649	341,758	-6%
N'Ville	169,199	145,466	-14%
N'Ville Twp	474,351	490,915	3%
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Community	Sept. 05	Sept. 06	+/-
Plymouth	1,589	2,536	60%
Ply Twp	3,819	3,730	-2%
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N'Ville Twp	4,313	5,028	17%
Canton	17,793	18,138	2%

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DEATHS

C
Elizabeth Janet Mercer Chapman
Chapman, 94, of Farmington, died Oct. 24.

D
Gertrude E. Davis
Davis, of Livonia, died Oct. 23.

F
William C. Fertig
Fertig, 68, of Farmington Hills, died Oct. 23.

K
Harold W. Kuisei
Kuisei, 91, of Plymouth, died Oct. 26.

M
David Michael Martin

Martin, 69, died Oct. 15.

Susan McGraw
McGraw, 60, formerly of Birmingham, died Oct. 19.

R
Rosalie T. Rottman
Rottman, 68, formerly of Livonia, died Oct. 24.

W
Katherine S. Warren
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Department of Management and Budget, Office of Retirement Services and Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules

The State Employees' Retirement Board and the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules will hold a public hearing on November 20, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The hearing will be held in Conference Room A, 1st Floor of the General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan.

The public hearing is being held to receive comments from interested persons on the promulgation of General Rules, R 38.21 - R 38.51 and the rescission of Rules 38.8, 38.11, 38.12 by the State Employees' Retirement Board and the promulgation of General Rules, R 38.71 - R 38.88 and the rescission of Rules 38.1 - 38.7 by the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules.

The State Employees' Retirement Board rules are being promulgated under the authority of Section 2 of Public Act 240 of 1943, MCL 38.2. The Rules for the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules are being promulgated under the authority of Executive Order 2005-1, MCL 445.2021. It is proposed that all of the Rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State.

Comments may be presented in person and in writing at the time of hearing. Comments may also be submitted by mail or FAX until November 20, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. Address any comments to:

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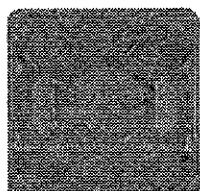
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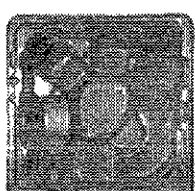
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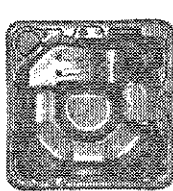
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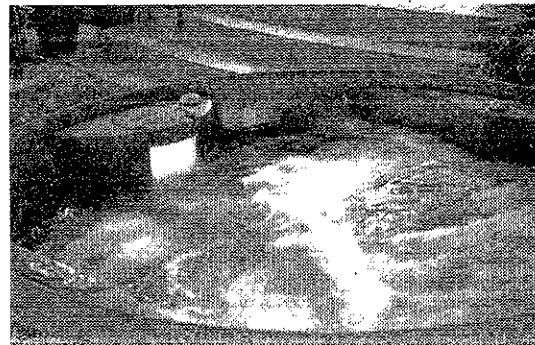
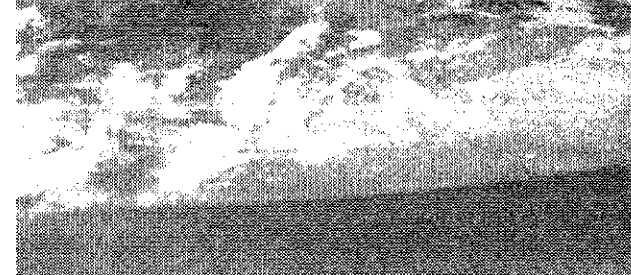
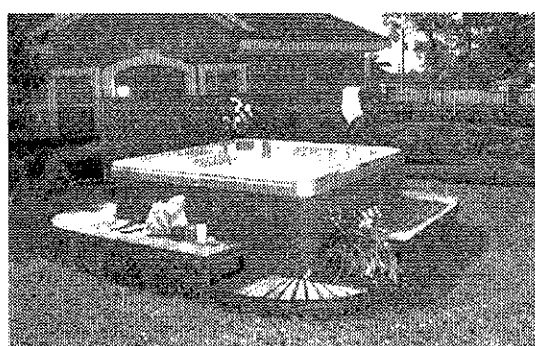
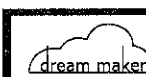


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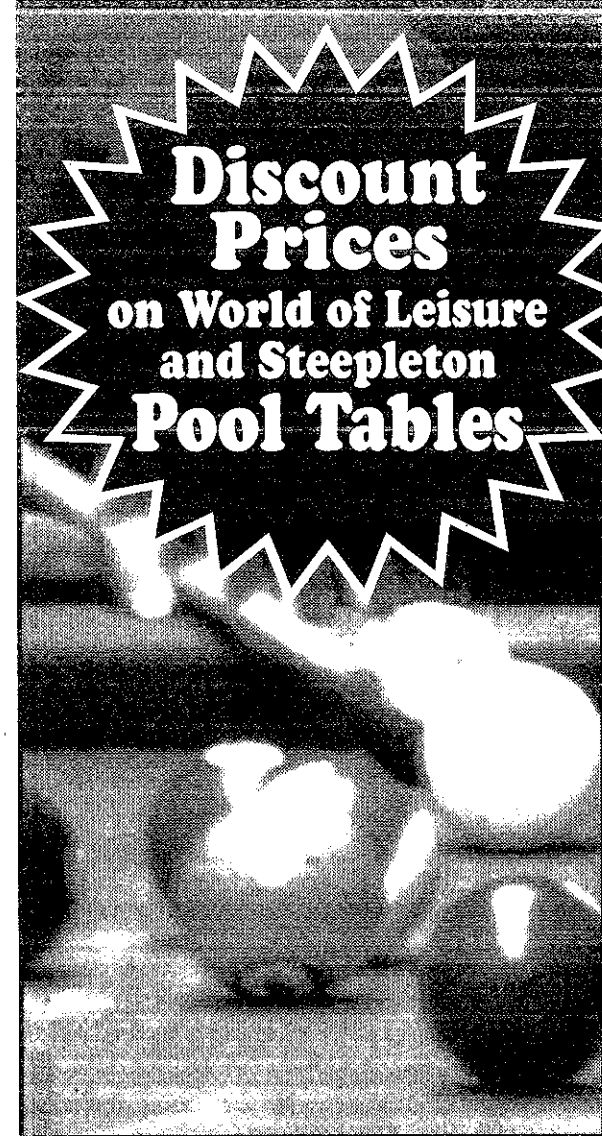
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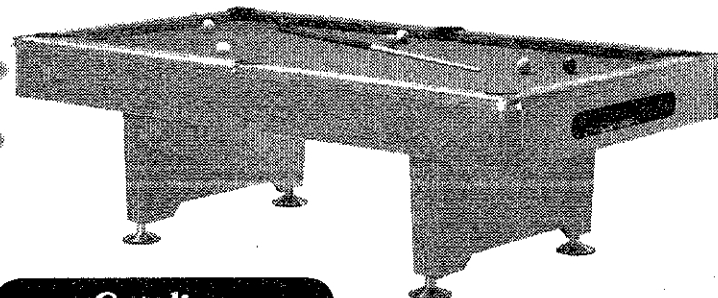
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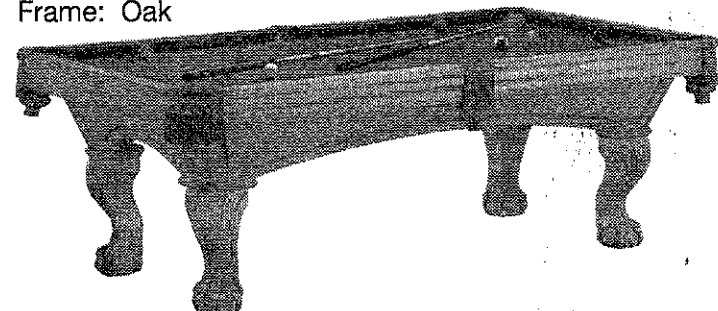
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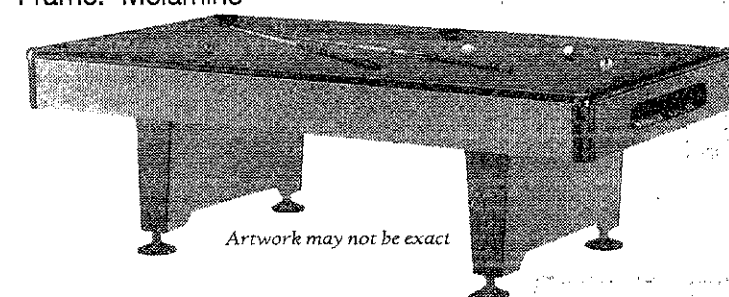
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McCotter keeps knocking for votes in crucial election

This is the second of two stories on the campaigns of the major party candidates for the 11th Congressional District seat. Last week, we ran a story on Democrat Tony Trupiano's campaign.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

With a little more than a week to go before the Nov. 7 election, volunteers gathered at the 11th Congressional District's Republican "Victory Center" on Schoolcraft Road behind Laurel Manor in Livonia.

On a blustery Saturday, the troops made phone calls, labeled campaign mailers and prepared to hit the streets to knock on doors and ask for votes.

But the talk this Saturday wasn't primarily about politics. And the somewhat deflated mood wasn't about the prospects of GOP candidates. The main topic of conversation was the sloppy ending to the Detroit Tigers' spectacular season in the fifth and final game of the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals the night before.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter said he woke up Saturday looking forward to another night of baseball only to remember that it was over and the Tigers would have to wait until next year.

McCotter joined a dozen or so supporters applying labels to his campaign mailers. McCotter is facing a spirited challenge from Democrat Tony Trupiano and not taking the campaign lightly.

The group of volunteers included Livonia City Councilman Joe Laura, several longtime McCotter supporters and a group of young political neophytes in their teens and early 20s.

A YOUNG VETERAN

One of these 20-somethings was anything but a neophyte. Though still in his early 20s, McCotter campaign manager Mark Garrison has been in politics since he was "11 or 12." Garrison, a Clarenceville school board member, was directing the morning's activities like the old hand he is.

"I grew up in Livonia, worked on Laura Toy's races, passed out stuff for McCotter for state Senate campaign," Garrison said. "I've known him a long time. I liked his stances on the issues."

Garrison said he was up at 5 a.m. in the next week, he'll be putting in long hours.

"I function better on less sleep," he said.



U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter helps volunteers Ida Shelly of Westland (foreground left) and Peter McCrary of Plymouth, a senior at Catholic Central, prepare mailers for absentee voters for McCotter's campaign.

Knocking on doors and asking for votes is the link for all candidates, McCotter said.

Garrison is confident of victory.

"It's looking good, we're working hard, getting the message out," he said. "Knocking on more doors, getting mailings ready and out the door."

McCotter's message to the assembled volunteers was short and to the point: "You're working hard and I want to thank you, now let's get back to work."

Next stop for the candidate was the Walled Lake campaign office. The 11th District stretches from Highland and White Lake townships in western Oakland County south to Van Buren Township in western Wayne County. State Sen. Nancy Cassis was there to welcome McCotter and his staff with coffee and doughnuts.

McCotter press aide Bob Jackson estimated that the Livonia office alone might go through four boxes of doughnuts and a lot of coffee every day. It's all part of fueling the volunteers to get out the vote. But McCotter is his own biggest volunteer.

"He's gone door-to-door, constantly walking the precincts," said Jackson. "The object is to make sure they know who he is and that he's working for them. And when there are concerns or they need help, we're always visible and not walled off in an office."

KNOCKING ON DOORS

Knocking on doors and asking for votes is the link for all candidates, McCotter said.

"There is no normal day," he said. "The centerpiece of my

day is to do the job, get absentee mailings out, get signs out, make sure I'm walking on a continuous basis. The key elements of every campaign. I used to do more when I was younger."

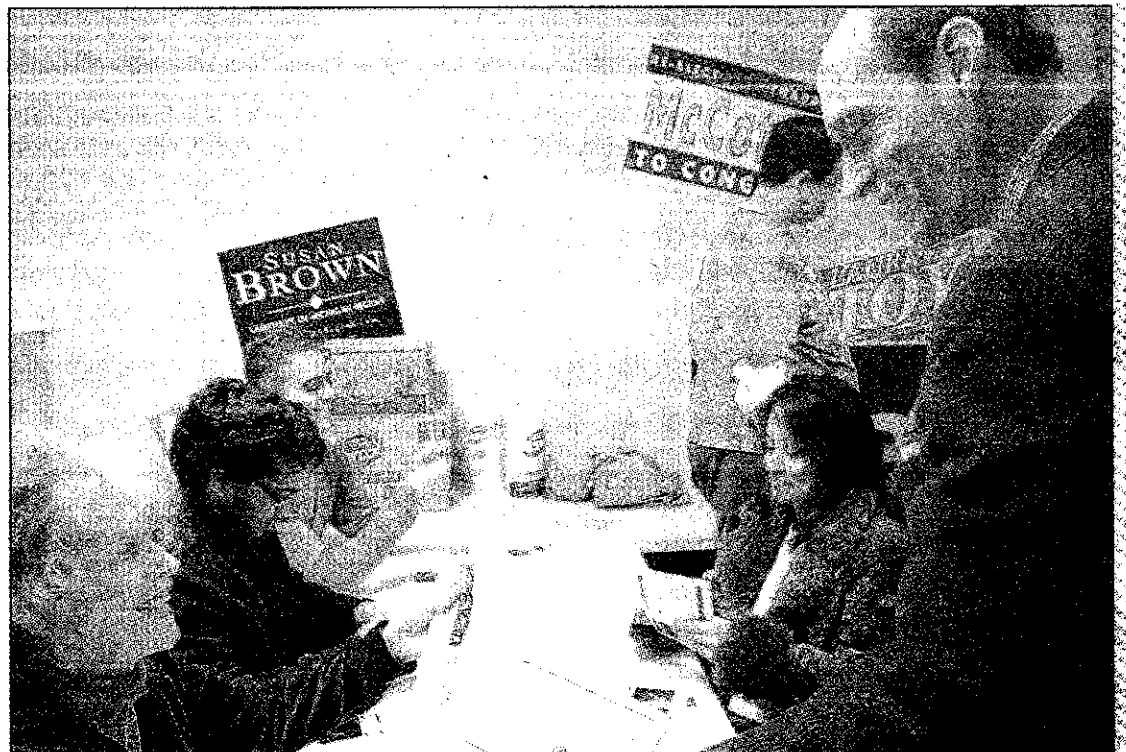
McCotter of Livonia is running for a third term to Congress after serving in the Michigan State Senate, the Wayne County Commission and the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. Nationally, polls suggest that the Republicans might lose their majority in one or both houses of Congress.

"It could change, it will be close for Republicans," McCotter said. "It could be a large change for Democrats. If it breaks one way, we lose a few seats and retain power. If it breaks another way, it could cost us 20 seats."

McCotter, who frequently cites historical precedents, points to the 1950 midterm congressional election when Republicans picked up seats because of controversies swirling around President Harry Truman's administration and policies. The Republicans picked up several seats in the House and two years later, with Dwight Eisenhower's victory, the GOP reclaimed the House, briefly, for the first time since Franklin Roosevelt was elected in 1932.

This year, voters are dissatisfied with President George Bush, the war in Iraq and a series of scandals involving Republican House members. McCotter has been a consistent supporter of his party on many issues but has been critical of the progress of the war and free trade agreements.

"First thing you've got to do what you've got to do. If you don't, nothing will happen," he said. "You always have to represent the district, not a plank in the party. We have separate



PHOTOS BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Peggy Gray of Livonia is greeted by Thaddeus McCotter at the Livonia Victory Center Saturday. Volunteers for the congressman's campaign prepare mailers. (Back from left) Adnan Ahmad of Northville, Mike Laginess of Canton, Campaign Manager Mark Garrison of Livonia and Tara Brackney of Canton.

branches of government, I like the president but my job is to offer advice whether he wants it or not."

McCotter's first taste of politics was when he was a teenager and his mother, Joan McCotter, ran for, and lost, her first campaign for Livonia city clerk in 1983. She won the seat in 1985 and served many years as the city's clerk.

"In college, under Reagan, I got interested in foreign policy and having seen Carter and Reagan ..." he said.

In 1988 he was a George H.W. Bush delegate to the GOP convention. After that he was asked to run for the Schoolcraft board.

McCotter's least favorite part of running for office is fund raising.

"Some people like to do it, I'm not one," he said. "I asked when I need it and they're happy with that."

The walk on Saturday morning (but not too early) was in a middle-class subdivision in Walled Lake. It was rainy and cold. The homes were brightly



McCotter's campaign volunteers prepare mailers at the Livonia Victory Center. (Front from left) Michael Gibbons of Livonia, Jordan Nelson of Novi, Livonia City Councilman Joe Laura and Will Orlewicz, of Plymouth. (Back from left) Ida Shelly of Westland, and Frankie Middleton of Belleville.

decorated for Halloween.

McCotter has developed rules for his walks. Watch out for the dogs. Respect the no-soliciting signs ("They mean it"). Don't put anything in the mailbox. Keep it short - "I'm Thaddeus McCotter running for re-election to Congress. I

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For the next few days, McCotter and Trupiano will be in a dash to the finish line.

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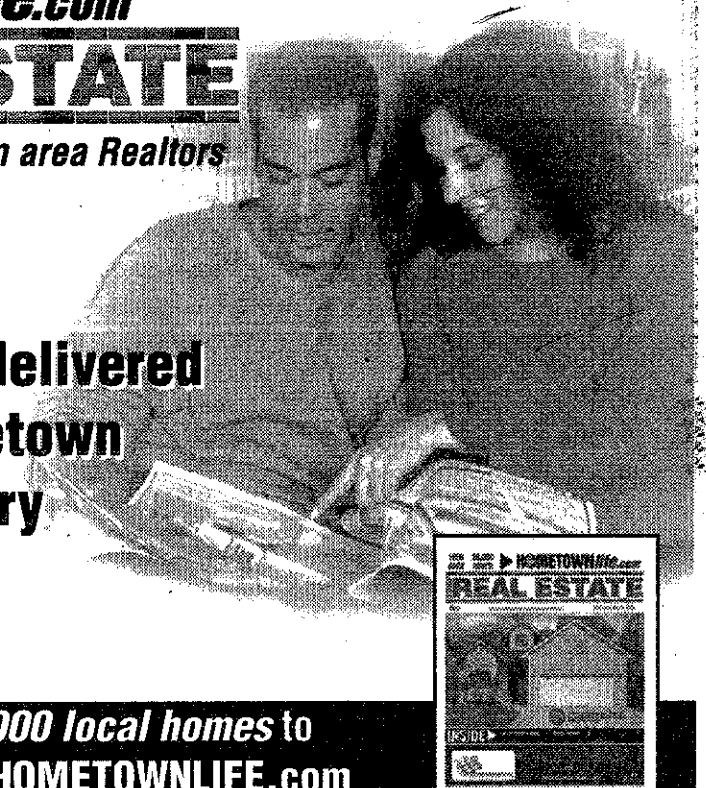
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OUR VIEWS

Granholt's plan is best to move Michigan forward

Michigan has been through a difficult time. While most of the country was recovering from the 2001 recession, areas dependent on heavy manufacturing continued to struggle. Michigan's heavy dependence on the automotive industry has made it the most resistant to recovery.

The Republican Party would like to place Michigan's economic difficulties squarely on the shoulders of Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm. But blame for Michigan's economic anemia has more to do with a seismic shift in the auto industry than in the performance of the governor, who has spent the better part of her first term finding ways to preserve the state's important government services that will be needed to support a real recovery.



Granholm

It hasn't been easy. Granholm inherited a \$1.7 billion deficit from the previous administration of Republican John Engler. This combined with declining tax revenues has made every year a struggle to balance the budget and still meet the state's primary needs.

She also faced an often hostile Republican-controlled Legislature, that often seemed more interested in making the governor look bad than in improving the state's economy. As a centrist Democrat, Granholm often attempted to find accommodations with the Republican leadership. Her opponent, Grand Rapids businessman Dick DeVos, has run his campaign focusing on promises made by the governor that she didn't keep. But the truth is many of those promises are programs that a DeVos administration would never propose. They were proposals that were either defeated by the Republican Legislature or by the necessity of shifting funds to support the state's primary obligation, public education.

Still it is fair to say that Granholm has wasted a lot of political capital in her dealings with the Legislature. She has failed to push through on several of her initiatives and also failed to capitalize on Republican initiatives that she could have used to create a bridge with the Republican leaders.

The governor has been able to find some common ground with the Legislature, and both sides can claim some victory.

Granholm has made strides in setting the right priorities for Michigan. She has done the necessary work in trimming the state government bureaucracy. She's worked with the Legislature to create the 21st Century Job Fund to invest \$2 billion in emerging sector businesses that will begin to diversify away from the auto industry with life sciences, homeland security and alternative energy businesses. Her \$4 billion Jobs Today program provided both jobs and needed infrastructure repairs.

She has made a strong case for public education, again working with the Legislature to increase the education foundation grant and implement a strong high school curriculum. She has also put the state's focus on getting more high school graduates into state universities, community colleges and skilled training programs.

She also has innovative ideas for a health care program similar to the one implemented in Massachusetts that would provide access to affordable health care for all Michigan residents. The governor was right in supporting elimination of the complicated and counterproductive Single Business Tax while insisting that the Legislature have a plan in place to recoup most of the lost revenue. Instead they voted to move up the sunset on the SBT by two years without a replacement. Her opponent has been vague and inconsistent about how much of the nearly \$2 billion in lost revenue he would replace and how. At the same time, he has been critical of the reduction in police officers and other local services, which are paid for by state revenue sharing money. Granholm has proposed a simpler corporate tax that is less payroll-sensitive. By many measures, Michigan's business taxes are already competitive with other states and have not been a major factor in Michigan's economic problems.

Opponents have scoffed at Granholm's "Cool Cities" initiatives, but the governor is on to something. Dynamic urban environments are exactly what cutting edge businesses need to attract the best young workers. Granholm should continue her emphasis on making Michigan's urban and rural environments an attractive calling card to business.

Supporters and opponents of the governor have complained that she has allowed her staff to isolate her from all but a small group of advisers. They also complain that she has been lax in negotiating the right deals to bring business to the state. We urge the governor to take these criticisms to heart if she wants to realize the goals she's set for the next four years. Her opponent is running on the theme that Michigan needs a businessman in charge. But, as Granholm points out, the goal of business is to make a profit and when it fails to make a profit it declines, as the businessmen leading our auto industry have discovered.

The business of government is to serve the residents of this state during good times and bad and to provide for their education and safety, to protect the environment, to promote the state's image and to serve the needs of both business and residents. We believe the governor is the right person to fulfill those goals. We support **Jennifer Granholm** for re-election Nov. 7.



Endorsement off base

I couldn't disagree more with your endorsement of Thad McCotter for Congress in the 11th District. He is part of the problem in Washington – not the solution. McCotter is just part of the team – Mark Foley and his protectors, Tom DeLay and Abramoff, Duke Cunningham and the rest of the crooks. The Republicans have had all the power for the last six years and most people are unhappy with the result. They have been bad managers of our country. Bush can't be fired but the Republican Congress needs to be replaced to put a check on his power. Iraq is beyond words, Katrina is just pitiful, and Bin Laden is still out there.

Between the year 2000 and 2005 the amount of money being sent back to Mexico has doubled, McCotter and his party do nothing to control our borders. McCotter, along with all Michigan Republican congressmen, voted with Bush on his veto of the stem-cell bill. This bill would have allowed federal funding of research using some of the 200,000 unwanted frozen embryos in clinics all over the country. This would have been a win-win for our state helping the drug industry here and mankind. These embryos will never be adopted, but will end up being flushed down a drain. What logic. I'm sure McCotter is a nice guy and treats constituents well as you say, but we need a change for our district and country, vote for Tony Trupiano and change.

Jim Aaron
Canton

Time for change

As a longtime resident of the 35th District Court community, I am writing to share my thoughts about the election for judge of the 35th District Court on Nov. 7. To put it simply, in my opinion, it's time for a change. Jim Plakas should be the next judge of the 35th District Court.

Plakas is a longtime resident of the court community, with impressive credentials and a depth of experience. He has the proper temperament and people skills to handle the dynamics and pressure of the courtroom.

As we know, no one goes to court more than our police officers. When choosing a judge, it is important to me, and I am sure to everybody else except the criminals, to see which candidates police officers support. Those who have taken an oath to "serve and protect" us and our communities should know what is best when it comes to our courts and judges. It is important to note that Jim Plakas has been endorsed by the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM), the Michigan Association of Police Organizations (MAPO), the Detroit Police Officers Association (DPOA), and Wayne County Sheriffs Local 502 AFL-CIO as the best choice for judge of the 35th District Court. The endorsements of these major associations of professional law enforcement officers tell us, from their point of view, Jim Plakas should be our next judge in the 35th District Court.

Our police officers are telling us it is time for a change.

Make no mistake, it is time for a change. I will do my part to help make that change come about by voting for Jim Plakas for 35th District Court judge on Nov. 7th.

B. Jean Carmean
Canton

Letter off base

This is in response to Abe Munfakh's letter that appeared Oct. 26 *Observer*. Mark Slavens will make a great state senator. He made a great school board president. Money is needed for better education, Abe, and we didn't get it from Lansing. It's time for our district to get the funding it deserves. Mark Slavens will be in the position to change the status quo. Don't trivialize appropriate and deserved per pupil funding by likening this to a "cookie jar." It is your attitude that is reckless and dangerous by attempting to mar his agenda and character.

Mark Slavens was elected to serve as school board president. He worked hard and declined payment for his service. Wouldn't that be putting dollars back into the "cookie jar"? Let's be "honest," Abe, Mark Slavens cares and has always had our children's education as his top priority. He won't be reaching into the state's "cookie jar," he'll be reaching into the best arena for change. While the grown-ups work for and vote for desired change, others whine and reach for another cookie. Honestly, Abe, what's your point? Mark Slavens – this Democrat's choice.

Joanne Dommer-Kind
Canton

Yes on Prop. 2

Proposal 2, a proposal to end discrimination in university admissions, government hiring and government contracting, must have opponents with a lot of money, judging by the TV ads in opposition to the proposal.

The ads show white mothers and their daughters warning us that their health could be placed in jeopardy if the proposal passes. This is a deliberate deception and a diversion tactic knowing full well that in California and the state of Washington, where a similar proposal was passed years ago, nothing of the sort ever occurred.

Let's face it – it's all about the University of Michigan. The only university in our state that still uses race as a factor in their admissions policy and they do not want to change.

U-M's reasons may be well-meaning but in my opinion, they are misguided. The voters in Michigan have a chance with Proposal 2, to compel U-M to stop discriminating and become color-blind in their admissions policy.

Janusz M. Szyszko
Canton

Supporting Slavens

Mark Slavens has what it takes to be an effective state senator:

Stamina – Since early spring, Slavens has walked door-to-door from the City of Northville south to the foot of Sumpter Township and east to Grosse Ile in a sincere effort to meet one-on-one with voters. No easy "feet" considering that there are 16 communities in the 7th Senate District.

Leadership – For the past 12 years, Mark has steadfastly advocated and argued for more equity in school funding because our local schools were short-changed under the Proposal A funding formula. He organized three statewide summits which advanced the cause of more equity and brought it to the attention of our elected state officials.

Accessibility – As a trustee, vice president and president of our local school board for the last seven years, Slavens has been there, available and responsive to his constituents.

Veritas – Truthful and trustworthy, Mark Slavens is an honest, ethical and caring man.

Expertise – While serving on the school board, Slavens has demonstrated savvy business skills. The four public schools built during his tenure have opened on time and on budget. Plymouth-Canton Schools has a statewide reputation for doing more with less, thanks to the efforts of employees and other individuals such as Mark Slavens.

Nuts and bolts – Mark Slavens is very knowledgeable about the issues of importance to our families – from jobs and health care to quality schools, safe streets and lower energy costs. As our senator, Mark Slavens would bring a practical, hands-on approach to getting things done in Lansing.

Service – As a state senator, Mark Slavens would provide unsurpassed service to his constituents. Every e-mail or letter would be answered, every phone call returned in a cordial, respectful manner. No request would be deemed insignificant, and no letter writer would be criticized or belittled for typing or grammatical errors, as is now the case, according to some.

Vote for the best! Vote for Slavens on Nov. 7.

Martha A. Trafford
Canton

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Proposal 2: 'Two wrongs don't make a right'

We are the Grumpies, a group of ordinary citizens who write letters to the editor on public policy issues. We include men and women, workers and retirees, the devout and atheists. We disagree profoundly among ourselves on abortion, school prayer, immigration policy and just about every other issue except one: ballot Proposal 2, which would specifically ban race and gender preferences in public education, public



Ray Dubin

contracting and public employment — not affirmative action in general, as claimed by its opponents.

We support Proposal 2 for several reasons. First, we believe that the intent of the civil rights movement was to do away with granting and denying benefits on the basis of race or gender. Second, if minority applicants are less qualified for a merit-based benefit because of poor elementary and secondary schooling or because of socio-economic disadvantage, those deficits need to be fixed where they are found, not patched over by the benefit itself. Third and very simply, two wrongs don't make a right.

Proposal 2 is contested by a vast and well-organized opposition. One United Michigan is a slick, well-funded alliance whose primary undertaking is to confuse voters. It erroneously and consistently asserts that Proposal 2 would end all affirmative action programs. That is patently false.

Proposal 2 would have no effect on affirmative action programs in the private sector. In fact, it will impact only those government affirmative action programs that grant preferential treatment on the basis of race or gender. And in its current radio ad, OUM tastelessly exploits America's recent national tragedies by equating Proposal 2 to the 9/11 attacks on America and to Hurricane Katrina.

Another group working against Proposal 2 is By Any Means Necessary. BAMN is a militant group of national reach whose strategy of bullying, intimidation and failed lawsuits reveals its own lack of confidence in the arguments, such as they are, against the proposal.

In their attempt to further confuse voters, Proposal 2 opponents rely extensively on scare tactics. For example, they falsely assert that Proposal 2 would threaten breast cancer and cervical cancer screen-

ing programs. The language contained in the proposal coupled with the experience in the two states that have adopted similar measures prove this unfounded claim to be unequivocally false. They've also attempted to scare voters to believe that Proposal 2 would endanger girls and boys sports programs. The provisions set forth in Title IX would preclude Proposal 2 from having any effect on same-gender sports.

Through daily monitoring in the Detroit and Lansing areas, we've noticed a disturbing trend emerging over the past several weeks among print as well as broadcast media in their Proposal 2 coverage. The media repeatedly echo OUM's claim that Proposal 2 would ban affirmative action. Any voter is free to confirm that, by its own terms, Proposal 2 would ban the much more focused practice of granting race and gender preferences in public education, public contracting and public employment. Our repetition of this point is necessary in the present circumstances.

We recognize that the press is free to support or oppose current public policy issues; but we expect the press, as the principal broker in the marketplace of ideas, to give reasonable voice also to contrary views as well as to ensure that disputed issues are accurately framed. And so we challenge the press in covering Proposal 2 to return to established journalistic standards of accuracy, especially in distinguishing what Proposal 2 would ban from what it wouldn't.

To say that it would ban "affirmative action" is a careless if not deliberate distortion of truth.

In the home stretch to the election, we Grumpies urge Proposal 2 supporters to write and speak out for balance and accuracy in media editorials, columns, articles, blogs and broadcasts. And on Election Day, despite fierce opposition, we trust our fellow citizens to cast their vote for justice in the only poll that counts. Yes on 2!

The Grumpies are: Ray Dubin, chair, of Farmington Hills; Paul Seibold, of Birmingham; Patricia Alspach, of Farmington Hills; Glynette Wolk, of Farmington Hills; Steve Sutton, of Farmington Hills; Bill Boitos, of Livonia; Marti Boitos, of Livonia; Dan Dubin, of Farmington Hills; Neil Goodbred, of Livonia; Zelda Rose, of Farmington Hills; George Haddad, of Franklin; Thomas Hunter, of Bloomfield Hills; John C. Broadwell, of West Bloomfield; Les Ostrander, of Livonia; and Robert Mack, of Romulus.

Affirmative action is a critical part of the solution to discrimination

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, citizens in the State of Michigan will be asked to vote on Proposal 2. If this purported "Civil Rights Initiative" is passed, it would amend the state constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education, or contracting purposes.

Affirmative action is not the ideal or single means to end the legacy of discrimination and its resultant educational and economical disparities in the U. S.

However, it is a critical part of the solution. The only ideal way to legitimately level the playing field for all Americans is for hundreds of years of intentional inequities not to have happened. Since erasing the past is impossible, Americans must be responsible in acknowledging this past and act to eliminate our discrepancies.

Karen Bolsen

While progress has been made, we haven't yet achieved an equal playing field for all citizens. According to a 2004 report by the Institute for Women's Policy Research out of Washington, D.C., and the Grand Rapids-based Nokomis Foundation, Michigan is ranked 49th in the nation for its ratio of women's to men's earnings for full-time year-round work, with women making \$.67 to every \$1.00 men do. According to 2000 census data for the State of Michigan, the median household income for blacks was \$31,051 and \$46,838 for whites.

But, let's take a look at what affirmative action is and what it is not. Affirmative action is often misunderstood as a strict quota system that governs admission to our universities and employment. Affirmative action began as a policy under the Johnson administration that required government contractors and the construction industry to establish goals and timetables for the hiring of minorities and women. While these orders were established, goals and timetables were often not achieved.

But since the Supreme Court Bakke decision in 1978, it has been deemed illegal to hire a targeted number of a population without consideration of individuals' qualifications.

It is often claimed that race and gender are given preference during selection of university candidates or potential employees. There are many factors which determine college entrance, including residency, family legacy and athletic ability, to name a few. Test scores and grade points are factors that usually give advantage to majority students, due to achievement gaps that exist between students of color and majority populations. This results from segregated communities and school systems. Race and gender,

which are the only factors considered on Proposal 2, have also been used when establishing a diverse population of college students or employees.

Affirmative action is smart business. We operate in a global business society. This is why major corporations and many Chambers of Commerce do not support Proposal 2. Business leaders know that to relate to all of their customers, they must have a diverse group of managers representing all customers.

For example, let's look at Farmington Public Schools, one of the biggest employers in our community. The district seeks to make our hiring pools diverse because we have a student body of every race and ethnicity with over 80 languages spoken in the homes of our children. We want our staff to reflect the students we teach. We make a concerted effort to have a diverse pool of potential hires. If Proposal 2 passes, the development of these candidate pools may be illegal, as would be the targeting of male teachers for elementary positions because they are the minority in that staff population.

Bringing new business to the state relies on potential businesses seeing us as a forward-thinking community, not one wanting to step back in time. Our economy cannot afford to turn away potential businesses from residing in Michigan.

If big business, unions, both major political parties, many religious institutions, the National Bar Association, and newspaper editorial staffs are against the self-deemed "Civil Rights Initiative," then who is supporting the "Yes" vote?

Michigan ranks third in the country for reported hate crimes. As co-chair of the Multicultural Multiracial Community Council for our community, I recently received a report from the state police and the U.S. District Attorney's Office that within the past two weeks, KKK literature was distributed in nearby Roseville. Hate crimes and organizations are rampant across our country. Do we want to set the example in our state of moving a nation forward or do we want to let violent haters think they have a sympathetic ear in Michigan?

It is imperative that we make inequities disappear to "make it right" for all Americans.

The components that will help us achieve equitable education and employment require the continued sharing of opportunities, hard work and determination by all, dialogue to understand our commonalities and differences, and the dismantling of practices that exclude or harm one group of Americans to the advantage of another.

The State of Michigan will be better served if you vote "No" on Proposal 2 on Nov. 7.

Karen Bolsen is co-chair of the Multicultural Multiracial Community Council and president of the Farmington school board.

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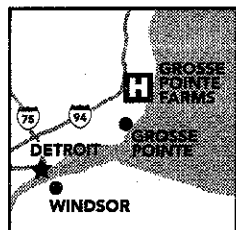
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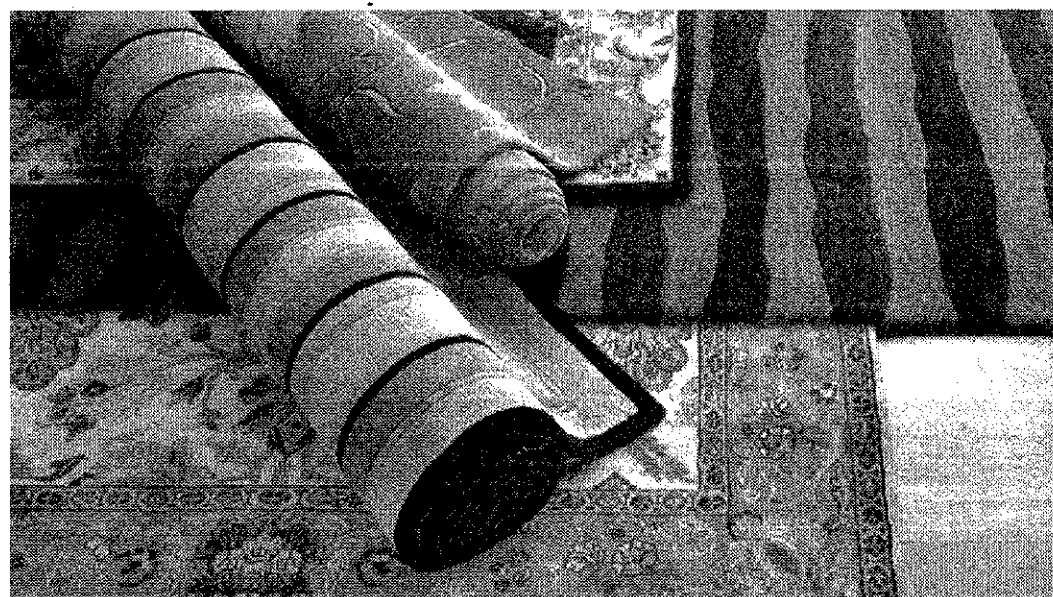


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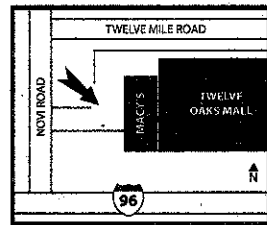


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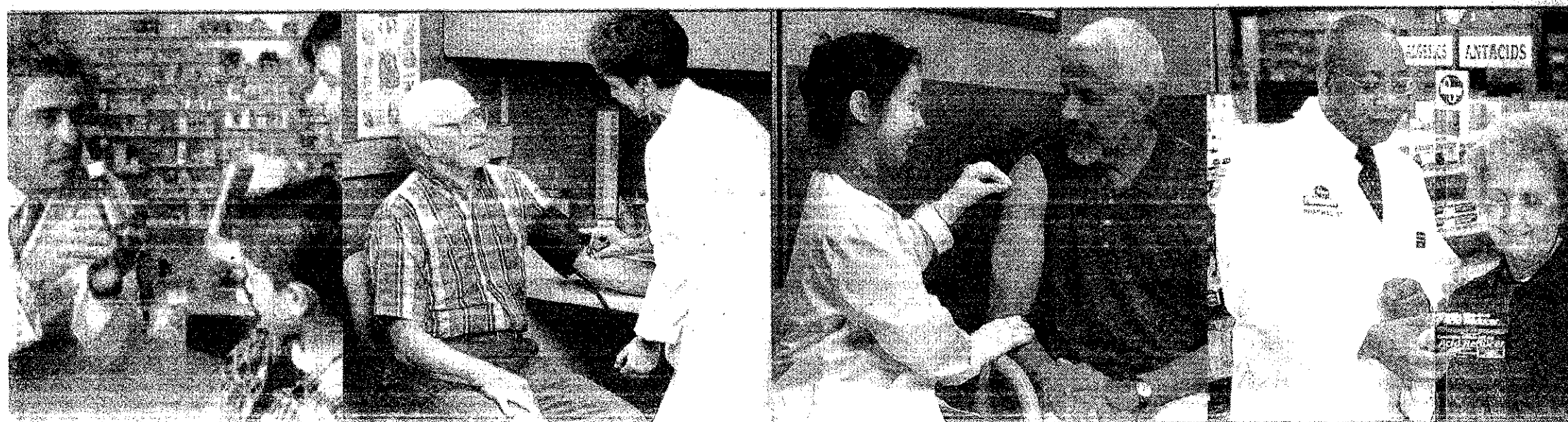
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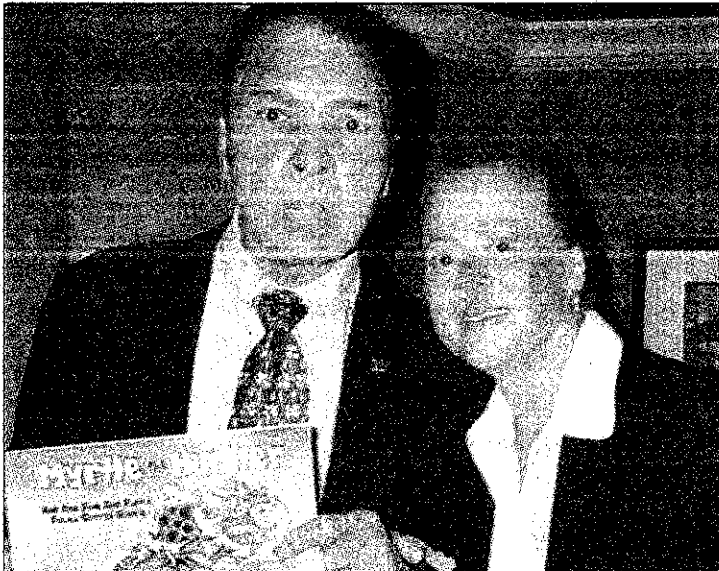
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TKO for Parkinson's or Bust

Former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali pulled a one-two punch at the posh Opus One restaurant in Detroit recently. Ali and wife Lonnie Ali headlined a fund-raiser for Gov. Jennifer Granholm, posing for photos with Democratic supporters and fans. Muhammad Ali also signed a pair of boxing gloves for the Livonia Western-Wayne Parkinson Support Group. They'll be auctioned at the Michigan Parkinson Foundation's 'Night of a Thousand Stars Cabaret and Dinner-Dance' Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Dearborn Inn. The Alis, who live in western Michigan, are involved in a variety of projects aimed at finding a cure for Parkinson's Disease, a form of which afflicts Muhammad Ali. The Michigan Parkinson Foundation is headquartered in Southfield. Ali is displaying a copy of the children's book 'Myrtle the Hurdler' by Livonia writer Marybeth Dillon Butler.

STRATFORD WORKSHOPS

Actors from the renowned Stratford Festival of Canada will lead hands-on theater workshops for kids at Detroit's Boli Family YMCA on Saturday. These interactive workshops are a part of the Stratford Festival's Michigan Residency Project and will provide a glimpse into some essential elements of the live theater experience. The workshops take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and cost \$10 each; \$5 for YMCA members.

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Stage combat
1-3 p.m. (Ages 15-18)
Let Festival actors safely teach you the skills of sword-play and hand-to-hand combat for theater, and discover how actors stage realistic fights.

The Boli Family YMCA is at 1401 Broadway in Detroit. Advance registration is recommended; call (313) 309-9622.

The YMCA public workshops conclude a weeklong visit by Stratford Festival company members.

Circle of Hope Gala raises \$150,000

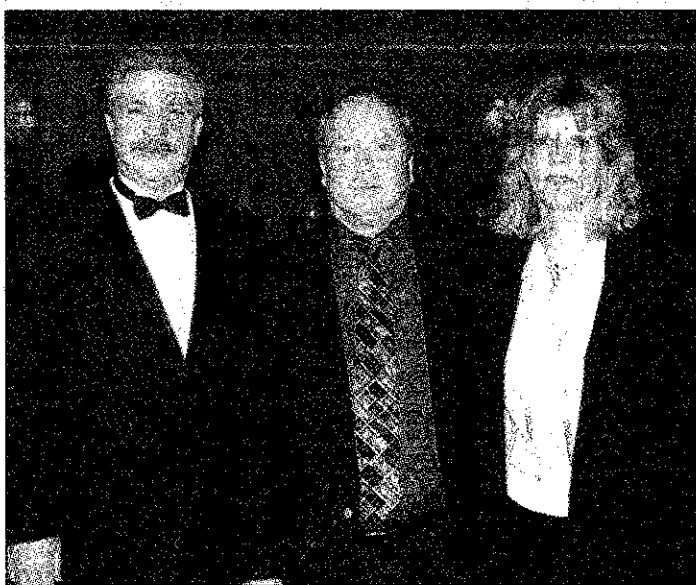
St. Mary Mercy Hospital benefits from Oct. 13 event

More than 400 people enjoyed the St. Mary Mercy Hospital 14th annual Circle of Hope Gala, themed For the Heart, at the Dearborn Inn on Oct. 13. Guests were pleasantly surprised by a trio of singing waiters and entertaining swing dance sounds by the Rhythm Society Orchestra.

The event raised more than \$150,000 for St. Mary Mercy Cardiovascular Services. Proceeds will contribute to hospital renovations in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and new leading-edge technology capable of performing both cardiac and peripheral vascular intervention.

Recognized at the Gala as an example of the life-saving cardiovascular care offered at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, was Dean Gilbert of Westland, a cardiac patient whose life was saved in October 2005 after multiple defibrillations to his heart.

After he was stabilized, Gilbert received an emergency angioplasty procedure to open up his artery and is doing well today. Coronary artery disease is the leading cause of death in Michigan, and thus, there is the demand for expanded cardiovascular



St. Mary Mercy Hospital President and CEO David Spivey (left) recognized cardiac patient Dean Gilbert (center), and his wife Cindy, at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital 14th Annual Circle of Hope Gala, benefiting Cardiovascular Services. Dean Gilbert's life was saved at St. Mary Mercy in October 2005.

services. With this expansion, St. Mary Mercy can save more patients like Gilbert.

"We appreciate the tremendous support of our community in helping expand St. Mary Mercy's cardiovascular program," said Richard DeLoof, vice president, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation. "The hospital is in the business to save lives and make people well, and can help make that happen through the generous contributions of our patrons for renovations and equipment needed."

The hospital thanks its major sponsors:

■ Joyful Heart, \$10,000: Anonymous, Concord EMS, and The Dearborn Inn, A Marriott Hotel.

■ Heart to Heart, \$5,000: Affiliated Anesthesiologists, Greenfield Health Systems, Heartland Health Care Centers, Huron Valley Ambulance, Livonia Radiology Group, P.C., The Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., Phillips Service Industries, Inc., and St. Mary Mercy Hospital Medical Staff.

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Numerous other donors gave \$1,000, \$500 and \$350 donations to support the foundation.

For more information about the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation, contact Katherine Daudlin at (734) 655-2980. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan, in Livonia. For more information about physician and hospital services, visit www.stmarymercy.org.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- October 24, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 24, 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: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as amended, deleting General Calendar Item G-5, Approve MERS Resolution to Purchase Service Credit. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Regular Board Minutes of October 10, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments:** John Nichols, 39926 Edmund, inquired why are political signs allowed to remain on the easements and right-of-ways along Ford Road with the enactment of the new sign ordinance effective date of October 12, 2006. Supervisor Yack stated that according to counsel, the Township is limited on regulating signs on private property to the largest approved sign (4' x 8', Public Hearing or Rezoning) that can be on that parcel. **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 24, 2006**

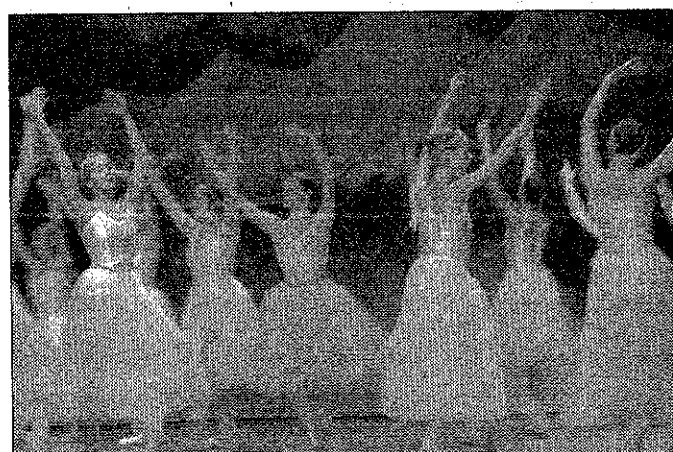
General Fund	101	\$ 318,787.64
Fire Fund	206	74,118.46
Police Fund	207	103,535.57
Summit Operating	208	26,709.74
Cable TV Fund	230	3,515.31
Twp Improvement	246	91,950.64
Auto Forfeiture(wva)	267	5,126.32
Federal Grants Fund	274	800.00
Auto Theft Grant	289	838.56
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	9,010.96
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	295,331.00
Golf Fund	584	69,293.61
Water & Sewer Fund	592	191,151.27
Trust & Agency Fund	701	5,466.00
Construction Escrows	702	22.97
Post Employ. Benefits	736	37,298.39
Total - All Funds		1,232,956.44

PRESENTATION: PRESENTATION OF SENATE RESOLUTION TO OFFICER KUZMANOVICH AND OFFICER FALK FOR AMERICAN HEROES WEEK BY SENATOR PATTERSON. Sue Trussell, representative of Senator Patterson's office, presented the Senate Resolutions. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **Item 1. APPOINTMENT TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.** (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Canton Board of Trustees does hereby appoint Mr. Patrick Rugiero to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors to a term that expires on 8/23/09. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. ESTABLISH 2007 MEETING DATES FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2007 as follows: Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR THE TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Tri-City Christian (3855 Sheldon) Women's Ministry's Holiday Craft Fair on December 2, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST. THOMAS A'BECKETT'S CRAFT SHOW.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs advertising St. Thomas A'Beckett's (555 Lilley Road) Craft Show on December 2, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. ESTABLISH 2007 MEETING DATES FOR THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township's Building Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2007. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. AUTHORIZE BUDGET INCREASE FOR PART-TIME WAGES AND OVERTIME FOR VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL.** (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the increase in Village Theater Part-Time Wages account # 101-760-706-0000 in the amount of \$47,170 for a total of \$181,660 and Overtime account # 101-760-708-0000 in the amount of \$2,500 for a total of \$4,885. I further move to increase Village Theater Revenue Account # 101-000-652-7600 by \$34,000 for a total of \$72,000, and increase account # 101-000-669-7600 by \$96,000 for a total of \$156,000. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** **Item 1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE WAYNE COUNTY TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Traffic Signal Agreement (The estimated cost is \$504 per year. Funds to come from the General Fund, Utilities-Crosswalks, Account Number 101-316-920-0000) with Wayne County for the fiber optic, changeable message school speed sign to be located on Cherry Hill Road, east of Denton Road, for the new Workman Elementary School. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN WASTE TECHNOLOGIES.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the wastewater disposal agreement with American Waste Technologies and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of Canton. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN PURCHASE ORDER NO. 58544 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,985.00 TO NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR CANTON CENTER AND GEDDES INTERSECTION.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to increase PO 58544 to Northwest Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$4,985 (Engineering Services, account # 403-506-803-0000) for additional design and survey work as part of the Canton Center and Geddes Intersection Improvement Project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$55,874. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB IMPROVEMENTS.** (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to waive the capital expenditure deadline of September 30th and award the bid for Fellows Creek Golf Club Siding Replacement to JM Eadah Building Company located at 49311 N Hampton Ct, Canton, MI, 48187, in the amount of \$7,029.61 from Account # 469-900-975-2110. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. APPROVE MERS RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE SERVICE CREDIT.** (FBD) Deleted. **Item 6. SALE OF LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2006.** (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Bond and Escrow Agreement and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents to complete the transaction. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to make the 8,500,000 DDA Bond Funding and Escrow contingent upon approval of the Resolution Requesting Issuance Of Bonds And Declaring Projected Tax Increment Revenues Charter Township Of Canton Downtown Development Authority agreement by the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority on October 25, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION RE AWARD OF BONDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN (the "Township" or "Issuer"),** held on the 24th day of October, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: Caccamo (on Military leave) The following preamble and resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett and supported by Treasurer Kirchgatter: WHEREAS, October 24, 2006, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, has been set as the date and time for opening bids for the purchase of the Issuer's Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006; AND WHEREAS, said bids have been publicly opened and read; AND WHEREAS, the bids attached hereto and made part hereof have been received. AND WHEREAS, the bid of First Trust Portfolios, L.P. has been determined to produce the lowest interest cost to the Issuer. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The bid of First Trust Portfolios, L.P., as above stated, be and the same is hereby accepted. 2. Checks of the unsuccessful bidders be returned to each bidder's representative or by registered mail. 3. The Issuer hereby covenants that, to the extent permitted by law, it shall take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from adjusted gross income for general federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings, if applicable, and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds. The Bonds be and are hereby designated as "qualified tax exempt obligations" pursuant to the Code. 4. All changes respecting the Bonds set forth in the notice of sale published in connection with the sale of the bonds and the notice of sale be and are hereby approved and ratified. 5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as

they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: None **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.** I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on October 24, 2006, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk **RESOLUTION REQUESTING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND DECLARING PROJECTED TAX INCREMENT REVENUES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the 25th day of October, 2006. PRESENT: Thomas Cassidy, Catherine Foege, Tim Ford, Melissa McLaughlin, Robert Ramey, Patrick Rugiero, Mark Waldbauer, Tom Yack ABSENT: Greg Greene, Lisa Grasso, Hazen Hiller, Roger Philippi The following preamble and resolution were offered by Tim Ford and supported by Tom Cassidy: WHEREAS, the Board of the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the "Act"), and pursuant to the provisions of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the DDA approved by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Plan"), has determined that it is necessary and expedient to acquire, construct, furnish and equip certain improvements in the Development Area described in the Plan (the "Projects"); and WHEREAS, in order to obtain the lowest financing cost for the Project, it is necessary that the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township") issue its limited tax general obligation bonds pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended (the "Act"); and WHEREAS, the Authority is required to provide to the Township Board a statement of the anticipated tax increment revenues for the period during which moneys must be set aside for the repayment of \$8,500,000 being the Authority's portion of the Township's not to exceed \$9,900,000 Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006 (the "Bonds") which the Township is requested to issue on behalf of the Authority to finance the Projects; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: 1. The Authority hereby requests the Township to issue the Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000, as part of the Township's borrowing pursuant to the Act. 2. **Acknowledgement of Projected Tax Increment Revenues.** The Board hereby declares that the projected tax increment revenues anticipated to be available to the Authority for the period beginning December 1, 2006 through December 1, 2018, are as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof. 3. **Establishment of Project Fund; Approval of Depositary.** The Treasurer of the Authority shall establish a separate fund (the "Project Fund") which shall be kept in a depository bank account or accounts in a bank or banks established or approved by the Treasurer of the Township, all moneys received by the Authority pursuant to the Plan shall be deposited in the Project Fund. All moneys in the Project Fund and earnings thereon shall be used only in accordance with the Plan. 4. **Payment of Tax Increments to Authority.** The Township Treasurer and the County Treasurer shall, as ad valorem taxes are collected on the property in the Development Area, pay that proportion of the taxes, except for penalties and collection fees, that the Captured Assessed Value (as defined in Act 197) bears to the Initial Assessed Value (as defined in Act 197) to the Treasurer of the Authority for deposit in the Project Fund, excluding therefrom the taxes derived from debt millage and such other taxes as are excluded by the Plan. The payments shall be made on the date or dates on which the Township Treasurer and the County Treasurer are required to remit taxes to each of the taxing jurisdictions. 5. **Use Moneys in the Project Fund.** The moneys credited to the Project Fund and on hand therein from time to time shall be used annually in the following manner and following order of priority: First, to pay to the Township for its payment of debt service on, or to pay into the debt retirement fund or funds for all outstanding series of bonds issued pursuant to the Plan including without limitation the proposed Bonds, or any other series of bonds or other obligations pledging or committing the use of tax increment revenues of the Authority as a source of debt service payments, an amount equal to the interest and principal coming due (in the case of principal whether by maturity or mandatory redemption) prior to the next collection of taxes, less any credit for sums on hand in the debt retirement fund. Second, to establish a reserve account for payment of principal of and interest on bonds issued pursuant to the Plan to the extent required by any resolution authorizing bonds. Third, to pay the administrative, auditing and operating costs of the Authority and the Township pertaining to the Plan, and the Development Area, including planning and promotion to the extent provided in the annual budget of the Authority. Fourth, to repay amounts advanced by the Township for project costs, including costs for preliminary plans, and fees for other professional services. Fifth, to pay, to the extent determined desirable by the Authority and approved by the Township, the cost of completing and remaining public improvements as set forth in the Plan, to the extent those costs are not financed from other sources. Sixth, to pay the cost of any additional improvements to the Plan that are determined necessary by the Authority and approved by the Township in accordance with the Act. 6. **Refund of Surplus Tax Increments.** Any surplus money (as defined in Act 197) in the Project Fund at the end of a year, as shown by the annual report of the Authority, shall be paid by the Authority to the Township Treasurer or the County Treasurer, as shown by the annual report of the Authority, and rebated by each to the appropriate taxing jurisdiction; provided, however, that it is the intention of the Authority to the extent stated in the Plan to retain and accumulate unexpended tax increment revenues until the purposes of the Plan have been met or the Authority declares that it will not require such revenues. 7. **Deliver Resolution to Township Clerk.** The Secretary of the Authority is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Township Clerk. 8. **Repealer.** All resolutions and parts of resolution in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or amended to the extent of such conflict. AYES: Thomas Cassidy, Catherine Foege, Tim Ford, Melissa McLaughlin, Robert Ramey, Patrick Rugiero, Mark Waldbauer, Tom Yack NAYS: None **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.** Secretary I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on October 25, 2006, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Secretary **Item 7. APPROVE INCREASE IN LEGAL SERVICE FEE HOURLY RATE.** (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to increase the hourly rate that Cox, Hodgman & Giarmarco, P.C. is charging Canton Township for legal services from \$120 per hour to \$130 per hour effective, and retroactive to, October 1, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. APPROVE MEMBERSHIP IN MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.** (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to the Canton Township Board of Trustees petition the Board of Directors of the Michigan Municipal League to be admitted as a full member in the Michigan Municipal League. MML dues are \$10,959 a year and funding would be from the 2007 budget General Fund account #101-200-805-0000, Membership Dues. Motion carried by all members present. Dan McCausland, 328 Haggerty Road, inquired what MML's position would be if Canton would want to become a city at a future time. Supervisor Yack stated there would not be a role for MML in this transition; it would be a local issue. Supervisor Yack stated MML is all about cities and Canton is more like a city than a township. MML provides training, resources and lobbying efforts. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dan McCausland, 328 Haggerty, stated in his opinion the Administration Building is being misused with pictures of election candidates with Supervisor Yack in the Board Room. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated there will be no Board Study Meetings on October 31, 2006 and November 7, 2006. The next regular Board Meeting will be November 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack stated the dedication of the Cady-Boyer Barn was at 5:00 p.m. today with approximately 300 people in attendance. Supervisor Yack stated the Alumni Association Leadership of Canton will sponsor their annual Wine and Cheese Charity event at Waltonwoods on Cherry Hill on Friday, October 27, 2006. Tickets are available at the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Market. Director Conklin stated at the Summit there will be a Trick or Treat Parade on Monday, October 30, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. Information is on www.Canton-mi.org web site. Supervisor Yack stated Canton is hosting the Public Service Commission Public Hearing on DTE and other utilities at the Summit on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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Nutcracker tickets

In the long-standing holiday tradition, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company to present the classic fairy tale, Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet," 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. All performances will be held at Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. Reserved seating admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Featuring Eric Sanborn and Laura Goodman, both of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Ballet, this program is one of the only Nutcracker performances accompanied by a professional orchestra. Following the 11am (Saturday) and 2pm (Sunday) performances the Plymouth Symphony League will host the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria. Tea tickets are available for \$5. For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information, please contact the Symphony office by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org or by calling (734) 451-2112.

Park Players present 'Proposals'

Park Players present a show of complicated romances, *Proposals*, Nov. 9-11, at the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts at Salem High School in Canton.

Proposals is set in 1950s, during a summer in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. The story of this significant event through which many romances blossom and many hearts are broken is told by Clemma Diggins, the housekeeper.

Burt Hines is still recovering from heart problems, literally and figuratively. His daughter Josie is now in love with her ex-fiance's best friend, who has

a new dimly lit girlfriend in tow. Throw in a street-wise Italian suitor and Burt's remarried ex-wife Annie, who he is yet to be over, along with Clemma's wasteful husband, this summer is going to be full of broken hearts and new one to be made.

Performances are Nov. 9-11 at 8 p.m. at the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts (inside Salem High School). Tickets are \$8 all shows, all ages and can be purchased outside the upper auditorium at Salem High 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the door one hour before curtain.

Body found at recycling center identified

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Police have identified the body of a man who was apparently crushed in a Dumpster before being dropped off at a recycling center in Southfield.

He was Dennis A. Reed, 46, of Westland whose body was found Friday in a load of materials delivered to the resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southeast Oakland County center at Evergreen and Eight Mile roads.

Reed died of "crushing injuries," according to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office, and the death was classified as accidental.

It appears that Reed climbed into the Dumpster to take a nap, said Detective John Harris, spokesman for the Southfield police.

The Dumpster was picked by a trash pickup service at about 6 a.m. Friday, Harris said. The contents were compacted and subsequently dropped off at the recycling center shortly before noon.

The body was discovered at about 1 p.m. after which the center was closed for a police investigation.

Survivors include his wife Gloria Reed of Westland and two stepsons.

Visitation is from 4:30 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) with funeral services at 11 a.m. Friday at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

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Clerks say voters should be prepared for long ballots, lines

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Local clerks are predicting a much higher turnout in their communities for Tuesday's mid-term elections than what state officials are predicting statewide.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is estimating that 3.4 million Michigan registered voters will participate in the Nov. 7 general election, which would be 44.7 percent of the voting-age population.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett — because of the large number of absentee ballot requests and all the campaign literature and commercials — is anticipating a big voter turnout and expects the polls to be busy.

"I don't think there's anybody who doesn't know there's an election Tuesday," Bennett said.

She said the long ballot, which includes five statewide proposals, could only compound the problem.

"We've had a lot of people come in for absentee ballots. We've had some of them go into a private room and fill out the ballot. It's taken people anywhere from five minutes to

20 minutes to complete," Bennett said. "If people are unsure of what's on the ballot, it could take a while."

As a result, Bennett is encouraging all voters to do some research. For one, she said Canton residents should visit the township's Web site (www.canton-mi.org, click on "voting"), where they will find a sample ballot. They can also find out information about precinct voting locations, and there is a link to the state Web site, which includes additional election information.

Like all communities in Wayne County, Canton will be using optical scan voting machines. Voters will use a black pen to fill in ovals. The machine will indicate if a person has over voted, and allow the person to spoil the ballot and re-vote.

Although the township has used the new machines a couple times, most recently during the August primary election, Bennett said it will be a new experience for many voters.

"If you are a person that only votes every two years or just during presidential elections, this will be a new machine, and people need to be pre-

pared for that," she said.

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said she'll be disappointed if less than 65 percent of township residents vote Tuesday.

"We normally get that many for the gubernatorial and presidential elections," Massengill said. "People in this community just tend to vote."

In 2002, the last gubernatorial election, 62 percent of Plymouth Township registered voters cast ballots. In 1998, the figure was 56 percent.

"Years ago, we used to get 80-90 percent," Massengill said.

Massengill noted she was concerned about the turnout earlier this week as 2,500 of the 4,500 absentee ballots still had not been returned.

"They just started coming back this week, and we have about 3,000 of the 4,500 we sent out," Massengill said. "I think they are taking longer because of the proposals. From the calls I've had, people don't understand how they should vote, if 'yes' really means 'no.'"

The five proposals on the ballot are lengthy, and at times confusing. Which is why Plymouth Clerk Linda

Langmesser suggests voters take time to prepare for Tuesday's vote.

"I would recommend people go online and take a look at the ballot, or come to our office and ask for a sample ballot, so they can be aware of everything they've be voting on," Langmesser said. "That way, if they're not sure exactly how to answer a proposal question, they can do the research ahead of time."

"Election workers are not allowed to help them," she said. "They really need to educate themselves before they go to the precincts."

Like Massengill, Langmesser said she expects a higher turnout than the expected state average.

"Looking at the absentee applications and the number of people calling expressing a desire to vote, I'm predicting a 62 percent turnout," Langmesser said.

That would compare to 54 percent in 2002, and 59 percent in 1998.

Plymouth voters can view a sample ballot online at ci.plymouth.mi.us. Plymouth Township's ballot is on the Web at plymouthtwp.org.

Clerk: Get absentee ballots in early

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett is pretty confident that there is going to be a big voter turnout on Tuesday. She's just not sure how big.

"It's hard to predict. This election I just don't have a feel for," she said. "But based on the number of absentee ballots we've issued, I think we're going to have a busy night in front of us."

Which is why Bennett is asking all absentee voters to get their ballots in as early as possible. As of Tuesday, Bennett said there were still nearly 3,000 of the 7,453 absentee ballots that were issued that hadn't been returned to the clerk's office.

Although absentee voters have until 8 p.m. on Tuesday

to get the ballots in, Bennett's hoping they don't all come in at the last moment.

"If we get a thousand absentee ballots in at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, it's going to be a late night for us," she said.

Bennett said there are a couple options available for people to turn in absentee ballots. They can go to the clerk's office during regular office hours. Election officials will also be working in the clerk's office this Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., so people can drop off ballots. Also, she said there is a drop box at the township's administrative building that is available 24 hours a day. Look for the sign at the southwest corner of the administrative building.

"Please get them in prior to Tuesday," Bennett said.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON:
You are hereby notified that a **General Election** will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on **Tuesday, November 07, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, at which time, candidates for the following offices will be voted on in the Charter Township of Canton.

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- United States Senator
- United States Representative in Congress: 11th District
- State Senator: 7th District
- Representative in the State Legislature: 20th or 21st District
- Two Members of the State Board of Education
- Two Regents of the University of Michigan
- Two Trustees of Michigan State University
- Two Governors of Wayne State University
- County Executive
- County Commissioner: 11th District
- Justices of the Supreme Court-Vote 2
- Judges of the Court of Appeals-1st District-Vote 2
- Judges of the Circuit Court-3rd Judicial Circuit-Incumbent Position-Vote 19
- Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Non-Incumbent Position-Vote 1
- Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Partial Terms, Incumbent Positions-Vote 4
- Judge of Probate Court-Vote 2
- Judge of the Probate Court, Non-Incumbent Position-Vote 1
- Judge of the Probate Court, Incumbent Position Partial Term-Vote 1
- Judge of the District Court, 35th District-Vote 1

and vote on the following proposals:

PROPOSAL 06-1

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT MONEY HELD IN CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES

PROPOSAL 06-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR RACE, GENDER, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING PURPOSES

PROPOSAL 06-3

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 160 OF 2004 - AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUNTING SEASON FOR MOURNING DOVES

PROPOSAL 06-4

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES

PROPOSAL 6-5

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **General Election** will be held on **Tuesday, November 7, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Road
2	Tri-City Christian Center	3855 Sheldon S. Road
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Discovery Middle School	45083 Hanford Road
5 & 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Road
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	Resurrection Parish Church	48755 Warren Road
9 & 34	Eriksson School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Walker School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 Sheldon S. Road
18 & 29	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Road
20	Township Fire Station No. 1	1100 Canton Center South
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	Canton High School	8415 Canton Center N.
26, 27 & 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
28	Agape Christian Center	45081 Geddes
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 N. Lilley Road
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 Morton Taylor N.
33 & 37	Dodson School	205 Beck N.
35	Canton Human Services Center	50430 School House
38	Cherry Hill School	50440 Cherry Hill
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Road

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be opened from **9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2006** for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On **Monday, November 6, 2006**, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than **4:00 p.m.** Emergency absentee ballots **ONLY** will be issued on Election Day, November 7, 2006.

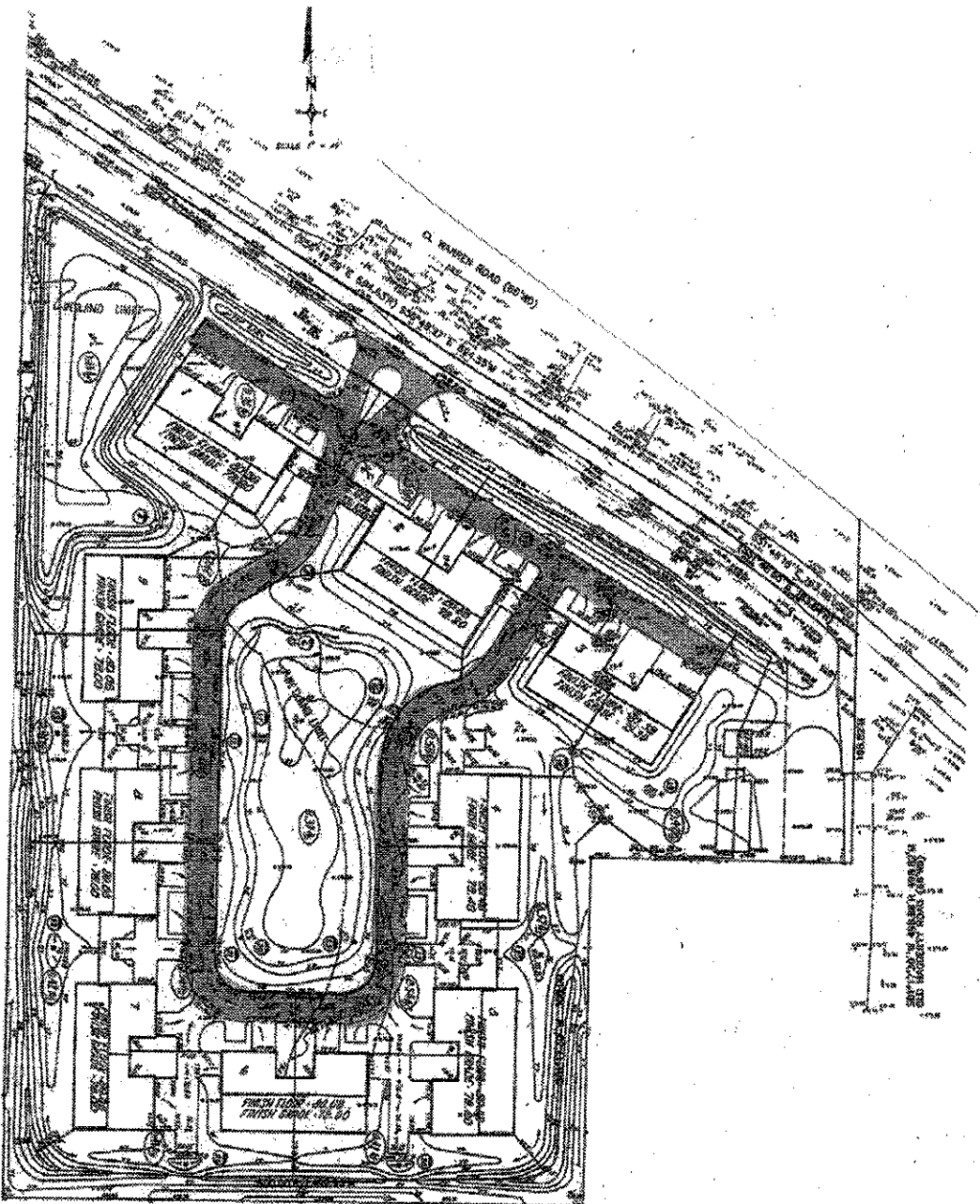
If you are unsure of your voting location, please contact the Clerk's office at 734-394-5120. On-line registration look-up is available by going to the Canton Township website at: www.canton-mi.org clicking on voting; then click on "Voter Information Center."

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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	41-07-0026-000	41-07-0051-000
41-07-0002-000	41-07-0027-000	41-07-0052-000
41-07-0003-000	41-07-0028-000	41-07-0053-000
41-07-0004-000	41-07-0029-000	41-07-0054-000
41-07-0005-000	41-07-0030-000	41-07-0055-000
41-07-0006-000	41-07-0031-000	41-07-0056-000
41-07-0007-000	41-07-0032-000	41-08-0001-000
41-07-0008-000	41-07-0033-000	41-08-0002-000
41-07-0009-000	41-07-0034-000	41-08-0003-000
41-07-0010-000	41-07-0035-000	41-08-0004-000
41-07-0011-000	41-07-0036-000	41-08-0005-000
41-07-0012-000	41-07-0037-000	41-08-0006-000
41-07-0013-000	41-07-0038-000	41-08-0007-000
41-07-0014-000	41-07-0039-000	41-08-0008-000
41-07-0015-000	41-07-0040-000	41-08-0009-000
41-07-0016-000	41-07-0041-000	41-08-0010-000
41-07-0017-000	41-07-0042-000	41-08-0011-000
41-07-0018-000	41-07-0043-000	41-08-0012-000
41-07-0019-000	41-07-0044-000	41-08-0013-000
41-07-0020-000	41-07-0045-000	41-08-0014-000
41-07-0021-000	41-07-0046-000	41-08-0015-000
41-07-0022-000	41-07-0047-000	41-08-0016-000
41-07-0023-000	41-07-0048-000	
41-07-0024-000	41-07-0049-000	
41-07-0025-000	41-07-0050-000	



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 over a 10 year period.

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

AROUND TOWN

Olivet scholarship

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

Piccadilly Square Holiday

Marketplace
Detroit Catholic Central High School hosts its Piccadilly Square Holiday Craft Show and Marketplace from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the school, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi. Admission is \$3. Food, snacks and beverages will be sold.

Breast health clinic

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a Breast Health Clinic 3:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7 and Tuesday, Nov. 14, by appointment only. The clinic will include a complete breast exam by a registered nurse with instruction on self-examination, and mammogram, if indicated by physical findings or American Cancer Society standards. The mammograms will be discounted (\$75, includes exam and mammogram) or free to those meeting criteria. Appointment availability is limited and registration is required; call (734) 655-1159 to schedule an appointment.

Black Cat Ball

Market Place Pets and Last Chance Rescue, a no-kill shelter based in Livingston County committed to rescuing animals who would otherwise be destroyed, sponsor the Black Cat Ball and Beauty Contest, an adoption fair for black and tuxedo cats 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Market Place Pets in the Farmer Jack plaza on the corner of U.S. 23 and M-59 in

Hartland. These cats are the least popular type of cat to adopt and there is an abundance of these cats in the foster care system, waiting for homes. In addition, to the adoption fair, there will be a Black Cat Beauty Contest. Pictures of all available cats will be posted on the wall at Market Place Pets a week prior to the adoption fair, and visitors to the store will vote on the prettiest cat. At 3 p.m. the day of the adoption, a king and queen will be chosen. In addition to the adoption fair, there will be cookies and punch, and door prizes. For more information, call Fran at (517) 552-9306 or Jill at (810) 632-5708.

Vespers and nativity concert

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will sponsor a Vespers service and Nativity concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 3 at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn. The evening begins at 6:30 with a Vespers service celebrated by priests from COCC member churches and sung by the COCC's Inter-Orthodox Choir. Following the service, the choir will sing a concert of Orthodox liturgical and para-liturgical music for the Nativity season and selected Eastern and Western European Advent and Christmas carols. The story of St. Nicholas and gifts for children will follow the concert. Refreshments will be served. The evening is free of charge and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected. For further information, contact Victoria Kopistiansky, director of the Inter-Orthodox Choir and chair of the COCC Music Committee, at (313) 366-0677 or KopistianskyVickie@sbcglobal.net.

Saline Area Players

The Saline Area Players will be performing "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at Liberty School auditorium, 7265 Ann Arbor St. in Saline, 8 p.m. Nov. 10-11; 2 p.m. Nov. 12; and 8 p.m. Nov. 17-18. General admission tickets are available by calling (734) 439-8613, via the Web site at www.salineareaplayers.com or at the Saline Community Education Office. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students through high school and seniors aged 65 and older.

Christmas bazaar/luncheon

The Ladies' Literary Club of Ypsilanti holds its annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 at 218 N. Washington Street in Ypsilanti. The event features handmade arts and crafts, "elegant junkie," homemade preserves, candies, baked goods and more. There will be a raffle of two gourmet food baskets, a sterling silver brooch by Eastern Michigan University professor Larry Newhouse, a wooden plant stand, a framed pair of watercolor miniatures and a stone mosaic birdhouse. Coffee and tea are served in the morning and lunch (\$12) is available 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Genealogical Society

The November meeting of the Livingston County Genealogical Society has been cancelled due to work at the LDS Church. The next meeting takes place Dec. 7 at the First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Porcelain artists

The Dearborn Porcelain Artists host their annual "Victorian Tea and Holiday Show and Sale" 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the McFadden Ross Museum, 915 Brady, in west Dearborn (just north of Michigan Avenue). Heirloom gifts including hand-painted porcelain jewelry, tea services, thimbles, Christmas ornaments and more, painted by members, will be on sale. Admission is \$1. For information, call (734) 721-5030.

Holiday coping seminar

Heartland Hospice offers a seminar, "Coping with the Holidays," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, designed to help anyone who has lost a loved one who is wondering how they'll get through the holiday season. The free seminar takes place at the Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. The seminar is open to the public and will provide practical tools for coping for ourselves while grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information or to register, call bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen, (734) 973-1145, or toll-free (888) 973-1145.

Shopping Spree

In time for the holidays! The Garden City Community Coalition is holding an evening of one-stop shopping with more than 20 home-party businesses. The Home Party Shopping Spree will be held from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Roma Banquets, 32550 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Purchase from a selection of jewelry, beauty products, baskets, scrapbook and card making supplies, children's activities, crystal ware, cooking and kitchen supplies, home décor and more. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes a raffle ticket, food and beverages. Proceeds benefit the Garden City Community Coalition.

Stamp show

Stamps for all levels of collectors will be available at sales tables during the Ann Arbor Stamp Club's 32nd annual Stamp Show Nov. 4-5 in the

Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, just east of Ann Arbor near the U.S. 23 exit at Geddes. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 4 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 5. Twenty-nine dealers from nine states and the province of Ontario, Canada, will operate the sales tables. Parking and admission are free. For more information, call Dottie and Harry Winter, (734) 761-5859 or write to the Ann Arbor Stamp Club, P.O. Box 2012, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

Sommelier Dinner

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 15th annual Sommelier Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Earle in downtown Ann Arbor. Sponsored by JP Morgan Chase, the event features local community leaders who act as wine stewards to benefit the Art Center's community outreach programs. The event traditionally sells out with nearly 300 guests attending each year. The 18 sommeliers participating in this year's event include Richard Biffle, Foster's Wine Estates; Newcombe Clark, Bluestone Realty; Greg Cook, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, "The Ride"; Charles Crone, Comerica; Clay Johnson, Technical Engineering Consultants, Inc.; Kristin Jonna, Vinology; Jim Jong, Key Bank; Barbara Kaye, Dykema Gossett PLLC; Jason Minock, Toll Brothers Inc.; Karim Motawi, Motawi Tileworks; together with local community members including James Cook, Deb & Max Hutton, Jane Lum, Ray Noellert, Hina Papo, Steve Slack and Natalie Surovell. The sommeliers will donate an evening of their time and expertise to pour wine while The Earle staff prepare and serve a three-course gourmet meal. A pre/post party will be held at the Art Center from 5-9 p.m., which will include sparkling wine, a private viewing of the Annual All Media Exhibition and a discount at the Gallery Shop for attendees. The Earle is located at 121 W. Washington in downtown Ann Arbor. For more information on ticket prices or to reserve a table at the 6 p.m. or 8:15 p.m. seating, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

Crafters needed

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

ABWA craft show

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

Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information, call (734) 663-0671.

Ann Arbor Art Center

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th annual All Media Exhibition through Nov. 11. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery2, located on the Art Center's second floor. For more information, contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

Hospice training

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

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

by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

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

Mosaic

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

Moms Club

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

DAR

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

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

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
P.O. Box 30204, Lansing, Michigan 48909
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Land and Water Management Division (LWMD) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. at the Southwestern High School Cafeteria, 6921 West Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan, 48209. The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 06-82-0121-P under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Detroit International Bridge Company, 12225 Stephens Road, Warren, MI 48089. The applicant proposes to build six new lanes (three in each direction) over the Detroit River to the west of and adjacent to the existing Ambassador Bridge, connecting directly into the existing plazas in both Windsor and Detroit. The new structure will be a 102.5 foot wide cable stayed bridge over the Detroit River. The entire bridge structure will be 6,200 feet long, with 2,247 feet traversing the Detroit River, from tower to tower. Supporting structures (piers and towers) will not be placed in the Detroit River or its floodplain. The tower on the United States side will be located 105 feet north of the Detroit River. The tower on the Canadian side will be located 171 feet south of the Detroit River. The bridge will be a minimum of 152 feet above the ordinary high water mark, to meet the minimum navigational clearance requirements for deep draft vessels. No dredge or fill activities are proposed in the river with this project. Once the new structure is completed, the existing Ambassador Bridge will be taken out of service in order to evaluate and make repairs deemed necessary and economically feasible. The project is located in T2S, R11E, Section 4, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the MDEQ's website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIIS, or may be reviewed in the LWMD's SE Michigan District Office, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, by calling 906-875-2071, extension 101. The public hearing record will remain open for ten (10) days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of Part 301. The hearing will be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts. The first hour of this hearing will be an informal question and answer format. The second part of the hearing, beginning at 6:30 p.m., will be a formal hearing during which people will be able to provide comments regarding this project to the MDEQ.

The MDEQ's regulatory authority over this project is limited to authority under Part 301 for structures constructed in or over the river. The LWMD must make a permitting decision for this proposed project based on the criteria found in Section 30106 of Part 301. Section 30106 states in pertinent part, "The department shall issue a permit if it finds that the structure or project will not adversely affect the public trust or riparian rights. In passing upon an application, the department shall consider the possible effects of the proposed action upon the inland lake or stream and upon waters from which or into which its waters flow and the uses of all such waters, including uses for recreation, fish and wildlife, aesthetics, local government, agriculture, commerce, and industry. The department shall not grant a permit if the proposed project or structure will unlawfully impair or destroy any of the waters or other natural resources of the state."

The MDEQ will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Wendy Fitzner
Land and Water Management Division

Date: October 11, 2006

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Monday, November 20th, 2006) Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

Stephanie Goffett C72 5x5

Plastic Tub, Small Entertainment Center, Rocking Chair, 4 Boxes, Household Goods

Larry McCullough D134 5x10

Plastic Tubs, 2 Microwaves, 1 Wicker Magazine Rack, Misc. Household Goods

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction November 7, 2006 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI. 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1993	MERCURY	VILLAGER	SW	4MZDV11W9PDJ61746
1998	FORD	E-150	VAN	1FDEE14H9THB08227
2001	MERCURY	VILLAGER	SW	4M22V11T91DJ07611
1984	MERCURY	G. MARQUIS	4-DR	1MEBP95F5E2653446
1993	PONTIAC	GR. AM	2-DR	1G2NE1433PM556571
2004	KIA	RIO	4-DR	KNADC125X46343261
1997	HYUNDAI		4-DR	KMHVF24N1VU353039
1994	DODGE	RAM	P/U	2B7JB3127RK168162
1994	DODGE	RAM	P/U	2B7JB3127RK168162
1991	CHEVY	LUMINA	4-DR	2G1WL54T3M1115180
1996	CHRYSLER	CIRRUS	4-DR	1C3EJ56H5TN201126

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 16, 2006 for the following:

MULTI FOLD TOWEL AND TOILET TISSUE

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, from our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 16, 2006 for the following:

VENDING SERVICES

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

NOVEMBER

Crafts and more

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

Laugh out loud

With comedian Thor Ramsey at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Tickets \$5, advance purchase recommended. Free child care provided. Ramsey has appeared on A&E network and was a semifinalist in Comedy Central's Laugh Riots competition. He presently hosts the syndicated family-friendly comedy series, *Bananas*. Call (248) 374-5920.

Haiti dinner buffet

At 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.

Monthly dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Nov. 4, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road. Cost is \$10 and includes refreshments. For information, call (734) 261-5716.

Vegetarian holiday testing

At 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 from 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 from 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.

Hymn festival

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church opens its 2006-2007 Concert Series at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, with a very special Hymn Festival led by noted Lutheran musician David Cherwin, director of the National Lutheran Choir based out of Minneapolis, and leader in the use of organ improvisation. Choirs from area congregations will be participating in the event which is open to the public with a freewill offering being taken. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96 at exit 174, Livonia. For more information, call Mark Lohmeyer, music director, at (734) 522-6830.

Singles event

Cards, games and potluck presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, Friday, Nov. 10, at St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. For details, call Michele at (313) 996-8644.

Crafters wanted

Show is from 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. Mail registration fee by check or money order to Community Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 851349, Westland, MI 48186. For more information, call Marge at (734) 729-2578 or Jean at (734) 421-0733.

Bethany gathering

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, is gathering to hear Air Margaritaville play on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Last Lap Cafe, 27758 Warren, Westland. Call (734) 513-9479 for details.

Classical Bells concert

Michigan's premier handbell ensemble presents a Raise the Roof with a con-

cert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The performance also features Choralation and Joseph Daniel, organist. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Groups of 20 or more, call (734) 414-9940. All proceeds benefit the Fellowship Hall building fund. For more information, call St. Matthew's church at (734) 422-6038.

Bagpipe entertainment

During St. Andrew's Day Dinner on 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 from 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. The theme is pirates. There is a best-dressed pirate prize. Pillage the 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.

Breakfast meeting

Monthly meeting for Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Sisterhood luncheon

For paid-up members of Congregation Beith Kodesh Sisterhood at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, Canton Harry Sturm will delight with a concert of traditional Jewish melodies. Members are requested to bring in new, unopened toiletries to be donated to a local charity. For information on membership or to RSVP, call (248) 477-8974.

Hanukkah gift shoppe

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Hanukkah/Judaic gift shop opens from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays beginning Nov. 19 and continues to Dec. 10. Selection includes holiday 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 join in celebrating Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by brass, handbells and organ as well as an audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, one mile east of Beck, Plymouth. Participating choirs are from First United, Our Lady of Good Counsel, First Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal, and First Baptist. Brass players from the Plymouth Community Band led by Carl Battishill will add to the festivities. Admission is free but an offering will be received to benefit a local charity. Call (734) 453-5280.

Messiah

4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at the historic Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodbridge at Trowbridge, Detroit. The concert is performed by the Archdiocesan Chorus and orchestra. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Call (313) 865-6300, ext. 227 or visit www.aod.online and click on calendar.

Blood drive

Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Libeau at (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment of just drop in.

Christmas Hope tour

Featuring NewSong and Todd Agnew with special guest Rachel Lampa, also author Donna VanLiere Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Faith Lutheran Church, 37635 Dequindre, Troy. Tickets are \$18 advance, \$20 at door. Call (248) 627-5800 or (888) 627-5808.

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Bridging the holidays

A program designed to help families work through the holidays and special occasions without their loved on, includes a small memorial 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at St. Cletus Catholic Church, 26256 Ryan, Warren. Winter memorial 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec.

2, at Best Western Hotel, 16999 South Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Come to honor and celebrate the lives of your loved one. All programs are non-denominational. No charge. RSVP requested by Nov. 27, at (800) 770-9859. Refreshments provided.

UPCOMING

Crafters wanted

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

Christmas craft show

Featuring more than 85 crafters 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley at Cherry Hill, Canton. Admission is \$2, under age 12 free. Bake sale and lunch available. Call (734) 981-1333.

Vespers and Nativity concert

Sponsored by the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn. The evening begins with a Vespers service concelebrated by priests from COCC member churches and sung by the COCC's Inter-Orthodox Choir. Following the service, the choir will sing a concert of Orthodox liturgical and para-liturgical music for the Nativity season and selected Eastern and Western European Advent and Christmas carols. The story of St. Nicholas and gifts for children will follow the concert. Refreshments will be served.

The evening is free of charge and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected. For more information, call (313) 366-0677 or send e-mail to KopistanskyVickie@sbcglobal.net.

Education pilgrimage

The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, assisted by CRISPAC (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized. You will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history, politics, and economy of El Salvador. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahike at (734) 455-6474.

ONGOING

Worship service

At 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 Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration fee includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 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 from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Bible and playtime

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

Scripture studies

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

TOPS

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

Learner's Bible study

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

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 1771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.: Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The

church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

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

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Detroit World Outreach

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors.

Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

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

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

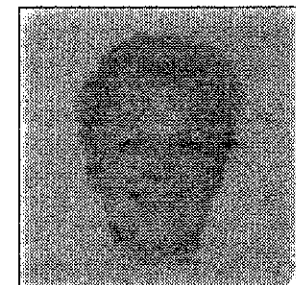
Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, located at 31840 Seven Mile; between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.



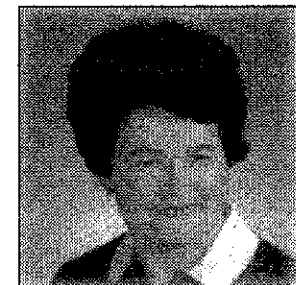
ANNE E. BAKHAUS

October 28, 2006. Age 96. Wife of the founder and former owner of Cloverdale Farms Dairy of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Herman. Dear mother of William M. (Shirley) Bakhaus. Grandmother of Michael. Sister of Freda Gale, Carl Schuster, Mary Alice Beyer and Gretchen Heeren. Visitation was held on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Funeral Services were held on Thursday at 11 am from St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the church or Hospice Advantage.



AUDREY GALLOWAY-BROWER

Age 76, former resident of Redford Township for over 40 years. Passed away in Rocklin, California, October 28, 2006. She will be forever missed by her sons Mike and Rob; her daughters Vickie, Diane, and Denise; her 2 sisters, 1 brother, 29 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and the many friends she touched throughout her life.



CHARLENE EVELYN "Corky" MCCORKEL PARROTT

of Northville (resided in Plymouth for 29 years), died October 27, 2006. She was predeceased by her husband of forty-six years, Evans Parrott. She is survived by her daughters, Linda Aranda, Marsha Parrott-Boyle, Beth Parrott (Robert Hocaloski) and her son Jeffrey Parrott (Toni Staiano), grandchildren, Julie Burns (Bryon), Danielle Boyle, Paul and Joseph Hocaloski and great grandchildren, Megan, Samantha and Cameron Burns. She was born in Burlington, Iowa on November 22nd, 1930 to Nellie and Harry McCorkel. She graduated from the University of Iowa in 1952 with a degree in journalism and public relations. She received her Masters Degree from Eastern Michigan University in Guidance and Counseling in 1971. Corky retired from Farmington School District as a Vocational Guidance Counselor in 1992. She enjoyed many hobbies throughout her life including the symphony, traveling, reading, the theatre, and her grandchildren. A Memorial Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 4th in the Club Room at Main Centre (corner of Main and Centre Streets), Northville from 1:30 to 5:00. Memorial donations may be made to Channel 56, Purple Rose Theatre Company or the Detroit Institute for Children.

JOANNA GAJOWIAK

October 29, 2006. Resident of Garden City. Loving wife of the late John.

EDWARD C. MAXSON

October 31, 2006. Husband of the late Dorothy Bell. Father of Barbara. Further information: Wm. R. Hamilton Co. 1-248-644-6000.

JOHN K. AGNEW

Age 69. Passed away at his home in Englewood, Florida on October 30, 2006. He was a former resident of Plymouth. He is survived by his wife Cheri (Ritter) Agnew, sons Scott (Brenda) and Doug (Sue) and daughters Lori (Bob) Evans and Kathy (Jeff) Senevey. Eight grandchildren also survive. A memorial service will be held in Florida.

MARVIN F. RICHARDS

Lakeland, MI. Age 84. Loving husband of the late Jean, beloved father of Linda (Kenneth) Ebersole, Donald (Sandra) and Brian (Karen), grandfather of four and great-grandfather of four, brother of Raymond. A Healing Farewell Service, 11AM Friday, November 3, 2006 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel (810) 231-0200. Visitation, Thursday, 2-8 PM. Please leave a message of comfort to Marvin's family at 877-231-7900 or sign his guest book at borekjennings.com

PAULA LATOURETTE PEARSALL

Age 80, October 24, 2006. Formerly of Ypsilanti, MI. Wife of the late Garth D. Pearsall. Mother of M. Patricia Fisher and Susan Apker. Sister of Mary Jo LaTourette. Grandmother of Erin Fisher. Funeral Service was Monday, October 30, 2006, Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, MI. Tributes may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by The Wm. R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham. 248-644-6000



PETER JAMES BABCOCK

suddenly October 31, 2006. 22 days old. Beloved son of Don and Peggy. Cherished brother of Elizabeth "Lizzie". Dear grandson of Peter and Mary Lou Davis and Emery and Lois Babcock. Peter is also survived by several loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral service Saturday, November 4th, 2:00 p.m. (in state 1:00 p.m.) at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation Friday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Heency-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds.; just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington. Memorial tributes in Peter's memory suggested to Make-A-Wish Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

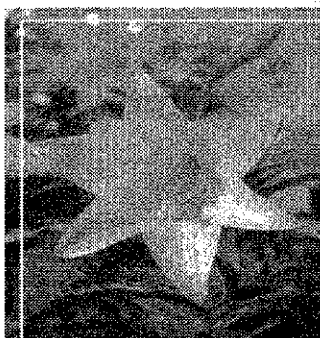
THELMA "BETTY" C. WOODARD

age 76, of Plymouth, died October 29, 2006. She was born October 4, 1930, in London, Ohio. She came to the Plymouth community in 1950, from Kentucky. She retired from Burroughs/Unisys, where she worked as an assembler. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Plymouth. She enjoyed cooking, canning, and making people happy. She is survived by her husband, Earl Edward; her daughter, Earlene (David) Brown of Milford; her grandchildren, Nathan Edward and Victoria Rochelle; and by a multitude of extended family and friends. Services were held Wednesday, November 1, at First Baptist Church, Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



SHIRLEY ANN WEAVER

Age 75, of Port Charlotte, Florida, died Saturday, October 28, 2006, at Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte. Born July 28, 1931, in Detroit, Michigan, Shirley, a retired public educator and counselor, moved with companion Barbara Sowers to Charlotte County in 1989 from Livonia, Michigan. Shirley, an avid golfer and sport enthusiast, was greatly loved by all. She is survived by Barbara Sowers of Port Charlotte, loving companion of 45 years; and cousin, Bruce Paasse of Englewood, FL. Memorial services will be held in Port Charlotte and Livonia, Michigan, at a later date. Burial will be in Detroit, Michigan. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care 5955 Rand Boulevard Sarasota, FL 34238. Arrangements by Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory, Punta Gorda Chapel. Friends may visit online to sign the guest book and extend condolences to the family www.robersonfh.com



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9 candidates seek seats on Michigan State University board

There are two, eight-year seats on the Michigan State University Board of Trustees open on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The following biographical information was provided by the League of Women Voters of the candidates.

Incumbent MSU trustee Republican **Dee Cook** received a bachelor's degree from MSU and is the president of the Greenville Board of Education, a founder of the Montcalm Community College Citizen Committee, a trustee of the Detroit College of Business, a member of the MSU Foundation, a member of the Wharton Center Performing Arts Council and chair of two differ-

ent MSU capital campaigns.

Incumbent trustee Republican **David Porteous** is also the chairman of the MSU board, a member of the MSU College of Law Board of Trustees, a member of the Huntington National Bank Board of Directors. He is a graduate of MSU and the Cooley Law School who works as an attorney in private practice specializing in corporate and municipal law and government relations.

Democrat **Paylene Owen** is the founder of Mica Corp., marketing director for Village Green, director of Special Projects for Gov. James Blanchard and chair of the Sparrow Hospital Foundation. She is on the Board of Child Abuse Prevention

and MSU Safe Place. She is also the president of the Royal Oak PTA.

Democrat **George Perles** coached the Pittsburgh Steelers to four Super Bowl wins and is the former head coach of the MSU football team and the school's former athletic director. This is the former Army vet's first run at political office.

Green Party candidate **Lauren Elizabeth Spencer** is currently attending the school as a social relations major working toward a career as a civil rights attorney. She participates in the Multiracial Identity Experience, the Case Hall Black Caucus, the Students for Choice and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups.

U.S. Taxpayer Party candidate **Robert Gale** attended Macomb Community College and MSU. He is a self-employed businessman in management and finance.

Libertarian candidate **J.P. Denoyer** is a computer programming student who has run twice for Ann Arbor City Council.

Libertarian candidate **David Raadlaub** is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State Law School.

Natural Law Party candidate and party secretary **Katherine Dern** is a senior systems analyst project leader with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan.

9 seek election to University of Michigan Board of Regents

Voters statewide get to decide who will sit on the governing boards of the University of Michigan on Nov. 7. There are two eight-year seats up for grabs in this election.

The following biographical information on the candidates for the board was generated by the League of Women Voters.

Republican **David Brandon** has been the chairman and CEO of Domino's Pizza and used to be the chairman, CEO and president of Valassis. He is a U-M graduate and has been a regent since 1998.

Republican **Susan Brown** has served

on the U-M President's Advisory Board and currently serves on the boards of the school's Museum of Art and the Ford School of Public Policy. She has been a trustee of Kalamazoo College, founder and president of the Kalamazoo Historic Conservancy for the Preservation of Art and a member of the Kalamazoo College Women's Council, and Junior League.

Democrat **Julia Donovan Darlow** is a lawyer in international law and has been president of the Michigan State Bar, chair of the Michigan Supreme Court Gender Bias Task Force, a member of the State Officers'

Compensation Commission, a trustee of Marygrove College, on the executive committee of Detroit Medical Center, chair of Hutzel Women's Hospital and a founding trustee of the Michigan Women's Foundation.

Incumbent Democrat **Kathy White** is a graduate of Princeton University, the University of Washington School of Law and the George Washington University Law School. She is a law professor at Wayne State University, registered patent attorney, White House Fellow, Fulbright Senior Scholar, vice president of the Fulbright Association, Intellectual

Property counsel for the U.S. Corps of Engineers and U.S. Army Judge Advocate General reservist.

Green Party Candidate **Edward Morin** has a bachelor's degree from Maryknoll, a master's from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from Loyola University. He has 30 years' experience teaching at the college level in five different universities, including U-M.

Libertarian Party Candidate **James Lewis Hudler** got his associate's degree from Jackson Community College, a bachelor's and graduate work from U-M, Eastern Michigan

University and Michigan State University. He is the alumnus adviser to the College Libertarians at U-M.

Libertarian **Eric L. Larson** has a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from U-M as well as a master's degree from the University of Iowa. He works for Anesthesia Medical Consultants in Grand Rapids.

Natural Law Party Candidate **Valerie Hilden** is an interior designer with an associate's degree in applied science from Baker Business college.

U.S. Taxpayer Party candidate **Karen Adams** did not respond to the survey.

2 seats are open on Wayne State board

Voters around the state will have a chance to choose two eight-year members of the Wayne State University Board of Governors on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The following biographical information appears courtesy of the League of Women Voters.

Democrat **Debbie Dingell** is a graduate of Georgetown University and has worked for General Motors for 29 years.

Incumbent Democrat **Eugene Driker** received a bachelor's degrees from WSU and was the first graduate of the Attorney General's Honors Program. He is the winner of the McCree Award for Social Justice.

Green Party candidate **Margaret Guttshall** is a 2003 graduate of WSU with a master's degree in library science and works in the school's law library.

Green Party Candidate

Michael Merriweather is a WSU student in media arts and a member of M.E.C.A.W.I., the S.D.S. and is a volunteer with Free Detroit.

U.S. Taxpayer candidate **Philip Johnson** has a bachelor's degree in political science and constitutional law, an MBA in international business and a ScD in computer science.

U.S. Taxpayer candidate **Robert Ban Bemmelen** has a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Michigan. He has worked as a pharmacist for 34 years.

Libertarian Party Candidate **Thomas Jones** is a citizen and elector.

Libertarian candidate **Thomas Jones** and Natural Law candidate **Tara Stegner** did not respond for the survey.

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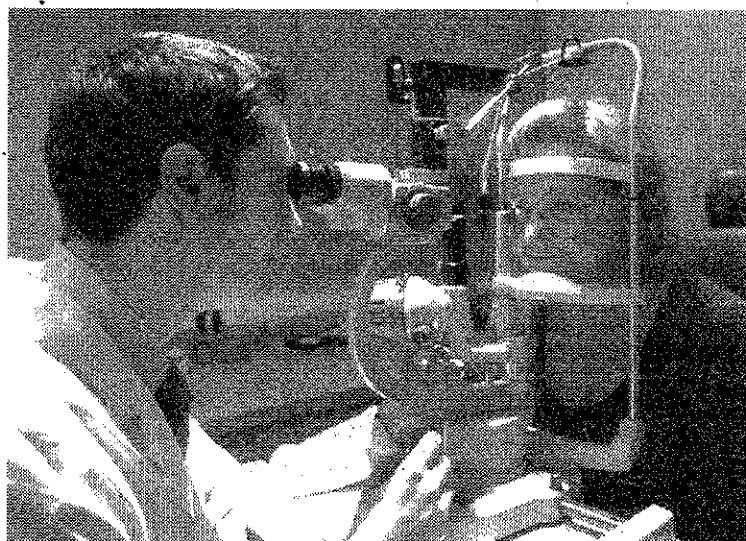
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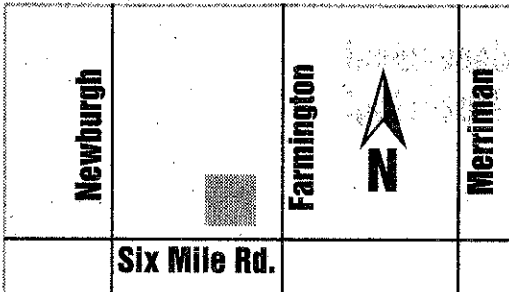
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SPORTS

Blast-off: Ignition to open against defending champs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It won't take long for the new kid on the Major Indoor Soccer League block to gauge how far it has come since it was established 10 months ago — and how far it has to go to become a title contender.

On Saturday at 7:35 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena, the Detroit Ignition will play its inaugural regular-season MISL game against the Baltimore Blast, the defending league champion.

While the match is just the first of 30 regular-season contests for Detroit, a strong showing against the MISL's reigning titleist would go a long way toward igniting some much-needed, early-season momentum for the first-year franchise.



Pulisic

"It will definitely be a challenge starting off against the team that won it all last year," said Ignition coach Mark Pulisic. "But it's a challenge I'm ready for and I know the guys are ready for too."

The Ignition capped a successful pre-season schedule this past weekend when they went 3-0-1 at the MISL Pre-season Tournament held in Melrose Park, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. The team's 14-7 victory over the Milwaukee Wave on Sunday capped its pre-season record at 4-0-1.

"The wins and losses weren't the most important things for us in the pre-season," said Pulisic. "More than anything, it gave us

a chance to look at the guys who were still trying out for the team and it gave the team a chance to play together against competition other than what they've faced while training the past month.

"While it was nice to have success like we did, we know everything changes once the regular season starts. The pressure mounts when the games start to count in the standings."

Pulisic said fans who will be attending their first professional indoor soccer league game Saturday are in for a treat.

"Probably the most appealing thing for first-time fans will be how close they are to the action," said Pulisic. "The way Compuware Arena is laid out is perfect for

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THE WAIT IS OVER

■ **What:** Detroit Ignition's Inaugural Major Indoor Soccer League game;

■ **Who:** Ignition vs. defending MISL champion Baltimore Blast;

■ **When:** Saturday, 7:35 p.m.;

■ **Where:** Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township;

■ **How they're doing:** The Ignition completed an ultra-successful pre-season by racking up a 4-0-1 record.

■ **Key players:** Among the marquee names on the home team's roster are F Jamar Beasley and GK Sanaldo. Ignition players with local ties include D Droo Callahan (Brighton), D Nate Craft (Royal Oak) and M Ryan Mack (Birmingham).

Reliable Rock

Two-sport star Kurtz has a knack for coming through in the clutch

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As busy as Salem's Lauren Kurtz is with school work, sports and all the other extracurricular activities that go along with being a high school senior, she still took the time to put on a free clinic Sept. 12.

The topic of the clinic was "How to Rebound a Basketball" and it was held in the Farmington Hills Mercy gymnasium during the Rocks' game against the Marlins.

Unfortunately, those who could have learned the most from Kurtz's clinic — the Mercy players — couldn't take notes because they were too busy trying to keep Kurtz from snaring practically every rebound that bounced off the rim and backboard that night.

When the game was over, the 5-foot-11 forward had hauled in an amazing 23 rebounds — a number that would make even



Ben Wallace envious.

"When I found out how many I had, I was kind of surprised," admitted the humble Kurtz.

Salem coach Fred Thomann wasn't the least bit shocked by his reliable forward's stat line.

"She's one of the best rebounders I've seen here," said Thomann, who has witnessed a lot during his 20-plus years of coaching girls basketball at Salem. "She has nice long arms and she anticipates where the ball is going. Lauren is relentless. She goes to the glass every trip down the court. It's part of her make-up."

"I've learned a lot about rebounding from Fred," Kurtz said. "He always tells us to box out, jump as high as we can and get our elbows out."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior Lauren Kurtz has been a contributor to the Rocks varsity basketball team for the past three seasons. She's also a standout volleyball player.

Taylor-made

Langham's 20 lead Rocks to win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Like Charlie Brown learned long ago — and Plymouth's girls basketball team found out Tuesday night — the combination of Rocks and Halloween can make for a frustrating evening.

In a Western Lakes Activities Association first-round tournament game, host Salem (16-2) overcame a one-point halftime deficit to run past the Wildcats, 44-32, and extend its winning streak to 13.

Salem will host Livonia Franklin (14-4) tonight at 7 p.m. in a WLAA semifinal contest. Plymouth, which handed the Rocks their most recent setback way back on Sept. 19, slipped to 7-11.

On a night famous for the distribution of candy, Salem senior guard Tayler Langham turned in a sweet performance for the winners, netting 20 points, six rebounds and three steals.

"Tayler has played absolutely great basketball the past eight to 10 games," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She's been taking the ball to the rim, finishing and playing very good defense. She's been outstanding for us."

The Rocks also received strong efforts from Alaya Mitchell (nine points and three steals) and Lauren Kurtz (seven points, seven rebounds and two steals).

Plymouth was paced by sophomore guard Kelsi Robinson (13 points) and freshman forward Stacey Klonowski, who added 11.

"I thought the number one thing we had to do to be successful against Salem was limit our turnovers that would lead to transition scoring opportunities for them," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We did that the first half, but not in the second."

Plymouth led 19-15 in the waning seconds of the first half when Mitchell drained a long triple to cut the Rocks' halftime deficit to 19-18. Salem scored the first four points of the third quarter and never trailed again.

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Division 1 Prep Football Playoffs: Round 2

Sharp corners

No task is too tough for Chiefs' fearless cornerbacks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Yes, the roadrunner-like 4.6 speed comes in handy for Chris Bogdanski and Chris Woudstra on Friday evenings in the fall between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

So does their ability to backpedal as fast as most wide receivers can run forward.

And their knack for being able to cut sharply at 90-degree angles like well-tuned Porsches.

But the commodity that may be the most valuable to Canton's

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GROUND BATTLE

■ **What:** Division 1 District football final;

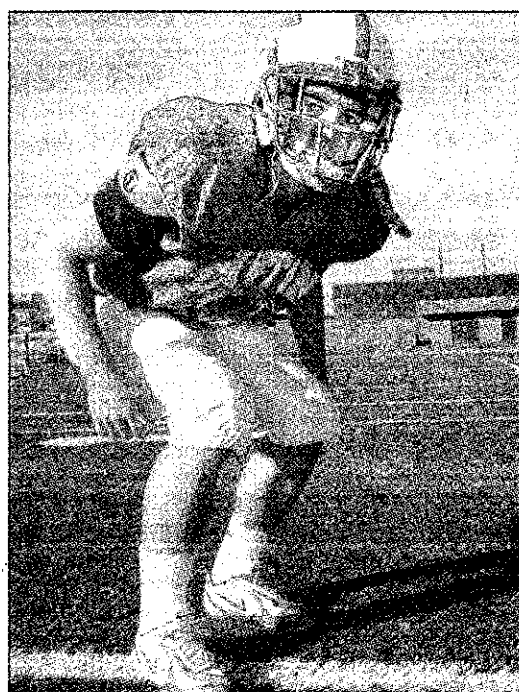
■ **Who:** South Lyon (9-1) at Canton (10-0);

■ **When:** Friday, 7 p.m.

■ **Where:** P-CEP varsity football stadium;

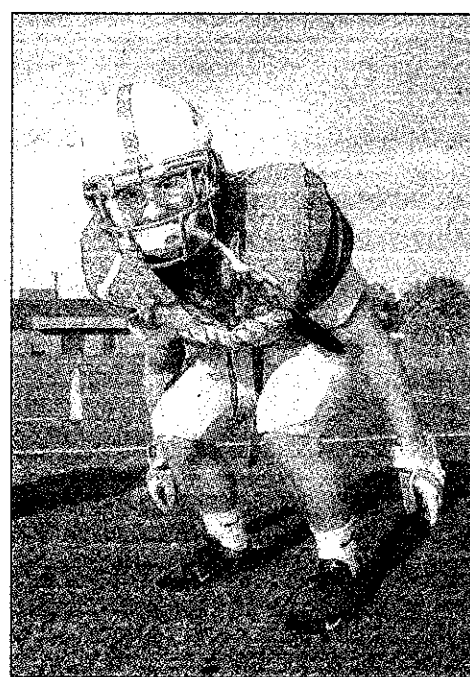
■ **Tickets:** Can be purchased in advance Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Canton Athletics Department office, which is located in Canton's Phase III;

■ **Who to watch:** Both teams' offenses are rushing-heavy. South Lyon's Wing-T attack is paced by junior Ian McGee and senior Marty Rochowiak. Grounding out yards for the Chiefs fullhouse-T will be Deshon McClendon, Nick Moores and Antwaun Hawkins, among others.



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Senior Chris Woudstra makes up one-half of Canton's dangerous cornerback combination.



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Senior Chris Bogdanski teams with Chris Woudstra to give Canton's football team a pair of solid cornerbacks.

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CORNERBACKS

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pair of starting cornerbacks is a non-physical one that can't be measured by a stopwatch or a tape measure.

"Probably the most important thing to being a good cornerback is that you have to have confidence in yourself and you have to have an attitude," said Bogdanski. "You have to be a bad guy out there and think you're the best player on the field."

"Cornerback is probably the hardest position on the field to play so you have to believe in your ability," agreed Woudstra. "The guys we're covering are fast, they're usually taller than us and they're running forward while we're back-pedaling. It's a challenging position, but I love it."

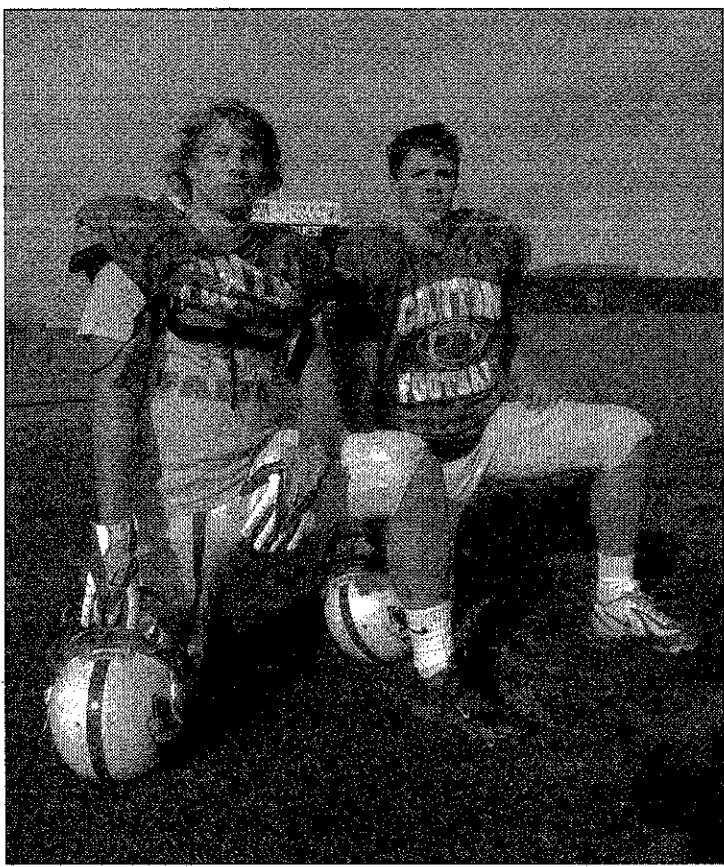
And they both excel at it. Despite less-than-imposing size — Woudstra is listed at 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds; Bogdanski at 5-6, 165 — Canton's two Chrises started every game as juniors during the team's run to the Division 1 state title game in 2005. This year, they've played huge roles in the Chiefs' 10-0 start and four shutouts.

Bogdanski turned in a pivotal play in the Division 1 semifinal game against Macomb Dakota that helped pave the Chiefs' trip to Ford Field the following week. With his team trailing 14-7 late in the second quarter, the lightning-quick corner cut in front of a Dakota receiver's 10-and-out pattern, stretched his 5-6 frame as much as he could and picked off a James Stallons pass while sliding out of bounds.

"A few plays later, our offense scored to tie it up and we went on to win it in the second half," he said. "That's definitely the biggest play I've made so far."

Both players attribute their success to a pair of factors: daily two- to three-hour workouts during the steamy summer months and the knowledge that Canton defensive backs coach Dave Smilo has passed on to them.

"I ran about a 5.3 (40-yard dash) my freshman year."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's football team relies on a pair of Chrises — Bogdanski (left) and Woudstra — to shut down opponents' passing attacks.

Woudstra remembered, groaning. "But after the season I got into the off-season workout program they have here and that helped a lot. The next summer, Chris and I worked out — running and lifting weights — about two or three hours every day."

The hard work paid off for Woudstra, whose strength and speed improved rapidly heading into his sophomore season. Then misfortune struck like a crunching blind-side block.

"I broke my wrist during a pre-season scrimmage just before the JV season was about to start and I missed the whole season," Woudstra said. "It was definitely frustrating sitting out and watching everybody else playing and having fun, but I also learned how much I love the sport."

Bogdanski said Smilo's expertise has paid huge dividends.

"Coach Smilo played the position in college and in the pros, so he knows everything there is to know about the right technique to use," said Bogdanski.

"He's taught us how to plant

and stick, how to stay low while we're back-pedaling, everything," he said.

Both players admitted they get a rush out of knocking down passes and picking off passes.

But they agreed that they get the most satisfaction on plays when the ball stays on the ground.

"There's nothing quite like making a big tackle on a fourth-and-one or a third-and-one and getting the defense off the field," Bogdanski said.

"I'd have to say making a big tackle is my favorite thing to do, too," Woudstra said.

What's going through Woudstra's mind when he realizes that the ball is spiraling toward him and the receiver as they race stride-for-stride down the sideline or across the middle of the field?

"When the ball's in the air, I know it's between me and the receiver," he said. "I'm smaller than most guys so I know I have to outjump him and I have to want it more than he does."

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Chief cagers derail Knights, 39-20

Walled Lake Northern got Martin-ized Tuesday night at Canton in the opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball conference tournament.

Canton junior center Marie Martin scored 11 points and hauled down four rebounds to lead the Chiefs to a decisive 39-20 first-round victory over the visiting Knights (3-15). Canton will now take its 16-2 record into tonight's semi-final home game against Walled



Marie Martin

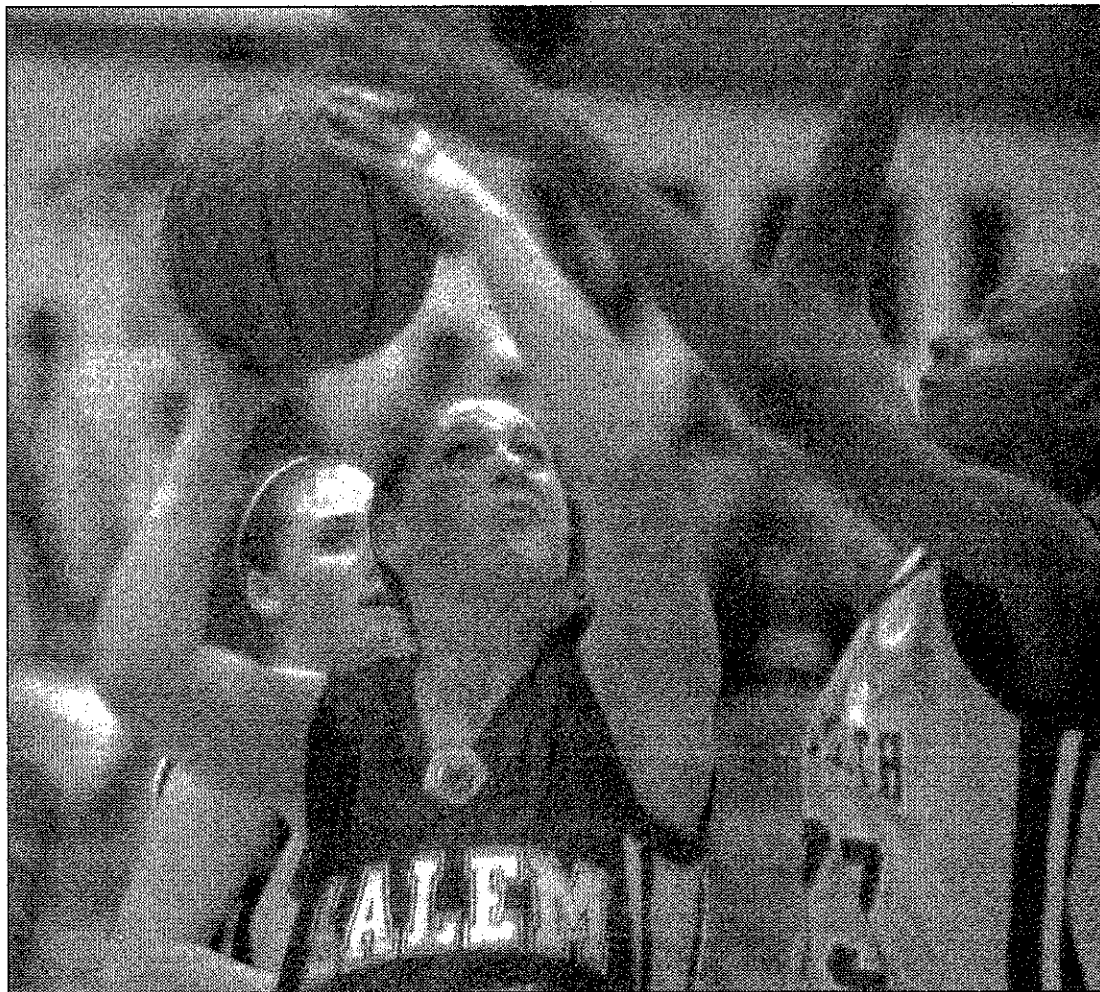
(nine points), Baylee Hollowell (eight) and Becci Houdek, who netted six points and eight assists. Whitney Tower-Woods paced the Knights with 11

points.

"I thought we came out and defended well," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, whose team led 23-5 at the intermission. "Marie had a nice game. A few times whoever was guarding her would help out on Baylee and when that happened we did a good job of getting Marie the ball."

Both teams made 6-of-9 (66 percent) free throws.

Canton stretched its lead to 34-11 after three quarters.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Lauren Kurtz goes up for a shot during a game earlier this season at Plymouth. The senior has been a three-contributor to the Rocks' varsity basketball program.

KURTZ

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While grabbing missed shots is her forte, Kurtz is far from a one-dimensional player. She's averaged close to 10 points a game the past two seasons thanks to a soft jump shot that's deadly inside 12 feet, and her defensive work ethic is on a par with her rebounding skills.

"I think she'd make a nice basketball player in college at some level," said Thomann. "She's solid in every area. Lauren is outstanding defensively and she can score in spurts. She's one of our best free-throw shooters (75 percent), too."

Thanks in large part to the play of the Rocks' senior triumvirate of Kurtz, Teresa Coppelie and Tayler Langham, and junior point guard Alaya Mitchell, Salem will take a 16-2 record and top-10 state ranking into tonight's Western Lakes Activities Association semifinal game

against Livonia Franklin. Kurtz said that one of the things that makes this year's team special is the way it bonds both on and off the court.

"We're a very close team," she said. "Most of us hang out together outside of school. And I've played volleyball with Teresa since sixth grade, so her and I are very close. It's going to be weird after this year not being in a sport with her because we've known each other so long. It seems like every team I've been on the past six years, she's been on it too."

Kurtz's success on the basketball court has been matched — or even exceeded — on the volleyball court. A three-year varsity letter winner, the multi-talented hitter/blocker/server played an instrumental role in Salem's dominating 2005-06 season.

Her net skills have not gone unnoticed among college recruiters as Saginaw Valley and South Florida, among others, have expressed interest in Kurtz joining their programs

after she graduates in June.

"I'd have to say of the two sports, volleyball is my favorite," Kurtz said. "Once the high school season is over in March, I play on an AAU team that plays just about every weekend. We travel to tournaments all over the place and there are always a lot of college recruiters watching."

Kurtz credited much of her development in volleyball to her parents (Scott and Erin), Tom Teeters — her coach during her freshman year at Salem — and current Rock coach Amanda Suder.

"Amanda knows when to be a friend to her players and when to be a coach," Kurtz said. "She's someone you can go to if you have a problem."

Kurtz is an excellent student, having compiled a sterling 3.6 grade-point average with just over one semester left in her high school career.

Ideally, she'd like to major in either elementary education or sports medicine in college.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

STEELERS EARN 2006

BLACK & BLUE TROPHY

On Saturday, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers captured the 2006 Black & Blue Bowl Trophy by defeating the crosstown Canton Lions two out of three games.

The Steelers varsity unit won 16-0 thanks to outstanding defensive efforts from Enrique Pardo, Tony Rhodes and Ben Poirier. Patrick Salo, Ben Merbler, Joshua Gifford and Brennen Beyer paced the winners' offensive attack.

Playing well for the Lions varsity were Braden Price, Phil Emminger, Brad Trubowski, Clay Behrman, Luke Hager and Brandon Ciciotti.

The Lions won the JV match-up, 28-7, to cap an 8-0 regular season. Leading the way were Josh Nolan, Kevin Buford, Eric Jipping, Luke Denzer, William Askew and Corey Watkins.

Dillan Rahill, Wade Lowell, Tyler Hoeman, Evan Pardo, Billy Adams and Patrick Kretschmer excelled for the Steelers.

The Steelers won the freshmen contest, 20-7, thanks to strong offensive contributions from A.J. Convertino, Mathew McKoy, Trenton Shelby and Tyler Whipple. The Steelers'

defense was led by Anthony Colaluka, Bradley Deeg, Gregory Williams, Nick Lanava and Lucas Callahan.

CANTON WRESTLING CLUB

Registration for the fifth season of the Canton Wrestling Club has begun. The cost is \$65, which includes a T-shirt, shorts, MYWAY membership and entry fee to the MYWAY tournament.

For more questions, visit www.chiefswrestling.com; or contact Casey Randolph at randolc@pccs.k12.mi.us or (734) 582-6885; or Ray Price at trowel000@sbcglobal.net or (734) 454-5440.

Practice will start on Monday, Nov. 27. Practices will be held weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

RECREATION OFFERINGS

Canton Leisure Services will be offering the following sports programs during the next few weeks:

■ Indoor volleyball leagues will begin Friday, Nov. 10, at the Summit on the Park. There are still openings in the recreational league. The cost is \$250 for residents and \$295 for non-residents.

■ The annual Elks Free Throw Shooting Contest will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18, at

the Summit. The free contest is open to boys and girls from 8 to 13 years old. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

■ The bi-annual Family Bowling Bonanza will be held Friday, Nov. 10, at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The cost is \$40 per resident family/team, which includes 2.5 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza/pop and free giveaways. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5355.

LACROSSE NEWS

■ All girls interested in playing for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors lacrosse team in 2007 should attend an informational/registration meeting on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Waldorf Room of the Plymouth Library. Parents are also encouraged to attend the meeting.

For additional information, contact Rudi Rabe at rrabe@comcast.net.

■ There will be a parent/player meeting for all everyone interested in playing for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Warriors boys lacrosse team on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School library.

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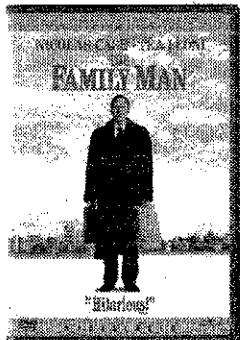
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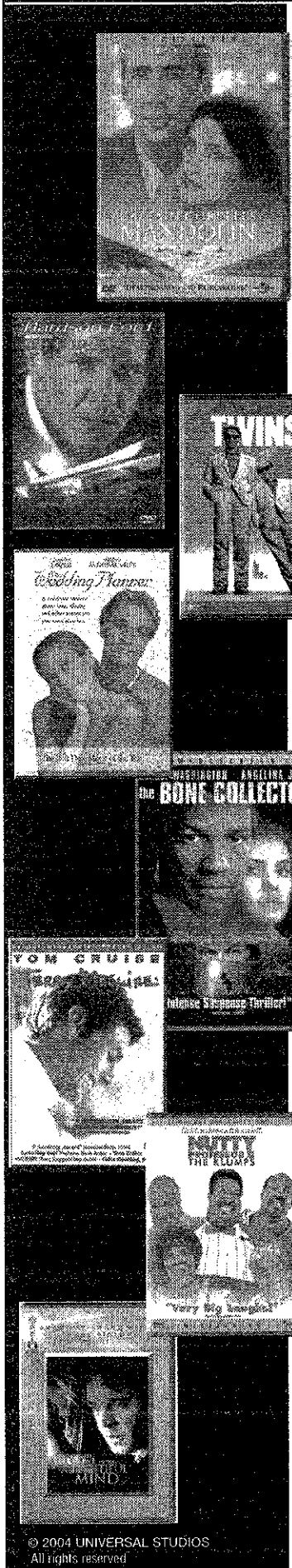
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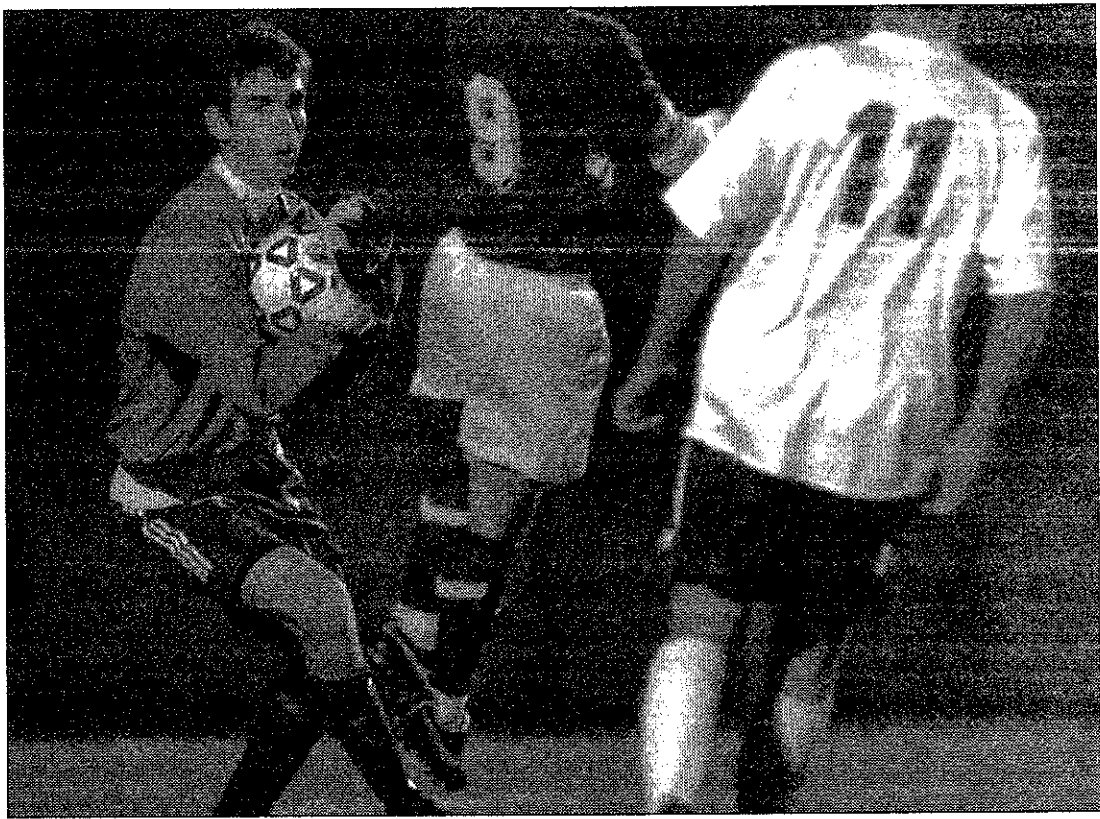


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Salem goalie Brian Field wraps up a shot during last week's Regional semifinal game against Woodhaven. The Rocks' season was halted by Livonia Stevenson, 2-1, Saturday night in the Regional final at Saline.

Wozniak's late goal ends Salem's hopes of capturing D1 soccer title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How precise was Livonia Stevenson forward Alex Wozniak's game-winning, laser-like, 25-yard shot in Saturday night's Division 1 Regional final soccer match against Salem?

It was comparable to steering a speeding Schwan's delivery truck through a do-it-yourself carwash without snapping off the rear-view mirrors.

With 4:35 remaining and the score knotted at 1-1, Wozniak left-footed the 14-inch-wide ball through a roughly 18-inch gap that existed between the outstretched fingers of diving Rock goalie Brian Field and the right goal post to give the Spartans a 2-1 advantage and a berth in Wednesday's D1 semifinal match against No. 1-ranked East Kentwood.

Wozniak's ninth goal of the season, which came off a free kick just outside the 18-yard box, was the most significant play in a game that had "classic" tattooed all over it.

"That's the biggest goal I've ever scored, by far," said a sweating, smiling Wozniak, moments after the Spartans (17-2-4) accepted their Regional championship medals. "Luke (Knochel) and I talked about who would take it for a couple of seconds. I had a pretty good strike on our first goal, so we decided that I'd give it a shot. I was just happy to put it on net.

"It was a great feeling to

score the game-winner in the last five minutes of a Regional final against our biggest rival. It's something I'll never forget."

The play will also be forever locked in the memory bank of Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose team is on one of those rolls that — as often as not — leads to a state title.

"I always tell the guys that important games against good teams are often decided by set plays," said Richters, whose team advanced to the semis in 2005 before getting derailed by Warren DeLaSalle. "Alex has always been a reliable decision-maker and tonight he showed he's a good shooter of the ball as well. To score a goal like that against a defense that is as solid and stingy as Salem's is very, very impressive."

The setback was a downer for Salem (17-8-2), which had temporarily seized momentum on senior Tom Bennett's spectacular goal that tied the game at 1-1 with 13:23 remaining in the first half.

Bennett dribbled through the heart of the Spartans' defense, drew Stevenson goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt 15 yards away from the net, then struck the ball into an open net to revitalize the up-to-that-point struggling Rocks.

"Tom's goal was a great play, but he was dangerous all night," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "It was a great individual effort and a great finish. Right after the goal we had all kinds of momentum, but we couldn't take advantage of it.

"Despite the loss, I'm very

proud of this team. We always set three goals at the beginning of the season — win the Gary Balconi tournament, win the conference and make it to the state finals. I'm comfortable with the fact that we won the Balconi, lost the conference final on penalty kicks and took Stevenson to the final five minutes before losing."

The Spartans broke a scoreless tie 5:20 into the game when Wozniak drilled a hard shot from 10 yards out that Field stopped, but couldn't secure.

Senior Chris Mulcahy settled the rebound and ripped it past Field to make it 1-0.

Stevenson dominated play for most of the next 20 minutes until Bennett's equalizer.

"I'm very proud of the boys," said Richters. "Obviously it's very exciting to be able to live another day in the state tournament. I have the utmost respect for Salem and their coach out my time as a coach here. Salem's always been the No. 1 most difficult team to beat, so I take this as a big accomplishment to come out on top against them."

"We had so many guys who played well tonight and did a nice job with the small things that sometimes go unnoticed. But I was especially proud tonight of Brian Klemczak because he's been playing through an injury. To run up and down the field like he did tonight showed a lot of guts and courage."

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Spirit too much for Whalers, 5-2

Zack Torquato and Patrick McNeill scored two goals apiece and goaltender Ryan Daniels stopped 45-of-47 shots as the Saginaw Spirit defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 5-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 3,702 at the Dow Event Center.

Saginaw moves into first place in the OHL West with a record of 10-4-0-1; Plymouth is 8-6-0-0, which is good enough for third place in the division.

Tom Pyatt scored the other Saginaw goal, while Steve Ward (3rd) and Tom Sestito (6th) replied for Plymouth.

Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown) played well in stopping 39-of-44 Saginaw shots. Smith came into the game with two consecutive shutouts and parts of another game, running his goal-less streak to 138:04. He was spectacular early in the game when Saginaw outshot Plymouth, 12-2, midway through the first period.

Smith's shutout string ended at 13:33 of the first period when Pyatt tipped Tomas Zaborsky's pass from the right wing goal line out in front of the Plymouth goal for a 1-0 Saginaw lead. Smith's shutout string ended at 15:37, fourth-best in Whalers' franchise history.

Torquato gave Saginaw a 2-0 lead at 6:00 of the second period when he batted home a rebound from Ryan McDonough's shot. McNeill's first of two stood as the game-winner and came on a power play at 9:42 of the period when he scored on a shot from the high slot.

Ward cut the Saginaw lead to 3-1 on a Plymouth power play at 15:01 of the second



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Plymouth Whalers goal-tender Jeremy Smith's record-setting shutout streak was stopped Friday night.

period when he ripped a hard shot through traffic to beat Daniels. Plymouth then cut the Saginaw lead to 3-2 at 2:34 of the third period when Sestito batted home a rebound from a Ward shot at the point by Daniels. But McNeill came back for Saginaw 1:21 later to restore the Spirit's two-goal lead and Torquato finished the scoring at 11:12.

Along with 47 shots against Saginaw on Sunday, Plymouth had 43 shots on goal against Kitchener in a 3-0 loss to the Rangers.

KITCHENER 3, PLYMOUTH 0: On Saturday night, which was "Trick or Treat Night" at the Compuware Sports Arena, Kitchener goaltender John Murray turned the trick on the Plymouth Whalers.

The Rangers rode goaltender Murray's 43-save performance to a 3-0 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before

2,507 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Whalers outshot Kitchener, 43-41, but Murray — a free agent from Lancaster, Pa., playing in his just his 11th game in the league — was the difference in the game.

Justin Azevedo (4th of the season at 0:35 of the first period) and Matt Halischuk (14th of the year at 16:08 of the first period) and Yves Bastien (first of the year at 6:46 of the third period) all scored for Kitchener.

Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci mixed up his forward lines up to find a spark, but Murray made all the saves.

Before the game, Plymouth welcomed back former captain Jared Newman (Lincoln Park), who dropped a ceremonial faceoff to start the game and then signed autographs. Newman played for Plymouth from 1998-2002 and was captain from 2000-02.

Canton to host EMU Open wrestling

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The "best of the best" in collegiate wrestling will be displaying their All-American moves Saturday in the Canton High School Phase III gymnasium.

Canton will serve as the host site of the EMU Open, an event that will kick off the college wrestling season for close to 300 athletes.

Among the schools represented will be Michigan State, Central Michigan, Michigan, Northwestern,

Ohio State, Purdue and Eastern Michigan.

The event was switched from Eastern's campus to Canton due to a water-main break underneath EMU's Bowen Fieldhouse.

Canton coach Casey Randolph wrestled at Eastern and still has close ties to the program.

"There will be some outstanding wrestling taking place at Canton on Saturday," Randolph said. "The list of All-Americans who will be here is long and impressive."

Among the most notable

competitors taking part in Saturday's competition are:

■ **125 pounds:** No. 3-ranked Nick Simmons (MSU) and seventh-ranked Mark Moos (U-M);

■ **133:** 19th-ranked Sean Claire (EMU);

■ **141:** top-ranked Ryan Lange (Northwestern);

■ **149:** seventh-ranked John Cox (Navy) and No. 16-ranked Jason Johnstone (OSU);

■ **165:** 19th-ranked Marcus Effner (Cleveland State); and

■ **174:** ninth-ranked Steve Luke (U-M).

IGNITION

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this game because the fans will be so close to the athletes. It's a very exciting brand of soccer for adults and kids."

Pulisic said the indoor game shares at least one entertaining trait with Major League Baseball.

"There will be balls flying into the stands throughout the game," he said. "But the balls we use cost about \$150, so the fans have to throw them back."

The Ignition's 17-player roster has both an international flavor (nine players were born outside of the United States) and local flavor, as three play-

ers were born and/or raised in Michigan.

The team's most recognizable name may be Jamar Beasley, an explosive 5-foot-10, 165-pound forward who starred for the St. Louis Steamers last season before the franchise folded earlier this year. He'll join forces with 5-6, 155-pound Carlos Farias to give Pulisic a dynamic one-two scoring punch up front.

Pacing the Ignition's last line of defense will be goal-keeper Sanaldo, who, ironically, played for the Blast during last season's title run.

The team's local stars include defenseman Droo Callahan, who toiled for the Detroit Rockers until they folded in 2001; Birmingham native

Ryan Mack, a slick-dribbling mid-fielder; and defenseman Nate Craft, who calls Royal Oak home.


Pulisic praised the roster-building prowess of Ignition General Manager Greg Bibb.

"Greg is a tireless worker," said Pulisic, who played in the MISL for eight years before trading in his soccer shoes for a whistle. "He's an extremely smart businessman who has a clear vision of where he wants this franchise to go. His hard work and dedication shows in the roster he's put together."

Following Saturday's opener, the Ignition head to the East Coast to take on the Philadelphia KIXX on Nov. 11.

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Wildcats 2nd at D1 Regional meet

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It was a miserable day for cross country, but you couldn't tell by the smiles on the faces from Division I state qualifiers Plymouth High and Livonia Churchill.

As expected, Novi ran away with the top spot in Saturday's Division I regional at Schoolcraft College with a team-low 26 points.

Western Lakes Activities Association champion Plymouth was runner-up with 76, while Livonia Churchill earned the coveted third spot with 90 to beat out Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

"I don't think our race was a bad as the girls," Plymouth coach Lee Shaw said. "There was no standing walter, just mud. It's cross country."

Novi, led by individual winner Michael Wheat, garnered five of the first 10 places.

Wheat's time on the soggy 5,000-meter course was 16:15.9, less than two seconds ahead of CC sophomore Alex Toloff.

Plymouth, a school in only its fifth year of existence, will be making it inaugural appearance in the state finals, which start at 2 p.m. this Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

The Wildcats were led by senior Anthony Scaparo, who placed third in 16:28.35.

Other Plymouth finishers included sophomore Derek Lax, 10th (16:50.56); senior Patrick Slavens, 17th, (17:09.45); senior Cristian Chagas, 21st (17:16.83); and junior Justin Huey, 24th (17:24.93).

"It's the first time we qualified," Shaw said. "Last year we missed by one place and one point. We took 21st and had to have four in the top 20 (as an additional state team qualifier)."

"We were worried about CC (Catholic Central). We were fourth and they were fifth when we saw them at Holly. We knew they were lurking."

For Shaw, a native of Manchester, England who ran four seasons at Eastern Michigan University (1996-99), it was a satisfying day. He devoured a piece of celebratory cake huddled inside the Plymouth High tent after the race.

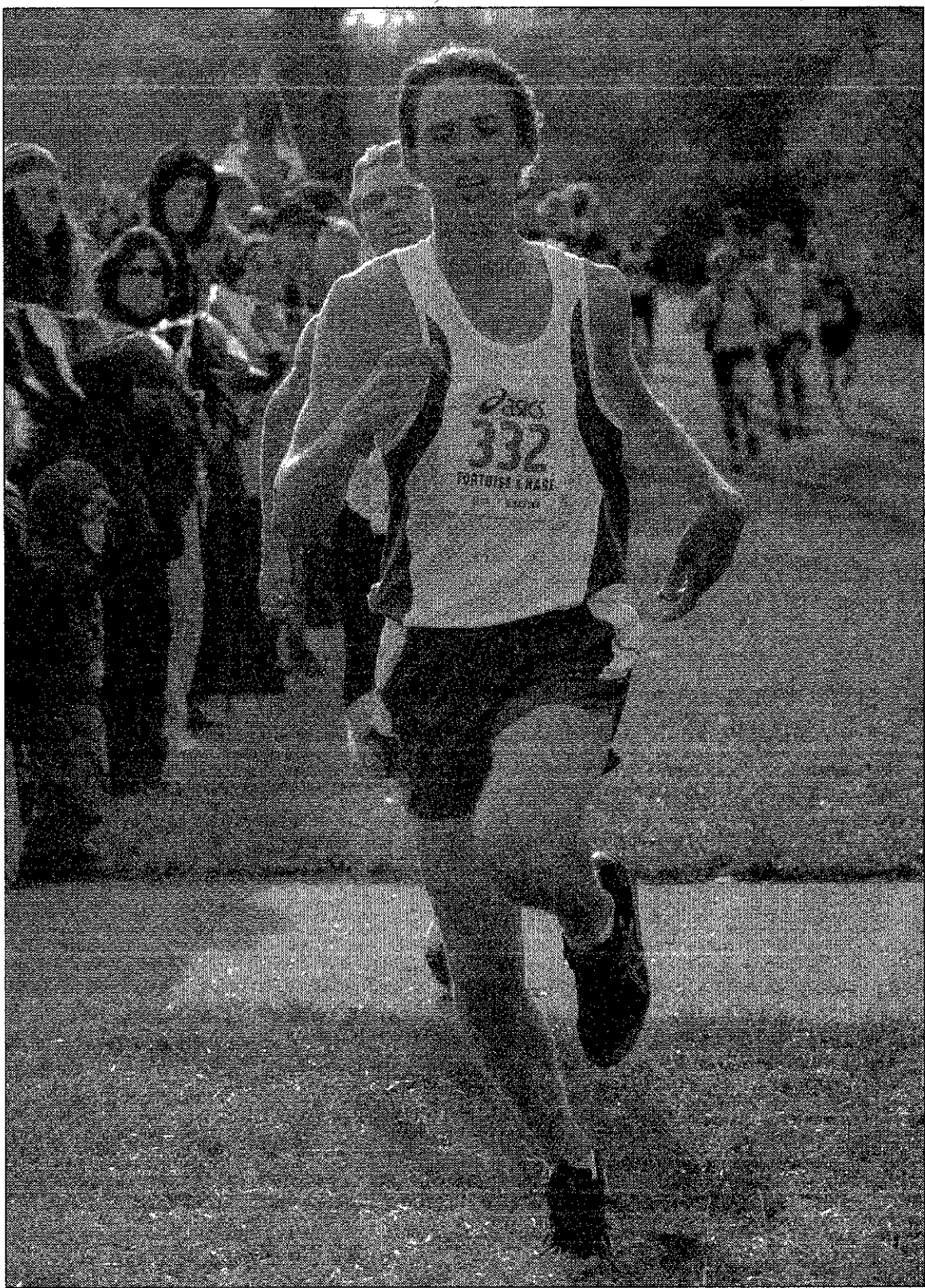
"We had a good race today," he said. "It's good. Our guys have put a lot of work in all season. The guys put in those two-a-days all summer. They did how they have been running. We haven't run our best yet, but hopefully we'll do it next week. Next week will be fun."

The Chargers had five place in the top 26 led by junior Brandon Grysko, who took ninth in 16:40.11.

He was followed by sophomore Mark Waterbury, 12th (17:02.19); junior Joe Varilone, 20th (17:16.29); freshman Mark Freyberg, 23rd (17:23.26); and senior Brian Robertson, 26th (17:28.95).

"The kids ran like a team," said Churchill coach John McGreevy, whose Chargers earned their fourth state qualifying spot since 1999. "Some of the kids did not hit their goal, but a couple of other kids picked up the slack."

"Both Mark Waterbury and Mark Freyberg saved our bacon today. Mark (Freyberg) did not run in the conference (WLAA) meet, but ran a



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem junior Kevin deBear qualified for the Division 1 cross country state meet Saturday when he turned in a top-15 performance at the Regional meet held at Schoolcraft Community College.

very good time in the JV race and earned a spot."

Also earning individual spots for the state meet by placing in the top 15 included Salem junior Kevin deBear, seventh (16:37.12); Canton sophomore Duncan Spitz, eighth (16:37.9); and Livonia

Franklin senior Evan Sirena, 15th (17:08.73).

Sirena, who edged Salem junior Craig Cowing by less than a second for the final individual spot, is the first Franklin runner to earn a trip to MIS since Steve Stewart did it in 200.

3 local runners advance to state meet

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill girls cross country team has brought home a lot of first-place hardware this season, but none more coveted than Saturday's Division I regional trophy.

The Chargers turned in another impressive performance under less-than-ideal conditions at Schoolcraft College, scoring a team-low 30 points to earn another trip to Division I state meet, which starts at 3 p.m. this Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Churchill will be joined by runner-up Northville (78) and Livonia Stevenson (100), the latter which is making its 13th consecutive state finals appearance.

The Chargers ranked No. 2 in Division I only behind Rockford, earned its eighth team title in nine meets this season by taking four of the first six places and five out of the top 16.

Churchill senior Megan Maceratini repeated her performance at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet, but this time she had to fend off sophomore teammate Alyssa Mira for first place.

Maceratini was clocked in 19 minutes, 0.42 seconds on the sloppy 5,000-meter course. Mira finished second in 19:09.34, while defending regional champ Courtney Calka of Stevenson took third in 19:16.98.

Salem's Hannah Cavicchio, who was runner-up in the WLAA meet, placed fourth in 19:21.49, while Churchill freshman Sara Kroll and Churchill junior Rachel McFarlane took the next two spots with times of 19:34.55 and 19:39.6, respectively.

Churchill's fifth scorer was junior Lindsey Marlow in 16th (20:46.32).

"These girls continue to impress me," said Churchill coach Sue Tatro, whose Chargers won their first regional crown since 1982. "They have been focused since the beginning of the season and have set some lofty goals for the team."

"One of their goals was to win the regional. I am really proud of their consistency and competitiveness; they know how to mentally and physically prepare for a race."

"It was great to have a one-two punch today. Megan (Maceratini) and Alyssa (Mira) ran incredible races. I am very happy for Megan - she is having an amazing senior season."

Maceratini, who was also voted Churchill's homecoming queen, refused to let the blustery, wet and cold elements affect her performance.

"Right away the mud started flying in our faces," she said. "Usually I like it, but there was a ton of water and it was hard to find a dry spot."

"At the very beginning I felt trapped. Courtney (Calka) was pulling away and I went with her earlier than I did at the conference meet (Western Lakes). Alyssa (Mira) started pulling away, too, and



A trio of P-CEP cross country runners qualified on Saturday for this weekend's Division 1 girls state meet at Jackson's Michigan International Speedway. Pictured (from left) are Salem's Hannah Cavicchio (fourth), Plymouth's Beth Heldmeyer (11th) and Canton's Sarah Thomas (10th).

that helped me. Alyssa (Mira) did well. I'm proud of the way she ran."

Stevenson, meanwhile, had captured five straight regionals coming into Saturday's meet before relinquishing their crown to Churchill.

Following Calka, the Spartans received a 13th from senior Kristen Frey, 20:28.98; a 15th from junior Dennee Meier, 20:35.27; and a 20th from senior Stephanie Perez, 21:04.52. Ninth-grader Victoria Saferian placed 49th in 22:28.34.

"It's always the goal to survive and move on," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "When I saw we had four kids in the top 20, I knew we had good chance to qualify. We knew what the goal was."

"We had to change the course slightly. Considering the elements and how wet it was, it couldn't gone much better. We avoided that (the weather) and the best teams moved on."

To earn a trip to the state finals as an individual from the non-qualifying teams, you had to place in the top 15.

Among the area runners earning spots at MIS included Livonia Franklin senior Meghan Horgan,

who took ninth in 20:12.68; Canton sophomore Sarah Thomas, 10th in 20:13.22; Plymouth sophomore Beth Heldmeyer, 11th in 20:16.35; and Garden City junior Courtney Plummer, 14th in 20:30.37.

Horgan qualified for the state meet for the third year in a row.

"Meghan ran her best race of the year, beating several runners who had beaten her in races earlier this year," said Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund, whose team finished seventh at the regional. "It's been a great season for the team, and now Meghan has one more shot at breaking the school record."

Churchill, fourth in the Division I state meet a year ago, hopes to close the gap this Saturday on Rockford, the only team to finish ahead of the Chargers in a meet this season (Sept. 15 in the Nike Spartan Invitational in East Lansing).

"I want to praise the work of all of my girls, especially the top four who have provided great leadership for the team overall," Tatro said. "We are looking ahead to next Saturday where we are hoping to have a strong showing."

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**DIVISION I REGIONAL
CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 28 at Schoolcraft College**

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Livonia Churchill, 30 points; 2. Northville, 78; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 100; 4. Plymouth, 117; 5. Novi, 120; 6. Canton, 153; 7. Livonia Franklin, 175; 8. Salem, 182; 9. Westland John Glenn, 206; 10. Garden City, 250; 11. Redford Union, 315; 12. Wayne Memorial, 324.

INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS

Winner: Megan Maceratini (Churchill), 19 minutes, 00.42 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill (30): 1. Megan Maceratini, 19:00.2; 2. Alyssa Mira, 19:09.34; 3. Sara Kroll, 19:34.55; 16. Lindsey Marlow, 20:46.32; 45. Lindsey McMullen, 22:18.59; 47. Erica Hope, 22:21.73.

Northville (78): 7. Mary Sprader, 19:55.2; 8. Lindsay Hagan, 20:05.12; 17. Stephanie Hamel, 20:47.31; 21. Anna Hadenbergh, 21:10.34; 25. Kelsey Katynski, 21:17.72; 32. Karina Puskorius, 21:35.28; 40. Jennifer Murphy, 22:02.79.

Stevenson (100): 3. Courtney Calka, 19:16.98; 13. Kristen Frey, 20:28.9899; 15. Dennee Meier, 20:35.27; 20. Stephanie Perez, 21:04.52; 49. Victoria Saferian, 22:28.34; 54. Stephanie Kraft, 22:54.31; 57. Rebecca Stahr, 23:14.73.

Plymouth (117): 11. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:16.35 (sq); 18. Pam Bhullar, 20:52.48; 24. Paula Green, 21:16.28; 28. Lauren Ahearn, 21:21.06; 36. Molly Slavens, 21:47.77; 53. Julia Forster, 22:47.96; 59. Kristin Callahan, 23:20.72.

Novi (120): 12. Andrea Kramer, 20:18.89 (sq); 22. Lainey Sekulowski, 21:12.15; 23. Taylor Hoover, 21:14.46; 30. Laura Sheeran, 21:25.13; 33. Becky Holt, 21:38.0; 67. Nicki Woodruff, 23:38.85; 71. Rachel Burris, 24:07.54.

Canton (153): 10. Sarah Thomas, 20:13.22 (sq); 29. Katherine Galm, 21:21.94; 35. Anne Murphy, 21:40.01; 41. Katherine Raymond, 22:09.2; 44. Katelin David, 22:16.5; 60. Brittany Dempsey, 23:27.91.

Franklin (175): 9. Meghan Horgan, 20:12.68 (sq); 19. Kelly Roulier, 20:56.7; 31. Kari Saarela, 21:29.57; 55. Victoria Church, 23:08.64; 61. Brittany Dilley, 23:29.66; 63. Tiffany VanOrden, 23:38.04; 69. Devan Walley, 24:01.96.

Salem (182): 4. Hannah Cavicchio, 19:21.49 (sq); 34. Kortney Marsh, 21:39.11; 37. Kelley Determan, 21:54.43; 51. Sabrina Burcroff, 22:39.51; 56. Emily Rossman, 21:11.44; 62. Lauren Olson, 23:30.42; 78. Megan Grady, 24:56.64.

John Glenn (206): 26. Ashley Bailey, 21:18.9; 27. Stacey Richardson, 21:20.13; 42. Joslyn DeGroot, 22:12.28; 46. Danielle Levy, 22:19.16; 65. Jaimie Medel, 23:39.64; 67. Michelle Levy, 23:52.06; 72. Amy Selewski, 24:33.63.

Garden City (250): 14. Courtney Plummer, 20:30.37 (sq); 48. Christina Milne, 22:27.81; 52. Bobbie Beveridge, 22:47.32; 66. Alexandra Bourlase, 23:51.07; 70. Julie-Ann Magdowski, 24:06.54; 76. Alyssa Chambo, 24:49.23; 79. Rachel Szczembara, 24:57.54.

Redford Union (315): 39. Allison Patra, 22:02.09; 58. Sara Miller, 23:15.37; 68. Shianne Calamia, 24:00.95; 73. Amanda Miley, 24:34.55; 77. Amanda Fross, 24:51.39; 80. Stephanie Reamer, 25:23.06; 81. Megan Pennywitt, 25:36.53.

Wayne (324): 43. Melissa Smith, 22:12.99; 50. Claire Moro, 22:34.83; 74. Shawnie Baughan, 24:43.83; 75. Esmeralda Rivera, 24:44.84; 82. Chelsea Gilbert, 26:19.54; 83. Kathryn Trudeau, 26:41.06; 84. Ashley Cyprus, 28:05.21.

(sq): additional state qualifier (must finish in top 15).

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Novi, 26 points; 2. Plymouth, 76; 3. Livonia Churchill, 90; 4. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 101; 5. Canton, 137; 6. Northville, 166; 7. Salem, 184; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 206; 9. Wayne Memorial, 249; 10. Livonia Franklin, 261; 11. Redford Union, 335; 12. Westland John Glenn, 358; 13. Garden City, 387.

INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS

Winner: Michael Wheat (Novi), 16 minutes, 15.9 seconds (5,000 meters).

Novi (26): 1. Michael Wheat, 16:15.9; 4. Alex Prasad, 16:31.98; 5. Kenneth MacDonough, 16:35.17; 6. Scott Wagner, 16:36.36; 10. Joshua Lumley, 16:41.29; 13. Michael Beard, 17:02.65; 19. Aaron Croad, 17:14.51.

Plymouth (76): 3. Anthony Scaparo, 16:28.35; 11. Derek Lax, 16:50.56; 17. Patrick Slavens, 17:09.45; 21. Cristian Chagas, 17:16.83; 24. Justin Huey, 17:24.993; 32. Alex Nobie, 17:52.39; 52. Ty Schroeder, 18:31.47.

Churchill (90): 9. Brandon Grysko, 16:40.11; 12. Mark Waterbury, 17:02.19; 20. Joe Varilone, 17:16.29; 23. Mark Freyberg, 17:23.26; 26. Brian Robertson, 17:28.95; 30. Mark Pilat, 17:49.51; 39. Paul Folk, 18:11.84.

Novi CC (101): 2. Alex Toloff, 16:17.54 (sq); 18. Adam Gasior, 17:13.59; 22. Zachary Oleski, 17:18.94; 28. Michael Dompiere, 17:46.27; 31. Jonathan Watson, 17:51.20; 42. Robert Mengel, 18:13.15; 43. Daniel Jonik, 18:16.37.

Canton (137): 8. Duncan Spitz, 16:37.9; 25. Kyle Clinton, 17:25.45; 27. Derek Hoerman, 17:41.94; 36. Zachary Spreitzer, 18:06.43; 41. Josh Osinski, 18:12.79; 45. Gregory Reed, 18:17.33; 78. Jon Peck, 20:12.41.

Northville (166): 14. Jasen Turnbull, 17:03.21 (sq); 33. Frank Griffiths, 17:56.54; 37. Nicholas Kolbow, 18:07.72; 38. Erik Peterson, 18:08.41; 44. Jon Zurek, 18:16.37; 58. Jacob Myers, 18:37.03; 61. Nitin Jacob, 18:50.08.

Salem (184): 16. Craig Cowing, 17:09.05; 47. Andrew Cassidy, 18:23.32; 55. Justin Kanes, 18:34.6; 59. Matt Devey, 18:38.94; 65. Matt Korovesis, 18:55.5; 69. Jason Smith, 19:07.17.

Stevenson (206): 33. Dave Antishin, 18:02.42; 35. Alan Stackpoole, 18:04.8; 40. Kevin Reschke, 18:12.29; 46. David McIntyre, 18:22.79; 51. Michael Green, 18:30.95; 57. Shawn Howse, 18:36.15; 70. Michael Gibbons, 19:14.28.

Wayne (249): 29. James Holbrook, 17:47.84; 53. Kevin Lewis, 18:33.56; 49. Jacob Schofield, 18:24.5; 50. Abraham Mendez, 18:28.96; 68. Brandon Coffey, 19:01.73; 81. Roger Sparks, 20:36.96; 82. Kevin Whittenberg, 20:50.5.

Franklin (261): 15. Evan Sirena, 17:08.73 (sq); 54. Pete Walblay, 18:34.13; 62. Doug Cole, 18:50.98; 63. Mike Kratovich, 18:52.96; 67. Dylan Taylor, 19:00.35; 71. Robert Freed, 19:31.01; 79. Allen Sponenbaugh, 20:26.66; 83. Nick Levinson, 20:36.96; 84. Christopher Goodyear, 21:04.65.

John Glenn (358): 56. Tim Boes, 18:35.56; 74. Jeff Atkins, 19:52.21; 75. Eric Mylner, 19:59.4; 76. Mike Gardner, 20:04.54; 77. Ryan Lockhart, 20:09.44; 87. Gary Lawrence, 22:23.16; 88. Austin Anderson, 28:07.95.

Garden City (387): 48. Michael Nordby, 18:23.85; 80. Matt Westra, 20:36.38; 85. Mason Mitchell, 21:07.88; 86. Mark Brissette, 21:18.74; 88. Austin Day, 23:37.13.

(sq): additional state qualifier (must finish in top 15).

DIVISION II

Oct. 28 at Jackson's Sharp Park

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Dexter, 53 points; 2. Milan, 67; 3. Chelsea, 75; 4. Tecumseh, 96; 5. Trenton, 169; 6. Monroe-Jefferson, 170; 7. Allen Park, 186; 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 208; 9. Livonia Ladywood, 231; 10. Carleton Airport, 245; 11. Ypsilanti, 287; 12. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 345; 13. Adrian 393; 14. Gibraltar Carlson, 413.

Individual winner: Bekah Smeltzer (Monroe-Jefferson) 19:16.4.

Ladywood finishers: 34. Emily Bambach, 21:54.9; 42. Cathy Wojtenowski, 22:20.6; 47. Amanda Field, 22:31.2; 53. Mallory Tomaszewski, 22:56.9; 55. Jordan Collins, 23:03.0; 57. Kelsey Soronen, 23:04.1; 70. Laura Bou-Maroun, 24:06.2.

DIVISION IV

Oct. 28 at Jackson's Sharp Park

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Whitmore Lake, 70; 2. Hudson, 74; 3. Vandercook Lake, 90; 4. Adrian Lenawee Christian, 139; 5. Morenci, 145; 6. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 159; 7. Waldron, 193; 8. Jackson Christian, 218; 9. Lutheran Westland, 224; 10. Pittsford, 228; 11. Grass Lake, 231; 12. Sand Creek, 291; 13. Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, 330; 14. Newport Lutheran South, 344.

Individual winner: Tim Jagielski (Waldron), 21:21.8.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 5. Spencer Lytle, 17:54.4 (sq); 31. Josh Rice, 19:02.1; 57. Ross Pursiful, 20:43.1; 66. Matt Edwards, 21:23.4; 77. Alex Kemp, 22:47.9.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 62; 2. Hudson, 68; 3. Whitmore Lake 89; 4. Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, 117; 5. Waldron, 125; 6. Lutheran Westland, 135; 7. Vandercook Lake, 144; 8. Grass Lake, 156; 9. Sand Creek, 195.

Individual winner: Ashley Jagielski (Waldron), 21:14.7.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 9. Katherine MacKenzie, 22:16.8 (sq); 21. Mim Franschke, 23:26.2; 39. Carly Girolamo, 24:34.6; 49. Ashley Taylor-Yoss, 25:17.4; 60. Megan Kohltz, 26:40.8; 61. Emily Meier, 26:42.5; 62. Megan Fisher, 26:50.4.

Lions return from bye week to face

The bye week is over and the Lions are back to work. Michael Vick and the Atlanta Falcons are heading to Ford Field this weekend. Yay! What fun. Vick is playing the best football of his pro career and he brings his act to downtown Detroit.

Remember the last time this happened? It was just a year ago. Steve Mariucci was still coaching the Lions and he was looking forward to Thanksgiving and facing Vick and his buddies.

"This will be a great test for us. He's a superstar in this league and it's a challenge we look forward to," said Mariucci on the Monday of the Turkey Day contest.

The Lions were just two weeks removed from a victory over Arizona. They lost at Dallas and then came Thanksgiving. Vick completed only 12 passes but two went for touchdowns. The Falcons led

27-0 as Mariucci pulled Joey Harrington and inserted Jeff Garcia at quarterback. Garcia threw a touchdown pass to Roy Williams but it was too little, too late. 27-7 was the final.

Bye bye, Mooch. He was fired the following day and Dick Jauron took over as interim head coach. Matt Millen had seen enough. The lack of effort against Atlanta was the final link in the Mariucci chain. Fair or not, the man who came to Detroit as "The Savior" was just another footnote on the Lions' coaching list.

He certainly couldn't blame it all on Michael Vick. In 2004, Mariucci's Lions beat Vick at the Georgia Dome. The defense did a great job that

day of stopping the Virginia Tech product. They held him to under 200 yards passing and just 29 yards rushing. The Lions won that game 17-10 to go to 3-and-1. Mariucci was the toast of the town. A year later, he was history partly due to what Vick did on Turkey Day at Ford Field.

"He's an amazing player and one of the great talents in the NFL," added Mariucci before his fate was sealed in late November.

Thanksgiving leftovers were still in the fridge when the Lions made their coaching change. Vick can have that effect on opposing coaches. He is tough to plan for. His rushing prowess is as good as it gets from that position. Vick's 902 yards rushing in '04 was just 66 away from Bobby Douglass' season record set back in 1972.

This season, Vick is on pace to be the first quarterback to run for over a thousand yards. He had

his best passing day of the season last Sunday at Cincinnati. He threw for 292 yards and three touchdowns in the 29-27 win over the Bengals. The Falcons are 5-and-2 and feeling pretty good about themselves so far.

"It was a good hard-fought win against an outstanding team. Go on the road and get a win, we'll take it," said coach Jim Mora Jr. to reporters.

The Falcons got that "W" without All-Pro defensive lineman John Abraham who is out with injury. Patrick Kerney is still one of the best defensive ends in the game and finished off the victory by sacking Bengals' QB Carson Palmer. Palmer fumbled with just 13 seconds to play, Michael Boley recovered for Atlanta and that was that.

So, here come the Falcons again. The Lions have dominated the overall series against Atlanta



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the Michael Vick Show Sunday

over the years. They have won 22 of the 31 games played. From 1984 to 1997, the two met 12 times with the Lions winning 10 of them. This will be the fourth time they have played against Vick. They are 1-and-2 in the previous three games. The left-handed thrower will try and have a field day when he faces the Lions' struggling defense this Sunday.

"Records don't matter. We say prepare for your opponent and play against your own standard every week," added Mora when asked about Rod Marinelli's 1-6 mark. "We just do the best we can."

Vick's career quarterback rating is a not-so-special 75.5. It's highly average for a guy considered one of the best in the NFL. What he can do with his feet is why Vick is considered among the elite signal callers. He has two terrific running backs behind him in Warrick Dunn and the rookie,

Jerious Norwood. It's a four-headed monster when it comes to the Falcons' top-rated running game since fullback Justin Griffith is a threat as well.

The Lions need to be on their "A-game" if they plan on beating Atlanta Sunday. They haven't had their "A-game" all season. They came close in the win over Buffalo. Other than the opener against Seattle, the Lions defense has left a lot to be desired. Some of their walking wounded got better during the bye week but they are still without Shaun Rogers. He will be serving the second of his four game suspension by the NFL.

"It's been disappointing, no doubt. We have to find a way to put it all together to beat the better teams in this league," said cornerback Dre Bly.

The Lions' defensive captain will head into week nine without an interception. Bly never

went longer than four games before his first pick in any of his previous seven pro seasons. Quite frankly, Dre is amazed he has a big fat zero next to his name on the interception list.

"I need to be the big play guy. It's what I do. I have come close but still no picks. That's just not right," added Bly.

"He'll get his. I have no worries about that," said Marinelli.

It's almost a waste of time talking about how to stop Michael Vick. He has more weapons than ever down there in Atlanta. There are so many different ways Vick can beat you. At age 26, he is still just coming into his football prime. After an injury sidelined him in 2003, he has missed only two games. He has the all-time record for a quarterback with 119 yards rushing in a post-season game. He beat the Packers in

Green Bay for one of his two playoff victories. Vick has more playoff wins than the Lions have as a franchise in the last 48 years.

All of that means nothing this Sunday. The Lions are desperate for a "W." They are starting a string of three of their next four games at home. Jon Kitna and the Lions' offense have to avoid mistakes and get Kevin Jones some running room. The Lions' defense has to put the kibosh on Michael Vick; lay the hammer on him. We've already seen what happens when they don't.

Just ask Steve Mariucci.

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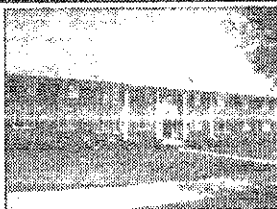
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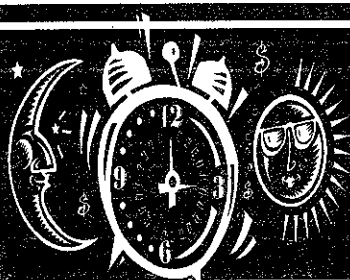


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SOCIAL NETWORKS IMPACT SALE OF A BUSINESS



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What is the most important component of a business sale second only to the business itself? It's the

network through which you market.

GW Equity, a global investment bank firm headquartered in Dallas, sponsored an applied research/consulting project at The University of Dallas Graduate School of Management, which involved contacting more than 200 middle-market business owners -- heads of companies valued at \$1 million to \$150 million. Industries spanned manufacturing, services, construction, foods, health care, IT and telecommunications. A surprising portion -- 80 percent -- are thinking of selling, largely (57 percent) because of age. Many have been approached by potential buyers, but 35 percent held off for greater growth in their companies. Another 30 percent cite other issues, including timing or prospective buyer credibility.

SOCIAL NETWORKS

The passive method doesn't seem to work. Any business owner who has sold will tell you that you can spend, literally, forever in getting your offering together, much as you can write and rewrite a resume, to the detriment of marketing.

Many business owners overlook the establishment of social networks prior to sale. Marketing a business requires the same attention as marketing any other product or service or marketing yourself to an employer. Lack of the social network to assure a sale can

create a severe deficit, compelling you to work longer at your business than you anticipate or close it altogether, and thereby forfeit investment capital.

Jeanne Hurlbert of Optinent Resources L.L.C., in Baton Rouge, specializes in social network-building. She maintains that, in general, having a larger network -- one that connects you to individuals in a variety of different occupations, backgrounds, etc., should be effective. This means that family, friends and colleagues may be helpful in developing referrals, but that referral development is essential to transport you to the wider network of potential buyers. Cast your net widely, she recommends.

SMALL BUSINESSES/FRANCHISE

Irwin Rudick, life and business coach in San Diego and past vice president of the award-winning San Diego SCORE chapter, bought and sold more than 100 retail furniture and clothing stores over 37 years. I've done all kinds of purchases and sales, for cash, for large or small down payments or even no down payment at all, he explains. Nine were in San Diego; the rest, South Africa. He sold the smallest for \$10,000 and a chain of six furniture stores (over a period of time) for \$1 million.

I was well-known in the furniture industry, he says. I knew everyone. I approached all of my competition -- manufacturers and retailers -- and sold to them. I had very good locations and made the price right. As long as I got my money, I was happy. In 1980, on a handshake, he bought a men's clothing store chain of 56 stores. The chain expanded to 106 stores, which he later sold in lots of one to ten, by scouring the



Irwin Rudick, coaching.

competition in a 1,000-mile area, encompassing Capetown, Johannesburg, Zimbabwe and Namibia. His clothing industry network was not nearly as comprehensive as in furniture.

Irwin found the process in the United States very difficult, because I neglected to set up a network. Getting involved in networks is terribly, terribly important. If you want to go to a business broker, go to one who has contacts. One of his clients through SCORE had just lost her husband and, short a network, planned to close down their mattress business and give it away. Irwin identified a broker. She received \$175,000 cash.

Bill Morland, chapter chairman of the nation's top SCORE, in Orange County, had a temporary employment franchise in an extremely competitive market. When he lost his key employee because of an injury off-the-job, he ran ads in the newspaper but ultimately found a buyer through his franchiser. I had several candidates who came in from acquaintances, he states. The buyer brought a better offer and was better financed. Asked how important is a social network, he responds, I think it's critically important with that or anything else.

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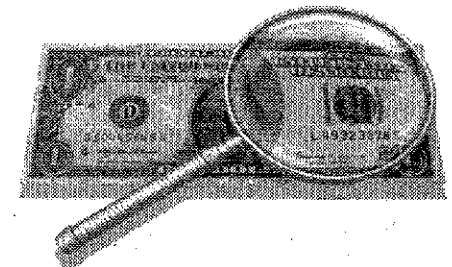
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I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

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

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SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

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SWPF, 45, 5'9", average build, educated, Capricorn, N/S, loves golf, reading, gardening, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, 38-55, N/S, similar interests, for LTR. ☎983176

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SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. ☎990004

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

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

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LOOKING FOR YOU
SF, 33, 5'4", 140lbs, mother, caramel complexion, brown eyes, enjoys music, chilling w/friends, home-cooking. Looking for an intelligent, down-to-earth, honest, child-friendly man to share talks, good times and maybe more. ☎134588

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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

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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

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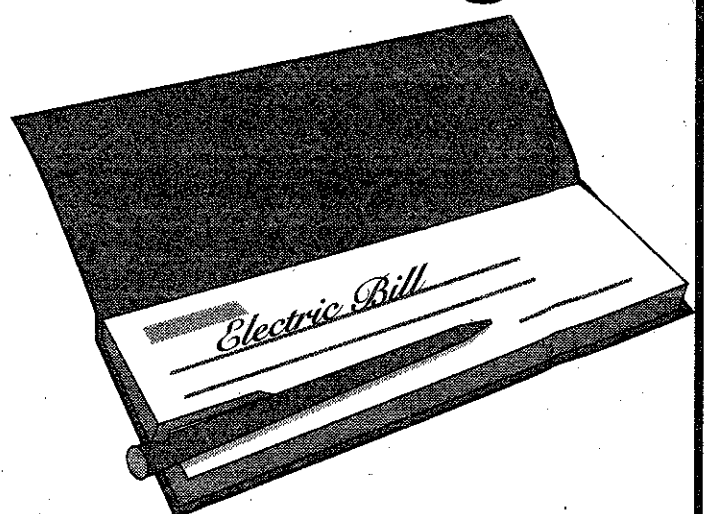
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2007 Hyundai Entourage Limited, from one couple's point of view

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By Dave Menard
Avanti NewsFeatures

Whenever I get a minivan to test drive, my wife is usually more excited than I am. Then again, my wife is an unusual person. She owns a minivan that she really likes, even though she was never a typical soccer mom.

Indeed, we never even owned a minivan until our daughter was almost out of high school. But she always wanted one; she likes the way they drive and the extra cargo and passenger room they provide—even if the only reason we need it now is to get our two 60 pound dogs to the vet or the dog park.

At any rate, she's the minivan fan in the family, and likes to compare the new models to the one she drives. I have my supposed expert opinion on Hyundai's foray into the minivan market—the 2007 Entourage Limited—and you'll get it, but I'll defer to her judgment in the end.

Styling - Me: The Entourage Limited is the top-of-the-line trim line (the others are the GLS and the SE) and comes with a whole lot of standard features, which we'll outline in a moment. There's not a whole lot you can do with a minivan in terms of styling, but the Entourage makes the most of what it has. It's long; at 202 inches in length and 78.1 inches wide it's one of the largest on the market. That pays off in cargo room, 172 cubic feet. The Entourage comes with roof rack rails, 17-inch alloy wheels, fog lights, a rear spoiler with integrated brake light and chrome accents. The side doors are powered, and can be opened and closed at the touch of a button, either in the van or on the key fob. The tailgate is powered, as well. A powered sunroof is optional.

Her: I like it. It looks nice.

Interior - Me: Inside, the Entourage is comfortable and well-appointed. The seating surfaces in the Limited are leather; the driver's seat is eight-way power adjustable, while the passenger's seat adjusts manually, unless you get the optional power passenger seat. Both can be heated.

The second-row captain's chairs can be flipped up and folded for easy access to the third-row (they can also be removed altogether). The third-row seats can be folded into the floor for more cargo room.

The seats are comfortable and it's easy to adjust to a good driving position. There's a fold-up tray attached to the passenger's seat; flip it up and it can hold four drinks plus food then drop it down when you're done. The instrument cluster looks sharp. It's very attractively lit and includes a tachometer, and a coolant temperature gauge. I'm not so wild about the conversation mirror located inside a compartment overhead. It's where you might expect a sunglasses holder to be, but it's a small version of those



2007 Hyundai Entourage Limited
Vehicle class:
Special purpose truck. Power: V6 engine. Mileage: 18 city / 25 highway.
Where built: Soharl, South Korea Base price: \$28,795
Price as tested: \$32,920

mirror school bus drivers use to monitor those rotten I mean little angels that sit in the back. I'd prefer the sunglasses holder. In fact, I couldn't find a logical place to put sunglasses; a cupholder doesn't cut it. On the bright side, there are 13(!) cupholders in this thing, so if you're a drinking family (maybe I should rephrase that), you're good to go.

The controls for the climate and audio systems are logically laid out and easy to use. The Limited comes with dual-control air-conditioning with separate controls for the second- and third-row passengers, tilt steering column, cruise control, power windows, locks and the above-mentioned power sliding door and rear liftgate.

Her: This is really comfortable. I like how high I am, and the flip-up tray is pretty cool. Everything is easy to find. I like the fact the rear seats fold into the floor for more space.

Audio - Me: The standard audio system in the Limited is an AM/FM/CD system with six speakers. You can upgrade to a real nice-sounding Infinity AM/FM/CD/mp3 system that includes surround sound and 13 speakers. Audio controls for both systems are also on the steering wheel. A rear seat DVD entertainment system is also available. Other options include a package that will give you power-adjustable foot pedals, backup warning system and memory system that includes the seat, mirror and pedal settings.

Her: The radio sounds pretty good, but you're more of an expert than I am. Watching movies in the back during my lunch hour would be cool, but since we don't have small kids anymore I don't know how much I'd use it. The dogs might like it (laugh).

Powertrain - Me: The Entourage is powered by 3.8-liter DOHC, 24-valve V6 engine rated at 242 horsepower and 251 lb.-ft. of torque. Knowing that speed off the line is not a real reason people buy a minivan, it's still good to know acceleration is very good, and there's plenty of power for passing and merging. The second half of the powertrain consists of a five-speed automatic transmission with manual control. The transmission shifts smoothly enough on its own, but you can do it yourself, if you prefer. EPA rates the Entourage at 18/25 mpg.

Her: It moves pretty fast for how big it is. It's got good

response when I push the accelerator. Why would you want to shift yourself if you don't have to?

Ride - Me: The Entourage gives you a pretty good ride, but there is some excessive wind noise. I kept checking to make sure the windows were all the way up. The four-wheel independent suspension system consists of MacPherson struts with coil springs and stabilizer bar in front and in the rear it's a multi-link system with coil springs and a stabilizer bar. It handles the bumps very well. The Entourage comes with speed-sensitive power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering that I thought was a bit heavy—at times I felt like I was driving an RV. Electronic Stability Control is standard.

Her: Yeah, the steering did feel heavy to me. But the ride was smooth. I guess I didn't hear the wind noise as much as you did. It didn't bother me.

Safety - Me: Minivan buyers, for the most part, carry kids around, and are concerned with safety features, and the Entourage comes with a bunch; anti-whiplash active front head restraints and six airbags, including side air curtains are standard. Anti-lock brakes and a tire pressure monitoring system are included, as well. The Entourage also earned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's five-star crash test rating for front and side impacts.

Her: Safety is important. I won't buy another car without side curtain airbags. The tire pressure thing is good because then I could come home and send you out to get air in the tires (laugh).

Value - Me: The Entourage Limited starts at a little under \$29,000, comparable to similarly equipped minivans from other manufacturers. Add the power sunroof, DVD rear seat entertainment system, power pedals and memory, and upgraded audio system and you're at about \$33,000.

Her: That's a lot of money for a minivan. I know it's got a lot of stuff, but maybe I don't need all that. I could probably do without the option package and save almost \$4,000. In fact, I'd probably look at the cheaper versions (GLS, SE). But that's just me. I like the warranty, too.

One more thing she asked, "Do we have to give it back?" Write Dave Menard at avanti1054@aol.com.

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Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

by J.L. Sims Independent ad features

Livonia, MI - A Livonia dealer is selling 2006 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2006 models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2006 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$233 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2006, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

John Rogin Buick sold over 150 Buick LaCrosse & Pontiac Grand Prix's in the first 30 days of their sale.

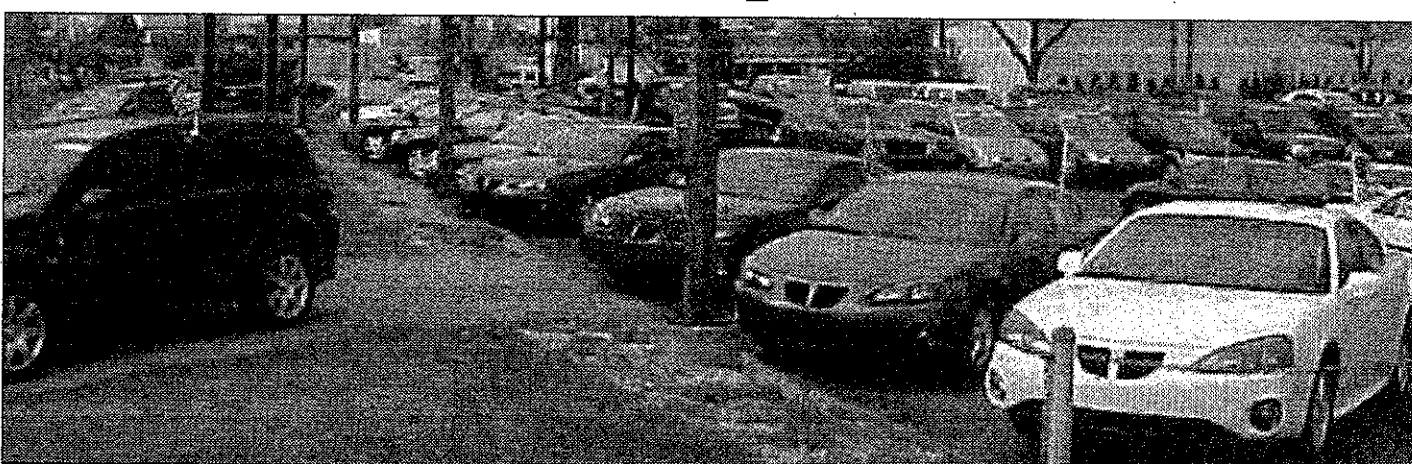
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more

2006 Pontiac Grand Prix's than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2005 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the pre-owned 2006 vehicles. The low financing on new 2006's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows.

So, once again, John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they

currently stock the largest inventory of 2006 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2006's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone,

along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900. Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

A Beautiful Buick

The 2001-2006 Buicks were the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175-horsepower V-6 boasting 20mpg city and 29mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need

for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

position tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions. Wow.



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from

throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of \$24,000 list price new. While they last.

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A palate to India

'Let your food be pure,' chef says

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Cumin seeds brown in canola oil. Another pan of black mustard seeds and curry leaves sautés them gently, until the mustard seeds crackle, creating a fragrance that dances and teases the senses on a Wednesday night.

The smells are indeed exotic, the mild nuttiness of the seeds, the hearty warmth, the depth, the fullness and the richness of Indian cuisine. It all leaves the palate longing in anticipation for pakoras, lentil dal, rice pilaf and pashadi.

New Delhi-born Suvir Saran is holding court in a cooking class offered through the continuing education program at Schoolcraft College, knocking down the walls of fear of the unknown (or the intimidation of the preparation) of this cui-

PLEASE SEE INDIA, D4

SPINACH, ONION AND POTATO PAKORAS (PALAK PAKORAS)

Spice Powder

1 teaspoon coriander seeds
1 teaspoon cumin seeds
1 teaspoon garam masala
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
½ teaspoon fennel seeds
½ teaspoon carom seeds (ajawain)

6 firmly packed cups of chopped, stemmed spinach
1 raw red boiling potato, peeled and very finely diced

1 red onion, cut into medium (about ½ inch) dice
1 fresh, hot green chili, very finely chopped
½ cup chopped cilantro
2 cups chickpea flour (besan)
1 tablespoon dried fenugreek leaves (kasoori methi)
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 ½ cups water
Canola oil, for deep frying
Green chutney

For the spice powder, combine all of the spices in a mortar and pestle or spice grinder and grind very coarsely (there should still be large pieces of seeds).

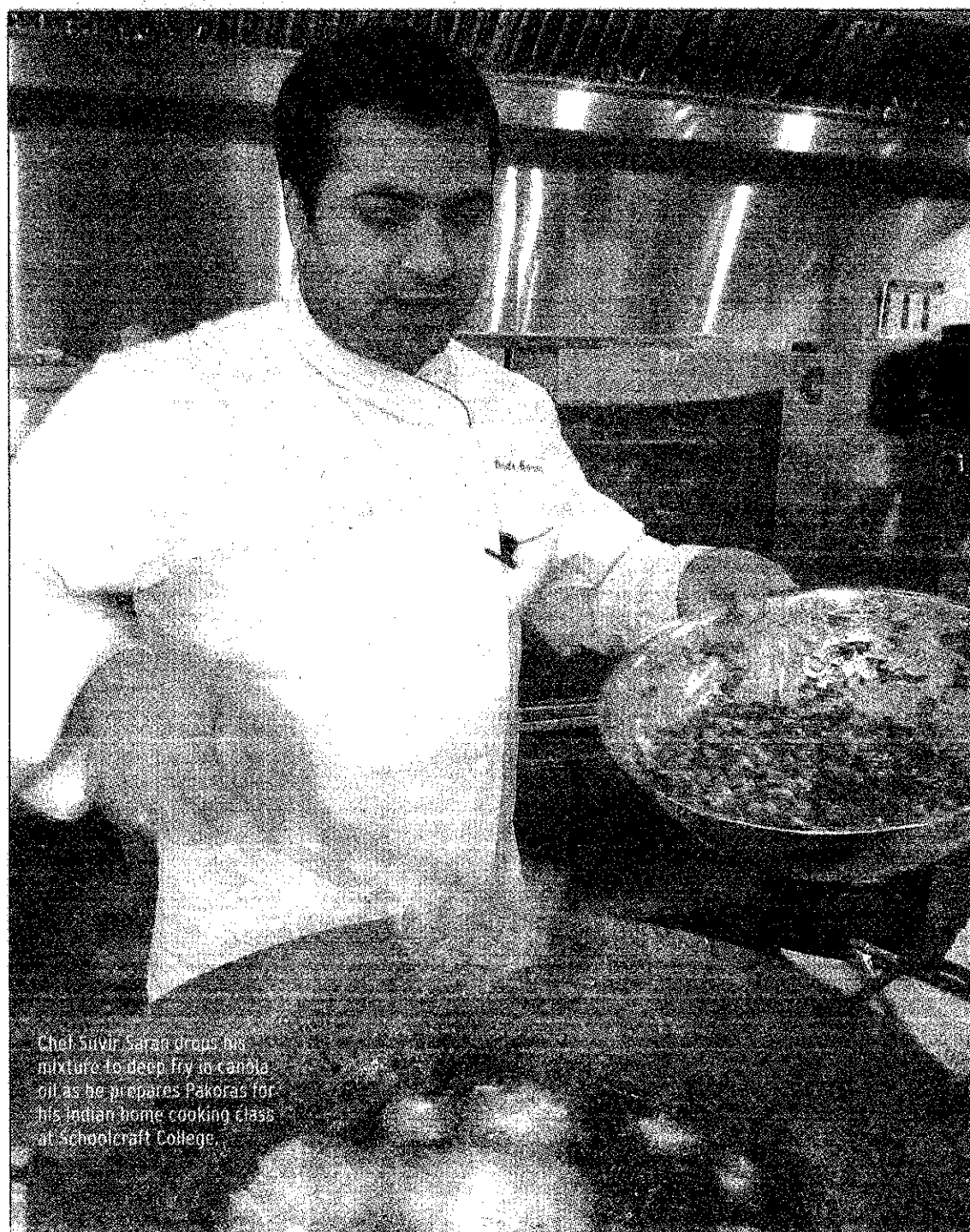
Combine the spice powder with all of the other ingredients except the water and oil in a large bowl and stir to coat everything with the flour. Add the water and stir to make a batter.

Pour about 3 inches of oil into a large saucepan or medium kadai and heat to 360 degrees Fahrenheit over high heat. (To gauge the temperature of the oil without using a thermometer, drop a piece of bread about 1-inch square into the hot oil; when the oil reaches 360 degrees Fahrenheit, the bread should float to the surface of the oil and turn a golden brown color in about 45 seconds.)

Use a scant quarter cup meas-

ure or large serving spoon to measure out about 3 tablespoons of the pakora mixture and slide it into the hot oil. Immediately turn the heat down to medium. Spoon several more pakoras into the oil (four or five total) and cook for 1 minute. Turn the pakoras over with a slotted spoon and cook for 1 more minute. Then turn the heat back up to high and continue cooking, turning twice, until evenly browned all over, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove to a paper towel-lined platter with a slotted spoon and drain.

Repeat to cook all of the pakoras. Serve with green chutney. Makes about 30.



Chef Suvir Saran drops his mixture to deep fry in canola oil as he prepares Pakoras for his Indian home cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Let's smarten up about education

This week's contribution to the column comes from one of our occasional performers (that is when he actually performs), Wendell Ledbetter.

A recent study showed that college students in America aren't as smart as they used to be — particularly in geography.

The study was conducted at the University of Nevada — I think that's in Boise. Forty-one percent of graduating seniors couldn't find Chicago on a map — and it was a map of Chicago!

These same students are also ignorant about government (and to think they weren't even elected).

For instance, 67 percent couldn't name more than two of President Clinton's girlfriends. And, only 12 percent knew what the Supreme

Court justices wore under their robes.

Math is also difficult for these young people. The following problem was posed to college freshmen: If 10 high school students from three states were given four computers with 512mb of RAM and a 60 gigabyte hard drive, how long would it take them to receive an instant message from ex-Congressman Mark Foley?

History is another topic of confusion for our best and brightest.

For example, most students didn't realize that history goes back to biblical days. Adam aced history and said there was nothing to it (give it a minute and the joke will come to you).

Spelling is another problem area. Have you ever read a text message? The modern college student's understanding of *speling*, *sintax* and grammer is downright skarey.

We have heard for years that we are losing the "science wars." This study confirms that trend.

Only 6 percent of those asked knew that all matter is made up of protons, electrons and croutons. Also, few realize that the ozone layer is being depleted. If we don't stop clowning around we'll also lose the bozone layer.

Their knowledge of current events is another area of concern.

For instance, only one in three knew that House Speaker Dennis Hastert was also accused of sending improper e-mail. (Apparently, he and ex-Congressman Mark Foley were on the same page.)

I think you will agree with me that with all we are spending on our children's college education, we need to see more than frat parties and football games.

It's a tough world out there and unless these students get serious about their education, they'll end up creating a silly Web site like You Tube and selling it to Google for \$1.6 billion. I was no math major but I can figure that one out.

Dick Purtan & Purtan's People are heard 5-10 a.m. mornings on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC. There will be a quiz tomorrow morning — plus a visit from Michigan's Coach Lloyd Carr. I hope you'll tune in.

Making move to HDTV requires research, decisions

O.K., I'm sold. For the last couple of years I've shied away from HDTVs. Too expensive, too many confusing options, not enough compelling reasons to replace my trusty 36-inch tube.

All that changed with the arrival of the Westinghouse LTV-46w1 and the Major League Baseball postseason.

First observation: Sports, especially championship baseball games, must be seen in HD. Anything less and you might as well go read a book.

Second observation: Westinghouse, though better known for light bulbs, makes a damn fine HDTV.

Third observation: The time is right to take the plunge. Wives everywhere (including



The Westinghouse LTV-46w1 offers 46 inches of LCD HDTV goodness, and it's priced lower than most competing models.

my own), forgive me.

My goal here today is not to provide the definitive guide to buying an HDTV, but rather to share my experiences as a newcomer to the

technology and to review this Westinghouse model.

THE THREE FLAVORS OF HDTV

Speaking of technology, the first question for any shopper is which one to choose: rear-projection, LCD or plasma.

Start by doing some research. You can find lots of useful information online, starting with CNET's HDTV World (<http://tinyurl.com/bvoj9>).

Rear-projection offers the most bang for the buck. I've seen 50-inch models selling for less than \$1,000.

Despite my affinity for bargains, however, I wouldn't go that route. The rear-projection screens I've seen produced a lot of glare and had a limited viewing angle. You had to sit directly in front of the TV to enjoy a good pic-

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Tell us about your 'Joy of Cooking'

The Joy of Cooking is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The cookbook has been a staple in many households, and given as a wedding, graduation or housewarming present. Has the classic cookbook ever been a part of your life? Did you learn a recipe from it that has become a family favorite? Did it help you overcome any trepidation in trying new dishes?

Tell us about it. We'll share readers' experiences in a future issue. Send your Joy of Cooking memories and experiences to: Ken Abramczyk, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009; e-mail kabramez@hometownlife.com.



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Disposer causes plugged drain

Mr. Grove sent me this e-mail: "Recently I had a clogged line cleared in the basement.

"This line has been a problem for the past 10 years. It plugs up about 12 feet from where the kitchen sink drain

pipe enters the basement floor – maybe at a bend in the line. The house is 45 years old in Livonia.

"The technician was adamant that I should use hot water when running the garbage disposal.

"This is opposite of what I have previously understood: to use cold water on the theory that the cold water solidifies the grease and the disposer grinds it up into little pieces and washes them away.

"The technician also said not to use the chemical (acid) drain opener because it eats through the pipe. He also was of the opinion that the bacteria (grease-eating) drain cleaner was ineffective.

"If you are knowledgeable in this area and would care to comment, it would be beneficial to owners of older homes."

This problem does exist in millions of not only older homes but also those being built today.

The major cause is a cheap, inexpensive garbage disposer

that doesn't chew up the food wastes into small enough pieces.

It happened to me in the same fashion as you described in your e-mail. After a few times of having a plumber snake out the drain line, I changed the garbage disposer that came with the house.

Good-quality disposers that do the job properly will be expensive compared to the \$49 disposer that many homes come with. At the rate the plumber charged me, I am further ahead in investing \$200 in a quality garbage disposer.

Here is the common scenario for homeowners to look at: If you have a drainpipe that travels in a horizontal plane under your sink, you can expect a plugged drain line if your disposer isn't sufficient to chew up food waste into very small pieces.

As for the other comments made by your plumber in regards to types of cleaners to use, etc., I am not an expert. I'm sure I would read the labels of any cleaner or solvents I would put into my drains.

A plumber once told me that the best drain cleaner was a cup of baking soda poured into the drain, followed by a pint bottle of white vinegar.

Let that stand for an hour and then run the hot water tap for 10 minutes.

Quite honestly, this is the only drain cleaner I have ever used.

The comment about using hot water instead of cold isn't

to be applied during use.

I'm sure the hot water would better flush out the drainpipe, so I would tell you to use hot water for a minute or so after you shut off the disposer.

I was always taught to use cold water while running the disposer because it helps to prevent the blades and bearings from overheating.

I believe the disposer instruction booklet tells us to run the disposer for no more than a minute at a time. Longer periods of constant run time may cause it to over-heat.

To clean my disposer and to reduce the bacteria count inside of it, I use ice cubes.

Once a week I fill it with ice cubes, let them sit in there for an hour, then turn on the cold water and the disposer and let it run for 30 seconds. I can assure you that this system works very well.

Keep in mind that a garbage disposer that costs \$150 and up will do a much better job than a cheap one. There are several million homeowners who can attest to that fact.

Stay tuned.

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

Lighting service recognizes those overseas

Everyone recognizes the sacrifices that are made by the men and women of our armed forces, as well as their families.

During the holidays, these issues and hardships can seem amplified when your loved one is overseas.

For the second year in a row, Christmas Decor has set an objective to decorate the homes of

100 families who have a family member stationed overseas for the holidays, in hopes that it will make their holidays a little "brighter."

Families can nominate themselves, or friends or relatives of those with members overseas, by visiting the Decorated Families link on the Web site (<http://www.christmasdecor.net>).

Applications are due by Friday, Dec. 1.

Roman shade

Using an easy pattern, customize, sew and assemble a Roman shade in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.

The four-week class, The Roman Shade From Start to Finish, will begin 6-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13. Cost is \$120 (senior cost, \$96). Bring your own sewing machine to each session. Prerequisite is Sewing 101: For Home Decorating or previous sewing experience. You'll choose the fabric, get the hardware and learn how to hang your completed shade. Materials list will be reviewed at the first session. For more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Holiday open house

Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville, will have a Holiday Open House 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Gardenviews will be transformed into a holiday home tour unto itself. Bring a camera, as you'll be able to pick up many decorating ideas. Buyer and designer Lori Jermon will be on hand to answer questions and help with decorating tips.

Complimentary cookies, eggnog and cider will be available. Gift certificates (\$50) will be given away every hour, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Northville High School Boys and Girls Accapella Choir will perform 11 a.m. to noon and 2-3 p.m. Call (248) 380-8881.

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Chair Re-cove-ry, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 (cost is \$30); Beginner Pillow, 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 7-21 (\$60); and Basic Throw Blanket, 5:45-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 8-15 (\$40). Chair Re-cove-ry is a hands-on workshop about revitalizing dining room chairs with a quick, no-sew transformation (not intended for chair seats with box shaping). Students will learn how to estimate required yardage, select an appropriate fabric, and dismantle, re-pad and re-cover a dining room chair seat. In Beginner Pillow, beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two

HOME CALENDAR

beautiful decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cord and inserted trims. Many of the techniques learned will apply to future home decorating classes.

In Basic Throw Blanket, make the perfect home accessory for the cold winter months ahead. Keep your cozy throw for yourself, or give it as a present.

Holiday book reading

Children are invited to take part in a holiday book reading featuring the story *Has Anyone Seen Christmas?* at noon Saturday, Nov. 11, at Art Van Furniture stores in Southfield, (248) 569-3770; in Westland, (734) 425-9600; in Novi, (248) 348-8922; in Shelby Township, (586) 566-1490; and on 14 Mile in Warren, (586) 939-2100. The event, with activity sheets as well, will take place in Art Van Kids Castles, supervised play areas for children in the stores. Special *Has Anyone Seen Christmas?* activity sheets that promote holiday fun will be given out to children at all Art Van stores Nov. 11.

Giftoarama

The 36th Giftoarama will take place Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 11-12, in Kingswood School Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Proceeds go toward scholarships, capital needs and faculty compensation and enrichment. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 12. Admission is \$7 per person, free 10-11 a.m. Nov. 12. Admission 2-5 p.m. both days is \$10 for two people. Kingswood School is at 885 Cranbrook Road. Free parking will be available at Cranbrook Boys' Middle School, 1060 Vaughan in Bloomfield Hills, with free shuttle buses to Giftoarama. Fifty stores from across the country will set up shop at this holiday shopping extravaganza. Merchants will feature items for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other holidays. A light lunch will be available at a cafe in the school. A free coat check will be offered. Call (248) 645-3565 for more information.

Illustrator visits

Michigan native Wendy Popko, illustrator of *Has Anyone Seen Christmas?*, will participate in a book reading for children and demonstrate her drawing technique 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Art Van Furniture, 32301 Woodward in Royal Oak. The story is the basis for Art Van's

new float in the 2006 America's Thanksgiving Parade.

Holiday decorating

Design expert Ray Boley will share tips and ideas for decorating with greenery for the holidays at a free seminar at Art Van Furniture stores 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in Novi (27775 Novi Road) and 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in Waterford (5053 Dixie Highway). Reservations are requested; call (888) 619-2199. Refreshments will be served and guests will receive a gift.

Auction

DuMouchelles, 409 E. Jefferson in Detroit, will conduct an auction 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10; 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11; and noon Sunday, Nov. 12. An exhibition will take place Friday-Saturday, Nov. 3-4, and Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 7-9. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 8, and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the other four days. The auction will include objects from the estates and collections of John Bloom, Sigmund Kramer, Scott Krandall, Donald Colwell and Gordon Yates.

Among the items are a Detroit Lions autographed football; Mickey Mantle, Al Kaline, Yogi Berra and Hank Aaron baseball cards; vintage sheet music; fine and vintage jewelry; decorative arts; and furnishings. Call (313) 963-6255. Visit www.dumouchelles.com.

Ceramic exhibit

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine in Rochester, presents an exhibit by a group of ceramic artists who have been working together at the Auburn Hills campus of Oakland Community College under instructor Henry Tanaka. The exhibit, *Collective: Ceramic Works from a Collaborative Studio*, continues to Saturday, Nov. 11. Featured artists include James Adair, a creative design sculptor for General Motors; Larry Elliott, who has worked in automotive design and historic home reconstruction; and Dee Woods, who has a background in interior design. Visit www.pccart.org. Call (248) 651-4110.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Daylily club

The Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society Daylily Club will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, between Lone Pine and Long Lake roads in Bloomfield Hills. Martin Kamensky and John Cody will present the program, Hybridizing. The public may attend. Visit www.daylilyclub.com for information. Kamensky, of Shelby Township, is a nationally respected daylily hybridizer.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon on Monday, Nov. 6, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

The topic will be Flower Shows: An Overview. Club member Jan Doan, a member of the Greater Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild, will talk about various show categories and share some displaying "do's and don'ts."

Guests are welcome. For more information, call Dianne at (248) 626-6322.

Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, on Woodward just south of the Cranbrook entrance. Diane Pruden will speak on Daylilies. Guest fee \$3. For more information, call (248) 589-2286.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington and Five Mile roads. Advanced master gardener Margot

McCormack, a garden club member for 29 years, will talk about composting. Visitors are welcome.

Hill & Dale Garden Club

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Margaret Converse will give a slide presentation from the Keenewaw Peninsula. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Sclaway at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

Hardy perennials

Scheduled gardening classes at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, include What Are Hardy Perennials?, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 9 (cost is \$45; \$5 material fee payable to instructor in class). To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.community-house.com. In this class, see why hardy perennials are part of the newest trend in landscape architecture. Learn to conserve time and resources, mimic nature and make invasive plants garden-friendly. Some do's and don'ts of garden design will also be featured. Instructor Mike Saint, a certified master gardener, is the owner of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design LLC in Clarkston. His gardens have been certified as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Association. Slides of Saint's gardens will be shown.

Outdoor photography

The Oakland Chapter of Wild Ones will host a talk by author and photographic artist Ron Meyer Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Oakland Township Parks and

Recreation Building. Meyer will speak on wildlife and outdoor photography. The talk will begin at 1 p.m. at the building, 4393 Collins in Oakland Township, and conclude with a walk through Bear Creek Park to discuss potential photos and techniques for use in the field. The talk will last about two hours. Space is limited to 30 people and pre-registration is requested. Call Barbara Bray at (248) 601-6405. The talk will include a discussion of equipment and basics on photography.

Meyer has authored *Nature Is Your Studio*, a photographic field guide, and *Freddy Fox*, a children's book. Copies of both books will be available after the talk and hike. The books are also available in local stores and may be ordered from Meyer's Web site, www.NaturesBeautyPhotography.com.

Royal Oak Garden Club

The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at the Royal Oak Library, 222 E. 11 Mile. Landscape historian and preservationist Scott Kunst, owner of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, will present Heirloom Bulbs: Unique, Endangered, Amazing. Kunst's lively slide lecture will focus on a season-by-season encyclopedia of antique varieties that are still available to gardeners today. Old House Gardens is the country's only mail-order source devoted to antique flower bulbs. Its distinctive bulbs have been featured in *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening*, *Country Living* and the *New York Times*, and on *Martha Stewart Living*. They grow at historic sites from Mount Vernon to the Hearst Castle.

Free tours scheduled at recycling facility

See how recyclables are sorted and baled by going on a free, half-hour tour of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Troy this month.

The MRF is at 995 Coolidge, between 14 and 15 Mile. The tour is open to all communities.

To schedule a tour, call Kathy Hyde at the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) at (248) 288-5150.

Tours will take place:

■ Monday, Nov. 13 – 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

■ Tuesday, Nov. 14 – 1 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Nov. 15 – 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

■ Thursday, Nov. 16 – 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

■ Friday, Nov. 17 – 1 p.m.

■ Saturday, Nov. 18 – 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

People who make a commitment to step up their recycling efforts will be entered into a drawing for a free home shredder (two shredders will be given away).

They will then be entered into a national drawing where the adult grand prize is a

seven-night Alaskan cruise for two people. Five recycled aluminum content Trek Model 4300 24-speed bicycles will be awarded as youth prizes.

Check out SOCRRA's new Recycling Drop-off Center at the MRF. Bring your recyclables, including newspapers, magazines, cardboard, paperboard, brown paper bags, all plastic containers, clear and brown (no green) glass bottles, metal cans, scrap metal, office paper, junk mail, manila folders, construction paper and shredded paper.

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English Gardens sets open house

English Gardens launches the holiday season with its annual Holiday Open House scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5.

The open house will feature the unveiling of English Gardens' professionally decorated theme trees, photos with Santa and caroling. Refreshments will be served.

The event is open to the public and will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at all six English Gardens locations, including stores in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

"The holidays are a magical time of year," said John Darin, president of English Gardens. "Our beautiful theme trees and displays are bound to inspire."

Choral performances during the open house will include Troy High School Stardust, 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the Royal Oak/Troy store, and West Bloomfield High School Lakers Express, 1-3 p.m. at the West Bloomfield store.

Among the theme trees on display at each store are:

■ **Arctic Blast** – Adorable North Pole penguins slip and slide on an all-white Christmas tree.

■ **Bright and Bold** – A full array of fun colors for those who prefer to mix it up during the holidays. From hot pinks to lime greens, this tree has it all, including multi-colored LED lights.

■ **Burnished Treasures** – Rich brown, copper and gold with a hint of black make this a designer's favorite.

■ **Come in and Get Toasty** – After a full day of sledding, youngsters will hang up their mittens and caps, grab some hot chocolate, and keep their eyes open for some furry forest friends.

■ **Concert in the Park** – A medley of instruments and musical notes.

■ **Fairy Kisses** – Delightful fairies capture the magic of the season.

■ **Winter Sage** – A fresh combination of chocolate brown and green.

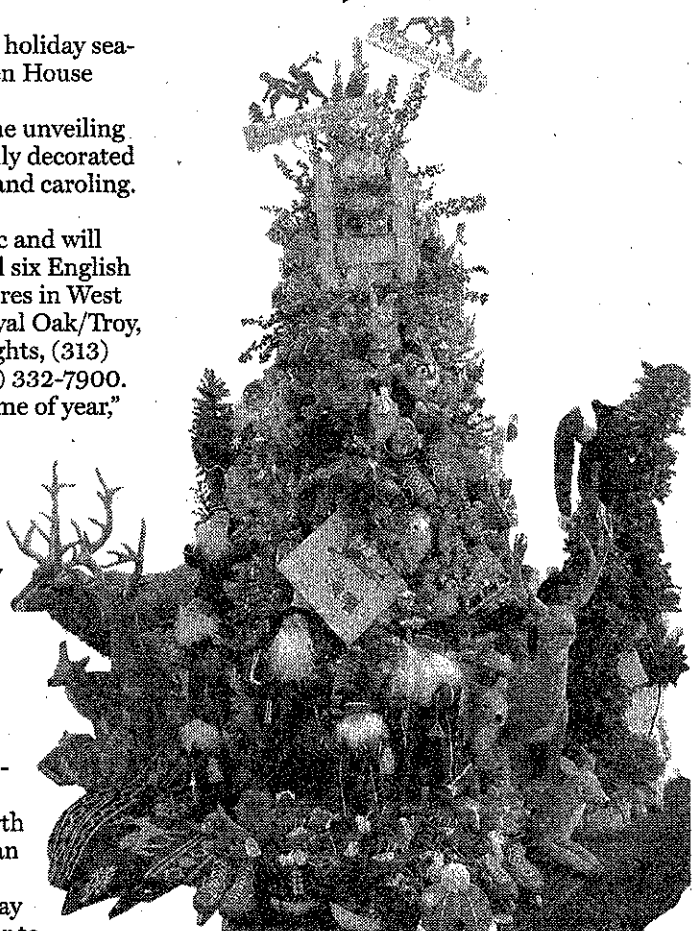
■ **Iced Champagne** – A new spin on the classic champagne, with a twist of platinum.

■ **Imperial** – A royal mixture of rich peacock colors accented with brown create a stunning look.

■ **Midnight Clear** – Brilliant LED lights sparkle against black and silver trim.

■ **Mistletoe & Holly** – A traditional look of red, white and green that has become English Gardens' signature look.

■ **Motown Christmas** – Bright and shiny



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Come in and Get Toasty is one of the professionally decorated theme trees displayed at English Gardens stores.

European glass ornaments featuring casinos, cars and cigars.

■ **Pomegranate** – A blending of this season's hottest colors of raspberry and coral.

■ **Splendor** – Deep hues of red and burgundy create this season's best.

■ **Snow Business** – Signs of the winter season and frosty snowmen add some fun to the holidays.

■ **Unwrap the Magic** – The excitement of Christmas morning is captured in a sparkling rendition of silver, red and white.

English Gardens transforms its six retail stores every November into Christmas Centers that feature the area's largest selection of life-like, pre-lit Christmas trees; lights and ornaments; fresh-cut Christmas trees, fresh greens and wreaths; poinsettias and other flowering plants; fresh-cut flowers, custom-designed arrangements; and other gifts.

For more information, log onto www.englishgardens.com.

Symposium explores landscape patronage

The finest minds in landscape architecture will join one of the country's leading architectural philanthropists on the grounds of Cranbrook Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 9-11, for the Cultural Landscape Foundation's symposium, Patronage and Landscape.

Sponsored by *House and Garden* magazine, the three-day event will include an opening night lecture by philanthropist Richard Driehaus, tours of the internationally acclaimed Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills and a daylong series of talks by leading landscape architecture experts.

All events are open to the public.

To learn more about the symposium and how to register, visit www.tclf.org/cranbrook, or call the foundation at (202) 483-0553.

The symposium will begin with a special Gala Benefit reception, open to the public, Nov. 9 at Cranbrook Institute of Science. Cost is \$75. The benefit supports Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Guests will enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the natural history museum, designed by Eliel Saarinen and acclaimed architect Steven Holl.

Driehaus, one of the nation's

leading architectural and landscape philanthropists, will deliver the keynote address at the benefit.

His Richard H. Driehaus Foundation preserves and enhances built and natural environments through historic preservation, encouraging quality community and landscape design and conserving open space.

For reservations, call Audrey Tribu of the Cranbrook Institute of Science at (248) 645-3245. A daylong series of lectures will take place Friday, Nov. 10, featuring nationally and internationally recognized speakers exploring the role of landscape patronage, both past and present.

Cost for the Nov. 10 symposium is \$150, which includes all lectures, refreshments, snacks and a boxed lunch.

Among the speakers will be Adele Chatfield-Taylor, president of the American Academy in Rome, and Charles A. Birnbaum, coordinator of the National Park Service Historic Landscape Initiative.

The day's talks will showcase and celebrate great patrons of America's cultural landscape, including Cranbrook founder George Booth, J. Irwin Miller, George W. Vanderbilt and the

Ford family, and will highlight the continuing need for stewards and patrons of America's designed landscapes.

Symposium guests will see first-hand some exceptional results of landscape patronage Nov. 11, choosing to tour either the Cranbrook campus or the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Tour cost is \$60.

Led by Cranbrook archivist Mark Coir, the tour of Cranbrook will feature some of the campus' most spectacular buildings.

Among these are Albert Kahn's Cranbrook House, Tod Williams and Billie Tsien's Natatorium, and several works by Saarinen, including Saarinen House, Cranbrook School, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Cranbrook Art Museum and Cranbrook Institute of Science.

The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House tour will be led by University of Michigan professor Bob Grese, an expert on Jens Jensen, the landscape architect who built the Fords' home between 1926 and 1932.

The Grosse Pointe Shores property was the fourth that Jensen designed for the Fords, and was the most elaborate of his creations for them.

Nutcracker Luncheon, Boutique to benefit DSO

The popular annual Nutcracker Luncheon and Boutique will be presented for the 24th year by the Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the Radisson-Kingsley Inn, 39475 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills.

Boutique shopping will be available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. An elegant luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by a performance of vocal music by an ensemble from The Detroit Choral Artists.

Ticket prices for the event are \$60 (Donor) and \$150 (Benefactor). For further information, contact the Volunteer Council office at (313) 576-5154

or volunteercouncil@dso.org.

The boutique will showcase a variety of unusual gift items for the holidays. Shoppers will find jewelry and accessories, sweaters, decorative seasonal items for the home, and children's items offered by select boutiques from the Detroit area.

In addition, a raffle will take place, with winners going home with such items as a Louis Vuitton gold and diamond necklace, a voucher for two tickets to a DSO Holiday Concert, and dinner for two at Opus One.

Buyers of Benefactor tickets will receive a gift certificate good for a four-hour gourmet cooking class with one of Michigan's top chefs at Tréarrow Inc. in

Auburn Hills. The luncheon will feature Chicken Champagne Medallions with a Wild Rice Medley, Panzanella Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette and a dessert of Warm Apple Pie with Caramel Sauce.

The fund-raising event is presented to benefit education and outreach programs of the DSO.

Each year the DSO invests more than \$1.2 million in programs that reach more than 75,000 students in Southeastern Michigan. Debra Partrich of Bloomfield Hills is the current president of the Volunteer Council. Barbara Diles of Bloomfield Hills is general chair of the 2006 Nutcracker Luncheon and Boutique.

BROIDA

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ture. What's more, standard-definition shows looked pretty awful – though that's true of many HDTVs.

Plasmas generally offer the best overall picture, but they're usually the most expensive option. You can easily spend \$3,000 or more on a big-screen plasma, though prices are coming down.

Personally, I like LCDs. They're thin and wall-mountable like plasmas, and they consume less electricity.

They also work best with Media Center PCs, one of which is at the heart of my entertainment center. And based on what I've seen of the Westinghouse model, there's everything to love about the picture quality.

THE WESTINGHOUSE LTV-46W1

Let's get the tech specs out of the way first. The LTV-46W1 is a 46-inch LCD HDTV capable of 720p and 1080i resolutions. (Again, see the aforementioned CNET site if you're unfamiliar with these terms.)

It features a built-in HD tuner, meaning that by connecting a good antenna (yep, rabbit ears are back), you can view free high-def broadcasts (though your mileage will vary depending on where you live).

And it sports all the important connections, including HDMI and VGA ports.

Speaking of connections, the TV's cool Autosource feature detects when a new device is powered on and automatically switches to it.

Turn on your Xbox, for instance, and the LTV-46W1 will quickly change to the proper input – no need to reach for the remote.

Of course, nothing matters more than picture quality, and to my eyes the LTV-46W1 hits a home run. The World Series games looked dazzling. The island jungles of *Lost* revealed every lush leaf. And desperate housewife Eva Longoria – well, I can't say more without getting into trouble.

I popped in a DVD of *The Matrix*, the perfect film by which to judge any TV, and thought it looked stellar. I didn't notice any of the blotchiness or artifacting I've been told to watch for in dark scenes. It just looked really good.

Even standard-def shows, the Achilles' heel of HDTVs, looked OK. A bit soft, perhaps, but after a few days I didn't notice anymore.

I was particularly pleased by the set's ultra-wide viewing angle. I found I could stand just about anywhere and still see a clear, sharp picture.

Someone who reviews TVs for a living might say that the

LTV-46W1 has sub-par black levels, meaning images that are supposed to be completely black instead look somewhat grayish.

And maybe the colors weren't as accurate as they were "supposed" to be. A lot of this stuff is subjective. When I watch the LTV-46W1, I find no faults to speak of.

Except for one: It has only two zoom levels, rather than the three or four found in most HDTVs.

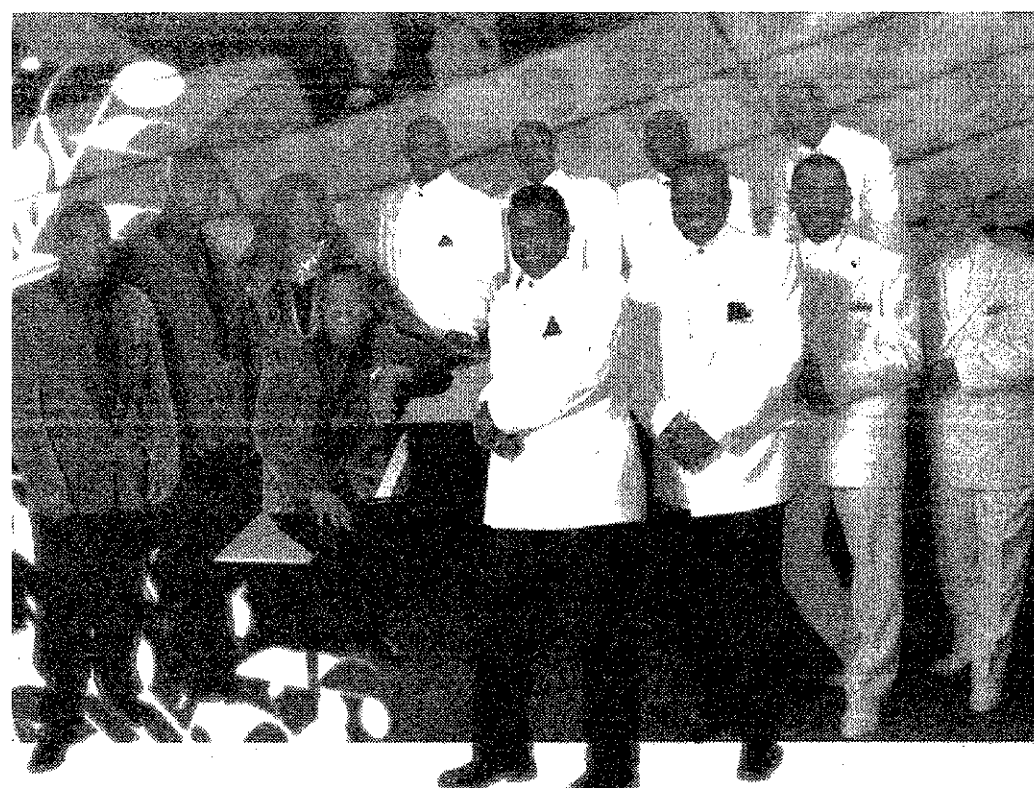
That means when I'm watching a standard-def show that's letterboxed, I can zoom it to fill the width of the screen but not the height. That wastes a major chunk of screen estate and results in a stretched-out picture.

Believe it or not, this is almost a deal-breaker.

But the TV itself is definitely a deal. With a list price of \$2,099, the LTV-46W1 is one of the least-expensive 46-inch LCDs on the market.

I'm not positive it's the model I'll end up with, but it definitely convinced me I'm ready for HDTV.

After all, it's Pistons season. Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How To Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device*, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.



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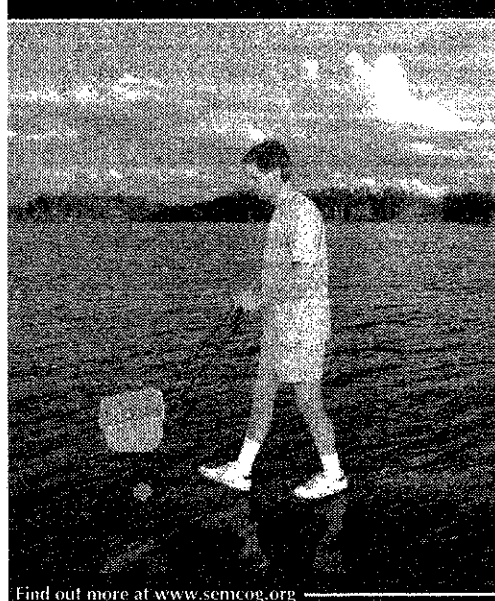
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Chef Suvir Saran mixes his ingredients as he prepares Pakoras while teaching an Indian home cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

INDIA

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sine.

Saran promotes these fresh flavors and spices not well known to many Americans, teaching classes at New York University, Sur La Table, the Institute for Culinary Education and last week, at Schoolcraft.

Saran, co-executive chef of Dévi in New York City and author of *Indian Home Cooking*, creates a pleasant atmosphere in a kitchen with his sense of humor, his passion for food and his Schoolcraft's student chef assistants and even the class attendees, during his discussion of Indian foods.

And he doesn't put on any pretenses. Call him Suvir (pronounced se-veer), thank you. No need to address him as chef Suvir or chef Saran. Just Suvir.

While he is polite, mild-mannered and pleasant, he is critical of the lack of freshness and health on the American table.

"Americans' attitude toward food is unfortunate," Saran said, citing the American love affair with fast foods, the caloric heavy-weight meals that many indulge in, creating obesity and health problems.

"Their curiosity is their saving grace. Their attitude to food has been raped by corporate giants, manipulated and fraught with zero inkling about what we eat.

"Their food attitudes need to be freer."

He spins tales about a cook who took him to that chef's mother's house because "she makes the best collard greens." Saran soon discovered the greens were out of a can.

He points out that the yogurt Americans enjoy is nothing more than corn starch and sugar, and our love affair with meat is overindulgent. Eight ounces a week (and not at every meal) is enough, he says.

ADVICE

Get protein from grains and legumes, he advises.

His menu features spinach, onion and potato pakoras, green chutney, simple lentil dal with fresh ginger, green chilies and cilantro, cumin-scented rice pilaf, stir-fried mixed summer squash, smoked-spiced eggplant and zucchini pachadi.

Saran starts with the pakoras, mixing the spinach, onion and potatoes with a spice powder mix of coriander seeds, cumin seeds, garam masala, cayenne pepper, fennel seeds, carom seeds.

He adds dried fenugreek leaves and baking powder,

coating the mix with chick-pea flour, and adds water. He fries the mix in canola oil for a crunchy, yet tender, delicious appetizer.

For the lentils, Indians like them runny and watery, Saran said.

"We make them soupy. If you like them runny, you should make them runny. We love our food to be almost surprising. Not everything needs to be conforming."

For his cumin-scented rice, Saran gives a basic reminder: one cup rice to two cups water, and use the same measuring cup for one for rice and a separate liquid measuring cup for the water. It should be a direct 2/1 ratio, he says.

Cook cumin seed before adding to rice, he said. Raw cumin seed "doesn't taste good," he said.

"Don't open the rice while you are cooking it," he said. If you stir, you will "break the starch and it will become sticky."

"We are never afraid to season," he said, as he adds salt. "The French, Italians and Indians aren't afraid of salt."

He roasts the eggplant on a gas flame on the range top in the demonstration kitchen. It can also be grilled.

"You really have to char it completely," he said, at least 10 minutes, or 20 minutes roasted at 500 degrees Fahrenheit. The eggplant is grilled ashen gray.

That eggplant will be mixed with sautéed ginger, garlic, coconut, coriander, cumin, garam masala and tomatoes for a smoky, rich, textured dish with plenty of depth and full-flavoredness.

It might be – no, actually, it is – the best eggplant this reporter has ever tasted.

Many of the ingredients Saran uses can be found at Indian grocers, ethnic stores, Trader Joe's or Whole Food Markets.

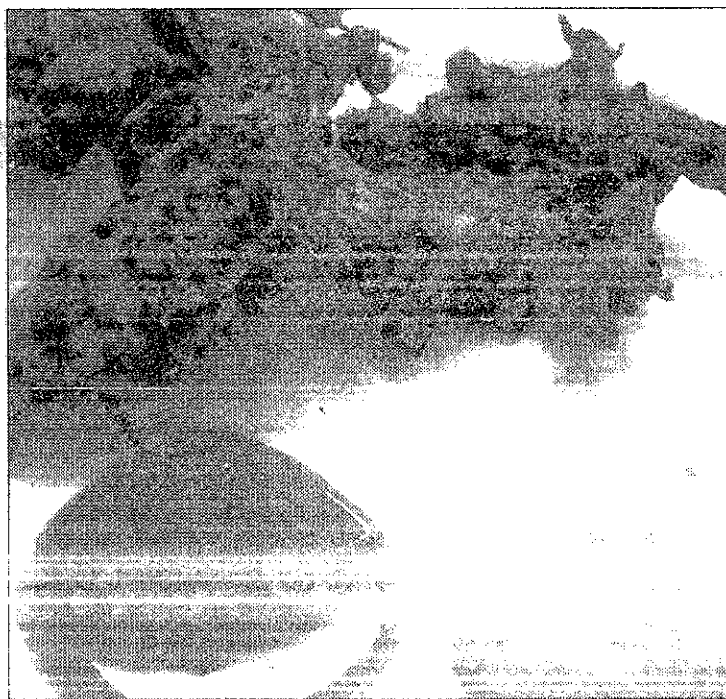
If you need to grind spices, you can use a coffee grinder. To clean the grinder, run it twice, each time filled with rice, then empty it, he advises.

Saran discusses his grandmother, who lived in San Francisco and died in 2003.

"Your food should be meditative, tranquility and peace," he said. "My grandmother always said 'Add nothing to your grocery list that will cause you angst. Your frustrations will pour out into the food for your guests to take away with them,'" he said.

"Let your food be pure. When I walk into a kitchen, I forget that anything is bothering me."

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A plate of Pakoras to taste from chef Suvir Saran during his Indian home cooking class held at Schoolcraft College.

INDIAN SPICES GLOSSARY

Asafetida (heeng): A sand-colored powder made from the root of a fennel-like plant. When cooked, asafetida has a pungent flavor and smell, reminiscent of the flavor of onion and garlic. It is used in the cuisines of Hindu Brahmins and Jains, whose religions prohibit eating onion and garlic, because the asafetida adds a savory taste to the food. If you don't have it, it can be omitted or you can substitute a bit of onion and garlic.

Black mustard seeds (rai danna): Blackish, brown seeds of the mustard plant, used extensively in south Indian dishes, in rasam and sambhaar powder and as an ingredient in pickling spice mixtures. The seeds have a pungent, bitter, hot taste that becomes mild and nutty when cooked. (Yellow mustard seeds aren't a substitute. If you don't have black mustard seeds, don't use the yellow ones; just omit the seeds altogether from the recipe.)

Carom seeds (ajawain): Tiny, oval seed, also known as lovage, is the seed of the thymol plant, closely related to dill and caraway. Seeds are used whole or crushed, in pickling mixtures, in vegetable dishes, in breads and to flavor the crisp crackers called mathri.

Coriander: Of course, the small, light-brown seed of the plant that also gives us the green leaves of cilantro, and a member of the parsley family. Coriander has a mildly sweet nutty flavor, tasting slightly citrus. It is used in minced meat dishes, soups, curries and pickles.

Cumin (zeera): The dried seed of the cumin plant, also in the parsley family. A small, light green-to-brown seed, that looks like a caraway seed. It has a wonderful, warm, earthy taste.

Fenugreek seeds and leaves (methi dana, taazi methi, kasoori methi): The seeds are small, squarish, and amber-colored. Greens are sold fresh in season or are dried. The seeds have a strong, bitter taste.

Garam masala: The most important spice mixture used in northern Indian cuisine, it goes well with onion-based sauces for meats and poultry, but it is used to flavor chaats (snacks), dals (legumes) and raitas.

Nigella seeds (kalaunji): Also called onion seeds, which they resemble, these tiny black seeds have a sharp, oniony and slightly nutty taste. Nigella is used in pickling spice mixes, and in South Indian cooking, particularly as a flavoring for vegetables.

Turmeric (haldi): Ground dried root of a tropical herb. Turmeric is a bright orange color and turns food a yellow color. It has a mildly bitter, woody, slightly musty taste, but it used to add a golden color to dals, curries, meat and vegetable dishes, and marinades.

Source: *Indian Home Cooking* by Suvir Saran and Stephanie Lyness, Clarkson Potter/Publishers, New York, 2004, \$32.50.

Home cooking, Indian style

GREEN CHUTNEY

- 1-1/2 cups firmly packed, chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 cup firmly packed mint leaves
- 2 to 3 fresh, hot green chilies, stemmed
- 2 inches fresh ginger, peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 red onion, quartered
- Juice of two lemons
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 cup water

Combine all of the ingredients in a blender and process to a puree. (This won't blend easily; you'll need to stop and start the blending and stir the ingredients often to get the mixture to catch. You can add a bit more water to facilitate the process but the flavor of the chutney will be milder.) Makes 1-1/2 cups.

Note: This recipe is easy to vary. You can omit the mint and use cilantro alone. Or chopped, green mango if you can find it; it gives the chutney a delicious sour taste. Increase the number of chilies to create a hot pepper chutney. You can make a mint chutney by increasing the mint and using less cilantro, but do include some cilantro or the chutney will taste somewhat bitter.

SMOKED, SPICED EGGPLANT (BAINGAN KAA BHARTAA)

- 1 large eggplant
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 inch fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 large red onion, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 2 garlic cloves, ground to a paste in a mortar and pestle
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened, shredded coconut
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon garam masala
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 medium ripe tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 fresh hot green chili, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

Roast the eggplant directly on the burner of a gas stove over medium heat, turning often, until the skin is completely blackened and the flesh is soft, about 10 minutes. Or roast the eggplant on a cookie sheet in a 500 degree Fahrenheit oven until the skin is blackened, about 20 minutes.

Let stand until cool enough to handle, then pull off the skin with your fingers, rinsing your hands under running water as you work. (Don't worry if you can't get all of the charred skin off.) Cut off and discard the stem, then put the eggplant in a bowl and mash it to a puree with a potato masher.

Heat the oil in a large frying pan, wok or kadai over medium-

high heat. Add the ginger and cook, stirring, 30 seconds.

Add the onion and salt and cook, stirring often, until the onion begins to brown around the edges, about 10 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, until the raw smell disappears, about 30 seconds. Add the coconut, if using, and cook, stirring, one minute.

Add the coriander, cumin, garam masala, and cayenne and cook, stirring, one minute. Now add 1 tablespoon of water and cook, stirring, until the onion begins to stick about one more minute.

Add the tomatoes and give the mixture a stir. Add the mashed eggplant and cook, stirring often, five minutes.

Stir in the fresh chili and 1 tablespoon of the cilantro. Stir in the lemon juice and taste for salt. Spoon into a serving bowl, sprinkle with the remaining tablespoon of cilantro and serve hot.

STIR-FRIED MIXED SUMMER SQUASH (SQUASH PORIYAL)

- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 tablespoon black mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric
- 3 whole, dried red chilies
- 1/2 fresh, hot green chili, chopped
- 12 fresh or 16 frozen curry leaves, torn into pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon asafetida
- 1/4 cup shredded, unsweetened coconut
- 1/2 teaspoon nigella seeds (kalaunji)
- 2-1/2 pounds zucchini and yellow squash, trimmed, halved lengthwise and then cut crosswise into 1/2 inch thick slices
- 1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste

Combine the oil and mustard seeds in a large wok, kadai or frying pan over medium-high heat. Cover (the mustard seeds pop and splatter) and cook until you hear the mustard seeds crackle, 1 to 2 minutes.

Add the cumin seeds, turmeric, dried and fresh chilies, curry leaves, asafetida, coconut and nigella, if using. (Stand back if using curry leaves; they "spit" when they hit the oil). Turn the heat down to low and cook uncovered, stirring, until the coconut begins to turn a golden brown color, about one minute.

Add the squash and turn the heat back up to medium-high. Stir to coat the squash with the spices. Then cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes. Add the salt and cook, stirring, until the squash is tender but still has some bite, 3 to 4 minutes longer. Taste for salt and serve hot.

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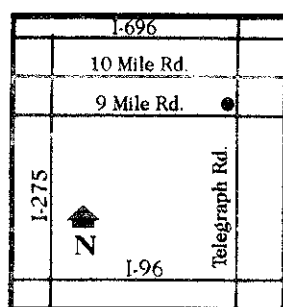
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Michael Mondavi, eldest son of Robert Mondavi, who in 1966 founded Robert Mondavi Winery in California's Napa Valley, is back in the wine business. We interviewed him recently at Bacco Ristorante in Southfield where he seemed enthusiastic and full of life.

In early 2004, Michael resigned as vice chairman of Robert Mondavi Winery, several months before it was sold to Constellation Brands, and began carving out his own niche in the wine business before the end of that year. Called Folio Fine Wine Partners, an importer, agency and producer of quality wines, based in Napa Valley, Michael shares principal ownership with his wife Isabel, daughter Dina and son Rob. Some employees also

have minor ownership stakes.

Currently, Folio's brands span the globe from California to Italy, Spain, Austria and New Zealand. By mid-2007, Folio will have a Willamette Valley, Ore., pinot noir under its I'M brand, those favored by Isabel Mondavi.

STARTING OVER

After such a painful departure and turmoil over the sale of Robert Mondavi Winery, why did Michael jump right back into the wine business? "I love the wine business," he said. "But I didn't like what was happening to Robert Mondavi as a publicly-traded company. Stockholders want instant monetary gratification. The fine wine business cannot thrive in the public marketplace. A family business can only grow long-term."

Why did you choose the import route, too? "The wine business is global," Mondavi said. "Today, consumers enjoy wines from unique regions. When I was growing up in the wine business with my father, I was an admirer of Frank Schoonmaker and his wine portfolio. All the wines were top quality and they spanned a broad price range. The Schoonmaker name equated with quality."

"My goal is to have consumers recognize the Folio name attached to a brand and buy wine with confidence because they know that they



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will get quality wine."

FRESCOBALDI

One of Folio's top imports is Marchesi de Frescobaldi wines, one of Italy's leading producers, owning the largest vineyard expanse in Tuscany with 2,500 acres and nine estates.

"When I explained the Folio vision to 30th generation Vittorio Frescobaldi, we became partners because our commitment to wine quality is identical," Mondavi said.

"My grandmother once told me, 'only do business with people you enjoy and respect, and they enjoy and respect you.' She also told me 'make wine that tastes good,' and by that she meant that people will want to drink a second and third glass of the wine. She concluded by telling me, 'if the wine glass doesn't empty, you're not doing your job.'"

Michael's grandfather told him that to be a true marketer of premium wine, "your roots must be in the soil, so you know what you're trying to produce." Michael said, "that's why I'm also growing grapes and making wine under the brands: I'M, Oberon,

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Hangtime and Bocce." Son Rob with his wife Lydia make Spellbound and Medusa with their business partners Patti and Paul Hoffman.

In addition to Frescobaldi wines, on the import side, we also recommend Tenuta dell'Ornellaia (owned by Frescobaldi), Attems, Danzante and Luce Della Vite. From Spain try Capafons-Osso, Cims de Porrera, Clos Dominic and Mas de l'Abundancia.

Of special note is the 2000 Frescobaldi Brut \$25, Metodo Classico (the name for the champagne method in

Italian). Made principally of pinot bianco and a lesser percentage of pinot nero (pinot noir), it's a lovely sparkling wine at an attractive price for the upcoming holidays. Get it now because the Frescobaldi are discontinuing it to focus solely on wines from their own estate grapes.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and *The Residents* who write about wine, its, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

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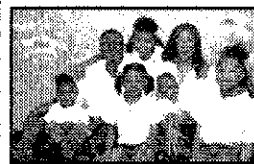
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Detroit Ignition

Dance Team Revs Up Indoor Soccer

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

As the Detroit Ignition indoor soccer team gears up for its kick-off Nov. 4 at Compuware Arena, players aren't the only athletes in training.

The Detroit Ignition Dance Team is working hard on their game too.

Responsible for stoking team spirit with their high-energy routines, the dance team is revving up to make the Ignition's first-ever season a great success.

According to Lindsey Gamrod, marketing manager for Detroit Ignition, roughly 60 dancers tried out for the team, during open-call auditions at Tequila Rain in Novi on July 31.

Dancers had one hour to learn a combination to Christina Aguilera's "Ain't No Other Man." A panel of 10 celebrity judges narrowed the field to 22 of the best dancers, who proceeded to the final phase of tryouts — an interview with Ignition executives.

"All of them were good dancers, with personality, good attitudes and energy," Gamrod said. "But during the interviews we wanted to find out what their personalities are, whether they are the kind of person we want to represent this organization."

All of the women chosen had to be enthusiastic about community service, Gamrod said, and able to meet the commitments of the team. Members have rehearsals on Sunday nights at Juliana's School of Dance in Madison Heights, where Choreographer Michael Lemanski teaches the routines they will rock on the sidelines. During the week, dancers practice on their own to master the steps.

Gamrod said the average age of team members is 22 years old, and all of the dancers have years of experience. Most began lessons at private studios at a young age. Many danced on high school and college teams. Three, including Monica Rodriguez of Canton, danced for the Pistons.

Rodriguez, 21, started lessons at Dancing Feet in Canton in fourth grade, and was on the Salem High School pom pon team. She has worked locally as a Rockette, and was on the Pistons' Automation Dance Team 2004-06.

These days, Rodriguez, who is studying at Eastern Michigan University to be a nurse, said the Ignition is more her speed. "Automation danced at 42 home games, plus pre-season and finals," she said. "It was time consuming and a ton of fun, but I'm trying to get more focused on school."

With the Ignition, Rodriguez will perform at 15 home games during the Major Indoor Soccer League 2006-07 season, which lasts through April 1. The season also consists of 15 road games.

Nicole Blaszczyk, of Novi, says the Ignition is a great opportunity for dancers in Metro Detroit. The 19-year-old started dancing at age three, at Cheryl's School of Dance in Novi. For the past eight years she's been part of that studio's team, and has competed at the national level five times with three wins.

Blaszczyk goes to the studio every day, making time to rehearse between advertising classes at Wayne State University, and jobs at Bath & Body Works at Twelve Oaks Mall and teaching dance at the Wixom Community Center.

"I think it's exciting to see how we can incorporate dance in the professional sports world," Blaszczyk said. "It's good to have a professional soccer team coming to Detroit with another dance team."

Blaszczyk made the team alongside one of her 'rivals,' Martha Wojtaszek. The two have competed for years, most recently for a spot on the reality TV show "So You Think You Can Dance?" Both of them survived several cuts and made it to the final 40 in Las Vegas.

"We both danced during the Mariah Carey show at the Lions game on Thanksgiving Day, and got to know each other during 'So You Think You Can Dance,'" Blaszczyk said. "Before we were just competitors, and now we're friends."

Christina Wilson, 28, started dancing at age five, and went on to dance with the Plymouth Salem High School pom pon squad. She danced at Miami University of Ohio for three years and now works for Mid-American Pom Pon camps and coaches Northville High School's pom squad.

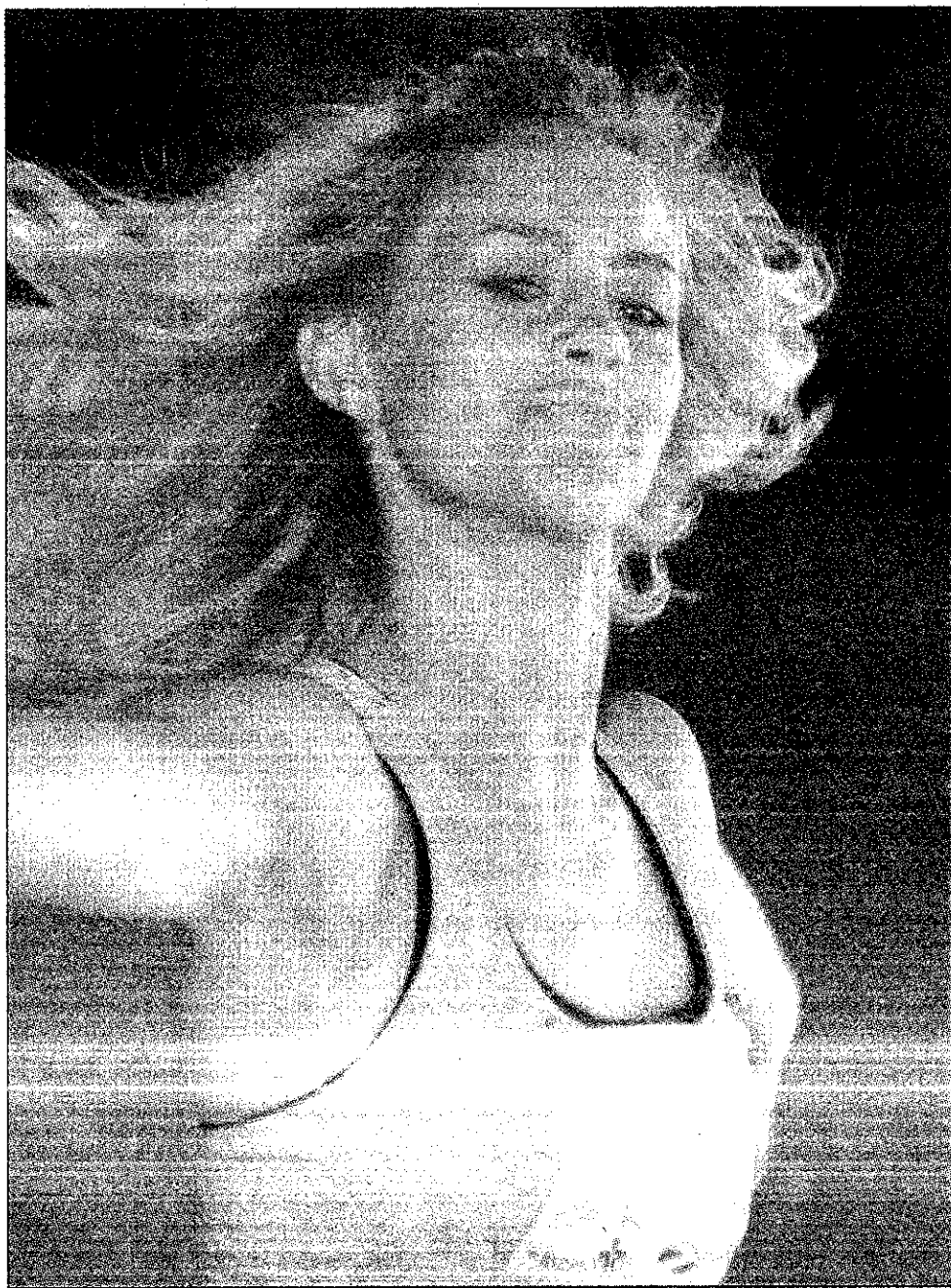


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Nicole Blaszczyk didn't make the final cut for the reality TV show 'So You Think You Can Dance,' but the Novi resident did get chosen for the Detroit Ignition Dance Team.



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Monica Rodriguez of Canton (above) formerly danced for the Pistons Automation, but is excited about switching gears to the Detroit Ignition Dance Team. Christina Wilson (left) coaches the Northville High School pom pon squad, and hopes to share some of the Detroit Ignition choreography with her students.

Wilson said she heard about Ignition auditions on the radio, and thought she'd give it a whirl.

"I haven't danced in two or three years now so I was definitely excited to get back into the swing of things, and get ideas for choreography for the team that I coach," Wilson said.

According to Greg Bibb, president of the Detroit Ignition, dancers are an important part of the team.

"They provide an additional element of entertainment aside from the game on the field and activities in the building," Bibb

Ignition Opening Game

When: 7:35 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4
What: Detroit Ignition vs. Baltimore Blast
Where: Compuware Sports Arena, Plymouth
Tickets: \$22-\$40 for individuals, or \$85 for the Detroit Ignition Family 4-Pack, which includes four tickets, four sodas, and four hot dogs. Call 1-888-436-GOAL visit www.ticketmaster.com.
Information: www.DetroitIgnition.com



said. "They are great goodwill ambassadors for our sport and our team — you will not only see them on the sidelines, you will see them out in the community spreading the word about Detroit Ignition."

The Detroit Ignition kicks off at 7:35 p.m. Nov. 4 at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth, against the Baltimore Blast. For more information about the dancers, players, games or to purchase tickets, visit www.detroitignition.com.

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By Wensdy

Wear It!

Wide leg
menswear-inspired
cropped trousers

Read It!

Blueprint Magazine

DON'T Wear It!

Tapered capris

Hear It!

The Crane Wife
by The Decemberists
(at Clutch Cargo Nov. 7)

Click It!

www.facebook.com

Eat It!

Brunch at
Toast Ferndale

Face It!

some kind a gorgeous
"foundation faker"
by Benefit

Drink It!

Starbucks
Gingerbread Latte

TIVO It!

The Office

See It!

Movin' Out at the Fisher
Theatre until Nov. 19



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DKNY Sale

Stock up on the season's tights and socks to keep those tootsies toasty as Von Maur Laurel Park Place hosts a women's DKNY tights & trouser socks sale through Nov. 12. Visit the Hosiery Department for 25 percent off. Call (734) 432-6949.

Wrap Gifts with Glamour

Think outside the box as you gear up for fabulous holiday gift giving with "The ABCs of Basic Wrapping and Bow-Tying" at Lisa's Gift Wrappers in Royal Oak. These pre-holiday, hands-on workshops will teach you to wrap packages with panache. Choose a workshop 1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 4 or Nov. 11. Class fee is \$25, which includes all supplies. Call (248) 547-9094 to register.

Boutique Luncheon

Join members of the Icon Dei Guild as they hold their annual fall luncheon at the San Marino Club in Troy on Nov. 4. Browse boutiques starting at 10:30 a.m., then enjoy a noon lunch followed by a guest speaker and raffle. Tickets \$30, benefit Guest House, which operates two rehabilitation centers for priests. R.S.V.P. at (248) 642-3087.

Revival of the Fittest

Toast the grand opening of REVIVE during a cocktail reception 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. The men's and women's vintage clothing boutique is located at 383 Hamilton Row in Birmingham. Call (248) 593-9788.

Designers @ Shirt Box

World-renowned men's fashion designers Montee Holland of The Taylon Collection and Dominic Pangborn of Pangborn Design will premiere their latest men's fashion designs noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at a "Designers of Detroit" event at The Shirt Box. Montee will introduce his first-ever sportswear collection, and display his famous suit collection with its signature vests. Pangborn will introduce his latest men's accessories, including designer ties and scarves. The Shirt Box, located at 32500 Northwestern Hwy. in Farmington Hills, just celebrated its 25th year offering high-quality menswear. Call (248) 851-6770 or visit theshirtbox.com.

Parisian Charity Sale

Parisian has challenged its stores and customers to help raise \$825,000 in support of local charities during The Parisian Charity Sale, 6-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Participating local charities sell \$5 tickets to the event, and keep the proceeds. In exchange for purchasing tickets, shoppers save on rarely discounted brands, get double points on charged items, and \$5 off their first purchase.

KISS Rocker Signs Fragrances

Paul Stanley of the rock band KISS will make a personal appearance at Parisian, Village of Rochester Hills, to autograph purchased bottles of the new KISS Him and KISS Her fragrances 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Call (248) 276-6705.

Marlene Dietrich Program

Learn about screen star Marlene Dietrich as the Southfield Public Library hosts J. David Riva, grandson of the actress and author of "A Woman at War: Marlene Dietrich Remembered" 4-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Riva, an internationally known documentarian from Los Angeles, will come to town present his book, show film clips, and answer questions at the program, co-sponsored by Book Beat and Wayne State University Press. The library is located at 26300 Evergreen Road. Call (248) 968-1190.

Gem Theatre Auditions

The Gem Theatre is seeking actresses for "Respect: A Musical Journey of Women," a play that chronicles history through popular songs, from "Someone to Watch Over Me" to "I Will Survive." General auditions for the Detroit production will be held Wednesday, Nov. 8 beginning at noon. The production is scheduled to debut in February for an open-ended run at the Gem Theatre. Call (313) 963-9800.

Shop Simply at Somerset

The Troy Chamber will host its annual "Simply Shopping" Extravaganza 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Somerset Collection. Start the day by donating clean, gently-used business attire to "Dress for Success." Continue by enjoying breakfast, and an exclusive presentation of what's hot in gifts at Nordstrom. Tickets, \$60, include valet, a signature bag, free gift wrapping, bag retrieval, a \$10 gift card for lunch, prizes and hors d'oeuvres at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant. R.S.V.P. at (248) 641-8151 or e-mail theteam@troychamber.com.

Calvin Klein Wardrobe Event

View the new fall line from Calvin Klein, and enjoy refreshments, modeling and personal wardrobe advice at Macy's Somerset 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. Receive a Calvin Klein suede and snakeskin embossed leather skinny belt with any \$100 purchase of Calvin Klein women's sportswear during the event. One per customer, while supplies last. R.S.V.P. to (248) 443-6248.

Under the Stars at the DIA

Celebrate in grand fashion as the Detroit Institute of Arts hosts "Under the Stars: The Final Hard Hat Party That Rocks!" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Patrons will be treated to art, food and live entertainment, as well as sneak peeks of some of the DIA's newly-renovated galleries. Party-goers also can tour "Annie Leibovitz: American Music." Tickets \$400, support the DIA. An afterglow at 9:30 p.m. featuring drinks, desserts and New York DJ Frank Delour in the Rivera Court is \$50. Call (313) 578-1063 or visit www.dia.org.

