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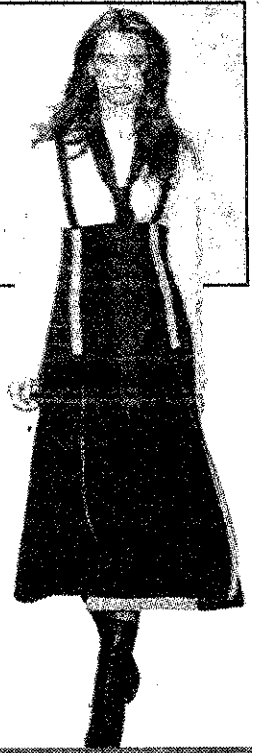
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## Patterson 'very grateful' for second term

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, didn't breathe a sigh of relief until the wee hours of Wednesday morning, about five hours after the polls closed Tuesday and the very last of the votes had been counted.

Patterson, who the state Republican party had projected winning by double-digits, squeaked past Democrat Mark Slavens in the 7th District Senate race by 3,490 votes to win a second, four-year term in the state Senate. Patterson — who won 59,638 to 56,148 — defeated Slavens by a narrow margin of 51.5 percent to 48 percent.

"It was a difficult year for Republicans and a difficult

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Sen. Bruce Patterson  
R-Canton Township

year for incumbents who are Republicans," Patterson said. "Nationally, there was a referendum on President Bush. People are concerned about the war and their economic future. And in Michigan, people are unsettled and uncertain, and they want us to work together.

"I'm just very grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve," Patterson said. "It's an enormous honor and a great privilege, and is something I can certainly look to friends and volunteers who had the faith in me and worked very hard."

Slavens, who left his campaign headquarters in the early morning hours and went to bed knowing he was slightly behind — but without final figures — left Patterson a congratulatory voice mail message Wednesday morning.

"I really did believe I could beat him," Slavens said. "I think the people supported my message for solving the many problems of the state."

"What I'm really proud of is that this proves grass roots works," he said. "We ran a cam-

paign where my opponent had over \$700,000 and we had \$80,000 ... and came within a couple of percentage points of beating him. I think this dispels thoughts that a Democrat can't win in this area."

Patterson, who is term-limited after the next four years, said it will be back to work focusing on a number of key issues.

"The biggest issue on my plate is a long-range energy plan," Patterson said. "It's a very heavy anchor on Michigan's economy. With term limits we have to eliminate some of the risk and uncertainty in order to get entrepreneurs and capitalists to invest in electric generation and alternative fuels."



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State Sen. Bruce Patterson, who had some tense moments Tuesday night, narrowly defeated challenger Mark Slavens by about 3,000 votes. Here he and Cliff St. Pierre of Grosse Ile await election returns at Bailey's Pub in Canton.

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Proud mother, Lucille McNamara, shared a hug with son Kevin McNamara, who defeated Republican Loren Bennett to earn a seat on the county commission.

## McNamara promises quick fixes as commissioner

Canton resident Kevin McNamara won his first race for a major political office Tuesday, by soundly defeating Republican Loren Bennett for the 11th District of the Wayne County Commission, a seat that was vacated by John Sullivan, who ran a failed campaign for circuit court judge.

McNamara, a Democrat and son of former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, earned more votes than Bennett in each of district's communities, including in Canton, where Bennett has formerly served as township clerk and state senator. In

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Judge Ron Lowe and supporters Phil Pursell and Dr. Ralph Bozell celebrate numbers coming in from the city of Plymouth.

## Re-elected Lowe will work to 'build bridges'

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe arrived for work Wednesday morning — only hours after being re-elected by voters for a third, six-year term on the bench — he opened his e-mail and read several messages, including a congratulatory note from Chief Judge John MacDonald.

It was about 12 hours after Lowe — openly criticized during the campaign by MacDonald, who then endorsed his opponent — defeated Northville Township attorney Jim Plakas 26,020 to 18,762.

"John sent me an e-mail congratulating me ... I sent one back thanking him and noting I would really like to meet and put this behind us," Lowe said.



Jim Plakas focuses on remembering everyone he wants to thank as he addresses his supporters during Tuesday's election night activities.

"He e-mailed me back and said we'd meet next week. That was a foot in the door, and I don't want to pass that up."

Lowe beat Plakas in Plymouth 1,935-1,233;

Plymouth Township 6,433-3,850; Canton Township 13,163-8,592; and in Northville 352-292. Only Northville Township voted in favor of Plakas by a total of 4,673-3,986.

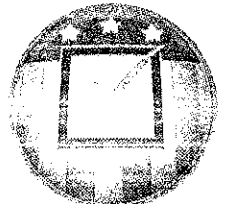
Lowe said the past couple of months have been tough.

"I ran a race against John MacDonald, (Canton Township Supervisor) Tom Yack and Jim Plakas," said Lowe, who faced criticism from all three during the race. "I was the first sitting judge ever to be challenged, first sitting judge to ever have the chief judge come out against him, and the first sitting judge (in a contested race in 35th District Court) ever to be re-elected."

"It's time to build bridges to see if we can make things work," Lowe said. "We have three intelligent judges, we all have ideas, and the three of us working together can make the court so much

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R - Michael Bouchard	14,446
✓ D - Debbie Stabenow (I)	17,562
<b>11th U.S. House</b>	
✓ R - Thaddeus McCotter (I)	16,685
D - Tony Trupiano	13,710
<b>Governor</b>	
R - Dick DeVos	14,791
✓ D - Jennifer Granholm (I)	17,576
<b>Secretary of State</b>	
✓ R - Terri Lynn Land (I)	19,655
D - Carmella Sabaugh	11,905
<b>Attorney General</b>	
✓ R - Mike Cox (I)	19,005
D - Amos Williams	11,905
<b>State Prop 1 (recreation fund)</b>	
✓ Yes	24,489
No	6,128
<b>State Prop 2 (civil rights)</b>	
✓ Yes	19,909
No	12,100
<b>State Prop 3 (dove hunting)</b>	
✓ Yes	9,390
✓ No	22,200
<b>State Prop 4 (eminent domain)</b>	
✓ Yes	24,628
No	6,531
<b>State Prop 5 (school funding)</b>	
✓ Yes	11,915
✓ No	19,323
<b>7th State Senate</b>	
✓ R - Bruce Patterson (I)	16,299
D - Mark Slavens	15,082
<b>20th State House</b>	
R - Mark Abbo	1,222
✓ D - Marc Corriveau	2,156
<b>21st State House</b>	
✓ R - Phil LaJoy (I)	17,003
D - Al Sinis	10,476
<b>County Executive</b>	
✓ D - Robert Ficano (I)	19,872
R - Ramon J. Patrick	10,829
<b>11th County Commission</b>	
✓ R - Loren Bennett (I)	13,444
D - Kevin McNamara	14,059
J - Michael Murray	2,894
<b>35th District Court</b>	
✓ Ron Lowe (I)	13,163
James Plakas	8,592



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## Last stand

Dick DeVos signs 15-year-old Canton resident Matt Levergood's DeVos campaign T-shirt at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township on Tuesday. It was the last stop of the campaign for DeVos, who lost in his effort to unseat Gov. Jennifer Granholm. For the story, please see page A14.

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## Coming Sunday in Health



Nov. 16 is the date for the annual Great American Smokeout, a time to encourage stop smoking efforts.



AROUND CANTON

Magician to visit

Mentalist and magician Max Maben will visit the Village Theater at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12. Using an advanced set of psychological principles and techniques, Maben is able to discern the thoughts of total strangers. Maben has been an author, pianist, teacher, singer, actor, lecturer, screenwriter, composer, advertising consultant, chef, and advisor to numerous television shows. He has worked with David Copperfield, Siegfried & Roy, Penn & Teller, and others.

Tickets for the show are \$15 and can be purchased in advance at Summit on the Park or the Village Theater ticket office.

Top saleswoman

Canton resident Amy Irwin was honored and recognized for her outstanding achievement and pioneering commitment to the party plan business of Jockey International, Inc. Recently Irwin attended the second annual National Sales Conference of Jockey Person to PersonT. The conference was held just outside of Chicago. Amy was recognized as one of the top 10 for personal sales volume and one of the top 10 for personal recruiting. Her team was also recognized as one of the top five in team sales volume, top five in team recruiting and top five in team growth.

"I am honored to have been recognized and rewarded for

my accomplishments. I can't wait to continue to spread comfort with our amazing new products and this unbelievable business opportunity with Canton and its surrounding communities," Irwin said.

Jockey Person to PersonT is a new party plan business and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jockey International, Inc. featuring a line of women's intimate apparel, sleepwear, activewear and a new collection of "comfort extras."

Celebrating 70 years

Telcom Credit Union is celebrating their 70th anniversary on Friday, Nov. 10. Originally founded in Detroit in 1936, and located in Canton since 1996, Telcom Credit Union is a full service financial institution serving more than 28,000 member-owners. The Canton branch is located at 44300 Warren Road, just east of Sheldon Road.

As a way to mark this major business milestone, Telcom will be giving a free canvas tote bag to the first 70 people who visit the Canton branch and help celebrate their success. The branch opens at 9 a.m. The credit union will also be signing up members - anyone can join. To learn more about Telcom Credit Union, call (248) 784-7500, or visit its Web site at telcomcu.com.

Chamber holiday luncheon

The Canton Chamber of

Commerce will host its annual holiday luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 6 at Summit on the Park. The PCEP Madrigal Singers will be performing. The Chamber is requesting that each attendee bring an unwrapped toy or gift for the Goodfellows. Reservations are necessary by Friday, Dec. 1, and can be made by calling the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040. The cost of the event is \$20.

T.E.A.M. Fund-raiser

On Saturday, Nov. 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lighthouse Motorpool will donate \$10 from every oil change to the Canton Police Department's TEAM program. TEAM (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring) is an educational program designed to make schools safer, promote responsible citizenship and encourage positive characteristics. The program is taught at Discovery Middle School and to second- and fifth-graders in Canton's elementary schools.

Lighthouse Motorpool is located at 41801 Ford Road, next to Lighthouse Car Wash.

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.

Women Wanted

The Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW), which promotes full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women, will hold its next monthly meeting 6-8 p.m., Nov. 13 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton. Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north



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Honoring the veterans

Joan Pawelak got a good look at the memorial to mark the site of nine trees planted to honor Plymouth boys who died in service between 1917 and 1918 at the dedication of the new Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park in July. The park, located in front of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth, hosts its first Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday. Also, on Thursday, the Colonial Kiwanis Club of Plymouth presented to the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park Committee a check in the amount of \$3,000 for 25 member pavers in the Veterans Plaza and walkway in the new Veterans Park in downtown Plymouth.

side of Ford Road - east of Canton Center Road and west of Sheldon. Guest speaker at the event, which will include dinner, is Canton Director of Public Safety John Santomauro, who will discuss identity theft and other safety issues.

The BPW is looking for new members. For More Information please contact June Nicholas (313) 610-2561 or by e-mail at junenicholas@comcast.net.

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.

Fine art exhibit

Parkside Gallery and D & M Studios will present a juried exhibition of fine art by members of Three Cities Art Club at

the Village Theater through Nov. 26. The opening reception on Nov. 9 from 7-9 p.m. will feature the artists, and refreshments will also be served.

For more information, call Marilyn Meredith at (734) 397-2348.

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.

Looking for crafters

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

Sighting-in days

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

Shopping Spree

In time for the holidays! The Garden City Community Coalition is holding a 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.

Coping with grief

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

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is held from 10-11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 N. Lilley in Canton.

The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse.

There is no charge to attend.

For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice Bereavement coordinator, toll free at (888) 973-1145.

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# Corriveau upends Abbo in tight 20th State House race

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

One of the things Democrat Marc Corriveau believes about the 20th District of the state House of Representatives is that it leans more toward moderate politicians, like incumbent John Stewart, who always likens himself to former Gov. William Milliken.

That's one of the reasons it was no surprise Tuesday, while Corriveau was winning the seat Stewart will vacate due to term limits, that one of the first people to greet him at a party for Democrats was Republican John Stewart.

"I knew if I got out there and told people what I was about that they'd be comfortable with me, because I believe this is a moderate area, and that's what I represent," Corriveau said. "I spent a lot of time in Wayne, but I spent just as much time in Plymouth, Canton and Northville, and I think that's what played out."

Corriveau, an attorney from Northville, beat Republican Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo by more than 900 votes to win the district, which covers the cities of Wayne, Northville and Plymouth, Plymouth and Northville Townships and a small portion of Canton Township.

Corriveau won all three cities and Canton Township, while Abbo, who emerged from a grueling primary in August, won in Northville and Plymouth townships. Corriveau won by fairly large margins in Wayne, Plymouth and Canton.

"I took the city of Northville and city of Plymouth, and I don't know how long it's been since that happened," Corriveau said. "I think the victory can be attributed to every area, even closing the gaps in areas where I wasn't necessarily going to win. I think the win came equally from the whole district, and I'm proud of that."

Abbo's biggest victory came in Northville Township, where he spent the last six years as the supervisor. Abbo won it by more than 2,500 votes, and also car-



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Democrat Marc Corriveau, elected to the 20th State House seat Tuesday, was all smiles early on with his mother, Katherine (left), and wife Wendy at the Democrats' election-night party.

ried Plymouth Township, though by a smaller margin.

Abbo earned his spot in the general election by surviving a very tough, and often contentious, primary against Plymouth Township resident Beth Stewart, who was trying to succeed her husband. Area Republicans attacked Beth Stewart after she used the Plymouth Historical Museum for a campaign event.

Stewart said she thought all that negative energy played a part in Tuesday's result.

"I think there was a lot of reaction to the negativity, not only in my race, but (in politics) overall," she said. "(Corriveau) went out and worked hard, and (Abbo) didn't seem to do much (after the primary)."

Abbo's handlers conceded most of their candidate's energy was spent in the primary. Mark Mandell, who chaired Abbo's primary campaign, said Corriveau picked up the pace after rising to the initial challenge.

"All (Abbo's) campaign resources were spent on the primary," Mandell said.

"I think the general (election) was taken for granted. Plain and simple, all the credit goes to Marc Corriveau. He did a phe-

nomenal job."

For his part, Abbo said he's ready to help Corriveau if he can.

"We worked hard," said Abbo, who refused to speculate on why he lost. "I was disappointed by the results, but I wish (Corriveau) the very best. He's a good man, and I know he'll work hard for the district. I will help him in any way that I possibly can and in any way he may request."

Corriveau said he's excited at getting the opportunity to work on the issues closest to his heart, including health care and education, and he thinks his moderate views will help him work with House Republicans.

"I think we've laid the foundation for reaching across the aisle, building consensus and moving Michigan forward," Corriveau said.

"I want to be a big part of that, of bringing jobs to Michigan and to our area. I'm excited about being involved, finding answers for our health care issues, and I look forward to being a part of our kids getting the opportunity to have access to quality education."

NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER MAUREEN JOHNSTON contributed to this report.



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State Sen. Bruce Patterson greets future voter Lena LaJoy, 9 months old. Lena is state Rep. Phil LaJoy's granddaughter.

## LaJoy earns a second term, but expects role to change

Tuesday was a bittersweet day for Canton's Phil LaJoy. Although he earned a second term representing the 21st District of the State House by defeating Democrat Al Sinis, he was a bit stunned by the poor showing of his fellow Republicans throughout the state.

In fact, LaJoy conceded his role will change in Lansing after Democrats take control of the House. Tuesday's election ends eight years of GOP rule in the lower chamber of the State Legislature, where Democrats now have a 58-52 advantage. LaJoy said it is likely he will lose his leadership positions, including chair of the Transportation Committee.

"I'm kind of in shock," LaJoy said Tuesday night at his home,

where he held an election party. "It's going to be interesting. There's no doubt this election is going to impact my role in Lansing. All the leadership positions will change."

Certainly there wasn't a joyous mood at LaJoy's party on Tuesday, which was also attended by Loren Bennett, who lost in his bid for county commissioner to Kevin McNamara. State Sen. Bruce Patterson, who narrowly defeated Mark Slavens for another term in the State Senate, also stopped by. LaJoy spent much of the night fielding calls from Lansing, where the news for Republicans grew worse as the night wore on.

"Obviously I'm happy for myself, but I feel for some of my friends," LaJoy said.

LaJoy, who was heavily favored against Sinis, a political unknown who didn't run much of a campaign, won big in Canton, where he earned nearly 62 percent of the vote (17,003 to 10,476). But Sinis closed the gap by winning by a large margin in Van Buren Township, where he earned nearly 60 percent of the vote.

District-wide, LaJoy took 56 percent of the total ballots -- 21,478 votes versus 16,769 for Sinis. Sinis, also of Canton, did not return calls to comment on the election.

Despite the changes on the horizon when the new State Legislature comes into session, LaJoy said his focus will not change from his first term.

"I'm still going to work hard for my district," LaJoy said.

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## Two fires keep firefighters busy

Canton firefighters had a busy early Saturday morning when two residential fires flared up on opposite sides of town, forcing the department to call the Plymouth Community Fire Department for assistance.

Although both fires caused extensive damage to the two homes, nobody was injured in either.

The first fire occurred around 2:40 a.m. at a mobile home on W. Annapolis Circle in the Academy Point Mobile Home Park. Canton firefighters, responding to a 9-1-1 call, arrived to find the home fully engulfed in fire.

Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said nobody was home when the fire started.

"The home sustained significant damage. It is probably

totalled," he said.

He said it is unclear at this point what caused the fire, which is under investigation.

The second fire occurred little more than an hour later at 3:50 a.m., at a home on Wadebridge near Beck and Warren. The initial call came from an alarm company followed by several 9-1-1 calls. At the time, several firefighters were still putting out the fire on Annapolis Circle, so Plymouth firefighters were called to help.

"We couldn't commit all our people because they were still at the other fire," Rorabacher said.

A family of five was home at the time of the fire, but were able to exit the home without injury.

Rorabacher said the second

fire was at a 3,500 square foot, two-story home, which sustained significant damage. He said one of the homeowners awoke to find the fire on the back deck of the home. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Rorabacher said it was unusual to have two fires occur at the same time.

"We get a lot of EMS calls that come in at the same time, but to have two significant working fires like that does not happen very often," he said.

"What threw us the biggest curve is the mobile home fire was on the south side of the township and the other fire was on the north side. The Plymouth firefighters helped us a ton as they always do when these situations arise."

## Hockey coach suspended after arrest for Internet behavior

BY TONY BRUSCATO AND DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITERS

Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association officials met with parents and players of the Plymouth Stingrays midget (ages 15-17) travel hockey team in a locker room at the Plymouth Cultural Center before practice Tuesday night, explaining why their coach was suspended the previous day from all league activities.

Their coach, Ryan Thomas Fawkes, 31, of Livonia, was arraigned Monday in Livonia's 16th District Court on charges he used the Internet to send lewd messages and pictures to an underage boy. Fawkes was charged with one count of using a computer to accost and solicit a minor, and two counts of using a computer to disseminate sexually explicit matter to a minor.

He was released on bond after paying \$5,000 and promising the court he would not use the Internet or have unsupervised contact with minors. A preliminary examination is scheduled for 9 a.m. Nov. 16.

"We had a team meeting with parents and players, and talked about the situation and moving ahead with the remainder of the coaching staff," said Gordon Bowman of Plymouth Township, the PCHA's director of coaches. "We also offered to get a counselor if the parents feel a need to have counsel or talk with the team."

### INVESTIGATION

Monday's charges were the result of an investigation by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox. According to an attorney general's office press release, an undercover agent



Fawkes

posing as a 13-year-old boy had several online communications with Fawkes from Oct. 3-26. In these communications,

investigators said Fawkes solicited the undercover agent for online sexual activity. He is also accused of sending lewd Webcam video images of himself and other adult pornographic images to the agent.

"It is particularly disturbing when those who are placed in positions of trust are accused of committing sex crimes against children," Cox said.

Bowman, who is also vice president of coaches for the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, said the charges against Fawkes — a PCHA coach for several years — were an "obvious shock."

"He was highly regarded as a coach," Bowman said. "He was respected by players and parents. When you look at coaches, you look at wins and losses, and he was successful."

### ACTION TAKEN

The PCHA publicly announced the suspension of Fawkes on its Web site.

"This action was taken by Kathy Barile, president of the PCHA, with the consent of the Board of Directors after being informed that Mr. Fawkes has been charged with a serious criminal offense," read the statement. "The allegations against Mr. Fawkes have nothing to do with his activities as PCHA coach. During his suspension Mr. Fawkes is prohibited from participating in or attending any activity

involving the PCHA, including his attendance at games regardless of where they are played."

Bowman said the PCHA was the first affiliate of USA Hockey to require coaches to have criminal background checks.

"We interview coaches with the assumption they don't have police records," Bowman said. "When it's time to roster their teams, every coach, assistant coach and manager is screened," Bowman said. "The shortfall is that if something (criminal) happened recently, say the last six months, and the municipality doesn't forward it on a timely basis to the State Police, it's left off."

Bowman said adult leaders of the teams are required to have a criminal background check each new season.


"We've had hits before concerning domestic violence and some felonies," Bowman said. "However, we've never had an experience with a sexual abuse situation."

Holly Hayes of Canton Township, whose husband David is an assistant coach with the Stingrays, has two sons who play hockey.

"I'm confident in who they're picking as coaches," Hayes said. "I know they've done the check on my husband and other coaches. You can only check so much."

Cox said parents are encouraged to check their children's Internet "buddy lists" for the screen names Fawkes used, including "Nate Thompson" and "John Olsen." If they believe their child had contact with Fawkes, they should call the attorney general's office at (313) 456-0180.

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## Rotary clubs pour efforts into water project

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Rotary Clubs of Plymouth and Canton have joined four other Rotary clubs to sponsor The Agua Project, or TAP, to raise money for bio-sand water purification systems to be delivered to Nicaragua and Honduras.

A bowling and activities event at Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton Township Saturday afternoon will help pay for the purification and filtration systems.

"It all started with Rotary International and its focus on clean drinking water throughout the world," said Jan Eisen

of Plymouth, president of the Plymouth Rotary club. "Every 15 seconds a child dies from water borne issues, like polluted water, and it's preventable. Everyone should have access to pure drinking water."

Christina Vega of Plymouth spent 10 days in Honduras earlier this year, delivering the bio-sand filters to mountain villages.

"Before we got there, they would store water in any container they had available, and the purity was in question," Vega said.

"The bio-sand filters help filter out viruses and bacteria, purifying the water."

"I was really humbled by the

experience, seeing how something we did helped people in those communities," she said. "They were so grateful."

Saturday's event at Super Bowl costs \$25 per ticket, which is enough to purchase a bio-sand filter for a family in Central America. Rotary International will provide matching grants.

Tickets for TAP, which will be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, can be purchased from Eisen at (734) 459-1874. The Rotary clubs are also accepting donations to purchase filtration systems.

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# Huron Valley High hosts Choral Fest

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Some 150 high school students from as far away as Washington State and Phoenix, Ariz., will be in Westland this weekend, participating in the Eastern Regional Choral Fest.

Nine high schools belonging to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will present two concerts as part of the event, hosted by Huron Valley Lutheran High School on Cowan in Westland.

"This is the first time we've gotten to host it," said Amy Helwig of Huron Valley High. "We didn't have the facilities before, now we have the gymnasium."

The choral groups will present a pops concert at 7 p.m. Friday at the school. Everything from Broadway show tunes to 1970s music will be performed by students in a show filled with choreography and costumes.

Most of the nine high school will perform two songs during their seven-minute segments for the performance, which is "more entertaining," according to Helwig.

On Saturday, the teens will be divided into two choruses which will spend the day rehearsing songs for a sacred music concert that will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"Our theme is 'Praise His Name,'" and it should be an uplifting concert," Helwig said. Both concerts are free and open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted to offset the costs of hosting the choral fest, Helwig said.

Volunteers are helping to make the event a success. A group of women will be coming in to prepare lunch and dinner for the students. Churches like St. John's and Our Saviour in Westland, St. Paul and Peace Lutheran in Livonia, Lola Park in Redford and St. Peter in Plymouth, are providing host families for the weekend.

Hosting the regional choral fest is not only exciting for the school, but for parents. The festival is held at schools around the country and in many instances parents aren't able to attend.

Last year's festival was in Minnesota and Helwig and a few others were able to attend. With it being held in Michigan, parents from participating high schools from the west side of the state have already been calling about accommodations.

"This is a treat for parents," Helwig said.

The Huron Valley choral group has been rehearsing during school, on weekend and two evenings a week in preparation for the festival. Helwig's daughter is a member of the choral group.

It won't be all music for the kids. A highlight for the students will be Saturday evening when they will enjoy the amenities of Summit on the Park recreation center in Canton.

Huron Valley Lutheran High School is located on Cowan east of Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, call the school at (734) 525-0160.

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David Trotter, noted shipwreck authority, visits the Canton Public Library on

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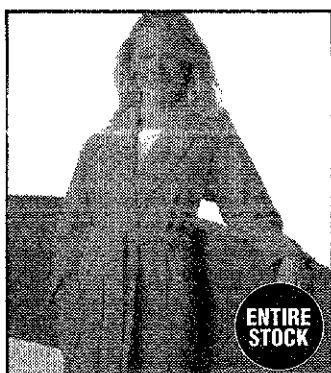
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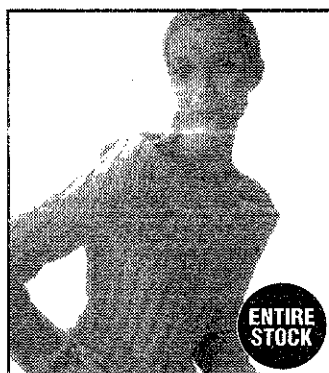
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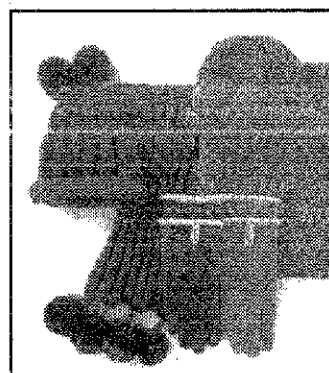
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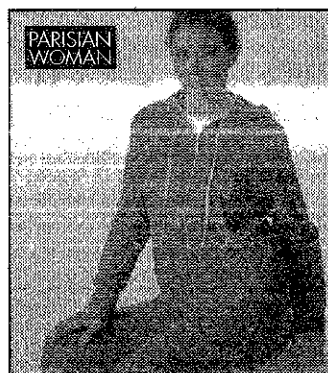
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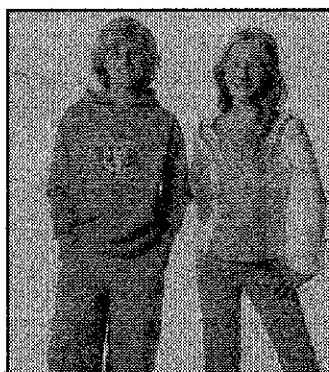
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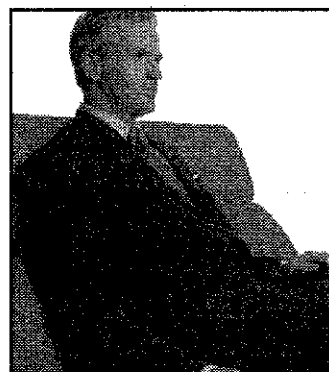
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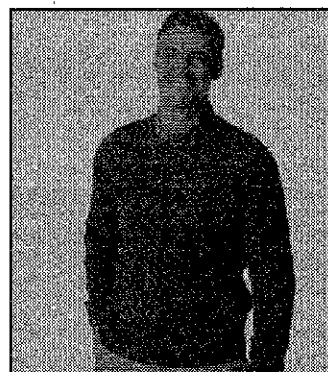
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# Laurel building a natural for crafters market

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Since her husband, Don, died earlier this year, Kay Wurm has been searching for ways to make a going concern out of the building that housed the family business, Laurel Furniture.

Now she thinks she's found it.

Wurm has opened Holiday Crafters Market, a showcase for vendors who make home-made, hand-made crafts. Wurm opened the market last weekend to a smattering of customers, and is confident subsequent weekends — the market will be open in November and December — will bring even more people as the holidays near.

"We're trying to make a happy Christmas for our crafters, and for our customers, too," Wurm said.

She said the idea sprung out of her hopes of having the building, which housed Laurel Furniture until it went out of business earlier this year, pay for itself. Since her husband's death, Wurm has tried various ideas, including parking cars



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Kay Wurm, center, is opening the weekend craft fair with help from Sharon Voge and Sharon Strebbling.

for Fall Festival.

None had worked with any great success, but then a friend, Sharon Strebbling, hit upon an idea for turning the building into a mall for crafters.

"I was doing some crafting next door and I saw what she was doing," said Strebbling, a Westland resident originally from Plymouth. "I told her, 'You can do more with this building than that. We'll open a craft market.'"

Wurm went about posting flyers, but was struggling to find crafters willing to rent space. Another crafting friend, Sharon Voge of Belleville, knew why: Wurm was charging too much money for not enough space.

Voge, a veteran crafter who has marketed products at Farmer's Markets in Northville and downtown Plymouth, helped Wurm design a new flyer — and a better approach.

"The weather has been bad this year, and we needed something indoors to get us through until Christmas," Voge said.

"There is a lot of foot traffic around here. It's a wonderful area for crafters."

At least 15 crafters seem to agree, signing up to be part of Holiday Crafters Market. The market is open noon to 8 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays, through December. Nearly all of the crafts on hand are hand-made and home-made.

And, while the first weekend wasn't quite as prosperous as they'd have liked, hopes remain high for the rest of the week-ends.

"The first weekend was a little slow, but you expect that the first week," Strebbling admitted. "We know it'll get better. Plymouth attracts a lot of people."

The Laurel Furniture building is located at 584 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

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# Better late than never

## 80-year-old finally grabs high school diploma

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Charles Britton's high school diploma says he graduated in 1942.

He was actually supposed to graduate in 1944, but never did after missing a lot of school due to a broken leg and then joining the U.S. Marines.

He noticed the misprint a few weeks ago, when his wife — and high school sweetheart — surprised him with the high school diploma he never earned nearly 60 years ago.

Confused? It doesn't matter, because none of that matters to Britton, the 80-year-old Plymouth Township resident who is now the proud holder of a high school diploma from Enfield (Ill.) High School.

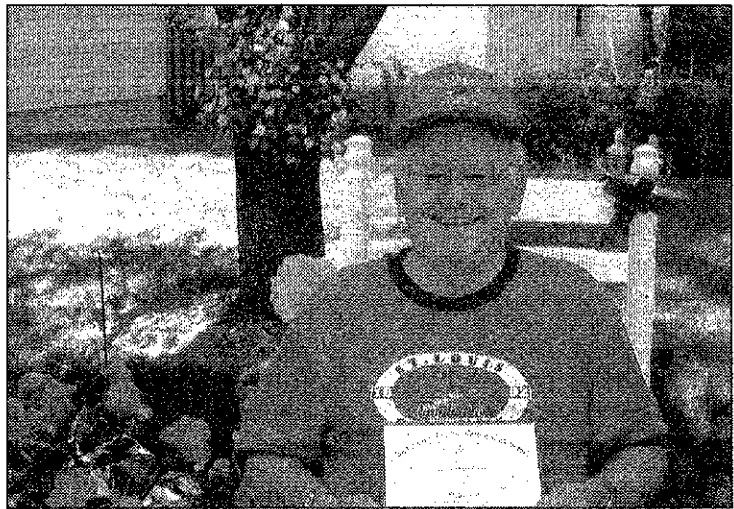
"The point is, I got it!" Britton declared. "I'm very proud of it, because it was hard to get."

Britton traveled a long road to becoming a high school graduate. Born in 1926 in rural Enfield, Ill., a farming community, Britton had to walk some eight miles to school.

That was fine with Britton until his junior year, when he broke his leg, rendering him unable to hobble the eight-mile trip. By the time the leg had healed, Britton figured he'd missed too much school and, with permission from his parents, joined the U.S. Marines.

While training in San Diego, he saved a buddy from drowning during an exercise. Britton was sent overseas, where he drove amphibian tractors onto the islands of Pelelu and Okinawa.

Britton married his high school sweetheart, Marjorie



Charles Britton of Plymouth Township recently received his high school diploma - some 60 years after he would have graduated.

Winter, and the couple moved to Michigan, where jobs in the auto industry were plentiful. The Brittons had five children, four of whom would become teachers in the area. Daughters Linda and Jane retired after teaching in the Plymouth-Canton district; son Ken teaches special education in Westland; son Jim teaches physics in Livonia. A third son, Stan, is an accountant.

The kids came by their desire to teach honestly: Marjorie worked for years at Starkweather, Plymouth-Canton's alternative education school.

Her experience at Starkweather came in handy when Charles started making noises about wanting to get his high school diploma.

Marjorie knew a law in Michigan allowed former service members to get their diplomas; persistent digging dug up the same program in Illinois.

Marjorie made all the necessary calls and provided the necessary documentation, and

Britton's life experience and military training did the rest.

"I tried to get him to take classes way back when, because I saw all kinds of other people going back to school," Marjorie said. "But he wasn't interested. All of a sudden, he just wanted it."

Officials in Illinois told Marjorie they'd get the diploma to her in the spring, but it got delayed until September. Marjorie sprung it on him for his 80th birthday.

The moment left an indelible impression on Britton's family.

"As his daughter, I speak for our entire family in congratulating him on this achievement," said Jane Patete. "We are very proud of his courage in battle, his honor to his country, his faithfulness to God, his commitment to family and, lastly, his pursuit of education."

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# Voters base their ballots on issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

With a focus on the state economy, five statewide ballot proposals and a determination on who will lead Michigan's future, voters kept a steady pace at the polls Tuesday.

"I want to keep Jennifer Granholm as governor because I believe she's local enough to know about this area," said Katherine Cain of Plymouth, referring to Granholm's ties to Northville. "I think she's done a good job, and the state needs someone who knows what's going on now and keep it going."

Cain said she voted against the K-16 proposal requiring annual funding increases for public schools, colleges and universities.

"I know the school system would prefer you vote for it, and yet I'm not so sure it's the best thing for us," added Cain.

"I feel the money won't go directly to students."

James Richards of Canton voted in favor of Republican challenger Dick DeVos for governor, explaining he's had a hard time finding work the past year.

"The job situation is pretty bad out there and I can't find a job," Richards said. "There's are so many people out of work, and look at how many houses are for sale and the property values going down. I feel a change is needed."

Cathy Foersterling of Canton had one main reason to cast her ballot.

"We've got to keep the Republicans in power," Foersterling said. "I'd like to give her (Granholm) another chance, but she's been making a lot of promises and hasn't come through. It's good to start fresh sometimes."

"I always vote for (Republican Sen. Bruce) Patterson; he's that friendly

face, you trust him, he's a family man," she said. "I'm a family person and that's important to me."

For Marci Schalk of Plymouth, reproductive freedoms and the war in Iraq guided her choices.

"Those were the deciding factors for me, and usually those were Democratic candidates," Schalk said. "I voted for Granholm because I think she's done a great job. I was studying in Germany when she was there recruiting German businesses, so I think she really took the initiative."

"I also voted for a fair amount of Green Party candidates in the races that weren't as close," she said. "The Green Party tends to be strict on eliminating corruption, which I don't think the Democratic party is interested in doing."

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## MCNAMARA

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Canton, McNamara narrowly defeated Bennett 46 percent to 44 percent (14,059 votes to 13,444).

But in Van Buren and Sumpter townships, as well as in Wayne and Belleville, McNamara won by larger margins. In total, McNamara earned more than 52 percent of the total votes cast, while Bennett earned nearly 39 percent.

Independent candidate Michael Murray, a Canton resident and U.S. Marine attorney who recently returned from serving in Iraq, finished a distant third with nearly 9 percent of the total vote. Murray's best showing was in Canton, where he captured nearly 10 percent.

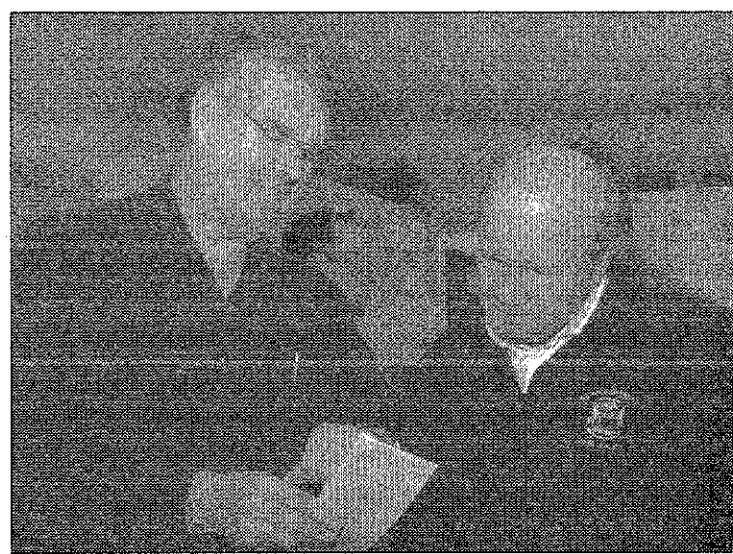
McNamara said he was as surprised as anyone that he did so well in Canton.

"When the first numbers started coming in I thought they must have had the names backwards," he said.

He credited his strong finish in Canton to the fact that he and his campaign staff targeted the community's large Asian population, which he felt from the beginning was an untapped resource.

"There are about 6,000 registered Asian voters in Canton. They've never been seriously courted by any political candidates. They have very legitimate concerns about their role in the community," McNamara said. "I'm going to work hard to make sure everyone gets an equal playing field."

Bennett, who last ran for political office as Dick Posthumous' running mate in



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Bennett, who lost to Democrat Kevin McNamara for a county commission seat, said it is unlikely he will run another campaign.

his failed bid for governor in 2002, felt his loss was part of a national trend, in which voters leaned toward Democrats and change.

"It's a tough year for Republicans," he said.

After years as a public servant, Bennett said he doubts he will seek another political office in the future.

"I can't see myself doing this again. But you never know," he said. "I don't want to close the door on anything, but right now I don't see it happening."

Some voters said they were turned off by the negativity of the campaign. That's what motivated Canton resident Pat Williams to vote for Murray, who was running for his first political office.

"All the negativity in this campaign — all the mudslinging going back and forth between Bennett and McNamara — was too much for me. I'm just really tired of it. I felt Murray was a good

alternative," Williams said.

McNamara said he is eager to get to work, and already has a couple issues he is focusing on. First, he said he would like to institute a nutritional program for area assisted living facilities, to make sure the elderly are getting the proper food they need. He said he would also like to improve the Wayne County Fair held each year in Van Buren Township, which he said has become a run-down affair in recent years.

McNamara said even though the fair receives no county funding, he will have a person help secure federal and state grants to improve the event.

"We have 4,000 farmers in Wayne County. The county fair should be a showcase for them. We're going to go to work and make it a first-class showcase like it used to be," he said.

McNamara also wants to work more closely with local leaders to ensure better communication with the county.

## PATTERSON

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"We've got a lot of work to do on health policy issues," he said. "Telecommunications is a huge opportunity for us to stimulate investment and bring good jobs to Michigan."

Patterson said despite the fact voters re-elected Democrat Jennifer Granholm as governor and put Democrats in charge of the state House, he doesn't see any problems working with Democrats to solve Michigan's problems.

"Mine was the first bill she ever signed into law as governor, and I've had the good fortune of having her sign many bills into law," Patterson said. "I have a good working relationship with the governor."

Slavens said he's going to keep a watchful eye on Patterson, to make certain he keeps his campaign promises.

"I wish Sen. Patterson good luck on keeping his campaign promises of bringing addition-



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Mark Slavens rubs his hands to warm up after a long day out in raw weather. Behind him are supporters Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of Van Buren Schools, and May Eskew, awaiting election returns in Slavens' Canton Township campaign office.

al jobs to this state, fixing the health care crisis and bringing energy prices down and under control," Slavens said. "It's very important to the citizens of

this state that he keeps those promises."

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## LOWE

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better. Teamwork can do some awesome things there."

MacDonald said the election is over, and it's time to get back to business.

"I don't think they're monumental," MacDonald said of his differences with Lowe. "They never have been. I think we're both able to rise above this and

do what's in the best interest of the court."

Plakas said he knew battling an incumbent judge would be tough.

"The one thing I knew for a fact was that it would take a lot of hard work," Plakas said. "We threw everything and the kitchen sink at this, and it just wasn't meant to be."

"He has a solid base and people came out to support him," Plakas said of Lowe. "In six months, I convinced more than

18,000 people to vote for me. I think I earned their respect and support."

With MacDonald set to retire in two years, the result of state-mandated age restrictions, Plakas said he'll be back.

"Hopefully people saw that I'm an honest guy with integrity, and badly want that job," Plakas said. "I hope to come back even stronger and better organized, with the intention of hopefully sitting on the bench."







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# Auto dealer grant helps First Step fund kids' safety program

First Step, Western Wayne County's only agency providing comprehensive services to support victims of domestic and sexual violence, got a \$30,000 grant from the Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The grant money will be used to support and expand First Step's Keeping Kids Safe program, which seeks to increase awareness, provide education, and information regarding family violence and available community resources to elementary aged children, parents and educators. The Keeping Kids Safe program began in 2000 with a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Working with schools and

summer camps, the Detroit Auto Dealers Association grant will allow the program to reach over 1,300 new students (primarily third and fourth graders). In addition, follow-up individual sessions and materials will be offered to at-risk students, parents and teachers requesting more information.

"Teaching children about family violence—how to recognize it, how to cope, how to reach out for help—is a key step in reducing violence," said Desiree Herrick, First Step's Children's Program Coordinator. "We are grateful for the support of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, and are excited about the impact this partner-

ship will have on our community."

The sessions will be offered throughout the 2006-2007 school year. Over 40 Wayne County schools have participated in the program to date. Schools interested in having a parent-teacher orientation session and/or receiving the program in their third- or fourth-grade classrooms should call Rebecca Wiggins, Prevention Specialist at First Step at (734) 416-1111, Ext. 208. Sessions will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis as scheduling allows.

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to nonprofit organizations. The Foundation Web site is [www.cfsem.org](http://www.cfsem.org).

## ABOUT FIRST STEP

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referral. Last year, more than 6,500 people were helped by First Step.

First Step has developed at least five award-winning programs including an on-site medical clinic developed in partnership with Oakwood Healthcare System at the First Step shelter facility. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has partnered with First Step for over five years to bring model-prevention programs to children in Wayne County. First Step's pro-bono legal program was lauded as a model and replicated throughout the state of Michigan. Prevention of domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy and appropriate intervention is the ultimate goal of First Step. For more information, see [www.firststep-mi.org](http://www.firststep-mi.org).

## DEATHS

**B**  
**Edgar Bowling Bennett**  
Bennett, formerly of Birmingham, died Nov. 3.

**Eleanor Elizabeth Butler**  
Butler, 92, of Southfield, died Nov. 5.

**C**  
**Shelia Helen Clinton**  
Clinton, 79, of Plymouth, died Oct. 30.

**D**  
**Joseph S. Daiek**  
Daiek, 87, of Troy, died Nov. 4.

**F**  
**Scottie Flora**  
Flora, 82, of Plymouth, died Nov. 3.

**H**  
**Mary H. Henne**  
Henne, 84, of Birmingham, died Nov. 6.

**L**  
**Bill E. Lindley**  
Lindley, 76, died Nov. 3.

**M**  
**William H. Mansfield**

Mansfield, 88, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Oct. 27.

**Richard A. Moore**  
Moore, 77, of Plymouth, died Oct. 28.

**Harvey Morey**  
Morey, 89, died Nov. 2.

**P**  
**Effie Lee Parker (Smith) (Brooks)**  
Parker, 96, of Locknet, Texas, died Nov. 3.

**R**  
**Patricia Ann Riccobono**  
Riccobono, 75, formerly of Commerce Township, died Oct. 31.

**S**  
**James Gardner Stebbins**  
Stebbins, 67, formerly of Plymouth, died Oct. 23.

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

# Park's closing raises question about problem

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland's Central City Park, a former dump site, has been closed abruptly after soil tests ordered by Wayne County officials revealed elevated levels of lead and other contaminants.

The issue has raised questions about how long Mayor Sandra Cicirelli and others knew about the problem — and why nothing was done sooner.

Except for a paved walking path along the park's perimeter, the entire park was ordered closed Saturday by Cicirelli after soil tests found contaminants in what has long been considered one of Westland's gems.

Cicirelli called the closing precautionary and temporary until it can be determined what cleanup efforts may be needed at the park, used by thousands of people each year for soccer, baseball and such events as the cancer-fighting fund-raiser Relay for Life.

The closing of the county-owned park, southwest of Ford and Carlson near the city's government complex, was publicly announced Monday night during a Westland City Council meeting by Cicirelli, who was accompanied by Northville environmental attorney James G. Fausone.

"It's not an emergency situation," Fausone told the *Observer* after the meeting. Earlier in the day, Cicirelli

said when contacted at her office that neither the county nor the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality had forced the city to close the park.

"No one has ever said to us that this is a dangerous site," Cicirelli said.

Even some council members confirmed they hadn't been officially notified in writing of the park's closing until late Monday afternoon, mere hours before the meeting.

"I was kind of upset about it," Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt said. "I don't like to be kept in the dark."

Graunstadt, known for her strong stance on environmental issues, asked, "Who in the city knew what — and when?" She first learned of the situation from reporters.

"I think it's terrible," she said. "I don't appreciate finding this out second-hand."

Cicirelli and Fausone insisted that no one who used the park would likely have been threatened by lead, which Fausone said was found on such areas as the western ball fields.

Cicirelli's announcement Monday came on the eve of an election in which she won a judicial seat in Westland 18th District Court. However, she had closing signs posted Saturday in the park.

Tim Bailey, president of the Wayne-Westland Soccer League, told the *Observer* on Monday that he hadn't

received any advance notice of the situation. He had placed a call to Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.

Barring any direct notification from city officials, he said Monday afternoon, "I cannot make a statement or quote my opinion."

After the meeting, Cicirelli and Fausone confirmed that the county once used the park area as a dump site and that soil tests have been conducted for years. Some samples had been taken as recently as this year, although they didn't pinpoint any specific report that led to the park's closing.

Cicirelli confirmed that more soil tests will be done, and she said the city will work with county and MDEQ officials to arrange any cleanup efforts, which she said will be the county's responsibility.

It wasn't clear how long the park will be closed.

During the meeting, Councilman Michael Kehrer said he only learned of the park's closing Monday.

"It was news to me when I saw the signs and got the letter in my (mail) box" at City Hall, he said.

On Tuesday, council President William Wild said he first learned of a possible problem late last week, when the mayor told him that she would be closing the park. He said she told him that the council would get more information Monday.

Another councilman, Robert Stottlemeyer, said, "This is something we've got to watch carefully," adding that any cleanup efforts must be done properly in a popular park used by children.

Councilman Charles Pickering chastised Graunstadt for not calling the mayor's office after she was contacted by reporters. Graunstadt had said she regretted having to learn about the situation from reporters, rather than the city administration.

"I feel secure in that the administration is on top of the situation," Pickering said.

Wild called the park's closing "an administrative decision," but said the council will be involved in what happens. He called for a study session to discuss the issue, and Cicirelli confirmed that one will be scheduled.

On Tuesday, Graunstadt said Cicirelli should have called a meeting with council members as soon as she learned that the park was contaminated.

"Now we're playing catchup," Graunstadt said. "I really have this suspicion when we're not being brought into the process of something of this magnitude."

Wild said that, if there is a contamination problem that needs to be addressed, "we are going to fix it."

Fausone said the park was studied by strict standards more typically used to evaluate a residential area.

"People who used the ball-park shouldn't be very worried about this," he said after Monday's meeting.

Fausone added that children shouldn't be in danger unless they regularly ingested contaminated soil or came into almost-daily contact by skin.

Potential cleanup efforts, he said, could be as simple as toping the contaminated soil with fresh dirt or excavating some areas of the park.

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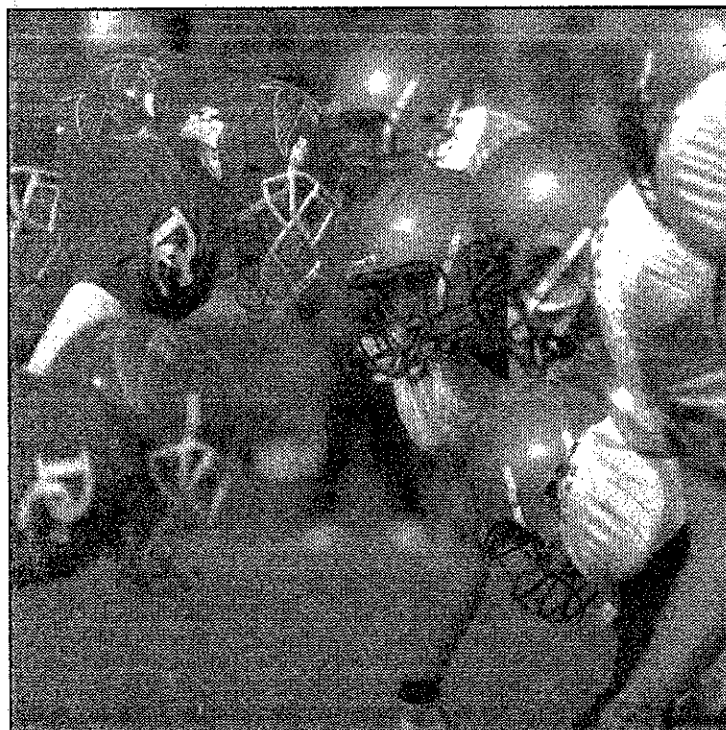
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**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Mike Cox and his wife Laura congratulate his supporters at the Republican campaign party at Laurel Manor Tuesday night.

## State voters retain Cox, Land

BY DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITER

On Election Day four years ago, Mike Cox was biting his nails at 11 p.m. as he awaited results from his tight attorney general's race against Gary Peters. It wasn't until nearly noon the next day that Cox was able to declare victory.

At 11 p.m. Tuesday, Cox was sipping beer and receiving congratulations from supporters at Laurel Manor after learning he earned another four-year term as Michigan's top law-enforcement official. The Livonia Republican collected about 53 percent of the statewide vote Tuesday to defeat Grosse Pointe Democrat Amos Williams.

"It was great to learn I won on Tuesday night as opposed to Wednesday morning," Cox said. "I'm grateful and humbled with the voters giving me another term."

In the campaign, Cox talked about his office's efforts that yielded more child support payments for more children, settlement funds for the state, consumer protections and arrests of Internet predators. He said he felt that resume impressed voters.

"In this race, the voters said they are happy to be seeing results over rhetoric," Cox said. "They like it when you are able to do what you said you were going to do."

In his next four years in office, Cox vows to improve on the programs and efforts he started in his first term while igniting more public education programs, such as giving Michigan residents easy resources to shop for more affordable prescription drugs.

Meanwhile, Terry Lynn Land also won re-election as Michigan's Secretary of State after collecting some 56 per-



Land

cent of the vote in her race against Democratic Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh. Land, a Byron Center Republican, said her efforts to improve customer service at the branch offices satisfied voters who kept her in office.

"I'm very excited," Lynn said. "The people wanted shorter lines and more options. I think we gave them the results they wanted."

In her next term, she wants to continue plans to modernize branch offices by offering more automated services that allow people to take care of their business quickly.

Land added she wants to finish up on legislation that will allow all voters to fill out absentee ballots without stating a reason and start a voting preregistration program for 16-year-olds.

"This will allow them to register to vote when they apply for a driver's license," Land said. "Sometimes it is difficult for an 18-year-old to register to vote because they go to college."

Since Gov. Jennifer Granholm winning re-election, term limits will force her out of office in 2010. Political pundits said Cox and Land will be among the names mentioned as possible Republican candidates for that open seat in four years.

On Tuesday, Cox said a gubernatorial run is not on his mind.

"I'm not thinking about 2010," Cox said. "I have a job I love as the state's attorney general. I just want to savor this moment."

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## Local voters follow state trend on ballot proposals

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

While most people's attention Election Day was focused on races for the U.S. Senate and who would occupy the governor's mansion, five statewide ballot initiatives also were decided. And local voters pretty much followed the statewide trend.

Voters overwhelmingly approved a resolution to dedicate the budgets for the Department of Natural Resources and state recreation by a margin of 80 percent to 19 percent. The margin of victory was almost as wide in Wayne County, with a vote of 75 to 24 percent in favor of protecting those revenues.

Proposal 2, which would ban affirmative action programs in college admission was passed by county voters 59 to 40 percent. Wayne County voters voted against the measure 59 to 41 percent.

Southern Oakland County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Director James Ralph said he was "very disappointed" with the outcome of the vote.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "Some people say it was the ballot language, others said there wasn't enough voter education. Maybe it was that people don't understand what affirmative action is."

A clear majority in Oakland and Wayne counties, 72 and 76 percent respectively, voted against creating a new hunting season for mourning doves. Director of the Committee to Keep Doves Protected Julie Baker said state residents weren't going to approve shooting songbirds.

"Protecting mourning doves as songbirds is part of Michigan values," she said.

Voters also approved overwhelmingly a measure that would restrict the state's use of eminent domain by a 78 to 21 percent margin in Oakland County and a 69 to 30 percent margin in Wayne County.

Proposal 5, which would establish mandatory funding levels for public education, was rejected by a margin of 64 to 35 percent. The measure was far closer in Wayne County, where the spread was 57 percent against to 42 percent approving.

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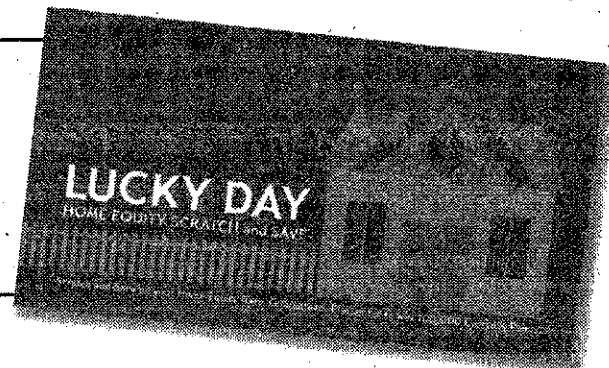
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## OUR VIEWS

# Retirements are milestone

Much has changed in Canton since 1978 when the township hired its original police officers and firefighters. The gravel roads that crisscrossed the township have been largely paved over, and the farms have sprouted subdivisions and shopping centers. And just like the township, the police and fire departments have changed a great deal since those first officers and firefighters swore an oath to protect Canton and its residents.

Three police officers, Lt. Robin Cripe, Lt. John MacDiarmid and Officer Rene LeBlanc, have witnessed those changes firsthand while patrolling the township's streets. The three were among the first wave of officers hired by the township. They will punch in for the last time this week and sail off into retirement.

Today also marks the day that the Canton Fire Department will say goodbye to six of its original firefighters — Capt. Dennis Draplin, Capt. Rick Paulun, Lt. Tom Battistone, Lt. George Daubresse, Lt. Jack Raker and Lt. James Sumner. The six have 174 years of combined service to the community. Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher says the six men were a big part of the fire department becoming a first-class emergency response agency.

Certainly the same could be said for the police department, and there is no doubt Cripe, MacDiarmid and LeBlanc have left their imprints on the department, which year after year gets high marks for its quality of service from Canton residents.

The retirements are a big milestone for the Public Safety Department, which in 1987 combined the police and fire departments under one umbrella. In the years since 1978, the number of sworn police officers has grown from a dozen to 84 officers. The fire department now has 59 firefighters from just a handful. Together, they have helped make Canton the safest community in the metropolitan Detroit area (according to recently released FBI statistics).

The police department will have a retirement party this weekend for Cripe, MacDiarmid and LeBlanc, where their service will be celebrated. While it will be a joyous occasion, it will also be bittersweet because of one notable absence. Gordon (Lew) Stevens, another one of Canton's original officers, would also have retired this year. Stevens, who was killed in July of 2003 when his parked patrol car was struck by a speeding motorist, is the only Canton officer to lose his life while on duty.

His absence at the party should be a stark reminder that our police officers and firefighters put their lives on the line on a daily basis. The community should never forget the sacrifice Stevens made. Certainly nobody in the Public Safety Department will.

As to those who are retiring, thanks for your service and good luck in the future.

# Fair China trade could benefit all

China has been a hot topic in this year's gubernatorial election.

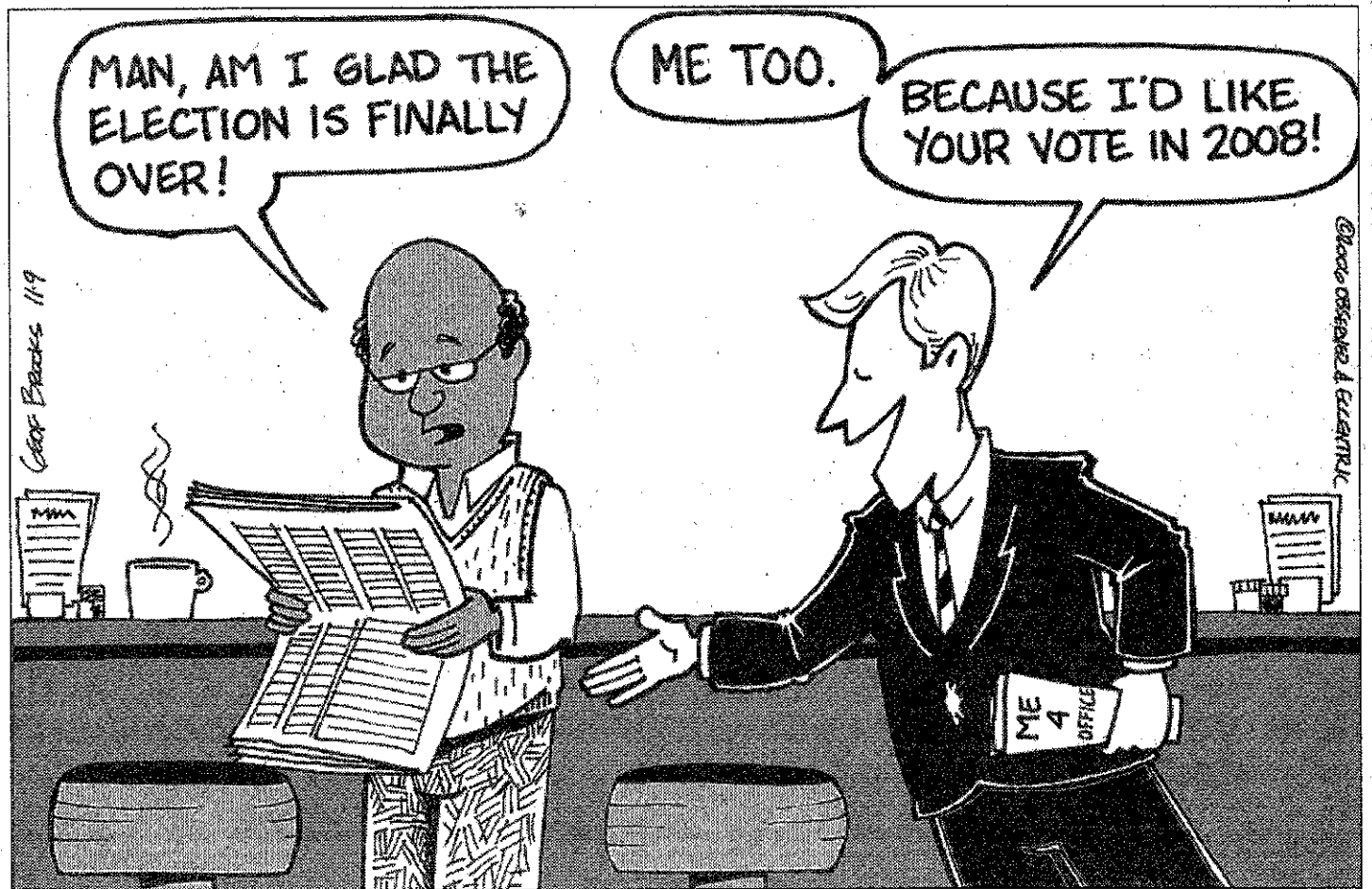
Gov. Jennifer Granholm attacked her opponent Dick DeVos for setting up a facility in China after laying off workers in Michigan. DeVos cried unfair; the two things weren't related. As a business leader, he owed it to his company to expand to Asia and China required that he manufacture in that country.

The truth is that business opportunities with China can be and should be a two-way street. This past week, General Motors Chairman Rick Wagoner has been in Shanghai touting the success that GM has had with its Chinese production and sales. The Automation Alley International Business Center is on two-week trade mission, which began Nov. 1, involving several Oakland County companies.

On Wednesday, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano led a trade delegation to China, following on a successful trip last year that resulted in an agreement with the Chinese company, the Tempo Group, to build a research and development facility in Canton. On this trip, through Nov. 21, Ficano's group will be promoting import/export opportunities, opening a Wayne County office in Chongqing, holding meetings between Wayne County Port and Airport Authority representatives and Chinese leaders and working on exchange programs involving Plymouth-Canton Schools, Detroit Schools and Henry Ford Community College.

We live in a global economy. We can not afford not to recognize that to succeed we must compete and we must reach out to the largest market in the world. The real argument isn't about whether or not we become involved in the global economy. We have no choice. The argument is whether we compete on more equitable terms. If an American company or a foreign company can operate in a foreign country without paying fair wages, taking responsibility for worker safety or providing health benefits, that's a problem. If there is a serious currency imbalance or a tariff imbalance, that's a problem. If a country consistently violates human rights, that's a problem.

It is essential for Ficano and other leaders to go to China. But it is equally important that they insist on fair trade principles that will improve life in China and in Michigan.



## LETTERS

### District deserves credit

During the debate for who could best represent us in Lansing (that) raged on, I have read many letters containing comments that don't seem to be backed by any facts. I always need the data behind each issue before making decisions. Many of you may feel the same way. Also, while I am now a member of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, all the decisions mentioned below occurred before I joined as a trustee. I write this letter as a private citizen.

One letter claimed that Mark Slavens, candidate for state Senate, has been "unable to hold the line on educational expenses" during his Board of Education tenure. Without information to back this claim, it was difficult for me to know its validity. So, I reviewed audited financial information from the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Public records for the last four years show that the Board of Education (of which Mr. Slavens is a member and was president for two of those years) approved difficult budget changes to ensure the financial stability of the school district. The results are: \$1,278,000 of cost reductions in 2002, additional savings of \$2,896,000 in 2003, \$1,538,000 more in 2004, and another \$615,000 in 2005. These cuts are cumulative. For example, 2003 alone had a total of \$4,175,000 of savings (\$1,278,000 from 2002 plus \$2,896,000 in 2003) as compared to 2001. Total savings grow as more cuts are added each year. The only spend increase was \$1,400,000 for additional teachers required to meet population growth in the district in 2005.

The cumulative effect of the annual savings adds up to \$16,090,000 during those four years. Since current Fund Equity (the district's bank account) is currently at the \$11,900,000 mark, these actions by Mr. Slavens and his fellow trustees have kept our schools from going "into the red." More impressively, this was achieved without major cuts "in the classroom."

As a result, our schools have one of the highest percentages of in the classroom funding (61 percent) of any Michigan district. None of our neighboring districts can top that. We also have one of the state's lowest levels of administrative costs (10.9 percent). Even Dick DeVos, famously tough on districts with high administrative costs, reviewed Plymouth-Canton financial statements and stated that our performance was top tier.

While a balanced annual budget is the preferred goal, it is important to remember that, for example, the \$2,030,000 loss that occurred in 2005-06 is 1.4 percent of the enormous budget (\$142,582,000) our district (fifth largest in Michigan) manages, and 1.4 percent is less than the double digit percentage deficits other districts face.

This June the board approved another \$2,000,000 in savings. Since state funding has NOT kept up with inflation over the same four years, it is commendable that our district has remained viable and financially stable during this difficult period. Other districts are borrowing money to pay their teachers. Reviewing these numbers, I give credit to Mr. Slavens, the other trustees and the employees of the district for this achievement.

Steven Sneideman  
Canton

### Enough already

Enough, Mr. DeVos. Yesterday I received four phone calls from your Texas telemarketers expounding the desire for me to vote for you. Today it looks like your Texas tele-

marketers will exceed yesterday's level. Apparently you and your committee have more money than brains. If ever there was a need for the national "Do not call list" to include politicians, you have proved the point. Enough with the phone calls and enough of politicians giving half-truths during the political ads. If politicians cannot give the whole truth then why should we ever vote for you? And enough of the mud slinging. No wonder those in politics can't ever get anything done.

Scott Vetter  
Canton

### Swim team says thanks

The captains of the Canton High School girls swimming and diving team would like to acknowledge those in our community who have contributed to our team during this past season. We sincerely appreciate all that they have done for us and for all the support that they have shown for our team.

Thanks to the following: Bill Carbutt from Absopure Water Company; Costco, Einstein Bagels (both the Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon Road locations), Keller and Stein Florist and Greenhouses, Dino Cascada from the Marathon gas station at Warren and Lilley roads, Luna Chabaa from the Shell gas station at Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads, CiCi's Pizza, and Mike Kobe, owner of Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury with an off-site location of The Quality Care Center, located on Canton Center Road, Joe Lane, manager.

A special thanks goes out to Dr. Andy Rubenstein of Plymouth Pictures for covering the swim meets and taking such amazing pictures for the newspaper and also for the swimmers/divers to purchase (www.plymouthpictures.com).

The support of the community and those mentioned above were very important to our team this season and have made it a memorable and successful one.

Chelsea Selden, Laura Landis and Alyssa Johnson  
captains of the 2006 Canton swimming and diving team

### Intersection is dangerous

I am in 10th grade and I live in Canton. I have lived here for 11 years. Since I have been here more people are moving into the community, which means more traffic. I believe that a street light should be put up at Sheldon and Palmer roads. Not only is this a busy intersection, but there are a lot of children around that area. Freedom Park is on one corner. Kitty corner to the park is a day care center and then on the other two corners are houses. The red blinking light is working fine, but it is just a matter of time before someone is killed. As soon as one person dies at the intersection you know a light will be put up. Is it worth the life of someone? I don't think so, hopefully you don't either.

Heather Jahn  
Canton

### Spelling Bee thanks

What a wonderfully long evening we had at the Community Literacy Council's fantastic "Spelling Bee" Oct. 18. The 12 teams of spellers were exceptional and, for a while, it looked like we would go all night! Congratulations to the winning team of Rob Bovitz, Hussien Fawaz and Dan Schwartz, representing the Canton Chamber of Commerce! They narrowly edged the team of Steve Elliott, Julie Rowe and Rohen Shah, representing the Educational

Excellence Foundation.

Dennis Neubacher, our celebrity spokesman, had landed his helicopter at Mettetal Airport, and hurried over to join the festivities. His smiling face fit right in with all the others and he was still smiling at the end of the evening. Thanks, Dennis!

I wish to thank the following groups/businesses for contributing to the successful Community Literacy Council Inc. Spelling Bee to raise funds in support of literacy:

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■ Community Honor Roll — Law office of Anthony J. Vigliotti and Canton Rotary.

■ Friends of Literacy — E.G. Nicks, Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub, Olga's Kitchen and Jan Tiplady, who contributed prizes making the event a success — for what would a contest be without prizes! I wish I could have won!

Thank you to all of the wonderful people who gave of their time and talents serving as officials to ensure a smooth and successful Bee: emcee, Dr. James Ryan, superintendent, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools; judges Jean Tabor, director, Canton Public Library, and Pat Thomas, director, Plymouth District Library; pronouncers Cynthia Swift, PCCS director of Elementary Education, and Deborah Taracuk, English instructor, Schoolcraft College; and the timekeeper, Judge Ron Lowe, 35th District Court. As everyone knows, for all of those in the spotlight, there are countless others behind the scenes who make an event a success: The CLC Board of Directors (Ed Quant, Ed Schulz, Ron Lowe, Penny Joy, Janet Campbell, Jan Tiplady, Kevin Scanlon and Carolyn Washington); CLC program coordinator Mercedes Williams; and the wonderful people at Yazaki led by Linda Young, who always goes above and beyond in assisting the council. As soon as the trophy is engraved, I will happily present it to the winning team — "Canton Chamber Spell-Checks." I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and will join us for the 17th annual Spelling Bee in October 2007.

Carol G. Saunders, president  
Community Literacy Council Inc.

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Judge John MacDonald, commenting on a plan to eliminate one of the judge positions to reduce costs

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# Political realignment will create politics of the future

The votes are being counted as this column is being written, so I have no idea who won or lost. But regardless, I think this election will mark an important turning point in our political history. Here's why.

Liberalism dominated our politics between 1932 and the early 1970s. Nationally, it was the era of Social Security, Medicare, the civil rights movement. In Michigan, it was the age of our great auto companies and the United Automobile Workers union, which started out as management's adversary and ended up its handmaiden.



Phil Power

Then, from 1980 to 2006, conservatism dominated. Nationally, the great achievements were: winning the Cold War; reinvigorating the economy through tax cuts and deregulation; and resetting the cultural agenda to emphasize families and individual responsibility. In Michigan, it was the era of John Engler, tax cuts and welfare reform.

In between were the 1970s, a transitional period, marked by no dominating political philosophy. Political allegiances moved every which way, with liberals drifting away and conservatives feeling gathering strength, which was temporarily side-tracked by Watergate.

Voters were confused, cynical about our political system itself, searching for a new way but uncertain about what it might be.

The period we are now entering feels a lot like that. Conservatives have run out of ideas, with little new or interesting to propose, and they've lost their intellectual muscle. With one party running Washington, we're now seeing the scandals that always mark the decay of a movement. The 19th century English statesman, Lord Acton, had it right when he famously wrote: "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Nationally, the Bush administration's combination of an ill-judged and astoundingly ill-managed war in Iraq with a leadership culture of secretive arrogance has antagonized people who otherwise might have put up with ballooning national deficits and radical tax cuts for the very rich. Karl Rove's core political strategy of subordinating policy to the politics of riling up the rabid base has backfired at last by driving away the less ideological majority.

In Michigan, the intellectual emptiness of this year's campaign — sex offenders, Canadian trash and U.S. Sen. John Kerry are the big problems, according to the political ads on TV — highlights the sad contrast between what's important and what's mere theater.

The fundamental fact is that we are living through a wrenching transition from an unsustainable business model for the auto industry. And as this happens, our political masters have been busy themselves, not solving the problems, but in re-arranging the deck chairs of the Titanic... all the while passionately blaming each other for the iceberg.

When they're not attacking Dick DeVos' wealth, Democrats seem paralyzed at the thought of actually encouraging the transformation of Michigan's economic and social base.

Relax the grip the UAW has on the auto industry? Heavens, no! Attack out-of-control fringe benefits and pensions for public sector employees and their unions? Certainly not!

Think seriously about charter schools as a remedy for Detroit's imploding public school system? Not on your life!

Too much of Michigan's prevailing cultural makeup tolerates attitudes of dependency, entitlement, risk aversion and disinterest in lifelong learning. Yet too many Democrats figure the old ways and the old attitudes worked OK for a long time, and all we need to fix things is a new president and repeal of free trade laws.

As to the Republicans, their steady rightward drift has turned off a lot of moderate people who otherwise might vote GOP. An early tipoff: The defeat in the August primary of moderate Republican Congressman Joe Schwarz of Battle Creek by the noisy and ineffectual right-winger Tim Walberg. DeVos' rigid views on abortion, stem cell research, intelligent design and cutting taxes without much attention to the consequences didn't help.

Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, one of the most experienced and sensible Republican office holders, was quoted recently by political reporter Peter Luke: "I think everyone is getting sick over how far right the Republican Party is headed."

The national Gallup Poll provides evidence of how right she is. Since the first quarter of 2005, voters identifying with the Republican Party have fallen from 35.3 percent to 31.1 percent, while those identifying as Democrats have risen from 32.8 percent to 35 percent. Independents have risen from 30.6 percent to 32.5 percent.

What this further indicates is that neither political party is particularly coherent or compelling to the majority of folks who are, after all, usually in the middle of the road. These are normal people who distrust both intense partisanship and the fierce glare of the ideologues. What they want is good places to raise their children, good schools to ready them for global competition and a government that competently delivers services at reasonable cost.

Such people are casting about for a new way of politics.

They find unconventional candidates like Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama appealing, not conventional political figures like U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton or her GOP counterpart, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

Such normal voters are not particularly attracted by the standard political divisions between left and right. They are inclined instead toward a past-future orientation. They will be naturally attracted to anyone who can replace the transactional claims of old-line special interests with a transformational vision of how people can work together to improve both their society and their lives.

For years, our political system has been dominated by ideologues of both the right and the left. As this year's campaign went on, increasingly I heard people saying, "It's time for a change." They're right — and by change, they need a whole lot more than the usual switch from Tweedledum to Tweedledee. We are talking about a realignment in which the politics of the future replace those of the past. And I wouldn't be surprised if this election marks the turning point from talk to reality.

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# Pot calls kettle black and other slights during ugly campaign

Now that was ugly. With the closing of the polls Tuesday night and the counting of the votes into the wee hours of Wednesday morning, dictionary editors began scrambling for new definitions of the word, "distasteful."

From the statewide sniping of Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her opponent, Grand Rapids moneybags Dick DeVos, to the local carping between Chief Judge



Brad Kadrach

John MacDonald and re-elected incumbent Judge Ron Lowe, this campaign was fraught with icky undertones.

It started back in the primary, when Republicans went hard after one of their own, Plymouth Historical Museum Director Beth Stewart, in an effort to get Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo elected.

Now, before political operative Carl Berry starts jumping up and down on me, let me say this: They attacked Stewart with the facts of her own political foibles — putting the Plymouth Historical Society at risk by using the museum for campaign events.

It wasn't the fact of the attacks that made it ugly; it was the tenor. I've said it before and I'll say it again (and Republicans have denied it before and will deny it again), but the attacks on Beth were as much about the party's dislike of her husband, term-limited state Rep. John Stewart, as they were about getting Abbo elected.

It continued immediately after the primary, when someone who didn't like our election coverage expressed their displeasure by packaging dog feces in a sealed envelope and putting it in our mailbox, addressed to Yours Truly here at the *Observer*.

Twice. Both times, colleagues urged me to report the ridiculous acts to the police, in case things escalated. But putting dog poop in an envelope and leaving it on our doorstep was such a childish and cowardly act, I didn't feel threatened by it. I'm just surprised they didn't set it on fire and ring the doorbell before running away.

(Ironically, postal officials told me it wasn't illegal anyway.)

While the delivery of dog doo-doo is nothing more than an annoyance, disturbing things have actually come out of this campaign, none moreso than the public airing of the differences between

MacDonald and Lowe. The public washing of such dirty linen is never pretty.

MacDonald felt a duty to the district to point out what he considers Lowe's shortcomings. To his credit, Lowe mostly took the high road, pointing out the differences between he and MacDonald are administrative in nature, not judicial.

Since that story broke, we've heard from court employees and other lawyers, some supporting MacDonald, others supporting Lowe. The thing is, with Lowe's re-election, the two are going to have to find a way to work together until MacDonald is forced to retire in two years. That puts a lot of pressure on employees and the court's third judge, Mike Gerou, in the interim.

And speaking of childish acts, there were the seemingly requisite reports of vandalism — actual and implied — that go along with political campaigns. In Farmington Hills, for instance, there were reports not only of sign stealing, but also of signs in front of candidates' homes being spray-painted.

This kind of invasion of private property crosses the line, though it shouldn't be surprising.

And right here in Canton, campaign workers hitting the bricks for state Senate candidate Mark Slavens reported coming out to find screws and/or nails scattered behind their cars, clearly put there, they believe, to do damage to tires. The debris was discovered and cleaned up before any actual damage could be done.

There's no telling how much political damage was done to state House candidate Mark Abbo, the Northville Township supervisor who lost to Democrat Marc Corriveau when his opponents started sending out letters complaining Abbo was misrepresenting himself as a certified public accountant.

Abbo's literature did, in fact, mention his background as a CPA, but did not actually say he was a practicing CPA. His status did spark a mini-controversy, though, as if this campaign needed any more.

Republican leaders screamed "Foul!" over the "attacks," which struck me as ironic considering the massive campaign they waged against Stewart in the primary.

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black.

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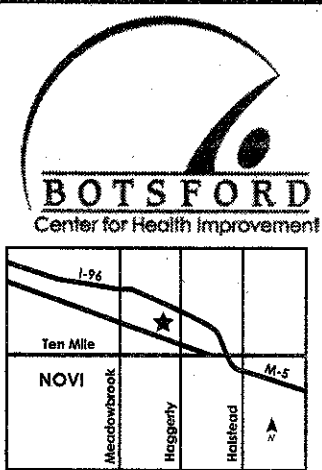
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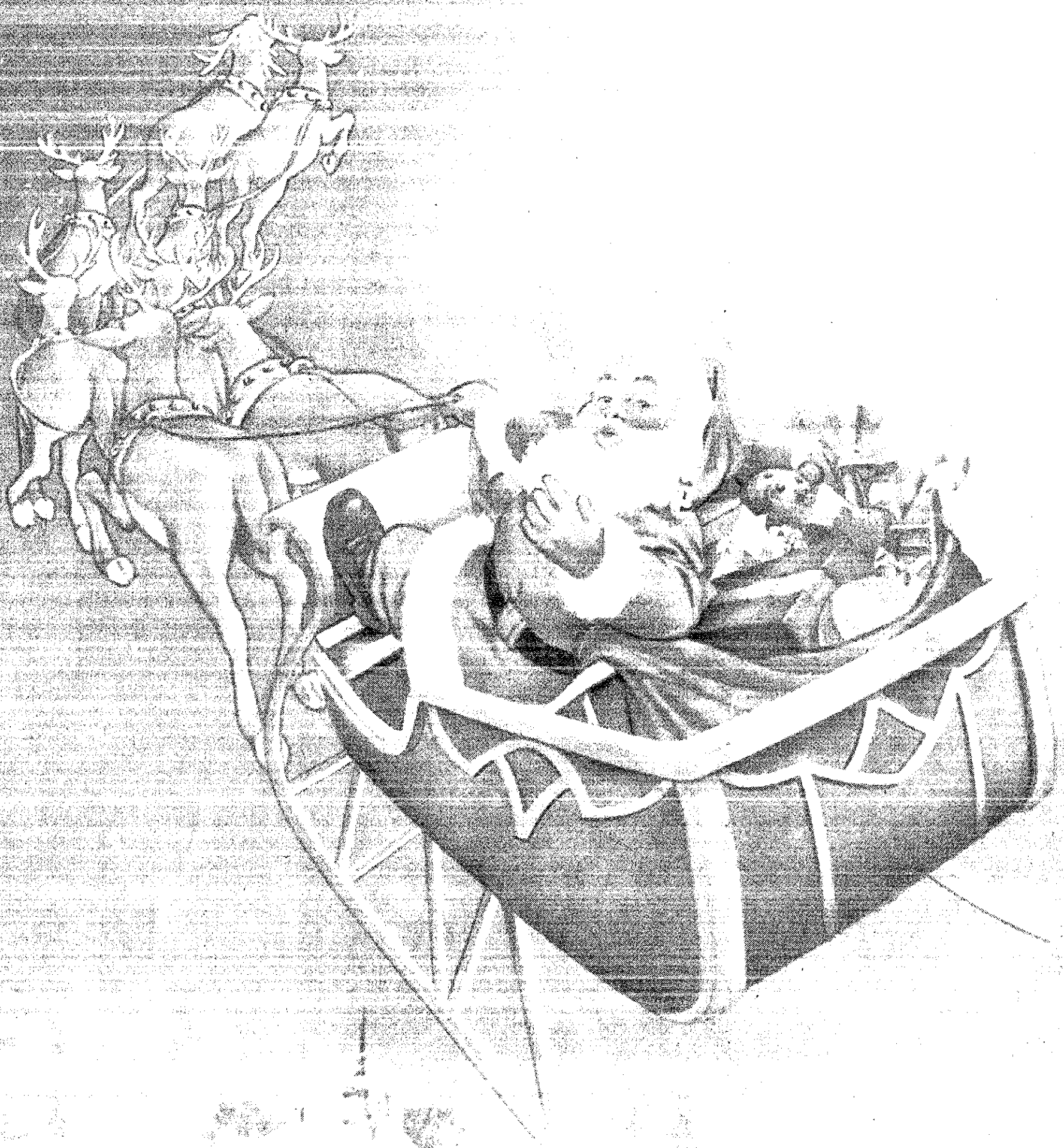
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# McCotter prepares to caucus with the minority

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter won re-election Tuesday but will be a member of the House minority in January for the first time since being elected to Congress in 2002.

Republican McCotter defeated Democratic candidate Tony Trupiano, while across the country Democrats were able to regain control of the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time since 1994.

McCotter defeated Trupiano by about 54 percent to 43 percent with minority party candidates John Tatar of the Libertarian Party and Charles Tackett of the United Taxpayers Party far behind with less than 2 percent each.

"This represents the worst environment for Republicans since Watergate," McCotter said Tuesday night.

He said a failure by Republicans to "articulate the times we live in" combined with charges of corruption and scandal contributed to the party's loss of power in the House of Representatives.

## DEMS WIN OTHER SEATS

Democrats picked up 27 seats to give them a 228-196 majority in the House with 11 undecided as of Wednesday afternoon. Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California is expected to be elected the next Speaker of the House. On Wednesday, Democrats were also primed to take control of the Senate depending on the outcome of the closely contested Virginia race between Republican George Allen and Democrat Jim Webb.

Though never being in the minority in Congress, McCotter said Wednesday that his experience as part of a two- or three-person minority on the Wayne County Commission was good training for being in the minority.

"I owe a thank you to my colleagues on the Wayne County Commission for an exemplary experience of working in a minority," he said.

McCotter said a lot will depend on the Democratic leadership, which is now responsible for setting the legislative agenda. He said there will also be major changes in the Republican leadership. He said Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert will not stay on as a minority leader and the jockeying will begin for the delegation's five leadership positions.

"It's important for both parties to pay attention to the problems of the country," he said.



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U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter listens for an update on numbers as he talks to some of his supporters at his campaign party at Laurel Manor Tuesday night.

## 11TH DISTRICT VOTE

Unofficial vote totals with all precincts reporting:

Thaddeus McCotter (R) 144,177  
Tony Trupiano (D) 108,890  
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Charles Tackett (UST) 3,542

He said if the parties go to extremes it will not serve the country. Voters have voted for divided government but with the expectation that they would work together, he said. McCotter said the election was about getting out the base vote.

"The Democratic base was more energized than the Republican base," McCotter said. "In close seats, the Democratic spike killed it."

He said many moderate Republican incumbents, especially in the northeast, lost because not enough conservative voters went to the polls, while there was a spike in Democratic voters. He said that's why Granholm "spiked and DeVos tanked."

McCotter said he expects to



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11th U.S. House candidate Tony Trupiano gathers his son Dominic, 13, and his wife, Anne, before going back to the democratic headquarters after making an appearance at the Democratic Party gathering at the Quality Inn in Livonia.

maintain his committee assignments on budget and international relations, though

it's really up to the Democratic leadership to determine the makeup of the committees.

## TRUPIANO 'EMPOWERED'

On Tuesday night, when the early returns suggested a close election, Tony Trupiano rallied his supporters at an election night gathering at the Quality Inn in Livonia. On Wednesday morning, he was still in an upbeat mood.

"I'm more empowered than I have ever been," he said.

The former radio talk show host and media consultant said he engaged more people in the 11th District to participate in a Democratic congressional campaign than ever before.

Trupiano said he hopes that the new Democratic Congress will "have an agenda that moves us forward."

He said there needs to be more attention paid to domestic issues. He said the new Congress will probably be able to reach an agreement on immigration reform as they are more supportive of the president's posi-

## Ficano cruises to win in county executive race

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano was ready to leave for a trip to China Wednesday, assured that he had cruised to victory for a second term as the county's chief executive officer.

Democrat Ficano of Livonia took 80 percent of the vote Tuesday, easily defeating Detroit Republican candidate Ramon J. Patrick.

In the unofficial vote, with all precincts reporting, Ficano had 492,297 votes to 120,106 votes for Patrick.

Ficano had only taken opposition for the Democratic nomination as well, in sharp contrast to the election four years ago following the retirement of longtime county executive Ed McNamara. In that election Ficano faced stiff competition from former Detroit Police Chief Bennie Napoleon and Sharon McPhail.

tion than the outgoing Republican-controlled Congress.

"We need to hold the Iraqi people to honor their promise to self govern," he said.

But Trupiano was skeptical. He said the Democrats need to learn to compromise.

"I hope the Democrats find a way to lead," he said.

"Democrats say they will lead from the middle, but I don't know what that means. If we spend the next two years running for president, I may join the Green Party."

Trupiano said he will take a few days to assess his situation and that he has no definite plans, except one. He said that Wednesday night he would be having dinner at a local barbecue restaurant, keeping a promise to his son that no matter how the election came out the family would gather for his son's birthday dinner at his favorite restaurant.

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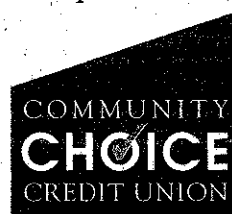
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# Granholm takes Oakland County on her way to re-election

**BY ALEX LUNDBERG**  
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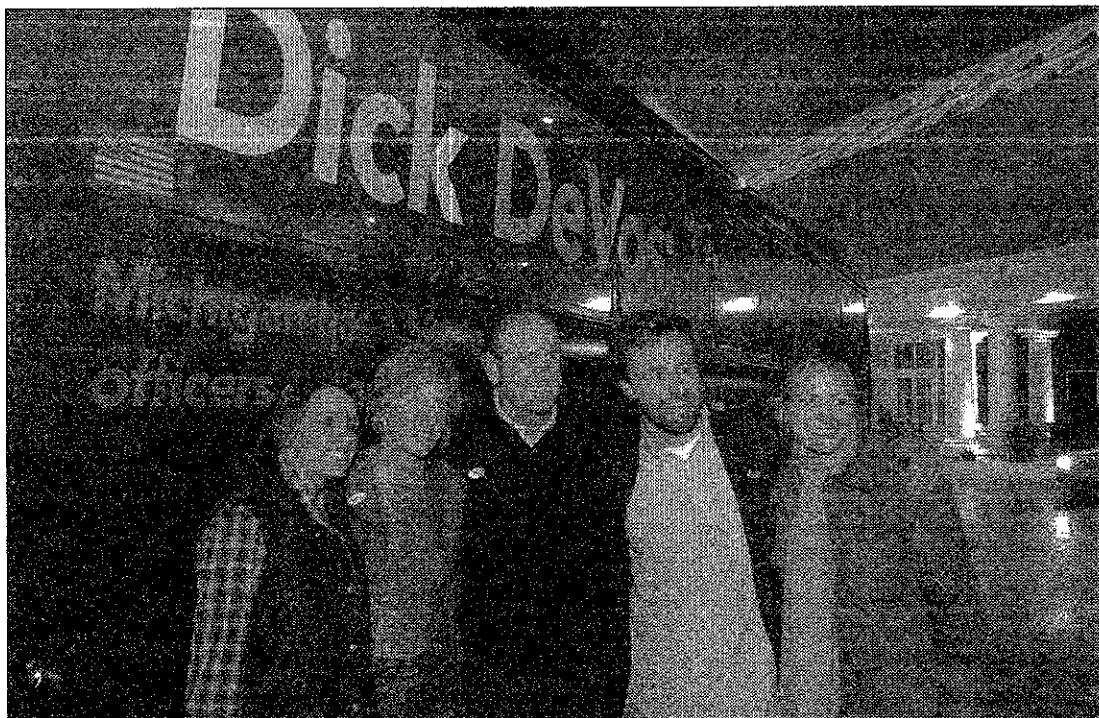
The conventional wisdom is party strongholds deliver for a party's hopefuls, but Republican-heavy Oakland County kept up its tradition of bucking political expectations by snubbing the GOP's gubernatorial hopeful.

With 562 of Oakland's 590 precincts counted Wednesday morning, Gov. Jennifer Granholm bested challenger Dick DeVos by a 53-45 percent margin.

In Wayne County, the governor's lead over her challenger was more stark. Granholm took 70 percent of the vote to DeVos' 28 percent.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said it's not that county voters don't like Republicans — quite the contrary — but there were other factors in play.

"Republicans kept the county commission. The majority has shrunk, but it's still controlled by



The DeVos family, Dick and Betsy, with children Andrea, Rick and Elissa, pose for a final photo of the campaign, at Plymouth Township's NorthRidge Church 15 minutes before the polls closed.

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**Granholm**

Republican Party and a Democratic Party in Oakland County, but a third group of independents — a group that likes to split tickets when the mood suits it — might be the biggest party in the county.

"I believe (the results) were a reaction to Bush, the war in Iraq, the economy and Republican Party scandals," he said. "It was a perfect storm."

After speaking to DeVos by phone from her election night headquarters at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Granholm struck a triumphant tone.

"The future of Michigan is being celebrated tonight," Granholm told a cheering crowd. "It's been a vote for hope and not for fear."

She lavished thanks on her family, campaign staff, cabinet and the state workers she

said helped to push her over the top against DeVos. She indicated that big changes are in the offing.

"We are zealous about transforming the state," Granholm said. "This is the triumph of hope."

Michigan Republican Party Research and Communications Director Sarah Anderson said the Grand Rapids businessman was broadsided by an anti-Republican wave that cost the party control of the U.S. House of Representatives, several governorships and possibly control of the U.S. Senate, depending on how two outstanding races pan out.

"There's going to be a lot of Monday morning quarter-backing and reflection," Anderson said. "But we're going to gear up for 2008. We had a phenomenal grassroots effort. We're going to learn what we can and press on."

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# Bouchard swallowed by anti-GOP national tide

**BY ALEX LUNDBERG**  
STAFF WRITER

Snappy commercials and private fund-raising visits by President George W. Bush couldn't tip the balance for Sheriff Michael Bouchard in his race to unseat U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. The force of a national anti-GOP sentiment doomed his campaign.

Research and communications director for the Michigan Republican Party Sarah Anderson said Bouchard was caught up in a climate that hurt anyone with an "R" after their name.

"There's nothing we could have done differently," she said. "This has been a horrible climate for Republicans and not something about Bouchard or (gubernatorial candidate) Dick DeVos. They're phenomenal candidates and phenomenal human beings. Nationally, we didn't have a prayer."

With nearly all Oakland County precincts reporting, Bouchard only garnered 45 percent of the county's votes to Stabenow's 52 percent. In Wayne County, the gulf between the two was more pronounced with Bouchard receiving only 27 percent to the incumbent's 71 percent.

Stabenow communications director Brent Colburn said the win was a conjunction of the right candidate at the right time.

"She has a record of results for the nation and Michigan," he said. "The win is also about people being tired of the direction the administration is taking the country."

At an election night reception at the Centerpoint Marriott in Pontiac, the Republican Party faithful gathered for what

**Stabenow**

**Bouchard**

turned out to be a night of disappointments. Almost as soon as they learned the national tide was turning against the GOP, Senate candidate Bouchard acknowledged the fight was over shortly after 11 p.m.

"The numbers are not looking good," he said.

He said he got into the race to make a difference and thanked those supporters who opened their "hearts, wallets and homes" to him during the campaign.

"I have a job with the greatest people in the state," Bouchard said. "My biggest sadness is that I feel that I've let a lot of you down who worked so hard."

In a special acknowledgment to the youngest members of his campaign staff, he urged them to stay involved in politics despite all of the negative aspects of modern political campaigns.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson noted that it's not uncommon for Oakland County voters — considered to be solidly Republican in local races — to snub GOP hopefuls in national and statewide races. He said Tuesday's losses were a referendum on the Bush administration, the war in Iraq, Republican scandals and a state economy that just won't get better.

"I'm not making excuses," Patterson said. "We got our ass kicked."

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## Ficano leads 2nd trade mission to China

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is leading a trade delegation to four cities in China Nov. 8 through Nov. 21. The four cities – Chongqing, Wuhan, Nanjing and Beijing – are very strong in manufacturing and production of automobiles and parts and also are economic centers in their regions.

"Wayne County is global in its aggressive efforts to attract jobs and investment to the region," said Executive Ficano, who headed his first trade mission to China in 2005. "China is experiencing unprecedented growth in the areas of manufacturing and R & D and Wayne County, with its skilled technical and research and development workforce and expertise, is the likely place for China business development and growth."

The Wayne County delegation will visit local governments, tour Ford facilities, host seminars and have one-on-one meetings with prospective business partners, automotive suppliers, financial and educational institutions, service firms, trading companies and government agents of China.

Wayne County also will participate in the 2006 China International Sub-contracting Fair and the 9th Beijing International Automobile Exhibition to promote awareness for the local region and companies.

The county's 2005 trade mission produced several results:



Ficano

■ A signed Business Partnership Agreement with the governments of Wuhan, Nanjing and Chongqing to promote trade and investment between Wayne County companies and businesses in those cities, and encourage cultural and educational exchange.

■ A major investment by a Chinese company from Beijing, the Tempo Group. The Tempo Group, through its subsidiary, Century Automotives, will open an R & D facility in Wayne County.

■ Several companies that participated as delegates in 2005 have opened offices in Chongqing and established business relationships.

■ Wayne County is currently assisting six Chinese companies to network with potential customers here, open distribution and servicing centers and recruit staff.

"Last year we were very successful in our trade mission to China and this year we will aggressively pursue opportunities that benefit Wayne County, the region and the State of Michigan," said Ficano. "It is our intent through this trade mission to recruit companies from our region and match them with potential business partners in the four cities we will be visiting."

This year, the delegation's agenda includes:

■ Wayne County will host business information seminars in Chongqing, Nanjing and Beijing to encourage investment and link with companies for import/export opportunities.

■ Wayne County will host a booth at the Sub-contracting Fair in Beijing to promote linking with U.S. companies for import and export.

■ Wayne County will open an office in Chongqing.

■ The Wayne County Port Authority and Airport Authority will meet with Chinese leadership on cargo logistics for airport and river-port distribution.

■ An educational cultural exchange is being developed with Plymouth-Canton Schools. Discussions are underway with Detroit Public Schools and other educational institutions.

■ Henry Ford Community College delegates are interested in a training exchange of vocational and technical skills in areas such as auto repair and nursing.

The 2006 China Trade Mission is sponsored by the Wayne County Greater Economic Development Council. The Detroit Regional Economic Partnership, the Detroit Chinese Business Association, the U.S. Department of Commerce and Ford Motor Company are supporting this year's trade mission.

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## 'GO-GIRL' program open to seventh-grade girls

Wayne State University's "GO-GIRL" (Gaining Options-Girls Investigate Real Life) program, designed to boost mathematics skills and generate confidence in seventh-grade girls, is accepting applications for the winter semester.

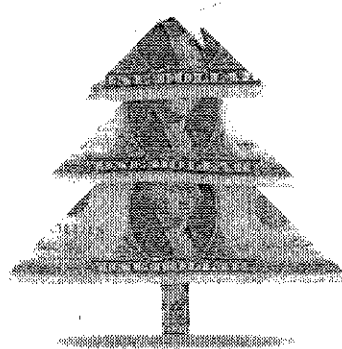
The 10-week Saturday program, hosted by Wayne State's College of Education, will launch the winter semester in January 2007. GO-GIRL is

free and open to a limited number of seventh-grade female students.

Middle school students interested in participating at Wayne State can visit [www.gogirls.wayne.edu](http://www.gogirls.wayne.edu) and download application forms. The application deadline is Thursday, Dec. 15. More information about the GO-GIRL project is available by contacting Professor Sally Roberts, faculty adviser, via e-mail at

s.k.roberts@wayne.edu.

Since its inception in 2002, GO-GIRL has helped more than 200 middle school girls from public and private schools in the Detroit metropolitan area develop mathematical confidence, skills and conceptual understanding by integrating mathematics and social science research into a single-sex, technology-rich environment supported by university student mentors.



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## Commission approves Frankel Pinnacle project

The Wayne County Commission Thursday unanimously approved an agreement between Wayne County and developer Stuart Frankel to develop up to 150 acres of land in the Pinnacle Aeropark business and technology park near Detroit.

In the first public-private partnership for Pinnacle, Troy developer Frankel is expected to begin the project next year with construction of an office building of at least 50,000

square feet and/or a distribution and logistics center of at least 200,000 square feet.

Frankel's plans for development include offices, research and development, industrial, warehouse and distribution facilities on county-owned land near Interstate 275 and Sibley Road in Huron Township.

The county will provide \$7 million in infrastructure improvements and road construction, \$6 million of which

will be covered by federal grants. Infrastructure work is expected to begin next spring.

"The development will spur further economic development, improve the business climate in the region and create sustainable jobs," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "We are pleased that the commission unanimously voted to approve the plans to develop the first concrete step at the Pinnacle site."

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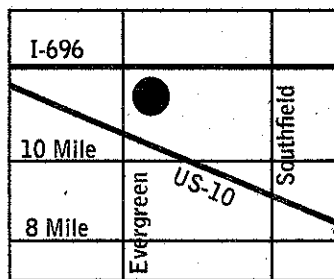
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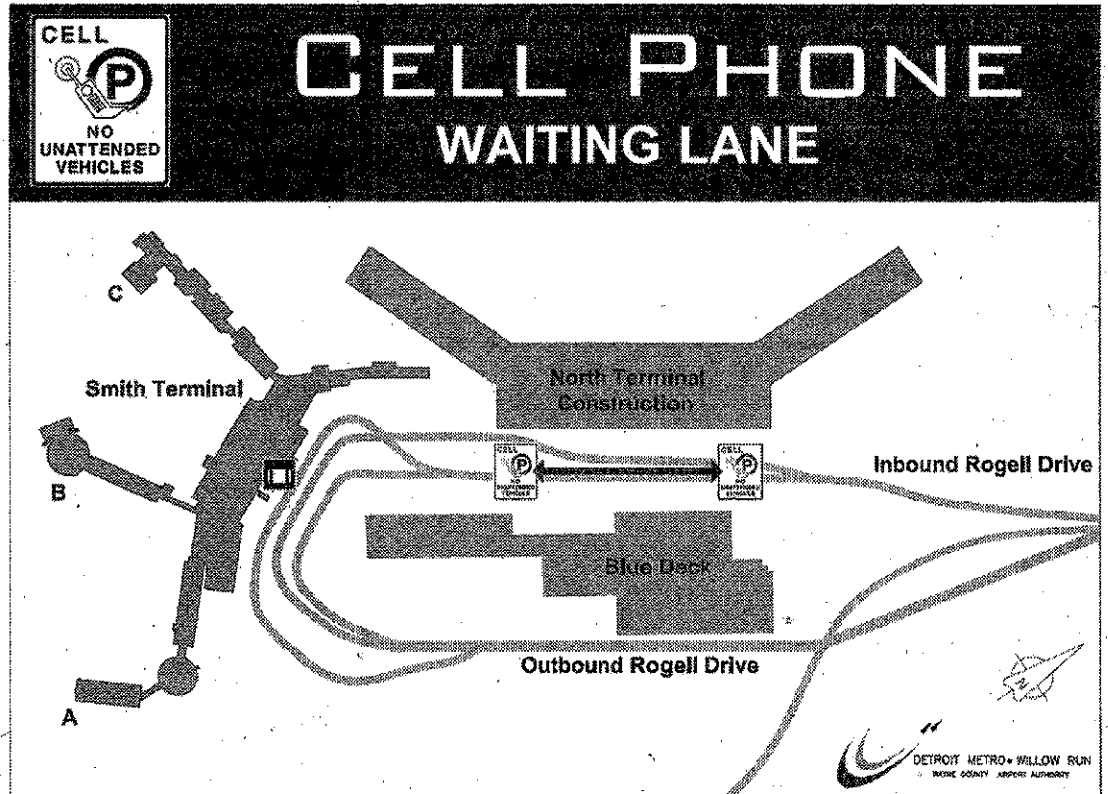
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## Cell phone waiting lane opens near Smith Terminal

The Wayne County Airport Authority has opened a cell-phone waiting lane near the Smith Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) to help alleviate vehicle congestion at the arrivals curb.

"Airport management has always said that curb fronts are for active loading and unloading only, but many people drive up to the curb to wait for arriving passengers who are not ready at the curb," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "These lingering vehicles create traffic congestion and cause security concerns. Airport Police have no choice but to direct them away from the curb."

The cell phone waiting lane helps to resolve that problem. Once an arriving passenger is at the curb with their luggage, they can contact their ride on their cell phone and be picked up within a minute.

The cell phone waiting lane is located on inbound Rogell across from the north terminal construction site. To find it, follow the signs to Smith Terminal arrivals. Just past the point where the departures (upper) level lane veers off to the right, you will see the lane on the right, designated by a wide white stripe and cell phone signs. There is enough space to comfortably accommodate at least 30 vehicles.

"We still recommend that the best way to pick up an arriving passenger is to park in short term parking and meet your party at the bag claim

device," said Robinson. "Then you can help them with their luggage to the parking spot or curb."

The cell phone waiting lane is in an area which causes no security concerns, however, motorists must remain with their vehicles. Unattended vehicles may be ticketed and towed.

"The objective of establishing this lane is to reduce curb front and roadway congestion caused by vehicles circling repeatedly when the arriving party is later than expected," said Robinson. "We are currently exploring property on the south end of the airport for a more convenient waiting area for the McNamara Terminal."

Approximately three dozen US airports offer some sort of cell phone waiting area.

## McNamara concessions win national contest

The McNamara Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) has emerged as a clear winner in the 2006 Airport's Council International - North America (ACI-NA) Excellence in Concessions Contest.

The airport and its concession operators recently received recognition in ACI-NA's 2006 Richard A. Griesbach Excellence in Airport Concessions Contest, by finishing first place among large North American airports in the categories of Best Food & Beverage Program and Best Retail Specialty Program. Memphis International Airport received the overall Griesbach Award of Excellence in the contest.

"We are extremely proud of our McNamara Terminal concessions program and all the hard working employees that have made it so successful, and we are honored to be recognized among our industry peers at ACI-NA," said Lester Robinson Wayne County Airport Authority CEO.

"Since the McNamara Terminal opened, our concessions management team and operators have worked extremely hard to listen to our customers, add new and innovative store and restaurant concepts, and create one of the best airport concession pro-

grams in the world."

Detroit Metro Airport's award-winning McNamara Terminal concession program is known by travelers and across the industry for its large diverse offering of airport stores and restaurants that appeal to all travelers. From familiar national brands like Brooks Brothers, Tumi Luggage, Max and Erma's and Starbucks, to local favorites like the Motown Music Review, GM Store, Pangborn Design Collection, Mediterranean Grill, and PizzaPapalis, kid-friendly concepts like PB&J, Twist & Shout Pretzel and KidZoo, and more.

The McNamara Terminal houses nearly 90 stores and restaurants and recognized an increase of more than 33% in its concession sales per enplaned passenger in 2005, the highest one-year percentage increase of any of the top 50 revenue producing airports as reported by Airport Revenue News. In addition to the recent awards from ACI-NA for Best Food & Beverage and Best Retail Programs in 2006, the McNamara Terminal also received ACI-NA's Best Retail Program Award in 2004, and was recognized by Airport Revenue News as the Best Overall Single Terminal Concessions Program in 2004.

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## 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 Daily. 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

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**Hymn festival**  
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 Chwien, 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.

### Military service tribute

Garden City Presbyterian Church has designated Sunday, Nov. 12 the day to honor all Veterans of Military Service and those currently in service, begins at 10 a.m. with an Honor Guard leading in a procession of veterans who are encouraged to wear their uniforms, medals and ribbons. Fellowship hour follows the worship. Childcare available. Youth Sunday School also at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome. The church is at 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Handicap accessible. All veterans are invited to come and participate in the service. Call (734) 421-7620.

### Classical Bells concert

Michigan's premier handbell ensemble presents a Raise the Roof with a concert 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 ages 4-11, under age four are free. 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 Beit 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 one, 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 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 more information, call (313) 366-0677 or send e-mail to KopistianskyVickie@sbcglobal.net.

### 25th annual concert

The 25th Annual St. Aidan Catholic Church presents its 25th annual Christmas Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Admission is \$5 plus TWO non-perishable food items. Proceeds go to Christmas Baskets prepared by St. Aidan Christian Service Commission.

### Singles New Year's Eve

Catholic Singles New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance catering to singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. For tickets and information, visit www.CatholicSinglesNYE.com or call Kathleen at (734) 657-7750.

### 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 CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. This is an intensive learning experi-

ence 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 Dahlke 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 I 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 Shiloh (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 Daily, 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

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### BILL E. LINDLEY

Age 76, November 3, 2006. Beloved companion of Midge Wilson, Loving Father to Randy (Claudia), Joseph (Alice), Troy (Sarah) and Dawn. Caring Step-father to Bob, Rick, Jeff and Scott Terberg. Grandfather and Great-grandfather to many.

### JOSEPH S. DATEK

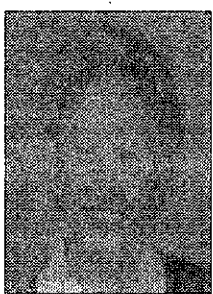
Age 87, November 4, 2006. Husband of Loretta. View obituary & share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

### JULIE MARION GROFF

passed away 10-29-06. Beloved sister of John, Jim, and Jeff. Preceded in death by her parents, Sidney & Marion (Robinson) Groff. Dearest Aunt to many nieces & nephews. Julie, a former nurse, graduated from Bentley High in 1971. Special thanks and praise to Julie's care worker, Cindy who went above and beyond. A gathering of family & friends will take place at Julie's "little brothers" home in White Lake Twp. on 11-11-06.

### MARIETTA KILLIAN REID

Age 89 of Bloomfield, MI died Tuesday, November 7th. Wife of Robert, mother of Richard, Christopher, Robert and the late Daniel and Matthew. Five grandchildren: Michael, Brenna, Elliot, Clarke, and Carolina. Sister of the late Esther Armstrong. Memorial services at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI, Tuesday, November 14th, 11am. Family service at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI, November 11th 2pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Christ Church Cranbrook or charity of your choice.



### MARY H. HENNE

Age 84 of Birmingham, Michigan, died November 6, 2006. Born in Minneapolis, MN she attended Principia College, Elmhurst IL in 1944 where she received her Bachelor of Arts; and Oakland Community College in 1979 and received her Associate Degree in Nursing. She served in the Navy from 1944-46 in Philadelphia and the New York Naval Shipyard as a Lt. (jg) USNR. She was a housewife who was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, MI; a member of the Piety Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and in the North Woodward Branch of Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association. She was also a co-chairman from 1999-2001 of the 70+ Ski Club, Midwest Division. She was also involved in WAVES National, Unit SEM #101, Michigan Society of Mayflower Descendants, and the Volunteer Service Committee, Beaumont Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Richard E. Henne; two daughters, Mary (Art) Goyeau and Susan (John) Mangle; grandchildren, Corinne, Amy, James and Thomas; and brother, Cecil Hurd. Memorial service at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006 at 11 AM. Burial in Bethel Memorial Cemetery, Ann Arbor, will be private.

### EDGAR BOWLING BENNETT

Age 81, formerly of Birmingham, MI, beloved husband of Maggie Bennett, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2006. Born in Richmond, Virginia, he was the son of Floyd Shedd and Maye Bowling Bennett. Mr. Bennett was a graduate of Duke University and Harvard Business School, and a veteran of the United States Navy. He converted to the Catholic faith in 1953. He raised his family in Birmingham, Michigan while an employee of Ford Motor Company. Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Maggie Bennett; his children, Edgar B. Bennett, Jr., Anne Bennett Clarke, and Stephen F. Bennett; and his granddaughters, Robin and Krista Clarke. Funeral services will be held at 11 am at St. Paul The Apostle Church in Seneca, SC. Memorials may be made to The National Parkinson Foundation.

### PATRICIA ANN RICCOBONO

Age 75, of Sebring, passed away at The Florida Hospital on October 31, 2006, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born June 6, 1931, in Tampa, FL, to Charles and Nellie (Lannon) Patrick and moved to Florida in October 2003, from Commerce, MI. She was self-employed as an author and painter. She was a member of Eastern Star, Red Hat, Delta Choral, National Federation of Press Women. She was an accomplished painter and author, having published a novel and various poems; singer and soloist. Pat is survived by her husband, Angelo Riccobono; daughters, Devany Vallenecord (Kip), Dae Unick-Todd (Cliff), Dani Unick-Osborn (Rick); son, Dean Unick (Tony); five grandchildren; one great-grandchild. A memorial service was conducted on Wed., November 8, 2006. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.



### BILLY D. WAITS

Age 68, of Linden, died Monday, November 6, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be held 10am Friday, November 10, 2006, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Brother Watson Allen officiating. Burial in Parkview Memorial, Livonia. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1-4pm and 6-9pm Thursday. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society. Bill was born March 6, 1938, in Paragould, AR, the son of Modell (Waits) Leedy. He married Linda J. Grobbin March 14, 1959, in Dearborn Heights. He owned and operated two B & L Shell service stations in Livonia and the B & L Speed-E-Marts in Whitmore Lake and Columbiaville. He was a member of the Taylor Moose Lodge. Surviving are his wife, Linda; three daughters, Donna Waits and Eric Wien of Garden City, Sheri Waits of Brighton, Debbie and husband Rick Broadrick of Livonia; three granddaughters, Teri, Megan and Melanie; great grandson, Nathan; step-father Bob and wife Mary Leedy of Florida; two brothers, Clemie, and wife Roseann Waits of South Carolina and John and wife Gayle King of Livonia; sister, Michelle and husband Ed Sciberras of Houghton Lake; many nieces and nephews; special cousins, Conley and Neva Ray of New Boston and Ben and Peggy Moore of Mayhew and many other cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Modell Leedy. Friends may share an online condolence or post a tribute at www.sharpsfuneralhomes.com

### MARK S. TROHER

Age 43, of Canton. Formerly of Livonia. Suddenly passed away on November 7, 2006. Survived by his parents, Steve and Roberta; brothers Mike (Lori) and Tom (Athena) and sister Julie. Uncle to Stephen, Michelle, Nick and Vince. Also survived by many other family and friends. Visitation Sunday Nov. 12th, 2-9pm at Ziomek Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd. at Joy, Livonia. Vigil Service at 7pm. Funeral Monday, Nov. 13, 2006. Instate 9:30am at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland until 10am Mass.



### SHAWN ANN LINE

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As a lifelong resident in the Detroit area, Eleanor lived in Southfield the past 40 years. She attended Central High School in Detroit and the Detroit Business University. Her first job was at Ford Motor Company as a secretary. When she married Harold Butler in August of 1938, it was against the rules for married women to work for the company, so she chose to devote her life to being a loving wife and mother for their two daughters. Harold was the Managing Editor of the Ford Times and a noted Detroit travel writer and author. Eleanor and Harold traveled the world to find his stories, visiting most of the U.S., Canada, Europe, the Caribbean, China, and South America. In their 64 years of marriage, they went on 22 cruises. During the summer months, they commuted to a log cabin in White Cloud, MI built by Eleanor's father, Ora Davis. Eleanor was born to Ora Davis and Alice (Obits) Davis on December 3, 1913 in Grand Rapids, MI. She recalls at age 5 tying tin cans to a string with her cousin, Max Reynolds, and running up and down the street in 1918 to celebrate the end of World War I. The family moved to Detroit when Eleanor was 6 years old. She was a life-long, devoted member of Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia. Eleanor was 92 years old and passed away on November 5, 2006. She is survived by her daughter Joyce Butler Musto and granddaughter Kathleen Musto of Hawaii. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband Harold and daughter Beverly. Visitation will be at Manas-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt in Livonia on Sunday, November 12, 2006 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Services will be held on Monday, November 13, 2006 at 10:30 am at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Graveside services will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, 804 N. Division Avenue in Fremont, Michigan at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 14, 2006. Memorial donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association or Mt. Hope Congregational Church.



# PIRGIM: Money talks in elections

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

The nation is locked in a controversial war, scandals financial and sexual have rocked the U.S. House of Representatives for months and the president hasn't seen approval numbers on the good side of 40 in more than a year – yet studies show none of these factors is as compelling in an election year as the amount of money a candidate has to spend.

The Public Interest Research Group in Michigan, an Ann Arbor-based nonprofit organization, has published a report that says campaign spending and fund raising are the best predictors of who will win at the ballot box.

PIRGIM Public Interest associate David Pettit admitted that the concept of money driving an American election should come as a surprise to no one. Still, he said people might not be aware of just how much a determining factor campaign funding is.

"It's not new news," he said. "But with elections so hotly contested and so many contentious issues before the voters, money is the deciding factor. Money trumps everything."

And since money is the deciding factor, he said, the people giving the money are the ones making the decisions. The PIRGIM report showed that .27 percent of the voting population donates 82 percent of all individual contributions to campaigns and individual donations are the bulk of all campaign donations.

The survey went further to say that 92 percent of the time, the candidate who raises the most money is the one that wins the primary and that only 10 percent of general election races are truly competitive.

"Aside from the fact that it undermines democracy, it means that 1 percent of the voting population determines who wins the primary," he said. "It's not just voters who feel apathetic, there are so many barriers to entry into a race that if you don't know any millionaires, running for office is difficult."

Oakland County Republican Party Executive Director Diane Harnish disagreed.

"It's the way money is spent and what the candidate says that gets you elected," she said. "Look at (Democratic presidential candidate Michael) Dukakis in 1998. No amount of money could get rid of that picture of him in the tank."

Oakland County Democratic Party chairman David Woodward said changing campaign finance laws would help more people get into politics.

"Over half the members of the U.S. Senate are millionaires," he said. "The amount of cash needed for TV ads is rising exponentially and we're not getting the best candidates coming forward."

He said there is always a cry for campaign finance reform and lawmakers from both parties may decry the effect of cash on elections, but that doesn't mean the well-heeled can't make their intentions known.

"Money will always find a way," Woodward said.

Of course, he said there's no getting elected to anything without campaign funds, but that doesn't mean it can override message and the candidates themselves in the voting booth.

Pettit said the solution is an old one – publicly financed elections. The question that follows is just as old, he said, but the argument for public financing is valid considering all the other costs attached to the current method of campaign finance.

"Studies show it could be \$2 billion to finance campaigns," he said. "That seems like a lot, but when you consider there's \$64 billion in earmarks in federal appropriations bills, \$2 billion seems affordable."

Harnish said public funding of campaigns was not necessary.

# Firefighters train in donated house



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Livonia firefighters make their way along a rooftop during training a training exercise Monday afternoon.

Livonia Fire & Rescue firefighters used a donated house on Ann Arbor Trail near Newburgh last week and this week to get in some training exercises.

The sessions, repeated twice a day over four days to cover all the firefighters, included practice on oper-

ating generators and radios at the scene of a working fire.

Firefighters also went on the roof to work on techniques for ventilating a roof during a fire. Inside the house that was filled with smoke, they practiced using a thermal imaging camera to move around.



Livonia firefighters Jim Naif, left, and Matt Bernells practice sounding along the rooftop to locate the studs, an important factor when ventilating a roof.



Livonia firefighters make their way into a smoke-filled house during a training exercise Monday afternoon.



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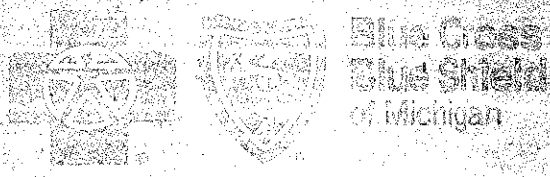
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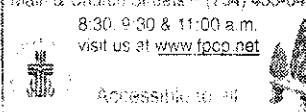
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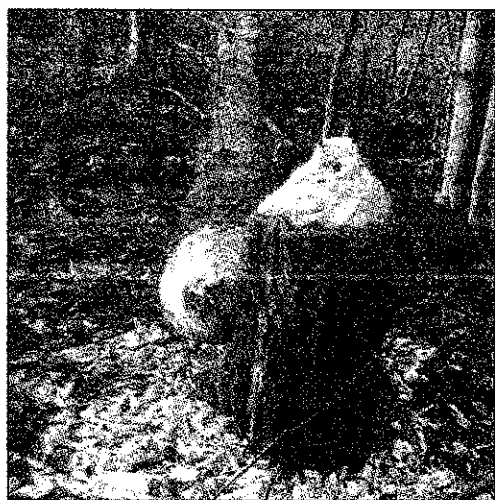
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# This beady-eyed beauty eats trees

I've got a new neighbor. Her nocturnal ways captured my respect the day after we met. I love her presence. Some claim a beast has invaded my land.

"Neighbor" or "invader," she's a beady-eyed beauty, with a weird nose and strange ears that close when she plunges underwater, very large hind feet with fully webbed and



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Jonathan Schechter

clawed toes, dexterous hand-like front paws, huge incisors in front of lips that seal up

tight and an amazingly muscular tail coated with leathery scales. She is every naturalist's dream.

She first appeared in mid-October. Well, at least that's when I discovered the first tree blocking my backwoods trail. Ever since, shortly after dusk she (I'm just guessing female — she is so meticulous in her work) slips silently out of the

swamp, crawls up on land like the prehistoric beast she is and leaves a very big bite on the landscape.

Early November is more than the season of the last falling leaves. It is also the season of falling trees for northern latitude beavers. Just like you and I go on shopping frenzies, if we know a big storm is brewing, beavers go on land "shopping sojourns" to shop and create underwater food caches before ice locks in lakes. Fail in that mission — they die.

My Brandon Township lowlands, down beyond my barn, down past the oaks and shagbark hickory, a land rich with ruffed grouse, wild turkey and the occasional coyote, have become a supermarket of delights for North America's largest rodent. And beavers are big.

They can easily weigh up to 60 pounds. (The only larger rodent in the world is the capybara of South America, which can top the scales at 150 pounds.) And these hungry omnivores need wetland habitat that includes trees such as aspen and cottonwood. Beaver are not at all uncommon in parts of Oakland County. Just ask the DNR. Some residents "freak out" when this native tail-slapping resident appears on "their" all-sports lake.

Most friends who have seen my beaver pictures act as if something is wrong: "What are you going to do about it?" "It's being the beaver. But Lucy Clucas, of Waterford's Turtle Creek Farms — a woman with passion for wildlife and kids — became ecstatic. "Save those chewed logs for me!" Next summer I'll make sure her day campers at her nature camp will be ogling real beaver souvenirs: chopped logs and pointy stumps. Not to worry, Lucy.

Contrary to myth, beaver do not eat wood. They fell trees and strip outer bark to get to the nutritious cambium layer. And the branches that are dragged back to the swamp are wedged into the muddy bottom, adjacent to the lodge: Food for winter meals.

After shivering miserably near dusk in an icy cold rain while out on beaver patrol, I finally discovered the lodge. This impressive structure, protruding maybe four feet above the water, was almost obscured from shore by shrubs. But in the lodge, I knew the beaver beavers, were warm and cozy, protected from predators doing what beavers have done every since the last great glacial retreat. Preparing for winter and snuggling.

I walked away cold and wet but happy, recalling a phrase penned by David Thompson, a Canadian fur trader and geographer who trekked about Saskatchewan right after the American Revolution. He wrote something akin to our continent "belonging to just two races, man and beaver" with the beavers in the lowlands and humans occupying the highlands. Little did he know that beavers would remain the best non-union dam builders of our land. Even today.

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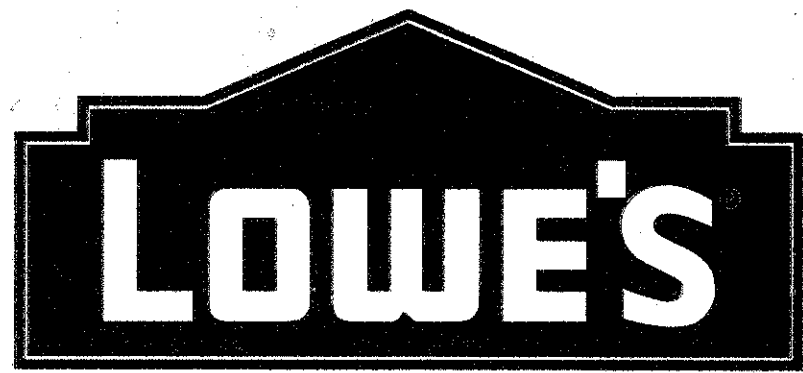
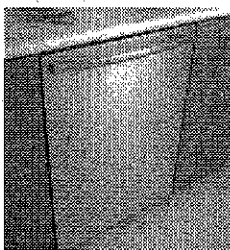
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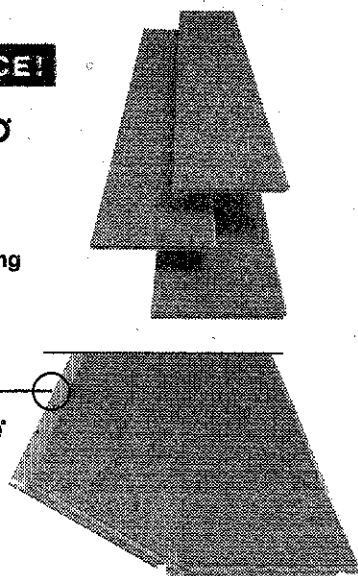
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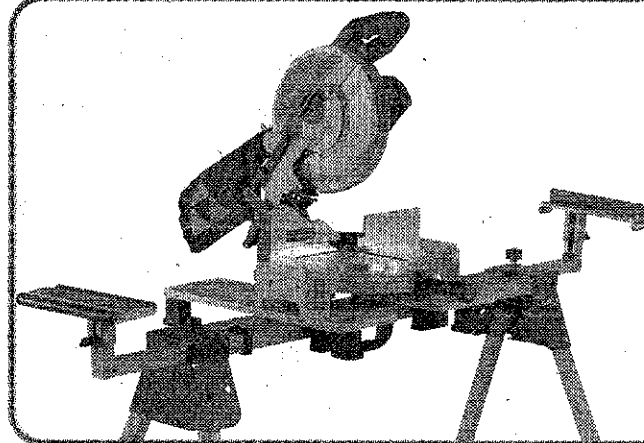
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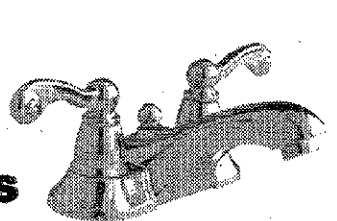
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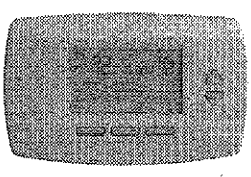
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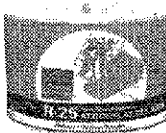


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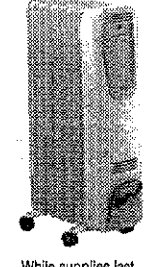
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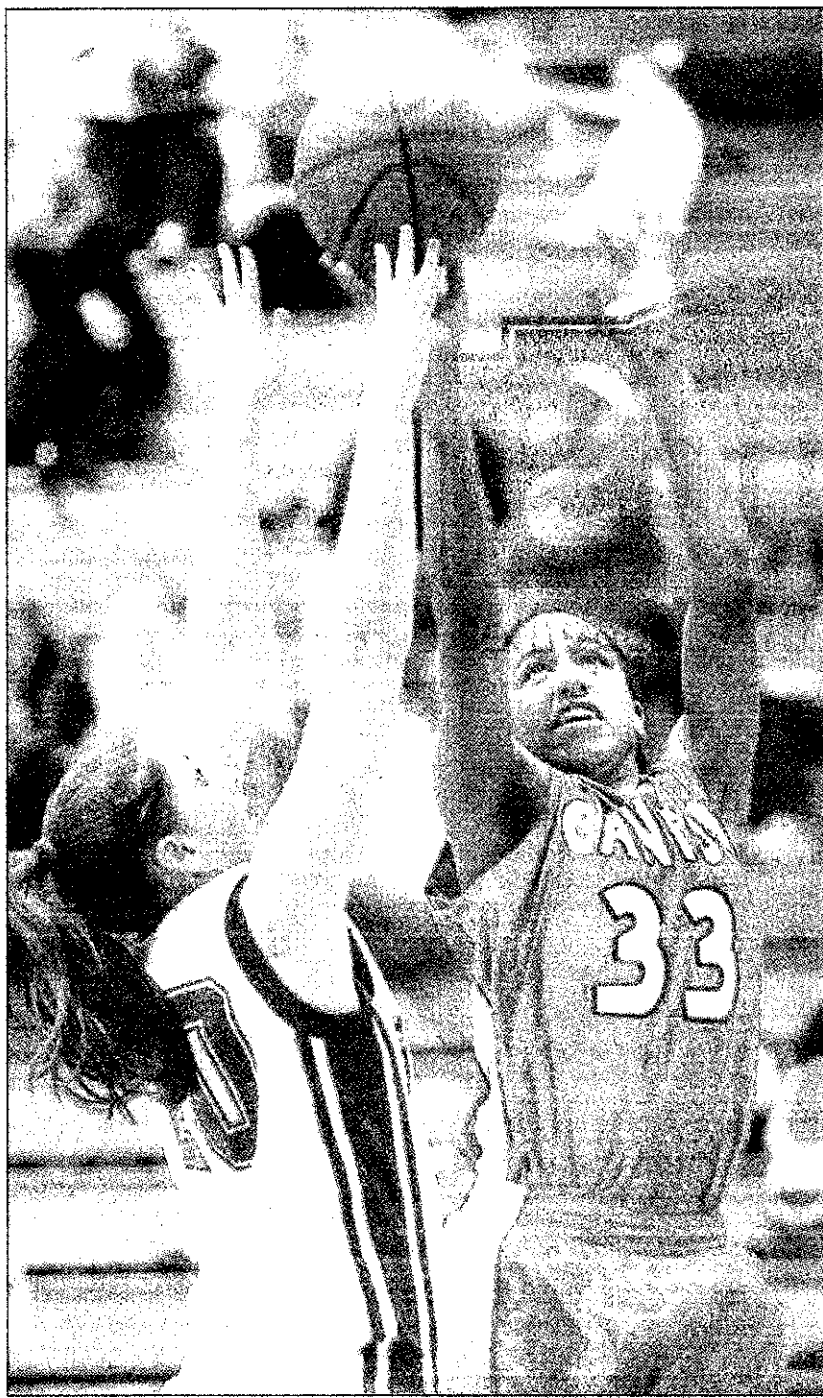
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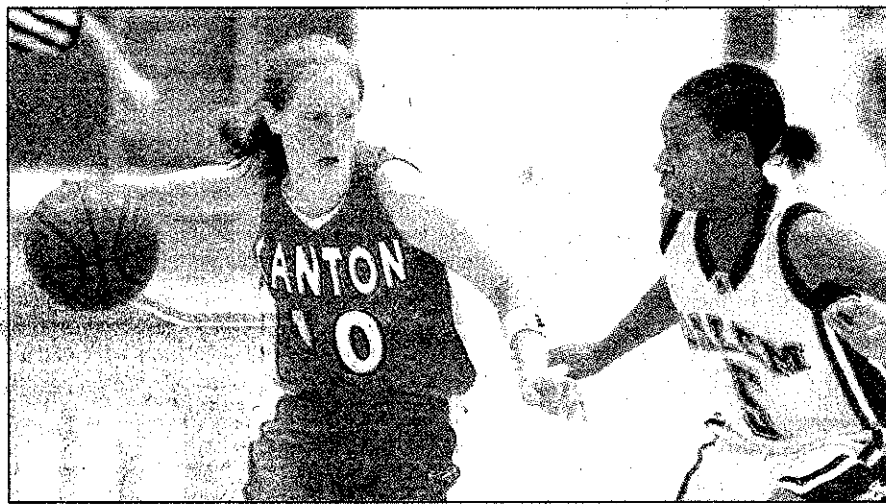
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## WLAA girls basketball tournament final



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Canton's Ja'nee Morton shoots over the outstretched arms of Salem's Lauren Kurtz in the second half of Wednesday night's WLAA title game.



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Canton's Becci Houdek tries to turn the corner against Salem's Alaya Mitchell during the second quarter of Wednesday night's WLAA tournament title game. Houdek scored a team-high 17 in the Chiefs' 40-33 victory.

## Triple the pleasure

### Late surge leads Canton to 3rd consecutive WLAA tourney title

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday night in the Livonia Churchill gymnasium, Canton's Becci Houdek may have become the first athlete in the history of high school sports to take one on the chin while delivering a knockout blow.

An incredible thing happened to Houdek as she stroked what turned out to be a pivotal 22-foot, 3-point bomb with 3:05 left in the Chiefs' 40-33 victory over Salem in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament final.

"When I shot it, the ball hit my chin," Houdek revealed, moments after she posed for a flurry of photos with her teammates and their newest piece of hardware. "That actually happens a lot by accident when I shoot threes.

"Whenever somebody makes a big shot like that — whether it's me or one of my teammates — it gets you pumped up. I know it fired me up. Once one person gets fired up on our team, it seems to spread."

Houdek's off-the-chin triple capped

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## Ignition turns on sellout crowd, 8-6

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit area's first taste of professional indoor soccer in nearly five years was capped off Saturday night by a late serving of "Chile."

With an announced sellout crowd of 3,944 sitting on the edge of their Computware Sports Arena seats, the Detroit Ignition's Carlos "Chile" Farias ripped a restart shot past Baltimore goal-keeper Sagu with 25 seconds left to give the Major Indoor Soccer League's newest team an 8-6 victory against the defending champion Blast.

Farias's dramatic, two-point, tie-breaking effort sent the crowd into the kind of appreciative frenzy those associated with the franchise hope whets fans' appetites for more indoor action.

"First of all, Baltimore is one of the best teams in the league, so it's huge to start with a win like this," said Ignition defender Droo Callahan, a resident of Brighton. "In terms of excitement and getting the fans to come back, it was a perfect way to end an exciting game and the perfect way to start a season.

"This is a great place to play. There were 3,900 people here tonight, but it seemed like 20,000. The crowd was electric."

The Ignition surged to an early 4-0 first-quarter lead even though coach Mark Pulisic said his players were slowed by a few opening-night jitters.

"I think the guys were a little nervous and I think they may have had nervous legs most of the game," said Pulisic. "But it was important to get the first one under our belt. It's only going to get better from

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## Middle man

### O'Shaughnessy packs powerful punch in the center of Chiefs' defense

See Canton-Saline football preview story on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

How long has Canton inside linebacker Colin O'Shaughnessy been disrupting opposing offenses from his position in the heart of the Chiefs' defense?

Way too long, according to many Western Lakes Activities Association football coaches, who are looking forward to the day the 6-foot, 210-pound running back hunter slips on his graduation cap and gets the heck out of their lives for good.

"Before our game against Wayne this season, their coach, Craig Hnatuk, came over and asked me, 'Do you still have that Irishman playing linebacker?'" recalled Canton coach Tim Baechler. "He said, 'It seems like he's been there forever.'"

O'Shaughnessy's been a vari-

ty starter for three years, but it probably seems like forever and a day for the players who have had to deal with the savvy, hard-hitting senior captain. While not blessed with sprinter's speed or Herculean size, O'Shaughnessy is a two-time first team All-WLAA performer thanks to a big heart and some invaluable intangibles.

"Colin may not make a lot of dazzling plays, but he's extremely solid because he reads the plays well and he doesn't take any false steps," said Baechler. "As a leader, he doesn't say a lot in practice, but he's cool, confident and he has a calming presence that the other kids feed off of. He's been running our defensive huddle for three years now, so that says a lot about him right there."

#### BIG GAME, BIG PLAY

O'Shaughnessy grabbed the spotlight during a pivotal point

PLEASE SEE O'SHAUGHNESSY, B2.

#### THE BUZZ ON HORNETS-CHIEFS

- **What:** Division 1 Regional final football game;
- **Who:** Saline (9-2) vs. Canton (11-0);
- **When:** Friday, 7 p.m.;
- **Where:** P-CEP varsity football stadium;
- **Tickets:** Can be purchased for \$5 in advance on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Canton Athletics Department office, which is located in Canton's Phase III building; tickets can also be purchased at the gate prior to the game;
- **How they advanced:** The Hornets ousted Battle Creek Central, 48-29, and Ann Arbor Pioneer, 27-14; the Chiefs knocked off Livonia Stevenson, 48-0, and South Lyon, 14-10.
- **Points well taken:** Canton has outscored its opponents by an average score of 37-9; Saline has outscored its foes by an average score of 37-20.



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Canton senior linebacker Colin O'Shaughnessy has been a three-year contributor to the Chiefs' defense. This year, the captain is the second-leading tackler behind Donnie Laramie.

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Canton's Lauren Delapaz (left) and Leslie Weisz double-up on Salem's Chelsea Davis.

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## CHIEFS

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a 9-0 Canton run and gave the 18-2 Chiefs a 33-26 advantage, which, in a defense-first game like Wednesday's, was comparable to a two-touchdown lead in football.

"That was the shot that kind of put it out of reach for us," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "The thing about it was that it was a deep shot and we defended it pretty well."

Salem, which will take a 17-3 record into Monday night's Class A District opener against Novi, overcame a 15-10 half-time deficit with an impressive run of its own during the latter stages of the third quarter and first two minutes of the fourth. Led by senior Tayler Langham, the Rocks outscored the Chiefs, 12-4, to seize a 24-21 lead with 7:39 to play on Langham's 12-foot jumper.

Houdek's second biggest three of the night tied the game at 24-all one minute later.

"When Salem made its run, I told the girls to just keep playing," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Whenever Canton plays Salem it's always a great game. We knew they had a great team and Freddy's a great coach, so we knew they were going to come up with something to make a run at us."

"But everybody kept their composure, we kept playing and we started to make some shots. We played well down the

stretch and pulled out a nice win."

A fade-away jumper by Langham gave Salem its final lead — 26-24 — with 5:40 to go. Houdek then gave the Chiefs the lead for good with four straight free throws spread over two possessions.

Canton went up 30-26 at the 3:49 mark when Lauren Delapaz one-bounced a perfect thread-the-needle pass to Baylee Hollowell, who converted the short layup.

Forty-four seconds later, Houdek sealed the deal.

"I thought we played really good in the third quarter when we were able to take the five-point lead," said Thomann. "But we made a couple of mistakes in the fourth quarter and — like good basketball teams do — Canton capitalized on them. My hat is off to Canton and Brian. They played well."

Houdek, who recently signed a letter-of-intent to play basketball at Ferris State University, pumped in a game-high 18 points. She also racked up five steals, four assists and three rebounds.

Hollowell, who scored seven of the Chiefs' first nine points, finished with nine points and a team-high 11 boards. Senior Ja'nee Morton, who has averaged close to 15 points a game this year, struggled from the field during the first three quarters when she went 1-for-15.

However, the resilient captain contributed four points in the final three minutes and fin-

ished with six points and eight rebounds.

"The first half was very, very frustrating for me because I was getting good shots, but I wasn't dropping them," said Morton. "At the half my teammates told me to keep playing and not to get down on myself."

"The key to tonight's win was our team chemistry. We never let each other get down."

Without my teammates' support, I probably would have missed a lot more shots than I did tonight."

One big reason for Morton's off night was the defensive play of Langham, who checked Morton most of the contest. She also shined offensively and around the glass, netting 17 points and six rebounds. Langham was 9-of-10 from the free throw line.

"Tayler was outstanding again tonight," Thomann said. "She defended well and hit some big shots on the offensive end. Ever since the Walled Lake Northern game when she had eight points she's been in double figures scoring."

Junior guard Alaya Mitchell contributed seven points and four rebounds for the Rocks, whose starters nearly the entire game. Senior forward Lauren Kurtz led the Rocks with nine rebounds.

Canton connected on 13-of-41 shots from the field (31.7 percent) and 13-of-18 free throws (72.2). Salem hit 11-of-43 field goals (25.5) and half of its 20 shots from the charity stripe.

# High-scoring Saline next test for Chiefs' 'D'

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

In Canton football coach Tim Baechler's estimation, the most deceiving score of the entire 2006 high school football season so far may be this one: South Lyon 41, Saline 0.

Baechler admitted that by looking only at the above tally, it would be easy to assume that his 11-0 Chiefs, who are coming off a 14-10 victory over South Lyon, will manhandle 9-2 Saline, the team the Chiefs will line up against in Friday night's Division 1 Regional final game at the P-CEP varsity football stadium.

Not so fast, warns Baechler, who has viewed something way more important than the lopsided numbers that came out of the Oct. 20 Southeastern Conference game.

"You can tell by watching the film of Saline's two playoff games that they're a different team — a much better team — than they were three weeks ago," he said. "They're playing a lot better now than they did in that one, plus they've won two straight, so they have a little mojo going."

"They have good running backs, a good quarterback and all of their skilled-position players are capable of making big plays. They'll throw the ball, but not quite as much as Livonia Stevenson. Of all the teams we've played this season, they remind me the most of Livonia Franklin."

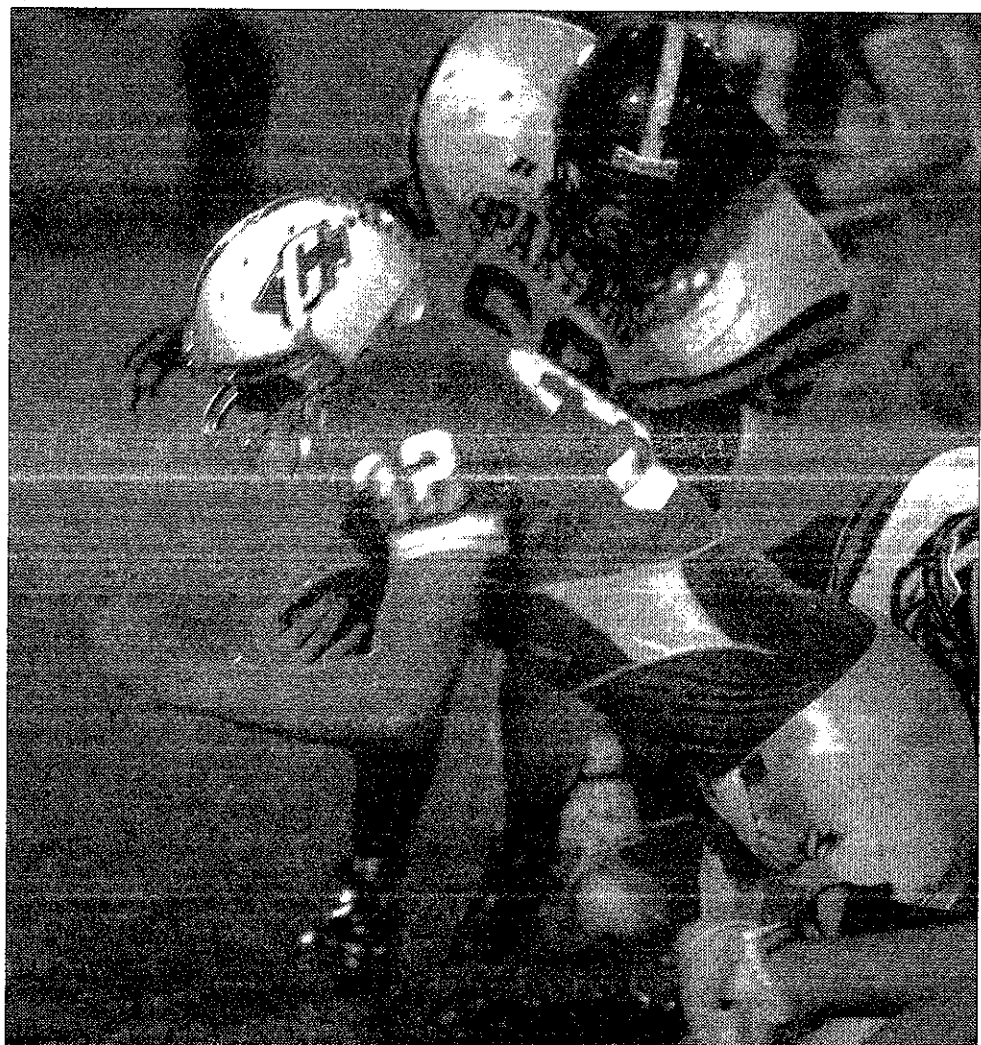
Even with the shutout they endured against the Lions, the Hornets have still racked up 412 points. The Chiefs have rung up 409.

Saline's most-heralded player is senior full-back/linebacker Vince Helmuth, who is headed to the University of Michigan next fall on a full-ride football scholarship.

"He's definitely impressive," said Baechler, of Helmuth. "I don't know if he's the best player we've played against this season, but he looks very good on film. It's hard to say somebody is the best until you've seen them play in person."

While Helmuth is the engine that moves the Hornets' offense, the engineer is senior quarterback Kyle Brown, who is one of seven returning starters from last year's playoff-qualifying team. Protecting Brown and paving the way for Helmuth will be senior offensive tackle Charlie Moeller, an All-SEC selection.

Saline's defense, which has yielded an average of 20.7 points per contest heading into



Canton quarterback Steve Paye, shown running the ball in the playoff opener against Livonia Stevenson two weeks ago, will be leading the Chiefs against a stingy Saline defense that is anchored by University of Michigan-bound linebacker Vince Helmuth.

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Friday's clash, is paced by senior linebacker Luke O'Brien.

The Chiefs will counter Saline's potentially potent attack with one of the area's — if not the state's — best defenses. Anchored by a brick wall-like defensive line, the Chiefs have given up an average of just 9.9 points per outing.

That number is inflated by the fact that Canton's No. 1 defense usually gave way to the reserves during the third or fourth quarter of most games this season.

"It's not the fastest defense I've coach here, but if you look at the overall defense, it's defi-

nately one of the best," Baechler said. "It's also the biggest."

Baechler stressed that one of the most important lessons his team has learned during the past year is that you never underestimate an opponent — even ones that were drubbed 41-0 three weeks earlier.

"The kids know how fragile things get when you get to the playoffs," he said. "They've learned how important it is to take things one game at a time and to never look ahead."

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# Wildcat cagers win regular-season finale

The Plymouth girls basketball team closed out its 2006 regular season Tuesday night with an impressive 53-28 victory over visiting Walled Lake Northern. The win improved the Wildcats' record to 8-12 while the Knights slipped to 3-17.

Plymouth jumped out to an early 13-5 first-quarter lead before boosting its cushion to 21-11 at the half. The hosts put the game away with a 16-9 outburst in the third quarter to take a 40-20 advantage into the final eight minutes.

Sophomore center Shaakira Haywood shined for the winners, netting 13 points and 15 rebounds. Freshman forward Stacey Klonowski (12 points) and guard Megan Davis (nine points and 10 boards) also made major contributions.

"Megan also played well defensively as she held their best player to five points," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly.

Karleen Herbst led the Knights with 12 points.

Plymouth canned 19-of-28 free throws; Northern hit 3-of-5 from the stripe.

The Wildcats open district play on Monday when they

take on Novi at 7 p.m. at South Lyon. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

**PCA 47, RUDOLPH STEINER 28:** The Eagles evened their record at 9-9 Tuesday night thanks in large part to the post play of sophomore Megan Greve, who netted a team-high 15 points and 10 rebounds.

"Megan has started the past few games and she's really stepped up and played awesome for us," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis.

Other key contributors to the winners' cause were Lauren Beckett and Meghan Polera, both of whom twined seven points.

Mariam Dowd led Steiner (13-3) with 11 points.

PCA led 8-7 after one quarter, 19-13 at the half and 33-19 with eight minutes to play.

"The girls played well defensively tonight," Gerulis said. "We did a nice job with our press and we got our fastbreak going a little bit."

The Eagles made 1-of-5 free throws. Steiner went 12-of-21 from the stripe.

The Eagles will open District play on Tuesday with an 8 p.m. game against Charlotte Forten Academy at Huron Valley.

## IGNITION

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here."

Everything from the play-the-ball-off-the-walls action, to the Ignition dance team, to the energy-charged public-address announcer combined to amp up the enthusiasm level of the crowd, many of whom were getting a first-hand look at the indoor game for the first time since the Detroit Rockers folded in 2001.

The new franchise's instant popularity was evident by the quarter-mile-long traffic jam outside the Compuware Sports Arena. However, the only on-the-field delay was on the Blast side of the scoreboard thanks to several spectacular saves by Ignition goalie Sanaldo and solid play from Ignition defenders Callahan and Jonathan Greenfield.

Detroit's historic first goal came almost six minutes into the game when Hewerton Moreira headed the ball past Sagu to make it 2-0.

The Ignition doubled its lead seven minutes later when Miodrag Djerisilo converted a power-play opportunity to put the hosts ahead, 4-0.

The lone second-quarter goal came on a highlight-reel, unassisted marker from Detroit's Jamar Beasley, a MISL veteran who walked off the field thor-

oughly impressed by his new soccer home.

"This is a great atmosphere to play in," said Beasley. "It's fun playing in front of this many people, especially because everybody was into it."

"It was very important to win tonight. We've only been practicing a month, but it seems like we're jelling already."

The Blast started jelling midway through the third quarter when Giuliano Celezna's goal cut Baltimore's deficit to 6-2. When Carlos Garcia found the back of the net 24 seconds later, the score was 6-4 and the momentum had suddenly switched jerseys.

"I knew at the half that with the experience those guys had that they were not going to make it easy for us in the second half," Pulisic said. "And sure enough, they came out and played like the great team they are."

Baltimore's comeback was cemented at the 9:07 mark of the final quarter when Celezna scored off a restart. As it turned out, though, the goal only heightened the drama for Frias's game-winner six minutes later.

Detroit outshot Baltimore, 33-19.

Djerisilo earned three points (one goal, one assist) for the winners, who travel to Philadelphia on Saturday to take on the KiXX.

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## O'SHAUGHNESSY

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in last year's Division 1 semifinal game against Macomb Dakota when he sacked Cougar quarterback James Stallons on a key third-down blitz in the fourth quarter with the Chiefs holding onto a slim 21-14 lead.

Thanks to the sack, Dakota was forced to punt. Four plays later, Canton scored the clinching touchdown and went on to win 28-14.

"Konrad Konsitzke, one of our other linebackers, was showing blitz," O'Shaughnessy said, remembering how the big play against Dakota unfolded. "Konrad backed off it, I went in clean and got to the quarterback. It put them in a fourth and long, so it was definitely a play I'll never forget."

## HELPING HANDS

O'Shaughnessy admitted it was a little nerve-racking during his initial days as a starting sophomore linebacker on one of the top-rated teams in the state. But he persevered thanks to good coaching and a lot of help from his friends.

"I was a little nervous just because I was young and I didn't want to blow the game for the rest of the team," O'Shaughnessy said. "But I learned a lot from Jake Powers, who was one of the senior linebackers on that team. He kind of took me under his wing because he started at linebacker when he was a sophomore, so he knew what I was going through."

"I also learned a lot from coach (Casey) Randolph and coach (Scott) Dickey. I wasn't as physical as I needed to be when I first started playing on

the varsity, so they taught me to be more aggressive."

## TACKLING MACHINE

O'Shaughnessy is the Chiefs' second-leading tackler this season — an achievement he said wouldn't be possible without the stellar play of leading tackler Donnie Laramie and the team's other large, mobile defensive linemen.

"We have a great D-line, which helps me because they get rid of most of the big blockers," said O'Shaughnessy. "By the time the running back gets to me, it's usually a one-on-one situation."

## KICKING MACHINE

While tackling is O'Shaughnessy's most important job for the Chiefs, it's not his only one. He also serves as the team's place-kicker.

"He's good anywhere from 40

to 45 yards out on field goals," said Baechler. "His kicking motion is effortless and he gets the ball high in the air so quickly. He's probably the most accurate kicker we've had since I've been here."

Baechler said his linebacker/kicker has made 44-of-47 extra points this season after a 2005 campaign when he was good on 68-of-69 PATs.

"Of the three he missed this year, he hooked one, but the other two were the holder's fault," Baechler said.

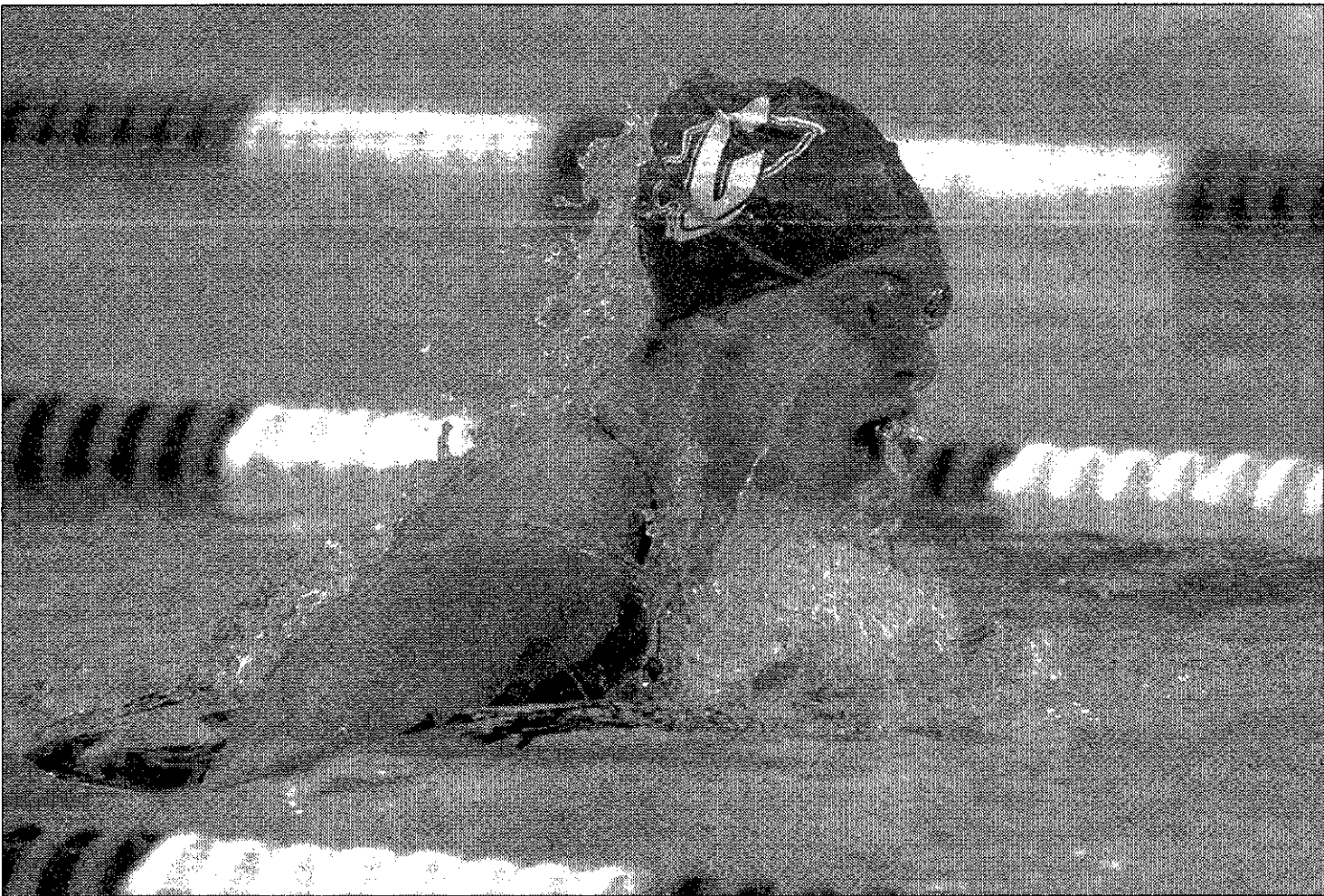
Baechler said it's going to be a tall task replacing his three-year starting linebacker at the end of this season.

"We're definitely going to miss him," Baechler said.

The same won't be heard coming from the mouths of the WLAA's 11 other head coaches.

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ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Freshman Maggie Carlson, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, helped lead Canton to a third-place finish in Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference swimming and diving meet at Salem. Carlson has qualified for the state meet in the 200 individual medley.

# PCEP swim teams make top 5 at WLAA meet

BY BRAD EMONS  
AND ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITERS

A year ago, Livonia Stevenson relinquished its Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim title after a 15-year reign to Northville.

There was no such drama Saturday as the Spartans scored a team-high 544 points to regain the crown and beat runner-up Mustangs by 136 points.

Canton and host Salem placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 12-school field with 341 and 297. Westland John Glenn and Plymouth tied for fifth with 226 each.

"I was very pleased with our team's performance," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "We were hoping to finish as high as third going into it and we were in third pretty much the whole way."

As usual, the Chiefs were paced by junior standout Allison Schmitt, who earned first-place points in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 butterfly. She also anchored the Chiefs' gold-medal 200-yard freestyle relay contingent, which also included Monica Blaesser, Laura Landis and Maggie Carlson.

Blaesser also enjoyed a successful afternoon, nabbing a first in the 500 freestyle and a second in the 200 free.

"You come to expect the firsts out of Allison," said Weber, referring to the nationally ranked Schmitt. "And she came through as usual on Saturday. "With Monica, we talked to

her earlier in the week and asked her if she wanted to prepare more for the league meet or the state meet (which is set for Nov. 18). She said she wanted to swim fast at the league meet since it was her last one and it was obvious that she came through and did that."

The Chiefs also received outstanding performances from Alyssa Johnson (third in the 100 backstroke), Chelsea Selden (third in diving) and Carlson (fourth in the 200 IM and sixth in the 100 breaststroke).

Salem coach Chuck Olson said his squad met his pre-meet expectations.

"I thought we swam very well," Olson asserted. "We figured out that we improved on 78 percent of our swims, so that's pretty good."

We would have had to have a lot of things go very well to win it, so our main goal was just to be in the mix. We just wanted to stay close to the top three teams and we did that."

A pair of sophomores — Whitney Aumiller and Katie Koetting — enjoyed big days for the Rocks.

Aumiller won the backstroke and placed seventh in the 200 IM while Koetting took gold in diving.

Salem senior Ally Stencel also shined, placing in the top six spots in both the 50 and 100 freestyle events while serving a key role on two of the Rocks' top-six relay contingents.

Plymouth's fifth-place showing was paced by freshman Sijia Hao, who took sixth in the 200

IM and fifth in the 100 breast. She also was a member of the Wildcats' two top-six relay units.

Also shining for the Wildcats were Alyssa Liakos, Ellen Palczynski, Michelle Chang and Melissa McKinstry.

According to the seedings prior to Thursday's preliminary heats, Stevenson had only a 28-point advantage over Northville. But after the day was over, the Spartans had built a comfortable 158-point cushion and cruised into Saturday's finals.

"We went in to win,"

Stevenson coach Greg Phill said, "but our thing is you've got to win the meet on Thursday, and we did. Saturday you go for the trophies. That's the way we always swim and the kids came through."

Stevenson took a total of four firsts with Brynn Marecki figuring in three of them. The junior set the only new WLAA standard in the prelims of the 100-yard breaststroke with time of 1:05.87.

Marecki, who snapped 22-year-old mark set by Stevenson's Mary Schoenle in 1984, went on to win the final in 1:06.37.

"We were hopeful, but we had talked more about her (Schoenle's) school record (of 1:04.58)," Phill said. "Brynn just gets better each year. She's just a very hard worker."

The foursome of Marecki, senior Stephanie Buckley, freshman Ashley Gordon and senior Anna Polkowski captured the opening event, the 200 medley relay, in 1:53.68.

Stevenson also closed the

meet with a win in the 400 freestyle relay as juniors Blake Holtz and Laura Timson, along with Marecki and Polkowski, were clocked in 3:42.51.

The Spartans also received firsts from Buckley in the 200 freestyle (2:01.37) and Timson in the 200 individual medley (2:13.12).

Adding seconds for the Spartans were Gordon (200 IM and 100 backstroke), Marecki (100 freestyle) and Buckley (500 freestyle). Phill said there were other important swimmers from people Adriane Turlo, who took a ninth in the 500 freestyle and 15th in the 200 freestyle; and Megan Holycross, who earned a state cut in the 100 butterfly (1:02.55) with a seventh.

"We swam awesome, we were very good," Phill said. "I could name everybody — all 22 girls. We swam well last year, too, when we lost. We always swim well at the end of the year."

Northville's lone champ was Jessica Weber in the 100 freestyle (53.07).

Stevenson, tied for sixth in the latest Division I rankings, will now focus its attention on the state finals, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18, at Oakland University.

So far, the Spartans will be sending a contingent of seven.

"(Ann Arbor) Pioneer will win it again and then it should be between (Farmington Hills) Mercy and Holland for second and third," Phill said. "It's going to be a battle after the top three teams. We hope to be in the top six."

## GIRLS BEST SWIM TIMES

<b>OBSERVERLAND GIRLS SWIM BESTS (as of Nov. 6)</b>	Katie Gorman (Salem) 1:05.45 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 1:05.52 Sijia Hao (Plymouth) 1:06.10
<b>200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY</b>	Allison Schmidt (Canton) 52.01 Livonia Stevenson 1:53.68 Salem 1:53.85 Westland John Glenn 1:54.65 Canton 1:59.8 Plymouth 2:01.18
<b>200 FREESTYLE</b>	Allison Schmidt (Canton) 1:52.24 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:59.90 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:00.66 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 2:01.37 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:01.41 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 2:01.54 Whitney Aumiller (Salem) 2:01.90 Katie Gorman (Salem) 2:03.06 Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 2:04.42 Samantha Reid (Churchill) 2:04.66
<b>200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY</b>	Allison Schmidt (Canton) 2:08.01 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:12.72 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:14.38 Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 2:15.01 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 2:17.00 Ashley Sells (John Glenn) 2:17.62 Maggie Carlson (Canton) 2:17.81 Whitney Aumiller (Salem) 2:19.89 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 2:21.16 Sijia Hao (Plymouth) 2:21.76
<b>50 FREESTYLE</b>	Allison Schmidt (Canton) 23.76 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 25.40 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 25.51 Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 25.70 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 25.95 Ally Stencel (Salem) 26.09 Mandy Nameth (Ladywood) 26.26 Jordan Burgess (John Glenn) 26.54 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 26.56 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 26.71
<b>1-METER DIVING</b>	Katie Koetting (Salem) 231.334 Chelsea Selden (Canton) 217.05 Carla McNamara (Stevenson) 207.40 Emily Quint (Franklin) 204.65 Katina St. Pierre (Churchill) 173.40 Amanda Keedle (Stevenson) 172.57 Kallee Stancer (Canton) 167.50 Meghan Powers (Franklin) 162.10 Catherine Musatics (Churchill) 155.85 Mallory Hudak (Canton) 152.55
<b>100 BUTTERFLY</b>	Allison Schmidt (Canton) 57.13 Ashley Sells (John Glenn) 1:00.63 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:02.24 Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:02.55 Katie Kress (Stevenson) 1:04.64 Samantha Reid (Churchill) 1:05.44

## SWIMMING RESULTS

<b>WLAA Girls Swimming and Diving Meet Nov. 4 at Salem</b>	<b>TEAM STANDINGS:</b> 1. Livonia Stevenson, 544; 2. Northville, 408; 3. Canton, 341; 4. Salem, 297; 5. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Plymouth, 226; 7. Livonia Churchill, 211; 8. Walled Lake Central, 198; 9. Walled Lake Western; 10. Walled Lake Northern, 185; 11. Livonia Franklin, 122; 12. Wayne Memorial, 85.
<b>INDIVIDUAL RESULTS</b>	<b>200-yard medley relay (A):</b> 1. Stevenson (Stephanie Buckley, Brynn Marecki, Ashley Gordon, Anna Polkowski, 1:53.68; 2. John Glenn, 1:54.65; 3. W.L. Western, 1:58.02; 4. Northville, 1:58.50; 5. Canton, 2:00.25; 6. Plymouth, 2:01.18. <b>200 freestyle:</b> 1. Stephanie Buckley (LS), 2:01.37; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:01.54; 3. Abby Pavelko (WLC), 2:02.11; 4. Katie Gorman (S), 2:03.06; 5. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 2:04.03; 6. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:05.30. <b>200 IM:</b> 1. Laura Timson (LS), 2:13.12; 2. Ashley Gordon (LS), 2:15.48; 3. Ashley Sells (JS), 2:17.62; 4. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:17.81; 5. Emily Hopclan (N), 2:19.94; 6. Sijia Hao (P), 2:21.96. <b>50 freestyle:</b> 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 23.76; 2. Jessica Weber (N), 24.71; 3. Jill Peterson (JG), 25.40; 4. Blake Holtz (LS), 25.70; 5. Andrea Wozniak (WLN), 26.29; 6. Ally Stencel (S), 26.57. <b>1-meter diving:</b> 1. Katie Koetting (S), 336.35; 2. Leah Dunville (WLC), 317.15; 3. Chelsea Selden (C), 292.35; 4. Hannah Saarinen (WLN), 276.40; 5. Carla McNamara (LS), 273.40; 6. Emily Quint (LF), 272.30. <b>100 butterfly:</b> 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 57.69; 2. Adina Bohr (WLW), 59.36; 3. Emily Hopclan (N), 1:00.61; 4. Ashley Sells (JG), 1:00.71; 5. Anna Polkowski (LS), 1:02.25; 6. Meghan Kanya (N), 1:02.67. <b>100 freestyle:</b> 1. Jessica Weber (N), 53.07; 2. Brynn Marecki (LS), 53.10; 3. Lexi Fregonara (WLW), 56.58; 4. Blake Holtz (LS), 57.31; 5. Alyssa Liakos (P), 57.89; 6. Ally Stencel (S), 57.99. <b>500 freestyle:</b> 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:19.92; 2. Stephanie Buckley (LS), 5:22.27; 3. Abby Pavelko (WLC), 5:22.57; 4. Meghan Kanya (N), 5:26.01; 5. Amanda Timson (LC), 5:26.52; 6. Emily Bair (S), 5:34.26. <b>200 freestyle relay:</b> 1. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Laura Landis, Maggie Carlson, Allison Schmitt, 1:42.97; 2. Northville, 1:43.50; 3. Stevenson, 1:44.54; 4. Salem, 1:45.37; 5. Plymouth, 1:45.66; 6. Churchill, 1:48.72. <b>100 backstroke:</b> 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 1:02.06; 2. Ashley Gordon (LS), 1:02.81; 3. Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:03.67; 4. Anna Polkowski (LS), 1:04.60; 5. Megan Holycross (LS), 1:06.08; 6. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 1:07.06. <b>100 breaststroke:</b> 1. Brynn Marecki (LS), 1:06.37; 2. Jill Peterson (JG), 1:08.56; 3. Laura Timson (LS), 1:10.01; 4. Madi Sewell (WLC), 1:11.40; 5. Sijia Hao (P), 1:12.78; 6. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:14.13. <b>400 freestyle relay:</b> 1. Stevenson (Blake Holtz, Anna Polkowski, Brynn Marecki, Laura Timson), 3:42.51; 2. Canton, 3:46.07; 3. Northville, 3:46.51; 4. Salem, 3:48.64; 5. John Glenn, 3:51.30; 6. W.L. Western, 3:58.34.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### BASEBALL TRAINING

Dennie Taft, former Detroit Tigers' strength and conditioning coach, is teaming with High Velocity Sports to offer an 8- or 12-week performance training camp specific to baseball players.

One-hour sessions (2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) will feature drills and exercises designed to develop speed, agility, quickness, core strength and power — the same ones used to prepare area professional baseball players Nate Robertson, Charlie Haeger, Anthony Torney and Bobby Malek.

Participants can choose either the Monday-Wednesday-Friday session or Tuesday-Thursday session. Camps run the week of Nov. 27, through the week of Feb. 26, 2007.

For more information and pricing, contact Dennie Taft, TAFT Strength and Conditioning, at (734) 751-0923.

### HIGH VELOCITY ADDS HOOP

Canton-based High Velocity Sports has partnered with Joe Dumars Fieldhouse to replace its roller hockey rink with four hardwood basketball/volleyball courts.

Leagues for both youth and adults are now forming and will begin play the week of Dec. 1. The basketball/volleyball season will last 12 weeks and include 10 games plus playoffs. The cost for adult players is \$110.

"We are very excited to be able to announce the development and imminent opening of Joe Dumars Fieldhouse inside High Velocity Sports in Canton," said Joe Dumars. "We are confident that the operation will serve the league basketball needs of the community in a first-class fashion. We are also enthusiastic about the impact that a west-side location will have on our existing facilities in Shelby Township and Detroit."

HVS is offering 5-on-5 and 4-on-4 adult leagues. The fee for youth players is \$135. Players in both leagues will receive a free jersey.

Daily drop-in basketball is available from 10 a.m. to midnight. The cost is \$8.

"We think adding Joe Dumars Fieldhouse basketball to HVS is one of the biggest sports revelations to hit Canton," said Bryan Finnerty, leading owner of HVS. "We are honored to forge an alliance with one of professional basketball's greatest ambassadors."

HVS will also be offering basketball clinics; floor hockey and tee ball for youngsters; and volleyball classes. Adult co-ed volleyball leagues are also available for a fee of \$85 per player.

For more information, visit www.hvsports.com; or call (734) HV-SPORT.

### YOUTH WRESTLING

■ Registration for the fifth sea-

son of the Canton Wrestling Club will be held Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 305 of Canton High School. The cost is \$65, which includes a T-shirt, shorts, MYWAY membership and entry fee to the MYWAY tournament.

For more information, visit www.chiefswrestling.com; or contact Casey Randolph at randole@pccs.k12.mi.us or (734) 582-6885; or Ray Price at trawel000@sbcglobal.net or (734) 454-5440.

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

■ Practice for the Plymouth Wildcats Wrestling Club, which offers competitive wrestling for boys and girls in elementary and middle school, will commence Tuesday, Nov. 28, in the Plymouth High School wrestling room. Weekly practices will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. until the final week of March.

The club will compete in meets from January through March in the MMWA and MYWAY youth wrestling associations.

For more information, visit the club's Web site at http://wildcatswrestling.org; or call coach Jeff Harden at (248) 231-7789.

### POM CLINIC

The Plymouth High School Saberette's pom squad will be hosting a kid's clinic on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30

p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium for girls in kindergarten through 8th grade.

The cost for the clinic is \$35, which includes a pom T-shirt, pom poms and a snack.

Registration will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Plymouth High School athletic wing.

All participants will be invited to perform in the Saberette Variety Show on Feb. 16-17 and at halftime of a Plymouth basketball game. For more information, call (734) 459-6460.

### PLYMOUTH H.S. TRYOUTS

■ Official practice for the Plymouth boys wrestling team will begin Monday, Nov. 13, in the Plymouth wrestling room from 2:30-5 p.m. Athletes should bring: wrestling gear, running shoes, T-shirt and shorts.

For more information, contact coach Jay Helm at (313) 590-3548.

■ Tryouts for the Wildcats' volleyball team will be held Nov. 16, 17 and 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for all levels.

Athletes should bring all of their volleyball gear, including knee pads.

■ Official practice for the Wildcats' boys swimming and diving team will be held on Monday, Nov. 20, from 5-7 p.m. at the Canton High School pool. Athletes should bring a bathing suit, towel, goggles and a lock.



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SF, 66, pretty eyes, warm smile, charismatic, loves R&B, soul/jazz. Looking for a kind man to share the special moments in life. ☎132238

#### FUN-LOVING

SBF, 22, N/S, likes shopping, going out, quality time, seeks BM, 21-26, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. ☎132713

#### SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

#### IN SEARCH OF

Optimistic, healthy WIFW, 68, sense of humor, healthy, honest, N/S, great listener, loves to travel. Seeking special man, healthy, N/S, N/D, with a sense of humor. ☎765933

#### 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. ☎134568

#### AWAITING YOUR CALL

Caring, considerate WIFW, 55, blonde/blue, wears glasses, enjoys reading, music, movies, travel, museums, animals, quiet evenings home. Seeking animal-friendly, good-hearted, affectionate guy to share special times. ☎137067

#### LOVES BOATING

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. ☎890004

#### HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

#### SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎588875

#### COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

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

#### IS IT YOU?

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

#### REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

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

#### FABOLOUS FIT FUN

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

#### LET'S ENJOY LIFE

Female, 51, 138lbs, seeks independent, respectful male, 45-52, D/D free, who likes outdoors, walks, movies, for LTR. ☎987476

#### LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN

Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest includes movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 46-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

#### POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎983381

#### GREAT CATCH

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

#### 59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

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

#### MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE?

SWF, 56, 5', HWP, easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. ☎112612

#### SEEKING A LADY?

SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

#### SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

#### FAMILY-ORIENTED

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

#### TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎376914

#### I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

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

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

#### CALL ME

SWM, 44, N/S, seeks attractive female, 29-40, with a sound mind, body, and spirit. Only forthcoming individuals are to reply. ☎137865

#### MUSCULAR ATHLETIC

SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, in shape, college grad, enjoys working, reading, travel, dancing, sports. Seeking outgoing SF, with similar interests, for friendship and more. ☎431926

#### SWEET GUY

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

#### FANTASY OR REALITY?

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

#### TRY ME

SWM, 29, 5'8", 140lbs, brown/brown, down-to-earth, good-looking, loving, affectionate enjoys shooting pool, hanging with friends. Looking for SF who enjoys the same. ☎132334

#### GREAT GUY

Male, 52, 6'1", 220lbs, athletic build, handsome, with sense of humor and own business, intelligent, N/S, enjoys good communication and honesty. Seeking attractive, slim JF, 30-50, inner beauty, good communication, intelligent, nice personality, for relationship. ☎264893

#### OLDER WOMAN DESIRED

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

#### LIFE IS FUN

SBM, 44, 5' 7", average build, N/S, likes movies, seeks WF, N/S, fun-loving, for friendship, possible romance. ☎137822

#### A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

#### SHARE GOOD TIMES

SBM, 27, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, Mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎980453

#### AMERICAN MADE

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

#### NEW RELATIONSHIP

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

#### THAT SPECIAL ONE

SBM, 44, N/S, likes movies, parks, the arts, seeks special SF, 27-40, N/S, slim to medium build, great sense of humor, college educated, for friendship, and more. ☎132888

#### HERE I AM

Confident, fun mature, respectful SBM, 32, dark complexion, handsome, independent, neat, seeking mature, loving SF, 32-35, to share good times and more. ☎136424

#### WHY NOT CALL?

SWM, 42, 6'4", 225lbs, not about games, self-employed, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting, bowling, walks and more. Seeking spontaneous, outdoorsy SF to share the good times in life. ☎135980

#### CALL ME SOMETIME

Professional WIFWM, 53, 5'10", bald, family-oriented, N/S, enjoys kids, classic cars, outdoors, walks, music, dancing, animals, good food, travel, more. Seeking SF, 40-50, to share these. ☎137501

#### LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎982943

#### WORTH A CALL

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

#### LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

#### SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

#### HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 64, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎655207

#### HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎968147

#### DON'T PASS ME BY

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

#### GET AT ME

SBM, 19, 5' 7", smoker, athletic, brown complexion, seeks woman, 18-24, for friendship, and more. ☎133171

#### TAKE A CHANCE

SWM, 34, smoker, likes playing pool, darts, music, concerts, seeks WF, 20-37, with similar interests. ☎133195

#### LET'S TALK

SBM, 34, N/S, brown eyes, muscular build, seeks BF, 25-50, for good conversation, and more. ☎133482

#### INTERESTED?

SWM, 22, 5' 11", smoker, athletic, likes dining out, seeks WF, 21-25, adventurous, good SOH, who is down for anything. ☎133925

#### WORTH IT

SM, 63, blond, 6', 200lbs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, energetic, attractive lady w/spontaneous streak, who enjoys the same. ☎135351

#### HARD MAN TO FIND

Fit, affectionate SM, 5'10", 180lbs. Seeking attractive female, 35-55. Enjoys outdoor activities, movies, cooking, camping. Looking for some qualities, and interests, for LTR. ☎972650

#### THE LONG RUN

Male, 31, smoker, 6' 3", 200lbs, clean-cut, hazel eyes, seeks smart, intelligent SWF, 21-28,





Canton sophomore Duncan Spitz (No. 196, middle of picture) placed 57th at Saturday's Division 1 boys cross country state meet in Brooklyn. Spitz covered the 5,000-meter course in 16:24.2.

# Plymouth is 12th at boys state cross country meet

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

From near agony to near ecstasy. That's the path the Plymouth boys cross country team has traveled over the past year. On Saturday, nearly one year after narrowly missing out on qualifying for the Division 1 state meet, the Wildcats proved they're one of the top dozen teams in D1 by finishing 12th in the year's elite meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. Led by standout senior Anthony Scaparo's All-State-caliber 15th-place finish (16:00.5), Plymouth amassed 327 points — just 26 more than ninth-place Monroe. Also scoring for the Wildcats were Derek Lax (77th in 16:32.8), Cristian Chagas (84th in 16:34.5), Justin Huey (132nd in 16:53.9) and Patrick Slavens (167th in 17:09.4). Powerhouse Pinckney, which had five of the top 10 placers, won the title with a mere 27 points. Filling out the top five were Novi (140), Traverse City Central (231), Traverse City West (231) and Highland-Milford (246). "Our goal going in was to finish in the top 15, so I was pleased with the way we ran," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "I thought we had a shot at the top five if we ran terrific times. We only finished 90 points out of third."

Scaparo saved his best for last, knocking 17 seconds off his previous-best time. "Anthony was fourth after 1,200 meters, but there was a big group behind him and some of those guys caught him. It was very close at the finish. Only 1.7 seconds separated Anthony and the 20th-place runner. "Derek came from way in the back and finished strong, and Cristian ran the best race he's ever run." The Canton and Salem boys teams were each represented by one runner. Chief sophomore Duncan Spitz placed 57th with a personal-best and school-record time of 16:24.2, while Rock junior Kevin deBear placed 112th in 16:47.6. Ironically, both Spitz and deBear are long-time friends



Plymouth senior Cristian Chagas' strong showing at Saturday's Division 1 state meet helped propel the Wildcats to a 12th-place finish.

who have known each other since their pre-school days. **GIRLS QUALIFIERS** Each of the three P-CEP schools had one member of their girls team compete in Saturday's race. The top local female finisher was Salem's Hannah Cavicchio (see related story), who placed 37th with a time of 18:58.3. Canton's Sarah Thomas also turned in a stellar effort, crossing the line in 43rd place with a time of 19:02.2. Plymouth's lone qualifier, Beth Heldmeyer, finished 194th with a clocking of 20:38.8.



Canton's Sarah Thomas, pictured above competing in the WLAA meet, placed 43rd at Saturday's Division 1 cross country state meet with a time of 19:02.2.

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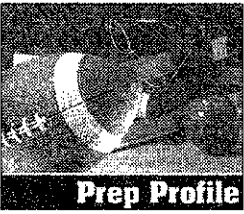
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# Pace setter

## Hard work earns Cavicchio place in record book

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Hannah Cavicchio joined the Salem girls cross country program in the summer of 2003 with a ton of potential and an unparalleled work ethic. Four years later, Cavicchio not only lived up to the sky-high potential — she's etched her name into the Rocks' record book with a school-best clocking of 18:41.6 and a pair of trips to the Division 1 state meet. "Hannah is very passionate about the sport of cross country and it has shown in the way she has trained over the past four years," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "She's a workaholic. She loves to run and she's happiest when she's running. "Her work ethic is better than any runner I've ever had. There are times when she would wake up and run before school and then run at practice later that afternoon. She's tiny in stature, but don't let that fool you because she's very strong and a great competitor."



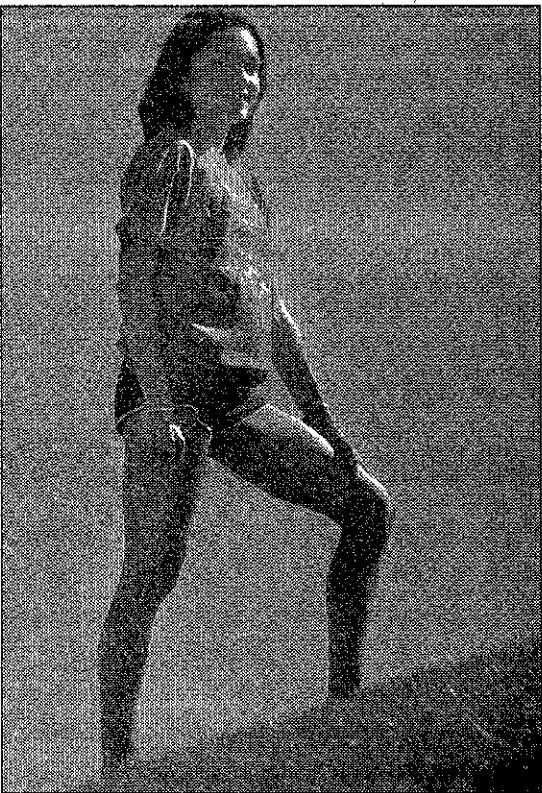
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### STRONG FINISH

Cavicchio's impressive senior season, which included a first-place finish in the ultra-competitive Wayne County meet last month and a fourth-place showing at the D1 Regional meet, came to a close Saturday when she placed 37th at the state meet in Brooklyn. Cavicchio's time of 18:58.3 left her just seven spots shy of earning a berth on the All-State squad. "She got boxed in early and, as a result, was in 70th place after the first mile," Gerlach said. "But she came back and ran incredibly well the last two miles to finish 37th."

### NO MORE KICKS

Cavicchio was an accomplished youth soccer player before she gave up that sport to concentrate on cross country and track following her freshman year at Salem. "I was one of the fastest soccer players out there, but I was one of the smallest, too," she said. "I missed my friends who were on the track team, so I decided to focus on just running after my freshman year. "I love the challenge running presents, I'm a very competitive person and I like to win. Now that the high school season is over, I'll run in everything from turkey trots to jingle bell races because I love to compete." Cavicchio's summer training regimen consisted of daily treks of up to eight miles and weekly mileage counts that covered anywhere from 50 to 60 miles. During the months between cross country and track, she'll continue to run outdoors, weather permitting. "If it's too cold out or there's a snowstorm, I'll



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Hannah Cavicchio

swim or cross-train," she said. "I always try to get something in." Cavicchio said the pinnacle of her highlight-filled career may have been the victory at this year's Wayne County meet. "It was exciting because there were about 28 schools there, so I really wasn't expecting to win it," said Cavicchio.

### STELLAR CAPTAIN

Because of her hard-working ways and her approachable personality, Cavicchio has been a perfect role model/captain for the youth-oriented Rocks this season. It was a role she excelled at and enjoyed thoroughly. "It was cool to have the younger girls come up and ask me for advice on something or just to talk about running," she said. "I really enjoyed being a captain." The 4.0-plus student has set her sights on attending either the University of Michigan, Michigan State, Grand Valley State or Ohio State beginning next year. She's hopeful that she'll be able to compete on the cross country team of whatever school she chooses. "I want to get a degree in health or medicine," she said. "I've always liked science because it's so hands-on. It's amazing how much there is that we still don't know about."

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# San Francisco stands in the way of

The last time the Detroit Lions had a two-game win streak was the first two games of the 2004 season. They opened up with a win at Chicago and then beat the Houston Texans the following week at home. Since that time, the Lions have put together 10 one-game streaks. Ten times the Lions have won, but failed to win the following week.

No. 11 could be this Sunday. They are riding yet another one-game win streak after the surprising victory over Michael Vick and the Falcons last Sunday at Ford Field. If they can beat San Francisco this weekend at home, then we can take a pause on that dubious distinction.

It's akin to going on 10 first dates and then never seeing that person again. After a while, you want something a little more consistent. Lions fans are dying for a relationship.



Mark Wilson

"I think we can win nine in a row. We're a good team and really believe we can do that," receiver Roy Williams said before the win over Atlanta.

Williams is one of the reasons the Lions' offense is starting to come alive. He is playing at an All-Pro level not seen around here since Herman Moore was setting records in the mid-1990s. Roy leads the NFC in receiving yards with 719. He has been dynamite the last few games.

"If Kevin Jones gets 100 yards and a receiver gets 100, there's no one in the country that can beat us," added Williams, who may just be the most optimistic man in the country.

Jones got his 100 against the Falcons and, yes,

the Lions won. Mike Martz's game plan has opened it up for all facets of the offense. It didn't hurt last week to get veterans Ross Verba and Rex Tucker back on the offensive line. They dominated the Falcons' defensive front and the Lions had one of their biggest victories in the Matt Millen era.

Since Millen took over after the 2000 season, the Lions have won only three games by 16 points or more. Sunday was just the third time in 88 games that's happened. It's just another amazing statistic showing the team's futility in the past five-plus seasons.

"The game plan was excellent," said cornerback Dre Bly, who finally had his first interception of the campaign.

"This win was huge," defensive tackle Cory Redding said to reporters. The only reason

Redding is even playing that position is due to the injury to Shaun Cody and the suspension to Shaun Rogers.

So here come the 49ers. Believe it or not, they have been worse than the Lions in the last four years. San Francisco has won just 16 games in the same time frame that the Lions have won 18. Since Steve Mariucci left the organization for Detroit back in 2003, the Niners have been simply putrid.

They do have three wins this season, however: 9-3 was the final score in their victory over Minnesota last weekend. Four total field goals in the game. The three points allowed by the 49ers' defense is their lowest number since Mariucci's Niners shut out New Orleans at the end of 2001.

Second-year head coach Mike Nolan is starting to see the results of his labors. The previous two

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# a rare Lions two-game win streak

weeks, San Fran had allowed 89 points in blowout losses to Chicago and San Diego. Giving up just a field goal to the Vikings was a big deal to Nolan and the team. Nolan mentally challenged his defense at the end of the game.

"It's on you right now. I am not calling any timeouts, not saving any time. Guys, it will go down to the very last play. It's on you," Nolan was quoted as saying afterward.

Sounds a little paranoid, but he had to try something. The Niners have found more ways to lose than ... uh ... well, the Lions.

"No one is going to come out of the stands to help us win a game," 49ers linebacker Brandon Moore said to reporters after the win. "It's going to have to come from us."

A once-proud franchise, the Niners have been trying to claw their way back. From their first

appearance in a Super Bowl back in 1982 at the Pontiac Silverdome, the Niners won five championships in 13 years. Seems like a long time since Bill Walsh was directing the likes of Jerry Rice, Joe Montana and a certain Lions president.

Millen was a linebacker on the 1989 49ers team that crushed Denver 55-10 in Super Bowl XXIV. His connections to Walsh are well-documented in Detroit. His first two coaching hires were both 49ers, Marty Mornhinweg and Mariucci. It's that legacy that he tried to bring here to the Lions.

None of that will matter this Sunday. It will be two struggling teams that are both coming off victories. Conventional wisdom says that the Lions have the upper hand. The game is at Ford Field and the Martz offense is superior to the one Norv Turner has fashioned in San Francisco.

Turner joined Nolan's staff this season. He was

brought in to tutor young quarterback Alex Smith. The nephew of outgoing Michigan State coach John L. Smith has started to play better lately. He looks more comfortable in the role he was handed when the Niners made Smith the first overall pick in the 2005 NFL Draft.

"Now he's a grown man," 49ers running back Frank Gore said recently. "Alex wants it. That's what I respect about him; he wants to be great."

Smith comes in with a quarterback rating of 82. That's about 19 points higher than his career mark. Of course, his career consists of just last season. He was a high school teammate of Heisman Trophy winner and now New Orleans Saints rusher Reggie Bush. Smith has all the potential in the world to be a winner in the NFL.

The biggest problem for Mike Nolan is that the Niners simply aren't very good. Still, the 49ers

head into Ford Field having won nine of the last 10 games in the series against the Lions. If Rod Marinelli can get another effort like he got against Atlanta, the Lions will beat San Francisco.

"My goal is to play at our level. I don't care who we are playing; the issue is us and what we do every day," Marinelli said without a hint that his team ran roughshod over Michael Vick.

A win over the Niners would make it a two-game winning streak for the first time in 26 months. Hey, anything to hang your hat on. Sure beats another first date.

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

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- 4 Yawning
- 9 Chop down
- 12 Here, to Pierre
- 13 Zinc — ointment
- 14 Tarzan's nanny
- 15 Elevator opening
- 17 Lancelot's son
- 19 Weiridos
- 21 Cal Tech rival
- 22 Places of pasta
- 25 Travel guides
- 29 Starled cry
- 30 Handed out, as cards
- 32 Did lops
- 33 Meadow murmur
- 35 Feel anxiety
- 37 52, for Caesar
- 38 As a result
- 40 Brown-tinted photo
- 42 Dodgers org.
- 43 Spring up
- 44 Home wrecker?

- 46 Paving material
- 49 Mortgage
- 50 Bedding plants
- 54 Economy class
- 57 Tribute in verse
- 58 Scare off
- 60 Harper or Majors
- 61 Ms. Lupino
- 62 TV statuettes
- 63 Be my guest!

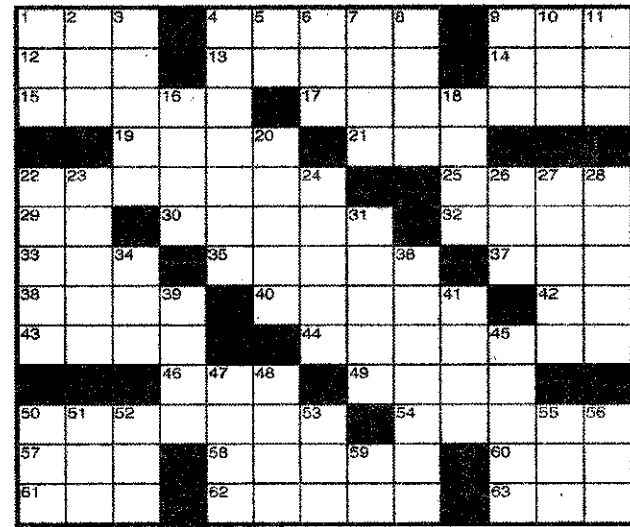
### DOWN

- 1 Bad-mouth
- 2 Freud, to himself
- 3 Frontier saloon plus
- 4 Like pop and beer
- 5 Yak
- 6 Tractor-trailer
- 7 Holland export
- 8 Pepperoni vendor
- 9 Disdainful snort
- 10 Ecol. police
- 11 Unite in marriage
- 16 Bugs Bunny and Elmer —
- 18 They need a PIN
- 20 Blackens
- 22 Dynamite inventor
- 23 Busy airport

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

SEW STAGY SAX  
GAI EERIE VOL  
TUGGED LABELS  
WIN CAROL  
PLAN PH NOTES  
RAM MEAD REDO  
YR CRATERS SR  
OVAL TEEM VEE  
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HAIR KUIFS  
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## SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

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

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T A R E T D E S K S  
B O O K S Y T U E I  
B L A C K B O A R D  
W C L O C K P O S O

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

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O	S	A	X	C	O	T	O	W
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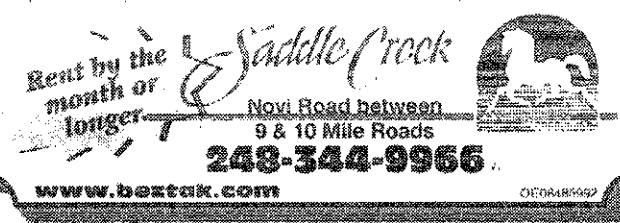
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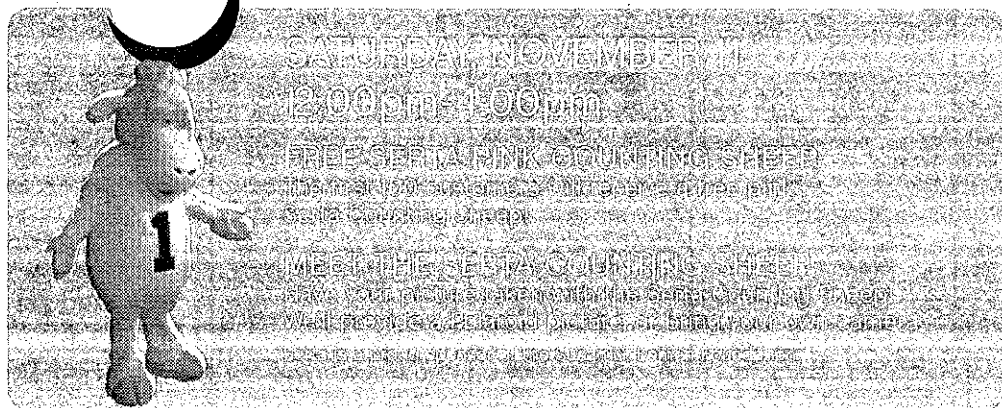
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# Curtain call

## Runner-up Stevenson made stellar run in D-1 tournament

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

One play is all it takes to win or lose a soccer game, and sometimes it can be cruel.

Livonia Stevenson, making its first state finals appearance in over a decade and going for its seventh state crown in school history, learned that painful lesson Saturday afternoon at Troy High School.

The Spartans, who had made a scintillating tournament charge reminiscent of past state championship runs, came out on the short end against upstart Traverse City West, 1-0.

A disputed call led to the game-winning goal on header by Casey Townsend, arguably the state's best player in only his junior season. The play came off a sideline throw-in from teammate Kace Lovejoy with only 25:06 left in the match.

Stevenson frantically pushed up to score the equalizer, but Traverse City West withstood the challenge.

With 19 minutes to play, the Spartans' free kick specialist, left-footed Alex Wozniak, launched a shot toward the goal that West goalkeeper Jon Nowak punched out. Chris Mulcahy, who had been red-hot offensively during the tourney, also threatened with a decent attempt with 15:47 left that Nowak handled confidently.

It was only seconds earlier that Townsend, a member of the U.S. Under-18 National Team and already committed to NCAA champion University of Maryland, hit the post. His rebound attempt was denied by Stevenson senior goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt, who kept Stevenson in it with two big first-half saves followed by two key stops in the second half.

Yet, the game-deciding goal will be debated for quite some time.

Hildebrandt came off his line and contested a West player as the ball squirted toward the end line. The Stevenson keeper was looking for a goal kick, while the Titans were seeking a corner kick or throw-in.

It was a matter of who touched the ball last, and according to the officials, it belonged to West.

"It was unfortunate," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "From my viewpoint, Mitch was shielding their player and cleared it out of bounds. We feel it was our ball. It's usually the (head) official's call most of the time, but many times they trust their linesman."

Lovejoy's throw-in found his mark, and it was Townsend, who leaped high into the air and timed it perfectly. His header eluding the 6-foot-1 Hildebrandt.

"The throw-in was defi-



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Stevenson's Luke Knochel gets tangled up with Traverse City West's Dennis Mielke during Saturday's Division I state final at Troy High.

nately an unfortunate turn over events, but we should have found a way to overcome it," Richters said.

Stevenson nearly scored in the second minute of the match when Wozniak's corner kick dangled on the floor just inside the post, only to be cleared away by the Titans.

With 11:07 left in the half, Stevenson's leading goal scorer, Luke Knochel, took a quality shot, but couldn't find the back of the goal.

During the first half, Stevenson had difficulty building much of an attack, unlike the Spartans had enjoyed in wins over state-ranked tourney opponents Novi, Northville, Dearborn and East Kentwood.

"Maybe there were some state finals jitters," Richters said. "Except for a few individuals, we did not look comfortable. It was unfortunate. We were never confident with the ball at our feet. That first half we really didn't produce a good shot or quality chance. With about 15 minutes to go (in the first half) we added an attacking midfielder to even it out, and it helped us a bit."

But by that time, Townsend, one of only three sophomores named to the Parade Magazine All-America Team, was creating havoc all over the field.

"He (Townsend) a fantastic player, no question about it," Richters said. "He was a man we marked along with others. I thought our players did a nice job. On the score they did a nice job on the free ball and put it on his head."

In the midst of the post-game celebration, Titans coach Jason Carmien maintained that the Titans were well-rounded unit.

"We have a good bench," he said. "People have tagged us a one-man team, but we have more than Casey. I thought we won the battle at midfield, getting to the first and second balls. We shut them down and did not let them get into a rhythm."

Yet, it was Townsend, not flashy, but strong and highly efficient, who held the Spartans hostage most of the afternoon.

"His ability to hold the ball up-front is amazing, and when he gets in front of the goal good things happen," Carmien said. "We were unlucky not to get that second goal."

Traverse City West, which loaded up its regular season schedule with the likes of Rochester Stoney Creek, Portage Central, Warren DeLaSalle, Saline and Utica Eisenhower, wound up 17-2-7 overall.

"It's a dream realized for everybody in our community," Carmien added.

Stevenson, earning its fourth state runner-up finish in school history, closes out its year at 18-3-4.

It was the final game for nine seniors - Matt Rzepka, Ben Burton, Nicolas Burger, Roberto Muradian, Giovanni Enea, Wozniak, Mulcahy, Hildebrandt and Knochel.

And although the Spartans started the season on shaky ground - going 1-1-1 - and finishing its year with a state finals defeat, a look of good things happened in between.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

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#### BOWL-BOUND

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity and freshmen junior football league teams qualified for the 2006 WSJFL Super Bowl by winning their respective playoff openers on Saturday.

The varsity unit defeated the Dearborn Heights Redskins, 22-13, thanks to the offensive exploits of Ben Merbler, Enrique Pardo and Ryan Jankowski. The defense was led by Tony Rhodes, Denis Dinella and Ben Poirier.

The Steelers freshmen contingent improved to 9-0 with a 33-20 triumph over Belleville. The winners' offense was paced by A.J. Convertino, Mathew McKoy, Kadeem Hephill and Christian Mayberry. The defensive line was led by Matt

Ramey, Owen Ash and Andy Gregor, who combined to keep the speedy Cougars in check.

Tyler Whipple's fumble recovery and Trenton Shelby's game-ending interception salted the game away for the Steelers.

### LIONS' JV SET

#### FOR SUPER BOWL

The Canton Lions junior varsity football team is headed to the WSJFL Super Bowl following its 26-13 victory over the Lake Area Hawks on Saturday. Josh Nolan ran for a pair of TD's while Kevin Buford and Paul Baumgart each scored once. Josh Peterson threw for a score. The defensive secondary shut down the Hawks' aerial attack thanks to strong play from Matt Harris, Kyle Durham and Jordon Smith.

The Lions varsity dropped a hard-fought battle to Rochester, 44-16, this past weekend in the first round of the 2006 WSJFL playoffs. The Lions' offense was led by Jake Morris, Braden Price, Brad Trublowksi and Phil Emminger.

The defense received strong outings from Clay Behrman, Adam Payne and Brandon Ciciotti.

The Lions freshmen team's season was curtailed, 20-7, by the Ypsilanti Braves. Chuckie Turfe scored the lone touchdown for the Lions on a 35-yard run.

Tyler Langer, Andrew Hunt and Dillon Farmer played well defensively for the Lions, who finished 6-3 with a division championship. It was the Lions' sixth consecutive trip to the post-season.









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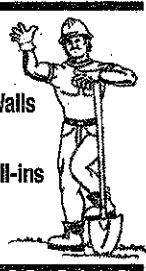
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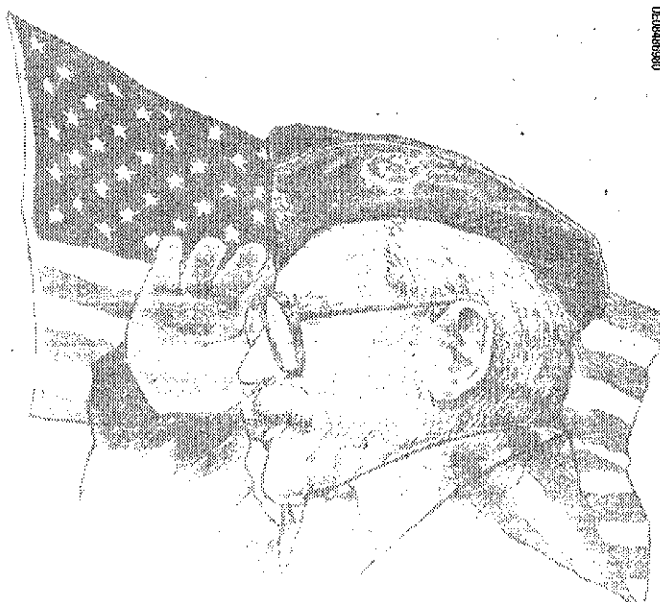
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD ESTATE** MOVING sale. On Cass Lake, Fri. - Sun., 10am-4pm, 2728 Lari Ct., off Commerce btwn Orchard Lake & Hillier, enter on Leroy. Antique furniture & collectibles, Mission, lighting, paintings, china, Oriental rugs, art pottery, Victorian items, Mercury glass, Art Deco, Folk Art, tools, clocks, vintage holiday ornaments. Complete household.

## Garage Sales

**BIRMINGHAM** 1248 Fourteen Mile, W/Woodward, Thurs-Fri., 10am-4pm, 5359 Winlane Dr., N of Quanton, W of Lahser.



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** Furniture, antiques, household items, records. Thurs., Fri., 10am-4pm, 5359 Winlane Dr., N of Quanton, W of Lahser.

**CANTON** 42255 Hystone, S. of Ford, off Lilley Rd., turn E. on Gloria, S. on Hystone. Nov. 11-12th, 10-4pm. In-house moving sale. Everything must go! Furniture, clothes, TV's, etc.

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## Moving Sales

**AUBURN HILLS** The Meadows, 3131 N. Squirrel Rd. Apt 135, btwn. Dutton & Walton Rd. Nov. 10-11th, 10-4pm. Huge sale! Everything must go! Furniture, oak curio, oak entertainment, Bryhill couch & chair, dining set, new queen bed, appliances, kitchen, linens, Avon products & more!

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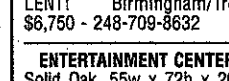
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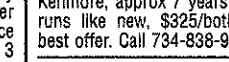
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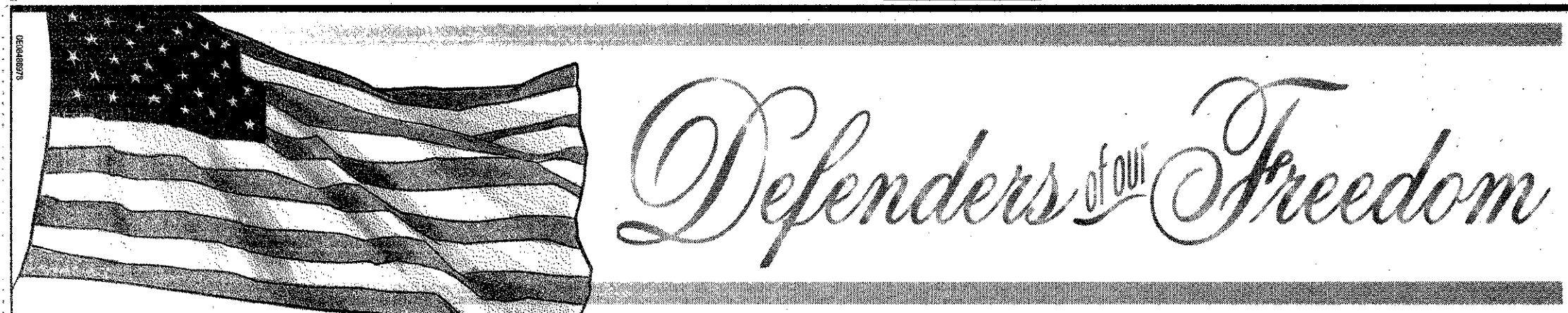
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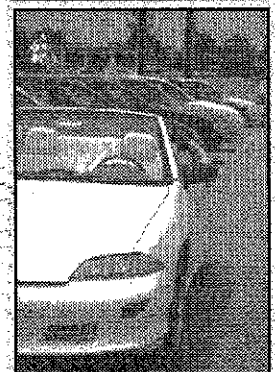
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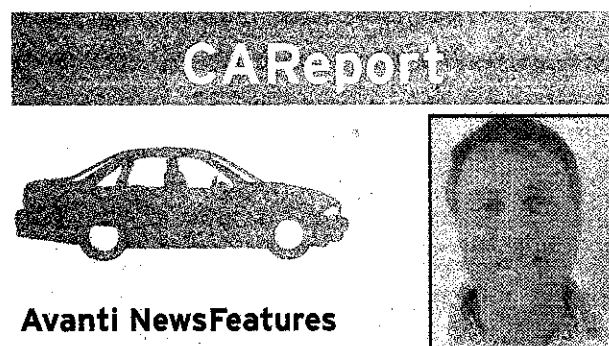
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General Motors really hit the mark with this one.

You can own a hybrid sport utility vehicle for less than \$23,000. Topping off the deal, this is the SUV that is recognized for the best highway mileage getting 32 miles per gallon, better than any other SUV on the market.

As advertisements for the 2007 Saturn Vue Green Line say, "You can go green without going broke." This vehicle is easier on the environment while saving you money in your pocket on fuel economy and overall price.

Comparing the other Vue models to the Vue Green Line, the hybrid gets a 20 percent better fuel economy rating. While you are at a complete stop, you are saving gas because the vehicle and all of its accessories are being powered by the hybrid battery. As soon as you take your foot off of the brake, the electric motor starts the gas engine for a smooth transition.

The hybrid feature Electric Power Assist combined with gas will get you up to speed. While you are cruising at highway speeds, fuel is being used as the generator automatically recharges the hybrid battery. As you brake while slowing down, the hybrid battery kicks in and powers your accessories once again saving fuel. While your car is in park or at idle, you are not using any fuel but only the hybrid battery to power your accessories.

That's pretty much how it works. In "stop and go" traffic, the regenerative braking plays a role in producing energy that is sent back to the battery to recharge it. Regular brakes create friction and heat where as the hybrid regenerative braking system generates electricity.

And it's beneficial for many reasons. As the driver, you are saving money in your pocket on gas every week and you get a nice, smooth ride comfortable for five people with lots of space in the rear trunk area.

There is a charge/assist gauge inside the vehicle that lets you know when your car is running using the hybrid system or when it is charging it. There is also a Fuel Saving Eco-light that lets you know when you are above the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) mileage estimates. You can use it to tune your driving habits for maximum fuel savings.

The hybrid comes with a 4-cylinder, 2.4 liter and dual with variable valve timing (VVT) engine with a four speed automatic transmission. The Vue Green Line carries 26 more horsepower than the 4-cylinder Saturn Vue.

There have been some aerodynamic enhancements with only fuel efficiency in mind while getting a sportier look. The added spoiler on the back is designed for increased efficiency,



07 Saturn Vue Green Line. Vehicle Class: Hybrid SUV. Power: 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 27 city / 32 highway. Where Built: Tennessee. Base Price: \$22,370.

not racing also with the lower chassis. The wheels are 16-inch alloy rims with low-rolling resistance tires adding to the fuel efficiency because of less friction on the road.

An anti-lock brake system with traction control comes standard on the Vue Green Line which comes in handy on slippery roads from rough weather conditions like rain or snow.

While driving on the freeway, you can indulge in a smooth, enjoyable ride. As the driver, you can't feel the difference if you are running on fuel or the hybrid battery. When you are pulling away from a stop light, there is nice pick-up readily available and while you are cruising at highway speeds, the comfort ability of the vehicle makes you feel like you are cruising at a slower speed than you really are.

To enhance your surroundings while you drive, you can add the Comfortably Safe Package for an extra \$1,125. This includes head curtain side air bags, power driver's seat, heated front seats and XM Satellite Radio.

Another package available to upgrade is the Leather Appointments Package for \$755 where you get the comfort of leather seats and leather-wrapped steering wheel. A power sunroof that hides under the frame while open can be added for \$725.

The center dash that holds the stereo and temperature controls has wood accents along with the gear shifter. The style of the stereo is easy to use with large enough buttons to change stations and the digital screen is able to read at a quick glance.

Standard in the music department is a compact disc player with FM/AM stereo that can be upgraded to a CD player with MP3 capabilities for \$150. You can also choose to go a step further and add a 6-disc in-dash changer including MP3 capabilities played through six coaxial speakers for \$650.

You can flip through the present channels programmed in your stereo and control the volume using buttons conveniently located on the steering wheel.

There is a DVD Entertainment Package available that is great for long trips, keeping the children busy or just simply watching movies. The \$1,140 upgrade includes a flip down LCD screen implanted in the center ceiling console that comes with wireless headphones and remote control.

You will receive the safety and security of having OnStar that comes standard with a one year Safe & Sound service plan. Your OnStar advisor has the ability to unlock your door remotely, send assistance if needed and locate your vehicle if it has been stolen or if you are stranded.

You have seven colors to choose from: Black Onyx, Chili Pepper Red, Cypress Green, Deep Blue, Polar White, Silver Nickel and Storm Gray. The interior as cloth is only available in gray but when you upgrade to the Leather Appointment Package, the leather interior will come tan in all exterior colors except gray and silver. When you choose gray or silver for your exterior, the interior stays gray.

For maximum cargo capabilities, the front passenger seat folds down just like the two backseats to form a flat surface also allowing you to distribute weight evenly in the vehicle. In the Vue Green Line's rear storage, you have more than enough space to accommodate a picnic including a small Hibach grill, a cooler, blanket and some luggage.

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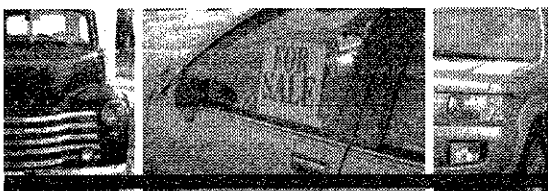
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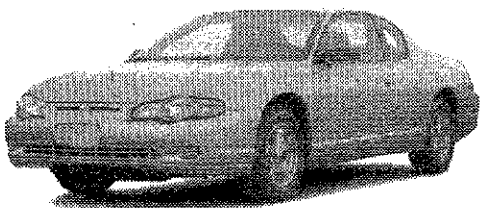
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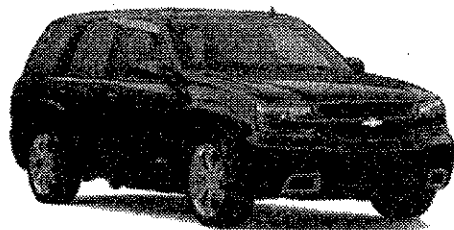


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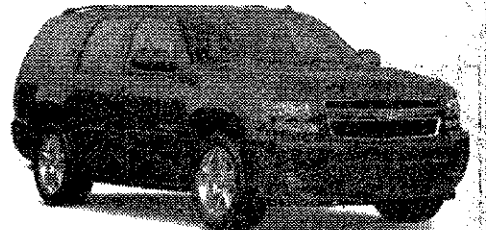


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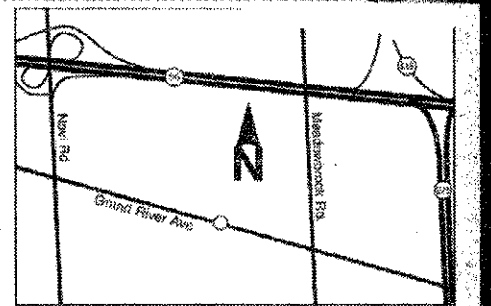
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#### ADVERTISEMENT

# 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 \$269 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.**

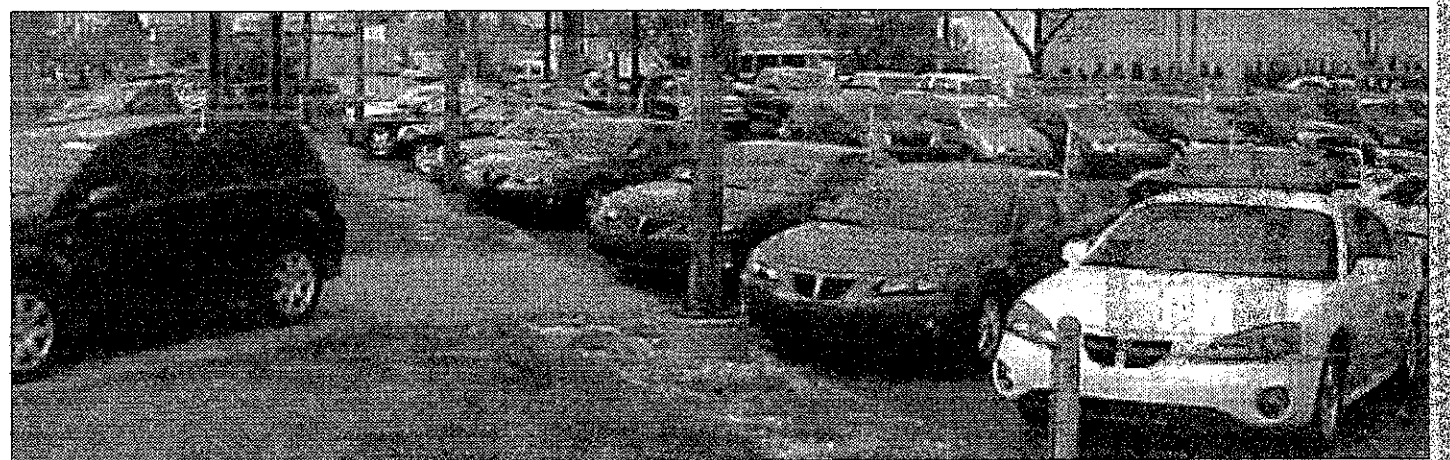
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private 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.

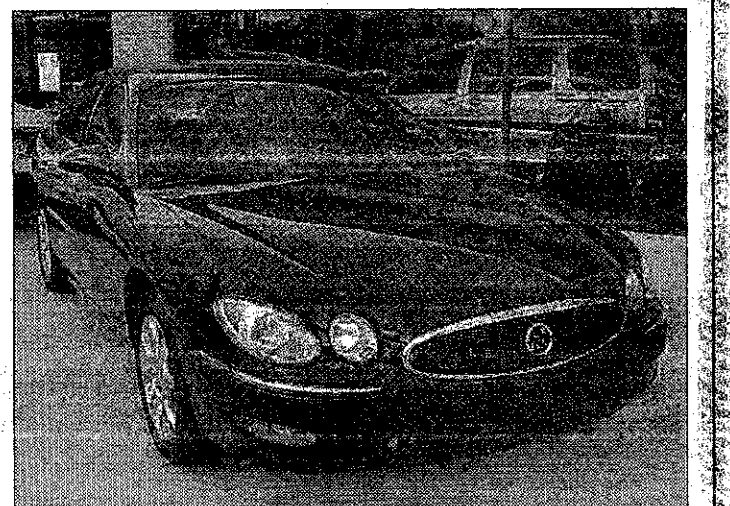
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

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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## Serving up a celebration

### Cookbook marks Village Club's 50th anniversary

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Move over, Martha. Make room, Rachael. Take it easy, Emeril. There's a new cookbook out with offerings as delicious as anything the aforementioned kitchen wizards (who have last names of Stewart, Ray and Lagasse, respectively) share on TV and in print.

It's *Popovers to Panache: Food with a Flair from The Village Club*, a collection of recipes for appetizers, soups, salads, brunch, entrées, side dishes and desserts that was produced by members of The Village Club.

*Popovers to Panache* commemorates the 50th anniversary of the organization, which was established for charitable and educational purposes.

"We were looking for flavorful, easy recipes," said Denise McKewan of Bloomfield Hills, who worked on recipe collection for the cookbook development committee and who has taken cooking classes at Schoolcraft College.

"It's for all kinds of cooks, from a beginning cook to the more experienced."

The cookbook retails for \$24.95. Some of the sale proceeds will go to The Village Woman's Club Foundation, for its grants to charitable, nonprofit services in the tri-county area.

#### FEATURES

Recipes came from The Village Club members.

The cookbook also contains recipes from past club presidents and the organization's two previous cookbooks, and favorites served in the club's dining room in Bloomfield Hills (including The Village Club's signature popovers — the "popovers" of the title).

Tantalizing examples of featured recipes are a fig and prosciutto salad, a mushroom barley soup, a sweet-and-sour side dish of red cabbage and apples, and a colorful torte of cheese, pesto and sun-dried tomatoes.

The cookbook has wine pairings suggested by Bill Schwab, sommelier at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market of Birmingham and *Signature Magazine* contributor, for selected recipes.

And it has tips, including how to test the freshness of an egg by putting it in a bowl of water, help keep your eyes clear and dry when chopping onions, and ripen hard avocados quickly.

*Popovers to Panache* is an attrac-



Members of The Village Club 50th Anniversary Cookbook Development Committee salute 'Popovers to Panache: Food with a Flair from The Village Club.' They are Linda Wilson of Birmingham (left), chairman; Eunice Raar of Beverly Hills, recipe testing; Denise McKewan of Bloomfield Hills, recipe collection; and Jeanette Keramedjian of Orchard Lake, PR/marketing. The women are in McKewan's kitchen.



This Mediterranean Cheese Torte is among the featured recipes in the new cookbook.

tive coffee table book as well, containing vintage and current photos of special rooms of the club. The current photos, by Yakov Faytlin of Birmingham, are of vignettes designed by area merchants.

The cookbook came about when members were talking about how to celebrate The Village Club's 50th anniversary.

"We went through several ideas and came to 'Let's do a cookbook,'" said Linda Wilson of Birmingham, committee chair.

Starting in spring 2004, the committee collected favorite recipes from club members. The group narrowed down the number of submis-

sions, then made and tasted each recipe.

"We met every Thursday at noon," said Beverly Hills resident Eunice Raar, who worked on recipe testing. Of the more than 500 recipes that were submitted, about 228 are in the cookbook.

In a change from the club's two previous cookbooks — *Food With A Flair* (1971) and *Food With A Flair II* (1981) — the recipes in *Popovers to Panache* are for simple, rather than formal, meals.

They incorporate fresh and natural foods, such as sun-dried tomatoes and goat cheese.

"A lot of cooking has changed in the last 20 years," Wilson said.

The new publication also features history of the Winningham House, the club site.

*Popovers to Panache* has gotten a good response, according to committee members.

PLEASE SEE **COOKBOOK**, D3

## GPS navigation systems mature with new features and lower prices

The time is right to buy an aftermarket GPS navigation system. Prices are lower than ever, and the devices have improved significantly in the last year.

I recently had the chance to review four different models, with prices ranging from \$350 to nearly \$1,000.

Here's the good news: You don't need to spend a fortune to get a well-rounded, reliable navigation system.

What's more, all of these models are designed to be portable, meaning you can easily move them from one car to another. To me that's a smarter move than spending \$2,000 on a built-in GPS that's hard-wired into the dashboard.

Just one thing to keep in mind: The aftermarket receivers I reviewed have relatively small screens (usually 3.5 inches diagonally), so they're not ideal for drivers with so-so eyesight.

Still, the four models I reviewed — the Averatec Voya 350, Garmin Nuvi 360, Mio C710 and TomTom One — reflect the latest trends in navigation systems.

They're all compact enough to fit in a pocket.

And they're all equipped with touchscreens, meaning you no longer have to fiddle with complex, button-driven interfaces; entering an address is as simple as tapping out letters and numbers on an onscreen keyboard.

Another improvement: They all come preloaded with map data, so they're ready to roll right out of the box. You don't have to go through the hassle of installing software on your PC and copying maps to the GPS.

In my tests, most of the GPS units were able to establish a satellite fix within a minute of powering up (older models usually took 3-5 minutes), and all four maintained their lock even after I'd pulled the car into the garage.

#### VOYA

So let's get to the receivers themselves. The bargain to beat is the Averatec Voya 350, which sells for \$380 — not including a \$30 rebate that's good until the end of the year.

It's a fairly no-frills GPS, but it provides all the essentials. Maps for all of North America come preloaded on a memory card, so the Voya's ready to roll right out of the box.

PLEASE SEE **BROIDA**, D3

## 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, MI 48009; e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

## OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN AND PURTAN'S PEOPLE

## 'And furthermore, let me say this ...'



Dick Purtan

The latest version of the political season is now behind us.

The winners are cleaning up from their campaign celebrations. The losers are licking their wounds and planning on their next big step.

The rest of us are just happy that the barrage of political commercials, lawn signs and phone calls are over for another year.

Whether it's the governor's race, Proposition 2 or 5 or 841 (I made that one up), we were flooded with sound bites and talking points until we didn't know who stood for or against whatever it was they were talking about at that time.

In other words, the politicians and the campaigns have elevated the delivery of a non-answer to an art form.

Don't you wish you could

apply that form of communication to your everyday life?

For example, you're pulled over for going a little over the speed limit.

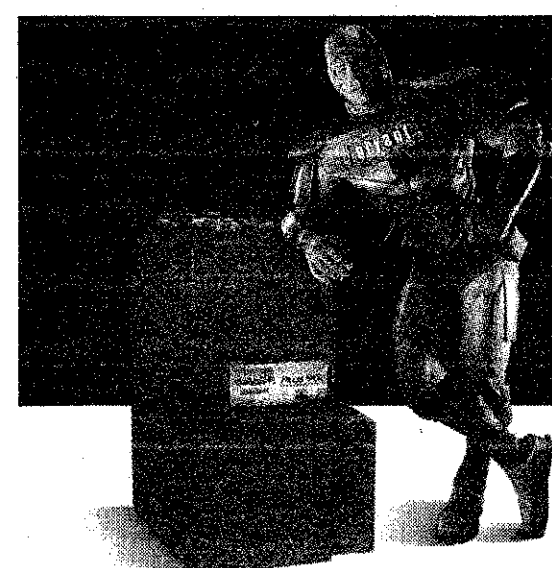
When the officer asks you how fast you were going, you answer: "Officer, I have long believed in the sanctity of the traffic laws. As life moves faster and faster I believe it is important for every American to slow down and take the

time to really appreciate the job our local law enforcement officials are doing to keep our homes, yea, our very way of life safe from harm."

Or, let's say you're a wee bit late on something like your phone bill.

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PLEASE SEE **PURTAN**, D3



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## Check your oven before Thanksgiving

It happens across America, to thousands of homeowners: The stove doesn't work on Thanksgiving Day.

The kitchen range worked every other day of the year; why did it pick this day to break down?

It sure causes a lot of high-tension feelings when you put the beautiful bird into the oven and the temperature just stays at 72 degrees.

You can't call your favorite appliance repair company because it isn't working on turkey day.

You look for a way out of this problem — maybe it's possible to use your neighbor's oven, especially if she is going to her children's home for dinner.

You've got to do something fast. Nobody is going to eat a raw bird.

Ask yourself this question: Should I check out my range now to make sure it is all working properly? *You bet you should!*

Check the oven temperature with a thermometer you can buy from a grocery store. Put it on the oven rack and let the oven cycle two or three times.

You'll get a pretty good idea of how accurate the temperature is compared to the setting you put on the oven temperature knob.

This will also allow you to make adjustments on the knob setting by turning it a little higher or lower.

Check each top burner on the stove. Make sure they all heat up to the different temperatures according to the burner switches.

Few people will put their self-cleaning ranges through a clean cycle in the summer months because of the high heat it causes in the kitchen, but this is a good time to do it.

You can be proud of the inside appearance when everyone is gathered in the kitchen and watching you open the oven door. It has been said that dinner seems to taste so much better after you have seen how clean the oven is kept.

Now, let's say you're stuck, I mean really stuck. No neighbors,



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

no friends and just simply no way out of this jam. *What about the microwave oven?*

I interviewed Joe Henderson a few weeks ago on my radio show, and he told me he uses his microwave to cook Thanksgiving dinner. He told

me it comes out better tasting than from a regular oven, and I believe him.

Years ago, when microwaves were invented, Joe had 100 women working for him who were teaching the basics of microwave cooking to thousands of new buyers. He has a lot of experience in cooking more than just turkeys.

He would tell you to find a cookbook that describes cooking using the principles of microwaves.

The biggest factor to consider is that food which takes longer to cook will still be cooking for several minutes after you remove it from the microwave oven. If you don't realize this, it is very easy to overcook anything.

You could also use the microwave oven to cook the bird and then place it on the outdoor barbecue for a few minutes to brown the outer skin.

Oh well! I'm not one to be giving cooking lessons, because I can only boil water, but I can tell you that I have met many people who will never again approach Thanksgiving Day without giving their kitchen oven a good checking over. 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 [mikemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mikemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

## Michigan fruit wines – a Thanksgiving treat

Those readers who've followed our wine thoughts for Thanksgiving over the years may be surprised at the direction this year — fruit wines, at least to start and finish a festive meal.

Michigan produces some of the best fruit wines anywhere on the planet.

### EXCELLENT APERITIF

A grand example is Longview Winery 2005 Cherry Wine \$13 from the Leelanau Peninsula. This wine won Best of Class Fruit Wine at the 29th annual 2006 Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition.

Open only a few months, Longview Winery is among Michigan's newest. Leelanau Peninsula is Michigan cherry country and even though many cherry orchards have morphed into vineyards in the region, there's an abundance of cherries to make some winning fruit wines.

But would one expect that from Alan Eaker, a native of Carmel, Calif., who turned South Florida art professor, whose spouse asked him to buy her a farm on the Leelanau Peninsula? Why not? People have done more radical things.

If you like cherries, you'll like this deeply colored, plump, juicy wine, brimming with cherry and cinnamon stick aromas and flavors. Michigan wineries have evolved into producing some stellar Chardonnays, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminers, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc, but it's pleasing to know that newcomers haven't forgotten how delicious a well-made cherry wine can be. Enjoy it as a chilled aperitif before the Thanksgiving feast.

### TURKEY TIME

Merlot. Forget the drubbing merlot got in the film *Sideways!* That's Hollywood-speak. This is real life and roast turkey with traditional



**Focus on Wine**

Ray and Eleanor Heald

sides of stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed white potatoes, cranberries and gravy cries out for the mellow fruitiness of merlot.

Our top recommended merlot is 2003 Swanson Oakville, Napa Valley \$36. Peculiar 2003 Napa Valley weather patterns produced a lower yield with high quality. Some 2002 Swanson Merlot may still be available and if you find it at a lower price than the 2003, it's a deal. More merlots in a broad range of prices can be found in this week's Wine Picks.

### SWEET ENDINGS

Karma Vista Vineyards Razz M'Tazz (\$16/375mL) from Michigan's "left" coast won Best of Class Dessert Wine at the 29th annual 2006 Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition.

To understand Razz M'Tazz, you first need to understand the winery name. OK, you get the Karma part — the Hindu and Buddhist philosophy according to which the quality of a person's current and future life is determined by behavior in this (or if you believe so, in a previous) life. Vista is more than a vineyard view, it's the vision of owners Sue and Joe Herman.

Razz M'Tazz is another of the couple's creative names and you get the razz — raspberries, and in this wine, concentrated raspberries. Make haste to your favorite chocolate shop and buy some pre-formed chocolate shot glasses. Fill them with Razz M'Tazz and you have an instant dessert that will wow dinner guests. If there's any left over, treat yourself to a second "shot" because

### WINE PICKS

**MERLOTS** for Thanksgiving.

#### PICKS OF THE PACK:

2002 Beringer Knights Valley Alluvium Red \$30 (76 percent merlot — lush and depthful)  
2002 MacRostie Carneros \$26  
2003 Rutherford Hill Napa Valley \$25  
2003 Chateau St. Jean Sonoma County \$25  
2003 Kenwood Reserve \$25

#### EXCELLENT

2003 Stags' Leap Napa Valley \$31  
2003 Gundlach Bundschu Rhinefarm Vineyard \$29  
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2003 Rutherford Hill \$25  
2003 Raymond Napa Reserve \$24  
2003 Franciscan Oakville Estate Napa Valley \$22  
2004 Alexander Valley Vineyards \$20  
2003 Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve \$18  
2004 Kenwood Sonoma County \$17  
2003 Genesis \$16  
2003 Ledgewood Creek Suisun Valley \$15

#### WALLET FRIENDLY

2004 Dancing Bull \$12  
2004 Bogle \$9

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

you never want your karma to run out.

### OTHER FRUIT WINES

If you prefer pear to raspberries, then try Black Star Farms Sirius Pear Dessert Wine (\$17.50), a double gold medalist at the 2006 Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition.

Cherry Creek Cellars Apple (\$9) and Michigan Cherry (\$11) won gold medals at the 2006 Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition.

Peninsula Cellars Apple wine (\$8) is a blend of Macintosh, Spies, Empires, Rhode Island Greenings from the owners' Kroupa Orchards. It's light and

crisp with a delicate zing in the finish. Peninsula Cellars Cherry (\$8) is a blend of Montmorencies, Ulsters, Balatons and a nice aperitif to revive memories of grandma's cherry pie. White Cherry from Peninsula Cellars (\$12) blends Emperor, Francis and Golds for those who like their wine golden, sweet and soft.

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### FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail [kabramcz@hometownlife.com](mailto:kabramcz@hometownlife.com), or fax (734) 591-7279.

#### The Community House

Class on Torino desserts including tiramisu, amaretto peaches, chocolate, and fruit cake, Tuesday, Nov. 14, \$24 and \$6 materials fees; and learn about meat dishes including polpettine e pomodoro in cestino (meatballs and cherry tomatoes in a basket), cotoletta alla milanese (veal cutlet Milano style) and spezzatino (veal stew) at this class on Italian cooking 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, \$24 class fee, \$6 materials fee payable to instructor. For information on all these classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com)

## Vegetarian group changes name

The state's largest vegetarian group, Veggies in Motion, has changed its name to VegMichigan.

"The name change reflects the public's growing interest in a plant-based diet, as well as our broad base of members and online newsletter readers, which stretches across the state," says Jim Corcoran, VegMichigan president and founder.

"More and more, in Michigan and across the country, people are 'going veg,' and we're here to help them do that."

Metro-Detroit-based VegMichigan is a nonprofit organization promoting

awareness of the health, ecological and ethical consequences of food choices. Perhaps best known for hosting the local Great American Meatout each spring, which has seen attendance double each of the last three years, VegMichigan also sponsors numerous educational classes, lectures, potlucks, dinner club and social outings, plus a monthly e-newsletter with more than 2,000 subscribers.

"Whether you're vegetarian, vegan or just trying to eat less meat, VegMichigan is a great resource and support network," says

Corcoran.

"We invite anyone interested in living a healthier life, not to mention more compassionate and environmentally responsible, to join in. Volunteer, be a member, come to a class or a dinner outing, or just read the newsletter. Singles, families, seniors — everyone's welcome."

VegMichigan is hosting a number of upcoming events, including a Thanksgiving Day celebration and vegan potluck, at noon Nov. 23, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. For details, visit [www.vegmichigan.org](http://www.vegmichigan.org) or call toll-free (877) 778-3464.

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COOKBOOK

FROM PAGE D1

Two copies were sold at a recent demonstration of one of the recipes at Holiday Market of Royal Oak, Raar said. More demonstrations will be scheduled in the area.

A discount is given to people who buy the cookbook by the case (10 cookbooks for \$225).

Buying a case is a good idea, as the cookbook makes a nice present for such events as housewarmings, showers, birthdays and holidays, McKewan said.

WHERE AVAILABLE

The merchants who designed the vignettes for the cookbook are Mary Beth, Doug, Diana and Bob Winkworth of Festivities of Birmingham; The Fuchsia Frog of Birmingham; Jon Gerych of Gerych's Graziella LTD of Birmingham; Holly Anselmi of The Italian Dish of Birmingham; Leslie Benser and Liz Fallert of La Belle Provence of Birmingham; Randy Forester of Studio 330 of Bloomfield Hills; Martha Quay and Jane James of Veranda of Bloomfield Hills; and Dulce Fuller of Woodward & Maple of Birmingham.

*Popovers to Panache* is available at the above businesses, and at The Knitting Room of Birmingham, Lee's Specialty Ltd. of Bloomfield Hills and Holiday Market of Royal Oak. It may be bought directly

from The Village Club, 190 E. Long Lake Road (phone (248) 644-3450).

"The Village Club is very approachable," said Jeanette Keramedjian of Orchard Lake, who worked on public relations/marketing.

Visit [www.thevillageclub.org](http://www.thevillageclub.org) to download an order form. Mail deliveries have shipping and handling costs.

Also on The Village Club 50th Anniversary Cookbook Development Committee were Barbara Ballantyne, recipe testing; Camille Breen, Dorothy Ellis and Anne Farnen, non-recipe text; Nancy Peil, layout and design; Louise Simpson, historian; and Anita Terry, recipe collection.

Other recipe collectors, testers and tasters were Martha Beechler, Sharrie Cheff, Phyllis Clark, Karen DeKoker, Gwen Forbes, Mickie Frederick, Peggy Freeman, Judy Gardner, Jeanne Hackett, Pat Haupt, Nancy Kleckner, Chris Lamarche, Sue Leydorf, Mary Ann Rosenberger, Barbara Russell, Jean Schuler, Kathy Shaieb, Barbara Sobey and Sally Struck.

Also contributing were Gary Hendrickson and other staff members of The Village Club, The Village Club chef Chris Richter and staff, Nan Wattles of Seegerpeople Photo Studio of Birmingham, Barbara Murphy of Allied Printing of Ferndale, Dale Morgan of Blossoms of Birmingham, and Smith and Hawkins of Rochester Hills.

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BROIDA

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You don't get much in the way of documentation, but using the Voya isn't difficult. I just wish its four control buttons weren't grouped so close together; they're hard to press.

NUVI

The Garmin Nuvi 360 is at the opposite end of the pricing scale: \$964.27 list. You can save hundreds by shopping online (Amazon sells it for \$600), but it's still the most expensive model in the group.

A handful of advanced features help justify the price. For instance, the Nuvi offers text-to-speech, meaning it pronounces street names.

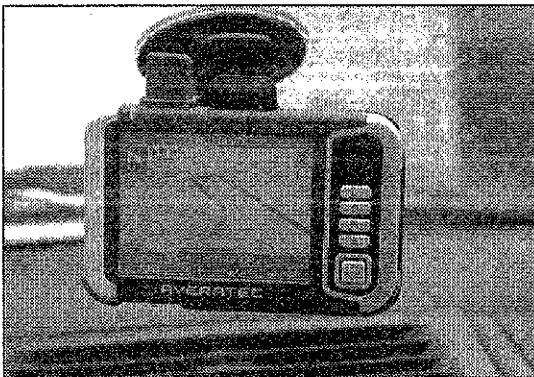
Even better, it doubles as a Bluetooth speakerphone: Pair it with your Bluetooth-equipped cell phone and you can make and receive hands-free calls.

It'll even absorb the address book from your phone so you don't have to manually enter names and numbers. Love it.

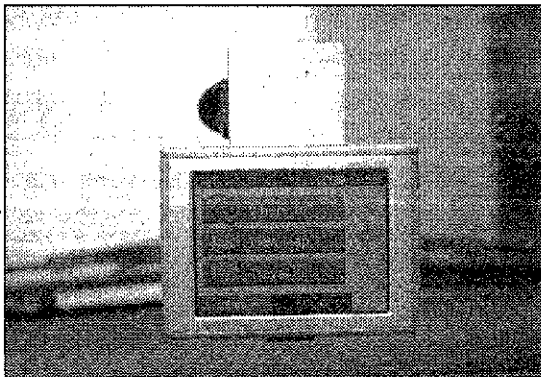
No doubt about it, the Nuvi 360 is one of the most full-featured GPS receivers on the market, and also one of the easiest to use.

MIO

The same can't be said of the \$650 Mio C710. Although it



With a price of just \$350 after rebate, the Averatec Voya 350 offers affordable GPS navigation.



Garmin's pricey Nuvi 360 offers a wealth of features, including a hands-free speakerphone for use with Bluetooth phones.

matches almost all the Nuvi's features (including the Bluetooth speakerphone), I found the user interface awkward and the navigation inconsistent.

Its ace in the hole is an included FM antenna that pulls in live traffic data and automatically routes you around congested areas. The Nuvi can do that, too, but you have to buy a \$199 accessory.

Even so, I can't really recommend the Mio. A GPS receiver is only as good as its navigation capabilities, and this one comes up short.

TOMTOM

Finally, there's the \$500 TomTom One, which rivals the Nuvi in simplicity but has a more limited feature set.

Although it does support Bluetooth connections, for instance, it doesn't have a

speakerphone function. Instead, it links to your cell phone to fetch traffic updates.

You can also download new voices to take the place of the standard female voice. How cool would it be to have John Cleese or Mr. T tell you when to turn? Well, you can.

My only real complaint with the TomTom One is that nearly one-fourth of the navigation screen is occupied by non-map data, like arrival time and distance to next turn. Other receivers show you more of the map, which is important given the relatively small screen.

Ultimately, if you want basic GPS navigation, you can't go wrong with the Averatec Voya 350. Drivers who want lots of fancy features should consider the Garmin Nuvi 360, but don't pay list for it.

One last piece of advice: Please don't interact with your

GPS while driving. The devices take your eyes off the road enough as it is. Be safe and let a passenger fiddle with the settings, or at least wait until you're at a stop light.

SECURITY TALK

Please join me at the West Bloomfield Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14. I'll be speaking on Internet safety and security: how to avoid spyware, viruses, identity theft and other online dangers. It's a free session; hope to see you there!

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The Village Club members are active in many ways

Founded in 1956, The Village Club offers cultural, educational, social and philanthropic opportunities.

It presents professionally led classes and lectures on many topics, including cooking, gardening, finances, current events, religion, music, exercise, antiques, architecture and photography. All classes are open to the public.

Cultural activities and travel are among special events offered by the organization.

The Village Woman's Club Foundation has contributed more than \$1 million to area organizations since its incorporation in 1983.

The grants promote educational, cultural and human

services in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

Among the agencies that received grants in recent years are Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwestern Michigan, Child Abuse and Neglect Council, Detroit Institute for Children, FAR Conservatory, Furniture Bank of Oakland County, Gilda's Club, HAVEN, Hospice of Michigan, Judson Center, Maplegrove (Henry Ford Health System), Michigan Opera Theatre, Open Hands Food Pantry, Pewabic Pottery, Plowshares Theatre, Readings for the Blind, and Wolverine Human Services.

RECIPE FROM VILLAGE CLUB COOKBOOK

MEDITERRANEAN CHEESE TORTE

Pesto ingredients:

- 4 cups firmly packed fresh basil
- 4 garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup pine nuts
- 2 (scant) teaspoons salt
- 1/2 to 1 cup olive oil
- 1 cup (4 ounces) grated Parmesan cheese

Torte ingredients:

- 1/2 cup extra-light olive oil
- 2 cups oil-pack sun-dried tomatoes
- 16 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup milk

For the pesto, pulse the basil, garlic, pine nuts, salt and olive oil in a food processor just until the basil, garlic and pine nuts are chopped. Add the cheese and process until incorporated. You may reduce the amount of olive oil and process 1/2 cup butter into the mixture until incorporated.

For the torte, coat a decorative mold with 1/4 cup olive oil. Rinse the sun-dried tomatoes with hot water; drain and pat dry. Chop the sun-dried tomatoes. Place the cream cheese in a mixing bowl.

Add the milk gradually, beating constantly until of a spreadable consistency. Spread half the sun-dried tomatoes over the bottom of the mold. Layer with half the pesto and half the cream cheese mixture, spreading to the edge. Repeat the layers with the remaining sun-dried tomatoes, pesto and cream cheese mixture. Chill, covered, for at least 2 hours. Dip the mold into warm water and loosen the side. Unmold onto a serving plate. Bring to room temperature before serving. Garnish with additional sun-dried tomatoes and serve with assorted crackers.

Serves 15.

From *Popovers to Panache: Food with a Flair* from The Village Club.

**Sue of Whitmore Lake writes:** "After reading your article about redecorating a bedroom when a child heads off to college, my husband and I decided to tackle our son's room."

"I've painted the room a beautiful shade of olive green. The problem is the steel-blue carpet. New carpeting isn't in the budget right now and I'm having a hard time making these colors work together. Any suggestions?"

You describe a common color dilemma that many people find themselves in after painting the walls. Something just doesn't seem right in the room.

Based on your description, you have used a warm, yellow-based green on the walls with a cool-toned blue carpet. Mixing warm and cool colors can be a decorating obstacle.

Don't fret; there are ways we can pull this room together without breaking the bank.

Step back for a minute and look objectively at the bedroom.

Most bedrooms are relatively small and you need to realize that you have already established the color palette for this



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

places within the bedroom.

The blue needs to be brought up off the floor and used throughout the room. This is where textiles will make the difference.

One way to do this would be with window treatments. Blue side panels with a green border would look very nice.

You may be fortunate enough to find your colors in a striped fabric or other pattern. Consider an upholstered cornice with contrasting welt or with contrasting side panels.

The window treatments don't have to be fussy or overdone, but they need to unite the same blue of the carpet with the green walls.

The textiles used for the bed-

ding are an additional place to unite the color palette.

See if you can find some solid color separates for the bed ensemble. Consider a green comforter with a blue pillow sham.

It is imperative that you stick with the same cool-toned blue and the yellow-green that you already have in place.

If you found a patterned fabric for the window treatments, make a couple of pillows for the bed out of the same fabric or construct a dust ruffle out of it.

You will begin to see how being deliberate in your choices will bring together the colors of the room. Now that you've got the textiles conquered, look to accessories to complete the look.

Select poster art or other accessories that continue to link the color palette and overall feel of the room together. If your intentions are to keep the room feeling masculine, use stained wood, black or another neutral for your frame finish.

Be consistent and deliberate. Most home accessory stores will allow you to return things that won't work for you at home. Buy many accessory

options and take your time deciding which items will work in the room.

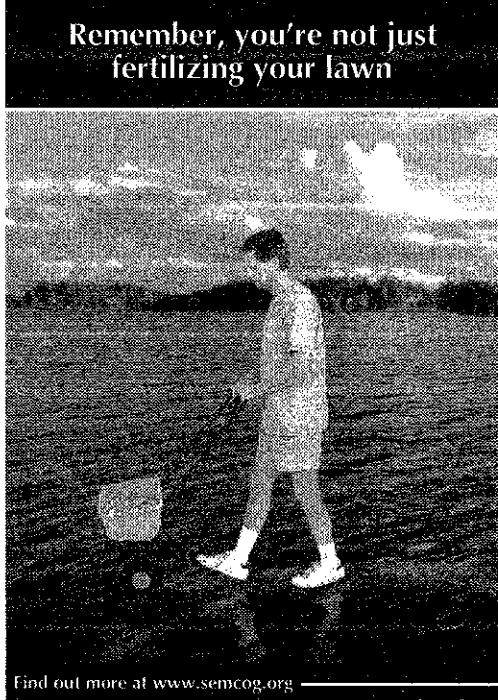
If the blue carpet is a little worn and you'd rather not highlight it so much, an area rug can cover a multitude of sins.

Again, be deliberate in this selection, and keep in mind that the blue carpet will still show around the perimeter of the room and your color palette should remain the same.

The area rug can be a solid color in a neutral tone without adding any pattern or becoming a focal point.

Ignoring something as large as the color of the carpet is always a mistake. Make the most out of the existing elements of the room, add a dash of style and color, and you just might find the blue carpet is not only working in the room, but it actually makes a dramatic design statement.

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Green grass can result in green lakes.

That's because storm drains found in our streets and yards lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, fertilizer from your lawn can easily end up in our water. This fertilizer can form large algae blooms and use up oxygen fish and other aquatic insects need to survive.

What can you do? These tips will help stop our lakes from turning green and keep some green in your pocket.

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks and back onto your lawn.
- Recycle grass clippings by leaving them on your lawn.
- Use fertilizer with no or low phosphorus.
- Select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble (check the label).

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Yeohlee's signature black and white pieces, like this silk fabric skirt and silk organza jacket, topped off with a double-breasted collar, are timeless and elegant anywhere.



Architectural influences are apparent in the lines of this Yeohlee skirt made from the double-face wool fabric.



Yeohlee's tweed outerwear and jackets reflect the menswear trend of the season. A raffish feminine chiffon blouse softens the look.

## Yeohlee wraps up warmth

By Wendy Von Buskirk • Photos by Dan Lecca

Lynn Portnoy recently hosted a trunk show of Yeohlee's Fall 2006-07 Collection. Bloomfield Hills-native Daniel Kerin, who represents Yeohlee, flew in from New York with samples of each piece in the design house's latest line.

Yeohlee Teng has blended art and fashion since she emerged on the scene in the 1980s. The Malaysian-born designer finds inspiration in architecture and creates clean lines and sweeping shapes. She has said she creates for the "urban nomad," and her collections feature capes, hoods and draping outerwear.

Portnoy is an exclusive dealer of

Yeohlee, and counts herself among the line's first buyers.

"I was at Claire Pearone, and Vogue Magazine called to tell us about Yeohlee. I flew out to New York and bought it. I was among the first 10. Then, when I opened my own store, I continued to carry it," Portnoy said.

Portnoy finds Yeohlee garments perfect for travel, and stocks many of the design house's constant pieces, such as cape-like

hooded raincoats that don't wrinkle or pass in and out of fashion.

Bertha Cohen, an artist originally from Brazil who now lives in Bloomfield Hills, was among customers who stopped by Portnoy's to preview the line and place orders. She tried on a Mobius Loop from the Fall collection. The continuous fabric, sewn into a figure 8, wraps the wearer in warmth and volume.

"I don't call it 'clothing,' I call it a 'piece.' I wear it forever when I invest in a piece," Cohen said.

Kerin said Yeohlee never designs according to the whim of trends, but her Fall 2006 collection is on point with the season. Here's a look.

### HAVEN

#### Holiday Shopping Benefit

When: 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14

Where: Lynn Portnoy, 29260 Franklin Rd., Southfield

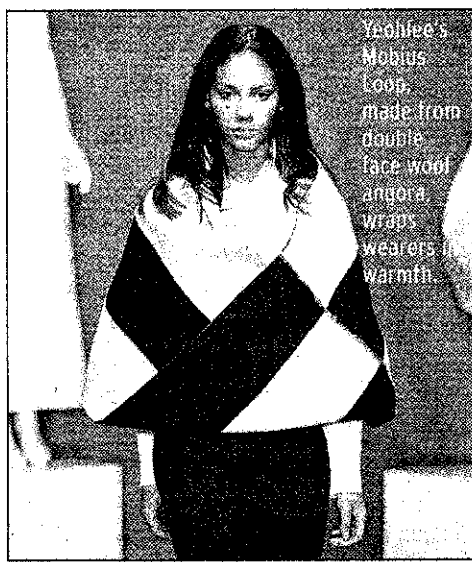
What: The evening includes celebrity guests, refreshments, free gift wrapping and mystery grab bags.

Why: \$25 minimum donation per person and 10 percent of sales benefit HAVEN, an Oakland County organization that fights domestic abuse and sexual assault.

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This blouse, made from 4 ply silk, creeps the shoulders, capelet and skirt for an interesting look that turns off a black pencil skirt in stretch wool.



Yeohlee's Mobius Loop, made from double-face wool-angora wraps wearers in warmth.



Yeohlee presented a cape in every collection since 1981, but this year, capes are particularly on trend. Yeohlee's Catenary Cape can be worn with either black or winter white framing the face.

## PINK Hunting Season

girl getaways Up North are right on target

Annie, forget your gun. There are plenty of ways to enjoy Michigan's ever-popular hunting season without any ammo at all. As your man packs for the deer blind, don't mourn your week as a deer widow. Instead, plan a girls getaway of your own. A host of Michigan destinations are offering special packages designed for women that include pampering, shopping, scrapbooking, wine tasting and more. So don your most stylish camo clothing and plan an Up North outing. Why should guys have all the fun?

### WINE TASTINGS

#### 7th Annual Vintner Food and Wine Celebration

Crystal Mountain

Nov. 9-12

Just before deer season begins, Crystal Mountain will host their "7th Annual Vintner Food and Wine Celebration," Nov. 9-12. Enjoy fine wines and remarkable culinary creations as Crystal's Vintner weekend takes on a new twist: bringing in a celebrity chef. Come revel in an extraordinary weekend celebration of tours, tastes, sights and aromas. Call (800) 968-7686.

### Hunter's Better Half Weekend

Brys Estate - Old Mission Peninsula

Nov. 17-19

Better halves everywhere will be served by this weekend getaway at Brys Estate. While he's crowding the woods on opening weekend, she'll be nice and warm, enjoying special discounts, and delectable wine and food pairings.

### Mac & Cheese Cookoff

Old Mission Peninsula Wineries

Nov. 25

The wineries of the Old Mission Peninsula will hold their Mac & Cheese Cookoff - an annual event with Mac & Cheese dishes created by local restaurants paired with wines.

### SHOPPING & SPA-ING

#### Hunter's Haven Package

Boyer Mountain Resort

Nov. 15-30

Use the time away from your favorite hunter wisely with Boyer Mountain Resort's "Hunter's Haven Package." Hit the Solace Spa for an Oatmeal Pumpkin Walnut Scrub followed by Pumpkin Body Butter, a Grand European Facial and a manicure - accompanied by a steaming cup of hot cider. \$245 per person. Call 800-GO-BOYNE.

### Salon Sale

Muskegon

Nov. 9-16

If shopping is on your schedule, you'll want to add a visit to the Muskegon Museum of Art. Stop by during the Museum's annual "Salon Sale" Nov. 9-16, featuring a large sale of works by area artists. This event kicks off with a special "Salon Thursday" with refreshments, exhibits and artist meet-and-greets from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Call (231) 720-2570.

### Deer Widows Weekend

Birch Run

Nov. 11-12

While the hunters are up north "bagging a buck," your and your BFFs can be "saving a buck" at Prime Outlets at Birch Run. The first 500 shoppers registered at Westpoint Stevens receive a "License to Shop" coupon packet. Stores open at 8 a.m. on Nov. 12, and 10 a.m. on Nov. 13. Call (989) 624-6226.

### LADIES LODGING

#### Hunting Widows Shopping Getaway

Travelodge of Traverse City

Through Dec. 23

Ladies, get ready to shop! Enjoy one night's lodging, dinner at Schelde's, Travino's or Freshwater Lodge and a gift basket for \$49.99 per person/per night based on double occupancy through Dec. 23. Call (231) 922-9111.

### Deer Widow Weekend - Country Style

Bay Pointe Inn, Gun Lake Area

Nov. 17-19

Grab your boots, throw on your Stetson and saddle up for a wild "women's only" weekend at Bay Pointe Inn & Restaurant. The weekend starts with a Western-Style Welcome Reception, featuring food, fun and a "Best Dressed Cowgirl" contest. Saturday includes dancing lessons and an acoustic concert with country star Kyle Jennings. Packages start at \$239 per person. Call 888-GUN LAKE.

### Scrapbooker's Getaway

Lasting Impressions Bed & Breakfast, Grand Rapids

Year Round

Get creative during hunting season with a scrapbooker's getaway in the heart of Grand Rapids. The B&B will provide you and up to seven friends with everything you need for crafting, including individual workspaces, refreshments, wireless Internet access, and plenty of tools to buy and borrow. Packages start at \$60 and range from single-day workshops to overnight retreats. Call (800) 504-7461.

### Ladies of the Lake

Castaway Rentals, South Haven

Ongoing

Stay at a Castaway Rentals vacation property near Lake Michigan for a week of sightseeing and shopping in downtown South Haven. Groups that stay just steps from the Great Lake also get a 10 percent discount on massages and a cooking demonstration at the French-inspired Restaurant Toulouse. Packages are \$1,500/week through November. Call (269) 637-1602 or visit [www.castawayrentals.com](http://www.castawayrentals.com).

For more travel ideas, visit [Michigan.org](http://Michigan.org). For wine events and to join "Vintage Michigan" contact the Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council.

### 2006 List

#### Fancub Fashion Awards

Are you Detroit's next top model or fashion designer? Enter the Fancub Fashion Awards and you could win \$1,000, a photo spread in PINK and more! Entries are due noon, Dec. 2. Log onto [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) or [www.fancubarts.com](http://www.fancubarts.com) to print out applications, rules and design sketch forms or call (734) 953-2019.

#### A Brief History of Fashion

Detroit designer Dana Keaton will talk about the history of the Detroit fashion industry, as well as the ins and outs of working in the local fashion scene at the Detroit Historical Society, 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. The seminar is part of the DHM's new "History Sundays" series. Call (313) 833-1805, or visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org)

#### Cranbrook Holiday Tables

PINK will be among many

exhibitors creating lavish settings at Cranbrook Holiday Tables 2006. Holiday Tables will open at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills with a Patron Tea and Preview Thursday, Nov. 16. Public Viewing will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 17-19. For information, call (248) 645-3147 or visit [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

#### Santa Fireworks Spectacular

Santa will arrive at Macy's, Oakland Mall in Troy with magical fanfare starting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10. Activities include Greenfield Village chef demonstrations; balloon twisters and face painters; the opening of Macy's Ultimate Toy Store; holiday entertainment and refreshments; and a fashion event at 8 p.m. as stylist Mariana Keros presents holiday looks. Call (248) 597-2200.

#### Funky Girl Salon Opens

Strap on your roller skates for the grand opening of the first Funky Girl Salon, noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 at Maxx Play in Shelby Township. Guests at the grand opening of the tween

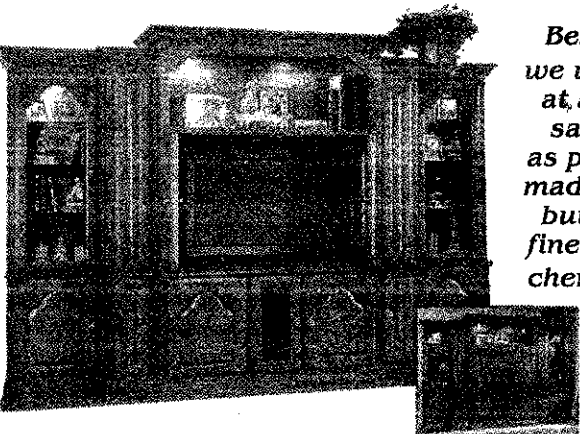
glamour party palace get free roller skating, pizza, pop, and mini Diva makeovers. Call (248) 787-1278 or visit [www.tikihutent.com](http://www.tikihutent.com).

#### Goodwill Antiques Show

The Tigers may have lost the World Series, but one lucky bidder at the Goodwill Antiques Show Nov. 10-12 will win a memento of the team's stellar season. Among items up for bid at the show is a gold bangle with an diamond-studded Tiger (below). More than 50 vendors are expected at the Shotwell Gustafson Pavilion, Oakland University, Rochester. Admission, \$10, benefits Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. Call (248) 909-1492, or visit [www.goodwilldetroit.com](http://www.goodwilldetroit.com).



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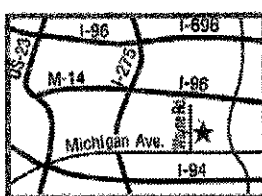


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